

GARTH

I showed him a rough outline of my plan, and I said 'what do you think?'

SONYA

Sam sat there...

GARTH

He looked at it, and he looked at it...

GARTH (CONT'D)

Then he looked at me. And he said:

TRAVIS

(Emphatically)

One-hundred percent insanity; a blood bath waiting to happen.

TRAVIS (CONT'D)

That was Axanar.

TACTICAL MAP OF AXANAR



JOHN GILL (V.O.)

Axanar: its capture would put the Klingons within striking distance of Andoria, Tellar Prime, Vulcan, and Terra. It is the heart of Federation space.

EXT. STARFLEET CONSTRUCTION YARDS



JOHN GILL (V.O.)

Further, Kharn's spies discover that Starfleet's next generation heavy cruiser is being built in orbit over Axanar. This is his chance to destroy Starfleet's only match for the D7. Garth of Izar knows Axanar is a target that Kharn cannot refuse.

INT. STARBASE 1

RAMIREZ

When Garth first presented his plan to battle the Klingons at Axanar...my first thought was (PAUSE) how far he'd come.

RAMIREZ (CONT'D)

I mean, he was always an
extraordinary explorer before the
war, but I knew, in his heart,

RAMIREZ (CONT'D)

...he was first a soldier.

GARTH

We didn't sign up to be warriors.
That's not what Starfleet's about.

GARTH (CONT'D)

We proved that we could do what we
need to do to defend the
Federation.

GARTH (CONT'D)

I'm proud of everyone who I served
with...

GARTH (CONT'D)

(Regretfully)

Especially those that didn't make
it back.

RAMIREZ

So I signed-off on the plan. The
end conflict with one, final
battle. To end it (PAUSE) at
Axanar.

I/E. KRONOS AND IMPERIAL FLEET YARDS



KHARN

The D7 was the ultimate expression of the Klingon warship, technologically superior to anything in the quadrant. We would launch her and devastate the Federation fleet.

EXT. 3 KLINGON D-7'S

JOHN GILL (V.O.)

Stardate 2245.1. The D-7 enters the war.



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PRELUDE TO AXANAR

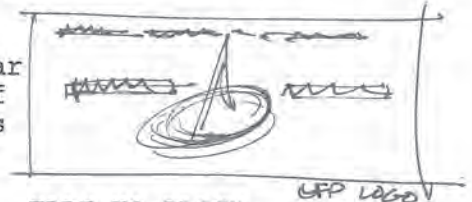
PRELUDE TO AXANAR

WHITE SCREEN 'TURNS ON' - CHANGES TO BLUE

An opening chime plays, and the LOGO of the UFP HISTORICAL SOCIETY fades up onscreen. A presenter speaks.

PRESENTER (V.O.)

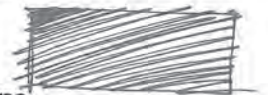
The History of the Four Years War is an authorized presentation of the United Federation of Planets Historical Society.



FADE TO BLACK.

We hear Klingon war drums. A sparse, heavy beat.

STARDATE: "XXXX" fade up in white and drift toward camera.



FADE OUT.

EXT. FEDERATION CITY - MORNING

The city on a beautiful, crisp morning.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Stardate "XXXX". The research colony on Archanis IV.



~~Another view, of skyscrapers against a beautiful sky.~~

NARRATOR

Founded nearly a century before, the research outpost has grown into a flourishing, full scale city. It is a shining example of Federation progress.

INT. INTERVIEW CHAIR

SOVAL

PREP

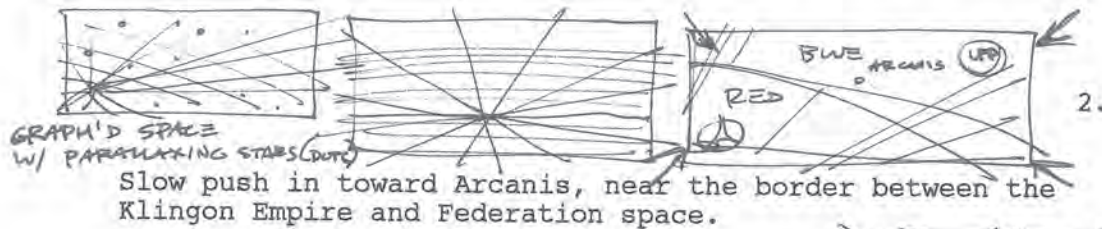
There would be no Federation without Earth. And the fact that the humans could lead the formation of the Federation just a few years after their war with the Romulan Empire is nothing short of extraordinary.



MAP GRAPHIC



SOVAL



NARRATOR

But the Federation represents something very different to the Klingon Chancellor, who grows tired of the peace process. "If words were water, the humans would drown us all!"



SOVAL

The bad blood between humans and Klingons meant the job of preventing war and leading the peace delegations fell to Vulcan. And we failed.



FEDERATION CITY ON FIRE

BLK

FUSH!
SFX!

BLK

FUSH!

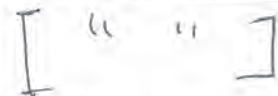
The same wide shot as the first, but the city is now shrouded in smoke. Unseen fires send towers of ash into the sky from points throughout the city.

NARRATOR

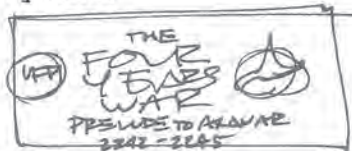
For 12 hours The Klingon disruptors do not stop.



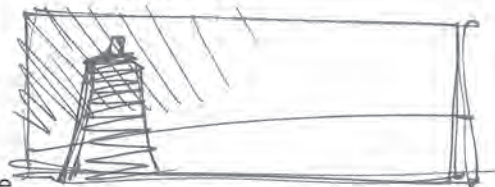
Before the following sunrise, Archanis IV will be reduced to rubble. Thousands of its inhabitants are dead. Countless more are missing. The first victims of what will become known as the Four Years War.



TITLE CARD: (Main Theme playing): Center screen reads: THE FOUR YEARS WAR: 2242-2245 Underneath is the sub-title "Prelude to Axanar" On the left is a federation logo, on the right is the Klingon symbol.



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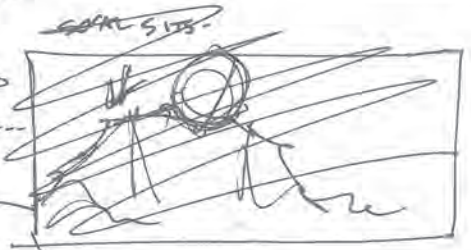
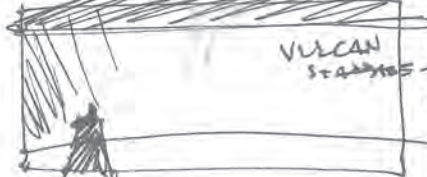
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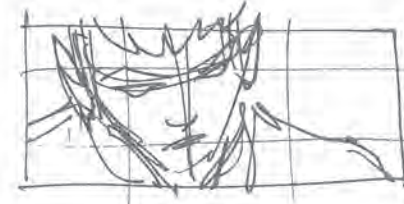
The formation of the Federation fundamentally changed the balance of power in the Alpha Quadrant.

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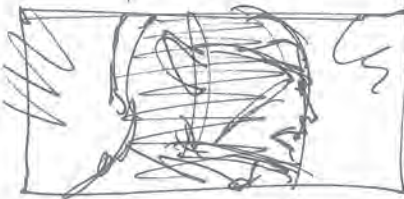
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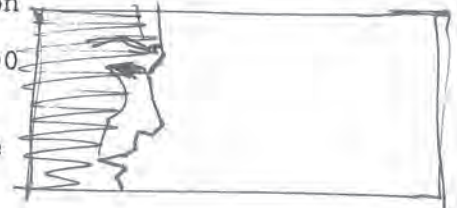
SOVAL (CONT'D)

Whereas previously the Klingons and Romulans had been able to expand at will, now the Federation was offering membership to potential acquisitions for those empires. The Federation Guaranteed not only the member worlds sovereignty, but their security, and this was a fundamental threat to an empire that thrived on conquering new worlds.

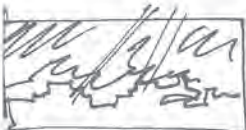


RAMIREZ

The Klingons are a culture based on strength and conquest. They had been expanding their Empire for 200 years before the Federation was formed. That there would be a conflict with the Klingons at some point was obvious to most of the members of Starfleet.



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FEDERATION CITY AT NIGHT

Phaser beams lance downward from some unseen source, igniting buildings in a city skyline.



Klingon ships flyby, seen only quickly by an amateur camera man from the inside of a ruined building.

FREEZE FRAME:

On the Klingon ships. Push in slowly on the image.

NARRATOR

The Federation is unprepared for the ferocity and magnitude of the Klingon attacks.

EXT. SPACE

POV: KLINGON 'PHASER CAMERA' as the disruptor beams lock on.



The Klingon gunner and captain speaking *Klingon* over subspace comms. The voices are heard through a 'battlefield filter'. (no subtitles)



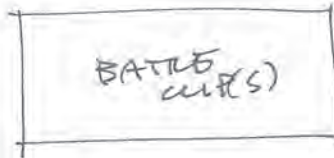
KLINGON CAPTAIN (V.O.)

[commanding his gunner]

POV: The phaser camera as the Federation ship explodes.



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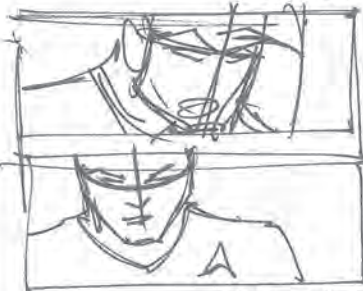


KLINGON GUNNER (V.O.)
[verbally acknowledging command
then firing; then reporting the
kill.]

KLINGON CAPTAIN (V.O.)
[a terse celebration of the kill,
then a harsh command to find the
next target]

INT. INTERVIEW CHAIR

Close on Garth of Izar as he speaks.



GARTH
We took some major beatings in the
first six months of the war. And
then, after that. For most of that
first year, our mission was to slow
them down as we fell back. That was
about it.

BATTLE CLIP =
KLINGONS KICK
ASS

INT. INTERVIEW CHAIR

Close on the Vulcan, SOVAL.



SOVAL
In any negotiation, one needs
leverage to achieve an optimal
outcome. Unfortunately, the
Klingons did not believe that the
Federation was a match for it.
Their belief in their own
superiority left us with little to
negotiate with, as the Klingons
believed they could merely take
what they wanted. And
unfortunately Starfleet's early
losses did nothing to dissuade them
of that notion.



MOTION GRAPHIC: MAP

The Narrator speaks over an elegantly simple TOS style map
graphic of the galactic border between the Klingon Empire and
Federation space. The Klingon invasion, represented by waves
of red, crawls slowly over Federation Blue. The Klingon
Symbol growing in size as it does, and the Circular UFP
symbol diminishing in size to accommodate the adjusted
territory.



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NARRATOR (V.O.)

For two years the Federation
endured attack after attack. System
upon system fell to the advancing
Klingon fleet.

Another Federation ship is destroyed by a Klingon D6.

TODIAS

TRAVIS

At that point, about the only thing
we managed to do that impressed
them was die well. And die we did.

GARTH

The Klingon supreme commander, the
architect of the invasions, was a
warlord named Kharn.

INT. KLINGON HOMEWORLD - HALL OF HONOR - DAY

Walking toward us from a blinding light is a powerful
silhouette. An ominous, caped figure holding a sword. This is
the Klingon Supreme Commander, KHARN.

Note: Federation characters are intercut from their interview
chairs back and forth with Kharn walking.

Kharn's walk continues

TRAVIS

Kharn the Undying was what they
called him.

ALEXANDER

Kharn. The way the Klingons revered
him, we thought he was some old
myth.

INT. KLINGON CORRIDOR OF BANNERS

Kharn approaches in a shadowed walkway between two blood red
banners.

GARTH

He was real, alright.

TRAVIS

He was a visionary. A master of
ship to ship combat.

