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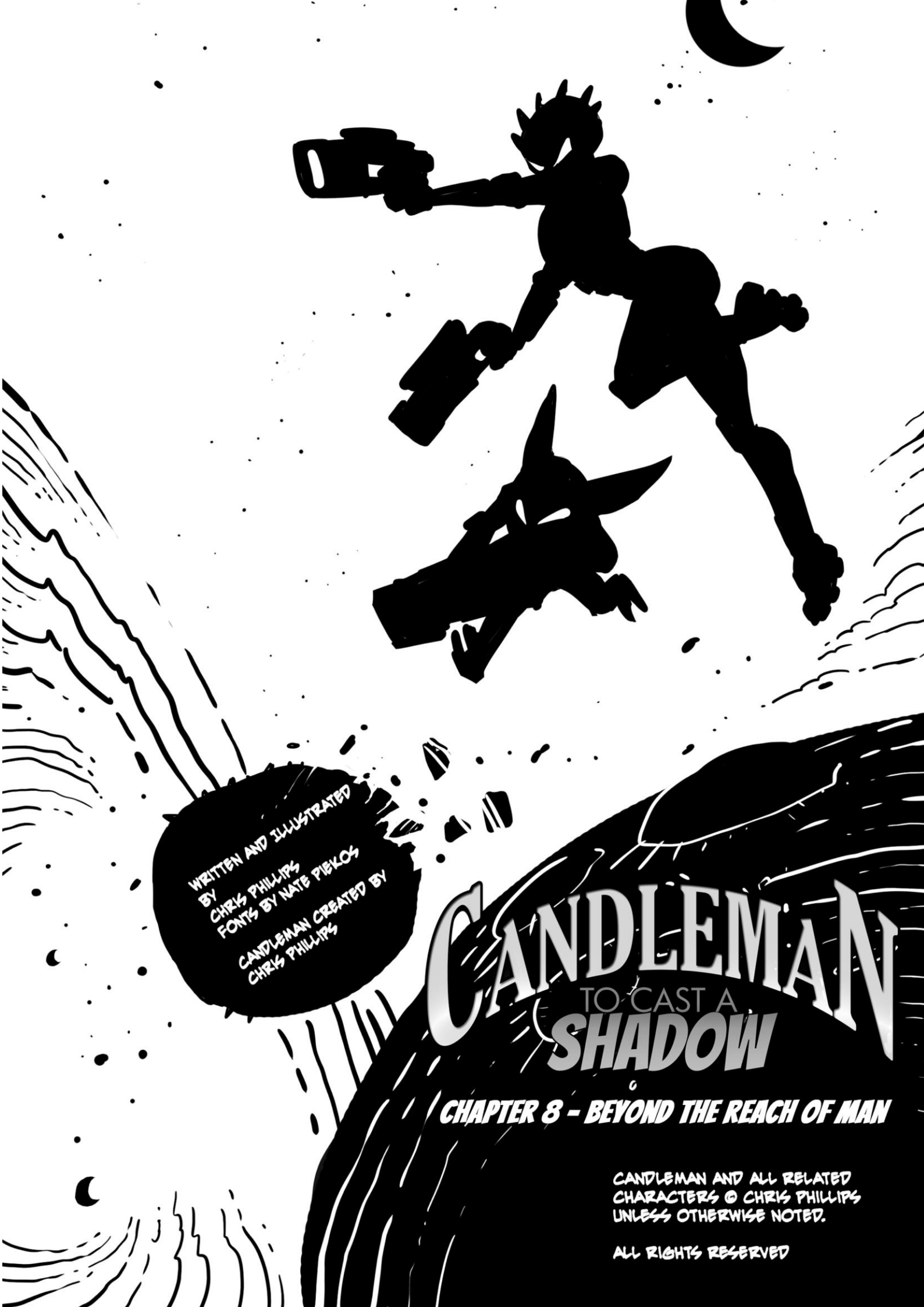
IN THE FABULOUS ADVENTURES OF THE AWESOME CANDLEMAN!

