

## Texts on Treks

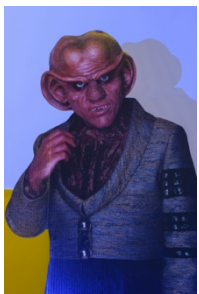
### Thomas Eugene Paris



Played by Robert Duncan McNeil, Thomas Eugene Paris is the helmsman of the spacecraft Voyager and is a gifted pilot who also serves as a medical assistant on the ship. As the son of a Starfleet admiral, Paris follows in his father's illustrious footsteps until he tragically causes the crash of a shuttle craft, killing three people. Initially covering up the cause of the accident, he eventually confesses to his responsibility and is expelled from Starfleet, creating a rift between he and his father. He is later tapped to join the Maquis resistance, a terrorist group opposed to The Federation's treaty with the Cardassians, but is caught on his first assignment and sent to a penal colony. There, he is approached by Starfleet Captain, Kathryn Janeway, who offers him an opportunity to join the crew of her ship, Voyager, on a mission to hunt down a vessel carrying his former compatriots. After both ships become stranded in the Delta Quadrant, the

Voyager and Maquis crews must learn to work together, while Paris is forced to come to terms with the dual shame of having betrayed Starfleet as a rebel and the Maquis as an informant. He eventually marries the former Maquis member, B'elanna Torres, a Klingon-Human hybrid, and excels at creating worthwhile diversions for his friends on Voyager during their long journey back to the Alpha Quadrant. He is always the first to suggest building a new ship to win an race, creates a popular black and white holodeck program recalling 1940's sci-fi B-movies, and often offers advice in the ways of love to his best friend Harry Kim. Yet his enthusiasms are often tinged with sadness, as he reaches towards a home that he left well populated with personal regrets.

### Quark



Played by Armin Shimmerman (who also starred as the principal of Sunnydale High in Buffy The Vampire Slayer) Quark is the proprietor of the local watering hole on Deep Space Nine. To earn his gold-pressed latinum, he employs sultry female hostesses who run rigged Dabo games, rents discreet sessions to patrons in his holosuites, and mixes esoteric drinks native to the homeworlds of his diverse clientele. As a Ferengi, he is loyal to the principles enumerated in the "Rules of Acquisition", a text which holds the pursuit of profit as it's most sacred commandment. Through his under-the-table double-dealings with traffickers, and his ability to bypass Starfleet security codes, he continuously attempts to enable the transfer of various levels of contraband, weapons and information, making him the object of Security Officer Odo's constant scrutiny. Nevertheless, his desire to stay in business, and the increased profit

his bar has experienced since Starfleet took over Deep Space Nine from the Cardassians, often puts him in the position of being a worthy ally and even a selfless hero in the defense of the station and his customers.

### Kira Nerys



Major Kira Nerys, played by Nana Visitor, grew up as a prisoner in a labor camp on Bajor during the Cardassian occupation. She emerged as a leader in Bajoran resistance movement and as a major in the militia, she became the Bajoran provisional government's liaison officer posted at Deep Space Nine. She is deeply religious, willful and a fierce fighter who is proud of her heritage, but also capable of great tolerance and empathy for friends and enemies alike. Initially opposed to The Federation's role in the region, and irked by the authority given to Starfleet officers on the station, she eventually became a proponent of Bajor's efforts to join the Federation, and proved to be a cunning wartime insurgent when the station later became overtaken by Dominion forces. She had a long romantic relationship with the changeling, Odo, and was with him when he finally turned away from his solid-humanoid form and joined the great link.

## Odo



Originally discovered by a Starfleet scientist, Odo was subject to cruel experiments before his sentient nature was discovered. A Changeling, or Shapeshifter, he is able to transform into the form of any object or person, often using this as a tactical advantage in investigative situations. Yet, he still seems to have trouble maintaining an approximation of a normal humanoid nose in his day-to-day form. Odo is the chief security officer aboard Deep Space Nine under the provisional command of Starfleet but he also served as chief of security on the station when it was created by the Cardassians during their occupation of the Bajoran home world. Odo's affection for "solids" is challenged when he is reunited with other members of his species who form "The Great Link". They represent themselves in a female counterpart to Odo, who lures him to join them in The Link and challenges his loyalties to his "solid" friends. The female

Changeling leads "The Dominion" and wages a terrible war against Starfleet and The Federation of planets. Because of their shape shifting abilities, The Changelings are worshipped as gods by their collaborators in The Dominion.

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