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Regarding the fan fiction section, the “Strange New Worlds” books are “official” fan fiction and often fill in gaps or attempt to bring together storylines from the TV series and/or novels that, at first and maybe second glance, appear to conflict. The book by N.R. Hargus was, at one time, available as a paperback. The stories by John Eric Ege are published on free-ebooks.com, where you found my series of Star Trek novel summaries. I’m including a couple of Orville books as fan fiction as well. Undoubtedly there are more fan fics out there, but the best fan fic series of all time, as far as I’m concerned, is the “Star Wreck” series from Leah Rewolinski.

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Enterprise

By The Book

Dean Wesley Smith & Kristine Kathryn Rusch

Captain Jonathan Archer is excited when the Enterprise comes across an inhabited planet and is eager to contact the inhabitants (who have just made their first trial warp flight). However, there are difficulties understanding their extremely structured language, and Archer delays first contact until they have worked out how to communicate. In the meantime, they discover that a second continent is inhabited by creatures who live both on land and in the sea, but who appear to have no developed technology. T'Pol argues against contacting anyone on the planet, but finally they arrange a meeting with the developed inhabitants, the Fazi, but the meeting does not go well when Archer inadvertently breaks their rigid protocol. While they work at getting a deeper understanding of the Fazi, with hopes of arranging a more successful meeting, there are some anomalies noticed about the occupants of the other continent (who are large crab-type creatures) and a shuttle is sent down to investigate an apparently abandoned village. While the team is investigating, some of the creatures emerge from the ocean, and the team attempt to escape, but one collapses and has to be emergency-beamed off the planet, and unfortunately one of the crab-like creatures gets beamed aboard the Enterprise as well. After much study, T'Pol comes to realize that the crab-like creatures converse by telepathy, but at a level that is unbearable for most races. They manage to construct a shield against the psionic energy, and Archer is able to communicate with the creature, which identifies itself as a Hipon. It turns out that the Hipon are not native to the planet, and after their arrival had tried to make contact with the Fazi, but that had resulted in injury and death to the Fazi, so they had ended up keeping separate, and most of their technology is underwater, out of sight. The strictly organized culture of the Fazi had resulted from this abortive contact. Archer is finally able to understand the cultures on the planet, and a second meeting ends up with the Fazi agreeing to continued contact with the Federation, but Archer has come to realize that such cultures need to develop at their own pace.

What Price Honor

Dave Stern

The Enterprise had responded to what it believed was a distress signal from a planetoid orbiting Eris Alpha III and discovers a colony that has apparently been wiped out, although on investigation they find one unconscious survivor among some ancient tombstone-like pieces of equipment, and the first of the Enterprise crew, Alana Hart, to find this survivor is then discovered lying unconscious close to him. Three alien vessels soon arrive and demand that Enterprise hand over the survivor, who they blame for the destruction of the colony. Alana recovers but is suffering from amnesia and, when she attacks another crewman, she is subdued by a phaser blast on stun, but the blast kills her. An ambassador, Valay, from the other alien ships is invited, along with other members of the alien crew, to come aboard Enterprise to discuss the situation. The ambassador claims that the survivor, Goridian, is from another race, the Ta'alaat, with whom their race, the Sarkassians, are at war. Malcolm Reed befriends one of

the Sarkassians, Commander Roan, and discovers that the Sarkassians are using technology from an ancient, and now lost race (the Anu'anshee), and the Ta'alaat consider this long-lost race to be gods, and that is the cause of the animosity. Goridian requests a private meeting with Ambassador Valay, but that meeting ends with Valay killing Goridian. After the Sarkassians have left Enterprise and gone down to the planet's surface, it is noticed that weapon fire is occurring down there, and it is discovered that a dispute has broken out between factions loyal to Valay and those loyal to Roan, and Valay is causing all transmissions into and out of the region to be blocked. Desiring to find out what is going on, and to try to find out what happened to Alana, the Enterprise rescues Roan. He is puzzled by Valay's actions, declaring them unlike her, and it seems to be that she is endeavoring to create a dispute between the Sarkassians and the Federation. Roan requests and is granted the right to return to the planetoid, and Reed goes down with him. They finally discover that the tombstone like equipment gives to ability for a person to move their consciousness from one person to another, and Goridian had taken over Alana's body, then moved back to his own, and had later taken over Valay. Valay/Goridian tries to take over Reed's body, but Alana had previously transferred herself to Reed, and she now fights off Goridian by joining her consciousness with Valay/Goridian and holding him/them until Reed is able to kill him/them. [Timeline: circa January 2151]

