

# Star Trek

## The Next Delegation: The Klingon Civil War



### CRISIS COMMITTEE, IN SPACE!

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DELEGATES WATCH STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION  
EPISODE REDEMPTION I





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## Letter From Your Crisis Director:

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Star Trek, the Next Delegation: the Klingon Civil War! My name is Zora Duquette-Hoffman, and I am a sophomore Art History major at Mount Holyoke College from Vermont. I'll be your Crisis Director in this committee, and I look forward to seeing all of your faces!

I started doing Model UN in high school when a friend told me "I don't think you'd be good at it, it involves too much diplomacy." Since then, I've been committed to this activity, and I love having the opportunity to plan and organize a committee that I myself would want to attend.

Outside of Model UN, though, I enjoy choir and crocheting, as well as working at my local coffee shop.

I grew up watching Star Trek: The Next Generation, and it brings me so much joy to be able to share it with all of you wonderful delegates. This committee is a wonderful opportunity to explore how diplomatic skills can be applied in fun and creative contexts, and to step a little out of our comfort zones.

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# **INTRODUCTION:**

**SPACE, THE FINAL FRONTIER. THIS IS YOUR COMMITTEE, AND YOUR VOYAGE FOLLOWS THE TRAJECTORY OF DIPLOMACY, BOLDLY GOING WHERE NO DELEGATE HAS GONE BEFORE.**

**IT IS THE YEAR 2367 CE, AND THE KLINGON EMPIRE SITS ON THE VERGE OF CIVIL WAR! INTERSTELLAR TENSIONS WITH NEIGHBORING POWERS CAN ONLY SERVE TO ESCALATE THIS CONFLICT.**

**CAN YOU NEGOTIATE YOUR WAY OUT OF A MILITARY SHOWDOWN? OR, WILL YOU SHARPEN YOUR BAT'LETH AND CHARGE INTO BATTLE? YOU REPRESENT THE POWERFUL FIGURES AT THE FOREFRONT OF ROMULUS, THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS, THE KLINGON EMPIRE, AND THE NEIGHBORING PLANETS. WHETHER YOU'RE AN ENIGMATIC STARFLEET OFFICER OR A COOL AND CALCULATED ROMULAN COMMANDER, YOU MUST NAVIGATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF KLINGON TRADITION AND THE COLD WAR EXISTING BETWEEN ROMULUS AND THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS.**

**THIS COMMITTEE WILL ASK ITS DELEGATES TO ASSUME THE IDENTITIES OF KEY PLAYERS IN THE KLINGON CIVIL WAR. DELEGATES MUST NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO RISING TENSIONS BETWEEN TWO KLINGON FACTIONS, WHICH MAY SERVE AS A PROXY WAR FOR THE FEDERATION AND ROMULANS.**



# BACKGROUND:

## Klingon Empire and Succession:

Founded in the 9th century by Kahless the Unforgettable, who united Qo'nos, the homeworld of the Klingon people, the Klingon Empire burgeoned under his leadership, expanding its dominion by conquering numerous systems. Kahless became the inaugural emperor, establishing a legacy that endured for centuries. However, by the 21st century, the line of emperors had ended, and power transitioned to the Klingon High Council, composed of 24 heads of the powerful Great Houses along with a Chancellor. Throughout the 22nd and 23rd centuries, conflicts with the United Federation of Planets reinforced the influence of the High Council. In a pivotal event in 2293, the explosion of the moon Praxis, the primary energy source for Qo'nos, triggered ecological catastrophe and prompted a restructuring of the Klingon budget away from military endeavors. Chancellor Gorkon's peace overtures were cut short by his assassination, leading to the drafting of the Khitomer Accords, which ultimately brought about peace between the Federation and the Klingon Empire, solidified during the Battle of Narendra III. However, the chancellorship remains volatile, with the Great Houses frequently vying to depose incumbents. The Rite of Succession, a Klingon tradition, dictates that the strongest candidates for succession engage in mortal combat, or challenge the current chancellor on grounds of cowardice or dishonor.