WE WITNESSED CANDLEMANS RESCUE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, THE ASTRAL PLANE, WHERE HIS MIND WAS CAST AFTER THE EVENTS OF CANDLEMAN - INFERNO.

FINALLY, CLAUDE ANDLEMANS MIND RETURNS TO EARTH!

IN THE MEANTIME, WILHELMINA AND PALINDROMICAT HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR BEST TO FIND THE WIZARD RED DARING, LOST OUT THERE SOMEWHERE IN SPACE.

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CHAPTER 8 - BEYOND THE REACH OF MAN

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SPACE. THE ENDLESS GLITTERING GULF. NOT UNLIKE THE SEAS OF OLD! FULL OF ADVENTURE AND POTENTIAL. HEROES AND VILLAINS DRIFT ON ITS UNSEEN TIDES...

BY THE MOONS OF TITAN! WHAT IS THAT BEEPING!?

BEEP BEEBEEBEEBEEP

BEEBEEBEEBEEP

OUT HERE, BETWEEN THE DISTANT WORLDS AND THEIR MYRIAD OF INHABITANTS, THE LINES BETWEEN HERO AND VILLAIN CAN BLUR...

BEEBEEBEE

AND HEROES MUST DO WHAT THEY CAN TO GET BY...

IT'S THE SHIP'S COMPUTER SYSTEM

CAN'T YOU MAKE IT NOT A THING!

I'VE NOT HAD MY COFFEE YET AND CANNOT BE DEALING WITH IT!

BEEP BEEBEEBEEBEEP BEEBEEBEEBEEP

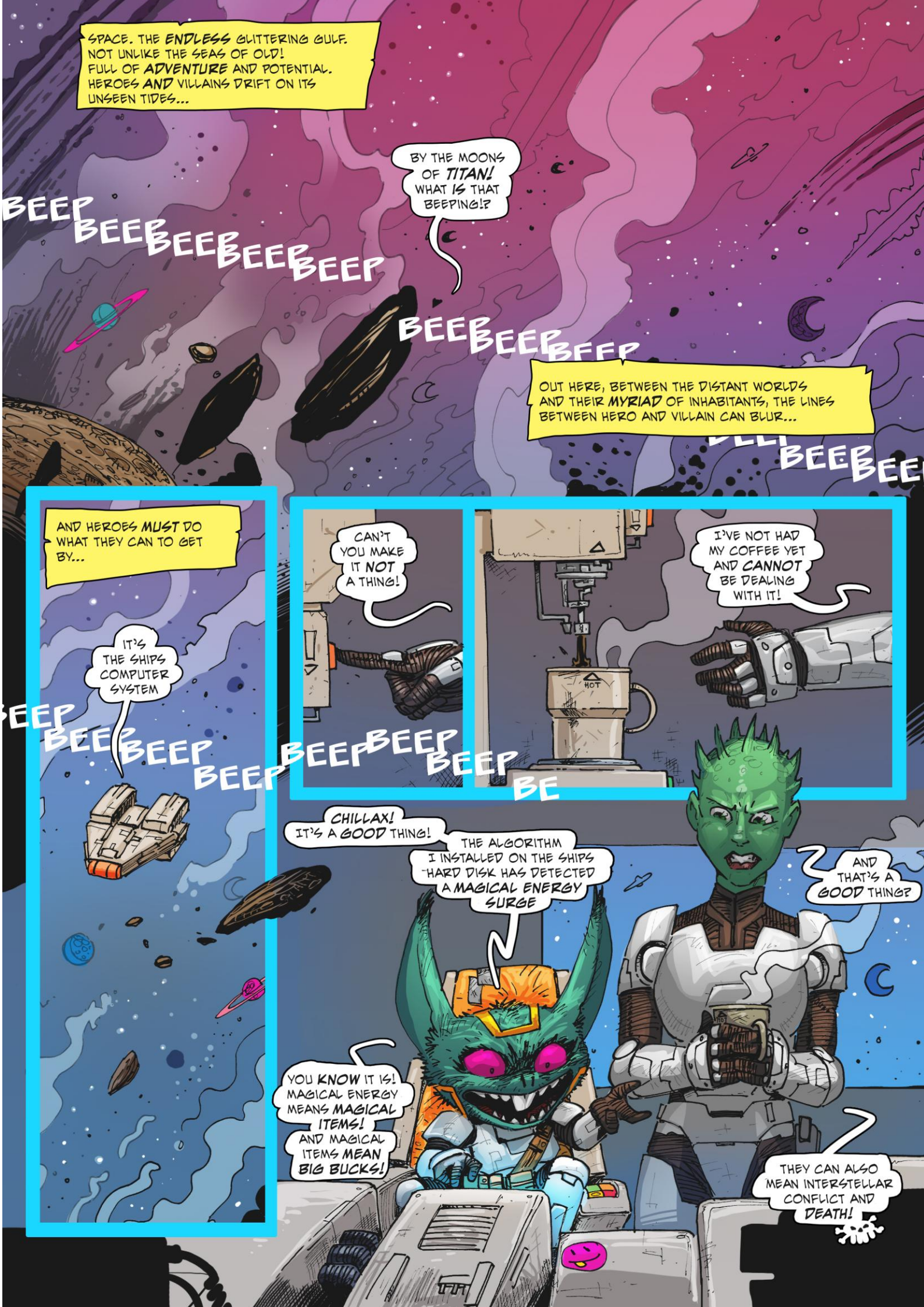
CHILLAX! IT'S A GOOD THING!

