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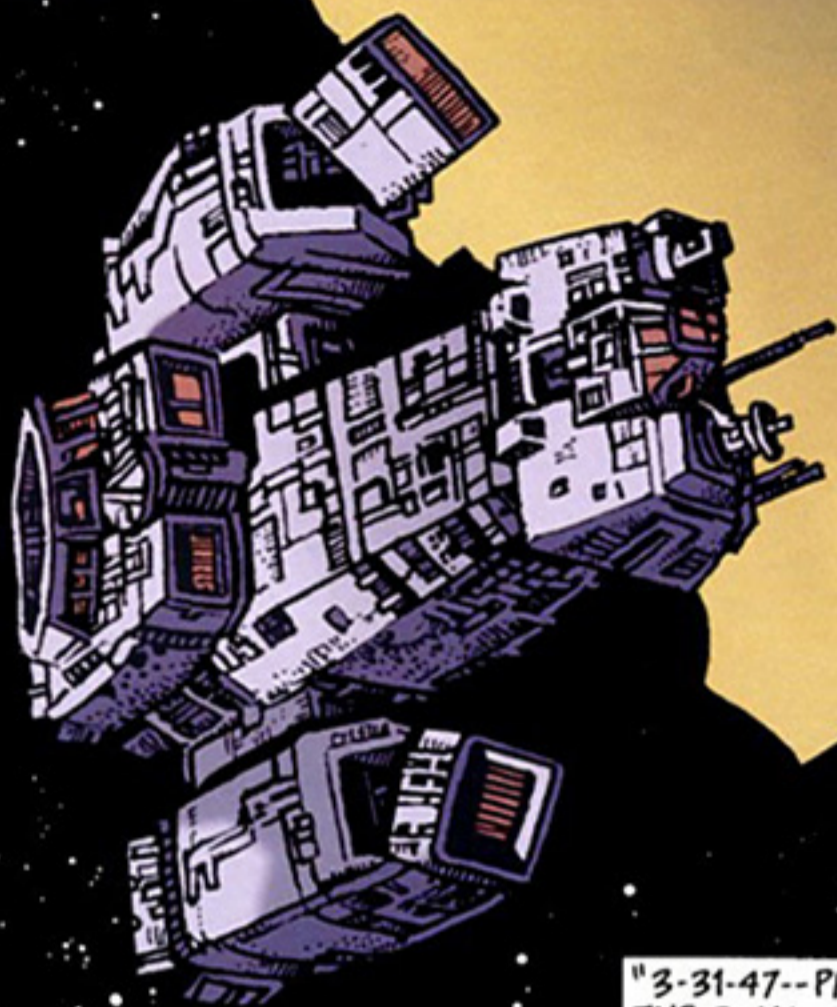
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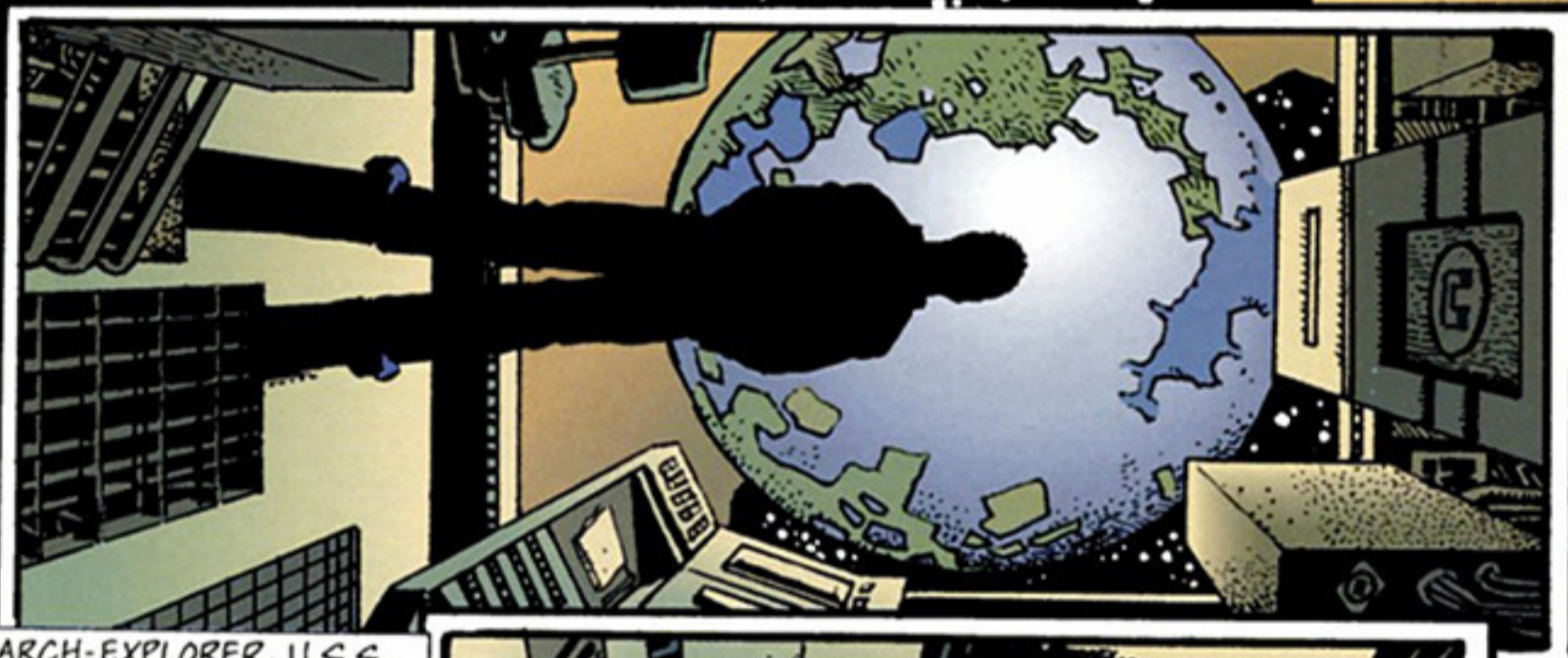
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"3-31-47--PROBABLY  
THE FINAL ENTRY  
IN THIS LOG.


"THE SHIP WILL BE LANDING EARLY  
TOMORROW AND I MUST CONFESS  
TO EXPERIENCING EQUAL PARTS  
ANXIETY AND ANTICIPATION.




"THE RESEARCH-EXPLORER, U.S.S.  
EMERSON HAS FOLLOWED AN  
AIMLESS COURSE FOR SEVENTEEN  
MONTHS.

"AS POSITED IN PREVIOUS ENTRIES,  
THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE  
UNFORESEEN CHANGES IN THE  
WEIGHT OF CREW AND CARGO."

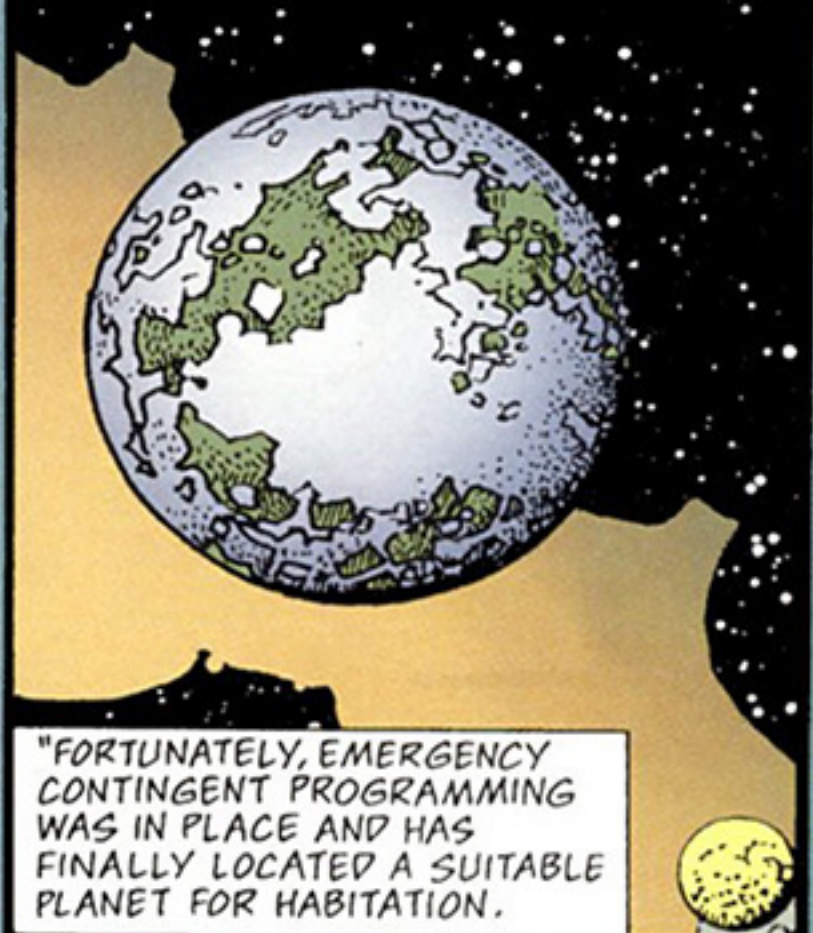





"THE SHIP'S TRAJECTORY WAS PROGRAMMED ASSUMING A RIGIDLY PLANNED GRADUAL REDUCTION IN FOOD WEIGHT."



"THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN."



"FORTUNATELY, EMERGENCY CONTINGENT PROGRAMMING WAS IN PLACE AND HAS FINALLY LOCATED A SUITABLE PLANET FOR HABITATION."



"OF COURSE, WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE ATMOSPHERE-SPECTRA ANALYSIS MONITORS, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT 'SUITABLE' ACTUALLY MEANS."



FORTUNATELY, EMERGENCY CONTINGENT PROGRAMING WAS IN PLACE AND HAS FINALLY LOCATED A SUITABLE PLANET FOR HABITATION.

OF COURSE, WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE ATMOSPHERE-SPECTRA ANALYSIS MONIT

"SUCH ACCESS IS, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, IMPOSSIBLE."

"I AM NO CLOSER TO KNOWING HOW THE CONTAGION FROM THE VIRILE RESEARCH CENTER WAS INTRODUCED TO THE SHIP'S GENERAL POPULATION."



"SEE ENTRIES 10-19-45 THROUGH 11-5-45 FOR ALL ESTABLISHED DETAILS."



"WHAT IS CERTAIN, MORE THAN A YEAR LATER--"

