

Crockett's Spirit

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## **ESB News and Happenings**

by BGen Drego Tensa

#### Jedi Ranks Contest

The Jedi Ranks Contest is still ongoing and, as you know, will continue through midnight ESB time, Friday, July 31, 2015.

Three of our officers have already entered this contest nad have an equal shot at the prizes. There is still plenty of time to enter and I encourage all of you do do so.

Remember: Jedi Ranks as close to canon as possible, but with some leeway; the winner will be granted a custom rank and a custom uniform color of his or her own choosing for an entire month; Major General Tanner will determine the winner and she will have final say as to what Jedi Ranks are made official ranks of ESB. Take a chance and enter! Good luck!

#### **Esprit Starbase Expansion**

"Great and wondrous things are happening here at Esprit Starbase!" I said. "Starfleet, Stargate, and the Jedi are joining us!" But how do you know that for certain? All you've seen so far are some Starfleet captains rank insignia donned by a few colonels who changed service branches, and the changes in our uniform colors from MACO to Starfleet departmental colors. What other evidence do you have that Major General Tanner is directing the expansion of ESB to encompass Starfleet, Stargate Command and the Jedi Order? Well, you know you can trust the major general implicitly. I think you know you can take my word for it. Or, you can start turning the pages and see a preview for yourselves.

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Fiction

## A Stargate Atlantis Story Chapter 8

by Col Shreya Rose

#### Infirmary

Sheppard brought Amargosa into the infirmary and placed her on one of the beds. Beckett came out of the lab and started looking her over. Sheppard excused himself, then he and the rest of the team left to change. Amargosa groaned and her head fell to one side. A slight mark appeared on her neck.

#### Six hours later

Beckett was working nearby when Amargosa suddenly awoke and looked around the room. Sitting up slowly, she looked at Beckett. Her eyes were a slightly different color. Beckett walked over to her.

"Amargosa, how are you feeling?" He asked.

"Like a huge animal ran over me a couple of times. What happened?" Amargosa asked holding her head.

"Thought you could tell me."

"I don't remember much. I was meditating in my room and then I ended up somewhere I didn't know," Amargosa told him. "I heard someone inside my head... and there were images and memories there that were not mine."

Beckett listened intently as she continued.

On finishing, Amargosa looked at Beckett and asked, "When can I get out of here?"

"In a day or two. I just want to make sure everything's okay."

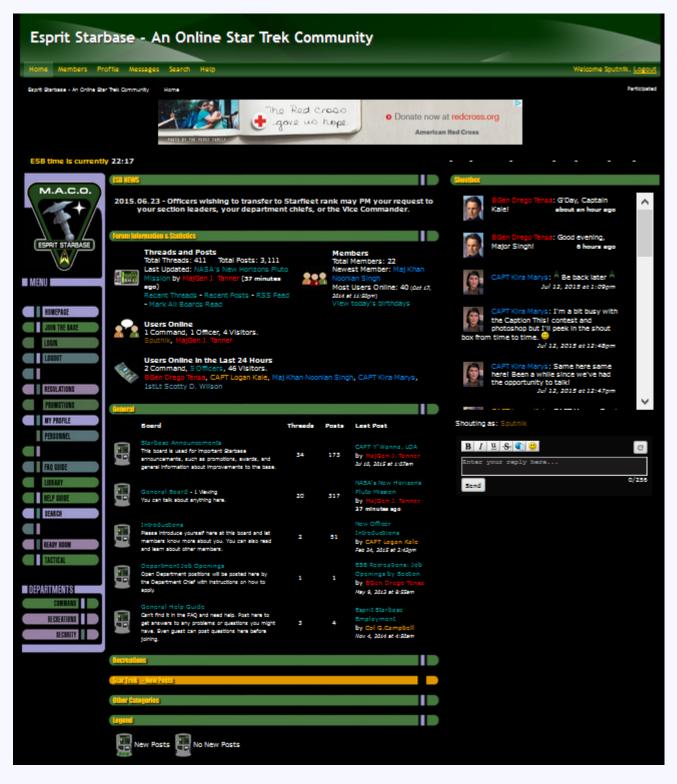
"Sounds good," Amargosa said.

Beckett left her side to get some work done. Amargosa could feel the Phoenix inside her, anxious. She told Amargosa that she needed to go.