THE ALGORITHM I INSTALLED ON THE SHIP'S HARD DISK HAS DETECTED A MAGICAL ENERGY SURGE

AND THAT'S A GOOD THING?

YOU KNOW IT IS! MAGICAL ENERGY MEANS MAGICAL ITEMS! AND MAGICAL ITEMS MEAN BIG BUCKS!

THEY CAN ALSO MEAN INTERSTELLAR CONFLICT AND DEATH!



PFFF
YOU WORRY WAY
TOO MUCH! THE INTERSTELLAR
WARS ARE LONG GONE
AND THE HUL'DRA
DEFEATED!

THIS'LL BE
A SIMPLE IN AND
OUT, GRAB THE MAGIC
ROCK OR WHATEVER!
FLOG IT FOR SOME
INFINIBUCKS!

YOU BETTER BE
RIGHT ABOUT
THIS!

SETTING COURSE...

ENGAGING HYPER
BOOSTERS!

FWOOOSIIII

MAN! I HATE
LANDING ON
SPOOKY ALIEN
WORLDS!

WILL YOU
QUIT GRIPING!

I LIKE
GRIPING!

I NOTICED!

NO.
WE STEAL STUFF
AND PICK UP LOST
THINGS AND JUST ABOUT
SCRAPE BY!

STACY!
IF YOU HATE
THIS STUFF SO
MUCH...

WHY AM
I DOING IT?

