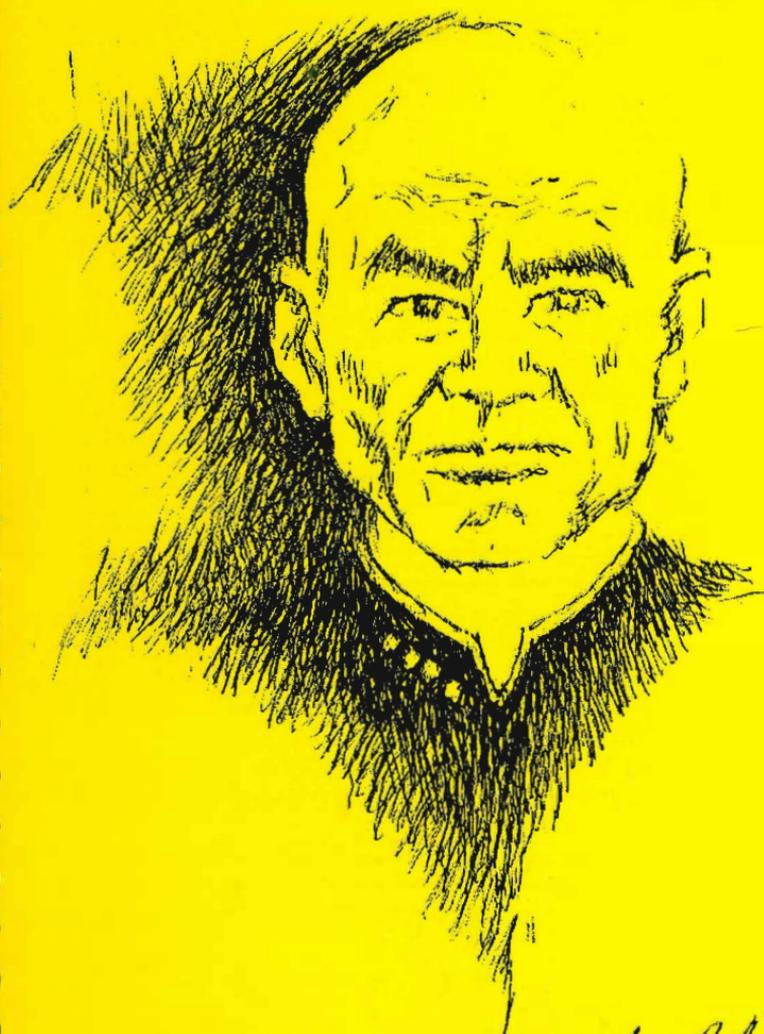


# THE WINDS OF LIMBO



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Poised, you stood upon your starry stage,  
 Isolate, calm, so sure of your control. Then  
 Came the Borg, and took you easily, their  
 Alien invasion ravishing your soul. When  
 Returned to your own people, you were weakened, badly shaken,  
 Doubting the worth of any strength that e'er could thus be taken.

—Brenda