GARTH



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SOVAL

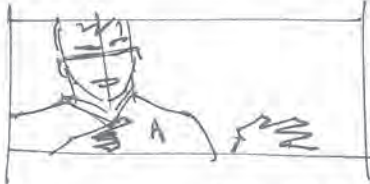
Kharn. Vulcan intelligence is, if I may say, unparalleled. But even to us, he was a mystery.

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TRAVIS

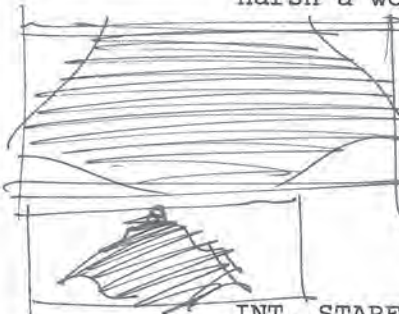
The Klingon fleet never flew like it did when Kharn was its master.

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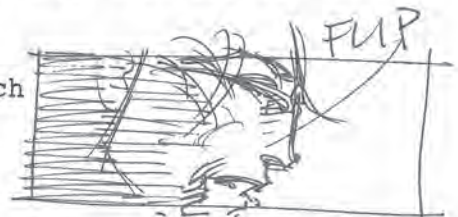
INT. KLINGON HALL OF HONOR - DAY

Kharn sits in a throne like chair. A majestic vista of mountains in the distance. It is a beautiful day, even for as harsh a world as Q'onos.



KHARN

Starfleet was never seen as a match for the Imperial Navy. Certainly not one that would impede the growth of the Empire. Our D-6 was the best ship in the war at the outset.

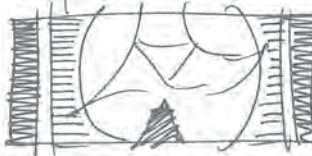


INT. STARFLEET STATION, EARTH ORBIT



TRAVIS

For the Klingons, mortal combat is the prime rule of nature. Their entire civilization is a monument to the Art of War.



RAMIREZ

And in those first campaigns, the Klingons were toying with us. They were using the strategy known to them as [Klingon word]. This translates roughly to 'The Strategy of Least Respect'.



The height of their arrogance was the ambush at Inverness 5.



INT. KLINGON HALL OF HONOR - DAY



KHARN

The Inverness System, as you call it. The first attacks into Federation territory were opening maneuvers toward this objective.

(MORE)

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7.



KHARN (CONT'D)

Unlike the others, we did not
attack immediately. We waited for
Starfleet to arrive, and set our
trap.

INT. INTERVIEW CHAIR

Each captain is asked about the 'Ambush at Inverness V'. By
their faces its clear part of them has never recovered.



RAMIREZ

Inverness V.



GARTH

The Inverness System. Five planets,
all colonized. Kharn needed the
dilithium.



ALEXANDER

Goddamned Inverness 5. That was a
mess.

TRAVIS

Inverness was the first time they
used it on us, but it was an old
Klingon tactic. [Klingon word] or
"The Devourer".



KHARN

They sent wave after wave of ships
into the target zone.

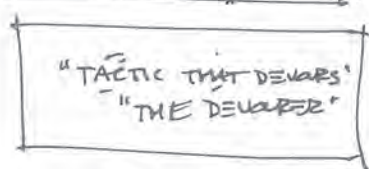


GARTH

3,000 crew killed in the first four
hours.



Close on Starfleet Captain SONYA ALEXANDER



ALEXANDER

Day after day it was the same
thing.

I'd be ordered in to support some
counter attack. By the time I'd get
into orbit my orders would be
changed. Attack called off. The
battle was already over.
We'd come out of warp into a
junkyard...



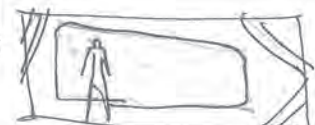
SEE ALI GRAB

TRAVIS

...Fragments of Federation
starships bouncing off my hull.

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'DRIVE'
X-DISSOLVE



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TRAVIS (CONT'D)

Some frantic rookie comm officer screaming at us. 'Go to such and such coordinates, beam up survivors.'

SAME AS LAST
HI-CONTRAST
RIDGE LIGHT

ALEXANDER

You could look down onto the surface and see the fires from the cities burning. Trails of smoke for miles.

SAME AS LAST

TRAVIS

The transporter room was shoulder to shoulder with civilian refugees. The whole deck smelled like ashes. Human ashes.

GARTH

We'd beam 'em up until one of two things happened: either the transporter would blow out or the Klingons would find us and start shooting. Whichever came first.

KHARN

The Devourer was a favorite of Kahless. It served us well.



TRAVIS

That was it. Something had to change. Or we were done.



ALEXANDER

I wanted Slater's head on a stick after the first six months! It took Inverness to get Starfleet Command to pull its [beep] head out of its [beep].

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TRAVIS

We all knew it. There had to be a change at the top. Thankfully it came sooner than later.

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INT. KLINGON HALL OF HONOR - DAY

Kharn speaks on the Ambush at Inverness V.

KHARN

For your kind those five planets are merely a source of dilithium.

(MORE)



9.



KHARN (CONT'D)

But even before we reached the stars it was a sacred constellation in the skies over Q'onos. It was taken from us by the Romulans before the Vulcans found you swaddling in your garden planet.

They belonged to us.



X-DISSOLVE
TO
KLINGON
SHIP
FLY-BY

EXT. SPACE

A wing of Klingon D6's flies by majestically.



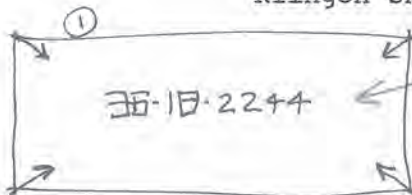
SOVAL

An Andorian acquaintance of mine once said "Don't push the Pinkskins to the thin ice." It may not be eloquent, but the Klingons found it to be prophetic.

FADE TO BLACK.

EXT. EARTH ORBIT

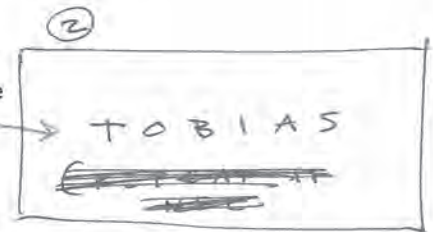
Klingon ships flying in formation.



NARRATOR

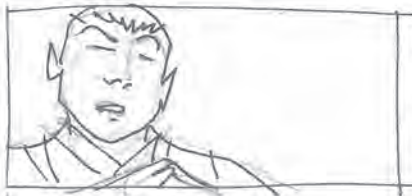
Stardate "XXXX". The Klingon empire continues its relentless attack.

80 years after its founding, the United Federation of Planets faces extinction.



INT. VULCAN STARBASE:

SOVAL



The Federation was becoming divided.

There were whispers the Tellarites sought a separate peace with the Klingons. Andorian extremists gained voices in the assembly, seeking to escalate the war. As for Vulcans, well, there were those that wanted to end our participation in the war.

[Shot Insert: TBD]

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NARRATOR

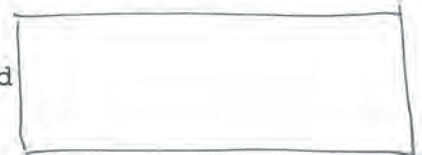
After two years of almost constant defeat, the Head of Starfleet, Admiral Slater is forced to step down. But who would replace him?

TRAVIS

The name spread like wildfire. You can ask anyone where they were, they'll remember.

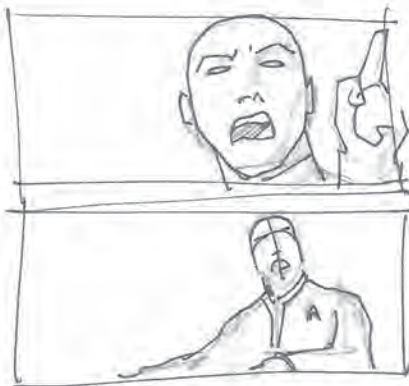
GARTH

We all remember the moment we heard it was Admiral Ramirez.



INT. FEDERATION AUDITORIUM - NIGHT - PAST

Applause. Admiral Ramirez at the podium. We're catching him mid-speech.

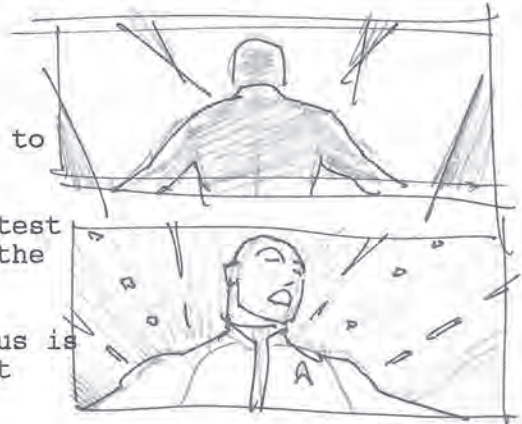


RAMIREZ

We are faced with an enemy committed to our destruction. They are an enemy that demands to be fought, and we will fight.

But I say to you that our greatest challenge is not the might of the Klingon Fleet.

The greatest challenge before us is to do what must be done without undoing the dream of the Federation.



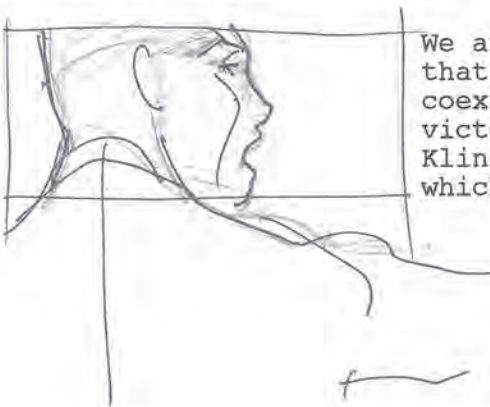
GARTH

His first address to the Federation Council was incredible.



INT. FEDERATION AUDITORIUM - NIGHT - PAST

Raucous applause for Ramirez' speech.



RAMIREZ

We are here to preserve the ideal that all worlds can peacefully coexist, and there can be no victory that does not teach the Klingon people the virtues for which we stand.

11.



SOVAL

Until Admiral Ramirez spoke, I had not foreseen the possibility of peace between the Federation and Klingons. Nor had I entertained the possibility that the Federation might win.



RAMIREZ

For myself, I have one fear. Failing the dream of our united people.

Compared to such a loss, I do not fear the Klingon Empire.

The Applause is deafening.



NARRATOR

Ramirez' First Address is a battle cry that sweeps across the quadrant.



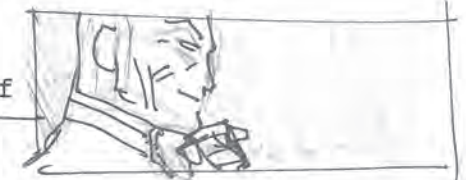
GARTH

"I do not fear the Klingon Empire." He just said it.



TRAVIS

That one speech made us feel as if we had just turned the tide.



INT. STARFLEET HQ: PRESENT DAY



RAMIREZ

The first goal was a new class of ship that could get Starfleet back in the fight. We had to leapfrog Klingon technology.

TOBIAS
DRY DOCK

GARTH

The new ships we introduced in the first year of the war were just a stop gap measure. We needed something faster and more powerful.



RAMIREZ

We had over a dozen member worlds working on it. This would be the first pure warship Starfleet had ever built.

TOBIAS
DRY DOCK

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OPTION 1

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STILL PHOTO
OF ACTOR
WHO PLAYED
DAYSTROM -
NOT IN TREK
FOOTAGE!

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EXT. FEDERATION SPACE

Space Docks of new ships being built.

GARTH

It was Dr. Daystrom's breakthrough in duotronics that was the key. It was a quantum leap in computing power. The advances in just our tactical systems alone were staggering.