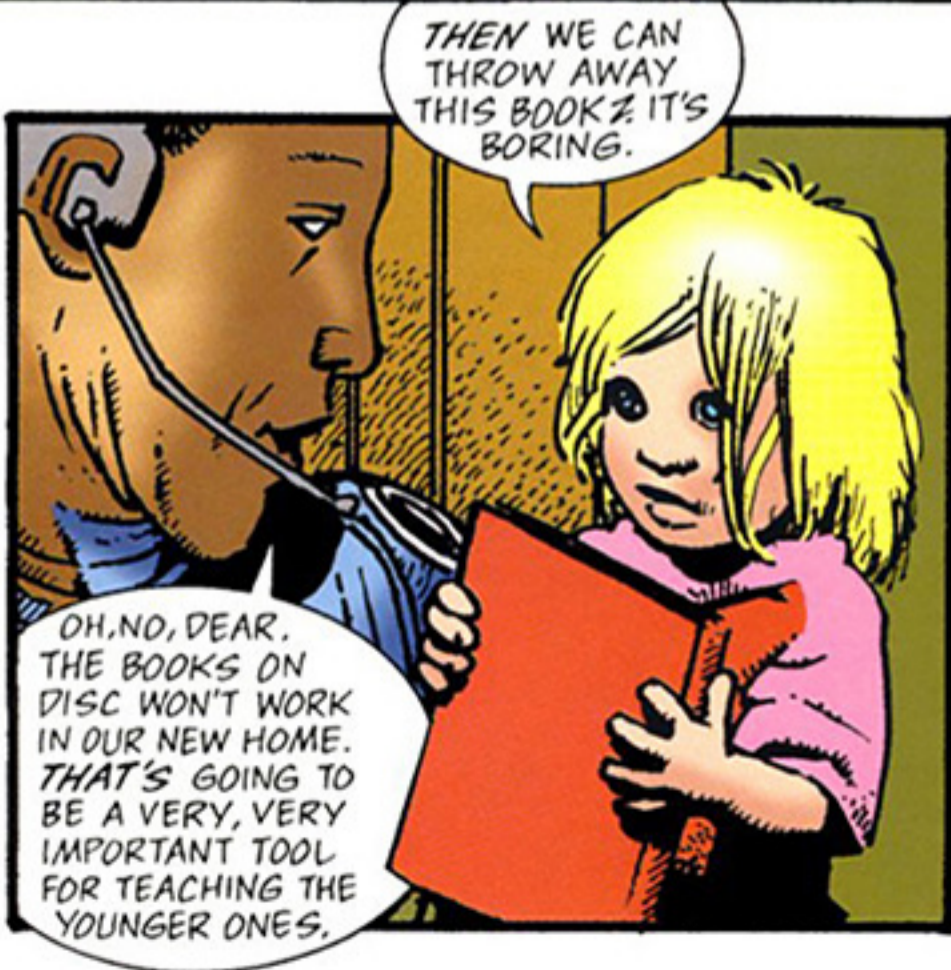
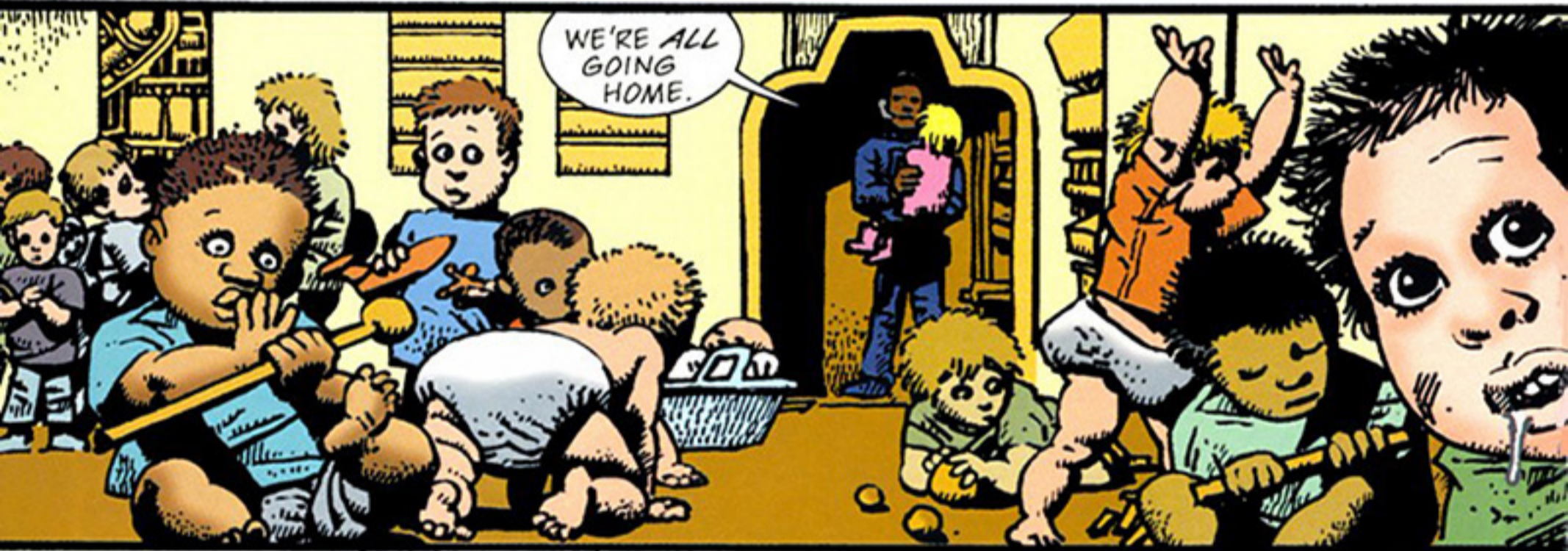
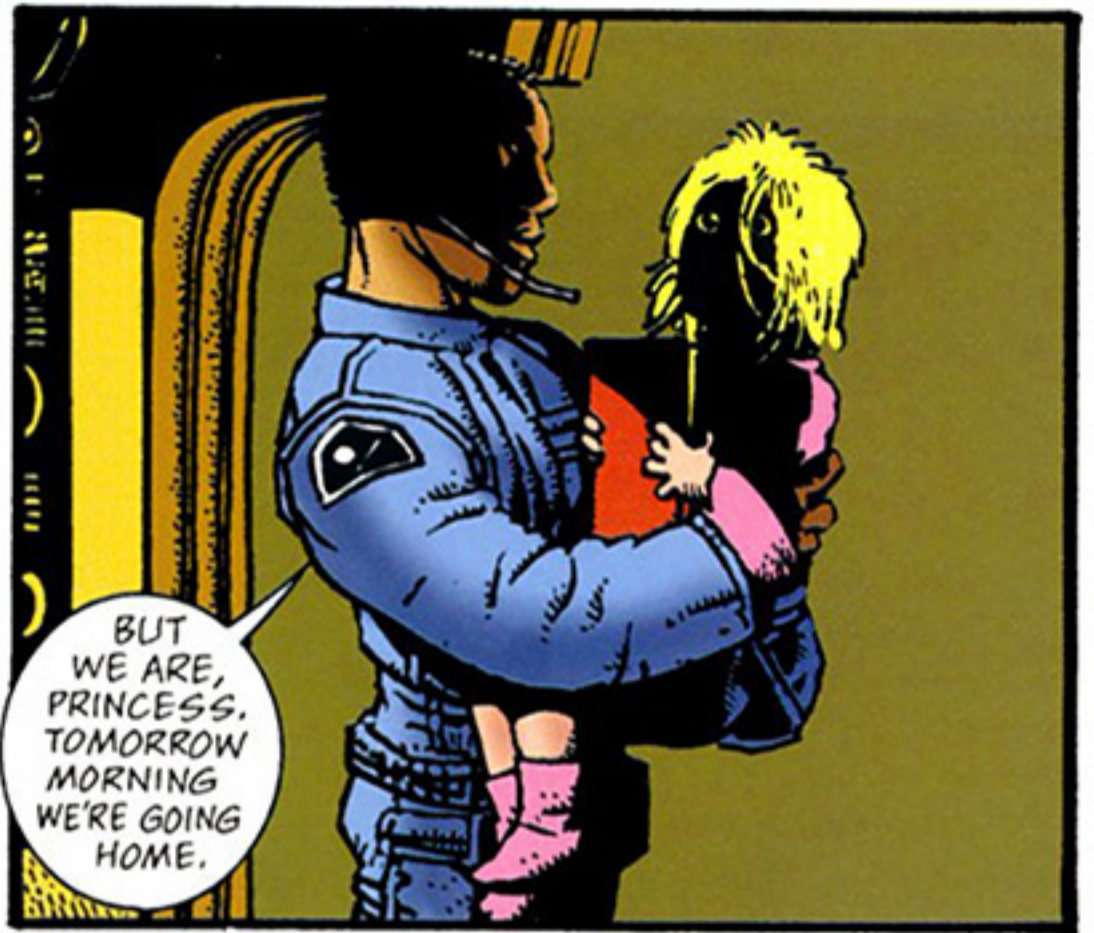
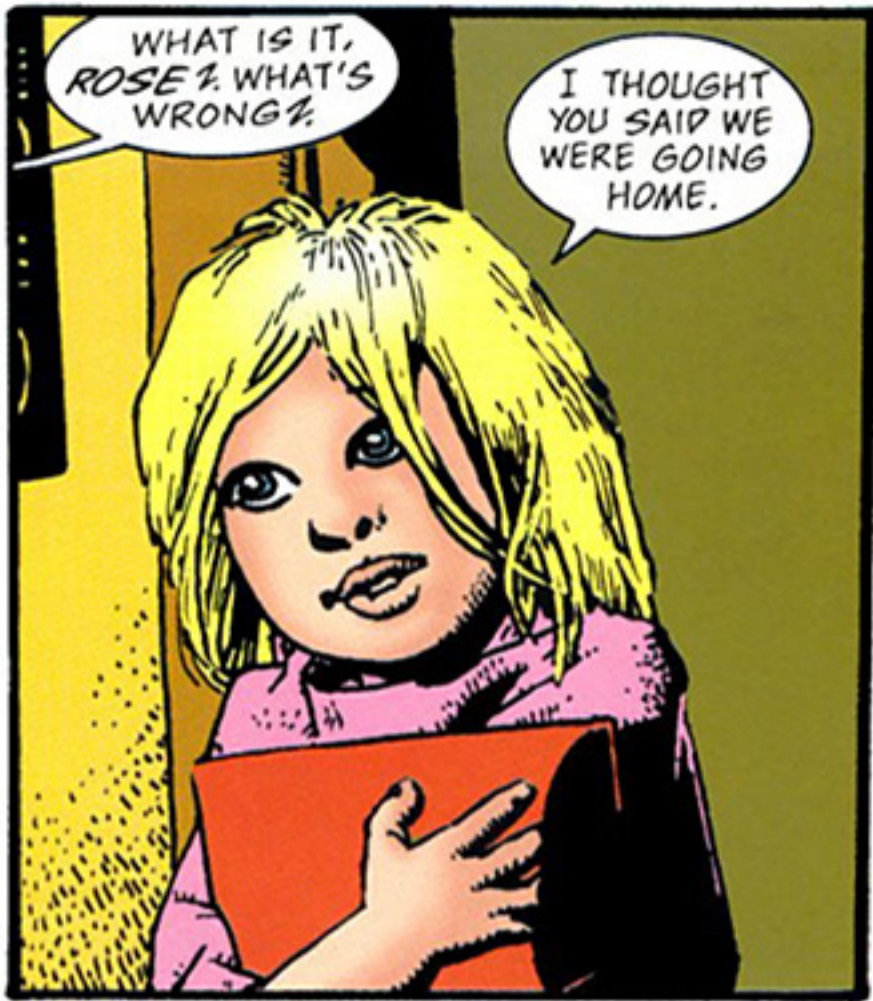


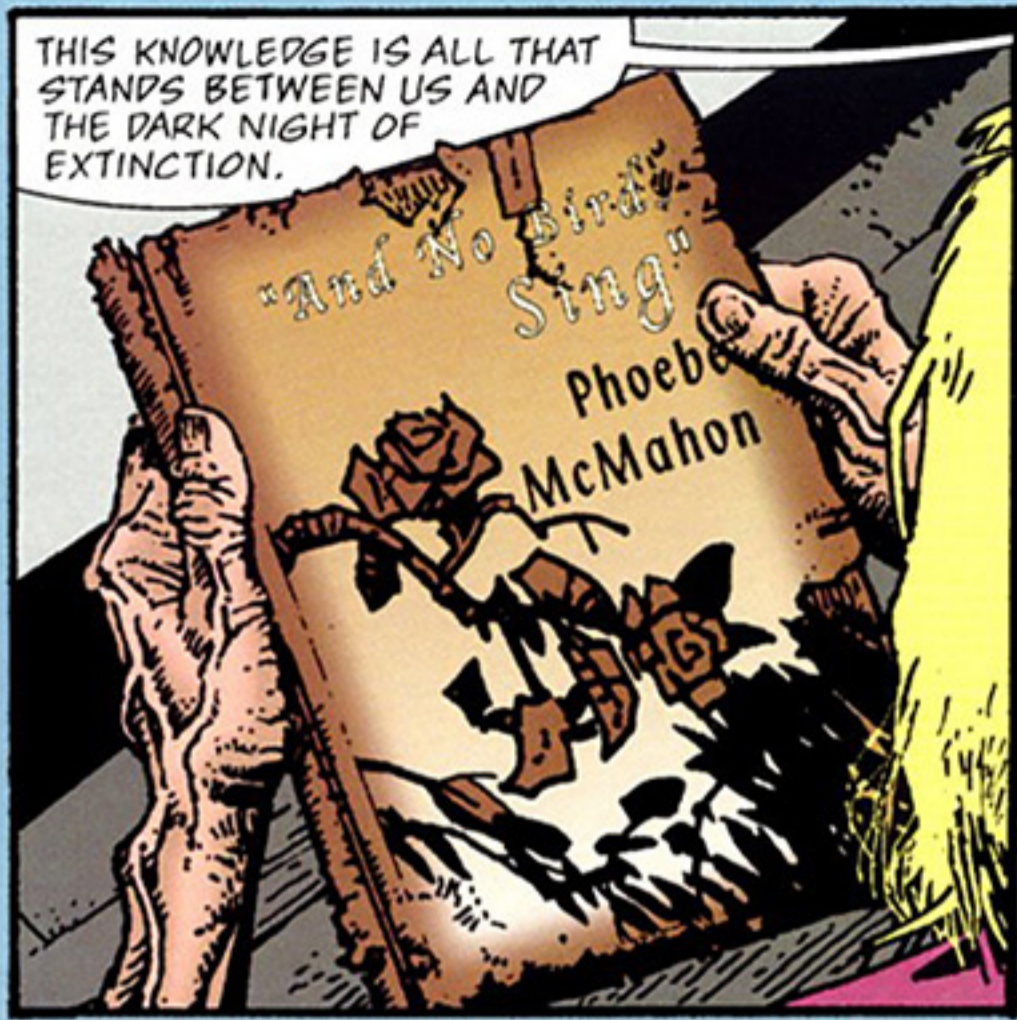
"--IS THAT THERE ARE NO ADULT SURVIVORS."



IF NOT FOR THIS CENTER'S STANDARD QUARANTINE--

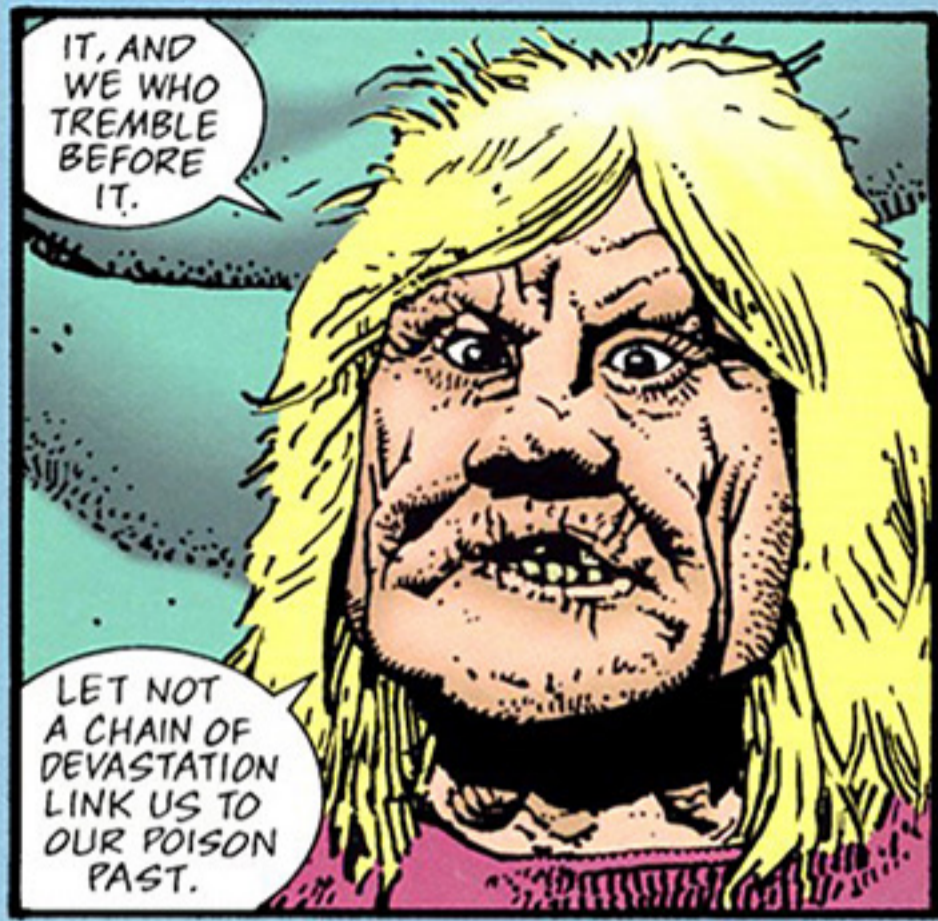
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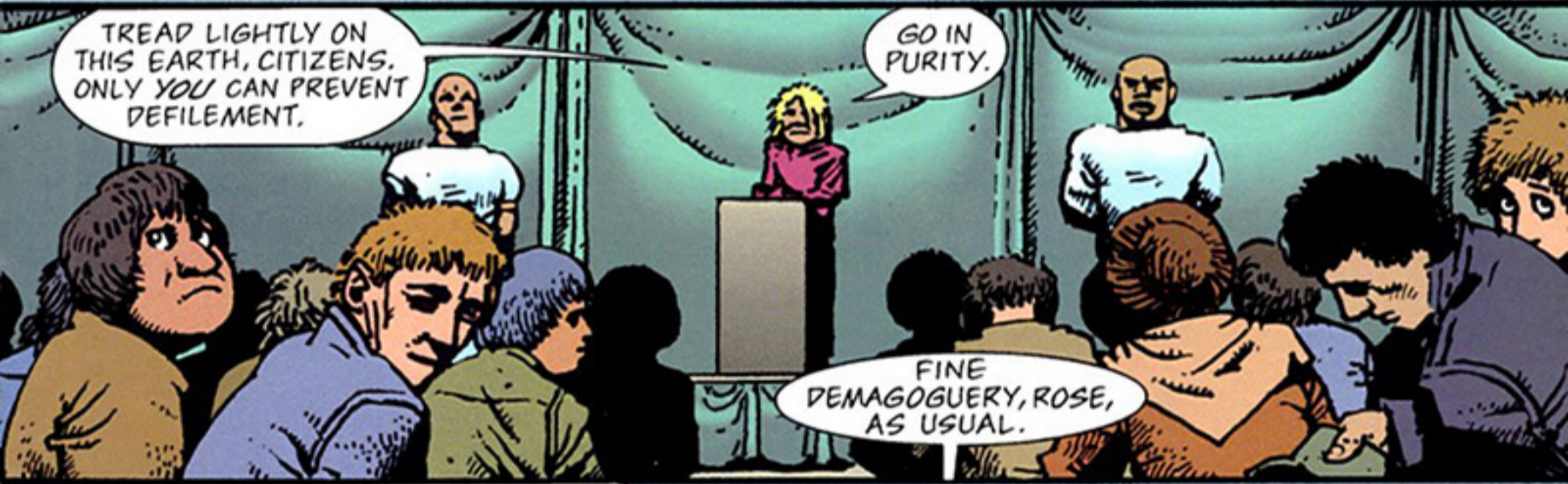
THIS KNOWLEDGE IS ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN US AND THE DARK NIGHT OF EXTINCTION.

"And No Birds Sing"  
Phoebe McMahon



IT, AND WE WHO TREMBLE BEFORE IT.

