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A VIEW FROM THE CATBIRD'S SEAT

By J. R. Fisher

25 years! And the adventure continues.

Twenty-five years ago, some of us sat down before our television to watch a new science fiction program. When it was over, there were mixed reactions: from "another lost in space", to "not bad". For some it wasn't good enough to watch every week at first. Then as the season went on the shows seemed to get better. Then we became aware that these people were speaking to us about ourselves and the world we live in and doing it in a fun way with a small budget. What followed confused and angered many of us: time slots changed, canceled, renewed, writers fired, poor stories, canceled and renewed and finally canceled.

Those of us in science-fiction were in a quandary. Thousands of young people had adopted this television program and were virtually living an alternate life style as what became known as "trekkies". The established science-fiction community could not accept these "trekkies" as main stream science-fiction. So those conservative closet trekkies started labeling themselves as "trekkers", so as to be distinguished from the rabble. (That is if they would admit publicly to even having watched the program.)

Then came the reruns. Then came the animated series. Then came the movies. Then came The Next Generation. And twenty-five years later, here we are.

For those of us who lived through the civil rights protests and the Vietnam War, the message was clear. If we ever want a better world, a world as portrayed in STAR TREK, we will have to build it. A world where every man has equality, dignity, justice, and opportunity. And that is what STARFLEET and U.S.S. Kitty Hawk are about.

Look at our world in the last year. The guns of August spoke once more in 1990. A small nation was swallowed by

a greedy neighbor. The family of nations stood together and said this invasion could not and would not stand. It didn't.

The Berlin wall and the iron curtain were torn down almost overnight. The reunification of Germany, something I did not think I would live to see. The dissolution of the Warsaw Pact, and freeing of the East European countries following close behind.

Now in the last month, we have witnessed the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, the freeing of several republics, and the destruction of the communist party in soviet republics. Most importantly, the guns of this August were mostly silent. It was the "lack of shots" that was heard 'round the world. The times, they are a-changing.

We are not naive enough to think that there will not be fighting and bloodshed in the months and years to come. But we rejoice in the fact that there has been so little of it thus far, and men with cooler heads have prevailed.

We, the world, and particularly the U.S., have been given one of the most unique opportunities in history. While there may be some dark days ahead, the potential to enlighten the world has never been greater. We can pray that all the leaders of the world can see this opportunity and seize it.

So what does this have to do with STAR TREK? It brings us one step closer to the STAR TREK universe we cherish and it does so without the supposed wars talked about in STAR TREK history. So?

It means that every time we do something to help one child recover from a disease, one child to pick up a book and read, one more meal for a homeless person, one opportunity for a young person to gain higher education or a little bit cleaner environment; it really does make a difference. Not just in that person who is helped but a difference in you and a difference in me.

So the adventure does continue -- not just as a television program or a movie, but as a real life adventure. There is a great deal we as a group can do in our community. But it requires each of us to be dedicated to those goals and ideals we espouse. It requires our time, our money, our energy and our understanding that everything does not happen overnight. The events we have witnessed in the past month were the culmination of fifty years work by our leaders and by the steadfast belief in democracy by the people of the free world.

Every time I have written this page for our newsletter, I have worked the subject around to our newsletter's name. Far be it from me to change now.

Perhaps, we in this country have grown complacent about our freedoms, we take them for granted. Half way around the world, millions of people who have only had a small taste of freedom are willing to die just for the opportunity to try democracy and freedom. Here, we can still turn our heads and let the authorities, or the state, or whoever, take care of a problem we witness.

There are millions of people with the Wright Stuff, who want to make that first flight and break the bonds of earth and soar with the eagles.

I know I have the Wright Stuff. And many of you do also. Join with us and we can make the difference.

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FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

By Teresa Tuel

The summer will be over soon and I hope everyone enjoyed their time off from school and had a chance to join us at the conventions and ship activities these last few months. With school starting, please be on the lookout for school buses loading and unloading students. Young children do not always look before crossing the road to get on the bus or to their home.

