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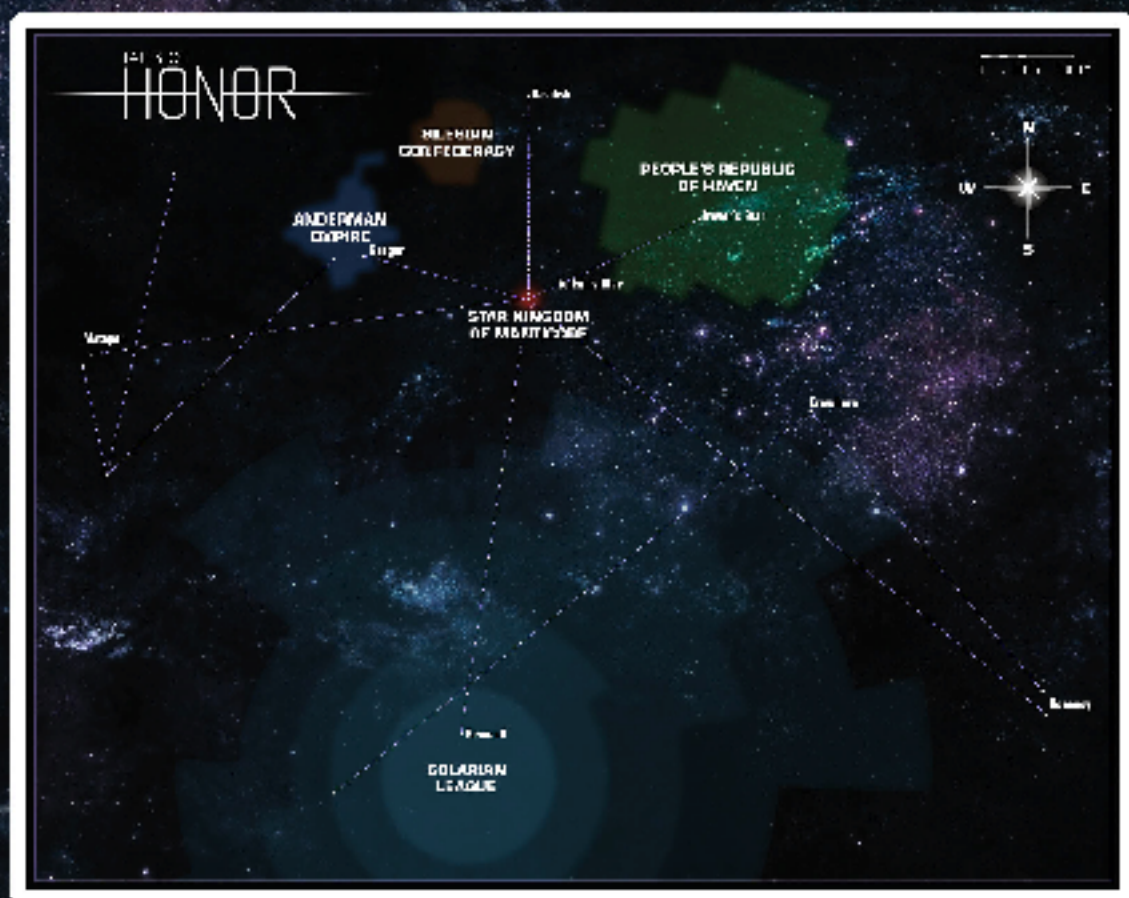
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In the year 2130, a colony ship left Old Earth with the mission of interstellar colonization, launching the largest diaspora in the history of mankind. A new calendar system was born that year with 1 PD commemorating the "post-diaspora" era.

Sublight colonization allowed like-minded individuals to populate and govern new Star Nations however they deemed appropriate. Theocracies, monarchies, communist states, democracies and fringe groups all flourished. Initially a source of great peace, technological advances in transit speed and further expansion shrunk the distances between star systems, bringing about an inevitable clash of ideologies.

One of these Star Nations, The People's Republic of Haven, is on the surface a democracy, but in practicality a central party controlled dictatorship. Wasted economically by its welfare state, Haven embraced an expansionist policy of military conquest to sustain its bloated system.

