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STARFLEET STRIKES FIRST IN THE SHACKLETON

By John Leavitt

Despite the heavy losses, the combined forces of Starfleet and the Klingon Empire managed to hold their ground and repel the Na'quel forces. The Federation's medical teams, alongside Klingon medics, worked tirelessly to treat the wounded and prevent further loss of life.

Captain Lorna Reese of the USS Callisto and Captain K'Vor of the IKS Khagh'we commended their crews for their bravery and resilience under fire. In a joint statement, they emphasized the importance of unity in the face of adversity and vowed to continue their mission of providing aid to the beleaguered colony of Talakris.

The Federation Council has called for an emergency session to address the aggression of the Na'quel and determine the next steps in ensuring the safety of allied and neutral territories in the Shackleton Expanse. Diplomatic channels are being explored to understand the motives behind the Na'quel's unprovoked attack and to seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Meanwhile, the citizens of Talakris, though shaken, have expressed their gratitude to the Starfleet and Klingon forces. Community leaders have begun organizing efforts to rebuild and offer support to those affected by the conflict. The spirit of cooperation and solidarity shines brightly as these diverse groups come together to face the challenges ahead.

The Federation Council has convened an emergency session to address these alarming developments. High-ranking officials and diplomats from allied planets have been summoned to discuss a course of action, and to determine the best approach to mitigate further escalation.

Meanwhile, scientific teams are already en route to the damaged planet in the Shackleton Expanse, tasked with assessing the environmental impact and exploring possibilities for restoration. The Federation's commitment to preserving life and ecosystems remains steadfast, despite the grim circumstances.

Public sentiment is mixed, with some calling for immediate retaliation and others urging restraint and a thorough investigation. Voices of peace and understanding are rallying, hoping to prevent another devastating war fueled by ideological divides.

Amid the uncertainty, one thing is clear: the Federation will need to navigate this crisis with both strength and wisdom, ensuring that the values of unity and cooperation are upheld even in the face of potential conflict.

DIRECTOR WHITFORD BANS TRAVEL TO WARD OFF CONFLICT

By John Leavitt

In light of the recent hostilities in Sector Charlie 4 of the Shackleton Expanse, Director Whitford of Shackleton Affairs has initiated a total travel ban on everything Anti-Spinward of Sectors B4-B5.

This announcement has caused panic in the region as ships are scrambling to get back to safe space. Many new immigrants to the region are left stranded on the far side of this divide, leaving them without supplies and support.

Supporters of this directive say that this is a prudent measure considering the hostile encounter with the local species, the Na'quel. Historically, similar measures were made by the Federation in contact with the Klingons and the Romulans.

Others say that this directive is reactionary and inflammatory, and will cause untold disruption to the trade and travel within the Shackleton. Ferengi markets are already beginning to pull out the Expanse, stating that the unstable travel permissions lead to a distrust that product and latinium will flow.

"Without Starfleet in the region, we absolutely cannot be safe out here. said Damok Tern of the Ferengi Trade Commission. "Rule of Acquisition #35: Peace is good for Business." Starfleet Vessels are also explicitly told to leave the exclusion zone at best possible speeds.

When this ban will be lifted is unknown, Director Whitford cited "After a more amicable relationship with the Na'quel can be arranged and old grievances resolved.



IN MEMORIAM

By Jurc Vugronch

We honor Starfleet Commander Ellen S. Carpenter, who heroically sacrificed herself at The Battle of Qo'noS K'tang Station to save the lives of her comrades in arms."

