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Although Captain Kirk is out of his coma thanks to the healing waters of Ayal's homeworld, I'Qos, all is not well on the deck of the *Enterprise*. Spock is still grappling with his choice not to intervene in the I'Qosa civil war, and Sulu and Chekov are still not speaking as Sulu processes losing Ayal. The course is set for Earth, but the *Enterprise* is on a crash course with total disaster...

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MISSION LOG. ASSIGNMENT: THOLIA.

THE THOLIANS HAVE *IMPRESSED ME*. I'D READ THE BRIEFING, BUT NOTHING PREPARED ME FOR THEIR ALMOST... GEOMETRIC PRAGMATISM. ALL THE STARS I'VE SEEN, ALL THE SPECIES I'VE MET, SIMPLY PUT...

...NONE COMPARE.

THEY ARE EVERYTHING COMMAND HAD HOPED FOR.

THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF THE *ENTERPRISE*, HOWEVER, IS NOT.

THIS CONFLICT IS MEANT TO BE ONE-SIDED AND SHORT. TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, WITH PARAMETERS EVOLVING, ISIS AND I ARE LEFT WITH ONLY *EXTEMPORANEOUS* OPTIONS.

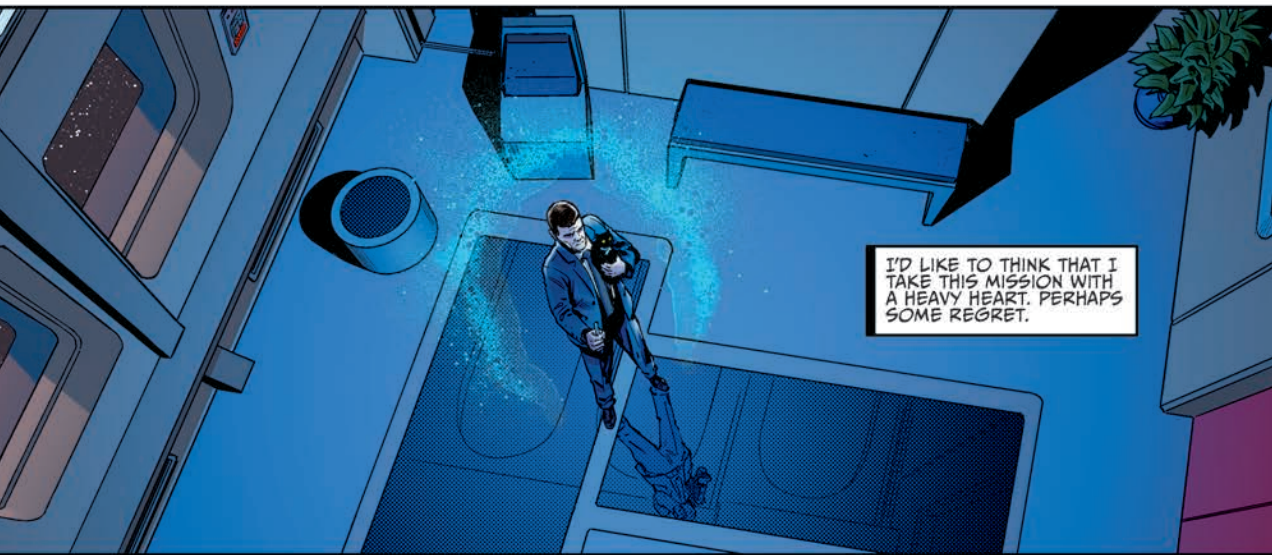
WE HAD HOPED TO AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH KIRK. COMMAND HAS ADMIRATION FOR THE MAN AND FOR THE LIVES--THE WORLDS--HE'S SAVED. A *LEGACY* THAT INSPIRED CENTURIES OF EXPLORATION.

A LEGACY THAT *STILL* WASN'T ENOUGH TO AVOID THE INEVITABLE DARK.

A LEGACY I'LL NOW CUT SHORT.

ANOTHER ODYSSEUS, LOST TO THE PERILS OF WAVE AND WAR.





I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT I TAKE THIS MISSION WITH A HEAVY HEART. PERHAPS SOME REGRET.



KIRK WAS AN ALLY ONCE. WE WERE... FRIENDLY.



BUT THAT WAS A LIFETIME AGO. IT'S BEEN 80 YEARS SINCE I HAD A FRIEND OTHER THAN ISIS...



...AND EVEN LONGER SINCE I HAD A REGRET.





AFTER YOU,  
MR. SPOCK.

THANK YOU,  
CAPTAIN. YOU  
LOOK WELL.

A FEW WEEKS OF  
RECOVERY, A LITTLE BIT  
OF BONES' PATENTED  
PHYSICAL THERAPY, I'D  
SAY I'M AS STRONG  
AS I EVER WAS.

