

BEYOND THE LINES



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The Klingon Strike Force

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Apologies for not using some of the articles and work received this quarter, but space was at a premium, due to the volume of Post Reports and roleplay reports recieved. I'll try and squeeze them into the next issue.

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1. Kurn - Sarah Richardson. 3+ 4 - "Vixis" electronically processed by Jo. Boddy, 8, 9, 10, 11 - fuzzy pictures downloaded from the net, 13 - poster by Andy Pettifer, 23- fighters by Teresa Tyler.

All other pictures and cartoons drawn by Robert Lydford.

ARTICLES.

3- Editorial - Jo. Boddy, 4-Admirals Thoughts, regulations - Gennie Summers, 6-Club Protocol - Jo. Boddy and Jason Hulott Post Reports and RPG reports - members of the KSF. 25.- bathing a Cait - Gill Ferioli. 26.- Auditioning Earhlings - Manchester Evening News (?) 27 - Net news - down loaded from Alt. Startrek Klingon newsgroup. 29. Express experience - Teresa Tyler. British convention Diary - downloaded from <http://alethea.ukc.ac.uk/SU/Societies/StarTrek/Conventions/>

NEXT AWAY TEAM VISIT - Lightspeed in Leeds.

USA CONVENTIONS - If more than one of you are attending a convention you are an Away Team - LET US KNOW!!!!

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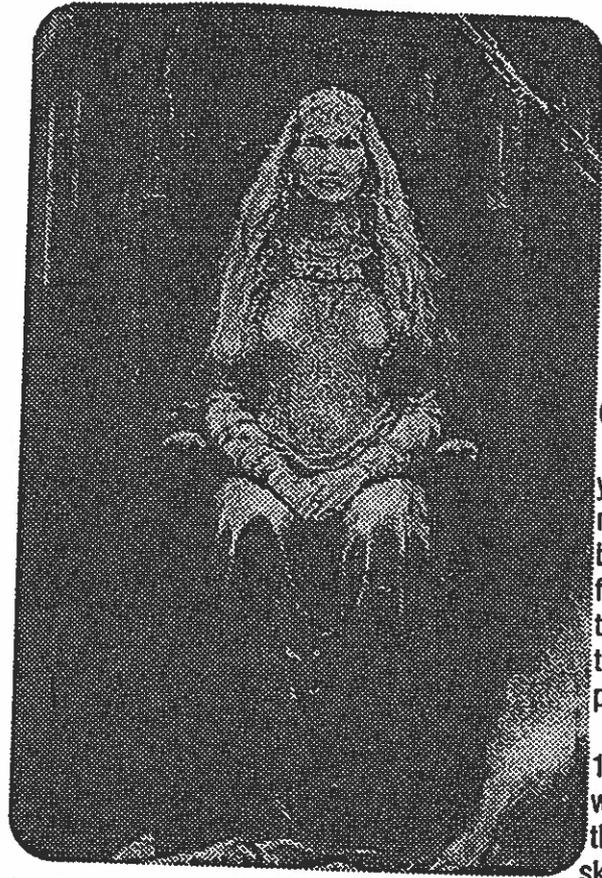
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EDITORS PAGE

Greetings Extraterrestrials.

Here is another BTL, slightly late, I'm afraid, due to the necessity of your editor having to learn various computer programmes on different machines. It has also been unusually hot (phew!) recently, so I have been making the most of this rare gem, sunshine. Hopefully service for GSA members should improve, as we are trying out a new high tech. method of getting the zine across the Atlantic. So, if it works, this publication has been sent across the Net and recompiled by a printshop in San Deigo.

A few announcements first.

1. **ARTWORK** wanted!!!! This newsletter has mainly been illustrated with the wonderful work of Robert Lydford (Kereth Makura). Much as though I love his drawings, I would like to see some other peoples skills represented too.

2. **ARTICLES.** Please send these **READY TYPED** using the **BLACKEST** ink possible, so I can scan it. I had a good submission for the forum, but unfortunately, it was so pale the machine was unable to read it. Even better, send me articles on computer disk, saved as plain a **TXT** file. Unfortunately, I have not the time to type long articles out. If you have no black ink / access to disk storage, send your article direct to your Global Sector Commander, who will button-hole someone into doing this for you and will forward it to me.

3. **POST REPORTS.** As the club increases in size (last count, we are approx. 150 and growing fast) these are taking up more and more space in this newsletter. Our biggest Sector, GSE 1's reports did not arrive this quarter. A double edged sword, because if they **HAD**, there would not have been any room for other articles here. I propose an overall sector/ ship report (to be compiled by each sector/ ship commander) unless someone has done something especially interesting. The ship system at present only applies to GSE 1, which is a huge sector and very geographically diverse. I hope to see 3 ships within GSE1 shortly. I will be working on these ideas with GSE command over the next few weeks, as we will all be stuck together in Toronto!

4. **HONOURABLE BEHAVIOUR.** The KSF is now the largest group of uniformed Klingons in Britain, perhaps Europe. Remember, this makes us very visible as a club when we visit a convention or do something else in the public domain. This quarter, I have had strong complaints about the behaviour of two of our members at conventions. Please remember the nature of the alien race you are role playing. Klingons do like to drink and party, but **HONOUR** above all things governs our conduct. This means respecting yourself as well as others. So, if you are liable to remove all your clothes, or behave in an unacceptably aggressive way when drunk, **DON'T DRINK!**

The other area in the club where honour must be borne in mind is the thriving, intensely personal area of "private roleplay". Never underestimate the power of the written word on another's psyche. Roleplay is a powerful tool for getting into another's subconscious mind by the back door, so to speak. Guards are down. I have seen a fair amount of emotional roadkill in my years in the KSF and it is not a pretty sight, believe me. Do not take a personal roleplay lightly and always treat your own and the feelings of the other involved with the utmost respect and care.

All in all, never, ever behave like a "cad" and treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself. My phonenumber, mail box and email box is always open to anyone who needs someone to talk to - I have a sympathetic ear.

THOUGHT-ADMIRAL VIXIS EPETAIBODDHI -DRUIDH.

ADMIRALS THOUGHTS.

What do you do when you have a problem with something or someone? Why, I take it or them to the High Council! Oh, you do? The High Council of the KSF says, "Who are you?" Just as in your nation, you wouldn't go to the highest court in the land first, you don't do it in the KSF, either. You try to settle it at the lowest level first. The regulations were published in BTL last October but should be repeated. In the case of a problem with another member: You try to settle the matter between you and that person. If that doesn't work, then you go to your Sector Commander, or, if it's a problem in the KSF rpg, to your Division Commander. If they can't settle it, then they (not you) go to the Global Sector Commander. If they need help settling things, they go to the Admiralty, who may then take it to the High Council. It is the court of last appeals. So don't threaten anyone with the High Council. It has selective ears!

Every once in a while two or more officers get their feelings hurt in the process of writing in character to one another. They get too insulting too soon. If you must do this sort of thing, start out easy, and STOP at the first sign that the other person has resented something you've said, and apologize. Curse Warfare is one thing, but getting too personal can cause problems. Better to malign the enemies of the Empire than each other. THE RPG AWARDS: Last year I gave certificates to those who took part in the KSF rpg. Almost everyone who played got one for the year 1994. I had intended to award them this year only for 1995 but decided to include the first half of 1996. The DivComs who merit them are receiving Certificates of Achievement, and others, certificates of Performance. I congratulate all who are being honored, and thank you sincerely for your efforts in making the KSF rpg enjoyable for all. Let us move on to greater heights of enjoyment!

DO YOU WANT A SHIP of your own? If so, you ask your Division Commander, and he or she requests it of CCC. But first, there must first be a need for your vessel in the Division's part of the rpg. You don't start out with a Vor'Cha class warship. You'll start with a Warpshuttle, or if a scout or larger ship is needed, you'll get the use of one until you prove yourself, and later move up to command. As with rank, if you prove yourself you can move up to larger vessels, if and when there is a need for them. Our club has suffered a severe loss with the departure of Capt. Ka'at Jo-EI. I want to say in public how much I appreciate his work as the Commander of Imperial Security, his personal letters, and his friendship. I only hope someone as talented can be found to replace him. It's the vacation season, and I hope everyone will thoroughly enjoy the summer—but if you find you can't fulfill your club duties or write your report, please let your immediate superior know with a postcard. It's the honorable thing to do!

Sector Reports

Filed by Capt. Katalyja K'Tore-Jiraal
GSA Commander

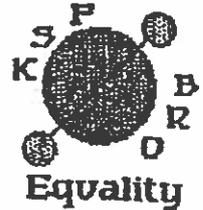
Sector One Reports

Filed by Cmdr. K'Eherang Sutai
K'Shontan-Jiraal





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TO: Members of the KSF High Council:

SUGGESTED REGULATIONS FOR CORRESPONDENCE BEHAVIOR FOR OFFICERS OF THE KSF:

After consideration of the causes underlying recent problems between Borg K'npet and Luciouslips Korrd, I find it necessary to suggest these rules:

1. No member should no insult another member, his or her race, Division, or any other group to which he/she belongs, whether in character and intended to be in fun or not. Rather, Klingons should work together against their common enemies, whom you can insult all you wish.
2. Remarks that have a potential for causing divisions between other members must be avoided. Never put down another member to any other member.
3. No one of any rank has any right to use a threatening tone to another member, nor to order them about, even in jest.
4. No one has a right to tell any other member what to write or not to write about any subject.
5. Those who have received titles outside the KSF, e.g. appointment to the High Council from Gowron, may not make use of that title within the KSF structure or its rpg. We have our own KSF High Council composed of the Admiralty and selected representatives of each Global Sector. References to any other Councilors only causes confusion especially to new officers.
6. The nuq'DH game is not a free for all; it does have limits of decency and mutual respect to be determined by the Gamemaster.
7. Private rpgs must have their own regulations, agreed upon by all concerned, and nothing in them should be carried over into any other KSF activity. e.g. I have the title of Commandant in the game Starbase Delta; I do not use that title, nor do we ever refer to Starbase Delta outside that game.
8. A member may represent a local group, such as KAG, but if so he should make it plain that it is only local, not anything beyond.
9. The only exception to any of these rules is when an officer must be warned or reprimanded by the High Council or any of its officers, or a superior officer seeks to guide a junior officer, but these must be made in as kind and respectful manner as possible.
10. The bottom line is: show respect for one another. Threatening, put-downs, demands, and the like may begin as fun, but even if agreed on, and labeled as such, they have the potential to harm someone's feelings sooner or later. The KSF is a club for the purpose of making and building friendships. Let us concentrate on building, not tearing down, each other. Reserve such behavior for our enemies.

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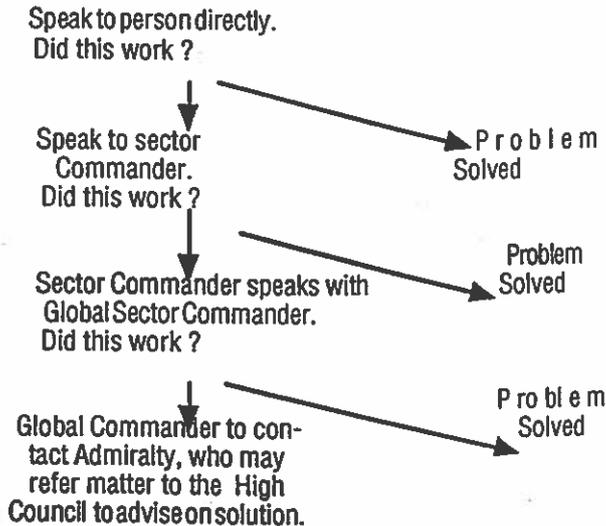
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The Klingon Council arbitrates disciplinary matters, club policy decisions and promotions. It consists of an equal number of Officers from GSA and GSE, all of whom are active members who presently correspond with members on both sectors. Officers should firstly discuss the matter within each sector by 'phone, then contact the other Global Sector by post. If the matter is urgent, Vixis will 'phone K'Zhen.

