



THE BEST OF
STAR TREK
THE NEXT GENERATION



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"CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 43201.8. WE HAVE REACHED CASSIOPEIA DELTA SEVEN-- ALSO KNOWN AS SERAFIN'S PLANET-- AFTER RECEIVING A DISTRESS CALL FROM THE PLANET'S FEDERATION COLONY.

"THE CAUSE OF THE DISTRESS CALL IS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS NOW. INTERNAL STRESSES ARE TEARING THIS WORLD APART, CREATING ALL MANNER OF NATURAL DISASTERS ON ITS SURFACE.

"IT IS REMARKABLE THAT THERE ARE ANY SURVIVORS AMONG THE COLONISTS, GIVEN THE ADVANCED STATE OF THE PLANET'S SELF-DESTRUCTION... BUT PERHAPS I SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED...

"AFTER ALL, THIS IS A MOST UNUSUAL COLONY."

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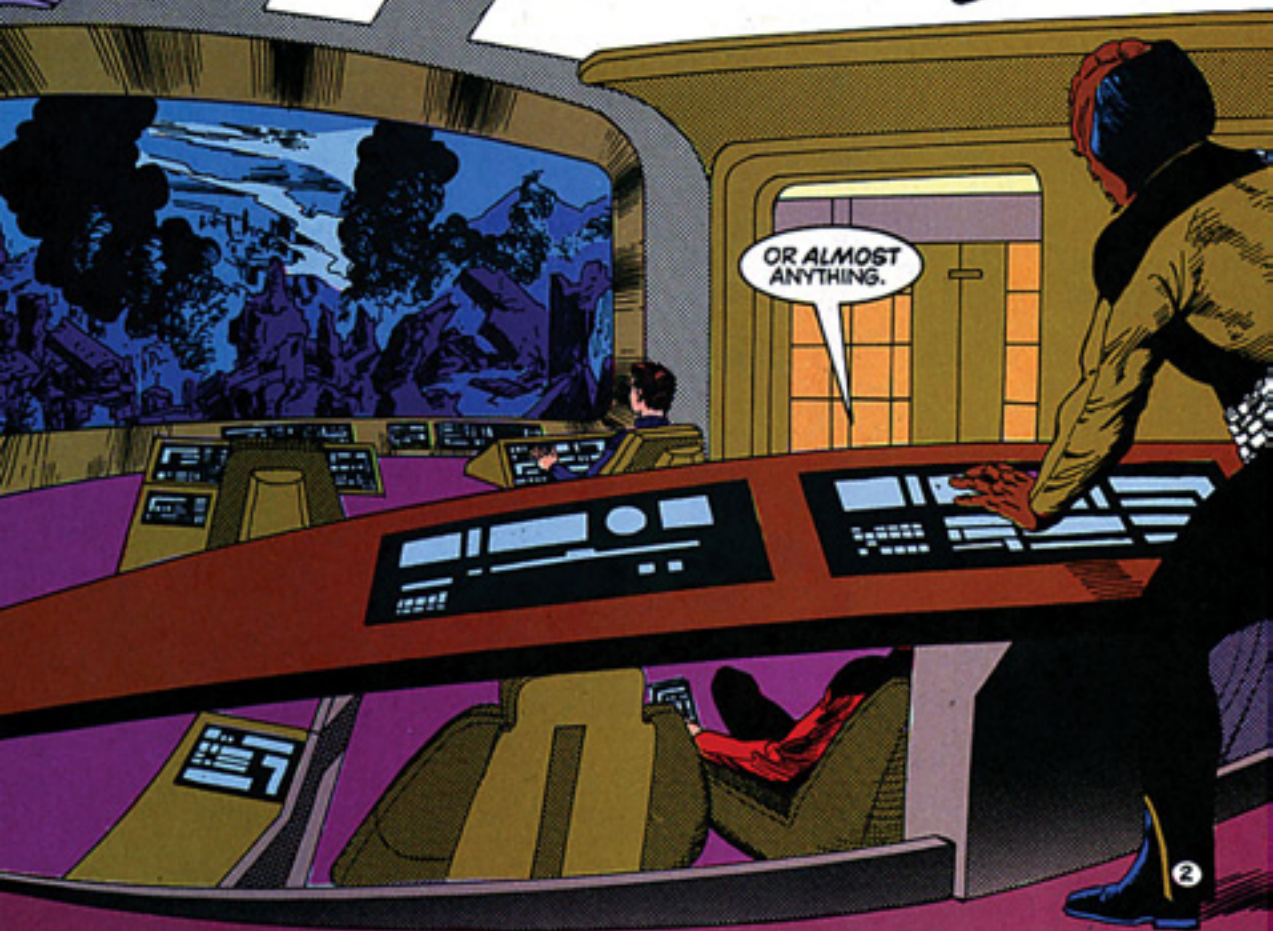
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UNUSUAL DOESN'T BEGIN TO COVER IT, SIR. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BUNCH OF COLONISTS AS TOUGH AS THE SERAFIN'S PLANET GROUP.

TRUE, NUMBER ONE. NEITHER AS TOUGH NOR AS SELF-RELIANT. HAD IT BEEN ANYTHING SHORT OF A CATACLYSM, THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO DEAL WITH IT THEMSELVES.

NO DOUBT, THIS TOUGHNESS STEMS FROM THEIR ILLNESS. HAVING LEARNED TO DEAL WITH THAT, THEY'VE COME TO BELIEVE THEY CAN DEAL WITH ANYTHING.



OR ALMOST ANYTHING.



RELAX, SHE SAYS. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL, DOCTOR, IF YOU WERE IN MY PLACE? IF IT WERE YOUR FRIEND, AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW IF SHE WERE DEAD OR ALIVE?

I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU, LIEUTENANT. BUT TELL ME... ARE YOU MORE AFRAID THAT YOU WON'T SEE HER AMONG THE SURVIVORS--OR THAT YOU WILL?



MAYBE YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.

