

Deep Space 2 Newsflash March 2024

Introduction

The DS2 Newsflash is meant to inform the crew about what happened last month, what is going to happen, and what is planned for the near future. The DS2 Newsflash in PDF Format for Acrobat Reader, often contains pictures, while the text version does not. You can read and download this DS2 Newsflash in PDF Format with this direct link:

http://arthurvanrhee.be/ds2archieff/flas3_24.pdf

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1. A word from the DS2 CO

In Memoriam: Marianne Loogen



The image shows a memorial card for Marianne Loogen. On the left is a portrait of an elderly woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a patterned jacket. Below the portrait, the text reads: 'Dankbaar aandenken aan Marianne Loogen echtgenote van Tonny van Rhee'. Further down, it states: 'Geboren te Semarang (Java) op 16 december 1934 en zachtjes ingeslapen in het Woonzorgcentrum 'Op Haanven' te Veerle-Laakdal op 6 februari 2024.' At the bottom left, it says 'lid van meerdere verenigingen'. On the right side of the card, there is a Dutch poem: 'Maar of zij vastte of zong of bad, Haar was of heur leven zelf bewoog In de straten van Gods lichte stad En onder Moeders oog. Zoo was haar doen én zuivre vreugd: Een orgel dat speelt zacht en ver Zijn hymnen aan Maria's deugd: O Hemels Deur o Morgenster.' Below the poem, it says 'Uit Beatrix 1911'. At the bottom right, it reads 'We danken u voor uw troost en medeleven.' and 'Begraven in Heemerts' Beuenderlo, tel. 0-366-10 87'.

*****(Picture PDF Version only)*****

Marianne Loogen
December 16, 1934 - February 6, 2024

Marianne was a member of Deep Space 2 for more than 25 years. She was especially active in the Deep Space 2 Charity Department and she played in the Deep Space 2 RPG for 21 years.

She will be missed. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Arthur

UFP News

UFP on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mikeferg1>

*****Star Trek Online Screenshots (Pictures PDF Version only)*****

Star Trek Online: Both Worlds

Latest episode: Scorpion's Abyss

Captains, we're excited to announce that our 14th Anniversary update, Star Trek Online: Both Worlds, is coming to PC on January 23! In this new adventure, players will encounter notable Star Trek stars, including Captain Ezri Dax (voiced by Nicole de Boer from Star Trek: Deep Space Nine), Captain Harry Kim (voiced by Garret Wang from Star Trek: Voyager) and Admiral Kuumaarke (voiced by Kipleigh Brown from Star Trek: Enterprise).

Star Trek Online: Both Worlds continues last season's multiverse story following a misunderstanding with the Tholians and the tearing of the Reality Vortex. In this new update, you'll need to infiltrate the Mirror Borg Unicomplex, a technological labyrinth guarded by relentless Borg, to sever the vortex and save the multiverse. At the heart of this nightmare awaits the Borg King, the architect of this multiversal threat. Will you prevail against impossible odds and rewrite the fate of reality?

Read more:

<https://www.arcgames.com/en/games/star-trek-online/news/detail/11561313-star-trek-online-both-worlds-coming-january-23rd>

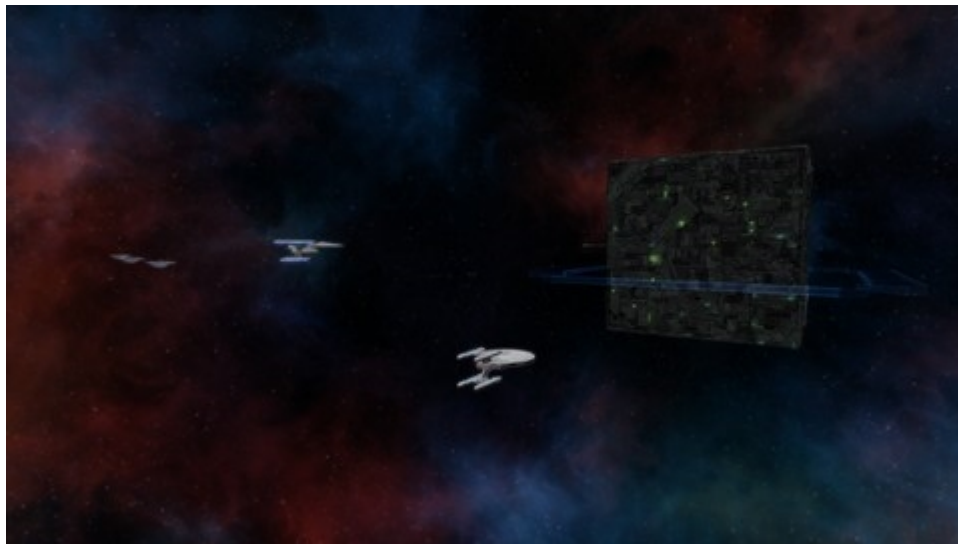
Watch more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGkdzec6-tY>

