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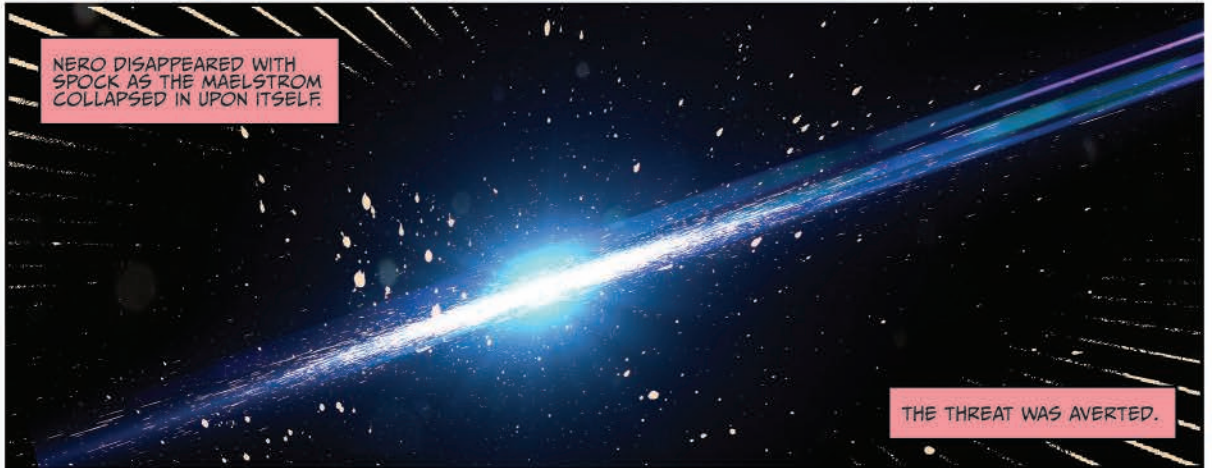


MY OLD FRIEND SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO DESTROY THE MAELSTROM THAT HAD ALREADY WIPED OUT THE ROMULAN EMPIRE AND WAS NOW THREATENING THE FEDERATION.



NERO GAVE CHASE, BENT ON MISGUIDED REVENGE AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS PEOPLE.

BUT HE WAS TOO LATE.



NERO DISAPPEARED WITH SPOCK AS THE MAELSTROM COLLAPSED IN UPON ITSELF.

THE THREAT WAS AVERTED.



ALL THAT IS LEFT IS TO THANK  
SPOCK FOR HIS SACRIFICE...



...AND TO MOURN HIM.

TEA.  
EARL GREY.  
HOT.



WOULD IT  
KILL YOU TO TRY  
CHAMOMILE  
FOR ONCE?







Q.

JEAN-LUC.  
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG.



YOUR TIMING IS AS INOPPORTUNE AS EVER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

"JEAN-LUC PICARD, AMBASSADOR TO VULCAN" DOESN'T HAVE QUITE THE SAME RING AS "JEAN-LUC PICARD, CAPTAIN OF THE FEDERATION STARSHIP ENTERPRISE"...

BUT AT LEAST THE UNIFORM IS MORE COMFORTABLE.



TELL ME, DOES IT HURT THE LEGENDARY PICARD PRIDE TO BE A GUEST ON THE SHIP YOU ONCE COMMANDED?

AND TO SEE THE ANDROID RUNNING THINGS NOW?



CAPTAIN DATA IS AS FINE A CAPTAIN AS I HAVE EVER KNOWN.

I ASK YOU AGAIN, Q.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?



I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT SPOCK.





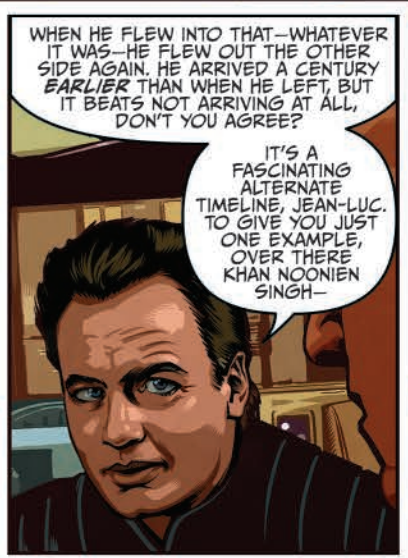
I'VE NO PATIENCE FOR ANOTHER OF YOUR GAMES, Q. NOT HERE. NOT NOW.

NO GAMES, JEAN-LUC, I PROMISE YOU. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LISTEN.



SPOCK LIVES.

...WHAT?



WHEN HE FLEW INTO THAT—WHATEVER IT WAS—HE FLEW OUT THE OTHER SIDE AGAIN. HE ARRIVED A CENTURY EARLIER THAN WHEN HE LEFT, BUT IT BEATS NOT ARRIVING AT ALL, DON'T YOU AGREE?

IT'S A FASCINATING ALTERNATE TIMELINE, JEAN-LUC. TO GIVE YOU JUST ONE EXAMPLE, OVER THERE KHAN NOONIEN SINGH—



STOP!

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ANY OF IT, Q.



THE EVENTS OF PARALLEL TIMELINES ARE NOT WITTY ANECDOTES TO BE RELATED AS A LARK!

THEY ARE REAL EVENTS, HAPPENING TO REAL PEOPLE, AS REAL AS YOU OR...

...WELL, AS REAL AS I AM, AT ANY RATE.





IT'S BEST THAT THE INTEGRITY OF EACH TIMELINE BE MAINTAINED.

BEST THAT NONE HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE OTHERS.



FINE.

CLING TO YOUR TRAGICALLY SKULL-ENCASED PERSPECTIVE IF YOU MUST, JEAN-LUC.

I SIMPLY THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT YOUR FRIEND SURVIVED... AND IN RETURN I SOUGHT ONLY YOUR COUNSEL.



MY COUNSEL...?

SPOCK'S JOURNEY TO THAT ALTERNATE TIMELINE SAVED THIS ONE, JEAN-LUC...



... BUT IT TRIGGERED A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT WILL DOOM THAT ONE.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW, AND WOULD WANT TO HELP IF YOU COULD. I WAS OBVIOUSLY MISTAKEN.

PROMISE ME, Q. PROMISE ME YOU WON'T INTERFERE IN THAT ALTERNATE TIMELINE AS YOU HAVE IN THIS ONE!



OH, I PROMISE.

AS SOON AS YOU PROMISE TO BREATHE ONLY ONE OXYGEN MOLECULE AND NOT THE ALTERNATES SURROUNDING IT.

GOODBYE, FOR NOW.



Q!  
NO!

JEAN-LUC...