## The Reign of K'mpec:

In the turbulent political landscape of the Klingon Empire, K'mpec, the longest-reigning Chancellor, faced challenges from opposing factions led by Duras, son of Ja'rod, and Gowron. Ja'rod's betrayal at Khitomer, leading to a massacre, and Gowron's aspirations for power intensified the conflict. Blame was cunningly shifted to Mogh, resulting in the discommendation of Worf, his son. When K'mpec was poisoned in 2367 with Veridium 6 in his bloodwine, he chose Jean-Luc Picard as Arbiter of Succession. Poisoning, deemed dishonorable, disqualified any potential leader. This decision, crucial for avoiding civil war, impacted not only the Klingons but also neighboring powers like the Romulans, Ferengi, and Tholian Assembly. Amidst the chaos, a bomb exploded, implicating Romulan involvement. Worf, seeking vengeance for K'ehleyr, his mate, killed Duras in a ritualistic duel. Lursa and B'etor, assuming control of the House of Duras, produced an heir, Toral, whose legitimacy was challenged by Picard due to his failure to prove himself in battle. Ultimately, Toral and Gowron departed with the majority of the council, leaving the Empire in a state of uncertainty.



## **The Romulan Star Empire, the Federation, and the Klingons:**

The Romulan Star Empire was established in the 4th century, after a group of Vulcans emigrated from their home planet to Romulus and Remus. They established themselves in this area, and began to expand their reach until 2152, when they came into contact with the USS Enterprise. They attempted to instigate a conflict between the Federation and Vulcans, but were quickly exposed. In 2156, a war between the Romulans and Federation broke out, which culminated in their defeat in 2160. The end of the conflict established the Romulan Neutral Zone, an area of space wherein entrance by both parties would constitute an act of war. 200 years later, the Romulan Star Empire was engaged in a Cold War with the United Federation of planets. After the Khitomer Massacre and Battle of Narendra III, their ties with the Klingon Empire were also strained, and the peace between these two powers threatened their position of power within the Beta Quadrant. They were suspected to be responsible for a series of attacks on Federation bases along the Neutral Zone, and several infiltration attempts. Additionally, a bomb placed during the Rite of Succession was discovered to be of Romulan origins.