*****The battle at Wolf 359*****

Would you not want to redo the Battle at Wolf 359?
This month we had the chance to do so in Star Trek Online.

Locutus is coming and Admiral Hanson has assembled a fleet. And my ship was there to help stop Locutus and the Borg.



*****(Picture PDF Version only)*****

But history did not change. We were not able to stop Locutus and the Borg at Wolf 359. We could only pickup the pieces and rescue those who had managed to escape in the escape pods.



*****Star Trek Online Screenshots (Pictures PDF Version only)*****

Battle of Wolf 359 Playthrough | Star Trek Online | watch more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fdxVQWSpHY

Star Trek Online:

The year is 2409. Over a century has passed since the events of Star Trek: Discovery and thirty years since the events of Star Trek: Nemesis. The Romulan Empire has fractured after the destruction of their homeworld; covert meddling by the Undine and Iconians has forced the Federation and Klingon Empire into war with each other once again; and remnants of the Cassian military and Alpha Strain Jem'Hadar disrupt the peace near Deep Space Nine. The galaxy is in turmoil and it's up to you and your crew to save it!

For more info on Star Trek Online (free to play):

<https://www.playstartrekonline.com/>

2. Announcements

There can be some changes to the guestlists and some guests only come on a particular day during the convention. Please visit the websites for the latest news.

London Comic Con Spring

March 2-3, 2024

Olympia, Hammersmith Road, London, UK

<https://www.londoncomicconspring.com/>

Guests:

Nick Moran, Moe Dunford, Frazer Hines, Wendy Leech, Vic Armstrong, Anton Lesser, Tom Savini, Thom Mathews, Max Laferrriere, Martin Castella, Oliver Robins, Hanna Hall, Beverly Randolph, Sylvester McCoy, Colin Baker, Julian Glover

F.A.C.T.S.

April 6-7, 2024

Flanders Expo Gent, Belgium

<https://facts.be/en/>

Guests:

Christopher Judge, Mckenna Grace, Marina Sirtis, Teri Hatcher, Marc de Bel, Sana Takeda, Marjorie Liu, Takeshi Miyazawa, Stefano Martino, Gianluca Maconi, Daniel Henriques, Cam Smith, Chris Weston, Graham Bleathman, Batem, Hermann, Steven Dhondt, Lectrr, Art Grafunkel, Romano Molenaar, Shirow Di Rosso

Fanexpo Cleveland

April 12-14, 2024

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpocleveland/>

Huntington Convention Center Of Cleveland, OH, USA

Guests:

Elijah Wood, Charlie Cox, Sam Raimi, Sean Astin, Vincent D'Onofrio, Alan Tudyk, Danny Trejo, Rose McGowan, Matthew Lewis, Dominic Monaghan, Jason Lee, Jeff Ward, Billy Boyd, Eman Esfandi, Diana Lee Inosanto, Ethan Suplee, Butch Hartman

Fanexpo Philadelphia

May 3-5, 2024

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA, USA

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpophiladelphia/>

Guests:

Adam Savage, Cameron Monaghan, Danny Trejo, Alan Tudyk, Felicia Day, Mario Lopez, Ashley Eckstein, Emily Swallow, Joonas Suotamo, Holly Marie Combs, Ben McKenzie, Jason Lee, Michelle Hurd, Sofia Boutella, Sean Gunn, Jeff Ward, Diana Lee Inosanto, Brandon Rogers, Marisa Tomei