"Carpenter, A 38-year-old human from the Earth city of Seattle, had only been stationed on Halanak Station for a few months before she gave her life to defend her crew. The USS Da Vinci assigned to the Halanak Group had entered the Qo'noS K'Tang System with a fleet of FIS and Romulan vessels to initiate diplomatic talks relating to the ongoing Klingon Civil Conflict. When fired upon by the Klingon station, the Da Vinci and its fleet was forced to take defensive action, and Carpenter led a full-scale boarding party onto the Klingon Station to disable its weapon systems. Reinforcements from the rogue Klingon Government soon entered the system, and the battle turned south for the coalition fleet. Both the Da Vinci and the Klingon station began to take on critical levels of damage and were forced to abandon ship. Commander Carpenter heroically stayed behind and used the station's weapon systems to provide covering fire, giving the other ships in the fleet enough time to pick up the Da Vinci's escape pods and warp out of the battle. Carpenter's sacrifice has been cited as a primary reason for why the casualties of the battle were so low"

"Praise for Carpenter was high from those who served with her. Admiral Shri'Thrallak confirmed that the under-construction Starfleet-FIS cooperative ship currently codenamed Project Cobalt will be named the USS Carpenter when it launches. Off the record, several officers stated anonymously that the death was unnecessary, saying that Carpenter would never have been forced to lead such a risky away mission had the Halanak Group been given more senior officers. She leaves behind no close family, and she never married."

LOCAL

NEWS



C.R.I.T. LABS THEORIZES MORE ABOUT THE SPACE WHALES

By Irvin Russel

The Cosmozoan Research Institute of Technology, also known as C.R.I.T. Labs, has made a major breakthrough in the study of the evolution of the Space Whales seen across the Shackleton Expanse. For the past year, they have been studying the genetics of the magnificent species trying to see if they have their origins down a gravity well. Some cosmozoans have evolved outside of gravity-dependent environments, such as the gormengander. Others seem to be comfortable in both environments, as the Cnidarian. However, for the longest time, it was unknown where the Space Whale fit into this ecology.

Finally, they have sequenced a section of genes that codes for semicircular canals, a type of organ that is used in most species to help orientate themselves within a gravity field. These genes are not expressed in the Space Whale and instead have a new organ called the Gravitosensory organ that has a viscous liquid suspended in a free-floating organ that will be pushed upon experiencing gravity. The existence of these genes for a very gravity-dependent environment means that sometimes in the Whale's ancestry, they must have been in a gravity well. The next leg of their investigation is to compare the genomes with other planets within the Shackleton to see if they can find the Origin system.



FALLEN ANGEL?

By Sophia Rochester

Famed musician Angel Mey might not be so angelic after all, sources at Narendra say. Currently, the pop star is performing a series of concerts at Narendra station, the last of which is set to be performed tonight. Amongst the allegations leveled against her includes making several hardened Narendra security guards cry. What exactly Angel did is currently unknown, but considering what Narendra's security goes through on a daily basis, it couldn't have been pleasant. These people have faced worse without even flinching. This comes on the heels of her incredibly publicized divorce with her husband of six months, Parrises Squares player, Zachary Evans. As well as a lawsuit for religious discrimination over firing a Luminox member out of fear he would violate the non-disclosure agreement all her staff is required to sign. Nonetheless, fans are gathered at Narendra Station for a glimpse of their favorite celebrity. And, potentially, for a chance for her to traumatize them too.



CHET AND FEDERATION ETHICS

By Shaaph Russel

Overview: A brief Interview with Professor Bartnos on the Chet and Starfleet's ethicality when dealing with them Interview:

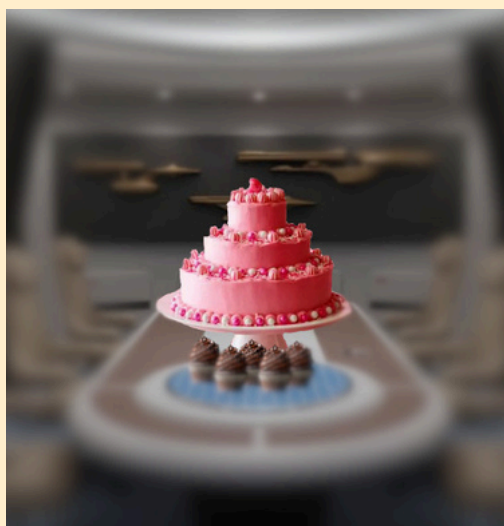
Shackleton Report: *Could you give me and anyone listening a little out who the Chet are, and what you are doing with them*