It has been quiet on the ship. Our shake down cruise went very well. I am

pleased to report that my new shuttle is running at peak performance thanks to our engineering staff. I really like the "little extra booster" that was installed. I have beat a few other officers into the docking bay with its help. I still do not understand why I cannot have a thunderbird painted on the underside of my little ship. It does not look anything like a Romulan Bird of Prey. In fact, I have heard vicious rumors that the XO is really a Romulan spy! Can you

imagine a Romulan spy as the XO in a Federation Starship? Really guys! I personally think it is a Klingon ploy (or something the Chief Engineer and Rec Officer dreamed up to cause trouble, just you wait!) I think our Chief Medical Officer will have something to say about this!

Until next time, may the wind be at your back.

COMMANDER MUSE'S LOG

By Carey Muse

STARDATE 9108.15 - Following my last column we now return to what this column is about: The latest in Star Trek merchandise.

First up is the ST:TNG Manual is coming out in October. The hardback Probe will not be available until January 1992 at the earliest.

Items available now:

The paperback edition of Prime Directive (Pocket).

Bantam is re-issuing (with new covers) a three (3) volume set called Star Trek: The Classic Episodes. The three books

adapt stories from each of Star Trek's three seasons. These books were first published in the mid 70's.

If you haven't purchased any of the audio tapes, then there is a new item that might be of interest - three books, previously on audio tape, are available on a special four (4) CD set. These are available at Waldenbooks.

Now it is time for my informal calendar review.

The Classic Trek calendar includes photos from episodes not used in previous calendars. (There are one or

two exceptions.) All photos feature the seven cast members we know and love. No guest stars in this one. One bit of bad news - there are two photo's from "Spock's Brain".

ST:TNG calendar looks good too! It features photos from all three seasons and three from the fourth season.

My favorite of the calendars is the Classic Trek.

Most of the models are now available at model shops around town.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S LOG

By Pat Heinske

Well, another edition of The Wright Stuff is (obviously) in your hands and, hopefully, by the time you read this, another episode of "Subspace Communique" will be (almost) in the can. Appearing for the first time in this most recent episode was, among others, yours truly. I was able to display some of my modeling handiwork, and was proud to do so. I had not had time to prepare a written

monologue or anything and so I was understandably a little nervous about going on camera, but I was very pleased with the segment when I viewed the rough footage. On top of that, it was a lot of fun!

The show that we do is really a great opportunity for us to display our likes and dislikes, our opinions (pro or con), and our skills and activities. But we can't have a show unless we come forth with some

ideas. As I stated above, I was pretty nervous going up in front of the cameras for the first time, but once I was there, I had a lot of fun.

If you are worried about looking strange or dumb in front of the camera, don't be. If you are not happy with what was just shot, you can do it over again until you feel comfortable. It's not a one-shot deal - that's what (Continued on page 6)

THE ADVENTURES OF MYSTERY AND SPOT

EPISODE THREE - THREE FOR THE ROAD

By Elaine Royal

"Well, that was just fine. Just fine," Mystery fumed as she and Spot made their getaway.

Spot struggled to keep up. He was embarrassed, but wasn't about to let it show. "What a silly place. I'll never go back there."

"That's fine with me." Mystery turned a corner into an empty corridor and slowed down. Spot caught up at last. "You're a mess. Come with me." She opened a door and the two cats slipped inside quietly.

Spot looked around. This place looked safe enough. It was clean and quiet. No one was around. It was small, and there was no furniture, so Spot settled himself down on the carpet for some serious bathing. He could taste the synthehol, mixed with something sweet, as he cleaned his head and ears, but this time his head stayed clear. Mystery waited patiently, closing her eyes for a cat nap until he finished.

Suddenly Spot's stomach rose up into his throat. "Yikes! What's happening?"

"Calm down. You'll be fine. We're just moving." Mystery stood up, anticipating a stop. "Be ready to bolt. The door will open in a second."

"You could have warned me. What is this place?" Spot asked, terrified.

"Relax. It's just a turbolift. It gives you rides all over the ship."

"Where are we going?"

"I have no idea." The movement stopped and the door slid open. Mystery and Spot ran past a startled woman in a blue uniform with two small children in tow.

The children giggled. "Look, Mystery has a friend!" one of them said.

"Does everyone on this ship know you?" Spot asked.

"Probably," Mystery answered nonchalantly.

"So, where are we now?" Spot was beginning to be concerned about ever finding his way back home again. But

not much. His curiosity was stronger than his fear.

