

I am Mirco, a Star Trek Fan since around 1978. I am fifty years old and I am a role-player for the better part of the last 35 years or so.

I started P&P RPGs with the first edition of the German classic "Das schwarze Auge" ("The Dark Eye") and except for one gap I played ever since. D&D, MERP, Rolemaster, Star Wars (the d6 version), Torg: Eternity and Paranoia are favorites of mine.

Star Trek Adventures is a very special game for me because it unites my two great passions for the first time in a way that feels right. I really do enjoy STA because it captures the feeling of "The Next Generation" in so many ways. I know no other game facilitating cooperation so beautifully. No previous Star Trek game before STA did this for me. And the Star Trek canon is a very rich background to play in.

This is my 2nd contribution to STA CM, here is the first: <https://continuingmissionsta.com/2021/06/25/sta-macros-for-roll20/>

My current STA group came together because of the pandemic. We had a little time on our hands, meeting in person was impossible so a VTT was chosen. I wanted to play STA for quite some time, my wife was on board... And it just fell into place. We are seven people between our mid 30s and mid 50s, some seasoned Trekkies, some not. Some first time RPG players, some not. I think it works very well and as the GM I have a lot of fun.

We play in German language using roll20 and Skype.

Our Ship:

U.S.S Goodall NCC 73434 - Nova Class

In Service since 2371, commissioned at Avondale Production Facility, Rigel II

Motto: „What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.“

Multirole Explorer - Advanced Sensor Suits - Improved Warp Drive - Secondary Reactors

Officers and Crew: ca. 80

The Ship is attached to Narendra Station as suggested in the Shackleton Expanse Campaign Guide. The year is 2371.

Our Crew

Acting XO/Science Officer	Lt. Cmdr. Lenala Ral, <i>joined Trill</i>
Chief Engineer	Lt. Cmdr. Joclone Rong, <i>Klingon</i>
Communications/Security	Lt. jg Vingadia Nerira, <i>Betazoid</i>
Flight Officer	Lt. Orel Zog, <i>joined Trill</i>
Ops	Lt. jg Sutok, <i>Vulcan</i>
CMO	Lt. Dr Keela "Keelyla" O'Boyle, <i>Human</i>
Captain	Cpt. Sosia Orawas, <i>Bolian (NPC)</i>

Mission Plan

We play missions from the Core Rulebook (CORE), Shackleton Expanse Campaign Guide (SECG), Living Campaign (LC), Starterset (STS), the first missions book "These are the voyages" (TATV), a little bit original material by me (ORIG) and some of the various Mission Briefs (MB).

Since we are still in the early phase of our campaign the plan is of course subject to change. For example I really want to fit in missions from the "Trade Ledgers" and "Starbase Adventures" packs. Or it will change if the players go in another direction.

And being as excited about the Tilikaal as I am "Under a Bluer Sun" might be pushed back.

Our next mission is going to be "Biological Clock" but I will swap the collectors for something more fitting with the Expanse.

So here is the plan:

Pilot

The Rescue at Xerxes IV (CORE)

Season 1

A Star Beyonds Stars (STS)

The Alcubierre

We Are Not Ourselves

The Pierced Veil

The Space Between (MB)

Season 2

Decision Point (LC)

One Small Step (ORIG)

Convoy SE-119 (LC)

Biological Clock (TATV). <-- we are here

Signals (LC)

A World With A Bluer Sun (TATV)

Tug Of War (LC)

We are the Stars that sing with our Lives (LC)

The Assessor Gambit (SECG)

The Displaced (SECG)

Season 3 and beyond

As Many as Six Impossible Things (SECG)

The Qofuari Conundrum (SECG, MB)

Joy's Soul Lies in Doing (SECG)

Second Contact (SECG, MB)

A Plaque of Aries (TATV)

Disunification (SECG, MB)

A pictures Worth (SECG,, MB)

The Need of the Few (SECG)

Defending Narendra Station (SECG, MB)