## The Prime Directive

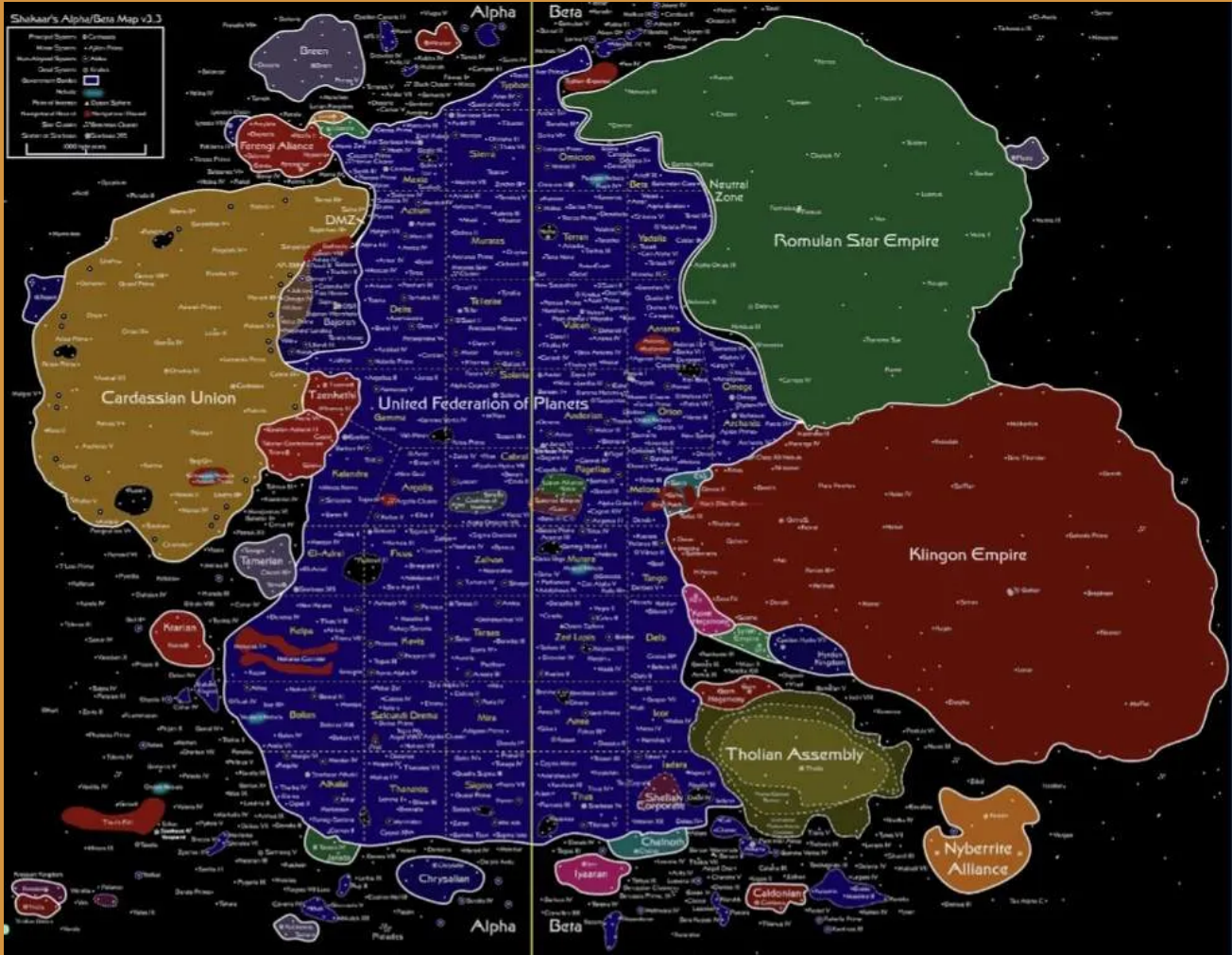
The Prime Directive, also known as Starfleet General Order 1, is a fundamental tenet of Starfleet's ethics and conduct. It mandates non-interference with the development of alien civilizations, especially those that have not yet achieved warp capability or are deemed culturally immature. The directive aims to uphold the integrity of indigenous cultures and prevent the imposition of outside influence, ensuring societies evolve naturally without external interference from more advanced civilizations like the United Federation of Planets. Violation of the Prime Directive can have serious consequences and is considered one of the most severe breaches of Starfleet regulations.



# **THE KLINGON CIVIL WAR:**

You stand on the precipice of a Civil War. Gowron, backed by key military generals, as well as the Rite of Succession, is struggling to be legitimized following the revelation that Duras had a son. The House of Duras, headed by Lursa and B'etor, sisters of Duras, is claiming to have rights to the throne through Toral, an illegitimate son of Duras. Gowron, although Picard has declared him to be the legitimate successor, has little-to-no support from the Klingon High Council. Jean-Luc Picard, who captains the USS Enterprise, has reason to suspect Romulan involvement due to the previous discovery of a Romulan bomb in one of Duras' guards. However, as there is currently no proof of any Romulan interference, the Prime Directive forbids Starfleet interference. A Klingon war might implicate neighboring systems in the Beta Quadrant, having disastrous political consequences. We begin this crisis committee the morning Picard declared Toral to be an illegitimate candidate for the position of Chancellor.





Map of the Alpha and Beta Quadrants Note: This is just one person's approximation of what a map might look like, there are very few existing accurate maps.



# DELEGATES:

## **Jean-Luc Picard: captain of the USS Enterprise**

Hailing from Earth, Jean-Luc Picard captains the United Federation of Planets' flagship, the galaxy class starship USS Enterprise. He is a competent captain, diplomat, and researcher. In his past, he served for various starships over the course of the past 30 years of his life. He has been selected by K'mpec as the Arbiter of Succession, meaning that he is permitted to delegate a new Chancellor of the Klingon Empire. Jean-Luc Picard is dedicated to following the Prime Directive, and maintaining the Federation's interests.

