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Welcome Back To Another Year



From the First Officer

**WE'RE
BAAAACCCK!!!!**
That's right folks. Trouble
has returned to River City.
And you're in for one hell

of a ride. To quote "This trip will make LSD
seem like aspirin."

Just kidding. I had just got done watching John
Wayne's "The Green Beret". Yeah, you caught
me. I admit it, I am a big, I mean a **BIG!!!** John
Wayne fan. Maybe the world's biggest fan. And it
doesn't matter how many times I've seen his mov-
ies, I will still pick his movies over any thing else.
The closet I've come to actually meeting the
Duke, was when I ran into Mr. Sulu himself,
George Takei. I asked him, "What was it like to
work with two of foremost names Hollywood?"
He asked me, "Those are?" My response was,
"John Wayne and Jerry Lewis."

He stood there in front of me, and said, "You
must have read my book." I answered him stating,
"No sir I haven't. But now that you mentioned it, I
will go to the dealers room find it and procure it.
And have it read by the end of the week." He
laughed at what I had just told him and preceded
to tell me. "Well, you know how John Wayne was
in front of the camera?" My response was, "Yes, I
remember how he was in front of the camera." Of,
course, he said, "Well, he was just like that in real
life. If he hired to do a job, no matter what that job
was, he expected you to do that job. He didn't care
if you came in dressed in a pink tutu with blue pol-
ka dots. So long as you did your job. What you
did on own time, he didn't give a damn about. So
long as you did your job." He stopped for a mo-
ment to take a breath and smiled at me and contin-
ued, "Jerry Lewis on the other hand, was a com-
plete and total opposite. He was a total dictator.
Both in front of and behind the camera. Lord help
the person who couldn't keep straight face while
he was doing one his schtick in front of the cam-
era. He would stop shooting the scene, chew that
person out in front of everyone there, and then
reshoot the scene." Now it was my turn to stand
there and stare at him. I thank him and told him
that, "I was now heading towards the dealer
room." George laughed and he thank me, and I
thank him. And we went our separate ways.

But enough about how much I like watching
John Wayne movies.

Let's move on, shall we. If anyone who reads
this, will understand when I say, it's going to get
little crazy around here. Well at least here in Pe-
ru, Indiana. And this is due to the circus is com-
ing to town. I mean this literally not figuratively .

You see, here in Peru, Indiana is known as
the circus capitol of the world. In Peru's not to
distant past, when circus season came to a close
(which lasted from late fall to early, if not mid-
spring) they would all head for Peru, Indiana,
and spend the winter season camped out as it
were. And head home from there for the sea-
son. This is according to local folklore. This is
where I would move too. Once I was done with
the hospitals and re-hab. And this is where I
have been living. So enough of this drivle for
now. And now we find ourselves here. Wherev-
er here is for you.

This month issue has the usual stuff in plus
something about the Hubble space telescope.
And with this issue, we start a new volume year.
Hopefully this volume year will be less stressful
than the previous year. Well it's getting late and I
need to wrap this up and get it in the computer.

It's time I put this puppy to bed.
See you next you month

The First Officer.



Bible Quote

Hope

Job 19:10

He breaks me down
on every side,
And I am gone;
My hope He has uprooted
like a tree.

Psalms 16:9

Therefore my heart is glad,
and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will
rest in hope.

Psalm 71:5

For You are my Hope,
O Lord God:
You are my trust from my
youth.

Psalm 119:147

I rise before the dawning
of the morning,
And cry for help;
I hope in Your word.

Lamentations 3:26

It is good that one should
hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of
the Lord.

Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the
love of God has been poured out in our hearts by
the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:24

For we were saved in this hope, but hope that
is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope
for what he sees?

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 15:19

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we
are of all men the most pitiable.

Ephesians 1:18

the eyes of your understanding being enlight-
ened; that you may know what is the hope of His
calling, what are the riches of the glory of His in-
heritance in the saints.

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you
were called in one hope of your calling;

Colossians 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are

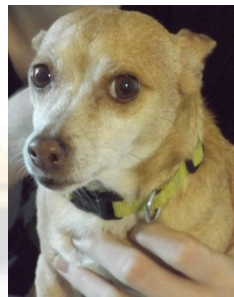
the riches of the Gentiles: which is Christ in
you, the hope of glory.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious
appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus
Christ.

