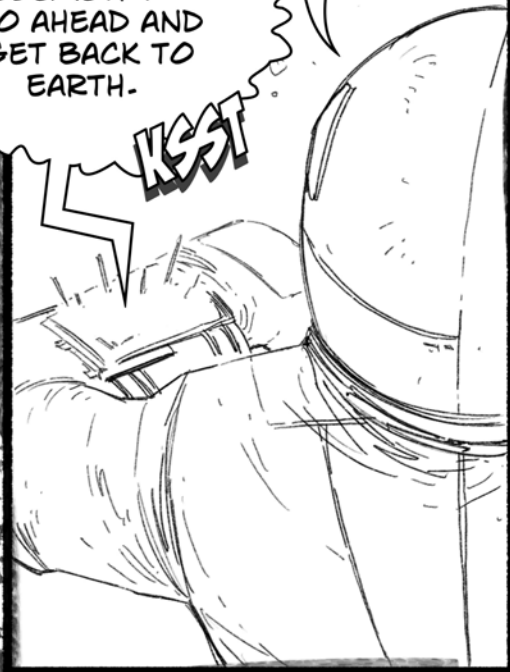


ALRIGHT,
THERE.



KST
WE ARE
GETTING
TELEMETRY.
GO AHEAD AND
GET BACK TO
EARTH.

