

“...Fascinating.”

The admiral contemplated logic.

Logically: if your planet gets attacked by space pirates, you fought back. If it turned out the pirates' captured force field generators and engines could be brute-force duplicated by your technology, you went ahead and duplicated. If you don't have any space ships of your own, you cannibalized existing surface navies for hulls. All logical.

And the Americans had that old, beloved aircraft carrier. Perfect for a flagship. *Still*, thought the admiral, ***that*** many other fans? ...*Well. Time to hail the enemy fleet.*

“This is Admiral Shivaji, commander of the *USS Enterprise*. Surrender, or be destroyed...”

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