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Winging It:

News this month: Crewwoman Brenda and I have a new member of the family. Grand-daughter Rebecca has given birth to her first child - Hayden. Mother and new daughter are doing well and (by this time) should be home.



And big Daddy Grant Burton

As a strange coincidence, Hayden “birthday” makes her a Scorpio in horoscope circles. And the coincidence continues with her mother Rebecca’s birthday in the Scorpio November. And Rebecca’s mother Jennifer’s birthday is in November (Scorpio again). And Jennifer’s Mom, Brenda, has a birthday this month – four generations of Scorpions.

Wow! It’s good I don’t believe in that stuff.

Happy Birthday, Rebecca Romijn



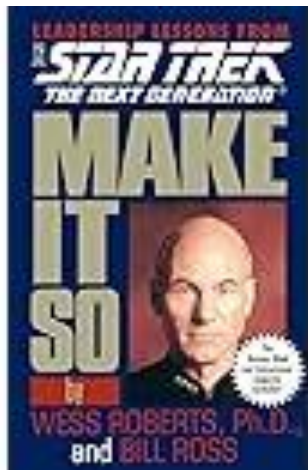
(ST: Strange New Worlds) Not Number One’s usual uniform, but I thought you might like to see what the character (in AI 3D) would look like in the Mirror Universe.

Born November 6, 1972 (51 years old), she is 5’11” tall and married to actor Jerry O’Connell. She has been active as both actress and international fashion model – as Mystique in the original X-Men trilogy, Joan in the Punisher movie (2004), Alex Meade in Ugly Betty TV series, Eve Baird in the Librarians series (TNT Network). Family name is from Netherlands, and she has 2 kids.

More uniform variants (AI 3D):



Make It So by Sir Patrick Stewart :



Unless you've been living under a rock lately, this is Sir Stewart's new biography. Amazon.com has copies of this book with the following prices:

- Kindle : \$16.99
- Free with Kindle App.
- Hardcover : \$22.99
- Audio CD : \$49.99

Star Trek: Prodigy Season 2:



News has it that the series ST: Prodigy isn't dead but headed to the Netflix streaming service. The show's first season will appear soon at Netflix. And then in 2024, a second season will show up.

Startrek.com already has an interview video (with series creators, Kevin and Dan Hageman) and a preview video (featuring not only the crew from the first season, but also Admiral Janeway and the Doctor in the new USS Voyager - A).

Book Offer:

If you've read this far then I'd like to make you an offer. I have three books that I can let go, and am offering them to the readership here. Here it is: for anyone who has read up to this point in the newsletter, you are eligible for the following books: **Star Trek The Next Generation: Q - Squared** by Peter David (published 1994 - dust cover torn in few places, but book is still good otherwise - Q and Trelane, from the original series, visit the Enterprise- D and things get interesting from there), **The Autobiography of Kathryn Janeway** (Titan Books), and **Star Trek:**

Tales of the Dominion War (Pocket Books) edited by Keith R.A. DeCandido (this is an anthology with 12 tales by various authors and a Dominion War timeline by DeCandido).

All someone must do is request one of the books in the USS Silverwing Facebook page; and I will mail the book to them. First come, first served.

Where did I get this idea? Credit goes to Jeff Franciski. I met him last Summer when Brenda and I visited the USS Indianapolis crew at their yearly convention. In the discussion on how I am to know who was really reading this newsletter (I occasionally hear someone saying “great newsletter” but little else), Jeff made the above suggestion. I thank him. And I hope for the best as far as anyone taking me up on the offer.

Gemini Lyra Report:

Starships of Gemini Lyra: Excitement over the star system’s invasion of the Molon People (using older model Orion ships) has died down somewhat (see issues #...). The starships Starfleet sent to bolster the local colony were turned into so much of a mess by the Molons. So, the local government here, the Commission, isn’t waiting around for Starfleet to send them more ships (maybe). The Commission has broken into colony funds to buy additional starships, in case the Molons want to try invading again.