The Fallen (SECG, MB)

Prism (SECG)

Cleft of the Rock (SECG, MB)

Time Machine (SECG, MB)

Envoy (SECG)

Deliverance (SECG)

The following Mission logs were written in German and translated using [deepl.com](https://www.deepl.com)

Mission Logs

1st Mission/ Prolog - The Rescue at Xerxes IV

Lt. jg Vingadia Nerira and Lt. Cmdr. Lenala Ral have been ordered to Starbase 364 - Narendra Station. You are to take your new posts as Communications Officer and Science Officer of the USS Goodall from there.

They were also to use the trip to the starbase to hand over the runabout USS Donau, which was assigned to the base.

En route, they received a distress call from scientists on Xerxes IV. They investigated and crashed into an ion storm on Xerxes IV.

There they were attacked by two degenerate humanoids. They were explorers who had been de-evolved by local radiation altered by the ion storm. The runabout was badly damaged. The

officers made their way to the research station and encountered Dr. Schipp. They managed to develop an antidote in the form of a radiation pulse and cure the sick scientists. Ral remembered a previous host, Igiss Ral, who had done genetic studies on various humanoid species. This was a great help in developing the cure.

After Nerira and Ral repaired the shuttle, they flew on to the starbase and delivered the ship.

2nd Mission - A Star Beyond The Stars

Episode 1: The Alcubierre

The crew of the USS Goodall receives an order to search for the USS Alcubierre. The ship was supposed to test a new warp drive when contact was lost.

After days of searching, the Alcubierre was found. However, strong subspace interference prevented any scan attempt, and transporters did not work. Even a probe could not get any results, but proved that a shuttle flight within the interference was possible.

An away team consisting of

Lt. Cmdr. Joclóng Rong, Lt. Cmdr. Lenala Ral, Lt. jg Vingadia Nerira, Lt. Odrel Pog, Lt. jg Sutok, and Lt. Dr Keela "Keelyla" O'Boyle

crossed over by shuttle. Oddly enough, the Alcubierre hangar opened. A first indication of possible survivors! A mysterious note appeared on a console, requesting a meeting in Stellar Cartography.

When the heroes left the hanger, they found the bodies of several crew members who had apparently fallen here during a fight action with Romulans.

On the way to the cartography, there was a firefight with 4 Romulans. The Romulans were stunned to be questioned later. They believed the Alcubierre had been busy developing a subspace weapon and therefore wanted to intervene. However, when they boarded, subspace interference began to disable first transporters, later comms, everything else followed. The Romulans, however, were still aware that their warbird, the Decius, had been recalled. Where and why nobody knew.

Along the way, the away team found the bodies of Cpt. Kelly and his first officer and the chief of security.

In stellar cartography, the heroes encountered the sole survivor, Ensign Lasalle. He confirmed that the Romulans had beamed aboard but that their ship had been recalled. Lasalle was able to trace the corresponding signal to a Klingon station in the Kator sector.

Our heroes decided to recapture the Alcubierre and bring the subspace interference under control. To do this, they absolutely had to get into the engine room!

First, however, they wanted to try to obtain more information on the bridge. Through the turbolift shafts, the away team reached the captain's ready room and was able to access the log. They learned that the Alcubierre had been taken over by Romulans and that the leading subcommander was somehow different.

Back to the turbolift shafts and from there to the engine room....

In a short firefight, two Romulans were defeated, but not before they could sound the alarm. Two more guards, who then wanted to check on things, were also incapacitated.

Via maintenance tunnels, the away team was able to sneak onto the upper deck in the warp drive section. From there, they spotted four Romulans and their subcommander. The away team donned breathing apparatus and then, by manipulating the environmental controls, were able to incapacitate the four Romulans. The subcommander, on the other hand, was completely

unimpressed by the oxygen-deprived atmosphere. He also proved surprisingly resistant to stun shots. After a hard fight, the Romulans was stunned. Subsequent scans provided a frightening realization: he was infested with one of the neural parasites the Enterprise-D crew had already dealt with seven years ago, in 2364.

