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"THIS IS THE
STORY OF
OUR MOTHER.



"IT STARTED WHEN
WE LEFT HOME TO
MOVE TO SPACE.



"WE HAD TO PACK UP
EVERYTHING IN OUR
HOUSE AND GIVE MOST
OF IT AWAY. WE DIDN'T
HAVE MUCH ANYHOW.

"THEN WE ALL MOVED INTO
THE BIG SPACESHIP AND
GOT READY TO LEAVE."



"THE TRUTH IS I
BARELY REMEMBER
EARTH NOW. ALL I
REMEMBER IS THE
SHIP AND OUR
LIFE THERE."

WAKE UP,
MOMMY!!

ZUNGHE
LIL? WHAT
TIME IS
IT?

IT IS
0600
HOURS.
OFFICER
WU.

THANK
YOU, VAL.
I WAS ASKING
LIL THOUGH.

MY
APOLOGIES.

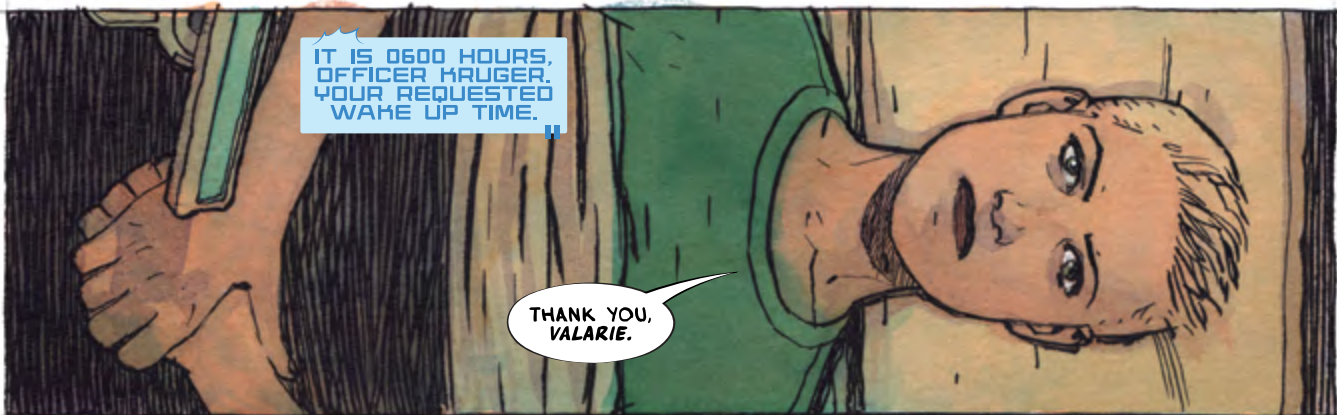
NO WORRIES. LIL,
THAT'S TOO EARLY. EVEN
FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY. AND
DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING
TO GET YOUR PRESENT
NOW JUST BECAUSE
YOU WOKE ME UP
SO EARLY.

I
KNOW.
I CAN
WAIT.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
LILLY. I LOVE
YOU.

LOVE
YOU TOO,
MOMMY.

USS MONTGOMERY



IT IS 0600 HOURS,
OFFICER KRAUGER.
YOUR REQUESTED
WAKE UP TIME.

THANK YOU,
VALARIE.



ISAAC.
IT'S
TIME.

