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How the crew of the Enterprise celebrate Halloween. Things don't change much. Not even in the future.



From the First Officer

Hi and welcome to the latest edition of the StarLight newsletter.

Here it is, already the month of October. Boy its hard to believe that in three months it will be 2021. Yeah!!! I don't know about you , but I am so freak-ing tired of 2020 and so looking forward to the new year. 2020 it just stank, it was just one thing after another, and it didn't want to or wouldn't stop. It was just one s*** storm after another. Let us just admit to ourselves and say that, what years we do or will remember depending on how you look at it, 2020 was not a very good year. And it will go down being the worst year in recent memory. No-body that I know or heard of or from did not like it one bit. It seemed that it got started off on the wrong foot, and it stayed on that wrong foot. I recently saw a survey with the question, whether or not how well you like the year 2020? Whether or not it was a good year for you? The result were an overwhelming 98% said that it was not and that they wish the year would just go away. For various and very obvious reasons why. Some say they wish they could just skip the rest of 2020. Wake up to find that was no longer 2020 but January 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.

To be honest with you, I'm one of those who wish it were 2021 already. This was not a very good year for me at all. And will go into the record book as being one of the worst years for me. I tell you that I will not remember this year any time soon. If I could, I would take something just to forget the whole damn year ever took place, I do wish I had the time and the space to tell you. But as they say, I don't, so I won't. That is so true in my case. But that is neither here nor there. So we'll move on to why we're here. And it is good thing too. Cause it sounds and looks like I am going off into a tie rate. Which I am. Go figure.

In this issue of the StarLight we have the usual like The Strange, The Weird, and the What the @\$%!. The next installment of Brightstar 'Moving On', Pinn-Pinn's recipe corner. We also have a few surprises as well. I'm trying to keep this short and to the point. I just don't have much to say this

time around. At least not until next issue, I hope. But I do hope you enjoy this issue.

Well I guess it's time to put this puppy to bed,

The First Officer.



Bible Quotes

Psalms 85:2

"Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sins."

John 1:2

"The same was in the beginning with God"

Birthday's of the Month

For the month of October, no one aboard has a birthday this month. But we did miss one for the month of September. And here he is



Joshua Charron
September 19



I am a Survivor

I am a Survivor.

I was once a Warrior.

I would fight with **Anyone** and **Everyone**.

I would fight with *Myself*.

I would fight with my Wife.

I would fight with my Boss.

I would fight with my Friend.

I would fight with my Friends.

I would fight to survive a near Fatal Accident.

I would Fight. I was a Warrior..., but now...,

Now I...

Now I am a Survivor.

I survived the anger in Me.

I survived the divorce with my Wife.

I survived the changing of the guard when it came to my Bosses.

I survived the death of a Mother from Cancer.

I survived the loss of a friend by Suicide.

I survived the sudden death of one Brother.

I survived the near fatal Accident that almost killed me.

I survived the loss of a left Leg from an infection.

I survived being at war with Myself.

I Survived.

I will Survive.

I would **Survive**.

I am a Survivor.

Now I am ...

I am a Warrior who is now a Survivor.

Pinn-Pinn's Recipe Corner



Hi, and welcome to another edition of Pinn-Pinn's Recipe Corner. This edition is a good one. It was inspired by my master's friend son. Who recently got the Deadpool's Double trouble DVD edition. I call this one.....

Deadpool's Chimichangas

There are as many ways to make a chimichanga as there are kids living at Xavier's mansion. This one cause cows are jerks.

Things you'll need.

1 lb. ground beef

6 tbsp tomato paste

1 medium onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon cumin

1 tsp oregano

½ tsp celery salt

½ teaspoon salt

8 flour tortillas (7 or 8 inches)

1 cup Monterey jack cheese

Oil or deep frying

Water soaked toothpicks

Now let's have some fun.

1. Prepare the boiling oil! You want it to reach 350 degrees of lethal goodness.
2. While that heats up, brown your beef along with the onions and garlic.