Conquering system after system, Haven finally set its sights on the Star Kingdom of Manticore, home to our hero Honor Harrington...

ALTHOUGH EVENTS AT BASILISK STATION DID NOT RESULT IN WAR BETWEEN THE STAR KINGDOM OF MANTICORE, MY HOME, AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HAVEN, TENSIONS REMAINED HIGH AND WE KNEW HAVENITE VESSELS WERE IN OUR VICINITY.

SILESIAN CONFEDERACY
1902 PD

MY SHIP, THE *HMS FEARLESS*, WAS ASSIGNED TO PIRATE DUTY IN THE SILESIAN CONFEDERACY.

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL,
THIS IS CAPTAIN HONOR
HARRINGTON OF THE ROYAL
MANTICORAN NAVY. YOU WILL
HEAVE TO IMMEDIATELY AND
PREPARE TO BE BOARDED OR
WE WILL FIRE INTO YOUR
VESSEL. THIS IS YOUR
FINAL WARNING.

YES, YES OF COURSE NO, YES.

THAT SHIP HAS
NO IMPELLER DRIVE,
THERE HAS TO BE
ANOTHER ONE NEARBY.
KEEP SEARCHING FOR IT
AND 66TH T-6 MARINES
ON BOARD THE CUTTERS
AND PREP THEM FOR
SURFACE DROP. THEY'RE
ABOUT TO ENTER THE
ATMOSPHERE.

ACKNOWLEDGED,
SKIPPER. PLANET HAS
TERRAN-LIKE
ATMOSPHERE, LIMITED
MICROBIOTIC LIFE, BUT NO
OBSERVABLE STRUCTURES
OF ANY KIND.

SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE,
CARIN'S EXPLOITS: A FICTION
ROMANTICIZES THE LIVES
OF PIRATES.

JETTISON
THE CARGO.

ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

DEADLY, BOY.
DO IT NOW OR
I'LL DUMP YOU
TOO.



THE REALITY IS THEY'RE A BUNCH OF CRIMINALS THAT NEED TO BE VENTED OUT THE CLOSEST AIRLOCK.



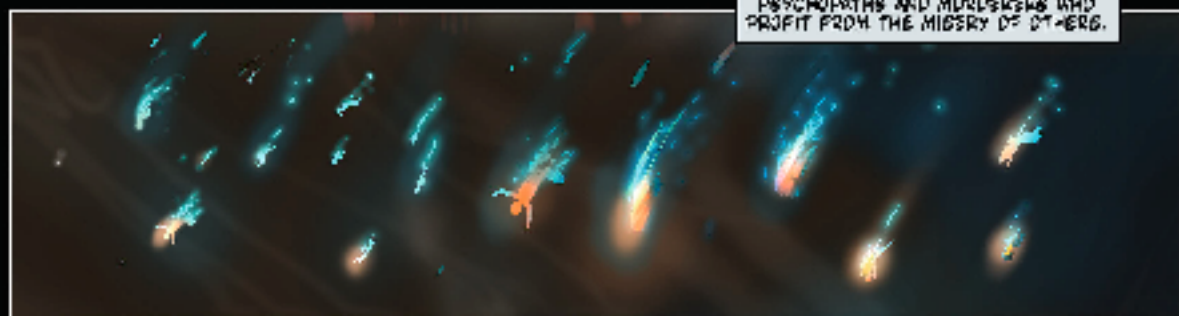
PIRACY STARTED ~40,000 YEARS AGO ON OLD EARTH WHEN SEA RAIDERS THREATENED THE TRADE ROUTES OF ANCIENT BREEDS.

THE SCOURGE OF THESE PIRATES SPREAD TO ALL SEAFARING NATIONS FOR MILLENNIA BEFORE EXPANDING TO THE STARS.



ATTRACTING THIEVES, DREAMERS AND OUTCASTS, INDEPENDENCE FROM NATIONAL LAWS ENTICED MANY TO TAKE ON THIS LIFE.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY, PIRATES ARE JUST A BUNCH OF PSYCHOPATHS AND MURDERERS WHO PROFIT FROM THE MISERY OF OTHERS.