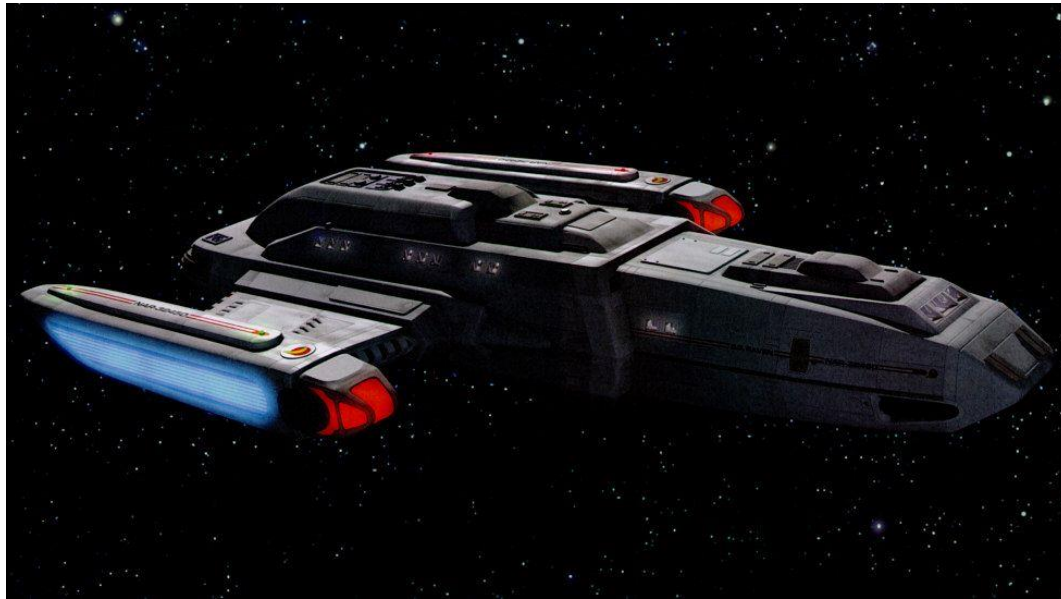
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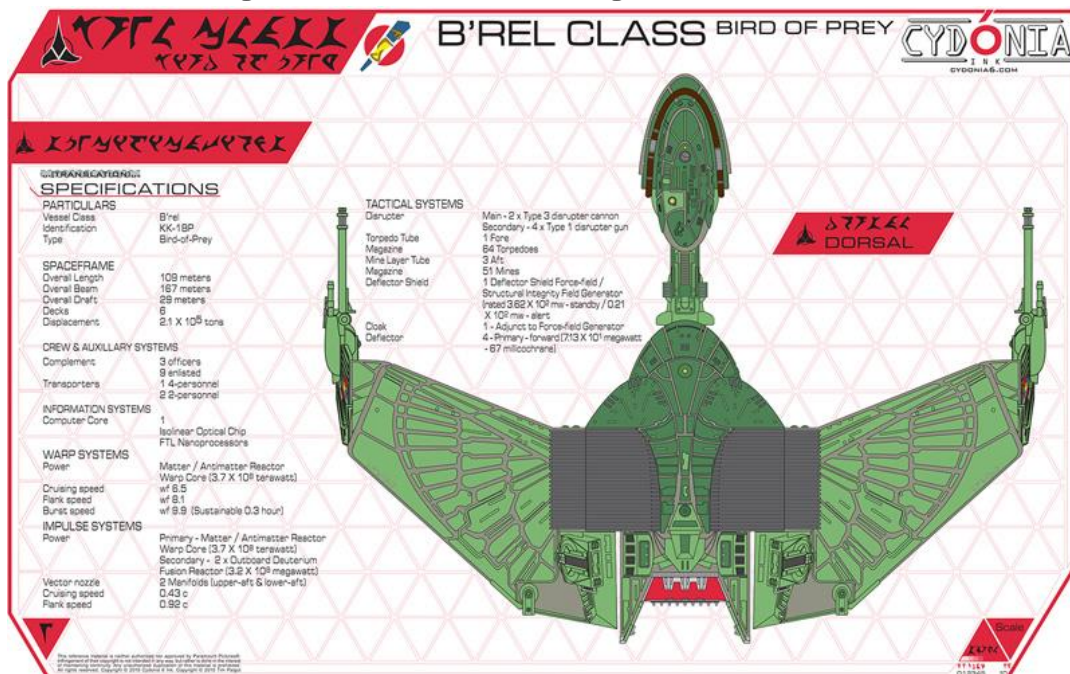
This is an oldy but goodie. Part of NX Class starships, this ship goes back to the pre-Federation days. Its best speed was warp 5; a slow speed for these days but might work out for this small colony system. Starfleet had decommissioned her and headed her off to be scrapped when Gemini Lyra put a request in to use her.

Two Aria Class Science/Escort Ships:

This class of starship is popular with civilian science institutes. Indeed, one of these starships will retain its sensor arrays for seeing far out into star systems. While the other Aria class ship will have less sensors and more weapons (phasers and photon torpedoes). These two will probably be teamed together to benefit the resources of each. This is a common combination within the Gemini Lyra Space Force. More on this later.



Four Starfighters (Two Klingon Scouts & Two Marquis):



The common theme of getting these starships is that they are slightly larger than the small in-system ships that have been defending the star system before this. The Aria Class ships can be flown with two people but have a total crew of up to ten (for enough crew to run in shifts, and enough space for extended missions). Same with the Klingon Scout (twelve officers and crew) and the Marqui Fighter (up to 30 crew).



Captain's Yacht:



Really designed for diplomatic missions, this little starship has weaponry to defend whatever diplomats the ship has on board.

And Two Frieghters: One from the Andorians; the other from the Orions

Finally, Two Patrol Ships Gemini Lyra Already Has:

The Ridgerunner Class and the Lancer Class In-system patrol shi



Both classes are manufactured at Gemini Lyra. Basically, they are the same starship, but constructed modular to be used for different mission types. The Ridgerunner Classis is loaded with extra sensors to fulfill “search and rescue” capabilities. The standard crew is three to five members. But if needed, they can squeeze in eight additional people (there is only limited space for medical treatment).

One or two Ridgerunner Class ships are usually combined with two or three Lancer Class ships to make a patrol squad (numbers depend on the necessities of a given mission).

Lancer Class starships have less science sensors, but loaded with more offensive capabilities – phaser banks, photon torpedoes, and greater defensive shields (also, three to five standard crew).

All of Gemini Lyra’s patrol ships are spread throughout the star system. Headquarters is located on Planet Scully; while the system also has military bases on the moon Nexus, and asteroids at the system’s outer fringe.



Next Issue:

[Fan Fiction] The crew of the USS Silverwing fly to a Science Mission at the fridge of the Gemini Lyra star system. Centuries ago, two alien starships collided, becoming stuck together. These starships have been floating in space since then, with each alien crew gone. And as the Gemini Lyra colony became created, this combined structure was found and explored.

The Silverwing and several other patrol ships from the colony travel to this structure, to restock the scientific team with supplies and add new scientists to add to the experiments. And when they arrive, everyone’s situation gets “interesting”.

Be there or be square!

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