With the infected Romulan defeated, the Alcubierre's engines were quickly repaired and the away team flew back to Starbase 364 with Ensign Lasalle and the prisoners.

Episode 2: We Are Not Ourselves

Since the Klingons had no ships nearby at the moment, the Klingon High Command asked the Federation for assistance: contact with the Kator station had been lost after a strange message was received. The message stated that the station was on fire. A maniacal-sounding Klingon shouted, "We are not ourselves!". After that, it could be heard that the atmosphere was being vented. Kator was also the station from which the signals that had recalled the Decius had come. Admiral Hebert assigned the USS Goodall to investigate. Arriving at the station, initial scans suggested the worst: The station had almost no atmosphere left, only the sickbay was shielded and still had breathable air. There were no signs of life on the station. In a nearby asteroid field a heavily damaged rescue capsule was discovered. Faint life signs of a single person were measurable on it. The capsule was recovered with the tractor beam. However, the tractor beam generator was severely damaged by an asteroid impact in the process. Inside the escape pod, the crew found a dying Klingon. His forehead plates were unusually thick and he developed some kind of exoskeleton. His DNA had been altered and key sequences of the DNA corresponded to parts of the DNA of the neural parasites.

An away team consisting of Lt. Cmdr. Lenala Ral, Lt. jg Vingadia Nerira, Flight Officer Lt. Odrel Pog, Lt. jg Sutok, and CMO Lt. Dr. Keela "Keelyla" O'Boyle, Human beamed to Kartor Station's sickbay. Chief Engineer Rong remained aboard the USS Goodall to repair the damaged tractor beam. In the sickbay, the officers found various Klingons killed and some neural parasites. There was evidence of genetic alterations to the genome of Klingons and parasites. On the command deck, the commander's log was deciphered. In addition, Lt. Pog found evidence of a Tellarite freighter shuttling between the Cordolan system and Kartor Station. It was possible that the parasites had used this ship to reach the station. Surveillance video showed a Romulan aboard the freighter. The USS Goodall then made its way to the Cordolan system. Initial scans suggested an abandoned station on an icy moon of the gas giant Cordulan IV. However, the scans were complicated by what appeared to be an artificially enhanced dimagnetic field. An away team flew to the mining station on the icy moon. There it was discovered that the anti-matter generator was in operation and that a retrofitted device there was generating the interference field. The device could be dismantled. More dead Klingons and parasites were found in the mine's infirmary. Scans of the parasites and Klingons proved that Trill DNA was used to make the Klingons better hosts and that there were attempts to enhance the parasites with Klingon DNA. However, these failed. The parasites evolved into protoklingons. Either way, however, the work of a talented geneticist. Deeper in the mine, the away team encountered this geneticist: Tal Duron. An unjoined Trill who hoped to get one of the neural parasites as a symbiont by working with them. However, he was now getting doubts about what he was doing. Still deeper in the mines, the away team finally found the crew of the Tellarite freighter in captivity of some Romulans and a Klingon. After a short battle, the prisoners were freed. The away team flew back to the USS Goodall. Shortly after they boarded, a Romulan warbird decloaked. "This is Centurion Drusa of the Decius. I assume you already know our sub-commander from the Alcubierre?"

