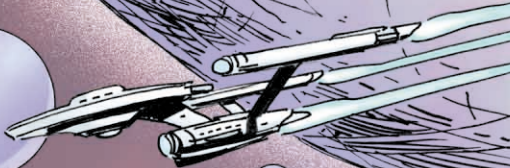


STARDATE 23245.3...
THE STARSHIP *NOSURPRISE*
STREAKS ACROSS THE COSMOS
AT WARP SPEED..



MY NAME IS *WINDSPOCK*.
OUR SHIP
PATROLS OUTER SPACE
IN A
CONSTANT
SEARCH FOR
SIGNS OF
TROUBLE.

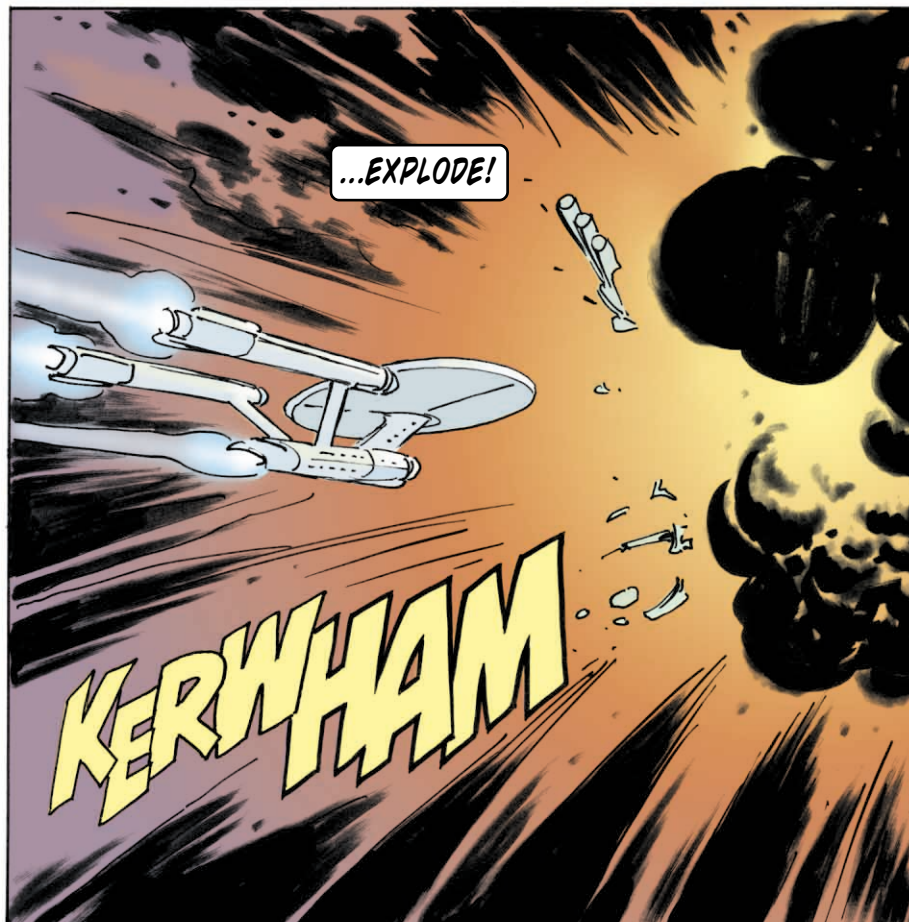
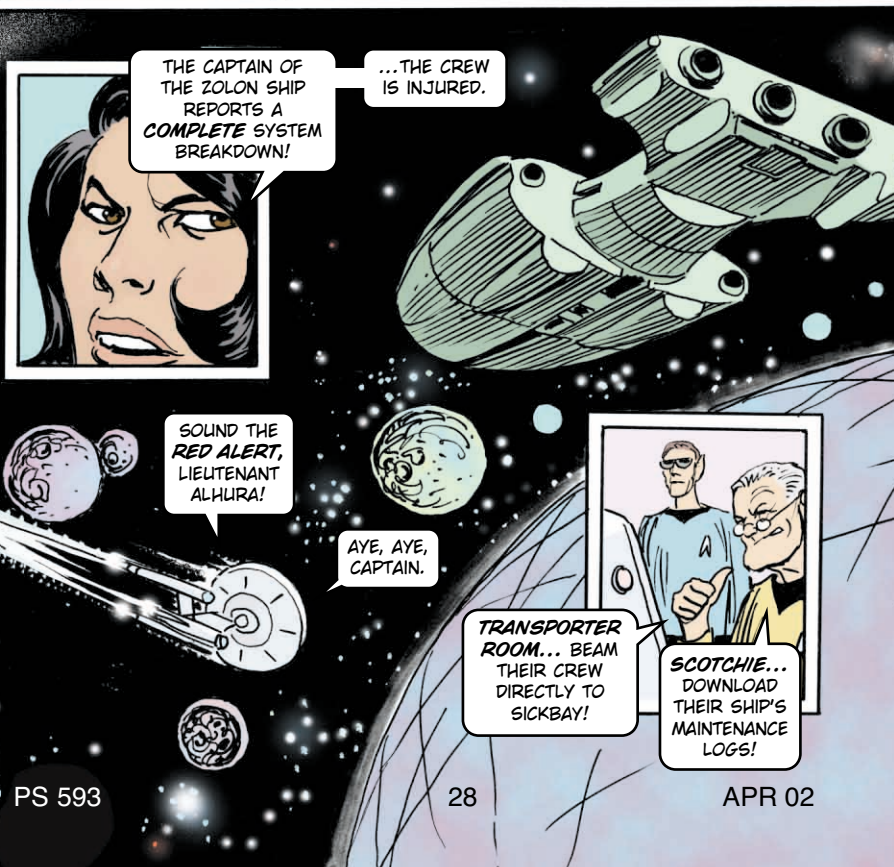
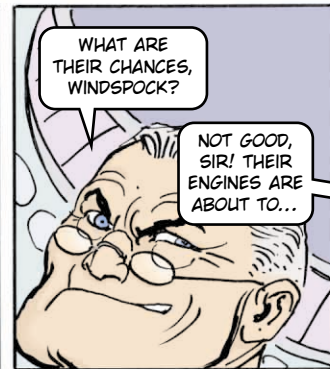
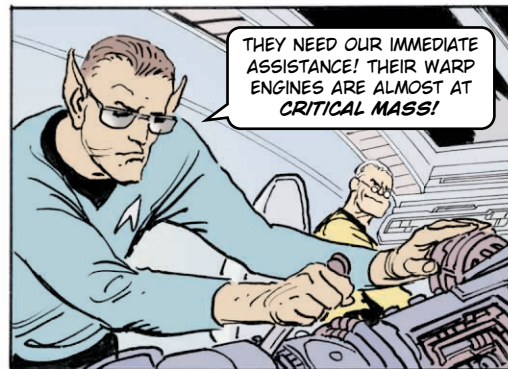
THIS IS A STORY
I THINK YOU
SHOULD HEAR!