1 John 3:3

And everyone who has this hope in Him
purifies himself, just as He is pure.



**Pinn-Pinn's Recipe
Files**

Starting with this install-
ment of the Pinn-Pinn's Rec-
ipe Files we will be using a new source for our
recipes. The reason for this is she (Pinn-
Pinn) used up the last source, an online site
Overkill Kitchen. So we had to go out and
find a new source for this and future install-
ments of Pinn-Pinn's Recipe File. This recipe
and other will come from the STAR TREK
COOKBOOK, by Ethan Phillips and William
J. Birnes. So without any delay, here we go.

Our first recipe is



**Garret Wang's Chicken
and Sun-Dried Toma-
toes**

1 16-ounce package spinach
or multicolored rotelle
(largest size)

2 to 3 boneless chicken breast (skinless is
optional)

16 ounces pesto sauce (packaged, from the
refrigerator section of supermarket)

6-ounce jar sun-dried tomatoes in olive oil

2 tablespoons virgin olive oil

2 teaspoons garlic powder or 3 cloves garlic,
crushed

salt and pepper to taste

grated Romano cheese, if desired

While pasta is cooking in boiling water, slice chicken breast into long bite-size pieces. Coat the cooking surface of a 12-inch skillet with olive oil, add garlic powder or crushed garlic cloves, and heat. When pasta is done, drain and set aside. Cook sliced chicken in the olive oil and garlic over medium heat, turning frequently until chicken pieces just turn brown. Do not burn. Drain sun-dried tomatoes and slice into thin lengthwise pieces. Combine pasta, cooked chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, and pesto sauce in a large mixing bowl or salad bowl. Toss thoroughly, cover lightly, and place in refrigerator. Serve well chilled. You may add some more olive oil and Romano cheese. This dish goes very well with a pinot grigio or Soave.

Pinn-Pinn's second choice is



Captain Kirk's Plo-meeek Soup

1 cup finely chopped onion
5 cups chopped celery
4 cups peeled and chopped carrots
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
4 cups chicken both
½ cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon ground pepper

(optional))

salt to taste

In a heavy 8-quart soup pot, sauté the chopped onions very slowly in ½ cup butter. When onions are transparent, add the remaining ½ cup butter and the carrots. Let carrots brown on low heat for approximately 30 minutes. Once carrots have browned, add all of the celery, and continue cooking on low for approximately 10 minutes to allow celery to soften. Next add the broth, pepper, and salt, and then stir through. Cover and let soup simmer for approximately 1 hour.

When ready, you can either add cream or serve as is. If you decide to serve the soup with cream, you can either add the ½ cup cream to the pot, stir and let heat for another five minutes, or you can let your guest spoon the cream into their bowls individually. Serves eight.

Here is number three and it's called,



Picard's and Troi's Earl Grey Chocolate Cake

¾ cup (1 ½ sticks) butter, softened
¾ cup sugar
3 large eggs
2 tablespoons Earl Grey tea (infused)
¾ cup sifted, self-rising cake flour
grated rind from 2 oranges

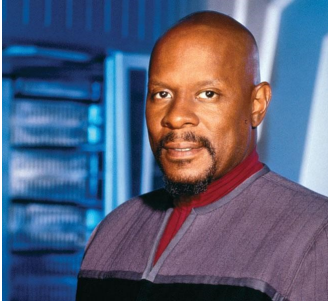
Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease and line a large loaf pan. Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat in thoroughly. Add the grated rind, flour, and tea, and fold in with a wooden spoon. Turn the batter into the pan and smooth the top. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Remove from oven and let cool. When cool, score the top lightly in preparation for the icing.

To prepare the icing, you'll need the following ingredients

Juice from 2 oranges
½ cup sugar
2 ounces semisweet chocolate

Gently heat the orange juice and sugar together in a saucepan until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to a boil and boil 1 to 2 minutes. Pour over the cake. When it has soaked in, then you can remove the cake from the tin. In a small saucepan, melt the chocolate and pour over the top. You can make patterns with a fork. (A ½ teaspoon of infused Earl Grey tea can be added to the chocolate for an added punch.)