## **Worf: son of Mogh**

Orphaned in a Romulan attack, Worf was adopted in his late childhood by a human family and raised on the planet Earth. However, he embraces his Klingon identity and maintains Klingon traditions in his own life. Currently, he serves as the Chief Tactical Officer on the USS Enterprise. Following the revelation that there had been a betrayal at Khitomer, blame was placed on Worf's father, Mogh, and Worf faced discommendation. Currently, he seeks to regain honor for his house through a tentative military alliance with Gowron. It will be incredibly important to balance his duties as a Klingon and a Starfleet officer during this conflict.



### **Lursa: leader of the House of Duras**

Lursa is a daughter of the Klingon Ja'rod, father of Duras. As one of Duras' two sisters, she must solidify power for their house following his death. She is currently proposing that Duras' teenage illegitimate son be provided with the opportunity to fight for a spot as Chancellor. Lursa has been known to use her cunning, and sometimes questionable morals, to achieve her goals. Along with her sister, B'Etor, she has allied herself in secret with the Romulan Star Empire.

### **B'Etor: leader of the House of Duras**

B'Etor and Lursa function as a dynamic duo in their roles as almost-counselors and heads of the House of Duras. In order to destabilize the treaty between the Federation and Klingons, they are sowing seeds of malcontent in Federation ranks. The majority of the Klingon High Council supports the House of Duras.

### **Toral: son of Duras**

Toral is the illegitimate son of Duras, and the heir to his mighty house and potentially his spot on the throne. While he is merely a child, Toral has strong ambitions for the future of the Empire, emphasizing his own ties with the Romulans, and expansion of the Klingon territories.



## **Kurn: son of Mogh**

**Kurn was presumed dead during the massacre of Worf's family, but was saved by their nursemaid. He was raised as a Klingon, and is currently in hiding from the council, not seeking to suffer for the sins of his father like Worf has. However, he's not idle, and has been galvanizing support for Gowron among the Klingon generals, while planning to head an attack on the House of Duras. His connections to Mogh and Gowron make him popular among military leaders.**

## **Counselor K'Tal**

**A prolific counselor, K'Tal once served as the right-hand man of K'mpec, and has overseen the Succession, informing Picard on policies and traditions. He has historically been amiable to the Federation (for a Klingon). K'Tal witnessed the death of K'mpec, and oversaw the judgment of Worf. Generally, he seeks to uphold Klingon traditions and policies, and has been a source of support for Gowron throughout the process, although he remains critical, and has not aligned himself.**

## **General Martok: leader of the House of Martok**

**As one of the powerful Klingon generals, Martok holds a position of power and honor in Klingon society. Currently, he serves as the general of Gowron's armies, and leads several Houses in providing military support to Kurn and Gowron. He is a formidable warrior, and a true Klingon at heart.**



## **Fleet Admiral Shanthi of the United Federation of Planets**

**Fleet Admiral Shanthi is the head of Starfleet, the military force of the United Federation of Planets. She oversees Captain Picard throughout the process of succession, and it is ultimately her decision which Starfleet resources can be delegated to maintaining the Klingon alliance. She prioritizes honoring the Prime Directive.**

## **Commander Sela of the Romulan Star Empire**

**Commander Sela is a half-Romulan military strategist for the Romulan Empire. In a fluke of time travel, Lieutenant Tasha Yar, the former Chief Tactical Officer on the USS Enterprise, traveled back in time and married a powerful Romulan, later giving birth to Sela. She is nearly identical to her mother, but is incredibly loyal to the Romulan Star Empire, and hates the Federation for abandoning her family. Currently she is overseeing operations within the Klingon home planet, and in the Romulan bases surrounding the neutral zone.**

## **Tholian Ambassador**

**The Tholian people are a crystalline species located in the Beta Quadrant. They are incredibly isolationist, and have made very little contact with surrounding powers. However, a conflict between the Klingons, Federation, and Romulans may harm their ability to survive, especially given that they can only exist within specific temperature thresholds. Historically, they have represented a significant military power in this region.**



### **Quark: a Ferengi entrepreneur**

Quark represents the Ferengi spirit of entrepreneurship. As an avid businessman, owner of multiple pubs, and occasional representative for the Ferengi people, Quark has a stake in any potential conflict in the Beta Quadrant. The Ferengi homeworld is located in this area, and war rages about interesting financial circumstances. Historically, Quark has worked alongside the Federation (often at their expense).

