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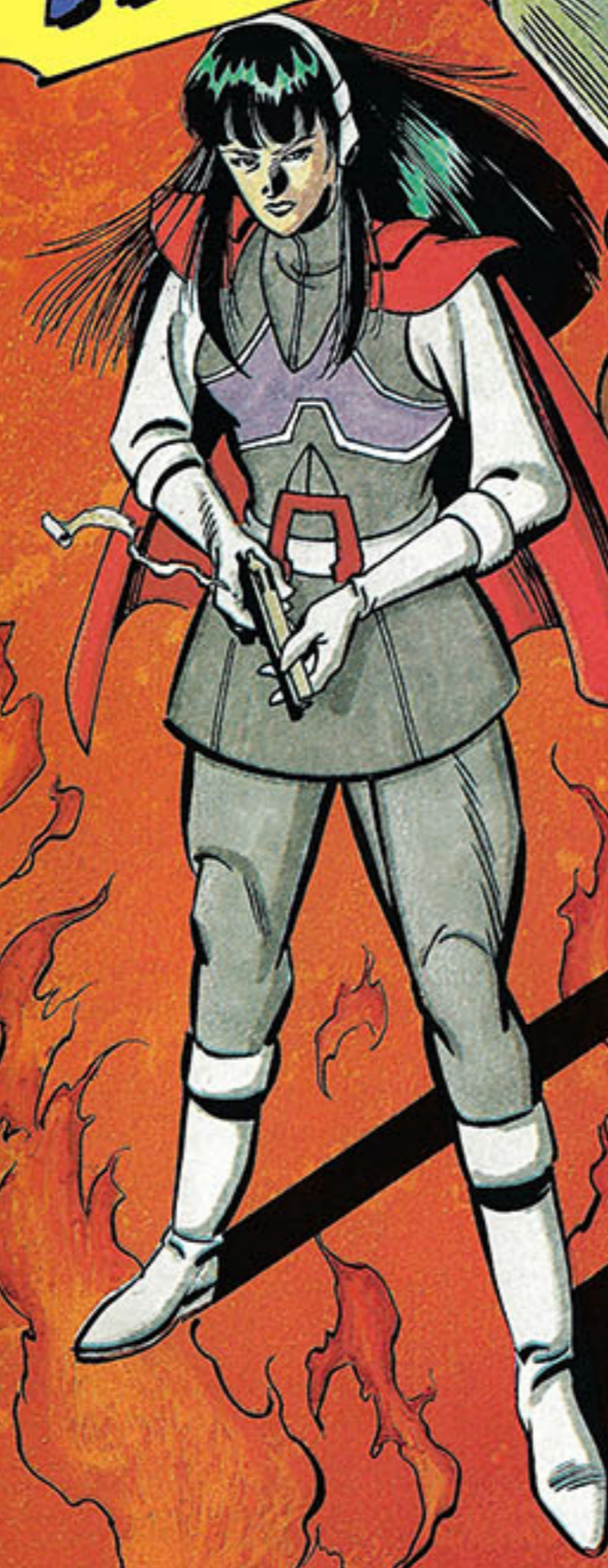
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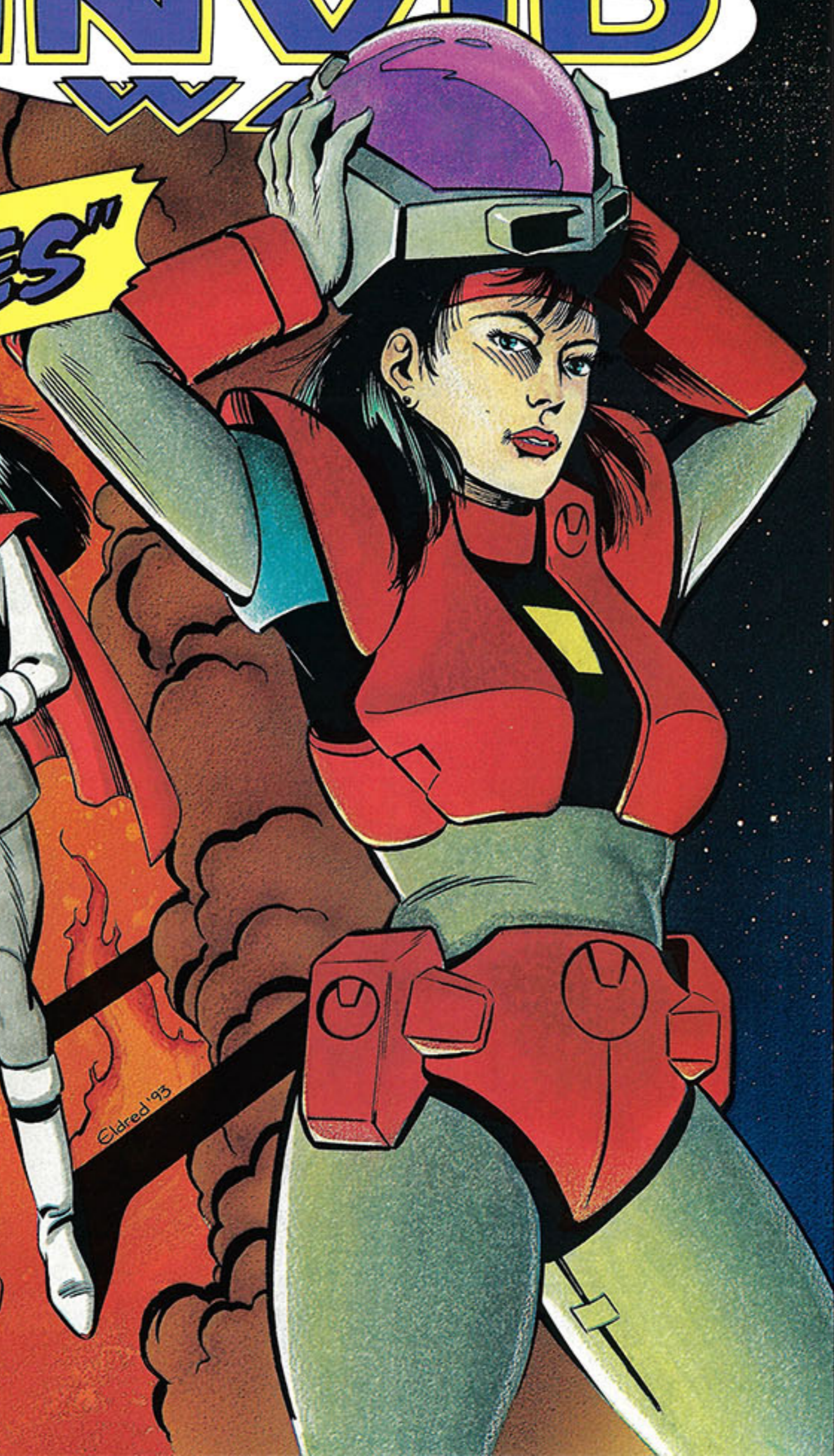
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JANUARY, 2035...