BASICALLY

I WANTED SPACE
ADVENTURES!
HEROISM, ALL THAT
AWESOME STUFF

WE HAVE
ADVENTURES

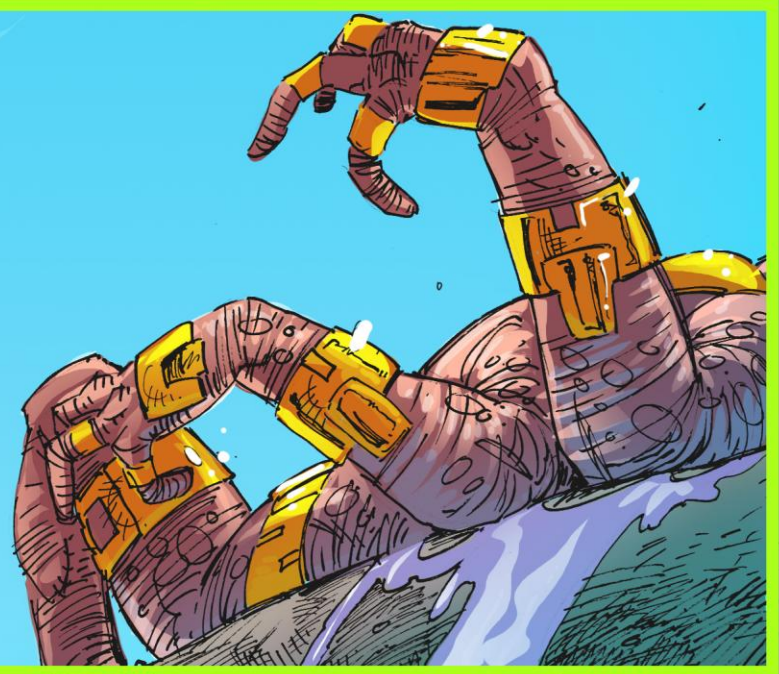
WE GET TO
FLY ROUND IN
A SPACE SHIP
AND OCCASIONALLY
SHOOT LASERS
THOUGH



IF THAT'S ALL YOU WANT OUT OF OH MY LORDS!

SAVAGE RAVAGERS!

SEE! THIS IS ENTIRELY WHY THIS WAS A BAD IDEA!



TAKE IT EASY! THEY ARE ALL DEAD!

DOESN'T THAT WORRY YOU MORE? I MEAN WHAT KILLED THEM?

WELL. SPOOKY ALIEN PLANETS ARE OFTEN FULL OF SPOOKY MYSTERIES



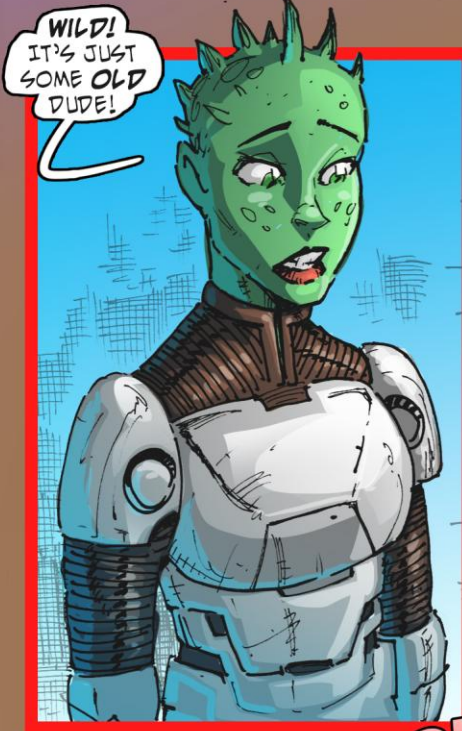
I DON'T LIKE THIS BUDDY. WE SHOULD LEAVE



NOT YET! CHECK THIS OUT!

WHATE?! WHAT IS IT?





WILD!
IT'S JUST
SOME OLD
DUDE!

I WONDER
WHAT HIS
DEAL IS?!

NO CLUE!
AND WHAT IS
WITH THE DORKY
GET UP?

GET OUT
THE ANALYSER
PAD AND...



SHREAK!



WHAT
THE $\otimes\otimes\#$ WAS
THAT?!

AW POOP
BISCUITS!
I GUESS THE
RAVAGERS ARE
NOT ALL
DEAD!

SCREECH



SEE!
THIS IS WHY
WE NEED TO
GET OUT OF
THIS GIG!

THESE DEAD
PLANETS ARE
ALWAYS HOME TO
THE ABSOLUTE
WORST!

JUST
CONCENTRATE
ON TAKING THEM
DOWN!

ZAPI!
ZAPI!
ZAPI!
ZAPI!
ZAPI!

WE'RE GONNA
RUN OUT OF BLASTER
ROUNDS BEFORE THEY
STOP ATTACKING!