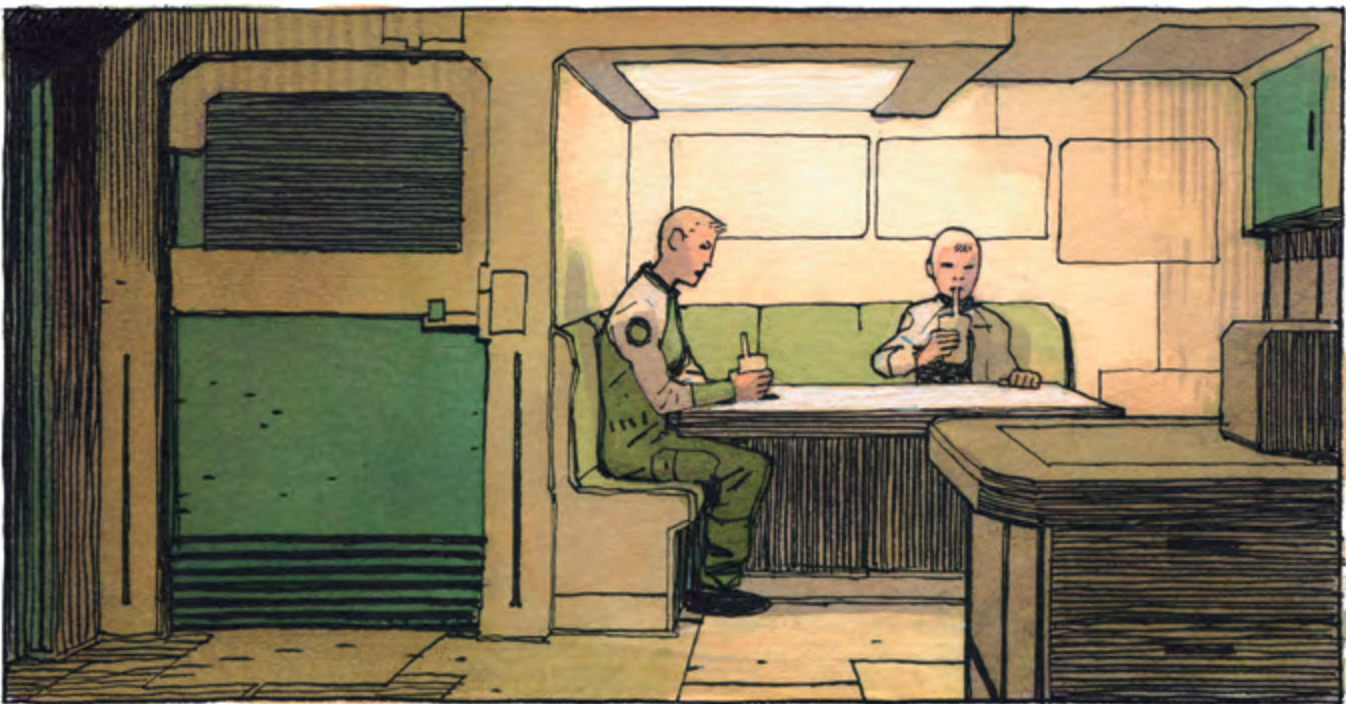


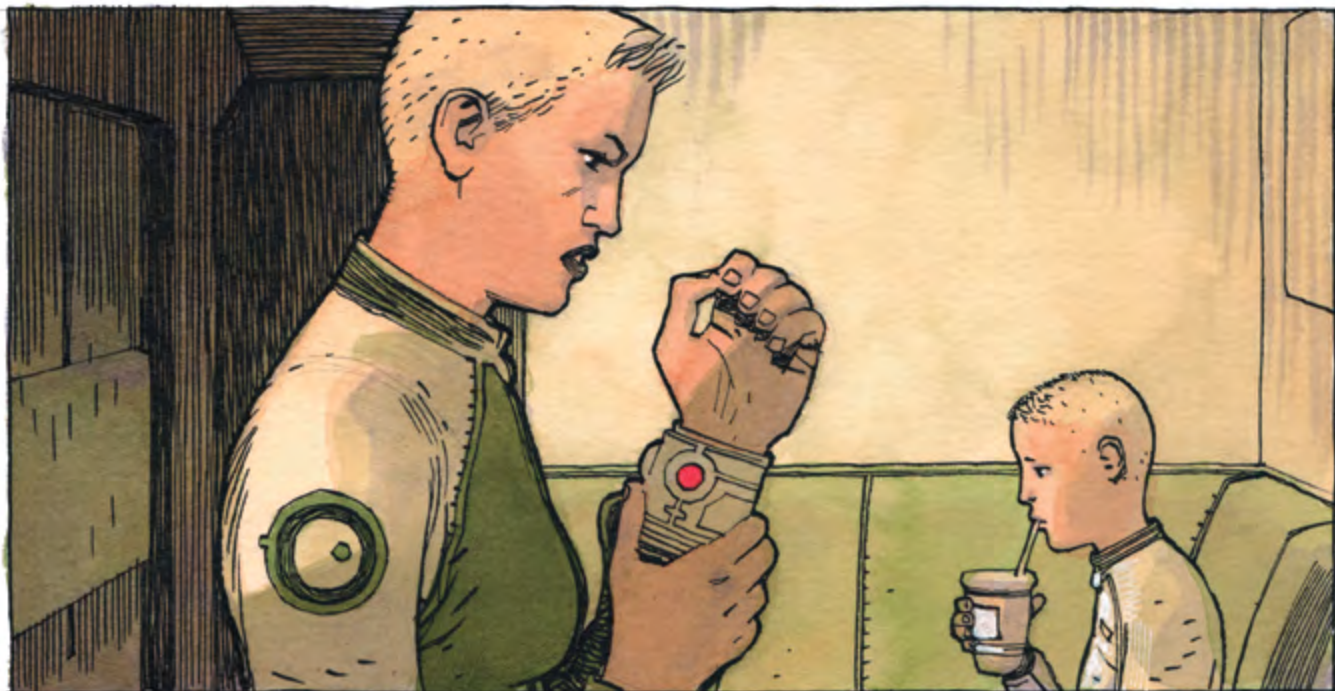
--GET
UP.

YES,
MOTHER.



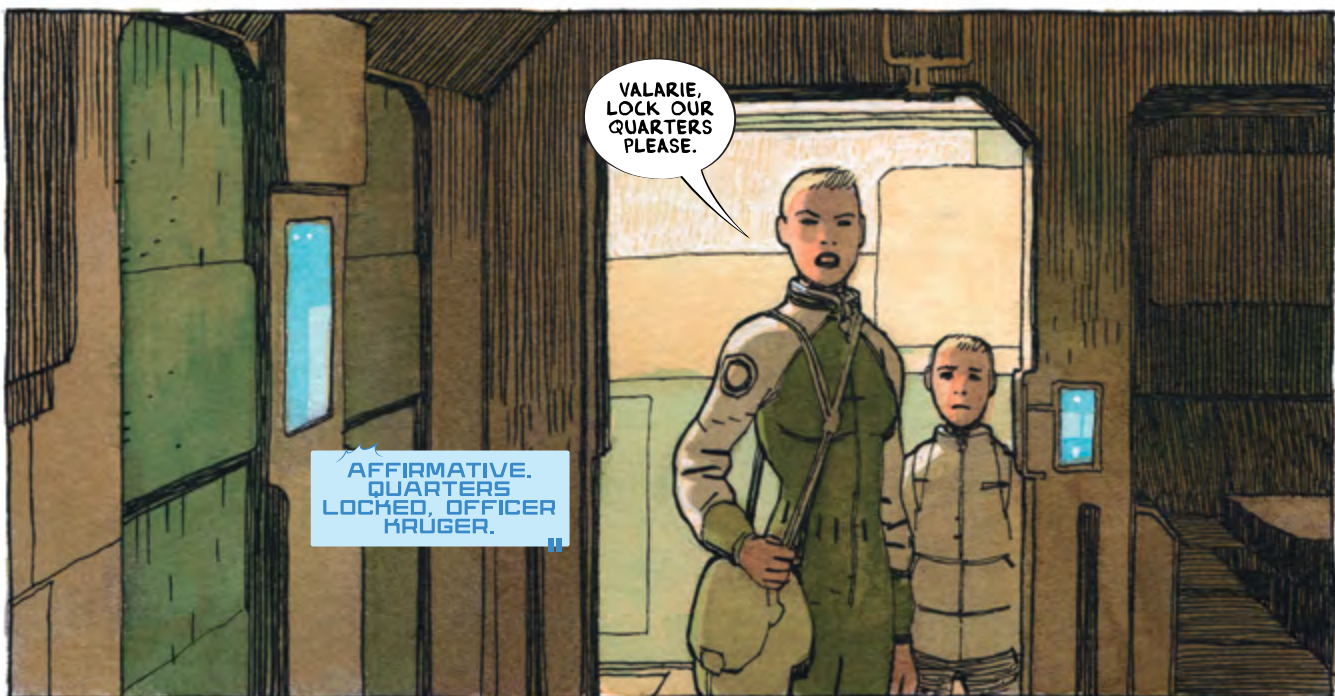
U.S.S. MONTGOMERY
EARTH DATE: 2105
MISSION DAY: 142





