

# “Signals” Mission (STA) Story Enhancements

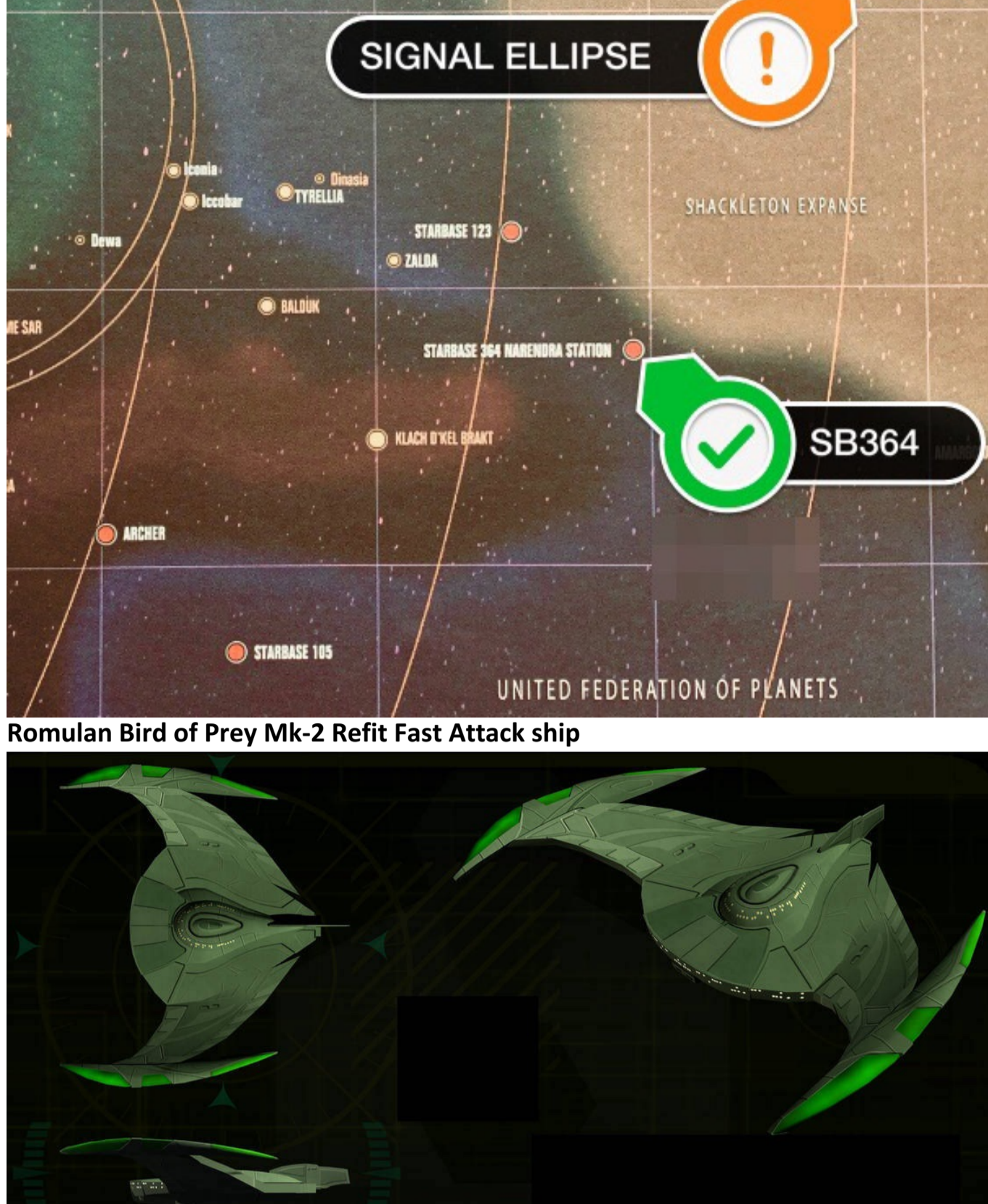
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The following may be used as optional story material along with the original plot found in the “Signals” Mission from the STA Quickstart Guide.

