

## LIVE SIM "USS HALIFAX"

# HOSTED BY [USF] USFArzie

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## [USF] USFArzie, 7:50:30 PM(edited)

Mission Briefing USS Halifax Captain Theleas Veri

Stardate: 201902.23

Halifax, an aging Springfield-Class vessel is charting the Orarii Nebula. Long rage scans from Sensor Array Qoph-579 indicate radiation consistent with that of a forming magnetar. Halifax has been sent to investigate this anomaly.

Alert Status: Condition Green

- Unless otherwise stated, you are an Ensign on the crew of Halifax. Please PM USFArzie with your Department.
- Please read the USF Sim Guide: http://www.sector001.com/simguide/simguide.shtml#Guidelines For information on symbology, guidelines, et cetera.
- For the purposes of this Sim, the USF's Commodore Arzie will be playing Captain Theleas Veri of Andoria.
- Please Prefix your name with your department. i.e.: [ENG] Gror.

[USF] USFArzie, 9:20:38 PM(edited)

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[USF] USFArzie, 9:39:50 AM [USF] USFArzie, 9:39:56 AM

::flicks on the lights::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 9:42:15 AM

::steps out of the shadows::

EugeneNall, 9:43:12 AM

::boots up the main computer core::

[USF] USFArzie, 9:45:05 AM

Evening Lieutenant. Ensign.

[USF] USFArzie, 9:45:10 AM

Er, Morrning.

[USF] USFArzie, 9:45:20 AM

Morning. I'll have to get used to simming in the morning.

WiseOwlSTF, 9:45:44 AM

\_steps out and takes her Science Station quietly\_

WiseOwISTF, 9:46:25 AM

Good Morning, Captain and Ensign Nall

EugeneNall, 9:47:14 AM

::mumbles:: Mmph, morning. ::yawns::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 9:47:30 AM

Will /tts work in here?

[USF] USFArzie, 9:47:37 AM

Hmm

[USF] USFArzie, 9:47:46 AM

Morning!

## Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 9:47:53 AM(edited)

Stepping out of the turbolift a tall eager eyed Ensign peered around the bridge observing the multitude of officer whom had began to assume there stations. Walking over to the helm station Ensign Harvatt relieved the Crewman whom had been there from the night shift and took his seat. "Morning all" he said tapping several buttons in order to activate the LCARS display.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 9:48:29 AM

::in sickbay, calibrating the biobeds::

[USF] USFArzie, 9:48:29 AM

It should? I don't know. I've been having issues with TTS.

Morning, Ensign.

[USF] USFArzie, 9:48:59 AM

We'll call Attention in 12 minutes. Until then, relax. Have a drink.

EugeneNall, 9:49:32 AM

::nods at Ens. Harvatt as the new Ens. sits beside him:: Morning.

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 9:50:36 AM(edited)

"Aye Sir" \_Collects drink from the replicator\_

WiseOwISTF, 9:52:19 AM

works quietly at her station collecting data

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 9:52:31 AM

"Morning Ensign" spoke the Helmsman towards the operations officer as he sat back down at his station.

WiseOwISTF, 9:53:06 AM

What is TTS?

[USF] USFArzie, 9:53:14 AM

Text-To-Speech.

EugeneNall, 9:53:40 AM

::mumbles as he reconfigures the LCARS of the Ops console:: The night ops must be left handed, everything is backwards!

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 9:53:49 AM

Using /tts will allow anyone with a visual challenge to "hear" our conversation....

WiseOwISTF, 9:53:55 AM

ahh

EugeneNall, 9:54:17 AM

(But you have to type it with every line. I always forget!)

## Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 9:54:50 AM

"He must have been" he said in reply

[USF] USFArzie, 9:55:21 AM

Just a few things before we get rolling.

WiseOwISTF, 9:55:32 AM

\_perks up to listen\_

[USF] USFArzie, 9:55:43 AM

Take a minute to read the guidelines up top for formatting issues.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 9:55:50 AM

Yes, it does need to be placed on every line of typing to work properly. And as one who forgets the "@" on away teams, I miss it sometimes too.

[USF] USFArzie, 9:56:51 AM

::types in an action:: Is for personal actions.

AXN>> or ACTION>> is how I'll put in plot-critical things.

EugeneNall, 9:57:06 AM

T'Kor, you're a Lt? Could you change your nick to also show your rank? Wouldn't want to forget to show proper respect to a senior officer!

WiseOwISTF, 9:57:09 AM

can we use the /me command for actions?

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 9:57:32 AM

How about **Emphasis** for action

[USF] USFArzie, 9:57:34 AM

::nods at T'Kor:: @ is how you prefix an Away Team

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 9:57:40 AM

Did I get a promotion? LOL

[USF] USFArzie, 9:58:17 AM

I'd rather keep it to ::Action::. Most of us sim on IRC and don't have all of Discord's fancy things.

EugeneNall, 9:58:43 AM

::takes off his glasses and rubs them with a cloth:: Must have been a smear on the lens, could've sworn I saw two pips on T'Kor's collar.

WiseOwlSTF, 9:59:16 AM

::nods:: I will try but I am use to the one's on Discord

[USF] USFArzie, 9:59:41 AM

It won't be a hard and fast rule. I know some people are used to other ways.: ^)

EugeneNall, 10:00:17 AM

(Some of us have used the USF's method for so long we don't know any other.

::winks at Arzie::)

[USF] USFArzie, 10:00:42 AM(edited)

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## [USF] USFArzie, 10:01:02 AM

Alright. Let's light this candle.

