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THE FIRST APPEARANCE

**ADAPTABLE
ALIEN**

VS

**ADVENTUROUS
ASTRONAUT**

**GARY
VAYNERCHUK**

**JIM
RUGG**

**BEN
PERKINS**

**CHRIS
FASON**

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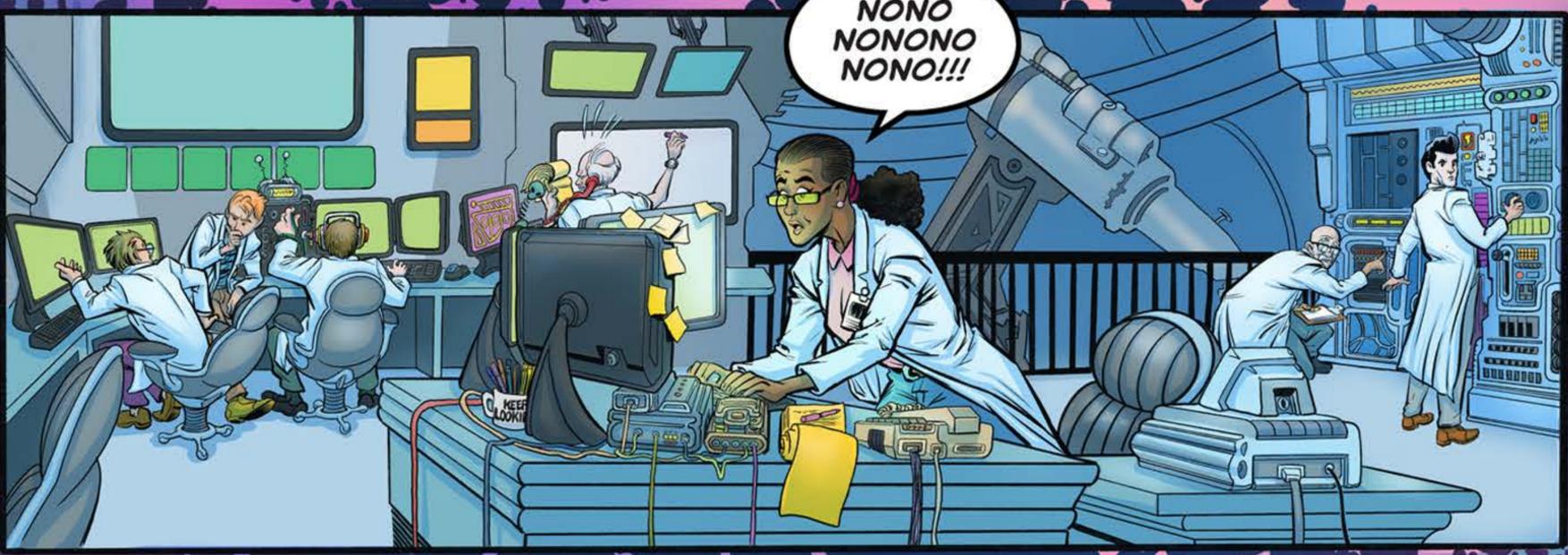


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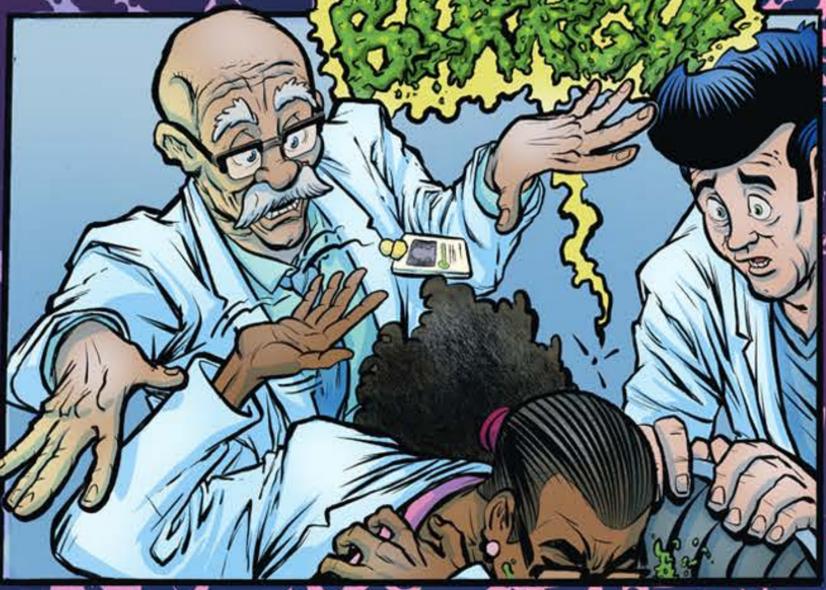
#*% ME!



NONO NONONO NONO!!!



CYNTHIA!
CYNTHIA, WHAT'S GOING --

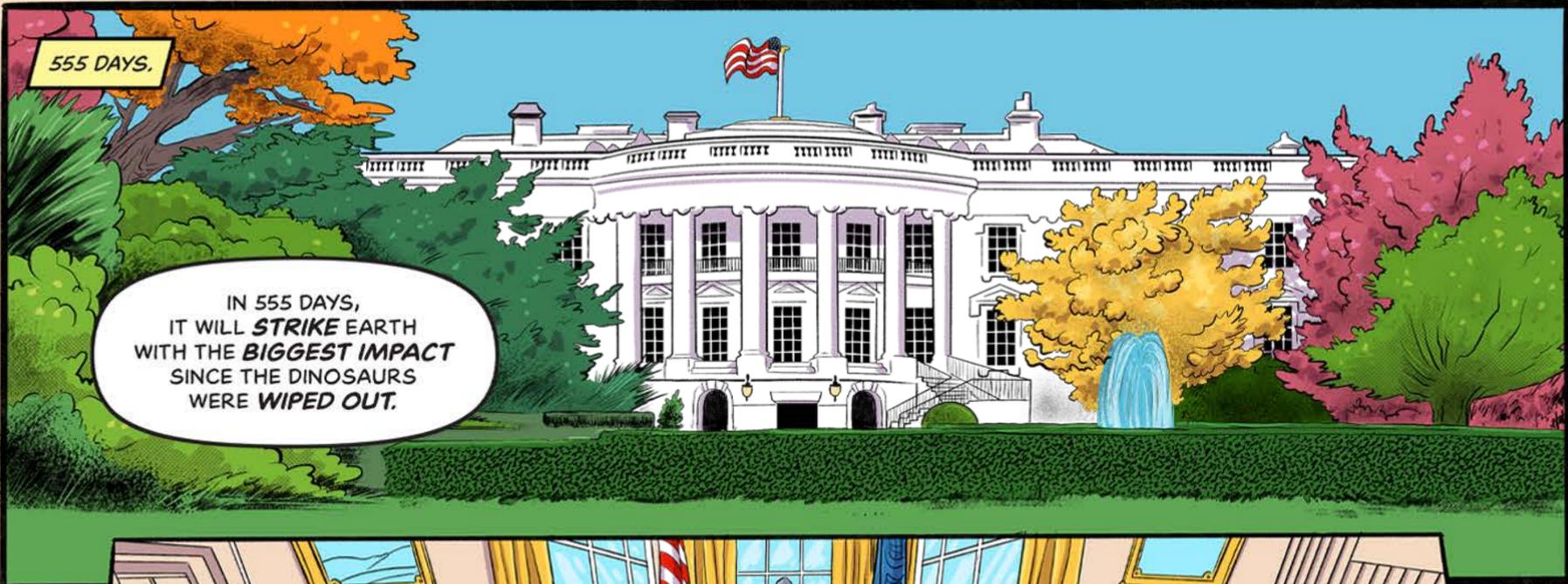


DR. OLMEIER!
DR. OLMEIER!!



555 DAYS.

IN 555 DAYS, IT WILL **STRIKE** EARTH WITH THE **BIGGEST** IMPACT SINCE THE DINOSAURS WERE WIPED OUT.



HOW LONG BEFORE THE PUBLIC FINDS OUT?



EARTH OBSERVATORIES WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THIS WITHIN 4-6 WEEKS...
...DEPENDING ON SUN ACTIVITY.



WHO ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS?



MY COLLEAGUES DR. EUGENE THOMAS AND JEREMY VAUGHN.



AMERICA AND I THANK YOU, DR. STEWART AND DR. OLMEIER.

MARY WILL DEBRIEF YOU NOW.



HOW LONG CAN WE KEEP THIS QUIET?