ZAPI!
ZAPI!
ZAP!

I'M OPEN
TO ANY BRIGHT
IDEAS!

ZAPI!
ZAPI!
ZAP!

RAWR!

RUN!

THAT'S NOT
AN IDEA!

THERE'S SOME
NATURAL COVER
OVER THERE!

I'M SO
MAD AT YOU FOR
TALKING ME
INTO THIS!

ZAPI!
ZAPI!
ZAP!



WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHY DO THOSE RAVAGERS CARE SO MUCH ABOUT SOME DUSTY OLD MAN?!

JUMP!

ZAPI
ZAPI
ZAPI
ZAP!

I THINK HE'S MAGICAL!

I THINK HE'S WHAT DREW US HERE!
THEY MUST BE ATTRACTED TO THE SAME ENERGY

YOU GONNA START SHOOTING?
OR WHAT?!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH!

ZAPI
ZAP!

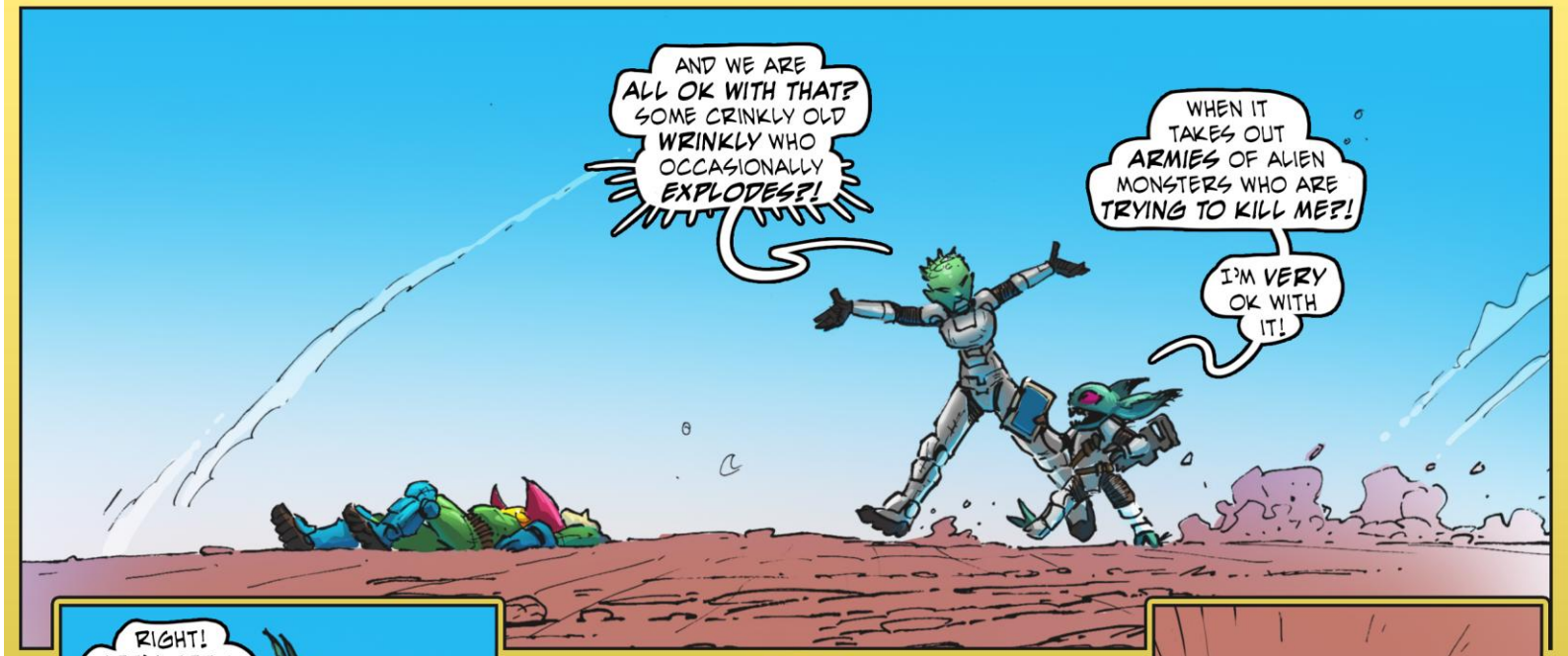
FWAZAPAM



!?
WHAT IN THE NAME OF THE SIX RINGS OF THIFE WAS THAT?!