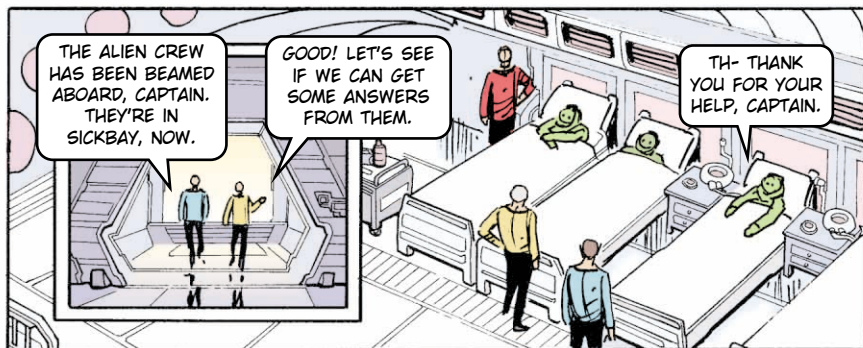
The Lost Mission of Zolon

CAPTAIN SIRK...
I HAVE A
VISUAL ON AN
UNIDENTIFIED SHIP!

PUT IT
ON SCREEN,
TUSU, HIGHEST
MAGNIFICATION!

KUOE
KUBER





THE ALIEN CREW HAS BEEN BEAMED ABOARD, CAPTAIN. THEY'RE IN SICKBAY, NOW.

GOOD! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET SOME ANSWERS FROM THEM.

TH- THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, CAPTAIN.



WE DON'T... KNOW WHAT... HAPPENED...



EVERYTHING ... SEEMED TO GO *WRONG*.

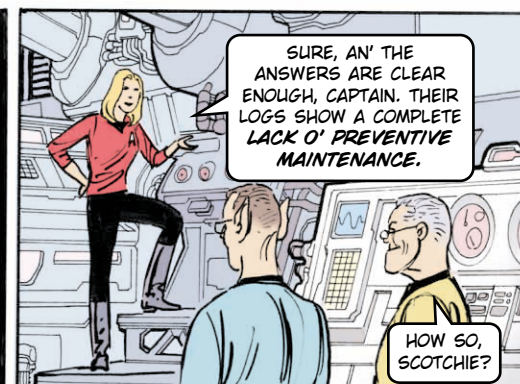


MY TRICORDER READINGS SHOW THEIR INJURIES ARE ONLY SUPERFICIAL, CAPTAIN.

THAT'S GOOD, BONZ, BLIT...

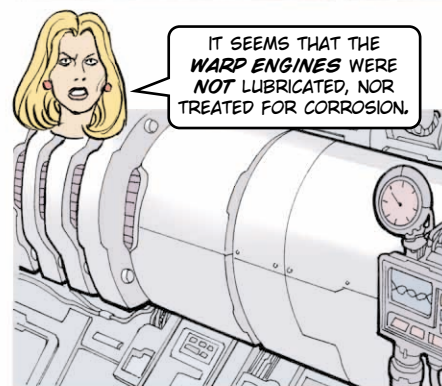


COME WITH ME, WIND-SPOCK... MAYBE SCOTCHIE HAS SOME ANSWERS FROM THEIR SHIP'S LOGS.

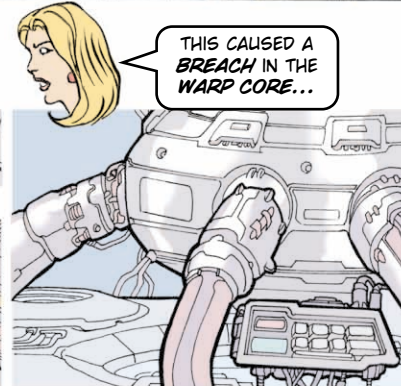


SURE, AN' THE ANSWERS ARE CLEAR ENOUGH, CAPTAIN. THEIR LOGS SHOW A COMPLETE LACK O' PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.

