Star Trek flies high

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Battlestar Galactica) and Douglas Trumbull (Close Encounters, 2001: A Space Odyssey) have turned to the Enterprise in a res- dent all-purpose troubleshooter whose precision and energy were subject to the same secrecy as the plot. This background strike doesn't show in the film itself. Although the titles look hastily designed, the effects are monstrous, but the Enterprise's tedious cruise through the alien thing points out a flaw: the effects hardly the end of the film, which, in passing, was pan- ned uniformly by most reviewers, but is still delighting audiences of impressive size. We all know which of these cunning con- tingents holds the more power, as does ABC-TV, which has purchased the TV rights, and NBC, which would surely like to know where Star Trek's en- tourage was ten years ago.

Despite the flash and flam- boyance, Star Trek hasn't changed appreciably where it counts: plotting and acting. The more purists of the Trekkies will be outraged that the changes were made at all, and the win will be elated simply because the gang's back together again. The more rational fan will find the film interest- ing and fun, and those who never understood all the fuss won't be enlightened. Use the ren as a guide; the film will af- ect you similarly; the new special effects haven't been taken into ac- count.

"Engineers love to change things," gripes McCoy. Outside, the Enterprise has new warp engines; inside, the bridge has been enlarged and redecorated. Klingons provide a major argu- ment for the purists; their spines now curve inexplicably over their heads. What nuclear disaster could have mutated the entire Klingon race in just two years? At least now they speak Klingonese instead of English.

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