TOBIAS
DRY DOCKS

FOOTING

INT. VULCAN STARBASE: NARRATOR = BUT THE NEW WARSHIP ~~WERE NOT~~ WAS, ~~WELCOMED~~ FOR SOME IN THE ~~OFF~~ PED, AN OMINOUS "

SOVAL

Vulcan's are by nature, pacificists. This, combined with our desire to maintain some measure of a relationship with the Klingons, for when our diplomatic talents were needed again, meant that we limited our contributions to propulsion, environmental and defensive technologies. We declined to supply any offensive technology to Starfleet.

DIAGRAM
OF ARES

TOBIAS
TUG W/
NACELLE

TRAVIS

A Vulcan's gonna do what a Vulcan's gonna do. The Andorians were more than happy to supply us phasers.

GARTH

It was called the Ares class.

EXT. SPACE DOCK

The Ares in dock.

ARES FAST
FLYBY
IN GASSES

GARTH

It was exactly what we needed.

EXT. FEDERATION SPACE

The new ships fly by. The Ares Class. They are about to face their first test.

GERONIMO

KOROVEN

WHATEVER!
SHIPS!

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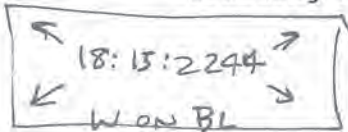
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RAMIREZ

We had the ships, and we had a core of battle tested commanders. It was time to take the initiative.

EXT. SPACE

Orbiting a planet: Signus III.

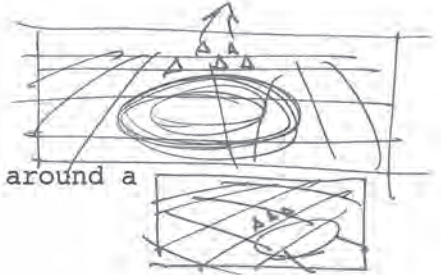


NARRATOR

Stardate "XXXX" Signus III in the north eastern Alpha Quadrant.

MAP GRAPHIC:

Federation ships moves into an ambush position around a Klingon force stationed near Signus III.



NARRATOR (CONT'D)

The leadership of Admiral Ramirez was a welcome change. But his grand plan had yet to be tested in battle.

SHIP
FLYBY'S

GARTH

The code name was Operation Pegasus.

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ALEXANDER

Garth and I were to lead an attack force lead by 4 Ares class cruisers against a Klingon force stationed near the planet Signus III.

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INT. STARFLEET HQ:

RAMIREZ

It was a controversial raid. There were those who thought it was too soon for us to go on the offensive. I disagreed.



EXT. SPACE

GARTH

Pegasus would be the first test of the Ares class against the ship it was designed to defeat, the D6.

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TRAVIS

1\ '' The Ares class looked damned good in the simulations. But data can only tell you so much. Enemy contact, that's the real test.

RAMIREZ

c\ '' So, I put my best commanders in the captain's chairs and sent them off to Signus III.

INT. KLINGON HALL OF HONOR

Now it is Kharn's turn to pay reluctant praise to Starfleet. He remembers the battle of Signus III

Kharn

The new ships were... unexpected.



EXT. SPACE - COMBAT FOOTAGE ARES VS D6

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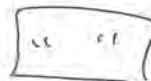
TRAVIS

That was Ramirez' first throw of the dice; and they landed just how we wanted 'em to land; needed 'em to land. Garth. That mad Izarian sonofabitch. That was his day.



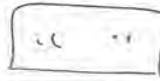
ALEXANDER

Garth likes to play down his contribution. Don't you believe it. What he did that day no captain had ever done.



GARTH

We got lucky.



Insert: Federation ship takes out a Klingon D6.

GARTH (CONT'D)

It was Sonya's maneuver that gave me the opening, and I took it.

TRAVIS

Sonya pulled a feint, and it opened up a gap in the line.

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Roll
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TRAVIS (CONT'D)

Then Garth made the most aggressive combat maneuver I'd ever seen.

ALEXANDER

It was like a Klingon maneuver.

TRAVIS

That's true, before Garth's charge I'd only ever seen Klingons fly like that.

GARTH

It was a new ship. They told me she was tough. I wanted to see how much she could take.

ALEXANDER

He put himself out in the middle of it that's for damned sure.

TRAVIS

His hull was black from all the disruptor fire.

ALEXANDER

I've looked at the disks over and over. I still can't tell you what held his ship together.

KHARN

Our captains' inability to destroy the lead vessel allowed a complete counter strike. We lost the initiative, and the engagement. This was the first time we took notice of Garth of Izar.

GARTH

It was a Klingon who first called me that. I guess there are a lot of worse things a Klingon could call you. And I'm proud of my homeworld, so I won't argue with the title.

KHARN

We had underestimated these new ships, and their captains.

GARTH

I wasn't the only one the Klingons remembered from that raid.

(MORE)

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ROCK



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ARE'S FLYBY?

QUOTE =

"(KLINGONS REPORT FAILURE - HONOR DEMANDS THEY GIVE NAME = GARTH OF IZAR)"

- KLINGON SURVIVOR
MESSAGE
BATTLE REPORT

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ALEXANDER

Garth likes to play down his contribution. Don't you believe it. ~~LET HIM FOR YOU~~
What he did ~~that day~~ no captain had ever done. ~~SIMPLE AS THAT~~

ADMIRATION

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE REALIZED THIS -

ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

It was like a Klingon maneuver.

FUCKING

ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

He put himself out in the middle of it that's for damned sure.

~~THIS IS THE FIRST~~
YOU'VE WRITTEN BOOKS ABOUT THIS -
YOU'VE SAID THIS COUNTESSLY
ITS PUBLIC RECORD

THAT WAS HIM -
HE WAS ~~ONE~~
ONE OF A KIND

ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

I've looked at the disks over and over. I still can't tell you what held his ship together.

~~AIN'T THAT THE~~
~~INTENDED~~
~~THING~~

ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

Yeah, sure. I'll tell you. They called me ~~BLEEPED OUT~~ - ~~EDUCATED~~

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SHORT
PROFANITY *
LONG PROFANITY
STREAK *

SEQUENCE
TAKE W/
PAUSES

36 INT. INTERVIEW CHAIR

~~ONE~~ ALEXANDER

But ~~their~~ crews might be Andorian or Tellarite or Vulcan or Human.

Each of which had their own strategy and tactics.

ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

We had finally begun to even the playing field. We'd proven we could take on the Klingon ~~fleet~~. But the D-7 would change all that.

PROUD

ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

Garth asked me out the blue if we could have a drink. Well, that wasn't a question. Especially not back then. He had something he ~~wanted~~ to talk to me about.

PUTTING THE GOSSIP TO REST -
THIS IS IT -
THIS IS HOW IT WENT

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ALEXANDER (CONT'D)

My first reaction ~~was~~ -- Well, let me put it this way. I'm glad we were drinking.

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GARTH (CONT'D)

They gave Sonya Alexander a
& ' nickname too. But, I don't think
you want me to repeat it.

ALEXANDER

(' ' Yeah, sure. I'll tell you. They
called me--

Sonya's profane account is bleeped out by UFP censors.

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TRAVIS

The truth is we were at the
breaking point. We were badly in
need of a victory. After Signus III
we could finally take a breath.

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RAMIREZ

I became a lot more popular with
the Federation Council.

ARES ~~THE~~
FUBBY?

EXT. FEDERATION SPACE

TRIUMPHANT
FUBBY CUP

Insert of Federation ships flying by.

NARRATOR

Stardate: "XXX" The Ares Class had
withstood its first trial by fire,
and passed through the gauntlet
victorious.

ARES CUPS

RAMIREZ

The Ares Class had proven itself,
and continued to prove itself. It
was faster, more agile and better
armed than anything we'd ever had.

INT. KLINGON HALL OF HONOR

KLINGON - 1

KHARN

The Federation had regained its
footing. It had become frustrating
to fight Starfleet.

... CRASH
CUP

INT. STARFLEET HQ:

GARTH

At that time, Starfleet crews
preferred to fight next to their
own kind.

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TRAVIS

So the Klingons were facing what they thought were just Starfleet ships.

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ALEXANDER

But their crews might be Andorian or Tellarite or Vulcan or Human. Each of which had their own strategy and tactics.

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KHARN

One never knew who you were fighting, and knowing one's enemy is the first rule of war.

GARTH

Once we had a ship that could stand toe to toe with the D-6, then our our diversity became a huge advantage. You see, when you fight a Tellarite, you better be in for a long battle, because they are very stubborn and very tenacious and they don't give up easy. Andorians are incredibly aggressive. They get close and don't let up. Vulcans will frustrate you and make you make mistakes.

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TRAVIS

And humans, well, the Klingons could never figure out what exactly we would do.

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KHARN

The High Council was forced to accept that the Federation was now a match for our forces.

MAP GRAPHIC

Federation Blue begins to push back on Klingon Red.



NARRATOR

Confident in their Ares cruisers, this brash core of captains took back three key systems in a month. But the war was not over yet.

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KHARN

The great irony of the battle of Signus III is that if the High Council had not overruled my proposal, it would have been a force of D7's that met Starfleet that day.

TRAVIS

We learned later that Signus III led to a shakeup on Q'onos. The Warlords that overruled Kharn were shamed.

KHARN

The Emperor himself granted me the lives of my detractors. I sentenced them mercifully.

TRAVIS

He was given complete discretionary funds to finish the D7 as soon as possible.

KHARN

I allowed them, all of them, to take their own lives.

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GARTH

If the Klingons had listened to Kharn, they have D-7's at Signus III. You get that? All of our shiny new Ares class ships woulda been cut to pieces. We would have been done. It was that close.

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KHARN

I honored them further by attending the ceremony personally.

RAMIREZ

It had become an arms race. A war of technology. The Klingons were building something. Something powerful. That was all we knew.

KHARN

Across the empire, our greatest shipyards were forging them. The D7 was to be the ultimate expression of the Klingon warship.

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SONYA

We had finally begun to even the playing field. We'd proven we could take on the Klingon fleet. But the D-7 would change all that.

GARTH

If the Klingons launched her first, we would be outmatched and outgunned. Again. And by now, the Klingons knew better than to squander that advantage.

RAMIREZ

Our new class of ship was proving much more complicated than we realized. It wouldn't be ready in time. We needed another option.

TRAVIS

Just as we started feeling good about ourselves, we heard the rumors of the Klingon Dreadnaught.

RAMIREZ

So I went to my three best squadron commanders, Garth, Robau and Trask and asked them each for a plan of attack.

ALEXANDER

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GARTH

Yes. That's how it happened. That's when I first told her my idea for a battle plan.

ALEXANDER

My first reaction was-- Well, let me put it this way. I'm glad we were drinking.

TRAVIS

Garth and Sonya came in, looking very, how can I put this-- Conspiratorial. And told me to have a drink. They had something they wanted to talk to me about.

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GARTH

Well, I showed him a rough outline of a battle plan. I said "what do you think?"

ALEXANDER

Sam said, "I think I need another drink."

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TRAVIS

The Admiralty had three different plans. One of them isn't worth mentioning. One of them was good. Garth's plan was crazy. A bloodbath waiting to happen. That was Axanar.

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RAMIREZ

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GARTH

There is a natural Darwinism in war. Sad to say, but it is true.

The Axanar plan was only possible because by the Fourth year of the war, the squadron commanders available to me were all...simply the best.

They had been through our early losses, through the constant retreats, through the breakthrough at Signus III. They were war hardened soldiers, any of whom I would trust my life to.

RAMIREZ

So I signed the plan. Garth's plan. To end the war in one final battle. To end it at Axanar.

FADE TO BLACK.

