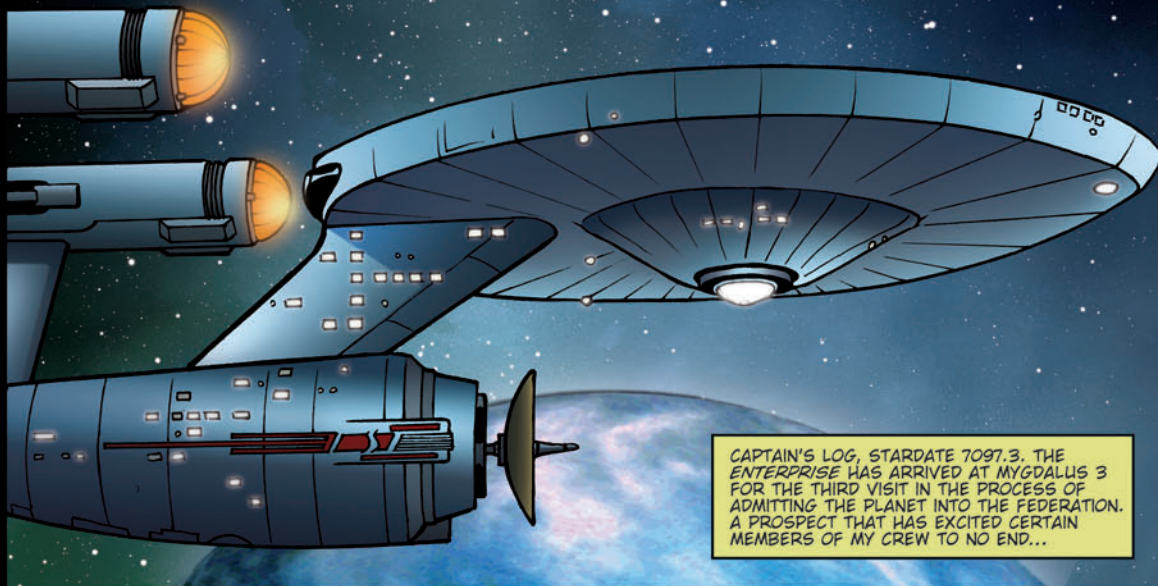


UNCERTAIN PRESCRIPTIONS



CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 7097.3. THE ENTERPRISE HAS ARRIVED AT MYGDALUS 3 FOR THE THIRD VISIT IN THE PROCESS OF ADMITTING THE PLANET INTO THE FEDERATION. A PROSPECT THAT HAS EXCITED CERTAIN MEMBERS OF MY CREW TO NO END...



I'M TELLING YOU, JIM. THESE MEDICAL REPORTS WE'RE RECEIVING FROM THE MYGDALIANS ARE UNBELIEVABLE!

MASSIVE, SYSTEMIC ORGAN DAMAGE HEALED WITHOUT RISK OF INFECTION. RECOVERY TIME REDUCED TO MINUTES, NOT DAYS! IT'S JUST INCREDIBLE WORK THEY'RE DOING.



LOOKING TO PICK UP A TRICK OR TWO, BONES?

WE SHOULD BE SO LUCKY. ADMITTING THE MYGDALIANS TO THE FEDERATION WOULD BE A BOON FOR MEDICAL SCIENCE ON A THOUSAND WORLDS.

SO ADMIRAL KOMACK TELLS ME. HE WAS RATHER EMPHATIC THAT THIS EVALUATION FOR ADMITTANCE RUN SMOOTHLY.



CAPTAIN, IF I MAY REMIND YOU, TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO ADMIT A PLANET INTO THE FEDERATION. SOCIETAL READINESS, POLITICAL STABILITY AND MANY OTHER FACTORS MUST BE CONSIDERED—

OF COURSE, MR. SPOCK. I'M MERELY RELAYING THE ADMIRAL'S ENCOURAGEMENT.



NOT ALL SOCIETIES CAN GET BY ON CHARM ALONE LIKE YOU VULCANS, MR. SPOCK.