Episode 3: The Pierced Veil

In orbit around Cordulan IV, the USS Goodall was hailed by the warbird Decius. Centurion Dursa had taken command because she had realized that parasites had infested her leaders. She reported that she had learned from a contact at the Tal'Shiar that the parasites were about to activate an Iconian gate. This would have to be prevented at all costs. When she transmitted the coordinates of the Moana system, a computer virus that parasites had planted on the Decius made its way to the USS Goodall with that transmission. Led by Chief Engineer Rong, the contaminated files were tracked down and deleted. After a reboot of the systems, the USS Goodall was fully functional again. Arriving in the Moana system, the Goodall was attacked by the light warbird Axia. Led by XO Ral and thanks to the gunnery skills of Lt. Neriera and great piloting by Lt. Pog, the Axia was destroyed. Scans of the planet Moana III indicated ancient ruins. In

addition, 5 parasitically infected Romulans and one human were discovered. After the entrance to the ruins was sealed by phaser fire from orbit, the Romulans were beamed into the Goodall's brig. The human was transported to sealed quarters. He turned out to be Ensign LaSalle. He reported that he wanted to take revenge on the parasites for the death of his captain and crew. Therefore he had stolen the runabout USS Mississippi on Starbase 364 and followed the Romulans. From orbit, the entrance was cleared up again with the ship's phasers. Mysterious inscriptions, deciphered by Lt. Nerira, indicated that the ruins here were Dinasian in origin. A language with Iconian roots.

The inscription spoke of a great firestorm and exodus to a land of peace. A later fragment called for "closing the gate forever."

The away team found an elevator. A Romulan who happened to appear was quickly eliminated. In a library of sorts, the officers found numerous data pyramids. Lt. Pog picked up one of the items and was flooded with images in his mind: Millions dead, orbital bombardment, few survivors escaping through a gateway to Moana III. Overwhelmed by the images, Lt. Pog had to recall the skills of a previous host, who had very strong self-control and concentration. Suddenly, a burst of energy passed through the base. The Iconian gate was opened. The away team rushed into the next room and found the gate activated. In the room were 8 Romulans and a leader, apparently the mother creature.

Visible inside the gate was a lifeless wasteland. The bottom of a vaporized ocean. A pale white star was the only object in a pitch black sky. A single star beyond the stars.

The mother creature uttered an anguished cry, "No, it can't be! All these centuries! I have led my children to the stars to find a new world before ours dies. Six years ago I heard my sister's signal from Earth. I set out on my journey. But we crashed here. We left our shattered bodies and took over these Romulans. They had already found the gate. But I'm too late. Our world is dead. We are the last of our kind."

The mother creature offered the away team to leave the Federation alone forever if they, the parasites, could take over the Romulans. Eternal peace between Romulans would thus be possible.

After discussion about the fact that this offer would not be compatible with the ideals of the Federation, but that killing the mother creature would be genocide and therefore out of the question, the creature was handed over to the Admiralty.

3rd Mission - The Space Between

Captain's Log "We are on our way back from Cetius IV. Captain Akul of the IKS obmaQ' has made first contact with the humanoid civilization that resides there. The first first contact in the Shakelton Expanse! Considering that the first contact was made by a Klingon battlecruiser, it was extremely successful. The Cetians now want to meet other Federation races. We were sent to Cetius IV and took Ambassador Gezin on board to fly her to Starbase 364, where she is to be introduced to Admiral Hebert. A sudden radiation pulse has thrown the antimatter reaction out of whack and shaken the ship up good. In addition, Lt. J'Aana, BioLab II, informs me that the cages of some creatures have been damaged and the creatures are now loose on the ship. She assures me, however, that the creatures are not dangerous. But that's not what worries me the most. Several crew members have presented to sickbay with headaches and shortness of breath. It's a difficult situation, especially with Chief Engineer Rong and Helmsman Pog on shore leave."

Capt. Orawas sent Lt. Cmdr. Lenala Ral, Lt. jg Vingadia Nerira and Lt. jg Sutok to repair the warp drive. Led by Lt. Sutok, the team was able to correct the containment field oscillation, preventing the impending core breach. Meanwhile, CMO Lt. Dr. Keela "Keelyla" O'Boyle, in the infirmary examined the patients, but without any useful results at first glance. The repair team also went to sickbay to assist the doctor. The doctor now noted that the sick crew members had shrunk slightly. The bridge crew was also affected. Further scans revealed that the space between atomic nuclei and electrons of carbon compounds was shrinking, reducing the size of the creatures. Lt. Cmdr. Ral detected a strange radiation during a scan. Searches of the scientific databases yielded a single paper describing such radiation under the name Spirion radiation. Cpt. Orawas radioed

