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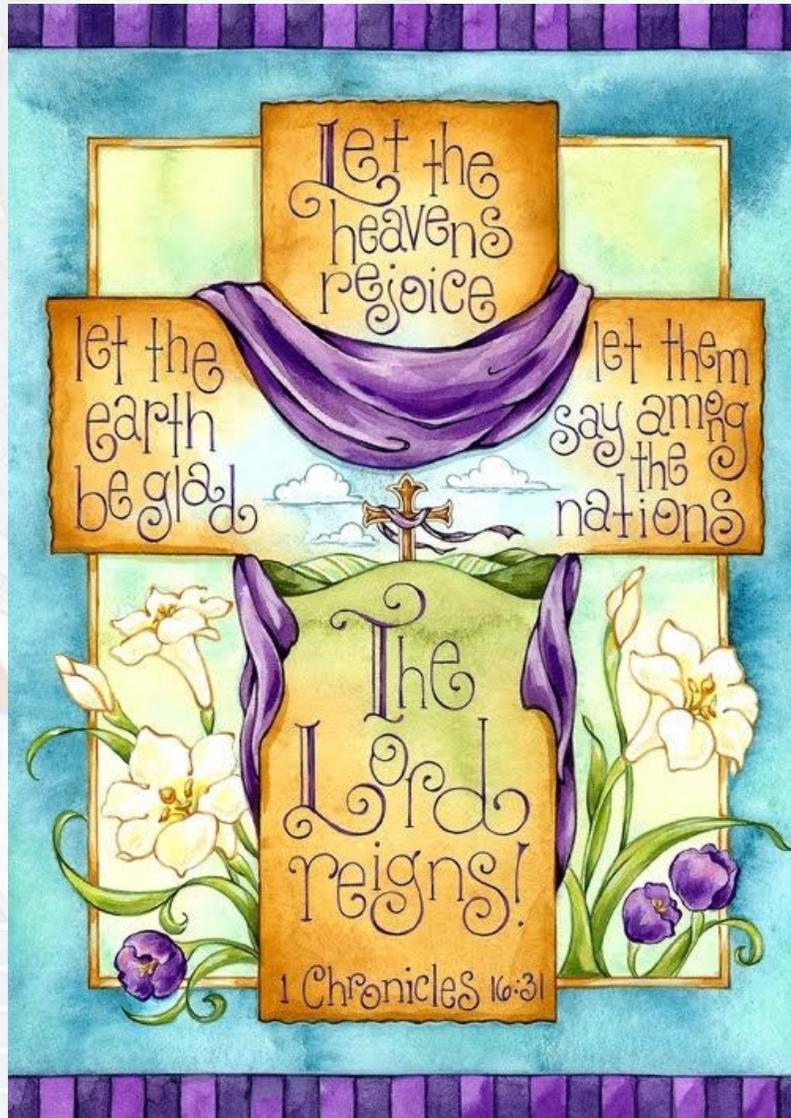
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HAPPY EASTER



From the First Officer

Welcome to a very special newsletter. Why is this newsletter special? Its special because we'll be making a very special announcement. Now if you thinking I am about to tell you, well that's where you are wrong. Why spoil the fun? If you want to know what the announcement is about, you'll just have to read the rest of the newsletter to find out what it is. What else do we have in this month issue?

Well we have a report of an invasion at the Ames Research Center. I'm serious. Trust me when I say that, when you read this report, you'll laugh your socks off.

We also have a report on Paramount announcement of yet another attempt to start filming the fourth installment of Star Trek movie in the Kelvin timeline.

We also have Pinn-Pinn Recipe Corner, The Strange, The Weird, and What the?, Chapter 30 of Brightstar: 'Moving On', Bible Quotes, and finally 'Brightstar Notes' Well, I guess that's it for now. I hope to see you next issue.

It's time to put this puppy to bed.

The First Officer.



Bible Quotes

Death and Resurrection of Christ

Matthew 27:11-66

11. Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" **You have said so,** Jesus replied.

12. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.

13. Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?"

14. But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge to the great amazement of the governor.

15. Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.

16. At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas.

17. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you; Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

18. For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

19. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

20. But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

21. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor, "Barabbas," they answered.

22. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called

the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

23. "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

24. When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

25. All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

26. Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

27. Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.

28. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

29. and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

30. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

31. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

32. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.

33. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").

34. There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

35. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

36. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

37. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: **THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

38. Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

39. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads

40. and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

41. In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

42. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

43. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

44. In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

45. From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

46. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")

47. When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's Calling Elijah."

48. Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

49. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

50. And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

51. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split

52. and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.

53. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

54. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

55. Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.

56. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

57. As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.

58. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.

59. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60. and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

61. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

62. The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate.

63. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'"

64. So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.

65. "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how."

66. So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Matthew 28:1-20

1. After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

4. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

6. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

7. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you."

8. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9. Suddenly Jesus met them, "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

10. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go Galilee; there they will see me."