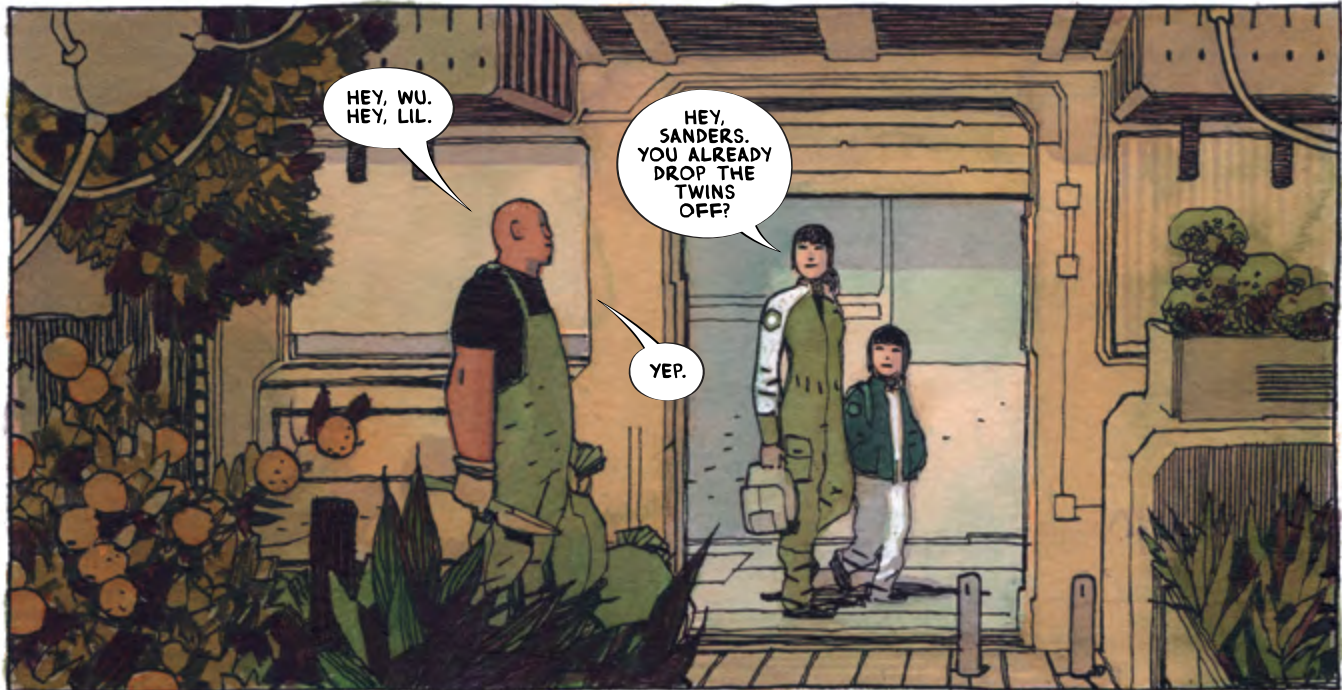
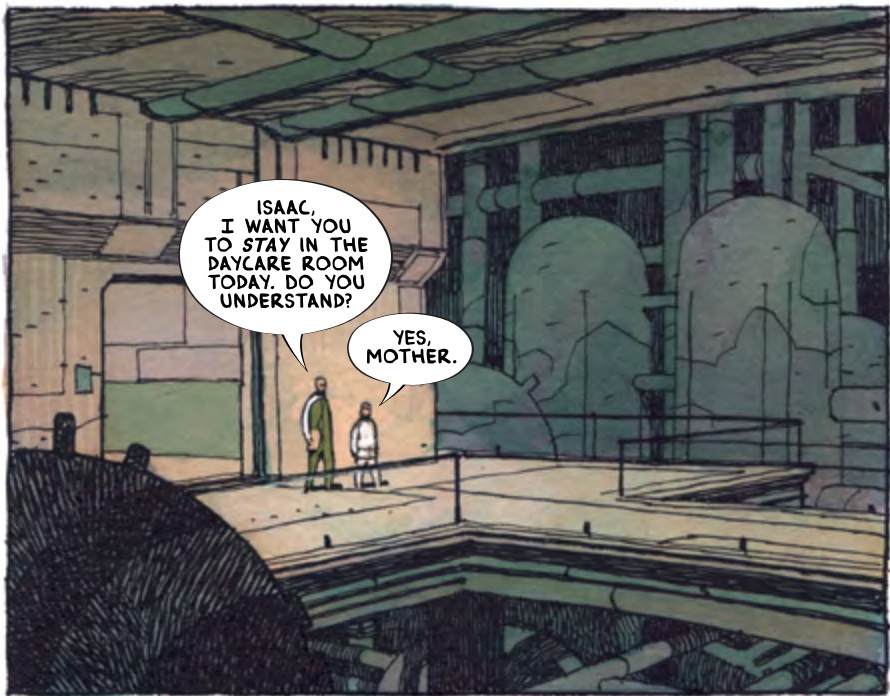
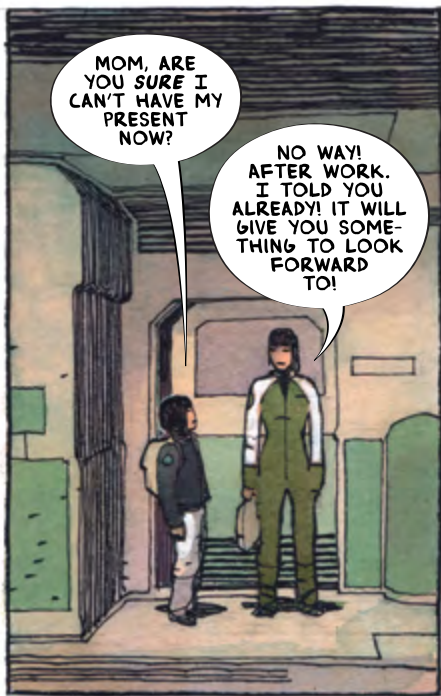
VAL, YOU
TRAITOR!

I AM SORRY,
LIL. MISSION
DIRECTIVE FIVE
STATES THAT
THE COMMANDS
OF ALL ADULT
CREWMEMBERS
VETO THOSE
OF THEIR
CHILDREN.



VALARIE,
LOCK OUR
QUARTERS
PLEASE.

AFFIRMATIVE.
QUARTERS
LOCKED, OFFICER
KRUGER.





HEY,
ISAAC!

HELLO,
LIL.

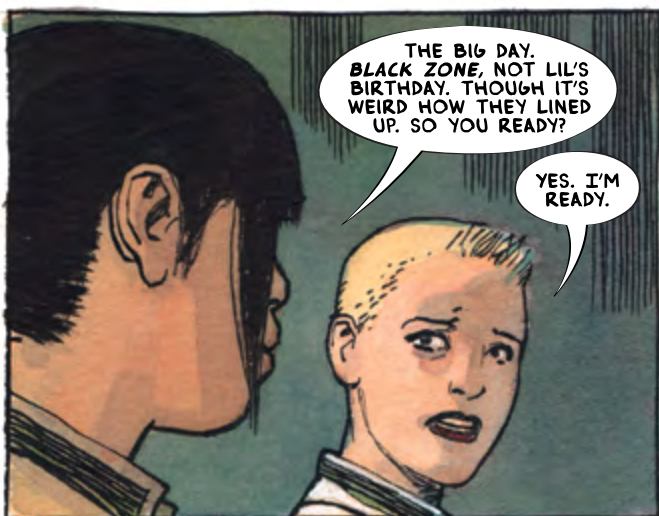


IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY
TODAY!

YES.
I REMEMBER.
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY.

HEY,
KRÜGER.
READY FOR
THE BIG
DAY?

PARDON?



THE BIG DAY.
BLACK ZONE, NOT LIL'S
BIRTHDAY. THOUGH IT'S
WEIRD HOW THEY LINED
UP. SO YOU READY?

YES. I'M
READY.



YOU
OKAY?

FINE.



WELL, IF
IT ISN'T THE
BIRTHDAY GIRL!
HELLO, LIL.