UH... YOU GOT ME!

SOME KIND OF MAGICAL DISCHARGE FROM THE OLD MAN!



AND WE ARE ALL OK WITH THAT? SOME CRINKLY OLD WRINKLY WHO OCCASIONALLY EXPLODES?!

WHEN IT TAKES OUT ARMIES OF ALIEN MONSTERS WHO ARE TRYING TO KILL ME?!

I'M VERY OK WITH IT!



RIGHT! LET'S GET A SCAN ON THIS GUY AND FIND OUT WHAT HIS DEAL IS



PFFF. HE BETTER BE WORTH IT



AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT TOO FAR FROM A STARNET LINK

THE DATA PAD SHOULD CROSS REFERENCE HIS DNA WITH ANY WARRANTS OR REWARDS...



HOWLEE CATS!

SOMEONE CALLED WILHELMINA PRIZE IS OFFERING 368 INFINIBUCKS FOR THIS RELIC!



WOODOOHOOD WE ARE RICH!

FINALLY A PAY-DAY

HECK YES! JET PACKS AND MONKEY BUTLERS HERE WE COME!



JET PACKS AND MONKEY BUTLERS?

NOTHING SAYS DECADENT EXCESS QUITE LIKE A MONKEY BUTLER



300 INFINIBUCKS WOW

HMMM. WE CAN'T BE THE ONLY FOLKS LOOKING FOR THIS GUY

368 INFINIBUCKS

SERIOUSLY?! ARE YOU STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT THE FACT WE JUST HIT PAY DIRT?

JUST ALL SEEMS A BIT SUSPECT YOU KNOW!?

A LITTLE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

ILL REMIND YOU OF THIS WHEN WE ARE LIVING LIKE KINGS ON OUR OWN SPACE STATION!



DONNA!

WILLI!
WHAT'S HAPPENED?



IT'S CLAUDE!
HE'S AWAKE!

HE'S A BIT
BLURRY AND WEAK
BUT HE'S AWAKE!



CLAUDE'S
BACK!

YES!
THAT'S SO
AWESOME!

I KNOW
RIGHT!?

I'M GONNA
GET CHANGED THEN
HEAD BACK DOWN
THERE!

OH HELLO
MYSTIC SPACE
CAT.

HI WILLI!
CLAUDE'S BACK
IN THE LAND OF THE
LIVING THEN?

I GUESS I
HAVE YOU TO
THANK?!

MAYBE.
I HAVE OTHER
GOOD NEWS TOO!

SOMEONE FOUND
MY WIZARD!