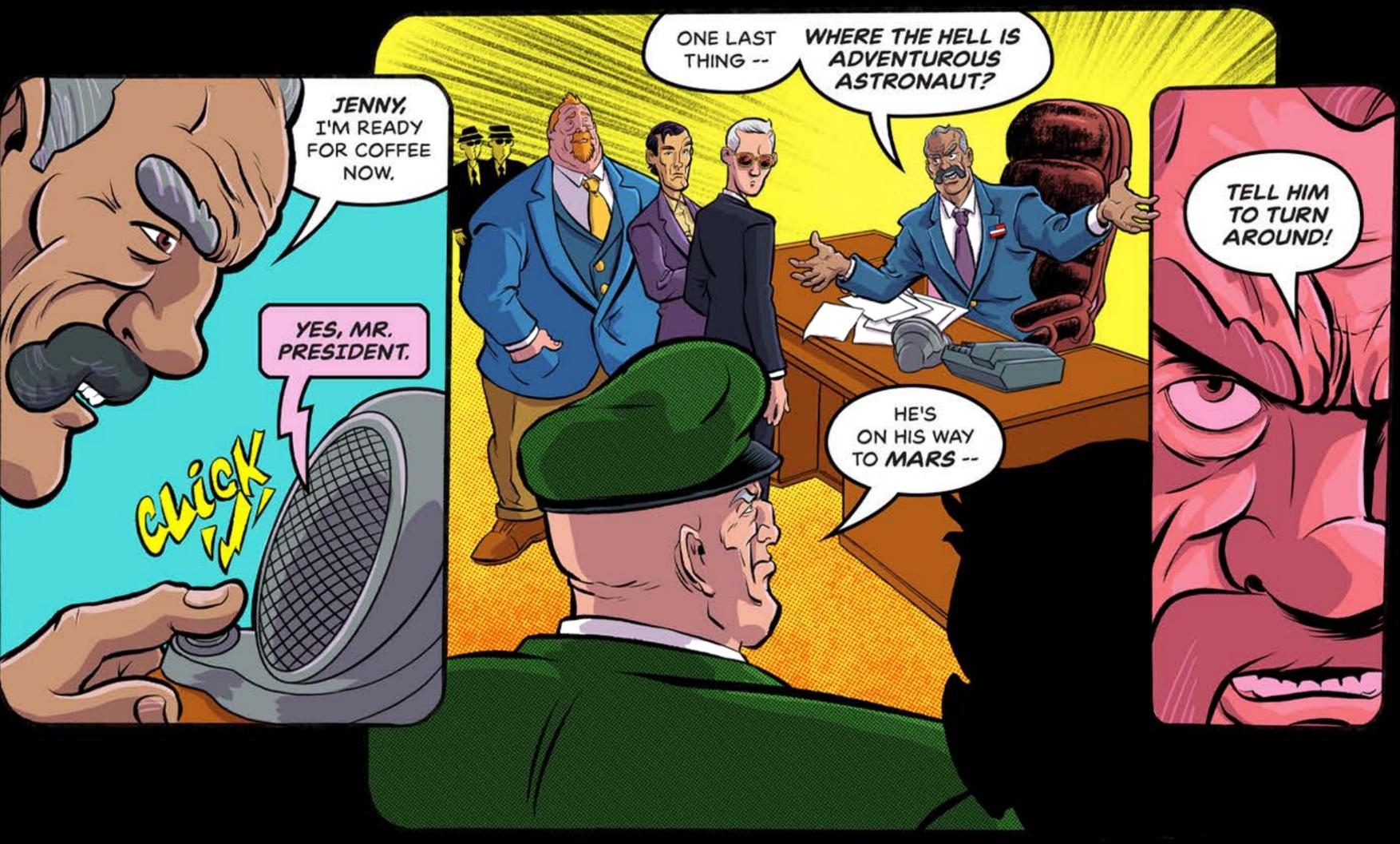


SIX MONTHS, MAYBE EIGHT.

ONCE IT BECOMES VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE, THERE WILL BE **BLOWBACK. UNREST.**



WHATEVER YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING THAT BLACK BUDGET ON -- I WANT OPTIONS TO STOP THIS THING. **YESTERDAY.**



JENNY, I'M READY FOR COFFEE NOW.

YES, MR. PRESIDENT.

click

ONE LAST THING --

WHERE THE HELL IS ADVENTUROUS ASTRONAUT?

HE'S ON HIS WAY TO MARS --

TELL HIM TO TURN AROUND!

554 DAYS.

DULCE

DULCE,
NEW MEXICO.

300 FEET
BELOW
GROUND.

ADAPTABLE
ALIEN?



IN 554 DAYS, THIS OBJECT WILL **STRIKE** EARTH AT A SPEED OF 209,000 KILOMETERS PER HOUR.

TWEEDLE DEE AND TWEEDLE DUM, TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS **PLEASURE?**

HILARIOUS AS ALWAYS. WE HAVE A **PROBLEM.**

WHAT'S THE **PROBLEM?**

THE END OF THE WORLD IS THE **%*@%ING** PROBLEM.

HOW DO WE **STOP** THIS?

CATACLYSMIC CHANGE IS HOW **LIFE** BEGAN IN THE UNIVERSE. REMEMBER **THE BIG BANG?**

THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE **CHICXULUB IMPACT***. WITHOUT IT THERE'D BE NO HUMANS.

**THE ASTEROID IMPACT THAT KILLED THE DINOSAURS.*

HOW DO WE **STOP** THIS?

YOU CAN'T **STOP** IT.

BUT HUMANITY CAN **ADAPT** AND **SURVIVE.**

THAT'S WHAT I DO.

513 DAYS.

MAUNA KEA
OBSERVATORY,
HAWAII.

HEY, ALIKA,
I THINK I FOUND
SOMETHING...

MY CALCULATIONS
SAY EARTH IMPACT
IN 513 DAYS.

DOUBLE
CHECK
MY DATA.

I CAN'T GO ON THE *RECORD*
BUT SOMETHING *BIG* IS ABOUT
TO *CRASH ON EARTH* AND
I THINK YOUR *LISTENERS*
DESERVE TO KNOW.

510 DAYS.

VERA RUBIN
OBSERVATORY
IN CHILE.

DR. MATIAS,
DID YOU SEE
THIS?

DO NOT
IMPLICATE
ME...

...BUT THE
PEOPLE
NEED TO
KNOW.



502 DAYS.



THEY FOUND US!

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337K views 2 days ago

A WHISTLEBLOWER FROM THE US AIR FORCE GAVE ME THESE PHOTOS.

9,555 Comments

THIS IS IT PEOPLE!



THEY KNEW!!

AN ASTRONOMER FROM THE VERA RUBIN OBSERVATORY IN CHILE REPORTED...

75K views

...AN INTERSTELLAR OBJECT IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM THAT COULD IMPACT EARTH --

971k subscribers



THESE ALIENS ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS!

THEY'RE COMING

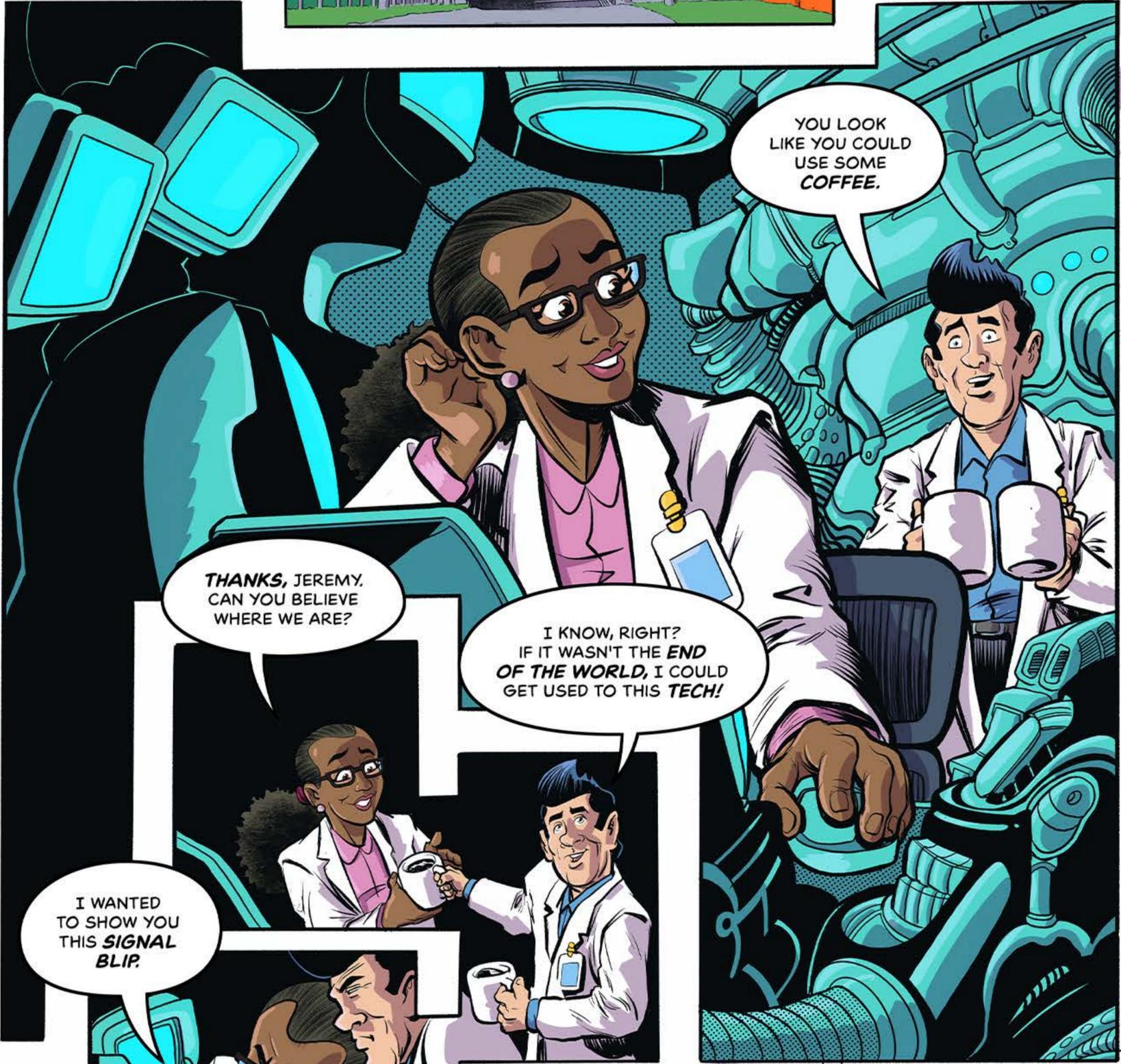
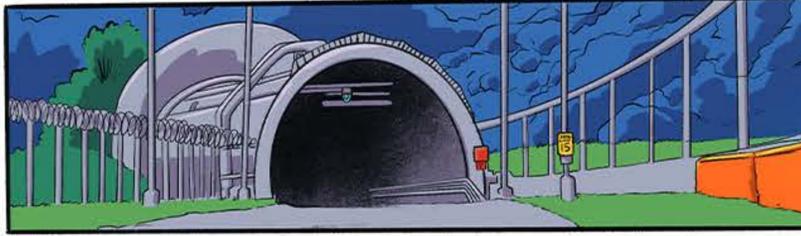
IS AN INTERSTELLAR OBJECT HEADED TOWARDS EARTH?