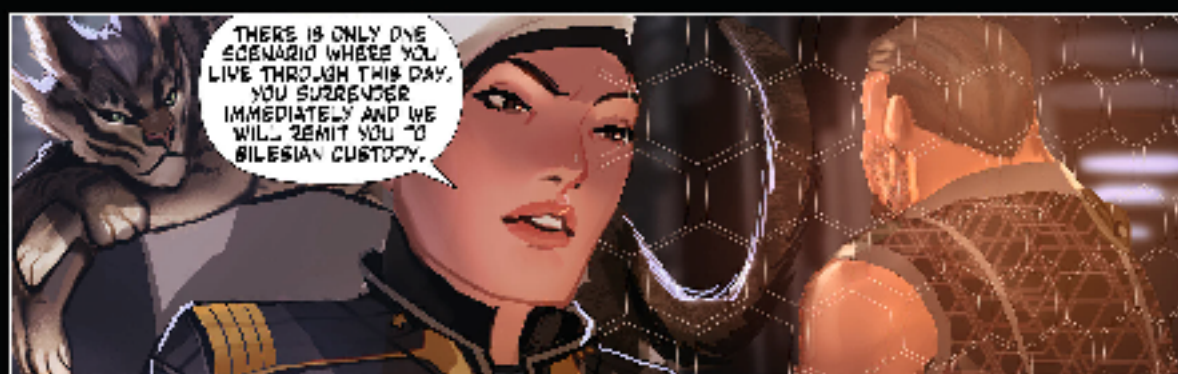




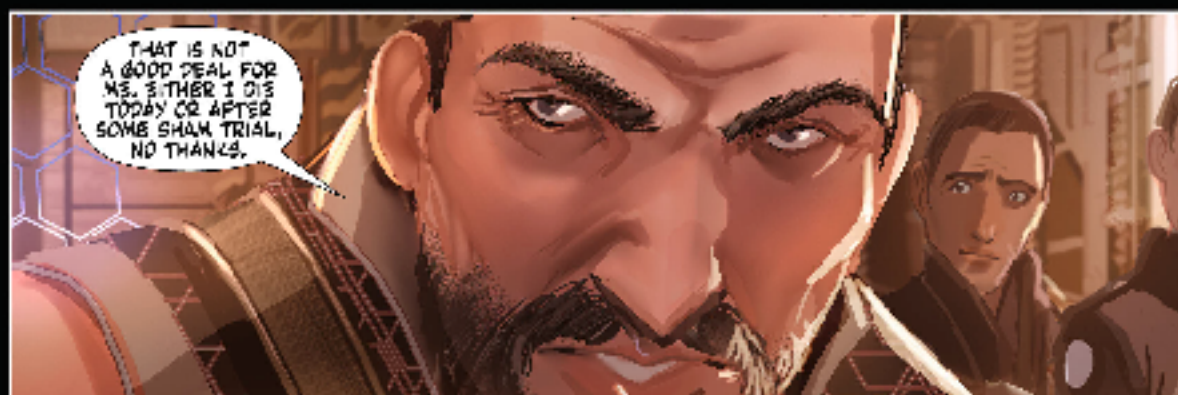
WELL, WELL, THE BUTCHER OF BASILISK STATION. I CAN'T SAY I'M PLEASED TO SEE YOU, CAPTAIN HARRINGTON.

I WILL NOT WASTE YOUR TIME. I KNOW YOU CAN BLOW US TO BITS AND THAT I CANNOT OUTRUN YOU...BUT BEFORE YOU SIEGE YOUR MARINES ON US KNOW THAT I ONLY DISCARDED THE MESAN GENETIC SLAVES. WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL PRISONERS AND THREE OF SOME VALUE TO MANT CORE.

TWO WEALTHY MERCHANTS...AND BY SOME LUCK, I HAPPEN TO BE HOLDING A DISTANT COUSIN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH III. HE'S A MINOR COUSIN BY MARRIAGE, BUT HE'S STILL A COUSIN. SENDING YOU THEIR SCANS NOW FOR IDENTITY VERIFICATION.



