

" CALLING ALL STAR TREK FANS "   
 BY PAT / SALTY

I WAS IN MY FAVORITE WATERING HOLE THE OTHER MONDAY NIGHT - I RARELY EVER MISS MONDAYS BECAUSE THE PRINCESS MELISSA TENDS BAR FOR ~~EVERYONE'S~~ <sup>EVERYONE'S</sup> DRUNKS EVERY MONDAY - AND MY FRIEND ED - OF LAUREN AND ED FAME - CAME IN AFTER DARK, AS THEY USUALLY DO.

NOT THAT THEY ARE DRUNKS,

NOT USUALLY, ANYWAY.

BUT THEY ONLY SEEM TO SHOW WHEN IT GETS DARK - AS IT DOES REGULARLY,

ANYWAYS, I'M STANDING OUTSIDE THE BAR SMOKING AND ED + LAUREN PULL UP, PARK, GET OUT AND WALK INSIDE.

I SAY HI, LAUREN, SHE SAYS HI, SALTY, AND ED - WHO IS BEHIND HER - WALKS PAST ME AND I SAY HI, ED.

BUT ED JUST SMILED & DIDN'T SAY A WORD.

HE JUST GAVE ME A SECRET HAND SIGN BEHIND LAUREN'S BACK AS HE WALKED IN.

IT TOOK ME A MOMENT TO RECOGNISE IT.

AT FIRST I THOUGHT HE WAS GIVING ME THE FINGER. BUT NO. HE HELD UP 4

FINGERS, TWO ON ONE SIDE AND TWO ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE, LIKE A LETTER "V".

IS HE A MASON? IS HE FLASHING ME SOME KIND OF SECRET MASONIC HAND SIGN TO FIND OUT IF I AM A MASON, TOO?

OR WHAT? IT LOOKED KIND OF LIKE THE FAMOUS WORLD WAR TWO "V" FOR VICTORY SIGN WINNIE THE POOH CHURCHILL MADE FAMOUS.



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THAT DIDN'T FIT, EITHER.

I MEAN - O.K. - WINSTON CHURCHILL  
WAS A DRUNK, TOO - SO IT KIND OF  
MADE SENSE - BUT NO, I GOT IT! YES!  
ED WAS FLASHING ME THE FAMOUS  
(TO STAR TREK FOLLOWERS)


VOLCAN HANDSIGN MEANING "LIVE LONG  
AND PROSPER"! OF COURSE!

THE SIGN MADE FAMOUS BY MR. SPOCK.  
EVEN THOUGH THERE REALLY IS NO MR. SPOCK.  
WELL, THERE IS AND THERE ISN'T;  
THERE IS THE ACTOR LEONARD NEMOY  
WHO PLAYED THE CHARACTER OF MR. SPOCK.  
NEMOY DID. AND NEMOY IS CERTAINLY  
NOT GREEN, NOT POINTY EARED, AND  
NOT FROM THE PLANET VOLCAN.  
HE IS JEWISH.

AND JEWS ARE NOT FROM THE PLANET VOLCAN,  
NOT EVEN THOSE ULTRA ORTHODOX ONES  
FROM THE ~~PLANET~~ NON PLANET OF BROOKLYN,  
EVEN IF ITS UNDERSTANDABLE HOW SOME  
PEOPLE MIGHT MISTAKE THEM FOR BEINGS  
FROM ANOTHER PLANET - VOLCAN, OR OTHERWISE.  
BUT THEY ARE NOT, AND NEITHER IS NEMOY.  
LEONARD NEMOY HAS BEEN TO PLANET  
~~HOLLYWOOD~~ HOLLYWOOD, OF COURSE. MANY TIMES.

~~UNLIKE THE ULTRA ORTHODOX JEWS,~~  
UNLIKE ULTRA ORTHODOX JEWS, WHO  
WOULD NEVER BE CAUGHT DEAD WALKING  
INTO A PLACE LIKE PLANET HOLLYWOOD FOR  
FEAR OF "SPIRITUAL CONTAMINATION".


WHICH IS A NICER WAY OF SAYING WE ALL SMELL.  
REALLY, REALLY BAD.  
TO THEM.



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NO - LEONARD NEMOY GOES TO PLACES LIKE PLANET HOLLYWOOD BECAUSE WE DON'T ALL SMELL REALLY, REALLY BAD TO HIM. SO HE ISN'T WORRIED WE WILL CONTAMINATE HIM. Heck, NemoY / Spock smells AS BAD AS WE DO. TO THOSE ORTHODOX, ~~THAT IS~~ AT ANY RATE. THEY KNOW HE IS NOT ONE OF THEM.