CLUB PROTOCOL

PROBLEMS / COMPLAINTS ABOUT JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERS.

1. Most problems will go through the Chain of Command. The diagram below should simplify the procedures for resolving club problems.



The High Council deliberate on an issue and make a decision based on a Majority vote for the best course of action. In these instances, the decision is made very carefully, and all serving members of the High Council are there because of their Impartiality of Judgement.

PROBLEMS / COMPLAINTS ABOUT SENIOR CLUB MEMBERS.

If the problem or complaint involves a Global Sector commander, Senior member of the Council or the Admiralty, it will be taken directly to the High Council. If a member of the Council is involved, their place will be taken by the Global Sector Commander. The vote will be counted by Admiral K'Zhen, who will recommend the best course of action.

PROMOTIONS.

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS - GSA:

Katalyia K'Tore-Jiraal - Rank promotion to Fleet Captain

For her long record of faithful service and excellent performance of her several duties.

K'Lay Chang - Status promotion to zantai

For her supreme and tireless dedication and service to the cause and to her fellow officers.

Korax Kargon - Status promotion to sutai

For time in service and dedication to the Empire

APPOINTMENTS:

Mimbral Eripmav - GSA XO

Koloth K'tama - I.S./GSA XO

Borg K'Mpec - GSA Distributor for BTL

COMMENDATIONS:

Mimbral Eripmav - For facilitating communication between GSE and GSE via email

Klegion JeN-A Kluge-Jenvav - For her eagerness to serve, and patience in the face of many frustrations and delays.

PROMOTIONS GSE

Promotion to the rank of Thought Admiral - Vixis Epetai Boddhi-Druidh

Promotion to the rank of Fleet Captain: Arizhel Kehoz (Teresa Tyler) also promotion to GSE Commander

Promotion to command of Sector 4 GSE - Khargosh (Donjis) and to the rank of Lieutenant.

Promotion to command of Sector 3 GSE - Vanar Boddhi-Kallisto (Jana Blacker)

Promotion to command of Imperial Security in GSE - Kruge Kronsei (John Hill)

Promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander - Ke'reth Makura (Robert Lydford) and promotion to command of CMC in GSE

K'Dahor P'Kallara (Howard Callaway), also promoted to IMC commander GSE.

Promotion to the rank of Lieutenant N'Osila T'Radaik, Athene K'Ehleyr, Chani Vawter

Commendations

Vallis Druidh - making an excellent first costume and her artwork for BTL

Kilara Subaiesh (Connie Follster) - for her contributions to the rpg

K'wen Trekkon-B'Nzaii (Wendy Wilkins) - for writing and participating in the rpg despite a broken ankle and hospital

THE ANNUAL CCC/RPG AWARDS for 1995-1996: These certificates equate to a Commendation, but offer a little more variety.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

Division Commanders: K'Lay Chang, Katalyia K'Tore-Jiraal, Khey'Ra Druidh, Kara Druidh
Arizhel Kehoz, Kain Kentoo

CERTIFICATE OF PERFORMANCE:

Ju'ngah Chang, Kruge Kronsei, K'mar Kurka, Kwen B'Nzaii, Khorghan Ghlanx, Jacen Kas-Chang, Khaufen Juriss

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION:

Ke'reth Makura - For assuming command of CMC/GSE and for new ship designs

Ka'at Jo-EI - For his past excellent dedication and service to the Empire and the KSF

POST REPORTS

Sector 1

Cmdr. K'Eherang Sutai K'Shontan-Jiraal: I or my persona did the following over the past quarter: Went to a convention on 9603.30 with Adara Yew-K'Shontan. GOH was Terry Ferrell. Had a good time, and got Ms. Ferrell's autograph. Am finished with school for the summer 9606.14, will be home for the summer until September. Will spend that time doing more volunteer work.

In everything else, I haven't had a chance to work on my story for Admiral K'Zhen (I've really got writer's block on it—I know what I want to do, just not how to go about it), but I am working on another Star Trek story called "Ambassador." Anybody who is interested in it is welcome to ask. I haven't had much time to work on the rpg, but I will have more time (hopefully) during the summer. I would also like to begin my project collecting the meanings of our persona's names. Contributions are welcome.

Lt.jg. Adara Vestai Yew K'Shontan: Continuing as president of Magna Industries. Am investigating a group of Klingons who are unwilling to return to the Homeworld.

T'Ernama K'Turah Dok'Maar: Have started corresponding with some other KSF members, and is working on her persona, as well as a script for D59.

Sector 3 Reports

Capt. Katalyja K'Tore-Jiraal: I have accepted the position of GSA Commander with the resignation of K'Tang. I am currently working on the next issue of the Sector 3 Newsletter. I am still a GM for the Delta Log rpg game. I am also getting ready for a trip down to Six Flags in St. Louis.

Fleet Admiral K'Zhen epetai Seplar Zu-Merz: I had surgery on my left eye on April 26 for removal of cataract and for glaucoma. The surgery went well, and I am seeing better with the eye all the time; I did have one flareup with eye pressure, but hopefully that is stabilized. I haven't done any drawing for a while, and I am eager to get back to my art-work. I don't know when I will have the other eye done.

My KSF activities have been the same, sending out orders from CCC, which I did by postcard this time, as it was shortly after my surgery. Otherwise keeping up with correspondance and trying to act like an Admiral. I appointed Katalyia K'Tore-Jiraal to GSA Command, and Mibral Eripmav as e-mail assistant to relay GSA data to GSE in a swift and efficient manner.

Received my contributor's copy of the KLI's translation of Hamlet; a prestigious hard-cover book printed on acid-free paper. Nothing but the best for Thought-Master William epetai Shakespeare! Also got several copies of the A Pictorial Guide to the verbal suffixes of tlhIngan Hol which I illustrated with silly cartoons. Also got a contributor's copy of Diplomacy and Federation, a collection of Klingon stories by former KSF member Ann Schwader, with several of my illustrations.

Lt. Koloth Sutai K'Tama: I recently celebrated my 21 birthday, April 11. Started work on a disruptor rifle along with my ship. Have taken temporary command of an old K-22 Bird of Prey while construction on my ship is completed. I have sent command crews bio files to Capt. Katalyia and a report will follow on our first flight cruise together after the business at Alpha Omega 4 is completed. I was asked by Lt.-Cmdr. Krysythe to take temporary command of the Klingon Embassy. I accepted. Now I'm waiting for confirmation. Ingrid Maack has some personal problems to take care of. At this time I'm still planning to go to Trek Fest.

I would like to make the following proposals/suggestions for the KSF: I would like to see a chancellor position at the embassy. Hopefully to go to the oldest acting ambassador.

Lt. Ju'Nghah Vestai Chang: My crew and I have been conducting battle drills in the Memps Sector in preparation for a possible war with the Federation and I'm happy to say they're going pretty well. We've brought our response time up to 83% but we want to bring it up another 10%, which means more over-time for everyone. Especially for Lt. Valkris, who has to keep the engines running smoothly during these drills. If war breaks out with Starfleet, they'll be in for a few surprises.

I would like to recommend the following officers for commendation: T'Pau Sorin, Keath Krin, Mara Vastal, Maltysu-Merz, Valkris K'Stral.

Cmdr. Khen Sutai K'With: I have received some ship designs from GSE. Except a tendency to ignore the streamlining which is required even in space at high speeds, because space is not a perfect vacuum and has some resistance. The ships were interesting and well designed. I forwarded them to the Admiral. At the moment, I seem to be under bacteriological assault, (I believe humans call it the flu) I expect to recover soon. I have not received any other new designs, besides the ship plans. Technological invention has obviously not been the high point of the quarter.

Sector 4 Report,

Capt. Kishin Rustadz. About the Klingon Kalendar--yes, I do have one out (10 Klin months--David Sweet of Kanada designed the months and the holidays and the layouts and I "produced" it:theme for this first one: "She-Warriors of the Empire. (My thanks to Kian for mentioning it! I used some of her Klin-proverbs to dress it up and owe her much gratitude.) It covers March '96 through Feb. '97. I would be THRILLED to have British Klin participation in the next one.

November is the deadline for photo materials. Then David and I will get to work making it. Males, females, groups are all welcome so long as the look is Klin and sends a message of humor or personality. (I'd love once actually to have a whole year's worth of cross-dressed Klin-fans, but that's a perverse dream I may not soon realize!) What I work best with is photographic prints. I then can collage them or put them in backgrounds and get a good color photocopy, so long as I have the original print in hand. Please send good, bright shots of any and all of your Klin-kin, with November being the deadline. I also owe several British Druidhs letters. I have not forgotten them either--but I do seem to be falling to keep up with the mail.



Sector 6 Report.

From: J Schmidt <aefsp@datasync.com> **Subject:** Cmdr Eripmav's report Have been as busy as usual lately. The job has me from nine to fourteen hours a day, Saturdays usually also. Get to add new titles though, like webmaster, behind my work name. Klingon activities minimal and kept to contact through the mail (I will reply to all letters, unfortunately most of them months late.) and was able to go to two conventions where I handed out a couple of photocopies of KSF materials in New Orleans and Biloxi. Not much there is it? Will hopefully have more time after July when I hand over publication of another club's newszine to another.

Sector 8 Report

Capt. K'Lay Satal Kronsei-Chang: I've started looking into the possibility of cloning myself just so I'll have time for everything. Real Life has been busy, with my oldest son flying in from Ohio to get married, and me up to my forehead ridges in wedding plans, manuscript revisions, my youngest son's graduation from middle school, and my usual work; the day care center. .GS newsletter. .correspondence. helping to distribute the Nuq'IH log and the BTL here in GSA and so on. I have yet to start on my Klingons of Yore uniform, though I did get an interesting pin in the mail from people in GSE(you know who you are)which suits my character and will go well with my battlecloak. My character has been equally active. K'Lay and the BortaS beq mercenary team, have accepted a lucrative contract to abduct and torture a certain deserving lieutenant, the contract funded by anonymous sources.



Borg K'Mpec: I joined a new Klingon club called the Klingon Empire of Yore. I completed Lesson 5 of Klingon Postal Course and slowly working on Lesson 6. Went to a mini-con on 9604.06 where I met up with BullG and did some KSF recruiting. Have been making a few improvements on High Councilor Outfit. And started making a Renaissance Klingon Outfit. I been giving my starship technical assistance to Koloth K'Tama, for his K-21 Hovves Class IV Scoutship design. I have started designing a couple of Empty Asteroid Starbases near K'Shona with CMC getting one and assisting GS with their's. I decided to be the quarter; "CHARACTER ASSASSIN". I adopted two of X'Lay's daycare children. A boy named Colin aka Chang K'Mpec and his sister Christyne aka K'Ehleyr K'Mpec. I received a nice surprise from Malakore/T.Anne Heyer-Schmidt, a pari of Romanov s Swiss Ethno Socks with the message, For A Heroic Klingon "Feet"; for assisting with her job hunting for here. I was given the job of distributing the BTL to all GSA and GSD members with assistance from K'Lay. I sent Kara, a copy of a Dr. Who Video that was aired in the USA. Borg celebrated the official start of Klingon-Romulan & Cardassian War.

Ensign Maw'Qu Tai Karizon: I finished my mission for CMC and Commander Kain but I have not had time to write very much because I am graduating from middle school and I have had a lot of extra work to do and finals to take. I've been busy composing music which will be played at the graduation and also performing mime and theater productions for school. I am going to be joining a lazer tag league.

BullG Has just moved to a place called Poway and is settling into his new apartment. Is getting ready for the 2nd Annual Star Trek Bowl - a-thon at the Poway bowl. Also getting ready for Fantasticon 96, but still looking for material for his costume (?)

New Address - 13001 Bowron Rd., No. 4, Poway, Ca. 92064

GSD.