THERE IS ONLY ONE SCENARIO WHERE YOU LIVE THROUGH THIS DAY. YOU SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY AND WE WILL REMIT YOU TO BILESIAN CUSTODY.

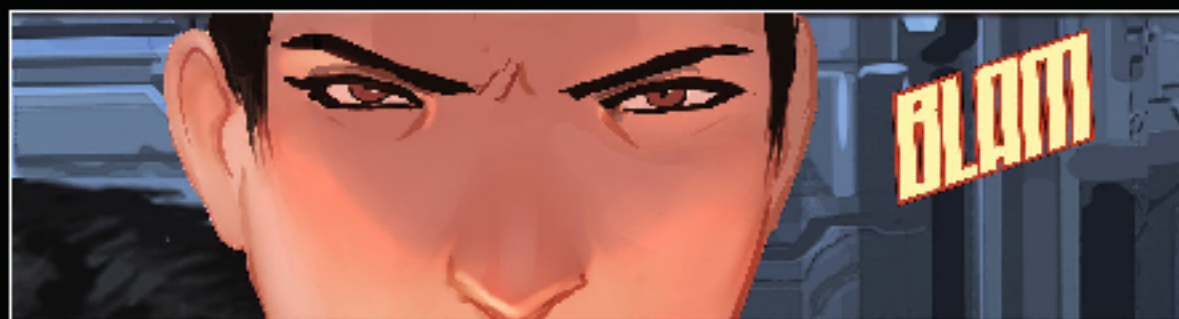