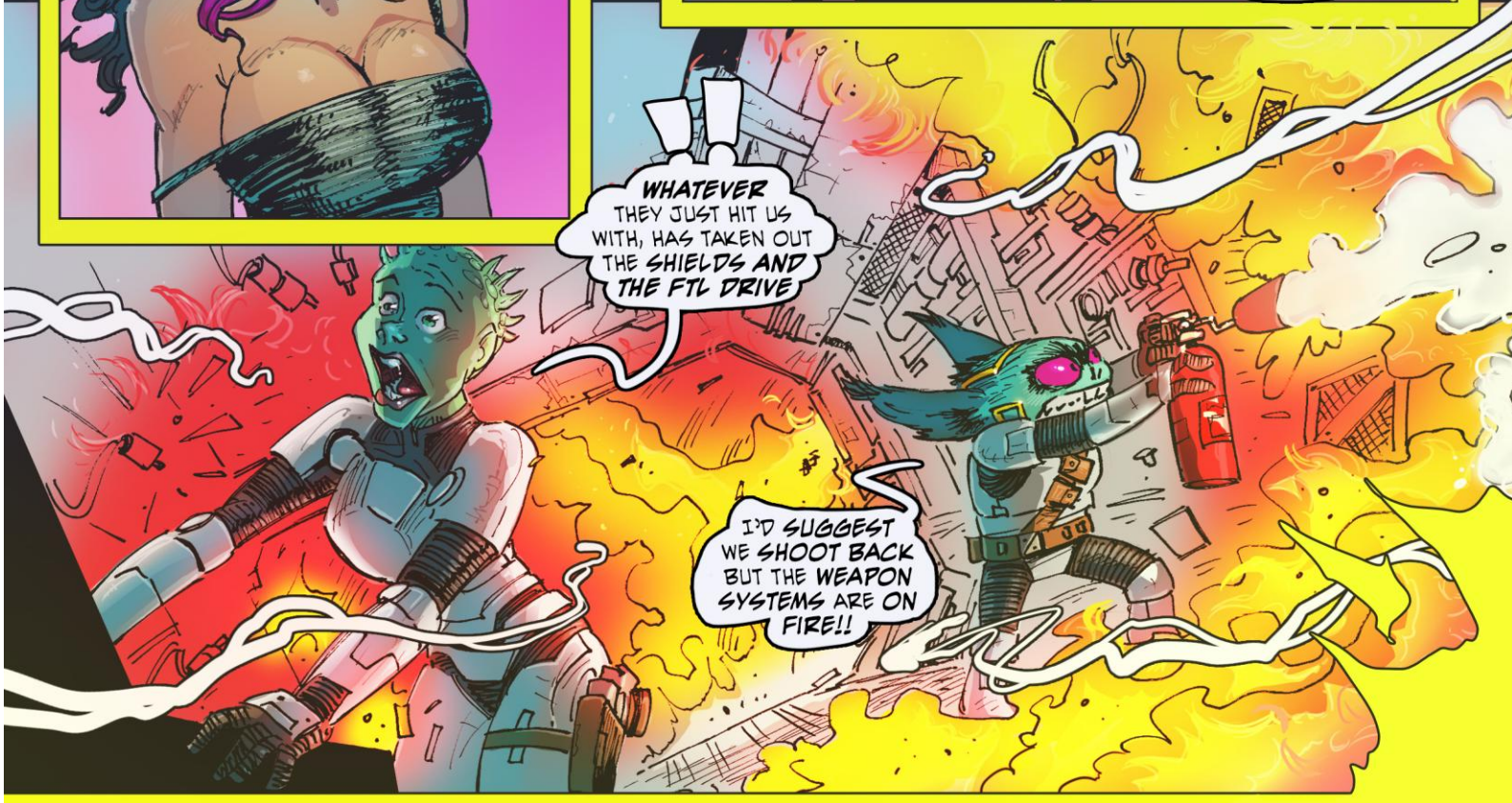


THAT'S AMAZING
PALICAT!
WHAT A BRILLO
DAY!