"We appear to be near Sick Bay. Can you behave yourself?"

"Of course. That other incident was an unfortunate accident. It won't happen again."

"There can be no accidents in Sick Bay. We are performing a valuable service here," Mystery explained proudly. "We are visiting sick people. We cheer them up, and help them get better."

"Oh, that sounds important." Spot was impressed.

"It is," Mystery confirmed as the Sick Bay doors slid open and they entered. Mystery headed straight for the CMO's office. Dr. Crusher was seated at her desk, studying something on her computer screen. Mystery jumped up into her lap and nuzzled her under the chin. The doctor's hand automatically began stroking the soft fur.

"Mystery! You haven't been around in a while. Where have you been? Hmmm?" She noticed Spot lingering in the doorway. "And who is your friend?"

"Isn't it funny how they ask questions, but never understand the answers?" Mystery commented to Spot. "Anyway, this is Dr. Crusher and it's a good idea to stay on her good side around here. That means get out of the way when things are busy. Look's quiet today, though." Mystery jumped down off the doctor's lap.

"Bye," she called as she went back to work.

Spot followed Mystery through the examining room to where a few patients were laying on beds reading or sleeping. Mystery jumped up on a bed and made herself comfortable beside a little girl, who smiled and began petting her. Spot picked out a pleasant looking Vulcan woman and began rubbing against her leg.

"That's not a patient. That's a doctor," Mystery said.

"Oh." He leapt up onto a bed and was welcomed by a young human male.

"Help me! Help me!"

Both Mystery's and Spot's ears perked up. "What was that?" Spot asked.

"Another cat. I thought I felt someone else here!" Mystery jumped down and ran for the door. Spot followed. They sped through Sick Bay, out into the corridor, and around the corner.

There, huddled under a chair at the end of the corridor, was a three colored cat, shivering with fright. Mystery and Spot approached cautiously.

"Who are you?" Spot asked.

"I'm Patches. I'm lost. I followed Jeremy out and I can't find my way back." Patches looked around nervously. "Help me!"

"Relax. We'll get you home," Mystery said.

Spot wondered how they would do that, as he was rather lost himself, but he preferred not to think about that. He was too intrigued with this journey to worry much about going home.

"It's time to go back now, anyway," Mystery said, and led the other two away from Sick Bay. "We've had enough excitement for one day." Patches followed eagerly, Spot followed reluctantly.

"I'm lost, I'm so lost. I'm scared." Patches continued to broadcast to the other two.

"Stop whining," Mystery ordered.

"I can't help it. I've never been out of my rooms before. It's scary out here."

"It's wonderful out here!" Spot said.

"I want to go home," Patches whimpered.

"Stop it," Mystery said. "We'll get there. Eventually."

Both Patches and Spot wondered what she meant, but they both followed obediently.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

By John M. Troan

If the computer seemed a little slow recently, the department apologizes. We were working on an experimental refit for STARFLEET. Unfortunately, it was an outright failure and was sent back to the researchers for further development.

GAMING: Allen and I have pretty much stopped using the *Star Trek* Combat Simulator no longer published by FASA. The new simulator (that Allen got me hooked on) is *Silent Death*. Several other members of the *Kitty Hawk* are probably familiar with it. If anyone is interested in getting together for a session, let me know - I'm easier to find. My home phone is 848-6671 and home address is 8413 Sawyer Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27613-1122. I figure by the time this is published in the September *Wright Stuff*, I'll be in my dorm (also in Raleigh). Call the house to get my new dorm number.

ENGINEERING

By Pat Heinske

Well, the hugely understaffed Engineering Department seems to be running smoothly; additional holodecks have been installed and tested thereby eliminating the lines in the corridors.

The Recreational Department beat Engineering 6 - 5 in turbolift racing, and in tribble basketball, Security beat Medical 12 - 8.

MEDICAL

By Teresa Tuel

The crew is in good health and spirits after their various shore leaves and are ready for new adventures. Ship physicals will commence once all shake down cruise drills are over.