the team to send them to Ambassador Gezin. They were to calm the anxious ambassador. Due to the continuing shrinkage (the team was now only about 60 cm tall), the door sensors no longer triggered, so no one could leave sickbay. With great difficulty, the officers hoisted a phaser, a scientific tricorder and a medical tricorder onto an office chair. Lt. Sutok climbed onto the chair, and Lt. Nerira, Lt. Cmdr. Ral and Dr. O'Boyle pushed the chair, thus loaded, into the corridor. On the way to the ambassador, the team was attacked by one of the escaped animals, a Galdrian bat. Lt. Sutok, using his full body, was able to turn the phaser toward the bat and activate it with a leap. The bat fell to the ground, stunned. Scans of the bat revealed that the creature was not carbon-based, but silicon-based. Presumably, that's why it didn't shrink. Further down the corridor, the bridge crew encountered the completely distraught security officer Lt. Rogers. His phaser rifle blocked the corridor as a man-sized obstacle. With united forces the corridor was cleared and the chair was pushed further in the direction of the turbolift. A little further on, a river of coolant poured across the corridor. When the chair was pushed through, the rollers of the chair were damaged. The turbolift was reached. By shouting together, the turbolift was activated. When the doors opened again, the officers were attacked by a skirkan, a silicon-based insect. This creature was also quickly defeated. On to the guest quarters and to ambassador Gezin. Lt. Nerira established telepathic contact with the ambassador. She learned that Gezin had received a crystal as a symbol of friendship from a supposed ambassador of a planet called Quintera. However, this ambassador does not seem to exist. The crystal was packed in a radiation-proof container on the cargo deck. Thereupon, the crew grew back to normal size. When the officers looked again at the picture of the supposed ambassador, the picture changed to a Q, winked and said, "Fun, wasn't it?"

4th Mission - Decision Point

Six weeks ago, contact was lost with SS Tesla, a civilian research vessel that was investigating space anomalies in the Expanse. Remote probes have now detected a plasma trail leading to the Orgun system. It could be a match for the missing ship. The USS Goodall was sent to the Orgun system to investigate.

Scans reveal that the Orgun system is one of the rare star systems with 2 class M planets. Both planets are inhabited. Orgun III is home to a civilization of several million individuals who have reached the technological level of Earth in the mid-21st century. They are the lemur-like Lormeans. Even though they have already achieved manned space travel, they still fall under the protection of the Prime Directive. Orgun II is home to a civilization that is not as advanced.

The wreck of the Tesla is discovered in the jungle of Orgun III. Four non-native life forms could be detected in Lorm, the capital city of the largest continent about 200 km north of the crash site. Even further north, the Goodall discovered an underground energy source far beyond the technology of the Lormeans. Atmospheric disturbances were caused by this energy source, making the use of the transporters extremely dangerous. In addition, the communicators were useless.

An away team flew a shuttle to the crash site. There they found the graves of two expedition members. They also found, after power has been routed from the shuttle to the Tesla, that all logs and storage systems had been removed. In addition, no personal items were found in the Tesla. The warp core was probably deactivated before the crash to prevent a nuclear explosion. However, monitoring systems were still active in the Tesla, transmitting somewhere.

Just as the away team was discussing how to proceed, 6 armed Lormeans appeared in two flying machines.

Suddenly everything stood still. No more leaves were moving, no more animal sounds, and the Lormeans weren't moving either. Q appeared and explained that she was watching the crew and found it all very amusing. When Q disappeared again, the Lormeans, led by Captain Threema, asked the away team to accompany them to the capital. There they met the surviving scientists and also spoke with First Minister Toorel. They learned that the Tesla had crashed after being hit by a gravimetric anomaly. Toorel reported that the planet has been experiencing numerous earthquakes for some time and electromagnetic disturbances are disabling communications equipment. With the planet in danger of breaking apart, the Lormeans want to evacuate as many people as possible to Orgun II. The Federation scientists had agreed to help.