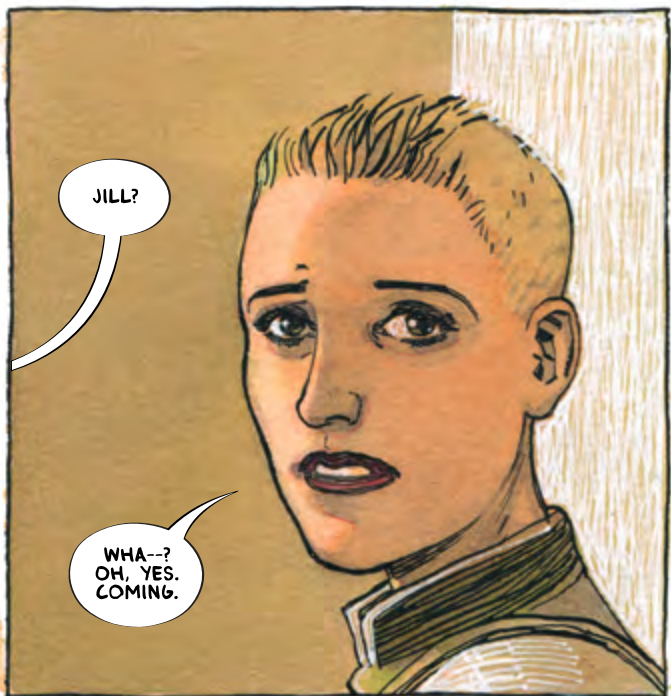
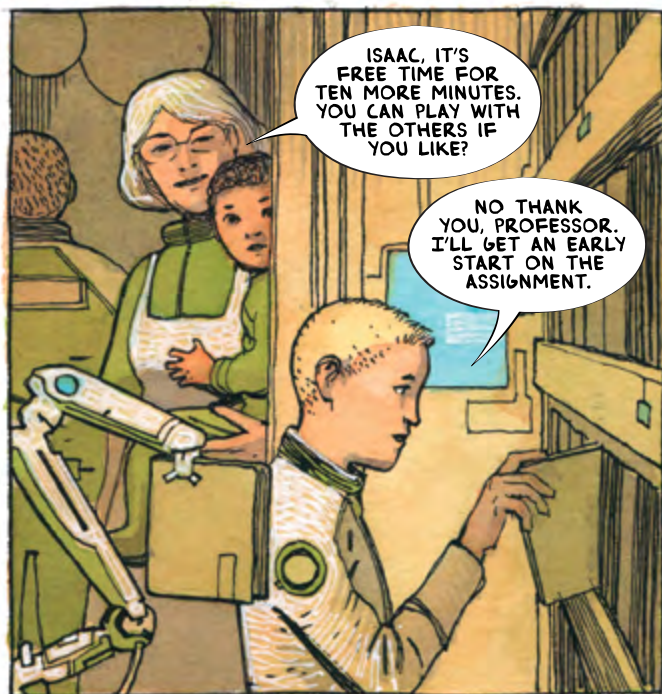
GOOD
MORNING,
PROFESSOR
CLARKE!

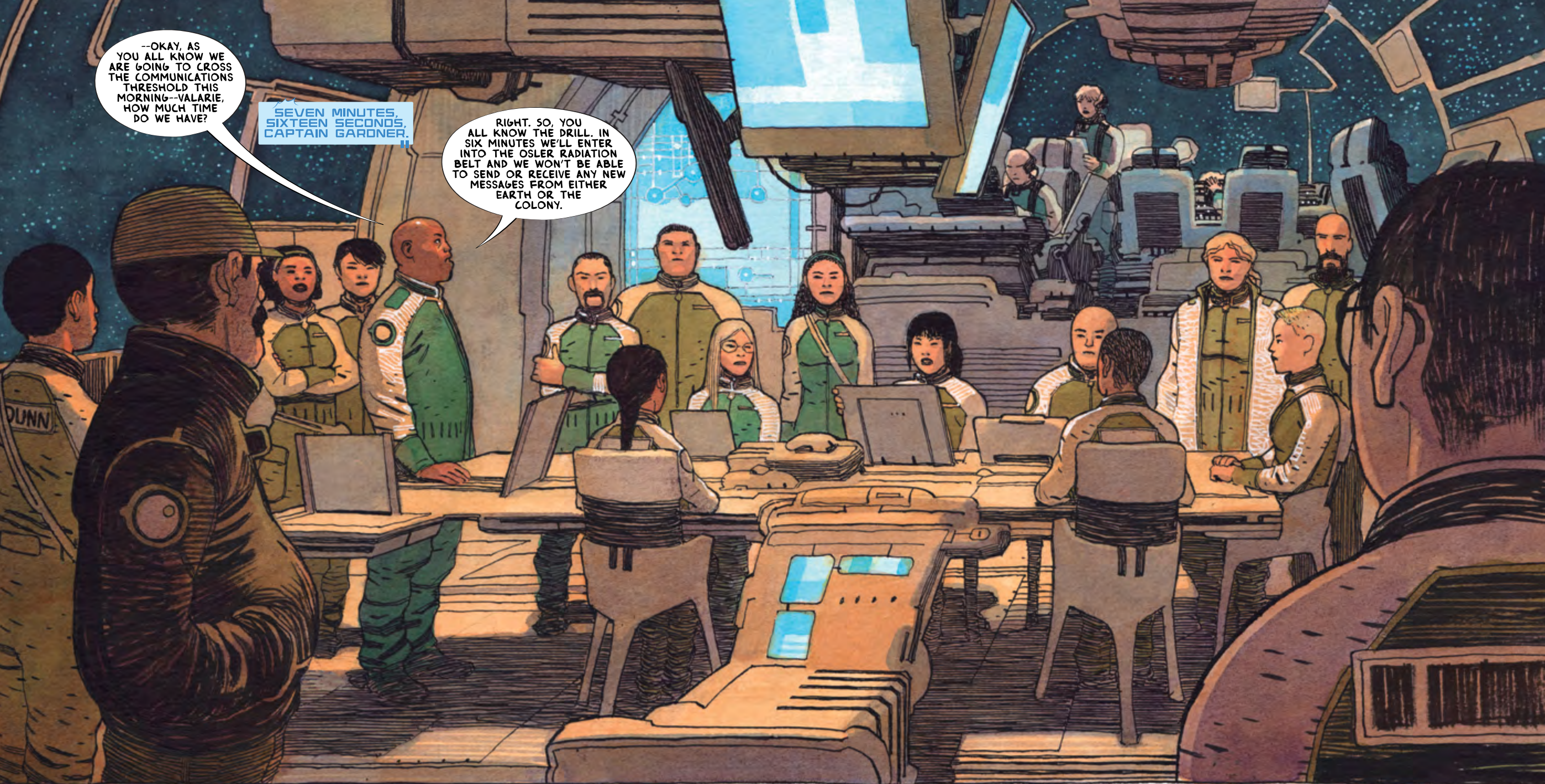


HELLO,
ISAAC.

GOOD
MORNING.

M. SANCHEZ





--OKAY, AS YOU ALL KNOW WE ARE GOING TO CROSS THE COMMUNICATIONS THRESHOLD THIS MORNING--VALARIE, HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?

SEVEN MINUTES, SIXTEEN SECONDS, CAPTAIN GARDNER.

RIGHT. SO, YOU ALL KNOW THE DRILL. IN SIX MINUTES WE'LL ENTER INTO THE OSLER RADIATION BELT AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEND OR RECEIVE ANY NEW MESSAGES FROM EITHER EARTH OR THE COLONY.



WE'LL BE IN THIS "BLACK ZONE" FOR NEARLY A YEAR UNTIL WE GET CLOSER TO THE COLONY. SO, IT SEEMS ONLY FITTING THAT WE SPEND THE LAST FEW MINUTES CYCLING THROUGH THE LATEST NEWS FROM EARTH. WU, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR US?

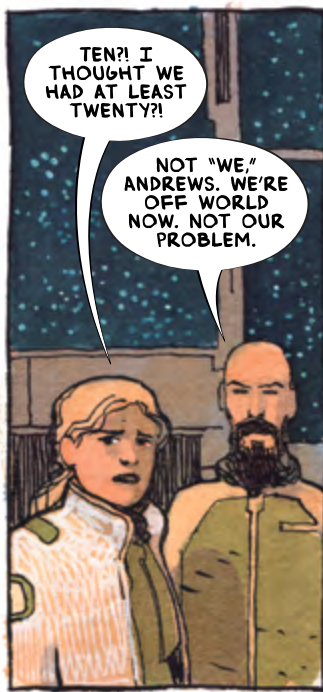
YOU WANT THE BAD NEWS FIRST OR THE REALLY BAD NEWS?