Bartnos: Yes, gladly. The Chet are a species discovered in the Shackleton expanse, a few years ago. And they are fascinating, I think the only example of a fully organic culture that I've had the pleasure of meeting. Their culture is always moving, evolving, not always for the better, but it does seem to always work to what the masses think is best. The Chet are warp-capable, or I'd have never met them, and I'm currently dealing with the aftermath of one of the most tragic misunderstandings I've ever seen.

SR: *tragic misunderstandings? Could you explain a bit more about that?*

B: Well, you see the Chet aren't at the same technological level we're at, and even we have a hard time determining whether something is sapient or not. Take Earth, Starfleet sensors say there are over eighty species with the capability to develop sapience, but we've only found three. I say this to preface what the Chet outpost did. The Chet culture forces not only themselves forward but everything about them. They have a compulsion to take everything apart and find out how it works. A bit like humans, if we didn't have any self-preservation. So, the Chet had set up on this remote planet and began taking everything apart, one of the stranger compulsions they have is to taste everything. My theory is this allowed the species to find edible plants and food rather quickly in the early days, but very few people have actually looked into it. So, this compulsion led the Chet to try eating the species they dissected. And well they enjoyed the taste of the native sapient species.

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FEAST OF ACH

By Tridia Drawas

Orange Cat Bakery is hosting a limited-edition line of baked goods this month in honor of the Chet holiday Feast of the Ach. The holiday focuses on the Ach and Chi natures of different foods and has never been celebrated on Narendra before. "The Chet have no idea of 'Tradition'," Owner Lucy Farrow said when reached for comment. "So, coming up with new recipes was a challenge." She said before running off to chase the famous co-owner and namesake Marmalade of a lavishly decorated cookie table. In preparation for the holiday itself, several Chet Chefs have been pouring over different cultures' recipes. "What's a 'Squirrel'?" One asked when seeing Leah Chase's recipe for squirrel pie. There were several moments of silence before someone handed him a padd with a picture of his smaller, earth doppelgänger. "This is Chi!" He then yelled in terror. Orange Cat Bakery will be selling nut tarts, sunflower seed thumbprint cookies, and candied crickets until the end of the month.

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SR: Are you saying that the Chet were eating Sapient species?

B: Yes, while tragic I can understand how they got to this situation. Humans did the same thing, we actually wiped out one of our fellow sapient species on Earth.

SR: Yes, I think we all know about the whale situation, now what future do you think these Chet have?

B: I see great potential in them, their culture is fascinating, as is their biology. They are progressing rapidly in a technological field, I'm not really one for politics but damn what the Neo-Originalists say, this is one of the most interesting times in the field of sociology, in the last twenty years.

There you have it people, from the mouth of a person on the front lines of the frontier.

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PROJECT COBALT RUMORS



By Tiya Gulan,
Facts of the Union

We've interviewed locals of Halanak station to determine just what exactly Starfleet thinks they're hiding with this so-called "project cobalt", and whether it has anything to do with the fact that drydock three has been under heavy scrutiny for weeks now. This lack of information availability is just one more in a long line of backstabbing and secretive ploys put into place by the cold-hearted Andorian admiral of the station, Ms. Shi Thrallak. In fact, she was seen visibly arguing with her administrative aid Commander Carpenter, a fine officer if this reporter ever has seen one. The lack of available information in this supposed Free Information Sphere puts into question whether Starfleet is truly helping them or if they are merely coming in with their common cloak-and-dagger approach and corrupting yet one more unprepared civilization with their militaristic appointment of Ms. Thrallak, a member of a historic Andorian military family lauded for their service to what I remind you, readers, is in fact the Andorian Empire. Surely these upstanding members of Starfleet are not here to introduce another protectorate to the type of secrecy that ran rampant under the Obsidian Order, but in fact they turned this reporter and her holographer away from interviewing Ms. Thrallak and from personally seeing what exactly is in drydock three multiple times, citing issues of "security clearance" and "public safety", well any full-blooded Cardassian knows well what "public safety" really means, and I ask you, dear reader, is this the kind of behavior that truly sets one above the antics of our departed military leadership? I leave you to ponder the facts I have set before you and know that this reporter will continue to hold these Starfleeters to the high standards they claim to uphold.

