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"WHERE WE TOUCH THE STARS"



Welcome to the latest edition of the SLA Monthly.

In this issue, we shine a spotlight on Jeff, our Recruitment Chair and take a look at the MMORPG Star Trek Online.

Reminder time—I'm still looking for contributions from all of you, whether it's articles, artwork, or silly anecdotes.

Send any submissions to me at the addy at the bottom of the page.

Alison (aka Foxy)

Snippets

NCIS: Hawaii

Based on the popular TV series, NCIS: Hawaii is the first sim to have come across having been trialled in the Sim Testing area of 10F. Hopefully the first of many.

CO: Josh (Special Agent Scot Harvath)

XO: Jeff (Senior Special Agent Isadora Black)

USS Kentucky moves from Cochrane Fleet to Manheim Fleet

Kentucky has changed format from live action sim to a message board sim, so since the Trek fleet groupings are based around the gaming format, they are changing fleet.

10 Forward Forum

Those of you who are Live Action or Play By Email simmers, don't forget, you can also join the 10 Forward forum where you can see the Message Board sims and join in on general SF chat, word games and puzzles, SF news and debate and the latest news from the world of simming:

Forum <http://tenforward.slasims.com/>

Situations Vacant:

All positions

USS Pegasus

All positions

USS Kentucky

Operations, Science, Medical

USS Zealous

Engineering, Medical

USS Lionheart

All positions

Outpost Cousteau

To apply for any of the above, visit:

<http://www.slasims.com/join.html>

If you would like to get involved in this newsletter - writing an article, interviewing, providing artwork (your own, please!), maybe compiling a crossword or something else I haven't even thought of, please drop me a line at:

publications@slasims.com

Behind the scenes

This section of the newsletter is intended to tell you a little more about your fellow simmers. Here comes Jeff::

~Real me: Hey everyone! My name is Jeff and I am a 28 year old man from California. I like long walks off short piers/....okay not really. I am however a huge fan of quality writing. I am sarcastic, blunt to a fault, and you will always know where you stand with me, because I will most likely tell you. Interestingly, I do not intend to hurt feelings when I do this. I swear. Anyway, I just got a new job at Disneyland, I will be taking pictures of people visiting the park and interacting with the characters. I can't wait! I just finished memorizing "Ode To Spot" from the TNG Episode Schisms. I always had trouble with the last stanza (Oh Spot, the complex levels of behavior you display/Connote a very well developed cognitive array/And though you are not sentient Spot and do not comprehend/I nonetheless consider you a true and valued friend.) I think that's enough about me at the moment :)

~Sim me: I have been simming since the Clinton administration. Gosh does that make me sound old! I started out in Dawsons Creek sims (I made an awesome Jack McPhee) I moved into Star Trek soon after and have been in several different fleets and games over the years. Currently in SLA, I'm the XO of two sims (NCIS: Hawaii and SG:7) and I'm the CO of the US Pegasus sim (We are recruiting by the way!) I'm also a member of SG-6 and Torchwood. I can be reached on the SLA boards under KerriganMorgan and through email @ recruitment @ slasims dot com

~Council Position: I am the recruitment chair. The Recruitment Chair does several things. Mostly, as the name indicates, I help with hosts needing advertisements for their sim or advice or help in advertising. I also use my personal Facebook page to recruit for the SLA and just recently posted this ad as my status.

The Gamma Quadrant, Home to the Dominion and the enemies that waged war against the Federation and all it stands for. As the galaxy moves forward, bearing the scars of the war that changed the Federation forever, can it still live up to the ideals of exploration and diplomacy or will the brave crew who ventures into the lions den get more than they bargained for? Join Captain Sean Curtin and his intrepid crew to find out! We need a CMO as well as other senior staff positions!

As you can see, my ads are short, but they are detailed as far as I can get them in that length. I have noticed that the longer ads (which are common in yahoo groups) tend to be skimmed over or skipped entirely in favor of the shorter more forceful ads. (I have been recruiting for games since before the SLA was founded practically I do have some experience!) However, I can no write the fabulous ads on my own. If you need my help PLEASE contact me and I will be pleased to help. I don't bite....hard...unless your a scantily clad pool boy.

~Favorite Genre: Film: I love Dramas especially historical ones like Gosford Park. (Love Maggie Smith)
Television: I love NCIS and shows of that nature, Torchwood, Absolutely Fabulous, The Vicar of Dibley (which is hard to find here in America so I've only seen a few episodes), Miranda Kelley (I drool over Gary Tom Ellis is a hunk) and Keep Up Appearances. I also like mystery shows like Murder She Wrote and Hetty Wainthropp Investigates and of course I love Star Trek (though my preferences run to DS9 TNG and VOY)
Books: I like mysteries mostly (Agatha Christie, Ellery Queen, The Nero Wolfe series) I also like the Kay Scarpetta novels. I also like Victorian age writers like Jane Austen and the Bronte sisters. I loved Harry Potter.

Star Trek Online

Some of you may already be aware of Star Trek Online, a MMORPG based 30 years after Star Trek: Nemesis. What you may not know is they have recently stopped charging a fee, so the game is now free to play.

Following the timeline of the TV

series and original films, characters play a starship Captain, with the emphasis of the game on either ship management/combat or away-team missions with "run or gun" style combat.

Beginners start as Federation Officers, with the option of Klingon

opening at higher levels. You can even raise your very own Attack Horta from an egg.

Groups of players can form fleets, so if you are playing this and want to join up with fellow SLA members, why not start a thread in 10 Forward and see who else is playing?

Are you playing this? How about writing an article on it for the Monthly?