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## Dedication:

This one's for you, Kralax.

Come forward, old soldier, and accept the tribute of your successor.

We send this first issue of the revived *Agonizer* out to you with our thanks.

You are the one who first brought out the *Agonizer* and made 'em scream.

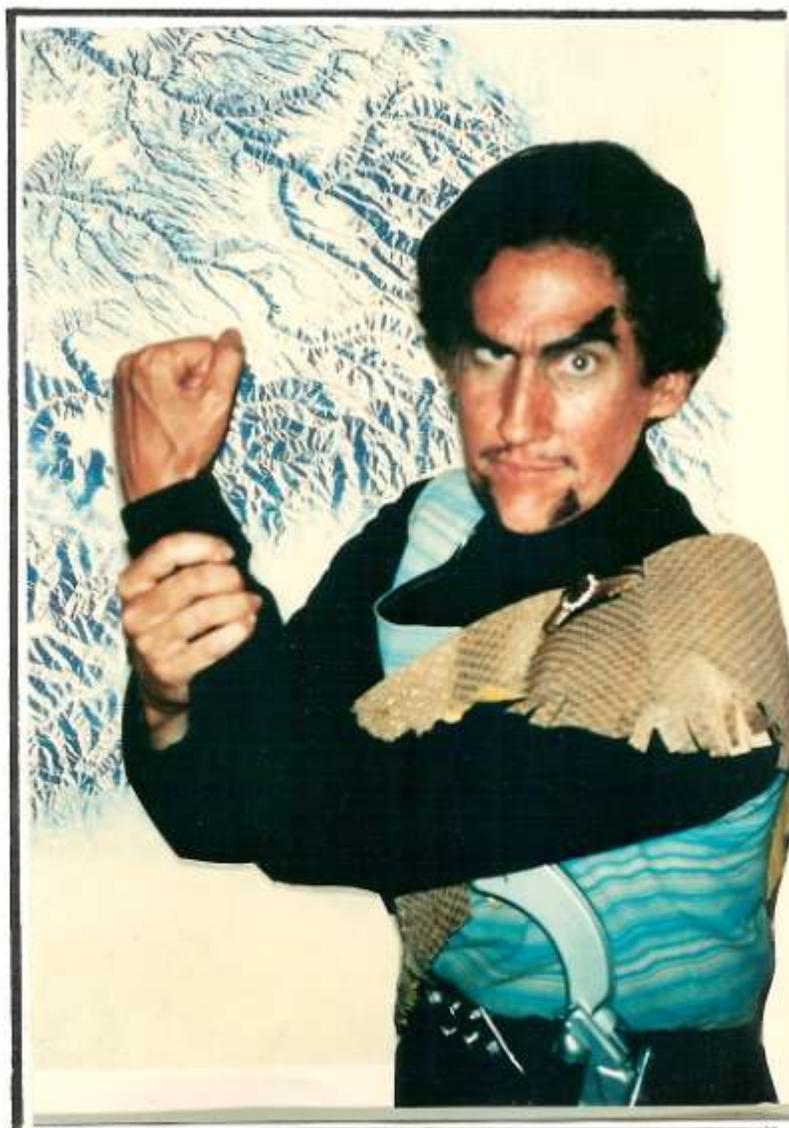
It's a lovely sound.

We thought we'd like to hear it again.

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Mudj Rustadz tries on the salute made famous by Kralax. Earthers respond to this gesture like maddened *jadashas*. Does Mudj care? He hasn't cared about much since the Roms took his head apart and put it back together for him three years ago. The experience gave him a strangely open mind...

Do you have a fine photographic portrait of your Klingon self? Send the negative (which will be treated with care and returned) or a spare print (which will be brutalized) for use here. Include, if you like, a few words of enhancement. I will make a regular feature of these in this space.





## Editorial :

As for the rest of you...

*Vanssa komarr tokhesa* to all of you whose work appears in this first issue.

More than anything else, since I found you all out here in Klingon space last May, I have wanted to see the Klingon Strike Force membership linked in communication by a reliable and suitably nasty publication. When the project of bringing out a KSF newsletter/zine dropped into my lap some weeks ago, I was determined to have something in the mail before the Terrans sat down to turkey.

This is it. I am grateful to those who were able to meet the deadline and send their contributions. To others, who would have liked to be in on this first one, but did not receive adequate warning, my apologies. But don't stay mad! Get even! Drown me with your art, your fiction, your reports, your poetry, your crummy jokes and worst recipes! I want it all, and you will be rewarded.

I intend to publish the *Agonizer* four times a year. Look for it in February, May, August and November. Submission deadlines fall on the seventh day of each of those months. Anything that arrives too late for one issue will be saved for another.

This first issue is coming to you at no cost, courtesy of the KSF High Command. If you want to see another, read the last page, "Subscribe and Submit!" and react as required.

I make you this pledge - that I will immediately acknowledge anything anyone sends me for use in the *Agonizer*, and I will try to give you some idea of when it will appear. We want it original and we want it Klingon. Send it on discs, in MacWrite or Microsoft Word, if you can!

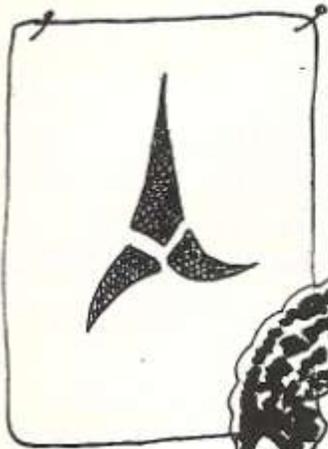
I will know how to use you. But you should also know that I *need* you and look for your support.

**'Shin**

Brevet Captain Kishin zantai-Rustadz

Commander: KSF Sector 4

Editor: *Agonizer*



GREETINGS, ALL YOU KIND  
KLIN-FOLK! IN THESE TIMES  
OF MISUNDERSTANING ABOUT  
HOW NICE WE REALLY ARE  
IT IS REASSURING TO KNOW  
YOU ARE ALL SO FAITHFUL!



Gennie  
Summers  
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## FROM KRIS *theknife*-KURKURA.....

AGONIZER - - quite a tool. Depending on the style, quite a varied one.

Depending on the setting, an agonizer can be mildly stimulating, or, going with its maximum setting, can bring shock. An agonizer is compact, has nothing superfluous, and is easily carried. Anyone can carry one. Some know how to apply it, but only a select few know how to construct one. Kishin, the editor, knows how.

So it is with this newsletter. This AGONIZER goes out to the members of the KLINGON STRIKE FORCE. Carry it and be proud-- it is YOURS. It is open to all ideas and all contributions - apply yourselves, share your thoughts.

This AGONIZER is no mind-scanner: it cannot read your thoughts. You have to share them. Divergent viewpoints are WELCOME. It is through differences that we learn about ourselves, our Empire. Let us use this newsletter as a forum for views, a way to discuss issues, and *provide each other with a laugh*. Let's keep the KLINGON STRIKE FORCE on the cutting edge, daring all other Klingon units on this dustball to keep up.

The AGONIZER is in your hands. Apply it.

You should know about the IMPERIAL COUNCIL ---

Groups and their representatives:

KLINGON STRIKE FORCE -- Kors zantai-Kmar

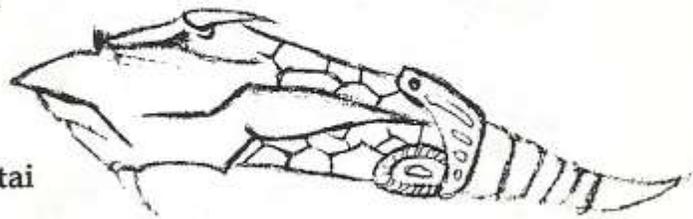
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THELD AZHIR - K'Thor zantai-Azhir

THE KARIZAN EMPIRE-- Keng epetai-Echkel

I represent the KLINGON ASSAULT GROUP.



M.B

At this point, we are still in the formation stage. We know that this Council brings a new element to the Empire -- communications and cooperation among the different units. WE have still to decide the ways and means of debating and voting on issues. It will come.

One idea that all on the Council back: No matter which Klingon group a member belongs to, we all share one basic theme: WE ARE THE EMPIRE. No matter what is written, what is shown on any size screen, the Empire is what WE make of it. We can accept what we choose.

Items to be discussed:

A Convention FOR Klingons, BY Klingons.

Choosing an Emperor -- if needed, who and why.

The Council lives. Although still in its infancy, it will grow. As more Klingon units develop, they too will add their voices. There has never been anything like this before in STAR TREK fandom. This newsletter will keep you updated on developments, and details of issues discussed by the Klingon Imperial Council.

## FROM THE CENTER SEAT:

### *Admiral Keel zantai-K'ta'Ri reviews two Star Trek novels*

#### The Final Frontier

by *Diane Carey*

The third giant Star Trek novel, The Final Frontier, is at once and forever probably going to become a favorite of Star Trek fans everywhere.

The basic storyline involves George Samuel Kirk, the father of the famous starship captain, James T. Kirk, at a time when James was a young man in his early teens. The reader is at first worried that a story can sustain the pace with characters of the Star Trek universe that we know nothing about in a timeframe before that of our more well-known characters. Ms. Carey, from the very beginning, gets the reader to like the characters, feel a trust in them and even believe in them.

The story covers many areas, from the first test trials of the *Enterprise* and the captaincy of Robert April, to the flaws and human traits of George Kirk, and including thoughts by James Kirk amidst the action.

Without revealing the storyline, I found the action to be continuous and quite often very tense and the characterizations to be most accurate. I tended to disagree with the characterization of Robert April, but since nothing is known of the man, it was Ms. Carey's character to create.

Her use of and her ideas and characterizations of the Romulans I found to be very effective and believable and I welcomed their use in Trek literature.

If there is anything to be said about Ms. Carey's work, it would simply be to say, "Buy it!"

#### The Three-Minute Universe

by *Barbara Paul*

This novel is the ultimate of novels as an example of amateurish writing. With a story premise of great potential that would not necessarily involve technical writing or detailed

facts, the author beats a hasty retreat from any attempt at staying with the initial premise and moves on to a story of incredible simplicity and boredom.