Surak's Soul

J.M. Dillard

The Enterprise receives a welcome call from the planet Kappa Xi II and, arriving there, they find a medical emergency and very few lifesigns. They only get one of the planet's inhabitants (called the Oani) back to Enterprise alive, and she dies soon after. One of the inhabitants was crazed and attacked one of the crew, and T'Pol fired a stun setting on him, but he died. T'Pol tells Captain Archer that she will never take another person's life and refuses to carry or be instrumental in the use of a weapon. It is discovered that the Oani had believed they had been infested by a virus too small for them to locate, and had willingly given their lives, rather than even try to kill a virus. T'Pol starts getting mental messages from an energy being some distance away from the planet, and the being claims to have knowledge of what killed the Oani. It asks for, and is granted, permission to come aboard, and states that the Oani were actually killed by a form of radiation unknown to the Enterprise crew, and they need to leave the area, or they will be similarly affected. Soon after this, Dr. Phlox collapses, apparently suffering from the same affliction. Meanwhile, Hoshi has been trying to interpret the records of a deceased doctor from the planet, and discovers that the doctor had finally concluded, just before he died, that it was the energy creature, who called itself Wanderer, that was behind the deaths, but Hoshi collapses before she can report the findings. Captain Archer had been getting suspicious of Wanderer's callous behavior, and T'Pol is instructed to question the creature, and she discovers that it feeds on the electrical energy of living creatures, but only ones that it considers non-sentient. Its definition of sentience is based on whether the other creature can communicate with it or not, and T'Pol is the only one that it considers sentient on Enterprise. It had been noticed that Wanderer stayed clear of the engine room, so the crew is rounded up to shelter there (Wanderer has disabled communications on the ship), but then Wanderer turns the ship around and starts heading towards Earth. It is realized that the thing that keeps Wanderer away from the engine room is the electricity there, and they devise a weapon to give the creature an electrical jolt, which disables it to some extent, but it recovers. Then T'Pol suggests a method of passive resistance, and they sit

joined in two semicircles and when the creature tries to feed off them, their combined force drains it, and they are able to capture it, and a Vulcan ship arrives and takes it, hoping to rehabilitate it. A memorial is erected in memory of the Oani, and T'Pol changes her mind about never carrying a weapon, because you can take a good principle to extremes.

Daedalus – Part One of Two

Dave Stern

Trip (Commander Charles Tucker III) is reminded of the Daedalus project (an attempt to produce an ion-drive warp vessel, that had resulted in the explosion of the vessel and the disintegration of all aboard) when analysis of the Suliban cell-ship indicates that could be its propulsion system. At around the same time, the Enterprise is investigating an anomaly in the Cole One-twenty-eight system, and it is decided to utilize the cell-ship for the close-up study, because the Denari (a spacefaring, but pre-warp people) might be able to spot the Enterprise itself. However, as the Enterprise approaches the point where the cell-ship is to be launched from, it hits a gravitic mine, and then finds itself under attack from Denari ships beyond the previously observed capabilities of the Denari. Trip and Hoshi escape in the cloaked cell-ship but it gets damaged, and they have to send out an SOS. They get rescued by another Denari vessel, the Guild ship Eclipse, captained by Kairn, and they learn that the Enterprise was attacked by ships belonging to Sadir, who had seized rulership over the Denari several years previous, and had gained knowledge of warp technology from people who were now held captive at Vox Four. The Eclipse and two other ships of the Guild had already had plans to rescue these people from Vox Four, and Trip takes part in the assault, but the only person rescued turns out to be Victor Brodesser who had headed up the Daedalus Project. Seemingly, part of the Daedalus had been destroyed when it went to warp, but the rest of the ship had created and traveled through the anomaly that Enterprise had been studying and they had met up with the Denari, and Sadir in particular. Captain Duvall had ended up as Sadir's consort but most of the remaining crew had died, and Brodesser had been taken captive. With the information that Brodesser is able to provide, the Guild stage an attempt to capture Sadir, but they find that Sadir was expecting them, and Trip ends up as Sadir's captive, but is rescued when Kairn's team arrives, and Sadir commits suicide rather than be captured. But during the failed kidnap attempt, Trip comes to realize that they are actually in an alternate universe, and the mine that had hit the Enterprise had traveled through the anomaly from that alternate universe (in the 'regular' universe Daedalus had been destroyed and had not interfered with the development of the Denari).