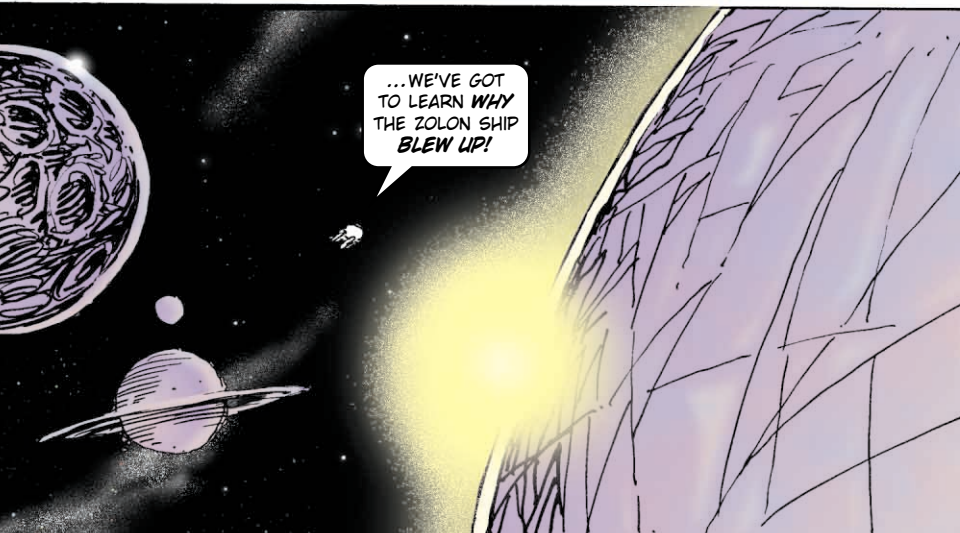
HOW SO, SCOTCHIE?



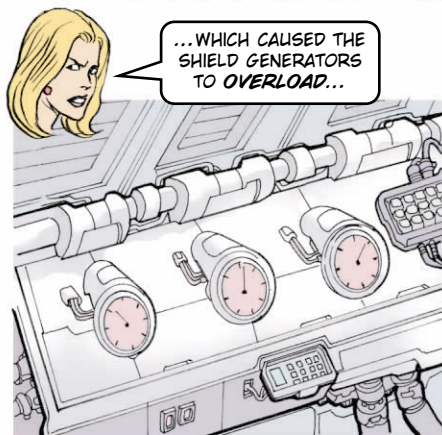
IT SEEMS THAT THE WARP ENGINES WERE NOT LUBRICATED, NOR TREATED FOR CORROSION.



THIS CAUSED A BREACH IN THE WARP CORE...



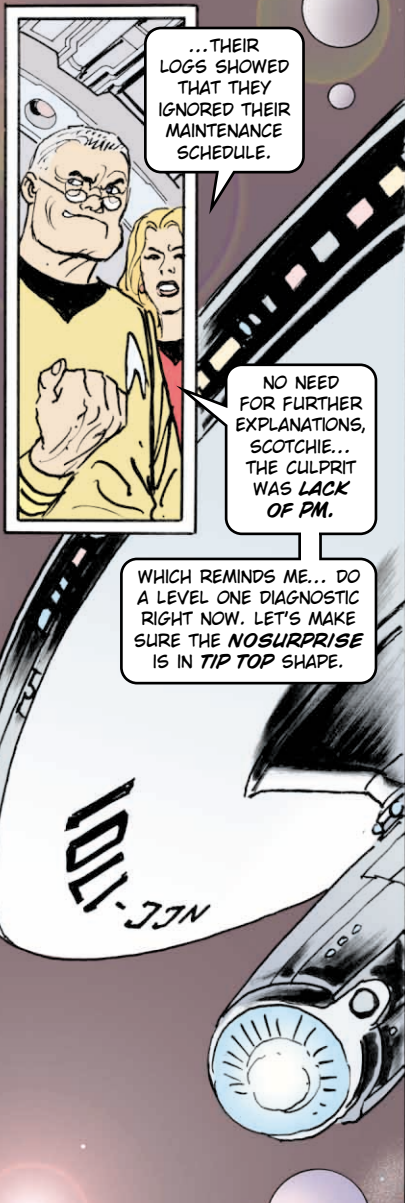
...WE'VE GOT TO LEARN *WHY* THE ZOLON SHIP BLEW UP!



...WHICH CAUSED THE SHIELD GENERATORS TO OVERLOAD...



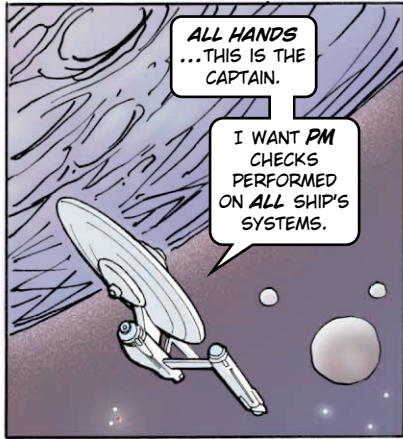
AND THAT LED TO...