HELL; ~~ANYONE WITHOUT A~~ ANY GUY WITHOUT A ~~BEARD~~ BIG BLACK BEARD AND WEARING EYEGLASSES AND NOT DRESSED ALL IN BLACK WEARING A FUNNY BLACK HAT - WELL, THEY KNOW RIGHT OFF THE BAT THAT ANY GUY NOT LIKE THAT IS NOT ONE OF THEM (ROCKET SCIENCE IT AINT). AND, OF COURSE, BESIDES THEIR AVERSION TO PLACES LIKE PLANET HOLLYWOOD, YOU WON'T FIND ANY ULTRA ORTHODOX JEWS AT ANY STAR TREK CONVENTIONS, EITHER - EVEN ~~though~~ though - TO ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES - THEY WOULD FIT RIGHT IN. Boy, oh Boy, WOULD THEY EVER FIT RIGHT IN! OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY, Goy, oh Goy, WOULD THEY EVER FIT RIGHT IN. ANYWAYS, I - SALTY - AM DIGRESSING FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM HOW AND WHY ED FLASHED ME THE STAR TREK VOLCAN "LIVE LONG AND PROSPER SIGN" - SO LET US RETURN TO IT; when ED CAME OUTSIDE TO SMOKE HE CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE HAD FLASHED ME THE VOLCAN HAND SIGN AND THAT YES, HE, TOO, WAS - LIKE ME - A STAR TREK FAN. SO WE GOT TO TALKING STAR TREK.



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This is a MANNER OF SPEAKING THAT REALLY ONLY STAR TREK FANS CAN SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND. <sup>ULTRA</sup> KIND OF LIKE THOSE ~~OR~~ ORTHODOX HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF SPEAKING WHENEVER THEY MEET UP.

AND ED AND I ARE NOT EVEN JEWISH, BUT WE CHATTED ON TALKING TREC-LISH LIKE ~~TWO~~ <sup>TWO</sup> LONG LOST BROTHERS.

WE STOOD OUT FRONT ~~LIKE A COUPLE~~ ~~OF ORTHODOX JEWS~~ JABBERING AWAY IN A STRANGE LANGUISH KNOWN ONLY TO ~~OUR~~ OURSELVES, LIKE TWO ~~OR~~ ORTHODOX JEWS ONLY WITHOUT THE BEARDS + READING GLASSES, AND MINUS THE LONG BLACK COATS.

AND WITHOUT THOSE ~~RESEMBLING~~ FUNNY HATS. WHENEVER I GET TOGETHER WITH SOMEBODY WHO IS A STAR TREK FAN, AND WHO SPEAKS THE LINGO, THIS HAPPENS.

ACTUALLY, AS A STAR TREK FAN, ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10 - WITH TEN BEING THE MOST FANATIC FANS OF ALL - I'M PROBABLY JUST A 1 OR A 2 - MAYBE A 3.

EDDY IS PROBABLY ABOUT THE SAME.

AND JEFF, TOO - ANOTHER KNOWLEDGABLE TREC FAN IN SALTYS LOCAL WATERING HOLE.

I'M A 1 OR A 2 FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS:

I'VE NEVER BOUGHT ANY STAR TREK MERCHANDISE, FOR ONE. AND NEVER WENT TO A STAR TREK CONVENTION, EITHER. NEVER WORN A STAR TREK CUSTUME, NEVER TRIED ON POINTY EARS, WOULDN'T KNOW CLINGON DIALECT FROM ORTHODOX YIDDISH.

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YOU'VE ALL SEEN AND HEARD ABOUT THOSE  
DIEHARD FULL TIME STAR TREK FANATICS  
THAT CAN AND DO (THE PERFECT TENS ON  
A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN).

HELL, THOSE FANS PROBABLY THINK OF FANS  
LIKE ME AS "POSERS", FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!  
BUT I HAVE WATCHED ALL THE EPISODES,  
MORE THEN ONCE, TOO.

A WHOLE LOT MORE THEN ONCE, IN FACT.  
I KNOW ENOUGH OF THE EPISODES TO  
GET BY FAIRLY WELL IN SPEAKING THE  
STARTREK LINGO.

YOU COULD CALL ME A CASUAL TREK FAN.  
YOU KNOW, SANE.

AS OPPOSED TO THE REAL TREK FANATICS.

SO WHAT IF I DONT HAVE MY ROOM  
ALL DECORATED WITH TREK POSTERS AND STUFF  
SO WHAT IF I NEVER BID ON AND PAYED  
\$5,000 TO GET MY ~~OBSESSED~~ HANDS ON  
A UNIFORM SHIRT ONCE WORN IN AN  
EPISODE OF THE OLD 1960'S STAR TREK SHOW.  
\$5,000 FOR A SHIRT!

