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TIP OF THE SPEAR

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Captain Sam Travis [USS HERCULES] - It was an old Klingon tactic. They had a word; "natlhchu'wl." It means "devourer."

BLASTED KLINGONS ATTACKING US IN OUR OWN BACKYARD! HELM, REVERSE COURSE, 'HEADING 180 MARK 42!'



DAMN IT TO HELL!
SOMEONE GET TAKESHI TO SICKBAY!

HELM'S DEAD.
YOU'D BETTER BE COVERING MY ASS, SONYA!

WHAT'S WRONG, SAM? TIRED OF BEING THE BAIT?

YEAH, WELL,
NEXT TIME, YOU CAN DO IT!

Captain Sonya Alexander [USS AJAX] - They called me "Queen, Bitch, Whore of the Federation."

LET'S MAKE AN **OPENING** AND CREATE SOME **BREATHING ROOM** FOR SAM.

YES, MA'AM!

THERE YOU GO, SAM. BOY, GARTH IS GOING TO LOVE THIS.

CAPTAIN, WE'VE GOT THE HELM BACK, BUT THE OTHER **KLINGONS** ARE MOVING TO **ATTACK!**

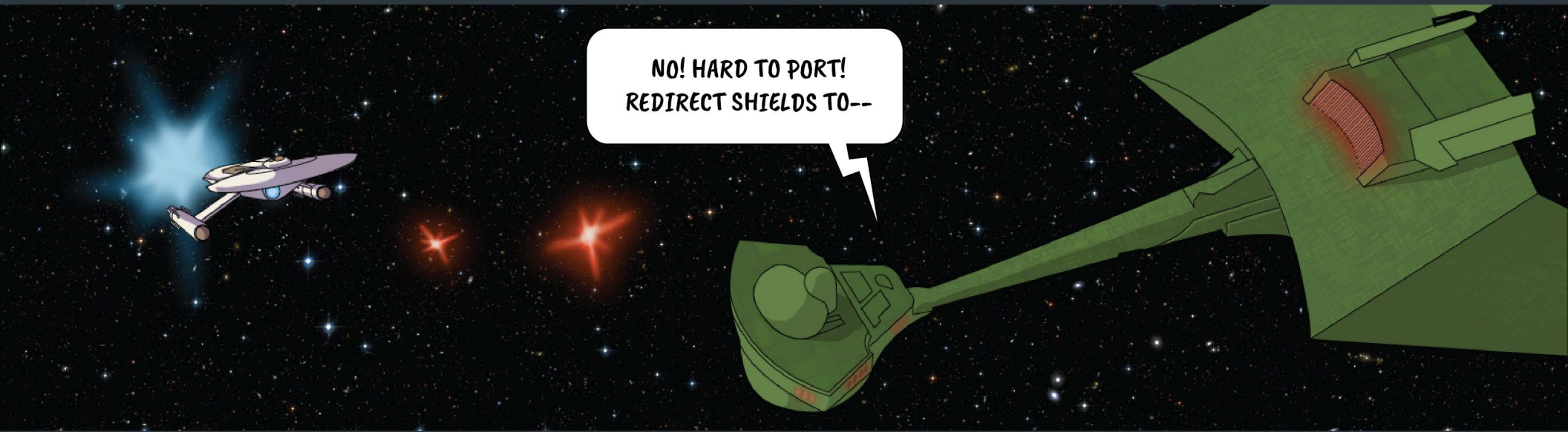
AND ONE OF THEM IS THE **D6!**

GOOD! DRAW THEM IN. WHEN I GIVE THE WORD, GET US OUT OF HERE.

I HOPE **GARTH** KNOWS WHAT THE **HELL** HE'S **DOING**. OTHERWISE...

STAND BY. HARD TO **STARBOARD** ON MY MARK.

ALRIGHT, BEFORE THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE, IT'S TIME TO **GO FOR IT**. LET'S SEE WHAT SHE'S GOT.



Garth of Izar [USS ARES] - It was a new ship. They said it was tough. I wanted to see what she could take.



We didn't sign up to be warriors. That's not what Starfleet's about. We proved that we could do what we needed to do. To defend the Federation.