

LOTUS STARBASE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOTUS FLEET

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"I'm not supposed to be here, sir. I'm.....supposed to be dead!"
-- Tasha Yar (Yesterday's Enterprise)



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Interview - Storm Windfall

1. *Where are you from?*

South Africa.

2. *What is your position in the Fleet?*

Newsletter Editor

3. *When did you join Lotus Fleet?*

June 2009...I think.

4. *Lotus Fleet has often been described as more than just a gaming fleet, what does that mean to you?*

It's my Star Trek home. The place I meet up with friends even though I never met them in real life. You can tell a lot about a person by the things written and posted. Being somewhat anonymous online, we often forget to hide behind walls.

5. *What is your favorite Star Trek series?*

Enterprise... nooo, Voyager! It's a toss-up.

6. *What is your favorite Star Trek movie?*

The Voyage Home.

7. *Who is favorite Star Trek captain and why?*

Archer. He had to learn on the go. He gave one of the best speeches in all Star Trek. (The thread that binds us)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKDQtlgct6g> But don't discount the others! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO94_pVaKII

8. *What is your favorite Star Trek ship?*

Entrepid!

9. *Other than a captain do you have another favorite Star Trek character?*

Reginald Barclay.

10. *What is your favorite Star Trek uniform?*

TNG though I like the casual 'working' uniforms from Enterprise.

11. *What keeps you interested in Star Trek despite the lack of a current episodic series?*

The possibility of it all. Technology that were fiction then are common today and looking forward to the next invention to rival those in Star Trek. Sometimes I wonder if Roddenderry had a glimpse into the future...



12. *Is there a character or actor you wish had never appeared in Star Trek?*

Kai Winn. Pure evil in the guise of religion. Except for a few episodes, I don't like DS9 that much either.

13. *What are your thoughts on J.J. Abrams Star Trek movies?*

Pure entertainment. Lots of special effects. It doesn't come near the true Star Trek series and films, but it's also his first one that awakened my interest in Star Trek.

14. *Is there someone else you'd like to see direct a Star Trek film?*

I don't know, lol. But I do wonder what Star Trek would have looked like if Orson Wells written/directed a Star Trek movie.

15. *How do you think we can best apply Gene Roddenberry's vision today?*

Not possible en masse. Not with the one percenters ruling the world.

16. *Are you active in Star Trek Online?*

Nope. It crashed a while ago.

17. *What is your impression of the game today vice when it launched?*

I don't know. I only play for a few months last year and never got further than the second mission.

18. *Do you believe Cryptic stays mostly true to Star Trek's vision?*

I don't know enough about the game to give an honest opinion.

19. *What is your passion in life or your biggest aspiration?*

It changes the older I get.

20. *What is your biggest peeve?*

People who think that the world owes them a living. Who prefer being a victim of their circumstances instead of rising above it. We all have free choice. We can choose to be a victim or be the victor. Making excuses for what they are because they are too lazy to change themselves.

21. *What would you say is the highlight in your life to this point?*

I am alive! J

22. *What is one thing nobody in the Fleet knows about you?*

A few know that I have Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer.



23. *Could you describe yourself in 5 words?*

Stubborn, Selfish, Curious, Loyal, Tenacious.

24. *Do you have a personal motto?*

Don't sweat the small stuff.