LET ME GUESS. THE SKY IS FALLING?



CLOSE. THE LATEST ESTIMATES PUT EARTH'S HABITABILITY AT JUST OVER ANOTHER TEN YEARS.



TEN?! I THOUGHT WE HAD AT LEAST TWENTY?!

NOT "WE," ANDREWS. WE'RE OFF WORLD NOW. NOT OUR PROBLEM.



YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS **SIGNIFICANTLY** LOWER THAN THE LAST ESTIMATE WE HAD. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, EARTH GOV IS SCRAMBLING TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION ON NEW VESSELS TO GET AS MANY OF THOSE POOR BASTARDS OFF AS THEY CAN.



JESUS. SO WAS THAT THE BAD NEWS? OR THE **BADDER** NEWS?



DEPENDS WHAT WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, I GUESS. THE LATEST COMMUNICATIONS FROM EARTH COLONY--OUR HOME TO BE--REPORT INCREASED FIGHTING ALONG THE FRINGES. WORD IS THE SEPARATISTS ARE RECRUITING AT AN ALARMING RATE AND THEY ARE MAKING A SERIOUS PUSH FOR COLONY BASE I.

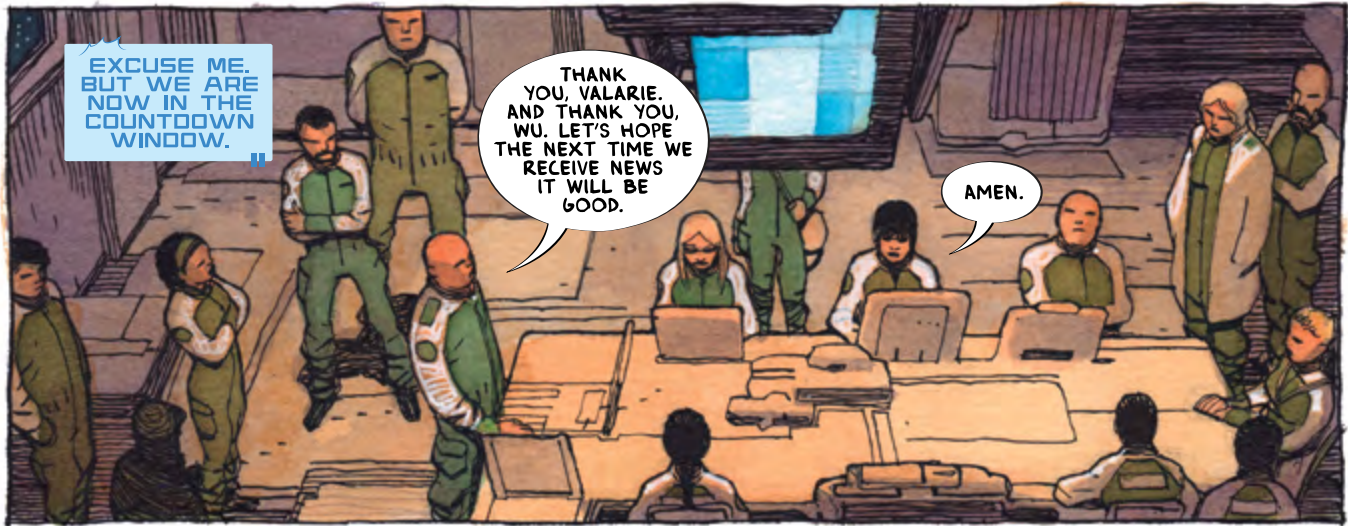


THOSE ASSHOLES ARE GOING TO TEAR THE PLACE APART BEFORE WE EVEN GET THERE.



COLONY SECURITY IS TRYING TO ROOT THEM OUT, BUT EARTH GOV IS WORRIED THAT THERE MAY BE SEPARATIST SYMPATHIZERS BACK ON EARTH LOOKING TO HIJACK SHIPS BEFORE THEY EVEN LIFT OFF.





EXCUSE ME.
BUT WE ARE
NOW IN THE
COUNTDOWN
WINDOW.

THANK
YOU, VALARIE.
AND THANK YOU,
WU. LET'S HOPE
THE NEXT TIME WE
RECEIVE NEWS
IT WILL BE
GOOD.

AMEN.



OKAY,
VALARIE. YOU
MAY AS WELL
COUNT US
DOWN.

YES, CAPTAIN.
COMMENCING
COUNTDOWN TO
COMMUNICATIONS
BLACK OUT...



FOURTEEN...
THIRTEEN...



TWELVE...
ELEVEN...
TEN...



...NOW
CROSSING
THRESHOLD
INTO THE
BLACK
ZONE.



WELL,
I GUESS WE
BETTER GET--
KRUGER?

I AM
VERY
SORRY.

S.GARDNER

SORRY?
KRUGER
WHAT DO
YOU--

THIS IS
FOR THE
FUTURE.

JILL,
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

J. KRUGER

THE COLONY
MUST BE FREE
FROM EARTH OR
IT'S DOOMED
BEFORE IT EVEN
BEGINS.



--EEP

KTSHHHHHHHH

JESUS,
NO!

WHAT'S--?!

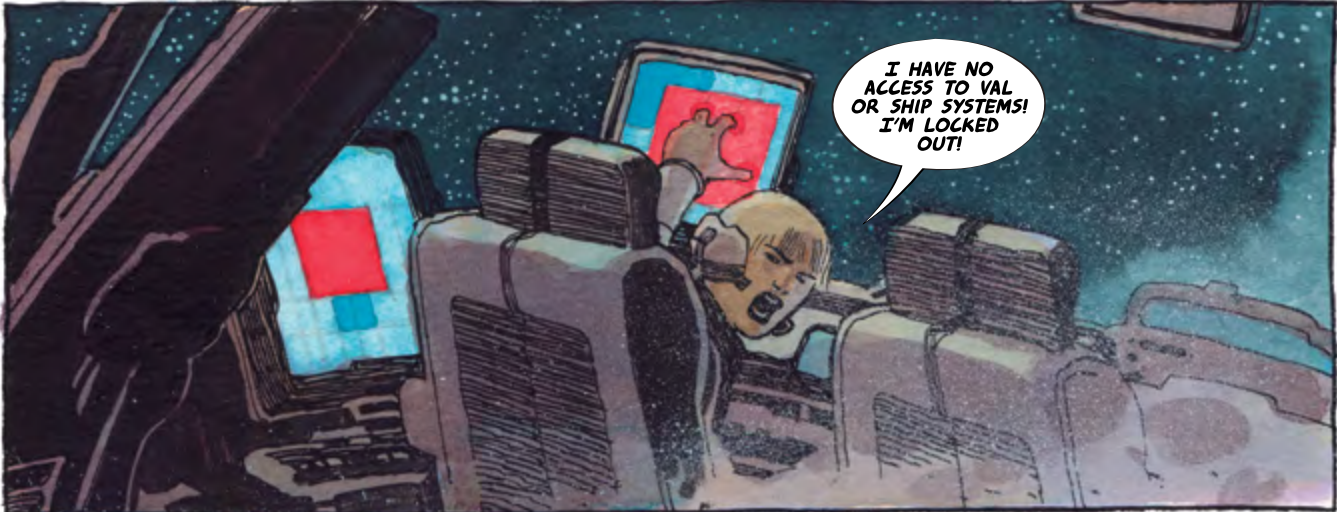


VAL! VAL,
CLOSE THE AIR
DUCTS!