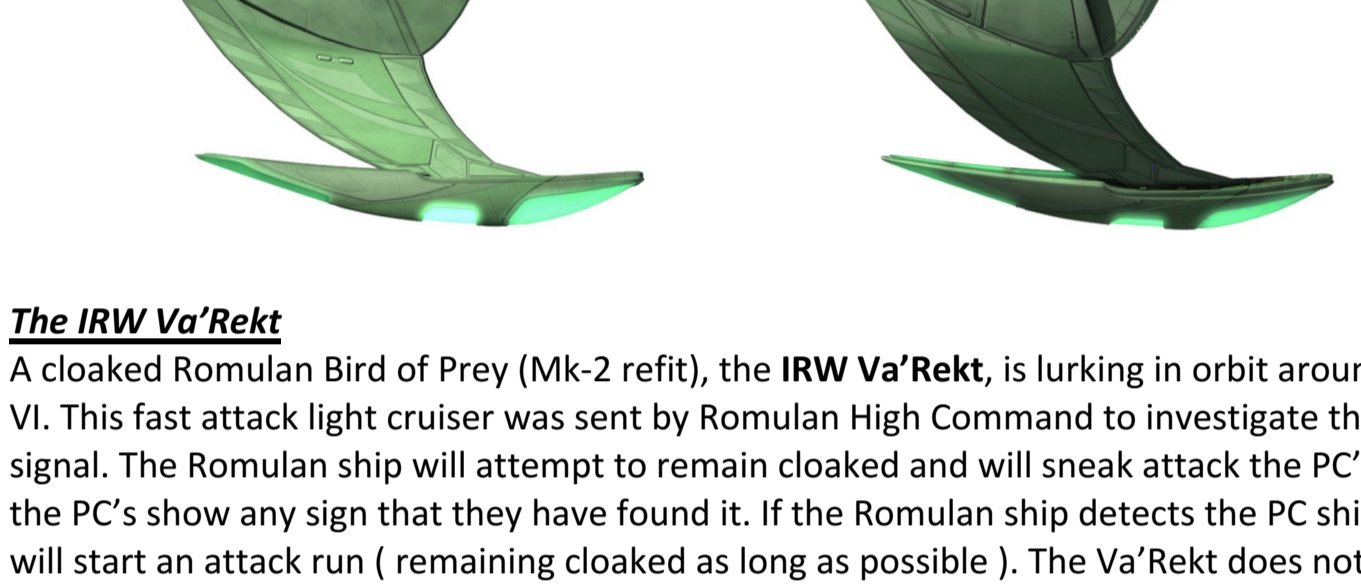
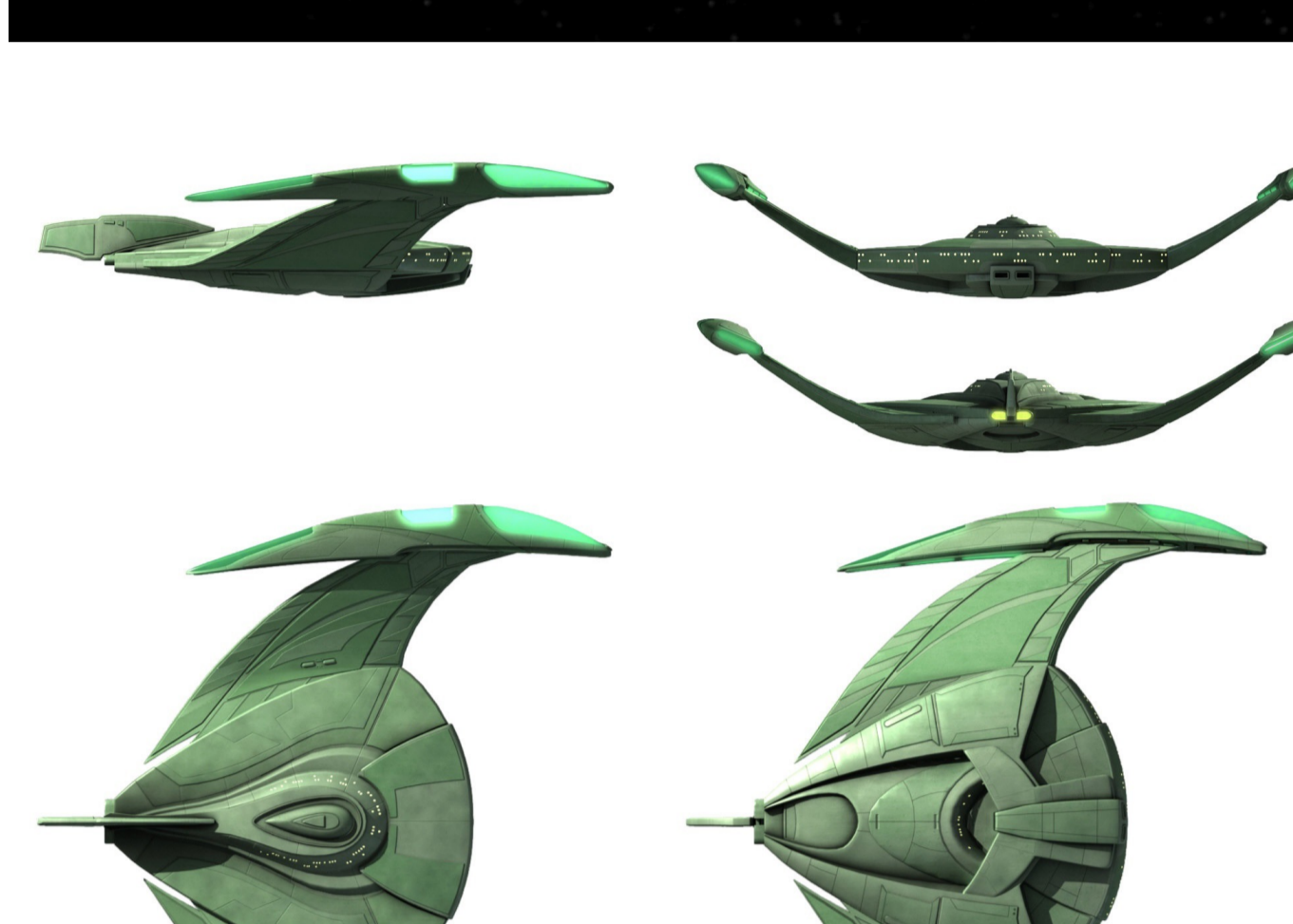