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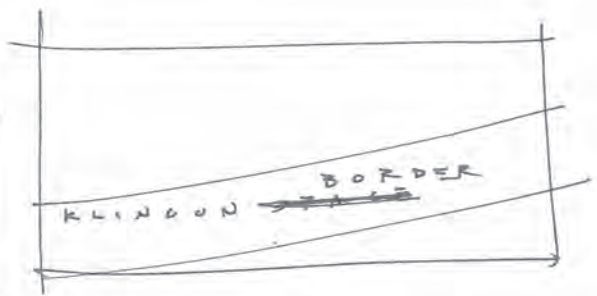
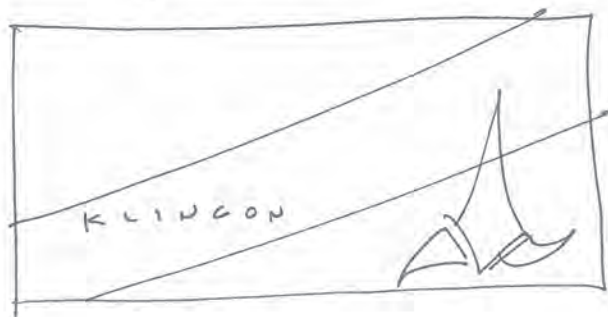
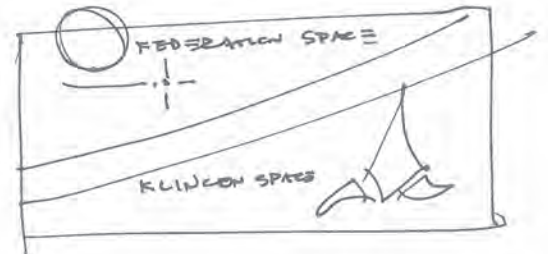
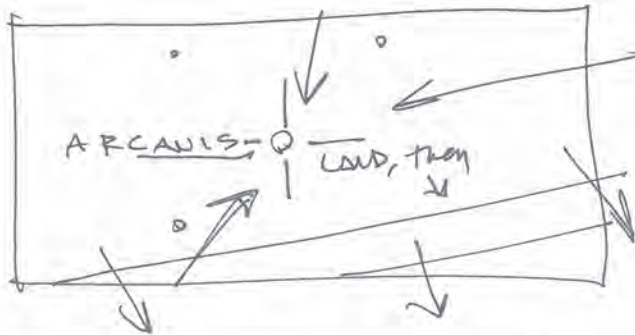
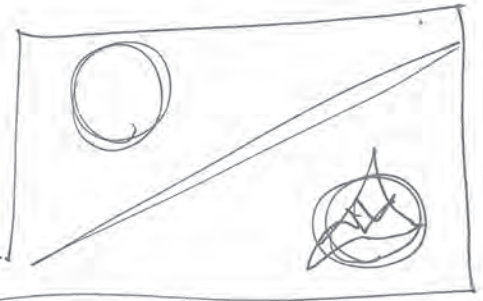
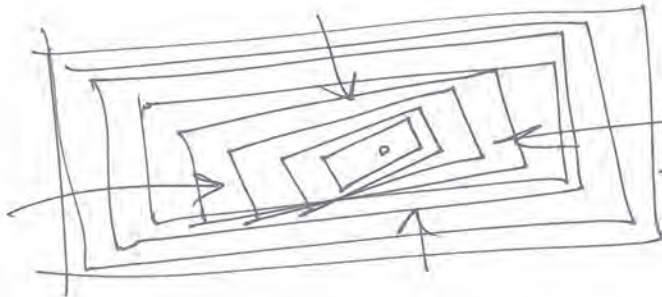
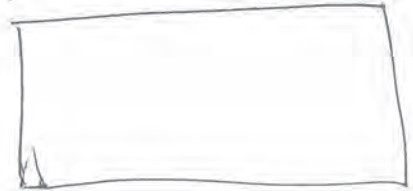
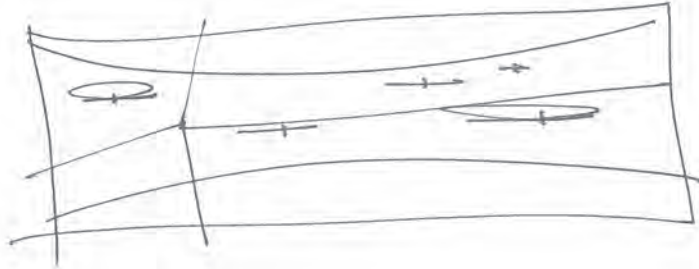
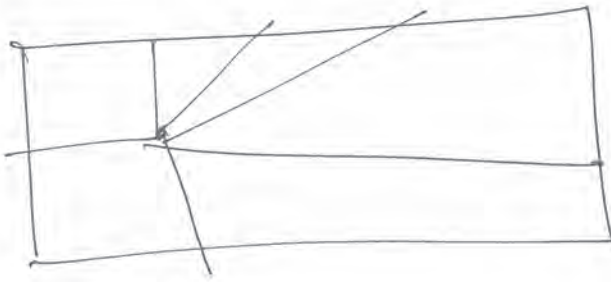
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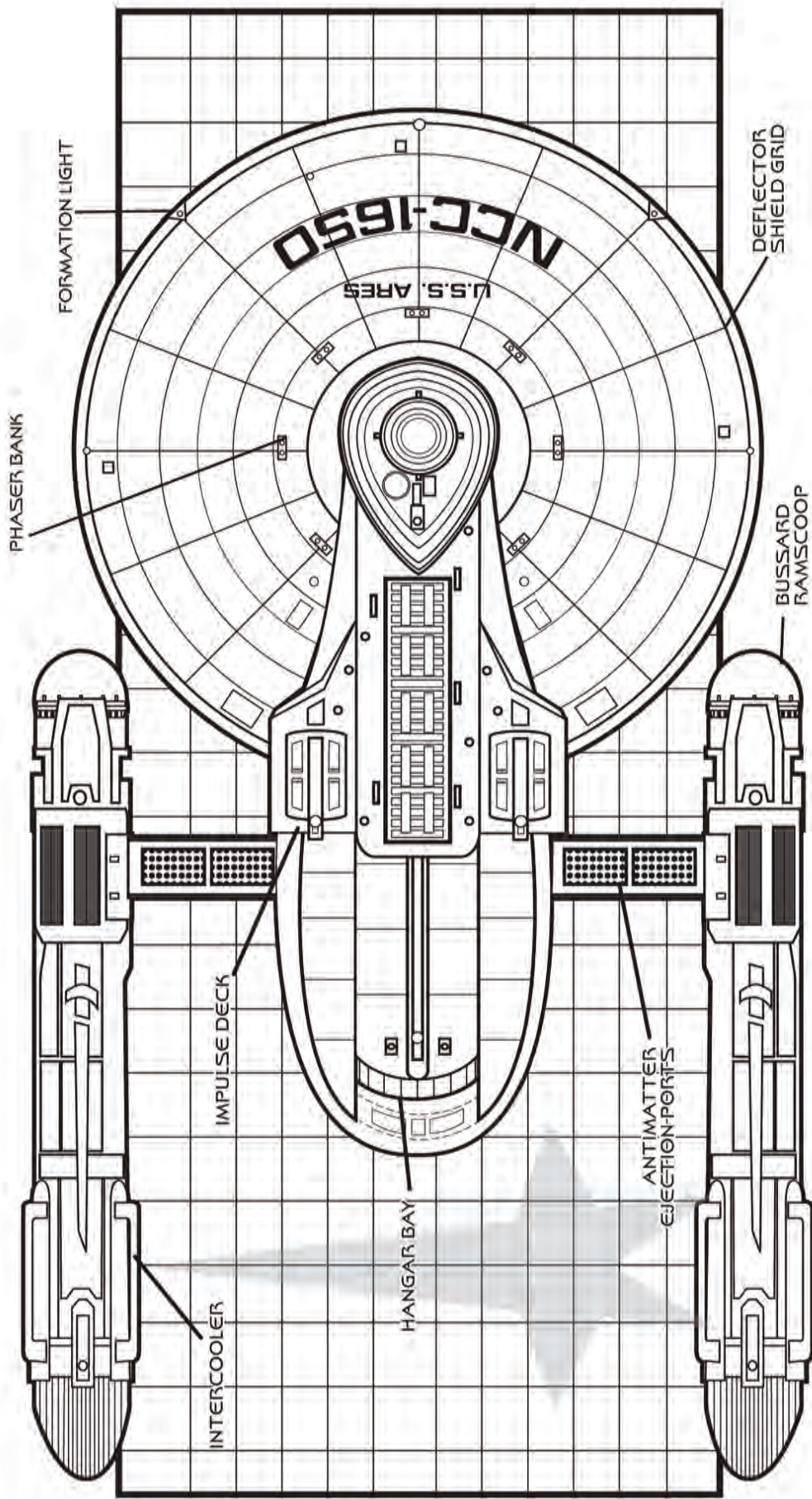


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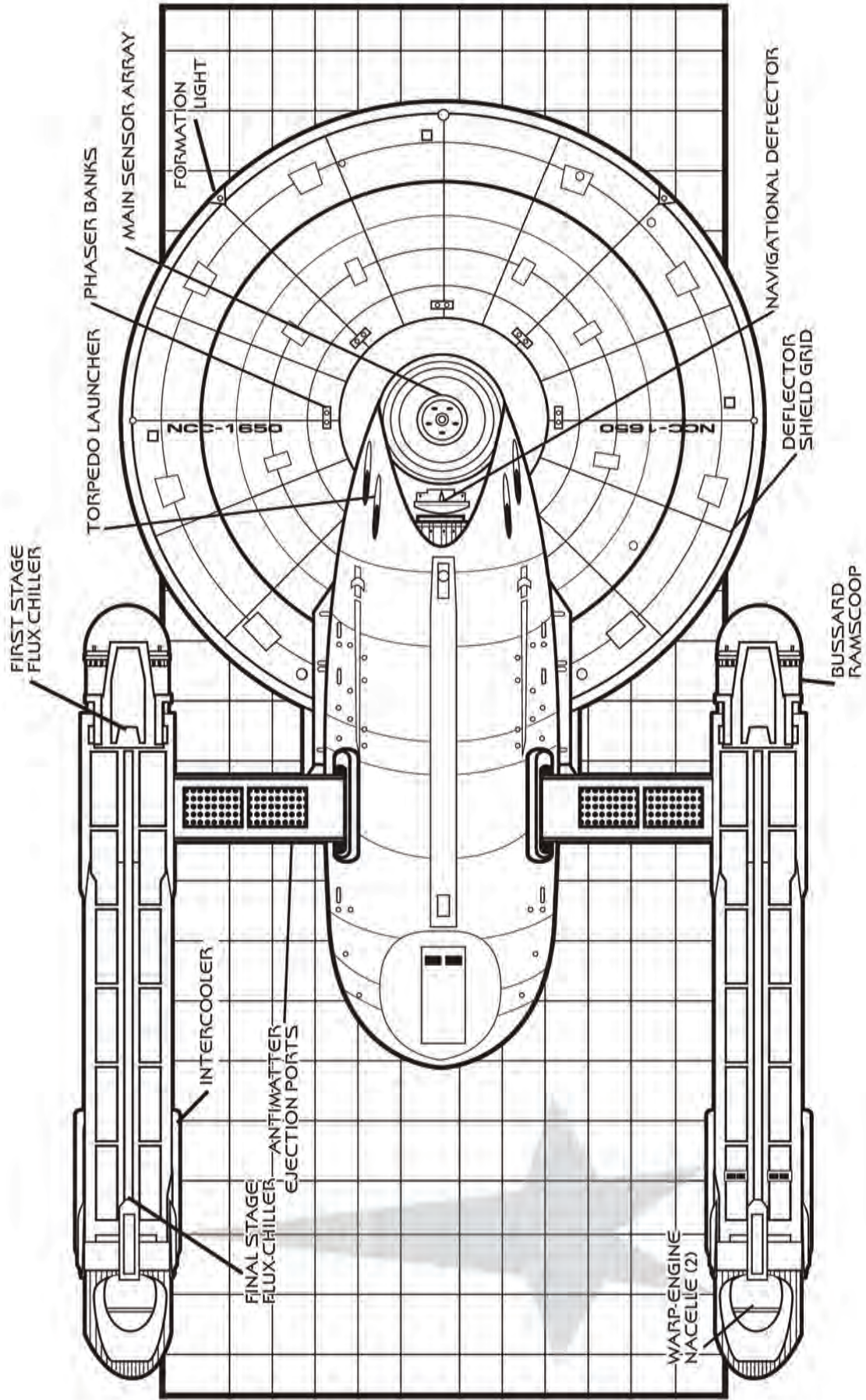
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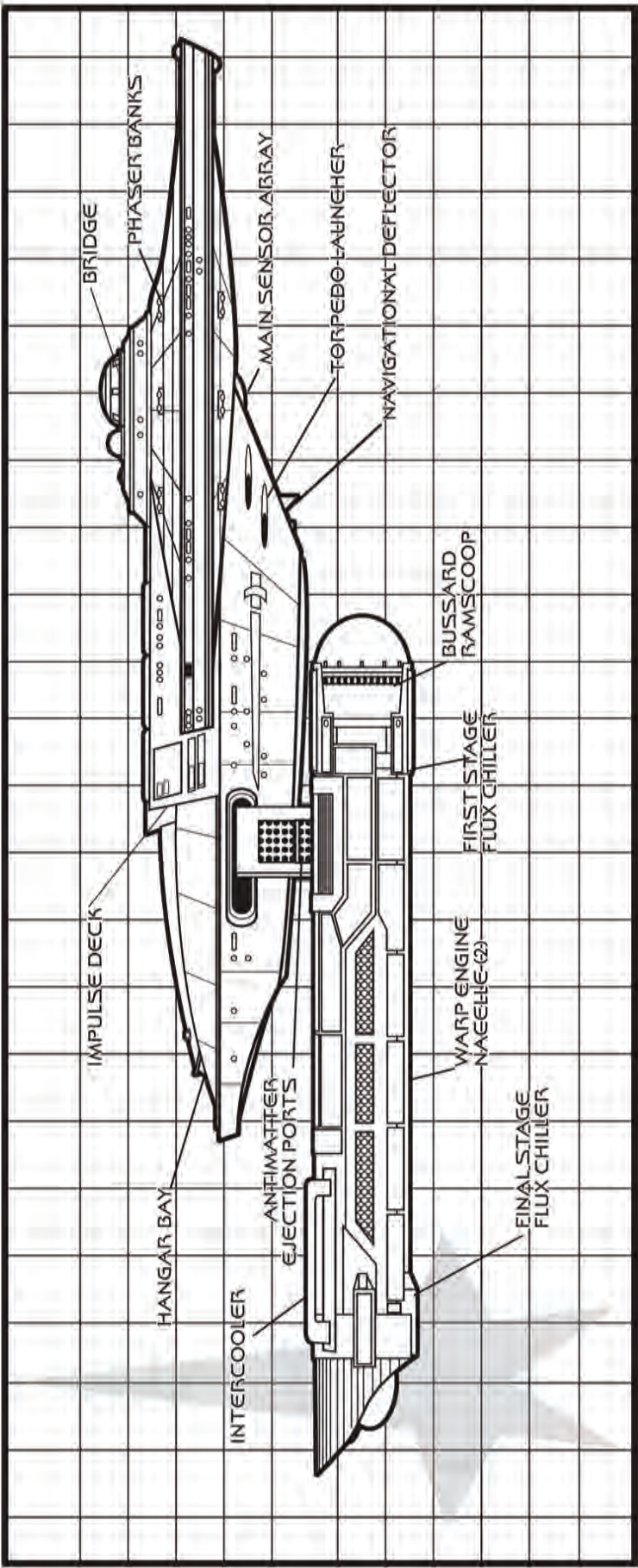