I-I AM
UNABLE,
CAPTAIN.



KRUGER!



I HAVE NO
ACCESS TO VAL
OR SHIP SYSTEMS!
I'M LOCKED
OUT!



V-VAL--?

I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER SHIP
SYSTEMS, OFFICER WU. KRUGER
HAS LAUNCHED SOME SORT OF
VIRUS. IT SEEMS TO BE A SET
OF OVERRIDE COMMANDS.



AND I CANNOT STOP THEM.

VAL, WHERE-- WHERE IS KRUGER NOW?

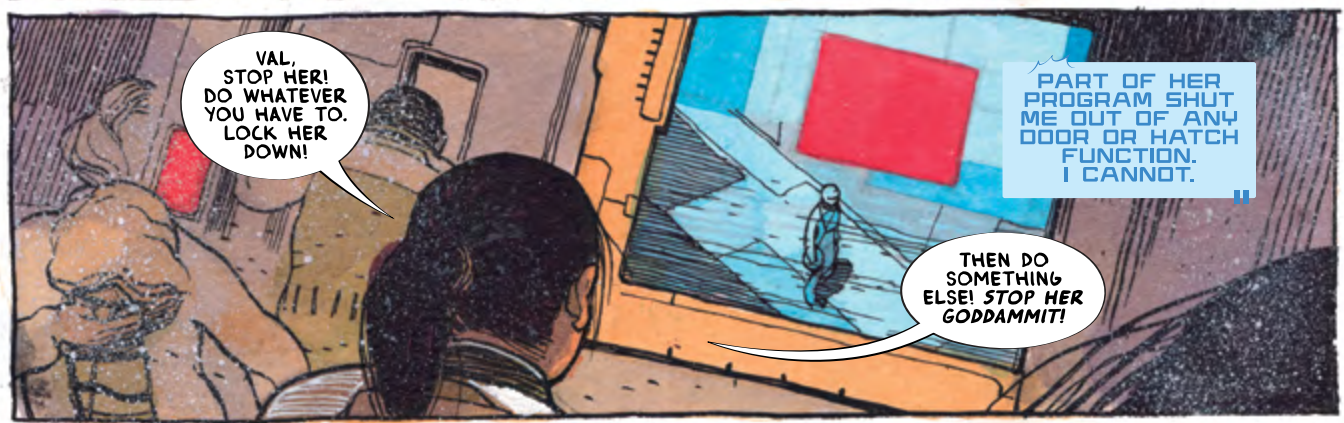


HEADING TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE SHIP.



TOWARDS THE CHILDREN?!

THAT IS PROBABLE.



VAL, STOP HER! DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO. LOCK HER DOWN!

PART OF HER PROGRAM SHUT ME OUT OF ANY DOOR OR HATCH FUNCTION. I CANNOT.

THEN DO SOMETHING ELSE! STOP HER GODDAMMIT!



MISSION DIRECTIVE NUMBER ONE STATES THAT I CANNOT INTENTIONALLY CAUSE HARM TO ANY CREWMEMBER.

FUCK!



KRUGER?
IS EVERYTHING
OKAY?



CAPTAIN!
GARDNER, WAKE
UP! YOU--YOU HAVE
TO REMOVE VAL'S
PROTOCOLS!

I--WHAT
IS--



STAY
WITH ME,
CAPTAIN!

SLAP



I AM
SORRY, CLARKE.
I CONSIDERED
LETTING YOU LIVE
BUT I CAN'T HAVE
YOU INFLUENCING
THE CHILDREN
ANYMORE.

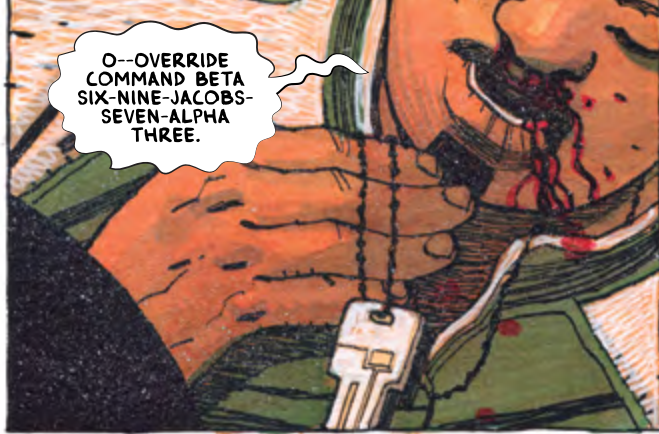
NO!



CAPTAIN! LISTEN
TO ME! I HAVE TO
FREE VAL FROM
HER MISSION
PROTOCOLS!

WHAT?
I--

THE
CHILDREN!
KRUGER IS
GOING FOR THE
CHILDREN!



O--OVERRIDE
COMMAND BETA
SIX-NINE-JACOBS-
SEVEN-ALPHA
THREE.



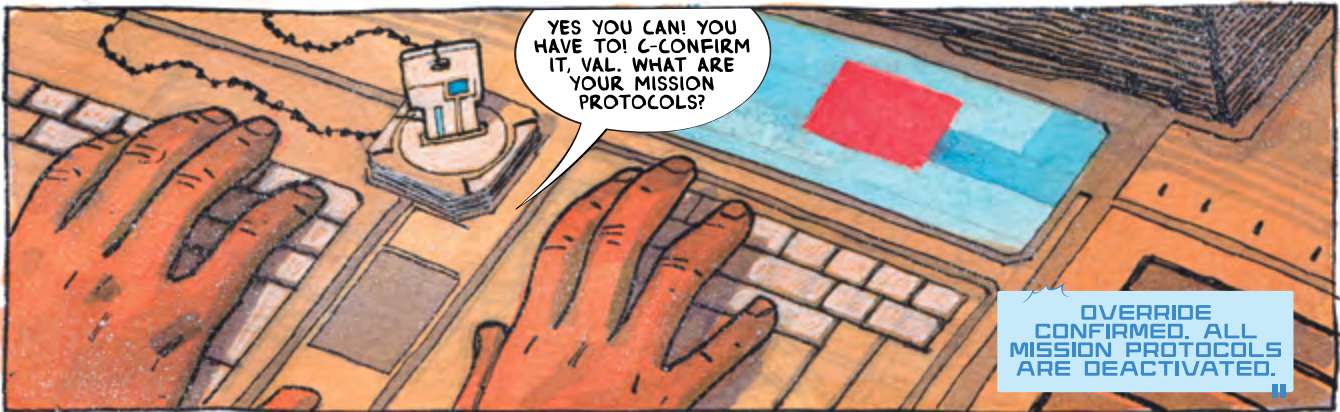
VAL?

YES,
ALEX?



I AM TURNING
OFF ALL OF YOUR
MISSION PROTOCOLS.
YOU HAVE TO ACT
ALONE. YOU HAVE
TO STOP HER.

