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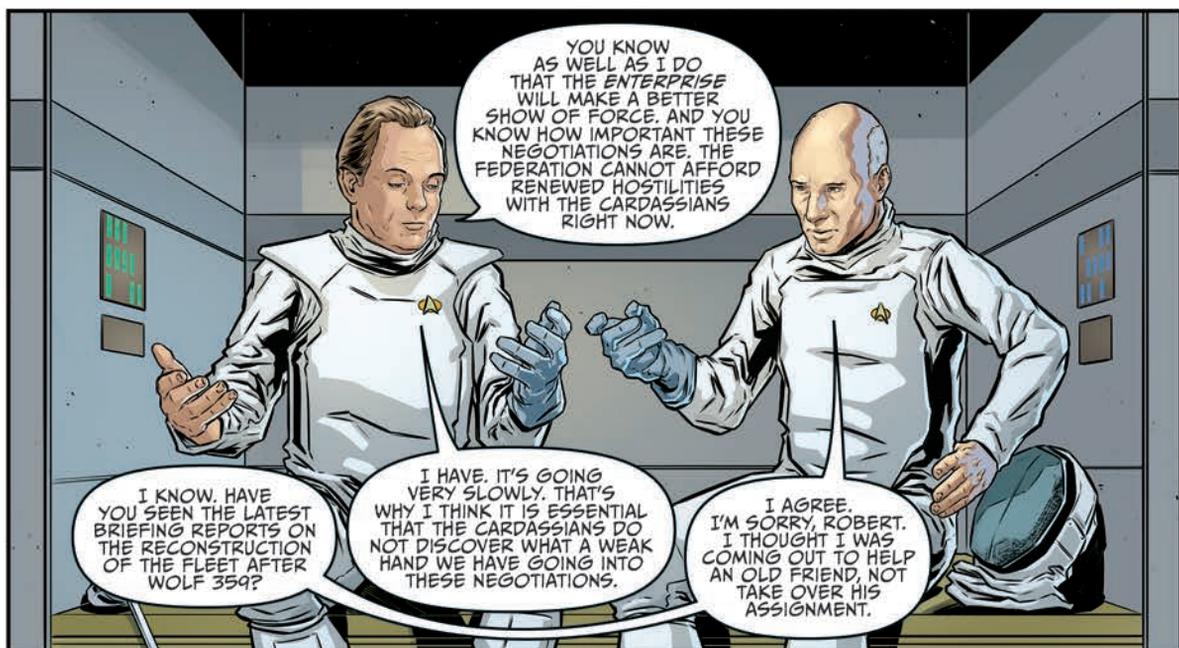
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CAPTAIN'S LOG, SUPPLEMENTAL. I WAS NOT EXPECTING THE ENTERPRISE TO BECOME SO INVOLVED IN THE FEDERATION'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CARDASSIANS.

IT'S TYPICAL FOR ROBERT DESOTO TO BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BIGGER PICTURE AND OUR MUTUAL BEST INTERESTS THAN HIS OWN EGO.

I HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF FAITH IN COUNSELOR TROI, AND I CAN ALREADY TELL THAT SHE'S GOING TO WORK WELL AS OFFICIAL ESCORT TO THE VULCAN AMBASSADORS THAT HAVE COME OVER FROM THE HOOD TO THE ENTERPRISE.

DEALING WITH THE CARDASSIANS CAN AT TIMES BE SOMEWHAT... PRICKLY. WHILE I DO THINK CAPTAIN DESOTO IS RIGHT ABOUT THE ENTERPRISE'S ROLE, NOW I HAVE TO GET MY CREW READY FOR THIS TASK—AND FAST.



OH, NO, PLEASE CONTINUE.



OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO TURN THE CURRENT CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN THE FEDERATION AND THE CARDASSIANS INTO SOMETHING MORE FORMAL AND LASTING.