--RE-ENTRY IN THREE MINUTES!

COPY, BLUE STREAK ONE. WE HAVE YOU ON RADAR.

STILL NO SIGN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

PROCEED TO GRID AA-52 AS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED.

MESSAGE RECEIVED. BLUE STREAK ONE, OUT.

SOMEHOW, BEKKA, I FEEL LIKE I'VE DONE THIS BEFORE.

HAH. WE'VE BOTH DONE THIS BEFORE, JOHN.

BUT LAST TIME, I WAS MAKING THE TRIP FROM THE MOONBASE, AND YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME HERE ON EARTH.\*

WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER THEN. HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WASN'T EVEN TWO YEARS AGO.

\*WAY BACK IN ISSUE 2! -Bill



YEAH. I JUST HOPE THIS PICKUP GOES EASIER.

RABBITHOLE TO KESTREL ONE-- WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, JOHN.

WE'VE GOT EIGHT INVID MECHA COMING FROM THE SOUTH-EAST...

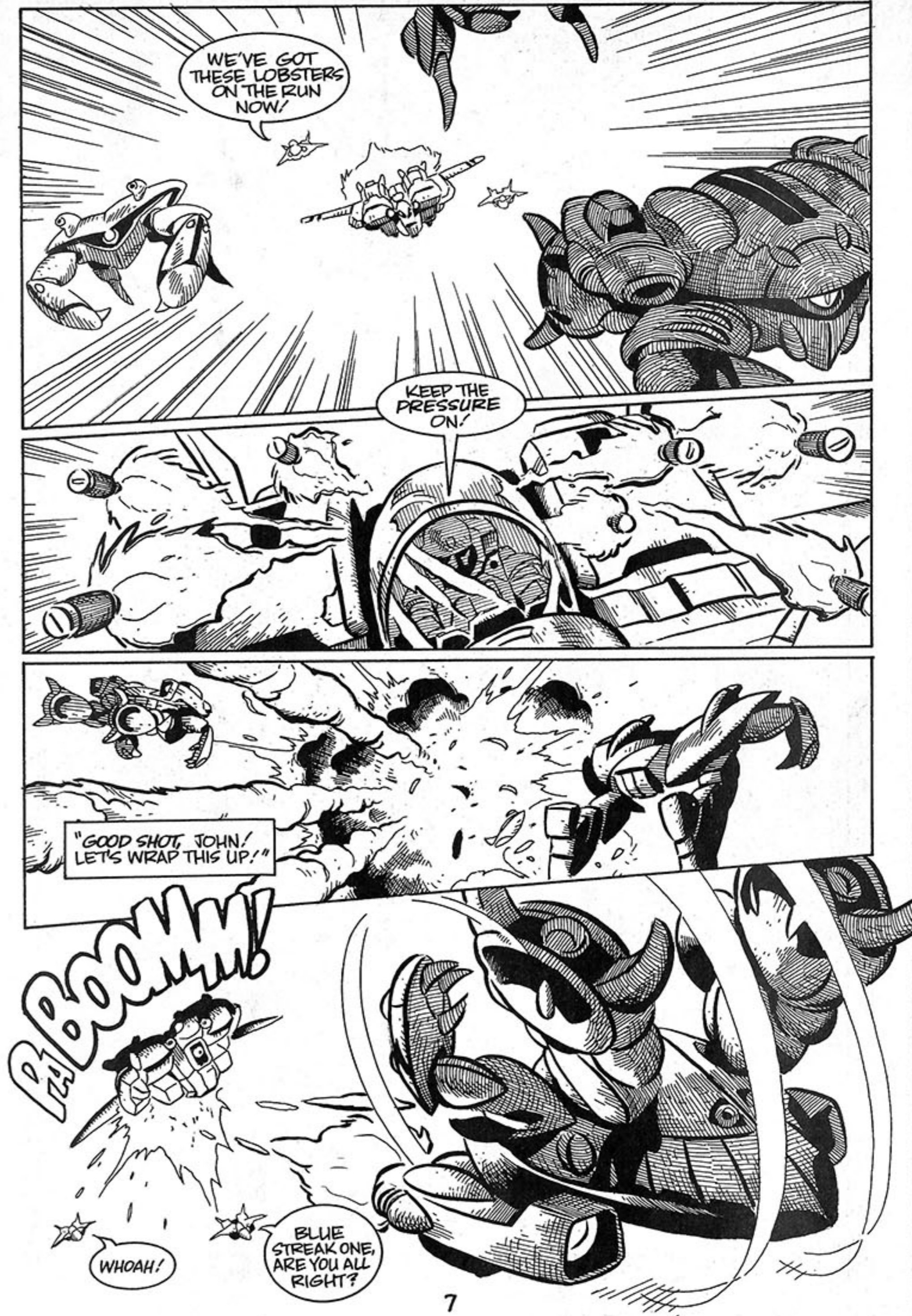
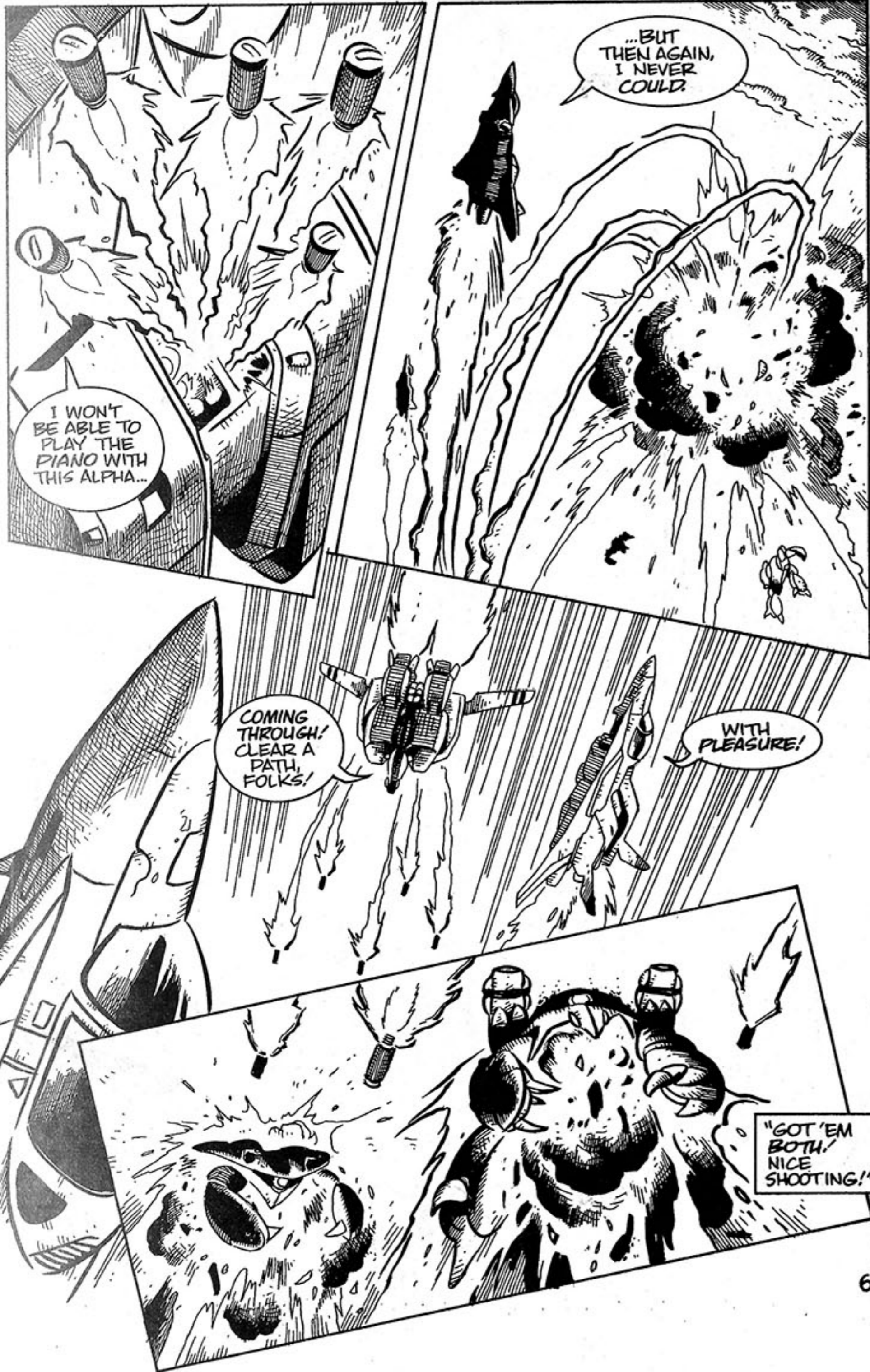
THEY'RE PICKING UP ALTITUDE AND SPEED. THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR OUR GUEST!