Korax Kargon. Has just returned home from school and thinks he has just spent the toughest two months of his life. He spent these two months in Edmonton taking technical training for Autobody. He has to go back twice more and is not looking forward to that at all. He did get some high marks, but found it hard on his nerves overall.

GSE POST REPORTS.

Sector 1. Had a dearth of reports from this sector this quarter. Jacen????????? These got sent to me individually.

Admiral Vixis Druidh - Boddhi.

Has had a tumultuous time at work as the entire college was subjected to a full inspection. Everybody was jumping about like cats on hot tin roofs. Have recovered from this now. As far as the KSF goes, I have unfortunately been suffering a little from burnout. Many apologies to all those who have been waiting to hear from me on any topic. I

will be making a big effort to delegate more work, so for instance, GSE members WILL get actual promotion certificates (promise!) I have managed just about to keep up with the flow of new members and got the packages done. Some of you may have had to wait, but as my predecessor used to say "The best things in life are worth waiting for". Any computer owning GSE member who would like a little more responsibility in the club, please contact me, especially if you can run Mac software. I know our High Councillors are also up to their forehead ridges in work too and I don't want to lose you! The membership package is coming up for its yearly rewrite and we will be putting this and other club matters together during the six hour flight to Toronto.

Otherwise, I am preparing for my trip to Canada. It should be most interesting as 11 Klingons pass through airport security, with suitcases stuffed full of "kinky outfits" and tribbles! My cat (much to Karas amusement) has just given birth to kittens. I had to stand in as midwife and cut the umbilical cords and remove the amniotic sac (UGH!). Is there any body out there who would like a kitten? They look like miniature tigers and are lovely. Contact me (Vixis) if you do. Have been spending far more time than I should on the Net. If you think doing ordinary correspondence can sometimes be addictive, try email! I have found role-playing by IRC particularly stimulating. In character, Vixis now has a Klingon Bond Mate and a Bajoran First Consort. She is finding keeping both of them happy is quite a trial and very time consuming.....but fun.

VEKMA MAKAI. Attended Neutral Zone 96 where she was tested to become a Feklars Angel. She underwent the "Trial of the Nursemaid". ie. she was left baby-sitting Vixis small Targ monster (no easy job). This child rarely runs out of energy. Met the KSF's matriarchy and also Kranze, whom she is waiting for a reply from still. Stayed at Vixis house on Friday but got lost on the way there and ended up bothering the Admirals neighbours. At present, making a Romulan costume for the Pegasus barbecue. Has been having problems with the dole office who stopped her benefit for a while. Joined in Lord Kruges RPG (for sector 1?) Made two massive banners for Katempogs event (see below). Has discovered the Cardassian language and thanks Carl Roehead for his help there. Was burgled last month and got some jewellery stolen. Is off to Lightspeed in September, along with her bondmate Alex. Greene.



supplied by Kletas of the House of Pazharn for the period March - June, 1996 During this period, I have to report the following:- I was invited to give an opinion, on BBC Radio 1, about a scientific phenomenon discovered recently by astronomers, of an enormous cloud of acetic acid, 25000 light years from Earth, heading in the direction of Sector 001. In true Klingon fashion, I acquitted myself well, describing, in as factual a manner as possible, the cloud's effects on Earth (regrettably negligible) as well as the possibilities of being able to harvest these raw materials (trillions of tonnes) as a prelude to terraforming (or Qo'noS-forming) dead planets.

Radio 1 replied with a facetious comment on Kirk and Spock using the acetic acid to flavour a bag of chips the size of Jupiter. Of course.- I attended a great Festival of local culture, as important in its way as the celebrations of Qot Baval back home on Qo'noS. It was a phenomenon called "Urdd Eisteddfod." For some reason, although I dressed in mufti for the occasion, my cover was blown everywhere I went. Whilst representing the interests of the KSF and KLI, I was given the opportunity to "bookmark the subspace frequency" of the KLI's home page, much to the surprise of certain academic staff, who had no idea that such an organisation exists.

Now, if the KSF had its own home page, too ...

- I have been privileged to sample the new Klingon book of proverbs, which I have placed alongside such marvels of wisdom as The Principia Discordia and The Klingon Dictionary.

I have been informed that, while The Klingon Dictionary is freely available over here in the UK, in certain European countries the locals are crying out to be enlightened to the word of Kahless. Perhaps the KSF can lend a hand in this regard ...

- In all my travels, I have been carefully collecting together elements of mythology and history from these Terrans, most notably this phenomenon they refer to as "magic." I have discovered a notable wise man of their culture, called

the Third Law: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." This brings to mind a possible corollary, which I think summarises the Terran spirit in more ways than one could possibly imagine; "Any sufficiently simple magic is indistinguishable from technology." This piece of profundity, I think, could seriously imbalance what we know about cosmology and what we understand about Terrans. It makes them a force to watch. Closely.

- Bearing that in mind, I have striven, over the past few weeks, to complete a project which attempts to synthesise the rich symbolism of human cultures, beliefs and traditions in a fictional format. I am, to that end, writing a book; the most important DIM project to emerge from the Studios of Star Station Yado for some time.
- I am observing the developing career of Vekma, of the House Makai, with as keen an interest as ever. She is my bondmate, and although we are now assigned to opposite sides of the Empire, nevertheless we are still close. I only hope that, when she faces her last, most honourable, battle, I shall be there with her to face mine, together. I only also hope, in Kahless' name, that when it happens, we shall be fighting on the same side.
- This report is late, because of the delays experienced due to revisions and examinations. My intention, to obtain a degree in Terran information technology, continues unabated; but, for the moment, I can set aside that battle in favour of other more rewarding ones.
- My one regret is that, for the next few weeks, I shall be absent from Star Station Yado, operating on a free agent basis in the Silent Shadow of Inspiration beyond the civilised borders of the Empire. This concludes my report.

"A.A.WILSON" <C9151014@hud.ac.uk> **Wulfrik Subaiesh**

At last I have finished Uni so this is my last email from here. I dont know what qualification I have yet but I am still hoping for a 2:1. Hope you are all well. I am fine although my new job is boring. At least it pays well. Bike is back on the road. This afternoon I am going to Thirsk to a bike rally. Life is looking damn good at last. Hence the short message. Mind you, all my email messages have been short, whereas my letters are long. Must be my technophobia. Yet what is my degree taken in?

From: Carl@caljar.demon.co.uk (**Carl John Roehead**)

My main reason for writing is to ask how I should contact Sara Dickinson of GSE 1 to get a copy of the N.Z. party video as I can't find her address in the new BTL. I got it today and it is up to the usual high standard. I especially liked the pics of Athena and Vekma as they are now my pen-friends Also I am including the following message that any other Cardie fans may be interested in about developments in a Cardassian language.

Pocket Books, the publisher who puts out all the Star Trek books, has expressed an interest in <kardasi>, the Cardassian language which I created. I have been asked to send them my material for consideration for publication.

To all fans of Cardassia, who would like to see a full Cardassian language dictionary available, I NEED YOUR SUPPORT, and I need it NOW. PLEASE: WRITE TO THE STAR TREK DIVISION OF POCKET BOOKS AND TELL THEM YOU WANT THE CARDASSIAN DICTIONARY! If they get a couple hundred letters in the next week or so, that will--I hope--prompt them to publish the dictionary.

SECTOR TWO Post Report

Arizhel Kehoz (Teresa Tyler) Helped getting the KSF known nationally, though TV and national papers. After attending Neutral Zone, intended putting the costumes aside but was persuaded to bring them out of mothballs to appear on Here and Now for the BBC. Was one of a very select band who attended Tisbury Trek, though as the only costumed Klingon this meant attracting most of the press interest. (Kara is taking sealed bids for the negatives). Went on the train into London with Kara in full costume, (unlike Kara I had an anorak with which to partially cover up my assets) later raiding Stringfellows nightclub for a Sunday Express article. Attended meetings in London and Boumemouth and held one at my house. Was part of the specially invited audience for the filming of a George Marshall video where my glass of cider vanished into a parallel universe (N.B. readers, better known to you and me as a flip top bin). I intend to celebrate selling my house with an all-night rave at the Nexus convention (if I survive Kara's cooking). As I am moving house, I apologise in advance for delays which may occur in my correspondence.

T'Ulor Kaarza (Sue Castle) Went to London and met up with the group and pinched an earther reporter's butt. Went on a raid to Stringfellows, gave the nuq'IH salute several times, very enjoyable. Saving like mad for Toronto Trek. Re-organised my off-duty for the next two months to meet the love of my life but when arrangements came to naught, founded the Winchester Amphibian Society (rivet, rivet).

Lusciouslips Makura-Ja Chookna (Gill Ferioli) Lushy has had a very stressful time of late, but being a Cat she's pulled through but she'd be lost without all the support of her KSF buddies, a big thanks goes to you ALL. She went to the meeting in London in April, bringing along the KSF's latest recruit, YES HANG ON TO YOUR HATS HERE, her daughter Hasina, otherwise known as Ba'el Kehoz (Riz's spy). There they met the totally delectable Mike (roving reporter), and Ba'el had a sex education lesson KSF style, thanks Sue, she hasn't been the same since. Raided Stringfellows and posed for the Sunday Express along with the rest of the crowd. Finished her mission with her beloved Ke'reth and

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.....As there is so much to be arranged.



- (I'm taking bids on the perforated tile material now). Made pair of Klingon boots (You should have been there Steve, they're just your size) and assembled a Klingon combat blade. I'm currently attempting to crack a Klingon murder mystery (Klingon CD-ROM). Got signed photograph from Lursa (Barbara March - the other Duras Sister).

Kara Druidh (Sara Dickinson). Attended Neutral Zone and once again my plans for my honeymoon were thwarted by my nearest and dearest - thanks for getting me off Sis. Was half way home when Kranze told me the Hightower Sword of Kahless was for sale and had to wait five weeks to get my hands on it - public viewings by appointment only. Made startling discovery while getting changed in the loo at Page's for the BBC programme Here and Now - you can't see my spine guard underneath my cloak so what's the point of wearing it! Boosted attendance at Tisbury Trek by at least 10% and had the honour of being the first customer at the stand operated by CTP. Drove like a bat out of hell all the way home again to get said Sword so that CTP could examine it in detail and then got changed into costume in the waiting room at High Wycombe station complete with trainspotter witness. Raided Stringfellows and discovered that the loos at Marylebone shut at 11.15 and so travelled home again in costume. Medalled my way through April, May and most of June and have now had to resort to giving them away because I've run out of space. Am wondering how to talk Riz into starting work on my next command cloak without pressing my luck a bridge too far. Made a bid to take over GSE command by burning the dinner in an attempt to disguise the 'flavoured' chicken drumsticks served up to dearest Riz - obviously didn't use enough 'flavour' because she survived and is 'helping' me to type this up!!!!!! Next report from Maximum Security wing at Rura Pontins.

Khlagh Serad (Paul King) Attended the sector meeting in London with First Contact comrades who were foolhardy enough to say that they'd like to do it again sometime. Made successful attempt to curry favour with the GSE High Command by presenting them with Targon the Targ who will shortly make his debut performance at Toronto Trek. Was curiously undressed at the George Marshall evening until Kranze arrived and covered my blushes.

Kranze Kerla (Steve Brown) Neutral Zone - worn out I went to bed early on Sunday night and missed the party of the convention. Have vowed to make up for this by going to every convention in the UK this year except Nexus - including ones I'm not registered for. Am committed to keeping my fellow KSF members informed of media events in my sector. (grin, we love you really Steve). Cornered the market in Klingon badges in Warp Two so had none left for anyone else. Drove all the way to darkest Oxfordshire to deliver Kara's Sword of Kahless and was introduced to her niece who decided she preferred Postman Pat. (This lad will go far, his sector commander was mightily impressed by his dedication to duty and will buy him an orange juice next time she sees him). Attended the George Marshall evening with the Page's bar group but joined the KSF contingent when I saw they had better seats. Finally achieved national recognition as the good looking member of the KSF. (Huh???)

