

SPECULATIVE FICTION REVIEW by Stephanie Young

TITLE Star Trek S.C.E. - *Interphase - Books 1 & 2*
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Précis

The Tholians have asked Star Fleet to come to Tholian space in order to retrieve the *Defiant*, which has reappeared after 100 years from the rift it was lost in. All goes well until the *DaVinci* away team discovers a strange Tholian device in the cargo hold. When the Tholians hear what was found, they turn hostile and attack causing the *Defiant* to fade into interphase and threatening the crew on her.

The crew on the *Defiant* manages to come up with a creative way to get the ship back to normal space and save a diplomatic disaster.

Protagonist - Captain Gold and Kieran Duffy

Antagonist - Nostrene

What I liked - This story has it all - great characters, an alien we love to hate, an old Federation ship, two desperate situations which appear to be insurmountable, Scotty and McCoy. The writing is tight and only drags in a few places.

What I didn't like - I thought the Tholian's were too quick to attack once they heard about the discovery of the device. I now they were concerned about the repercussions but did they really think they could get away with it? Otherwise, the story is excellent.

Final Comment - The ebook was actually in 2 parts and oddly, part one is in *Have Tech Will Travel* but part two is in *Miracle Workers S.C.E. Book 2* also available in paperback. (Still on Amazon as of April 2008). It has three other novellas written by Keith DeCandido. I have not read any of them yet, but I did find it recently in a used bookstore and will review it eventually.

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