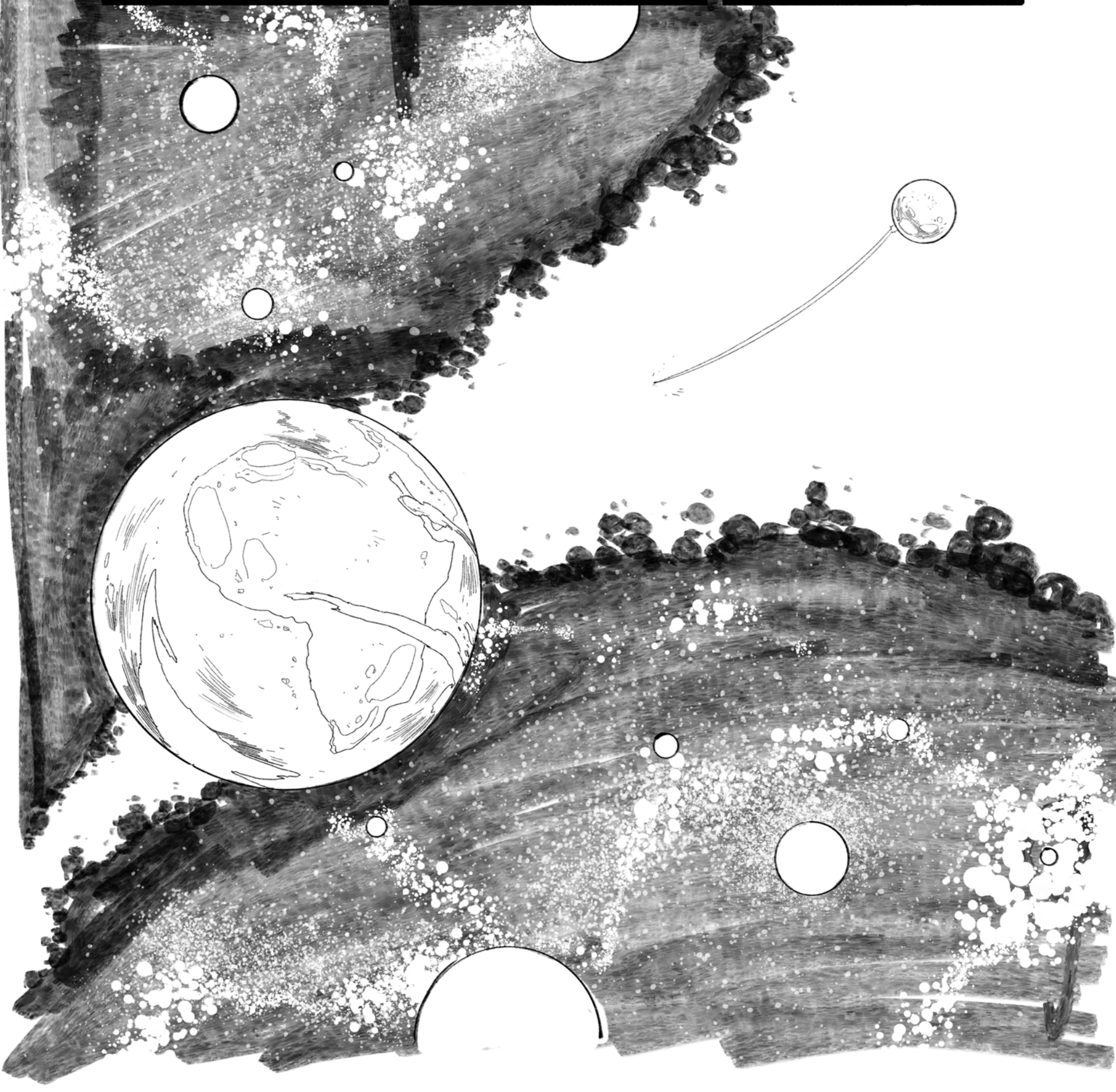


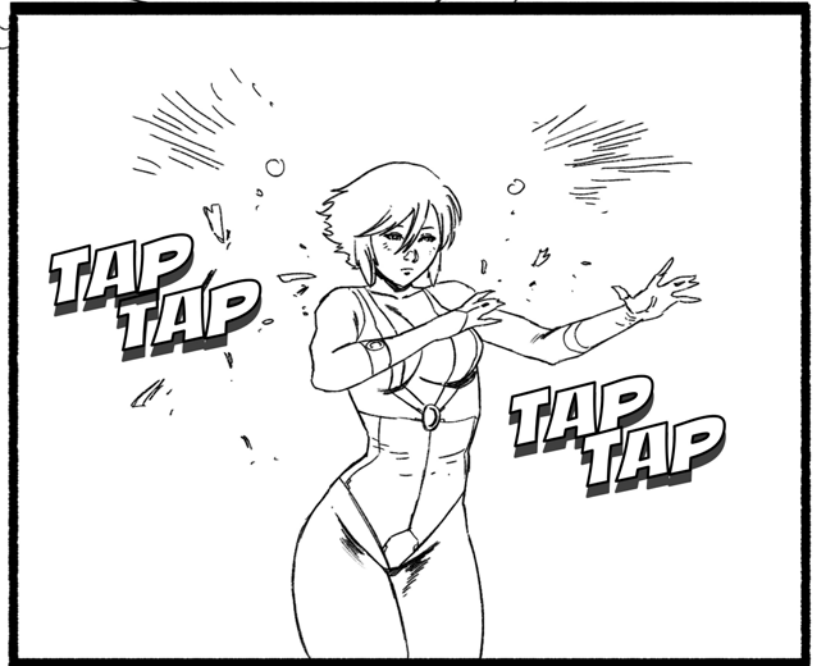
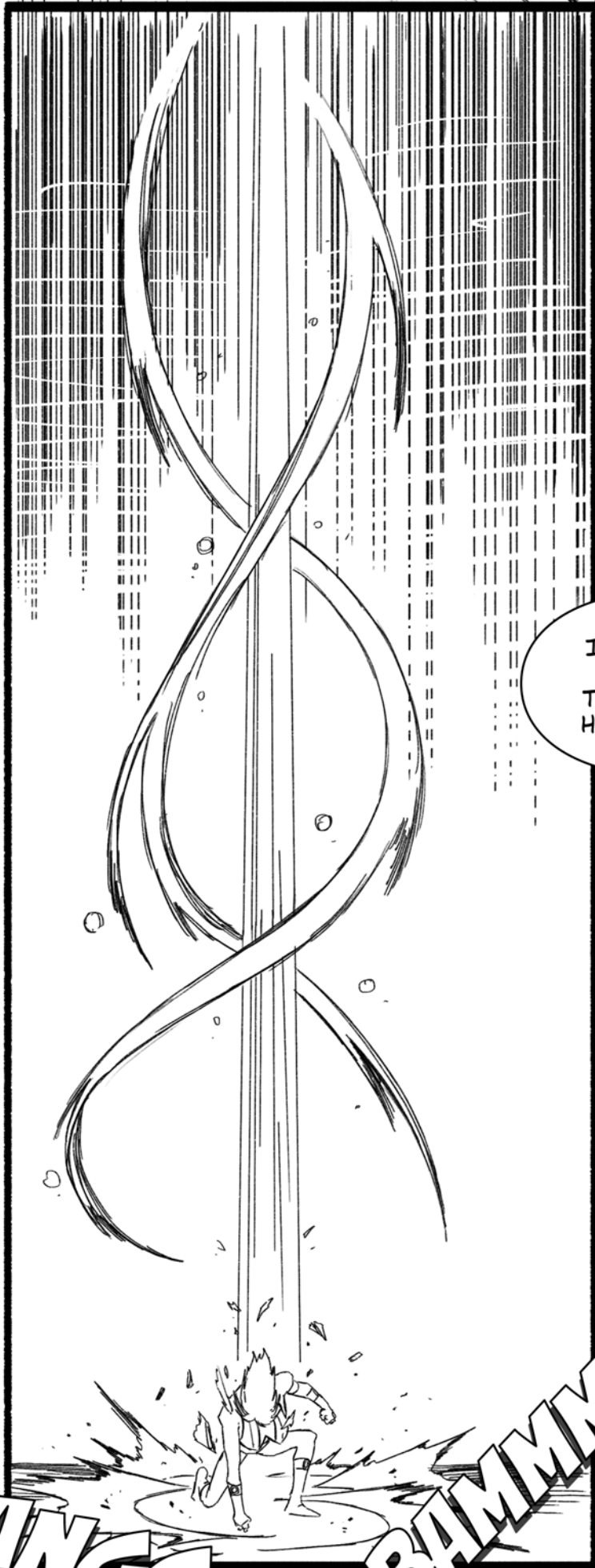