Editorial Commentary:

Given the recent death of Commander Carpenter, and the disclosure that the mysterious Project Cobalt is a shipbuilding project whose first design shall bear the name Carpenter, it is worth questioning the reporting that Facts of the Union has published in this article. Thanks go to T'ling for her continued efforts in championing freedom of expression at this news agency

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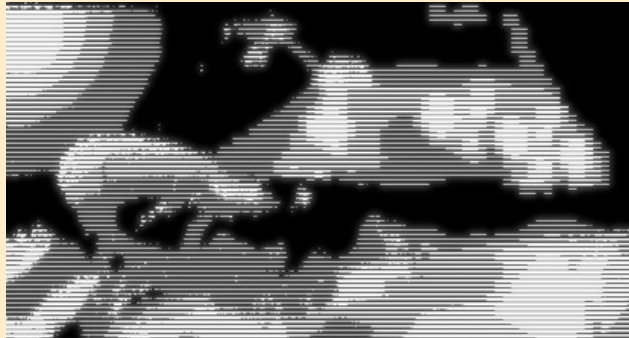
NEWS

SHADOW WAR WITHIN THE SHACKLETON?

By Jurc Vugronch

Within the past two weeks, three Starfleet vessels have encountered a mysterious military force and engaged with them with unparalleled viciousness and destruction. There are some claims that this is a rogue Klingon House Rax, who has been preparing an invasion of the Shackleton for some time. However, military experts agree that this is a thin story at best.

“The Klingons are notorious for loud and brash actions, even as a military. Their assassins are bound by honor to announce themselves at the last minute so the target can defend themselves,” Professor Attitus of Military History from the University of Taga says. “It simply does not make sense for a Klingon house, even a rogue house opposed to the Empire to sneak around. Besides, the Shackleton is nearly one-hundred light years away from the Klingon Border, much in the same way it is remote from the Federation. It would be preposterous to propose that House Rax would extend their supply lines so far.”



Given this, there are some speculations that the bases that both the USS Harpo and the USS Da Vinci destroyed were not of Klingon Origin, but of another nation that the Federation does not want to declare war on just yet. The Federation Council is tense and not in a position to declare war so soon after the Dominion War and wishes to keep the peace. Therefore, military actions within the Shackleton are being glossed over as “policing actions” in service to an allied nation dealing with an internal problem.

“The Federation does not want a war and does not want to appear to want a war. It is a very unpopular opinion now and might cripple the Federation’s internal politics if they decide to go to war. The Betaziods, the Trill, the Vulcans have all spoken out about wanting the Federation to stand for peace once more,” Professor T’lir of the Vulcan University of Shakir Department of Political Sciences. “It would be illogical for the Federation to step into another war at this time when it is still recovering emotionally and physically from the last.”

Vocal advocates for the withdrawal from the Shackleton say that these events are all signs that the Federation is over-extending itself and poking its fingers into other nations' problems. War and near wars within the Expanse have plagued the Joint Shackleton Operations since day one. Thus, the political spin of these events merely as “Policing Actions” is expected. What this will mean for the Federation Council come election season is unknown.



