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Editor's Corner

Well would you believe it: The PADD is back! The USF's oldest and most beloved publication is coming out of its two-year snooze. Two years is just too long for the fleet to go without reviews of Trek books and technology, USF gossip, simming tips, and all of the other features you had come to look forward to each month.

How did we manage to bring it back? Some dedicated officers from a number of sims stepped forward and volunteered to write an article. If you like what you see, be sure to give them a salute next time you cross paths in the corridors. And if there's a budding journalistic spirit within you, drop me an email (USFArronax@for.net) and let me know you'd like to join the staff.

Along with this new season of The PADD, we're introducing a **new subscription system** for all of the USF's publications: The PADD, The Weekly, the Top Ten, and the Log Book. For more information, visit www.Sector001.com and click the link to [Subscribe to Publications](#). If you're not subscribed to all of them, you should be! Check them out.

Thanks again to the PADD staff, the USF hosts who encouraged staffers to contact me, and to you for waiting two years for our return. And now, The PADD . . .

- Commodore Pe'er Arronax
- The New Editor-in-Chief, USF PADD



Book Review: The Starfleet Survival Guide

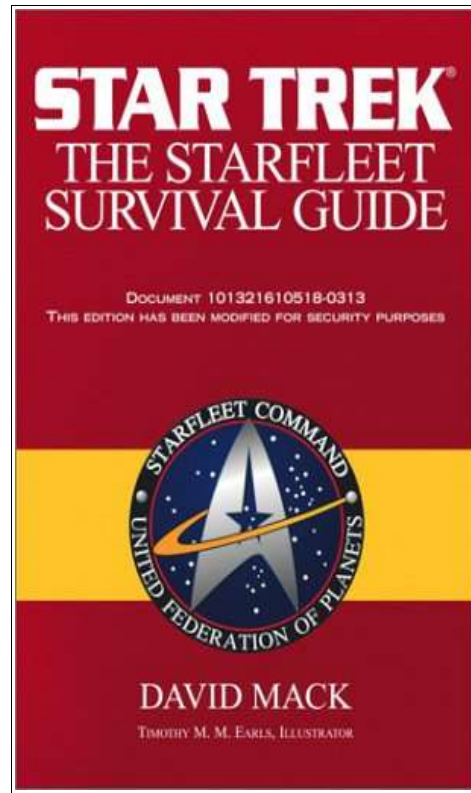
LIEUTENANT (J.G.) KYLE MILLS
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, USS EXCELSIOR

Hey everyone! This is Kyle Mills here and I am going to be reviewing a book for you today called "Star Trek: The Starfleet Survival Guide." Let's just put it simple. This is a book that every Star Trek simmer should have! I don't care what department you work in or what rank you are, this is just one of those need-to-have books, written by David Mack, a fairly common author in the Star Trek world, but even more so in the general Sci-Fi franchise.

Now lets move on to the book. It is broken up into 4 sections. They are Standard-Issue Equipment: Nonstandard Uses, Unconventional Medicine, Dangerous Life-Forms, and Extreme Scenarios. Personally, I think the "Extreme Scenarios" section is the most interest-

ing, with topics like “Escaping from a malfunctioning holodeck” and “Detecting cloaked objects and vessels at close and intermediate ranges.” This book has detailed explanations and step-by-step instructions for almost any emergency situation! Let’s just put it this way, they are detailed enough to make your Commanding Officer be in awe. Perhaps your promotion is sooner than you thought, eh?

Though my favorite section is “Extreme Scenarios,” the other sections are interesting too. They are all essential for every Starfleet Officer, with instructions to perform such tasks as “Reconfiguring a COMM Badge to generate a Short-Duration, Low-Power Force Field,” “Programming a Holographic Emitter to Artificially Respire a Humanoid Whose Lungs Have Been Destroyed,” “Recalibrating Transporter Enhancer Armbands as Temporal Shields,” or even “Defending Yourself Against a Kryonian Tiger”! What more could you ask for?!



This book also includes detailed illustrations for our visual learners out there. It’s just a great book for everyone. It isn’t that expensive either, with a cover price of \$14! *If you have any questions, comments, or rude remarks, please email me at trum5550@bell-south.net. Have a great summer!*



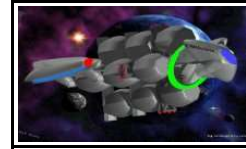
Gossip!

LIEUTENANT (JG) PIQUA BU
ASSISTANT ENGINEER, USS RODDENBERRY

This is your column for listing what you want to say about you and your fellow crew members. The only rules are keep it clean and nice! I would love to list promotions, also, so be sure to send those congratulatory notes in to me. Now, on to the gossip!