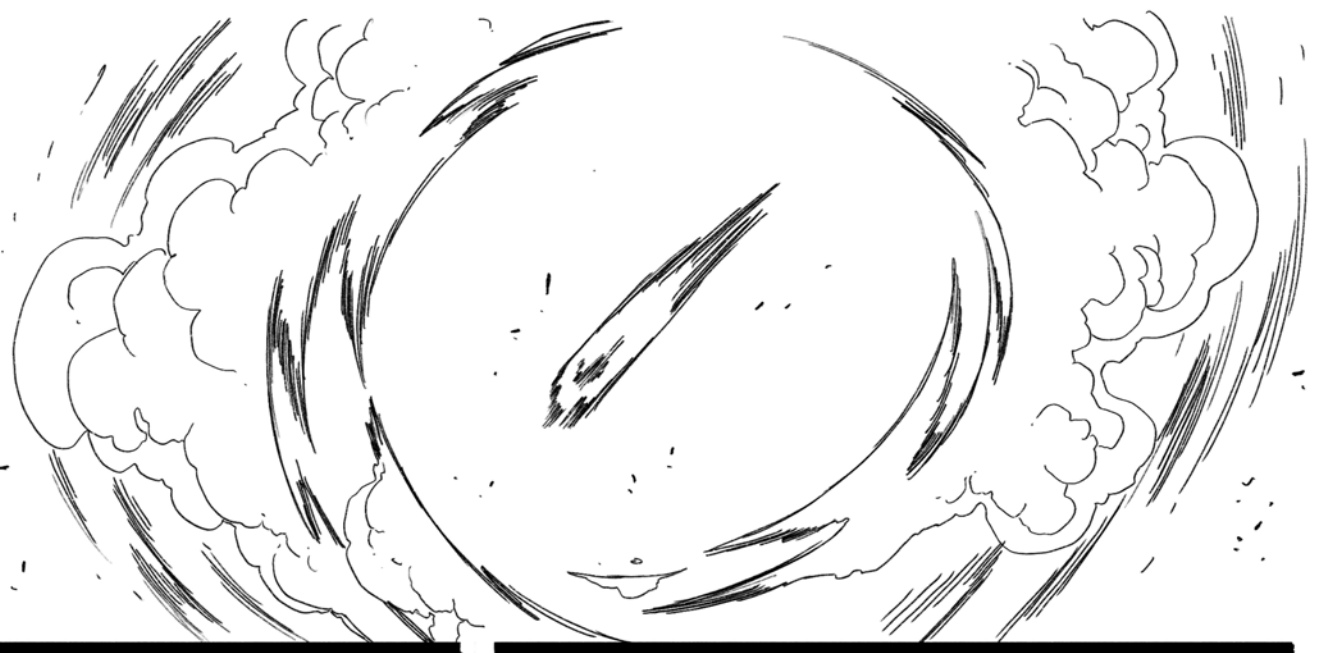
TURBULENCE
TO HOME BASE,
I AM SEEING
GREEN LIGHTS
ON THE PANEL.