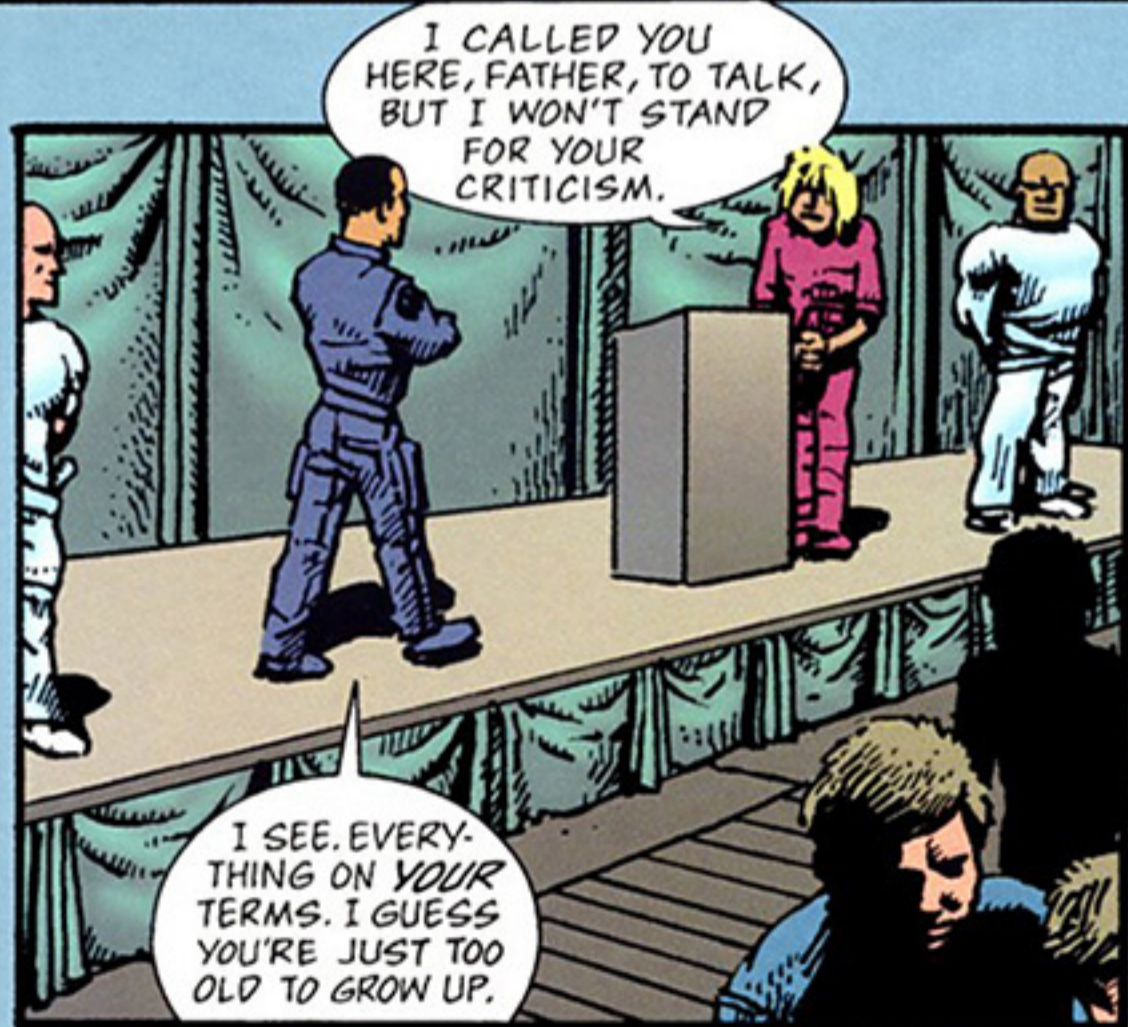
LET NOT A CHAIN OF DEVASTATION LINK US TO OUR POISON PAST.



TREAD LIGHTLY ON THIS EARTH, CITIZENS. ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT DEFILEMENT.

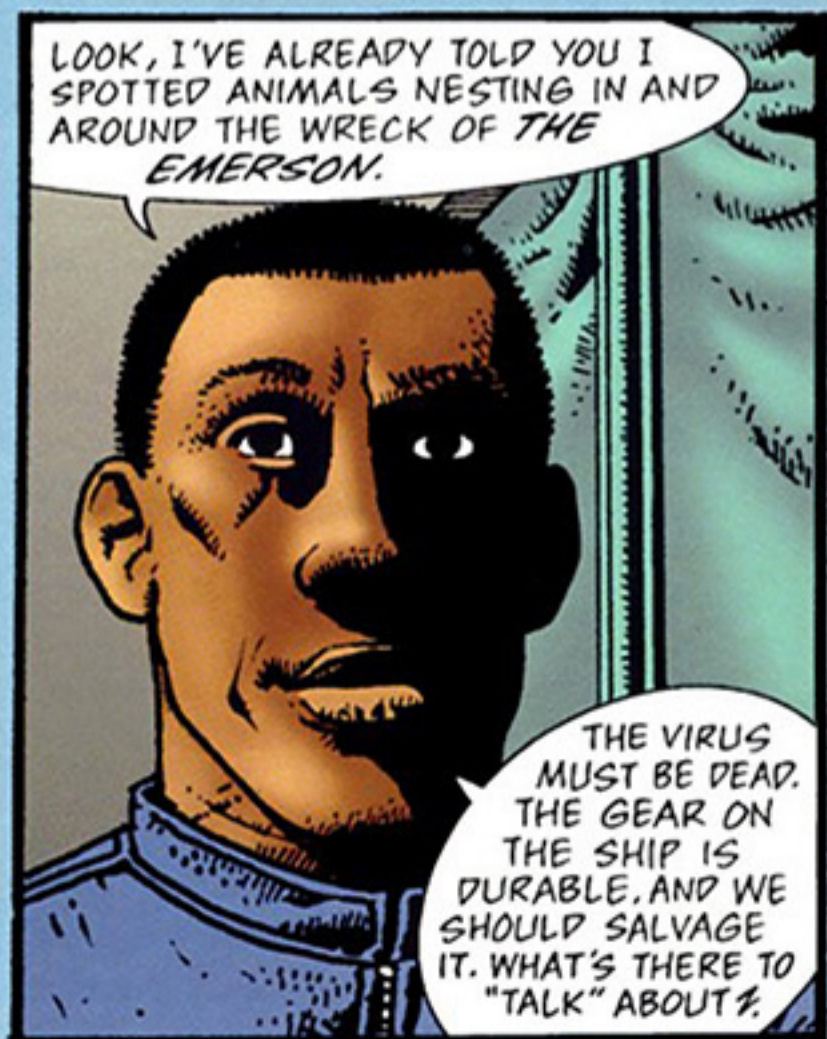
GO IN PURITY.

FINE DEMAGOGUERY, ROSE, AS USUAL.



I CALLED YOU HERE, FATHER, TO TALK, BUT I WON'T STAND FOR YOUR CRITICISM.

I SEE. EVERYTHING ON YOUR TERMS. I GUESS YOU'RE JUST TOO OLD TO GROW UP.

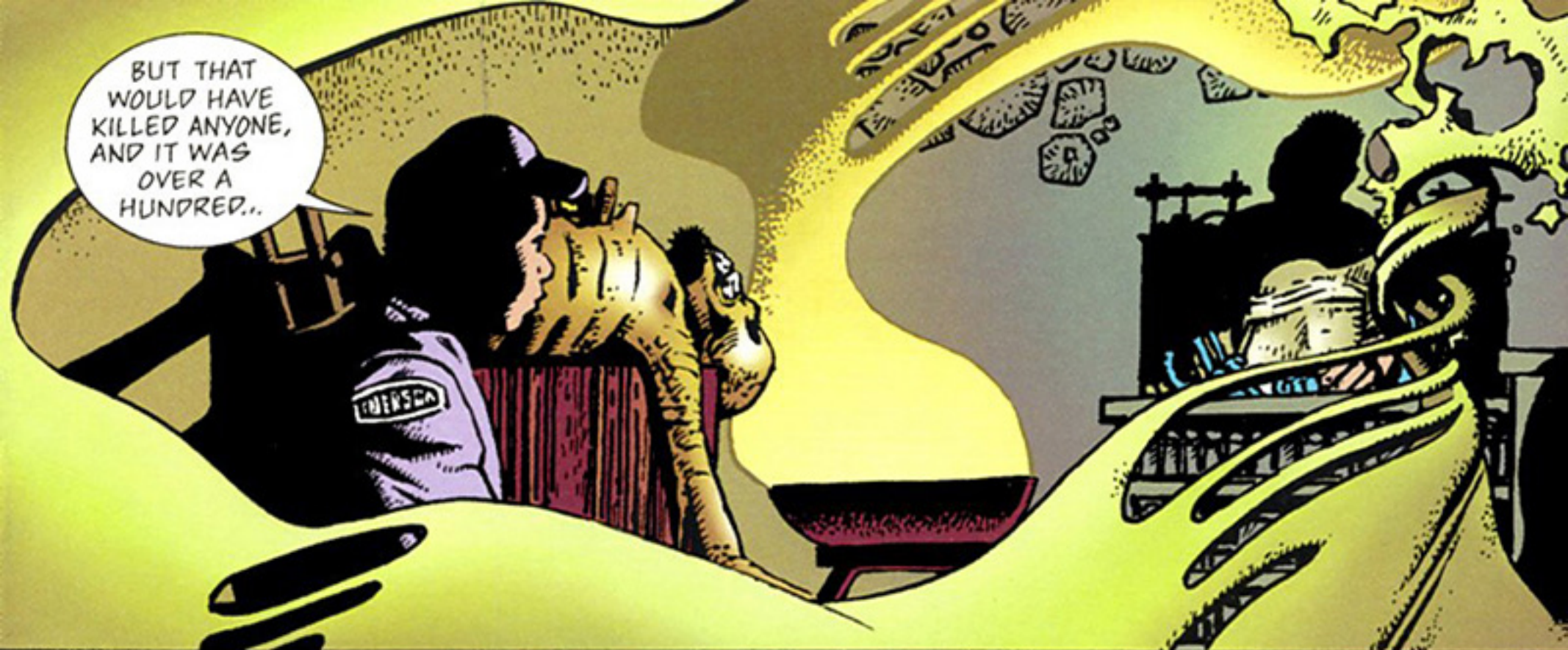


LOOK, I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU I SPOTTED ANIMALS NESTING IN AND AROUND THE WRECK OF THE EMERSON.

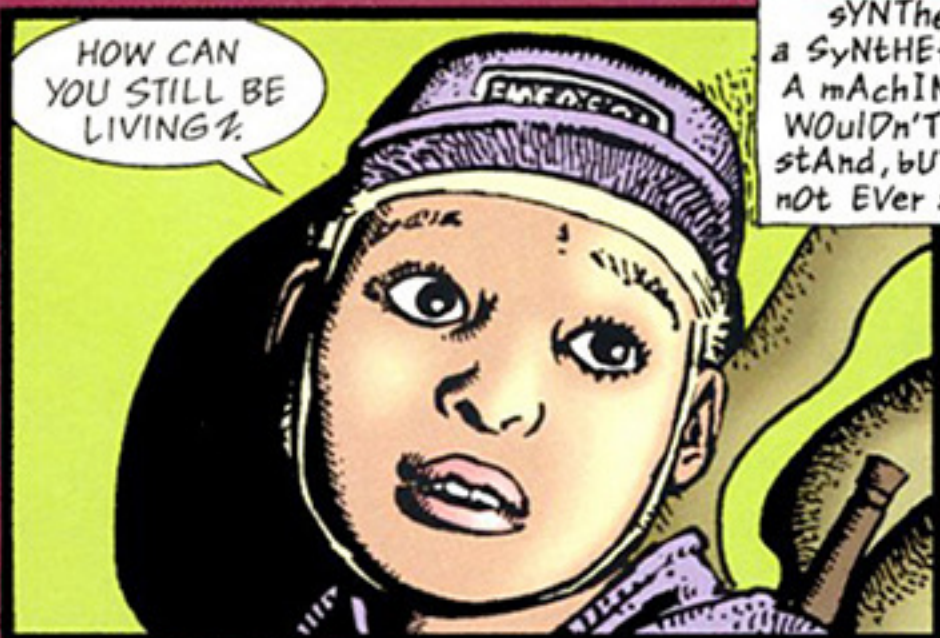
THE VIRUS MUST BE DEAD. THE GEAR ON THE SHIP IS DURABLE, AND WE SHOULD SALVAGE IT. WHAT'S THERE TO "TALK" ABOUT?








BUT THAT  
WOULD HAVE  
KILLED ANYONE,  
AND IT WAS  
OVER A  
HUNDRED..




HOW CAN  
YOU STILL BE  
LIVING?



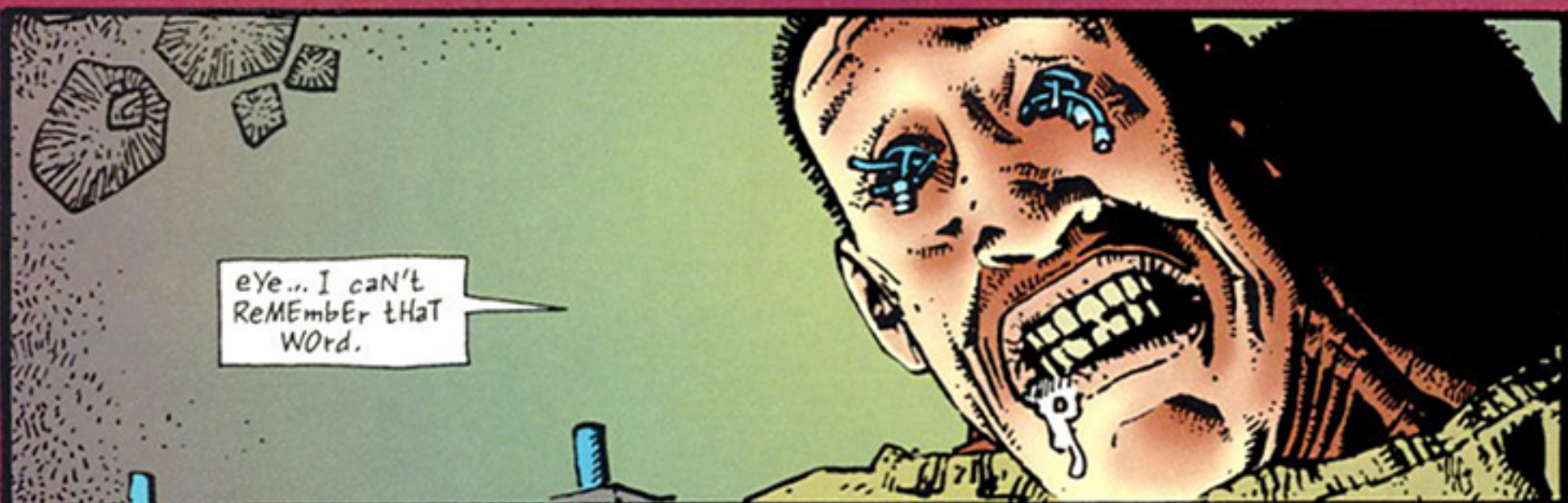
synthetic,  
a synthetic, like  
a machine... U  
wouldn't under-  
stand, but i was  
not ever alive.

And now don't  
even function  
2 well, not 222  
well.

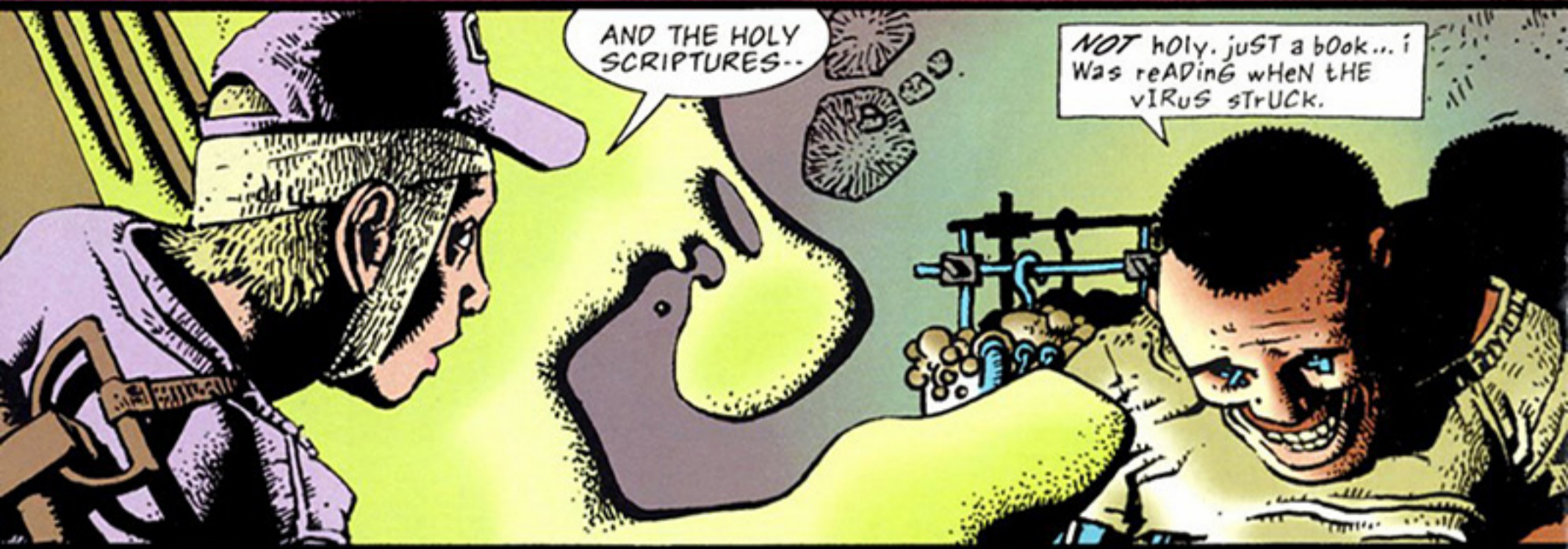


I KNEW THE LEGATESHIP'S  
VERSION OF HOW WE CAME  
HERE COULDN'T BE ALL TRUE--  
BUT FIRSTFATHER, A  
BABY-SITTER?

synthetic childcare  
supervisor, 4 around  
the clock e... E fish...



eye... I can't  
remember that  
word.



AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES--

NOT holy. just a book... i Was reading when THE VIRUS struck.

a rEPrInt of 20th Sent... cEntUry N... EnVy... Echo lOgiCal WArning.

NEvEr lIkEd cYBER tExtS. lIkEd 2 FEEl wB OF pAper bOOk IN MY hAnD.



rOse lIkEd the WEIGHt... too.



anD i WAsHed... wAtChEd eAch NEw legB grOomEd.

EaCh NEw geNErAtION, fInD bOY OR GIrl, fInD Bully. NEw LegAtE. kEep the Power. kEep the cOntrol.



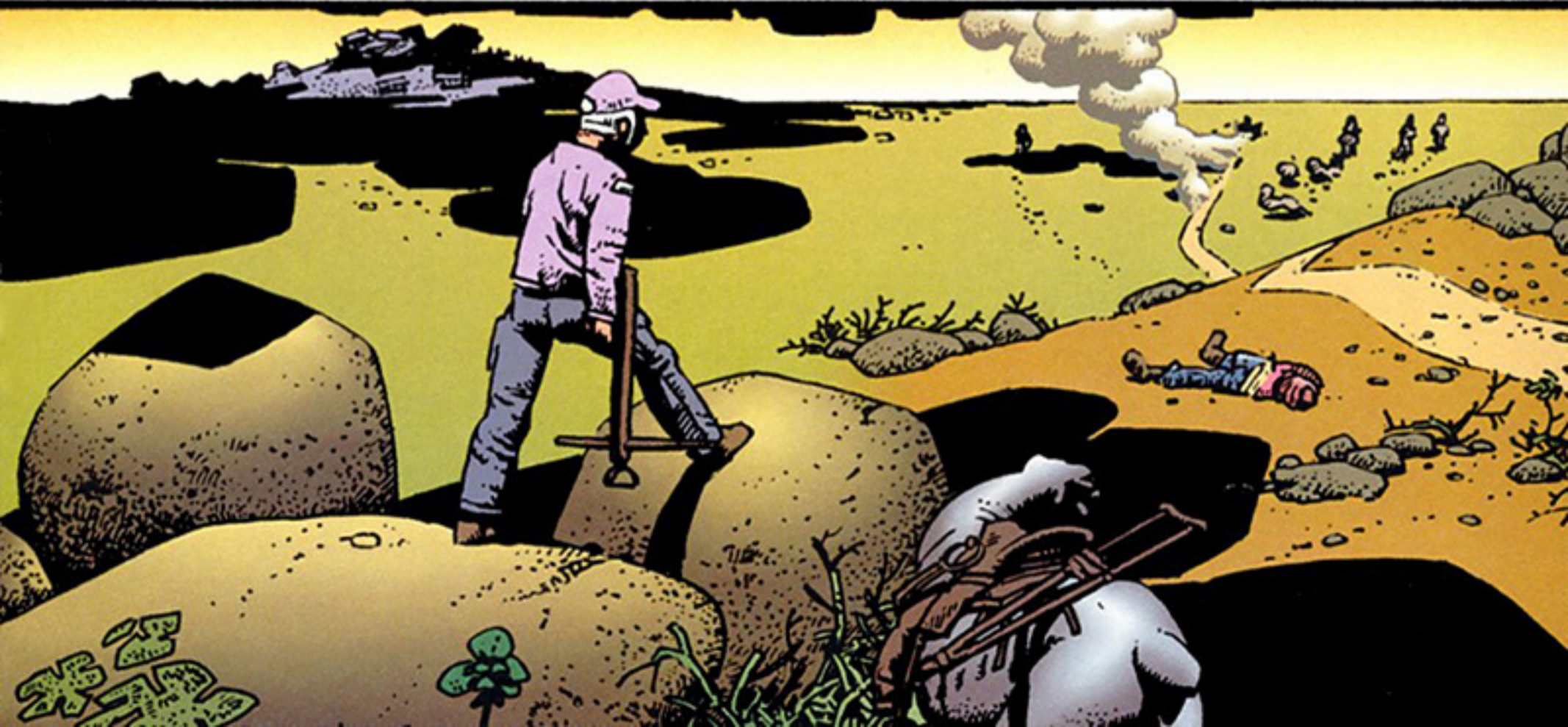
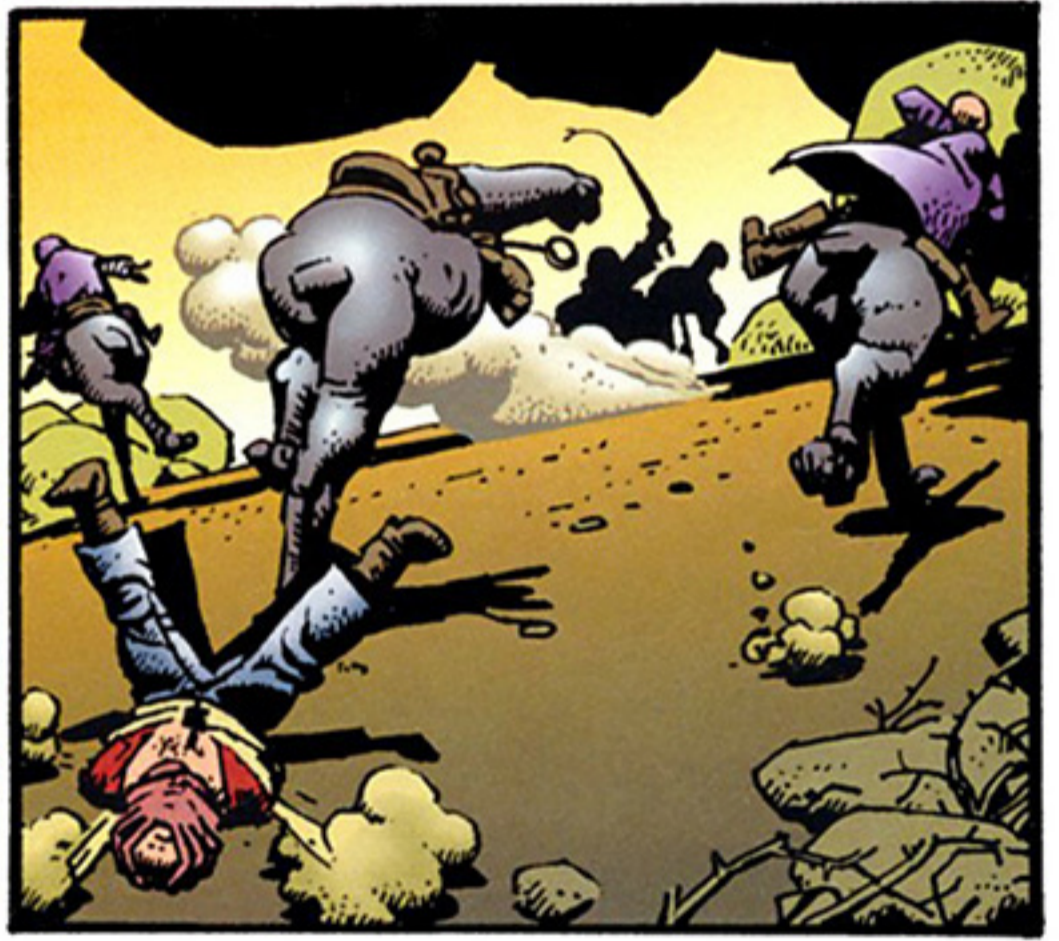
HERE YOU ARE-- WHATEVER YOU ARE-- RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, BUT HOW? HOW CAN I BELIEVE YOU?

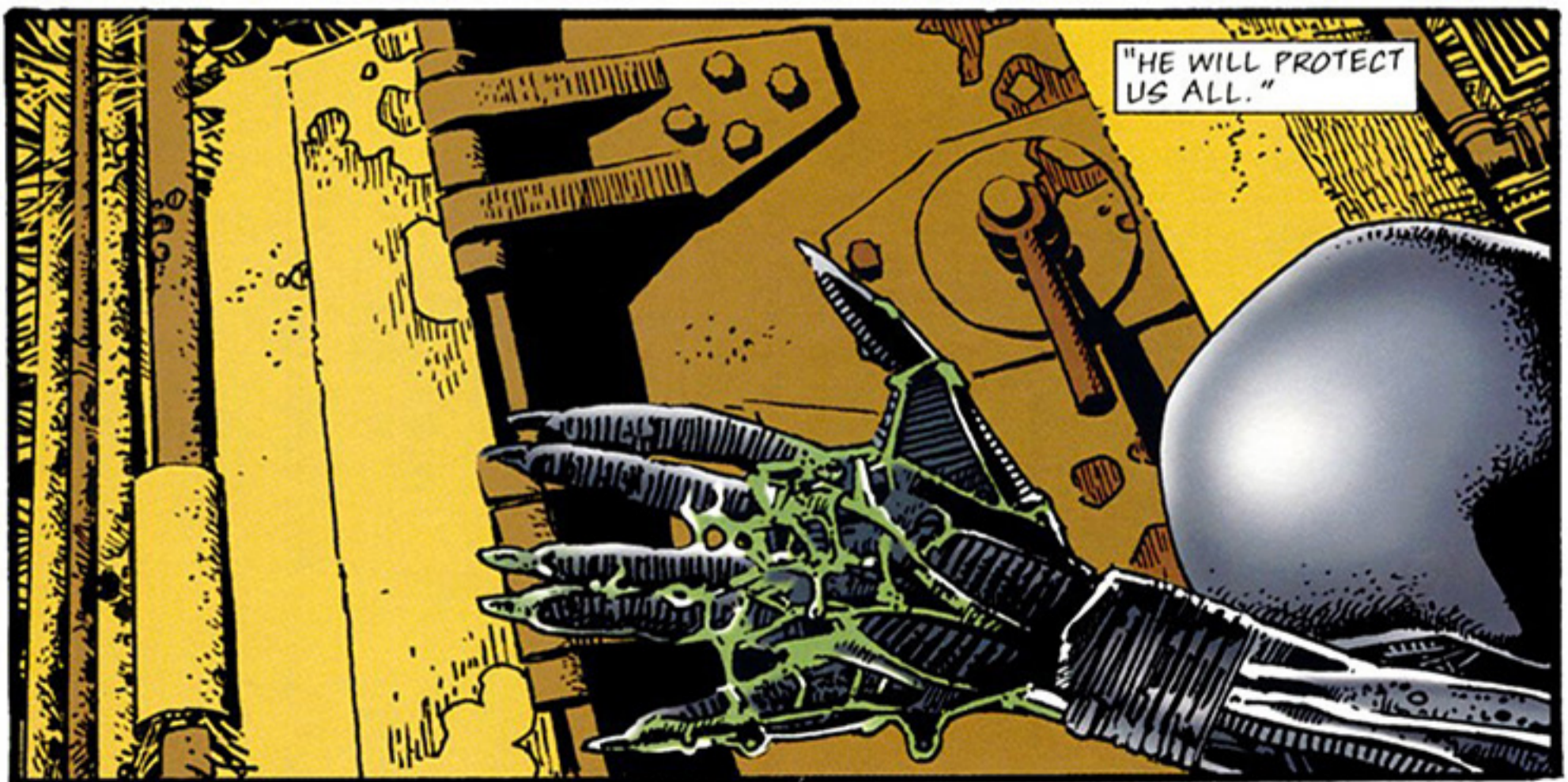
HOW COULD THEY KEEP YOU ALIVE FOR A HUNDRED YEARS? AND WHY?

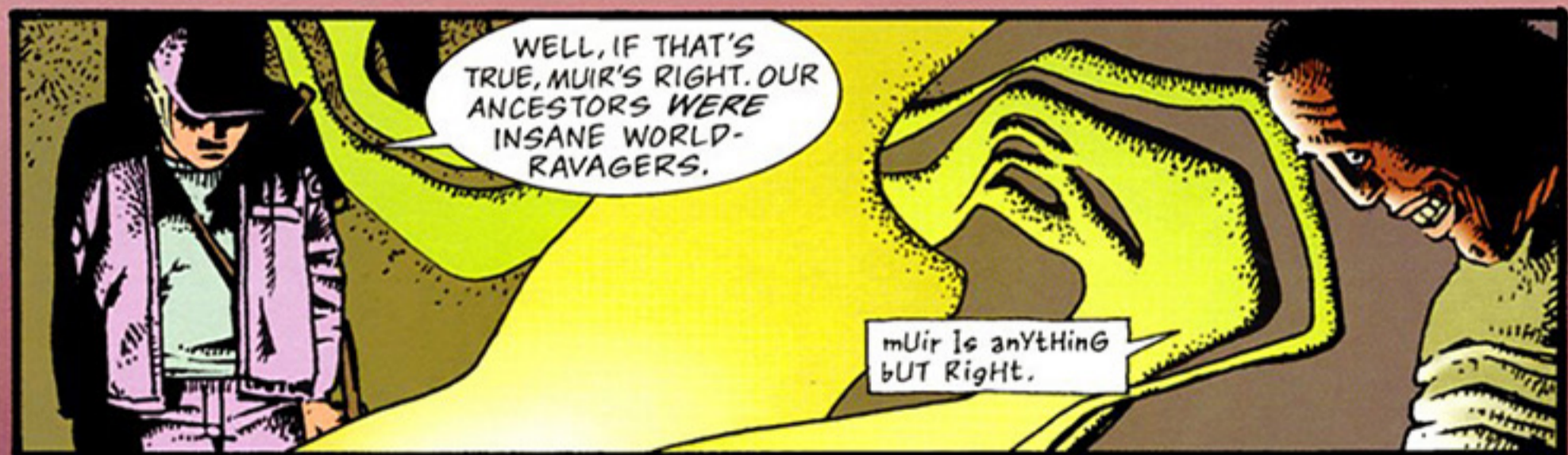
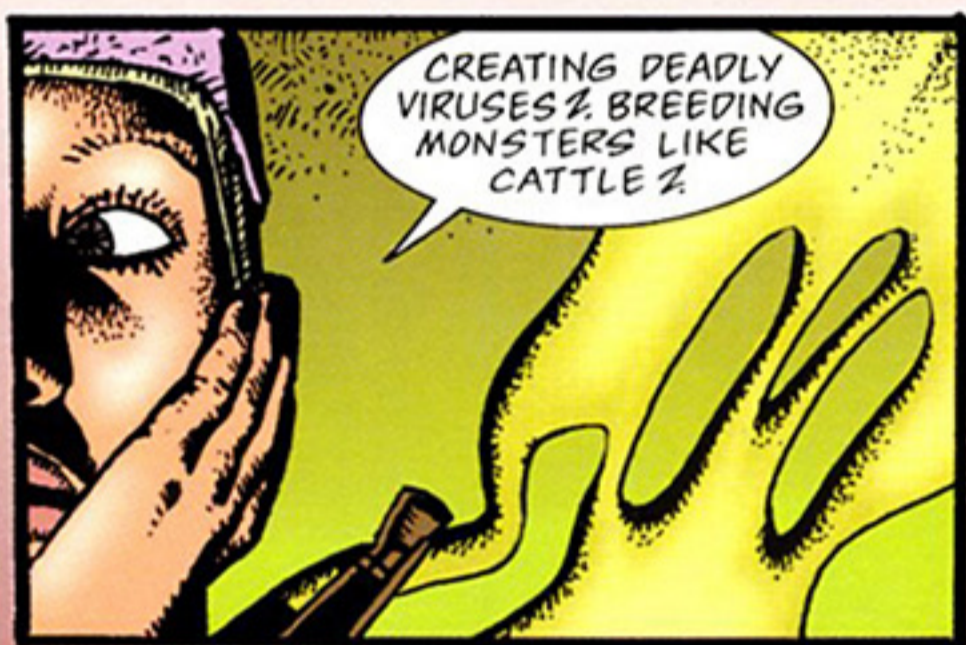
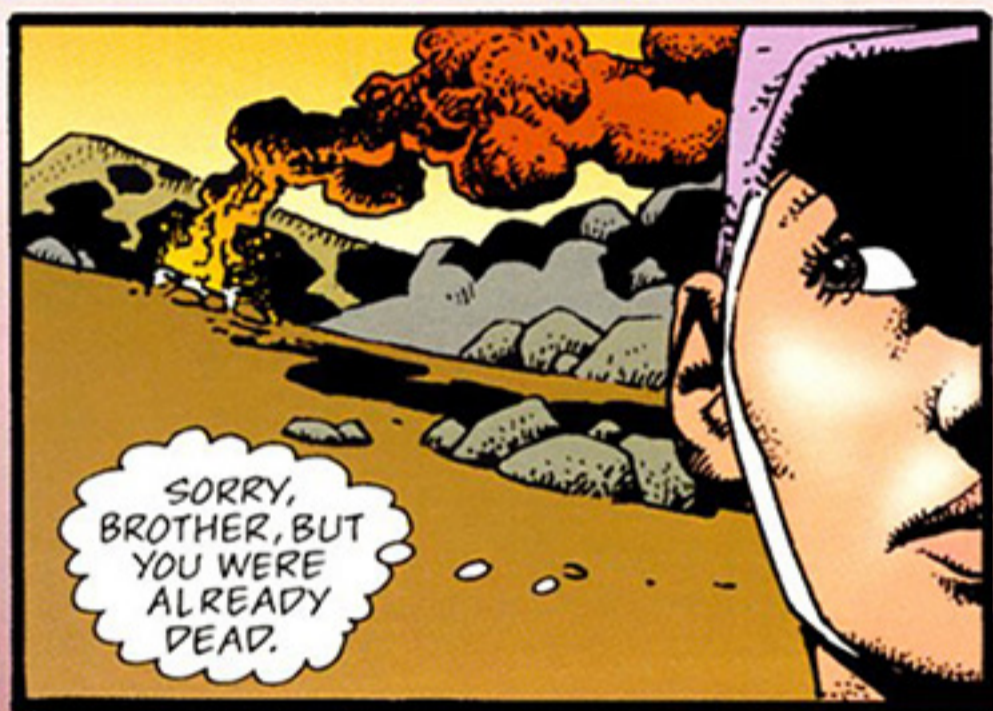