11. While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

12. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,

13. telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came

came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'"

14. If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."

15. So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

16. Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Here We Go Again

Paramount on February fifteenth announced yet once again their intention to film the fourth installment of the reboot Star Trek franchised universe. J.J. Abrams made the announcement himself during Paramount's Investors Day.

"We are thrilled to say that we are hard at work on a new Star Trek film that will be shooting by the end of the year, that will be featuring our original cast," Abrams said.

Of course, this announcement was a complete surprise for everyone, including the observers at the event and the actors as well.

The Hollywood Reporter says that it has been told by various sources, that Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Simon Pegg, Karl Urban, Zoe Saldana and John Cho were not aware of plans for a new film. Once word of the film was released, Chris Pine was the first to enter negotiations with the studio. Paramount is hoping the other actors will follow suite.

Paramount is said to start filming in the fall in order to make the December 22, 2023, release. Sources also say that work has already begun on a script for the film. A budget has of yet has not been agreed upon, but most likely will be a large one as everyone will be in negotiations with the studio.

Star Trek has become the backbone for their streaming service, Paramount Plus. With Discovery, Picard, the animated series Lower Decks and Prodigy, and advent of Strange New Worlds, Star Trek is heading into the future at warp speed. And the one person who is making sure this continues, Alex Kurtzman, his contract with Paramount runs out in 2026.

Lets hope that this time around, it doesn't fall apart like it has in the past. Paramount plans for a 2016 release fell apart when the studio could not come to terms with Chris Hemsworth and Chris Pine over money. Chris Hemsworth was slated to reprise is role as Captain Kirk's father.

Paramount at the time was being runed by Jim Gianopulos who was barely a year into his tenure as head of the studio, was trying to hold the line on the budget on the film. This due to several movies that Paramount released bombed at the box office. And it did not help, that the third Star Trek movie, 'Star Trek Beyond,' with a budget of \$190 million, only grossed \$343 million in revenue worldwide. It was the lowest grossing film of the three Star Trek movies. Paramount had two more Star Trek movies in the works including one from Quentin Tarantino and Noah Hawley with two different crews and timelines.

The then president Emma Watts who was in charge of the then Motion Picture Group, looked at account slate for the studio. She nixed Hawley's version. And Tarantino's version never materialized. when a Star Trek film was last attempted. Since that time, the studio has undergone an executive reshuffle. Brian Robbins is now at the helm of the studio. Paramount is also being called upon to help with its own streaming service, they are hoping to build upon its subscribership to 75 million by 2024. And their hoping that the movie will help in this endeavor.

Paramount in 2018, was a different place

End of report.

The Strange, The Weird, and What the?

Power Surge: After a "once in a generation" windstorm hit the United Kingdom in November, Northern Power grid was required to pay compensation to those who lost power. Last week, 74 customers in Halifax and Newcastle got compensation checks ...in the amount of about 2.3 trillion pounds (US\$3.15 trillion) — each. "Before I bank the cheque," one customer posted on Twitter, "are you 100% certain you can afford this?" Northern Power grid thanked customers who were "honest" in reporting the "clerical error" where customer meter numbers had been typed into the Amount Due box. They promised replacement payments would be sent out soon, and stopped payment on the checks so they could not be cashed. (RC/Yorkshire Evening Post) ...*Because they figure HSBC grew to 2 trillion pounds in assets by being as stupid as they are.*

Dude, Where's My Car? Bradford Weitzel, 38, left a Martin County, Fla., bar and couldn't find his car. According to the Martin County Sheriff's Office, he decided to steal someone else's car to go look for his. Unfortunately, that car stalled — on the railroad tracks — and Weitzel said he was forced to abandon the car as a train sent it flying into a nearby home. Nobody was hurt, but the Sheriff's Office said "the explosive sound of a driverless car smashing into the side of their home was clearly jolting" for the residents inside. Weitzel then went to a nearby fruit stand, "where he vandalized the business then tried to steal a forklift." When deputies responded to the train collision Weitzel flagged them down and explained he was making a "good faith effort" to find his car. He was arrested, charged with grand theft and criminal mischief. The Sheriff's Office says more charges are expected. (MS/WPEC West Palm Beach, AP) ...*But has anyone found his car? It's probably right where he parked it.*

Someone In His Corner: Airline pilot Greg Lynn, 55, says it's age discrimination after being let go by budget airline Jetstar after 15 years of service. Lynn lives in Australia, which is where Jetstar is based, and was fired in January. The Transport Workers Union is backing Lynn in the grievance process. "Captain Lynn has not engaged in misconduct," the union said, though "he is unable to present for work for no reason that has been established that Captain Lynn is responsible for." Yet he hasn't shown up for work since November, when he was arrested — and charged with the murder of two people. He has not applied for bail, and has been held in jail since. (RC/Melbourne Age) ...*A jet pilot. Doesn't that pretty much define the concept of "flight risk"?*