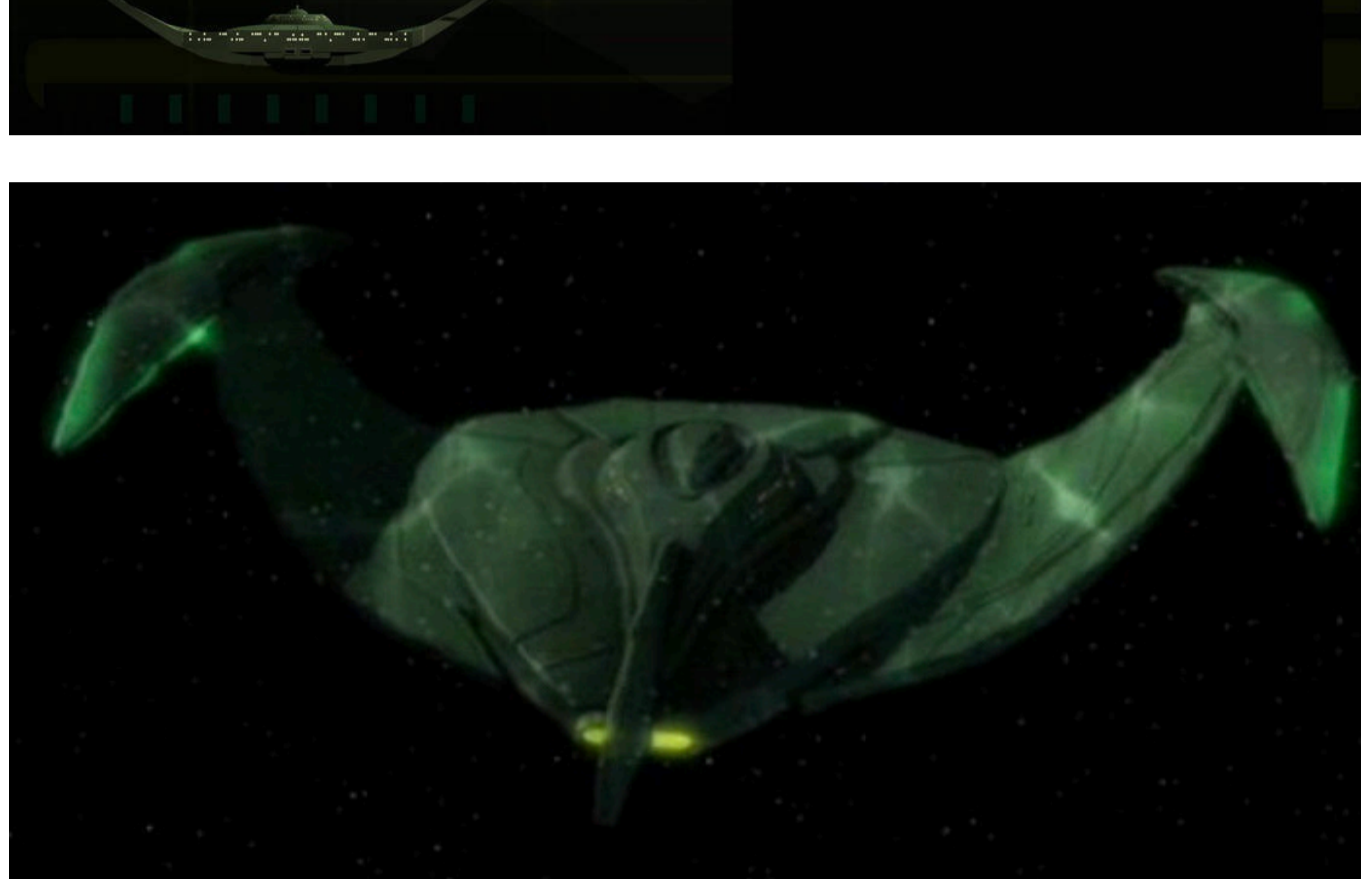
## USS Yorktown dropping off the Susquehanna runabout