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495 DAYS.

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN.
NORAD.



YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME COFFEE.

THANKS, JEREMY. CAN YOU BELIEVE WHERE WE ARE?

I KNOW, RIGHT? IF IT WASN'T THE END OF THE WORLD, I COULD GET USED TO THIS TECH!

I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THIS SIGNAL BLIP.

HMMM. COULD BE NORMAL RADIATION VARIANCE...

CYNTH! YOU'RE A GENIUS! THERE'S A SIGNAL BETWEEN THE OBJECT AND EARTH.

SEND IT THROUGH A.I.N. SEE IF IT CLEANS UP...

CAN WE LOCATE THE SOURCE?!



488 DAYS.

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP



DULCE...

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP



...DULCE?
DR. OLMEIER...

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP



DR. OLMEIER?
WHAT TIME IS IT?



DULCE?

WE HAVE
A BASE
THERE?

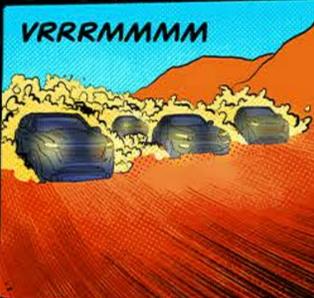
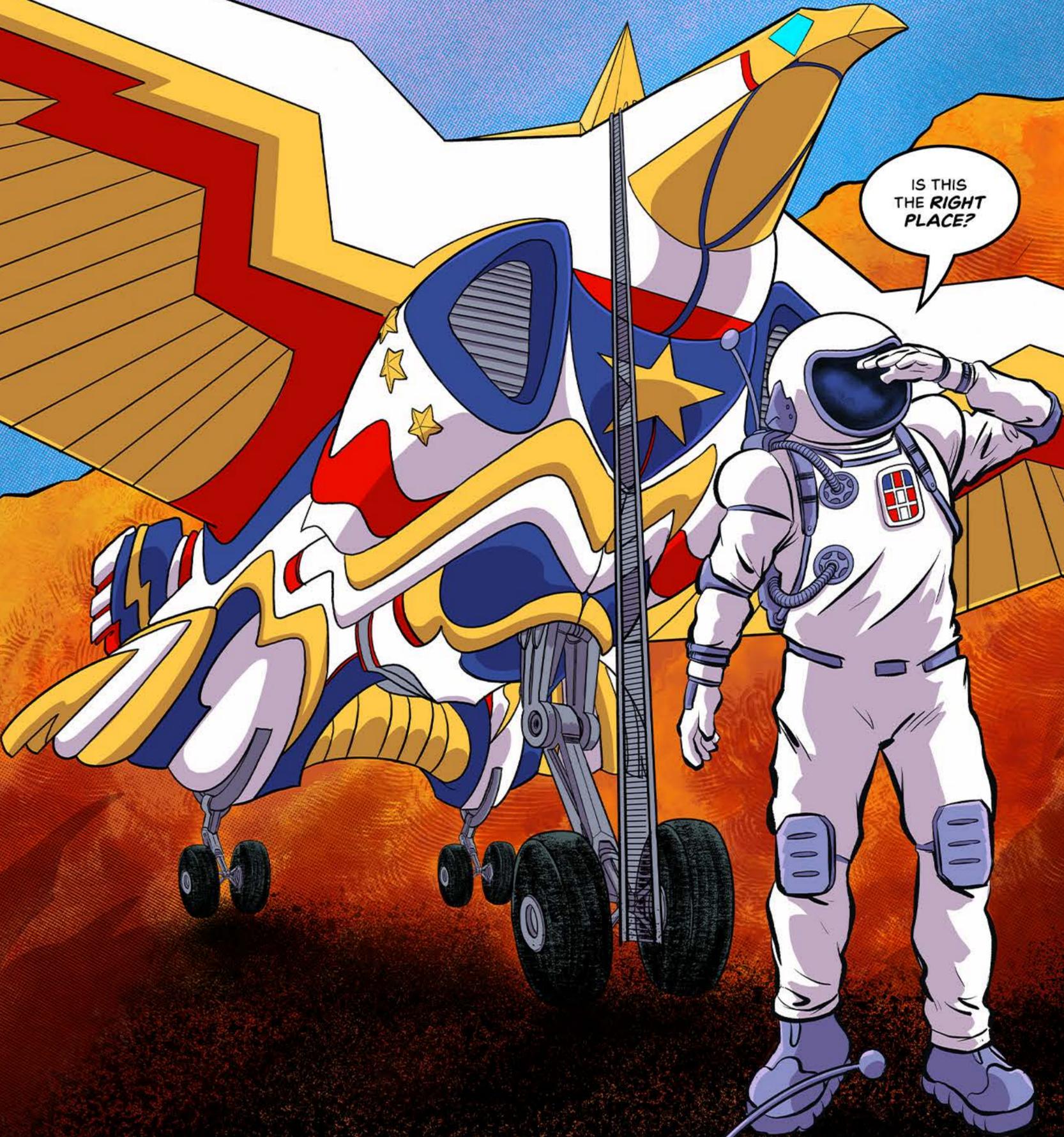
ADVENTUROUS
ASTRONAUT'S
SUPPOSED
TO RETURN
TODAY --



-- SEND HIM STRAIGHT TO DULCE!

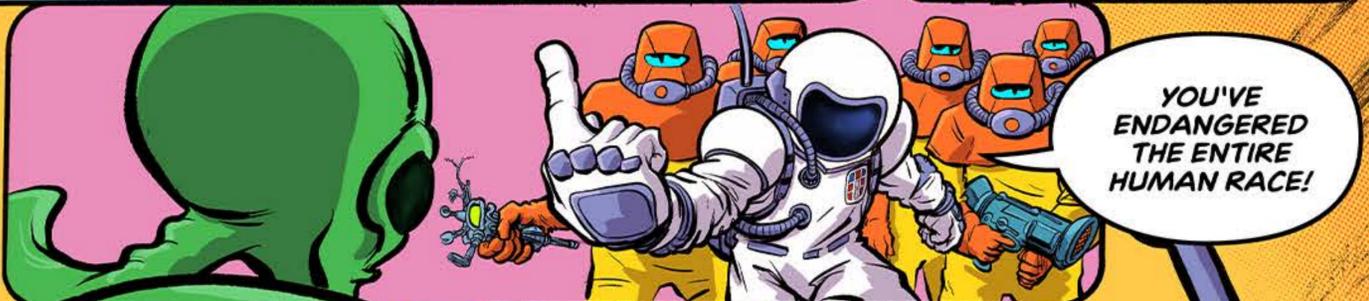
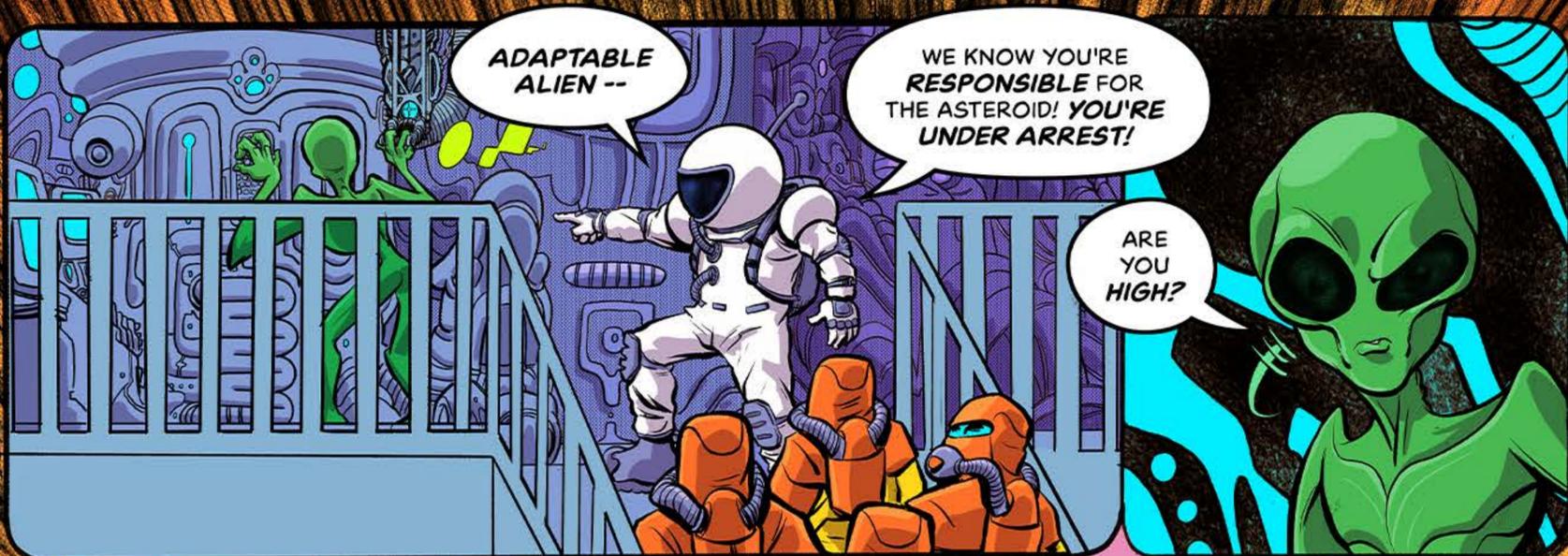


