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THE OTHER MEMBERS OF BERNARD'S PARTY RACED DOWN THE SLOPE...

...FOLLOWED BY SCOTT HIMSELF, MERE HEARTBEATS AHEAD OF THE ENSUING AVALANCHE.

THEY WERE SEARCHING FOR REFLEX POINT, HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALIEN INVID THAT HAD OCCUPIED THE EARTH.

THEY HAD OVERCOME ANOTHER OBSTACLE ON THEIR LONG TREK NORTHWARD.

THEY ALL HOPED TO COVER MORE GROUND WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS.

SCOTT! I HEARD THE DISTRESS SIGNAL AGAIN!

THE SIGNAL STOPPED AGAIN, BUT I THINK I GOT A BEARING THIS TIME.



ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST HEARING THINGS, LUNK? I MEAN, WHY WOULD THE SIGNAL KEEP CUTTING OUT LIKE THAT?



THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS, RAND. THEIR DISTRESS BEACON MIGHT BE MALFUNCTIONING.

OR MAYBE THEY'RE AFRAID THEY'LL ATTRACT THE INVID.



OR MAYBE IT'S AN INVID TRAP! IT'S A WILD GOOSE CHASE, LANCER.



WHAT'S THE BEARING, LUNK?

264 DEGREES; TEN, MAYBE TWELVE KILOMETERS FROM HERE.



Ah, SCOTT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEND US OUT AFTER THIS THING, ARE YOU?

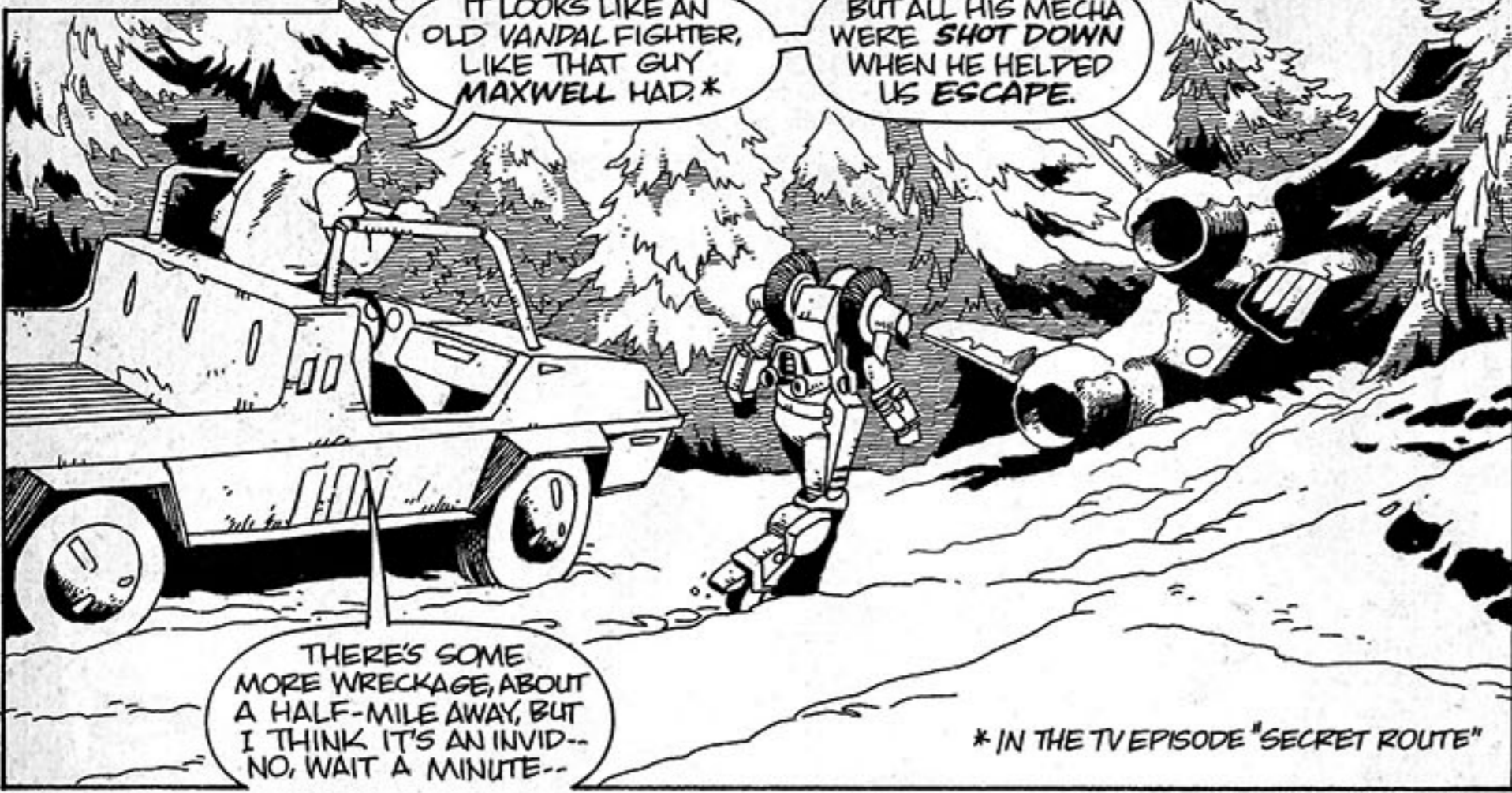
DON'T WORRY, RAND...

...I'M NOT GOING TO KEEP YOU FROM YOUR BEAUTY SLEEP.



BUT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE HEARD THIS SIGNAL. LUNK, WHY DON'T YOU AND I TRY TO FIND THIS BEACON...

"...IN THE MORNING."



IT LOOKS LIKE AN OLD VANDAL FIGHTER, LIKE THAT GUY MAXWELL HAD.*

BUT ALL HIS MECHA WERE SHOT DOWN WHEN HE HELPED US ESCAPE.

THERE'S SOME MORE WRECKAGE, ABOUT A HALF-MILE AWAY, BUT I THINK IT'S AN INVID-- NO, WAIT A MINUTE--

* IN THE TV EPISODE "SECRET ROUTE"

"IT'S AN OLD ZENTRAEDI CRUISER FROM THE RAIN OF DEATH BACK IN 2012."



...I'D THINK THAT THIS WAS A JUNKYARD FOR OLD SPACE-SHIPS.



YOU'RE RIGHT, LUNK. I SWEAR, IF I WERE AN ALIEN WHO HAD JUST DISCOVERED THE EARTH...

IF YOU WERE AN ALIEN, YOU'D PROBABLY WANT TO CONQUER THE PLACE, LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE D--



UH-OH, SCOTT--



I SEE THEM!

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT, INVID DEMON...