-=ATTENTION ON DECK=-

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:01:17 AM

::AA::

WiseOwISTF, 10:01:18 AM

::stands at attention::

EugeneNall, 10:01:24 AM

::AA:: (That's "at attention" for the newbies.)

WiseOwISTF, 10:01:32 AM

(Thank you)

WiseOwISTF, 10:01:41 AM

::AA::

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:01:44 AM

::Stands up from his station and positions himself at attention::

[USF] USFArzie, 10:02:40 AM

Welcome, everyone, to the USF's live sim aboard the USS Halifax. We're honoured to have you here.

[USF] USFArzie, 10:03:45 AM

I'm Commodore Kaveh Arzie of the USF, but today I'm playing Captain Thelaes Veri.

If there's anything I oughta know about your characters (species, etc.), please PM me.

[USF] USFArzie, 10:04:58 AM

We're going to jump in. If you have any questions about where we are, how to pose something, or whatever, please feel free to PM me.

[USF] USFArzie, 10:07:02 AM

-=BEGIN SIM=-

AXN>> The Halifax enters the Orarii Nebula.

WiseOwISTF, 10:07:50 AM

::runs continual long range and short range scans of the area to gather data::

[USF] USFArzie, 10:08:04 AM

::steps out of his Ready Room as he sees the colourful gasses of the nebula begin to pass by his window. His antennae are wide::

Status report?

EugeneNall, 10:08:14 AM

::returns to his seat and scans his readings:: We are picking up higher than normal radiation, Captain, but everything seems to be within acceptable ranges ... for now.

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:08:19 AM

::satisfied that the bio-beds are calibrated properly, moves on to an inventory of medikits::

WiseOwISTF, 10:08:27 AM

"Entereing the Orarii Nebula, sir."

[USF] USFArzie, 10:09:32 AM

::nods:: Understood. Is the Magnetar on sensors?

WiseOwISTF, 10:09:57 AM

Radiation consistent with magnetar

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:10:13 AM

Nurse Aval> Doctor, I can do that for you.

EugeneNall, 10:10:23 AM

That would be that big glowing blip on my screen?

WiseOwISTF, 10:11:10 AM

We have rising gamma and xray radiation from the magnetar

[USF] USFArzie, 10:11:12 AM

Likely, Ensign. Keep shields to appropriate levels. I don't want to undergo any more radiation inoculations.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:11:16 AM

It is fine Nurse Aval, I prefer to be certain everything is in good order. It is my first assignment aboard a starship.

EugeneNall, 10:11:42 AM

::shudders at the thought of radiation innoculations:: Understood.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:11:50 AM

Nurse Aval> ::shrugs and moves along::

WiseOwISTF, 10:12:46 AM

::studies the scans with avid interest as it is the first time she has ever seen a magnetar close up::

EugeneNall, 10:13:35 AM

Just wondering ... if a magnetar is a big magnet, it won't pull us in to it will it?

WiseOwISTF, 10:14:03 AM

::the magnetic forces will increase the closer we get.::

EugeneNall, 10:14:48 AM

::glances at Harvatt:: You'll keep us steered away from it, right?

[USF] USFArzie, 10:15:30 AM

::shakes his head:: It doesn't quite work like that, Mr. Nall. Just keep an eye out of it's rotation, Ensign Harvatt. We don't want to get hit by a gamma ray burst.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:15:48 AM

::meticulously inventories medikit after medikit intently focused on her task::

EugeneNall, 10:16:05 AM

Yeah, I've heard those gamma rays can make you turn green!

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:16:14 AM

((LOL!!!))

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:16:29 AM

"Aye sir, monitering it rotation" ::he spoke tapping several buttons::

[USF] USFArzie, 10:16:45 AM

I prefer being blue, thank you.

ACTION>> Planetary bodies start popping up on sensors.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:16:55 AM

((BTW use double parentheses for an OOC --out of character comment or reaction))

WiseOwISTF, 10:17:27 AM

::starts to catalogue each and looks for individual characteristics::

EugeneNall, 10:17:36 AM

Uh, Captain, it's getting a little crowded up ahead. Sensors are picking up several other bodies.

WiseOwISTF, 10:17:47 AM

Scanning them now to get details

WiseOwISTF, 10:18:17 AM

There are three Class D and one Class L, sir

[USF] USFArzie, 10:19:54 AM

Class L? Life signs?

EugeneNall, 10:19:56 AM

Wow, look at those maelstrom effects in the nebula gasses as they swirl around the other planetoids. That's awesome!

WiseOwISTF, 10:20:49 AM

Class L is early Earth like, sir. Scanning for life signs now

**WiseOwISTF, 10:21:00 AM** 

::Looks for life signs::

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:21:17 AM

Life signs detected sir

[USF] USFArzie, 10:21:33 AM

::grins:: It is.

::nods:: and focuses his antennae towards the viewer.

EugeneNall, 10:21:51 AM

What, no song? ::sings:: "Life forms, pretty little life forms ..."

**WiseOwISTF, 10:22:04 AM** 

::Looks toward the viewer too to get an actual visual on what her sensors were telling her.::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:22:30 AM

::Nurse Aval approaches T'Kor and hands her a PADD, which the doctor accepts wordlessly::

WiseOwISTF, 10:23:51 AM

There is definately a thriving plant ecosystem

EugeneNall, 10:23:58 AM

I may or may not have slept through the class that explained the difference between Class L and Class M ... what's the difference?

WiseOwISTF, 10:24:16 AM

Class L is moon or asteroid like

[USF] USFArzie, 10:24:32 AM

Fascinating. Helm, take us closer.

A Class-L tends to only have plant life, Ensign.