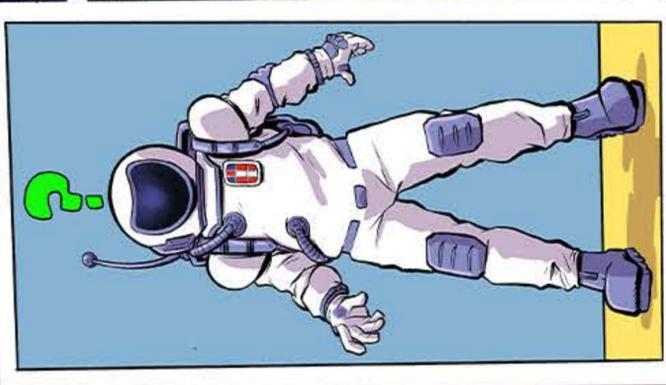
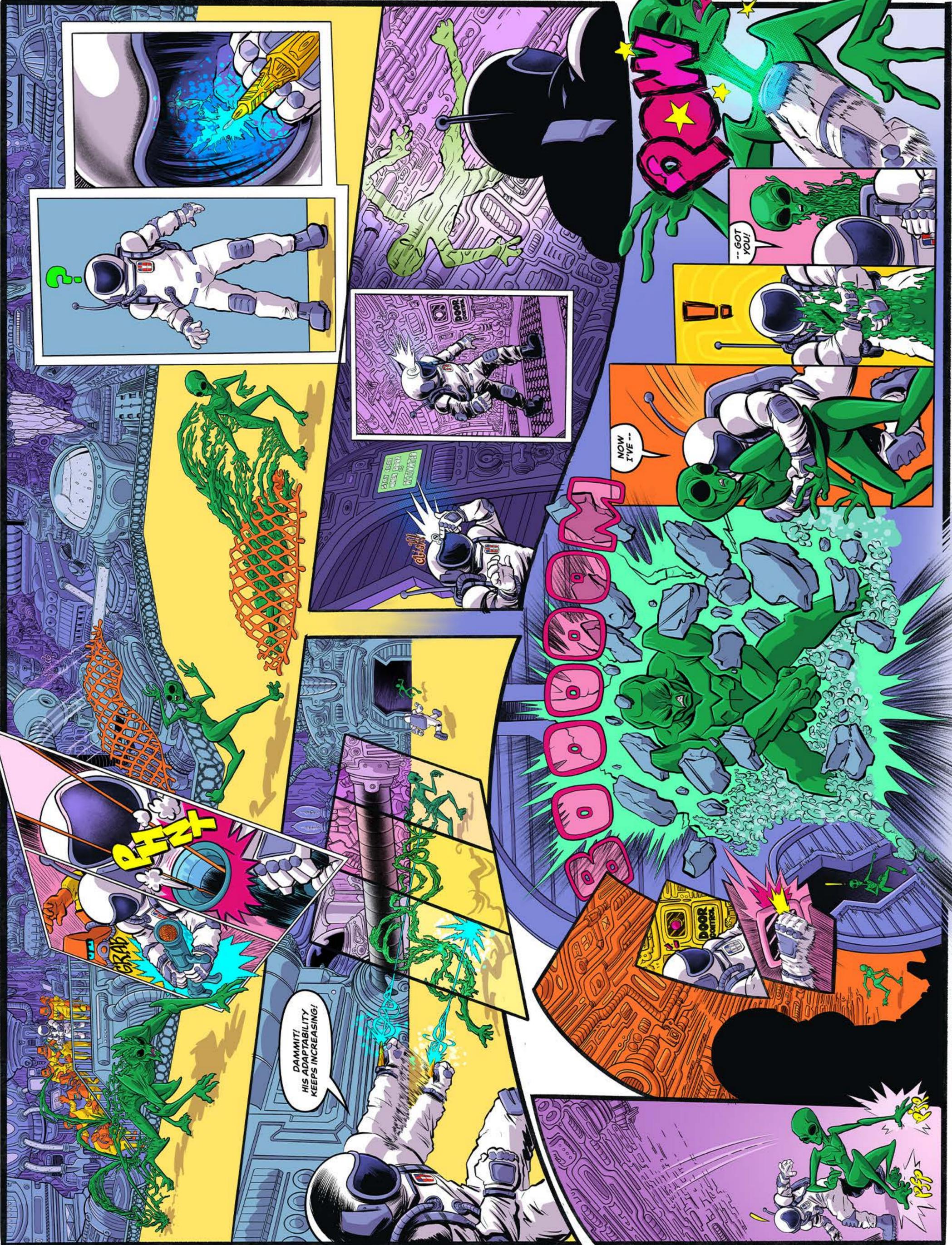
IS THIS THE RIGHT PLACE?