KST

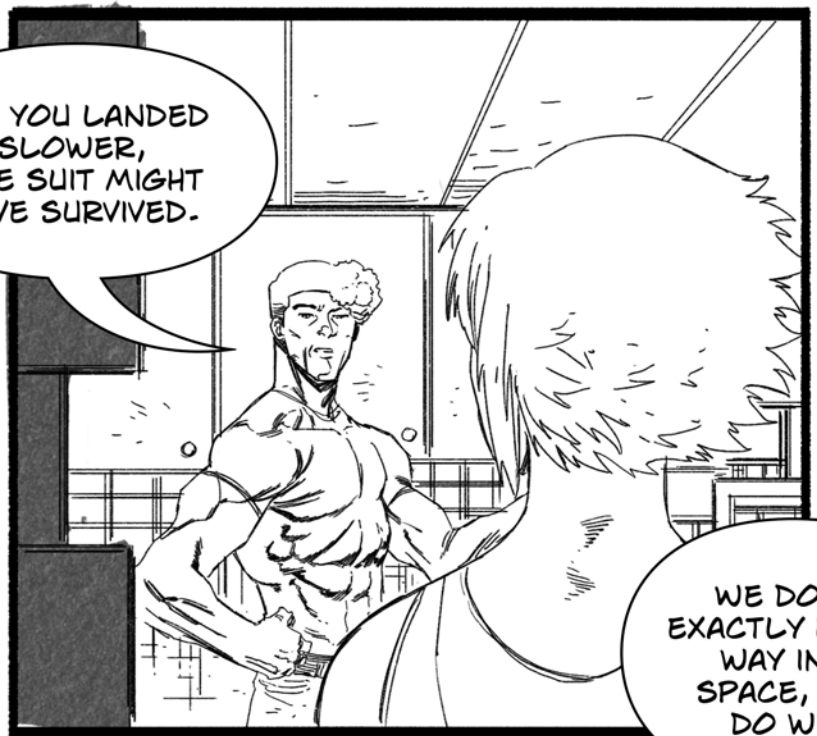


ALRIGHT,
HEADING
BACK NOW.





IF YOU LANDED SLOWER, THE SUIT MIGHT HAVE SURVIVED.