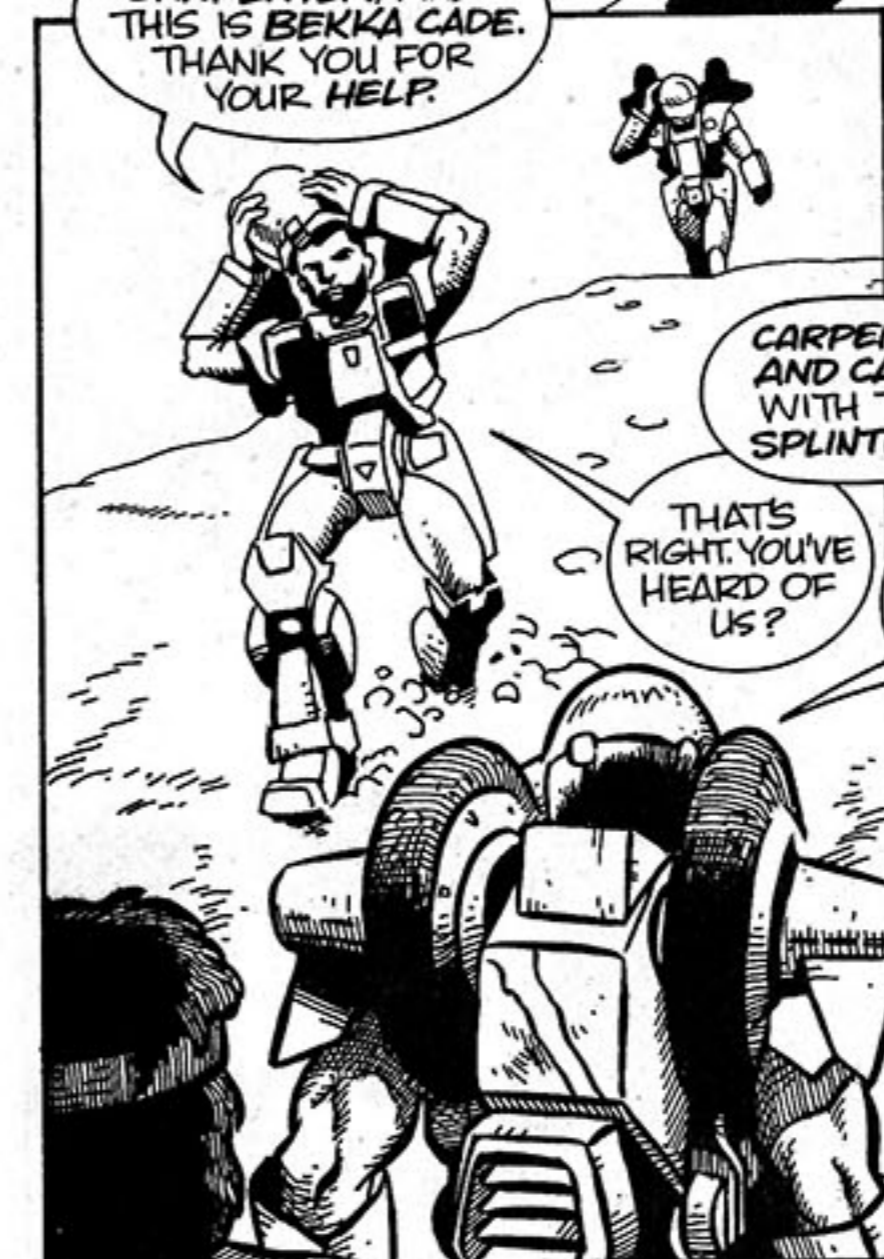
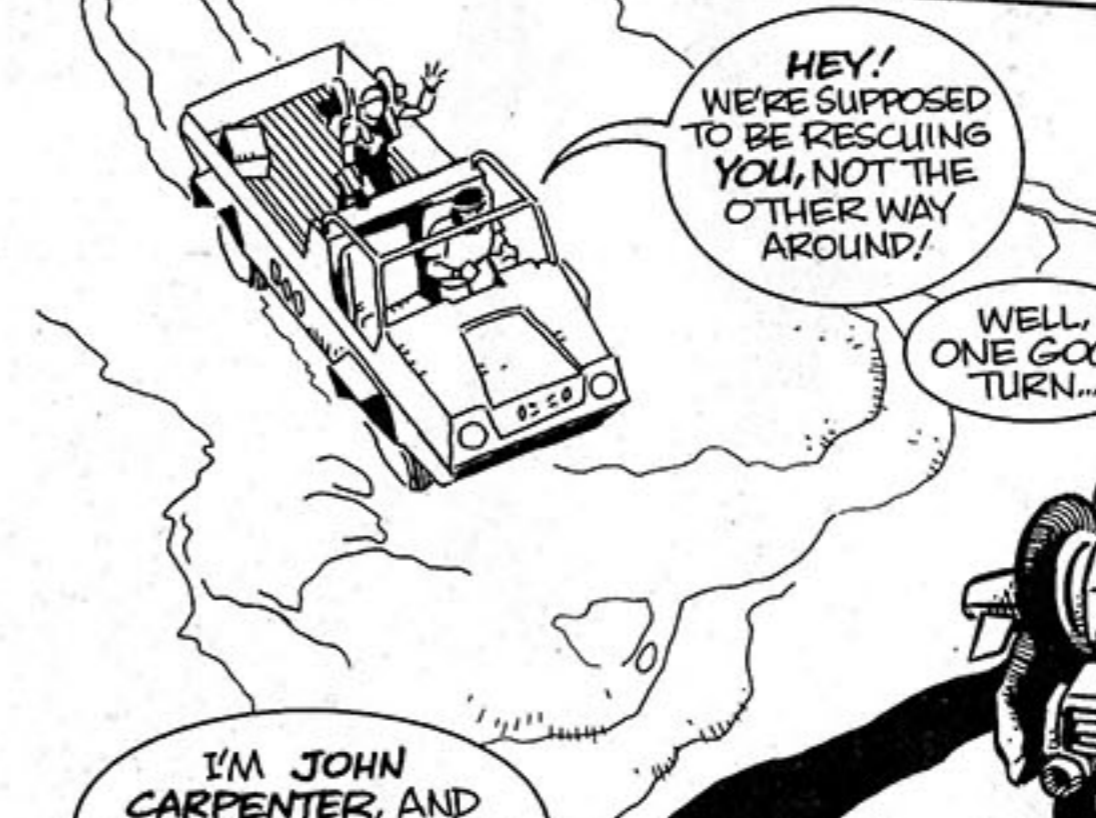
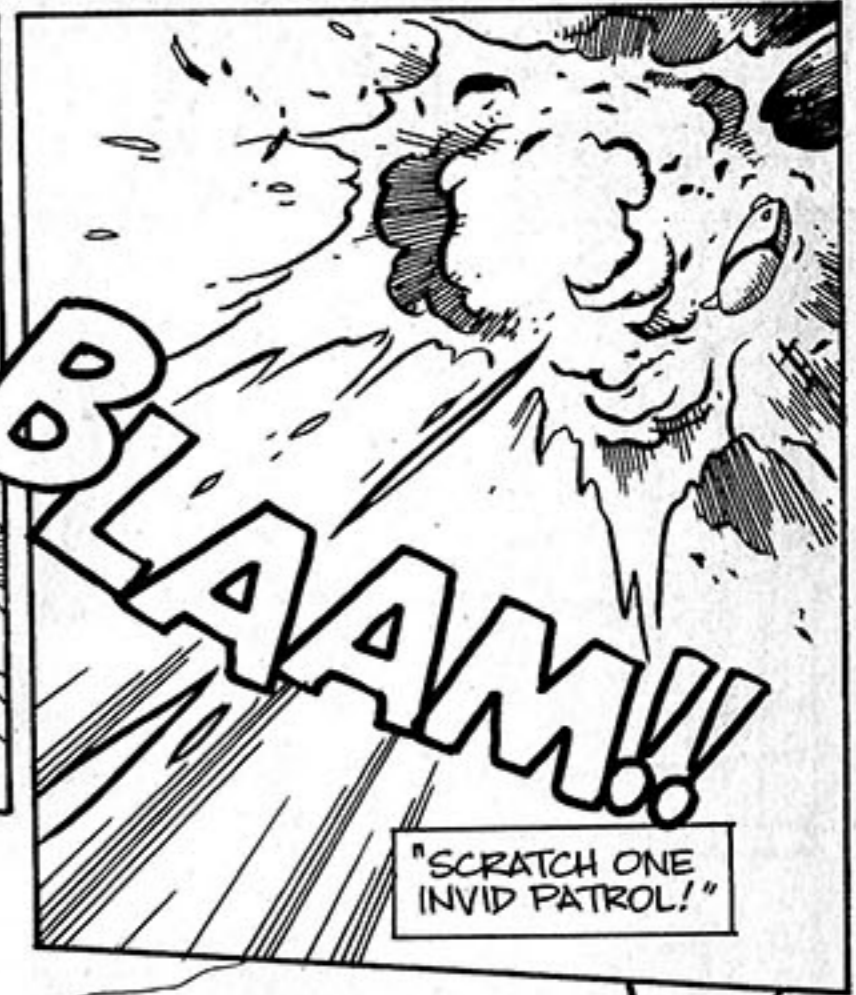
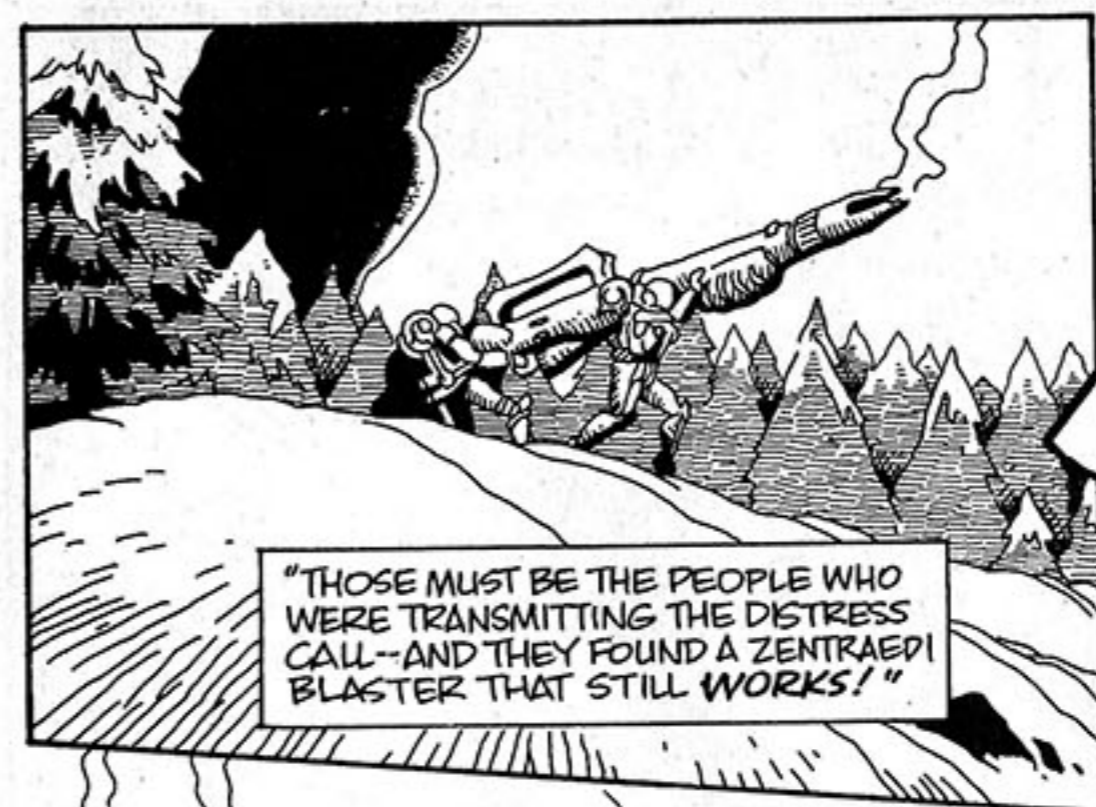
