

CAPTAIN'S LOG. STARDATE: 1136.2. THE ENTERPRISE IS PARTICIPATING IN A FIRST CONTACT MISSION WITH THE SPIDER CIVILIZATION OF ARCHERNAR IV.

AS BIG AS OUR MOON, ARCHERNAR IV IS NOT A NATURAL FORMATION, BUT THE REMAINS OF A HUGE, ANCIENT SPACE STATION, ABANDONED BY A CREW OF GIANTS MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, AND LEFT IN ORBIT IN THE ARCHERNAR SYSTEM WITH THE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS STILL ON.

OVER THAT TIME, THE LOWER LIFE FORMS THAT HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND—THE INSECTS—EVOLVED INTO A RACE OF SENTIENT BEINGS WITH A UNIQUE CULTURE AND SCIENCE. THEIR RECENT EXPERIMENTAL WARP FLIGHT TO A NEIGHBORING STAR HAS MADE THE ARCHERNARIANS PRIME CANDIDATES FOR CONTACT WITH THE FEDERATION.

WE'LL BE WORKING WITH A STARFLEET PLANETARY SURVEY TEAM COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN CASSADY. SHE'S BEEN COVERTLY OBSERVING THE ARCHERNARIAN SOCIETY FOR SIX MONTHS, AND COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS MISSION, NOT ONLY FOR THE CHANCE TO SEE THIS UNUSUAL WORLD, BUT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE ENTERPRISE CREW IN ACTION.

WE'LL BE OUT HERE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TOGETHER.

KELSO!
MOVE!

IT'S ABOUT TIME I SEE HOW THEY'LL FUNCTION AS A TEAM.