In a Hurry for Bad News? A Flagler County, Fla., sheriff's deputy pulled over a man after radar clocked his car traveling at 50 mph in a 30 zone, and allegedly drove through a stop sign. According to the deputy, the man had several excuses for his actions, including trying to get his car "out of sport mode." Finally, the driver allegedly decided to "tell the truth": "I just found out that Putin just said he's gonna launch nuclear thermal war against the world and I was trying to get back to my house to find out what's going on." (MS/WBBH Fort Myers) ...*Most drivers would have just checked their phone.*

Keep an Eye Out: Denver, Colo., police have asked for tips after an incident involving a box truck. No body is missing — well, no whole body: just heads. A box of them. The container was marked with the name of a program that supplies donor cadavers for scientific purposes, but where exactly the heads were headed was not immediately revealed. Along with the heads, a dolly was stolen. (AC/KDVR Denver) ...*When stealing dead people's heads isn't macabre enough, you put them on a dolly.*

Can't Be Tamed: A woman was alone inside her home in Venice, Fla., when she heard a loud bang and felt her house shake. She called 911: a man in a pickup truck was intentionally ramming her house, screaming "f*** you!" with each hit. When police arrived they found the man sitting in the bed of the pickup, with a song blasting on his stereo — Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball". Police say the homeowner and the man know each other, but didn't say how. When police asked Anthony Antonaras, 38, for his side of the story, he replied that his "foot slipped" — several times. (RC/WZVN Fort Myers) ...*The reality: something slipped on the other end of his body.*

You Need a New What, Now? Toby Price's boss told him to read to the second graders gathered on a video call. "I grabbed one of my favorite books that I had nearby," he said. "I read it to them." For that, he was fired as assistant principal of an elementary school in Jackson, Miss. His choice of book, the Hinds County school superintendent told him, reflected "a lack of professionalism and impaired judgment." But Price argues that introducing kids to "funny and silly books" like *I Need a New Butt!* gets them interested enough to learn that books can be more than that. And as he campaigns to return to his job, he's won online support — and praise for the book — from educators, librarians, and writers of children's books. (AC/WBLT Jackson) ...*I'm not sure I'm sold on silly books, but they're better than silly administrators.*

Well Stocked: A police officer was dispatched to investigate a report of a man slumped over the wheel of a running car in Marysville, Wash. Sure enough, the officer found the man, and woke him up. As the man handed over his driver's license, he admitted he "might" have a warrant out for his arrest. There was a warrant, and the man got out and submitted to arrest. The officer noticed a pistol on the seat where the man was sitting, impounded the car, and got a search warrant for the gun and "related accessories." Once the officer retrieved those, he spotted something else, backed out, and got a second search warrant to search for drugs and paraphernalia. In all, in addition to the gun (stolen), the officer found \$2,726 in cash in the man's pockets, \$35,654 in cash in the car, 3 pounds of meth, more than 5,000 opiate pills, 1.5 pounds of heroin, and 3 ounces of cocaine. (RC/KIRO Seattle) ...*"I was operating by the book." —the officer. "I'm going to throw the book at him." —the judge.*

Cop of the Walk II: Barry Colbath of Seminole, Fla., says his son was cleaning out a closet and came across a copy of the book *130 Feet Down: Handbook for Hydronauts*. Colbath remembered that he had once checked out a book on scuba diving from his high school library, when he was a junior. And ...uh, well... it was the same one: he had never returned it to the library. Worse, after a career at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, he moved on to become an officer with the Pinellas County Schools Police — and is still a sergeant there. He brought the book with him to school and handed it over to the library staff. "What is the fine going to be after 47 years?" he asked. The answer: \$1,915.75 — except that school policy is the fine stops accumulating when it reaches the value of the book. Amazon still sells the book, though in a much more recent edition, for \$15, so he handed over that amount. "The takeaway is, don't be afraid to do what's right, and that's what I finally did," Sgt. Colbath said. "It's never too late to do the right thing." (RC/WTVT Tampa, WFLA Tampa) ...So when he does the right thing and increases that payment to at least \$50, it won't be too late.

Pinn-Pinn's Recipe Corner



Kate Mulgrew's Pork Tenderloin

I cook for a crew of hungry boys at home, so I ask my butcher for his best tenderloin cut. When the family's all served. I take care of myself in my own ready room.

1 5-pound pork tenderloin
6 cloves garlic
1 cup seasoned flour
4 ounces English orange marmalade
½ cup Cointreau or sherry

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Rub the 5 pound tenderloin all over with a crushed garlic clove, then slice the remaining cloves into slivers. Preseason the flour with salt, pepper, paprika, and oregano, and dredge the meat lightly in the flour. Then stud the tenderloin all over with the garlic slivers by inserting them into the flesh. Place on a rack in a roasting pan on the middle shelf of the oven, and roast at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

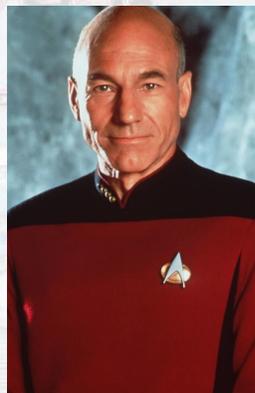
While roasting, combine the 4 ounces of marmalade and ½ cup Cointreau or sherry in a bowl and mix. After 1 hour, baste the tenderloin completely with this glaze mixture, and cook at 400 degrees until the glaze assumes a light crustiness about 20 minutes. Pork is ready when only slightly pink in the center.

