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Star Wars: The Force Awakens

by: BGen Drego Tensa

Two trailers have been produced teasing us about J.J. Abrams' epic new installment in the Star Wars saga, Episode VII: The Force Awakens. I've seen both of them.

The first trailer contains two surprises. A droid with a billiard ball torso which, on first glance, looks pretty cool, and a light-hilted light saber (C'mon, J.J!) which could be hazardous to the wielder. Is that land speeder cruising Tatooine something new? X-wing and tie fighters, and the Millennium Falcon are a welcome sight; they are unchanged, thank the Force! The Dark Side was mentioned. I saw three new faces...

The second trailer contained no new surprises. A crashed star destroyer and a crashed x-wing fighter lay decaying on the sands of Tatooine. There were spoken hints of old friends. There were those new faces again...maybe a newer one, but I'm not sure. Best of all, as they arrived in the Millennium Falcon, Han Solo said to Chewbacca, "Chewie, we're home." I think this movie might just be worth the watching.

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Fiction

A Stargate Atlantis Story

Chapter 5

by Col Shreya Rose

Meanwhile

Erick paced back and forth in the cafeteria. He couldn't believe it started already. He bit his lip as he held onto the book. *The changing eye color, the fast healing, it's happening so fast*, he thought. Sitting down at the first table he came to, he opened the book and started looking through it. He wanted to know everything he could and be prepared for whatever might happen.

Gate Room: Control Room

Beckett was making his way to Weir's office when he saw Sheppard walking toward him. "Colonel Sheppard, May I talk to you for a moment?"

"Sure," Sheppard answered as he ushered Beckett into a conference room. Beckett had his laptop with him. On it were the scans he did on Amargosa's shoulder.

"Something is going on with Amargosa. I checked her over earlier today and I found that her shoulder injury has completely healed and that type of injury takes several weeks to heal," Beckett said showing Sheppard the scans.

Sheppard looked at the scans, "Are you sure?"

"Positive. It only took a week to heal. I know your next question; I haven't told Weir yet."

"Alright, inform Weir as to what's going on. I'm going to see if I can get some more information," Sheppard told Beckett as he turned to leave.

Beckett nodded in assent and headed toward Weir's office.

Hallway

Erick, walking towards Amargosa's room, felt some warm air coming toward him. He knew something was going on with Amargosa. She hadn't left her room since seeing Doctor Beckett. Erick sighed as he continued walking toward the young woman's room wondering what was going on with his charge.

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Fiction

The Alfore Encounter - 19

"Back to Reality "

by Col Two Wolves

"Well, that was truly enlightening," Tony huffed sarcastically after Shara ended her official condolences communications to Vulcan.

Why couldn't they be more reasonable, like Humans? Because they are Vulcans, Tony thought sourly.

Shara had adhered to every aspect of Starfleet protocol. She'd dressed the part by donning a command uniform, pulling her hair back into a bun and putting on a bit of lip gloss.

In addition, Tony was similarly dressed in regulation uniform, and present as an official witness for the conversation. After all, he was her Chief Medical Officer and had the last say when declaring the death of crew or, in this case, exploration officials.

To Dr. Gomez, the Vulcan Ambassador seemed a tad annoyed that he was sitting next to Shara. It was almost as if she wanted Shara alone so she could castigate her.

Nah! he thought, shaking his head. *Perhaps it was my friendly face,* Tony continued to muse. After all, he had scowled at the pinched faced woman throughout the entire encounter.

Shara made sure she shut down the console. Captain Darden had been kind enough to allow her use of the Tesla's Ready Room. Shara was a firm believer in leaving borrowed things in their original state.

"They don't like the fact that their esteemed scientists are all dead. They will investigate further. As humans are fond of saying, they will attempt to dig up dirt on me," Shara said as she removed the scrunchie holding her bun secure and shook her hair loose.

It was still styled in the traditional manner of married Alforian women. Multiple braids with colorful cloth strips running through them. Shara loved the style and wanted to keep it. However, she realized that would be impractical.

"What can they do to you? Starfleet will investigate and find the science team died as a direct result of the crash, as I did. Given the Vulcan anatomy's low tolerance for cold weather, had any of them survived the crash they would've certainly died from exposure," Tony stated.

"Understood, Tony. However, as I explained previously, they will not be satisfied with your explanation nor Starfleet's. They will launch their own investigation. They will seek to make my life...our lives... miserable... or worse..." Shara's voice trailed off as a single tear ran down her left cheek. Tony pulled some tissues out of Darden's desk dispenser and tenderly dried his wife's face.