Daedalus – Part Two of Two

Dave Stern

With Sadir dead, his generals start trying to grab power, and battlelines start to be drawn between at least two of them: Elson, who ends up in control of the Kresh on Denari, and Makandros, who joins his fleet up with Kairn's Guild convoy. Trip and Hoshi, along with Brodesser, take the Suliban cell-ship and locate the Enterprise. Travis is helping to crew the Enterprise and comes to realize that the cell-ship is following them, and he gets them beamed aboard and they manage to retake control of the ship from Peranda (one of Elson's men). Captain Archer and most of the Enterprise crew had staged a break from captivity at Rava One and get back on the Enterprise

after being given use of one of Makandros' ships. They find that Captain Duvall and her son Lee (Leeman) are onboard, being taken to Denari, but Captain Archer discovers that the boy is not actually Sadir's son, but the son of the Captain Archer in that universe. Captain Duvall and Doctor Trant get killed by a booby trap that Peranda had set, and then both sides in the conflict are trying to get control of Lee to use him to forward their goals. In the end, Lee and Archer beam down to the Kresh, and Elson gets shot when he tries to detain Lee. Lee starts moving Denari towards a more democratic form of government as the Enterprise makes its return through the anomaly (having found that the records they needed for the passage had been accidentally recorded by the sensors on the cell-ship).

Rosetta

Dave Stern

The Enterprise finds its way blocked by vessels that seem to be protecting some border in space. Although the vessels are broadcasting a message of some kind, Hoshi is unable to decipher it. The Enterprise goes around the protected region, and in doing so they enter an area ruled by the Thelasian Trading Confederacy, headed up by Maxim Sen, who Travis has had a bad encounter with in the past. The Thelasians have also been having problems with the mysterious alien ships that Enterprise had encountered, and they had rescued an Andorian, Theera, from them. Theera had named the aliens as the Antianna but doesn't seem to recall anything else about the encounter, or of her past life. Sen has been negotiating a secret deal with the Klingons who border Thelasian territory, and he plans to escape the collapsing confederacy. When he finds that Jonathan Archer has a price on his head by the Klingons, he kidnaps him when he makes his escape. Meanwhile, the Thelasians launch an armada to attack the Antianna, and Hoshi goes along aboard a Kanthropian vessel (the Kanthropians are trying to decipher the Antianna signal and act as mediators). Hoshi and the Kanthropians discover a possible link between the Antianna and the long-lost Barreon, with whom the Thelasian's forebears (the Allied Worlds) had fought a devastating war. When the armada is met by a large fleet of Antianna ships, the Kanthropian vessel broadcasts a message to them based on the ancient Barreon word 'ondeanna', meaning 'join', and Hoshi is among a group that goes out to meet an Antianna ship that appears to be making a peaceful approach. She gets beamed aboard the ship and finally discovering that the ships are being controlled by an old Barreon artificial intelligence that is seeking its old masters. When it learns from Hoshi's memories that there are no Barreon remaining, it and its ships mysteriously disappear. This turns out to be good for Archer, who had by this time taken Sen captive but was on a derelict ship about to be attacked by an Antianna ship, before it suddenly vanished. [Timeline: between December 27, 2254, and January 19, 2255, i.e., between the episodes "Bound" and "Demon", around Stardate 1247.8]

Last Full Measure

Michael A. Martin and Andy Mangels

The Enterprise crew and the MACOs are getting frustrated with their lack of success at tracking the Xindi, but the Xindi are getting a bit anxious at the fact that Enterprise is still actively searching for them, and Degra talks the other Xindi species into agreeing to set a trap for Enterprise. Archer learns that the Xindi have been visiting the planet Kaletoo, and they track