Lt. Jg. K'Ratalr vestai Reshtarc (Keith Dunn) - made a very favourable impression on my sector commander when meeting her for the first time by gallantly kissing her hand and dedicating myself to her service - this lad will go far.

N'Osifa (Alison Wilkinson) been to every convention so far this year, was Gowron's dancing partner at Neutral Zone where I debuted as the newest member of the nuq'IH - the ship's new HYPERactive seedy Rom. My costumes were featured in the national press and I finally provided Kara with a peep hole.

MacHi Kor Vash (John Medany) - made major contributions to Saudi Telecom in order to get my hands on the latest trek tapes and counted the days until I could return to civilisation. Suffering from convention withdrawal symptoms after Nexus. Looking forward to expanding my horizons and claiming new territories on behalf of the Empire.

Jon Brown - Hi everyone this is the first report I've written but here goes. Last year I started the Klingon Directory for ghøjwl'pu' to correspond and discuss their techniques or problems. Since then I joined the KSF, found a job, moved 300 miles. This quarter I have been in contact and received prompt replies from Kletas and Kara. I have also started to get letters from several interested tihInganpu'. Thanks must go to Kletas and Kara and everyone else who has spread the word for me. Just to finish I have at last got round to completing my character profile and have sent

it in to Vixis. tHIngan Hol Daghojll' 'a' vaj De'vaD choghltHnIS.

K'Tesh (Neil Saggars) - I've been very busy and I've just joined in the rpg and received my first mission. I've just been saving for a new car and all the associated costs, so I've not been able to do much. I've bought a plaster cast bust of Gowron which is half painted. Apart from that and working I've been up to very little except I managed to get away on my own a few weeks ago - bliss.

Tashlar Druidh (Kate Foster) - have been busy with assignments. Looking forward to summer hols. I've recently joined the Sealed Knot as part of the Newcastle Foote Regiment. Have been sorting out accommodation for the coming 96/97 academic year - will be a senior student in Halls of Residence.

Pugina Bix (Carol Searle) - during the last quarter, Pugina Bix attended two major seminars held by the Federation. One of these was held in Cardiff (Terra) and was called Warp 2 and the other was Wolf 359 held in Blackpool where the Federation's top scientists discussed how they might resist the next Borg invasion should it occur. T'Erica (the) Terrible was also sighted in Blackpool at the same time. She was seen with two other Romulan females blasting a rather cheap and nasty guest house into oblivion with her disruptor. Apparently the owner of this guest house neglected to provide the three Romulans with a night key. Consequently they were locked out and forced to sleep on the beach. A similar misfortune befell Pugina Bix - the proprietor of her hotel are now awaiting Klingon discipline. Lt. Bix recommends that Klingons wishing to visit Blackpool avoid staying at the Harlands Hotel for obvious reasons. Meanwhile arrangements are in hand to have T'Erica put on ice by means of having her kidnapped by the infamous Galen Sandstrider - this will prevent her from interfering with Pugina's work with the KSF.

Ba'el Kehoz - Joined the illustrious ranks of the KSF in April only to find myself thrust into the very heart of things at the April meeting up in London: Met various Klingons. Hi Khey'Ra, Alison, Steve, Sara, Riz - oops sorry Auntie! So many new faces to say HI to but the one that sticks in my mind is SUE CASTLE. I'll be eternally grateful to this lovely lady for it's she who has started me off on the right track in the KSF - she's started my SEX EDUCATION - KSF style! Roll on Toronto Sue! Ke'reth Makura has likened me to Wednesday Adams - he's right. Am starting my first mission with Auntie Riz - just one thing mars my Horizon - having to live under the same rood as that damn MOGGY - damn Cats get EVERYWHERE!



Ke'reth Makura (Robert Lydford) - addition to post report already filed - I've recently sent off for some red address labels to go on all my KSF envelopes, I can't wait until they arrive. I've got my ship, I'm just waiting to see if K'Zhen will allow me to assign another cruiser, A D - 16 to one of my operatives. Well that will make tow new CMC ships in the GSE fleet. Then on Monday I wrote to all the CMC/GSE members asking for their help. I'm hoping to get a couple of Bird of Preys and some K'Tinga class cruisers for me to assign to those who prove themselves worthy. I might even have officers and ships who have fallen behind in their RPG activities. I intend to write to these as soon as I find their names and addresses. Then I really intend to create the most powerful assault squadron the KSF has ever seen. Gill also claims to be on the verge of recruiting a new member - he's already into role-playing so he should have a good imagination.... I'm also working on the idea of a CMC Newsletter and on a full colour certificate of CMC membership that I'll produce for each member. I'll also create a Certificate of Registry for each officially registered ship.



GSE Sector Three.

Mara K'nera. Has gone on reserve status, but still writes now and again (I owe you several letters Mara - I'll get round to it - honest!) May return to active status in Autumn or winter of this year. Has a couple of future Doctors appointments, as she is suffering from unexplained pains. Would like to murder her young son at least once a day, and is desperate for a holiday!

Vanar Boddhi - Kallisto. Vanars life is more interesting than Janas at present! She got her own ship this quarter...however the crews loyalty is so far unproved. Then she will be taking part in a bonding ceremony, as consort to Jacen Kas Chang. Jana has just taken her exams this month and is awaiting her results. Until then, is working as a tax collector. Has more time for the club now.

Renee Lenox. Went to a convention in Bonn, where she had fun with her friends and enjoyed the guests they had there. Has been wrestling with her studies and apologises for not writing letters so often.

Malakore Noraxlycus. Finished her work on Klingon vertebrae and sent it to Capt. Klay for inclusion in her "Alien primer for basic Klingon medicine". Has been in frequent communication with Borg and K'lay. Has been enjoying Voyager videos from our GSE video syndicate. Kept open communications with her XO K'BatLh Lodni'. Joined the Robert Beltran fan club. (Ooooooh! She has drawn lots of little hearts here!)

Xuxa Chuan. Like everyone it seems, has been very busy trying to pass her exams. in her evening classes. She was successful! She is in contact with some other members, but not on a regular basis.. She promises to improve. During May her sister who lives in Spain visited her and they had a great time.

Athena K'Ehleyr Has joined K'Prils ship, the IKV Gargoyle and is on a secret mission. Is writing to a long list of people - I counted at least twelve on this list. Met Kranze at a party where live Quantum Leap music was played. Met Carl Roehead at the KSF party, where he was being his Cardassian persona. They have deepened their diplomatic relations and now have a very active correspondence. In April, went to stay with Ian Tallis in London and thanks him for his hospitality. Whilst there, she visited the Science museum. Went to a role-play convention, where she played in a Star trek liveroleplay as a Klingon. She won this game and is very proud, her honour upheld.

K'Pril O'Conner Tuvok. Went to the Convention in Bonn and took part in the fancy dress competition (my mind boggles at this!). She played Pril Nortu, a Bajoran/ Klingon hybrid whose uniform was turned into a clowns costume by the Federations transporter. Developed a Klingon Barbie and named her K'Eybarb. Founded the IKV Gargoyle, a D7 Cruiser with an extraordinary crew, the captain is an Orc, for example!

Kalara Reshiarc Went to the club Startrek Forum in Germany. Here she met some lovely new friends, especially a Bajoran girl. They hope to attend a convention in Berlin where Majel Barret Roddenbury will be the guest. She sends her best wishes to her KSF friends.

GSE Sector 4

The number of reports for this sector are much reduced due to the sad retirement of it's Commander, Bart. He is already sadly missed.
Erica de Boer.

She has moved, which meant she and her April newsletter never met up (sorry about that). Her new correct address is Antillenweg 24-5, 2931 BX, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands.

"Karghosh B'tan" <D.deVries1@stud.let.ruu.nl>

I have received the new BTL. I'm happy to see it's still of good quality. It was also good to hear about my commendation, thank you! Now I have yet another excuse to celebrate :) . I read that some of the club projects are currently up for grabs. Is the Proverbs of Kahless project still available? I still have some proverbs lying around that I didn't yet send, it would be a shame to waste them :)

Also the membership list in the back mar as GSE sector 2, that does seem to be the logical conclusion. Would it be possible to send me the complete list, please, maybe with the certificate I'm supposed to get? (I AM supposed to get a certificate for my commendation, right? Or is it just for promotions?). (Errr...yes....apologies)

The con I told you about wasn't quit as big as I had expected, but I had a great time nonetheless. The only problem was that it was held in one of the most remote places in the Netherlands. I spend well over 4 hours in public transport just to get to the right village! Needless to say I was a bit tired already upon arival, so I didn't do a great deal on the saturday. I did meet some nice people however, including a Caitian from Belgium who has offered to help me with my make-up. If it is true that Lusciouslips talks a lot, it might just be a racial characteristic of Caitians. The Belgian girl just wouldn't stop talking. Luckily I'm a good listener. Ka'at, Khorghas and K'veld were also there. Khorghas offered me a place to sleep in his hired bungalow, sparing me lot of expenses. Thanks, Ron! The following day had a little more activity. I bought a couple of rank pins from K'veld. In a way I'm lucky not to have been promoted, as the Lt.Jg. pin would have been obsolete within a month of purchase :) ! The KSF did very well at the costume contest, winning 3 out of 4 available prizes. I got the third prize, an autographed picture of Nichelle Nichols. And I wasn't even wearing an official uniform! Special guest Marc Alaimo was quite good. He's a fine actor.

And I wasn't even wearing an official uniform! Special guest Marc Alaimo was quite good. He's a fine actor. According to him, however, Gul Dukat doesn't really care much for Klingons. He respects them as fellow warriors, but thinks we are too limited :(. Look who's talking, Cardie! But seriously, he's a very sympathetic guy. Because I helped Ron with a quiz he was doing, I was sort of considered a member of the convention crew. So it came to be that I heard about another con planned in Holland, scheduled somewhere this fall. This time it will be REALLY big. Guests might include the likes of Robert O'Reilly, Barbara March and James Doohan. Alexander Sidig and Nana Visitor may also attend, IF their baby arrives on time (latest gossip: it'll be a son!). One of the crew said it would take place in the Jaarbeurs here in Utrecht, but others wanted to gather some more information first. I sure hope the first guy will be right; that place is about 10 minutes away from my house! But wherever it is held, if it's as good as they say, I'll be there!

ROLEPLAY REPORTS

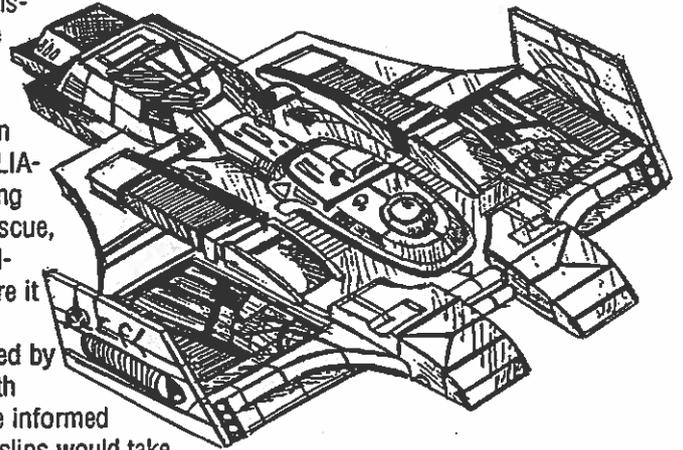
CAMPAIGN COORDINATION COMMAND*ROLEPLAY REPORT TO THE KSF: Edited by Fleet Admiral K'Zhen epetai-Septar-Zu-Merz
LATE REPORT FROM KSF Headquarters: An alarming report has reached KSF headquarters and is spreading among Federation agencies that Chancellor Gowron is actually a Changeling! Until we know more about this, all officers and agents of the KSF are to regard this as VICIOUS FEDERATION PROPAGANDA, and continue to follow orders from Qo'noS faithfully. We have agents in high places who will sooner or later be able to verify or discount the truth of this rumor, if there be any. Do not allow it to spread any further - deny it and refuse to discuss it with anyone, friend or foe. Reports from the various divisions of the KSF have been received, as follows: **IMPERIAL INTELLIGENCE** (wo' llnDab) - LCdr. Morag L'Kor has taken Command of I.I./GSA, with Cmdr. Krull stepping down to the XO position, and has sent out orders.