3. Mix in the tomato paste, cumin, oregano, celery salt, and regular salt.
4. Pile 1/8 of the beef mix on a high fat, nutrient free tortilla. They stick together better.
5. Top it with some cheese to give your chimichanga the best chance of burning your mouth on the first bite.
6. Fold the sides in and then the top and bottom down. Really, just roll it like a burrito. If you don't know how to roll a burrito, kidnap someone who does.
7. Use your water-soaked toothpicks to nail the edges closed.
8. Fry for 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until golden brown.
9. If you're fancy, serve your chimichanga's on a bed of lettuce, with picante sauce and sour cream. If you're in a hurry, shove the entire chimichanga into your face fresh from the fryer. If you're under attack it's a good thing you have that boiling oil.

This next one, you might want to break out if and when the Doctor comes to visit and ask for your help against his arch enemy. Just make sure when you start to consume this item, that you are the one yelling, **EXTERMINATE, EXTERMINATE, EXTERMINATE!!!**.

This one is called....

Dalek Bread.

Things you'll need.

Baguette

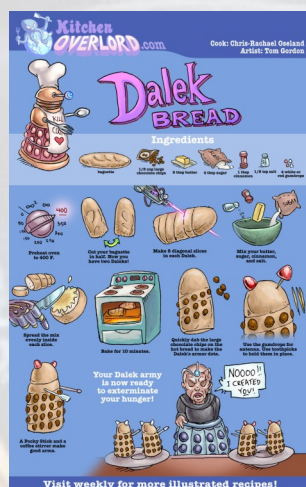
½ cup large chocolate chips

8 tbsp butter

4 tbsp sugar

1 tbsp cinnamon

½ tsp salt



4 white or red gumdrops (or what ever color you like to use)

Now let's have some fun.

1. Preheat oven to 400F.
2. Cut your baguette in half. Now you have two Dalek's.
3. Make 8 diagonal slices in each Dalek.
4. Mix your butter, sugar, cinnamon, and salt.
5. Spread the mix evenly inside each slice.
6. Bake for 10 minutes.
7. Quickly dab the large chocolate chip on the hot bread to make the Dalek armor dots.
8. Use the gumdrops for antenna. Use the toothpicks to hold them in place.
9. A pocky stick and a coffee make good arms.
10. Your Dalek army is now ready to exterminate your hunger!!

That's it for now. See you next issue.

All recipe's are from the Kitchen Overlord's website.



Earth May Get a New Mini-Moon (but some say we'll get junk)

Every once in a while with the help of trajectory and the fate of gravity, a heavenly body will join the Earth on its journey through space and time. Of course what could be a heavenly body may turn out to be nothing more than space junk.

Scientists rarely get to observe this process of one heavenly body capturing another. Late this past summer they spotted something that will fall into Earth orbit later this autumn. Spent about six months with us then move on. Dubbed by the scientist as 2020 SO, was at first thought to be an asteroid. But some scientists are now thinking that it's just space junk from the 1960s.

A Paul Chodas, head of NASA Center for near Earth objects Studies in California said, "I suspect this newly discovered object 2020 SO to be an old rocket booster because it is following an orbit about the sun that is extremely similar to Earth's, nearly circular, in the same plane, and only slightly farther away from the sun at its farthest point."

The object was first spotted in August of 2020 by using the 'Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS) observatory in Hawaii. The Pan-STARRS specializes in spotting the brief phenomena fast moving objects.

The scientists continued to study the object. In September they began to suspect that object 2020 SO may not be an asteroid due to its strange orbit moving more slowly than a normal asteroid should.

The orbit of the object's trajectory was back tracked and what they found was interesting. When back tracking the trajectory of the object they found that it was near Earth in late 1966. They think it may be a lunar mission rocket stage from one of NASA's Centaur 2 boosters for a lunar lander that took off for the moon on September 20 but crashed into the Lunar surface three days later. At this particular time, the launch took place at the height of the space race between the U.S. and the Soviet Union for the moon.