down someone (La'an Trahve) who has been seen dealing with the Xindi reptilians. Archer, Reed, O'Neill, Chandra and a group of MACOs headed by Major Joss Hayes kidnap Trahve aboard his own vessel (the Helkev Torvo) and force him to take them to the Xindi facility he has visited, and Archer gets O'Neill and Chandra to follow in Shuttlepod One, to act as backup (Chandra dies in an attack when they return to the shuttlepod). An ion trail that appears to be exhaust from a Xindi ship or ships is found by Enterprise's sensors, and Mayweather and a group of MACOs headed by Corporal Chang are sent out aboard Shuttlepod Two to investigate where the trail leads. Trip's group discovers an automated Xindi facility that is mining an isotope, and Chang decides to plant explosives and destroy it (against Mayweather's advice), and they succeed in doing so, also destroying a Xindi ship that arrives at an inappropriate time. One MACO dies and the whole group might have, except for innovative thinking by Mayweather. As Archer's group are approaching the Xindi facility that Trahve has led them to, Archer comes to realize they are walking into a trap. He is unable to break free of the tractor beam the Xindi place on the Helkev Torvo until Archer manages to set the warp drive towards overload, and the Xindi are then eager to get rid of the potential bomb. Shuttlepod Two arrives to rescue Archer and his group, but is unable to dock, and Archer and the others have to do a spacewalk without environmental suits to get from one ship to the other. When the Helkev Torvo explodes it destroys the Xindi facility as well. Archer realizes that the actions of his two groups haven't brought them any closer to finding the Xindi and their weapon, but they probably have slowed them down a bit. At the age of 121 (in the year 2238), Trip finally visits the monument originally erected for the victims of the Xindi attack on Earth (but later dedicated to the victims of other wars as well), and he is assisted by the grandson of one of the MACOs who had been on his mission. While at the monument, Trip almost gets knocked over by an over-exuberant child with the name of James Kirk. [Timeline: summer of 2153, twelve weeks into the Enterprise's search of the Delphic Expanse, between the TV episodes "The Xindi" and "Anomaly"]

The Good That Men Do

Andy Mangels & Michael A. Martin

Ageing Nog and Jake Sisko review recently declassified records that seem to rewrite the history from around the time of the founding of the Federation.

About three weeks before the anticipated signing of the treaty that will form the start of the Coalition of Planets, Trip Tucker is getting frustrated by the lack of official action by the authorities regarding the Romulan threat, and he signs up with the bureau (Section 31) to do an undercover operation into Romulan territory to attempt to disrupt their Warp 7 plans. Around the same time, the Romulans sponsor a raid by Orions that capture a group of Aenar (albino telepaths) from Andoria, one of whom is Jhamel, the beloved of Shran (an Andorian military man), and he and one of her bondmates (Theras) contact Captain Archer. Archer defies orders from Admiral Gardner and tracks the captives down and recovers them. However, Theras sacrifices his pacifist beliefs and his life to facilitate the rescue. The Romulans had planned on using the Aenar to pilot more of their telepresence ships.

Trip stages his death and gets changed by the Adigeons to look like a Romulan, which he is surprised to find is almost identical to looking Vulcan and made to appear identical to Cunaehr, the deceased assistant to Doctor Ehrehin who has been leading the so-far unsuccessful Roman

Warp 7 program. Trip is told by his Section 31 associate, Phuong, that Ehrehin has defected to a Romulan dissident group, the Ejhoi Ormiin, but he finds that Ehrehin has actually been captured by the group, and the group's leader, known as Ch'uihv, is actually a renegade Vulcan who Trip recognizes as Sopek. Trip manages to escape with Ehrehin (after Phuong has been killed by Ch'uihv) and is able to send a message to Archer about a Romulan suicide attack on Coridan Prime (which already had warp-7 craft), and the warning gives time to evacuate a good proportion of the population from the planet. However, over a billion die and about half of the Coridian dilithium reserves are destroyed, plus Coridan withdraws from the planned Federation. Archer gets back to Earth in time for the ceremonies surrounding the start of the Coalition of Planets, and his speeches play an important part in pulling the group together (much to the disgust of the Romulan Admiral Valdore, who had hoped to disrupt the Coalition). Trip also finds himself able to surreptitiously attend the ceremonies, after Ehrehin knocks him out and escapes back to Valdore but sets the shuttlecraft Trip is aboard on autopilot back into Federation territory. Trip meets up with T'Pol and confirms her suspicions that he wasn't really dead, but he ends up on another mission back to Romulus. [Timeline: early 2155, soon after the incident with Terra Prime, two years after the Xindi attack]