The author introduces a fascinating subplot involving Uhura but doesn't make much use of it. When first introduced, this subplot really doesn't mean much and the reader just passes over it. When brought into play later in the story, it's as if it were an afterthought, and it doesn't affect the reader's emotions.

The introduction of the bad guys has the appearance of great interest, but the author reduces the antagonist to what I refer to as the lowest common denominator - a threat of no great importance. The only aspect of the antagonist's forces that prevents Kirk and crew from winning/resolving this conflict is the antagonist's ship's screens and weaponry which are superior to those of the *Enterprise*. Because of this one point, the reader is resigned to sifting through the rest of the novel as the Captain plays mind games with the antagonist, while the remaining *Enterprise* crew sit idly by and do nothing. By this time, the reader is quite aware of a lack of action going to take place and now finds a novel full of little inane actions and lines that drive the reader to distraction.

This novel is little more than an updated 'Dick and Jane' story. In its simplicity, the story takes us nowhere, has no action, puts forward no new ideas and is simply boring.

There is not much one can say about a story that has not been well thought out. I will end by saying that the story ends with a disastrous threat that could include the total destruction of our Universe and ends by solving the threat with nothing more than the simple use of an alien artifact. With absolutely no mention of this threat throughout the rest of the novel, the author moves on to a tale of childish actions and of little importance to the world of Star Trek.

Editor's introduction to the following article by K'Thor of theld Azhir:

K'Thor of theld Azhir has submitted this account of an epoch-making meeting of members of the major Klingon groups in the Northeastern region of the United States for publication in *The Agonizer - Weapon of the KSF*. The meeting took place during a Creation Convention at the Penta Hotel, stardate 8909.30. K'Thor offers his report for the information of our membership.

Informed you will be, indeed - especially about the fascinating *zha* of the historian and the primary source. Since I am publishing it here - and - who knows? - it might turn up in the informational publications of the Karizan Empire and the Klingon Occupation Force - this narrative will probably be the most widely circulated record of our meeting that survives. Anyone wishing to reconstruct the events of that day will learn the names and some of the actions of most of the main participants. But he or she will have no way of discovering that Kishin, Commander of KSF Sector 4, attended this meeting to represent the Klingon Strike Force - the only KSF representative endorsed by KSF High Command. The one will also have no reason to suspect that among the great unspoken agendas of this meeting was the question, "Who does, in fact, speak for the KSF in this region?". (There seem to be two of us, occupying niches that do not overlap in personnel or function. I say, fine. Let's get it out in the open, and not treat one half of the problem to *damnatio memoriae* - condemnation to the oblivion of silence - as K'Thor does here.)

K'Thor's account possesses its own intrinsic value, reflecting the perceptions of one witness..Until I write my report of this meeting, *stet vestigium veritatis incredibile: Let it stand - a scrap of the truth to boggle the mind*. For now, I'm off to look for a little 'truth' of my own (and some solace), somewhere near the bottom of a large vat of beer! - Ed.

8911.15. Yo, dudes! Hold the beer and stop the press! Here comes "ves Qonos", the first issue of the newsletter of Mortas-te-Kaase, a Klingon organization based on Long Island. (Mortas-te-Kaase/ P.O. Box 656/ Ridge, NY 11961). KAI fellow publishers!

"ves Qonos" includes a report by the group's Communications Officer, Lt. Kahir vestai-Sohar. I will be asking permission to reproduce this report in the next *Agonizer*, to supplement the history lesson started above and improve the spread of information on this crucial Klingon meeting. Let me just note here that Kahir diplomatically observes that *two* sections of KSF were represented - 4 and 11. Nicely done. *Vanssa komarr tokhesa*, brothers and sisters!

Now, to K'Thor. -Ed.]



Studies for a Klin-zha set : The Lancer. *Kveld*

THE TERA'DAQ TLHINGANGHOM  
Kthor zantai Azhir

The first NorthEastern Klingon Conference was held in the St. Louis Room of the Penta Hotel in New York City during the Creation Convention on September 30, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Inspired by the formation of the Imperial Klingon Council, Commander Kara (ASTA-Klingons, Klingon Assault Group, Klingon Strike Force) and I coordinated the events that led to this historic event. In addition to the above groups, the Imperial Karizan Empire, theld Azhir, Mortas te Kaase and Starfleet Klingons were well represented.

The meeting room was purified by Commander Kara, the chairs arranged so that no warrior left their back exposed. All weapons, except for personal daggers, were left with the Weapons Master at the door. This noble warrior of the KSF also kept out the curious, allowing us to concentrate on the issues at hand with minimal distraction. The room was dimly lit and smoky with incense.

When all were seated, Commander Kara and I performed a Klingon ritual: opening a gate to the dimension of Death and calling forth three warriors who had died and could not be physically present to witness this event. The atmosphere in the room was subtly altered, the mood of all: respectful. Ironically, the instrument chosen by the Impenetrable Dark to distract us from our noble purpose was (of all things) a Betazoid. This creature was swiftly dealt with by Commander Kara and the Weapons Master.

The Leaders of the assembled Klin introduced themselves and spoke of the scope of their group activities. An emissary from France was also present, reminding all that our fandom is indeed global. A communication from Imperitor Keng was read to the assembled warriors, greatly increasing the feeling of solidarity. The chosen topic of discussion was Klingons in Starfleet: The Great Peace or The Great Lie? but time restraints did not allow us to effectively address this topic. Discussion centered on the activities of the groups assembled, their concerns, and thoughts on how to best utilize future Conferences.

During this gathering, Kennis of the Karizan and theld Azhir was exalted to the position of 2nd Lord Admiral and Commander of all Naval Operations, Outpost New York. He also earned the honorific "zantai" in recognition of nearly three years of faithful service to line and Empire. Krell of the Mortas te Kaase was also honored as Weapons Master and assigned the duties of this office in future Conferences. Geng vestai Nagh, also of the Mortas te Kaase, was congratulated on his promotion to Lt. Commander.

The gathering also served as the catalyst for the formation of a new Klingon group, K.L.A.W., the Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors. They will be representing

themselves at the next Tera'daq Tlthingangom at Creation in November.

The meeting ended after Kara and I performed a ritual, closing the gate opened earlier and dismissing the fallen heroes after promising to never again disturb them. Ritual objects, placed earlier in the seats reserved for the honored dead, were respectfully given to those who commanded their loyalty in life.

Although local Klin'dom is still far from unified, the Conference demonstrated that there was a desire for increased interaction and cooperation among the many groups. The Conference provides a Neutral Meeting Ground and forum where ideas and issues may be freely discussed, misunderstandings prevented or cleared. The diversity between organizations and the divergence of philosophies displayed can only add spice to this already interesting brew. Commander Kara and I will devote much time and effort to keeping the Conference viable and it is our sincere hope that it continues to serve the Klingon Community.

IN EVERLASTING GLORY!

KTHOR

## COMMAND PROFILE #1



The Commander of the  
Klingon Strike Force  
Lays all his plans  
in porno theatres  
So that his works may be seen  
Beneath the Naked Stars!!

K e-k / Kz-R

### KLINGON CHARACTER PROFILE OF AZHURLAR SUTAI-JERISKA

Name: Ha'Tharg' on Azhurlar Malazi (Lt. Cmdr. Azhurlar sutai-Jeriska)

Nickname: Azuri

Age: 16 Klingon years, 32 Terran years

Origin/Place of birth: Qalingmau'ee, Ishalanik Swamp, Clanhold Ha'tharg on

Name of Clan: Ha' Tharg on (Targ Clan)

Physical Description: Green eyes flecked with gold, black hair past her shoulders (she usually wears it up), very tan, slender, about 5'4". Like most Kala'devu, she goes veiled in the presence of strangers.

Relatives: Mother – Kahlavi Damar, a member of the clan council. Father – Takat Rahda, a respected hunter. Has three brothers and three sisters, all younger than herself. First husband, Ha' Jadashya gon Kahlad Domek, dead, no children by him. Second husband, Memar zantai-Jeriska, still living. They have one daughter, Zaadra (Zadi), about 2 1/2 Klingon years, 5 Terran years, old. Maternal aunt – Zhara Suliv, a respected healer. Paternal uncle – Ilhal Vazha, commander of Comandant Memar's personal gaurd.

Military Career/Rank/Honors: Personal physician to Marine Commandant Memar and his personal gaurd. Due to her work in pharmacognosy and her advocacy of holistic healing methods, was offered the position of Chief of Medical Operations for Sector 1 by Admiral Kris epetai-Kurkura, which she accepted. Holds the honorary rank of Lt. Cmdr. and has adopted the honorific sutai-Jeriska – one of the few Kala'devu to do either.

Expertise/Skills/Interests: Azhurlar showed an aptitude for the healing arts early in life and was soon apprenticed to her aunt, Zhara Suliv, whose abilities are widely respected among several Kala'devu clans. She has also studied with Ha' Jadashya' gon Vithawa Kuma and Ha' Throcknai gon Antar Ilmarak.

When not occupied with her medical duties, Azhurlar enjoys gardening, hunting and fishing, and horz-bak (horseback) riding. In quieter moments, she studies reading and writing with her tutor (a Rumaiym aide of Memar's), does embroidery and weaves nets.

The Kala'devu have a strong oral tradition, so it is not surprising that Azhurlar should have a knack for languages. In addition to her own tongue, she also speaks Kumbaran, Rumaiym, and Terran/American English. She enjoys music and the theater and has developed a taste for the quaint native festivities of the Alyeskans (Alaskans), such as slad dahg razing (sled dog racing).

Personal Background: Azhurlar was born in the Ha' Tharg' on clanhold on Qalingmau'ee, the oldest of seven children. As with all Kala'devu children, she learned the healing and edible uses of plants at an early age. Showing an aptitude for the healing arts, she was apprenticed to her aunt, Zhara Suliv, at the age of 5 Klingon years, 10 Terran.

