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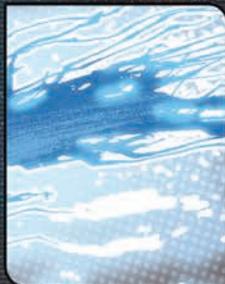
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TEROK NOR

DOMINION MILITARY BASE.
FORMER MINING STATION RETROFITTED FOR
MILITARY OPERATIONS IN 2369 BY COMMANDER
GUL DUKAT.
LOCATED AT ENTRANCE TO DOMINION WORMHOLE.



PROPHETS

EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL NON-CORPOREAL SPECIES.
CAPABLE OF POSSESSING CORPOREAL HOSTS.
WORSHIPPED BY RESIDENTS OF BAJOR.
ALL BUT EXTINCT DUE TO PAH-WRAITH ATTACKS.



PAH-WRAITHS

EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL NON-CORPOREAL BEINGS. CAPABLE OF
POSSESSING CORPOREAL HOSTS. AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS
PROPHETS, LEADING TO PAH-WRAITH CONTROL OF THEIR
SHARED HOME DIMENSION.
ALLIED WITH THE DOMINION IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL SPACE.

PREVIOUSLY IN STAR TREK...

The extra-dimensional trickster known as Q has thrown Captain Kirk and the crew of the *Enterprise* decades into the future of their timeline. In this era, the armies of the Dominion have assumed control of most of the Alpha Quadrant, including Earth. A small band of rebels resists Dominion control, but all will be lost if the mad Cardassian Dukat's ultimate scheme succeeds...



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BATTLE CRUISER DEFIANT, IN ORBIT ABOVE RESISTANCE OUTPOST PARADISE.

"THIS IS ODD. NO RESPONSE TO OUR HAILS FROM THE BASE ON THE GROUND."



IT COULD BE THE PLANET'S NATURAL INTERFERENCE PATTERNS.

BEING ABLE TO HIDE FROM PRYING EYES IS WHY WE CHOSE THIS PLANET AS OUR HIDEOUT IN THE FIRST PLACE.



WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE INTERFERENCE BEFORE.

NO, THIS IS DIFFERENT.

"I'M GETTING A VISUAL NOW..."



NO...



"THE DOMINION FOUND US!"





HELLO!
CAN ANYONE
HEAR ME?!



WE SHOULD
STAY ALERT.
WHOEVER DID
THIS COULD
STILL BE
HERE.

SCANS SHOW NO OTHER
SHIPS. IF THEY FOUND THIS
PLACE, THEY'LL BE ON
THEIR WAY TO OUR OTHER
OUTPOSTS NOW.



ODO, ALERT THE
SMALLER OUTPOSTS
THAT OUR SECURITY HAS
BEEN COMPROMISED.
THEY SHOULD EVACUATE
IMMEDIATELY.

THERE WERE...
FAMILIES HERE...



DAD!

OH THANK
GOD...



JAKE!
DAX!



MY SON!
I'M OKAY,
DAD.



WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE?

THEY HIT US YESTERDAY.
NO WARNING. JAZDIA AND
I MANAGED TO GATHER
SURVIVORS AND TAKE
COVER IN THE
TREES.

THEY FOLLOWED
UP THE AIRSTRIKES
WITH A GROUND SWEEP
BUT WE DODGED THEM
UNTIL THEY TOOK
OFF AGAIN.



THEY DESTROYED
OUR COMMS, BUT JUST
BEFORE THE ATTACK WE
HEARD YOU'D BEEN
CAPTURED!

I WAS RESCUED
THANKS TO MY NEW
FRIENDS, BUT WE JUST
CAME FROM EARTH. IT'S
UNDER DOMINION
CONTROL NOW.



WAIT... YOU...

ARE YOU JAMES TIBERIUS KIRK?

YES...?



I GREW UP READING ALL ABOUT YOU! DAD USED TO SNEAK STARFLEET HISTORIES PAST THE KLINGON QUARANTINE ON EARTH!

HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!

IT'S A LONG STORY.

NOT THAT LONG ACTUALLY. JUST BIZARRE.



THE BEING WHO SENT MY SHIP TO THIS FUTURE, "Q..."

HE SAID HE WANTED US TO FACE A NO-WIN SCENARIO.

THIS IS DEFINITELY STARTING TO LOOK LIKE ONE.



BEN, WHAT ABOUT KIRA? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO RENDEZVOUS WHEN SHE FOUND THE TABLET?



IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE MAKE CONTACT WITH HER.

IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY HOPE NOW, THAT TABLET MIGHT BE OUR ONLY CHANCE.