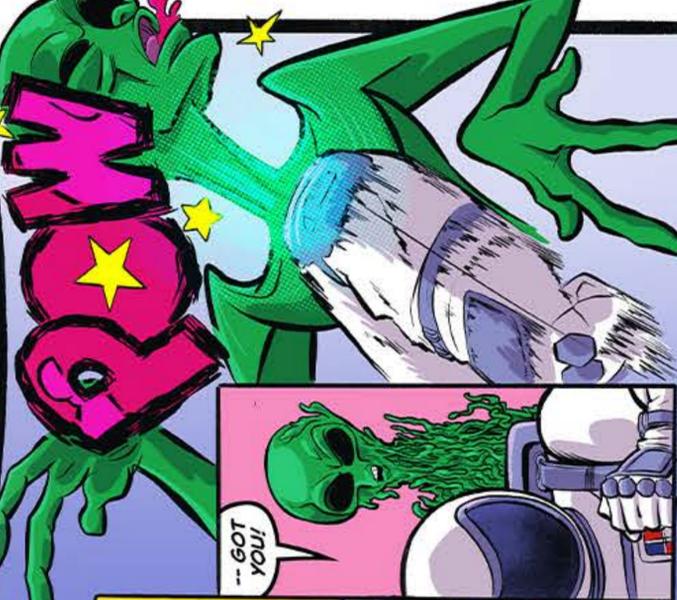
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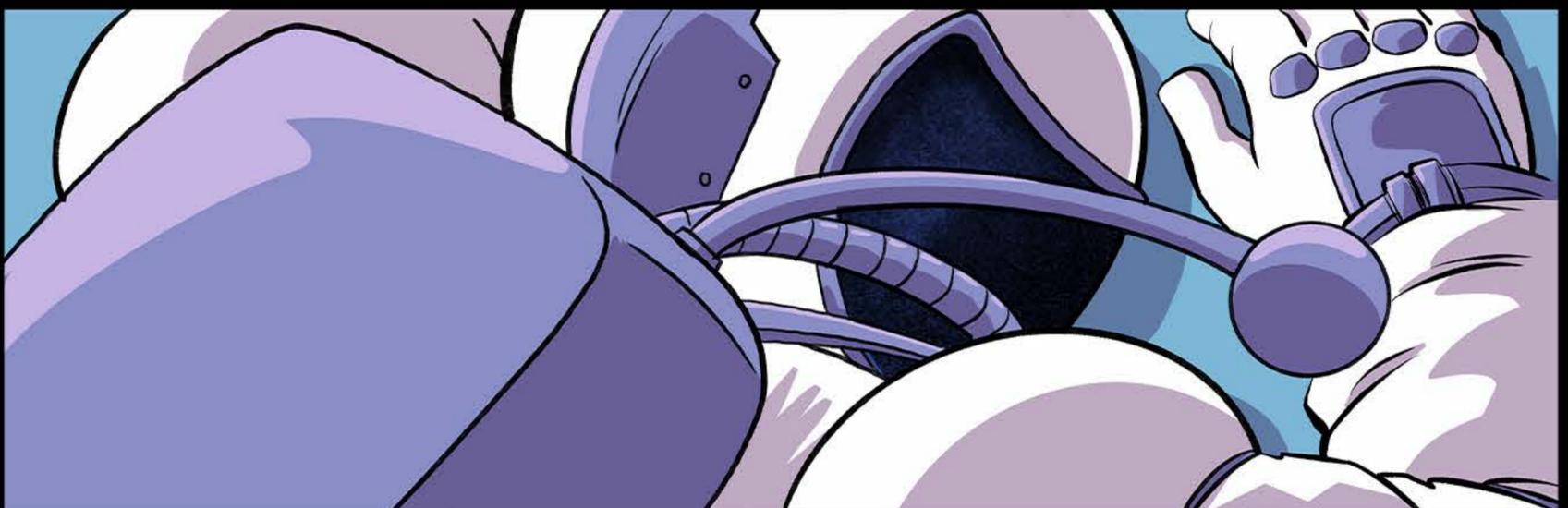
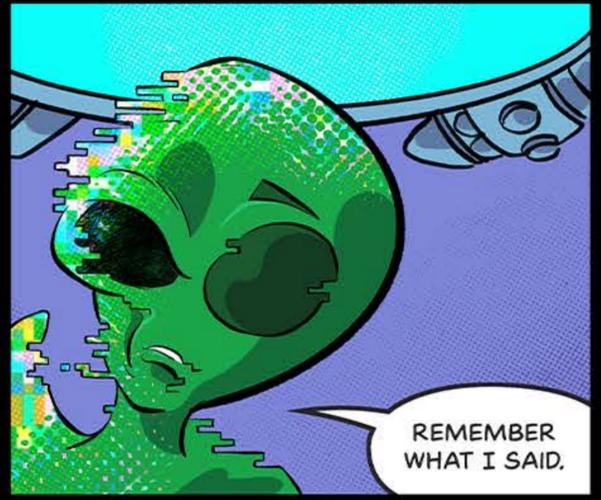
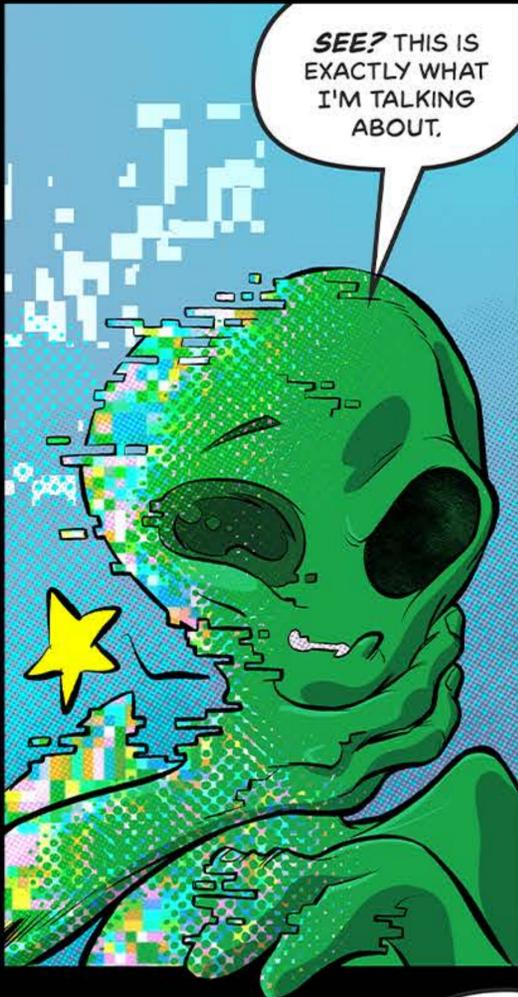


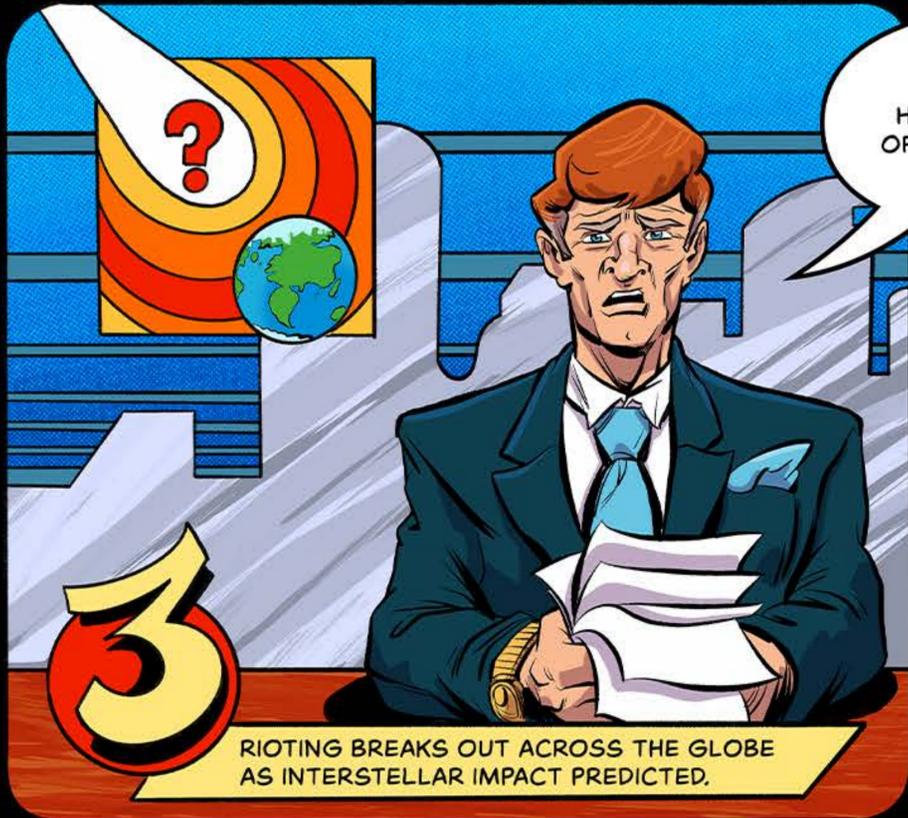




DAMMIT!
HIS ADAPTABILITY
KEEPS INCREASING!



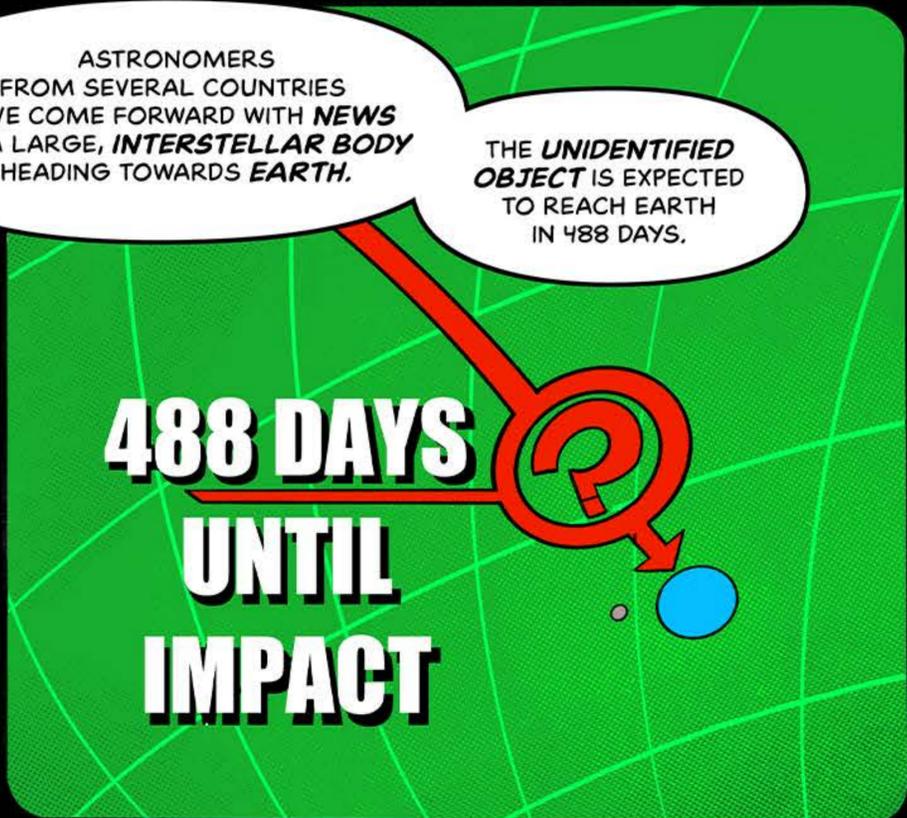




ASTRONOMERS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE COME FORWARD WITH **NEWS** OF A LARGE, **INTERSTELLAR BODY** HEADING TOWARDS **EARTH**.

THE **UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT** IS EXPECTED TO REACH EARTH IN **488 DAYS**.

RIOTING BREAKS OUT ACROSS THE GLOBE AS **INTERSTELLAR IMPACT** PREDICTED.



488 DAYS
UNTIL
IMPACT



THE **PUBLIC RESPONSE** HAS BEEN ONE OF **PANIC** AS GOVERNMENTS ATTEMPT TO ALLAY **FEARS**.



THE **WHITE HOUSE**
PRESS SECRETARY

THE **PRESIDENT** HAS COORDINATED A MULTI-NATIONAL EFFORT TO ADDRESS THIS **EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREAT**.



WE ARE NOT **DINOSAURS**. WE ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL **SOLVE** THIS PROBLEM **TOGETHER**.