CONFUSION IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

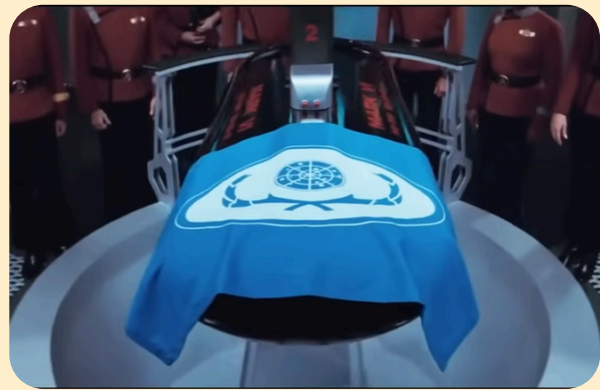
By Otes Th'nyil

There was significant confusion in Starfleet this past week as several vessels were given conflicting orders by both Starfleet Command and Shackleton Oversight. Caught in the middle of this tension was the USS Pytheas, an Intrepid class new to the Shackleton. The Pytheas and her crew were under a brutal inspection by Director Whitford that some found excessive and unwarranted.

Meanwhile, the lengthy inspection kept the Pytheas away from critical duties within the Shackleton.

RAMd. Giaus, in Admiral in charge of the Pytheas expressed concern that the Director was attempting a power play. However, the Director denies such claims and was merely ensuring that all Starfleet vessels in the operational area were kept to a high standard.

Anonymous crew members on the Pytheas reported that the Director wanted them to disassemble key ship components and show that they were operational. He also spent an extensive amount of time organizing and critiquing the Library Card Access and Retrieval system onboard. There was even one point where he asked to be shown the interior of the reaction chamber of the warp core, a component that takes several hours to shut down and start up again.



USS DA VINCI LOST TO A ROGUE KLINGON STATION

By Otes Th'nyil

The USS Da Vinci was lost during an engagement with what was called a Rogue Klingon Forward Base deep within the Shackleton, within striking distance of the FIS and Hanalak Station. Among the honored dead is Commander Ellen Carpenter, who did the final maneuvers to get the ship in position for her final heroic act. The Office of Klingon Chancellor Martok has said that this station was part of a Rogue House within the Empire, and has reaffirmed his commitment to the Shackleton and the Khitomer Accords. "These petaQs were attempting to springboard into the Shackleton on a misguided quest for honor and glory, and didn't have the will nor the blessing of the Empire behind them. They have been disavowed and discommended and all who aided them will be hunted down," the Chancellor said in response to these events in a speech made after the Battle. The Empire will also be in attendance in a Memorial ceremony to the fallen ship and her Commander.

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NEW MEMBER OF THE HALANAK AGREEMENT! EXCLUSIVE DETAILS HERE!

By Daoreano

Halanak Station, the gleaming capital of the FIS, spins slowly above the Planet of Upentar. Up in the chambers of government a momentous decision of galactic import rages in lively debate: will the landmark Halanak agreement, the pact between the United Federation of Planets and our own Free Information Sphere welcome a new friend to the fold? Talks are progressing behind controversial closed doors between the ministry council and representatives of the Romulan Imperial State. Those who follow current events closely will be intimately familiar with the exploits and actions of one Kavith i'Argelian tr'Rylov. His efforts have convinced the presiding speaker to welcome the senate of the Romulan Star Empire into the fold. Official data releases have told us that the Empire wishes to assist us in the realms of security and scientific advancement alongside the starfleeters. What with the recent losses of many FIDF ships and personnel in the actions Minister Saerana led against the Breen, this bolstering of security is much appreciated by the more militant members of the assembly. It is rumored that the Warbirds which assisted in the actions that led to the sad loss of the Starfleet Da Vinci are expected to join us here at Halanak within the week if these talks go well.

The following question was asked of the Romulan liaison just outside the chambers of government, we are thrilled to bring you these exclusive first words on the momentous occasion of the Romulan entry into the Halanak Agreement.