...THEIR LOGS SHOWED THAT THEY IGNORED THEIR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE.

NO NEED FOR FURTHER EXPLANATIONS, SCOTCHIE... THE CULPRIT WAS LACK OF PM.

WHICH REMINDS ME... DO A LEVEL ONE DIAGNOSTIC RIGHT NOW. LET'S MAKE SURE THE NOSURPRISE IS IN TIP TOP SHAPE.



ALL HANDS ...THIS IS THE CAPTAIN.

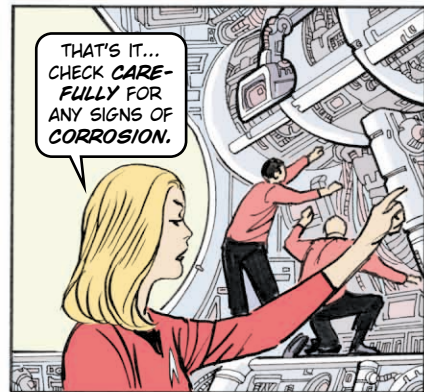
I WANT PM CHECKS PERFORMED ON ALL SHIP'S SYSTEMS.



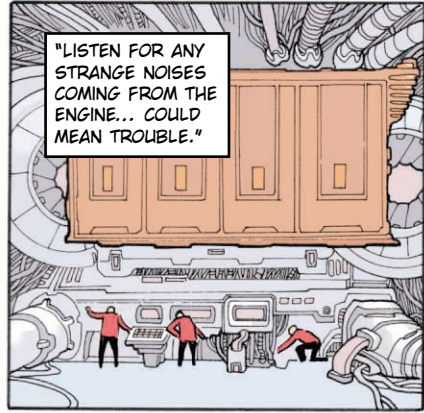
DON'T WORRY, SIR... WE'LL HAVE 'ER FINE-TUNED IN NO TIME!



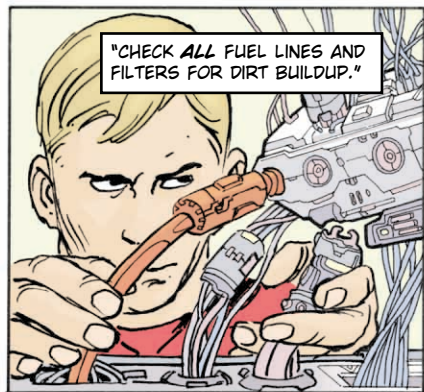
GO TO IT, SCOTCHIE! I ALWAYS DEPEND ON YOU AND THE CREW!



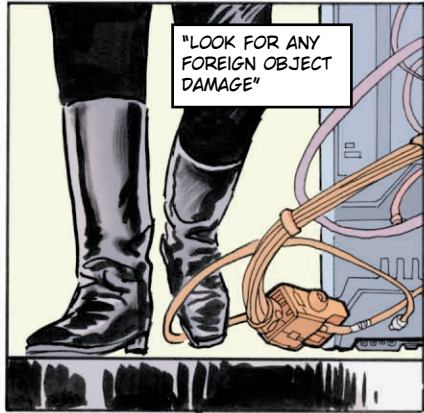
THAT'S IT... CHECK CAREFULLY FOR ANY SIGNS OF CORROSION.



"LISTEN FOR ANY STRANGE NOISES COMING FROM THE ENGINE... COULD MEAN TROUBLE."