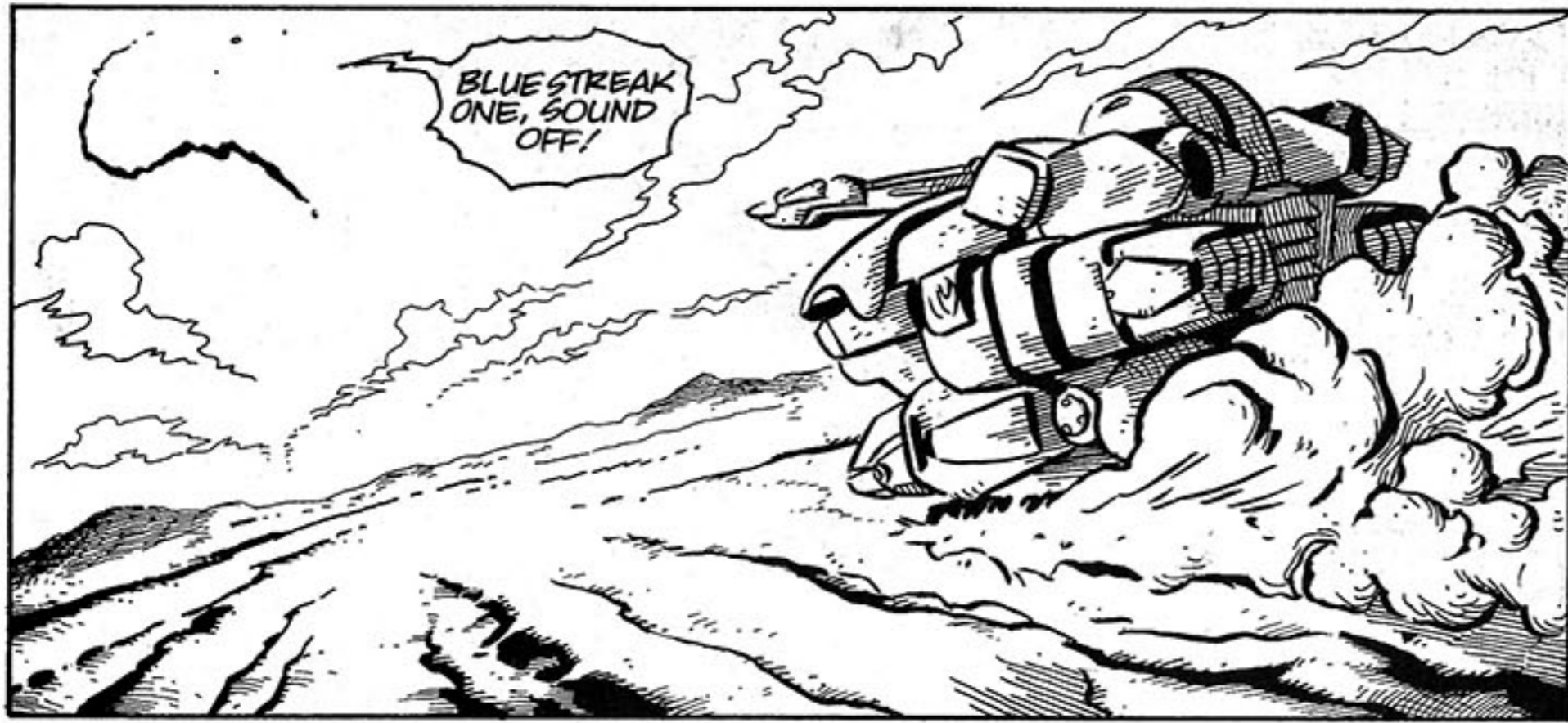
THANKS, DESMOND. THINGS WERE GOING TOO SMOOTHLY, I GUESS.