Why? Amargosa asked mentally.

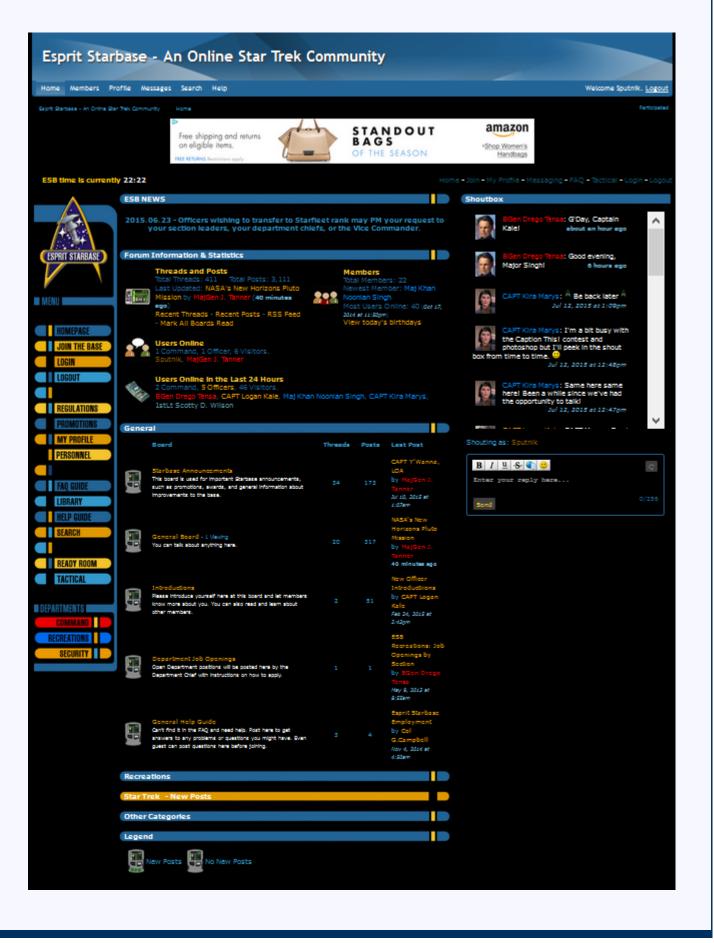
Your people are in trouble. The Wraith are back. Do not worry, I will take care of it, the Phoenix said before leaving Amargosa's side. Amargosa took a deep beneath and let it out. I hope that the Phoenix can indeed protect my family and friends from the Wraith, she thought.

## We're all familiar with Esprit Starbase's Spartan MACO Decor:



Are you ready for a preview of ESB's coming Starfleet decor?

Then turn the page...



Fiction

## Fallen Angel – Part 18

By 1stLt Wynan

Captain Moore had a firm grip on his chair as the shock wave rocked his ship. Jaxon had fired upon the missiles coming from Pearson's ship, causing them to explode away from the asteroid.

us here," Captain Moore commanded, still holding onto the arms of the chair. Soon they were streaking away through the galaxy. A speaker came alive with Jaxon's voice stating, "I have let you dock here Pearson only because you owe me for damages done to Lillian. She has formed a strong bond with Angel and my asteroid as well as the wretched spy you planted Angel has responded in kind." The professor paused here."

going on? Can they hear us?" Moore asked.

coming in," Boomer told him.

The speaker crackled and came alive again. "Look would." here, you cannot hold my ship hostage. I know nothing of any spy or the damage to your ship!" Captain when Peron grew quiet. Walking towards the door, he Pearson yelled back.

"You just shot missiles at my station and your man has already told us everything. He is begging for us to let you to take him. He seems to be unhappy with our that you have created the crystal system like I inlittle spot here," Jaxon said.

"I have business elsewhere and you are holding my ship hostage and have disabled our systems. What crystal structure to this point here," Henderson said, will it take for you to release us?" Pearson said.

"Well, for starters, you owe us for the damages your man caused when he tried to take something off created by her." of one of our customers and you did fire missiles at us," Jaxon stated.

"The missile thing was an accident, I assure you. Would that thing you mentioned happen to be a ship captained by a customer named Moore?" Pearson crystals? How?" Moore asked, astounded. asked.

still owe me money. Galactic law states that when herself. I don't know exactly how, but she did." damages are done I can hold you until reparations have been made, and I do hereby ban you and your Moore concluded. ship from doing business here ever again," Jaxon said.