WORN BY AN ACTOR IN ONE SINGLE EPISODE,  
WHO HAD A SMALL NON SPEAKING PART.

AND WHOES ENTERPRISE CREWMAN CHARACTER  
GOT KILLED OFF BY SOME BLOB OR SOME SHIT,  
IN THE FIRST TEN MINUTES OF THE EPISODE!

BUT THATS EXACTLY THE KIND OF MONEY  
100% ~~OBSESSED~~ FANATICS ARE WILLING TO  
PAY FOR THAT KIND OF STUFF.

HEY GUYS; GET A LIFE!

(TO PARAPHRASE ACTOR WILLIAM SHATNER  
IN THAT 1970'S SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE RANT.)  
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JUST GET A LIFE ALREADY.

BECAUSE NOBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MIND GIVES TWO SHITS THAT YOU HAVE, PROUDLY DISPLAYED + FRAMED ON YOUR LIVING ROOM WALL (UNDER GLASS AND INSURED)

A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR USED SHIRT. MAYBE, IF IT HAD BEEN WORN BY KIRK OR SPOCK, THEY WOULD - WE WOULD - BE IMPRESSED. MAYBE IF IT HAD BEEN WORN BY SCOTTY OR ~~POOPY~~ DR. MECOY - MAYBE EVEN CHECKOV OR SULU - BUT NOT SOME STARFLEET UNIFORM SHIRT WORN ONE TIME BY SOME ACTOR NOBODY KNOWS TO PLAY SOME CHARACTER ~~THAT WAS~~

~~NO~~ NOBODY KNOWS (WHO WAS SO INSIGNIFICANT TO THE WRITERS OF THE SHOW THAT THEY HAD HIM KILLED OFF - TURNED INTO A PILE OF SALT OR SOMETHING - OFF CAMERA AND OUT OF SIGHT!)

OH, YOU SAY THAT "FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS ALL YOU COULD AFFORD TO SPEND"? YOU SAY YOU JUST DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PURCHASE A KIRK OR SPOCK SHIRT BECAUSE THEY WERE GOING FOR 20 AND 30 GRAND?

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ADMIT YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT 20 OR 30 THOUSAND AT THAT STAR TREK AUCTION IF YOU ONLY HAD THE MONEY?

AND GO ON LIVING IN YOUR MOTHER'S BASEMENT RENT FREE FOR YET ANOTHER 10 YEARS TO DO SO? REALLY?

WHY DOESN'T THAT SURPRISE ME?

THAT FANATICS SUCH AS ~~YOURSELF~~ YOURSELVES WOULD SACRIFICE ANYTHING TO FEED YOUR →

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NEVER SATISFIED HUNGER FOR ALL THINGS STAR TREK RELATED?  
EVEN FOR SPENDING \$200 DOLLARS BY MAIL ORDER BECAUSE YOU JAST HAD TO HAVE SHIPPED FROM HONG KONG THAT STARSHIP ENTERPRISE SHAPED ~~TOILET~~ TOILET PAPER DISPENSER YOU INSTALLED IN YOUR BATHROOM?!?  
IT DISPENCES TOILET PAPER, FOR ~~CHARS~~ <sup>CRYING OUT LOUD!</sup> ~~CHARS~~ TOILET PAPER? TOILET PAPER?  
HEY, EINSTEINS, GUESS THEY NEVER TOLD YOU; THEY NEVER EVEN HAD TOILET PAPER ON THE ENTERPRISE! THEY DIDN'T NEED IT. BECAUSE THEY NEVER SHOWED ANY BATHROOMS!  
THEY COULD HAVE JAST HAD SCOTTY BEAM ALL THE SHIT EACH DAY INTO OUTERSPACE. OR BEAM IT ALL INTO A PASSING CLING ON SHIP - JAST LIKE THEY BEAMED ALL THOSE PESKY ~~THE~~ TRIBBLES OVER INTO THE KLINGONS SHIP THAT TIME IN THE EPISODE "THE TROUBLE WITH TRIBBLES!"  
"OFFICIAL STAR TREK TOILET PAPER DISPENSERS" COSTING TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS?  
NOW, I ASK YOU AS THE GREAT SPOCK HIMSELF WOULD ASK, "IS THAT LOGICAL?" IS IT EVEN RATIONAL BY ANY MEASURE?  
DON'T YOU THINK YOUR PHASER MAY BE GETTING A LITTLE BIT OUT OF SYNC THERE, GOOD ~~BOY~~ BUDDY?  
THINK YOUR WARP DRIVE MAY BE GETTING A LITTLE WARPED, OR SOMETHING?  
AND THOSE HONG KONG SHARPIES MUST SEE YOU ALL COMING FROM A MILE AWAY TO TRY AND SELL YOU "OFFICIAL" ROLLS →