WiseOwlSTF, 10:24:33 AM

oops

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:24:35 AM

::Remaining silent::

WiseOwISTF, 10:24:40 AM

Class D is moonlike

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:25:05 AM

Sir do you plan on sending an away team down?

EugeneNall[SB118] Geoffrey Teller, 10:25:07 AM

Ah, OK, so flora and no fauna, I get it.

[USF] USFArzie, 10:25:22 AM

::nods:: I do.

WiseOwISTF, 10:25:29 AM

::perks up interested in going::

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:25:44 AM

Very well. Shall I get a team together for you? Or would you like to make that call

[MED]Ens T'Kor[SB118] Geoffrey Teller, 10:26:37 AM

::nods as she reads the reports on the PADD and once she is done, she goes into her office::

[USF] USFArzie, 10:26:49 AM

+T'kor+ Veri to Sickbay. Doctor, please report to the transporter room. You'll be leading the Away Team.

Ensigns Nall, Smith, WiseOwl, and Harvatt, you'll be going with her.

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:27:04 AM

Aye sir.

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:27:07 AM

"Ave Sir"

**WiseOwISTF, 10:27:07 AM** 

Aye sir

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[USF] USFArzie, 10:27:16 AM

<<Since that's everyone, you won't have to use the @ prefix before poses>>

EugeneNall, 10:27:19 AM

Me? On an Away Mission? :: gulps audibly:: Uh, OK, sir.

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:27:22 AM

::He walks out the room to the transporter pad

**WiseOwISTF, 10:27:24 AM** 

::rises and lets her replacement take her station::

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:27:30 AM

::heads to transport::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:27:37 AM

+Veri+ Aye sir. Is there anything pertinent of which I should be aware?

WiseOwISTF, 10:27:47 AM

::follows the others off the bridge::

EugeneNall, 10:27:51 AM

::logs off and heads to transporter room::

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:28:47 AM

Is it a breathable atmosphere or will we need EVA suits?

EugeneNall, 10:28:54 AM

I've never been on an Away Mission before ... what's it like? Any of you been down?

WiseOwISTF, 10:29:05 AM

The atmosphere is breathable though just barely

EugeneNall, 10:29:06 AM

EVA suit? ::face flushes::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:29:19 AM

::grabs one of the newly certified medikits before she starts for the door:: Nurse Aval, I trust you will manage sickbay in my absence.

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:29:25 AM

It would be wise to have transporters locked. In case we can't breath down there

EugeneNall, 10:29:36 AM

Whew! I hate those suits, I'm a little claustrophobic.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:29:46 AM

Nurse Aval> Yes ma'am. Stay safe.

[SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:29:56 AM

::puts hand in eugenes shoulder:: you'll be fine

WiseOwISTF, 10:30:08 AM

As long as we don't have to run

[USF] USFArzie, 10:30:12 AM

Lt Mahrek from Security will be joining you all on the pad.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:30:33 AM

::raises one eyebrow:: I fully intent to nurse. ::exits and double times to the TR::

WiseOwISTF, 10:30:49 AM

::Enters the TR with the others::

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:30:52 AM

((\*intend))

## EugeneNall, 10:31:12 AM

::arrives in TR 1, steps up on the pad and moves to the back to make room::

## [SB118] Groznin Smith, 10:31:25 AM

Beam us down transport Officer

WiseOwISTF, 10:31:42 AM

::steps up on the pad.:: ((Is Nall in charge of the away team))

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:31:53 AM

::steps up as soon as she arrives::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:31:58 AM

;; shows up in the TR with full gear in case they need it;;

EugeneNall, 10:32:01 AM

::fidgets, mumbles:: Might should have hit the head first ...

[USF] USFArzie, 10:32:52 AM(edited)

AXN>> The AT beams down. Shortly, they are surrounded by large trees with hanging vines.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:33:08 AM

;;winks over at Nall;; want me to do that for you?;; raises a fairly good sized Klingon fist over Nall's head;;

EugeneNall, 10:33:33 AM

::flinches nervously as a vine brushes the side of his face:: What -? Oh.

WiseOwlSTF, 10:33:37 AM

::quietly pulls out her tricorder and scans their immediate surroundings. Especially the trees to see what life there was. Especially if the plants might be toxic::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:33:41 AM

@ ::observes and pulls out her tricorder:: Stay close. We do not know what we may find.

**WiseOwISTF, 10:34:02 AM** 

((brb))

EugeneNall, 10:34:22 AM

::wipes sweat from his brow:: It's awfully humid, don't you think?

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:34:26 AM

;;moves the vines out of the way with his 'alngegh to allow the others passage;;

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:34:51 AM

It could be worse, Ensign

EugeneNall, 10:35:16 AM

::chuckles nervously:: Yeah, there could be bugs!

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:35:44 AM

or the plants could be a variant of a Venus Man-catcher

[USF] USFArzie, 10:35:52 AM

AXN>> The vines begin to brush Harvatt and Nall more aggressively. . .

#### WiseOwISTF, 10:35:55 AM

There are unusual radiation readings coming from about 10 km that way, Doctor.::points::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:36:04 AM

@ ::scowls at Nall:: Even a bug can bring an away team member down.

EugeneNall, 10:36:14 AM

::freezes mid-step:: Man-catchers? ::gulps::

WiseOwISTF, 10:36:23 AM

:: tries to get a more precise scan on the radiation::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:36:39 AM

yes like the Venus Fly-traps, only larger

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:36:54 AM

@::nods:: My tricorder agrees. Proceed in that direction with due caution.