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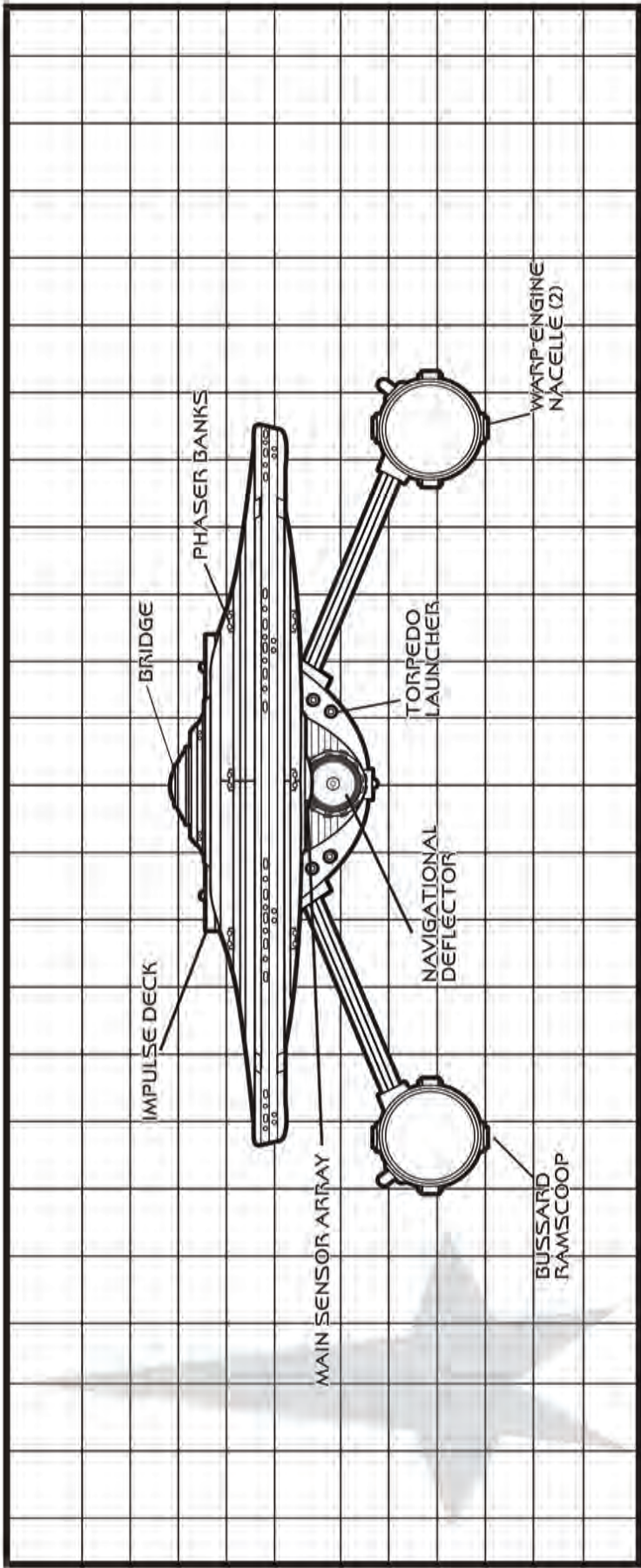