IMPERIAL INTELLIGENCE - Capt. Arizhel sutai-Keboaz GSE:

Zo'Annis continued her spying mission on Thisisit using her cover as a trader. She established a hot selling line in blood testing kits as everyone on the planet is concerned about the shape shifters. This trade provided her with an entrance into Romulan space as the Star Empire is as concerned about the possible menace as is our Empire. She has established contact with the Romulan governor of their Sparta IV colony and has access to his residence. She is going to try and find out about Federation contacts with the Star Empire. Triangle Command is worried that an alliance is being formed and has asked II to investigate. Ke'reth and Lusciouslips escaped from the 'Kinshaya' ship having discovered that the actual ship itself was changing shape. It seems the shape shifters can not only pass themselves off as other beings, but can make themselves look like parts of a ship, and can change its configuration at will. So a ship may look like a Bird of Prey, yet in reality be something different. A shape-shifter got aboard the RETALIATOR but it escaped them when they docked at DEEP SPACE 9, having been chased there by three Dominion ships. In exchange for this rescue, they offered to help the Federation retrieve a satellite which had malfunctioned near Cardassian space. In reality, they intended to capture it for the Empire and to install a cloaked II surveillance device. They came under attack by the Cardassians and Lusciouslips was captured by Gul Dukat. She was eventually rescued, though badly injured. Ke'reth meantime was told to report back to Arizhel on K'SHONA where she informed him he was being promoted to the GSE command of CMC. Lusciouslips would take over command of the RETALIATOR as soon as she had recovered from her injuries. In response to a request from GLOBAL SECURITY, Adara used her position in MAGNA Industries to access Federation files on dissident Klingons in Federation space. She discovered a group called the "Order" who are plotting Gowron's downfall together with a Starfleet faction known as the "Reptiles". She found that his assassination was planned, but that the "Order" were hedging their bets and also making plans for if the attempt was unsuccessful. She was convinced from what she found that some members of the High Council are involved in the plot against Gowron, but has no names. Arizhel sent her niece Ba'el to infiltrate this group as her first spying mission. She posed as a runaway from the Empire and has been accepted by the "Order" though they are still very suspicious of her. She believes that as well as having links with the Federation, they have links with the Romulans.

GLOBAL SECURITY (qo'Hung) GSA: Captain K'Lay zantai-Chang: Hovjaj 9606.01:

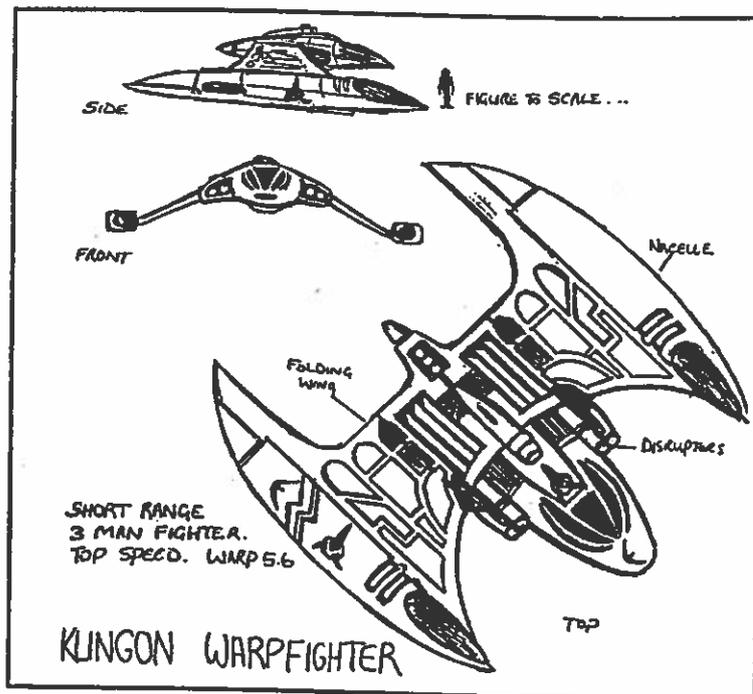
The pieces of the puzzle are starting to fit together now into a mosaic of treachery on a grand scale. With the frantic search on



have a spy in our midst. What we did not know was that our spy is but a single pawn in a much larger group of traitors. I.I. Commander Arizhel Kehoaz and another of her operatives, Adara Yew, have discovered a group within Empire known as the "Order of the Downward Spiral". This organization has formed a secret alliance with both the Romulans and a Federation faction with the same goals: to take advantage of the recent political unrest and overthrow Gowron. We do not yet know all the traitors involved, but to attempt a coup of this caliber, they must all be highly placed. There is an eerie déjà vu feel to this plot. We have been here before, with Gorkon, and a similar Alliance. It's unfortunate that the daughter of General Chang is in co-command of Global Security, for her knowledge of the NEMESIS raid and her family history make her a prime suspect!

For the present, she is carrying on with her duties, going to I.S. Commander Ka'at's aid, destroying a Federation vessel sent to intercept them, and towing Ka'at's new prize, a Wellington class Federation starship back to K'SHONA, while Khey'Ra Druidh created a fake ion trail to throw Federation pursuers off the track. This done, Khey'Ra and K'Lay met on Risa to discuss how best to find the missing Klingon scientists, as well as how to get the Thought-Masters off Terra. Ju'ngah Chang, in a secret meeting with the Federation President, has confirmed I.I. information that the Thought Masters are not being held prisoner, but are staying on Terra voluntarily, pending the outcome of the political coup, about which they seem to know much. Sarena Zu-Merz, our G.S. MAGNA operative, whose position is teaching Klingon emergency medicine procedures on Terra, has been approached by one of the Thought-Masters whose Human consort is due to give birth soon, and she believes she has obtained information vital to us. The problem is how to get it in such a way that her unique position of trust on Terra is not compromised. She is closely watched, and though Arizhel is continuing her own investigation she must do it covertly, and what we need most now is someone there to make immediate command decisions. The opportunity for this came unexpectedly when K'Lay had a sudden medical emergency while going to escort Ju'ngah back to Klingon space, and was taken to the nearest expert in Klingon medicine available...Sarena Zu-Merz. K'Lay requested I.S. backup and alerted I.I. to stand by before going planetside. If GS can get even one of the dissidents out, I.I. must be on hand to find out who the coup leaders are, and I.S. will need to move quickly to make the arrests before they escape Empire justice. Meanwhile, the cloaking/phasing device, the search for which gave us our first clue that there was a traitor in our midst, has been turned over to CMC. We must discover how its use accidentally created a rift in

space, and what Khorghan, Khaufen and K'Mar saw when they were pulled into and had to fight their way out of the other side. Romulans, for certain...but not like any Roms in our universe, and another ship, only glimpsed, of unknown origin and design. I fear we may have opened Pandora's Box...and we may not be able to close it again. **GLOBAL SECURITY/GSE:** Cmdr. Khey'ra Druidh and Captain K'Lay Chang assisted Captain Ka'at Jo'el, who had captured a Federation ship but needed their help to return the vessel to K'SHONA. K'Lay towed Ka'at while Khey'Ra laid a fake trail in order to confuse approaching Federation ships that might come to investigate. Two Federation ships approached the scene before K'Lay and Khey'Ra could carry out their mission but were destroyed. After their destruction K'Lay and Khey'Ra returned Ka'at and his prize-ship to K'SHONA. Lt. Cmdr. Jacen vestal-Kas-Chang made plans for his MAGNA mission. His assignment will begin next quarter. Lt. K'wen Vestai Trekkan-B'nzai is looking for a spy within GS. An intermediate report was filed with GSE/GS Command and she has reported that she is currently preparing for this mission which is of a very delicate nature. She outlined her strategy. Her sister will be surgically altered and sent to a new



Federation Starbase, while K'wen searches for the spy within KSF Command and the High Council. K'wen is currently undercover and I do not expect to hear from her again until the mission is completed next quarter. We want to keep communications to a minimum because we do not want to warn the spy that we are on to him or her. Lt. Kargosh vestai-B'Tan returned to K'SHONA to get his ship repaired. After repairs were complete he went to PAQAN III to carry out further investigations. He is under orders to find out all he can about Romulan activities in this area. Once he has completed his investigations are complete he will return to K'SHONA and file a report with me. This is an ongoing mission and will not be complete until next quarter. He is under orders to avoid detection by the Romulans. Should he not be detected, I want him to destroy the Romulan vessel and return to K'SHONA afterwards. We do not want to reveal our plans to the Romulans

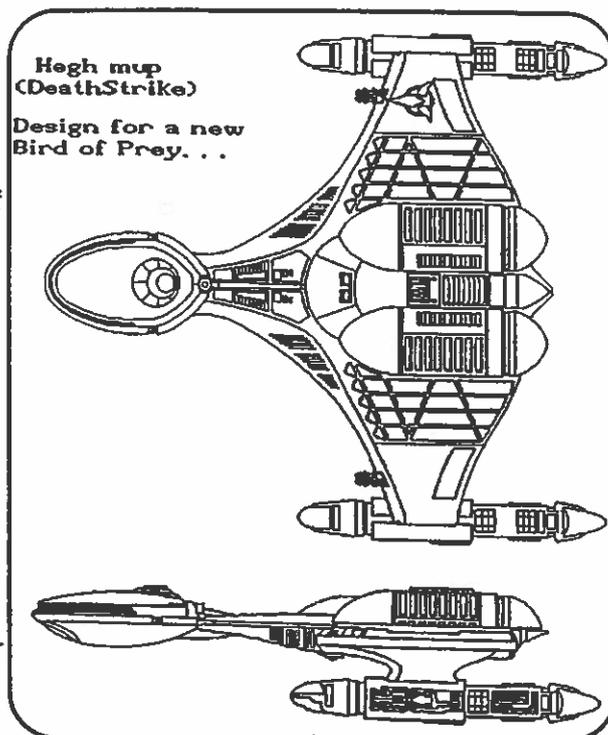
INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE: both InDab ra'ghom: Capt. Kara Druidh: Lt. Kilara vestai-Subaeish reports that she accompanied

the IKV Kahless (Klathas) to the last known position of the lost three ship squadron until the command of Captain Koral Rishtar. The flagship had returned to that position and beaming aboard Kilara sent several of her team to inspect the ship whilst she herself was escorted to the captain's quarters. Captain Koral reported that he had been assigned to search out new colony worlds for the Empire in the Gamma quadrant and had found a planet with the required qualities. A team of scientists was sent to survey the planet and returned with a number of samples for testing. Several hours later a red alert was sounded and the ship appears to have been extensively damaged by these substances - two fatalities were reported.

Koral ordered the ship back to the wormhole so that the other casualties could receive treatment - the bodies of the victims were placed in stasis for further examination on the Homeworld. However, en route they were attacked by a Dominion battle cruiser and the "Klathas" was taken to the Founders home world where Koral and his executive officer were interrogated. Lt. Kilara reports that she is suspicious of the limited explanation given by Koral and has decided to remain on board for the time being so that she could question Koral more closely. She had also begun to collate the reports of her own security team but had sent all but two back to her own ship when there was an explosion and Kilara reports that she detected a changeling amongst the debris. Further details on this mission will be forthcoming. Ensign Vallis tai-Druidh reports that she has made contact with a Zymerian vessel. Her scoutship decloaked after tracking down and cornering a Zymerian vessel. The aliens surrendered and Vallis arranged a boarding party. The ship's interior was cramped and clearly not designed for beings of Klingon stature and build. This was confirmed when an ape like being attacked the boarding party but was 'calmed down' by an efficient security guard. Vallis does not think these beings represent a major threat to the Empire being more interested in trade than combat. However, as this could be a false front she will be monitoring the Zymerians behaviour further.