Captain Moore asked Boomer to turn down the speaker but kept half an ear on the conversation.

Punching an intercom button, Moore spoke. bridge at once.

Henderson and the professor arrived simultane- coming over the speakers. ously.

"You wanted to see us Sir?" Henderson asked.

Captain Moore stood up and faced the men who stood by the door leading into Angel's chamber.

"Since when does an A.I. have the ability to grasp anything, let alone a weapon, and shoot someone?" He asked with temples throbbing as he tried to hold his temper.

"Well, sir, umm, you see...," Henderson trailed off.

Professor Peron stepped forward and spoke. "You see Captain, when an A.I. feels her crew or, as in this instance, a loved one is in danger, they have been known to be able to do incredible things."

"Love, Love? Are you telling me this A.I. has feelings?" Captain Moore asked, incredulous.

"Yes sir, I believe that is what is happening. Angel is growing and evolving. I believe she is becoming a "Steady Boomer, warp speed now before he sees living being. For all intents purposes, a new life form is being created on this very ship!" Peron said with a broad grin on his face.

"But the feelings! where are they coming from?"

"Well, I believe they're coming from our own little a moment. "We are, all of us on this ship, like a small "Boomer, what on Neptune's fourteen moons is family. We live together, laugh together, and care for one another. How could she not pick up on those "No sir. It seems to be a one way communication emotions In some fashion? When she felt her Lillian was in danger, she protected her...exactly as a mother

> "Captain, if I could show you." Henderson said commanded the door to open. With a hand, he gestured for Captain Moore to step in.

> "What exactly am I looking at Henderson? I see structed." He said looking around.

> "That's just the problem, Sir. We only built the gesturing with his hand along one wall at shoulder height. "The rest of the structure you see here was

> Captain Moore looked around the room at the crystalline structure that covered every square inch of the walls and ceilings several layers deep.

"Are you telling me that she created the rest of the

"Well Sir, I believe she replicated the crystals and "I don't rightly know anyone named Moore and you building materials, and well, she built the structure

So then, she could very easily handle a weapon,"

Just then, Boomer spoke up from the bridge, "Captain, I think you should see this!"

"Now what in the blue nebula is going on." Moore stormed out of the chamber, onto the bridge.

"Captain, Pearson has paid the price of the dam-"Professor Peron, Henderson, please come to the age and has been released. He is now following our trail." Boomer said still listening to the conversation

> "Well, Jaxon gave us what he could. Now it is up to us to lose him. Boomer, find us an asteroid belt we can get lost in," Captain Moore said with a devious grin. A plan was already forming in his mind.

iction

### The Alfore Encounter - 22

#### "A Note Home"

by Captain Two Wolves

Vulcans were not supposed to be nervous, but been sweating bullets. After all, he was currently in opened her diplomatic communications packet and the hot seat.

Lodebear sat behind his desk. To his left, Captain Dr. Gomez next to her. Every person in the room outranked him. Even though T'Shara was the same rank as Skonn, she outranked him by time in grade.

Just as Skonn was beginning to wonder what he had done to warrent such attention, LodeBear spoke up.

"Commander Skonn. First I want assure you this is not a disciplinary panel. Second, every word spoken during this meeting must stay within the confines of this office. Upon your agreement we will start," LodeBear declared.

"Understood and agreed," Skonn replied.

Roughly an hour later Skonn was back in his darkened quarters. It was lit by the flickering light of his meditation candle. However, he was not meditaing at the moment, nor was he relaxed by the scent of exotic Vulcan herbs and spices the candle exuded while it burned. He was currently very disgusted with his own people.

Skonn had suffered at the hands of bullies in his vouth. Being a member of T'Pau's clan seemed to attract rather than deflect bullying. However, Skonn was a child of action and a few judicious whacks or punches put a halt to that nonsense right away.

Skonn smiled to himself in his candle lit quarters. To this day his parents never knew what happened. The bullies were too afraid to tell their parents. And if they did, what Vulcan parent in their right mind would complain to the headmaster that a descendant of T'Pau, beat up their son? Quite often the "victim" was withdrawn from the school, never to be seen again.