## Alien Signal Zone



## Romulan Bird of Prey Mk-2 Refit Fast Attack ship



## The IRW Va'Rekt

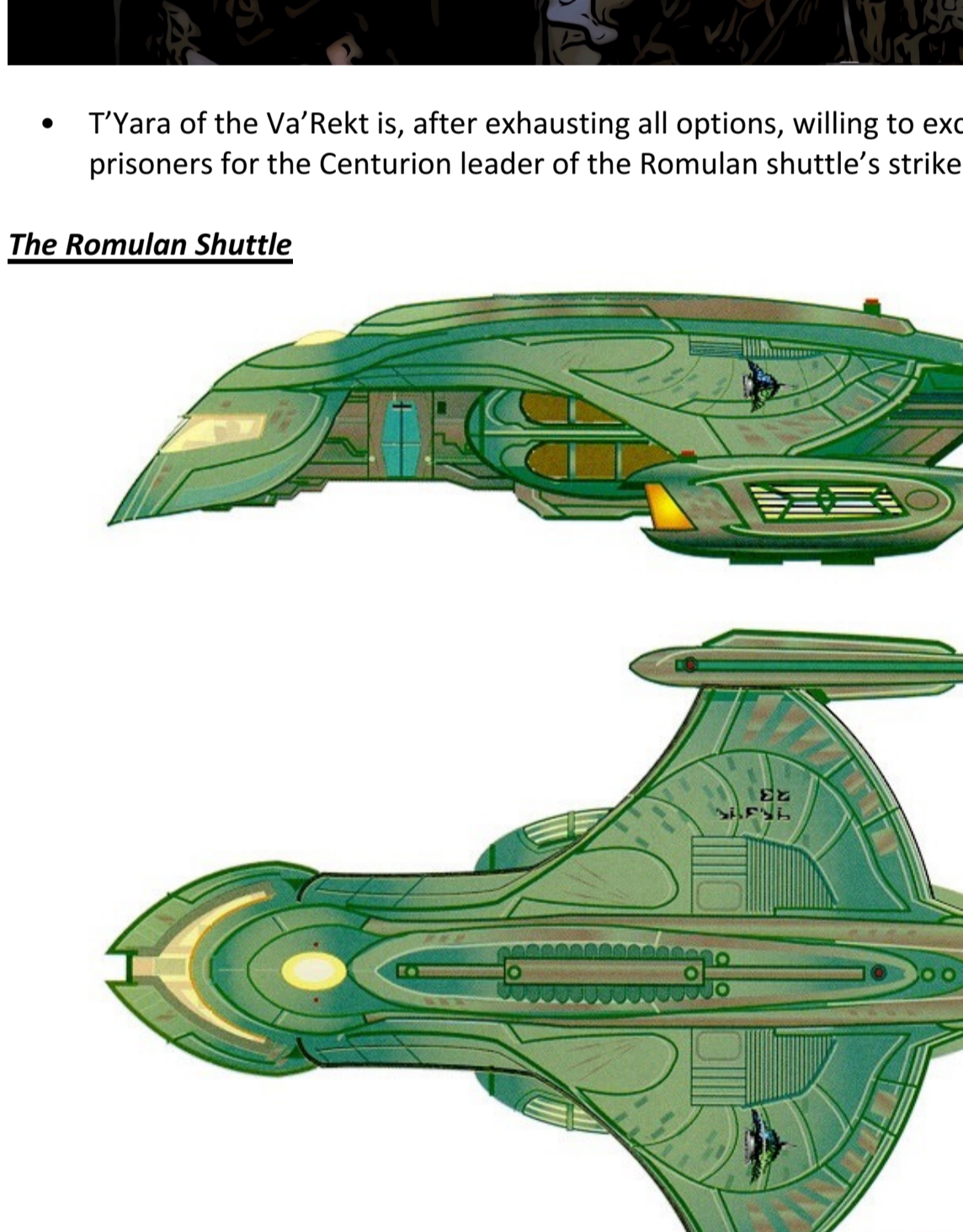
A cloaked Romulan Bird of Prey (Mk-2 refit), the **IRW Va'Rekt**, is lurking in orbit around Seku VI. This fast attack light cruiser was sent by Romulan High Command to investigate the alien signal. The Romulan ship will attempt to remain cloaked and will sneak attack the PC's ship if the PC's show any sign that they have found it. If the Romulan ship detects the PC ship first, it will start an attack run ( remaining cloaked as long as possible ). The Va'Rekt does not initially detect the PC's ship when the PCs arrive at Seku VI. Subsequent sensor scans from the Romulans may detect the McCain.