BEKKA AND I WILL TRY TO INTERCEPT.

YOU SCRAMBLE CRANSTON AND THOMAS AND LYLE-- WE MAY NEED THE HELP!







BLUE STREAK ONE, SOUND OFF!



SHA  
GROOM

STILL HERE, KESTREL ONE-- SWITCHING TO GUARDIAN MODE!

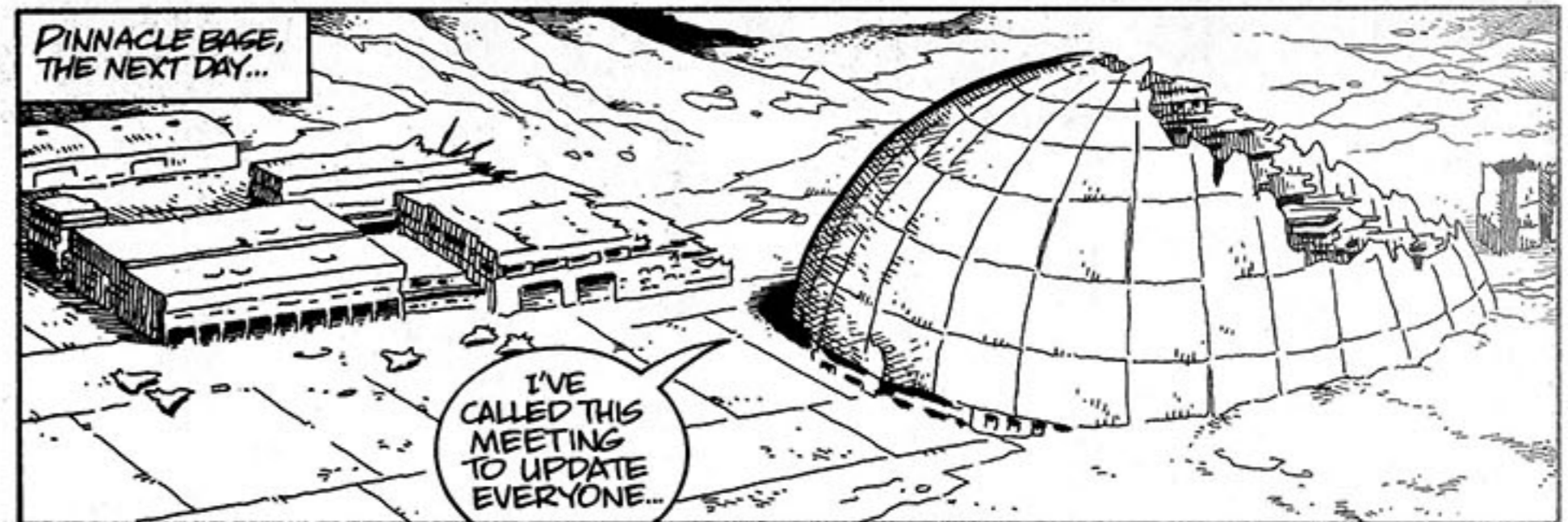
WE'RE LOSING POWER, BUT I THINK--  
HUH?



KESTREL ONE, THIS IS NOVA SATORI...