[USF] USFArzie, 10:37:04 AM

AXN>> The vines begin to grab around the Ensigns.

EugeneNall, 10:37:12 AM

::starts eyeing every plant cautiously::

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:37:12 AM

::Fights free::

WiseOwISTF, 10:37:25 AM

:: nods and takes point behind Sec so she can help warn the team of danger::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:37:27 AM

;;starts whacking at the vines with the 'alngegh;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:37:32 AM

@::wishes she had stocked the kit with addition hyronalin and lectrazineLL

[USF] USFArzie, 10:37:46 AM

AXN>> The vines grow tighter with each struggle.

EugeneNall, 10:37:48 AM

::trips, falls on his face, screeches like a little girl:: It's got me!

WiseOwISTF, 10:37:59 AM

I suggest we get out of these vines

WiseOwISTF, 10:38:10 AM

::tries to disentangle herself::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:38:25 AM

::reaches Nall and offers him a hand:: You will be fine. Try to be less vocal please.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:38:41 AM

;;chops at the vines bringing the edge of the 'alngegh down on the vines against a large rock;;

EugeneNall, 10:38:50 AM

::slipping towards panic, struggles in the vines, only making them tighter:: Help!

WiseOwISTF, 10:39:04 AM

::scans the vines to see if they could stun them safely::

[USF] USFArzie, 10:39:13 AM(edited)

AXN>> Vines fall to the forest floor as Mahrek chops them. The tree begins to shudder as the vines begin to loosen.

WiseOwISTF, 10:39:30 AM

That seemed to hurt it

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:39:30 AM

Could they be sentient?

WiseOwISTF, 10:39:38 AM

I am scanning it

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:39:40 AM

;;starts working on clearing Nall from the vines;;

WiseOwISTF, 10:40:15 AM

Does not seem especially sapient with no central nervous center

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:40:24 AM

② ::sighs attempting to extricate Nall with Mahrek before he panics even more:: Be still Ens Nall, your struggle seems to make them grow tighter.

WiseOwISTF, 10:40:30 AM

More like coral, living and growing

EugeneNall, 10:40:35 AM

::finally slipping loose and struggles back to his feet:: Thanks, Mahrek!

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:40:53 AM

you're welcome Ensign

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:41:25 AM

I suggest we proceed in the direction of the unusual radiation. And try to avoid the flora.

EugeneNall, 10:41:30 AM

Eew, what's that smell? ::sniffs his hands:: It's their sap! Sheesh!

[USF] USFArzie, 10:41:30 AM

AXN >> Cut vines thrash about, but are unable to grab on to anyone.

WiseOwISTF, 10:41:34 AM

Agreed, sir

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:41:57 AM

(( an 'alngegh is a Klingon single bitted battleaxe))

WiseOwISTF, 10:42:04 AM

::notes the continued movement of the detached vines though they didn't seem coordinated::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:42:08 AM

@ Mahrek, lead the way

EugeneNall, 10:42:49 AM

::curiously, and probably stupidly, tastes the sap:: Huh, sweet.

WiseOwISTF, 10:42:59 AM

Don't eat it!

WiseOwISTF, 10:43:09 AM

::scans the sap quickly.::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:43:12 AM

::to Nall:: Do not do that **EugeneNall, 10:43:17 AM** 

What? it's kind of orangy ...

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:43:25 AM

Aye sir;; takes point and continues to move the vines out of the way for the others , while watching for anything else that might cause them trouble;;

WiseOwISTF, 10:43:31 AM

We do not know if it is toxic!

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:43:44 AM

@ ::scans Nall with the tricordere and checks his vital signs::

EugeneNall, 10:43:45 AM

::face blanches:: Toxic?

WiseOwISTF, 10:43:50 AM

Whew. You are lucky, its not toxic

WiseOwISTF, 10:43:55 AM

It is citrus based

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:44:06 AM

::Lets of a sigh of relief::

WiseOwISTF, 10:44:28 AM

Noone do that again. We do not know what might be toxic to us here.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:44:37 AM

@ Yes, lucky is an apt word. Please refrain from ANY contact with the native plants

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:44:56 AM

;;offers Nall a small pouch of dried fruit from his pack;;

EugeneNall, 10:45:01 AM

D'oh! Right, don't ingest strange plant sap on an alien planet, that's like Away Missions 101, right?

[USF] USFArzie, 10:45:07 AM

<<T'kor, you don't need to prefix since you're all on the AT>>

WiseOwISTF, 10:45:23 AM

::laughs:: Exactly

EugeneNall, 10:46:05 AM

::consults his own tricorder:: So, radiation concentration is ... that way, thirty

meters?

**WiseOwISTF, 10:46:17 AM** 

::double checks her own readings::

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:46:27 AM

::follows Mahrek as the Klingon clears their way::

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:46:45 AM

I thought it was closer...did the source move?

#### [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:47:05 AM

;;checks his own tricorder for additional problems;; it appears so and it also looks as though there is more plant activity the closer we get to the radiation

**WiseOwISTF, 10:47:09 AM** 

((It was ten kilometers earlier, not sure how far we have gone))

[USF] USFArzie, 10:47:22 AM

<<it's 10 km>>

WiseOwISTF, 10:47:38 AM

::follows the rest of the team toward the radiation::

EugeneNall, 10:48:02 AM

((My bad on the distance, maybe it was 300 meters?))

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:48:11 AM

;;watches over the rest of the team like a broody hen over a clutch of eggs;;

WiseOwISTF, 10:48:33 AM

::continues scanning, especially to determine if the radiation might be harmful to them::

EugeneNall, 10:48:36 AM

((Or even 3000?))