The identity of 2020 SO will become more clearer next month in late October or early November.

Right now the scientists are watching how the sun affects the object.

"We should start being able to detect the effects of sunlight pressure has on the motion of this object; if it really is a rocket body, it will be much less dense than an asteroid and the slight pressure due to the sunlight will produce enough change in its motion that we should be able to detect it in the tracking data." Chodas stated.

If the object is confirmed to be a vintage rocket, then this would eliminate the object consideration as a mini-moon but as space junk that hangs out near Earth orbit, and that is not particularly special.

The last reported mini-moon was reported in February of 2020. It was given the designation of 2020 CD3. It turns out that 2020 CD3 has been hanging out with the Earth for over the last three years.

Whether it is a mini-moon or space junk, scientists suspect that 2020 SO will fall into orbit with Earth this fall. And make its closest approach to Earth on December 1, 2020 and again on February 3, 2021. After that last approach according to NASA, the object will just simply slip away into space in the Spring of 2021.

The Strange, The Weird, and What the ! *#\$\$%

From the Kokomo Tribune

The Continuing Crisis

Government restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 have no effect on a growing trend on the island of Okinawa, Japan called "rojo-ne" (literally, sleeping on the road), which local authorities blame on the island's balmy weather and people's habit of overindulging in "awamori", a traditional rice-based liquor. Okinawa police have fielded more than 2,700 reports of rojo-ne in 2020. The Guardian reported, putting the island on pace to last year's 7,000 reported incidents, which resulted in 16 accidents and three deaths. Tadataka Miyazawa, the police chief, said he "didn't even know the term 'rojo-ne' before coming to Okinawa.

Putting On The Brakes

Organizers of Philadelphia's 12th Annual Naked Bike Ride have canceled the event, scheduled for August 29, 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Associated Press reported. Ride organizer Maria Serrahima said she hopes people will be able to return next year and that riders are "taking advantage of the emptier streets and riding—mask up." The Philly Naked Bike Ride attracts thousands of rider and covers a 10-mile course taking in the city's landmarks such as Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

Awesome!

People living around Olten Switzerland, got a surprise this past August 14, when it began snowing cocoa powder. Strong winds that morning distributed the cocoa dust from a malfunctioning ventilation system at the Lindt & Spruengli chocolate factory nearby, delivering enough to cover at least one car, the Associated Press reported. The company offered cleaning services, but no one took them up on the offer. The ventilation system has been repaired

The very last Blockbuster store, in Bend Oregon, is offering Deschutes County residents three one-night sleepovers through Airbnb on September 18, 19, 20, 2020 for \$4—about the cost of a video rental, Oddee reported. Lucky movie lovers will have a pull-out couch, bean bags and pillows for their viewing comfort, plus 2-liter bottles of Pepsi and snacks to enjoy during a marathon of "new releases" from the '90s. "Nothing can replace going to the store with loved ones to browse the shelves and find a movie that suits whatever mood you're in," said Sandi Harding, the store manager.

Vietnam Condom Factory Accused of Recycling Used Prophylactics

Ap. Hanoi, Vietnam

Vietnamese police said they will investigate a factory that was found recycling about 320,000 used condoms for resale, local media reported Thursday (9/24/20). Following up on a tip from a local resident, Binh Duong provincial market inspectors over the weekend raided a factory near

Ho Chic Minh City, where they found used condoms being repacked for sale at the market, the state-owned Tuoi Tre newspaper reported.

A market inspector said the owner of the factory, a 34-year-old woman confessed that they bought the used condoms from a man in the province. The condoms were washed, reshaped, and packed into plastic packages, the newspaper said. It also said that the police announced they will investigate and track down others that may be involved in the operation. A call to the police for a comment was not answered Thursday (9/24/20).