25. *What advice would you give new members?*

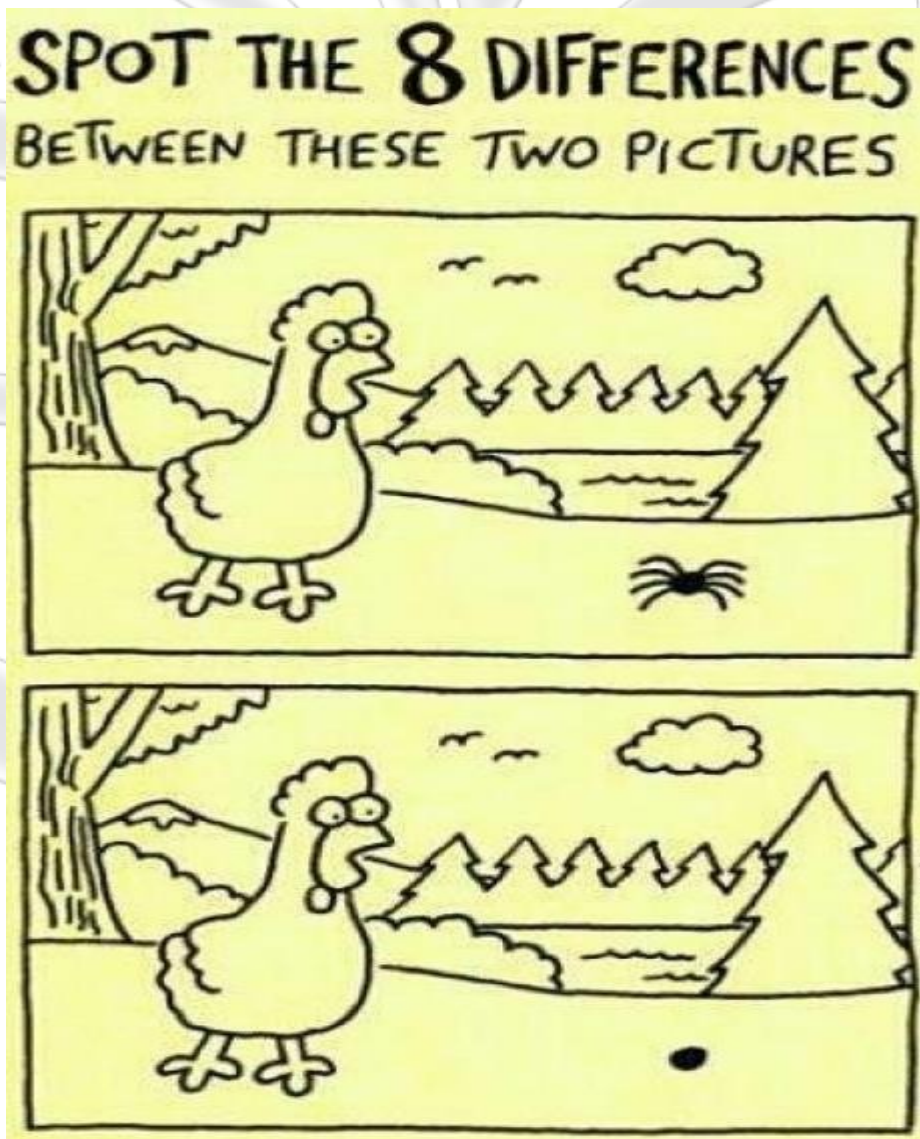
Be active and enjoy the best Fleet ever! J

26. *How would you define leadership?*

Making choices to benefit the whole that may not be liked by the one.

24. *Are there any other thoughts or information that you'd like to add?*

Nope.



**Never be afraid
to raise your
voice for honesty
and truth and
compassion
against injustice
and lying and
greed. If people
all over the world
would do this, it
would change
the earth.**

— William Faulkner



wake up world
IT'S TIME TO RISE AND SHINE



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REPORT FROM THE LOTUS FLEET UNIVERSE

BRAVE NEW WORLD, The ongoing third Fleet Action of Lotus Fleet's role-playing department, is coming to a close. After months of daily posting, the players have brought their character to the crux of the story and are now working to resolve the events that have lead us beyond our own universe.

STARBASE LOTUS is now under siege! A mysterious force has been brought to the space station by a science ship originally sent to study the strange alien ruins of the Sarabande asteroid belt discovered months ago by the USS Phoenix. With starbase personnel falling under some strange possession and all systems suddenly affected by unidentified energy surges, Fleet Captain Allen Samji managed to escape with his Ferengi chief of ops Grok into a turbolift and ordered an immediate lockdown of the entire base. Invoking General Order 35, a widespread subspace message has been sent on all frequencies through log buoys to warn every ship and installation in the sector about sudden contamination of Starbase Lotus. Now, Samji and his few remaining officers have 24 hours to resolve the crisis before the entire installation is to be destroyed!