[USF] USFArzie, 10:48:42 AM(edited)

TIMEJUMP: 2 HOURS.

AXN>> The AT comes to a 50 metre cliff. Below them is a clearing with a translucent, glasslike shrub growing from the ground. A light is emanating from it. There's a cave at the base of the cliff.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:48:55 AM

Please maintain a tight formation, do not approach the source of this radiation until we have learned more about it.

EugeneNall, 10:49:21 AM

I'm registering a cave at the bottom of this cliff.

**WiseOwISTF, 10:49:33 AM** 

::scans both the shrub and the area of the cave. Moving her tricorder in a wide arc

WiseOwISTF, 10:49:35 AM

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Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 10:49:44 AM

::Pulls out it tricorder and activates a proximity scan::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:50:12 AM

Is there any obvious way down?

EugeneNall, 10:50:24 AM

Look at that shrub! It's ... shimmering! That's ... beautiful!

## [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:50:35 AM

good going Nall;; gets out a 100 meter rope and carabiners and pitons in case they need to climb down;;

WiseOwISTF, 10:50:55 AM

::keeps an ear out to the conversation going on around her while she keeps an eye on her tricorder::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:51:00 AM

::thinks there is something slightly familiar about the looks of that "shrub"::

EugeneNall, 10:51:06 AM

You want to go down on ropes? ::gulps again:: I'm a little afraid of heights too.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:51:22 AM

;;continues watching the others and the area around them;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:51:26 AM

We will not use the rope unless there is no other way.

WiseOwISTF, 10:51:37 AM

Is there no path down? ::asks, not too keen on going down by rope::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:51:40 AM

we can tie you in and let you down that way...

[USF] USFArzie, 10:51:42 AM

<<There isn;t>>

EugeneNall, 10:51:53 AM

So ... let's find another way, shall we? ::scans the topography with his tricorder::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:52:25 AM

::does not find another way::

EugeneNall, 10:52:38 AM

It gets higher and steeper in both directions! Dang it!

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:52:52 AM

Mahrek, position your rope AWAY from that shrub.

**WiseOwISTF, 10:53:01 AM** 

:sighs in disappointment and prepares herself mentally to have to go down by rope::

WiseOwISTF, 10:53:21 AM

::puts her tricorder away in her belt slot so she won't lose it::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:53:22 AM

We will descend one at a time.

EugeneNall, 10:53:23 AM

::lies on his belly and creeps to the edge of the cliff:: That's a long ways down!

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:53:28 AM

Since I seem to be the most used to this and also the largest of everyone here, I'll stay on top and belay you all down before heading down myself

WiseOwISTF, 10:53:41 AM

Okay, thx Lieutenant

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:53:49 AM

I will go down first

WiseOwISTF, 10:54:05 AM

::thinks that is a good idea in case any of them fall

**WiseOwISTF, 10:54:07 AM** 

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#### [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:54:09 AM

::keeps her tricorder out and scanning::

WiseOwISTF, 10:54:43 AM

I will follow the Doctor so I can assist with scanning the area

#### [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:54:46 AM

No problem Ensign;; plays out the rope over the cliff and braces himself against a large rock with the rope wrapped around him to act as a brake for the others on their descent;;

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:55:13 AM

::prepares herself and once ready begins a slow, calculated descent::

#### WiseOwISTF, 10:55:51 AM

::takes a deep breath as she watches the doctor make her way down::

## [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:56:06 AM

::scans the shrub as she lowers herself trying to recall why it seems familiar::

#### [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:56:09 AM

;;eases the Doc down making sure that she doesn't fall too fast or if she slips the braking is already there;;

#### EugeneNall, 10:56:14 AM

::still lying at the edge of cliff, watches T'Kor going down, followed by WiseOwl:: Well, guess it's my turn.

## WiseOwISTF, 10:56:57 AM

::is eased down at her turn. Once she gets to bottom she takes her tricorder to scan the immediate area. Especially the strange plant::

#### EugeneNall, 10:57:05 AM

::hesitantly rises and grabs the rope, takes a deep breath and creeps over the side, terrified::

#### [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:57:31 AM

;;wraps the rope around him in the dulfersitz configuration to allow him some additional control on it;;

#### EugeneNall, 10:57:52 AM

::mutters to himself:: Don't look down, just keep inching lower, don't look down ... I'M LOOKING DOWN!

#### [MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:57:59 AM

Keep your distance Ens WhiteOwl.

#### [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 10:58:24 AM

;;keeps watch on the ones descending;;

WiseOwISTF, 10:58:43 AM

Understood, Doctor

WiseOwISTF, 10:58:49 AM

((brb))

EugeneNall, 10:58:58 AM

::finally makes it to the bottom, nearly hyperventilating:: I'm down! I'm down!

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:59:00 AM

You are doing fine Ens Nall, keep coming

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 10:59:16 AM

((oops))

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:00:16 AM(edited)

Whos next?

WiseOwISTF, 11:00:32 AM

::checks her readings on the plant she was scanning::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:00:37 AM

;;watches over them all till everyone's down;;

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:01:00 AM

I guess that would be you Ensign

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:01:22 AM

okay

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:01:28 AM

::scans the "plant" while the team finishes:: This plant is quite fascinating.

EugeneNall, 11:01:56 AM

Is it ... singing?

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:02:27 AM

;;keeps belaying the ensigns till they are all down at the level of the cave and plant;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:02:33 AM

It does appear to be emitting a high-pitched sound

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:02:39 AM

I am ready to go down

[USF] USFArzie, 11:02:47 AM

AXN >> There is a slight resonance from the plant.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:03:02 AM

Alright tie in and go ahead, I have the rope

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:03:04 AM

Please keep your distance everyone. NO touching.