because of what i No... know about the crEAtUres.









There are SafEGuArds onE cAn Take, eLEmENTS on ThIs planET'S SurFAce thAt, cOMBINEd, mImiC the cREAturE's oWn fAir FARe... sMElLS.

mAgK's hUMAn sMElLS sOMeWhAt, pROtECTS oNe... SomEwhAt.

mOst effeCTive wHEN bURNEd AS IncENSE.

OH MY--! YOU'RE SAYING YOU HELPED MUIR MAKE THIS STUFF?

NOt mUir. mANy, mANy yEArS aGo, the fIRST tIME lEgB's uSed CrEAturE, didN'T wANT Z--

--bUT wAs... aM In nO PositiON 2 rEsist them.

THE fIRST TIME? I CAN'T-- THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A HUNDRED YEARS?

IT'S TOO MUCH, TOO-- I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL THIS. GOT TO THINK-- SIT DOWN AND THINK ABOUT THIS.

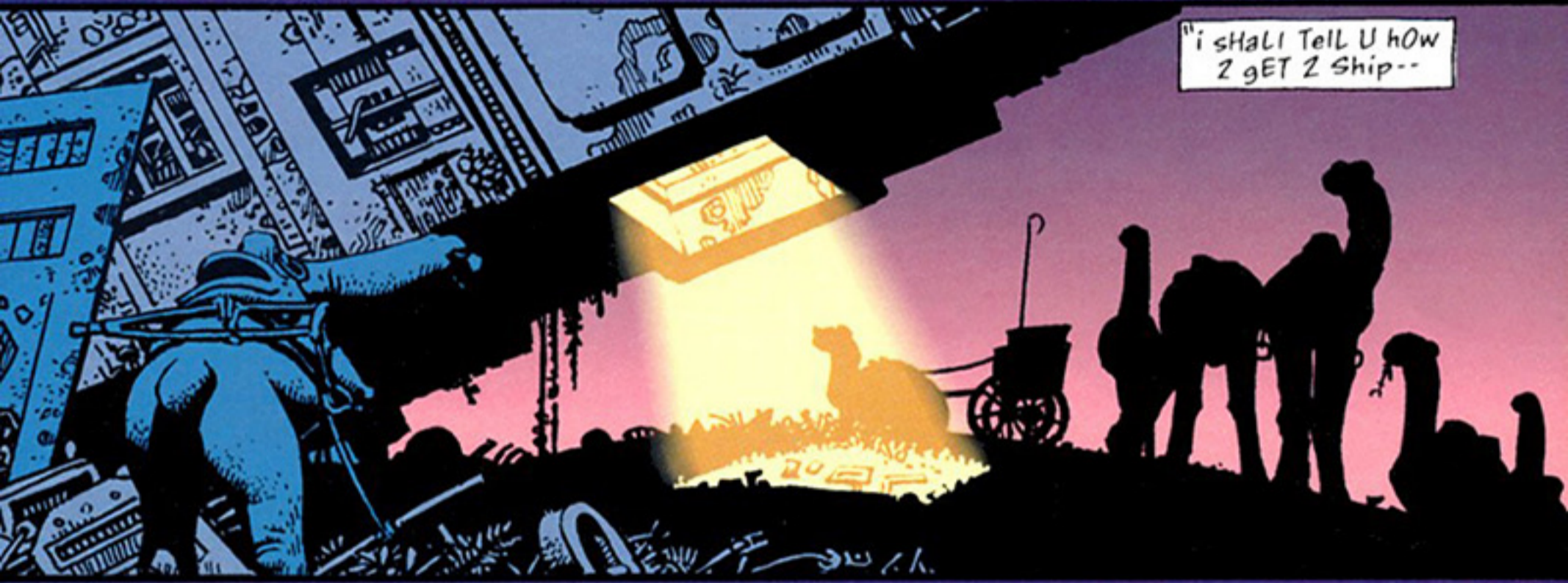
**NO TIME!!!**



THE CREATURES LIVE AND KILL 2 SERVE A QUEEN--

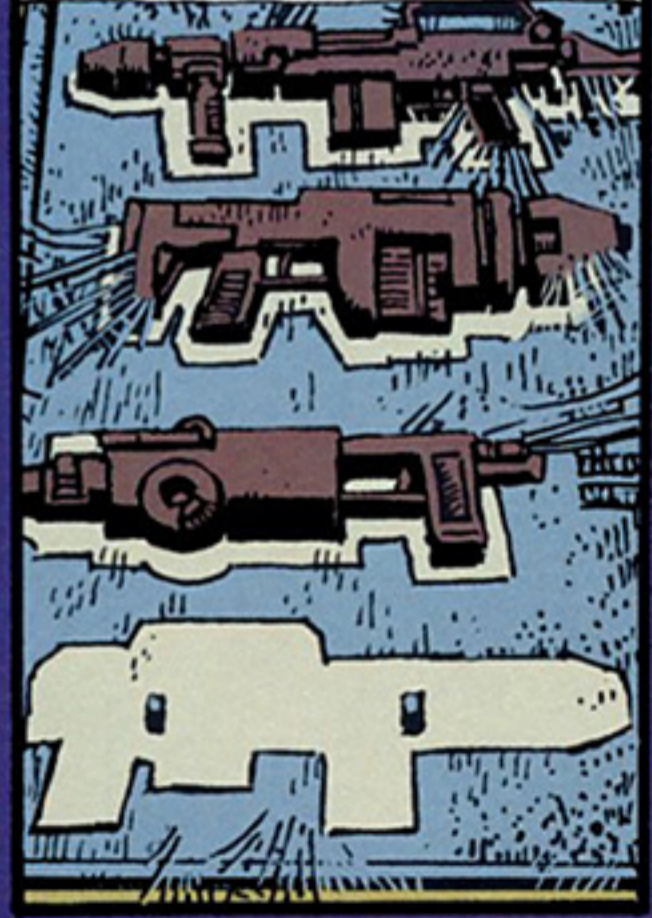
JUST LISTEN! WITHOUT QUEEN'S GUIDANCE, THEY-- IT STOPS HUNTING, RETURNS 2 WHAT IT THINKS IS NEST-- AND THAT'S WHERE MUIR WENT-- 2 GET NEW CREATURE... SO U LISTEN.

A QUEEN??!



"I SHALL TELL U HOW 2 GET 2 SHIP--

--AND WHERE WEAPON LOCKER IS-- HOW THEY WORK-- SOME WILL STILL WORK.



"I SHALL TELL U HOW TO GET INTO EGG STORAGE UNIT.



"AND I SHALL TELL U ABOUT ONE OTHER THING."









IT'S GETTING CLOSER, LEGATE.

SHHHHH.

SERENITY, BROTHER WINGE. SERENITY.



FIRSTFATHER OF TERRA! HOW CAN YOU ALL JUST SIT THERE?!!

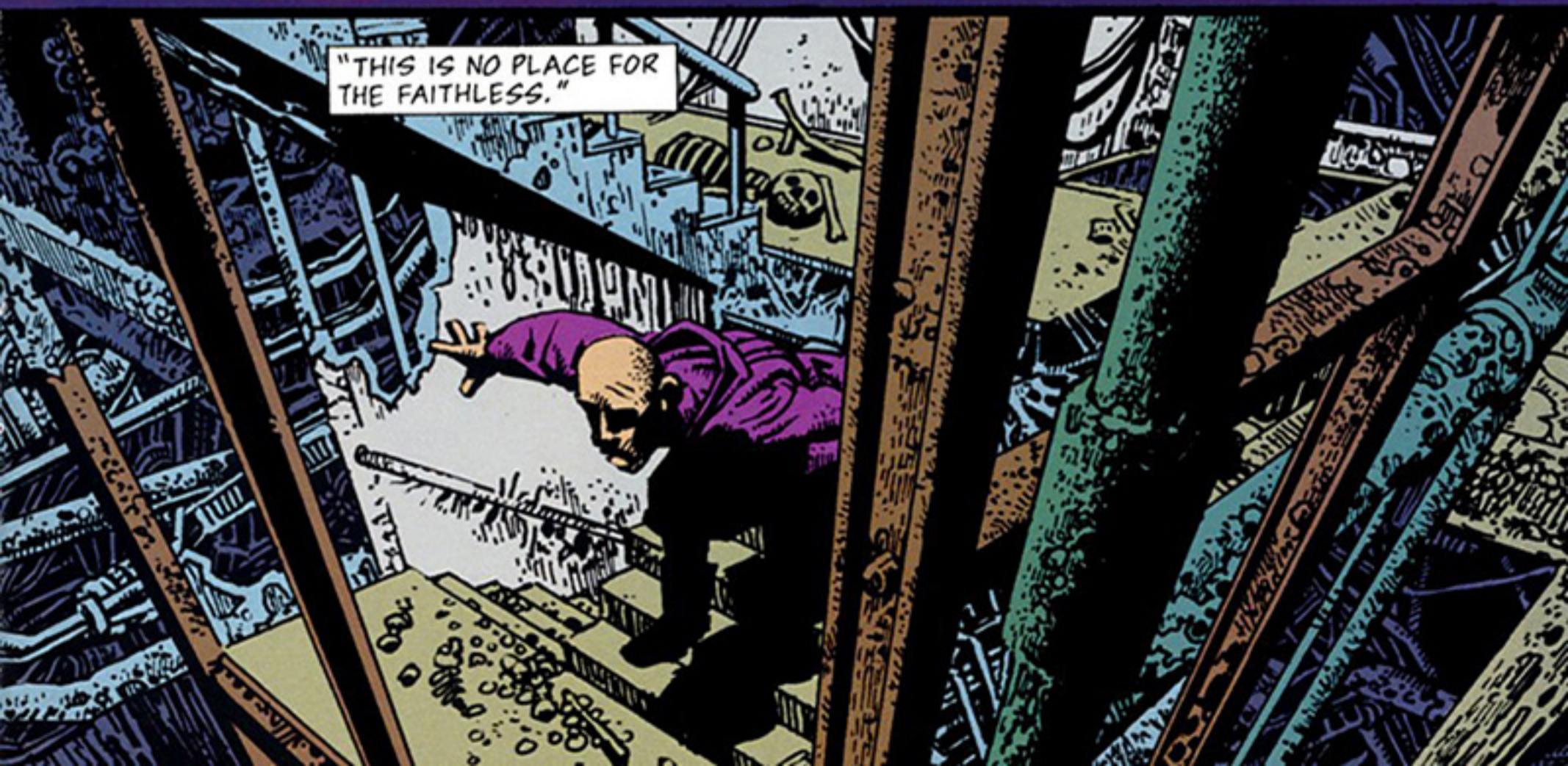


IF WE STAY, WE'LL DIE!



BROTHER WINGE--

PEACE, BROTHER THERMAN. LET HIM BE.