Tony felt the anger welling up inside him, but tamped it down because it would further upset her. They'd received the good news after their exams that she was pregnant. The last thing Tony wanted to do was upset his pregnant wife, and their unborn child.

"We'd better get going if we want to make the reenactment in time. We are an essential part of it you know," Tony said as he stood up. Gentle metallic jingles followed his and Shara's movement as Kiki, Rusty, and the kits rose to follow them. The Graya were close behind.

"Yes, we are the first non Alforians to be married in the Blanket Dance Ceremony," Shara said with an uncharacteristic smile.

"Absolutely," Tony replied. "And no Ice Wine for you, young lady," he added.

"I'm well aware of that, Tony. However, I plan to negotiate with Quan to see if it can be packaged and shipped. I'd like to take some home and store it until after the baby is born," Shara told him.

"That's an excellent suggestion! In fact, I can see an entire industry growing up around that," Tony replied.

"Perhaps this will be the spark to regenerate the Alforian economy," Shara speculated as the turbolift doors closed behind them.

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Minutes later, outside Amargosa's room

Sheppard arrived at Amargosa's door just when Erick arrived. Erick was surprised to see him there.

"Colonel Sheppard, everything okay?"

"Just came to check on Amargosa and see how she's doing. Haven't seen her in a while," Sheppard told him.

"She did say that she needed some quiet time to clear her head," Erick related.

Sheppard looked at Erick. Erick knocked on the door. There was no answer from the other side. Erick looked at Sheppard and knocked again.

"Amargosa, it's Erick. Please open the door!"

There was still no answer. Sheppard used his access code to open the door. The door opened wide revealing the room to be cluttered with everything in total disarray. Erick walked in and looked around. Sheppard stayed by the door. He felt as if something might be about to happen.

Erick walked back to where Sheppard was standing. "She's not here," he said. "She's got to be here. There's nowhere else to go."

Sheppard understood that there were parts of Atlantis the expedition members still hadn't explored. "There might be several places she could be. There are places we haven't looked at yet."

"Then let's go," Erick urged.

"I need to get my team together. We can form up go from there," Sheppard replied.

Erick nodded and headed out of the room with Sheppard following behind him. They knew they were going to have to find Amargosa, and soon.

Fiction

Fallen Angel - Part 15

by 1stLt Wyman

Professor Pearson sat on a cushion on the floor in the crystal room with Angel. It had taken him a few days of rest and recuperation to regain his strength and begin to heal. When the doctor finally let him up he insisted on meeting the A.I. otherwise known as Angel.

"you, my dear, are a wonderful, unique being!" the professor said delightedly.

"Thank you Professor. You have asked many excellent questions and I have enjoyed talking to you as well," she told him.

"Is there anything I can do for you or get you?" he asked as he gingerly climbed to his feet. "I fear my old bones aren't very conducive to sitting for very long."

"No, I have everything I need. It is time for Lillian's visit," she said smiling. A soft knock alerted the arrival of Boomer with the baby.

"I hope to visit with you more," he said as the door slid open.

"Oh, you will have plenty of time to get acquainted with Angel. We're going to be together for a good while. The Captain is headed for the Dagba system and we'll be there for quite some time," Boomer said, smiling at the professor and Angel.

Lillian stretched her arms towards Angel, "momma!"

"Take care little one!" the professor said as he touched her chubby fingers.

"I cannot believe I am fortunate enough to study and learn from something thought to be extinct!" Professor Pearson said as he and Boomer left the crystal room to walk back through the ship. The door shut with Lillian and Angel engaged in smiles as Angel caused the crystals to flicker and shine like a Christmas tree.

Three years later

The *Fallen Angel* had undergone a series of major ship-wide modifications and upgrades, including sensory equipment with greater precision, defensive shields of far greater resilience, and more powerful weaponry with vastly improved accuracy.

Now, the ship was strategically perched in a remote location of space with Jaxon's space port being eyed from a safe distance.

Captain Moore was standing on the deck watching the view screen that was trained on the outpost. Henderson was standing next to him.

"Well, I wonder if Jaxon still has that bounty on us," Henderson uttered with a snarl.

"I don't think he really has a bounty on us. We didn't turn Lillian over to him, but we kept our end of the bargain," The captain said, eyes still on the screen. "He wanted that little shuttle and we snared it for him."

"Then why are we sitting out here on the fringe like a child hiding from an angry parent?" Henderson asked scratching his chin.