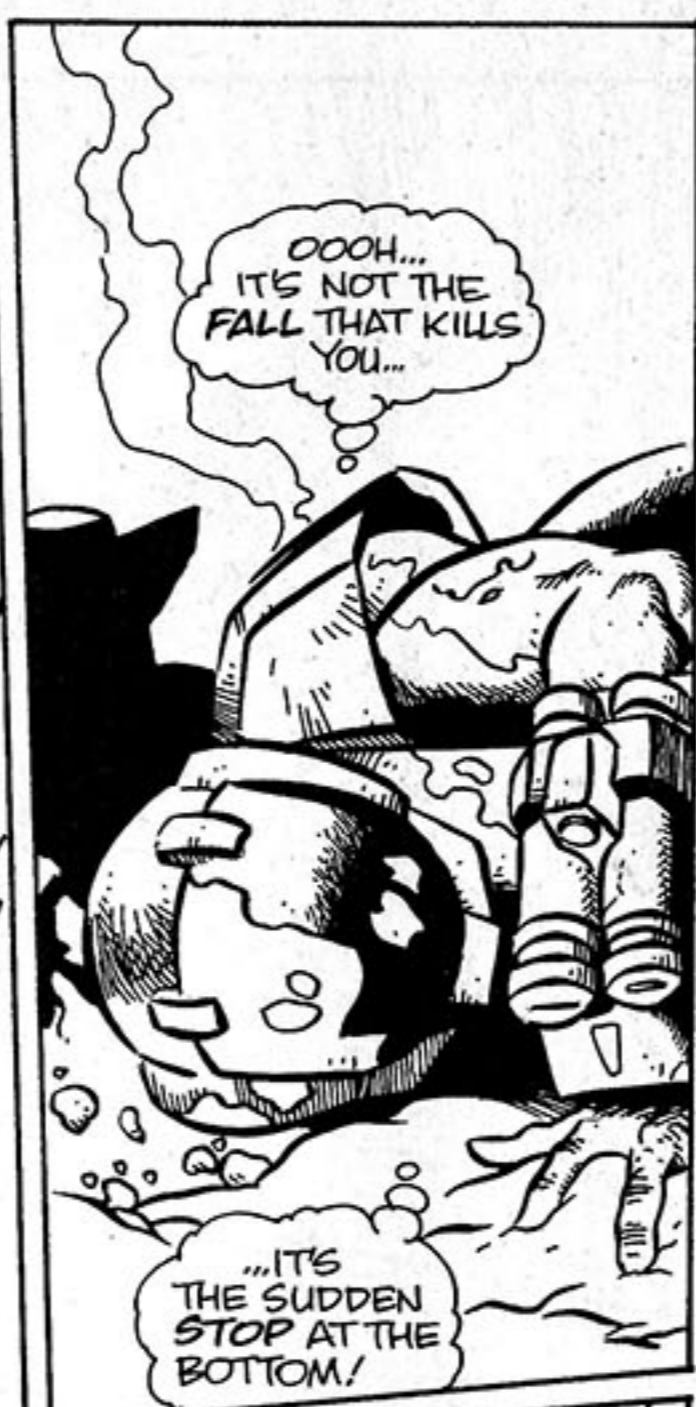
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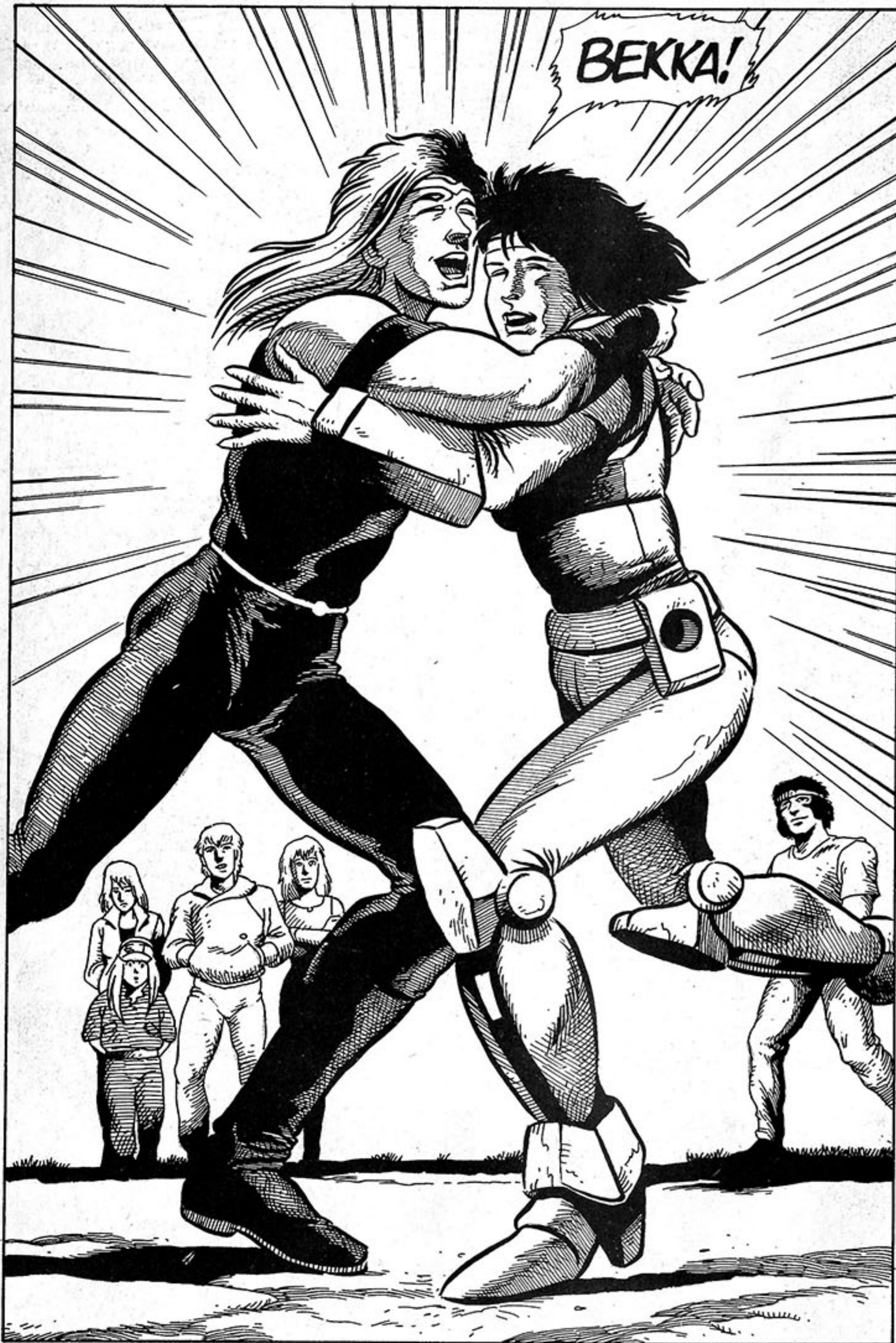
LNGH!