Unaware of the starbase's dire situation, THE FLAGSHIP USS HORIZON had to interrupt it's colonization mission in the pocket universe beyond the Azimuth Horizon anomaly. The first target world, Eden IV, has revealed itself to be a prison for strange energy beings intent on possessing living hosts to live again. A rogue attempt by the colonist leader to land on the planet and a dramatic encounter with a spacefaring canine species called the Draxx forced several officers, including First officer Neil Redding and Strategic Ops Officer Oseno Jureth, to fly down to the rescue with the USS POLARIS... and confront both the irascible Draxx and the haunting energy beings, while Captain Kheren, chief engineer S'Tan Solius and tactical chief Aron'Son prepare the flagship for the arrival of a Draxx attack force that will stop at nothing to prevent any of them to escape!

Light years away into the new universe, the explorer ship of Lotus Fleet, the USS PHOENIX was cut off from the flagship, entering an area devoid of any subspace where was detected the presence of a lost Federation starship. More than a year ago, the USS NUNTIO disappeared into the Azimuth Horizon Anomaly, ending up into the pocket universe... only to fall prey to the Zetarrians, escaped energy beings from Eden IV. Only the efforts of her first officer, Commander Schaell, trapped them into this space void... until the Phoenix found them, boarded the derelict vessel and unknowingly allowed the energy beings to try to take control of both ships! While Captain Syntron and science chief Jonathan Livingstone work to try and establish contact with the aliens to end the conflict, First officer Thomas Riker, chief engineer David Rogers and Ops chief Elisha Leone are facing both the possessed crew and



the ghostly aliens, trying with Schaell to save both ships and crews before the activated self-destruct of the NUNTIO complete it's twenty minutes countdown!

FEATURING:

Jeff T as Captain Syntron and Lieutenant Elisha Leone

Kheren as Captain Kheren and Lieutenant Junior Grade Jonathan Livingstone

Redding as Commander Neil Redding

Sorripto as Commander Thomas Riker

Jureth as Commander Oseno Jureth and Lieutenant Junior Grade Aron'Son

BLZBUB as Commander David Rogers

Niomo as Lieutenant S'Tan Solius



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STO UPDATE BY ATHOS

Greetings Lotus Fleet; this is Admiral Athos.

After the most recent mission, the Aleutian had to put in for repairs; New Romulus was the closest safe harbor so I am broadcasting from our Embassy there. The Iconians are proving to be...a challenge. Their ships and ground troops are tough; the Iconian's use of Omega particle generators is startling, but to date, we have been unable to cause any real harm to an Iconian. Recently, a joint Federation, Klingon special operations team infiltrated an Iconian facility, downloading data, and intending to destroy the facility from within using their own Omega generators. That team was unsuccessful at destroying the facility, but managed to wound an Iconian. Emperor Kahless engaged the Iconian and made no headway until the Federation team channeled an Omega discharge at the Iconian, weakening it. Emperor Kahless severed the Iconian's arm before the Iconian killed Emperor Kahless. Kahless died in glorious battle; honor him.

With the data that we've gained, we will be able to adapt our strategies and technology to better combat the Iconians. With captains like Tom Paris and Nog leading our forces on the Iconian front, we will defend the Alpha & Beta Quadrants, and possibly drive the Iconians out of the Delta Quadrant as well. In order to this, we must have the latest and greatest resources.

Our Dilithium Mine is fully operational and provides Fleet warp cores and engineering consoles. We have completed the full construction of our Fleet Embassy on New Romulus which provides its own Fleet consoles and ground gear. Right now, our focus is on completing construction of our Fleet Spire; being located in a Dyson Sphere makes it key to understanding and combating the Iconians. The operations platform is already at tier 3; our research facilities are complete and counting down (will be complete Tuesday, 2 June) which will then allow us to upgrade the superstructure of the Spire to tier 3. The Spire will provide vital weapons consoles to increase our ships' fire-power. Finally, our Fleet Starbase is at tier 4; a fine starbase with much to offer. Fleet weapons, impulse engines, shields, ground gear can all be obtained there. We are a long way away from upgrading our starbase to tier 5, but just keep at it.

Continue to fight on Lotus Fleet; we must protect the Federation and our allies.

Athos out.



Space...the Final Frontier...



"MY VISIT TO THIS SHIP HAS BEEN QUITE NOSTALGIC, MY YOUNG COUNTERPART..."



AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING CONCEITED, IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU.



BEFORE I DEPART, I MUST WARN YOU...

IN THE VASTNESS OF SPACE, YOU HAVE NO DOUBT EXPERIENCED GREAT PERIL. NONE OF THAT WILL PREPARE YOU FOR THE BLIGHT THAT HAS YET TO COME.



THERE IS A GRAVE DANGER IN OUR UNIVERSE...IN ALL UNIVERSES.

IT'S POWER IS ONLY EXCEEDED BY ITS MALEFICENCE. YOU MUST BE READY BEFORE--



INCOMING!



HI! I'M ENSIGN MARY AMETHYST STAR ENOBY AIKO ARCHER PICARD JANEWAY SUE!

I'M YOUR NEW MEDICAL OFFICER!



IS THAT ENSIGN WEARING FISHNET STOCKINGS?

FASCINATING.



WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THE TIME.

GOTTA JET. VULCAN WON'T REBUILD ITSELF, YOU KNOW.



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STO 101: Tips & Tricks from Battle Lion

This post is going to be about how to manage your chat tabs and filtering, for ease of conversation.

Red circle #1 is the chat options button. Click that to open the window you see next to my chat window.

From here, we can make new TABS. See red circle #2. Tabs are good because you can have many of them, and filter text based on which tab you are on.

First, create a new tab. then go to red circle #4 to change its name. Let's make one called FLEET and dedicate it JUST to fleet chatter.

In red circle #3 you can set the filtering. Uncheck EVERYTHING except FLEET, and probably TELL so you can see private messages no matter what.

This tab will now only show AND be able to talk in, the fleet channel. This can be helpful if you hate changing your channel by clicking within red circle #5.

Oh yea, by clicking within red circle #5, you can select from any channel that you haven't filtered out. So if we had left ZONE CHAT, in the fleet tab, you would be able to select those 2 channels only and be able to talk and listen in those channels.

I have a separate tab called FRIENDS where I can talk in a private channel I made just to people I know and have invited into it.

Please see this STOWIKI about the NoP and Reddit tabs.

http://sto.gamepedia.com/Global_Channel_Directory

Other useful channels you might want to keep unfiltered in red circle #3 would be "FRIEND" so you can see when anyone on your friends list logs on or off.

TEAM is also a good channel, although to avoid MTs (mistells) where you talk in the wrong channel, it can actually be easier to have separate TABS for each channel rather than have to select from red circle #5.

This can save you some embarrassment, and will clean up your chat UI.