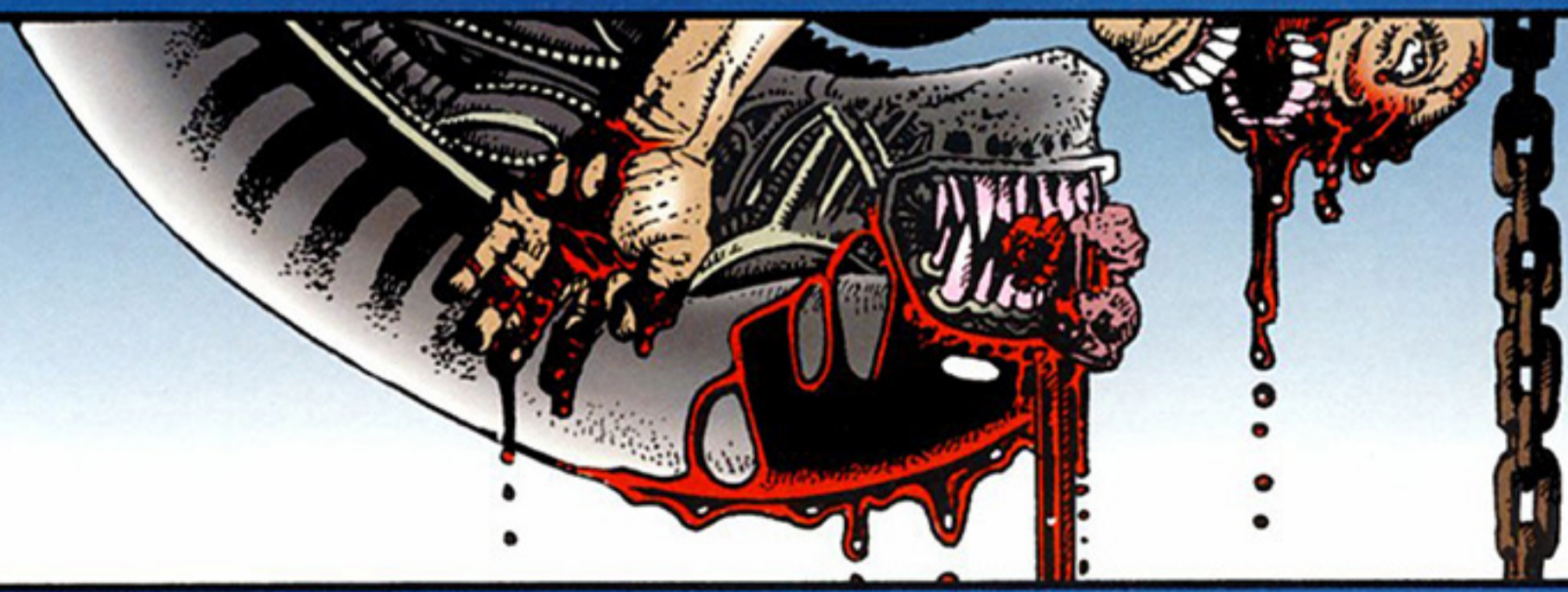
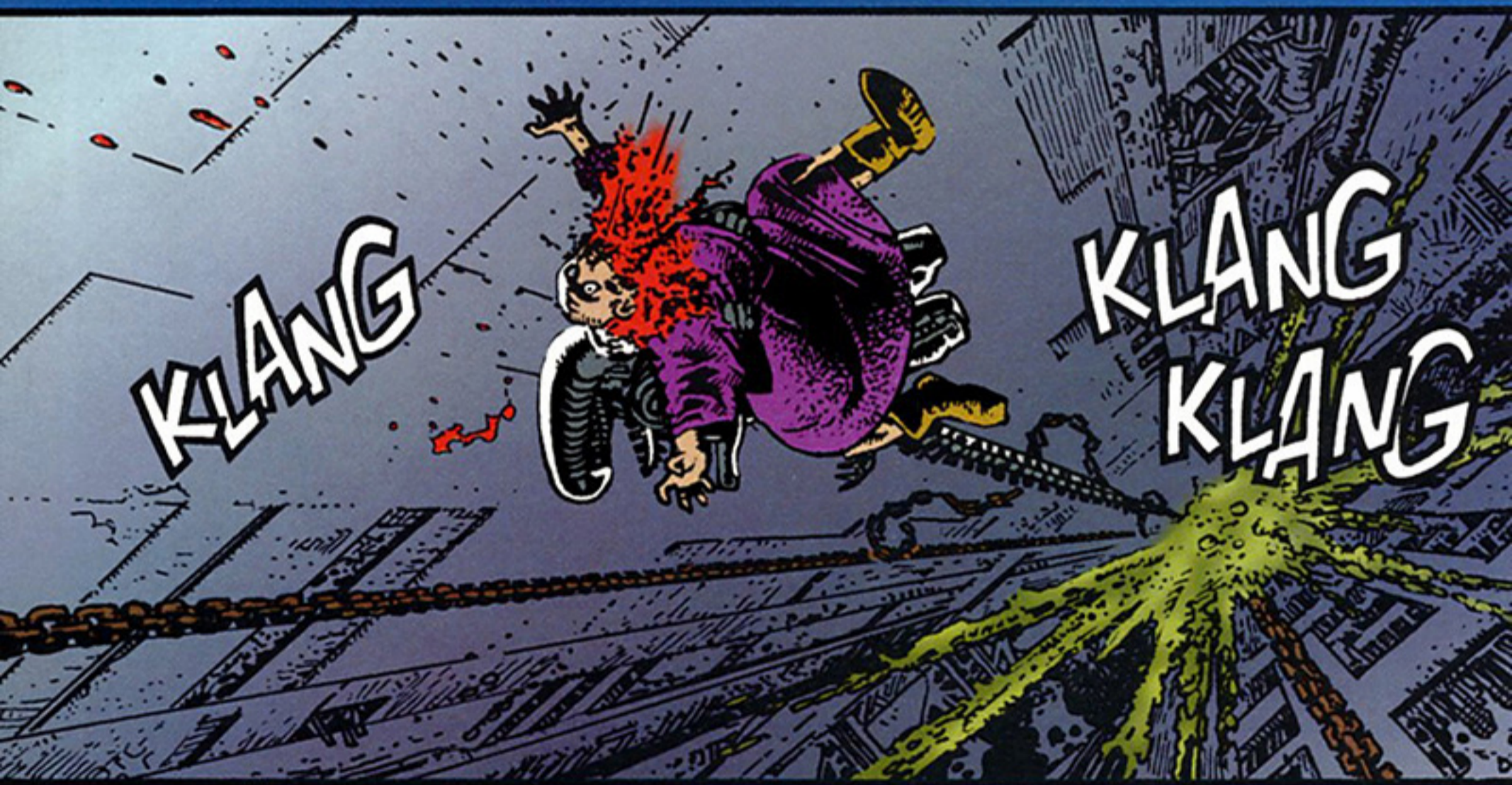
"THIS IS NO PLACE FOR THE FAITHLESS."

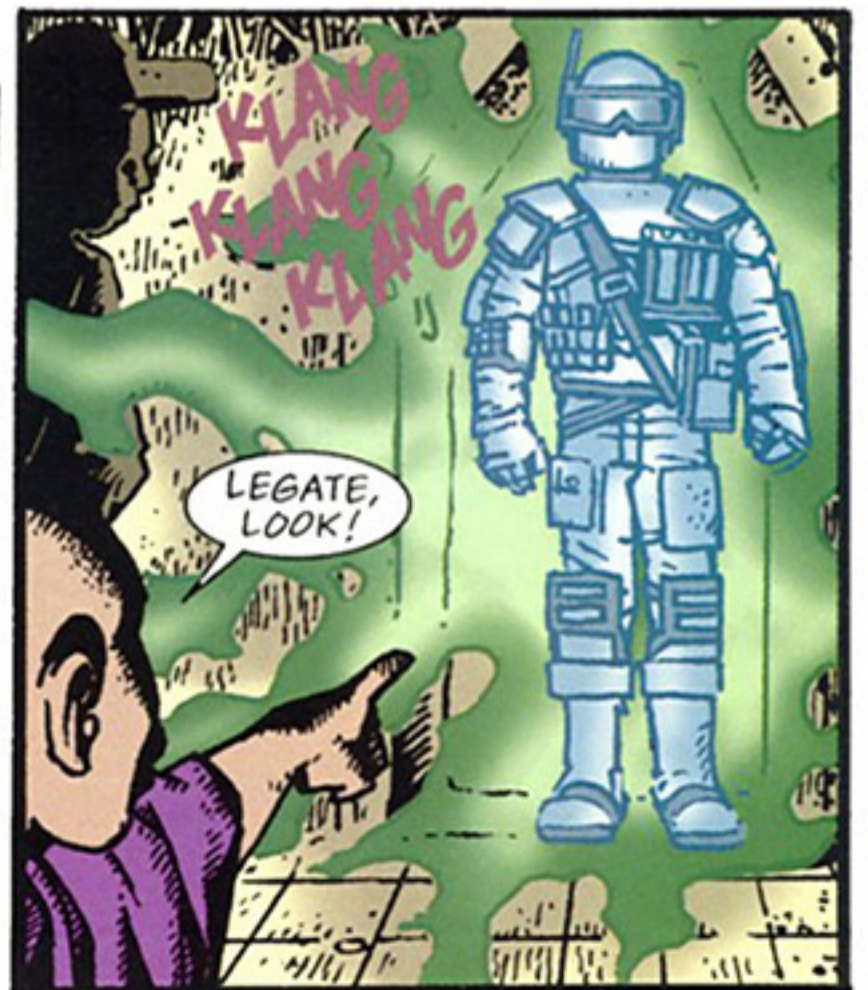
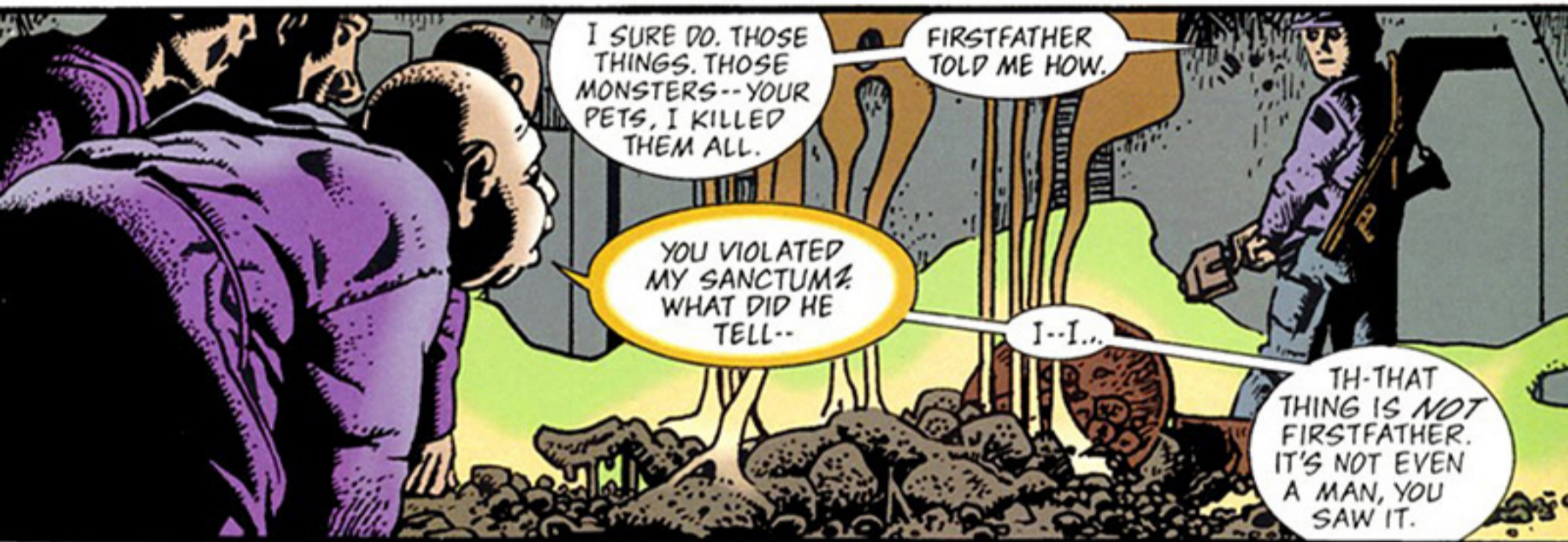
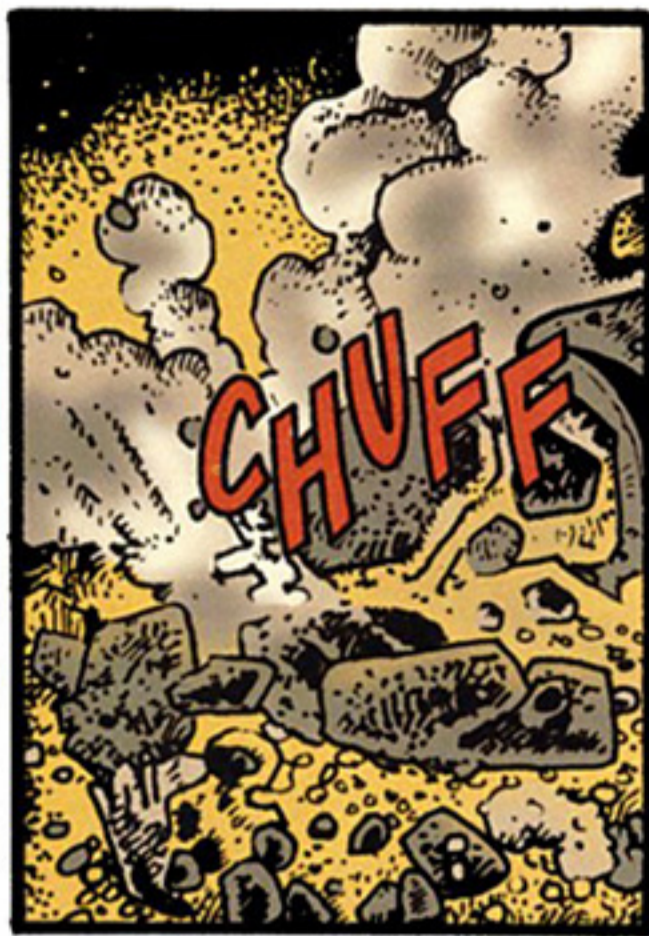


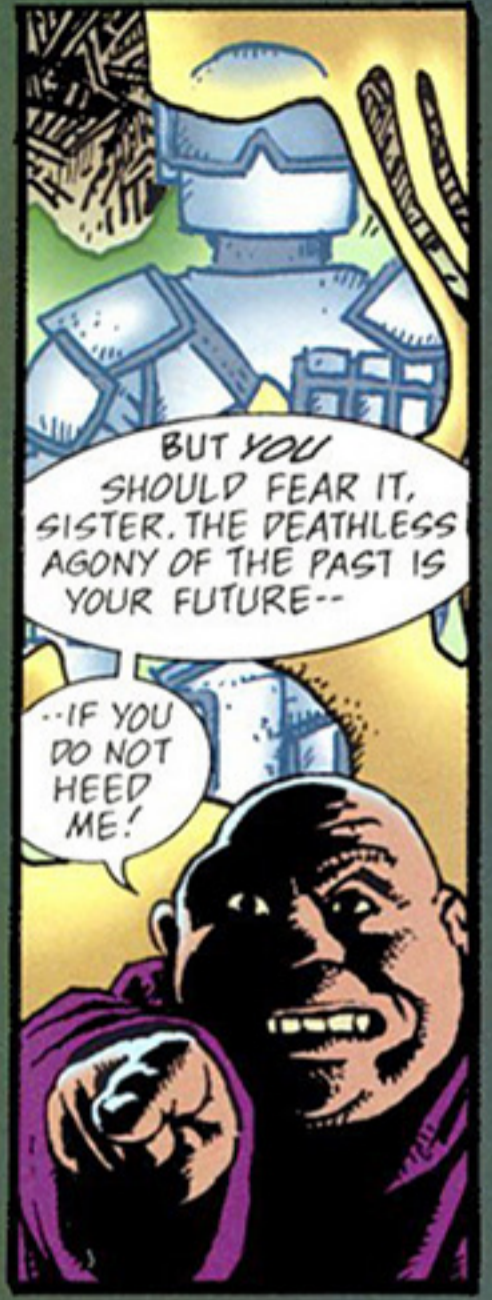
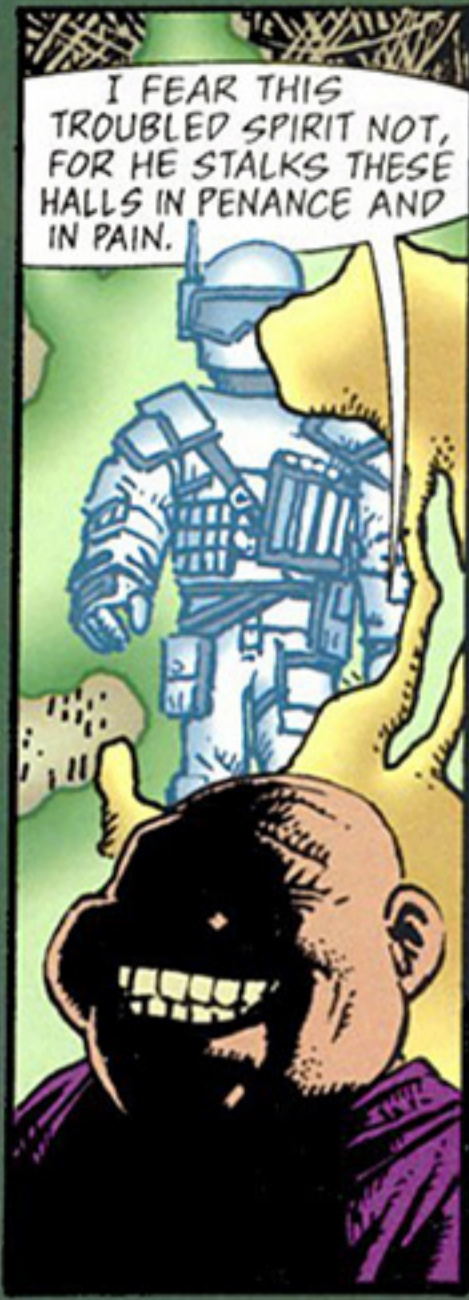
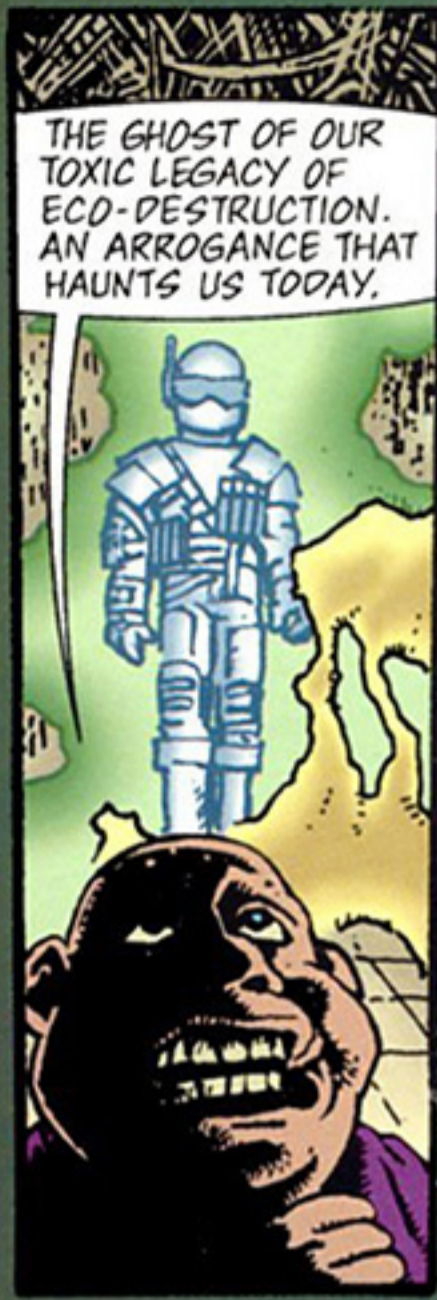
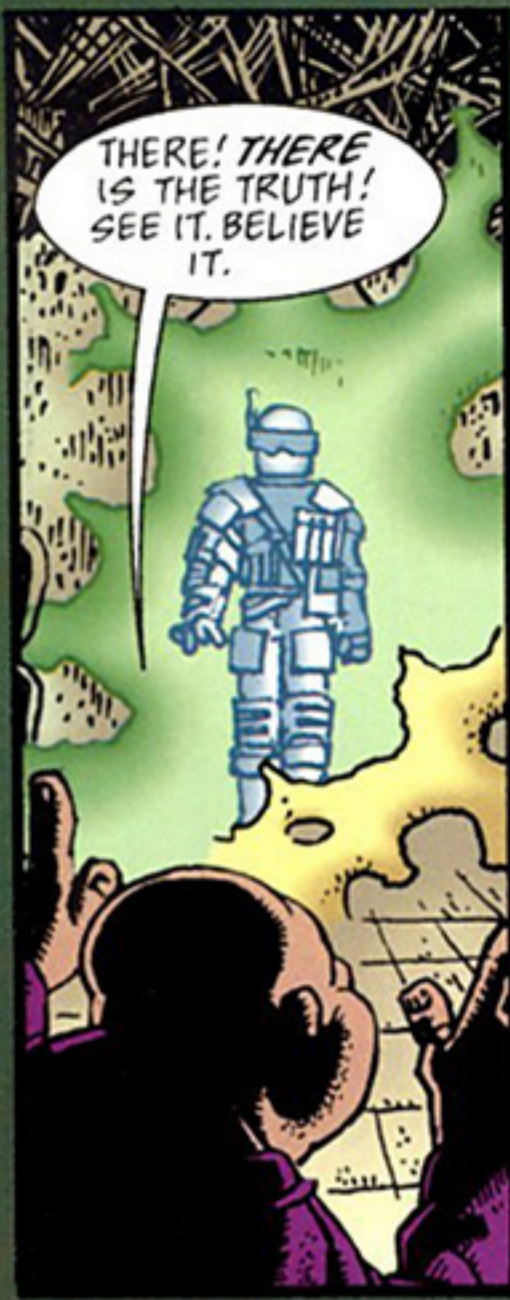
PLEASE,  
FIRSTFATHER, PLEASE  
JUST LET ME GET TO  
THE SUNLIGHT, JUST  
GET TO THE SUNLIGHT,  
THE SUNLIGHT.