Azhurlar met her first consort, Ha' Jadashya' gon Kahlad Domek, when she journeyed to Clanhold Ha' Jadashya' gon, at the age of 10 Klingon years, 20 Terran, to further her studies with Ha' Jadashya' gon Vithawa Kuma, another well respected healer. A hunter and a

poet, Kahlad was badly savaged during a melagon hunt and died before anything could be done for him. At the time of his death, the couple had been married for three years and had no children.

At the age of 13 Klingon years, 26 Terran, Azhurlar met her second husband, then Memar sutai-Jeriska, at an interclan gathering. Azhurlar had accompanied the Ha' Tharg'on contingent which would compete in war games with other clan contingents to see who would have the honor of being picked for Memar's personal gaurd. In addition to the war games, Azhurlar also took the opportunity to further

her studies with Ha' Throcknai'gon Antar Ilmarak.

Memar and Azhurlar were married several weeks after he had recovered from his leadership survival test – killing a boar targ with only a knife. (The Kala'devu are very adamant that the leader be worthy of his position.) Upon rejoining his squadron, Memar found himself promoted, given command of the 551st Squadron, and posted to Earth, specifically, Sector 1. After some initial resistance, Memar's squadron had brought the population centers of the province under control and had set up headquarters in the interior of Sector 1.

It was then that Memar sent for his consort and their child. And so it was that Azhurlar, with her year old daughter (2 years Terran), Zaadra, (named after the Empress) in hand, made the journey to Earth. She replaced Ha'Throcknai' gon Kermran Vahr as healer to the gaurd. (Kermran had reportedly expressed a desire to "see something other than snow" before death took him.)

After spending an uncomfortable winter in the cold and cramped headquarters of the 551st Squadron, Azhurlar prevailed on her consort to commission the building of a new compound. Coopting Memar's brother, Engineering Officer Arakor vestai-Jeriska of the 333rd Imperial Engineering Corps, Azhurlar spent several weeks inspecting possible sites until she found Kena (Chena). Taking the natural hot springs there as a good omen, she settled upon Kena as the site for the new compound. Under the able direction of Arakor, the new self-sufficient headquarters, comprised of a greenhouse, hospital, barracks, gymnasium, administrative offices, warehouse, mechanics shop, and, of course, expanded quarters for the Commandant and his family, was erected within a year.

At the age of 15 Klingon years (30 Terran), Azhurlar began to expand her practice into the hospital with the assistance of Dr. Alaira vestai-Sumath, an Accredited Specialist in pharmacognosy (the use of plants in medicine). Together they collaborated on papers on the use of traditional Kala'devu and Alyeskan herbal remedies in modern Imperial medicine –

researches which brought them considerable critical acclaim.

Azhurlar's advocacy of traditional Kala'devu healing methods such as herbal steam baths improved the health and morale of the troops, but won her the enmity of the Imperial medical establishment, which had a low opinion of "Kala'devu witch doctors". Undeterred, Azhurlar continued to promote the use of herbal remedies, steam baths, fresh native Alyeskan foods over dehydrated Imperial rations, etc. It was this blending of the traditional with the modern that caused Adm. Kris epetai-Kurkura to recommend her for the position of Chief of Medical Operations of Sector 1 – a recommendation which generated considerable controversy, but which was finally approved by the Empress.

Now, at the age of 16 Klingon years (32 Terran), Azhurlar has settled comfortably into her role as mistress of the garrison. (The protection and administration of the clanhold is felt by the Kala'devu to be the proper domain of women.) She has managed to silence some of the criticism against her by appointing more acceptable medical specialists such as the vestai-Sumath to act as her technical advisors. Most recently, she has appointed Dr. Amaru sutai-Veshtar, a Kumbaran medical doctor amenable to her "true way" techniques, to be chief medical officer of the garrison.

In spite of her newly acquired influence, Azhurlar remains very much the same country girl she's always been – quiet, soft spoken, strong willed, family-oriented. The expansion of the squadron headquarters has allowed her to bring more of her female relatives (the gaurd is all male), including a young cousin, who is now apprenticing with her, in to assist with the running of the Commandant's quarters. Memar, for his part, puts up with his consort's relatives (the price of fame).

The Alyeska garrison, once considered one of the least desirable Terran postings, is now favored by the more knowledgeable Earth Forces veterans. The Empress is on her throne and all's right with the Empire!

For More Information:

For further information, the reader is advised to check out the following publications:

1) "A History of the Kala'devu -- People of the True Way", by Atalan sutai-Temarath, in Our Glorious Past: Essays on the Empire, edited by Torad vestai-Sutra. Imperial City, Klinzhai, Year 895.

2) "Life Among the Civilized People", excerpted from Terry Trader: The Memoirs of Maddie Sinclair, as reprinted in Vol. XXXIII, no. 12 of the Journal of Xenosociology.

3) "Profiles in Medicine: The Heart of the storm", by Lt. Kolor vestai-Jemarath, Stars and Swords Magazine, Imperial Forces Headquarters.

4) "Base Next Best Thing to Home Say Soldiers", by Shelley Newspeake, The Daily Ad Sheet, Wednesday, Oct. 24, New Calendar year Two.

5) "My Story", by Lt. Cmdr. Azhurlar sutai-Jeriska, "Imperial Voices Oral History Program", History department, New Alyeskan University, recording 201-A.



Q: How many  
Star Fleet  
officers can  
you put in an  
a gony booth?

A: Never  
enough!



WELCOME, NEW OFFICERS OF THE  
KLINGON STRIKE FORCE!

(The best way to welcome these recruits is to write to them. Contact Admiral Keel for addresses. Communication is our strength!)

Sector 1

Lt. Kammur Tzoriz'nn  
Ensign Kzoxy tai-Kyrana

Sector 3

Lt. K'Tala vestai-Klystra  
Ensign Kolline vestai-Pallara  
(She's insane. You'll like  
her!)  
Ensign Knai vestai-Drexa-  
Pallar  
Lt.Jg. Maal sutai-Dok'mar

Sector 4

Lt. Krysthe vestai-Ka-el-Zi  
Karq vestai-Rustadz

Sector 5

Lcmdr. Naskah vestai-Klaan  
Lcmdr. Tuar vestai-Sevak  
Kohl KA-Ragi  
Lt. Kian sutai-Kazenthi

Sector 6

Lt.Jg. Kord sutai-Drexa  
Lt. Cmdr. Kru vestai-Plx'ar

Sector 8

Ensign Krin'ti tai-Alin  
Ensign Ka'taris

GSB (Australia)

Ensign Ka'ar

GSE (France)

Kveld K'Adrak

GSD (Canada)

Ensign Karlassa vestai-  
Dvistrill



## THE SCHOLARS OF NIGHT by John M. Ford

reviewed by Cmdr. Kian zantai-jiraal

John M. Ford's new mainstream espionage novel is exactly what you'd expect from the author of The Final Reflection: nasty, convoluted and fascinating. The premise itself isn't all that shocking (Cold War conspiracy plus weapons systems plus a series of betrayals), but Ford's colorful details make this one different. Gamers will enjoy seeing Kingmaker and Diplomacy as significant plot devices. And anyone who found How Much for Just the Planet?'s in-jokes interesting will have a new wealth of them to find -- including at least one reference to Star Trek at a most un-humorous point.

Unlike some "formula" spy novelists, Ford creates characters as important as the plot itself. His academic hero, Nicholas Hansard, is believable as a man trying to make sense of a Perpetual Game gone beyond his control. However twisted the moves become, the reader has a real person to follow. When Hansard hurts, or gets angry or takes revenge, it matters.

Like Ford's Star Trek novels, this one gets top-heavy with detail at times. There is a lot going on, and readers may find themselves flipping backward to check whodunit (more importantly, why). Buy it anyway! Whether you are a regular espionage reader or not, this one belongs on the discriminating Klingon's bookshelf.

Other "Mike" Ford offerings:

Casting Fortune, Tor, 1989. Wizards, tea, theater, magic.

The Dragon Waiting, Avon, 1983. Medieval sorcerers, Richard III.

"Preflash", a story in The Year's Best Fantasy -Second Annual Collection, Datlow and Windling, eds., St.Martin's Press, NY, 1989.

"Winter Solstice, Camelot Station", a poem in the latest Rhysling Anthology from the Science Fiction Poets of America.



## CRYOCORP RAID - A Report by Cmdr. K'mak zantai-Kluge

Stardate 8902. 12: Explosions rocked the night in a remote area of the Rocky Mountains. Large portions of Cryocorp, a Federation firm specializing in cryogenics research and development, were reduced to rubble. Thirty minutes later, KRJB, a radio station in a nearby town, received a call from one of the terrorists who set off the bombs at Cryocorp. The man claimed that the bombing was the work of the Federation Disarmament League, a fanatical group devoted to the disbanding of Starfleet. Unknown to the Federation, the Klingon Strike Force was behind the attack.

Several months prior to the attack, Intelligence had learned that Cryocorp was developing a new prototype: the Neural Pulse Generator. The NPG functions to greatly reduce the time required to revive a cryogenically suspended being by transmitting electrical impulses to the subject's brain. The military potential of the device when used onboard assault ships with frozen marine contingents was immediately noted, and Campaign Coordinator Kluge was called in. Commander Kluge took a personal interest in the operation and gathered a handpicked Tactical Security Squad. They trained together in the mountains (site deleted for security purposes) for two weeks until their practice raids ran perfectly. The following Sunday was chosen as the day of the raid to ensure minimum manning of the Cryocorp plant and to allow for a night of debauchery before the raid.