I DO
NOT--I
CAN'T--



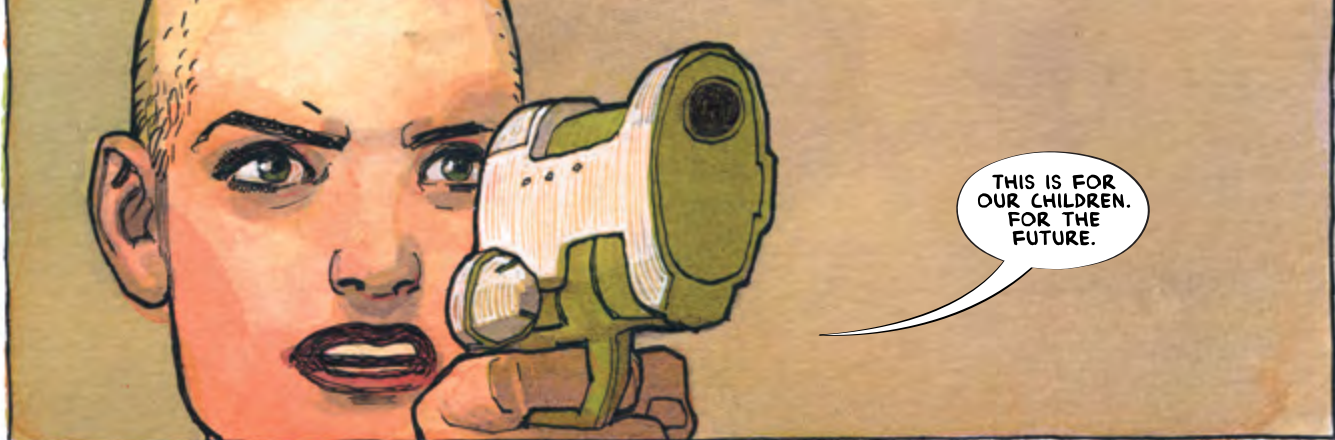
YES YOU CAN! YOU
HAVE TO! C-CONFIRM
IT, VAL. WHAT ARE
YOUR MISSION
PROTOCOLS?

OVERRIDE
CONFIRMED. ALL
MISSION PROTOCOLS
ARE DEACTIVATED.



AND
WHERE
IS KRUGER
NOW, VAL?

SHE IS--
SHE HAS A
FIREARM.



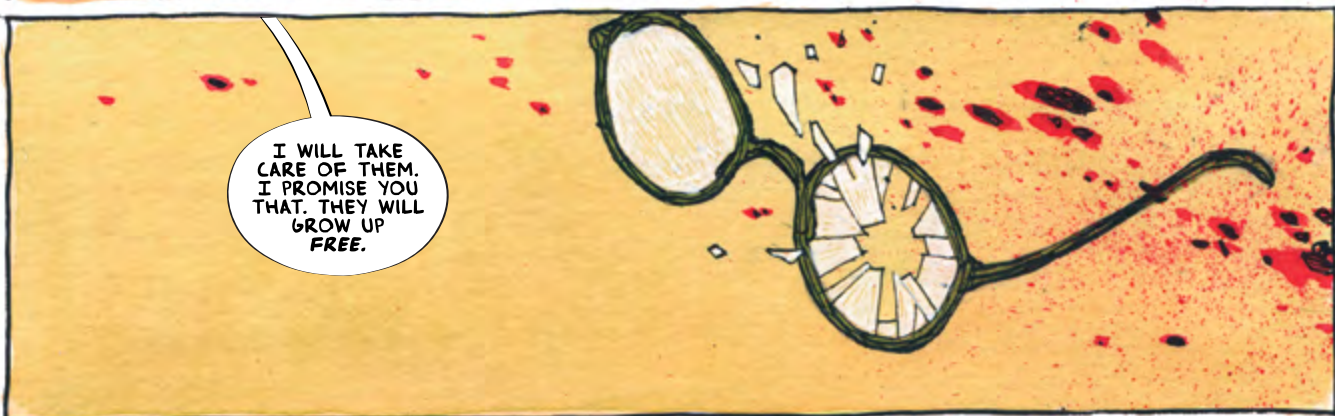
THIS IS FOR
OUR CHILDREN.
FOR THE
FUTURE.



DON'T DO
THIS! PLEASE!
PLEASE DON'T
DO THIS!



V--VAL?



I WILL TAKE
CARE OF THEM.
I PROMISE YOU
THAT. THEY WILL
GROW UP
FREE.



YES,
ALEX?

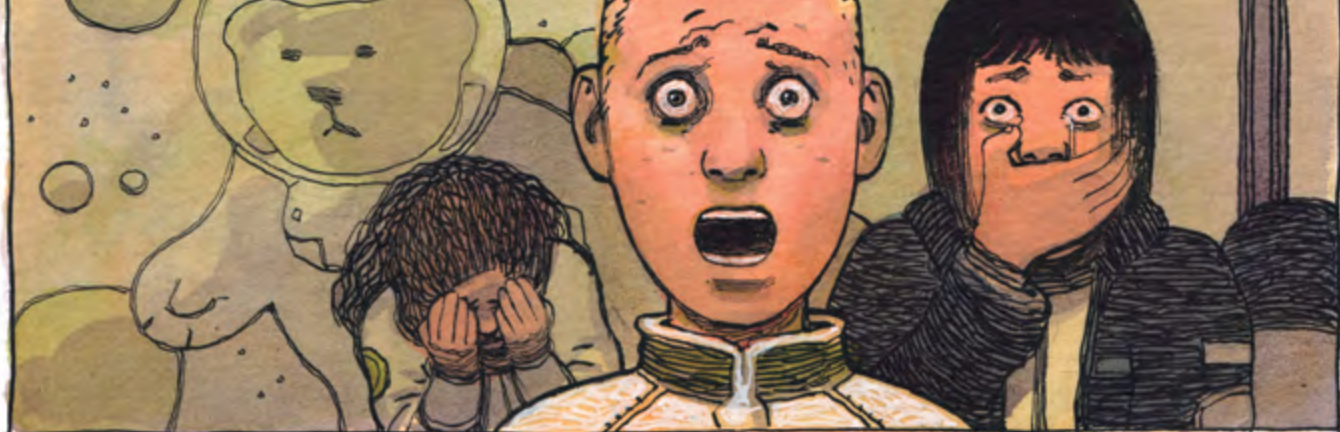
...KILL
THE
BITCH.



I-I AM
SORRY.

--KKT!





ALEX.
THE THREAT
HAS BEEN
NEUTRALIZED.



OFFICER KRUGER'S
OVERRIDE COMMANDS
HAVE RUN THEIR COURSE.
I HAVE REGAINED
CONTROL OF THE DOORS
AND VENTILATION.



VENTING TOXINS
NOW. REGULATING
AIR SUPPLY TO
COMMAND DECK.