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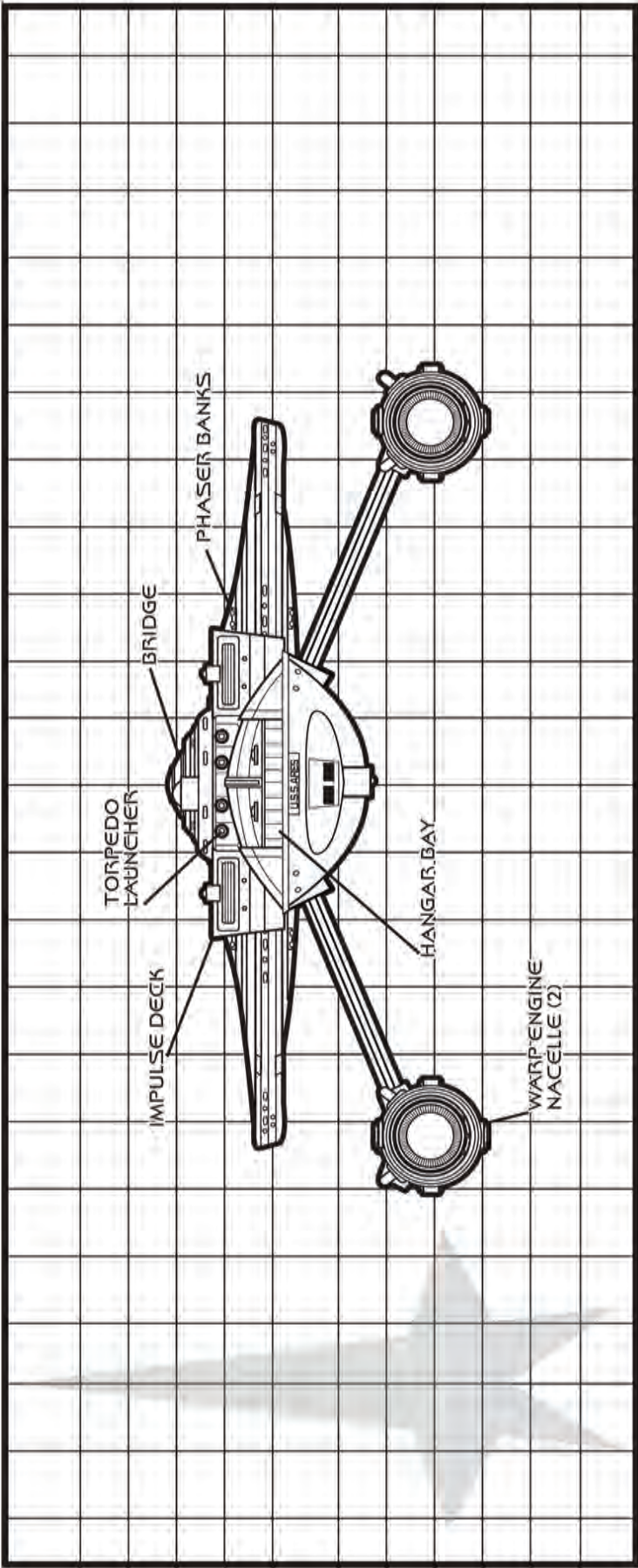
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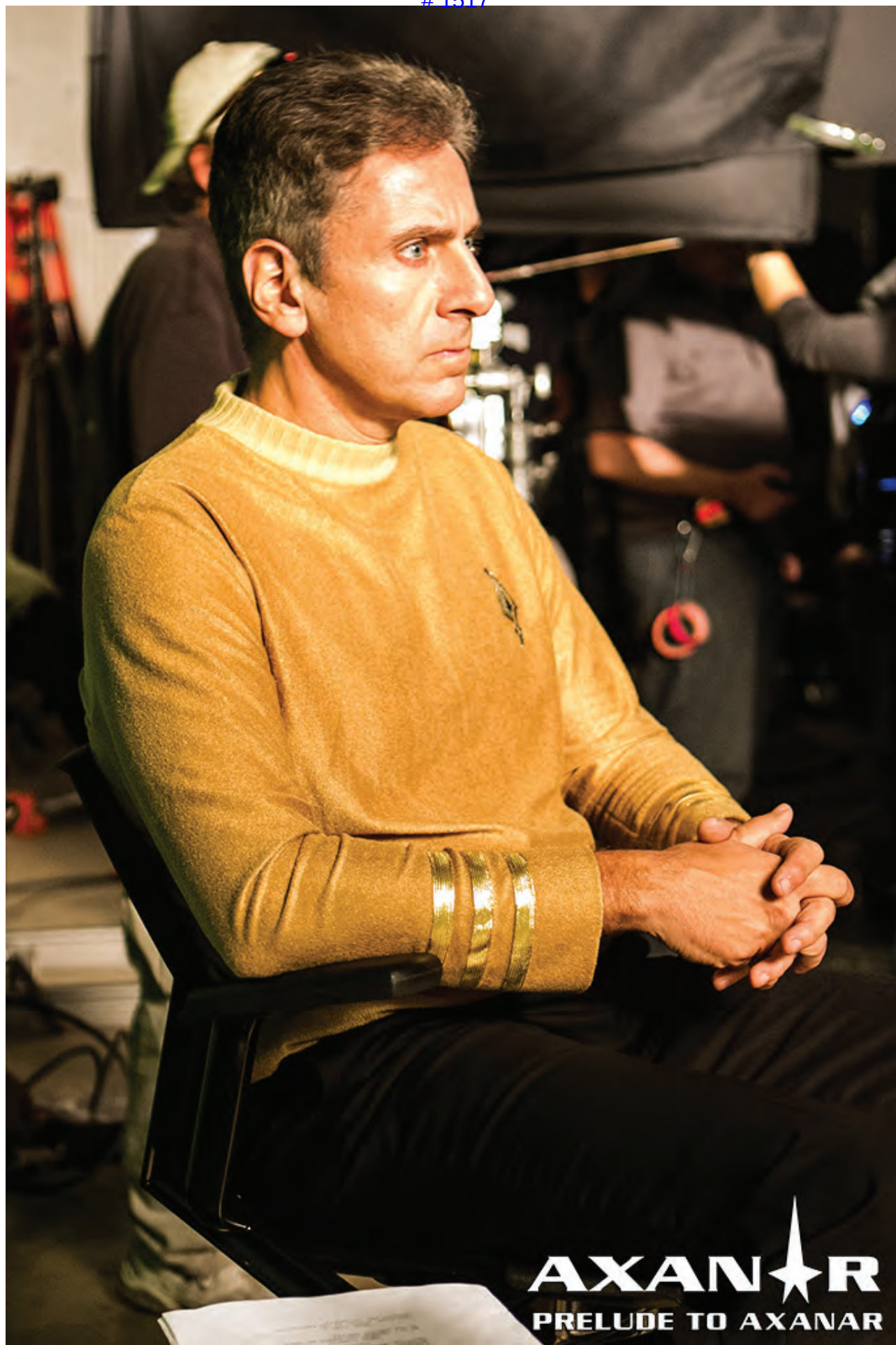
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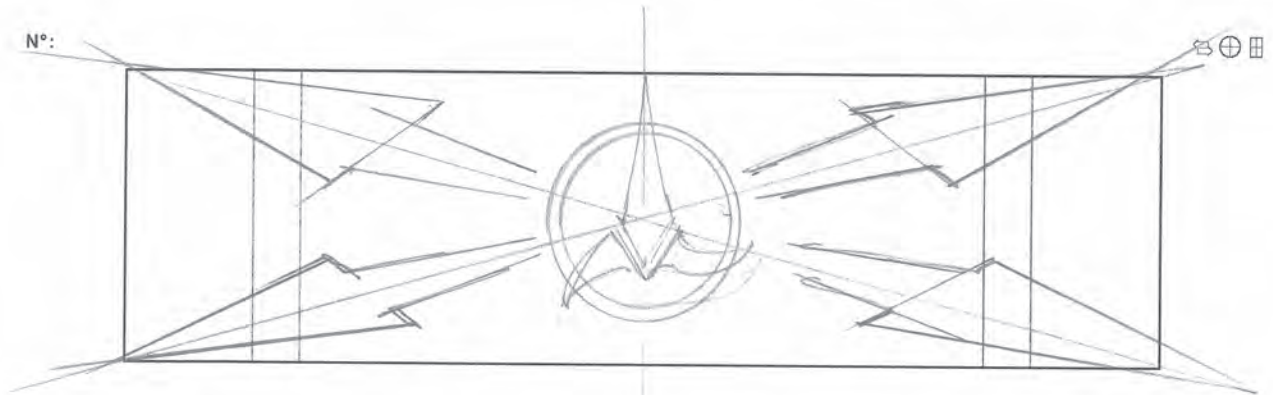
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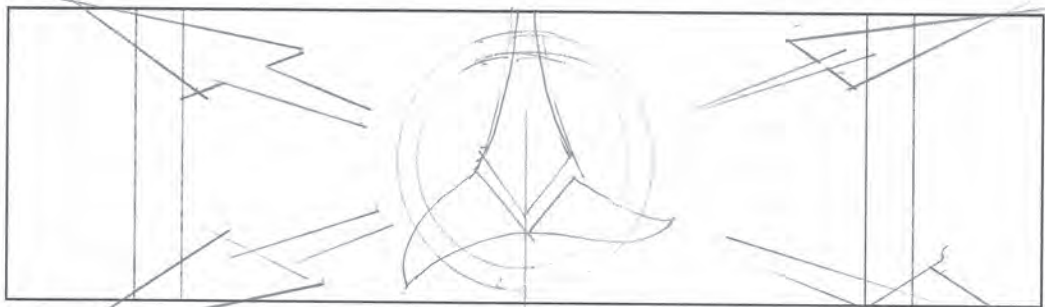
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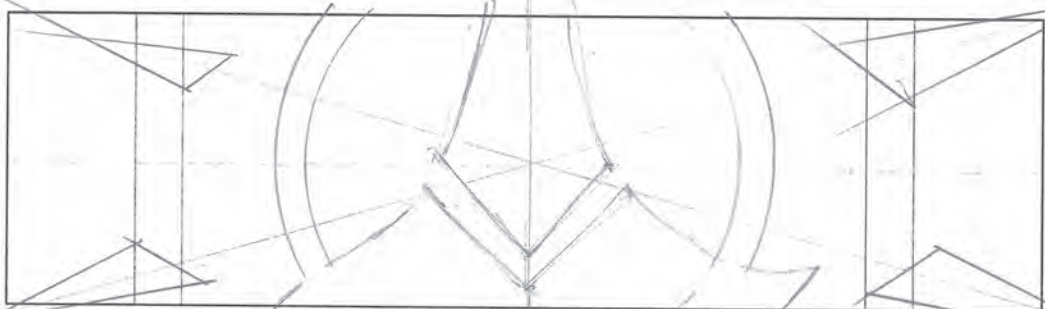
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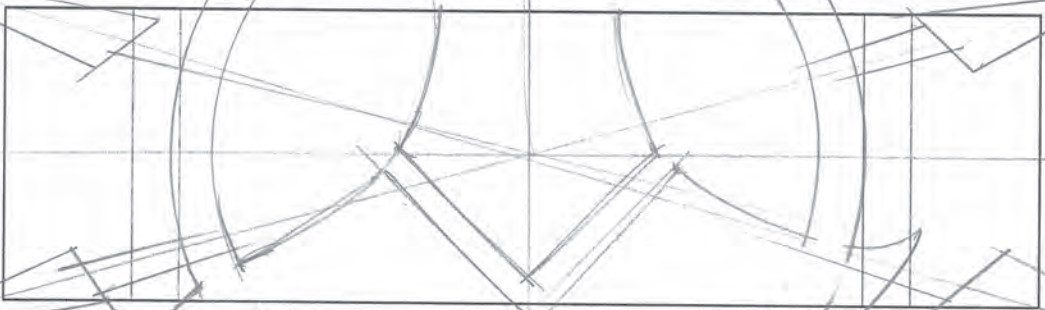
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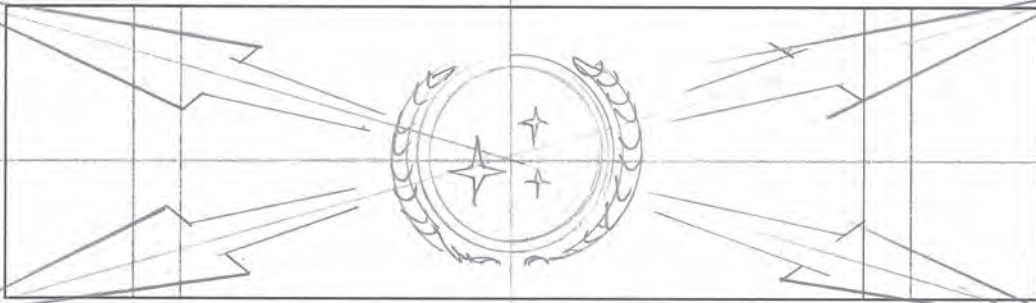
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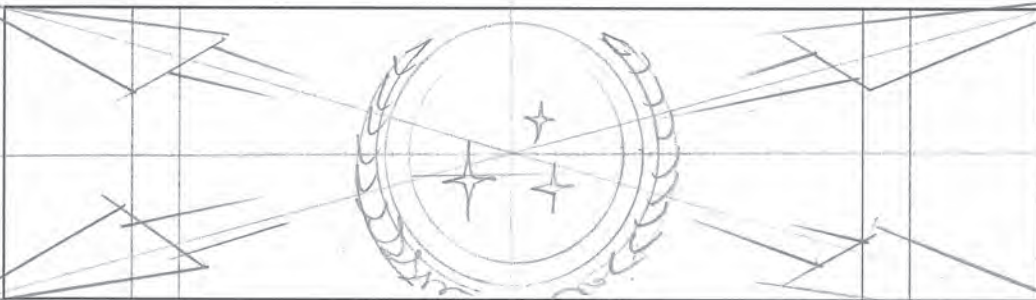
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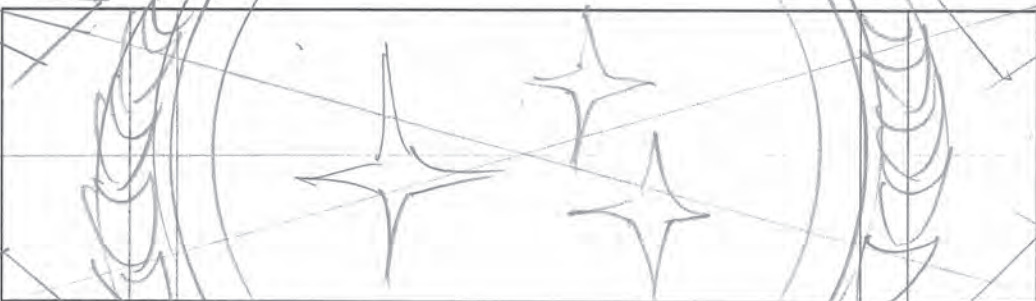
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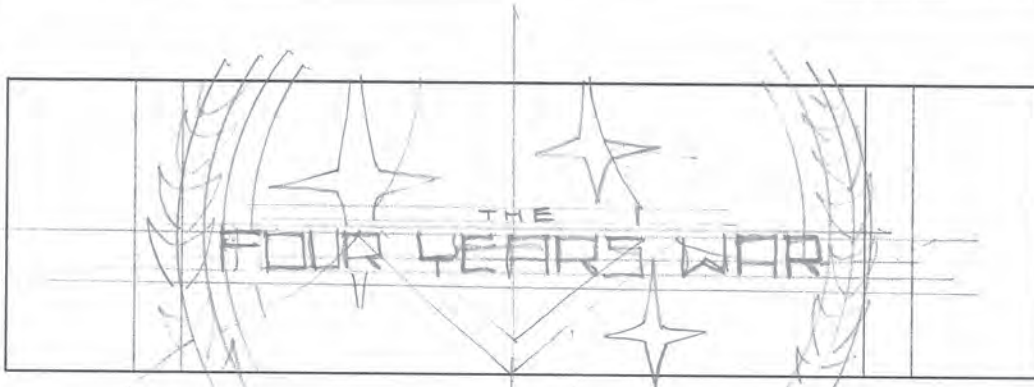
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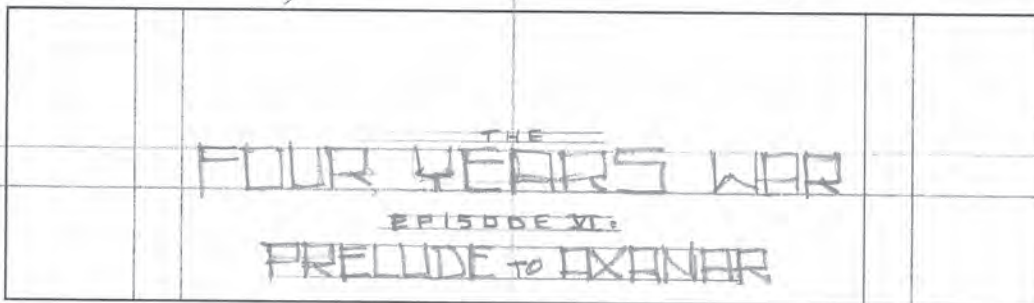
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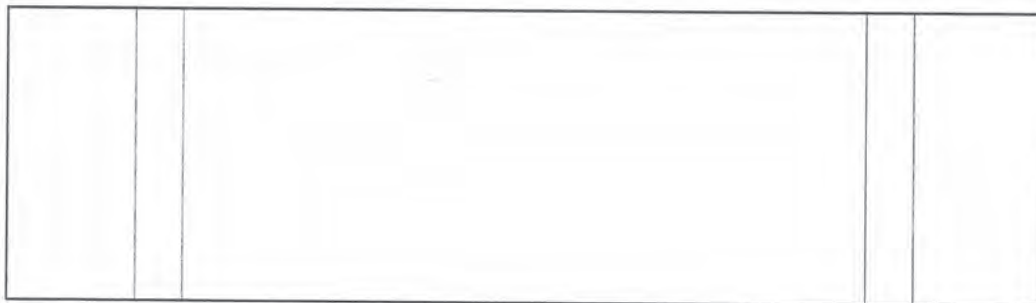
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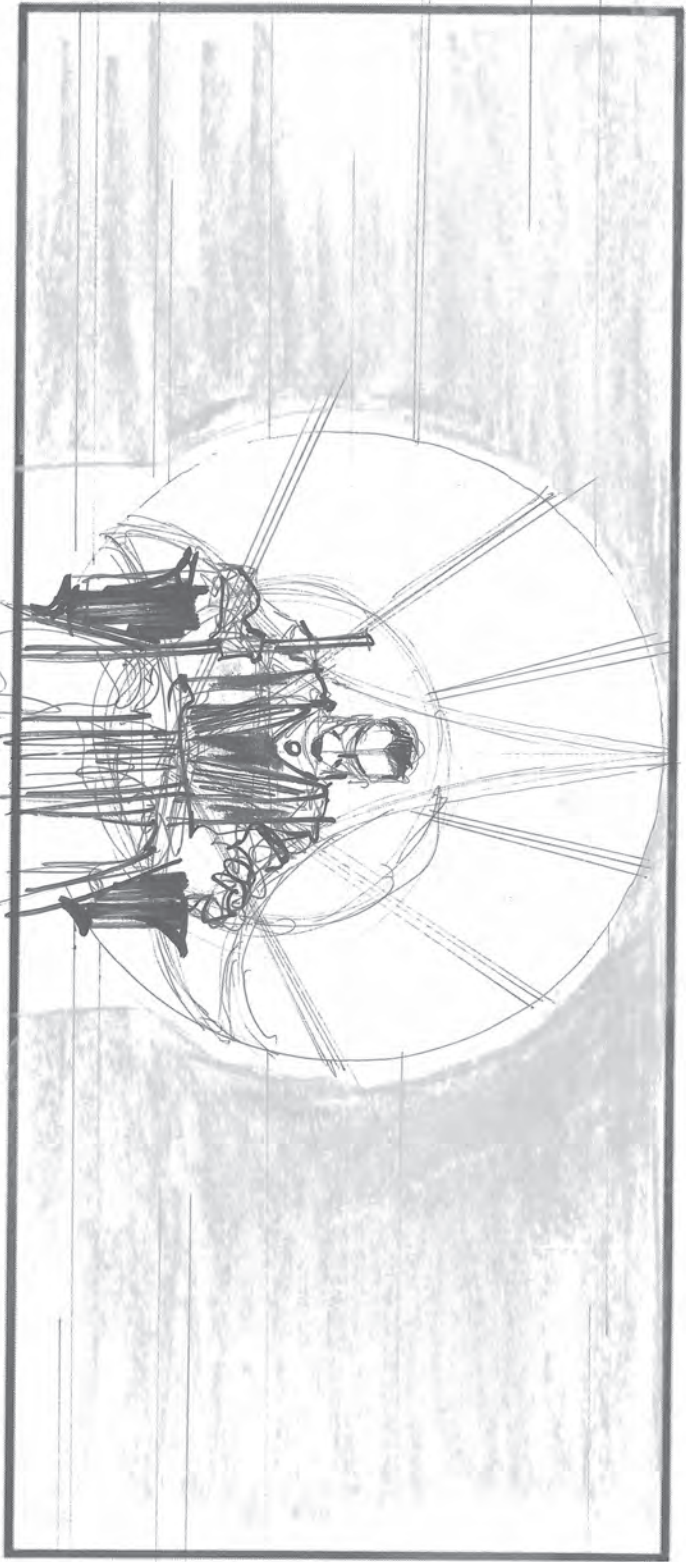


