

## SPECULATIVE FICTION REVIEW by Stephanie Young

TITLE            Star Trek S.C.E. - *Fatal Error*  
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### Précis

The planet Eerlik is totally controlled by a giant computer Ganitriul located on its moon. Inexplicably, it has stopped functioning and that is causing major problems. The computer is able to send a request for help to the Federation and the S.C.E. ship the *DaVinci* responds.

They find that the computer failure is not an accident, but a cover for an insidious plot by a radical group, which the S.C.E. team must foil and repair the computer to restore normalcy to the small planet.

**Protagonist** - Bynar 110 and Ganitriul

**Antagonist** - Regar Undlar

**What I liked** - The twist regarding the whole rebel takeover was good and the development of the Bynar 110 who is solo now that his mate was killed in *Belly of the Beast*, the story preceding this one. The personality of the great computer is also well done.

**What I didn't like** - The only thing I can complain about is that Undlar seemed a little lame at times as a rebel but it's a nitpick at best.

**Final Comment** - This is a novella and one of four novellas in *Have Tech Will Travel* available in paperback. (Still on Amazon as of April 2008). The book includes *Belly of the Beast* and *Interphase Book 1* which I also reviewed.

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