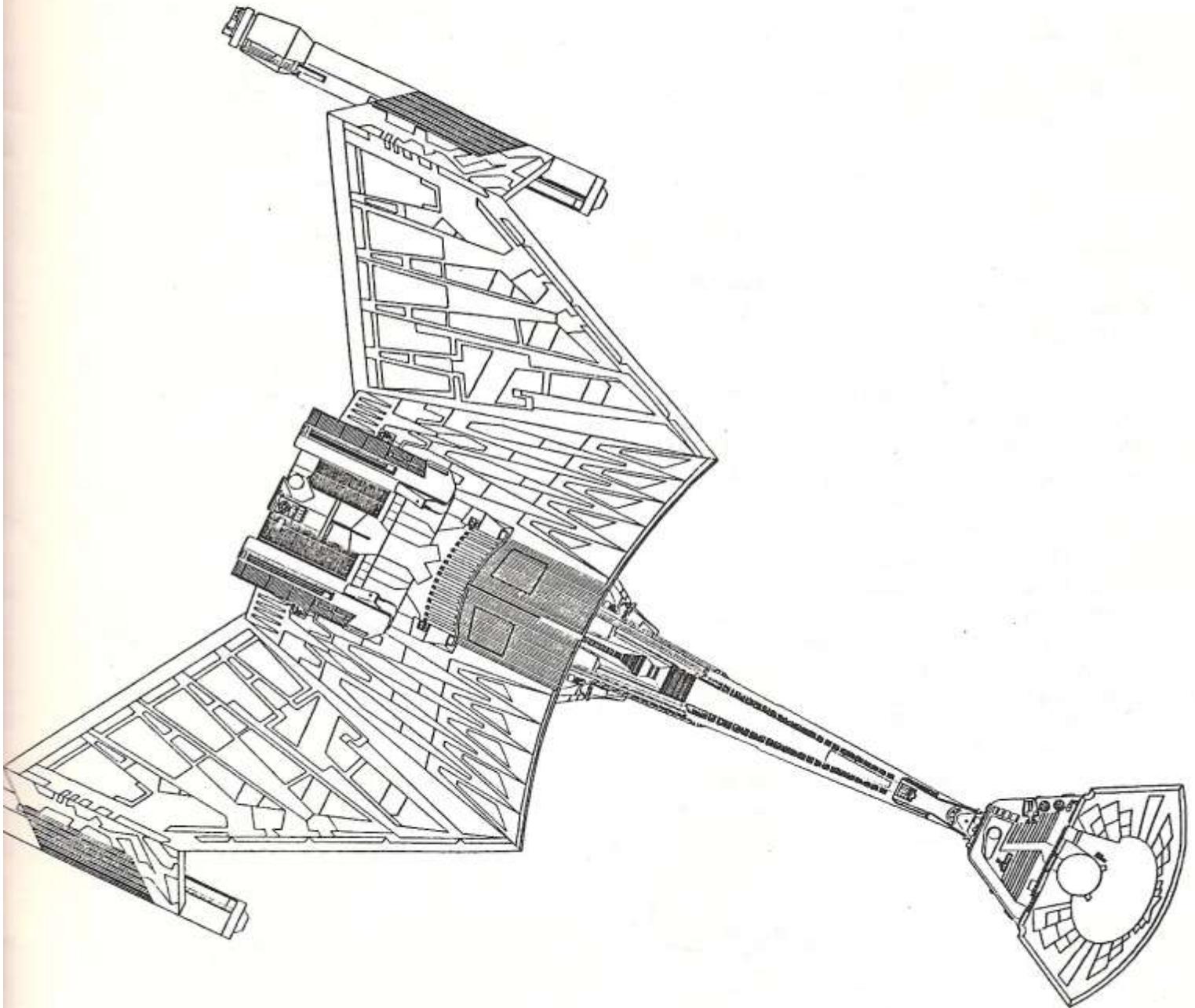
At sunset, Kluge and the squad approached the site in a civilian van. Stopping approximately two kilometers from the complex, the squad dismounted. The raiders moved through the murky woods surrounding their objective, armed with phaser and disruptor rifles, thermite grenades and heavy explosives. At exactly 11:56 PM, the fence was blown and the squad moved in. After splitting into two teams, half the squad moved to obtain the NPG, and the other, to plant explosives and to take up security positions.

The weak Terran guards were easily dispatched. Stealth was sacrificed for overwhelming force (by far Kluge's favorite tactic). The first portion of the plant to be destroyed was the communications center. Minutes later, Kluge and his team broke into the main research lab and the team's science specialist obtained the NPG. The map that Intelligence had gained from a "more than willing" Cryocorp employee helped facilitate the search.

Fourteen minutes after the fence had been blown, the raiders were racing back out of the compound. As the darkness swallowed them up, the explosives detonated, vaporizing many of the plant's buildings and removing all traces of the intruders. It need not be said that all disabled Cryocorp personnel were left on site for the pyrotechnic display.

The Neural Pulse Generator is currently in the hands of Captain Khamir, the KSF Weapons Development Officer. He will conduct tests on the device before sending it on to Klinzhai. It is estimated that the device will decrease revival time of "frozen" marines by 25%.

Cmdr. Kluge's fate is still in question. There has been a month's long debate as to whether to decorate him or kill him for "rash tactics"! Kluge's battle sash was seen sporting a human ear at a recent gathering...



COMMAND PROFILE OF LT. K'ROSOK VESTAL-SINTARI

I was born into the line of Sintari as Rosok Karm in the 15th year of the reign of our Emperor. Living on Klinzhai in the city of Clau as human-fusions, my birth-mother and sire decided that I would have a career in the military, but felt that I deserved more than just to serve under another. To achieve that required that I learn something of our enemy. Making a drastic and irreversible decision to transplant ourselves to our very enemies' home-world, we sold our holdings and bought passage aboard a Klingon freighter outbound to the Neutral Zone and a perimeter planet. There we bought passage aboard a Neutral Alliance Freighter that would bring us to a private base on Terra, where we would introduce ourselves as settlers from a remote section of the Federation.

I attended regular schooling, but at home I spent every free hour being taught about the home-world and what it is and means to be a Klingon. I studied Klingon subjects as often as I studied Earther subjects. Having studied hard and passed the entrance exams, I attended Starfleet Academy for two years. At one point I took the Kobayashi Maru test and willingly destroyed the starship *Enterprise*.

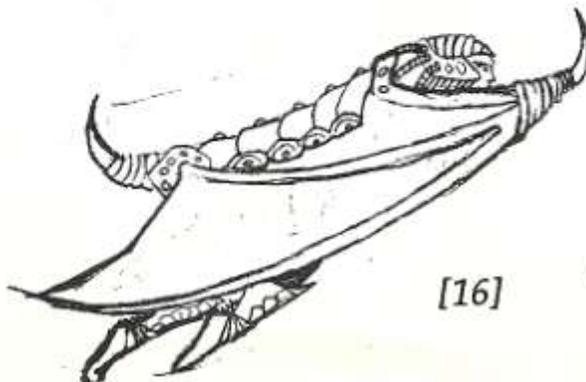
Receiving a low evaluation, I was forced to extend my schooling another year. The following year, I informed the instructors that I wished to take command of the *Enterprise* in the scenario as a renegade, and I rushed into battle against two Klingon heavy cruisers, resulting in the near total destruction of the ship, but also having won the battle. Needless to say, I passed the exam but with much reservation by my superiors.

Assigned out of the Academy to the USS *Potemkin* as Ensign in charge of the sciences division, I rose swiftly through the ranks over a period of three years, moving up to First Officer and the rank of Lieutenant.

On or about this time, I heard rumors of a mutiny being discussed among the security team, and, seeing as how I had no great love of this captain, I took the initiative and while on the bridge, I walked up behind the captain, and, quickly wrapping my arm around his neck, I twisted sharply to one side, causing him to lose consciousness. Before anyone could take action against me, I pulled my always guarded phaser out and held them at bay. Calling the security team to the bridge, they entered, saw me in control, and realized that now was the time to move and they immediately sided with me. The ship was mine.

I had orders passed through the ship to round up all crew members and move them to the shuttle bay. Having been in charge of sciences, I knew the exact crew complement and counted them as they showed up. I crammed as many of the crew as I could into all available shuttles and ejected them into space. The remaining crew and officers were kept in the shuttle bay until we arrived at the borders of Klinzhai space. Sending a subspace message, I informed any nearby vessels that I had captured a Federation starship and was requesting asylum as a Klingon agent. Within the hour a cruiser arrived and a security team was beamed over and we were escorted into the Empire's home-worlds.

After interrogation of my motives and intentions, I was released and I joined the Klingon Imperial Navy and requested that I be assigned to the Klingon Strike Force on Terra as an infiltration agent as I had established an excellent background of Terran methods and actions and would fit in well there.





HANDLIST OF FAN-PRODUCED KLINGON PUBLICATIONS

Compiled by K'Shona epetai-Ishkra

NOTE: When contacting a publisher for information, please enclose a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (SASE) or International Reply Coupon (IRC - ask for these at the P.O.) for overseas zine info.

FANZINES (overseas)

KATRA I - IX ed. Lana Brown, New Zealand.

KATRA: "The Novella" - has among its contents THE FAR SIDE OF WAR, a novella by Sue Isle.

KATRA "The Novella", 2 - has among its contents ELBA, a novella by Sue Isle. [Ed: Sue Isle's two novellas form part of a cycle of stories. There are additional connected tales scattered in other fanzines. Kishin can furnish the list, from one provided by Sue Isle.]

KATRA: The Erotic Spirit I, II (Adult - PG rated, no K/S)

THE LASH OF THE QUIP: The Klingon Book of Wit, Quotes and Philosophy  
ed. Robert Jan, Australia.

INTERROGATOR #1 - 3

These zines may be out of print, but the gov (Robert is the Klingon Governor of Occupied Earth) is a reasonable sort, and probably is amenable to turning out reprints, if that request was made.

[Ed.: address for Robert Jan: 824 Ballarat Road/Deer park/ Victoria 3023/AUSTRALIA.]

FANZINES (U.S.)

NU ORMENEL COLLECTED 1 - 5 Carol Walske / Fern marder (1 - 4 out-of-print)

ALKARIN WARLORD (novel) " " " (o.p.)

THRESHOLD (novel) " " (o.p.)

SONGS OF FIRE, SONGS OF LIFE (songbook of original songs and music)

Carol Walske/ Fern Marder (o.p.)

ARAKENYO (A Fireside Tale) " " (o.p.)

The first fan-created Klingon universe. The authors did it all - created a language, script, songs and music, socio/political background, and history, as a framework for their stories. Excellent artwork and graphics, and a fascinating example of the kind of work dedicated fan do.