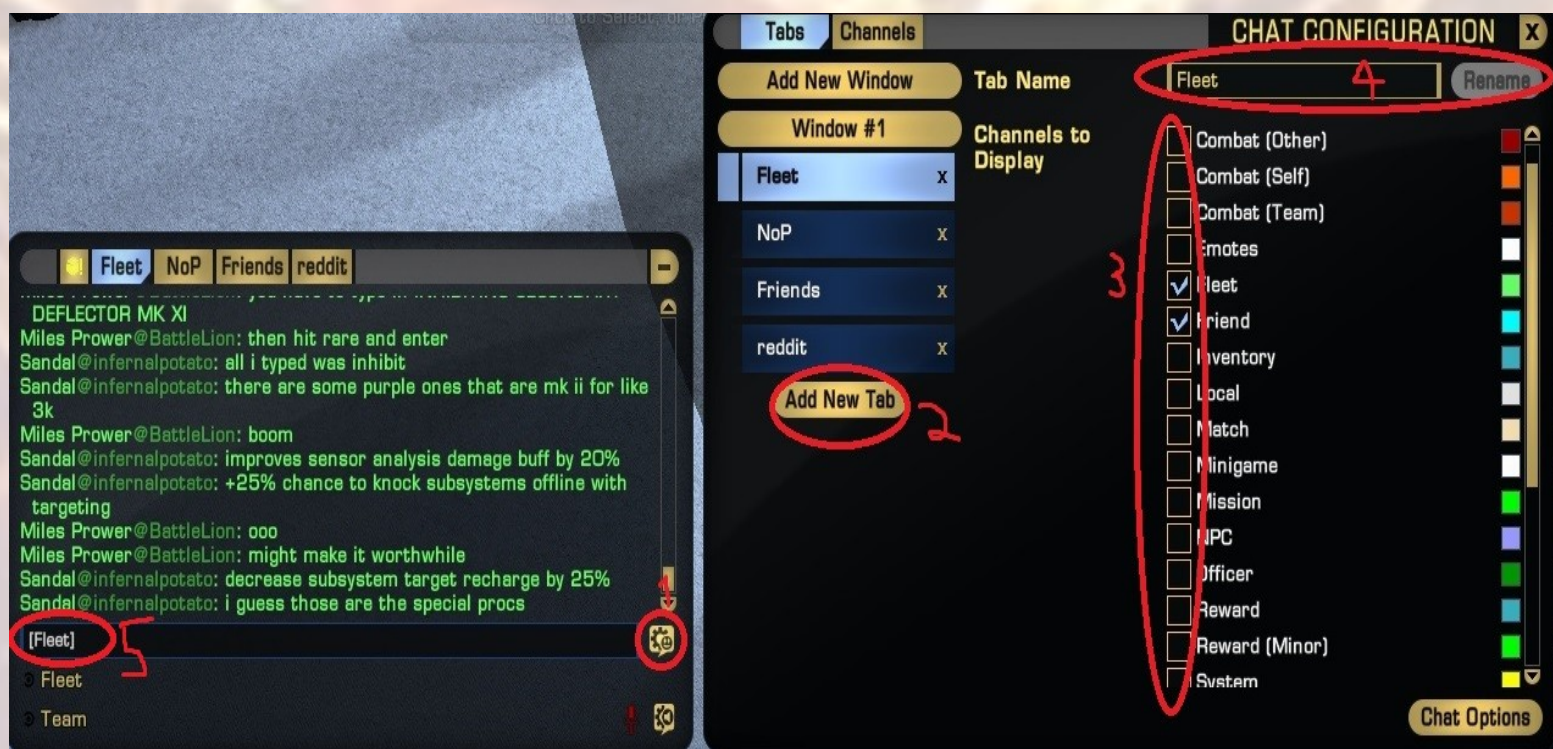
You may notice the different colored squares next to each channel, for example the green square next to FLEET.

If you click this square, you can set the color of the text for that channel, so if you DO have multiple tabs, or channels in a tab, the different colors will tell you which channel you are reading text from. This is VERY handy and I recommend you set different colors for different channels, even if they are in different tabs, that way you can easily see who is talking where, without having to waste time looking at the tab.

Oh, as a side note, to quickly be able to enter text in the chat box just hit ENTER. This will put the flashing cursor in the text entry box and allow you to talk without having to click the box each time.

Another side note is, if you want to PM someone, just hit BACKSPACE. It will bring up the PM function in the text window. From there you can type @PLAYERHANDLE and then your message.

Or if you had sent a pm previously, it will automatically populate the last players name and handle so you don't have to type it every time, or right click the person.



Fleetwide Meetings:

(check the site Calendar for your local time)

Occurs every: 3rd Sunday of month - every month UTC - 5 hours [DST]

This is our Fleet meeting to discuss Lotus Fleet business, events, and other important information.

Afterward, the meeting goes "unofficial" and unrecorded into a round table, where anyone may have a chance to speak; i.e. ask questions, present ideas, etc... This is the social aspect of our meeting and provides an opportunity to get to know everyone involved in the Fleet even better.