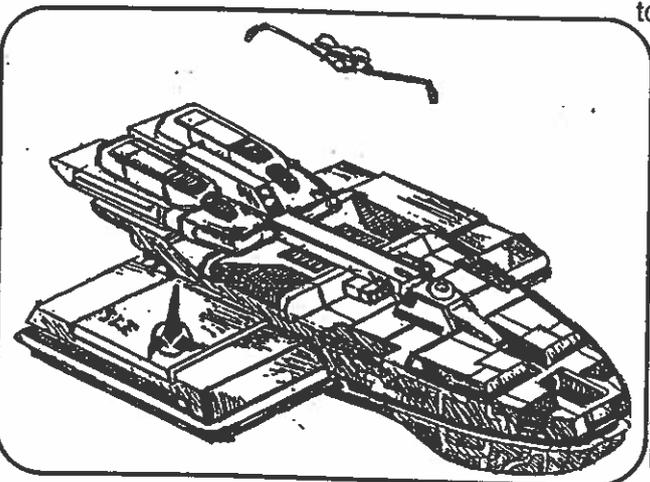
Lt. Cmdr. Borg K'mpec has been studying the Cardassian Campaign and confirms that we have suffered a number of suspicious losses but believes this to be due to inexperienced commanders rather than deliberate negligence. This could be due to the damaging effects of being at peace for too long. However, due to amount of equipment being sabotaged he recommends that all officers and ships returning to K'SHONA should be blood tested for changelings. Captain Kara zantai-M'Rel-Druidh reports that she has completed investigations into two squadron commanders whose ships sustained major damage during combat with less well armed Cardassian ships. She is confident that these squadrons will (in future) be in the forefront of the campaign under their new commanders.

IMPERIAL SECURITY (wo'Hung) - Capt. Ka'at sutai-Jo'El: After seizing the Federation Light Cruiser USS Nelson I signal Capt. K'Lay Chang and Cmdr. Khey'ra Druidh (G.S) for help since there were two other Federation Light Cruisers in the area searching for the Nelson. K'lay and Khey'ra disposed of the two cruisers, and I was towed to Starbase K'Shona to off-load the prisoners and some sensitive equipment. I was to go to Starbase Dughwl' after I had gotten a crew for the IKV QIH qemwl' (the re-named USS Nelson) but something interfered. Cmdr. Kruge sutai-Kronsei was surgically altered and ordered to replace LCmdr. QeraS sutai-HaDran of the IKS Defense Forces. He was prepared for his role by a mindmeld from a Vulcan I.S. operative who had first melded with the real QeraS HaDran. The switch went beautifully and he met some very powerful IKS rebels soon after landing on Kamato. After a rather enjoyable 24 hours with an Orion slave girl the IKS used to check Qeras's papers, he was briefed on a mission to intercept a Klingon military convoy carrying ore and latinum. I had given Kruge a free hand in how he fulfilled his mission; he would be expected to kill other Klingons if necessary. I failed to inform Fleet Admiral K'Zhen and High Command, something that would cost me dearly as it now seems. The convoy was attacked successfully and a D-7M K'Yinga of our Imperial Navy was captured by Kruge; he had convinced the IKS Commander-in-Chief to 'give' him the D-7 as a reward for participating in the operation, something another IKS pirate did not approve of. In the following weeks more daring raids earned him the confidence and trust of General Ka'torge Vemkran, leader of the IKS pirates—enough to lure them into a false state of optimism for a bold attack on the Klingon Empire itself. They hoped the 'real' Klingons could be rallied to join them and overthrow Gowron; they didn't know there was a KSF agent in their midst. Kruge briefed me and High Command on the intended attack and sent details of the strength of their forces. This would get a VERY WARM welcome. Kruge made it back to his ship after leaving a trail of evidence to indict the real QeraS of treason. The body of QeraS was transported to the surface where he would be found by another operative of I.S. GSE. Kruge's report to High Command allowed them to intercept the IKS rebel fleet and all but destroy it. Some ships got away but the IKS threat no longer existed. Kruge is now recovering from wounds. High Command weren't too pleased I had give Kruge a 'Carte Blanche'



High map
(DeathStrike)
Design for a new
Bird of Prey...

(to put it mildly) and sent me a high priority message which was given me the moment I stepped off the K'Shona transporter pads. I was transferred to Qo'noS and was to return to the Homeworld at the earliest possible moment to give them explanation about my orders to Kruge and my failure to inform them of it. I took full responsibility for it and recommended Kruge for an award for performance 'above and beyond the call of duty'. My own fate is less clear. They either want me on a short leash or to punish me for the orders I gave; either way I am quite sure I won't be returning to serve the KSF. Lt Jg. K'Pril vestai-O'Connor Tuvok aided Cmdr. Khey'Ra sutai-Druidh with her mission to rescue our people from the damaged ships from the blockade in the Sol system. There is still no report of them last encounter she had with the Q - being that she called herself Irene. Knowing the report about the Q beings I imagine K'Pril won't have seen the last of her. She was assigned as First officer of the IKV EXECUTOR. Last report was her Captain was found dead in suspicious circumstances; she has been given command of the a ship on a trial bases—if she performs well she will remain in command. She is currently en route to Starbase Dughw' for a final briefing, and will seek to get more information about the Zymerians. Lt Jg. Kalara Vestai Khemera successfully located large Penta crystals deposits on Avalon V and Helios IV. I gave her orders to escort a mining expedition to Avalon VOYAGER but received no confirmation that she had received them. Her ship, the IKV wamwl' Hurgh (BLACK HUNTER), has not been sighted by any of our monitoring posts in UFP space. With that in mind, the mining expedition was carried out with escorts being supplied by ships from our Imperial Navy. Last report was that one escort vessel was lost but a large amount of Penta crystals was mined



IMPERIAL SECURITY/GSA - Capt Katalya K'Tore-Jiraal: Officer Report: No rpg action; Lt. Koloth K'Tama has taken temporary command of the Embassy for this quarter only. He will move up to the XO position of I.S./GSA for this next quarter

.STARBASE K'SHONA: Capt Katalya K'Tore-Jiraal: Returning to my office, I plopped the 'ball of fluff' down on my desk not too gently. I glanced at it as it squealed indignantly. Quickly scanning the reports I saw that my quarters weren't the only ones infested with the pests. Growing in displeasure I contacted BullG and informed him that there were reports of them in the shuttles, and to examine any ships departing for stowaways of this kind. I also informed Kruge Kronsei to investigate. I entered information on the creature: general shape, that it multiplied quickly, liked to eat, and made an annoying purr, resisting the urge to squash the fluffball to quiet it. The computer identified them as tribbles. Where did they come from? Who was responsible? I requested their history, and how to deal with them. The name ENTERPRISE flashed on the screen. I scowled. The Enterprise, then under the command of Capt. James T. Kirk, had responded to a distress call at K-7 space station. One tribble had been brought aboard the ship by a crew member. In less than 12 hours the tribble had multiplied, practically taking over the ship. My scowl deepened as I read that Kirk had had the tribbles beamed to the Klingon cruiser in the area. Kruge reported that someone had brought the tribbles on board K'SHONA as an experimental food source; some had escaped, but the officer responsible had not reported the incident. He believed they would be tasty; his crew was busy rounding them up. I wondered if we could get rid of them all. I sorely wished we could repay the Federation, but they would suspect something if over 100 tribbles suddenly showed up on Earth...**COVERT MILITARY COMMAND (vang-**

mey pegh ra'ghom) GSA -Cmdr. Kain sutai-Kentoo: During last quarter the IKV TROUBLESHOOTER encountered several unknown vessels in the Triangle along with those of Romulan design. In a brief but glorious battle the IKV Troubleshooter was able to destroy several Romulan scout vessels, but an Alien vessel was able to avoid capture or destruction. Ens. Maw'qu' Karizan has discovered a wormhole while pursuing a Romulan vessel that had attempted to escape destruction, but fell to its death by Ens. Karazan's hands. After my flagship was destroyed I took command of an L-42 cruiser which I have named the IKV TERROR. I have transferred the entire crew of the IKV BLACK DEATH to my new vessel. After a successful shakedown cruise I found the IKV Terror to be just that, for she is one of the finest vessels in the Klingon Empire! Shortly after our shakedown cruise the IKV Terror encountered 2 Romulan war birds and destroyed one, while severely crippling the other. CMC SHADOW SQUADRON has not been responding to orders; I have ordered CMC Squadron leaders to go to yellow alert if they should encounter Shadow Squadron. If any CMC vessel fires on this squadron other than in self-defense that officer will be removed from command. Information on the new world that Lt. Kepla Kentoo is exploring has dropped down to a trickle, and CMC science officers are awaiting her report. In the last quarter I have managed to locate my lost brother who has been held captive in a Klingon prison camp. After arranging his escape for exchange of vital information it appears that the Duras family along with several others have been selling information to the Romulans and I have dispatched a unit of CMC's Troubleshooters to locate these enemies of the Empire. CMC/GSE: LCdr. Ke'reth sutai Makura has recently accepted command of CMC/GSE and has reported in to CCC Headquarters and received instructions. LCdr. Borg K'Mpec's Troubleshooters Taskforce has been sent to Canchicka to intercept expected Romulan interference there. Borg is on the lookout for a Zymerian ship, which is likely to also

show up in the area. He suspects that the Romulans are going to attempt to outflank us with a right flank at Canchicka and Passarra's dream. He proposed to CCC that the Troubleshooters act as a Force Recon in advance of an Imperial Marines Planetary Invasion. It might be an opportunity to take over Canchicka, Passarra's Dream, and Fooled Again, but we lack complete intelligence on those worlds at present.

CMC/GSE: Lt. Ke'reth Makura has taken command of CMC in GSE and is greatly looking forward to opening up all communications with the many CMC operatives in GSE. In his last report Kor Makura said he was looking forward to serving on a ship and was offered a place on the IKV RESTLESS SHADOW by Ke'reth Makura. His training at the academy on Kronos has been a great success and he passed his examinations with flying colours. As a favour to his family Ke'reth has requested that he be signed over to Ke'reth as his chief helmsman. This will enable Ke'reth to repay an old family debt. The ship is currently undergoing its shakedown cruise and the crew are making their way back to Starbase K'Shona. Ke'reth has informed Command that his ship's name comes from an ancient poem by K'Ratak

.IMPERIAL MARINE COMMAND - by Lt. K'Dahor vestai-P'Kallara, Surface Tactical Commander: Military Log - Resistance (on Kamato) - The decision was made to remove all resistance from the mountains first, any resistance amongst the population would be broken when their allies beyond the cities were destroyed. I ordered the relocation of the entire 15th (Kahless' Own) imperial Guard regiment and their full support force onto the plateau before the mountain range to keep the attention of the opposing troops. I then moved the 21st (Blood-Drinkers) and the 22nd (Earth-Breakers) regiments to the left and right of the 15th's position respectively. They were fully equipped for covert operations; being seen only when the time was right, and held the entire width of land between the main cities and the mountains. Only a small fraction of the Hunter squads were operating, enough to suggest we were still attempting to find the enemy. The other squads were withdrawn to the landing areas in preparation for the operation. The 15th commenced their advance on the mountains, moving slowly. As expected there was an attempted breakout to the west of the advancing force. Then the hidden two regiments revealed them!