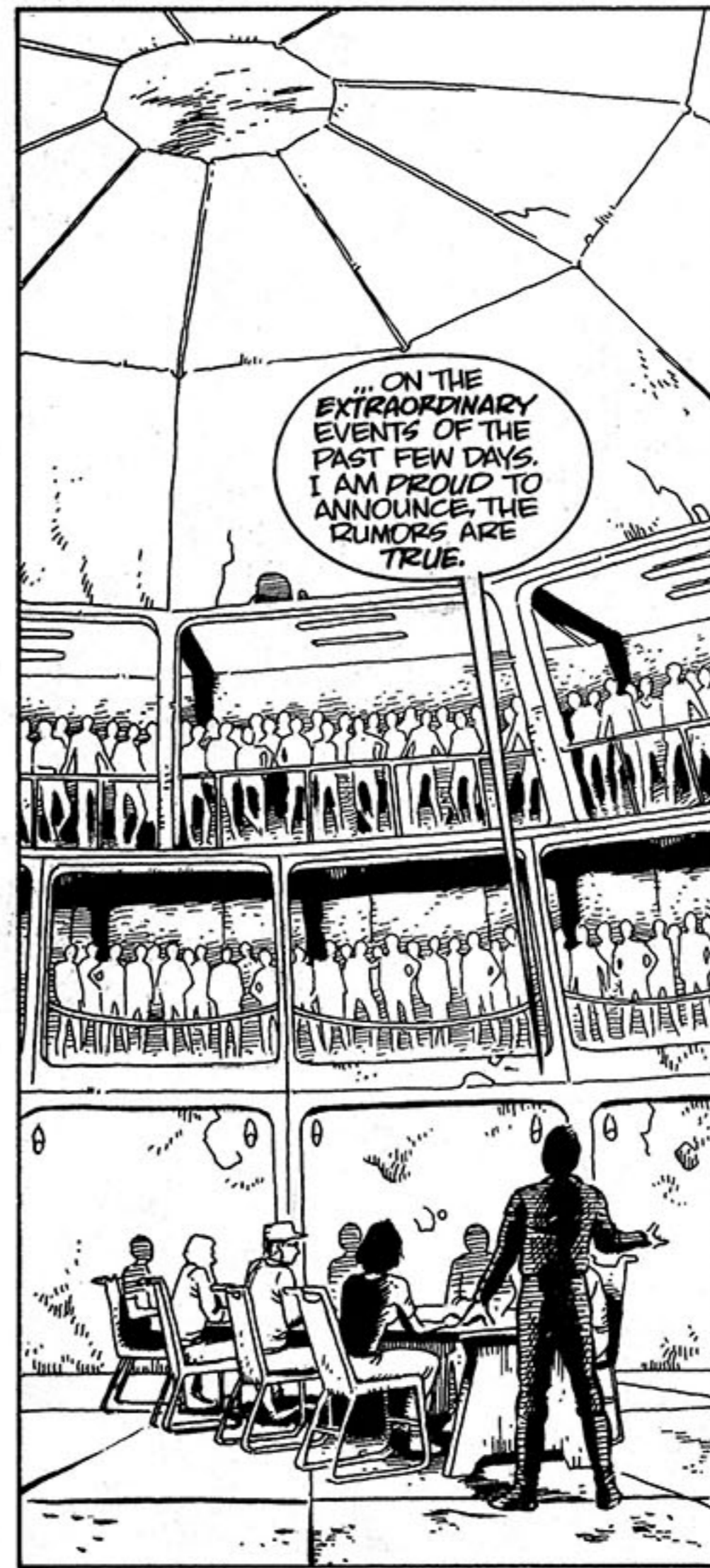


YOU'VE BEEN HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME, HAVEN'T YOU, CARPENTER?



PINNACLE BASE, THE NEXT DAY...

I'VE CALLED THIS MEETING TO UPDATE EVERYONE...



...ON THE EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS, I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE RUMORS ARE TRUE.



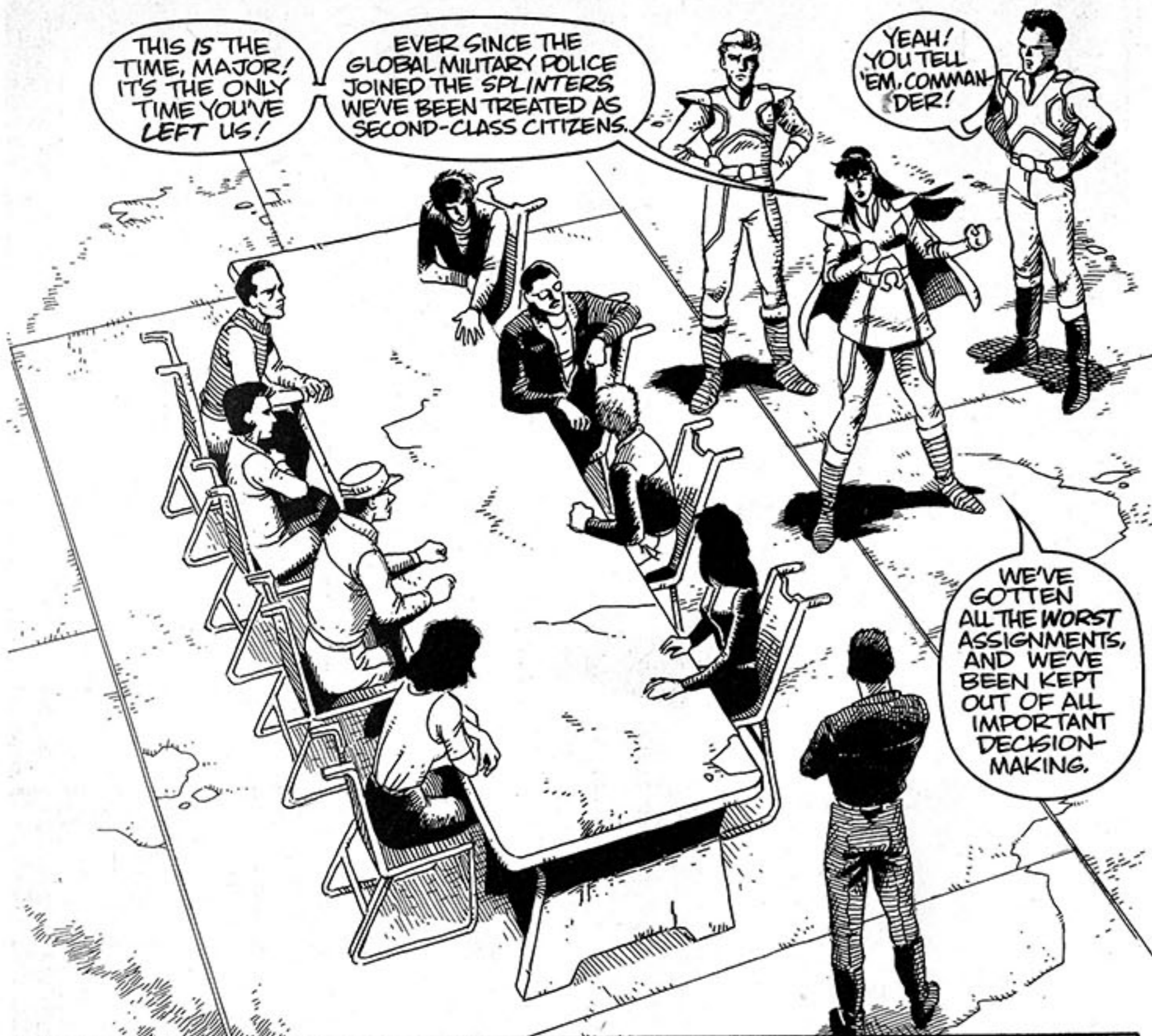
A SHIP FROM MOONBASE ALUCE HAS LANDED ON EARTH WITH VITAL NEWS FOR ALL OF US.



ON BOARD THAT SHIP WERE LT. COMMANDER AARON SCHULTZ OF ALUCE'S RULING COUNCIL... AND LT. SUE GRAHAM, JUPITER DIVISION--

--FROM THE ROBOTECH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE!!





THIS IS THE TIME, MAJOR! IT'S THE ONLY TIME YOU'VE LEFT US!

