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FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

STAR TREK


THE NEXT GENERATION

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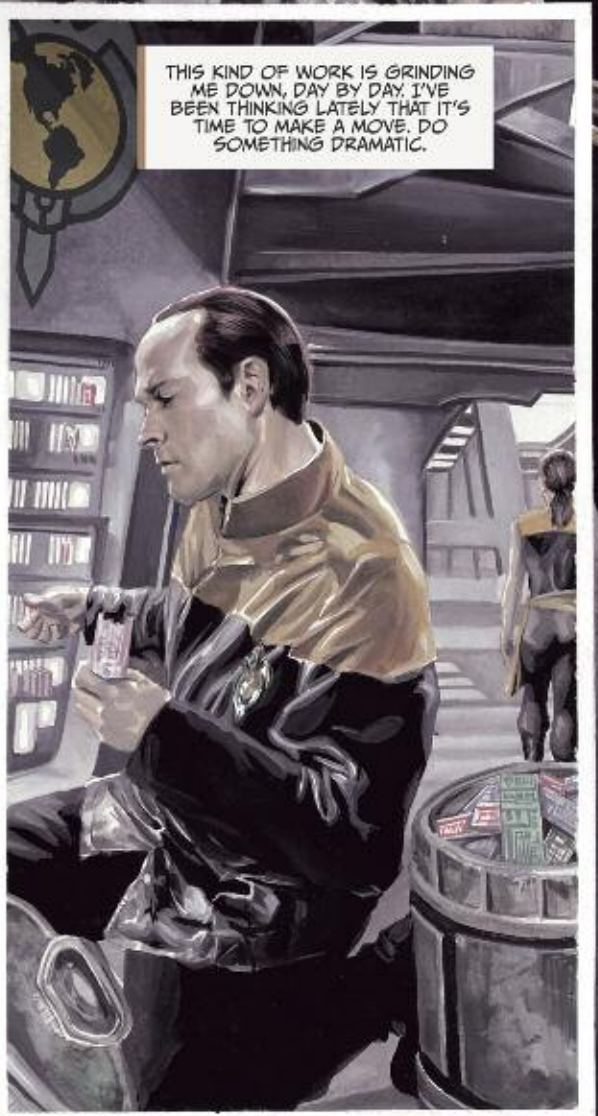




ANOTHER DAY IN
ENGINEERING IN
WHAT'S LEFT OF
THIS RUSTY BUCKET.



THIS SHIP SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETIRED
YEARS AGO. BUT THE COLLAPSE OF THE TERRAN
EMPIRE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF MOST OF OUR
FLEET MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE. NOWADAYS, THE
U.S.S. STARGAZER SPENDS ITS TIME ON SOLAR
SYSTEM DUTY, HELPING PATROL AND ENFORCE
WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR ONCE GREAT EMPIRE.



THIS KIND OF WORK IS GRINDING
ME DOWN, DAY BY DAY. I'VE
BEEN THINKING LATELY THAT IT'S
TIME TO MAKE A MOVE. DO
SOMETHING DRAMATIC.

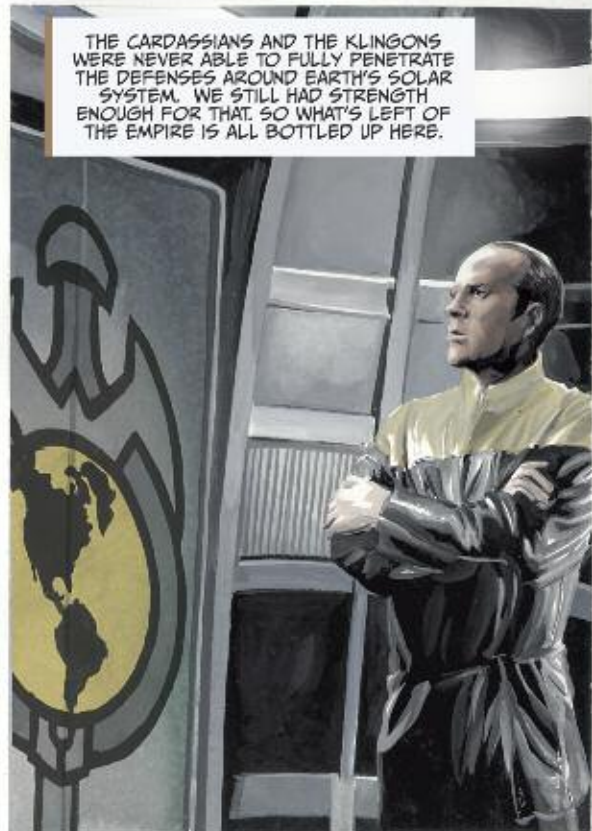


ALL I NEED IS THE OPPORTUNITY AND A PLAN.

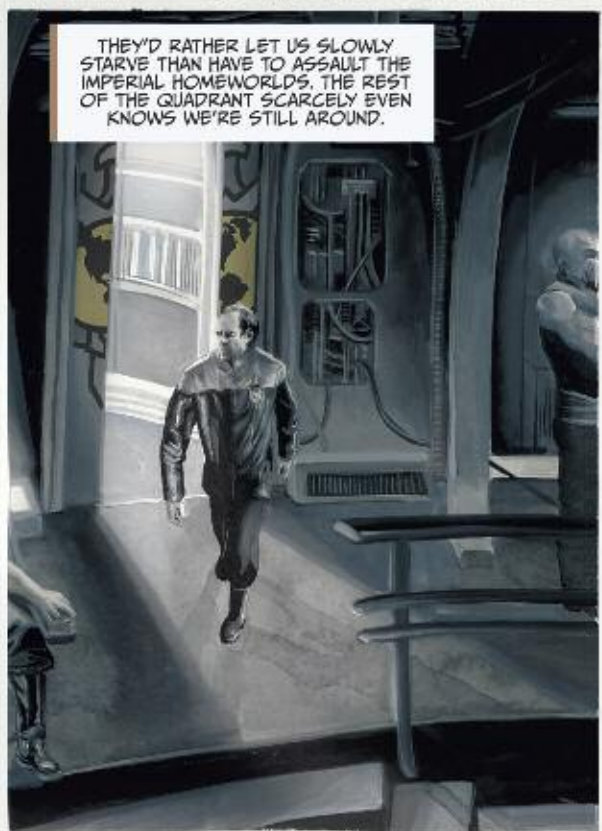
LIEUTENANT BARCLAY TO THE BRIDGE.



THE TERRAN EMPIRE IS IN SAD SHAPE. SPOCK'S WEAK-WILLED ERA OF REFORM MADE IT FEEBLE AND INDECISIVE. THE CARDASSIAN-KLINGON ALLIANCE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT WEAKNESS AND CRUSHED IT.



THE CARDASSIANS AND THE KLINGONS WERE NEVER ABLE TO FULLY PENETRATE THE DEFENSES AROUND EARTH'S SOLAR SYSTEM. WE STILL HAD STRENGTH ENOUGH FOR THAT. SO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE EMPIRE IS ALL BOTTLED UP HERE.



THEY'D RATHER LET US SLOWLY STARVE THAN HAVE TO ASSAULT THE IMPERIAL HOMELANDS. THE REST OF THE QUADRANT SCARCELY EVEN KNOWS WE'RE STILL AROUND.

AND THE CARDASSIANS
AND THE KLINGONS
LIKE IT THAT WAY.

BUT I THINK IT'S
TIME FOR BOLD
MOVES. AND I HOPE
TO HAVE HISTORY
ON MY SIDE.

AH, MISTER
BARCLAY. LET'S
TALK.

CAPTAIN.

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