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OF "OFFICIAL" STAR TREK CHARACTERS  
PRINTED ON "OFFICIAL" STAR TREK ROLLS  
OF TOILET PAPER YOU CAN BUY TO PUT IN TO  
YOUR "OFFICIAL" STAR TREK DISPENSERS,  
AND CHARGE YOU \$10 A ROLL - PLUS SHIPPING  
AND HANDLING - FOR THE PRIVILEGE.

TALK ABOUT PAYING THRU THE NOSE TO  
GO TO THE FRIGGIN' BATHROOM!

THOSE ARE ASIAN ~~ASSASSINATED~~

KNOCK OFF ARTISTS MAKING AND SELLING  
THAT STUFF - THE SAME CLOWNS THAT  
CHURN OUT "OFFICIAL" ROLEX WATCHES  
THAT SELL ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK  
FOR \$20 AND FALL APART FASTER

THEN A CHEAP ROMULAN VESSEL GETTING  
ZAPPED BY A PHOTON TORPEDO.

GIVE ME A BREAK, HUH?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS OFFICIAL STARTREK  
TOILET PAPER. NO, AND YOU FANATIC FANS  
WHO BUY THAT KIND OF SHIT WILL NEVER  
USE IT TO TAKE ONE, EITHER - HOW COULD YOU?

ACTUALLY USE TOILET PAPER WITH PICTURES  
OF KIRK AND SPOCK AND SCOTTY AND  
MACCOY AND ALL PRINTED RIGHT ON THEM?  
YOU KNOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIPE  
YOUR ASS ON SPOCK'S FACE! NEVER!

AND YOU'LL NEVER ALLOW ANY GUESTS  
WHO EVER USE YOUR BATHROOM TO DO SO, EITHER.  
IT WOULD BE A SACRALIDGE TO DO SO.

WHAT WOULD DOCTOR MACCOY SAY?

"I'M A DOCTOR - NOT A PROCTOLOGIST!"

IF SCOTTY EVER FOUND OUT YOU WERE  
DOING THAT KIND OF SHIT ~~but~~





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SCOTTY WOULD BEAM YOUR ASS UP, ALRIGHT;  
AND AFTER YOU GOT BEAMED UP YOU WOULD  
FIND OUT HE HAD YOU BEAMED UP AND  
MATERIALIZED<sup>YOU</sup> BACK TOGETHER WITH YOUR  
ASS ASSEMBLED WHERE YOUR HEAD USED  
TO BE. AND YOU'D HAVE TO GO ~~BE~~  
WALKING AROUND WITH YOUR HEAD BEING  
WHERE YOUR ASS SHOULD BE.

"BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY" - MY ASS! MY ASS!  
SURE, YOUR ASS. ON YOUR ~~SH~~ SHOULDERS.  
AND YOUR HEAD. WHERE YOUR ASS SHOULD BE.

"CAPTAIN, MR. SCOTT HERE; I'M AFRAID  
WE'VE HAD ONE OF THOSE RARE TRANSPORTER  
MALFUNCTIONS AGAIN."

SO GO AHEAD. JUST TRY MESSING WITH SCOTTY.  
OR THE FULL COLOR PICTURES OF HIM  
PRINTED ON THAT ROLL OF TOILET PAPER  
YOU PAYED \$10 PER ROLL - PLUS SHIPPING  
AND HANDLING - FOR. GO AHEAD, TRECIES.

I DARE YOU. ~~TOO~~

AND ANOTHER THING FOR ALL YOU BIGGEST  
STAR TREK FANS IN ALL THE WORLD;  
IT'S GREAT HOW SOME OF YOU ~~ARE~~ HAVE  
DEDICATED YEARS TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND  
-AND EVEN TO FLUENTLY SPEAK!-

THE KLINGON LANGUAGE.

FOR WHAT POSSIBLE USE, I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE TO IMPRESS OTHER HARD CORE  
TREK FANATICS - BUT I HAVE A SUGGESTION;  
TRY MASTERING ENGLISH BEFORE SPENDING  
ALL THAT TIME AND EFFORT TO MASTER

A LANGUAGE INVENTED BY STAR TREK WRITERS!  
OR, AS SHATNER ONCE PUT IT, "PLEASE, PEOPLE; GET A LIFE!"

[THE END]

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