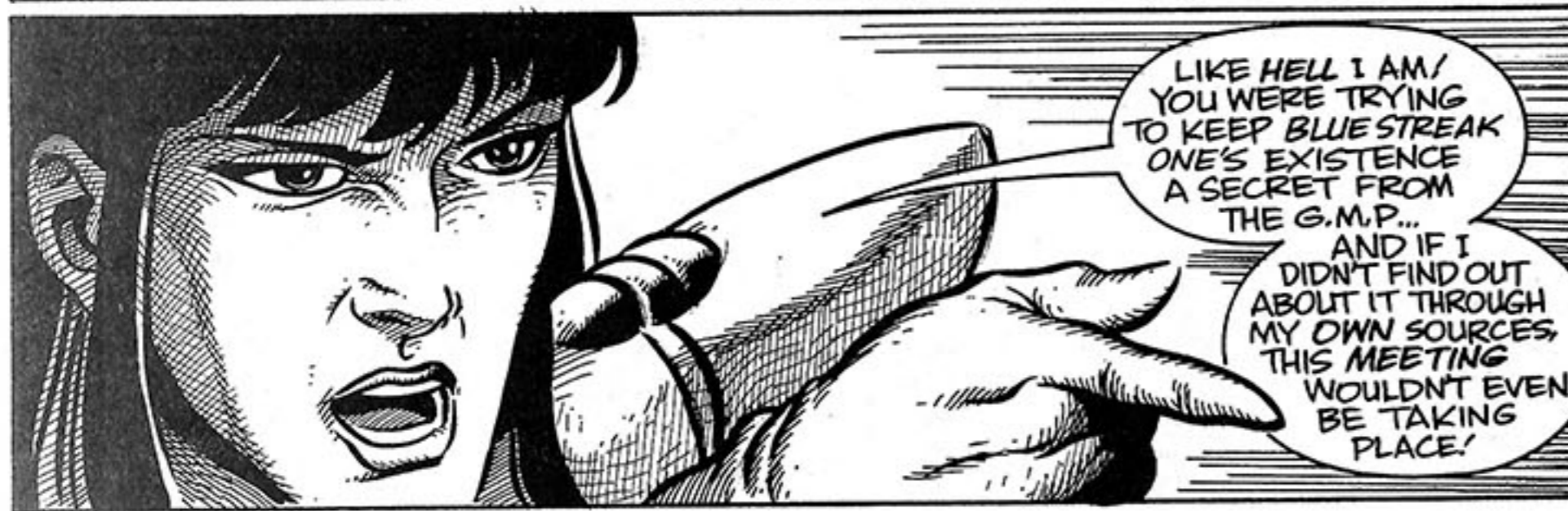
EVER SINCE THE GLOBAL MILITARY POLICE JOINED THE SPLINTERS, WE'VE BEEN TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS.

YEAH! YOU TELL 'EM, COMMANDER!

WE'VE GOTTEN ALL THE WORST ASSIGNMENTS, AND WE'VE BEEN KEPT OUT OF ALL IMPORTANT DECISION-MAKING.



YOU'RE EXAGGERATING, COMMANDER!



LIKE HELL I AM! YOU WERE TRYING TO KEEP BLUESTREAK ONE'S EXISTENCE A SECRET FROM THE G.M.P... AND IF I DIDN'T FIND OUT ABOUT IT THROUGH MY OWN SOURCES, THIS MEETING WOULDNT EVEN BE TAKING PLACE!



WE DIDN'T NEED YOUR HELP TO RECOVER BLUE STREAK ONE!

THAT'S NOT THE WAY I SAW IT!



ASSUMING YOUR CHARGES ARE TRUE, COMMANDER SATORI, WHY BRING THEM UP NOW?



TWO REASONS, CAPTAIN NOBUTU... FIRST, I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SWEEP THIS ISSUE UNDER THE CARPET...

...BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...



... I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE G.M.P. WILL BE ENTITLED TO SEATS ON THESE EVACUATION FLIGHTS.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO ARRANGE THESE FLIGHTS FOR A LONG TIME NOW.





I THINK WE SHOULD DRAW LOTS FOR SEATS ON THESE SHUTTLES. NOTHING ELSE IS FAIR.

THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR OVER A YEAR!



QUIET, EVERYONE! QUIET!!

OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF DETAILS TO WORK OUT, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT BY SCREAMING AT EACH OTHER.

LT. GRAHAM WILL BE LEAVING SOON TO CONTINUE HER SCOUTING MISSION, BUT LT. COMMANDER SCHULTZ WILL BE STAYING HERE TO HELP ARRANGE FLIGHTS.

ALL YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE HEARD AND TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

WE'VE DEVELOPED A REAL BOND OF TRUST SINCE WE'VE ALL BEEN TOGETHER.

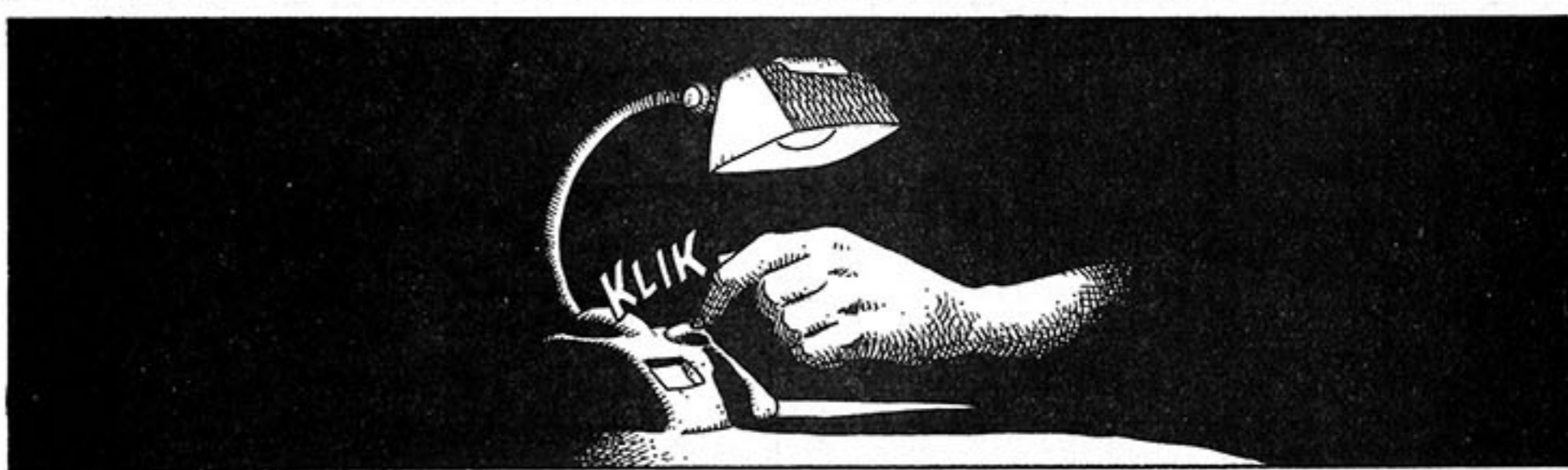
DON'T ALLOW THAT BOND TO CRUMBLE NOW, WHEN WE'RE FINALLY SO CLOSE TO OUR GOAL!