And the final recipe is,



Mushroom-and-Pepper Ratamba Stew

1 16-ounce package
spinach linguini

2 12-ounce packages
fresh mushrooms,

chopped or 3 8-ounce cans canned mushrooms,

mushrooms, drained and chopped

3 red or green bell pepper, sliced thin

3 whole tomatoes, chopped

2 medium onions, chopped

6 cloves garlic, sliced thin or crushed

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons oregano

1 tablespoon dried parsley

salt and pepper to taste

freshly grated Romano or Pecorino cheese to
taste

Cook the spinach linguine according to the package instructions or until al dente. While the pasta is cooking, heat the olive oil in a large skillet and add the garlic. Just as soon as it begins to sizzle, add the pepper. Wait 5 minutes and add the onions, then the tomatoes and mushrooms. Stir rapidly over medium heat until the tomatoes begin to dissolve. Add the oregano and parsley and cover. When the pasta is cooked, drain and set aside. Simmer the mushroom and pepper stew for 15 minutes. Stir, correct the salt and pepper seasoning, and pur over the spinach pasta, toss through, grate the cheese over the top, and stir through one more time before serving. Serves four to six.



Is the Hubble Space Telescope Fixed Yet?

(Well, it's sort of fixed)



In June of 2021, after thirty-one years in space the Hubble space telescope was shut down again by N.A.S.A. for what was at first thought to have been a computer glitch. The computer glitch was thought to have something to do with a faulty memory module.

N.A.S.A. personal tried to fix the problem. But the more tried, the more acute the problem they ran into.

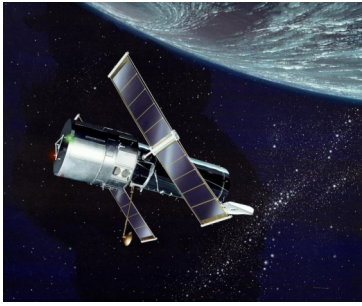
Then they thought it might be an issue with the power control unit (PCU). That's when the N.A.S.A. personal decided to switch to the back-up unit, the procedure itself is "relatively risky."

"If you do it wrong, you can leave the spacecraft in a situation where you might not be able to recover, so you want to make sure you don't do it wrong." Paul Hertz N.A.S.A.'s director of astrophysics. "I think that's the level of care and risk that we want to be aware of as we move forward."

N.A.S.A. personal have decided to go to the back-up system on July 15. They came to this decision after spending two weeks trying to figure out the procedure on how to do it from the ground.

"With the Hubble shutdown, not everyone is happy with the decision. The science projects that the Hubble was carrying out, have been put on indefinite hold. Officials familiar with telescope and its problems are confident that the observatory will survive this incident.

"We're all very optimistic that they will find a way." Antioella Nota science head for Hubble at the European Space Agency and partner with the observatory. Nota cited a past issues with Hubble. One of those glitches delt with the observatory gyro's. It prevented the telescope from pointing correctly. To solve the problem, N.A.S.A. personal found a way to use one of six gyro's. The Hubble was designed to use three gyro's.



she noted, "Because the system to have so much redundancy and because the engineers are so creative in coming up with solution, I think that this will be fine."

Meantime, a months' worth of scientists who managed to snagged highly prized research time, will have to wait until the time can be reschedule after the observatory comes back online.

"This is the first time that I got my own time with Hubble and unfortunately. I haven't gotten any observation yet." Theodora Karalidi assistant professor at the University of Central Florida. Karalidi had schedule time for her observations, but just days after Hubble's glitch. Her target is a star system Luhman 16. What makes this system worthy of study, is that the system has two failed brown dwarf. Both objects are on the scale of the size of Jupiter. Karalidi intent was using the Wide Field Camera 3 instrument that are onboard the telescope. She was going to track the brown dwarf's atmosphere.

"The atmospheres are really dynamic," she said. "Worlds like those in Luhman 16. The brown dwarf's in the system complete a rotation every five or eight hours, so Hubble should be able to track the weather on these alien worlds. You can see clouds moving." Karalidi stated. (Hubble can likely distinguish feature the size of Jupiter's great red spot on the Luhman 16.) She said.