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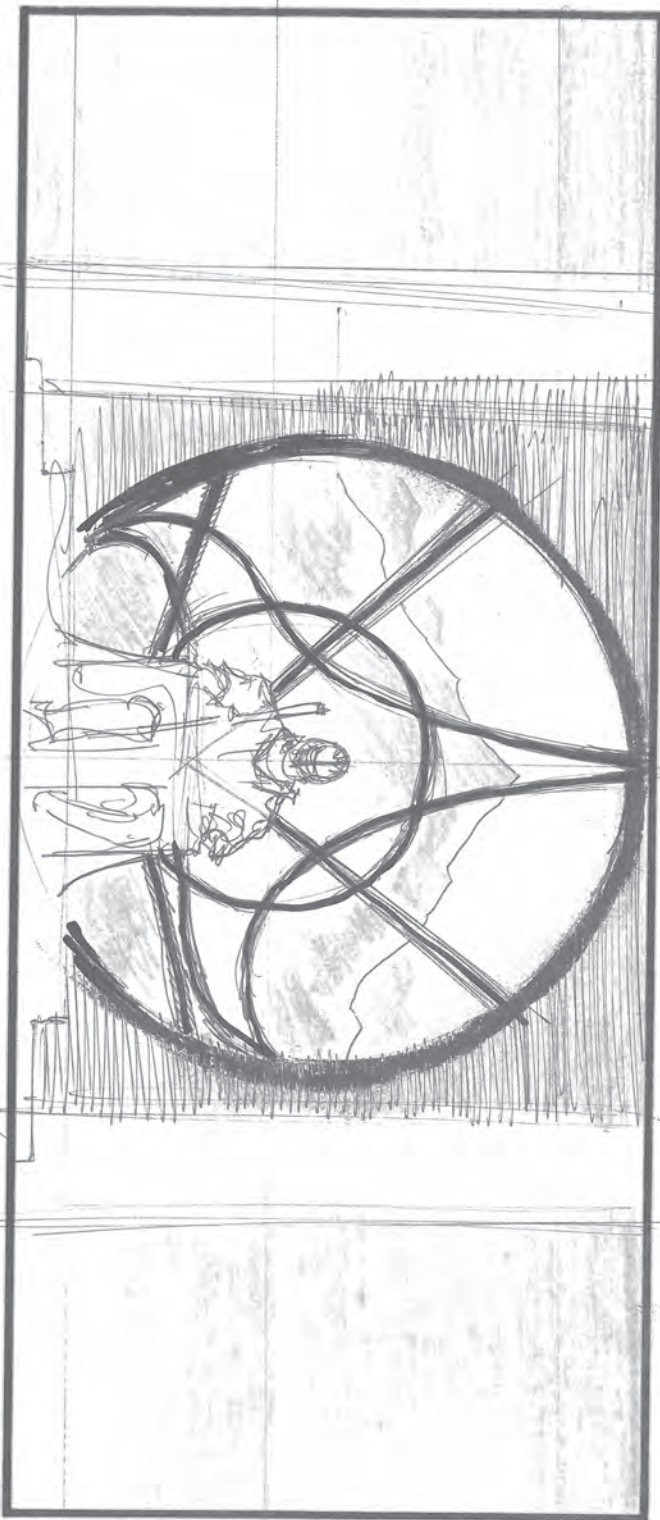
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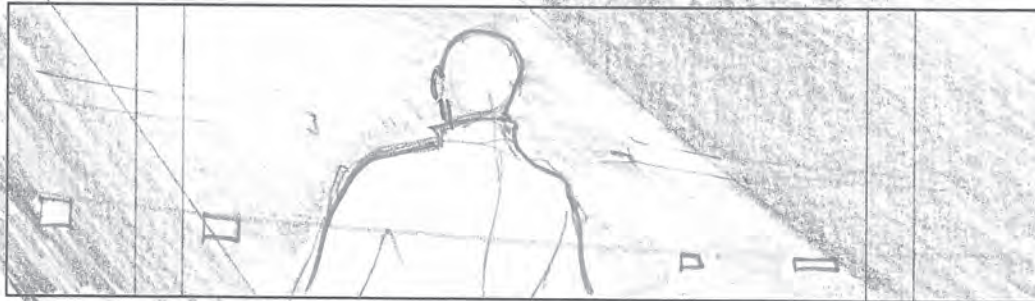
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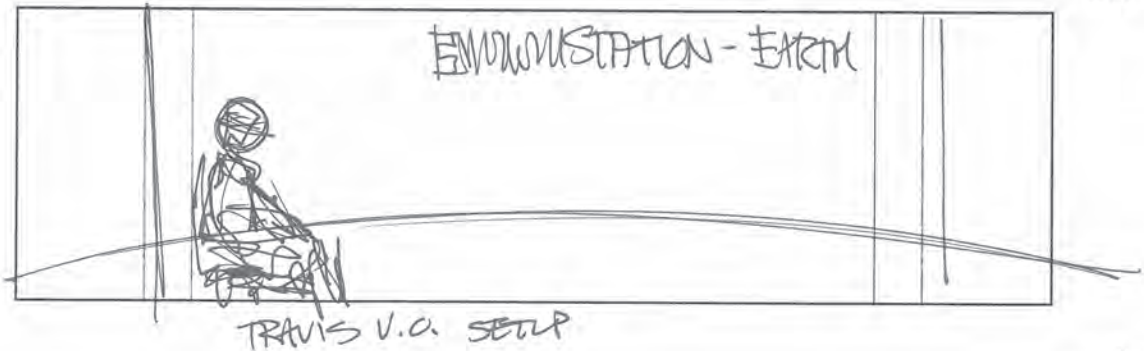


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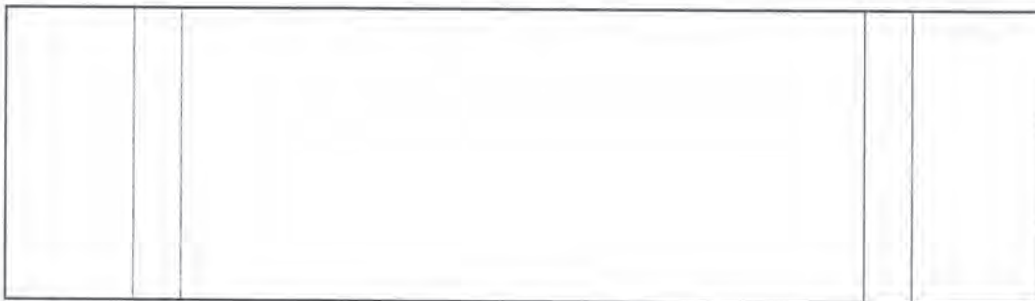
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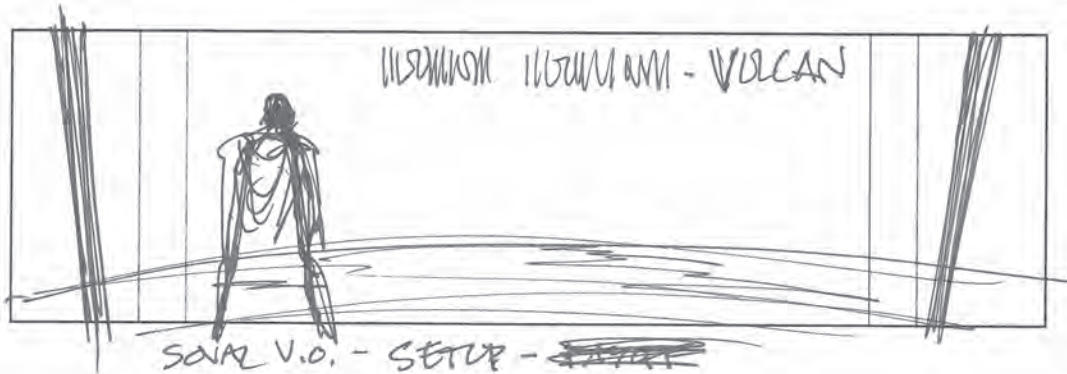