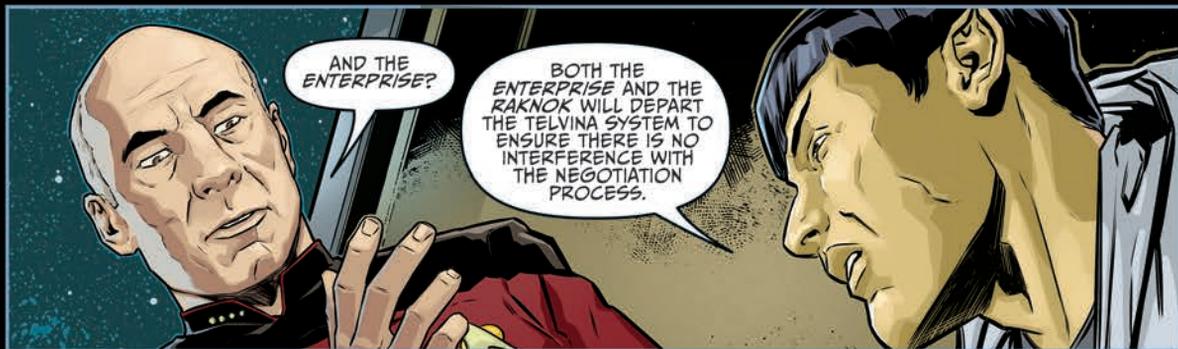
THE BIGGEST DIFFICULTY WE FACE IS DEEP MUTUAL DISTRUST. THIS MISTRUST HAS LED TO AN EXCEEDINGLY COMPLICATED PROTOCOL FOR GETTING OUR NEGOTIATORS INTO THE SAME ROOM.



THE ENTERPRISE WILL MEET WITH THE CARDASSIAN GALOR-CLASS WARSHIP RAKNOK IN ORBIT AROUND TELVINA 5.



A FEDERATION SHUTTLE WITH OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM, CONSISTING OF AMBASSADOR THONN AND MYSELF, WILL LEAVE THE ENTERPRISE, PICK UP THE CARDASSIAN TEAM FROM THE RAKNOK, AND THEN PROCEED TO TELVINA 2, WHERE NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROCEED IN EARNEST.



AND THE ENTERPRISE?

BOTH THE ENTERPRISE AND THE RAKNOK WILL DEPART THE TELVINA SYSTEM TO ENSURE THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS.



THIS IS NOT EXACTLY IDEAL. I DON'T LIKE LEAVING OUR PERSONNEL AND YOUR NEGOTIATION TEAM WITHOUT THE NEARBY PROTECTION OF THE ENTERPRISE.

I KNOW. TRUST ME, CAPTAIN, WHEN I SAY I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED ANY OTHER SOLUTION. THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD GET THE CARDASSIANS TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.



CAPTAIN, WE ARE APPROACHING TELVINA 5. WE HAVE THE RAKNOK ON MEDIUM RANGE SCANS.

VERY WELL. LET'S GET THIS UNDERWAY.



CAPTAIN, GUL RAKAR FROM THE CARDASSIAN VESSEL IS HAILING US.

PUT HIM ON, COMMANDER.



CAPTAIN PICARD, I PRESUME?

YES. A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, GUL RAKAR.

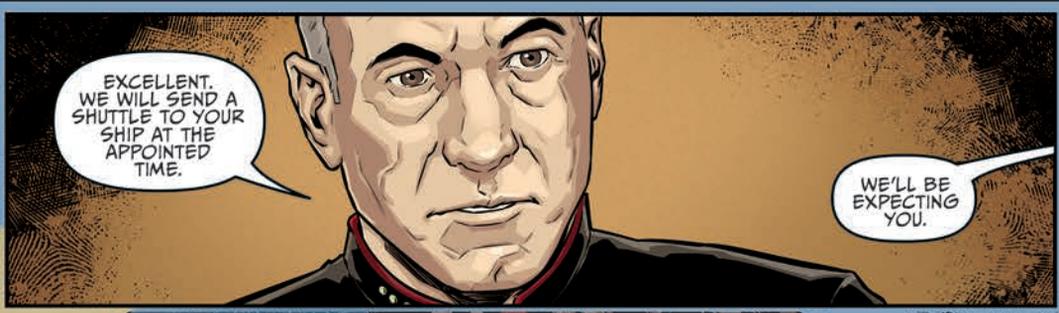
I MUST TELL YOU, CAPTAIN...



THE SUDDEN SUBSTITUTION OF THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE HOOD STRIKES ME AS A LITTLE CURIOUS.

IT WAS AN UNAVOIDABLE...

BUT WE CONSIDER IT OF NO CONSEQUENCE. WE ARE PREPARED TO PRESS ON WITH NEGOTIATIONS.



EXCELLENT. WE WILL SEND A SHUTTLE TO YOUR SHIP AT THE APPOINTED TIME.

WE'LL BE EXPECTING YOU.



COUNSELOR?

I DON'T THINK HE'S HIDING ANYTHING, BUT HE'S TENSE, VERY TENSE. THE SWITCH TO THE ENTERPRISE RAISED THOSE TENSIONS, PUT HIM EVEN MORE ON EDGE.



THE STAKES ARE HIGH FOR BOTH SIDES. I SUSPECT THEY MAY NEED THIS PEACE AS MUCH AS WE DO. LET'S GET YOU AND THE AMBASSADORS ON YOUR WAY.