Karalidi hope was these brown dwarf's would show her and other scientists how to understand the atmosphere's of brown dwarf's. Karalidi did not get the data she was hoping for. She did however receive an email stating that the Hubble was offline, and the observation would not take place.

"The way it looks right now, I have to wait for a year, until April or May." She stated.

"All of the observations Hubble has missed should be reschedulable." Nota said.

"The observatory didn't have any observations planned of so-called transient event that unfold rapidly on astronomical timescale. Everything will be rescheduled when possible. It's a loss, but it's nothing that cannot be recovered."

And if the observatory can be recovered, "I just hope they rescue it, and we keep on

observing with Hubble." Karalidi stated. "It's a great little telescope."

The Hubble space telescope carries two computer systems so that any glitch would not take out the telescope.

"The beauty of Hubble is that as a system, there is so much redundancy." Nota commented.

Hubble is unique in space history, the telescope was meant to be serviced by astronauts while in orbit with the help and use of a space shuttle. The Hubble was deployed in 1990. As it was turned on for the first time, its optics were heartbreakingly blurry. Astronauts were sent to service the Hubble in 1993. The astronauts repaired the Hubble and replaced the optics. N.A.S.A. made four trips to the Hubble. The last trip was made in 2009. Shortly after that, the space shuttle fleet was moth balled. While at the Hubble in 2009, N.A.S.A. had the astronauts replace just about everything that could be replace. This down so that Hubble could survive on its own in space.

While this was going on the Hubble developed some kind of problem with its computer.



So N.A.S.A. gave the astronauts the go ahead and had them replace that as well. N.A.S.A. replaced everything they could to extend the Hubble's scientific operations as long as possible.

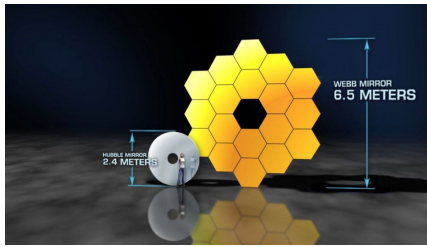
"When we serviced the Hubble in 2009, we replaced pretty much everything that was aging and could be replaced." Hertz said. "It was spiffed up and working at its peak performance and everything was fully redundant, and that's exactly what we did on purpose to prepare ourselves for a day like today."

It has been noted that nothing can last forever. Especially in the harsh environment of space. The Hubble has been alone since 2009. It is no surprise, to both N.A.S.A. and E.S.A. that Hubble will miss a few weeks' worth of work.

"As the telescope ages, you expect to have problems here and there." Nota noted.

"I think it's remarkable that Hubble is doing so well."

As all the scientists hold their collective breaths, and hope for the best, the engineers have come up with a procedure and are checking, double, and triple checking the procedure to resuscitate the Hubble by using its back-up



version of the device that control it's power the main computer.

"It' an international treasure and so every-

thing has to be weighted, and they're being very careful." Nota said. "I think we all agree that it is better to wait one more day, to make sure that everything is done properly without rushing.

While everyone is waiting for Hubble to come back online. N.A.S.A. is anticipating the launch of their newest tool to study the universe, the launch of the James Webb space telescope set to launch later this year (2021) in -November.

"By the end of the year (2021), we should have two telescope working in synergy really in an amazing way." Nota stated. "The two together will be such a powerful tool, I think science will just make a leap forward when will have together."

N.A.S.A. and the E.S.A. scientists are hoping both space telescope will work together.

"We are very much looking forward to using the two in tandem." Hertz commented.

"Astronomers have really been looking to that one-two punch of Webb and Hubble."

Now if everything goes as planned, the Hubble space telescope will be up and running in time meet and greet its companion, the James Webb space telescope later this year(2021).

N.A.S.A. officials have said that the new telescope (James Webb space telescope) is not replacing the Hubble but to fill in the gaps in the Hubble's coverage. The Webb telescope is designed to see the other end of the light spectrum, like the infrared wavelength. The Hubble is unable to do that.