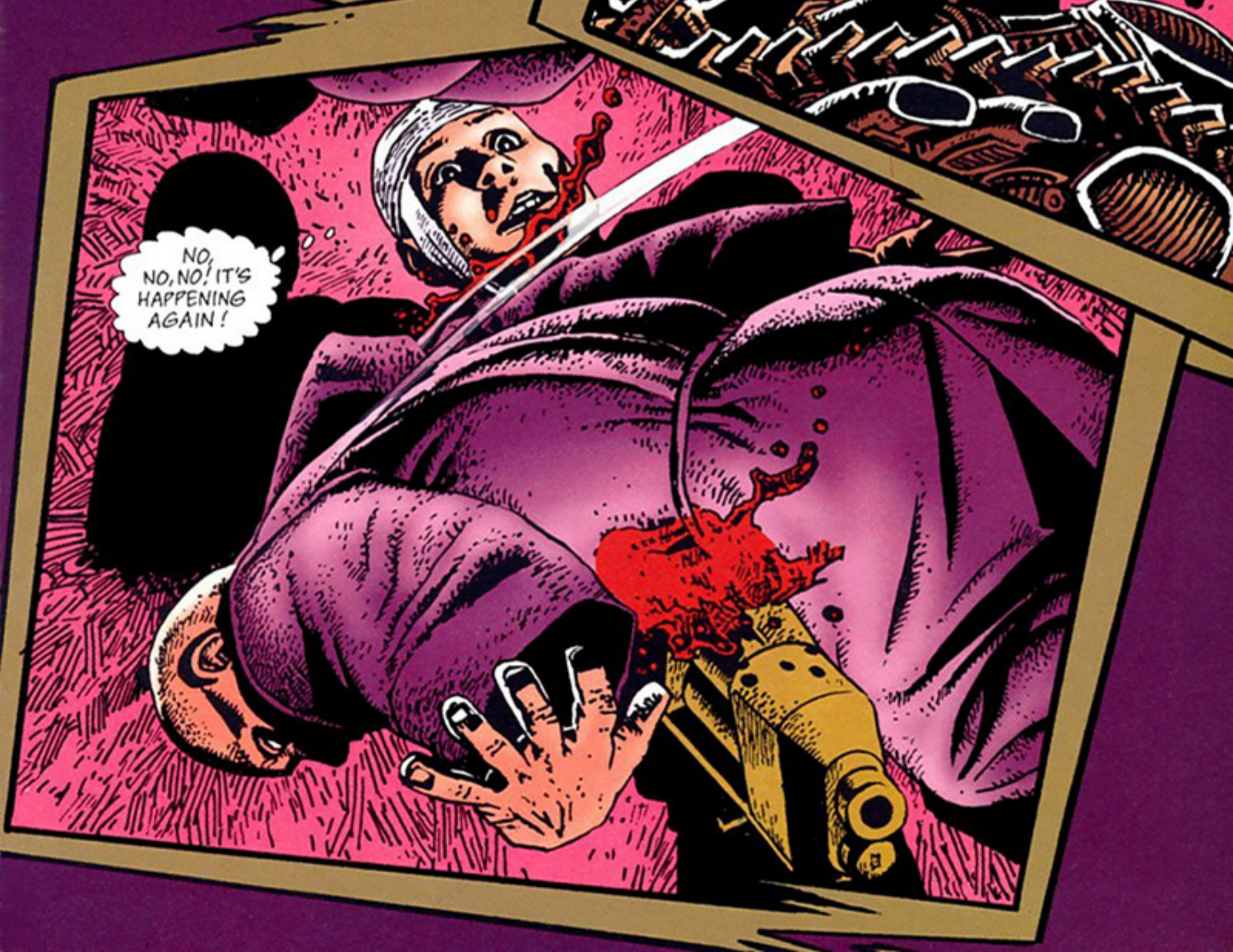
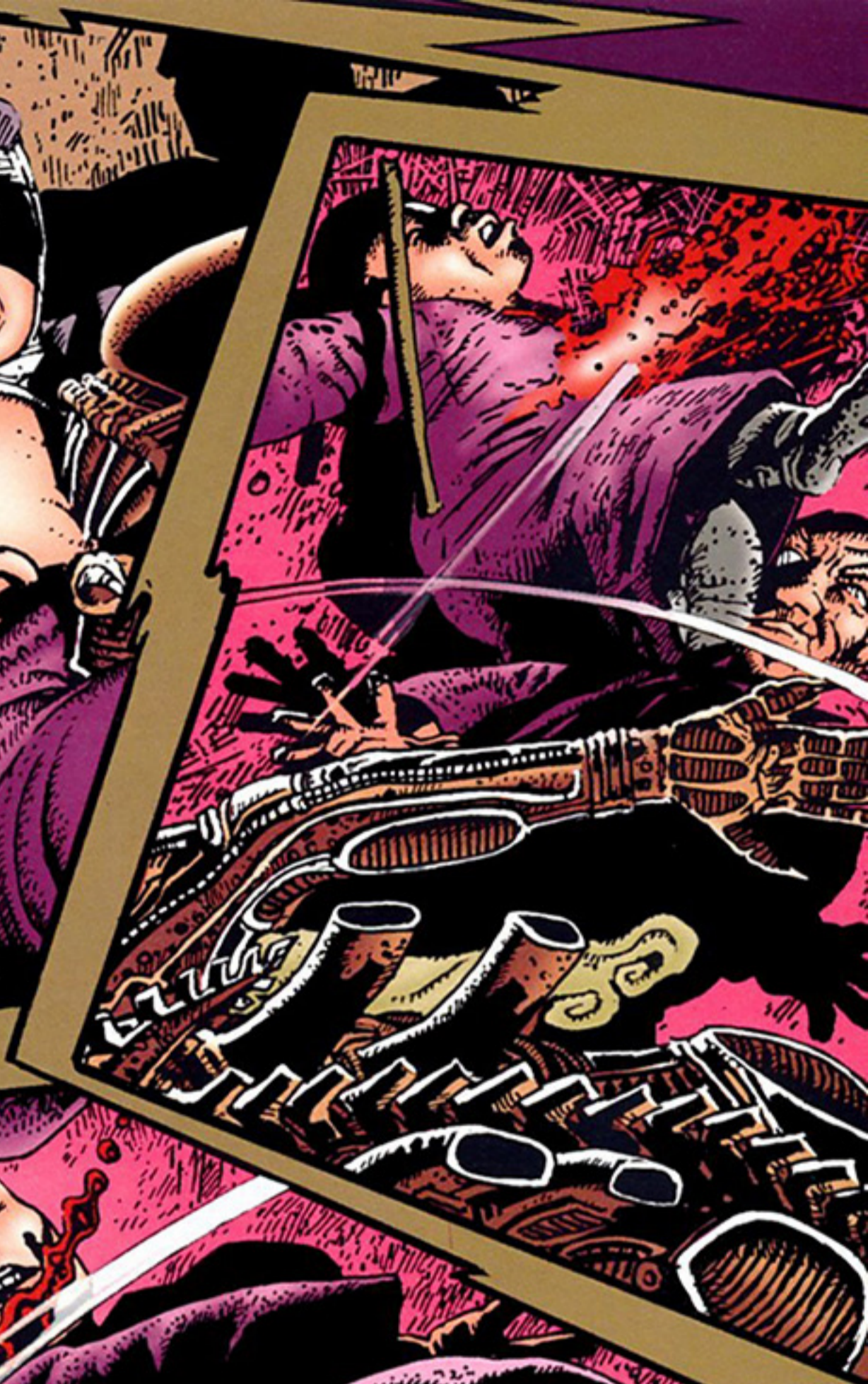
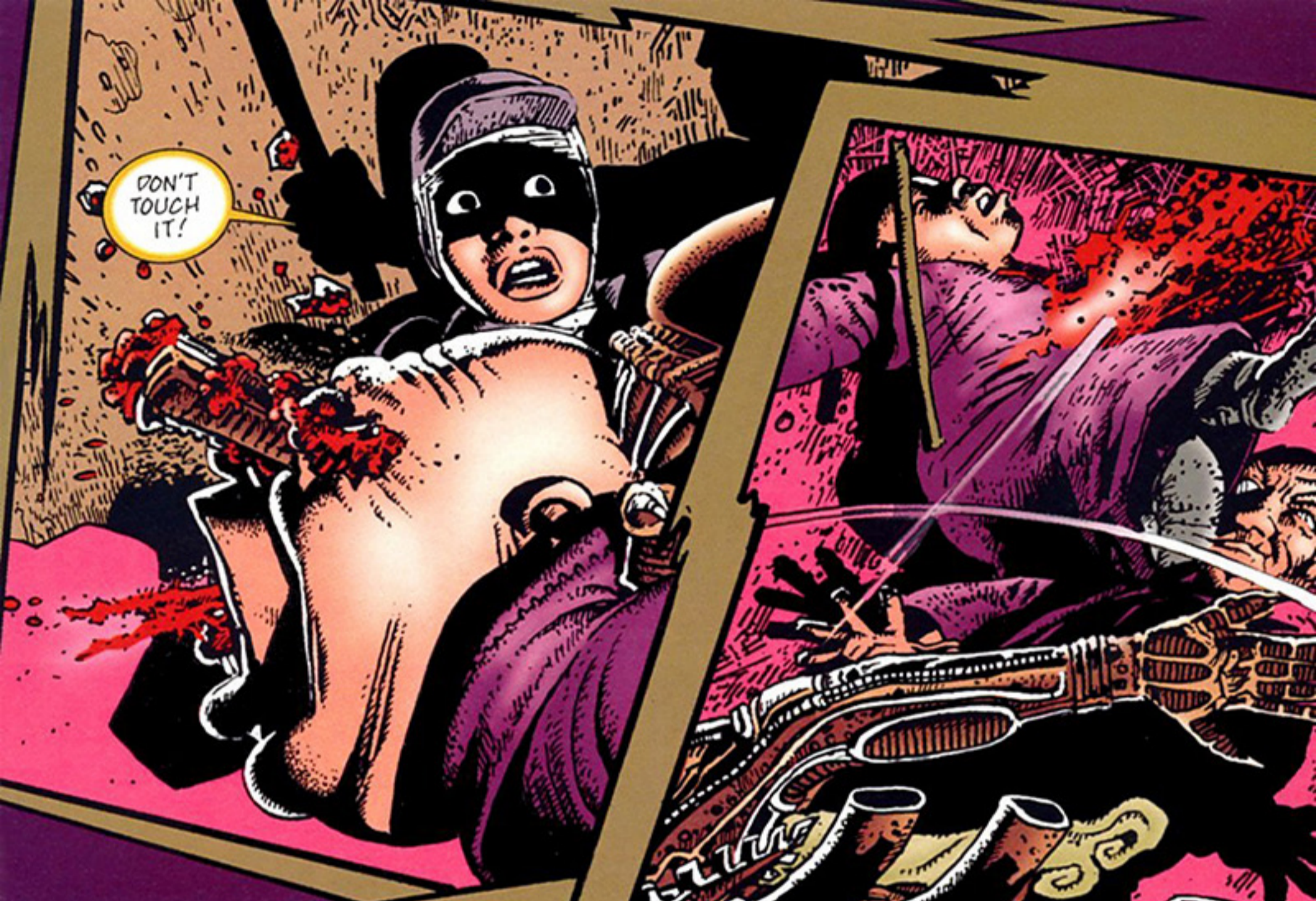