Serves four to six.

Serve with Italian roasted potatoes: peel 2 pounds potatoes and cut into thirds; place in a separate roasting pan with 1 cup olive oil, 1 melted stick of butter, 8 whole garlic cloves, and salt and pepper to taste. Toss thoroughly and cook for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

I serve this with 2 pounds of fresh wilted spinach on the side-drizzled with lemon juice and olive oil, and a whole head of garlic, minced-and a nice crusty French bread and a bottle of pinot noir. Obviously, this is not a dish I can enjoy in my ready room on *Voyager* because, as Tom Paris will tell you, there's no pinot noir.

Serves four to six.



Petrokian Sausage and Klingon Blood Sausage

Things got real muddy for Captain Picard on *Enterprise-D* during one confusing week when both Lwaxana Troi and Alexander Rozhenko teamed up to turn Worf's life into a Klingon test of restraint. Not only would his son Alexander disobey him, not displaying even the slightest sense of discipline, but Lwaxana Troi decided to turn the young man into a freethinker.

Klingons aren't freethinkers, take it from me, a Klingon for a day with those crazy Hirogen. So you can see how unhappy Worf was when Alexander wound up naked in a mud bath with Lwaxana Troi.

All this meant something to me when I read that one of the first signs of the ship's failure occurred when Lwaxana's favorite Jestrall tea, a mild, soothing, and relaxing drink, did not show up in the replicators when Troi asked for it. Instead of tea, she found a plate of hearty Petrokian sausage. This is a dish that I learned to make from Petrokian descendants who migrated to the Delta Quadrant millions of years ago. From dealing with these people, I learned that Petrokian sausage is similar to something the Klingons call "blood sausage or blood pudding," which they traditionally prepared from fresh *targ* blood and spices. You can make this at home even through you probably don't have fresh *targ*. Here's how. You'll need the following:

1 dozen natural sausage casings (You can purchase these from your butcher, supermarket, or specialty grocer.)
2 cups fresh pork blood (This also comes from your butcher.)
1 pound pork fat or fatback
2 eggs, beaten
1 cups chopped onions
½ cup heavy cream
1 bay leaf
½ teaspoon thyme
coarsely ground fresh black peppercorns to taste

Gently sauté your onions in a greased medium-sized skillet until they become transparent, but brown. Set them aside. Mince the fatback or pork fat into large pieces, then fry until it becomes partially rendered. Remove from heat, set aside, and let cool while you mix cream, eggs, thyme, and peppercorns in small bowl. After the pork fat has cooled, add it to the mixture. You don't want to add hot pork fat, because it will curdle the milk and fry the eggs. Stir lightly, and then stir in the pork blood. Fill each sausage about ¾ full and seal by tying a tight knot with butcher's twine or any clean string.

Boil water in a large pot and place your filled sausage casing in a wire basket. Lower it into the boiling water and keep the water at a low boil for 30 minutes, piecing the sausage casing with a long fork to relieve internal pressure that would cause the skins to split. When the sausages are done, you can cook them again on a grill, in a skillet, or over a barbecue. Split them in half first and put the open sides facedown on the skillet or grill.

You can serve these as gyro sandwiches, over udon noodles as blood sausage and *gagh*, or with heavily seasoned angel-hair pasta and a deep.



Eggplant Ratamba Stew

Here's a dish you can keep warm all day in your Crock-Pot or cook up in just under 1 hour. Serve it over spinach pasta or rice for a healthy vegetarian dinner.

1 large eggplant, sliced thin
1 large onion, chopped

2 green bell peppers, chopped
3 medium-sized fresh, juicy tomatoes, chopped, or 1 8-ounce can of tomatoes in juice, chopped
1 or 2 large carrots, cubed
1 handful celery leaves
½ cup olive oil
5 cloves garlic, sliced
1 pinch fresh basil
½ tablespoon oregano

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and slice your eggplant. You can either peel it or not, depending on the texture you like. Grease a flat baking dish with ¼ cup olive oil and 2 garlic cloves and heat in oven or twice to coat them with oil and bake for 15 minutes while you prepare the rest of the stew.

Brown the pepper, onion, and remaining garlic cloves in a large pot in ¼ cup of olive oil. Next add the tomatoes, celery leaves, and carrots, and cover. When eggplant has browned add it to the pot and continue cooking for another 30 minutes over medium heat. Add the remaining ingredients and spices and cook for another 30 minutes or until the carrots are tender. Serve this over spinach pasta, angel-hair pasta, or rice that you've prepared with some of the olive oil, garlic, and tomato liquid from the stew.