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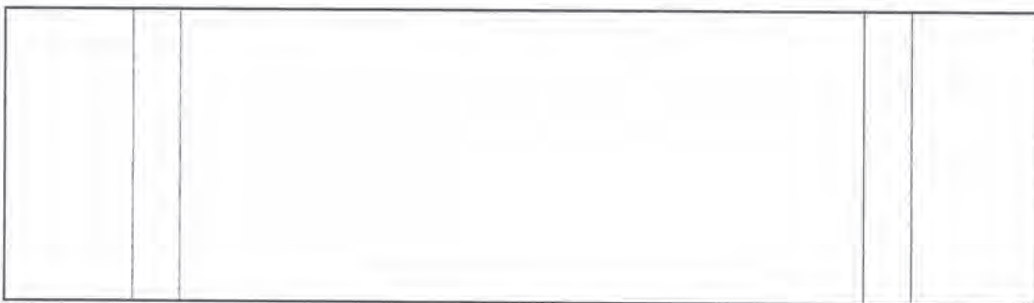
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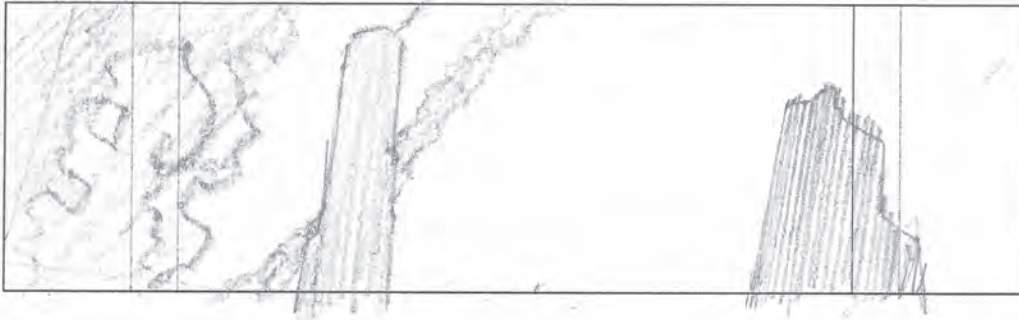
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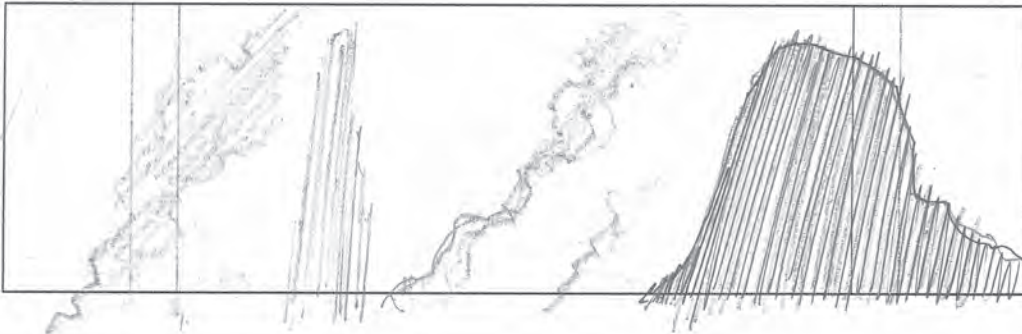
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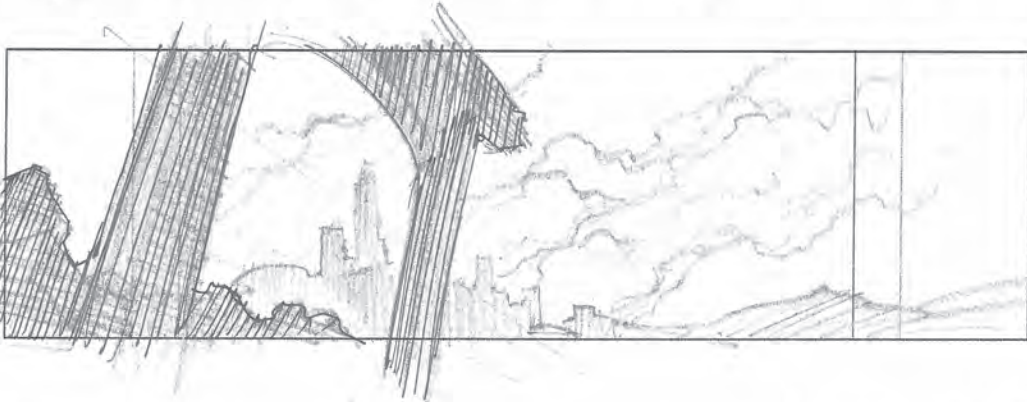
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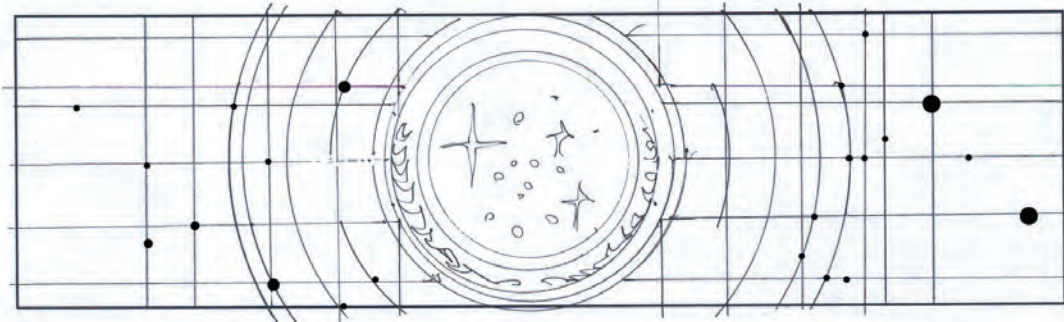
(bg: fed.blue - same logo asset)

Grid Depth: The circular lines are on a plane 'above' the square grid lines (visible as difference in opacity)

--FED symbol falling away into the Z.

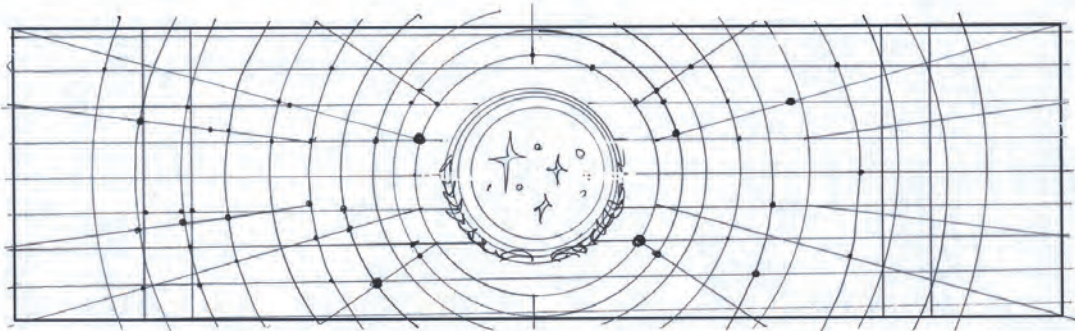
--Dots of various size are 'places of interest' on the map

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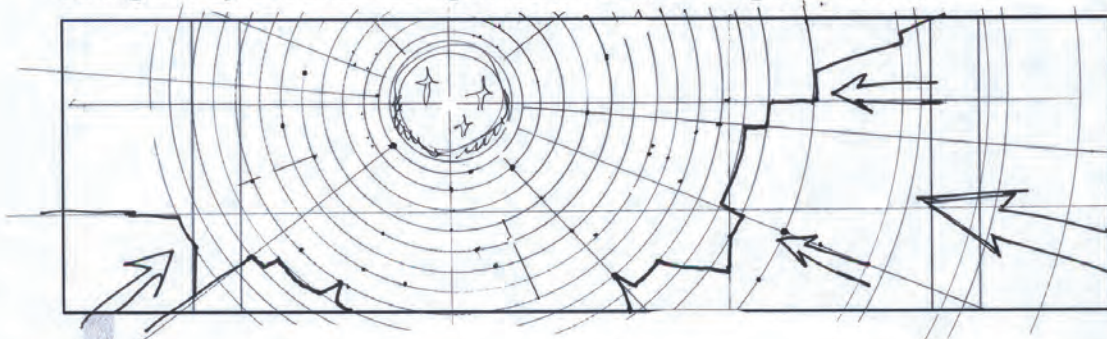
map falling away, revealing more stars, suggesting expanse of Federation space

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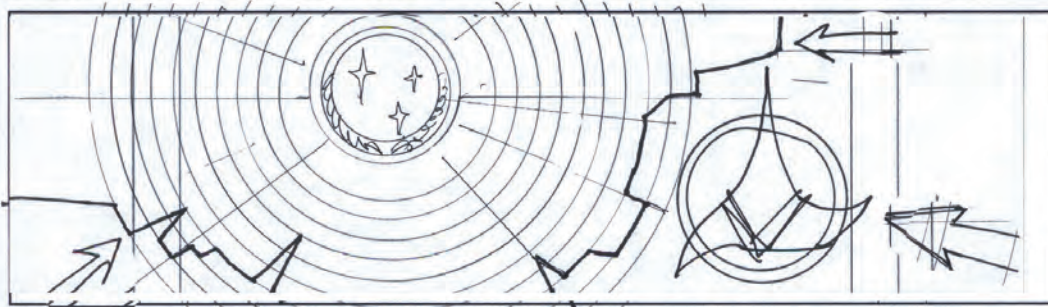
Camera pans right slightly -- reveals Klingon conquests as a red wave, taking dot by dot and closing in from below and right of frame.

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Like rivulets of blood seeping toward the Fed Symbol, the Klingon invasions creep forward, and their symbol fades in, larger than the Fed Symbol.

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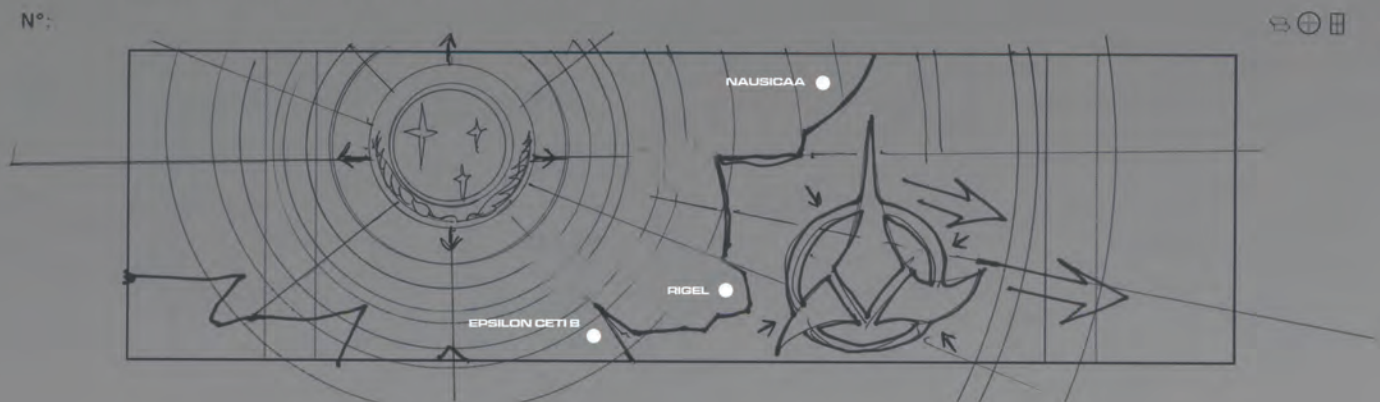
BATTLE MAP 2

Start point of this map is End point of first map.

The Federation is pushing back on the Klingons.

They take back "Three Key Systems in a Month"

visually represented as Federation Blue pushing back Klingon Red and revealing three large dots (the "key systems") that have now been liberated from those nasty Klingons.



Notes:

Federation Symbol stays in its position onscreen,
but expands slightly (and slowly) as the blue wave grows

Klingon Symbol shrinks slightly in response
to the Federation's surge, and also drifts toward screen right





“I DO NOT FEAR THE KLINGON EMPIRE!”

**Admiral Marcus Ramirez
First Address to the Federation Council
Stardate 2243.2**