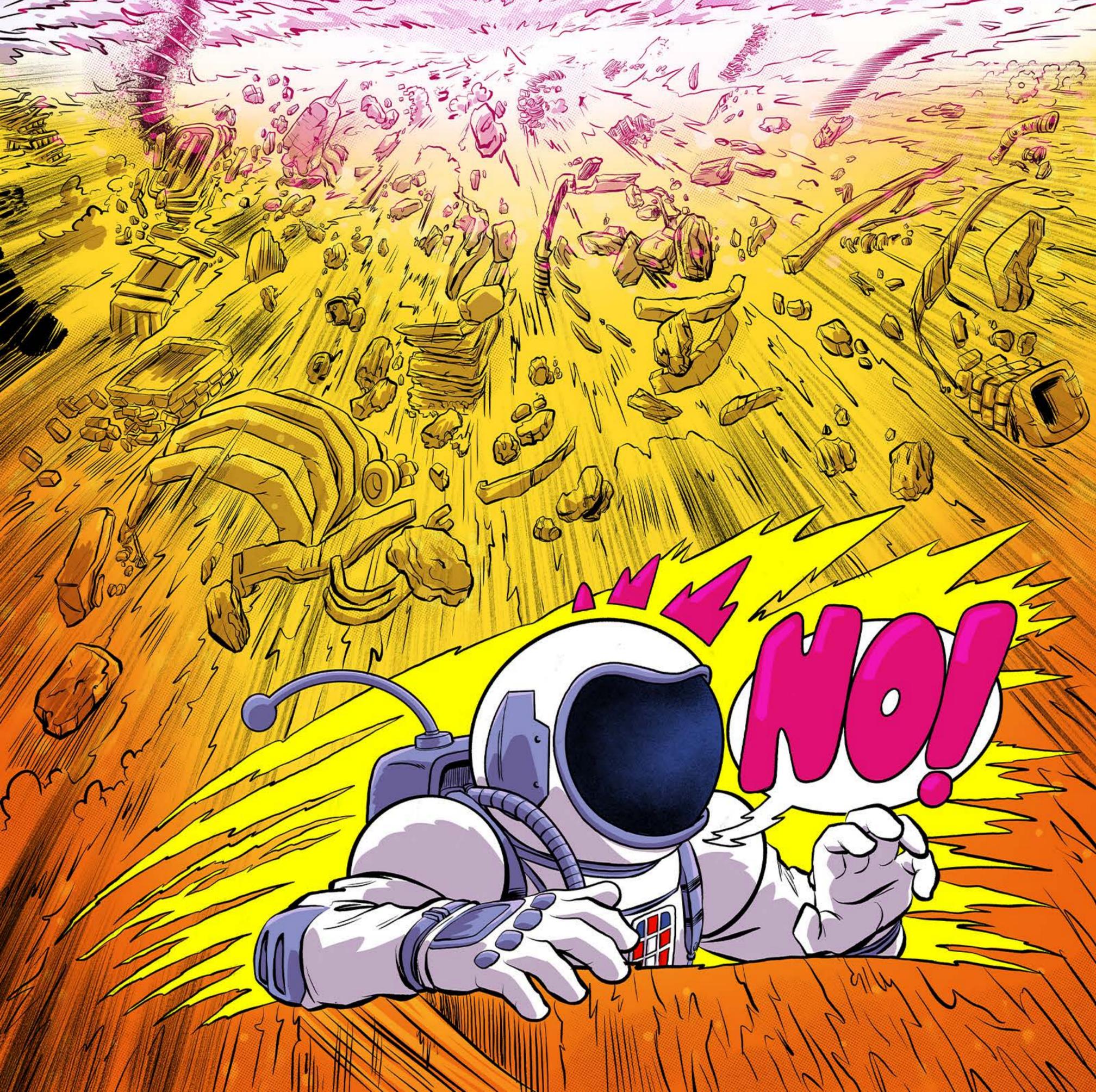


WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THIS STORY AS IT DEVELOPS.

THE **DOW JONES** HAS DROPPED 15 POINTS SINCE THIS STORY BROKE TODAY...



BA-BOOM!



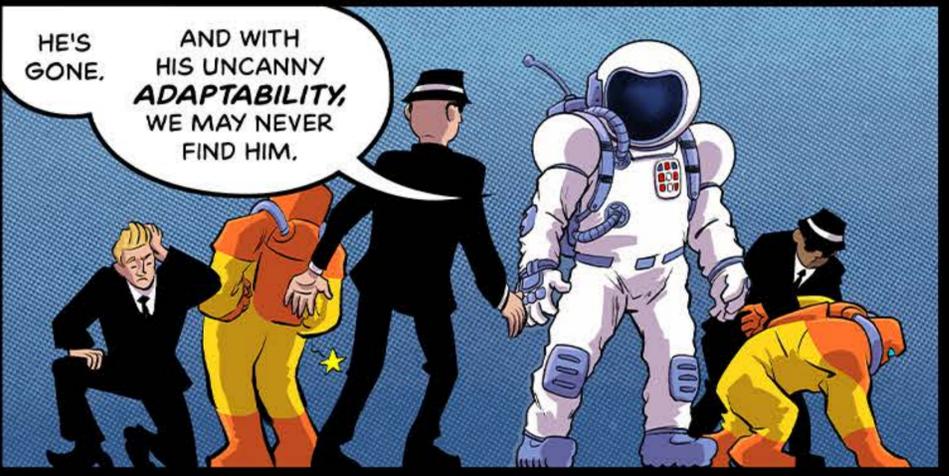
NO!



LET'S GO, MEN. WAKE UP.



WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S ALIEN?



HE'S GONE. AND WITH HIS UNCANNY ADAPTABILITY, WE MAY NEVER FIND HIM.



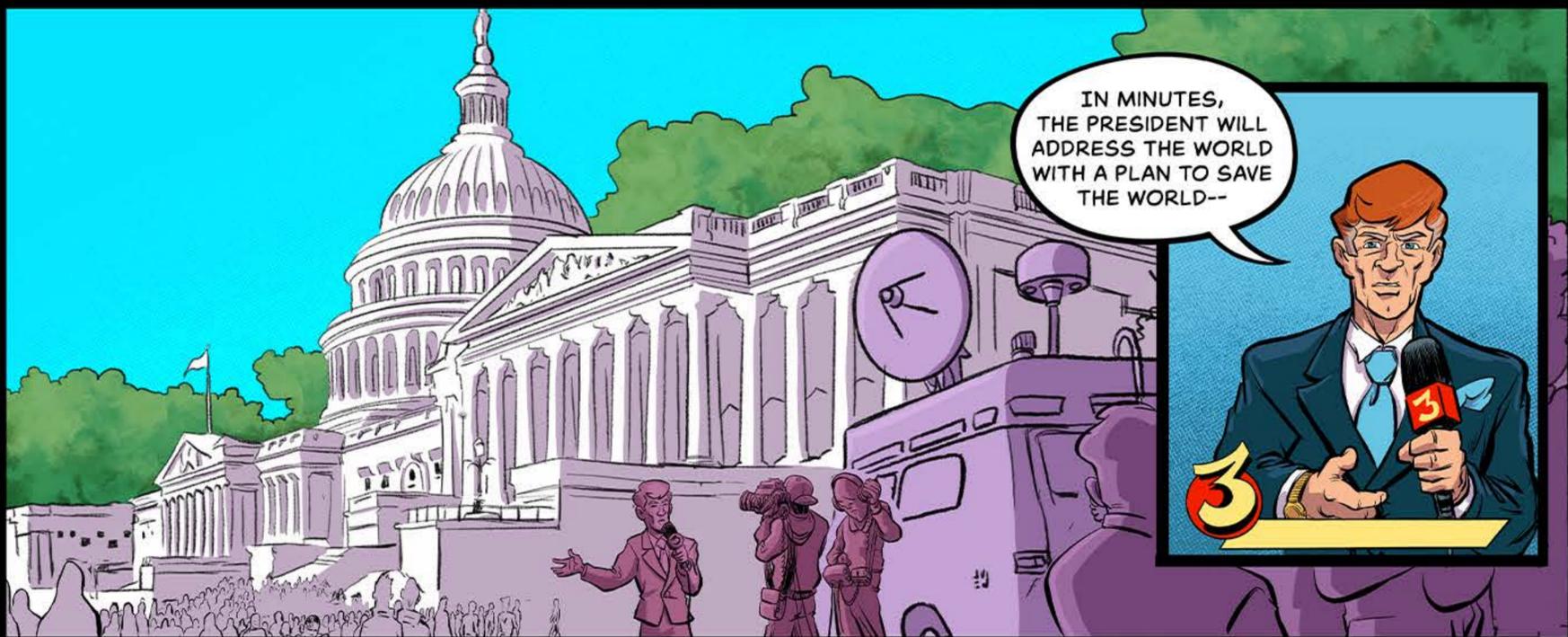
THAT'S IT, THEN? IT'S OVER!



I NEED TO CALL MY CHILDREN! MY WIFE! SOB!



DON'T GIVE UP! WE'RE STILL ALIVE! AND I HAVE A PLAN!



IN MINUTES, THE PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS THE WORLD WITH A PLAN TO SAVE THE WORLD--



PEOPLE OF EARTH--



TODAY WE FACE THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IN MANKIND'S HISTORY.



TOGETHER, WE WILL OVERCOME THIS THREAT.