Serves four to six.



Cherry-Lime Finalgle's Folly

This one was sent to Captain Kirk by his arch nemesis from his academy days Captain Finnegan. Captain Kirk received this drink recipe as a birthday gift. Of course, Captain Kirk was little skeptical receiving the gift and upon

opening the package.

8 to 12 ounces club soda or any carbonated water.
2 good spritzes (tablespoons) cherry syrup
1 good spritz lime syrup

1 wedge of lemon or orange

This is a carbonated drink. You can replace the syrup and club soda with 8 ounces of cherry soda and 4 ounces of lemon-lime soda. Serve over ice with the lemon or orange wedge.

Turkeys Invades NASA's Ames Research Center

On February 18, a flock of wild turkeys invaded the Ames Research Center with a demand that they be included in the next moon mission. The administrators ignore the birds demand and contacted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help in moving the turkeys.

The Ames Research Center at any given time has a host of scientist working on various topics ranging from exoplanets to flight technology on their five hundred acre property. The C.D.F.W. and the U.S.D.A. were all too happy to lend a hand in relocating the two dozen fowls to their new home in the San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve, which is fifty miles (80 kilometers) east of the research center.

"While they (the turkeys) currently pose minimal impact to the NASA community, biologists are humanely trapping and relocating them to an ecological reserve in Santa Clara to roam freely," a NASA Ames spokesperson told Space.com in an email. "This measure protects the safety and well-being of the turkeys, as well as the Ames community and workforce."

End of report.

New Home on the Web

Well, this has been a long time coming. And it is official. The USS BRIGHTSTAR has a new home on the world wide web. The BRIGHTSTAR new website is titled 'Brightstar's Lower Decks'.

We came up with this title for two reason. The first reason, we did not want to get into trouble with Paramount. Even though our previous website located at webs.com had the same title as the animated series (of course that site had been up on the web way before Paramount premiered the series) we thought it would be wise not to tempt fate, as it were.

The second reason was to differentiate it from the previous site. With this new site we're able to have more contents and display it better. Both new and old material. We're able to have more pictures in the ship gallery. We're able to have more links to our sisters ships within Starbase Six area and Starfleet Command. And that is just the beginning of what we can do with our new site. With this new site, comes a new website address as well. One we can call our very own. This new address is www.ussbrightstarlowerdecks.com. Now you will have to enter this address into the address bar at the top of search engine. We also have new email address just for the ship. You can contact us at ussbrightstarncc1880@yahoo.com with your comments and/or suggestions.

End of Report

Star Trek: Brightstar

'Moving On'

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First Officer Log
Stardate: Subjective
Commander T'sikes recording

"To put it simply, our plan has backfired. All that time the Captain and Admiral Jon put into planning, briefing and the other hoops they had to jump through, wasted. How V'rok found out about the plan, neither the Captain nor Admiral Jon knows how this is possible, not with all the precautions that were undertaken to prevent this from happening. But hope is not lost ..., not yet. The Captain and Admiral Jon are already working on another plan, but this time they are keeping it to themselves, no computers, no paperwork, no meeting in a shuttlecraft, nothing. To that end, Captain Deora has restricted all shuttle flights until the planet fall on Vulcan. For the time being, anyway. An additional note, a few days ago, Admiral Jon disappeared. for several days in fact, and then just as suddenly reappeared. Where he went, no one knows. Not even the Captain herself. When he returned, all he would tell her is that he had produced a backup plan, a plan B if you will. And he wasn't about to share any details with anyone.

The Brightstar itself is now heading back to Vulcan. It will take us a better part of a week to a week and a half. This is due to our speed limitation on our engines for the warp drive. The injectors for the anti-matter/matter were severely damaged during our first encounter, our first battle, whatever you want to call it, with V'rok. And as the ancient earth saying goes, we gave as good as we received. We managed to do some significant damage to his ship as well. But it was not enough to completely disable his ship.

Even as we ourselves are performing repairs on our ship, we know that V'rok is most likely doing the same thing himself. The question is this, who will finish their repair work first, V'rok or us."

"Sir we have a visitor trailing us at about ten thousand kilometers." The First Officer said as he looked up from his scanners at science station one to the main screen.

"Tess put up the aft view on the main view screen, please. Let's see who is following us." Deora requested.

"Aye, sir. Aft view. Sir, there it is at extreme range." Tess reported to the Captain.

"Thank you, Tess, I can see him too. Kathy is that V'rok's ship or not?" Deora asked her friend.

"The sensors recognized the configuration of the ship on the viewscreen. But as to whether or not that is V'rok ship Captain? Your guess is as good as mine. If you were to ask my sixth sense, I would say yes that's V'rok's ship. Kathy answered.