German Film & Comic Con Spring Edition

May 4-5, 2024

Messe Dortmund, Germany

<https://www.germanfilmcomiccon.com/Events/German-Film-Comic-Con-Spring/>

Guests:

Richard Dean Anderson, Jonathan Frakes, Peter Facinelli, Graham McTavish, Amy Acker, Eliza Taylor, Katherine McNamara, Emeraude Toubia, Luke Baines, David Castro, Doug Jones

FedCon 32

May 10-12, 2024

Maritim Hotel Bonn, Germany

<https://www.fedcon.de/de/>

Guests:

Celia Rose Gooding, André Dae Kim, Melissa Navia, Dan Jeannotte, Christina Chong, Liz Kloczkowski, Anson Mount, LeVar Burton, Terry Matalas, Mica Burton, Todd Stashwick

Comic Con Brussels

May 11-12, 2024

Tour & Taxis Brussels, Belgium

<https://comicconbrussels.com/>

Guests:

Karen Gillan, Elijah Wood, Dominic Monaghan, Antony Daniels, Noah Hathaway

Comic Con London

May 24-26 May, 2024

ExCel, London, UK

<https://www.mcmcomiccon.com/london/en-us/home.html>

Guests:

TBA

Fanexpo Dallas

June 7-9, 2024

Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center, Dallas, TX, USA

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpodallas/>

Guests:

TBA

Fanexpo Boston

June 14-16, 2024

Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA, USA

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpoboston/>

Guests:

TBA

Dutch Comic Con

June 21-23, 2024

Jaarbeurs Utrecht, The Netherlands

<https://www.dutchcomiccon.com/>

Guests:

TBA

Fanexpo Denver
July 4-7, 2024
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, USA
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpodenver/>
Guests:
TBA

The 16th North American Science Fiction Convention
July 18-21, 2024
Hyatt Regency Buffalo, NY, USA
<https://buffalonasfic2024.org/>
Guests:
Alan Dean Foster, Nilah Magruder, Kaja Foglio, Phil Foglio, Tony and Suford Lewis

International Discworld Convention
August 2-5, 2024
Birmingham Hilton Metropole Feegle Mound, UK
<https://www.dwcon.org/>
Guests:
Stephen Briggs, Marc burrows, Jan Harkin, Pat Harkin, Lego, Ankh-Morpork, Bernard & Isobel Pearson, Colin Smythe, Ian Stewart, Jodi Taylor,

Worldcon Glasgow
August 8-12, 2024
Scottish Events Campus Glasgow, Scotland
<https://glasgow2024.org/>
Guests:
Chris Baker, Claire Brialey, Mark Plummer, Ken MacLeod, Nnedi Okorafor, Terri Windling

Fanexpo Chicago
August 16-18, 2024
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL, USA
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpochicago/>
Guests:
TBA

Fanexpo Canada
August 22-25, 2024
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON M5V 2W6, Canada
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpocanada/>
Guests:
TBA

Fanexpo San Francisco
November 29 - December 1, 2024
Moscone Center West, San Francisco, CA, USA
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexposanfrancisco/>
Guests:
TBA

German Film & Comic Con Winter Edition
December 7-8, 2024
Messe Dortmund, Germany
<https://germancomiccon.com/>
Guests:
TBA

Seattle Worldcon 2025
August 13-17, 2025
Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, WA, USA
<https://seattlein2025.org/>
Guests:
Martha Wells, Donato Giancola, Bridget Landry, Alexander James Adams



Conventions organised by Creation Entertainment (Mostly US/CAN/UK)

<https://www.creationent.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CreationEntertainment>

Not all guests are appearing during the entire convention.
Check website for guest day of appearance.

ST-SF: Trek to San Francisco
March 8-10, 2024
Hyatt Regency SFO Hotel, 1333 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010
Guests:
Jeri Ryan, Ethan Peck, Terry Matalas, Bonnie Gordon, Brent Spiner, Casey Biggs, Connor Trinneer, Dominic Keating, Ethan Phillips, Gates McFadden, Jeffrey Combs, John de Lancie, Jonathan Del Arco, Larry Nemecek, Max Grodenchik, Melissa Navia, Michelle Hurd, Tawny Newsome, Vaughn Armstrong

The Road So Far...