TOGETHER, WE WILL SURVIVE.



RIGHT NOW, THE BEST MINDS ON THE PLANET ARE BUILDING A SPACESHIP TO GO MEET THIS OBJECT.



THE REASON I KNOW WE WILL SUCCEED--

IS BECAUSE THE PILOT OF THAT SHIP IS ADVENTUROUS ASTRONAUT!



YAY!

WE'RE SAVED!

ASTRONAUT!
ASTRONAUT!
ASTRONAUT!

YAY!

344 DAYS.

ANY
LAST WORDS,
ADVENTUROUS
ASTRONAUT?

DON'T CANCEL
YOUR GYM
MEMBERSHIPS!

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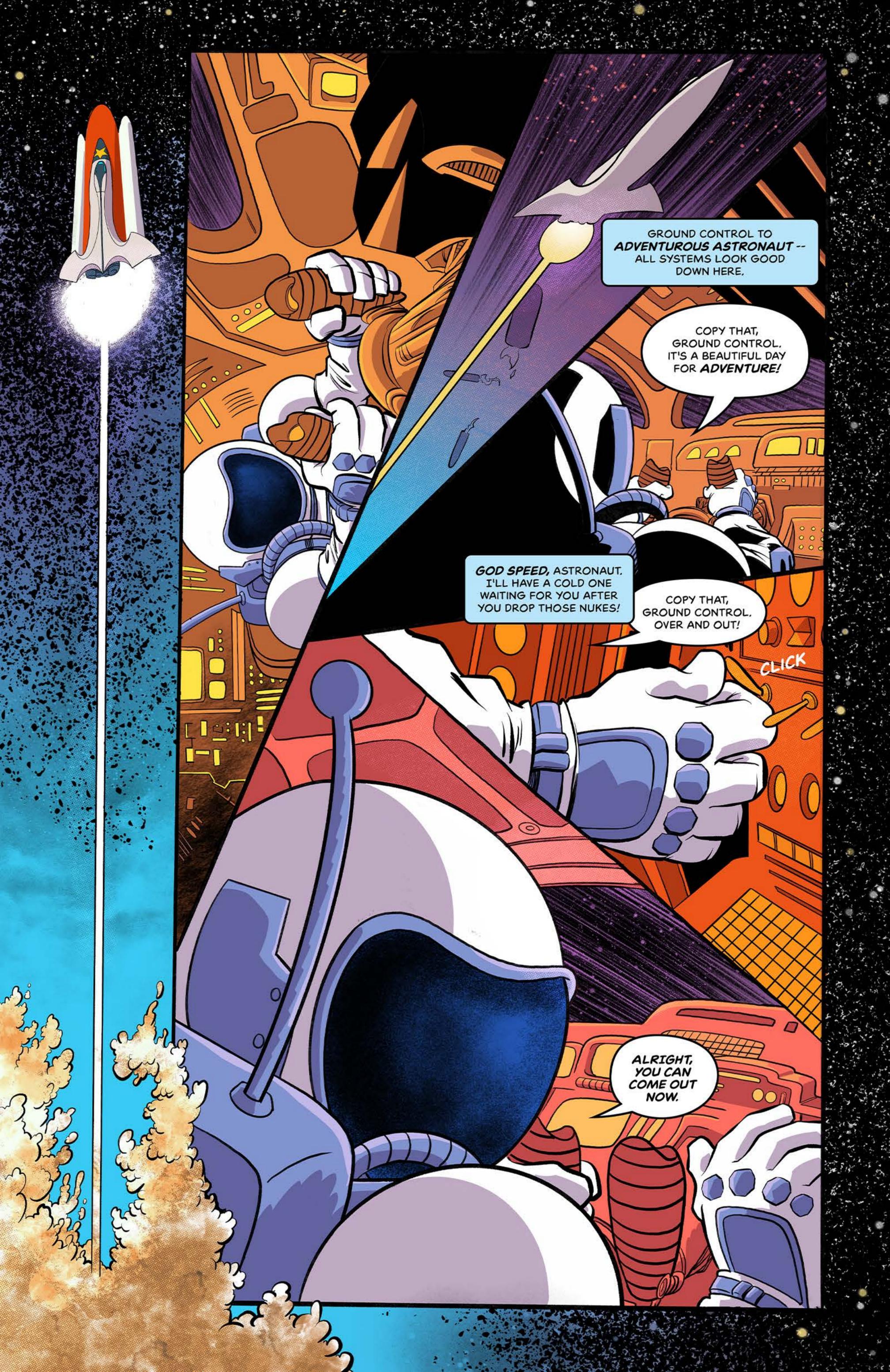
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BLAST OFF!





GROUND CONTROL TO
ADVENTUROUS ASTRONAUT --
ALL SYSTEMS LOOK GOOD
DOWN HERE.

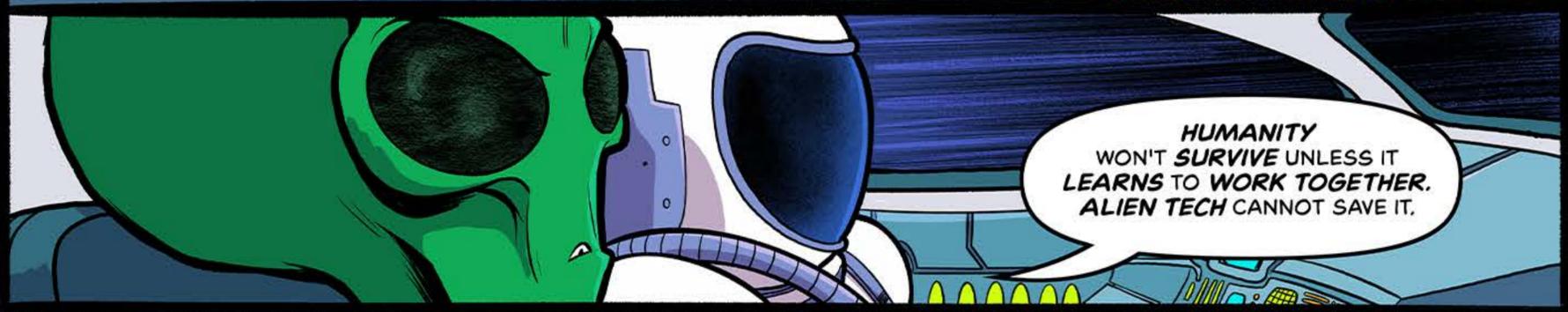
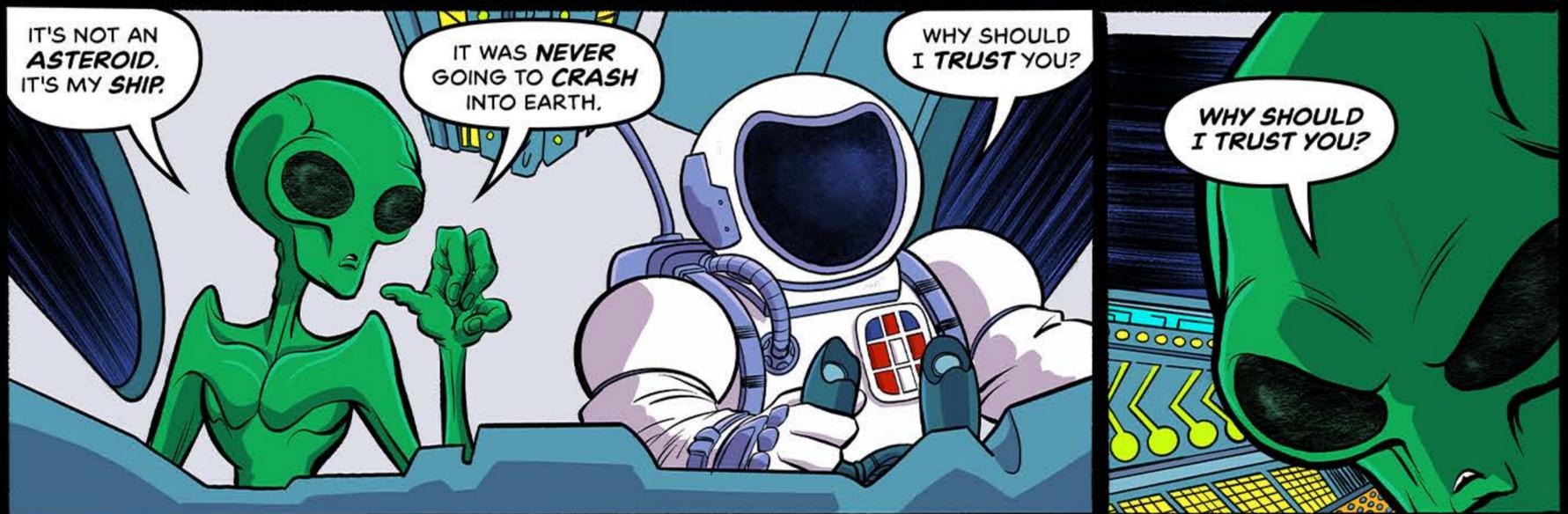
COPY THAT,
GROUND CONTROL.
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY
FOR **ADVENTURE!**

GOD SPEED, ASTRONAUT.
I'LL HAVE A COLD ONE
WAITING FOR YOU AFTER
YOU DROP THOSE NUKES!

COPY THAT,
GROUND CONTROL.
OVER AND OUT!