Kobayashi Maru

Michael A. Martin & Andy Mangels

The Enterprise, with Captain Jonathan Archer, and the Columbia, with Captain Erika Hernandez, are both assigned to protect the cargo ships ferrying supplies to the colonies from pirates and attacks from Klingons and Romulans. While on this duty, the Enterprise encounters the cargo vessel, the Kobayashi Maru, and renders it aid by getting it back running. They learn that the Kobayashi Maru is supposed to be rendezvousing with the Horizon (Mayweather's parents' ship) but it turns out that the Horizon doesn't make the rendezvous, and the Kobayashi Maru proceeds on to ferry a group of Vulcans to a secret monitoring station. Meanwhile, the Columbia and Enterprise gets called in to assist when three Klingon vessels start attacking the planet Draylax, but then three other Klingon ships arrive, destroy the original three, and then return immediately to Klingon space. Archer later discovers that one of the destroyed ships had been able to transmit back to the Klingon homeworld that it had somehow been taken over remotely by Romulan craft. Trip had been officially declared dead, but was actually undercover on Romulus, trying to discover how the Romulans were progressing with their Warp 7 project, but he was coming under suspicion by his Romulan superiors. T'Pol, who had developed a tenuous mental connection to Trip, senses he is in trouble, and, along with Lieutenant Malcolm Reed, makes an unsanctioned rescue attempt, and while they save Trip's life, he insists on returning to Romulus. However, he gets intercepted by Ch'uihv, who is really the turncoat-Vulcan named Sopek, and Trip is on hand to warn the Enterprise when the Romulans try to use the disabled Kobayashi Maru to gain remote control of the Enterprise (using what they call the arrenhe'hwiua telecapture system). Ch'uihv's ship gets damaged in the incident, the Kobayashi Maru is destroyed, and Trip escapes aboard an escape pod, taking the injured Sopek with him. A number of other attacks occur, including one at Alpha Centauri that apparently involved Vulcan ships that had been taken over, and one where other Vulcan ships arrived to destroy the attacking ones, but the Columbia, which had been trying to drive off the original Vulcan ships, then goes missing. After these attacks, the newly formed Coalition of Planets finds itself at war, although they are not sure who the enemy is. The Vulcans appear to be aware that the Romulans are the chief culprit but are

unwilling to acknowledge that the Romulans are related to them. [Timeline: mid 2155, Year of Kahless 781]

Shards and Shadows (Mirror Universe): Nobunaga

David Stern

Tucker had built a near-replica of Defiant, but had handed it over to the rebel, Jonathan Archer. Phlox is working for Empress Sato, trying to drug Tucker and get him to reveal the prefix code that will allow the Empire to get the ship back, but seemingly Regent T'Pol is helping strengthen Tucker against revealing the information. [Timeline: early 2156]

The Romulan War: Beneath the Raptor's Wing

Michael A Martin

Praetor D'deridex drives Admiral Valdore to move the war against the Federation faster than Valdore would like, and also gets him to open a second front against the Haakona. That second front proves to be a bad move when the Haakonans (who had been secretly armed by the Vulcans) hit back hard. Valdore is finally driven to assassinate D'deridex (with the assistance of First Consul T'Leikha) and Karzan becomes the new Praetor. The Vulcans refuse to provide active assistance to the war effort, partly for philosophical reasons and partly because their craft are particularly vulnerable to the Romulan telecapture technique), but they do provide some technical assistance. The Romulans come to suspect the Vulcan's involvement in the arming of the Haakonans, and it is probably a Romulan operative that murders the Vulcan cleric that carries Surak's katra (which had earlier been carried by T'Pau, and before that by Captain Archer). The Andorians and the Tellarites initially fight alongside the Earthers, but they find their craft is also fairly vulnerable to the Romulan telecapture method, and they pull back to protect their own systems. The more primitive technology of the Earth ships leaves them less vulnerable, and a program of retrofitting the ships with older style technology proves advantageous. The Enterprise heads a fleet of ships (mostly Daedalus-class) that manages to retake Starbase One and Deneva from the Romulans, but then the Romulans take Tau Ceti, giving them a base even closer to Earth. Meanwhile, Trip (in the guise of Sodok the Vulcan trader) has ended up on Vulcan trying to find out about the secret arms shipments (which T'Pol thinks might be going to the Romulans). Trip is part of a team led by Ych'a, a V'Shar agent and a friend of T'Pol, and the team also includes the Romulan centurion Terix, who has been brainwashed to think he is a Vulcan operative named Tevik. An earlier attempt by the Ych'a/Trip/Terix team to destroy the Romulan warp-seven prototype had resulted in the theft of the vessel (and a captured Vulcan ship) by Sopek/Chuivh, supposedly on behalf of the Ejhoi Ormiin (a Romulan splinter group). Travis Mayweather leaves the Enterprise after the Kobayashi Maru incident and ends up in an escape pod hoping for a safe landing on Tau Ceti IV after the Romulan attack. It is during this time that Captain Erika Hernandez and her ship, the Columbia, disappear. [Timeline: second half of 2155 into first half of 2156]

