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A SAVAGE WORLD OF GLASS AND BONE PART 5

*The Tzenkethi Coalition stands at the brink of war.*

*On one side: the Romulan Star Empire, who have offered alliance to the Tzenkethi in exchange for the use of their state-of-the-art war fleet.*

*On the other: the Cardassian Reclamation, who stand ready to engage the fleet the moment it launches to spark the next galactic war.*

*Standing between these three titanic powers: Captain Benjamin Sisko and the U.S.S. Theseus.*

*But peace has been brutally elusive. Much of the Theseus crew has been killed or injured on Tzenketh, including communications officer Lily Sato, whose personal trauma with the Tzenkethi drives her toward a dark path.*

*Now, as the planet itself continues to exhibit strange tectonic behavior, the Tzenkethi fleet prepares to launch.*

*The time for peace has passed.*

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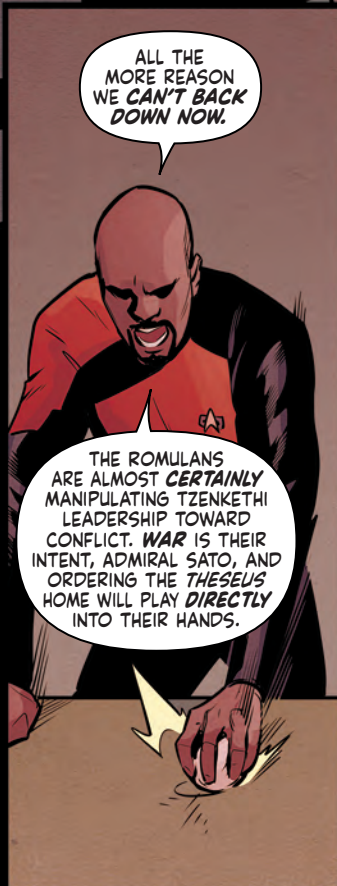
TIME'S UP,  
BENJAMIN.

I **REFUSE**  
TO BELIEVE THAT.  
AS LONG AS THERE IS  
AIR IN MY LUNGS, I WILL  
NOT CEDE THE FUTURE  
OF **TWO WORLDS** TO  
**ANNIHILATION.**



IT'S NOT  
YOUR CALL ANYMORE.  
THE INTEL'S CLEAR. THE  
TZENKETHI FLEET IS GOING TO  
LAUNCH AND THE CARDASSIANS  
WILL MEET THEM ABOVE THE  
PLANET. WHEN THEY DO, IT  
WON'T BE TO PLAY EDOSIAN  
SPRINGJACK.

WHOEVER  
WINS, STARFLEET  
LOSES.



ALL THE  
MORE REASON  
WE **CAN'T BACK**  
**DOWN NOW.**

THE ROMULANS  
ARE ALMOST **CERTAINLY**  
MANIPULATING TZENKETHI  
LEADERSHIP TOWARD  
CONFLICT. **WAR** IS THEIR  
INTENT, ADMIRAL SATO, AND  
ORDERING THE **THESEUS**  
HOME WILL PLAY **DIRECTLY**  
INTO THEIR HANDS.



YOUR JOB  
WAS TO CONVINCE  
THE TZENKETHI TO SIDE  
WITH US. IF THAT'S NOT  
DONE, BEN, IT'S NOT  
THE ADMIRALTY'S  
FAULT.

HRRN. THERE'VE  
BEEN CERTAIN...  
COMPLICATIONS.



THIS  
PLANET PLAYS  
HARDBALL.





BEN, THIS IS **MY** FAULT. I GAVE YOU AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION, HOPING FOR A MIRACLE. AFTER ALL, IF ANYONE COULD HAVE DONE IT, IT WAS GOING TO BE YOU.

BUT YOU'RE FACING A LANDSLIDE ON TZENKETH...AND IT WON'T STOP BECAUSE **YOU'RE** THE ONE STANDING IN ITS WAY.



SIR, RESPECTFULLY, TO DO **NOTHING** WOULD BE TO TURN OUR BACK ON EVERYTHING STARFLEET STANDS FOR. WAR DOES NOT NEED TO BE THE ONLY OPTION. WE CAN **AND WILL** FIND ANOTHER WAY.



APOLOGIES, BEN. I WASN'T CLEAR.

THAT WAY HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND.



IN FACT, WE'VE HAD THIS CONTINGENCY IN PLACE FROM THE START.



grrp

...KINGSNAKE.





THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, COMMANDER. NO SHIPS HAVE BROKEN ATMOSPHERE. HE HASN'T LEFT.

I WOULD HYPOTHESIZE THAT LIEUTENANT KIM IS UTILIZING AN **ANTI-SURVEILLANCE FIELD**, WHICH WOULD IMPLY THAT WHATEVER HIS CURRENT COURSE OF ACTION IS...

IT'S SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DOING.

FIND HIM, MR. DATA.

AT ANY COST.

SISKO TO DATA. I NEED EYES ON **HARRY KIM**.

ACCORDING TO OUR SCANS, CAPTAIN, **HARRY KIM** DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ON THE PLANET TZENKETH.

YES, SIR.



ADMIRAL...SECRETS DON'T HELP ANYONE ANYMORE. TO HELL WITH COMPARTMENTALIZATION.

WHAT ARE HIS ORDERS?

PROTECTING PEACE. AT ANY COST.



LIKE I SAID. STARFLEET COMMAND NEEDED A MIRACLE...





...BUT WE'LL  
SETTLE FOR AN  
ACT OF GOD."

beep  
beep  
beep





HARRY...  
ARE WE REALLY  
DOING THIS?

LILY...  
I KNOW THIS  
IS HARD...

...BUT  
IT'S ALREADY  
DONE.

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