Da Frag. On the Fragglerock, Wil Decker apparently has some troubles with his love life. His latest love interest was Trixie, the blow up balloon girl. However, “that relationship ran out of air” because “there were just too many holes” in it. “Trixie was an ephemeral

panacea for primal angst . . . and now she's gone. Trixie will be sorely missed . . . and I do mean sorely. I still have the bicycle pump though, as a memento of happier times. Trixie was one of a kind . . . well no, actually she wasn't . . . she was #2904345-A . . . but it's the sentiment that counts."



The Fed. Kalina Iolani was promoted to Lieutenant Commander a few months ago (back in February), but I still want to wish her a Congratulations again for it! Women Power! We Rule!

The Indy. On the Independence, Dion Xi-aoyen has recently (June 17, 2004) been promoted to Lieutenant Commander. Congratulations, dude! You sure do deserve it!



The Rod. Ensign Hanlock is missing! Was he lost during a hull breach? Was he kidnapped by aliens? We don't know, but we'd like to find out!

The Asylum. Who's the greater guy, Fleet Captain Ray Packer or Commodore Pe'er Arronax? Oh, does it matter? They're both terrific! Although Arronax is far more humble. Ray was rather confused when the subject of how humble and great Arronax was: "We still talking about Arronax . . . or me?" he was quoted as asking. *[Editor's note: Who am I to censor this?]*

The Tem: First Lieutenant Evie Bagi-Tor and her husband, Lieutenant Nolan Tor are expecting a baby! What will the Trill/Deltan look like? We'll be sure to report back later.



Hey, if you want your sim mentioned next time, just send me a blurb! E-mail LTPiquaBu@aol.com.



Laria Moonmoth Reporting

BY LARIA MOONMOTH

This is Laria Moonmoth, reporting live from Sector 039, Saturn's Rings. I have some very interesting news, especially to those who have been around the fleet for a long time and remember some of the olden goldies out there. It appears that one of our old cap-

tains, who is still in retirement, is back and makin' waves for those poor souls on Everest. Traci Tage is doing her best to keep Captain Sol Berman on his toes.

In other news, one of the cadets of USF'S Academy has adopted a Romulan boy. It appears as if on one of the academy training missions, they came across the wreckage and the boy was the only survivor. When the Romulan government wouldn't take the boy back, what else could the young man do? Keiri, you are doing a good job training the new batch of officers if people like this is what you are turning out. Keep up the good work, both to the cadets and their teachers.

There is an APB out for Admiral Mason, the fleet's grand poo-bah. It appears as if she has vanished into thin air. It's the opinion of this reporter that with the return of her main squeeze from long deployment, the Admiral has lost her way back to her ship and is trapped in a wormhole somewhere between the delta and gamma quadrants. I just hope she can find her way home before too much longer.

Who says science officers don't have a personal life? I happen to know that on the Maverick, the chief science officer has a very active social life. At last, one scientist who knows the joys of real life contact and isn't always looking in the past for mysteries. I just hope that this trend of science officers having a life continues. I know of a few dried up old scientists who could use a shot of life.

And finally, what in the world would the Federation do without its playground? For those who are following the incursions of the Leviathans into Federation space, this is most important. After attempting to subvert Vulcan, the Factors decided the best place to get a cross section of races belonging to and friends of the Federation was to take Risa into its fold. With Leviathans on the way to Risa, the question is where will we go when we need to relax after getting our butts kicked by yet another invasion by the Borg, Romulans, Car-dassians, Jem'Hadar, Breen, and the many other races out there determined to make the Federation their personal footstool.

This is Laria Moonmoth, reporting from Sector 039, and I do hope that my vacation to Risa scheduled for next week will still happen.



Trek Tech 101: Ablative Armor

BY ENSIGN NAOMI BRANDTNER, M.D.
ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER, USS POTEKIN

Have you ever wondered what it is that makes such starships as the USS Enterprise-E, USS Defiant, and the prototype USS Prometheus ('Message in a Bottle' from VOY), so resistant to hull damage under extreme stress and enemy fire power?

Their amazing victories and returns from what would have surely destroyed lesser starships, is due in great part to the *ablative armor* on their hulls. The ablative armor prevents the ship's hull from evaporation, lessening the likelihood of a breach by an approximate 48.3 percent. While this does make it unlikely that damage so severe will occur, it should be noted that the starships that are currently equipped with the Armor are not impervious to damage or even complete destruction, though the latter is, again, a highly unlikely event to occur with the armor in complete working order.