The Hubble space telescope is well known for it's glamorous images of the universe, and people as a whole love looking at them. The Webb telescope will gather and look at the spectrum of light that will give more information on the chemical fingerprint of the star and the planets. Even though the new James Webb telescope is often referred to "as the next Hubble and is not due to be launched until later this year, the original Hubble is not done yet.

"The nearness of the Webb launch is immaterial to the effort we're putting in an Hubble."

Hertz commented.

"Hubble is a household name." Nota said, "It's the people telescope

The Weird, The Strange, and What the @\$%!

Go Left, Young Man: "Sir I stopped you today for that visual obstruction on your hood," California Highway Patrol officer Caton told a motorist. "Does it not block your view while driving?" The unnamed man, driving a highway in the Antelope Valley area, had mounted the 19-inch diameter antenna for the Starlink satellite Internet service to his hood. The CHP didn't mention whether the motorist was cited or the car was impounded, but they did mention the driver's answer to the officer's question: "Only when I make right turns." (RC/KCAL Los Angeles) ...*Which is the only time he's right.*

Explosive Revelation: After a report of illegal fireworks stored in a Los Angeles, Calif., home, police found a sizable cache: around 5,000 pounds worth. After removing most of it, officers were left with less than 10 pounds of explosives deemed too unstable to transport, so the bomb squad placed it into a containment vessel designed for large explosions. "During that controlled detonation, we had catastrophic failure," LAPD Lt. Raul Jovel said. The failure was "catastrophic" enough that the explosion destroyed the truck, damaged nearby cars and homes, and injured 17 people, including 10 cops and a federal agent. On the second day of cleanup, crews found a 500-pound lid in a yard about three blocks away. Investigators are working to learn why the container, which should be able to handle many times that amount of explosives, failed. "Something happened in that containment vessel that should not have happened, and we don't know why," Chief Michel Moore said. "But we intend to find out why." (MS/KTLA Los Angeles) ...*Someone is going to blow the lid off this story.*

Till, We Meet Again: "I have a gun give me all the money from the register please, and no one will get hurt," said the note handed to a bank teller in Newark, N.J. The teller handed over \$2,300 — and a dye pack. The man walked out of the bank, and a security camera across the street captured the moment

when the dye pack went off and a cloud of pink smoke wafted up from him. That's when he finally broke into a run. So far, despite police releasing the video, the robber has not been captured. (RC/WABC New York) ... *Two fashions he hoped he'd never wear: pink, and an orange jumpsuit.*

Scoot: During a burglary at the XTC Adult Superstore in Bradenton, Fla., a man could be seen on surveillance video breaking the store window, stealing lingerie and sex toys, and making his getaway — on a scooter. Deputies were able to link the break-in to one a month earlier at CJ's Adult Store, where the suspect could be seen fleeing on the same scooter. Deputies served a search warrant at the home of Craig Pierce, 45, where they found items linked to both crimes. He was charged with two counts of burglary, and held in the Manatee County jail on \$3,000 bond. (MS/Bradenton Herald) ... *So, they're taking away his toys and sending him to his "room"?*

Sly: "Isabella said, 'It's my body,'" said a mother in Delray Beach, Fla. "And I said, 'Well, it's my body until you're 18.'" With many parents refusing to let their children get vaccinated against Covid-19, kids are sneaking out behind their backs to protect their own health. "I want teenagers to be able to say to pediatricians, 'Hey, I have this right,'" said Kelly Danielpour, 18, who created VaxTeen.org to help kids find scientific vaccination information, and how they can legally get vaccines without parental consent. It covers all vaccines — she started the site prior to the coronavirus pandemic — and shows some local or state governments allow minors as young as 11 to be vaccinated without parental permission. (RC/New York Times) ... *In my day we just had to keep our parents from knowing we were having sex.*

Locks of Loveless: "We used to break up once or twice a week," said Alexandr Kudlay, 33. But then Viktoria Pustovitova, 29, tried to dump him again, and he rejected the rejection: "I will attach you to myself," he said. Pustovitova did not accept the idea immediately, but eventually she did, and for 123 days, the Kharkiv, Ukraine, couple were chained to each other at the wrist. They did almost everything together; even when one went to the bathroom, the other stuck a hand through the doorway. But when they were chained together, Pustovitova said, "I did not receive any attention from Alexandr."