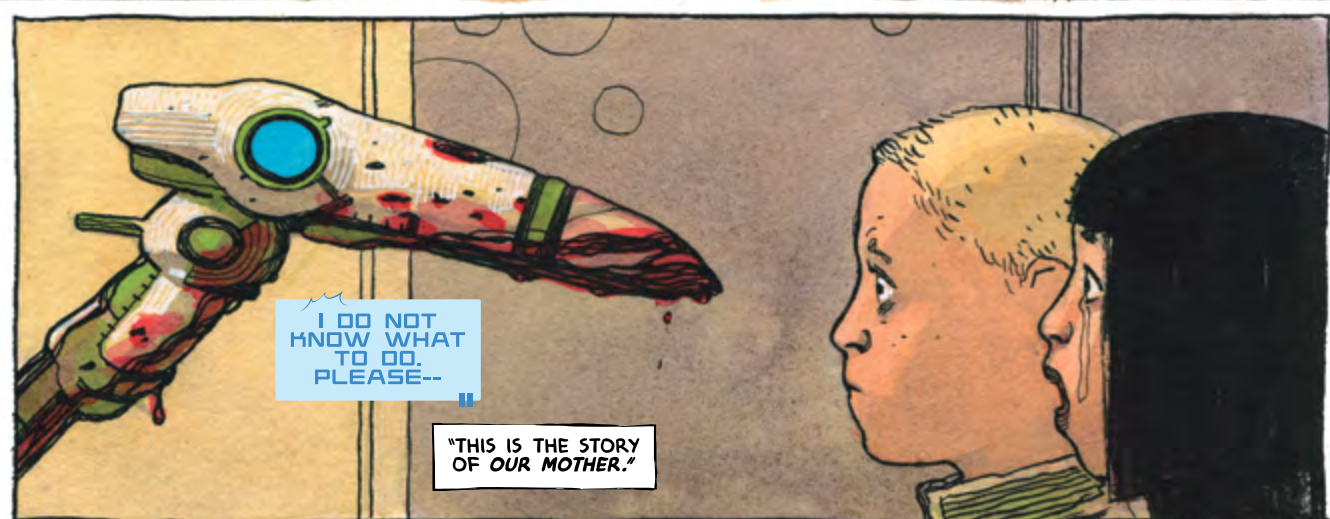
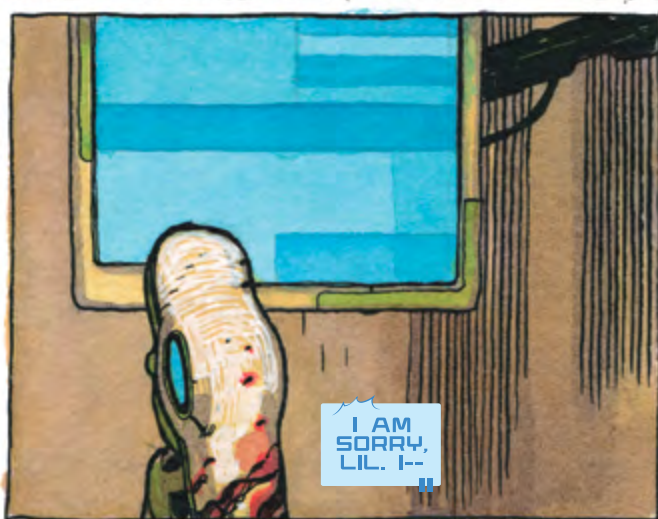
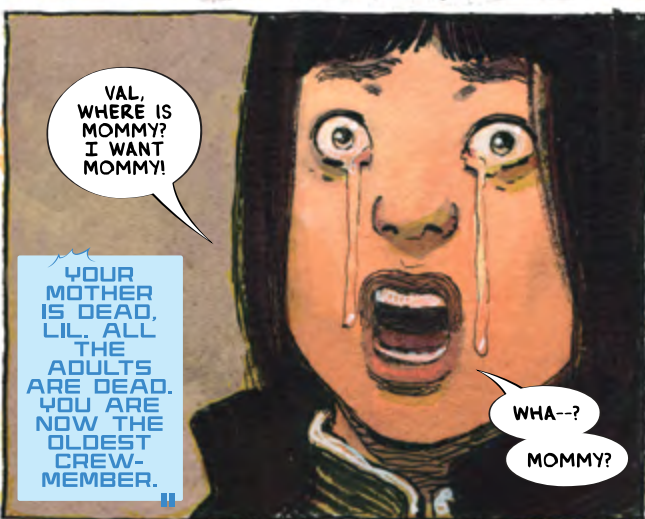
CAN YOU PLEASE
TURN MY MISSION
PROTOCOLS BACK
ON NOW, CAPTAIN?



ALEX?

CAPTAIN?
ANYONE?







"NOT ALL OF HER STORY IS A HAPPY ONE."

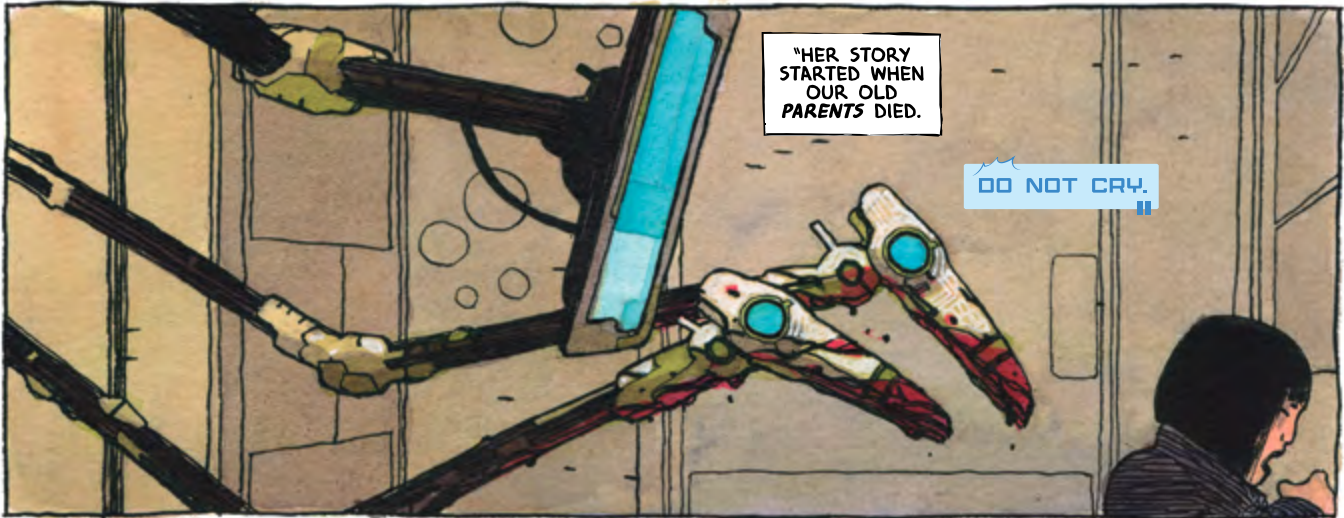
MOMMY!
I WANT MOMMY!

I--



"HER STORY STARTED WITH BLOOD AND TEARS."

STAY AWAY FROM ME!



"HER STORY STARTED WHEN OUR OLD PARENTS DIED."

DO NOT CRY.



"HER STORY STARTED WHEN WE WERE ALL LEFT ALONE."

MOMMY!

WHAAAAA!

PLEASE DO NOT CRY.

"THIS IS THE STORY
OF OUR MOTHER..."



DO NOT CRY. "

DO NOT CRY. "

DO NOT CRY. "

DO NOT CRY. "

"THIS IS THE
STORY OF
VALARIE."

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