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Narn Aggression at Ragesh III Defused

An agreement has been reached regarding the disputed Ragesh system, announced Commander Jeffrey Sinclair today. 'All parties involved have agreed to a diplomatic settlement,' the Commander told the Council in an open session. 'The Narns will relinquish their claim to Ragesh and return all Centauri personnel and property to the Republic, as well as make a written apology to the Emperor for their actions. In response, the Centauri will forfeit any claim to reparations from the Narn people and sign a treaty recognising the right of Narn passage through the system.'

Later, Ambassadors G'Kar and Mollari, of the Narn Regime and Centauri Republic respectively, were seen shaking hands and signing the agreement in front of the cameras. 'On behalf of my government, the Narn Regime apologises to the Emperor,' G'Kar said with sincerity. 'And the Emperor accepts your apology,' Mollari replied. The two then grinned and shook hands again, perhaps ushering in a new era of peace between the Narn and Centauri people.

Although this appears to be a diplomatic victory for the Centauri, not everyone is certain. Analysts have attempted to explain the Narn move, a military attack on a strategically useless system far from their homeworld, as a test of Centauri resolve and will to fight. '[The Narns] basically don't care about what the rest of the Galaxy thinks,' said one source, who declined to be named. 'They wanted to see if the Centauri would fight to get them out, and they didn't. Instead, they used diplomacy, and therefore showed weakness. Mark my words, one day the Narns *will* attack the Centauri. War between the two is imminent, I say.'

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Dockworker Stress on the Rise

An argument between dockworkers and a security patrol nearly came to blows today. 'They were pushing us around again,' one unidentified hangar employee stated angrily before disappearing into the crowd. 'One of these days, I tell you! There's gonna be a riot!'



Stress has been high on the docks for months now, with no end in sight. 'We're overworked and underpaid!' complained dock foreman Eduardo Delvientos. 'My brother and I came here looking for a good job and a fresh start, and instead we're treated like slaves! This equipment we have to work with needs repairs badly, and the men are overworked to the point of collapse. Something has to be done, or there's going to be an accident!'

These claims have been brought to the attention of the union, but with no visible results as yet. 'The problem is there's just too much cargo coming through here,' said one representative. 'We have limits on how many men we can hire for these positions, but no one bothers to put controls on shipping traffic. Perhaps tariffs should be increased, in order to generate additional funds for maintenance and personnel. Lacking that, I don't see what we can do.'

Other dock incidents: Page A11

New Entertainment Facility Opens

After numerous delays, the long-awaited Nova Nine public house has finally opened on Blue Four. 'If you've ever been to England, you know what a pub is,' said owner Miles Rutherford, who has been trying to open the gathering place for the past year and a half. 'If you haven't, you're in for a treat, mate. We serve not only a variety of fine European beers, imported straight from their breweries back home, but also the finest fish and chips this side of London. Not only that, but we have darts, billiards, and electronic games as well. Stop on by!'

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Funeral for Slain Security Officer Today

The funeral for Officer Leonard Travis, one of the most well-known and best-liked men on Babylon 5, will be held today at 1700 hours in the First Baptist Chapel of Babylon 5. All friends and family members are invited to attend.

'Lenny will be missed,' said Officer Jack Rowley sadly. 'He was someone you could always count on to watch your back. I'll be looking over my shoulder a lot more now that he's gone.'

Officer Travis was shot in the back of the head last Thursday by an unknown assailant while off duty. No witnesses have come forward, but a reward has been posted for any information leading to the conviction of his killer. Those wishing to show their respects are urged to donate to the Station Security Relief Fund, which benefits the families of officers like Leonard Travis who are killed in the line of duty.

More details of the murder: Page A8

Advertising Proposal Shot Down

A proposal to sell advertising space in the hangar entry tubes was rejected today in a unanimous vote by the Babylon 5 Oversight Committee. The bill would have allowed the electronic equivalent of billboards to be placed throughout the docking port area, forcing new arrivals on station to view flashing advertisements as they brought their ships in to land.

'This is a sad day, really,' said Julia Childress, a businesswoman who championed the idea on behalf of all the companies aboard station. 'The amount of money that could have been brought in could have offset a considerable chunk of Babylon 5's budget, leading to higher wages and better operating conditions for everyone. Particularly those poor dockworkers.'

'That may be true,' Commander Sinclair pointed out, 'but this is first and foremost a diplomatic station. What does it say to arriving representatives of alien races when the first thing they see as they enter the bay is a gaudy, flashing sign? It says we've sold out, that's what. The Committee made the right decision.'

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