I have heard the rumors concerning our XO being a Romulan spy. Please be aware that Romulan/Vulcan physiology is very similar, since they have a common ancestor; however, it is my professional opinion that the XO is indeed a Vulcan. She does admit to meeting a very distant cousin at a Federation/Romulan treaty negotiation. In fact, the cousin is a dead ringer for our XO. So this may explain all these wild stories about the XO closing down 10-forward dances, chasing male crew members and harrasing any and all Klingons who cross her path. However, any strange behavior (well, strange behavior for a Vulcan) should be reported to the medical officer on duty.

Over the summer, several crew members have gained/lost some weight attending various shore leave duties. The Medical Department will be issuing diets consisting of crispy chicken and blackened hot dogs to those members in need of reduction/addition of weight. Please check with medical to see if your diet needs to be altered.

SECURITY

By Carey Muse

Stardate 9108.15 - The Security Department applauds Captain Fisher on his recent handling of the Klingons at Shore Leave. Captain Fisher informs me that there are rumors circulating around the ship of Klingon and possible Romulan spies aboard ship. I am, therefore, as Head of Security, launching my own investigation into this situation. No one is above suspicion, from the First Officer right on down the ranks. Anyone wishing to save themselves may surrender now. Reports and updates on this investigation will continue.

DOING THE CON THING AGAIN

By Pat Heinske

This column will not be featured in this issue due to the fact that the author has not been to a con since M.O.C. in April and Landing Party in June and is suffering from symptoms of withdrawal. Cards, letters, flowers, and monetary donations would be appreciated and may be directed to the Chief Engineer's Office.

TREK TRIVIA

By Lorraine Viol

From new member Lorraine Viol who had so much fun playing Star Trek Trivia at Deb Herndon's last July 6. All I said was it would be good to put a trivia game in the newsletter. All agreed it would be fun for me to write it! So here it is:

1. In Star Trek IV, what is the whale Doctor's name?
2. What was Data's father's name?
3. Who were all the people on the bridge on Star Trek III?

4. Who played the 1920's girl who needed to die when McCoy, Kirk and Spock went back in time?
5. What is Worf's disgrace?
6. In Star Trek IV, what was Sarak's greeting to Spock?
7. In Star Trek V, what did McCoy's father die from?
8. What episode was it that Kirk was shrunk the size of a flea?

Answers: 1) Jillian Taylor, 2) Noonian Soong, 3) McCoy, Kirk, Scotty, Chekov, Sulu, 4) Joan Collins, 5) discommendation, 6) May your journey be free from incident, 7) euthanasia, 8) Blink of an Eye.

SHORE LEAVE XIII MY FIRST VOYAGE

By Elaine Royal

I have just returned from my first Shore Leave, and first major convention, and I have to say I don't know where to start. I had the maximum amount of fun allowed by law. Larry, Debbie, Rosalinda and I left Hillsborough Thursday night at 9:45 and after only one unscheduled detour (the Navigator apologizes for that) we arrived safely in Hunt Valley at 4:15 am. We got up about 8:30 and after registration and breakfast, we hit the dealer room. I think we all restrained ourselves reasonably well. Friday was kind of a slow day. There was not much scheduled that was really interesting until late in the day. We saw some blooper and satire videos. We sat in on the Filksinging for a while and that was mostly enjoyable. We heard rumors that our infamous captain was to be kidnapped and held for ransom by Klingons, but the Klingons didn't seem to be organized enough to carry it off. They did finally confront him and a peace conference of sorts took place. Saturday offered a lot more activities of interest. The costume contest was very entertaining. The Temple of Trek was funny. Michael Dorn's talk was very entertaining. (He has a career in stand up comedy if he ever decides to quit acting.) I was very impressed with George Takei. He is a sweetheart of a man. (Can I take him home and keep him?) I very much enjoyed his talk. The only disappointment was that just before he finished, they announced that the autograph line was already closed, so those of us in the auditorium listening to the talk could not get autographs. Debbie had found a place in line, but Larry and I did not. However, they were having another autograph line on Sunday so we tried again and this time were successful. I got a chance to talk to him briefly after the costume contest, as well. Another highlight for me was the 10 forward dance on Saturday night.

IT'S STILL CLASSIC TREK FOR ME

Lyrics By Pat Heinske

Sung to the tune of 'Still Rock-n-Roll To Me' by Billy Joel.