The applications for this type of armor are proving to be many. Though no current prototypes exist, scientists both of Starfleet and of the private sector have been working many long hours in an attempt to make a shuttle craft enforced with ablative armor. If they are successful, the shuttle craft could possibly be made to withstand even the most vigorous attack. It has also been going around in the scientific community that scientists are working on light weight body armor. It's said it would give protection against phaser blasts and also prevent internal damage should a person find themselves in a fight with a particularly brutal opponent. As for Starfleet application of the armor, security teams will be issued with them and away teams visiting hostile or unexplored planets. Quite possibly heads of state will also be issued the armor once it is past prototype stage.

Should this technology come to fruition it will prove invaluable in saving many lives and may, if scientists are able to make it thin and yet still resistant to damage, become standard issue for all Starfleet personnel as part of their uniform, if not the uniform itself.



The Biggest Joint Log Ever

BY FIRST LT. JERRID BILLINGS
CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER, STARBASE EVEREST

Hello, USFers!

Do you love writing? Well, have I got a game for you! This is something I like to call The Biggest Joint Log Ever! This is a log where everyone gets to participate. First, I'll post a topic, and you guys can send me ideas on what the first chapter should be like. I'll pick the idea I like best and ask you to write me the first chapter of our story. I'll post the winner's chapter in the next issue of the PADD, and then all of you will send me your ideas on a second chapter based on the first one, and so on.

Please send your ideas for the first chapter to FstLtJerridB@aol.com. For the subject line, please put "USF Contest Entry" so I don't think it's spam. If you need to send me question, comments, or concerns, you may also send them to the same address.

And now, for the topic of our first log series, I want to read a good one about Q. What are your ideas? Remember, I'm just looking for Chapter 1 ideas. Can't wait to hear back from you guys.



Pointy-eared Love Advice from Miss Lonelyhearts

BY MISS LONELYHEARTS
OPINIONATED COLUMNIST

Dear Miss Lonelyhearts,

I am a fairly low-ranking engineer on a Federation starship. I have been spending quite a bit of time with my captain, who is a Romulan. We seem to get along together fairly well. We enjoy the holodeck together, and we also spend time together in the Officer's Lounge. I had begun to believe that this relationship might actually progress to something stronger than friendship. However, just recently, we received a new crew member. He is also a Romulan, and for some reason, I am finding myself strangely attracted to him. I have realized that I'm just in love with pointy ears! Why? What do I do? How do I handle myself around them now? Can you help me?

Signed,

Pointy-Eared Lover

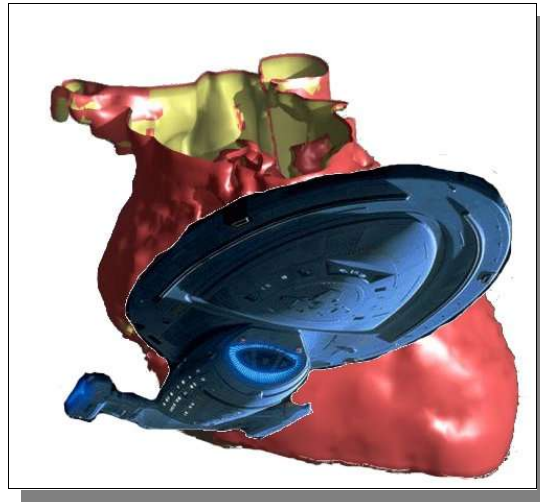
Dear Pointy-Eared Lover,

It is common to admire and even covet what we ourselves don't possess. From your letter, it appears as if you are enamored of pointy ears. I will take from the lack of mention of race that you do not count pointy ears among your physical characteristics. Taking this in mind, I would suggest you get to know the new crew member, just be sure that it is only the ears that attract you rather than the fact they are both Romulan. I would also suggest making friends with a Vulcan to see if that also inspires such feelings of passion.

If in fact is the Romulan aspect with which you are in love, I can only say that Romulans are known to be very passionate and extremely attentive to their lovers. So, unless you are willing to become entangled with a man who will be possessive as well as passionate, I would suggest you buy a set of plastic pointy ears and put them on an image of someone whom you can truly feel comfortable with.

Sincerely,

Miss Lonelyhearts



Dear Miss Lonelyhearts,

I wouldn't normally write, as most men would think it silly to ask for advice from a woman on how to deal with another woman. But, as I am not particularly vain, I don't have that problem. You see, the problem is, the woman that I admire the most, the only one I would ever even consider having a long term relationship with is in the middle of a very confusing situation. She is someone I have worked with for many years and respect as well as admire both as a woman and as a fellow scientist/explorer. Her mind works with a speed that makes many Vulcan's jealous and when she smiles, it lights up entire sectors.