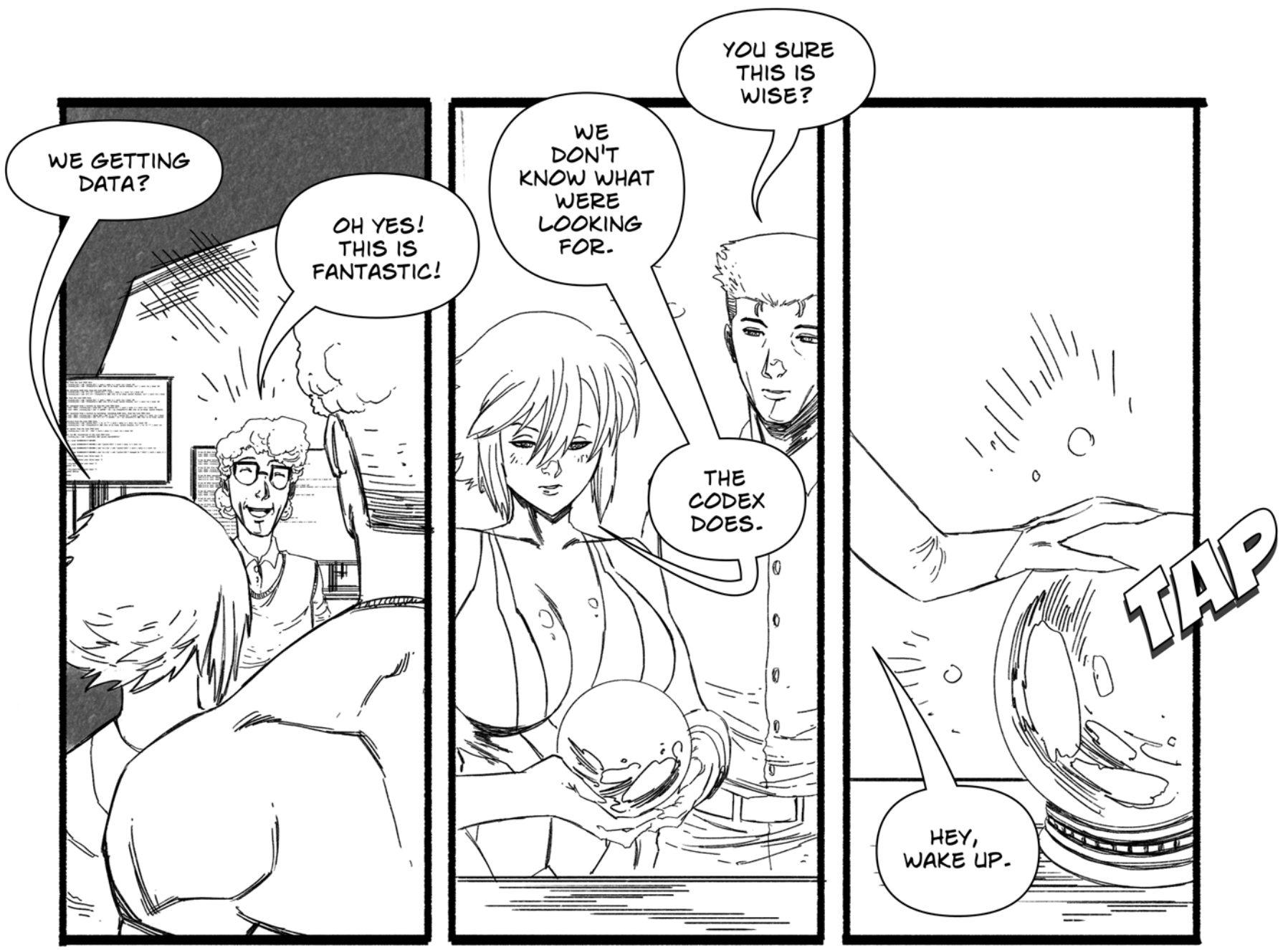


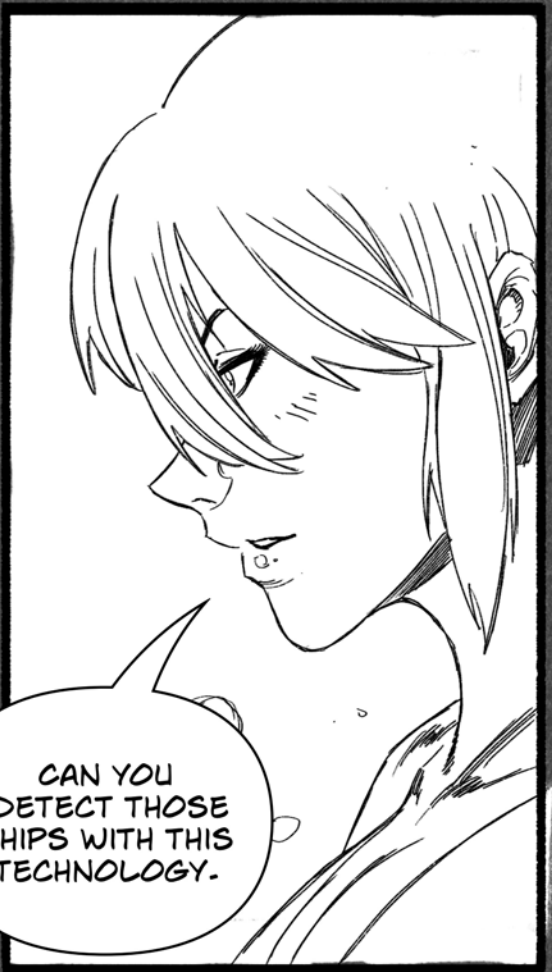
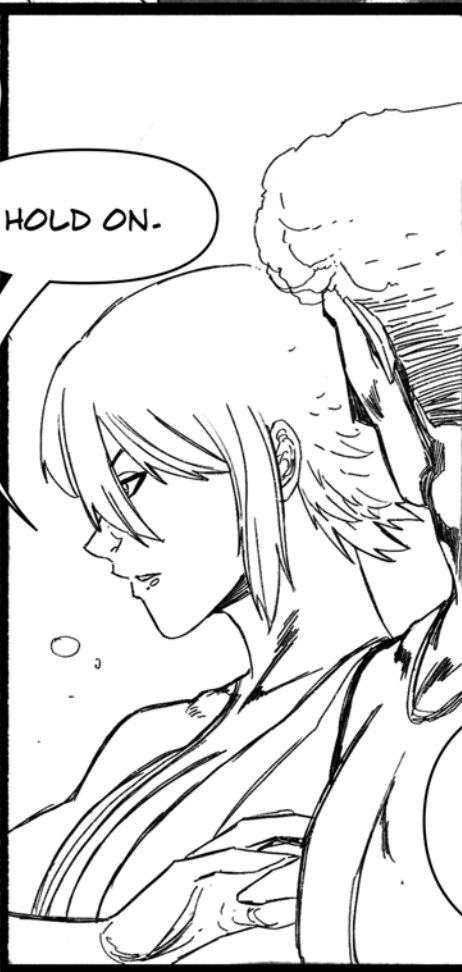
WE DON'T EXACTLY HAVE A WAY INTO SPACE, NOW DO WE?



YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT, BUT FOR THIS TO WORK, WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

BANGG **BAMMM**

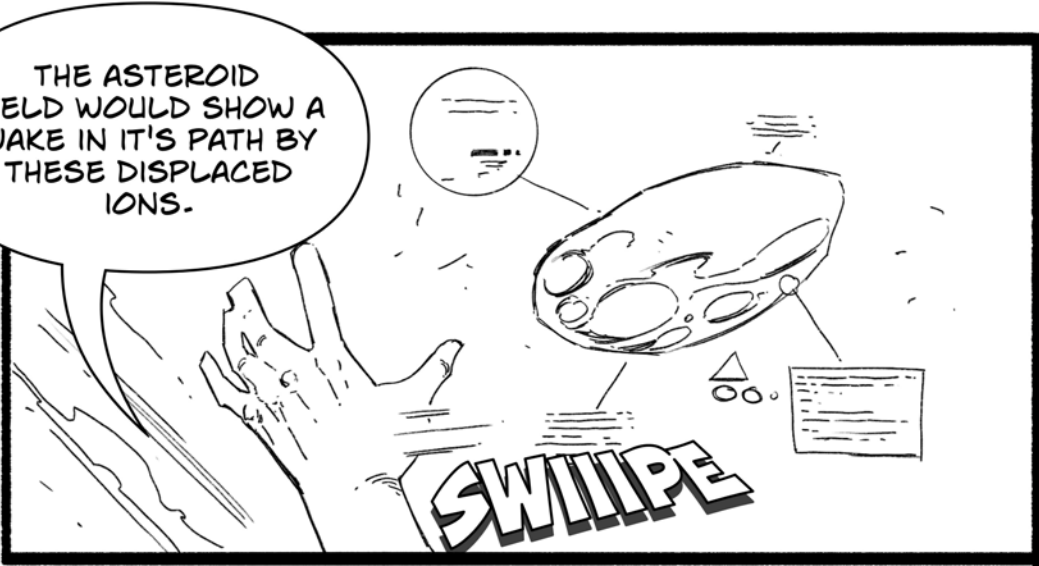




OUR SHIPS
RUN ON AN ION
DRIVE THAT
DISPLACES
POSITIVE
CHARGED IONS
IN ITS WAKE.



THE ASTEROID
FIELD WOULD SHOW A
WAKE IN ITS PATH BY
THESE DISPLACED
IONS.



HMMMM
THAT'S FINE
AND GOOD,
BUT OUR
INSTRUMENTS WILL
DETECT THESE
CHANGES LONG
AFTER THEY
HAPPENED.