"Mister tr'Rylov! How do you feel about your Empire joining the Halanak agreement?"

Kavith i'Argelian tr'Rylov stops, composes himself in a fraction of a second, and answers with a measured and thoughtful tone.

"I hope this will be an example of the commitment the Imperial State has to step out from beneath the shadow of the Tal'Shiar and into a more cooperative light with others in the quadrant."

Daoreano is a breaking news reporter working out of Halanak station for Edge of the Sphere! He enjoys meeting the new alien species that come to Hallanak, sampling new foods, and formulating gift ideas for newly encountered peoples and individuals. You can find more of his work on his daily vidcast: Sunrise over Upentar.



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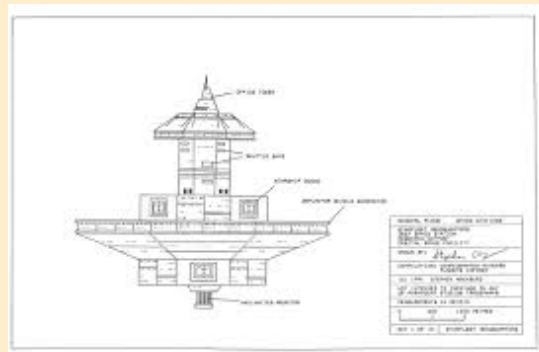
PLANET DESTROYED BY STARFLEET

By Otes Th'nyil

Deep in the Shackleton this week, the USS Harpo engaged with a rogue science station on a Class F planet. They engaged the station by firing photon torpedoes within the core of the planet, setting off a devastating explosion that ripped the planet apart. As a reminder, the Khitomer Accords bans the use of Photon Torpedoes upon planetary surfaces as they cause untold ecological damage. This event emphasizes the point of this ban. RAdm. Ral of Project Enduring Friendship says that this station was yet another Rogue Klingon Base of operations. The Klingon Empire has no comment besides that the Rogue House Rax and her allies were disavowed and discomendated. However, evidence of this base and its Klingon origins were destroyed along with the planet, leading to speculation about the true nature of the base, and the state of the Shackleton as a whole.

This event has sparked outrage both within and outside of the Federation. Protestors are calling out Starfleet for overly destructive tactics and ecological damages. Director Whitford has spoken out saying "This event was a tragedy that could have been avoided with more careful and measured responses. This is not the wild west. We do not shoot first, and we do not drop warhead onto a planet." He referred to a specific lawless expansionary period on Earth in the 19th century where civilians moved faster than the reach of the government.

Starfleet Command stands with the USS Harpo and her command, stating that the risk of inaction outweighed the cost of deliberation.



WASHINGTON STATION TO SHORE UP THE DRAKE PASSAGE.

By Tridia Drawas

A new Federation port is beginning construction within the Shackleton Expanse. Along what has been dubbed the "Drake Passage" a trade route that runs from Narendra Station and up towards other outposts in the Shackleton: The Free Information Sphere and the Barcus Colony, a new starbase about halfway along the route has been proposed and approved by the Federation Council.

After an impassionate letter of recommendation by Captain Johnathan Smith of the USS Stavanger, the Federation Council has decided that a midway station along the Drake Passage would help secure the route as well as serve as a launching off point for the next leg of expeditions deeper into the Shackleton.

This station will continue the trend of local Shackleton Influences as well as Federation and Klingon technology. Like Amber Haze and Hanalak station, this will be a joint venue. This time, the nations involved are the Jhatee Confederation and the Chet Republic.

Construction begins immediately and basic functions will be available soon to travelers along the route. More advanced facilities will be added over time, but the effect of having a starbase in the region will be felt immediately.