- The Shackleton Expanse's electromagnetic disturbances have caused warp energy spikes from within the Va'Rekt's warp core. (Romulans utilize artificial quantum singularity /artificial black hole warp technology). Each energy spike lasts only milliseconds aboard the Romulan vessel and pulses at recurring, constant intervals. The spikes are detectable by nearby ships' sensors and are not being masked by the Romulan's cloaking device. The Romulan crew is not aware of the problem.
- The PCs can use their ship's Sensors with a **Reason+Science** or **Reason+Security** task **diff 2** to detect the warp energy spike and may determine the following additional information depending on the number of additional successes/momentum rolled:
  - the type ( artificial quantum singularity ) of energy spike
  - the energy type is associated with Romulan warships warp cores
  - the warp signature is from Bird of Prey Mk II refit class ships.
  - the warp signature is specifically that of the IRW Va'Rekt.

Take into account the magnitude of the Shackleton Expanse electromagnetic disturbances in the area which are negative traits and increase the difficulty level by 1-3.

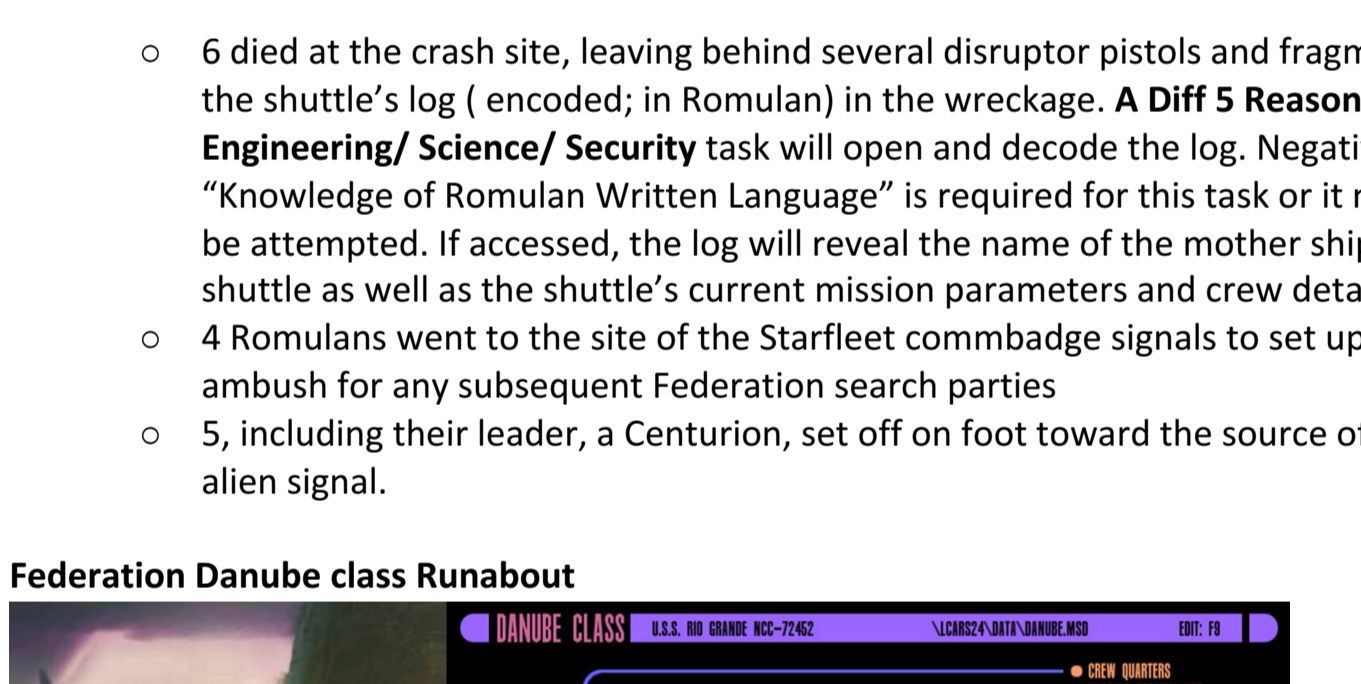
- The Va'Rekt is holding 4 Starfleet personnel from the Susquehanna as prisoners. **Sub-Commander T'Yara**, (the ship's commanding officer) of the Va'Rekt wishes to take her prisoners back to Romulus for interrogation.