They advanced at a faster rate than the central axis of the 15th. The resistance in the mountains was forced to reverse its attempted break and retreated into the valley at the centre of the advance. There was much resistance, but our superior numbers and greater fire power ensured that there were no casualties amongst the marine force. Whilst the main force advanced from the north the Hunter squads moved into position to the south, directly in the path of the routed resistance force. They were occupied defending their northern ranks. As planned the three regiments acted as beaters to the Hunter squad's shooters. As the spies and troops arrived at our position we captured those we could without revealing ourselves, then when they were attempting

to regroup we opened fire. The combat was soon joined by the forward units of the northern regiments. At this point a Romulan vessel was detected entering the system. The cloaked Birds of Prey around Kamato moved in and disabled it before it came in accurate transporter range. Within a few moments the enemy vessel had self-destructed. With no means of escape the remaining resistance troops surrendered. Three Romulan agents were discovered attempting to commit suicide; they were prevented from doing so and were transported to the secure area to await delivery to the normal groups. Statistics: Number of wounded Marines - 58 Number of Dead Marines - - 4 Notable Dead - Sergeant Velos tai Morak-P'Kallara Sergeant Totop tai Kertos (Both led their respective squads with the honour all Klingons must want. They cannot be awarded citations high enough; they died as an example to us all.) After interrogation of the main resistance force I have had a small number executed as an example of what happens to those who oppose us:

Number killed in combat - 254
 Number in POW camps - 360
 Number executed - 360



PLANETARY REPORT: FOOD PRODUCTION: The agricultural regions have been put to the best of use. The first harvest has been processed and is awaiting transport to where it is required. The 2nd harvest is approaching; the receiving stations are prepared. We will require transport for approximately one million tons of food-stocks in addition to the 3 million tons already awaiting collection. The planetary meat stocks are very high in comparison to the population's requirements. I propose the continuation of this stock growth to insure a continued meat supply from this source. The western security patrols have based themselves near a number of large lakes. They have identified a large aquatic species resident here. This species has been discovered to be highly palatable. This could be a secondary food source if required. **PLANETARY REPORT - MINERAL EXTRACTION:** The mineral and extraction specialists have surveyed Kamato from orbit and also on the ground. A number of possible areas are promising locations for mineral extraction. Four of these are already being worked upon, providing a substantial quality of required minerals which have begun to be transported off planet by available vessels.

TRIANGLE COMMAND - (wejweH yiS ra'ghom): LCmdr. Vanar sutai-Bodddhi-Kallisto: Lt.jg. Ahme was sent to the Neutral Zone to find out about the new Alien power. She found two contacts - a Ferengi and a Romulan who both told her of sightings of large ships, strange sensor readings and subspace disruptions in the Neutral Zone. As the Federation lost ships too, we wonder why there aren't any records about this on the Federation database. Ahme heard rumours about a human who is said to have witnessed the events in this area. Unfortunately, he had left the starbase to go to the Jamais sector, Ahme is following him. She has orders to find this human. She downloaded all the files onto a microchip which she implanted in her arm. The Feklar's Angels are starting the pirate operation in the Triangle Command. Lt. ZoAnnis of I.I. was assigned to prevent an alliance between the Federation and the Romulans. We must do all in our power to prevent this. The IKV IMIA KARDAC is on its way to Passarra's Dream, as we know the Romulans have plans in this area. Lt. Cmdr Kalika is currently working on an article on tayWam (Ritual Hunt) and documenting the events of Worf's life, starting from the death of his parents. Officers who are interesting in joining this project, please contact her.

KLINGON EMBASSY (tHingan rivSso') - Cmdr. Krysythe K'Mpec Ka-el zi has turned Embassy matters over to Lt. Koloth K'Tama for the time being. He was instructed to get in touch with Embassy personnel.

CAMPAIGN COORDINATION COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (Duplij ra'ghom) - Fleet Admiral K'Zhen epetai-Septar-Zu-Merz: From reports received this quarter, it would appear there is truth to the Romulan claim of an alien race operating along the neutral zone between Klingon and Romulan space. They call them ZYMERIANS. LCdr. Borg K'Mpec and Ensign Vallis tai-Druidh report actually encountering one apiece. I will debrief them personally to ascertain all they learned from their encounters. The Troubleshooters will remain in the area, along with other units of CMC, to search for the Zymerians. The Romulans have asked our help, but they are not making it easy for us with their interference in our affairs at Thisisit, Fooled Again, Passarra's Dream and Canchicka. We will continue to resist them in these areas of space and planets. The Romulan claim of having signed a peace agreement with Bajor troubles me. We must do all we can to cause problems for them in this area. The idea of a 'shape changing ship' is also disturbing. All efforts must be made to develop some means of identifying these.



**Feklars
Angels.**
Amateurs
need not
apply.

10 WAYS TO BATH A CAIT

(OR A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY TO THE BATHROOM). Gill Feroli

- 1 Before attempting this unnerving task, check that All your Life Insurance Policies are FULLY PAID UP! Your spouse or family will be ETERNALLY grateful to you for this little afterthought!
- 2 Invest in a good coat of armour and a pair of ultra thick woolie ear-muffs..... a screeching Cait makes a most unpleasant, if not ear splitting noise!
- 3 Try to catch the Cait unawares.....It would also be wise to throw in a prayer to Kahless or two.....you're gonna need ALL the help you can get!
- 4 Never attempt to catch a Cait by its tail.....you'd LOSE! Trying getting on its good side.....if you find one, let me know!
- 5 ALWAYS fill the bath with lots of 'Eau de Cait', no self respecting Cait would be seen in a bath without it....failing that try Mr Bubbly!
- 6 By now you should have your Cait in the foaming water.....wasn't that easy! Now to give a good wash! Never use a loofah....your Cait just might think you're playing and come back with an electric 'oy'naQ (painstick)....gives quite a BUZZ so I'm told!
- 7 Caits can get lonely in the bath....get it a friend! Preferably one it can Kill!
- 8 Always have a plate of tidbits handy...bribery always has a chance of working! I'd give 5 minutes for it to work...if it doesn't...well...you could always give it YOUR hand to nibble on!
- 9 Learn to breathe under water....your Cait just may wish to bath you! Beware of the Cait who asks you to play 'hunt the Alien' in the water....Yes, you've got it, you're the Alien, guess whose dinner!
- 10 Last but not least...have the very best manicurist in town standing by...Your Cait will relax more if it's being pampered! Having used you as a scratching board to clean its claws, you've only got to dry it. The best way is to stand well clear and hope to God it slips before reaching you....A Cait has a LONG memory and lives by the old motto:

WHAT'S GOOD FOR ME IS DEFINITELY GOOD FOR YOU

AND REMEMBER

A CAIT IS NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS.....IT'S FOREVER!





Earthlings boldly go to audition

And even
a Klingon
found his
way to the
museum!

by Samantha Kelly

They come from all walks of life — the bold, the shy, the few who've gone before.

More than 20 humans, androids, Vulcans, and other alien races at the Greater Manchester Museum, on 2nd Avenue, and Lupton, in addition to the Klingon audition, at the Great Old Tree, which is the only one in the city on May 20.

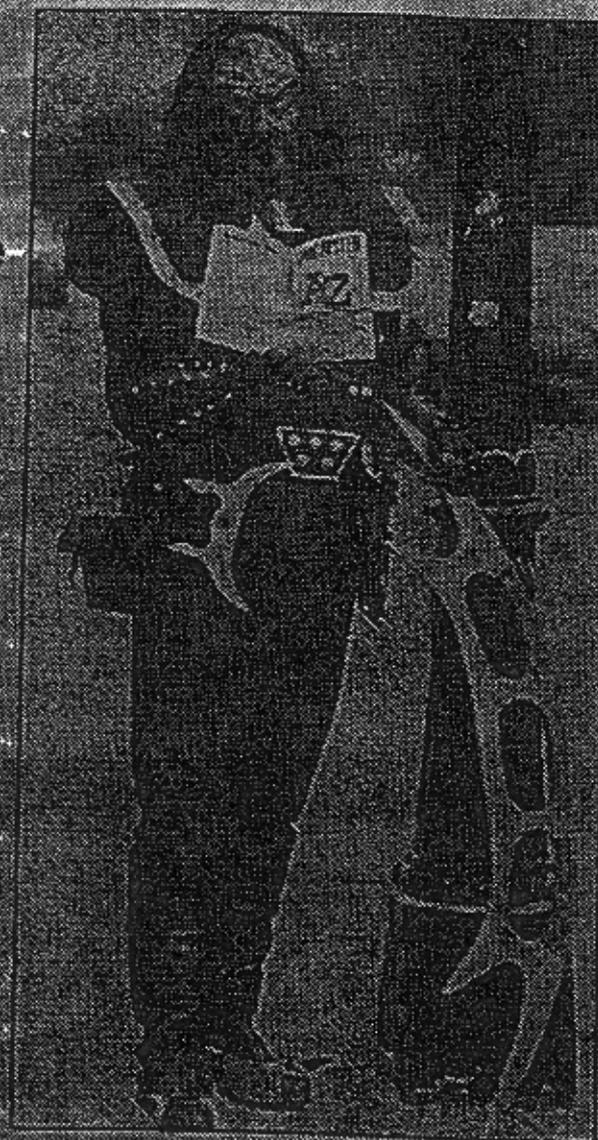
Auditions for the Klingon costume will be held at the Greater Manchester Museum, on 2nd Avenue, and Lupton, in addition to the Klingon audition, at the Great Old Tree, which is the only one in the city on May 20.

The costumes will be made from a specially prepared script.

Said John: "It's a terrific idea that I've been short-listed for."

The exhibition will feature a galaxy of sets, props, costumes and memorabilia from all seven Star Trek films, and the four TV series.

One of the key exhibits will be a specially commissioned large-scale model of the Starship Enterprise.



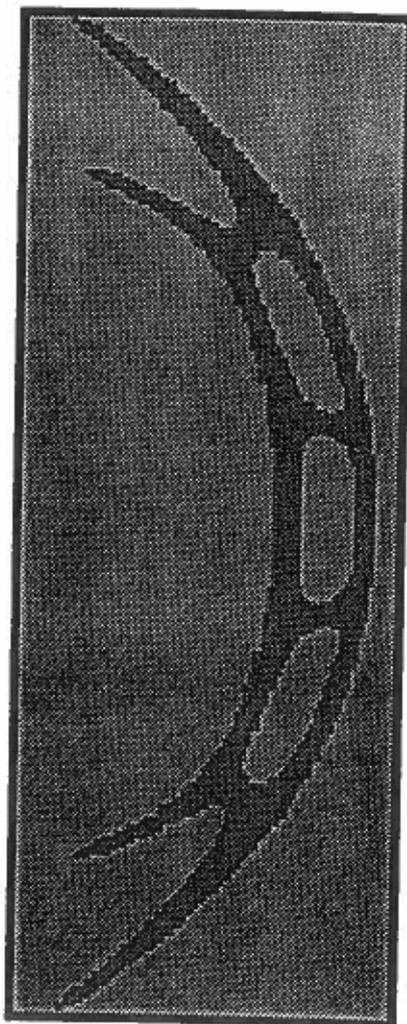
AS ANY Star Trek fan knows, the Klingons used to be the sworn enemies of Star Fleet.

But by the time we had progressed to Star Trek — The Next Generation, Klingons had become part of the Federation, with one even serving on board the Enterprise!

But the 'badde' image still clings to them — which possibly explains why John Penfith, of Winfield Avenue in Warrington is one of only a few prepared to BE one at Manchester's Star Fleet Club, where enthusiasts of Star Trek dress up as characters, plan trips to conventions and organise family fun days.

Said John: "Everyone wants to be Star Fleet officers, but Klingons are more fun, and just the tonic for people who want to get away from it all after work."

Anyone interested in becoming a Klingon is invited to contact John on 0161-434-6730. PICTURE: SIMON PENDRICH



NEWS FROM THE NET.

Gowron.....Shapeshifter?

For those of you who saw tonight's DS9, we know this season-ender's plot twist: Gowron is a Founder. An interesting turn of events. However Paramount has too much invested in the Gowron character, so I would like to offer my 2 cents as to how this will play out..

Shortly after the Cardassian attack on the Founder's homeworld, the Founders, rather than dirtying their own hands, somehow manage to kidnap Gowron and replace him with a changeling. Then, using the excuse of the changeling take over of Cardassia, the changeling Gowron attacks, thus repaying the Cardassians for their attack on the founders. The charade continues, with the Klingon Empire seemingly ready to go to war with the Federation. There again, having someone else do their dirty work. With the Alpha Quadrant weakened by war, the Dominion will then step in and easily take over. Of course, we all know this will never come to pass.