What's the matter with the clothes I'm wearing?
(Can't you tell that you're behind the times?)
You mean that I should wear a spandex jumpsuit?
(Then you'll look good in the autograph lines.)
So what if I'm not a shaker and a mover,
I don't want to do the Picard maneuver.
Everybody's talking 'bout The Next Generation
But it's still Classic Trek for me.

What's the matter with the ship we're flying?
(Don't you know it looks like a disgrace!)
It doesn't have to be aerodynamic
To fly around in outer space.
I can't believe that the Klingons are members
When all they want to do is blow us to embers,
Everybody's talking 'bout The Next Generation
But it's still Classic Trek for me.

Oh, it doesn't matter that paper-mache made up all the landscape scenes;
We don't have a holodeck, but oh, what the heck,
At least our chief engineer could see;
And too bad Data's got no warrantee.

What's the matter with our C.M.O.?
(Bones McCoy was always out of joint.
Wouldn't you rather have Bev check you over?)
I admit that I'll concede that point.
(You should have paid higher wages to all your prop makers,
You don't see ours making medical salt shakers.)
Everybody's talking 'bout The Next Generation
But it's still Classic Trek for me.
Kirk was tough, Bones was gruff, Spock was logical enough,
But that is Star Trek to me.

Of course, the Kitty Hawk contingent (at least some of us) upheld our reputation and closed Ten Forward at 3:00 a.m. and headed for the traditional breakfast at IHOP (that's Intergalactic House of Pancakes, of course). Sunday was spent mostly waiting in line, which was about all we could handle by this point. Sleep deprivation was taking its toll... We were getting pretty punchy by this time. Finally, I would have to say the biggest thrill was when Larry and I were invited to George's room after his second talk to pick up the signed "Wright Stuff"

covers. (Yes, we let Debbie come too, after an appropriate amount of begging.) George was gracious and friendly, spoke to us for several minutes about the importance of our educational activities, and shook our hands. This certainly ended the con on a high note for me. Since nothing could top that, we left immediately and headed back to the Triangle and reality. Overall, I felt the con was well run. We missed a few things due to scheduling conflicts, but that is inevitable, I suppose. To sum up.... Sign me up for next year!

NASA UPDATE

By John M. Troan

Everyone is proved wrong once in awhile - only you don't expect NASA to do it to you. Right after I mailed my reports for July's *Wright Stuff*, *Columbia* was launched. Now NASA has another one launched - *Atlantis* to deploy the fourth TDASS satellite in NASA's orbital communications network. Also planned for the mission are many other experiments, including the measuring of ozone in the atmosphere.

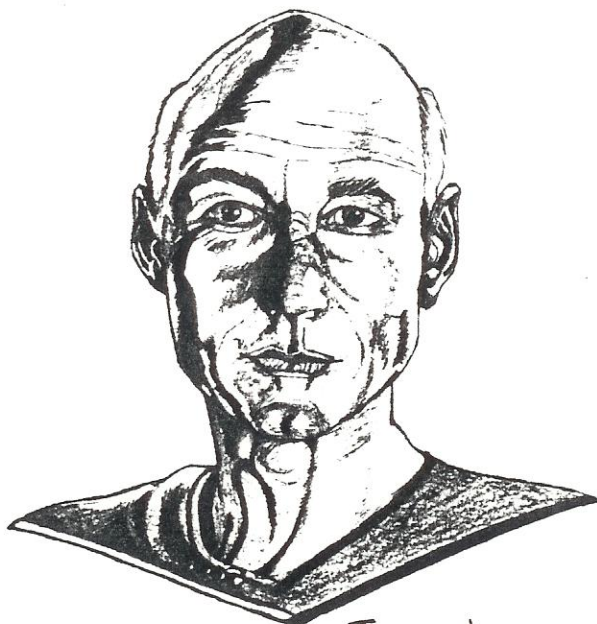
On to other news: space station *Freedom* has already had funds cut several times over the years, resulting in cost overruns due to reworking schedules. More cuts would probably give more overruns.

Looking over some of the images that Magellan has radioed back from Venus, it's amazing what they reveal: fields of craters and possibly volcanic uplifts. With a little more time, we should know more about what exactly happened to Venus.