"However, this battle cannot be fought with fists." Skonn thought as he leaned over and snuffed out the meditaion candle.

"Lights. Twenty five percent!" he called as he stood, headed for his desk, then sat. As the computer complied, he booted up his communications console and began to compose a carefully worded missive to his Mother. Five minutes later he sent the communication via a secure diplomatic channel that only he used.

Darden questioned the Commodore.

"We shall see," LodeBear responded. Just then, a beep sounded on his console.

"Yes. Lieutenant Halifax."

"A secure message has been sent via a diplomatic channel to Vulcan," the communications officer replied.

"Thank you, Lieutenant. Now, we wait," LodeBear said. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

On Vulcan, T'Ren was seated at her desk in her of-Skonn was. Inwardly. If he were human, he would've fice within the Vulcan High Council chambers. She Commadore LoDebear's Ready Room, and sitting in read her son's letter. In fact, she reread it four times to make sure she had actually read it correctly.

Without moving she immediately put in a call to all Darden sat. Commander Hercules sat next to her, and thirty members of The Council requesting an emergencv meetina.

> Now when people inquire why Skonn chose Starfleet. I can inform them that he is an activist, she thought as she hurried from her office.

## Personality of the Month...

Martok was a Klingon warrior who rose to the rank of general in the Klingon Defense Forces and later became Chancellor of the Klingon High Council. His brilliant leadership during the Dominion War made him very popular both among other warriors and among the civilian



population. As the leader of the House of Martok, he became a good friend of Worf while the two were stationed together on Deep Space 9.\*

Martok was born in the lowlands of the Ketha Province on Qo'noS to a common family. Fifteen generations of Martok's family had served the Empire as warriors, but Martok's father had hopes that Martok could become an officer. It took some doing, but Martok was able to take the entrance exam and passed. After getting the "stamp of Kor" for lacking noble blood, Martok was reduced to a civilian laborer. During a battle with the Romulans while serving on ShiVang's flagship, Martok's ship was boarded. Martok acquitted himself so well in the fighting that he earned a battlefield commission. He worked his way up and rose in ranks until finally achieving the rank of general.\*

Some time between 2368 and 2372, Martok was replaced by a Changeling. His whereabouts were unknown until he was rescued from Internment Camp 371 in 2373. Late that year, Martok was given his first field assignment following his imprisonment - command of the IKS Rotarran, and later, command over the Ninth Fleet.

After Chancellor Gowron had taken command over the Klingon forces, Worf challenged him in a battle to the death, for dishonoring the Empire and the Klingon soldiers. When Worf killed Gowron, Worf gave the title of Chancellor to Martok.

#### In LodeBear's Ready Room

"You think we made an impression on him?" Source: <u>http://en.memory-alpha.wikia.com/wiki/Martok</u>

## Brain Benders

#### ACROSS

- 1. \*Immortal of Torchwood, with 29A 5. Captivate
- 9. Fly like an eagle
- 13. \*Replaced at Torchwood Three by 5D after committing suicide
- 15. Stratagem
- 16. Creep
- 17. Sumatran tree dweller
- 18. Arab ruler
- 19. Part of N.Y.C. 20. Saturn or
- Mercury
- 21. Martini ingredient
- 23. Go public with
- 25. Trig. func.
- 26. Many millennia
- 27. \*See 5D
- 29. \*See 1A
- 34. Some forensic evidence
- 35. Flu symptom
- 36. Blitz
- 38. \*Daughter of 1A and former Torchwood Three operative Lucia
- 42. Collar
- 43. Ringworm
- 45. Sovereign's : British
- crown jewel 46. \*Succeeded Fairchild as PM in 2009
- 49. Farmer's place, in song
- 50. Attempt
- 51. Battle of Britain
- grp. 53. \*See 12D
- 55. \*Alien species
- inhabiting Car-

- diff's sewers 58. Ump's call 59. Flee 60. Pro vote 61. Hold title to 62. Séance sound 65. Restlessness 67. Fret 69. -Roman 71. Clairvovant 72. Lunar effect 73. \*"Tea boy" of Torchwood Three 74. Mars' counterpart 75. Soon, to a
- bard 76. \*Computer and tech genius for Torch wood Three, familiarly