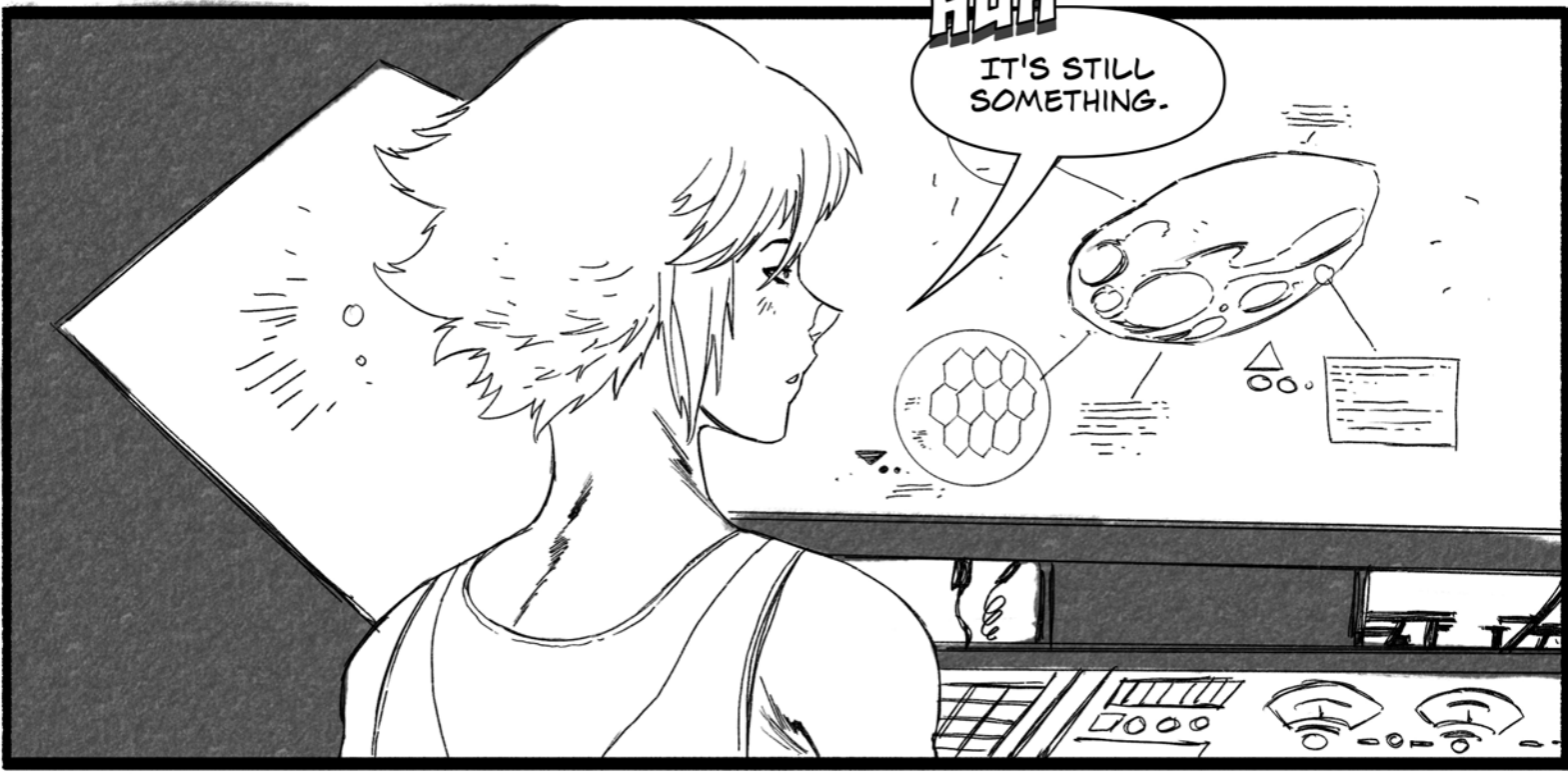


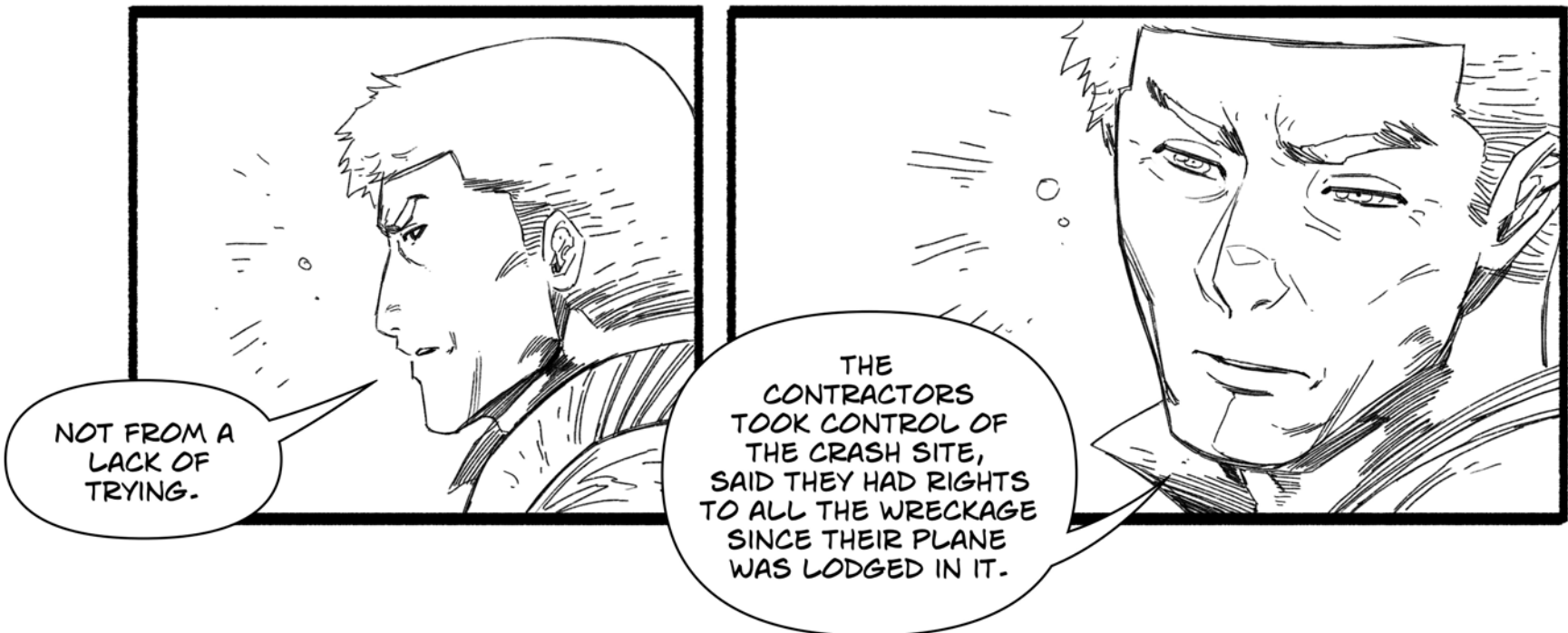