IF BY "CHARM" YOU MEAN A LACK OF IRRATIONALITY AND IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOR, DOCTOR, I AM FORCED TO AGREE.



RECEIVING A TRANSMISSION FROM THE MYGDALIANS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, CAPTAIN. THEY ARE READY TO RECEIVE US.

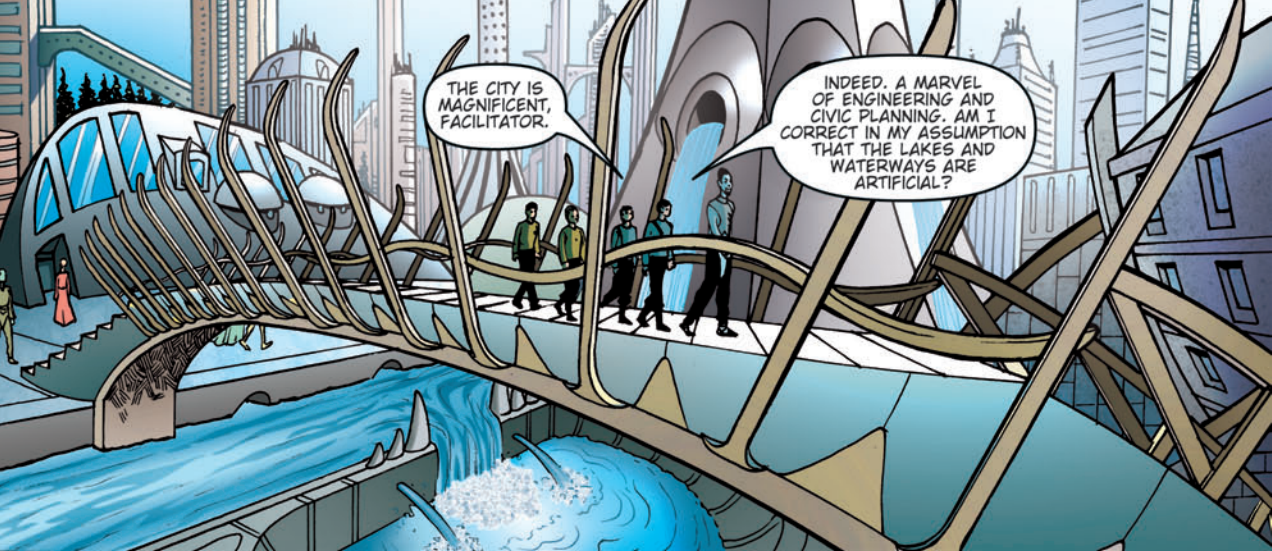
VERY GOOD, LIEUTENANT. SIGNAL THEM TO EXPECT OUR ARRIVAL.



LIEUTENANT THOMPSON, YOU'RE WITH US.

AYE, SIR.

GENTLEMEN, I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME FOR A HOUSE CALL.



THE CITY IS MAGNIFICENT, FACILITATOR.

INDEED. A MARVEL OF ENGINEERING AND CIVIC PLANNING. AM I CORRECT IN MY ASSUMPTION THAT THE LAKES AND WATERWAYS ARE ARTIFICIAL?



I DON'T KNOW THAT I'D SAY "ARTIFICIAL," MR. SPOCK. IS IT NO LESS REAL AND PLEASING TO THE SENSES BECAUSE IT WAS CREATED BY DESIGN?

MY APOLOGUES, FACILITATOR. I MEANT NO OFFENSE.



AND NO OFFENSE WAS TAKEN. I WAS MERELY ILLUSTRATING ONE OF THE CENTRAL TENETS OF OUR SOCIETY: IMPROVEMENT SHOULD BE EMBRACED, NOT FEARED.

WHICH NO DOUBT APPLIES TO YOUR MEDICAL TECHNIQUES AS WELL, FACILITATOR. THE REPORTS AND DATA YOU'VE FORWARDED TO STARFLEET MEDICAL ARE SIMPLY ASTOUNDING.