## Sub-Commander T'Yara of the IRW Va'Rekt



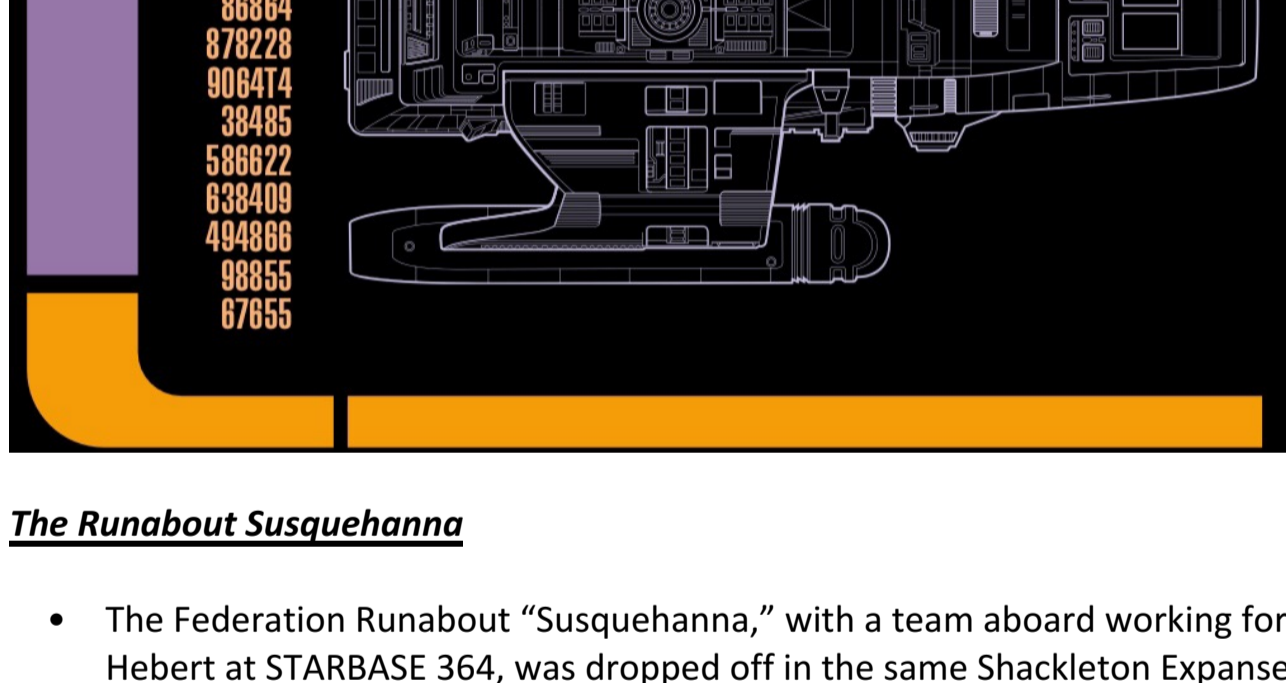
- T'Yara of the Va'Rekt is, after exhausting all options, willing to exchange the 4 Starfleet prisoners for the Centurion leader of the Romulan shuttle's strike team.