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OF UNKNOWNNS AND KLINGONS

By Anna Souther

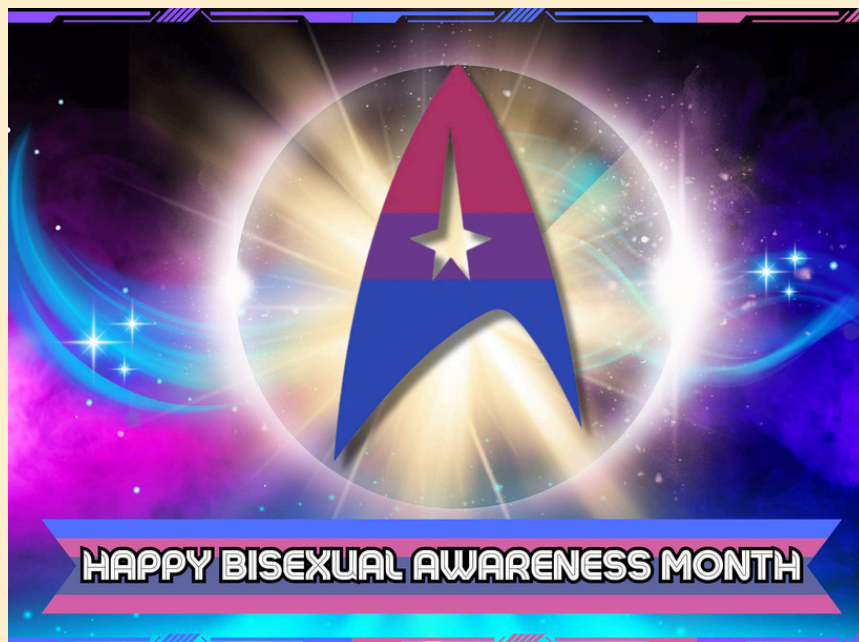
While our expeditions into the deep Shackleton haven't been without strife, it hasn't been without reward. I stand on the remote planet of XL-223, named New Anglatu by its new inhabitants. The Unigians were discovered by the USS Harpo a few months back in a quiet, desperate state their homeworld was destroyed centuries ago, and the remains of the species on starships are long past their expiration date. But every interaction with natives in the Shackleton hasn't been as positive. Various Klingon factions have begun exploring as well, with many species and worlds in the deep Shackleton being forcefully assimilated into the empire and being worked to extinction.

New Anglatu is a rocky M-class world orbiting perfectly between 2 stars, with 97% of the surface being covered by a massive superorganism. The Unigians have settled on the few rocky plateaus not covered by the organism. As the USS Kansas City lowered to the ground the Unigians came out in droves to watch and wave, but not every encounter is joyous. A few hours into a stop we detected a Klingon ship warp into the system. We were forced to shut down all systems and hope we were overlooked. The Unigians prepared their defenses, slug throwers, and laser-guided missiles, which with luck might protect their second chance. Everyone held their breaths, an easy thing for a subset of Unigians who had internal air tanks bio-engineered into them, until one hour later the Bird-of-Prey left the system.

The Unigian settlement, just called home by the Unigians at the moment, is bustling with construction and life. When fleeing their homeworld they did not just take themselves, but their entire culture and samples of every flora and fauna. Areas of the superorganism are even being dug out for, the implantation of Unigian plant and animal life. These areas are being carved out being high heat, fuel throwers. The burn marks these leave are not dissimilar to disrupter scarring, which I was able to get close to on my trip as well.

A few days before I arrived an Unigian returned, its crew not responding and it had to be piloted to the surface on remote. Its hull burned through and scared, and its crew suffered massive injuries. The crew was transferred to the Federation Hospital on the planet to be treated in its specialized anti-gravity units.

While the Unigians did not know what had happened, and the federation doctors were busy attempting to restore the destroyed bodies of the crew. I knew what had happened, the ship had been attacked by a Klingon ship, disrupter burns, and even plasma scarring from near-miss plasma bombs. War has reached the deep reaches of the frontier, what will come of this I do not know.