14 Raccoons Confront Dad and Son In Encounter That 'Feels Like End of Days'

"This was such a good ideal," the boy said . after critters gathered in broad daylight to stare them down in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

San Francisco, CA

A group of 14 raccoons emerged from the bushes to confront a father and son recently and that went viral. Oh yeah, a coyote also showed up.

"This is insane," Marc Estoque said in the video while he was out with his son in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. "It feels like end of days" The raccoons spooked their dog and excited Estoque's son. "This was such a good ideal!" the boy said.

"Uhh, I hope so." The father can be heard responding in a video he took. His incredible photo is the screensaver of the clip. Estoque told SFGate. "It was so surreal ..., a posse of bandits ..., like out of a movie. And then two minutes later, there was a coyote. I was waiting for the unicorn to pop out."

He counted 14 raccoons in all including four out of frame in the bushes.

The emboldened raccoons, who are usually nocturnal and skittish, were likely trolling for snacks. Humans feeding them have eliminated the animals' fear, San Francisco Animal Care and Control Executive Director Virginia Donohue told KPIX. But that needs to stop for the good of man and beast.

Donohue said to the CBS affiliate.

"They feed the raccoon, if the raccoon gets to be aggressive, eventually the parks will have to trap them, and once they're trapped they have to be euthanized because you can't just relocate them."

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"Moving On"

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The captain had no more than stepped off the transporter pad, when Kathy called down to the transporter room asking for her.

"Go ahead Kathy, what is it? And please remember I haven't had my five o'clock Romulan Ale yet."

"Understood sir. Sir, we just got a call from an Ensign Gonkowsky on deck 17. She said she was just walking by sickbay, and reports that we may need to get some security there, right away. She says and I quote "sounds like they are having a knockdown, drag out fight inside the sickbay." Kathy reported.

"Understood Kathy. Have Commander T'sikes and Ensign Josh report there with a security detail, they are to meet me outside sickbay. They are not to enter until I get there. I repeat, they are not to enter sickbay until I get there. Also tell them that I will explain as best as I can when I arrive." Deora ordered.

"Aye sir," she responded.

The doors of the transporter room parted with a familiar hiss. Captain Deora steps out into the corridor and turns to her left and begins to jog to the nearest turbo-lift. As Captain Deora trots thru the corridor, the crew parted themselves like Moses parting the Red Sea. Allowing her to reach the turbo-lift in a short amount of time. As she approaches the turbo-lift, the doors parted themselves. Deora steps onto the lift. The doors automatically closes as she turns to face the doors and states her destination, "Deck seventeen, Sickbay." With that spoken the turbo-lift begins to move. It did not take the lift long to deliver her at deck seventeen, Sickbay.

When the doors of the turbo-lift open, the captain was greeted by the first officer, the chief of security and his security detail.

"Sir, I just came by sickbay, what the hell is going on in there?" The first officer asked as they all began to walk towards sickbay.

"I wish I had more time to explain everything to you Sikes, but I don't. Suffice it to say, the good doctor is helping her patient in his recovery." Captain Deora tells everyone as they reached the doors of sickbay.

"Helping her patient? Sounds like she is kicking his ass. And if that is the case, Captain remind me never to do two things."

"And they are?" she asked.

"One, never get sick or wounded, and two, never, ever, piss her off." The first officer said with a serious tone.

"Duly noted Sikes." Deora said just as she reaches out to use the comm-panel.

Just as she was getting ready to signal the doctor, everybody heard one last crash follow by a thud sound and then, silence. A moment later, the doors of the sickbay opened with a hiss. And standing in the doorway was a disheveled Chief Medical Officer D'Ian of the U.S.S. BRIGHTSTAR.

"Oh...., um...., good...., it's you Captain. Though the security detail is a bit of an overkill don't you think, sir?"

"My apologies doctor. I didn't know what to expect. So how badly did you two tear up the sickbay?" Of course, the captain sentence trailed off towards the end when she and everybody else walked into what was left of the sickbay. Even Ensign Josh had to just shake his head at what he saw. Then he motioned for the security team to wait outside in the corridor, just in case.