Our drawing of Jean-Luc is by our diplomatic representative to the U.S. Navy, Meg Hale. Meg was in Raleigh for the Labor Day weekend. It was good to see her again.

(Engineer's Log cont. from page 2) video tape is for. Also, Kristen is very accomplished in the editing booth, and if you think being filmed is tough, try directing, editing, and producing a 1/2 hour T.V. show by yourself. It's a lot of work! Kristen only makes it look easy and she does a great job.

This could really be an epic proportion if we make it so - and yes, it takes a little effort on our parts, but is something effortless really worth doing in the first place? We would be making a huge mistake if we let this unique opportunity slip away into the ether.



HOLOGRAFFITI

By Elaine Royal

The photo album is shaping up nicely with pictures from the highway cleanup, Landing Party, the trip to the zoo, and Shore Leave. However, I'm the only one who has contributed. Don't forget to bring your pictures to the meetings!

Anyone interested in learning a little Sign Language? If at least 3-4 people promise to show up, I will teach a Sign Language Workshop sometime in the near future, possibly September. I think we are all too spread out to try to have a real ongoing class, but if there's enough interest we could do an introductory workshop some weekend afternoon, for 2-3 hours. Please call me at 732-6925 or 966-5283 (8a-5p) if you're interested.

Desert Storm Sayings Furnished by Meg Hale

Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.

The only thing more accurate than enemy incoming fire is friendly incoming.

All of your 5 second grenades will have 3 second fuses.

If the enemy is in range, so are you.

QUESTION TIME

By Lynette Crowley

1. What was Leonard Nimoy's first alien role?
2. What original Star Trek episode did David Sole appear?

3. What original Star Trek Episode did Robert Brown appear and what character?
4. What TV show did Mark Lenard,

David Sole, and Robert Brown appear in together?

5. Name the Star Trek episode that Robert Lansing starred in and his character.

UNSCRAMBLE THIS!!!!

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STAR TREK CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Sheila K. Lovell

This puzzle is based on characters from the original series. References are The Star Trek Compendium, The Official Star Trek Quiz Book and the novels sited in the puzzle's questions.

Across:

1. Author of Yesterday's Son and Time for Yesterday.
3. What was the only 2 part episode? (original series) The _____.
5. Played by P. Khambatta.
8. Spock's son. (Hint: see #1 across.)
9. McCoy's home state.
11. Character played by Naomi Pollack in "That Which Survives". Lt. _____.
12. The last name of the TV series' only recurring guest character.
13. Who said, "I have killed my Captain... and my friend"?
16. The Vulcan Spirit.
17. "It would have been glorius." (episode)
20. In ST II: TWOK, Chekov was first officer of the _____.
22. The Master Thrall.
24. The only person to ever turn down a seat on the Federation Council.
25. Spock's blood is based on what element?
26. Spock's once betrothed.

27. One of Sulu's hobbies (Hint: not fencing.)
29. Episode in which Akaar appeared.
32. He is "Methuselah".
33. Uhura means _____.
35. The turbolifts are driven by these.

37. Mother of #8 across. (Hint: also in TV series.)
38. Queen of Scalos.
41. She's in love with Captain Pike. Yeoman _____.
42. Author of novels Dreadnaught and Final Frontier.
44. The "no win scenario".
47. McCoy falls in love with her "on" Yonada.

Down:

1. The "Star Trek" theme was

2. Captain Kirk's home state.
3. The agonizer was featured in this episode.
4. V'gers destination.
6. The high priest of Vaal.
7. One of the "kidnapper" aliens in "The Empath".
10. Episode #24.
13. The Enterprise's Chief Engineer.
14. She stole Spock's brain.
15. First time McCoy said, "He's dead Jim". (episode)
18. G. Roddenberry's birthday (month & day).
19. Partner to #7 down.
21. Captain of #19 across.
23. One of the minor bosses in "A Piece of the Action".
28. Starfleet Headquarters is here.
30. First name of #12 across.
31. Home to the "Slime Devil".
34. He was strafed by aircraft in "Shore Leave". Lt. Esteban _____.
36. Who said, "Don't call me tiny."?
39. She is a Troglyte leader.
40. He was searching for Eden.
43. "_____ of Troyius".
45. Kang's wife.
46. The yeoman in "The Squire of Gothos".