NEW FEDERATION NEO-ORIGINALIST DIRECTOR CALLS FEDERATION “IMPERIALIST”, LIKELY TO NOT APPROVE A MILITARY RESPONSE TO RECENT NA’QUEL AGGRESSION

By Taran Ral

As loyal and informed readers of The Raptor’s Cry will be well aware, the newest Federation Director of Shackleton Affairs, Benedict Whitford, has recently published a travel and exploration ban on a large swath of an as of yet unexplored area of space in the Shackleton Expanse, citing the need for a cautious and diplomatic approach to the newest species in the area, known as the Na’quel. A fanatically religious and xenophobic species whose invasion of a yet undiscovered Betazoid fringe colony was halted by the combined forces of both Federation and Klingon naval elements.

In a stunning turn of events, rather than pledging military support to the beleaguered races and new Federation allies of the new frontier, the new Director stated: “The Federation prides itself on its continual commitment to peace and understanding. It is my hope that we could come to peaceful negotiations with the Na’quel and establish a... cordial relationship”. This director is a self-acclaimed member of a political movement known as the “Neo-Originalists”. A conservative political party that has called for a halt to further exploration and colonization efforts, desiring instead to focus on defending the currently held sectors and systems in established Federation territory. (A position that will no doubt serve our Imperial Cause well if it gains further support among the Federation council and member worlds.) Speculation that the Dominion War is the cause and justification of such a radical departure from Federation norms is supported by his further comments:

“The Neo-Originalist have concerns about the Imperial expansionist tendencies of Starfleet and their knack of kicking hornet’s nest across the galaxy. We feel that the Federation has enough problems on their hands, and we should not be looking to expand our reach farther than we can safely control and hold.”

“We, as in the Federation, can only hold our position of power if we don’t over-extend our supply lines, resources, and chain of command. Part of the reason for the Dominion War was our lack of oversight into the Gamma Quadrant allowing civilian vessels to run over the Dominion lines. And then Captain Sisko getting personally involved in the matter and dragging the quadrant into a war that killed trillions. I do not intend on allowing another Sisko to do the same out here.”

The attentive reader will have noticed both the daring condemnation of the famed federation war hero of the Dominion War, Captain Benjamin Sisko, and the framing of the Federation as “Imperialist”. Yes, dear readers, the Federation has finally begun looking upon themselves in the mirror and learning that while their methods may differ from the more traditional means of expansion, they are indeed the conniving and expansionist threat to the sovereignty of all independent nations surrounding them that we have known them to be from the beginning. As the Ferengi are fond of saying, the bigger the smile, the sharper the knife. Time will tell if this self-reflection enacts meaningful change in both this local sector and the Quadrant as a whole.

The Director’s opposite number in command of Starfleet Operations in the sector, RAdm. Giaus, could not be reached for comment on the situation at this time, but continual efforts are being made to ensure an even-handed view of the unfolding events. Stay tuned for continual updates on this and other official new channels of the Romulan Star Empire.

A Message from Editor

By Theauthor13

Still Evolving this format and trying to get all the bugs ironed out so that I can bust this out more often. I have so many things working in the background of this setting and I want this newsletter to be a window into a world we know and love. All of these events are Canon, as in actually happening, within the Shackleton Expanse Games. This is a group of several games that all play in the same universe, specifically the Shackleton Expanse in the year 2383 in the Star Trek Universe. We use the 2d20 Star Trek Adventures system by Modiphius to play our games, and a whole lot of behind the scenes notes and crying to run it all.

I could not do this without the support and help of my fellow writers. If you would like to contribute to the Shackleton Report, please contact me via our email below to submit articles. If you are interested in joining my fan Discord server, you can follow this link to <https://discord.gg/eNmQYRqX4j> Or contact me on Discord. If you would like to contribute to the Shackleton Report, you can also contact me at reportshackleton@gmail.com We are accepting fun articles to fill out the background of the universe. Until next time, go out and find your Next Adventure!

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