## The Romulan Shuttle



- The Romulan shuttle on Seku VI launched from the Romulan ship. It was brought down in a **crash landing** by power system failures caused by electromagnetic disturbances upon entry into Seku VI's atmosphere. Subsequent questioning of any surviving Romulan shuttle crew by the PCs may reveal that the Romulans had decided to not to use transporters to beam their strike team down to Seku VI due to the severe electromagnetic disturbances around the planet.
- There were **15 Romulans** aboard the shuttle:
  - 6 died at the crash site, leaving behind several disruptor pistols and fragments of the shuttle's log ( encoded; in Romulan) in the wreckage. **A Diff 5 Reason + Engineering/ Science/ Security** task will open and decode the log. Negative trait: "Knowledge of Romulan Written Language" is required for this task or it may not be attempted. If accessed, the log will reveal the name of the mother ship of the shuttle as well as the shuttle's current mission parameters and crew details.
  - 4 Romulans went to the site of the Starfleet commbadge signals to set up an ambush for any subsequent Federation search parties
  - 5, including their leader, a Centurion, set off on foot toward the source of the alien signal.

## Federation Danube class Runabout



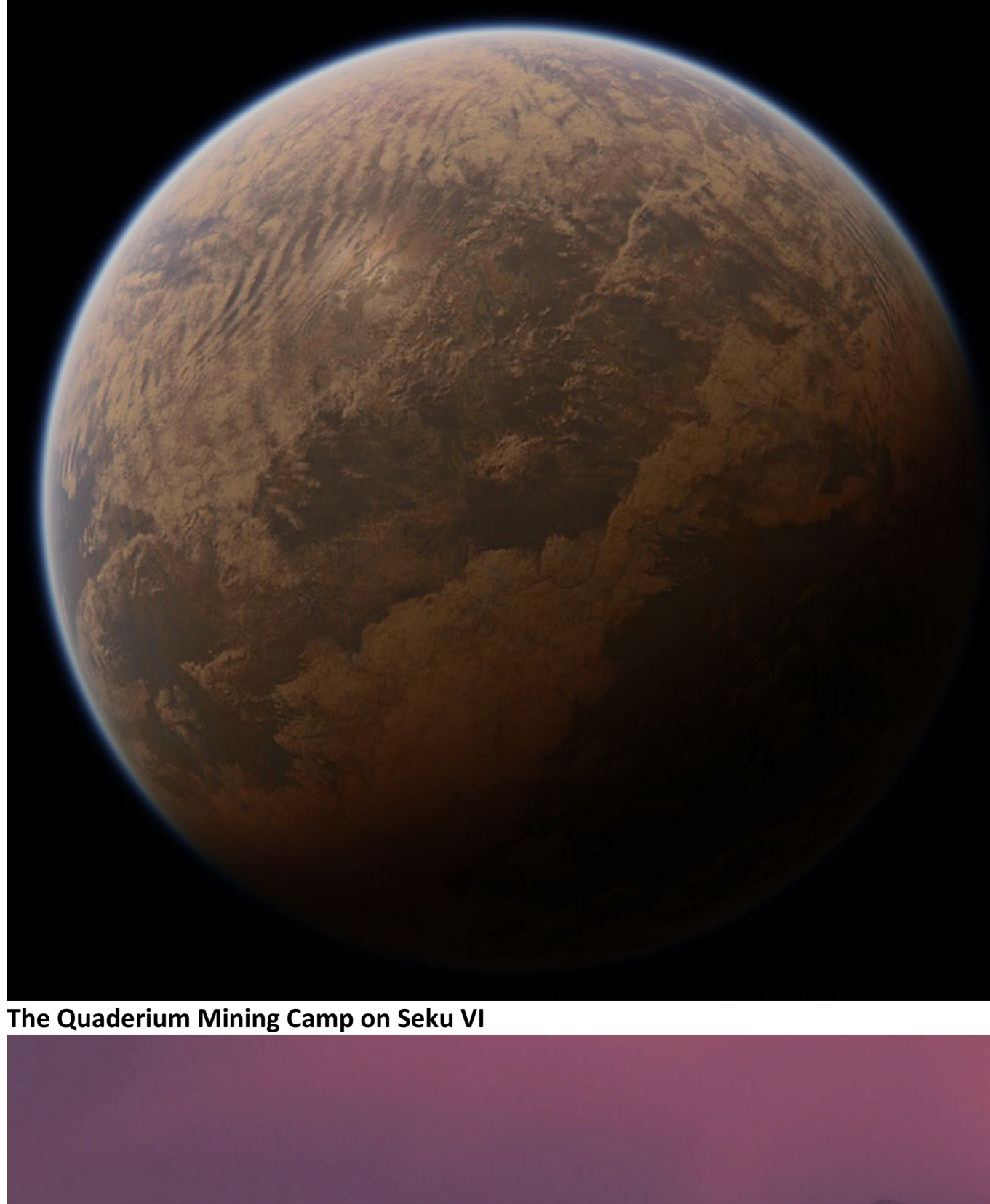
## The Runabout Susquehanna

- The Federation Runabout "Susquehanna," with a team aboard working for Admiral April Hebert at STARBASE 364, was dropped off in the same Shackleton Expanse sector as Seku VI by the Galaxy class starship, USS Yorktown a few days ago. The Starfleet team's mission was to investigate the source of an alien signal found to be emanating from below the surface of the planet Seku VI.
- The Susquehanna had 6 crew** aboard for the mission. The last message from the runabout was an automated distress call sent by the small ship. STARBASE 364 received the distress call and sent the USS McCain to accomplish two missions: find the source of the alien signal and to search for and rescue the crew of the Susquehanna.
- The runabout did not land on Seku VI but instead beamed two members of the away team to the planet's surface to search for the source of the alien signal. There was a **severe transporter malfunction** upon beaming down caused by extreme electromagnetic disturbance in the atmosphere and in space around the planet.
- The transport beam was scattered and resulted in both of the away team materializing partially within the rocky ground of Seku VI. **Both of the Susquehanna's crew commbadges are still transmitting standard locator beacon signals.**
  - One crew member ( Crewman Smith, Security ) was buried up to his chest within the rock and died instantly.
  - The second crew member ( Ensign Ta'Lor, Science ) was embedded up to the top of her legs and is alive but completely immobilized and fatally injured.