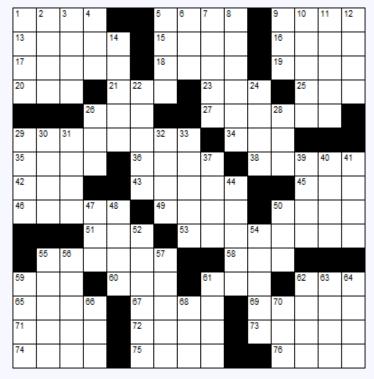


- DOWN 1. \*U.S. mil.
  - counterterrorism org.
- 2. Mystique
- 3. Industry big
- shot 4. Folks
- 5. \*Cardiff police
  - constable
- recruited by Torchwood
- Three, with 27A
- 6. Canyon
- feature
- 7. Hipbone
- related 8. "... and that's
- final!"
- 9. transit
- gloria mundi

- 10. In reserve 11. Harrelson, e.g. 12. \*Husband of
- 5D, with 53A
- 14. Spur
- 22. Like krypton
- 24. Gossip columnist Barrett
- 26. Just make, with
- "out"
- 28. Buddy
- 29. Suspend
- 30. Culturing
- medium 31. Bumpkin
- 32. Port \_\_\_\_, Egyptian coastal city
- 33. Strength 37. Pastrami
- purveyor
- 39. Speck 40. Pull an all-
- niahter
- 41. Goes back out
- 44. Permit
- 47. Before. before
- 48. Blue shade 50. Meet
- 52. Party in Pam-
- plona 54. Sarong-like
- garment 55. No-cal drink
- 56. Host 57. "Veni, vidi,
- vici," e.g.
- 59. \*Cyberwoman hidden in the the basement of Torchwood Three by 73A 61. \*Chief medical
- officer of Torchwood Three 62. City near
- Sparks 63. Takes steps
- 64. Milne bear
- 66. "48 \_\_\_\_": 1982
- film 68. Tokyo, once
- 70. Informer



#### \*Torchwood - by BGen Tensa - July 2015



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#### **Answers to Previous Puzzle** M E T

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# More Brain Benders

### **SUDOKU PUZZLE**

July 2015 Medium Symmetrical by BGen Tensa

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	8	9	3					
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#### Solution to June's Sudoku Puzzle Easy Symmetrical

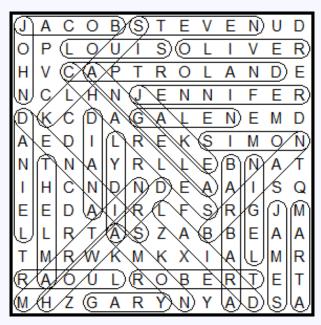
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1	8	4	5	2	6	3	9	7
6	3	5	7	9	4	8	2	1
2	1	3	4	7	5	6	8	9
5	6	9	8	1	3	2	7	4
4	7	8	2	6	9	1	5	3

## **WORD SEARCH**

July's Topic: Torchwood Three Look for 21 Beings by BGen Tensa

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#### Solution to June's Word Search: "V" ('83-'85) Visitors



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## **Esprit Starbase Job Openings**

ESB Recreations Dept., Entertainmet Section:

- · Book Club Host
- Assistant Book Club Host
- Assistant Caption This Host
- · Assistant Games Coordinator
- · Assistant Trivia Host

ESB Recreations Dept., Officer Resources Section:

- Section Leader
- Recruiting Officers
- Social Networking Officers (2)

**ESB Recreations Dept., Publications Section:** 

- Section Leader
- · Crockett's Spirit Staff Writers
- · Crockett's Spirit Editorial Writers (2) (1)
- · Crockett's Spirit Critics (2) (1)
- · Crockett's Spirit Cartoonists
- · Crockett's Spirit Graphic Artists
- · ESB Historians (2)

Applications for the above positions should specify your qualifications and your reasons for seeking the position you desire. For Crockett's Spirit positions, please include a sample of your writing or artistry if possible. Please submit your applications by PM to Col Y'Wanna, Chief of ESB Recreations.

We are looking to hire as many people as we can. Our officers have real life issues and they are limited in the time they can devote to ESB's efforts. So we want to hire enough people to fill any gaps.

BGen Drego Tensa Vice Commander, Esprit Starbase for CAPT Y'Wanna Chief of ESB Recreations