The Road Ahead

March 15-17, 2024

Mariott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505

Guests:

Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins, Jeffrey Deam morgan, Ruth Connel, Samantha Smith, Matt Cohen, DJ Qualls, Lisa Berry, MTBA

Vampire Fan Weekend

April 12-14, 2024

Mariott Minneapolis City Center Hotel, 30 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Guests:

Ian Somerhalder, Paul Wesley, Matthew Davis, Daniel Gillies, Karen David

3. Community Service

The Charity Link on the DS2 Blog will change every first of every month. The March 2024 Charity Link on the DS2 Blog is: Earth Hour 2024

<https://www.earthhour.org>

From <http://www.wwf.org>

(World Wildlife Fund)

The friends restoring South Africa's Matatiele wetland

Sissie Matele and Nicky McLeod's 20-year friendship has been instrumental in helping restore the South African wetland of Matatiele.

Bringing community knowledge, energy and enthusiasm to their conservation efforts, they have equipped local residents with the tools and desire to help repair their home's ecosystems.

Read more:

https://wwf.panda.org/age_of_change/the_friends_restoring_south_africas_wetlands/

Watch more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJGMtKrnNPA>

4. DS2 Monthly Chapter Report

Deep Space 2 Monthly Chapter Report February 2024

UNITED FEDERATED PLANETS

CHAPTER REPORTING FORM

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF:
February 2024

CHAPTER NAME:
Deep Space 2
UFP Chapter Charter: September 1997

CHAPTER PRESIDENT:
Arthur van Rhee

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT:
Jan Theys

TYPE OF CHAPTER (ENTER BELOW):
ENTER TYPE OF CHAPTER HERE:
STARFLEET COMMAND

IF ALIEN FLEET, WHICH RACE:
N/A

NEWSLETTER NAME:
Deep Space 2 Newsflash (produced monthly)

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Deep Space 2
<http://www.ds2.be>

Deep Space 2 Marines
<http://marines.ds2.be>

NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER:

Curently 27 members

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

* DEEP SPACE 2 BLOG

<http://ds2blog.ds2.be>

* DS2 CHARITY

Regular charity is done by donations, writing letters, going to the people and asking to sign petitions. The main DS2 charity projects are World Wildlife Fund (WWF), The Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.

Every month there is a new "charity link" posted on the DS2 Website.

* DS2 SETI PROJECT

Since March 1, 1999

http://setiweb.ssl.berkeley.edu/team_display.php?teamid=41642

SETI BOINC Credits:

These are last month's results:

Total credit: 17,505,526

Recent average credit: N/A

SETI@home: SETI@home hibernation

On March 31 2020, the volunteer computing part of SETI@home has stopped distributing work and has gone into hibernation.

* DS2 RPG

The Deep Space 2 RPG has entered it's 307th chapter.

* DS2 NEWSLETTER

* The Deep Space 2 Monthly Newsflash has been distributed among the DS2 crew.

*DS2 STORY

* The Deep Space 2 Story : Will continue in March 2024 (Page 324)

<http://ds2story.ds2.be>

* DS2 Trivia

DS2 has set up a trivia about Star Trek.

<http://ds2quiz.ds2.be>

Every month there is a new Trivia competition.
Every day there are new questions. Daily scores are cumulated.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

Promotion:

ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS:

ANY SUGGESTIONS:

ANY UFP AWARDS REQUESTED FOR SPECIFIC CHAPTER MEMBERS:

SIGNATURE OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

Arthur van Rhee
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March 1, 2024

SETI@home News

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5. Birthdays

Wouter Keuleers: March 25

Jan Roel van Rhee: March 25

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7. DS2 Story and RPG Monthly Status Report

DS2 Story

Current Episode: New Technology

The Continuing Story of Deep Space 2: Page 324

As Admiral Arthur and the Gridmasters continued to study the perplexing anomalies, their unease deepened. The unpredictable fluctuations in space-time challenged their understanding of the universe, and the stakes were higher than ever.

The Gridmasters, with their advanced AI and problem-solving abilities, collaborated tirelessly. They attempted to run simulations and analyze the anomalies, but the results only raised more questions than answers. The phenomena seemed to defy the laws of physics, leading the droids to consider the possibility of something beyond their current knowledge.