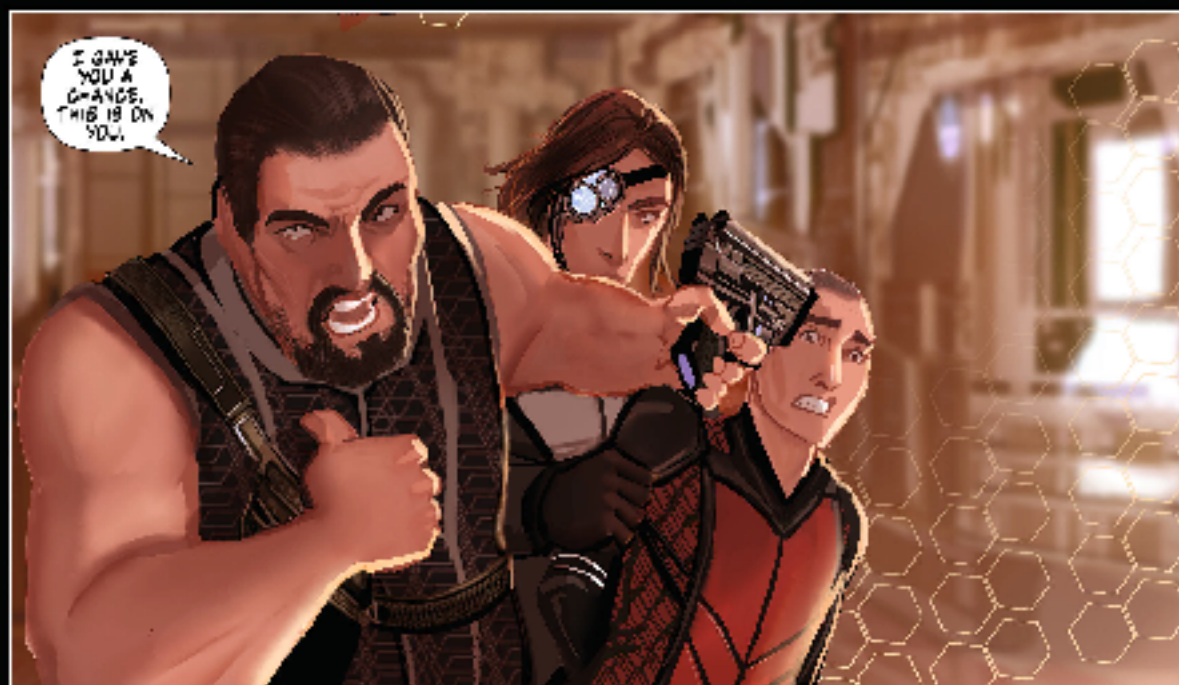
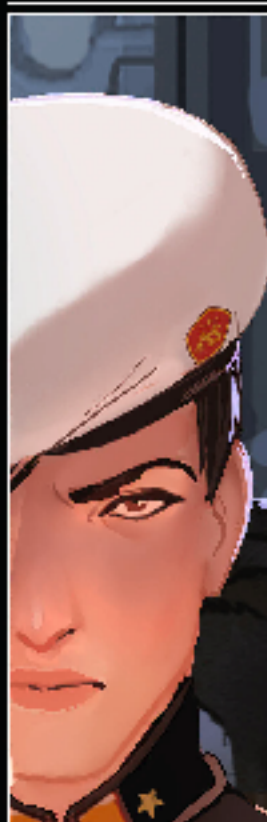
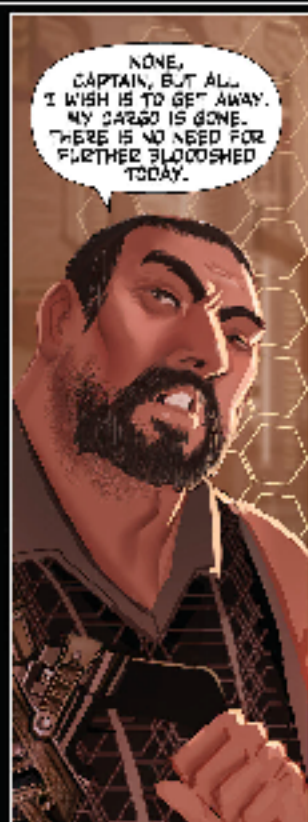
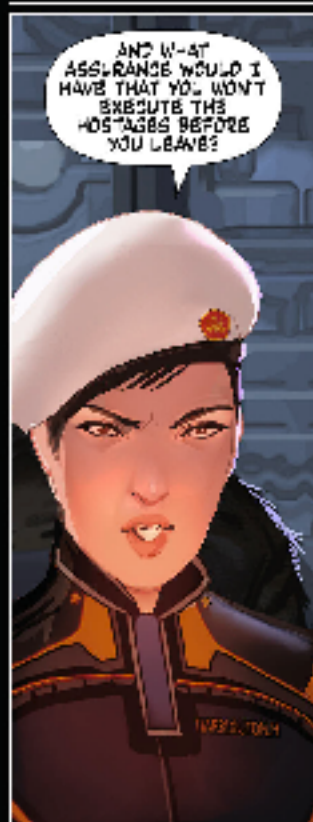