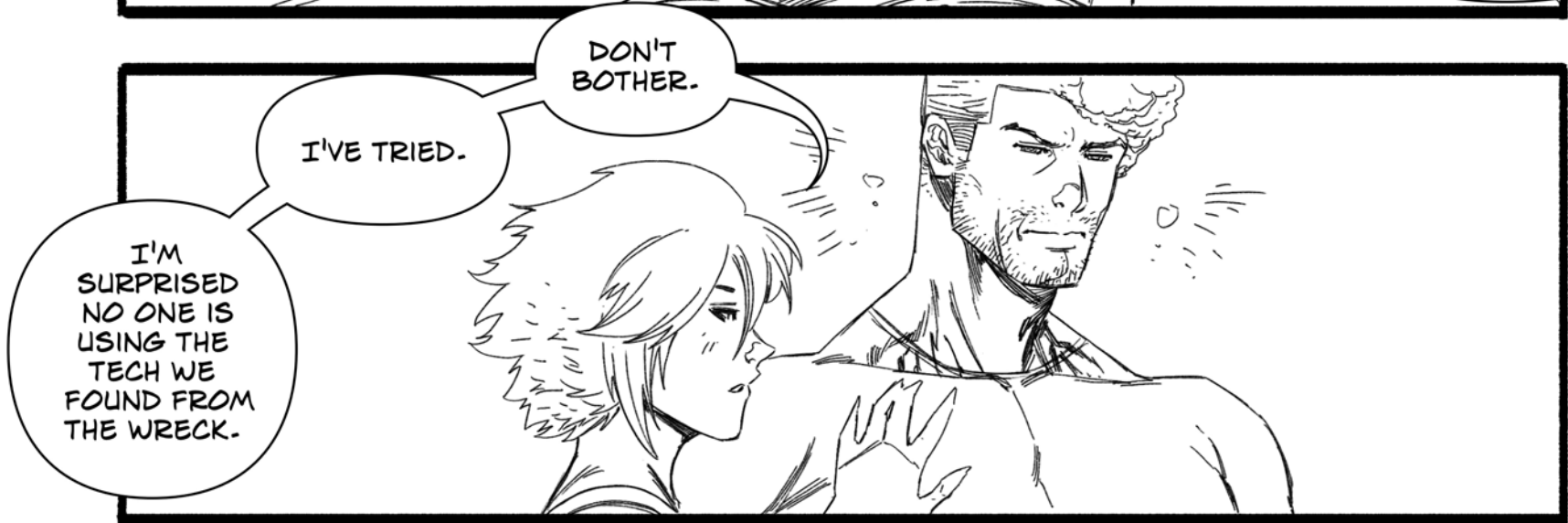
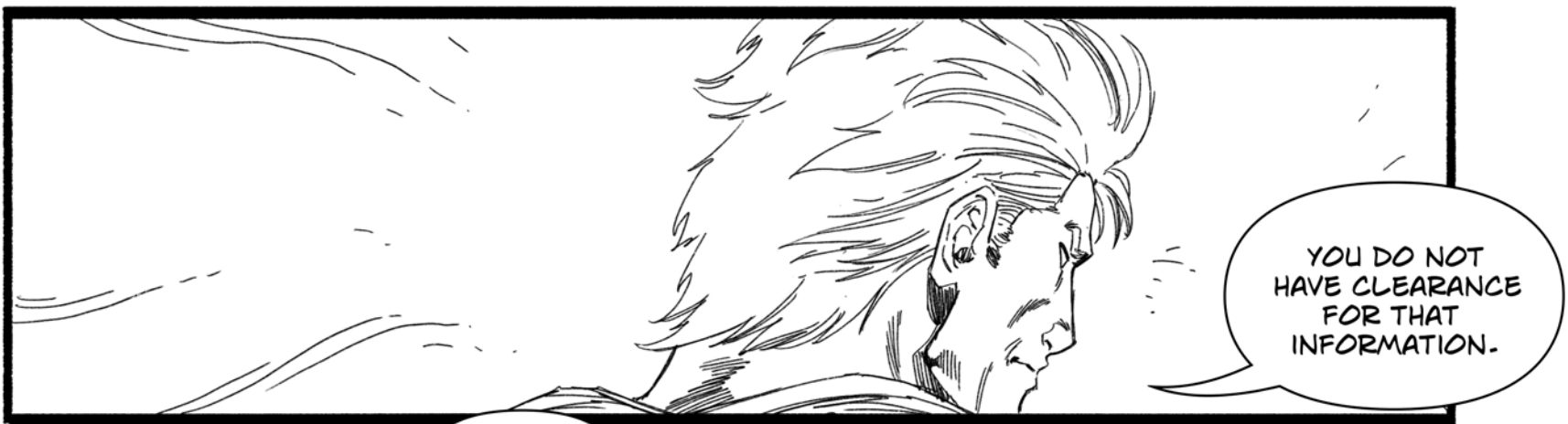