Admiral Arthur decided to call for a conference, inviting the station's most brilliant scientists, engineers, and astrophysicists to assist in deciphering the anomalies. The conference room buzzed with activity as experts from various fields exchanged theories and ideas. It was clear that these anomalies were unlike anything they had ever encountered.

One leading astrophysicist, Dr. Selena Carter, offered a theory that drew everyone's attention. She suggested that the anomalies might be the result of advanced alien technology or perhaps a tear in the fabric of space-time caused by a powerful, unknown force. Her theory, while speculative, seemed to be the most plausible explanation.

The conference continued for hours, with experts from various fields working tirelessly to understand the anomalies. The station's inhabitants were on edge, aware that their newfound security might be threatened by these inexplicable distortions.

Meanwhile, the Gridmasters, under Admiral Arthur's guidance, initiated a series of deep space probes

equipped with specialized sensors to gather additional data. The hope was that these probes would provide more insights into the anomalies and their origins.

As the probes ventured further into space, they transmitted back invaluable data. The anomalies appeared to be concentrated in a distant sector of the galaxy, prompting the station's senior staff to consider a potential mission to investigate further. But such an expedition would be risky, as the anomalies were unpredictable and could pose unknown dangers.

Admiral Arthur now faced a pivotal decision: whether to send an expedition into the unknown to confront the source of the anomalies or to wait for more data and analyze the situation further. The fate of Deep Space 2 could hang in the balance, and the decision he made would shape the future of the station and its inhabitants.

With uncertainty and curiosity growing, the crew of Deep Space 2 stood at the threshold of a perilous journey into the unknown, ready to unravel the mysteries of the anomalies and discover the secrets they held. The fate of the station and maybe even the Federation itself rested on their shoulders.

DS2 RPG General Status Report February 2024

USS Earth/Starbase 44

The Captains of the USS Giant and USS Sun make a decision.

Recognizing the potential dangers lurking in the unfamiliar realm they found themselves in, the USS Giant and USS Sun committed their resources to aid the Celestial Nexus in fending off the external threat mentioned by Commander Zara. The starship captains knew that by assisting the coalition, they could potentially gain valuable allies and information that might bring them one step closer to returning home.

Captain Rodriguez: "We will do everything in our power to assist the Celestial Nexus in defending against these external threats. Our combined forces can make a difference."

Captain Thompson: "Agreed, Captain Rodriguez. Our priority remains the safety and well-being of our crews, but if we can help the Nexus while also working towards finding a way back home, then it's a risk worth taking."

With their decision made, the USS Giant and USS Sun began coordinating with the Celestial Nexus, sharing their expertise in starship operations, tactical strategies, and scientific knowledge. Together, they formed a formidable alliance, ready to confront whatever challenges lay ahead.

As the starships ventured deeper into the realm of the Celestial Nexus, they encountered a myriad of alien species, each with their own cultures, technologies, and histories. It was a fascinating journey of exploration and discovery, but also one fraught with danger as they navigated through territories controlled by hostile factions.

Despite the risks, the crews of the USS Giant and USS Sun remained resolute, their determination to aid the Celestial Nexus unwavering. They fought bravely alongside their new allies, facing off against marauding space pirates, enigmatic cosmic entities, and rival factions vying for dominance.

With each victory, the bond between the starships and the Celestial Nexus grew stronger. They forged alliances, exchanged knowledge, and worked together to unravel the mysteries of the realm they found themselves in.

But amidst the triumphs, a new dilemma emerged. The external threat that the Celestial Nexus had

warned about was growing stronger, its influence spreading across the galaxies. The coalition was stretched thin, and the USS Giant and USS Sun faced the daunting task of confronting this threat head-on.

As they prepared for their next mission, the starship captains knew that the fate of not only the Celestial Nexus but also their own chances of returning home hung in the balance. They would need to muster all their courage, ingenuity, and strength to overcome this challenge, and the outcome remained uncertain.

With the stakes higher than ever, Captain Rodriguez and Captain Thompson stood on the bridge of their respective starships, their minds focused, their hearts determined. The journey ahead would test their resolve like never before, and the fate of countless lives depended on their actions.