"Yeah, that's what I'm thinking too. If it is his ship, he's not going to give us the same opportunity again. No, if I were him, I would follow my prey at first study them first, and find out what or where they are the weakest. Then when I have done that, that's when I would attack." The Captain said as she was theorizing V'rok's next move.

"He can do that at any time he wants to. V'rok has sensors that are just as good as our own. By now he has discovered what our weakness is, and that is our injectors. He probably waiting for the right moment to attack." The First Officer stated to the Captain.

"Quite right Sikes. We need to find a way or better yet a place where we can even the odds." Deora said as she turned to face her First Officer.

"What do you have in mind, sir," Sikes asked.

"I don't know Sikes, you tell me. What is ahead of us?" Captain Deora asked with a grin.

"Yes sir. Scanning ahead by two parsec's." T'sikes said with the same infectious grin.

A few moments go by and then Captain Deora asked a question.

"Well Commander what have found for me?"

"Actually I found two something's sir," Sikes said.

"What do you mean? Did you find something or not?" Deora asked never taking eyes off of the view screen.

"I said I found two something's, sir," Sikes said.

"You found what?"

"I found two something's. There's an asteroid field towards the starboard at co-ordinates zero-one-five mark zero-zero-five. And a gaseous nebula towards the port at co-ordinates two-seven-five mark zero-three-four." The First Officer relayed to the Captain.

"Tess, what is our current speed?" Deora asked without taking her eyes off the main view screen.

Then she turned her attention to Commander T'sikes when Tess produced the answer.

"Sir we're currently at warp four."

"Sir, V'rok ship has increased speed to warp five and closing," Kathy announced.

Both the Captain and the First officer turned their attention to the main view screen and to what was taking place on it. What was taking place on the main viewscreen was V'rok's ship growing larger the closer it got to the Brightstar. By this time Admiral Jon walked onto the bridge. It was Captain Deora who called out, "Admiral on the bridge!"

The Admiral just stood with his hands on his hips looking at Captain Deora as if to say, "Seriously? You wait until now to do this?"

"Sorry Admiral habit," Deora said with a sheepish grin on her face.

The Admiral continued towards the command deck. When he reached it, he looked at the Captain and said, "Don't worry about it. You would think I would be used to it by now."

"Sir, it's definitely V'rok's ship. And he has changed course. It looks like he will be coming at our port side. And Captain I know what he is going try to do." Ensign Tess stated to her commanding officer.

"What do you mean Ensign?"

"He's going to try and drive us into those asteroids." The First Officer said as he answered the Captain's question for Tess when he realized what V'rok was trying to do.

"You're right Number One. That is exactly what I would do in his place. That's why we're going to do the opposite." Captain stated trying to stay ahead of V'rok strategy.

"What do you mean sir?" Sikes asked with his tilted towards the right like a dog receiving contrary orders.

"Kathy maintain present speed. When I tell you, I want you to go to warp six on a heading that will take us inside that gaseous nebula. In fact, start heading towards that nebula right now." The Captain ordered the Lieutenant Commander.

"Aye sir, heading on a course into the gaseous nebula," Kathy said.

"Kirk's Gambit?" Commander T'sikes said as he looked at his commanding officer wondering why she would use such an old maneuver.

"Well, I am impressed Number One. You do know your military strategies." Admiral Jon said.

"Two years at the Starfleet Strategies College, or was it three years Sikes?" Captain Deora Stated.

"Kathy raise the shields. Ready the port and aft phaser banks. And have the quantum torpedoes on stand-by. We will be firing from both the bow and aft torpedoes launchers."

"Aye, sir." After touching several buttons on her console, she reported and stated. "Sir, I'm getting a green light from

from both phaser banks and the torpedoes launchers."

"By the way sir, that was for three years. Red alert. All hands to battle stations. This, not a drill. Repeat. Red Alert. All hands to battle stations. This is not a drill."

When Commander T'sikes was done, the klaxon's were going off all over the Brightstar.

"Sir, Vrok's ship is at five thousand kilometers and closing. Sir his weapons are hot, and he definitely is on a course that will allow him to attack our portside, full-on." Tess reported.

"Forcing us to turn to starboard to avoid a direct hit and into the asteroid field. Kathy, how far are we from that gaseous nebula?" Captain Deora asked.

"Sir, according to ship Federation records, that gaseous nebula is known as the Oswald Nebula and we're two thousand kilometers away. At present speed, Vrok will be in firing range in about five minutes." The First Officer relayed to the Captain.

"Kathy now! Go to warp six. And as our First Officer would like to say, 'Beat feet for the Oswald Nebula. Get us inside Kathy, Tess get me engineering.'"

"Aye, sir." She said.

Within seconds she had engineering.

"Sir, I have engineering."

"Thank you, Tess. Chief I'm going to hold you to that warp six and then some." The Captain ordered.

"You got it, sir. And I might be able to give to you that 'then some' and 'little bit more.'" The Chief relayed happily.