Instead, with Odo's realization of the switch, the DS9 crew will search for the real Gowron, then upon finding him, return to the Empire to expose the fake. Their success will avert the war with the Federation & allow Worf to once again be accepted as part of the Empire. The Dominion will slink back to the Gamma Quadrant, vowing to once again return...

While I'm pretty sure that Odo is right and that Gowron has been replaced (killed?), consider this. The founders are not stupid. They would know that allowing Odo to join the link would make their secrets vulnerable. So why take him in? Also, the founders obviously have many agents in place, so why did Odo find out only about Gowron? Surely there are others who have been replaced. This leads to the possibility that they may have wanted Odo to find out about Gowron. Hell, maybe they even lied about it somehow in order to increase tension even more between the Feds and Klingons. Don't know.

I think it probably is true though, makes sense and is a really cool plot twist. If the founders were going to take over active leadership of a race, the Klingons is a reasonable choice. They are warlike and nobody would be too damn surprised if they went on the warpath and started attacking everyone. Would be a bit more suspicious if the Feds, or even the Rommies did it.

Good premise, Ben, except for one thing. If you know something about Klingon culture (as I do), their one tenet regarding capture is that they will DIE before they allow it. If Gowron has been captured, if he is rescued he will be seen as dishonored by the High Council and possibly discommended; I on the other hand feel that since Gowron knows this, the real Gowron is dead and must have dragged quite a few changelings with him to their deaths. Only in this way could he reach Stovo'Kor safely, without being damned to Gre'thor at Veqlargh's feet. All else leads to dishonor.

I agree - and this adds a whole new significance to Worf's decision to have Kurn mindwiped and assigned a new identity...unless I'm mistaken, wasn't he (Kurn) the next in line for the Council? Of course, I'm assuming that Gowron had been replaced before the events in WOTW...and that therefore his exile of the House of Mogh had no binding effect - at least, IMO. Restoration of Worf's (and Kurn/whoever's) honor in the Empire would seem to be the honorable course for the Council for having falsely judged him. OTOH, it could also be argued that since Worf sided with the Federation anyway, whether or not it was the real Gowron ordering him to battle for the Empire is immaterial and that the judgement therefore stands as valid.

This is also based on the assumption that Federation/Klingon relations improve after the season opener...and it could go either way, as I see it. The Klingons *may* be mad enough to push ahead with the full-scale assault on the Dominion...and drag the Federation, the Bajorans, and the Cardassians into it with them (or against them) when they find out they've been infiltrated so easily. At least I'd expect them to get even more paranoid than is normal for Klingons (which, among Klingons, is pretty darn paranoid }:-)...and they might still be reluctant to let go of the worlds they so recently occupied. But I'd expect the

Federation to offer peace (and to cooperate against the Dominion), and the Klingons to at least acknowledge the offer if not fully take them up on it. It's going to be interesting to see what the writers do with this next season....

KAHLASS NEW JOB.

As everyone probably knows, Kahless is simply a Klingon figurehead with Gowron (the founder) actually running the Klingon High Command. So, we began to wonder what would happen if Kahless got kicked out of his job. How would he overcome this set back and rise once again to his personal pinnacle of greatness. He probably would have to start off with a menial job... something like selling "omnipedias" door to door. And he would very probably fail at that and move on to something like selling cooking utensils door to door before he discovered that door to door selling wasn't his cup of bloodwine. He'd probably move into some other form of sales because his years in politics has made him a people-person. And we thought long and hard as to what he would probably get into. We've come to the conclusion that it would be footwear. And we figure that with a catchy name, it would probably spawn Quonos-wide outlets. What would it be called.....? We think it would simply be known as "Kahless Shoes"!! :)

KLINGON WOMEN

One of the things I have always liked about the Klingons is the fact they seem to treat their men and women as equals. I'm cataloging my tapes of TNG, and I ran across a clip of Gowron telling Picard that women are not allowed to sit on the council. That statement made on STNG is incorrect, infact Chancellor Gorkon's daughter Atzbur(sp?) took her father's place as head of the Klingon HighCouncil in Star trek: 7.

Chancellor" is not the same thing as "leader of the High Council."

The American Heritage Dictionary says: chan-cel-lor n. Abbr. C. 1. Any of various officials of high rank, especially: a. A secretary to a monarch or noble. b. Chiefly British. The chief secretary of an embassy. c. The chief minister of state in some European countries. I think definition b fits the best; Gorkon and Azetbur were acting more as high-powered ambassadors than as the ultimate leaders of the Empire.

Gowron has many times has been referred to as Chancellor Gowron, as well as Councillor Gowron, and in the book "The Klingon Way", Aztebur was listed as Head of The Klingon High Council.

KLINGON GODS

Recently in the DS9 ep "Homefront" Worf said of Klingon dieties, "Our Gods are dead...Ancient Klingon warriors slew them...they were more trouble than they were worth." Now it seems to me that, more than just being cute, this line explains a major multi-series continuity goof onST.

Way, way back in the TOS ep "Day of the Dove" Kang says something to Kirk to the effect that "Klingons have no devil!". On the other hand, in the TNG ep "Devil's Due" the villainous Ardra briefly morphs into "Fecklar", who appears to be the Klingon version of Satan. So the question stood—was there a Klingon devil or wasn't there?

Worf's line explains this discrepancy. "Fecklar" was apparently part of the Klingon pantheon of gods (as Loki, god of evil, was part of the Aesir or Pluto was a member of the Olympians) and was slain by those aforementioned ancient Klingon warriors. When Kang said that Klingons had no devil, he meant they had no devil *anymore*.

Alternatively.... the actual function of FeQ'lar was more a guardian of the dishonored dead, more like a very intelligent C erberus. Of course,that still begs the question of who decides which Klingons wind up in its domain.



The Express Experience by Arizhel

We had a meeting in London on Saturday towards the end of April for all Klingons and friends in our sector. We had a good turnout which was just as well as we also had with us a reporter from the Sunday Express who wanted to do an article on us for the magazine section. We were possibly a disappointment to him as we were all disguised as Terrans and blended in perfectly with the rest of the inhabitants, except for our habit of congregating in vast numbers on the pavements saying "Where shall we go?" We did have with us some photos of the Neutral Zone con so he was able to see what we looked like properly dressed up.

The reporter, whose name is Mike, wanted us to do a raid in full costume on a well-known and very expensive London night club (Stringfellows), with of course, photographers covering the event. The Saturday the raid was planned, Kara and I were at a little one-day convention in Wiltshire where I got involved in a photo shoot for a local paper, having already been interviewed by a local reporter. You'd think they'd never seen a Klingon before! It was a hot day and people preferred to be outside rather than sitting indoors watching videos, so we felt fully justified in leaving early, but even then did not have much time to spare. The plan was for everyone to meet up at Pages Bar in London, famous as London's Star Trek pub. Kara and I got to the station at High Wycombe in time to catch a train to London. We planned to get changed in the toilets at Marylebone Station in London. It was either that or wait till we got to Pages Bar to get changed and we know how packed Pages is on a Saturday night. Anyway, the train was cancelled, so we realised we weren't going to have time to get changed anywhere in London. Instead we got into costume and makeup in the waiting room at High Wycombe. We emerged onto the platform in full costume and makeup as the next train pulled in. Unluckily, the train calls at Wembley station and there had been a big football match there that afternoon, so loads of drunk football fans got on, who, unlike the rest of the passengers, did not ignore the fact that they were sharing a carriage with a couple of Klingons. We pointedly ignored them both on the train and while waiting for a taxi to turn up at the taxi rank outside Marylebone Station. We had already decided that we were not travelling on the underground in full uniform! We met the others at Pages Bar. It was lucky we were already changed as we found T'Uhlor and Lusciouslips fighting for the available space in the Ladies as they tried to get changed. We emerged and went for a drink at the bar. No sooner had we got glasses in our hands than we were told we were off to Stringfellows. I don't think I have ever drunk a half of cider so fast! Congregating outside, for the first time we saw Mike in full costume and makeup. He was the image of Kurn. Wow!!!!

Again, we hailed taxis to take us to Stringfellows. As the first one pulled up, we asked how many the cab would take. The driver, straight faced, replied that he was licensed to take five Klingons, so five of us piled in. He said that as it was a warm night the taxi drivers were expecting it to be busy with some unusual happenings, and he thought we were one of the happenings! Certainly we nearly caused a traffic accident as another driver pulled out, saw all of us in the cab, and swerved all over the road as we waved sweetly at him. We have yet to work out how, but we arrived to find everyone else had arrived before us in spite of our taking the first taxi!

We discovered the photographer was not ready when we arrived, so we all went into the club and Mike bought a drink all round. You could almost hear the Express' profits taking a nose dive. Stringfellows is famous for being expensive. We hung around for a while, then finally they were ready to snap us 'sneaking' into the club. By this time other photographers had learned something was happening, so we were asked to pose for a host of pictures. Having got the outside shots, the next phase was to take some photos of us inside the club. Unfortunately the best place to do this would have been the dance floor, but this part wasn't open till 11.30pm and we wanted the shoot to be over by then. With the subdued lighting and the black walls upstairs the conditions for a photographer were a nightmare so in the end they asked us to pose on the bandstand, which did at least have some light. Kambei and Lusciouslips were placed at the piano, Kranze at the electronic keyboard, T'Uhlor on the drums, Ke'reth and Kara with other instruments, while I was supposed to be playing the guitar and Mike was supposed to be singing. After the photographer had taken the pictures we females dived into the changing rooms to get changed and catch our last trains home. The guys did not at first realise we had gone and hung around, partly for us, but partly to see if they could pick up one of the beautiful girls at the club. They stood no chance! These girls can smell money from miles off, and our guys did not even come into the picture as far as they were concerned. Mike had been expecting to see some famous people and sure enough, he saw his childhood hero, Larry Adler. He marched up to him, forgetting he was still dressed as a Klingon, and scared the living daylights out of him!

This was not the end of the story. The reporter, Mike, wanted to do some 'before and after' photos of a Klingon, a Romulan and a Feddy, so he asked us to go along to a studio in London on the Tuesday to have some professional photos done. They had even hired a professional make-up artist for the studio shots, so she made me a proper Klingon nose, and she made quite sure that you don't see the join between the headpiece and the skin. The photographer said the pictures taken inside Stringfellows looked staged and too static, so he did not recommend that Mike use any of those in the article, though he did want to use one of the pictures taken of us all outside as it went with his story. He tried to give everyone a mention in his article and even rang me to check the spellings of people's names. The article, all four pages of it, appeared on Sunday 19th May. Another memento for my children to cringe over!



BRITISH CONVENTION DIARY

Lightspeed '96

Date: September 13th-15th 1996
 Location: Hilton Hotel, Leeds
 Contact: 16 Bramwell Street, Eastwood,
 Rotherham, South Yorks,
 S65 1RZ
 Guests: Babara March,

Constitution III

Date: September 27th-29th 1996
 Location: Manor Hotel, Hever Court Road,
 Gravesend, Kent
 Contact: Constitution III, 115 The Brent,
 Dartford, Kent DA1 1YH.

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Date: October 4th-6th 1996
 Location: Holiday Inn, Leicester
 Contact: Terry Elson, 8 Ennerdale Close,
 Oadby, Leics,
 LE2 4TN

Assimilation '96

Date: October 11th-14th 1996
 Location: Britannia Hotel, Daventry,
 Northampton
 Contact: Assimilation Conventions,
 77 Holyrood Ave, South Harrow,
 Middx, HA2 8UD,
 Guests: Andrew Robinson - Garak Deep
 Space9
 Jason Carter - Marcus Cole Babylon 5

Cult TV 1996

Date: October 25th-28th 1996
 Location: Caister, Gt. Yarmouth
 Contact: Cult TV '96, P.O.Box 1701, Peterborough,