MASIFORM D 1-16, ed. Devra Langsam (the oldest ST zine still printed - some Klingon content. 1-13 out-of-print).

COMPLEAT KERSHU FIGHTER, ed. Devra Langsam. The Klingon stories that appeared in MASIFORM D, and one new one. Devra also sells copies of NU ORMENEL COLLECTED 5 and ALKARIN WARLORD. [Devra will forward mail to authors she publishes - Walske, Marder, Crites. -Ed.]

Devra Langsam, POISON PEN PRESS, 627 E. 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218

UNIVERSES IN SCIENCE FICTION, vol. 1, ed. Anji Valenza. Has among its contents background material for the NU ORMENEL Klingon universe by Carol Walske (o.p.).

UNIVERSES IN SCIENCE FICTION, vol. 2., ed. Germaine Best. Has among its contents A BROKEN SWORD, a NU ORMENEL story by Carol Walske/Fern Marder (o.p.).

SUBLIGHT READING 1,2 ed. Susan Crites/ Caro Hedge (o.p.)  
 GAMES OF LOVE AND DUTY (novel) . Susan Crites - now back in print.  
 NO PEACEFUL ROADS LEAD HOME (novel). Susan Crites. The sequel to GAMES OF LOVE AND DUTY. Published by Devra Langsam. See the listing for MASIFORM D for the address.

ANTITHESIS 1-14, ed. Pat Spath. The zine underwent a format change to horror/fantasy with #15., then, later, changed both editors and names. Printed by photocopier (o.p.).

MIND-SIFTER 1-5, ed. Catherine Keegan (o.p.).

SOUTHERN STAR, ed. M.A. Carson/ Rebecca Hoffman (Klingon/general Star Trek) #6 was supposed to be published by Rebecca Hoffman at some future date, but so far there has been no further announcement as to if it will see print. (#1-5 o.p.).

BEYOND DIPLOMACY (novel) Ann K. Schwader. [Cmdr. Kian zantai-Jiraal of the KSF] The author writes in the John M. Ford Klingon universe. Highly recommended. More stories about Neysa el Man have appeared in other Star Trek genzines.

MORE MISSIONS, MORE MYTHS, ed. Wendy Rathbone. Star Trek genzine -- the editor published BEYOND DIPLOMACY, and some more Neysa el Man stories in recent issues of MORE MISSIONS, MORE MYTHS [See MM/MM, # 9, 11, 12 and 13. Also see Kian's report in "KSF News" for forthcoming installments -Ed.]

Wendy Rathbone, 13101 Sudan Road, Poway, CA 92064.

STARDATE 1-21, ed. Randall Landers (with issue #22, the zine changed its name to ORION). ORION 22-27 and STARDATE are PG-rated due to some sex and violence in their contents. No K/S. A Star Trek genzine that has some Klingon stories, but in this particular universe, these are the nasty sort. The Kh'myr are the knothheaded variety shown in STAR TREK: The Motion Picture, and are written as being specially engineered warriors created by the original ST series Klingon geneticists. STARDATE #16 featured KLINGONS!, a novel written by Randall Landers and Rick Endres. All issues are available (including reprints) from Bill Hupe, 6273 Balfour, Lansing, MI 48911.

TORIN (Saurian Brandy Digest, #9). Written by Peggy Richter, this is a Klingon story in the form of a script. (o.p.)

[THE CLIPPER TRADE SHIP, Melody and Jim Rondeau, eds. This ST genzine publishes Linda Slusher's Kalin stories and a variety of Klingon art, among other things. Highly recommended by your ed.

Jim and Melody Rondeau, 1853 Fallbrook Ave., San Jose, CA 95130.]

### NEWSLETTERS

K'TALLA (Truthbringer) Issue 1, vol.1; Issue I, vol.2. Was published by former KSF member Ed Gardner. (o.p.)

THE AGONIZER -- published by KSF member Kralax zantai-Getheni (Lance Larson). The newsletter's name was later changed to THE WOLF'S HOWL. To the best of my knowledge, the newsletter is no longer being published. [Ed. - We're ba-ack!]

Copies of these classics are wanted for the KSF Archives. Can anyone provide? Write here!]

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**THE DISPATCH**  
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Volume 1  
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**ARAKENYO**

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KANUTU-WOM\*  
vol. 1 no. 2

Newsletter generated by E'Shona Jackson, aka Lady Dawn Singer. This is an HER IMAGE publication. Any opinion expressed in this issue of E-W are the author's, and freely given-- in the tradition of fandom and a free press. If anyone doesn't like it, they can take it up with the Klingons. Or better yet, write a LDC (no letter-bombs, please) to the editorial address. The intention of the newsletter is to provoke thought and provide a forum and creative outlet. Contributions are welcome. Please send any poetry, short stories, artwork, articles or cartoons to the editorial address given at the bottom of the last page. Submission guidelines provided upon request. Please enclose a SASE with all inquiries or where a reply is wanted. E-W is a copyrighted publication, and may not be copied or reproduced in whole or part without permission of the publisher.

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Lord Admiral Gunathk Moirai  
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QAPLA' -- newsletter published by the KLINGON OCCUPATION FORCE, headed by Lana Brown of New Zealand. [bimonthly - \$12] See the listing for KATRA for the address.

[WAR KRY - A Special Bulletin for Members of the Karizan Empire, etc. New and lively in 1989. Two issues out and a third on the way.  
Contact Admiral Keng, Imperial Headquarters, P.O. Box 3031, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073-3031. -Ed.]

[KANUTU-WOM\*N. By your leave, Ambassador - this is a short, rich one-wom\*n zine K'Shona has started to publish. Issues so far have reviewed STV and dealt with sexual politics in the Empire.  
Contact K'Shona epetai-Ishkra/ KLINGON EMBASSY/ 3414 S. Manitoba Avenue/ Tucson, AZ 85730.-Ed.]

IVES QONOS (War Log) - quarterly newsletter (\$10) of Mortas-te-Kaase. First issue received 11.16.89. Welcome!  
Contact: Mortas-te-Kaase, P.O. Box 656, Ridge, NY 11961. -Ed]

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

KLINGON STRIKE FORCE COVERT OPERATIONS MANUAL. The COV-OP manual is a must for anyone who doesn't have any of the FASA Klingon role-playing gaming materials, or wants a high-quality addition to her/his Klingon reference library. This 128-page laser-printed publication is available from:  
David L. Christensen, 12601 22nd Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98168-2323.

[OFFICERS MANUAL OF THE IMPERIAL KARIZAN EMPIRE, 1987. Fine graphics, and info to do for the Karizan universe what the KSF manual does for us.  
Red Giant Publications. Contact Imperial Headquarters, P.O. Box 3031, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073-3031. -Ed.]

THE KLINGON JOKE BOOK vol.1 (humor). Carolyn Cooper. The author did only one issue of this amusing little publication. Unfortunately, certain people saw fit to rip her off by illegally reproducing the book and selling the copies. So Carolyn gave up on continuing the series. (o.p.)

THE KLINGON DICTIONARY, Part One, created by M.A. Carson, published by SOUTHERN STAR. The rest of the dictionary was printed as part of that zine, not separately. (o.p.)

KLINGON APPOINTMENT CALENDAR -- created by Paula Smith, published by boojums Press. Out of print, but reproductions of questionable authorization have been seen for sale. [Might still be available. Check with Kris, who has been in touch with Paula - Ed.]

KLINGON KALENDAR, Sept. '86 -- Aug. '88 "with famous Klingon quotes and a nostalgic look at ancient weapons". Published by Lana Brown. See the KATRA listing for the address. May still be available.

[Ed.: Anyone interested in acquiring fanzines, in print and out, will find valuable information in two "info"zines: DATAZINE (P.O. Box 24590, Denver, CO 80224) and COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLE (Marion McChesney, Box 887, Edgewood, MD 21040). These zines keep readers posted on available zines, zines people hope to publish, and zines (sometimes o.p. stuff of great interest to collectors) for sale.]



*The Empress Keldra's Dinner Gown -  
Korlyn Kathwana*

## News From Around the KSF

*Kian zantai-Jiraal, Commander of Sector 7, opens this feature with her report - a model of the kind of information we would like to pass along here. In future, we expect the commanders of each KSF Sector to collect reports from their officers and route them this way for inclusion in this column. Since we are rushing to press this time, yer ed has taken the liberty of plundering letters she has received from Klingons around Terra to fill in the gaps. Any objections?? Keep this in mind: anything you write to 'Shin is fair game!*

Sector 7 Newsletter Report  
8911.03

Sector 7 Command has been mainly involved with Inspirational Media lately. So far this year, I have assisted in the preparation of the KSF Covert Operations Manual (proofreading), prepared a letter to assist other officers in club participation, and produced a recruitment information sheet. This post also maintains a computer file of KSF awards and demerits as an ongoing effort. Both myself and Ambassador K'Shona of the Klingon Embassy will have material in the next issue of *Katra*.

My fifth and sixth stories ("Cry Havoc" and "The Game With Live Pieces") in a Klingon-based fanfiction series were accepted by Wendy Rathbone for *More Missions/More Myths*. The fourth story in this same series appeared in MM/MM #13 in March, and "Cry Havoc" should be appearing in #15 soon. Though not an official KSF project, it does introduce Federation readers to Empire custom and culture, resulting (we hope) in greater interest in the Klingon way.

A local UFP post, the Rocky Mountain Media Association, hosted its annual StarFest here in Denver 8903.31 - 8904.02. Guests were William Shatner ("There will be no peace...!"), Marina Sirtis (Lt. Troi), and Harve Bennett of ST V. I was unable to attend, but an informant of mine within the organization reports that the con had record attendance of something over 4,000.

Magna Project news: I am currently the Vice-President of Magna, Inc. & serving as acting PR Director until a suitable candidate is found. Current PR projects include creating a "cover story" for Magna's Hercules Project (i.e. disinformation for UFP journalist types). I have also been assigned to aid Lcmdr. Qugh in a security investigation & am a member of Cmdr. Zuhl's Operation Test Command Team. The Klingon Embassy is not involved with Magna at the present time.