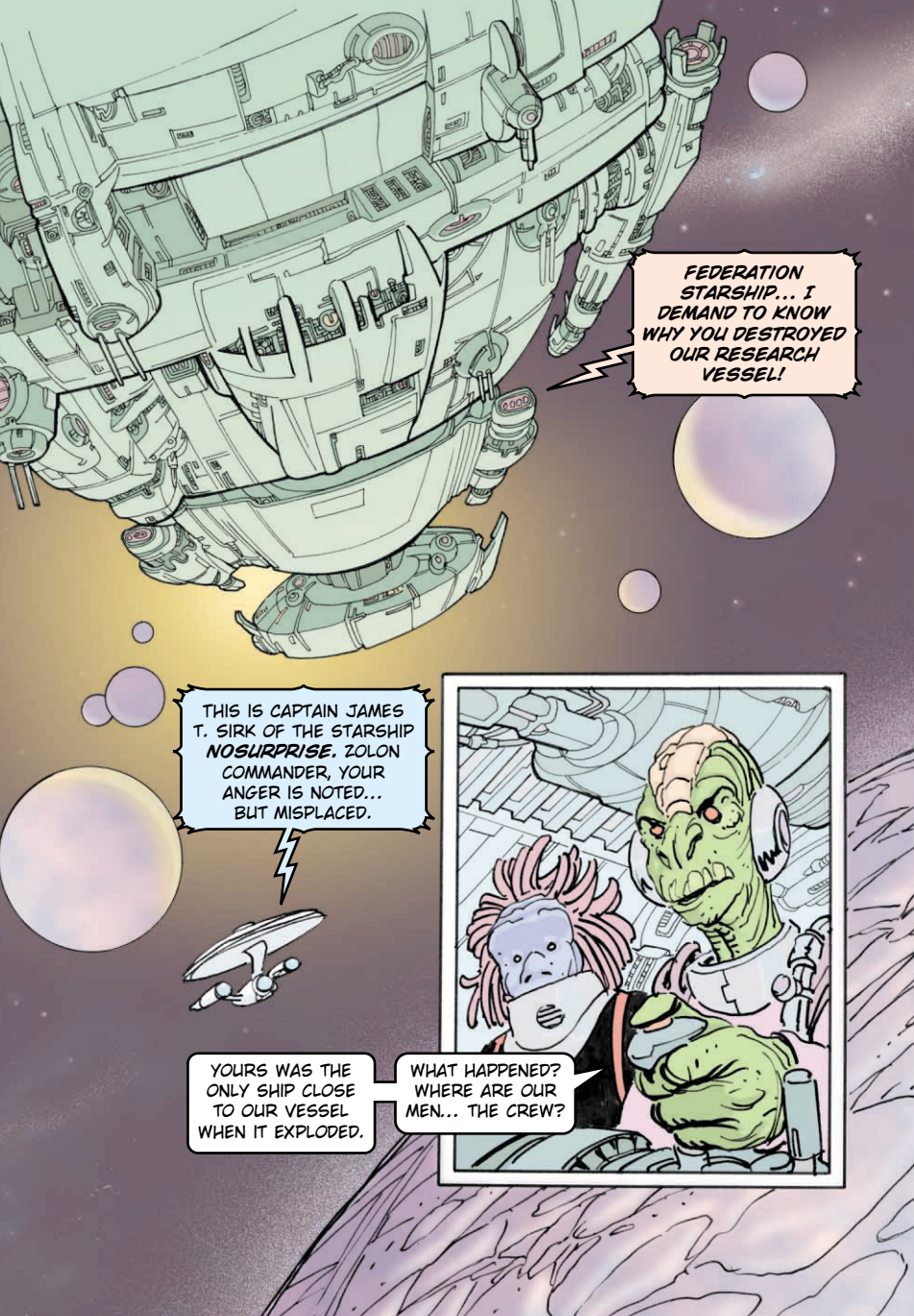
"CHECK ALL FUEL LINES AND FILTERS FOR DIRT BUILDUP."



"LOOK FOR ANY FOREIGN OBJECT DAMAGE"



CAPTAIN... WE'RE BEING HAILED BY A ZOLON BATTLESHIP! THEY'RE IN ATTACK MODE!