LATER...

JOHN?

JOHN?



KLIK



JOHN, COME BACK TO BED, SITTING AND BROODING ISN'T GOING TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.

EVERYONE'S GOT TO HAVE A HOBBY, BEKKA.

I'D GO TOPSIDE, BUT IT'S TOO COLD.



I THINK YOU HANDLED EVERYTHING AT THE MEETING WELL.

IT'S ALL FALLING APART, BEKKA, AND I CAN'T STOP IT.

MAYBE SOMEONE LIKE JONATHAN WOLFF OR DESMOND NOBUTU COULD, BUT I CAN'T.



YOU'RE A BETTER LEADER THAN WOLFF EVER WAS, AND I CAN'T BLAME DESMOND FOR NOT WANTING MORE RESPONSIBILITY.



YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, HE HAD ENOUGH PROBLEMS WHEN HE WAS RUNNING THE MOON-BASE.

I DON'T BLAME HIM, EITHER.

I JUST WISH THERE WAS SOMEBODY I COULD TURN THIS OVER TO.



NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE SATORI TO WORRY ABOUT, WE HAVE TO ARRANGE THINGS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEAVE...

...AND THE ONES WHO WANT TO STAY AND FIGHT!



THAT'S WHAT WE PROMISED THEM, RIGHT? A CHANCE TO ESCAPE TO THE MOON?

OH, YEAH, THAT'S WHAT WE PROMISED THEM, I'M SURPRISED ANY OF THEM STAYED SO LONG.



"WHERE ELSE ARE THEY GOING TO GO? IT'S A COLD, CRUEL WORLD OUT THERE."



THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. YOU KEPT THESE PEOPLE ALIVE. IN A TIME LIKE THIS, THAT'S A LOT.

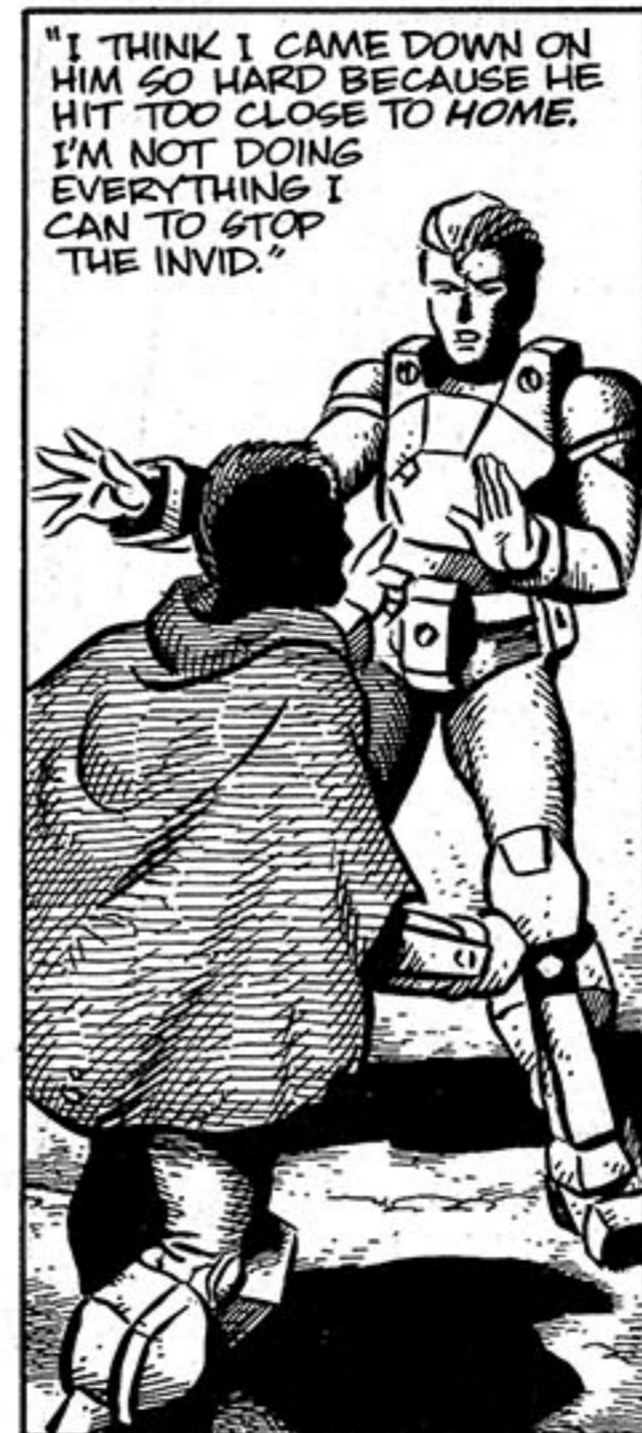
THAT'S ME, JOHN CARPENTER, THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS.



BUT IS IT ENOUGH?

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU TOLD SCOTT BERNARD, REMEMBER?

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T BRING THAT UP.



"I THINK I CAME DOWN ON HIM SO HARD BECAUSE HE HIT TOO CLOSE TO HOME. I'M NOT DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO STOP THE INVID."



AND I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW I'M GOING TO CHANGE THAT. NOT NOW.

YOU'RE NOT GIVING YOURSELF ENOUGH CREDIT.

WE DID STOP THE RED MOON, AFTER ALL.



THE FIRST THING WE HAVE TO DO RIGHT NOW IS KEEP NOVA SATORI IN LINE.