"I think you have been cooped up far too long," Moore said as he looked over at Henderson who was tinkering with the latest monitoring device he had just installed.

"Boomer, hail Jaxon. Let's see if he wants to welcome us or shoot at us," Moore said.

"Okay, you're the captain," Boomer said. Then he switched on the com to hail the station.

Personality of the Month

Khan Noonien Singh

Khan Noonien Singh, or simply Khan, was a genetically-engineered Human and the most prominent tyrant of the late-20th century Eugenics Wars on Earth.*

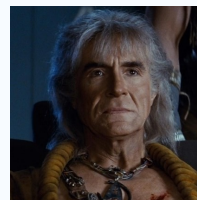
The USS Enterprise encountered the Botany Bay with Khan and followers of his on board in 2267. The boarding party activated Khan's stasis unit but the mechanism began to fail. Capt. James T. Kirk ordered him removed and Dr. Leonard McCoy saved his life.



Khan took advantage of Kirk's hospitality. He amassed information from the ship's computer library. He exploited ship's historian Lt. Marla McGivers' attraction to him. He later revived his followers and tried to take over the Enterprise in order to conquer a colony but was ultimately thwarted. Kirk gave him, McGivers and the rest the option of prison, or colonizing the dangerous but habitable world, Ceti Alpha V.

Six months after settling, a cataclysm on Ceti Alpha VI caused a shift in orbit, devastating Ceti Alpha V ecologically, killing off much of the indigenous life.

The USS Reliant's Capt. Clark Terrell and Cmdr. Pavel Chekov, surveying what they thought was Ceti Alpha VI for the Genesis project, were taken captive by Khan and made compliant with Ceti eels. Now armed with the knowledge Genesis' potential, he hijacked the Reliant. Khan then made Chekov notify spacelab Regula I that, per Admiral Kirk's orders, Reliant would arrive and take possession of Genesis. The lure worked.



Eventually, after initially battling Kirk, starship to starship, Khan brought the Genesis device on board the Reliant and fled into the Mutara Nebula with Kirk in pursuit. The final battle left the Reliant crippled and adrift, the Enterprise's warp engines damaged. Khan activated the Genesis device in hopes of taking Kirk and the Enterprise into oblivion with him, but Spock repaired the damage to the engines and the Enterprise escaped at warp speed. The Genesis device then detonated, destroying the Reliant and Khan along with it.

Source: [en.memory-alpha.org/wiki/Khan Noonien Singh](http://en.memory-alpha.org/wiki/Khan_Noonien_Singh)

Brain Benders

ACROSS

1. Nitwit
5. Posed
8. *Leader of the "Sixers"
12. Early Irish alphabet
14. "___ Time transfigured me": Yeats
15. conduit
16. *Dr. ___ 23D
18. Do penance
19. Put in for more
20. ___ Cordiale
22. Annex
23. ___ Penn
24. *Escaped convict who fled to Terra Nova, with 23D
27. "Uh-huh"
29. Psora, for one
33. Elliptical
35. "That's a ___!"
37. Cocoon residents
39. Fries, maybe
40. Trig functions
42. Gun's recoil
43. Hurl
45. Once again
46. Postponement
47. Expression of amusement
49. Not written
51. *The reason 24A went to prison in 2149, with 23D
52. Rhett Butler's final word
54. Harbor craft
56. President Polk's killer

60. Greets aggressively
64. Less polite
65. *First colonist of Terra Nova, informally
67. Fugard's "A Lesson From ___"
68. Brace
69. Intuit
70. *Suitor of 13D
71. Austrian peak
72. No longer working: Abbr.