Ambassador K'Shona is investigating computer systems for the Embassy. She has infiltrated the FTL (Federation Technicians League) to investigate their use of Klingon materials and has made considerable progress. In February, she attended a Tucson Creation Con & found it to be standard for its kind.

Cmdr. Kian zantai-Jiraal  
Reporting Officer

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*Captain Keel* wrote a KSF recruiting letter to Starlog Magazine which got published this May. It brought a wash of sleazy candidates for membership (including this one!) into the KSF. *Admiral Keel*, renowned for his neat desk, is now busy trying to keep up with this horde of Devil's spawn.

He took a long enough break from paper pushing this summer to make a national grand tour on the command Suzuki. Independent reports arrived from Kian in Denver, Kris in Michigan and Koryo in Independence, MO. that the one had come and gone.

Khalil of 1 and her husband, Tatsuki, spent some time this summer in Japan, visiting his family and other friends. (It seems that Japanese women are more powerful than you might imagine, according to Khalil. Like the Klingon women in Linda Slusher's stories, they control household finances.) At last report, they were looking forward to entertaining a Japanese fantasy artist who would be attending a Seattle convention.

Congratulate K'Shona *epetai*-Ishkra of Sector 7, who brings honor to those who honor her.

And Cmdr Kian of 7 has been kept dizzy recovering from heady literary successes. She has been welcomed into the Science Fiction Writers of America and is seeing her stories published in a handsome pro mag called *Aboriginal SF*.

Sector 4, as many know, has been the scene of heavy turbulence. As of this writing, Kishin commands there and has also inherited Commander Krestar's newsletter project. We look for Krestar's return to active service whenever that suits her. In the meantime, rumors of her death are vastly exaggerated...

Kishin was honored by the unexpected materialization of K'veld K'Adrak of Toulon, France, on the transporter pads at the Greyhound terminal in Philadelphia! K'Adrak joined the Philadelphia contingent for a Star Trek convention at the end of September. The two highlights of that event were a meeting of all the Northeast Klingon organizations and meeting new recruit Kohl KA-Ragi, who had come in for the fun from Arlington, VA. .

K'Adrak soon caught a wayward bus to Cross Plains, Texas, hoping to learn something of Conan's creator, Robert Howard. We had this card from her. :

She later startled Keel with the pleasure of her company and saw something of Seattle. Her latest commo describes a weekend she spent with Forry Ackerman, which included the grand tour of his SF memorabilia museum. Safe journeys, K'Adrak!

Danah of 4 has been impossibly productive, publishing her fanzines, *Intergalactic Feldergarb* and *The Boiler Room*, this last dedicated to that burned up freak, Freddy Krueger. She scared the bejeezus out of the little trick-or-treaters who had to take their candy out of her Freddy glove this year.

Korlyn of 4 has a merry time fending off anti-Klingon agitators as she pursues glory in costume competitions at Boston-area cons. We have one of her designs in this issue.

Korath, renowned for his reconstruction of rules for klin-zha (write to the one for info), has given K'veld high inspiration for her projected klin-zha set of cast-lead pieces. (see sketches throughout this issue.).

We have not heard from K'vass or Krin'ti of 8 since the earthquake. Break radio silence if you can hear us, dudes! Mek has survived a move and can be reached at these coordinates: Sue Burchfield / 656 Collette Place / Hayward, CA 94544. She needs some time to breathe and consolidate her life, so she won't be communiating actively for a while. Stay in touch with her, and you'll hear from her in her amazing personal newsletter. Here is a bit I pirated for this column:



## 0 PROGRS REPORT

Ever see the movie "Colors"? You know the part where they're driving from the good part of L.A. to the south-central gang turf? Just before they cross the bridge from the white trash part to the barrio. That's what my neighborhood is like. Well, the rent is cheap. After the earthquake, the street doesn't seem as scary as it used to. Either that or I've acclimated. We have no heat & shoddy wiring but instead of a tiny apartment it is a big house - 3 bedrooms + living rm, family rm, garage & room over it. Huge overgrown front & back yards. Cool place. Needs work tho but it's working out nicely.

One of our valued marines, Mallt of Sector 5, wrote from his carrier in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean that he was looking forward to shore leave in Newport News, VA this October. He celebrated July 4 with a cookout on ship's flight deck as they crossed (marines say "transited") - the Suez Canal. Lt. Mallt reminds us that "every day is a good day to die!". Remember him, and drop him a line.

Dan Burny, aka Kolline of Sector 3, a new recruit to the KSF, counted a glorious coup recently: He brought Jonathan Frakes into our organization as a member. Here is his account of meeting the one. I had asked, "Did you chat with him a bit?" Dan's reply: "Yes, yes, I exchanged words with Frakes. But the circumstances were unbelievable! You'll hate my guts. The location of the con was at O'Hare Airport (approx. 10 miles from my home), so I had to get transportation. My grandfather - a non-Trekker - supplied it. When we got there, it was 11:30 A.M. Frakes wasn't to appear until 4:30 P.M., so I had a long wait ahead of me! At about 3:30 P.M., my grandfather decided that he was going to go to the bar to have a brewski and watch the game, and left me. I was all alone - a stranger in a strange land! After five minutes, he was back. He slinked over to me and whispered, "He's in the bar!" into my ear. 30 seconds later, I was in the bar, looking for a major star. I found him in a secluded corner and froze. There he was, as big as life. He saw me staring at him, and motioned me over. I talked with him for about a half an hour about everything - the new season, his character, etc. I even bought him a Coke. He joined the KSF and, as he was leaving, came back to me and said, "Thank you for the honor, brother." All in all, a very successful mission!"

K'rosok, also of 3, has managed to get himself courtmartialled out of his Star Fleet club. Councilmen had to pull him off his commander who'd had the temerity to pick a fight with one of ours. Kai Kassai, Klingon!! He might turn up at Starbase Indy. The one also reports that a Bird of Prey and two dreadnaughts engaged a Gorn dreadnaught near the Mutara nebula. That's fine, but I'd rather watch the vids of that interpersonal fracas!

Cmdr. Kei of Sector 6 is on reserve for a number of years while she pursues a college career. Kris *gimmeabreak*-Kurkura has taken charge of the

Sector in the meantime, and intends to reinforce our southern flank.

Sector 6 apart, Kris has a number of *zhas* running. Curious? You should *ask* - that one!

Azhurlar of Alaska, was on hand as a journalist to cover the Valdez oil spill. She is an old Star Trek/Klingon hand, but hadn't connected with the KSF until recently. She is working on a story-sequel to ST V.

K'Mak, posted to Germany, writes that he has been kept busy with field manouevres for the past several weeks. He and his wife Sara expect their third child this winter. I had asked if his kids know Daddy's a Klingon. Says K'Mak, "My daughters are too young to know I'm a Klingon. They only know I act like one. I'm full of vices!" The one complains of tiredness. He often has to walk all night to carry out his missions, and you'll catch him days disassembling M60 machineguns. -one of a number of amusing practise drills..

Since K'Mak is located in Erlangen, West Germany, I asked about recent events in Eastern Europe. His reply: "There's little chance that the Germanies will be reunited. All the protesting makes me somewhat nervous. They raise tensions in the Eastern Bloc countries; I hope their governments do nothing rash. I know the people want freedom but they should take things slow. After all, the streets of the West are not paved with gold. As to how this is affecting me, I'm moving because of it. I have been living in a German apartment building, but it has been sold to the W. German government and is going to be used as a sanctuary for East German refugees. Because of this, we are being evicted and will be moving into military quarters next month. I'm glad to see that the refugees are being treated well even if we have to move."

Koryo of 3 has been keeping his finger on the pulse of KSF reactions to ST-TNG and ST V. His job has him traveling (the one infiltrates communications computers). He and his family recently took part in a "Walk for the Hungry".

K'nai of 3 stays in touch although the demands of her graduate work are heavy. She is working on a thesis: "Ritualized Audience Behavior and the Rocky Horror Picture Show".

Maal of 3 is beginning construction of his first major costume project: a Klingon duty uniform.

Kyrai, late of 2 and now of 3, has moved - the better to elude surveillance . Write: David Passbrig/ P.O. Box 127/ South Amana, Iowa, 52334. He will be attending university there, majoring in history.

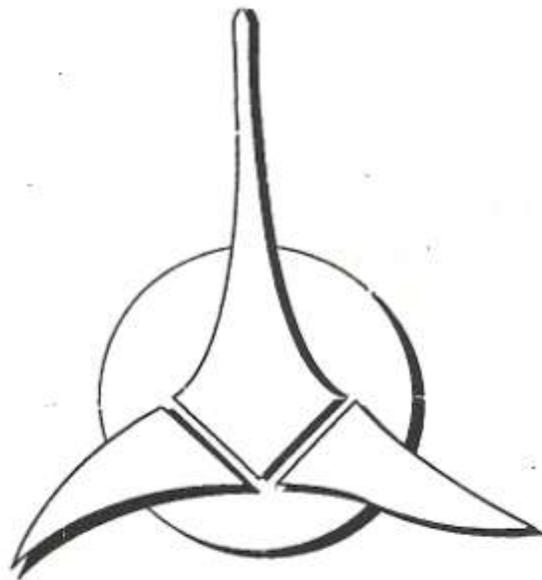
K'Tala of 3 exchanges audio tapes with a penpal in Germany - each speaking her own language. She's heading for Starbase Indy, this Thanksgiving weekend.

Kammur is consolidating the KSF presence in Hawaii.

Kraden of 5 took him a wife this summer, They managed a honeymoon to Ohio. Only a Klingon...

Karlassa joins Khamir of Canada (who is currently heavily distracted with school) as a comrade in Klingon arms. The one is a daughter of Kang, who in her 'dane life is studying to be a teacher.

Klynn, where are you, lad? Long time, no commo! Hope all is well. We want to see your work in these pages.