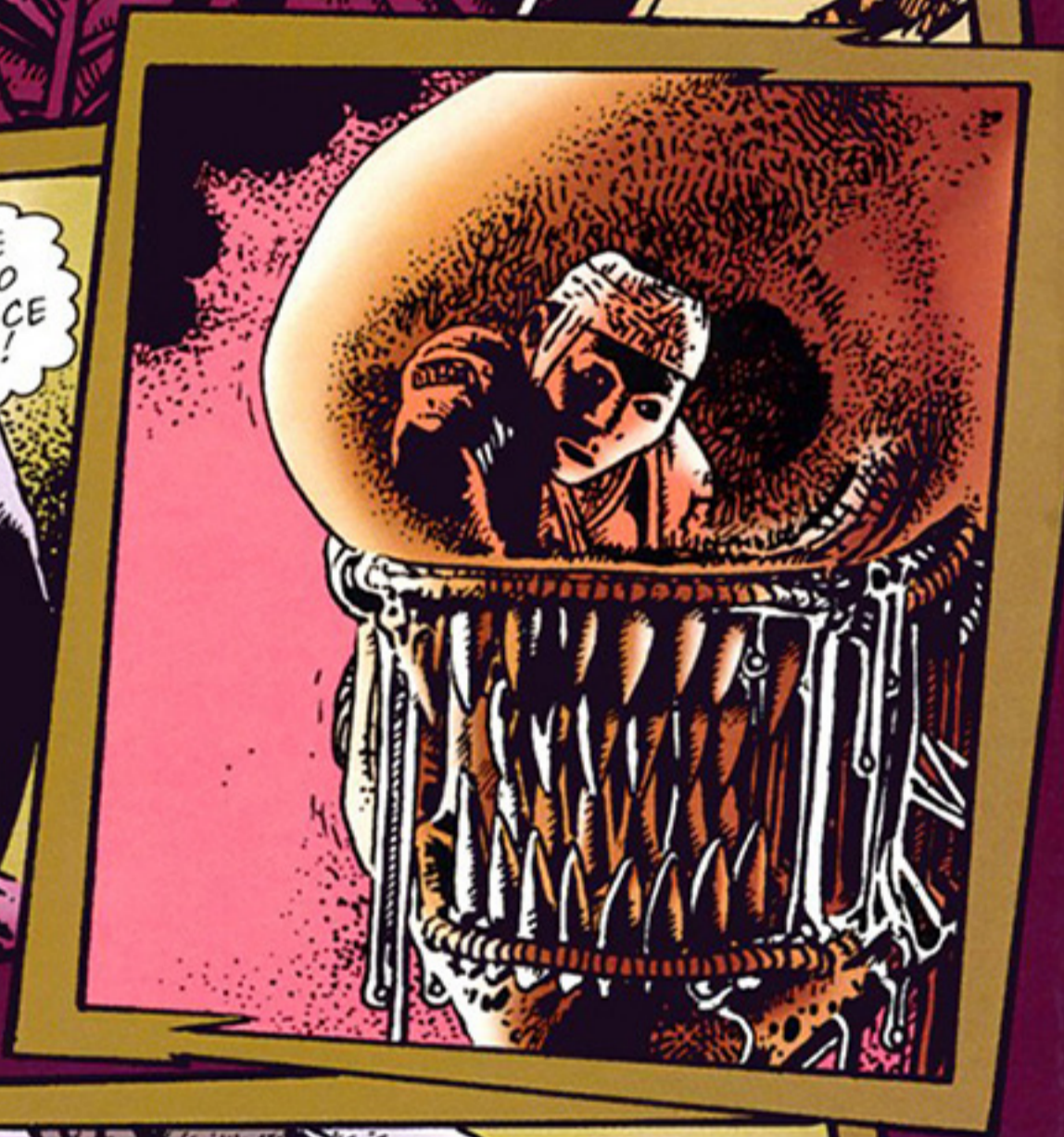
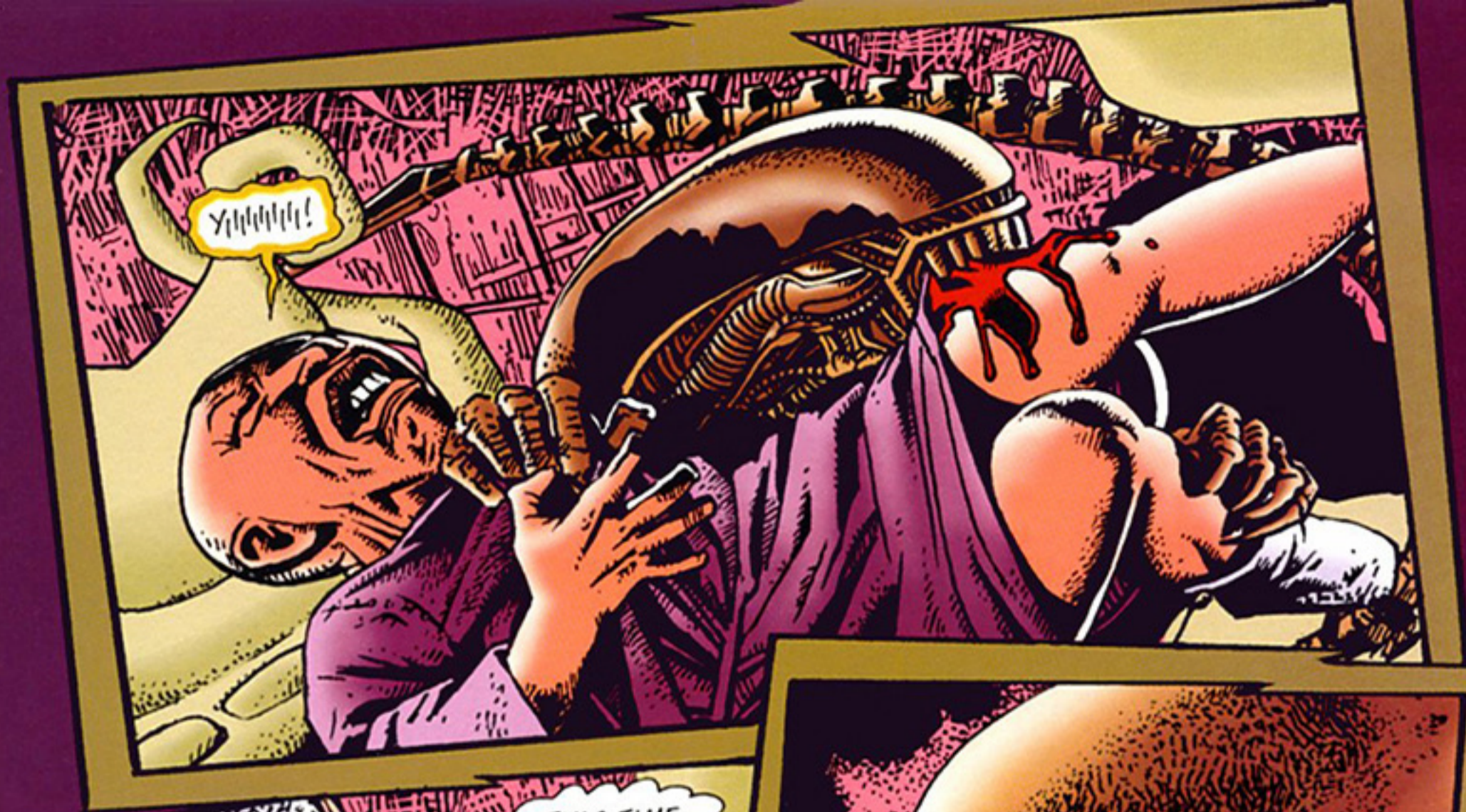
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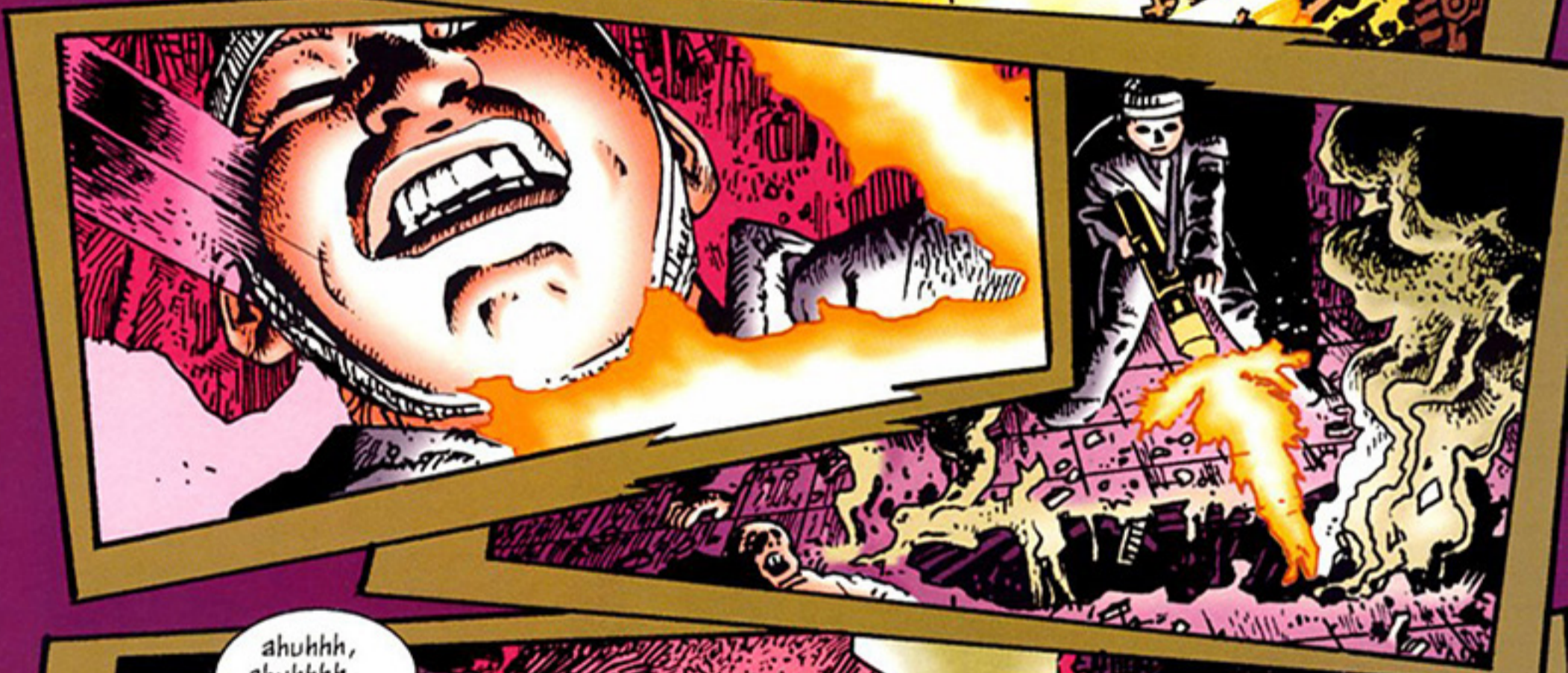
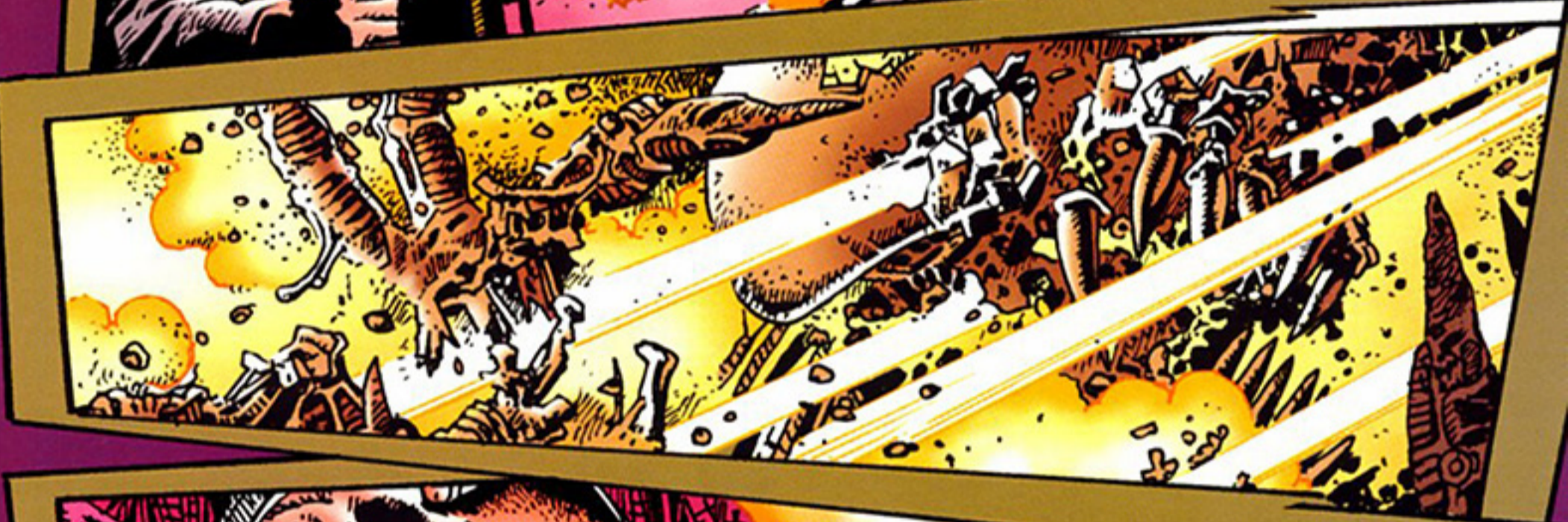
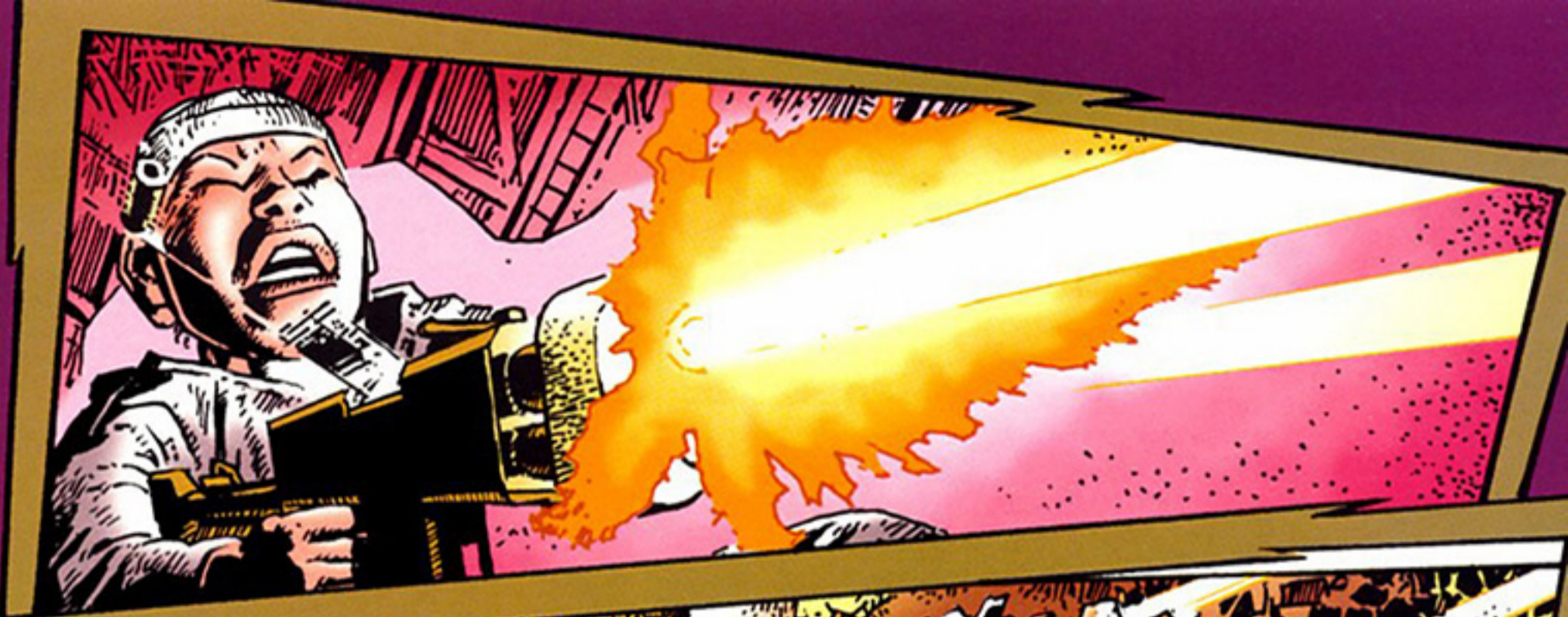














--ONE OTHER THING, aBOARD SHIP  
THE HOLOGRAPHIC-AUDIO SECURITY  
SYSTEM STILL FUNCTIONS.



"USED 2 PATROL CORE... CORRIDORS AT NIGHT.  
NO POINT EXPLAINING IT 2 U.

"MUIR CALLS IT GHOST... IT'S NOT BUT  
U NEED 2 KNOW ABOUT IT.



"IT CAN MAKE U THINK  
THERE'S SOMEONE OR  
SOMETHING THERE--

"--WHEN  
THERE'S  
NOTHING."



"O what can ail thee, knight-at-arms,  
Alone and palely loitering?  
The sedge has withered from the lake,  
And no birds sing."  
*La Belle Dame Sans Merci*  
John Keats