As they set course for the heart of the conflict, a sense of anticipation filled the air, mingled with a tinge of apprehension. The USS Giant and USS Sun were poised at the precipice of destiny, ready to confront the unknown and face whatever challenges awaited them.

And as they plunged into the depths of uncertainty, the crew of both starships braced themselves for the trials that lay ahead, knowing that their decisions would shape the course of their journey and determine the ultimate fate of their quest.

The crew of the USS Horizon is fighting temporal anomalies.

As Admiral Steichen contemplated the gravity of the situation aboard Starbase 44, she received an unexpected visitor. The Lorem, an enigmatic being with profound knowledge of the cosmos, appeared once more in her chambers.

"Some difficulties can be solved easily," the Lorem intoned cryptically. "Temporal anomalies are only temporal. Sometimes you just have to wait, and they will pass in time. Your Horizon will be in time."

Intrigued by the Lorem's wisdom, Admiral Steichen pondered the implications of his words. Could it be that the solution to the crisis lay not in frantic action, but in patient observation?

Following the advice of the Lorem, Admiral Steichen issued a directive to Captain Voss and the crew of the USS Horizon. They were to stand down from their efforts to stabilize the anomalies and await further instructions.

The crew of the Horizon, while initially apprehensive, followed their orders dutifully. They monitored the situation from a safe distance, their senses attuned to any changes in the temporal fabric of Sector 97216.

Days turned into weeks as the Horizon maintained its vigilant watch. And then, as if by some cosmic decree, the anomalies began to dissipate. The distortions faded, and the fabric of space-time returned to its natural state.

The artifact on the planet had expended all its energy, and with it, the temporal anomalies vanished into the ether. The crisis had been averted, not through heroic deeds or daring exploits, but through patience and restraint.

With the threat neutralized, the USS Horizon returned to Starbase 44, its crew hailed as heroes for their role in resolving the crisis. Captain Voss, Commander Varik, and the others received commendations for their exemplary service in the face of adversity.

As they docked at the starbase, Admiral Steichen greeted them with a sense of relief and gratitude. The Lorem's wisdom had proven invaluable, and the galaxy owed its continued stability to his cryptic guidance.

Yet, as the crew disembarked from the Horizon, a lingering sense of uncertainty remained. The artifact on the planet may have been dormant for now, but its mysteries still beckoned, whispering secrets of untold potential and peril.

As the Horizon's crew returned to their quarters, they knew that their journey was far from over. The stars above held countless wonders and dangers, and the USS Horizon stood ready to face whatever challenges the cosmos had in store.

Aboard Starbase 44 there is another issue.

Admiral Steichen watched the tense exchange unfold on the viewscreen, her jaw set in determination. As Captain John Wainis continued to attempt negotiation with the Arbiters, the atmosphere on the bridge remained tense, every officer poised for action.

But the Arbiters' patience wore thin, and without warning, their ships unleashed a barrage of energy weapons toward Starbase 44. The beams lanced out, impacting against the starbase's shields with dazzling displays of light, but they held firm, deflecting the assault effortlessly.

A ripple of amusement spread through Starbase 44 Operations as it became evident that the Arbiters' weapons were no match for the formidable defenses of Starbase 44. Some officers shook their heads, unable to suppress a smile at the ineffectiveness of the attackers' efforts.

Admiral Steichen, her eyes blazing with determination, faced a crucial decision. The Arbiters' ships were now at her mercy, their aggression futile against the might of Starbase 44. She could order a retaliatory strike, crippling the enemy vessels and ensuring they posed no further threat. Alternatively, she could choose to capture the Arbiters, taking them into custody and extracting information about their motives and capabilities. Or, she could demand that the Arbiters retreat, warning them of the consequences should they ever threaten Federation territory again.

The weight of the decision rested heavily on Admiral Steichen's shoulders. War and violence were serious matters, and every action had far-reaching consequences. She knew that whatever she decided would shape the future of relations between the Federation and the Arbiters, and potentially influence the stability of the entire sector.