I'M HIT! LOSING POWER!

GOTTA...

PULL OUT...







THIS IS ROOK BARTLEY...

ANNIE LABELLE...

LUNK COOPER...

...AND MARLENE. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT WE CALL HER.

MARLENE'S MEMORY IS GONE. WE THINK... THE INVID MAY HAVE TORTURED HER.

BEKKA, LT. BERNARD AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE WALK. HE WANTS TO TALK TO ME ABOUT HIS PLANS.



TAKE YOUR TIME. WE'LL BE RIGHT HERE.



HOW LONG HAVE YOU AND HE...

...BEEN IN LOVE?

WELL, YEAH.

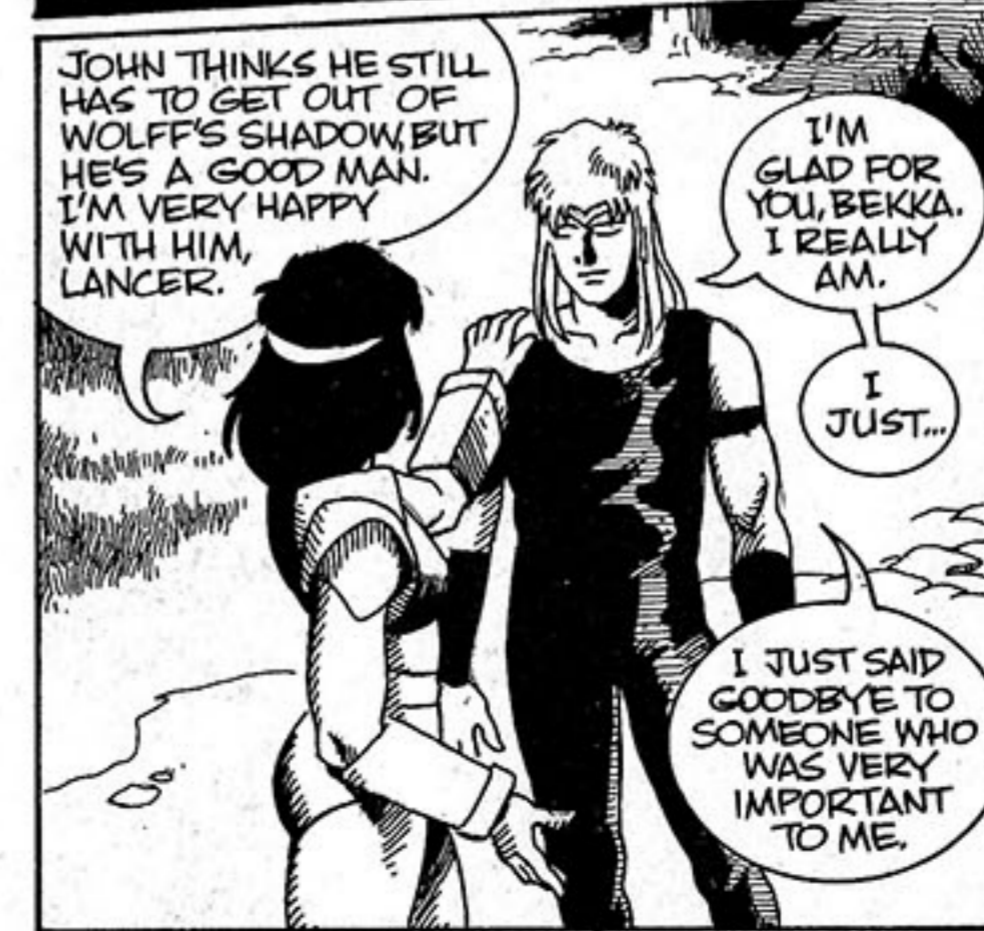


WHO KNOWS WHEN THESE THINGS ACTUALLY HAPPEN? BUT WE ADMITTED IT TO OURSELVES AFTER WE FORMED THE SPLINTERS.



"AFTER THE FIRST BATTLE AT REFLEX POINT, JOHN HAD A FALLING OUT WITH JONATHAN WOLFF.

"HE AND I AND THE SURVIVING PILOTS FROM MOONBASE ALUCE STARTED OUR OWN GROUP."



JOHN THINKS HE STILL HAS TO GET OUT OF WOLFF'S SHADOW, BUT HE'S A GOOD MAN. I'M VERY HAPPY WITH HIM, LANCER.

I'M GLAD FOR YOU, BEKKA. I REALLY AM.

I JUST...

