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[...this isn't reality, this is a fantasy. Get in the closet!]

Since most of us (who read net.startrek) have seen the movie by now, and the discussion now is mostly "and another thing...", here are a couple of things that tripped my tricorder.

It should have been fairly easy to deal with a half-dozen Klingons beaming aboard. Some options are:

1. Flood the transporter room with sleepy gas.
2. Block the transporter room doors.
3. Be waiting with phasers set to stun.
4. Show them reruns of Gilligan's Island.

The point is, of course, that there should have been a much more compelling reason for blowing away the big E. The most obvious circumstance to me is that she had suffered much more severe damage in the preceding photon exchange. Such as, the warp engines had been blown off (ala Reliant), the main hull had been ruptured and was leaking badly, all weapons dead, etc. The proverbial mortal blow, as it were. This would have allowed even more spectacular pyrotechnics (consistent with the plot too), and created a situation wherein Enterprise could die heroically wiping out the Klingon crew and giving Kirk et al a chance to escape (once again cheating death).

And another thing. The playback of the log tapes to find out who Spock had coredumped on was totally unnecessary. The incident with McCoy in Spock's cabin where he spoke in Spock's voice as if he were Spock should have been plenty of setup. Kirk's reaction when Sarek explained the katra business should simply have been: " Bones! Of course, that explains it." Jim should have been a little more rapid on the uptake there.

STII is probably the only movie I've ever seen where I thought scantily clad women were out of place. :-)

Am I the only one who got the impression that the Star Fleet commander was giving Kirk unofficial permission to go for it? That's the impression I got. In effect: "Hey Jim, I can't give you permission to do that. The Enterprise is being decommissioned, she won't be doing anything for a while. You and your crew are on extended leave, you're off-duty. The Genesis thing is really bad news, I wish I didn't have to deal with it. " Or maybe Kirk had secret orders which we'll find out about in ST4. Maybe I was just inferring that idea because I had read all the spoilers here before I saw the movie.

Irregardless of the inevitable flaws, I thought it was at least as good as ST2. Maybe better because it had a more familiar "episodic" feel to it. I plan to see it again soon.

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[Never try to teach a pig to sing, it      [.UTEXAS, domain of the  
wastes your time and it annoys the pig.]      Mayan SUN worshippers]