In particular, "He did not tell me: 'I miss you.'" (AC/Reuters) ... *Maybe he'll miss you now that you've gone away.*

Eww: Michigan State Police decided it was necessary to tweet a warning. Freeways are the lowest points in Detroit, Mich., and storms have flooded much of the area. "We cannot pump it anywhere because it just comes right back into the freeway" as rivers are full, says Michigan Dept. of Transportation spokeswoman Diane Cross. "Do not go into the water," the MSP posted on Twitter. "This water has debris, sharp metal, submerged cars, gasoline and oil floating in it. There is also a good chance that there is sewage also in the water." The post included a photo of people "enjoying" the water. "Additionally," warned the state's Department of Health and Human Services, "there is a danger of electrical shock from downed and exposed power lines." (RC/Detroit Free Press) ... *But downed wires make great rope swings to get into the deep parts!*

Star Trek: Brightstar

'Moving On'

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Captain's Log

Stardate; Subjective

Captain Deora recording

"It has been three days since the Brightstar left point alpha. Commander T'sikes and Ensign Josh have put the time to good use. What they dug up, found out, however you want to put it, is intriguing. The First Officer has set up a briefing on their findings.

We're in constant contact with the Federation Protectorate at Sigma Iotia Two. And so far they report nothing out of the ordinary. The Brightstar has powered down its warp drive and is currently on impulse drive. This was done at the behest of Chief Kenny. So he can do, in his own words, "vital repairs to the warp drive's anti-matter and matter chamber and the plasma injectors." Chief Kenny reports that once the repairs are done, we may be able to go back to warp in about twelve hours.

I wish I could have recorded his tie rate as the engines were pushed well beyond their

limits. He was not a happy camper. But I felt it was vital the Brightstar get to the planet as quickly as possible. We only drop to impulse drive when the Brightstar received word that starship Trafalgar had arrived on station at Sigma lotia Two. They are awaiting our arrival. Starfleet is also sending the starship destroyer Hobbs and starship carrier Ticonderoga, but they will not arrive until well after we do. So far the Trafalgar also reports nothing out of the ordinary.

The Brightstar should be in orbit around Sigma lotia Two in about twenty-four to thirty-six hours. Maybe then we can figure out what the hell is going on and finally put this thing to rest once and for all. If it sounds like I am irritated, it's with good reason. It's because I am!"

The First Officer was standing near a monitor at one end of the conference table, just staring through one of the windows into space. Going from one thought to another. Not spending too much time on anyone thought. He hears the doors of the main briefing room open and then close and pays it no mind. He just kept staring off into space. He is finally snapped out of it by his commanding officer.

"Commander are you alright?" Deora asked.

She got no response. T'sikes just kept staring off into space. So she tried again.

"T'sikes are you ok?" Deora asked once again.

The last time this happened she needed him on the job, she did something she's never done before, she yelled at him. But for some reason, she felt that this time that it was not needed.

"Sikes, are you all right?" She asked gently.

"I'm fine sir. I believe this is one of the side effects of having S'tol's katra. He told me one time that no matter how often he would find himself staring out a window, and it didn't matter which window, he would find himself staring out into space. He always found something different and, to put it in his own words fascinating." Sikes said.

T'sikes blinks his eyes and gives them a quick rub at the same time shaking his head afterward as if his soul were returning to its body, it's home, after traveling among the stars for a time. He turns and looks at his commanding officer and smiles an uncharacteristically smile, which for him, was unnatural.

"Are you sure you're ok?" Deora asked with concern for her First Officer.

The First Officer looked once again at his

commander and smiles, and this time he lets out a little chuckle.

"Yes sir. I'm quite sure. Every once in a while, I just need to stare out into space and wonder at the marvel of it all. There is a line, a passage out of one of those books you recommended that I should read. I think the book was title 'Dune' by a Frank Herbert." He started.

"And what was the line or passage out of the book you remembered?" Deora asked thinking she may already know what it was.

"It's where Paul's father the Duke of House Atreides was trying to explain to his son why the trip to Arrakis or Dune was necessary, how a person has to experience new things or something inside a person sleeps.' Sikes explained.