EugeneNall, 11:03:27 AM

::reaches out to touch it, then hears T'Kor and stops himself:: Right.

WiseOwISTF, 11:03:29 AM

I see hydrocarbons in the soil

## Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:03:41 AM

::Tying the rope to himself the ensign walked to the edge and began his decent::

WiseOwISTF, 11:03:41 AM

Petroleum based

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:04:14 AM

;; keeps the rope taut during hte Ensign's descent;;

EugeneNall, 11:04:42 AM

It's so pretty, and the sound is ... mesmerizing. ::remembers his tricorder and lifts it to take a scan::

WiseOwISTF, 11:05:34 AM

Becareful the shrub is made up of an unknown substance. Definately inorganic

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:05:38 AM

So were the Sirens of greek mythology, Nall

WiseOwISTF, 11:05:41 AM

It is not living

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:06:00 AM

It may be life, but not as we know it.

WiseOwISTF, 11:06:00 AM

((I will need to go in few minutes when my company arrives))

[USF] USFArzie, 11:06:09 AM

<<Roger>>

WiseOwISTF, 11:06:40 AM

::scans it to see if it is emitting the radiation or anything other that might be dangeroous::

EugeneNall, 11:06:52 AM

::glances at WiseOwl:: It may not be living, but it is growing. It's expanded 3 millimeters since I started scanning.

WiseOwISTF, 11:07:05 AM

Wow,::mutters::

WiseOwISTF, 11:07:18 AM

I don't think we should get too close

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:07:35 AM

::is scanning the shrub and notes the "growth", which rates two raised eyebrows at once::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:08:03 AM

Yes, I will reiterate, stay back, scan passively, do not approach.

EugeneNall, 11:08:29 AM

You said hydrocarbons in the soil? Could the plant somehow be metabolizing them? Using them to build it's lattice?

WiseOwlSTF, 11:08:42 AM

::takes recordings of the scans for later extrapolation::

#### WiseOwISTF, 11:08:56 AM

More then likely, it is growing in it

[USF] USFArzie, 11:09:27 AM(edited)

AXN>> A tetryon blast scars the cliffside just near the rope.

Three characters in Mechanized EV suits emerge from the woods into the clearing.



[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:09:37 AM

Quite possible, I am detecting electromagnetic fluctions....

EugeneNall, 11:09:44 AM

There are ... what the heck?

WiseOwISTF, 11:10:17 AM

::turns toward the alien characters and tries to scan them. ::

[USF] USFArzie, 11:10:20 AM

AXN>> Another blue tetryon beam explodes near the cluster of AT.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:10:24 AM

;;takes aim at the newcomers with a phaser rifle if they try anything against the AT;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:10:26 AM

::shouts:: Take cover!!

WiseOwISTF, 11:10:37 AM

::looks for cover ::

EugeneNall, 11:10:41 AM

::leaps for cover behind a rock barely big enough::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:10:50 AM

;;fires at the newcomers from the top of the cliff;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:10:58 AM

::looks for a boulder to shield herself::

WiseOwISTF, 11:11:12 AM

::ducks behind the nearest rock that might be big enough to hide her::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:11:20 AM

++AT++ try to use the cave for shelter

WiseOwISTF, 11:11:51 AM

((someone speak to them as we run? Let them know our peaceful intentions?))

EugeneNall, 11:12:02 AM

::takes stock of his surroundings, sees the cave entrance:: There it is! ::sprints towards the opening::

WiseOwISTF, 11:12:21 AM

::uses cover as she follows the rest of the team toward the cave::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:12:21 AM

::looks for the cave entrance but doesn't enter::

[USF] USFArzie, 11:12:27 AM(edited)

EV-Suit #1 >> ::skitters forward and shoots at Wiseowl::

EV-Suit #2>> ::Fires in the direction of Nall and Harvatt.::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:12:39 AM

::shouts:: STOP! We mean no harm!

WiseOwISTF, 11:13:05 AM

::tries to evade the shots and use any cover in the area::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:13:08 AM

;;tries to shoot the leg joints of the EV suits to disable them and let in any atmosphere;;

EugeneNall, 11:13:10 AM

::leaps, rolls, barely manages to avoid getting shot, jumps up and runs into the cave:: In here, in here, come on!

**WiseOwISTF, 11:13:57 AM** 

((Okay I need to go. Will there be a transcript of the rest of the adventure to read later?))

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:13:57 AM

;;his next shots try t take out their weapons ability to destroy;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:14:25 AM

::stands and raises her hands:: We are peaceful explorers.

[USF] USFArzie, 11:14:33 AM

AXN>> EV-SUIT #3 fires at T'kor and hits her dead center in the chest.

EugeneNall, 11:14:55 AM

::sees T'Kor get shot:: No!

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:14:57 AM

::collapses::: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

WiseOwISTF, 11:15:02 AM

((oh great our med officer is shot:P))

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[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:15:16 AM
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;;blasts EVSuit #3 and obliterates hm with a Level 10 setting from the phaser rifle;;

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:15:24 AM

Mah...rek....take the team.....

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:15:45 AM

;; still up on the cliff::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:16:09 AM

++T'Kor++ understood

EugeneNall, 11:16:30 AM

::taps his commbadge:: +Halifax+ Emergency! Lock on to T'Kor and beam up!

[USF] USFArzie, 11:16:44 AM

AXN> #3's suit begins to melt and a screeching can be heard from within.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:16:53 AM

;;continues firing to obliterate the other EV Suits;;

[USF] USFArzie, 11:17:17 AM

AXN >> T'kor shimmers away.