The Romulan War – To Brave the Storm

Michael A. Martin

The Enterprise and its crew are tasked with trying to build up support for Earth in the war against the Romulans but are not having much success. Meanwhile, Trip (Charles Tucker - who has been officially declared dead) is working undercover as Mister Sodik (a Vulcan) or as Cunaehr (a Romulan) trying to discover information about the Romulan Warp-7 project, and ends up aboard the Romulan flagship, Admiral Valdore's Warbird Dabhae. He is able to get a message to T'Pol, through their telepathic link, informing her that the Romulan fleet is gathering at Cheron for a massed attack against Earth. Captain Jonathan Archer talks Starfleet into letting him lead a fleet of 24 ships to check out the report, which proves to be true, but the Romulans outnumber them with 81 ships. However, first a mixed fleet of Klingon and Andorian ships arrive to offer support, then Trip manages to get a Romulan command code sent to the Enterprise which slows the Romulan attack a bit, and finally a Vulcan fleet arrives (T'Pol having been finally convinced about joining the fight). The Romulan fleet is defeated but with heavy losses on the Starfleet side as well, and even Enterprise has to be towed home for decommissioning. After that the Romulan Neutral Zone is established and the United Federation of Planets charter is signed. Twenty-five years later, Rachel McCullers of the Federation News Service is trying to interview T'Pol on Vulcan and comes to realize that the stories about Trip having survived were actually true, and he and T'Pol were living a quiet married life. [Timeline: June 22, 2156, to Aug 12, 2161]

A Choice of Futures

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Archer is now an Admiral, the Enterprise has been retired, T'Pol is captain of the Endeavour (Archer's personal flagship, with Thanian as T'Pol's second-in-command who doesn't fully trust her initially), and Malcolm Reed becomes captain of the U.S.S. Pioneer (with Travis Mayweather as his second in command). The Endeavour gets called in to investigate a race known initially as the Mutes (because they do not respond to hails) who have been stopping and attaching ships. T'Pol and Hoshi Sato ultimately recognize peculiarities in the behavior of the Mutes, and it turns out that they communicate with each other via magnetic fields and infrared and hadn't recognized Federation races as truly sentient life forms and had been treating them as encroaching wild animals. A mindmeld by T'Pol and some techniques for displaying infrared by controlling body heat finally convinces the Mutes (who become known as the Vertians) of their error. Archer (with some help from Trip Tucker) uncovers a plot by the Orions to disrupt the fledgling Federation. Meanwhile, the Pioneer has been hosting a team led by Tobin Dax that is attempting to get the technologies of the various Federation members working together, but the ship gets into difficulties in orbit of a gas giant but is saved by whale-like creatures after the crew come up with a way to communicate with them. After T'Pol's actions, Thanian comes to have full respect for his captain. During this time, it is also discovered that regular transporter use has been causing genetic damage. [Timeline: Sept 2162 – May 2163]

Tower of Babel

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Rigel is considering joining the Federation, but Archer has questions about some of the secrets that the Rigelian Trade Commissions and the collection of races from the different planets in the system have, and he sends the Pioneer to investigate. While doing that, Ensign Grev and Lieutenant Samuel Kirk get captured by Zami Rigelians (hoping they will be able to decrypt archives stolen from the Trade Commission), and the Pioneer and Endeavour crews follow a lot of leads that terminate in dead-ends. Ultimately, they manage to rescue Grev and Kirk and expose the nefarious activities of the First Families of Rigel IV who had been plotting with the Malurians to sabotage the Rigel/Federation talks taking place on Babel. While that was going on, Charles (Trip) Tucker (under the name of Albert Sims) was investigating events on Sauria where the nation M'Tezir is using a plague affecting the planet to gain more planetary control, but he gets called back to Earth before he could do anything real to help, and he begins to question the motives of Section 31. Admiral Jonathan Archer gets together with Danika Erickson, after having a brief affair with Director Sedra Hemnask (who he soon finds was just using him). [Timeline: circa Oct 2163 – Nov 2164]

U.S.S. Pioneer with Captain Malcolm Reed, Travis Mayweather (first officer), Doctor Tobin Dax, and Malcolm Reed among the crew.