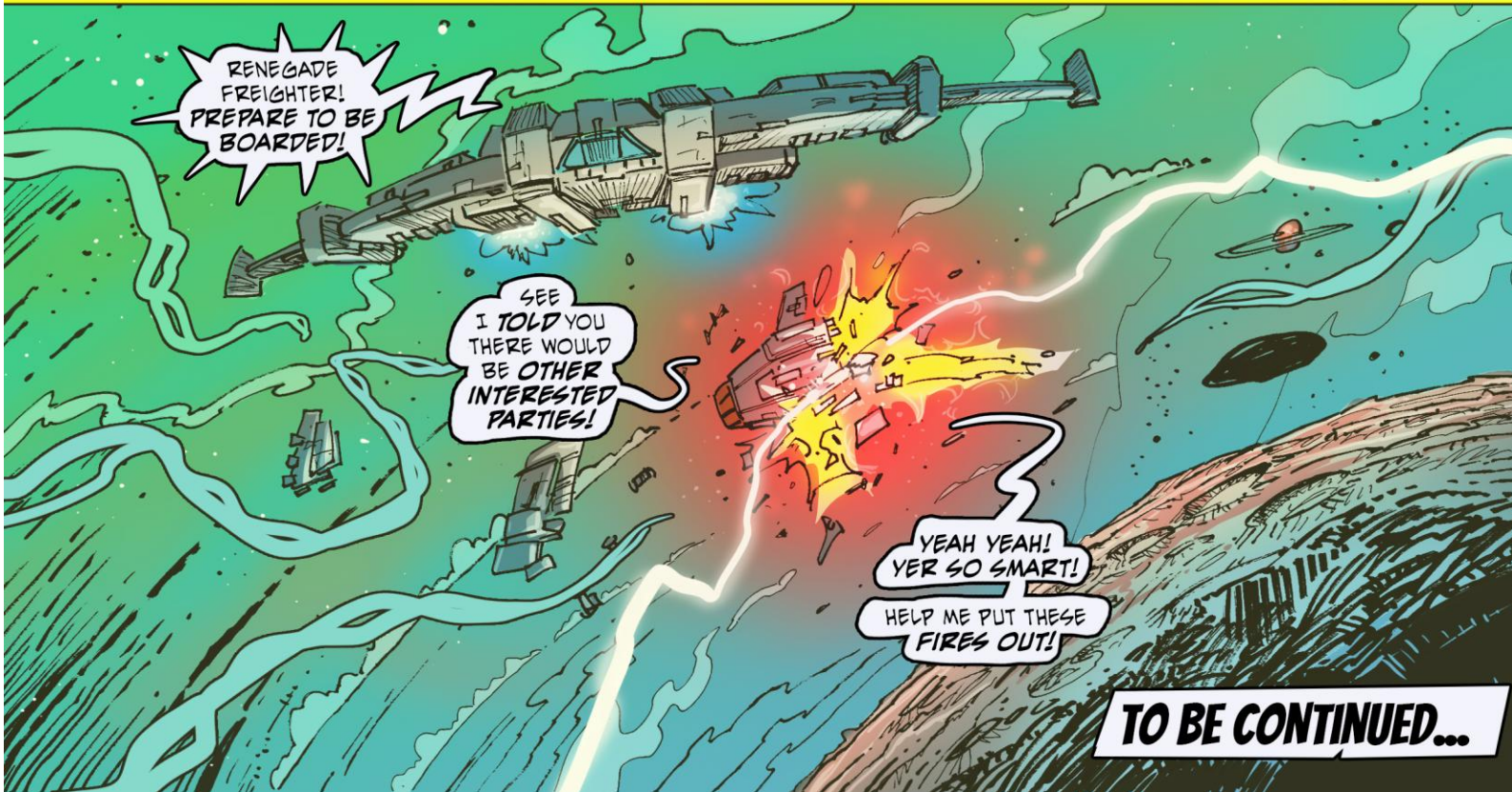
YUP!
IT'S ALL COMING
TOGETHER!

ALL WE HAVE TO
DO NOW IS WAIT FOR
DARING TO GET DROPPED
OFF.
NOTHING CAN GO
WRONG!



!!
WHATEVER
THEY JUST HIT US
WITH, HAS TAKEN OUT
THE SHIELDS AND
THE FTL DRIVE

I'D SUGGEST
WE SHOOT BACK
BUT THE WEAPON
SYSTEMS ARE ON
FIRE!!



RENEGADE
FREIGHTER!
PREPARE TO BE
BOARDED!

SEE
I TOLD YOU
THERE WOULD
BE OTHER
INTERESTED
PARTIES!

YEAH YEAH!
YER SO SMART!
HELP ME PUT THESE
FIRES OUT!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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COME BACK SOON!

AND WITNESS CANDLEMANS RETURN IN

CANDLEMAN REVENGERS



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