"Thank you, Chief." Captain Deora said as the first salvo from Vrok's ship reached the Brightstar.

The ship itself was once again rocked by the energy being released against the shields of the Brightstar. So much energy was being released against the shields, that on his first salvo, Vrok almost took out the number one and damaged the number two port shield. But with the number shield, it was the worse of the two. The number one shield it held, stayed in place. It weakened but it was still there, still in place.

"Damn, sir one more hit like that, and the number one shield will go all together, and the number two shield will be severely compromised," T'sikes stated to the Captain.

"He wants to make sure we head towards and into the asteroid field, not the nebula," Deora told her First Officer.

"We're not going to let him dictate to us where we should or shouldn't go, are we sir?" Commander T'sikes enquired from his Captain.

"I should think not T'sikes. How much farther to the nebula?" Deora asked.

"The nebula is one thousand kilometers and closing. Sir Vrok is increasing speed. He's now at five thousand and five hundred kilometers, and still closing." Commander T'sikes reported to the Captain.

"At this rate, if we don't increase our speed, we'll never make it to the nebula," Kathy reported.

"Well let's hope the Chief is right. Kathy go to warp seven." Deora ordered.

"Aye sir, warp seven."

"Sir I hope you're right. Cause if we lose those injectors inside the nebula ...," T'sikes said hoping that he got his point across to the Captain.

"You made your point Commander." Captain Deora said with concern as she began to rub her antennae as another phaser beam hits the shields of the Brightstar.

"Maybe we can get lucky. Tess target his shields, fire both port, and aft phaser banks now!" Captain Deora ordered.

"Aye, sir! Firing phaser. 'Let slip the dogs of war!'"

The phaser beams lashed out from the Brightstar and made contact with the shields of Vrok's ship on both the bow and starboard shields of his ship were hit.

"It nice to see someone knows their Shakespeare." The Admiral said with a smile.

"Aye, sir. And I read them all at least ten times over, and they keep getting better and better." The Ensign said with a giggle.

"Well, this is what happens, when she gets 'pissed off' at you and when you 'piss her off' at the same time. Hell, even T'sikes knows better than to do that." Captain Deora said as she too giggles, just a little bit.

"Sir, according to the sensor's Vrok bow shields are down to twenty-five percent. And his starboard shields are just as bad themselves."

"What about us T'sikes? What did he do to us?" Captain Deora.

"I wish I had better news." The Commander said.

"What do you mean Sikes?"

"We lost our port aft shield, and we are down to forty percent on our port shields, and bow shields are gone completely, s."ir

"How long before we enter the nebula?" Deora asked.

"We will enter the nebula in two minutes mark," Kathy reported.

"Can we get any more speed out of her Chief?" Captain asked the Chief Engineer.

"I'm sorry sir. That's all I can give you. Any more than that could destroy the injectors all together." Chief Kenny stated.

"How close is Vrok's ship?" Deora once again.

"Sir he has slowed his approach, now he is backing off." The First Officer said as the Brightstar was once again rocked by another explosion.

"Damn, I'm not going to let him run away now. He may have started this fight, but I'm going to finish it. Kathy fired a spread of quantum torpedoes at him, keep him interested in us." The Captain ordered.

"Torpedoes away. They're on course, They hit Vrok's ship. His port shields are down to thirty percent. And he has increased his speed. I would say that his interest in us is back at its previous level, sir" T'sikes told his Captain.

"Good Number One. I'm going to chance it, Sikes give us warp eight. Once inside the nebula, go to full impulse and shut down all non-essential power, go silent. Get started on those repairs. Vrok will have but two choices." Deora stated.

"What are those choices, Captain?" Admiral Jon asked.

"Choice number one, he can effect repairs on his ship, while waiting for us outside the nebula. Choice number two, and I think this one is more likely, effect repair on his ship inside the nebula. Once he is done that, he will then be able to try and find us. Either way, it will allow us the time needed to effect repairs on our ship. Allowing us to find him first and take him down once and for all." Deora explained to Admiral Jon.

"Sir, we're entering the Oswald Nebula," Tess reported to the Captain.

"Thank you, Tess. Kathy once the Brightstar enter the nebula, proceed into the nebula for an additional one hundred thousand kilometers all the while descending to z-minus fifteen thousand meters. Chief get started on those repairs. I want this ship combat-ready in eight hours." Deora said as she watched on the view screen her ship move into the Oswald Nebula.



Brightstar's Notes

Nothing major was discussed at the first meeting when it was held on the 2nd of March 2022. At the second meeting it was announced by the First Officer that a place on the web to host the ship's new website had been found and that the construction of a webpage had begun. And that it was nearing completion.

The First Officer then asked for permission from the commanding officer, Captain Henderson, to announce this to the rest of the fleet that the BRIGHTSTAR has a new website. Captain Henderson gave her ok after reviewing the new website. The First Officer Commander James Webb made the announcement via email and on Facebook.