"... I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE TONIGHT."



GOOD EVENING, NOVA. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR LT. COMMANDER SCHULTZ, I'M AFRAID HE'S STEPPED OUT FOR SOME AIR.



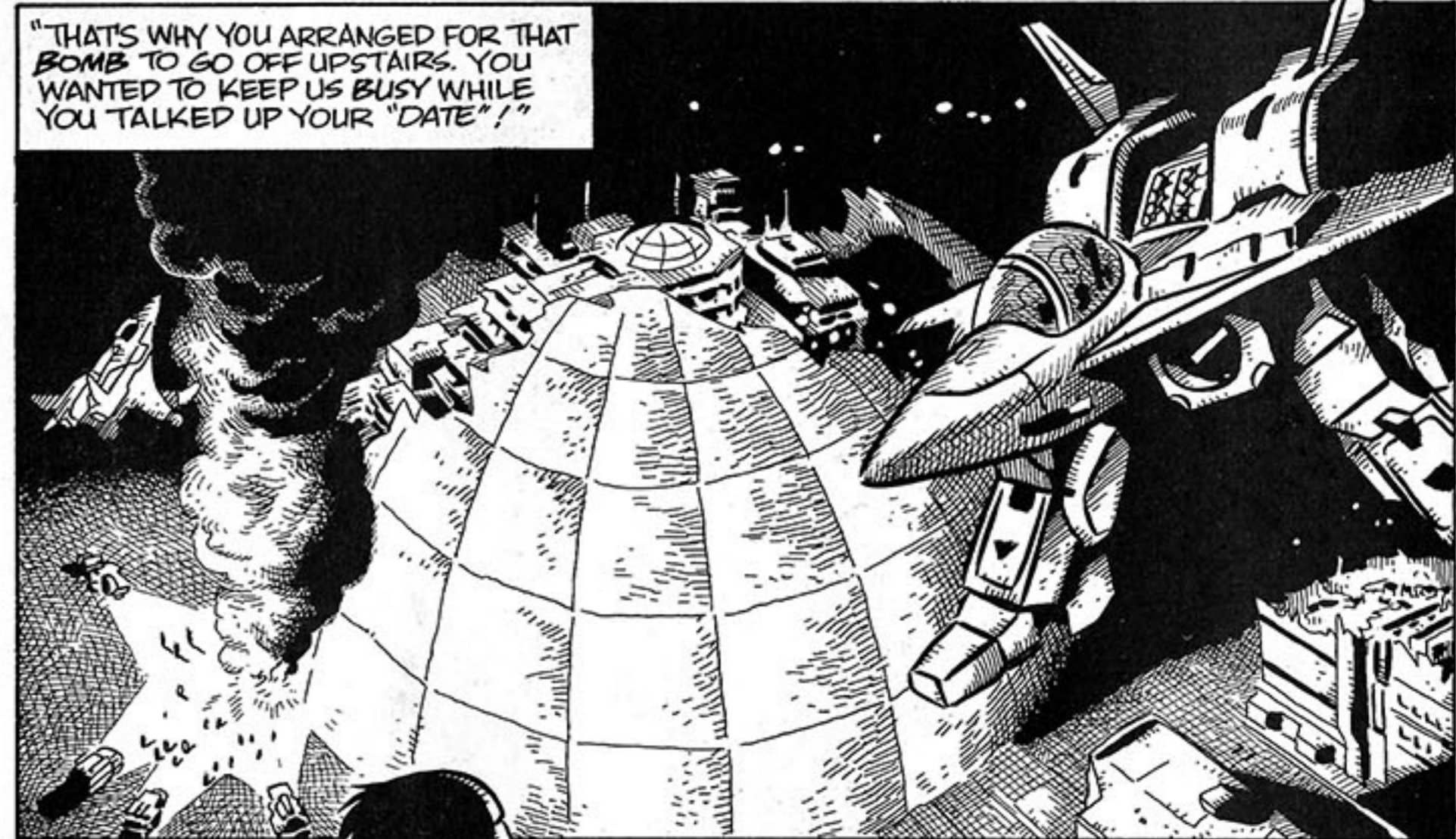
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO EMBARRASS ME, CARPENTER, YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE. AARON AND I HAD A DATE. NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.



YOU'RE FAST, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT. BUT WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE.



YOU WANT TO MAKE A DEAL WITH SCHULTZ. YOU WANT THE PLANS FOR THE NEW COMMUNICATOR, OR A PRIVATE SHUTTLE TO THE MOON.



"THAT'S WHY YOU ARRANGED FOR THAT BOMB TO GO OFF UPSTAIRS. YOU WANTED TO KEEP US BUSY WHILE YOU TALKED UP YOUR 'DATE'!"



NO, THE COMMUNICATOR IS VERY REAL. BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IT... ON THE MOON-BASE.

THERE IS NO COMMUNICATOR, IS THERE? IT WAS ONLY A TRICK.

TOMORROW MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT..



YOUR TROOPS HAVE GRACIOUSLY VOLUNTEERED TO DEFEND THE BASE'S PERIMETER WHILE THE FIRST WAVE OF SHUTTLES ARE LOADED AND LAUNCHED.

IN RETURN, THE G.M.P. WILL BE GIVEN SEATS ON LATER SHUTTLES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

YOU IN?



WHY SHOULD I AGREE TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

IF YOU DON'T AGREE, YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO HAVE ONE OTHER OPTION: A DIRECT ATTACK ON THE SPLINTERS. AND WE BOTH KNOW WHO'D WIN.

THIS WAY, YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A HERO IN FRONT OF YOUR PEOPLE, MY PEOPLE WILL FEEL THAT YOU'VE EARNED YOUR SEATS ON THE SHUTTLES...

...AND THIS WILL ALL BE SETTLED WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH, CARPENTER.

WHAT'S TO STOP ME FROM KILLING YOU RIGHT NOW?



YOUR BETTER JUDGMENT.

CADE, NOBUTU, AND MYNALO ALL KNOW WHERE I AM.

IF I VANISH, THE G.M.P. WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THIS BASE BY FORCE.

AND YOU LOSE.

...

I'M IMPRESSED, CARPENTER. I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD IT IN YOU.

GO MAKE YOUR LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MORNING.