THANK YOU, DOCTOR. WE'RE EAGER TO SHARE OUR GIFTS AND SERVICES WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE FEDERATION. SURELY THERE ARE MANY WHO MAY BENEFIT.



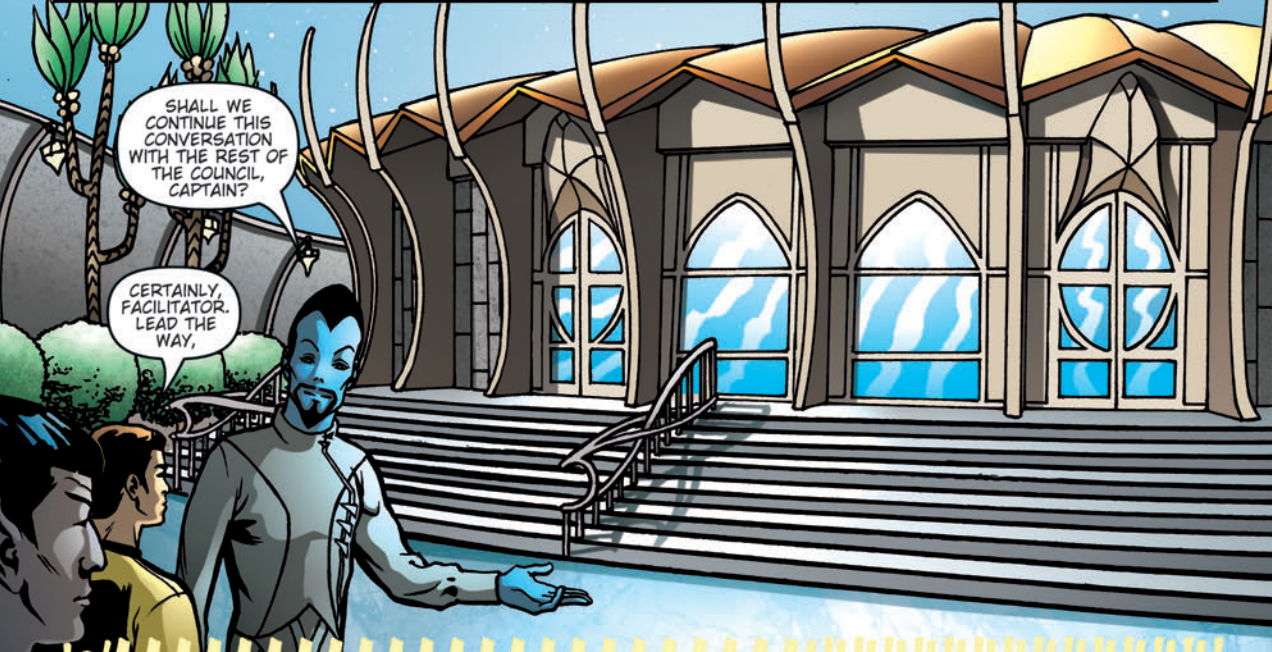
FACILITATOR. THE PREVIOUS FEDERATION EVALUATION PARTIES INDICATED A CERTAIN... *RETICENCE* ON YOUR PART TO ALLOW A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO YOUR MEDICAL RESEARCH.



NOT AT ALL, CAPTAIN. IT'S JUST THAT SO MUCH OF OUR WORK HERE IS DICTATED BY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OUR PATIENTS. IT'S TAKING TIME TO ACQUIRE THE PROPER PERMISSIONS TO OBTAIN THE KIND OF FAR-REACHING DATA YOUR FEDERATION REQUESTED.



BUT YOU'LL FIND US TO BE VERY COOPERATIVE, I ASSURE YOU.



SHALL WE CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION WITH THE REST OF THE COUNCIL, CAPTAIN?

CERTAINLY, FACILITATOR. LEAD THE WAY.



WHAT'S THAT?!

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! QUICKLY, UP THE STEPS!