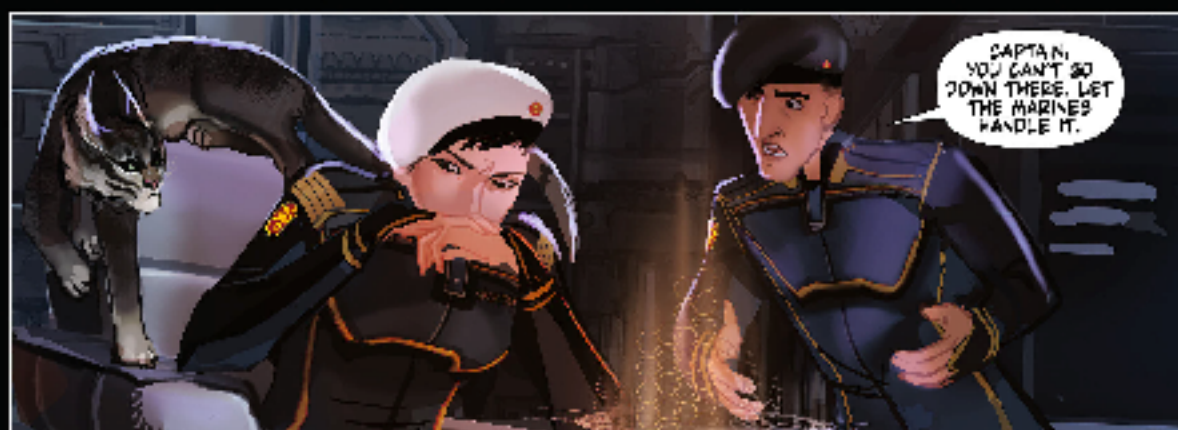
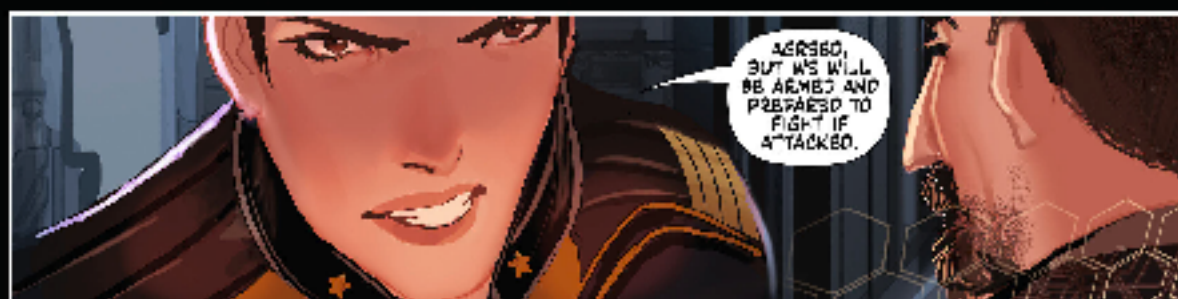
THAT IS NOT A GOOD DEAL FOR ME. EITHER I DIE TODAY OR AFTER SOME SHAM TRIAL. NO THANKS.