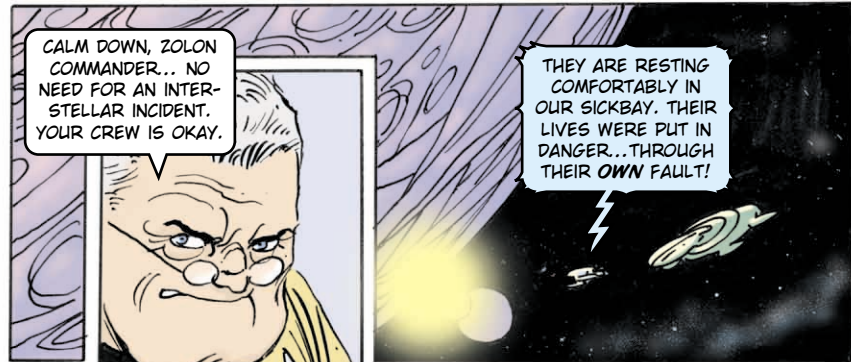


FEDERATION STARSHIP... I DEMAND TO KNOW WHY YOU DESTROYED OUR RESEARCH VESSEL!

THIS IS CAPTAIN JAMES T. SIRK OF THE STARSHIP NOSURPRISE. ZOLON COMMANDER, YOUR ANGER IS NOTED... BUT MISPLACED.

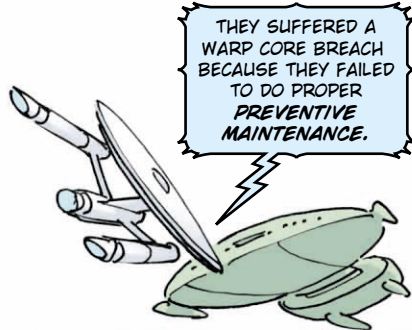
YOURS WAS THE ONLY SHIP CLOSE TO OUR VESSEL WHEN IT EXPLODED.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE ARE OUR MEN... THE CREW?



CALM DOWN, ZOLON COMMANDER... NO NEED FOR AN INTER-STELLAR INCIDENT. YOUR CREW IS OKAY.

THEY ARE RESTING COMFORTABLY IN OUR SICKBAY. THEIR LIVES WERE PUT IN DANGER... THROUGH THEIR OWN FAULT!



THEY SUFFERED A WARP CORE BREACH BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO DO PROPER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.

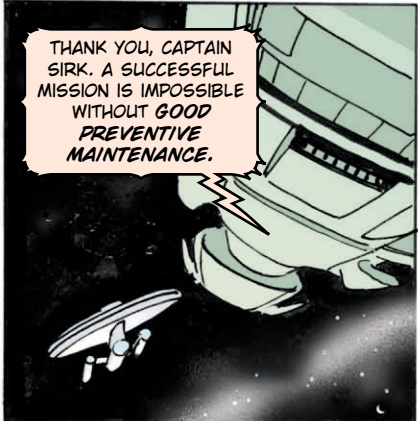


A RUSTY ROTOR OR A LACK OF LUBRICANT CAN BE AS DEADLY AS A PHOTON TORPEDO!

TRUE, CAPTAIN SIRK... TOO TRUE.



WE APOLOGIZE FOR OUR ACCUSATIONS, CAPTAIN. WE HAVE ALL LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON!



THANK YOU, CAPTAIN SIRK. A SUCCESSFUL MISSION IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GOOD PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.

SO THAT'S THE REAL STORY OF THE LOST MISSION OF ZOLON



THERE IS A LESSON FOR ALL OF YOU OUT THERE...



...ONE'S THAT AS IMPORTANT TODAY AS IT WAS YESTERDAY AND WILL BE TOMORROW.



IT'S A MESSAGE THAT WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET



NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE EQUIPMENT OR HOW ADVANCED THE TECHNOLOGY...



GOOD PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IS CRITICAL FOR UNINTERRUPTED PERFORMANCE!



WITHOUT PM YOUR MISSION IS DOOMED. YOU CERTAINLY WON'T GO WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE!