CLICK

ALRIGHT,
YOU CAN
COME OUT
NOW.



BUILDING CHARACTERS

ADVENTUROUS ASTRONAUT & ADAPTABLE ALIEN

ANSWERING THE CALL!

In the greatest stories of mankind, many heroes first reject the “Call to Adventure”, but never our Adventurous Astronaut! As you see in this issue, he flies right into the face of any challenge. And he’s the friend who will answer the call to adventure, even if he’s light years away.

But where did he come from? Who’s in that suit? What made him so brave and courageous? Why does humanity seem to have such faith in him? I guess those are answers that wait for future stories.

More often than not, being too adventurous can make you careless. When you constantly throw caution to the wind, you wind up with even bigger problems. And when those big problems arise, you have to be **ADAPTABLE**.

Adaptable Alien knows a thing or two about overcoming challenges. In this issue they elude that they’ve survived a cataclysm like the one that destroyed the dinosaurs. Maybe Alien has been here that long!?! We’ll have to wait and see.

Is Alien a threat? Or challenging humans to work together, adapt and survive? And beyond that... the two will have to learn to trust each other along the way.



Adventurous Astronaut
Original Drawing by
Gary Vaynerchuk
(Series 1 NFT)

Adventurous Astronaut
Series 1 Trading Card

Adventurous Astronaut
Series 2 TCG Core Card
(Trading Card Game)

Adventurous Astronaut
Manga Super Sticker



Adaptable Alien
Original Drawing by
Gary Vaynerchuk
(Series 1 NFT)

Adaptable Alien
Series 1 Trading Card

Adaptable Alien
Series 2 TCG Core Card
(Trading Card Game)

Adaptable Alien
Character Sticker

THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP... TO MANY FIRSTS

This issue was cooked up at our August 2025 story summit with VeeFriends creator, Gary Vaynerchuk. We wanted to explore the fear and curiosity people have when it comes to UFOs or interstellar objects. Around that time, the “3iAtlas” object was just making its way into conspiracy fandom. How could we spin a tale that would latch onto those feelings, and make people think a little deeper?

Gary’s direction was clear, he wanted this story to feel like an epic action adventure movie in the Sci-Fi genre. But underneath that “surface” we always are challenged to go deeper. And so you’ll see the layers in this story too. Underneath the hood, it’s really about working together. Are we strong enough to be adaptable?

It was the first summit we invited an outsider in to take part with us, that outsider was Mr. Jim Rugg. Gary said he wanted someone we trusted like family, and for me, that human was Jim. Jim is an Eisner and Ignatz award winner, (kinda like the Oscars and Emmys for comics) and I’ve known him personally for over 30 years.

Speaking of adventure and adaptability, little did Jim know that coming to that summit would change the course of his career as he joined the comics team fulltime shortly after. This was the first issue that dropped on his plate to write, edit and project manage. It was also the first time that Jim has written for another artist to draw. It won’t be the last! He’s already written issue 12, 13 and more. So, buckle up, you’re in really good hands!

And hey, we know this VeeFriends flagship title leaves a lot of open ends, and you’re dying to know more about the other characters or cliffhangers. We’ll get there. The way these stories are made is to introduce you to the setup, we set the course and then the stories will continue in other comic series or **BEYOND**.
The sky is not the limit.

D.J. Coffman, Creative Director (February 2026)

What did you think of this issue? Send Gary and the creative team your review at comics@veefriends.com.

GET TO KNOW...

ARTIST BEN PERKINS



5 QUESTIONS

1. What motivated you to want to draw or make comic books?

I've always drawn since I was very little and that interest in our development group, and I started to grow in love for animation and comics up, and I wasn't until middle school that I really wanted to see if I could create stories that I was falling in love with.

2. Do you have a favorite comic book or character of all time? And tell us why!

I think when I was younger, it was probably like Spawn, Maxx, Savage Dragon, Spider-Man, and Batman were my top guys, but over the years I kind of started following creators and cartoonists rather than the characters.

3. What's your biggest tip for someone learning to write or draw their own stories?

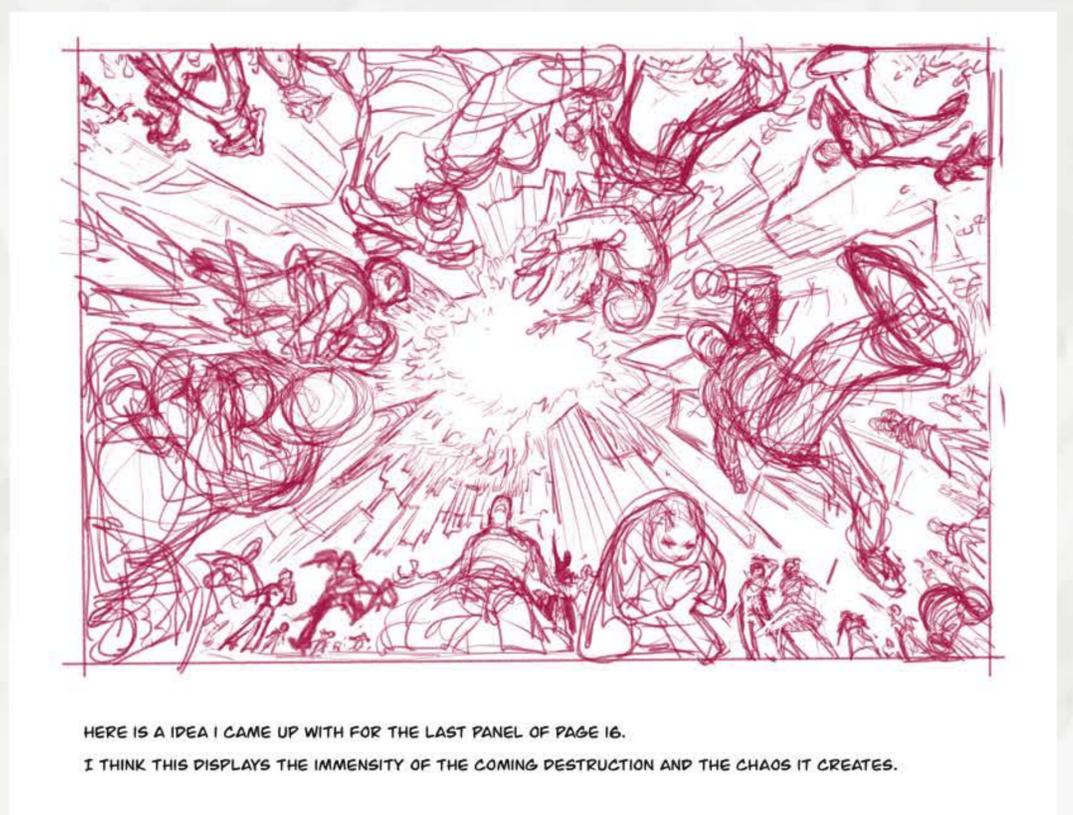
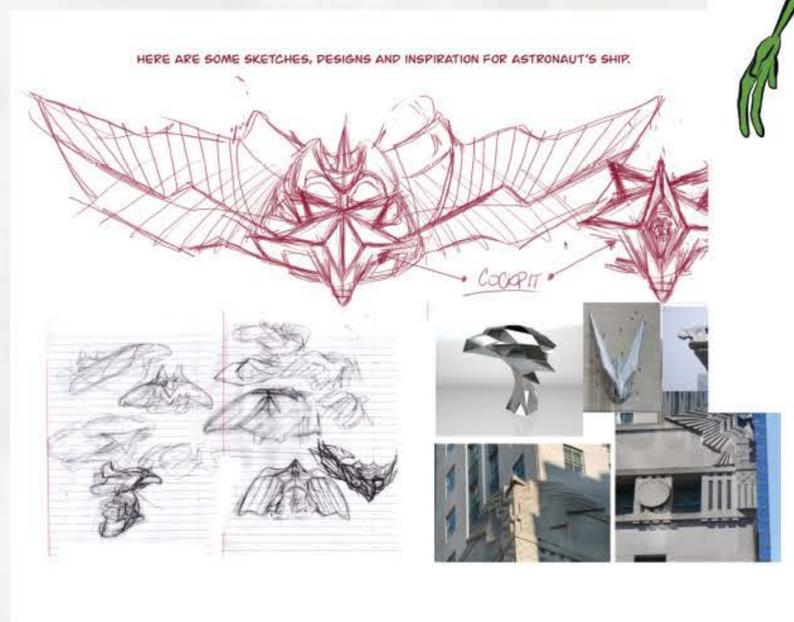
Just do it. Don't be afraid. Don't think you can't. Don't worry about not having a skills just practice practice practice and do it.

4. Your work is so crazy detailed! How long did it take to draw that big double page fight scene?

Depends on the complexity. I really try to keep my pages down to two days at most.

5. How can people see more of your work and support you?

I'm on Facebook at Ben Perkins I'm on Instagram at @Brattyben, which is also my name on deviantART as well where you can view more of my work. Thank you! I hope everyone enjoyed the issue. Please let us know what you think!



HERE IS A IDEA I CAME UP WITH FOR THE LAST PANEL OF PAGE 16.
I THINK THIS DISPLAYS THE IMMENSITY OF THE COMING DESTRUCTION AND THE CHAOS IT CREATES.

READ MORE COMICS!

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FUTURE ISSUE**



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