This woman has had a very difficult life and believes that she is cursed because each time she married, her husband was declared legally dead within a year of their wedding. The only problem is, her first husband has now returned from the dead and is trying to get back into her life. Who knows if her second husband will also surface sometime in the future? Then there is a man with whom she fell in love as a young woman who is in her life and keeps enough in her way to make it impossible for her to fully get over him. And finally, there is an officer on another ship with whom she once served that she had at one time considered getting closer too, whom she still talks about fondly.

I don't want to see her hurt anymore than she has already been, I want to make her happy. But I don't know how to proceed. I don't want to lose her respect of me by professing emotions that are felt by me, but I don't know if she shares them. I also don't want to jeopardize our working relationship, we have become a team so well fitted that most people have a hard time thinking of me without her. What can I do? How can I let her know and not add one more to the list of those already trying to fix their interest with her?

Signed,

Mr Not-To-Proud-To-Ask-For-Help.

Dear Not too proud,

I don't often hear from men, so this will be a little different. It seems to me that you have found a complicated star with which to fix your wagon. It also appears that you are not the only one to find this woman desirable. And from what you don't say, I believe she doesn't even know she holds this kind of attraction. Such women are rare and very difficult to get around. My suggestions to you would be to be there for her. If she needs a friend, take her out for a drink or lunch and just listen to her. I would also suggest that you let her know you are not indifferent to her, so that if she has feelings for you, she will be able to express them. And finally, I would suggest that you don't put all your eggs in one basket. I know that you said you loved her above all others, but she if knows this, it might spook her. Try to make other female friends and maybe she will come seeking your company instead of the other way around. Good luck and remember, don't add to the complications if you can help it.

Sincerely,

Miss Lonelyhearts

Need advice on your love interest with your warp drive?

Send questions to the editor, USFArronax@for.net, to be forwarded to Miss Lonelyhearts.



Starfleet Intelligence Report: Jonas McHogue . . . The Rogue

BY JONAS McHOGUE

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To: All Captains of the Fleet

From: Starfleet Command, Intelligence Division, San Francisco, Earth

Subject: Order for Detainment and Questioning

Jonas Stephen McHogue

Species: Terran

Gender: Male

Age: 39

Height: 5' 7"

Eyes: Emerald green

Hair: White, trimmed short military-style

Facial Hair: Goatee, neatly trimmed

Known Aliases: J.S. Sutherland, “The Rogue,” Captain Michael Black, Captain Monarch

Attention all commanding officers:

In recent months, Intelligence has been observing a marked rise in piracy in the vicinity of the Dar’essa System, known to some as the “Trader’s Loop.” While it has been known for some time that this area is something of a haven for smugglers and pirates, the region (almost a quarter of a sector) is largely uncharted and rarely patrolled. Normally, shipping losses in the area are minor and very rarely are one type of vessel targeted. However, the attacks of late have been targeting Federation-flagged ships and have become increasingly attributed to a single captain, one Jonas “The Rogue” McHogue. Many attempts have been made to apprehend this man, but none have thus far succeeded.

Little is known about this man, other than that he was born to merchant parents in the Rigel system. For a time, he commanded the merchant ship Avarice, but approximately five years ago began smuggling Romulan Ale on the frontier. Since then, he appears to have recruited a rather sizable crew and at least two vessels. His ship of choice seems to be a Maquis raider which he calls the Firestorm, capable of giving a Defiant-class destroyer a decent fight. He works in conjunction with an Antares-class freighter, the Jewel, which has been outfitted with strong shields and extremely quick impulse engines.



McHogue’s Maquis Raider

Early last month, the cadets of Starfleet Academy came close to recapturing the pirate, but failed when he stunned two of them and escaped into orbit. Before doing so, however, he was able to steal a partial list of the Fleet’s transponder codes. It is currently unknown which ships’ codes he has in his possession, but Starfleet Command is hereby warning all commanding officers that there is the chance that their ship or station may be in danger. Already the USS Hermes has felt McHogue’s sting after they picked him up posing as one Captain Jason Monarch. He disabled a security guard and stole one of the ship’s shuttlecraft, disappearing into a nearby asteroid field to evade recapture.

McHogue is wanted in no less than ten Federation and four non-Federation systems for crimes ranging from outright piracy to bribery, extortion, smuggling and gunrunning. There is some speculation that he is beginning to move his operations closer to the interior of Federation space. All Starfleet officers are ordered to keep a lookout for this man and his crew. Their apprehension would severely curtail pirate operations in the Federation and

on the frontier, and it is the wish of Starfleet Command and the Federation Council that this man be brought to justice.

END TRANSMISSION

*Jonas McHogue is available to terrorize sims throughout the fleet.
To summon McHogue, email jonasmchogue@hotmail.com*



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