THEN WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

WE HAVE A SMUGGLERS' CAVE HERE. I WILL RELEASE THE HOSTAGES, BUT FIRST YOU MUST LEAVE ORBIT AND HEAD UNDER MAXIMUM ACCELERATION AWAY FROM THE PLANET UNTIL YOU ARE WELL BEYOND MISSILE RANGE SO I CAN REACH THE HYPER LIMIT TO SAFELY ESCAPE.







PIRATES PICK ON UNSECURED MERCHANT CONVOYS AND FERRY ILLEGAL GOODS AND PEOPLE THROUGH SYSTEMS.



THIS PIRATE CLEARLY HAD LITTLE VALUE FOR HUMAN LIFE, BUT I WAS BETTING ON THE FACT THAT HE DID CARE ABOUT SAVING ONE PERSON: HIMSELF.



STAY CLOSE TO THE SHIP, WEAPONS READY IF THEY ENGAGE.

WE WILL HOLD OUR FIRE.



I DOUBT THAT, BUT I'M HERE NONETHELESS. WHERE'S YOUR CAPTAIN?



UNLIKE YOU I AM NO MERO. I'LL STAY INSIDE MY SHIP.

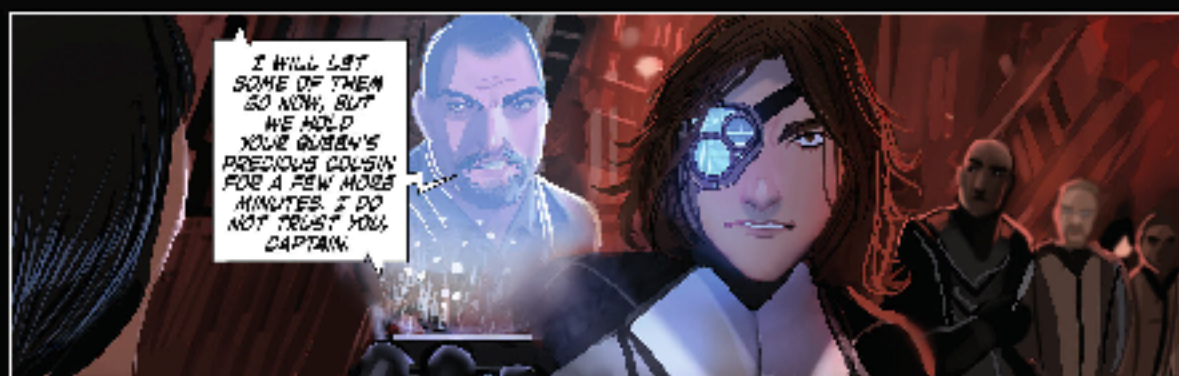




I'VE CONFIRMED YOUR VESSEL IS HEADING AWAY, GOOD. ONCE IT REACHES THE REQUIRED DISTANCE...MY MEN WILL RELEASE THE PRISONERS.



THAT WAS NOT OUR AGREEMENT. YOU WILL RELEASE ALL OF THEM NOW SO THAT WE CAN ASSURE THEIR SAFETY.

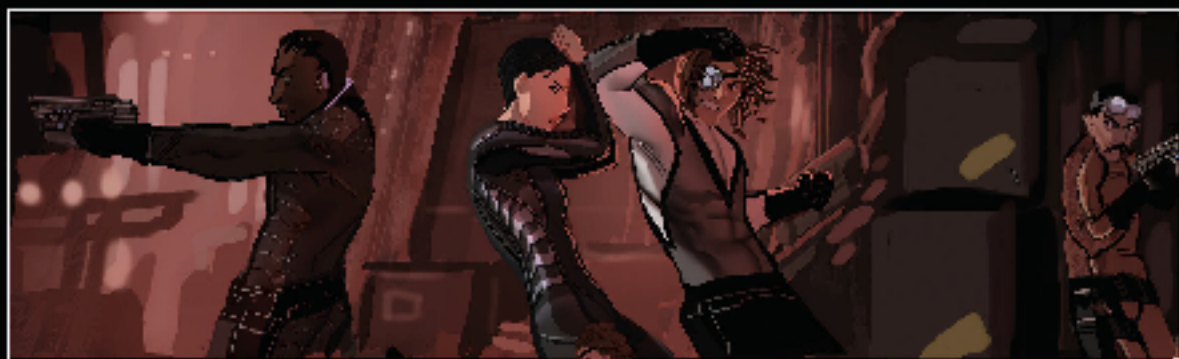


I WILL LET SOME OF THEM GO NOW, BUT WE HOLD YOUR GUBBY'S PRECIOUS COUSIN FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES. I DO NOT TRUST YOU, CAPTAIN.



IF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES ARE UNHARMED, I WILL NOT PURSUE YOUR VESSEL AS AGREED.







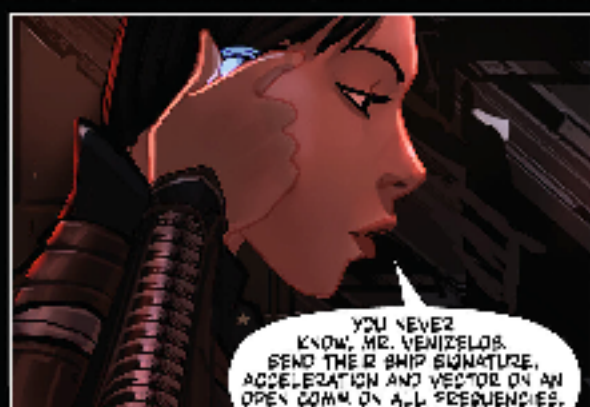




THESE
MILITARY TYPES ARE
SO PREDICTABLE.
THEY HAVE RULES; WE
DO NOT. THAT IS WHY
WE ALWAYS COME
OUT ON TOP.



"SOON WE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE
OTHERS, HEAD BACK TO MESA
AND GO FOR ANOTHER RUN...
PRICE OF DOING BUSINESS."



HAVEN AND MANTICORE MIGHT NOT SEE EYE TO EYE ON MOST THINGS, BUT SLAYING IS A CAPITAL CRIME, AND THE ONE THING HAVENITES ARE REALLY GOOD AT IS EXECUTING PEOPLE.

YOU KNOW THEY WOULD DO THAT.

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