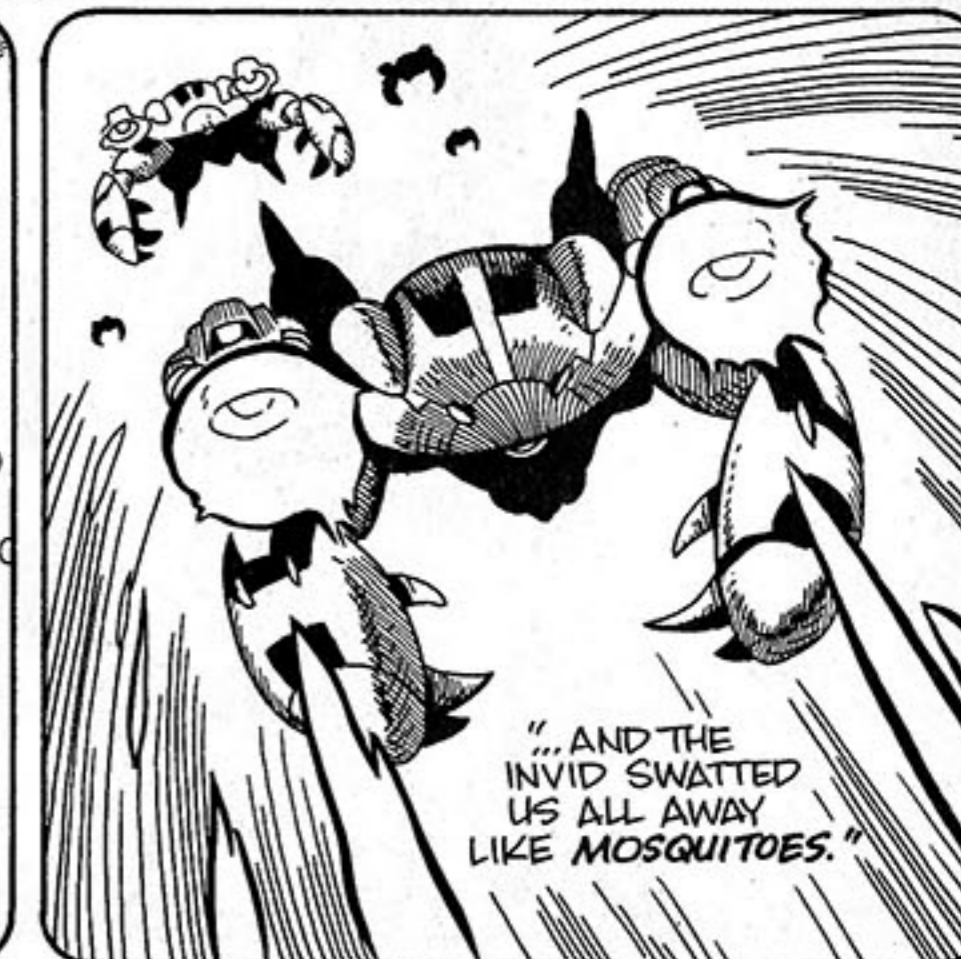
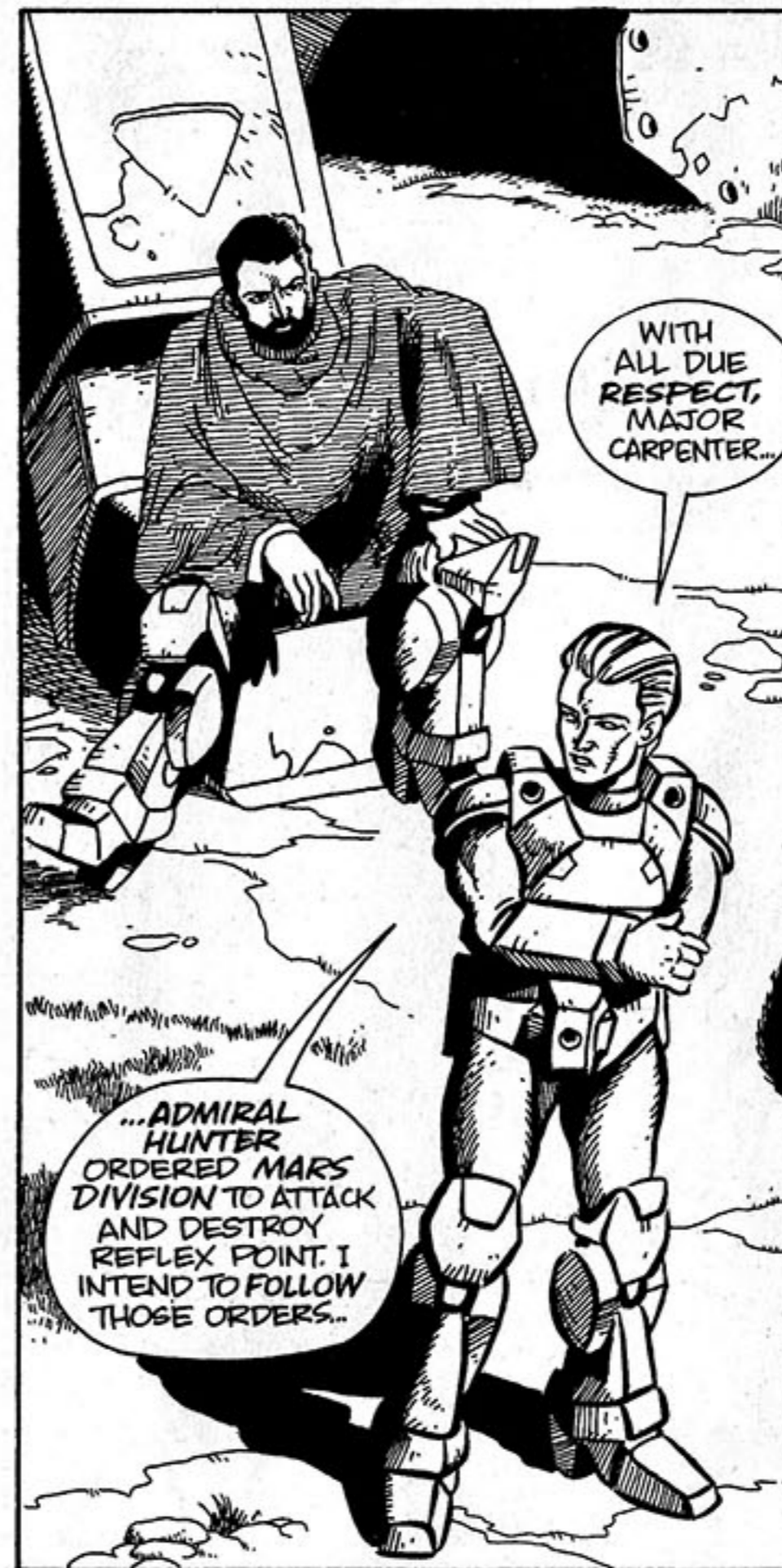
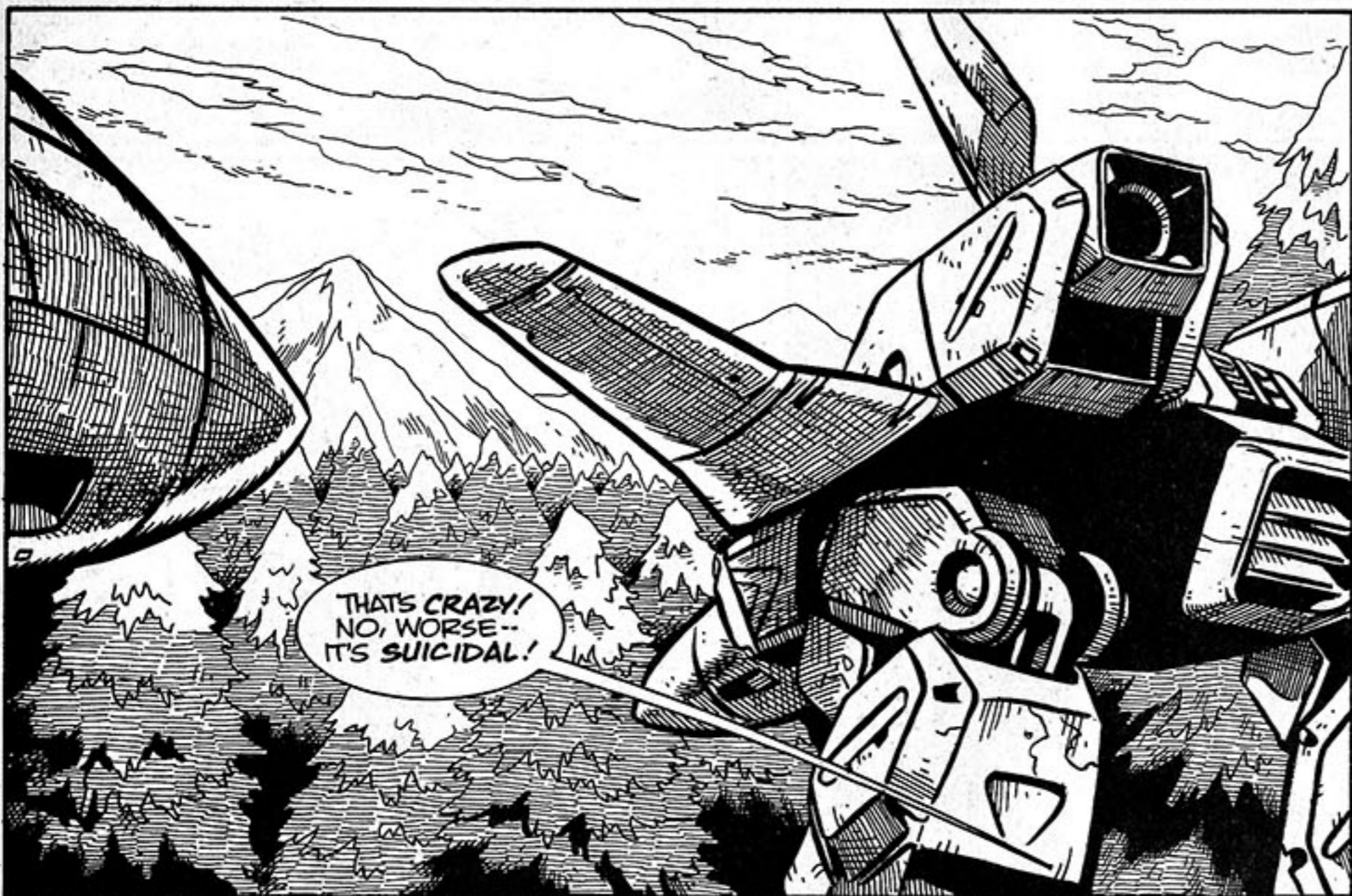