Players: CS

Starbase 88

Subject: Mission Dispatch: Exploring the Uncharted Sector 41257

To all crew members of the USS Celestial Voyager,

As we embark upon the dawn of the 25th century, our quest for exploration and discovery knows no bounds. Under the distinguished leadership of Admiral Van Nieuwenhove, Starbase 88 stands as a beacon of innovation and progress in the vast expanse of the cosmos. Today, we stand on the precipice of a new frontier, ready to chart the uncharted and uncover the mysteries that lie beyond the reaches of Federation space.

It is with great honor and excitement that I announce the commencement of our latest mission. By orders of Admiral Van Nieuwenhove, the USS Celestial Voyager has been tasked with venturing into the enigmatic sector 41257, located on the outskirts of our known territory. Our mission objectives are clear: to survey the celestial phenomena, map the planetary systems, and gather invaluable data that will further our understanding of the universe.

As we venture forth into the unknown, let us remember the spirit of exploration that has guided humanity throughout the ages. Together, as a crew united in purpose and determination, we shall overcome any obstacle that crosses our path and emerge stronger in the face of adversity.

However, with the promise of discovery also comes the weight of responsibility. Sector 41257 remains largely uncharted, its mysteries shrouded in uncertainty. As we navigate through uncharted territories, we must remain vigilant and cautious. The unknown poses its own set of challenges, and we must be prepared to confront them with courage and resilience.

Amidst the excitement of exploration, a dilemma presents itself. While our mission is one of discovery and enlightenment, we must also tread carefully to ensure the safety and security of both our crew and the Federation. The path ahead may be fraught with peril, yet it is our duty to press forward in pursuit of knowledge and understanding.

In the face of uncertainty, let us stand resolute in our commitment to exploration, guided by the principles of unity, integrity, and discovery. Together, we shall boldly go where no one has gone before.

Captain's Log, Captain Dora Jenkins: The journey begins now. May the stars guide our way.

Safe travels, Celestial Voyager crew.

After weeks of traversing the uncharted expanses of sector 41257, the USS Celestial Voyager has made a momentous discovery - the first uninhabited planet within our reach. As we descend into the atmosphere of this celestial body, anticipation runs high among the crew. Our sensors indicate that this world possesses a rich tapestry of geological formations, promising untold scientific discoveries and opportunities for exploration.

Upon landing, away teams are deployed to survey the planet's surface. What awaits us is a landscape of breathtaking beauty, with towering mountain ranges, lush forests, and crystalline lakes stretching out as far as the eye can see. The air is crisp and invigorating, a testament to the purity of this untouched world.

As our scientists begin their analyses, initial findings reveal an abundance of rare minerals and geological formations that hold great scientific and economic value. The potential for groundbreaking discoveries is palpable, igniting a sense of excitement and wonder among the crew.

Yet, amidst the thrill of exploration, a dilemma emerges. Our presence on this pristine planet raises ethical questions about our impact on its fragile ecosystem. While our mission is one of discovery, we must tread carefully to ensure that our actions do not disrupt the delicate balance of life on this world.

As we delve deeper into our exploration efforts, we are faced with the challenge of reconciling our desire for knowledge with our responsibility to preserve and protect the natural wonders of this planet. The decisions we make in the days ahead will shape not only the course of our mission but also the legacy we leave behind as explorers of the cosmos.

For now, we stand at a crossroads, grappling with the weight of our responsibility to this newfound world. As we contemplate our next steps, let us be guided by the principles of stewardship and reverence for the wonders of the universe.

Captain's Log, Captain Dora Jenkins

Players: GVN

USS Thunderbolt/The Borg Collective

Spoiler alert!

Attention! This part of the DS2 RPG contains spoilers for those who have not seen Star Trek Picard Season 1-2-3!

As the galaxy witnessed the assimilation of Romulan territories and the Dominion's uncertain dance with the Borg, the fate of entire civilizations hung in the balance. The Borg, driven by a relentless pursuit of perfection, continued their quest to assimilate and adapt, reshaping the destiny of the galaxy in ways that even the most advanced civilizations could not foresee. The dilemma of loyalty, espionage, and the inexorable march of the Borg across the stars cast a shadow that would linger for generations to come.

Captain Elyra and her assimilated crew are already making plans.