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:17:24 AM

::coughs weakly, still alive but barely as she beams out::

[USF] USFArzie, 11:17:25 AM

<<Thanks for playing with us, T'kor!>>

EugeneNall, 11:17:43 AM

::sighs as he sees T'Kor beam out::

[MED]Ens T'Kor, 11:17:44 AM

((Wish I could stay!!! USF rules!!))

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:18:00 AM

(you're welcome to join us)

[USF] USFArzie, 11:18:22 AM

<<She already is a Host.; ^)>>

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:18:44 AM

(ok)

EugeneNall, 11:19:04 AM

::suddenly realizes he's alone in a dark cave, claustrophobia begins to creep in::

[USF] USFArzie, 11:19:13 AM

AXN>> A Triangular ship descends onto the scene. . .



[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:21:03 AM

++AT++ everyone in the cave and try to stay together till I get down there

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:21:30 AM

((Should we contact the ship))

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:21:51 AM

(yes)

#### Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:22:49 AM(edited)

=^= Ensign Harvatt to the Halifax we have encountered sentient beings request instructions =^=

EugeneNall, 11:23:04 AM

::rushes to hug Harvatt as he enters the cave:: I'm so glad to see you!

[USF] USFArzie, 11:23:26 AM

+AT+ Make peaceful contact with them.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:23:32 AM

++Halifax ++ AT to Halifax we need an immediate evac of all our personnel in the area, some of them are in a cave beneath my location and we have encountered hostiles REPEAT we have encountered hostiles

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:23:36 AM

What the hell happened out there I was coming down the cliff and then god knows.

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:23:56 AM

::turning to one of the sentients beings he spoke in a polite and sincere voice::

[USF] USFArzie, 11:24:03 AM

+AT+ Understood. Standby.

EugeneNall, 11:24:06 AM

::nearly whimpering:: T'Kor got shot! Did you see that?

## Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:24:26 AM

"My name is Ensign Louis Harvatt of the USS Halifax we mean you no harm do you understand me?"

[USF] USFArzie, 11:24:29 AM

AXN>> The AT Beams back to the Halifax Bridge.

[USF] USFArzie, 11:24:56 AM

Status report?

EugeneNall, 11:24:59 AM

::collapses to the floor of the Bridge when he arrives::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:25:15 AM

;;beamed back to the bridge a little away from the others then goes to see about Nall;;

EugeneNall, 11:25:38 AM

I'm fine, I'm fine, but ... T'Kor! Is she okay?

[USF] USFArzie, 11:26:14 AM

Doctor T'kor is in Sickbay. Status report. ::looks around at the AT::

EugeneNall, 11:26:37 AM

::glances at Mahrek as the senior officer of the AT::

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:26:47 AM

"It is hard to explain sir"

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:27:21 AM

Sir we were climbing down a cliff near a cave when several EV Suits came up and began firing at us. I returned fire trying to disable till one hit Ens T'Kor in the chest that is when I tried to start obliterating them to protect the team

[USF] USFArzie, 11:28:14 AM

AXN>> The proximity alert goes off.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:28:14 AM

It was then I ordered them into the cave for safety before getting ready to go down myself but instead decided to call for beamout to protect the team

EugeneNall, 11:28:45 AM

Captain, there is some kind of crystalline plant down there, apparently living off some hydrocarbons in the soil. It was ... weird.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:28:46 AM

;;hears the proximity alert;; Oh merde

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:29:24 AM

;; goes over to take over Tac in case it comes down to a firefight between the ships;;

EugeneNall, 11:29:41 AM

::slips into the seat at Ops::

EugeneNall, 11:30:08 AM

Sir, it's the ship that came down on the surface, coming up to us.

[USF] USFArzie, 11:30:25 AM

Hail them.

EugeneNall, 11:30:54 AM

Sir, that ship ... it's Tholian!

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:31:27 AM

no wonder they needed EV suits the place was too cold for those hotheads

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:31:29 AM

::Goes and sits at his helm station::

[USF] USFArzie, 11:32:06 AM

Great.

This is Captain Thelaes Veri of the Federation starship Halifax. You have fired on our Away Team. Please explain..

[USF] USFArzie, 11:32:50 AM

AXN>> The ship fires on the Halifax. The Halifax shudders.



[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:33:16 AM

sir request permission to blow them into so much space dust

[USF] USFArzie, 11:33:29 AM

Return fire. Disable but do not destroy.

[USF] USFArzie, 11:34:21 AM

Mr. Harvatt, evasive course.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:34:42 AM

aye sir;; fires to disable their engines and weapons;;

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:35:20 AM

;;is tempted to drop a canister of liquid Helium in their engines;;

[USF] USFArzie, 11:36:28 AM

AXN>> The Tholian ship takes a hit and firs back.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:36:45 AM

;;keeps firing to disable;;

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:37:49 AM(edited)

"Aye sir Evasive manouvers" ::he said tapping the console"

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:38:19 AM

Sir request permission to send over an ice canister of liquid Helium onto their bridge

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:38:19 AM

"Evaisive pattern echo"

[USF] USFArzie, 11:38:33 AM

Negative. I don't want us dropping shields.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:38:45 AM

( Yeah I know , that's just plain cold)

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:38:55 AM

Understood sir

[USF] USFArzie, 11:39:45 AM

AXN>> The Halifax rocks from another hit.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:40:06 AM

;;fires at the Tholian's engine room location;;

EugeneNall, 11:40:10 AM

Sir! Impulse engines are offline!