# KLINGON STRIKE FORCE

*Wear it with pride -  
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*Contact: Admiral keel*

IMPERIAL KLINGON MARINE FORCES  
-- Mission and Readiness function --  
submitted by Captain Kohl vestai-KA-Ragi

The official mission of the Imperial Klingon Marine Forces is established in the Imperial Security Decree of 2703.6, amended 2915.2. Imperial Marines are trained, organized and equipped for offensive employment and as a "force in readiness". According to the Decree, Marines stand prepared to:

1) Provide Fleet Marine Forces with combined arms and supporting air components for service with the Klingon Fleet in the seizure or defense of advance bases and for the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign,

2) Provide detachments and organizations for service on armed vessels of the Navy and security detachments for the protection of Naval property at Naval stations and bases,

3) Develop, in coordination with other components of the Empire's war fighting forces, the doctrines, tactics, techniques and equipment employed by landing forces in "ship-to-ship" operations,

4) Provide Marine forces for airborne operations in coordination with the Imperial Navy, according to doctrine established by the Emperor's War Council,

5) Expand peacetime components to meet wartime needs, according to the Integrated Joint Mobilization plans, and

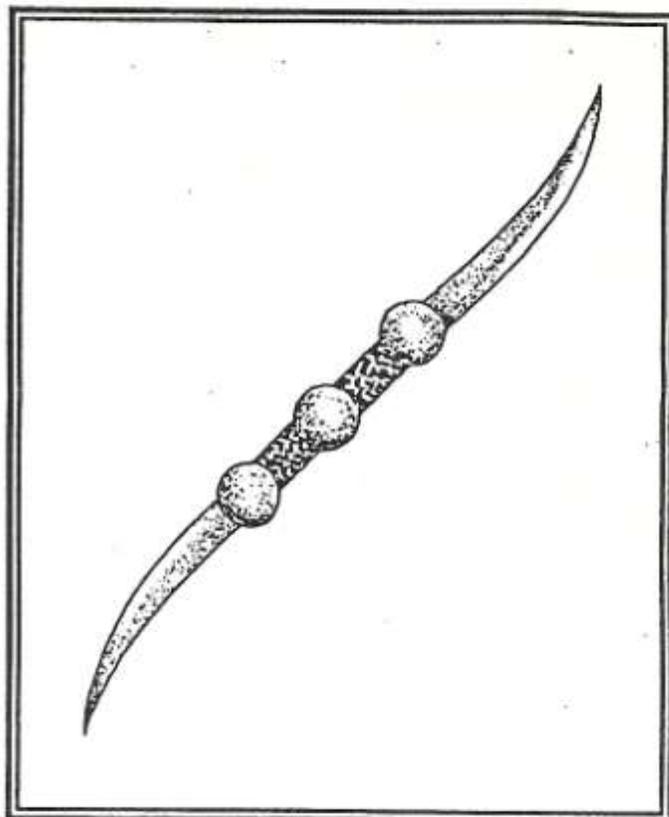
6) Perform such other duties as the Emperor may direct!



## WEAPONS ASSESSMENT

### BRIEF HISTORY and DESCRIPTION

The Kytha Feen is typical of the many types of daggers that the Andorians produce. The origins of many of these daggers date back into Andorian antiquity. The Kytha Feen was considered a weapon of revenge, and some were said to be cursed. It has a simple curved blade projecting forward, and in addition an blade at the rear of the handle. Some versions of the weapon have this second blade recessed into the handle. When a small stud is depressed the blade springs out, sometimes proving to be a fatal surprise to an opponant. In ritualistic revenge killings the two blades were used in a particular fasion. One was to be used on the victim; the opposing blade would be used on by the avenger upon themself, as a form of honorable suicide.



### EVALUATION

The Kytha Feen is characteristic of the Andorians as it is not nearly as fierce a weapon as reputed. Despite claims of almost supernatural capabilities I find that this twin blade dagger is no more accurate in terms of throwing than any other blade. As for close combat I find it even less desirable. I prefer a heavier blade myself; one which will not break on my opponant's rib cage during battle. Nevertheless I keep such a weapon among my collection. I stash one under my Earther skinned pillow. I find that it is good for taming unruly playmates, and for shaving in the morning.

- Mohbang Vestai Hurric

### TECHNICAL DATA

Weapon name: KYTHA FEEN  
 Weapon type: Dagger  
 Weapon origin: Andorian  
 Weapons length: .4m  
 Weapons mass: .4 Kg  
 Melee attack: Cut/Thrust  
 Parrying ability: Poor  
 Damage: 2D10  
 Ranges:  
     Point Blank; 1m  
     Short; 2-5m  
     Medium; 6-10m  
     Long; 11-15m  
     Extreme; 16-20m

NOTES ON IMPERIAL KLINGON SUB-RACES --PART I

By Kian sutai-Kazenthi

One of the most troubling things I have found in the Star Trek universe is the way alien races are characterized as being monocultural, monoracial entities. Humankind is comprised of many different sub-races (Oriental, African and European, to name a few), and each of these sub-groups has retained its cultural identity even into the 24th century. Why then should we expect alien races to consist of a single race with a single culture?

From the Klingon perspective, the Star Trek universe abounds with conflicting views on the enigmatic people who were once the Federation's deadliest enemies, and now (in the 24th century), are their mightiest allies. The Klingons of John M. Ford's novels differ significantly from those depicted in other works. Also, Klingons have changed and evolved since the early days of Star Trek. Aside from the obvious physical differences which were seen in the first few moments of Star Trek: The Motion Picture, their character has significantly changed. The early Klingons were oily, devising sorts, like Kor and Koloth. Later Klingons were portrayed as being increasingly militaristic, even barbaric (i.e., Kruge and Klaa from Star Treks III and V). Then, in Star Trek: The Next Generation, the emphasis shifted from violence and barbarism to their code of honor and warrior spirit.

With all this information on the Klingons, one has to ask, "Who's right?" The answer is, they *all* might be right. After all, John M. Ford's novel is actually a novel within a novel. The 23rd century John M. Ford got his information from Emmanuel Tagore, who lived on essentially one part of Klinzhai during one period of Klingon history. An alien living primarily in North Africa might conclude that Earth is a hot desert, while one living in Alaska would draw a different conclusion. The point is,

even in the 24th century, little is known about the Klingon Empire or its internal arrangement. Truth easily mixes with rumor, and yesterday's intelligence report is today's historical novel. All or any combination of perspectives on the Klingons could hold truth.

The one thing that is clear is that there is more than one kind of Klingon. Obviously, there are the fusion races and the Imperials. But if the Imperial race evolved naturally on Klinzhai (or Kling, or Kazh, or whatever your sub-race calls the homeworld in your native dialect), it is reasonable to assume they developed into many sub-races peculiar to the Klinographic area they evolved in. Obviously Worf in ST:TNG looks different from Klaa and Korrd in Star Trek V. They, in turn, look different from Kruge, Valkris and Torg from Star Trek III, and all of them were quite dissimilar from the crew of the Amar in ST:TMP. Of course this is because different make-up artists were hired for each movie, but for us true believers, this should signify different sub-races within the Imperial race. These sub-races all evolved together on Klinzhai and are as alike, or different as Humans from Africa, the Far East, and Europe might be. In the rest of this essay [due to appear in *The Agonizer*, Vol. II, no.1 in February, 1990 - Ed.], I shall discuss the six different Imperial sub-races I have identified from the various movies and episodes which have appeared since the Imperial race was introduced in ST:TMP. Where possible, I will use names for sub-races that are used in Pocket Books' Star Trek novels.

[What kind of a Klingon are you, Gentle Reader? Send us a photo or sketch of yourself and we will publish it with the conclusion of the sutai-Kazenthi's report in the next issue. - Ed.]

## Agonizer Theme Issues

I would like to construct future issues of *The Agonizer* around themes that are of interest to us all. If you care to direct any contributions towards one of the following themes (or some other you are welcome to name), let me know:

*What Klingon race are you?* A piece of the identity puzzle. How do you know what you are? If you had a choice (!) would you be other? How do you feel about others different from you?

This is looking good for the next issue. Give it top priority in your thoughts as you get back to me. (The fusion races already have some great material, so you *clamheads* better get cracking!)

*The Great Peace.* As you know, this is a current topic of controversy among the Northeast Klingons in conference. Can there, should there ever be an accord between Federation and Empire?

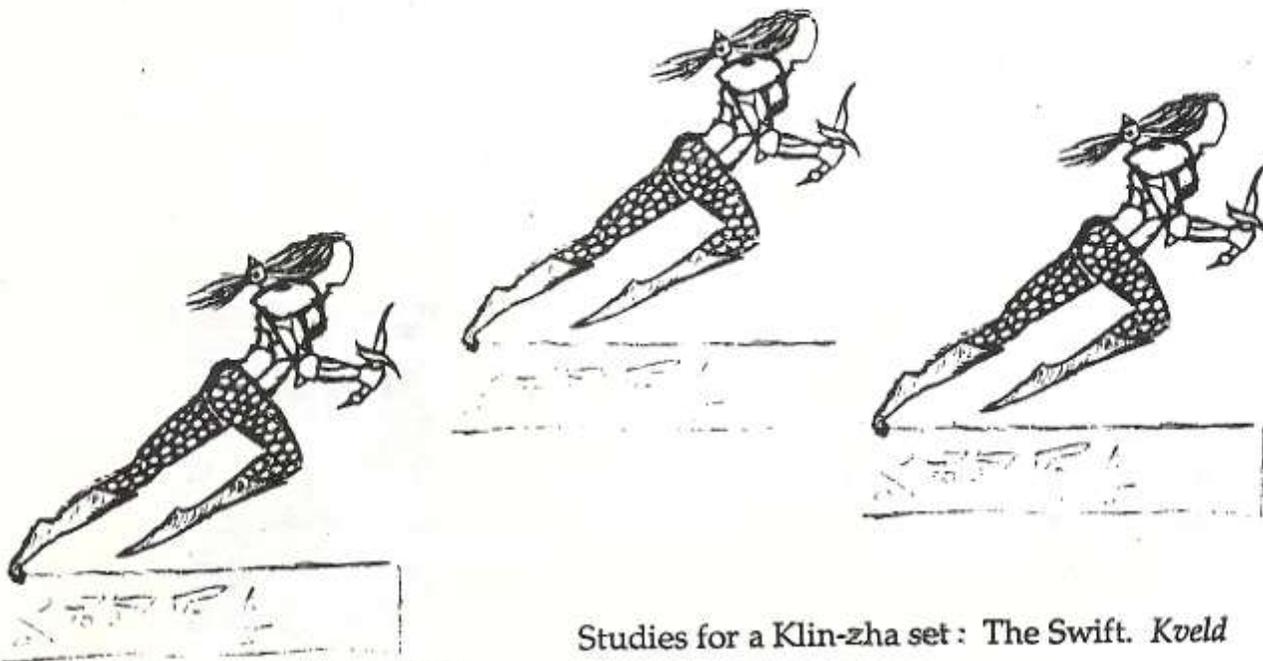
*Who is a Klingon?* Can, for instance, a Betazoid, or Earther, or Andorian, or (gag) Rom (No! Forget it! Over his dead carcass!!), ever gain acceptance as a member of a Klingon crew with full recognition of his or her solidarity with Klin-folk?