  - Two Romulan Uhlans are hiding in ambush positions near the wounded Susquehanna crew member. Two more Uhlans are providing area security in a supporting position nearby. See main mission text for details of the Romulan ambush encounter.
- A **diff 4 Reason or Daring + Medicine** will stabilize the wounded Susquehanna crew member. If this task fails, the patient will die. If the stabilized patient can be moved to the McCain, the ship's Sickbay will be able to help with regenerating leg tissue and the artificial bone to restore the patient's legs. **Reason+Medicine diff 3** assisted by the ship's **Computers + Medicine** and assisting medical personnel.
- The Susquehanna's warp converter was burned out by the electromagnetic disturbances soon after their away team transported to the planet. Its engines and shields were offline and the runabout was losing life support which prompted the mission commander to trigger the automated distress call.
- The Romulan ship intercepted the distress call and beamed the 4 Romulan crew of the Susquehanna to the Romulan bird of prey as **prisoners of the Romulan Empire**. The Susquehanna's crew are being held in the Va'Rekt's brig.
- The Romulans fired disruptor cannon at the adrift Susquehanna and split the runabout in half, causing detectable warp core radiation to constantly leak into the surrounding area of space. The wreckage of the Susquehanna is now in the deteriorating orbit around Seku VI. Radiation consistent with Romulan plasma torpedoes permeates the wreckage of the Susquehanna and is detectable via attempting a Sensors scan task: **Diff 2 Reason + Science** task assisted by the ship's **Sensors + Science**.

## The Mining Colony

- The miners ( consisting of Humans and Orions ) are trade partners with the Orion (crime) Syndicate. Their independent colony was established for mining quaderium. A **Diff 3 Reason + Science** or **Diff 3 Reason + Engineering** or **Diff 3 Command + Security** task will reveal that the miners are mining quaderium and possibly the following information, by asking the GM, based on the number of additional successes/momentum:
  - Quaderium is a highly radioactive ore used in the manufacture of plasma torpedoes.
  - Quaderium is outlawed by the Federation for use in a capacity due to its volatile, unstable nature and severe radioactive properties.
  - Outlaw miners often sell unprocessed quaderium ore at a reduced price in return for Orion Syndicate protection and guaranteed trade deals within the Orion black market network.
  - The Orions sell quaderium to the Romulan Star Empire at an inflated price via front merchant organizations.
- The miners do not like Federation interference with their operations because of the dubious nature of the mining endeavor and they are openly hostile to members of Starfleet and are fiercely independent of the Federation.
- The miners discovered an alien-constructed chamber underground and unknowingly activated the alien signal pylon when drilling underground and quaderium.

## Seku VI



## The Quaderium Mining Camp on Seku VI