"D'Ian, what in the hell happen in here?" The First Officer asked looking around the sickbay area.

"It looks like you two were literally had a knockdown, drag out fight." T'sikes commented as he looked at the mess of what was a ship's sickbay.

The captain had to step in to keep the doctor from going into a lengthy explanation. Because Deora realized that they just did not have the time for one. Deora just looked at her first officer and said, "I'll explain later number one, when we have time. Right now, we just don't have a lot of it."

"Quite right Captain. But in this case, an explanation is in order. At least a small one anyway." D'lan said before continuing.

"What happened here, happens very rarely, but it does happen. You see when a Vulcan comes out of a healing trance, as the Captain here calls it, they are lucid enough, that they are able to tell whoever is with them what needs to be done. But sometimes, sometimes, that Vulcan become so focus on the healing that they are unaware of what they are saying or doing at the time. And extreme measures have to be taken to bring them back to the conscience level they're supposed to be at. And well...., well this does happens. And this is the end result." She explained as she pointed out the remains of sickbay. Then the doctor continued.

"When I thought Saffet was coming out of his healing trance, his mind, if you will, was still dealing with what the Vulcan extremist did or attempted to do to him. So, as a result, I had to sedate him. He'll be okay in about an hour. And Captain he knows or is aware of the passing of J'dar." D'lan finished her report to the captain.

"Doctor, if you don't mind me asking, what do you mean by "what the Vulcan extremist did or attempted to do?" Captain Deora asked the doctor.

"I'm not sure sir. Just a suspicion based on some of the things he said when I thought he was coming out of his trance. Maybe a forced mind-meld, I just don't know, right now. I am sorry, sir. I can't get any more specific than that, sir." D'lan told the captain.

"So, if I want more information out of him, I'm just going to have to wait an hour before I can get them, correct doctor?" Captain Deora queried.

"I'm afraid so, sir. That's the best I can do at the moment." D'lan stated.

"Thank you doctor. I wish I could get the information I need now, instead of having to wait for it." Captain Deora just shrugged her shoulders and began to walk out of the sickbay. But when she reached as far as Josh, she stopped. Deora looked at Josh then at D'lan and said, "If it is all the same to you doctor, I am going to have Josh leave behind two security guards in sickbay until Saffet regains conscience again. I will have Josh remind them that they are to stay out of your way. And Doctor, call me when he does regain conscience." Deora ordered.

Doctor D'lan Just nodded her head. She was busy with her patient to answer verbally. Seeing that the doctor was busy with her patient again, the captain along with the first officer and the chief of security left the sickbay. As all three were walking down the corridor, Commander T'sikes asked his commanding officer a question.

"Sir, with your permission, I would like to get this ship ready to get underway?"

Captain Deora thought about his request as all three continued down the corridor.

"Good idea Sikes, but do not leave orbit without my expressed approval.

Something doesn't feel right here. T'sikes, did someone retrieve the holo-projector with S'tol's latest message in it?" Deora asked.

"Yes sir, Ensign Josh here did." T'sikes answered.

"Good, that's good. Okay Josh, where is the device at the moment?" Captain Deora asked her chief of security.

"The device is in science lab one, sir." The young ensign answered his captain.

"Something wrong, Captain?" T'sikes asked with suspicion.

"Tell me the one thing that has been right about this whole mission, Commander?" She snapped at the first officer. But before Commander T'sikes could take offence at what she just said, she quickly apologized to the commander.

"I'm sorry Commander, I just don't know what it is. Something that the doctor said is still bothering me."

"Josh, I want you to go to science lab one and have them go over the device and S'tol's message as well. Anything they find, they are to report it to you. Then you are to report it to me and the First Officer only. I repeat, you are only to report what they find to me and the First Officer only. Do you understand?" Captain Deora asked trying to make sure that the young Ensign understood her point.

"I understand, sir. But what about Belek? I mean, he is, after all S'tol's cousin." Josh said with caution.