Commander Webb also relayed that the BRIGHTSTAR now has its own email account with yahoo. The email address for the BRIGHTSTAR is uss-brightstar@yahoo.com. Commander Webb also relayed the password to the account to Captain Henderson. Only Captain Henderson and Commander Webb will have access to this new email account. This was done so that either person could access account.

Captain Henderson made a request that the new website should also include a spot for those who are no longer with us. She also suggested that a former member of the BRIGHTSTAR, a Shelby T. Hobbs should be the first to be included.

Both the commanding officer and the first officer discussed the latest award that were received by the BRIGHTSTAR should be added to the awards section of the website.

Thus ended the second and final meetings for the month of March 2022. The next meeting is to be held on or about the fourth of April 2022.
End of Report.

Birthdays In April



Lt. Commander James (T'sikes) Webb
First Officer/Chief Science Officer
April 11



Lt. Commander Kathy (Henderson) Graves
Chief Communications Officer
April 15



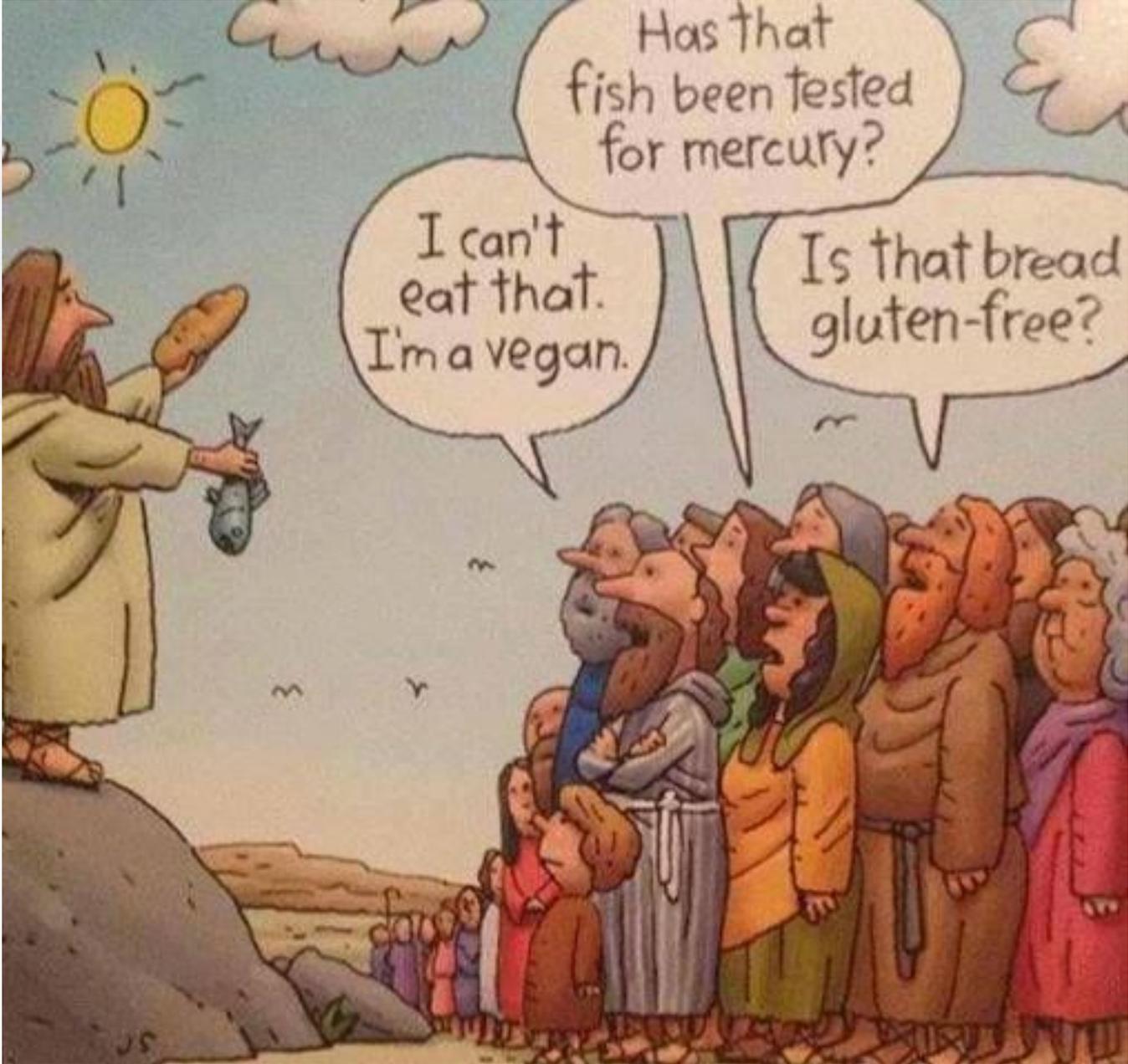
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