As the crew prepared for the next leg of their journey, they looked to the stars with a sense of purpose, knowing that their mission would shape the destiny of civilizations across the cosmos. The slow, deliberate spread of the Borg way continued, as Captain Elyra and her crew ventured forth into the unknown, ready to guide more worlds toward a future of unity and prosperity.

Players: FK

USS Vertigo / USS Gdonsk

Day 417 17.31

After a week of relative calm, the crews of the USS Vertigo and the USS Gdonsk, along with their newfound allies, began to feel a sense of cautious optimism. The information provided by the ancient civilization had proven invaluable in fortifying their defenses, and the combined efforts of the Federation and its allies had created a formidable front along the border.

Day 417 19.24

However, the tranquility was shattered when an unexpected anomaly in subspace caught the attention of the vigilant sensors on board the USS Vertigo. Strange rifts began to appear, and from them emerged a formidable alien armada—the very same that had previously threatened the Federation.

Day 417 19.24

The crews sprang into action, initiating emergency protocols and preparing for the impending invasion. Commodore Slater and Captain Matz coordinated their forces, working alongside the diplomatic team and the experts from the ancient race to formulate a strategy.

Players: NP

USS Atlantis/Starbase 99

Starbase 99, a sprawling outpost at the edge of the galaxy, was known for its state-of-the-art training facilities. Among its various training programs, the shooting exercise was considered one of the most challenging and prestigious. Elite soldiers and sharpshooters from different corners of the universe gathered at Starbase 99 to test their skills in the advanced simulation chambers.

Lieutenant Kira Novak, a skilled marksman with a reputation for precision and speed, arrived at Starbase

99 eager to take on the shooting exercise. The vast training complex hummed with energy as soldiers prepared for their turns in the simulated scenarios that would push their abilities to the limit.

Kira stepped into the sleek, high-tech simulation chamber, the doors sealing shut behind her. The artificial environment flickered to life, transporting her to a virtual landscape that mirrored the surface of an alien planet. The air crackled with tension as holographic targets materialized in the distance.

The exercise began with simple stationary targets, but as Kira's accuracy shone through, the simulation escalated. Targets started moving at incredible speeds, mimicking the unpredictable maneuvers of enemy combatants. Kira moved with grace, her senses finely tuned to the ever-changing battlefield.

The scenario evolved further, introducing obstacles and challenges. Holographic civilians appeared alongside hostile targets, adding a layer of complexity. Kira had to make split-second decisions, distinguishing friend from foe while maintaining her focus on the mission. The training chamber echoed with the sounds of simulated gunfire and the whir of drones mimicking enemy forces.

As the exercise reached its climax, Kira found herself in a high-stakes hostage rescue simulation. Holographic captives were strategically placed among armed adversaries. She had to neutralize the threats without harming the innocent hostages. The pressure was intense, but Kira's training and instincts kicked in.

Time seemed to blur as Kira moved through the simulation, her shots precise and controlled. The exercise concluded with a final tally of hits and misses. The holographic environment faded away, and the doors of the chamber opened.

Commander Mitchell, the officer in charge of the shooting exercise, awaited Kira outside the simulation chamber. A holographic display projected her impressive results – a near-perfect score. The gathered crowd of onlookers erupted into applause as Kira stepped out, her demeanor composed and proud.

The shooting exercise at Starbase 99 had once again showcased the exceptional skills of the galaxy's finest soldiers. Kira, having proven her prowess, earned the respect of her peers and the admiration of the command staff. As she left the training complex, she carried with her not just a scorecard, but the confidence that she was ready for whatever challenges the galaxy might throw her way.

Players: JM & CP

Ovion (Hirogen/Ori/Replicator Vessel)

A Fractured Crew

The rift's influence deepened the rift within the Hirogen crew. Some believed in Horkan's vision of capturing a Q, while others, led by Voras, sought to escape the chaotic realm. As tensions escalated, violence erupted, and the rift's effects further distorted their perceptions.

During one violent confrontation, Horkan himself was injured, and his mind began to unravel. In his delirium, he became convinced that Voras was conspiring to seize leadership and claim the Ascension Hunt for himself. The rift's energies, however, had driven him to the brink of madness.

Players: TvR