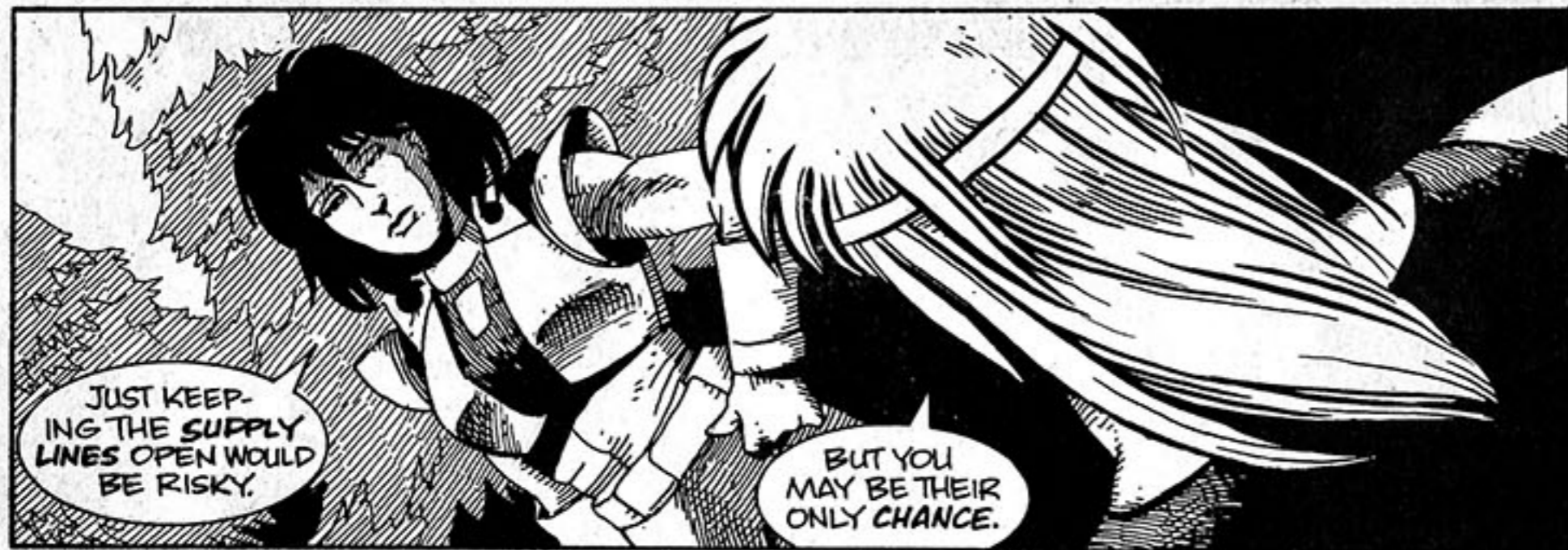
I JUST SAID GOODBYE TO SOMEONE WHO WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.