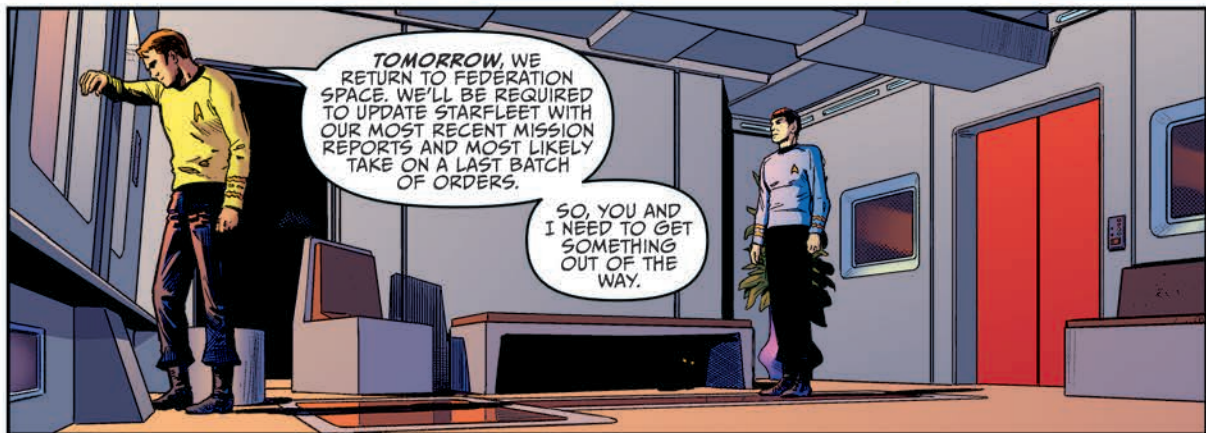
HOWEVER, I AM STILL  
UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT YOU  
PLAN TO ILLUMINATE THAT  
COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED  
PUBLICLY ON THE  
*BRIDGE.*



WHAT I'M  
HOPING YOU'LL  
SEE, SPOCK, IS THE  
HARDEST THING FOR  
A MAN TO SEE.



HIMSELF.



*TOMORROW, WE  
RETURN TO FEDERATION  
SPACE. WE'LL BE REQUIRED  
TO UPDATE STARFLEET WITH  
OUR MOST RECENT MISSION  
REPORTS AND MOST LIKELY  
TAKE ON A LAST BATCH  
OF ORDERS.*

SO, YOU AND  
I NEED TO GET  
SOMETHING  
OUT OF THE  
WAY.



COMMANDER  
SPOCK.

AFTER THE  
EVENTS OF OUR THOLIAN  
ENCOUNTER, DURING WHICH I  
WAS MEDICALLY INCAPACITATED,  
WHILE YOU WERE ACTING  
CAPTAIN OF THIS VESSEL, YOU  
INITIATED A FIRST CONTACT  
PROTOCOL.



THIS  
IS YOUR  
COMMAND  
REVIEW.





NOW, BEFORE YOU SAY A WORD, MR. SPOCK, I WOULD LIKE STARFLEET TO NOTE THAT I HAVE REVIEWED **ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS** OF THE I'QOS INCIDENT...

...AND I FIND COMMANDER SPOCK IN NO WAY GUILTY OF COMPROMISING THE MORAL AND TECHNICAL AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS.

IF I HAD BEEN ABLE...

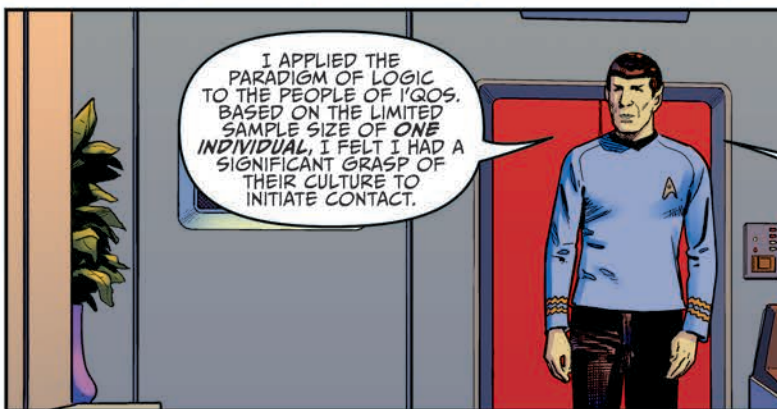


...I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTEMPTS TO COLOR MY ACTIONS IN A POSITIVE LIGHT. HOWEVER... WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS **NOT TRUE.**



IN THE FIRST PLACE, MY CHOICES LED TO YOUR INCAPACITATION.

COMES WITH THE JOB. SPARE ME. SOMETHING HAS BEEN GNAWING AT YOU. NOW IS THE TIME, SPOCK.



I APPLIED THE PARADIGM OF LOGIC TO THE PEOPLE OF I'QOS. BASED ON THE LIMITED SAMPLE SIZE OF **ONE INDIVIDUAL**, I FELT I HAD A SIGNIFICANT GRASP OF THEIR CULTURE TO INITIATE CONTACT.



PERHAPS HELP, IN THIS SITUATION, WAS NOT OURS TO GIVE.

BECAUSE OF MY CHOICES, I'QOSA CIVILIZATION HAS BEEN SET BACK MILLENIA. MILLIONS HAVE DIED. BILLIONS STILL COULD.



AND YOU THINK STARFLEET WOULD LET MILLIONS MORE SUFFER? SPOCK, YOUR CHOICES HAVE INTRODUCED A WORLD TO THE STELLAR COMMUNITY. WE WON'T LET THEM STARVE.