"Is he?" Captain Deora asked as she looked at the first officer then her C.S.O.

"What are you saying, sir?" T'sikes questioned his commanding officer.

"What I am saying is this Commander, I will never get caught with my pants down again. That is what I am saying Number one. That's why I want you and D'lan to do a D.N.A. comparison on Belek and S'tol. The moment you find out anything, I want to know immediately."

"Aye sir, I can have D'lan go over the transporter logs. I think S'tol is still in our system. And now that Belek has used our transporters, she shouldn't have any problems finding out." The first officer stated.

"That is good, Sikes. Have the doctor do that. Mean while you get this ship ready to leave orbit."

At this moment, the trio had reached a turbo-lift. The doors opened, but before the captain walked in, she had something else to pass on to the first officer.

"Something else Number one, have Belek contact the Vulcan government and explain what happen at Vulcans Gates and that we suspect the Vulcan Extremist maybe involved, even though we do not have definitive proof either way. And Josh monitor that transmission, anything out of the ordinary, anything other than what he is supposed to report, kill that transmission. And another thing you two,"

"What would that be sir?" T'sikes asked already knowing what the answer was going to be.

"I'm heading to my quarters to get cleaned up. I would suggest you both do the same. And put on clean uniforms while you are at it. You two..., well, you two are making me look bad here." She said with a grin.

All they could say was, "Aye sir," before the doors of the turbo-lift closed before them.

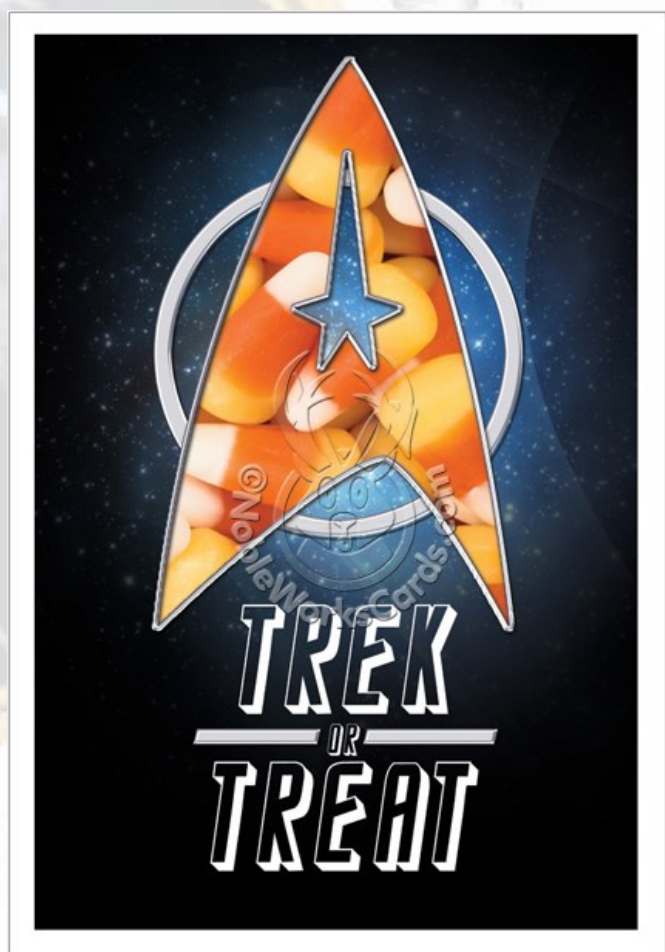
The first officer just stood there for a moment. Then look at himself then at Josh.

"You know what, Ensign?"

"What that, sir?" Josh returned with a question of his own.

"She's right. Both of us could use a shower." First officer said with a grin.

With that being said, they both looked at each other and laughed.



**Hoping You'll Have Ghoulish Good Time.
Take Care of Each Other and Stay Safe**



**Have a Safe And Happy Halloween
See You All Next Issue.**