AND WHEN I SAW YOU KISS, IT REMINDED ME OF ALL THE THINGS THAT AREN'T GOING TO HAPPEN.

AND FOR A MOMENT, WHEN WE HUGGED...

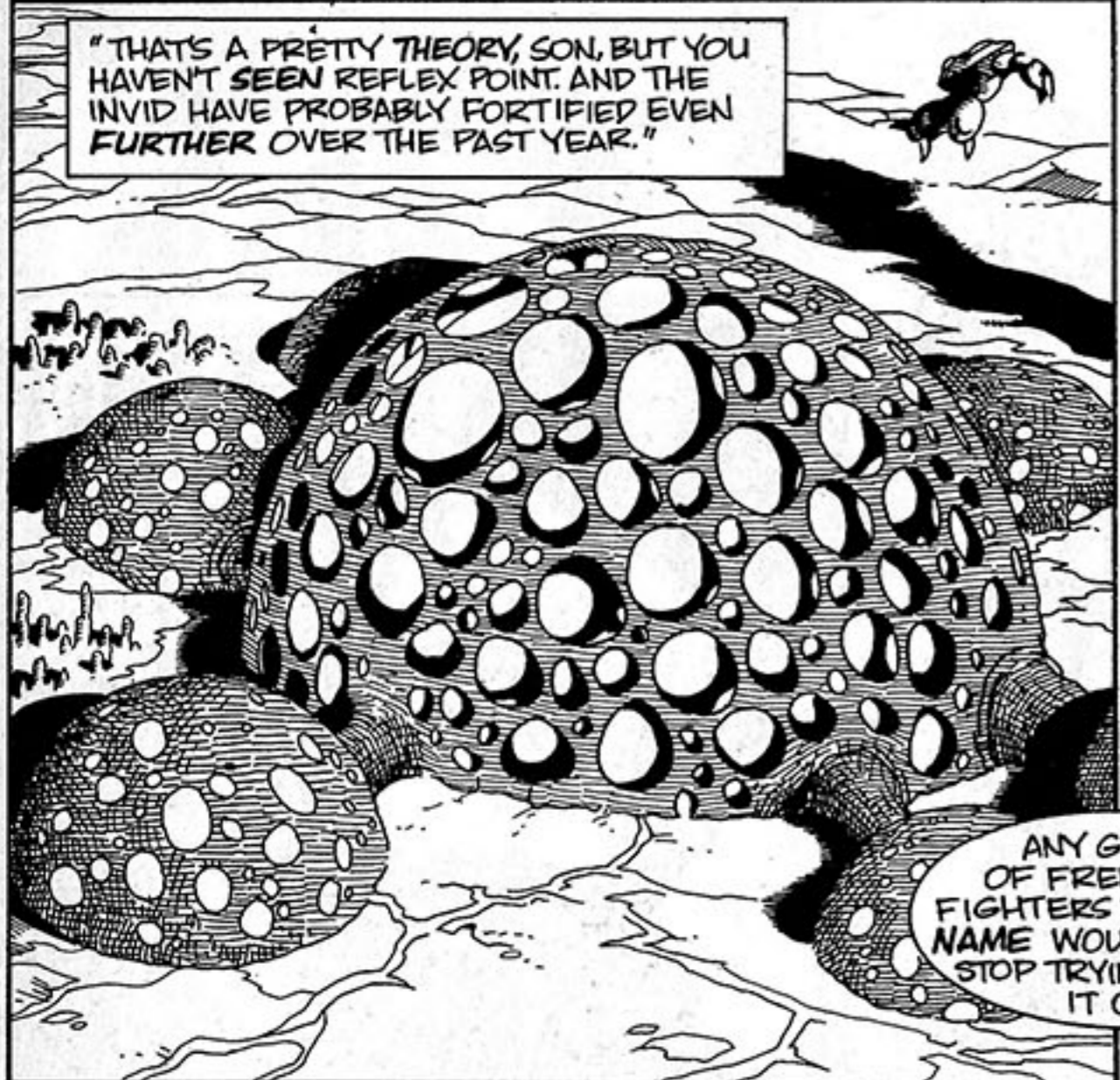






BEKKA AND I WERE LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THERE ALIVE. WE THOUGHT YOUR FRIEND LANCER DIED IN THE AFTERMATH.

EVERY INSTALLATION HAS A WEAKNESS. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF FINDING IT.



"THAT'S A PRETTY THEORY, SON, BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN REFLEX POINT. AND THE INVID HAVE PROBABLY FORTIFIED EVEN FURTHER OVER THE PAST YEAR."



ANY GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORTH THE NAME WOULD NEVER STOP TRYING TO TAKE IT OUT!



YOU ARROGANT LITTLE CREEP! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON EARTH?

THREE MONTHS? SIX??

I CAME BACK DURING THE WAR AGAINST THE ROBOTECH MASTERS! I KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO STAY ALIVE!



BEKKA AND I HAVE TO LOOK AFTER DOZENS OF PEOPLE! WE'VE RESCUED HUMANS AND ZENTRAEDI FROM THE INVID!

I'M SORRY IF I OFFENDED YOU, MAJOR...

I KNOW I DON'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE YOU AND LT. CADE HAVE...

THE LAST THING I NEED IS SOME KID TELLING ME I'M NOT DOING MY JOB! DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?!



...BUT EVER SINCE I CRASHED, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TELLING ME THAT THE INVID CAN'T BE STOPPED FIRST IT WAS COLONEL WOLFF, AND NOW IT'S YOU.

WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE IT. I WON'T BELIEVE IT. TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED FOR ME TO JUST GIVE UP.



JOHN, I JUST HAD AN IDEA. I THINK WE SHOULD ASK LT. BERNARD AND LANCER AND THE OTHERS TO JOIN THE SPLINTERS.



THE SOUTHLANDS, SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

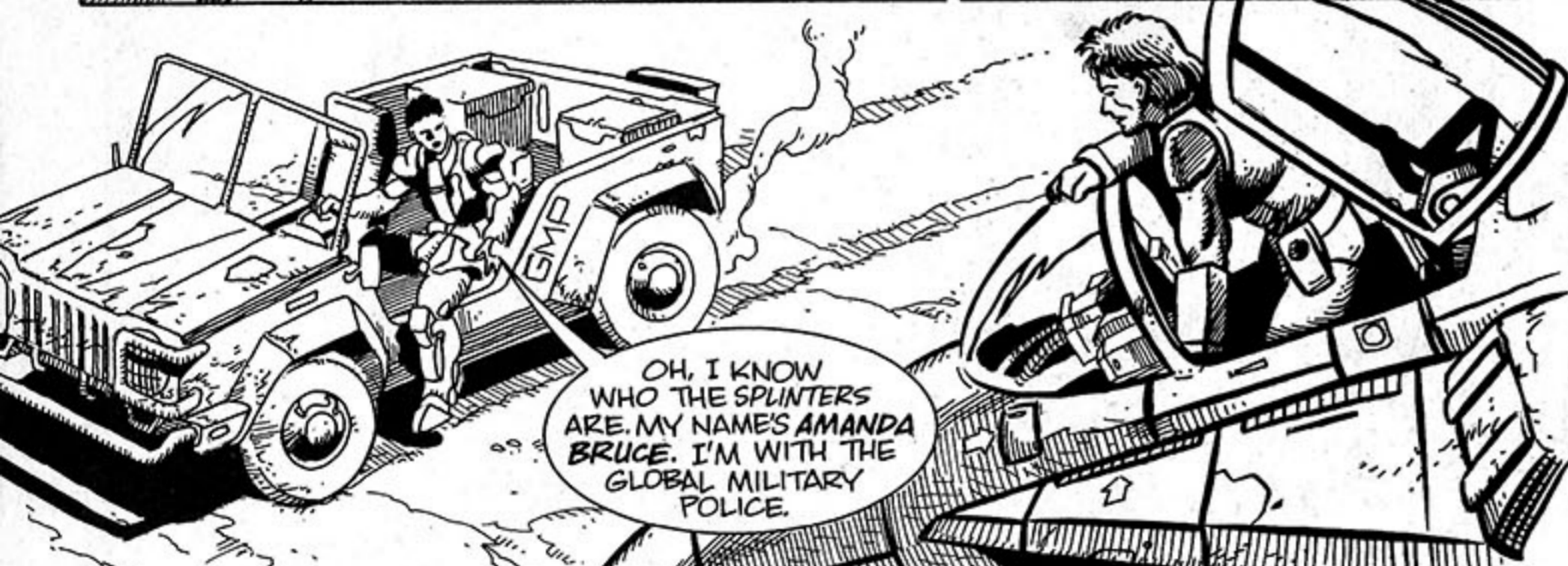






MY NAME'S CRANSTON. I'M WITH THE SPLINTERS, A GROUP UP NORTH. YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF US, BUT...

DON'T RUN AWAY! I'M A FRIEND!



OH, I KNOW WHO THE SPLINTERS ARE. MY NAME'S AMANDA BRUCE. I'M WITH THE GLOBAL MILITARY POLICE.