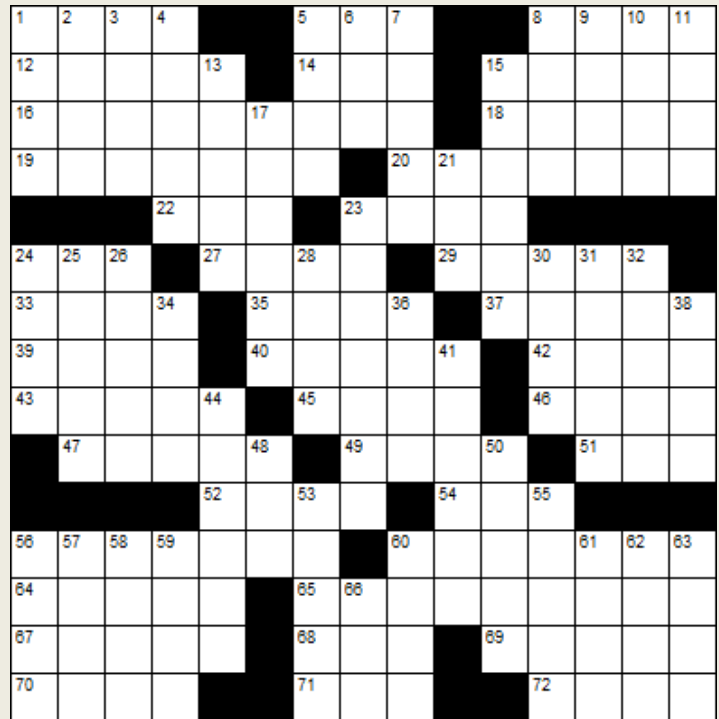
DOWN

1. Afrikaner
2. Leer at
3. Where Lima is
4. Iraqi port
5. Clairvoyant
6. Oils and such
7. Giggle
8. Pal in Perth
9. A party to
10. Diatribe
11. Sheltered, at sea
13. *Infermary apprentice with a liking for 70A, with 23D
15. Kitty delighter
17. Moistens with droplets
21. 60's war zone,

- briefly
23. *See 16A, 24A, 51A, 13D and 24D
24. *Reluctant teen traveler attracted to 38D, with 23D
25. Wall climbers
26. ___ President
28. "Tosca" tune
30. Arctic seabirds
31. Mark who won seven golds in '72
32. 1952 film starring Robert Mitchum
34. First name in jeans
36. Equal
38. *"Bucket" who was instantly attracted to 24D
41. Fabric sample
44. Council members
48. 15A site
50. *Vengeful son of 65A
53. Kind of ray
55. Dead duck
56. Study for finals
57. Waikiki wiggle
58. Polecat's defense
59. Soup vegetable
60. Crowning
61. Cosecant's reciprocal
62. Midterm, e.g.
63. Musher's transport
66. Cobbler's tool

ESB Crockett's Spirited Crossword Puzzle

*Terra Nova - by BGen Tensa - April 2015



Answers to Previous Puzzle

J	E	F	F	T	B	S	P	T	R	A	C	Y
A	V	E	R	O	R	E	O	E	E	R	I	E
N	A	T	O	W	A	D	E	A	P	I	A	N
E	D	E	M	A	I	A	M	B	A	D	O	S
S	E	S	C	O	N	N	A	N	Y			
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E	N	S	U	E	T	R	I	P	N	O	N	E
S	C	O	T	T	S	E	N	T	H	O	O	D



More Brain Benders

SUDOKU PUZZLE

April 2015
Hard Non-Symmetrical
by BGen Tensa

			1			3		
	5	8					4	
	7						8	1
		4	5					7
	1		7		4			
2					1			
9		5				2		
			3			1		
	8				7		5	

Solution to March's Sudoku Puzzle
Medium Non-Symmetrical

4	9	5	8	7	2	6	1	3
6	8	2	5	1	3	9	4	7
3	7	1	6	4	9	2	5	8
7	5	3	1	6	8	4	2	9
2	1	9	3	5	4	8	7	6
8	6	4	2	9	7	1	3	5
1	2	8	7	3	6	5	9	4
9	3	6	4	2	5	7	8	1
5	4	7	9	8	1	3	6	2

WORD SEARCH

April's Topic: "Anatomy"
Look for 40 Body Parts
by BGen Tensa

H	E	E	L	F	T	R	Z	U	S	H	I	N
I	L	I	U	M	E	H	Y	M	E	N	U	L
P	B	F	R	V	F	N	R	E	D	U	C	T
B	R	A	I	N	S	O	J	O	H	M	Z	B
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Y	L	S	N	N	O	S	E	S	O	R	A	L
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U	I	V	D	I	E	A	O	V	U	L	V	A
S	S	W	R	I	S	T	R	E	I	L	E	G

Solution to March's Word Search:
"Leonard Nimoy"

F	R	E	D	D	Y	M	A	U	T	K	M	W
G	Y	J	A	A	E	I	R	T	A	O	I	I
B	A	R	R	O	W	L	N	M	C	N	C	N
B	E	R	N	I	E	L	I	E	F	I	K	N
P	A	C	K	Y	H	E	E	L	U	G	U	O
K	S	R	O	G	E	R	O	R	K	M	T	A
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R	A	L	W	U	B	T	M	I	T	C	H	R
R	E	B	A	R	A	K	A	C	O	K	R	O
Y	P	A	R	I	S	M	R	H	Y	D	E	N

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