A mysterious energy signature north of the capital caught the attention of the away team. They found a cave system in search of the energy source. To help with the search, the engineers replicated a drone. The drone discovered a poison gas-filled cave. Dr. O'Boyle was able to synthesize a neutralizing gas. However, while traversing a narrower passage, Dr. O'Boyle was severely injured by escaping hot steam. She was saved by spirited intervention. The crew had to burn their way through about 12,000 years old, ancient metal walls.

Deeper in the cave, the crew came across an elevator that allowed them to reach the control room far underground. They discovered a machine that could control all aspects of the planet, but had become defective due to lack of maintenance over the course of several thousand years. The machine stabilized the geology and controlled the weather and atmosphere. Without the machine, the planet was in danger of disintegrating. In addition, the crew of the Goodall learned that Orgun III was actually the outermost planet in its system and had been artificially placed in orbit in the habitable zone of the star Orgun.

The machine could be repaired, but nobody knows how long it will last. Regarding the necessary evacuation, the crew considered the implications of the prime directive. Since the inhabitants of Orgun III were already out of their natural development, the prime directive does not seem to apply to them. However, an evacuation to Organ II is more critical because it is home to a pre-warp civilization that would be affected in its development by new arrivals. The crew of the USS Goodall reported to Admiral Hebert and turned the incident over to Starfleet.

Q said goodbye to the crew and praised them for a job well done. She felt very well entertained and promised to stop by again soon.

5th Mission - A Small Step

Stardate 46412.7 Captain Orawas' Log, USS Goodall. We have left the Orgun system and are on our way back to Starbase 364. The Federation will send transport ships and house the Lormean in unpopulated areas on Orgrun II until we can find a new home for them. With patience and a little luck, we will find a new planet for this civilization in the vastness of the Shakelton Expanse. Who knows if we will ever learn who built the mighty world machine at the heart of Orgrun III and for what purpose. Or why the planet was brought to this system, and more importantly, how? I remain in the Orgun system to coordinate on rescue missions. Commander Rong is refocusing the gravimetric filters and will be tied to Engineering for an extended period of time. I have also learned that the mother creature of the Neural Parasites has been relocated to Earth. It seems to me that the loose threads of the last few missions have been taken out of our hands and the Goodall is ready for new adventures.

Lts. Pog and Stuck noticed a Class 8 probe on a rendezvous course with the Goodall. The probe came to a stop off the bow of the Starfleet vessel and projected an anti-chronotron field around the ship. Scans of the probe led to the conclusion that the probe was from the Goodall's inventory, but had been traveling from Earth to this coordinates for about 400 years. Further investigation led to some clues: "07/16/1969," "Rom," "sabotage."

While the crew was still puzzling, the Goodall was confronted by a Romulan warbird. Commander Kurcok demanded identification and justification for the intrusion into Galactic Romulan Empire space. Lt. Cmdr. Ral clarified that the Shackleton Expanse was not claimed by any known power. Kurcok then ordered fire to be opened. Under the onslaught of the first wave of disruptor fire, the shields collapsed. Lt. Pog, however, was able to prevent worse by skillful evasive maneuvers.

Immediately before the threat of defeat by the much more powerful warbird, 3 more ships dropped out of warp and engaged the Romulan battleship. One Cpt. Janeway transmitted coordinates and advised escape to said coordinates. At the rendezvous point there was a reunion with Janeway and her fleet. It turned out that the Romulans had completely subjugated the galaxy.

Lt. Neriera found out that the launch of the Apollo 11 mission had taken place on July 16, 1969. A comparison of the historical data bases delivered the frightening realization: The Goodall was in a new time line. In this reality, the Saturn V had exploded at launch. This slowed the human

departure to the stars, and Cochrane did not launch on his first flight until 2093. He found: Nothing.