"What was his son's, Paul's reaction to his father's explanation?" Deora asked. Not with concern, but with encouragement.

"Well at first, Paul didn't say anything. It wasn't until well after the house Atreides was brought down, after he joined the local rebels the Fremen, and after he did what the great guilds were afraid of what he would do, take the water of life. And when he did, it changed him, it mutated him, it caused him to become something more than a mere Human. I think that is why when he stood up, surrounded by the great worms of Arrakis and his bodyguards. He stood there looked up at the sky's of Arrakis and yelled, "FATHER!, FATHER!, The sleeper has awakened!!!" Commander T'sikes finished.

"This is good Commander. At least..." she stopped herself, then she continued, "well at least you're reading the classics." Deora said with a smile.

"Well, you did say I needed to lighten up a little bit, sir," Sikes said with a chuckle.

"Yes I did, didn't I?" She said with an impish grin on her face.

"Ah, sir?" T'sikes asked a question without having to ask it out loud.

"Don't worry Commander, your secret is safe with me. You'll still be the toughest and most efficient first officer in the fleet. And if some young ensign or somebody says or thinks differently, well they'll have to deal with me!" Captain Deora stated animatedly to her First Officer.

As she walked away to the other end of the table to take her customary place and sat

down, she knew then that, whatever the outcome of this mission, T'sikes was going to be just fine. And he was well on his way to becoming a starship commander in is on right.

It was then as the First Officer was making his final preparation for the briefing, that the doors of the main briefing room opened once again, as the rest of the senior staff came walking in. They all sat down in their appropriate places at the conference table.

"Captain, what Ensign Josh and I have found ..., well sir, you're not going to like it." T'sikes said standing at the end of the table.

"I'm already beginning to think I'm not going to like this anyway." The commanding officer said.

"Yes sir. I couldn't agree with you more." Sikes agreed with his captain.

"Please continue Number One," Deora said.

"I don't believe I have to sir. Do I Jon?" The commander calls out.

Before Captain Deora or anyone else sitting at the conference table could say or do anything, Jon the mysterious time traveler from the future materialized in front of everyone.

"So Jon what brings you back to our little timeline," Deora asked Jon.

"Captain Deora how nice to see you after all these years," Jon said complimentary.

"Years Jon? Jon, it's only been a few weeks for us." The Captain noted.

"Well Captain Deora, if I may, in one word or I should put it in one name..., Einstein," Jon said.

"Yes, of course, time relativity. What would be weeks or months for us, would be years for you, am I right Jon?" Captain Deora said with understanding

"Sort of, yes. Oh and Captain, it's Admiral now." He said with a smile.

"Well, now Jon, moving up in the world aren't we?" Deora said half-jokingly.

"As you will no doubt will do someday yourself Captain, but let us return to your first question, what brought me back here?" Jon said as he pulled not one chair but two. One for him, and the other for Commander T'sikes.

As both of them sat down, Admiral Jon began to explain why he came back to their timeline.

"To put it bluntly, and don't ask me how, but our old friend Damon V'rok has quite literally returned from the dead," Jon stated with a slight note of anger in his voice.

"But how? I mean every one of us here witnesses Captain S'tol of the Telek ram his ship

"into V'rok's ship and self-detonated, thus taking out both ships." Kathy stated.

"Yes, we did Lt. Commander Henderson," Jon said.

"So how did he do it, I mean, defy death?" Captain Deora asked.

"That, we're still trying to figure out. And so far we've come up with zip. All we can do at this point is speculate as to how he did it, defy death I mean. And you would not believe some of the theories that were put forward. Oy!" Jon said as he did a face balm.

When he did that, everyone had a good laugh about the whole situation. Then Jon continued with his briefing.

"Seriously though, the consensus is thinking he may have been or is in possession a time shuttle," Jon stated.

"What the hell is a time shuttle?" Commander T'sikes asked.

"Commander it is what the name indicates. I used one similar to what V'rok might have used, to travel in time, well least to your time anyway. Captain, I do have to tell you something else." Jon stated, but everyone seated there at the table felt something else was coming, something big."

"Tell us what Admiral?" The Captain asked.

"That I am here for the duration of my mission," Jon stated.