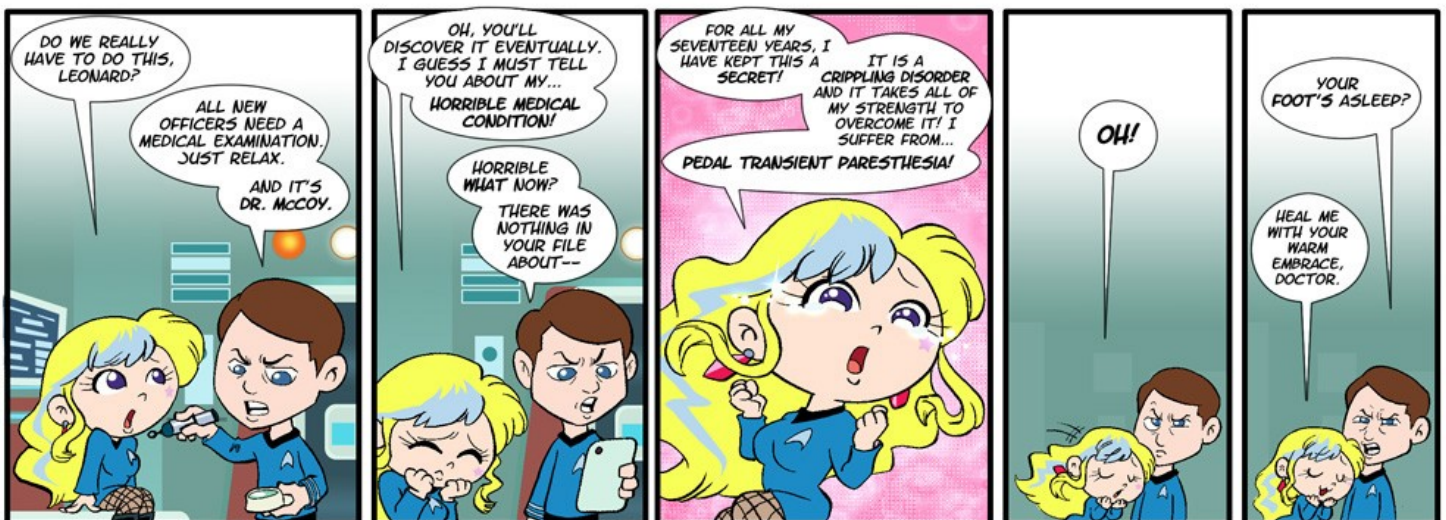
Think of it as our Fleet's Ten Forward

Each meeting will be held on TeamSpeak 3. Please download and install TS3 following this guide:

<http://www.lotusfleet.org/viewtopic.php?f=34&t=55>

Also, please RSVP so that we know who is planning to attend, and indicate if you will be bringing a guest.

Invited: Everyone



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Awards, Promotions and Organ Donations

Promotion/Demotion: Cadets

Agent01101 promoted to Cadet 2nd class
Alanliu promoted to Cadet 1st class
Alleigha promoted to Cadet 1st class
buzz1971 promoted to Cadet 1st class
Captain_Chtaitth promoted to Cadet 1st class
Cindurion demoted to Unregistered Cadet
Cosmos3110 promoted to Cadet 1st class
D04917 promoted to Cadet 2nd class
Erex demoted to Cadet 4th class
Greg promoted to Cadet 1st class
hercules promoted to Cadet 1st class
Jack demoted to Cadet 3rd class
johnbeaird67 promoted to Cadet 2nd class
Kalch promoted to Cadet 1st class
Kalos Grax promoted to Cadet 1st class
krytol promoted to Cadet 1st class
madyak23 promoted to Cadet 1st class
Matthais Aguirre promoted to Cadet 1st class
Marcus Butler promoted to Cadet 1st class
Mercer promoted to Cadet 1st class
Miho promoted to Cadet 1st class
Olstermo promoted to Cadet 1st class
raamb promoted to Cadet 1st class
Scoutdroid promoted to Cadet 1st class
SixofTen promoted to Cadet 1st class
tjaleth promoted to Cadet 1st class
Tluminareth promoted to Cadet 1st class
Wmeacham demoted to Unregistered Cadet
Xzedos promoted to Cadet 1st class

Officer Movements:

Arina promoted to Ensign
Arma promoted to Retired status
Battle Lion Promoted to Rear Admiral
Joester status moved to Provisional Rear Admiral



Longevity:

Ambassador [FC] Costello: 6 months

Ambassador [FC] Picard: 6 months

Lieutenant(j.g.): Veela 2 years

Rear Admiral Brigham: 5 years

Fleet Captain Teancum: 6 years

Admiral Kheren: 6 years



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Editor's Corner by Commodore Storm Windfall

Yeah, yeah, I am a little depressed but whatever! I found this beautiful piece while I was searching for pics for this Newsletter. I just had to share it with you all.

(Henry Scott Holland (27 January 1847 – 17 March 1918) Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford.)

art.

Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well.

All well.



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