U.S.S. Endeavour with Captain T'Pol, Commander Thanien (first officer), and Hoshi Sato among the crew.

Uncertain Logic

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Part of the 'Rise of the Federation' series.

While Semet and Skon are studying the Kir'Shara, it is found to be a fake and that encourages the anti-Syrrannite elements of Vulcan society. That is added to when V'Las returns and becomes the de-facto leader of the opposition. But Admiral Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Tobin Dax and others discover how the original was stolen and replaced by the fake, and the main perpetrators are found to be Zadok and T'Nol, led by V'Las. Happily, V'Las had kept the real Kir'Shara, planning on having the text subtly altered to his own philosophy, so Archer is able to recover it when V'Las's facilities is raided. V'Las escapes aboard his ship, Karik-tor, potting his next comeback, and the Endeavour had been damaged too much for it to chase them. The U.S.S. Essex with Captain Bryce Shumar and Commander Caroline Paris is sent to rescue 33 Deltans who had been abducted by Orion pirates (led by Parrec-Sut, and with the reluctant help of Devna). While that is happening, the Pioneer, with Captain Malcolm Reed, Travis Mayweather, and Trip Tucker (calling himself Philip Collier) are trying to put an end to the automated Ware stations that have been kidnapping humanoids and other aliens to use their brains as processors. With the help of Daskel Vabion (who had been 'marketing' Ware technology on his own planet, Vanot) and a couple of Andorian ships for support, they manage to disable a Ware hub (managed by a race called the Pebru) and effectively shut down all stations associated with it, and free the aliens who had been utilized by them (or at least those with enough life left in them to be revived). But Vabion has his own agenda and is plotting to find a way to use the technology for his own benefit. [Timeline: January to June 2165]

Live By The Code

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Starfleet is still trying to disable the Ware facilities, and Captain Reshthenar sh'Prezni of the Vol'Rala (Andorian for Enterprise) and her crew disable one station despite the data-core prisoner/processors saying they are volunteers. It is then learnt that the Partnership of Civilizations community of planets that it had served consists of beings that are largely incapable of technology without the Ware, and thousands start dying. Starfleet goes into damage-control mode, hampered by the Klingons who are in the middle of their own dispute between the QuchHa' and the HemQuch and nearly start a war with the Federation. The original home of the Ware is found, but it is no longer inhabited, the originators having died out after taking the technology too far. Starfleet attempts to find a way to make the Ware work properly for the Partnership, but Section 31 gives the Klingons the code for disabling it (some QuchHa' had been using Ware technology against the HemQuch) and the Ware ends up disassembling itself. The Partnership ends up philosophical about the loss, because neighboring planets and alliances had been attacking them because of the technology for generations, and sh'Prezni and the Vol'Rala crew sacrifice themselves defending the Partnership against the Klingons. Charles (Trip) Tucker (who now calls himself Philip Collier) has had enough of Section 31 and is plotting to destroy it from within. While that was happening, Archer was attending the wedding of Phlox's daughter to an Antaran, which didn't go as smoothly as hoped. [Timeline: circa July 2165]

Have Beagle, Will Travel: The Legend of Porthos

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From 'Tales from the Captain's Table' (edited by Keith R.A. DeCandido)

Shan takes Captain Jonathan Archer to the Captain's Table, and when some other captains question the presence of his dog, Porthos, Archer claims that the dog is a clone of Porthos the Great, who had been the inspiration for the BIA (the Beagle Intelligence Agency). Then he tells of a mission with Porthos the Great (aka Double-O One) to rescue the researcher, Doctor Mary Ellen Findalot, who had been kidnapped. The beagle had been brought to Archer on the planet Sepulveda by Admiral Tucker, where they meet Findalot's assistant, Cari Fetchalot (who turns out to be Findalot's cloned daughter). Porthos's abilities help Archer track down the Nausicaans who had kidnapped Findalot, but both Archer and Porthos get taken captive as well. Findalot explains that she had bred Porthos to give him special abilities and he uses them to escape and overpower the Nausicaans, but Porthos the Great gets badly injured and dies. Findalot offers Archer the pick of Double-O One's clone litter.

Patterns of Interference

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The Federation is reeling from the Ware/Partnership fiasco, and the brutal take-over of Sauria by the narcissistic Maltuvis who the Federation had supported because of the resources he controlled, and Admiral Archer is proposing a noninterference policy. At Sauria, the Federation

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