"And how long is your mission 'Admiral'?" Ensign Josh asked.

"I would like to know that myself Admiral. You see Jon we're on a mission ourselves. And it has priority over anything else, one we have to finish. One we hope we're close to finishing." Deora said.

"Captain, with respect, I know all about your mission. I'm the reason why you have that mission, to begin with." The Admiral said as everyone there felt that he just dropped the biggest bomb in the universe, right in that room.



Where's the Doctor?

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This is where the Doctor was.



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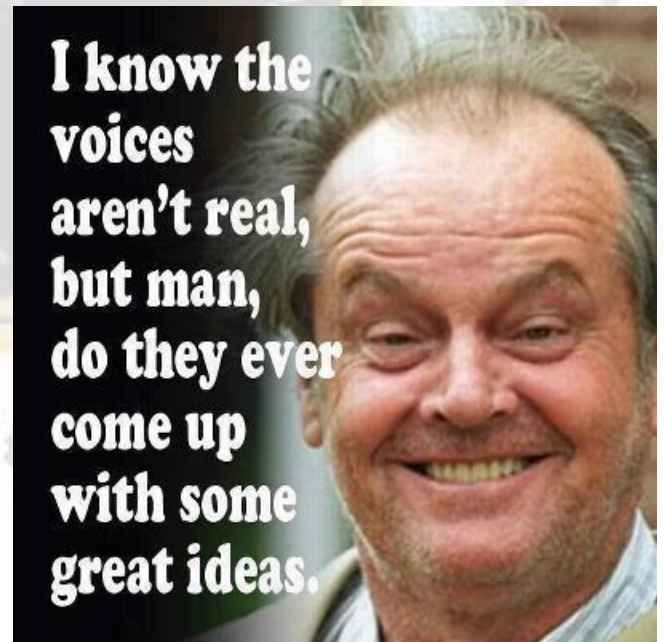
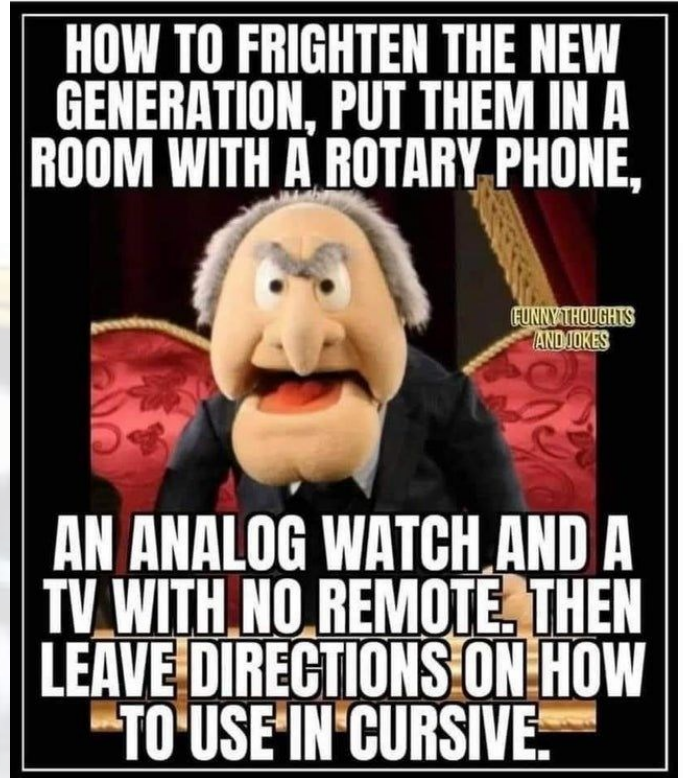
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Word Search

With this month's installment of Word Search, I thought I would do something a little bit different. What I did was, well, came up with a word search of my own. I found this website online where you can (for small fee, of course) help you design your own word search. All you have to do is to decide what size, what shape, and what font you want to use and its size, and then add your own words and it would do the rest for you.

This month I'm calling this installment
An Enterprise-ing Search

What you'll find is anything that happens to deal with the ships named Enterprise.
Whether from actual history or from the realm of fantasy.

(Oh, if you look hard enough, you'll find three letters of the network that started all this 55 years ago.)

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