*What is the KSF?* What is its relationship to other Klingon organizations? Why are you here and not there? (Or, if you are not KSF, what are you and why?)

*Sexandviolence in the Klingon Empire.* Your impressions? Why are strong females attracted to this part of the galaxy? What's your take on feminist issues in this context? (K'Shona, can we print some of your work on these topics?)

*Your Klingon name - where did you get it?* Is it the Empire -equivalent of *Norbert*? How can anyone tell?

Give me your thoughts.



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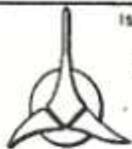
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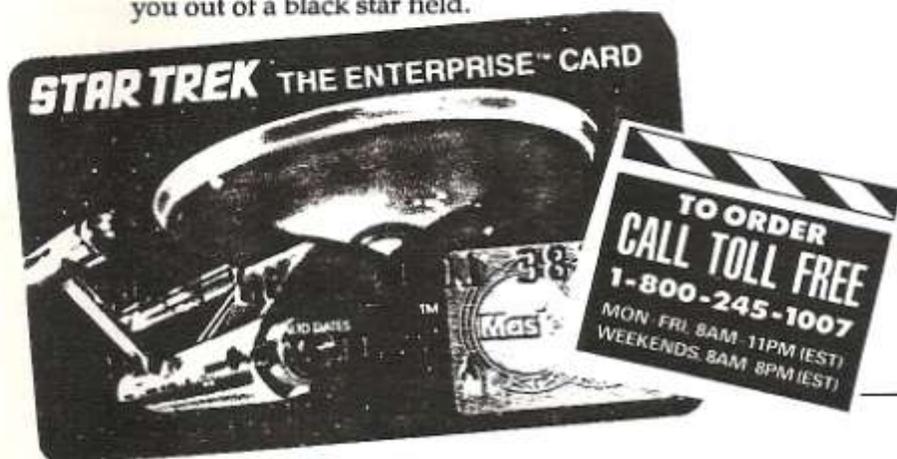
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# Klingon Strike Force Honors And Awards

Entries dated 1988-89

*A List Maintained by Cmdr. Kian zantai-Jiraal as an Ongoing Service to the Empire  
Route Questions to Admiral Keel*

Entries provide the officer's name and location, date of the entry, and description of awards and specifics, where applicable.

nominated and seconded to KSF Command after Admiral Kurkura retired from active service. 2nd rank promotion by Kurkura upon return to service.

K'Lee R, Capt. /GSF 8903.17  
Command sash 8708.21  
Promotion/status promotion (zantai) 8902.20

Kei zantai-Karolus, Cmdr. /6 8901.01  
1 rank promotion 8805.15  
1 status promotion 8805.15  
Command sash 8805.15  
Placed on reserve status 8908.28  
Command revoked

Kaason sutai-K'sander, Lt. /3 8910.14  
Status promotion from vestai 8901.05  
Additional duties: field ops 8901.02

Promotions and sash awarded upon demotion of immediate superior to fill Sector 6 Command position. Reserve due to academics.

Kar'T'il zantai-Khamir, Cpt. /GSD 8811.12  
1 rank promotion 8801.15  
Command sash 8801.01  
Personal commendation 8808.01(?)  
Rank/sash promotion for developing new weapons/device & developing/maintaining Magna Project RPG.  
Persona commendation for superior rate of commo.

Khaza zantai-Mek /8 8811.12  
1 rank promotion 8706.25  
1 status promotion 8706.25  
Command sash 8706.25  
2 personal comendations 8801.15, 8810.14  
RPG promotion to President 8803.01  
1 promotion to Political Advisor 8810.14

Kearth zantai-Krestar, Cmdr. /4 8910.14  
1 rank promotion 8709.01  
1 status promotion 8709.01  
Command sash 8709.01  
Transfer - Communications Central Command 8909.01  
Revocation of Command Sector 4, 8908.28  
Rank, status promotion to fill vacancy Sector 4.  
Transfer/revocation to allow more time to direct communications.

Rank/status sash promotions to fill post left by ret. Cmdr. Kroygail. RPG promotion for outstanding participation, suggestions. Personal commendations for continued motivation in commo, acceptance/completion of COM. Political Advisor: to allow free access to political superiors to provide Senate aid.

Keel zantai-K'ta-ri, Admiral  
1 rank promotion 8605.04  
1 lateral promotion in field assignment 8408.01  
1 rank promotion 8907.04  
Rank promotion for outstanding service constructing KSF.

Kian zantai-Jiraal, Cmdr. /7 8810.02  
1 rank promotion  
1 status promotion 8810.09  
Command sash 8810.09  
Field promotion: Inspirational Media Officer 8901.02  
Rank/status/sash awards to fill vacancy Sector 7 Command.

Kishin sutai-Rustadz, Cpt. (brevet) /4  
8910.14

1 status promotion 8908.10  
1 appointment -- Kurkura's adjutant  
8908.10  
1 brevet promotion 8909.01  
Temporary Command, Sector 4  
8909.01

Status promotion from vestal  
Brevet promotion/temp. command by  
order Kris epetal-Kurkura for active  
commo, involvement & recruitment.

Klynn sutai-K'tai, Lcmdr. /3 8811.12  
RPG promotion to Public Relations  
8803.01

1 Personal commendation 8801.05  
RPG promotion for experience,  
broader sense of vision.  
Personal commendation for  
motivation, willingness to tackle  
jobs few others would consider.

Korlyn sutai-Kathvana, Lcmdr. /4 8811.12  
RPG promotion to Vice-President  
8803.01

1 personal commendation 8801.05  
RPG promotion for strong sense  
public relations, obligations.  
Personal commendation for high  
motivation, strong commo skill.

Koryo K'Judanja, Lcmdr. /3 8907.09

1 personal commendation 8906.05  
Personal commendation for  
commitment to stability KSF

Kothos sutai-Khemara, Lcmdr. /3 8901.07

1 status promotion 8802.05  
Position promotion 8901.02 -  
Security Deputy Cmdr., Sector 3  
Status promotion for superior design  
D30 class XII heavy cruiser.

Kralax zantai-Getheni, Cmdr. /2 8811.12

Command sash 8509.15  
Sash awarded belatedly for taking  
command of Sector 2.

Kuzuhl zantai-Zhod, Cmdr. /3 8812.03

1 rank promotion 8811.21  
1 status promotion 8811  
Command sash 8811.212  
Lateral promotion: Small Arms  
Liaison/Global Security Cmdr  
8811.21

First four awards to fill vacancy  
Sector 3

Kveld sutai-K'adrak, Lcmdr. /GSE  
8910.14

Rank/status promotions 8909.07  
Field position GSE Adjutant 8909.07

Kyral sutai-Qugh, Lcmdr. /2 8811.12

RPG promotion to Chief of Security  
8803.01  
1 personal commendation 8809.24  
1 meritorious ribbon for outstanding  
service 8809.24  
RPG promotion for small-unit  
handling cap.  
Personal commendation for high rate  
of commo & motivation.  
Ribbon for volunteering PCD test.

"vestai? sutai?  
I can get it for you  
wholesaler"





### Kirk's Lament: A Klingon Ballad

*by Karq vestai-Rustadz*

Kirk sits within his chair, pondering.  
His thoughts, daydreams; his mind, wandering.  
Koloth, Kor, Kang, Kahn -  
Where have they all gone?

For even though they took the final fall,  
They have the last laugh of all - As the once mighty captain of Enterprise  
Is left trapped in a wheelchair's vise.

The great captain, invincible,  
Fallen victim into the final crucible -  
Time.

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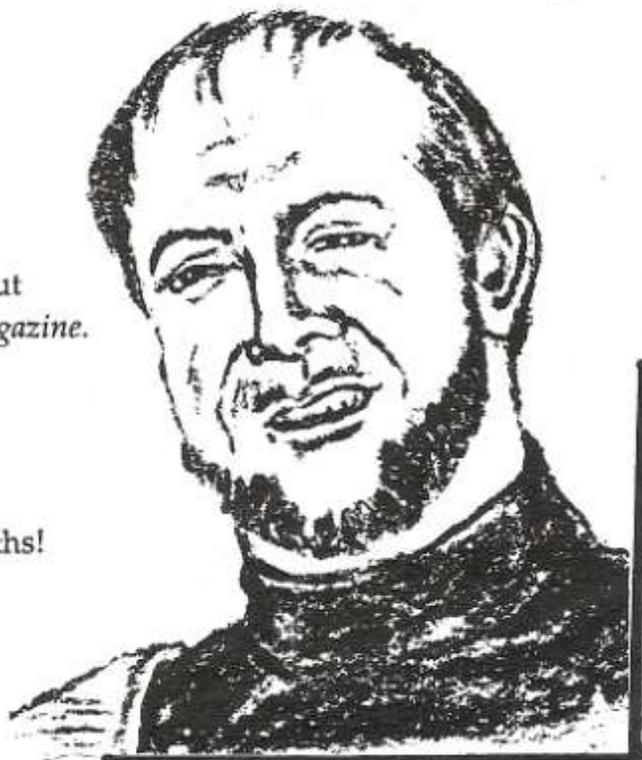
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Verg II Kveld.