### **Lieutenant Data: USS Enterprise**

Lieutenant Data is an android who serves as the operations officer and second officer on the USS Enterprise. He is a living computer, who has access to a wealth of knowledge at the drop of a hat. However, he is often found seeking out human experiences, such as theater and emotion. Data is incapable of seeing things illogically, and is tightly bound to his duties as a Starfleet officer.

### **Gowron: son of M'Rel**

Gowron is the chosen successor to the position as Chancellor of the Klingon High Council. He values maintaining the Federation alliance, but also conserving Klingon tradition. Gowron is a fierce warrior, and, while he may not have the support of the majority of the Klingon High Council, he is favored by the Klingon military generals.



## **General Movar, Romulan Star Empire**

**General Movar is assisting Sela in heading the Romulan effort to infiltrate the Klingon Empire. He's responsible for overseeing the shuttling of supplies from the Romulan Star Empire to the House of Duras. He works closely with Lursa and B'Etor, and is a high-ranking general in the Romulan military.**

## **Guinan**

**Guinan is one of the last of the El-Aurian, a people who are "listeners." Guinan's race was scattered by war with the Borg, and she joined Starfleet as the bartender on the USS Enterprise. While she has no formal rank, she has been alive since the 19th century, and provides astute observations to Starfleet officers, which are usually met with immediate action. Guinan has seen the impacts of war throughout history, and is a pacifist.**

## **Kahless the Unforgettable (returned?)**

**No Klingon is unfamiliar with Kahless the Unforgettable, the first Klingon empire. While he died in the 9th century, a group of Klingon clerics appear to have brought Kahless back to life. As a near god-like figure in Klingon history, this indicates a potentially enormous development in Klingon systems of power. But is this truly Kahless? Or is he merely a replica of a powerful cultural icon?**



## **Ambassador Sarek**

**Ambassador Sarek is both a Vulcan ambassador and member of the Federation Council. The father of the well-known Spock, he represents the values of the Vulcans with vigor, and is eager to promote the interests of the Federation. Vulcans have long been enemies of the Romulans, as they were once the same species. The tension between these two peoples leads to further escalation of conflict between the Romulan Star Empire and the Federation. However, Ambassador Sarek was instrumental in negotiating the treaty between the Federation and Klingons, and is a skilled diplomat.**

## **Commander Geordi LaForge, USS Enterprise**

**Commander LaForge is the ship's chief engineer on the USS Enterprise. He is both a brilliant starfleet officer and an expert on technology. LaForge is a loyal Starfleet officer and an important part of the USS Enterprise's daily functions. He originally discovered Romulan technology used by Duras.**

## **Commander Tomalak, Romulan Star Empire**

**Tomalak is a high-ranking Romulan officer who has overseen multiple undercover operations to infiltrate the Federation, especially the USS Enterprise. He serves as a senior officer to Sela and Movar, and has previously organized both attacks on the Federation and attempts at making peace treaties. First and foremost, he prioritizes the honor of his family and the health of the Romulan Star Empire.**





## Counselor Deanna Troi, USS Enterprise

Deanna Troi is a half-Betazoid, half-Human therapist who works as an officer on the starship Enterprise. She has the ability to feel other people's emotions, and is a skilled mediator and listener. Her mother, Lwaxana Troi, is an important Betazoid political figure, and Troi cares deeply about the health of her people and the Federation. She is also often a pacifist voice on board the Enterprise, and values empathy.

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