[USF] USFArzie, 11:40:44 AM

::furrows his antennae.:: Helm, take us out of here. Maximum warp.

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:41:19 AM

"Aye sir" ::spoke the Helmsman tapping several buttons "Warp 7 engaged"

EugeneNall, 11:41:25 AM

I'm getting system damage reports from all over the ship. Consoles offline, conduits fried.

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:42:04 AM

"Sir, my console is on the verge of going offline"

[USF] USFArzie, 11:42:07 AM

AXN>> Halifax leaps away from the system. The Th.olians do not pursue.

[USF] USFArzie, 11:42:23 AM

-=PAUSE SIM=-

EugeneNall, 11:42:35 AM

Crewman Ussik has reported the lights are out in the junior officer's mess.

EugeneNall, 11:42:46 AM

::paused::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:42:52 AM

;sends a few dozen muttered klingon curses after those sons of Gre'thor Tholians;;

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:42:57 AM

;;paused;;

[USF] USFArzie, 11:43:41 AM

Excellent work, everyone! I hope everyone had fun!

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:43:50 AM

indeed sir

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:43:50 AM

I did I loved it

EugeneNall, 11:44:15 AM

Live action simming is the best!

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:44:44 AM

I hope that the addition of anSCA playing Klingon didn't unbalance things too much

## [USF] USFArzie, 11:44:46 AM

After I put my Daughter to bed for her nap, I'll be around most of the afternoon to answer questions. You can also feel free to hit me up at USFArzie@gmail.com.

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:45:12 AM

Excellent thank you

[USF] USFArzie, 11:45:24 AM

For those of you wondering, the MacGuffin was a juvenile crystalline entity. >:^)

Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 11:45:38 AM(edited)

Nods

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:45:39 AM

merde

[USF] USFArzie, 11:46:03 AM

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the Con!

[USF] USFArzie, 11:46:08 AM

-=DISMISSED!=-

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:46:11 AM

thank you sir

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:46:32 AM

are you going to be sending out logs of the sim?

[USF] USFArzie, 11:46:49 AM

::idle for 15::

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 11:46:53 AM

If so I'd like one

[BF] aio, 11:50:29 AM

@[USF] Lt. Mahrek Logs will hopefully be available on Monday.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 12:12:05 PM

alright thank you

[USF] USFArzie, 12:15:43 PM

::returns in case folks have any questions:: just tag me if I don't answer. Going to be peering into the other rooms.

WiseOwISTF, 12:42:38 PM

Do you have any live chat rps that are midday, mid week or only on weekends?

[USF] USFArzie, 12:43:28 PM(edited)

We have Sims every night (EST). Saturday-Tuesday we have multiple sims.

[USF] Lt. Mahrek, 12:44:21 PM

I have one at 3PM Eastern on Saturday afternoons called the USS Bradbury, it's an Independent sim that meetson Discord

[USF] USFArzie, 12:44:29 PM

http://www.sector001.com/schedule.shtml

Whereabouts are you located, WO?

## Louis Harvatt|Star-Fleet, 12:48:20 PM

I am looking into joining there Live sims @WiseOwlSTF

WiseOwISTF, 12:49:58 PM

I would interested in a sim that was midday on weekdays only rather, not weekends

WiseOwISTF, 12:50:17 PM

I am in Western Canada, mountain time

[USF] USFArzie, 12:50:18 PM

I will toss this out there as a caveat. Check out before the 28th. The individual who owns the Core (Message Boards, Bios, Archives) has decided to disassociate himself with the USF after Hosting it for 20 years. We have no idea what that's going to do to the site. -\_-

[USF] USFArzie, 12:51:41 PM

Ok, so you're in my Sister-in-Law's neck of the woods.

Yeah, we have plenty throughout the week. I'd like to see us get an afternoon sim for purely selfish reasons. I'm moving to Rome this Summer and I'm going to be waking up at 0330 on Monday mornings to Host my sim.; ^)

WiseOwISTF, 12:52:54 PM

lol ouch!

WiseOwISTF, 12:53:16 PM

Can I friend you, Arzie so we can keep in touch?

[USF] USFArzie, 12:53:56 PM

Sure.

[USF] USFArzie, 12:54:07 PM

I also sent you an invite to my sim's Discord page.

[USF] USFArzie, 12:56:35 PM

We have a USF Discord Page, but we don't have a procedure for it. Also, OPX's page gets more use, I think. We're the USF's only Discord sim. Everyone else uses Mibbit IRC at the moment

[PF] Puppy, 1:11:09 PM

I'd love to come back to a live sim, but all of them are either really late or really early gmt tome

[PF] Puppy, 1:11:11 PM

Time

[USF] USFArzie, 1:12:33 PM

Yeah, I understand that!

[USF] USFArzie, 1:12:56 PM

I'm not looking forward to the early morning wakeups next year.

[USF] USFArzie, 1:13:38 PM

I've been tempted to see if we couldn't put together an afternoon EST game that would be a reasonable time UTC or CET.

[USF] USFArzie, 1:14:11 PM

We'd need probably five or six interested people to do that, though.

## [USF] Lt. Mahrek, 1:49:21 PM

depending on the day I'm game

#### [USF] USFArzie, 1:53:01 PM

I dunno. It'd be something to work out. We'd have to discuss it with the E-Board, too.

#### [USF] USFArzie, 3:24:47 PM

I have a dinner I need to attend, and I will be stepping out. If anyone has any further questions, comments, etc. about Live Simming in general or the USF specifically, please PM me or send me an email at USFArzie@gmail.com

Thank you all for stopping by! We loved having you!