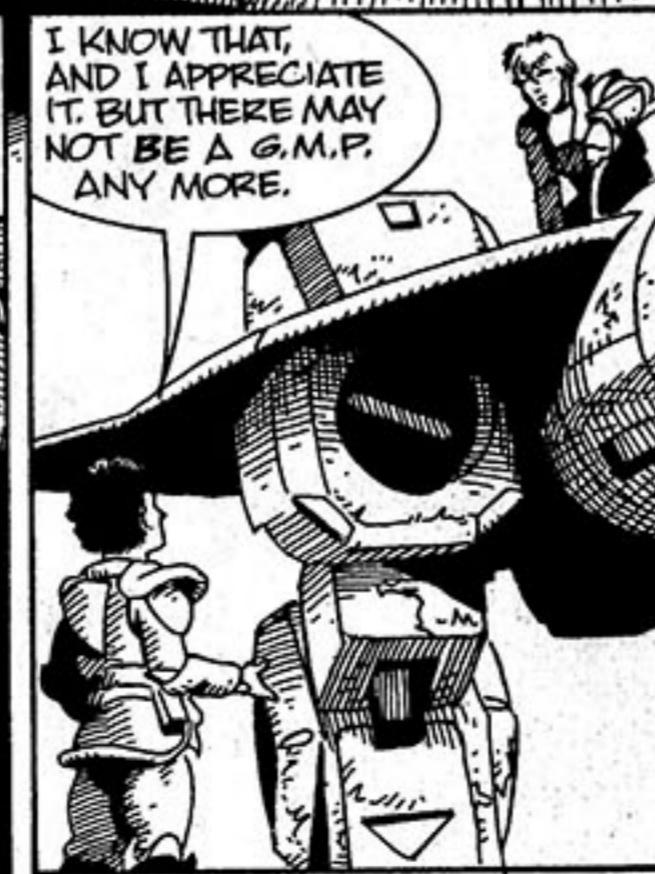


OR AT LEAST, I USED TO BE.



WHOAH, WHOAH, HOLD ON...

I KNOW THERE'S SOME BAD BLOOD BETWEEN US AND THE G.M.P., BUT I WAS TRYING TO HELP YOU, NOT CAPTURE YOU.



I KNOW THAT, AND I APPRECIATE IT. BUT THERE MAY NOT BE A G.M.P. ANY MORE.



"DID YOU SEE A TOWN ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS WEST OF HERE? THAT'S SOLDIERTOWN. IT WAS RUN BY A GUY NAMED WOLFF HE WAS A WAR HERO BACK IN THE OLD DAYS."



I KNOW.

WELL, GET THIS-- HE'S DEAD. THE INVID FINALLY GOT HIM.

COMMANDER SATORI THOUGHT THE G.M.P. COULD TAKE WOLFF'S PLACE. SHE TALKED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL...

SO SHE ORDERED US TO MOVE IN.

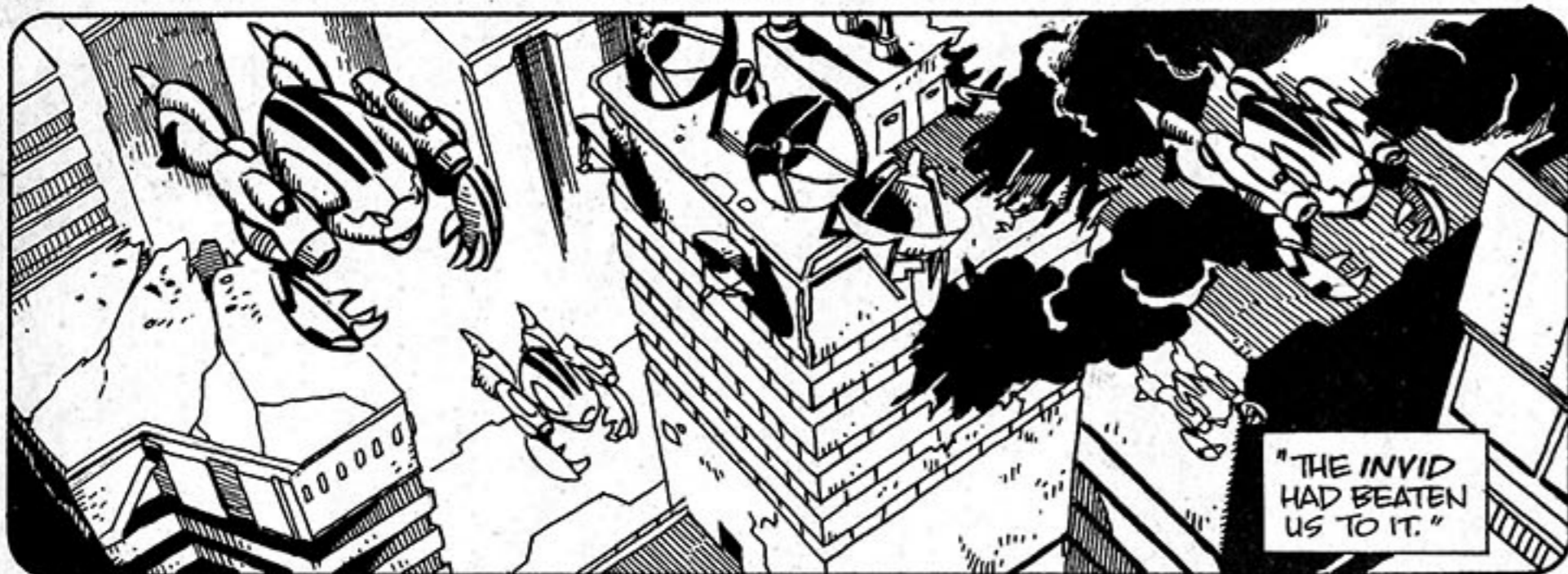
"BUT SHE COULDN'T GET THEM TO AGREE."



"IT WAS A SIMPLE OPERATION. WE'D DONE IT BEFORE."



"BUT WE WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH."



"THE INVID HAD BEATEN US TO IT."



"I'M ON MY WAY TO PICK UP THE LEADERS OF THE SPLINTERS..."

"THAT EXPLAINS A LOT. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO COME WITH ME?"



"I THINK THEY'LL WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THIS."

NEXT: ALL FALL DOWN

Greetings to all fellow Protoculture addicts:

I'm writing here today to let everybody know what The Robotech Echo is all about. It is an electronic conversation network where the topic of discussion is anything related to the realm of ROBOTECH™.

The Robotech Echo is carried on many computer bulletin board systems (BBS) across North America, making it easy for almost anyone to get in on the fun. Here's how: to access a BBS you need four things: a computer, a communications software package of your choice, a modem, and the phone number of a BBS which carries the Robotech Echo. You set your comm software up so that it tells your modem to dial to the BBS you want, then, once the BBS modem picks up the line, your modem will link your computer to the BBS computer—and you're "online"! (Don't worry about the details; almost all BBSs have online "help screens" that will guide you through the log-on process.) Be patient, though: some BBSs have only one telephone line, so you may have to wait a bit until another user hangs up before you can get in. The Robotech BBS is available on more than one BBS, however; if you can't get in on one, just dial up another. When you do get on, all you have to do is post your messages to the Echo on your "home" board and the net does the rest, distributing your messages across the continent automatically to thousands of other subscribers. It's that simple!

I recommend that you sign onto a local BBS carrying the Echo and take a look at what's already there. We carry a lot of messages, and your comments are welcome! A list of allowable topics for the echo is published frequently in the rules, but suffice it to say that anything Robotech-related is okay. A word of caution: be courteous. Most sysops consider BBSing a hobby and are willing to invest money in it for their own enjoyment. If you abide by the simple rules your sysop sets, you'll generally be allowed to use the system free of charge (not counting phone charges, if any). If your local BBS doesn't carry the Robotech Echo, just ask your sysop (SYSTEM OPERATOR) to subscribe to the Robotech Echo on his or her system. There is absolutely no charge for the Echo itself, and none of the BBSs currently on the Robotech Echo charge a fee for basic net access.

Robotech has always had its fans, and now we have our own electronic playground! It's a great way to meet people and discuss whatever you like about Robotech: ideas, info, whatever. This Echo is for the users!

Finally, I'd like to extend my thanks to Eternity Comics—specifically Eternity editor Mark Paniccia—for helping us get the Echo off to a grand start. I'd also like to thank Harmony Gold for being gracious enough to allow all of this to occur...

...and BIG thanks for creating Robotech in the first place!

Thank You,

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