



LONG RANGE CODED COMMUNICATION

Federation Starship
USS Ranger NCC-8324

STARDATE 52610.35

To: Captains and Crews of the Federation Starships Voyager, Odyssey, Phoenix, and Galileo

From: Captain of the USS Ranger

Re: Rool, Pennae - alien life form

Dear Captains and Crews:

While Patrolling the Romulan Neutral Zone we discovered an unstable wormhole near the large nebula. The *Ranger* reached the wormhole on stardate 2395.08.13. We discovered a small ship with one humanoid life form on board. The ship had come out of the wormhole from either another quadrant of the galaxy or from another universe. It was damaged from a recent battle. We communicated with the life form but have not seen him. He does not send visual communication—only auditory. The life form calls himself a "Pennae". His given name is Rool. Rool was wounded and has treated the injury himself. He says his ship was attacked by a "Pennou" a species from his homeworld. Rool provided the following information in a radio interview:

Rool, a Pennae, is seeking political asylum. What is political asylum? Research the policy of the United States concerning political asylum and immigration. Discuss your finding as a class. Rool says his planet has two continents. The larger continent is inhabited by the Pennou. The smaller continent is home to his people the Pennae. For hundreds of years the Pennou and Pennae have fought war after war for control of the planet's resources. One thousand years ago the Pennou succeeded in capturing the Pennae continent and enslaving his people. The Pennae continent was stripped of its natural resources. Many Pennae were forcefully taken from their home and taken by ship to the Pennou continent as slaves. Once the Pennou developed space flight they abandoned the Pennae continent and began finding the resources they needed in their solar system but the slavery of the Pennae continued. The Pennae continent is still occupied by the Pennou. The Pennae people, not living as slaves, live in poverty. The Pennou provide a very basic education of reading, writing, and math to the brightest Pennae. The educated Pennae are taken as slaves to the Pennou continent to work in the high tech industries where they receive extensive training. They run many of the nation's businesses and industries leaving their owners free to pursue their pleasures. The uneducated Pennae are used for labor in industry and agriculture.

The Pennou regard the Pennae as a lower life form and therefore feel that slavery is justified. Rool says he is one of those slaves. Pennae that resist slavery and fight for freedom have been taken to "reeducation camps." Rool tells of rumors that these camps may really be death camps.

The escaped slave Rool fears a slave hunter may come through the wormhole looking for him. Rool has been running from this slave hunter for five years. Two years ago both ships lost their long range communication systems in a battle. The unnamed Pennou officer continued the hunt. One year ago both ships entered uncharted space. No one from their world had ever travelled so far. The most recent battle occurred five weeks ago. Rool's ships lost one antimatter cell and was forced to slow down. The Pennou got within weapons range and attacked. Rool's ship was damaged but he managed to escape. Two weeks ago Rool found the wormhole. His ship was losing its last antimatter cell. It was either stay and battle the Pennou one last time or risk wormhole passage. He choose the wormhole. We found him shortly thereafter in our quadrant. Rool says the Pennou will come looking for him. He is asking for political asylum. My ship is due to return to Starbase 12 for repair and provisions. I understand your ships have been assigned to take over for me. My ship will remain here to look after Rool until you arrive. I assume you will carry a Federation Ambassador to make a decision on asylum. Please hurry—we are running short on supplies.

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