As things progressed, the NX01 was not built and Archer's historic mission never took place. The Federation was not formed and so the Romulans were able to take over Vulcan, then Earth, Andoria and Tellar, and finally the entire galaxy. In contrast, in the timeline that the crew of the Goodall remembered, the Military Alliance, which would later become the Federation, was able to bring the Romulan War to a ceasefire.

Using a slingshot maneuver around the Shackleton Pinwheel the Goodall traveled back in time. The Goodall made its way to earth. On the morning of July 7th, 1969, the Goodall swung into orbit around Earth. First scans of the EM emission of the planet and "Suspicious Minds" by Elvis Presley sounded from the audio systems. Further analysis showed two Romulans at Cape Canaveral and strange energy signatures at a house in Titusville, FL. An away team beamed to the house. They found evidence that two Romulan temporal agents from the 28th century had been living in the house for many years and had infiltrated NASA. Commander Lokoth, under the cover name of John Logan, was employed as a booster engineer in the launch control room, Sub Commander Sommath, disguised as Bob Sonders worked on the launchpad. They planned to use a bomb beamed under the Saturn V during launch to explode the rocket. The away team also found pattern amplifiers. These were to be positioned by Somaath under the rocket as late as possible. Lokoth then planned to use a handheld transporter to beam a bomb under the Saturn V at launch and detonate it.

The away team lay in wait for the Romulan agents in the evening. When they returned from the cape, they were beamed into the Goodall's holding cell in a surprise attack by Lt Cmdr Rong. The agents denied to the last their true origin. Lokoth committed suicide, Somaath finally confessed. The rocket explosion was prevented, an away team collected evidence of Romulan activity, and the probe from the beginning was prepared in order to prevent a paradoxon.

Slingshotting around the sun, the USS Goodall returned to its time and its timeline.

5th Mission - Convoy SE-119

Back from the past, the Goodall was put into dry dock. Sensors and navigation systems were adapted to the conditions of the Expanse. At the same time, the obmaQ' under Captain Akul was also dry-docked. Communications officer Lt. jg Vingadia Nerira was promoted to full Lt.

During the two-week shore leave, no crew member resorted to fisticuffs despite intense provocation.

The Goodall's next mission was to escort a convoy of 5 freighters to Relay Station 3-5. The obmaQ' was also assigned to escort. The convoy consisted of the ships Gur'Chaj (a Klingon Dilitium tanker), the Winner's Luck (an Orion freighter under Cpt. Jaega) and three more civilian ships Ulysses, Ze'ev and Agamemnon.

During the flight to the station, there were numerous imbalances with the new systems, when suddenly the obmaQ' was rocked by an explosion and dropped out of warp. Shortly thereafter, the navigation console exploded and Lr. Pog was seriously injured. Lt. Cmdr. Ral immediately ordered the entire convoy to be held. Cpt. Jaega called the Goodall. Explosions had occurred on board there as well. Apparently the convoy had hit EM vortices that had caused the damage.

One of the eddies opened briefly and while that was happening Sutok and Nerira sensed some kind of presence. The readings during the opening were similar to a phenomenon Enterprise D detected on stardate 46154.2 (2769). At that time, crewmembers were abducted into subspace.

Lt. Cmdr. Roc. and Dr. O'Boyle beamed to the Winner's Luck to help. Cpt. Jayga was beamed onto the Goodall by Roc. Her ship was beyond saving. While the teams were still trying to repair the ships, the convoy was attacked by pirates. In the battle, some of the attacking pirates were incapacitated and the others fled, pursued by the Klingons. Captured pirates confessed that they were working as part of a larger organization to weaken Federation-Klingon relations. They would work for the syndicate.

The convoy flew on to Station 3-5 and was joyfully received. The Klingons praised the courage of the Goodall's crew. For the victory celebration Cpt. Akul donated a barrel of his best blood wine.