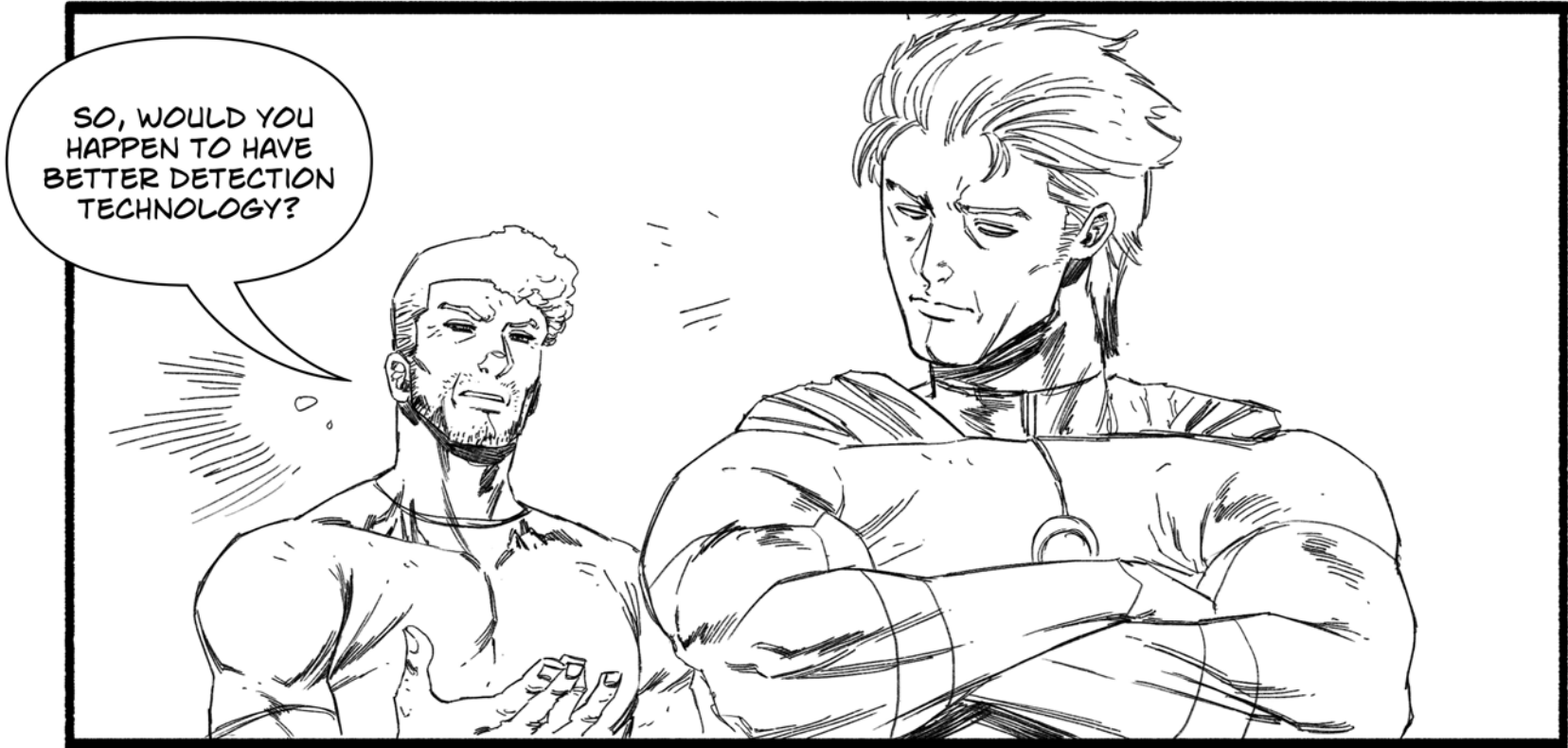
APPROXIMATELY
TWO WEEKS.

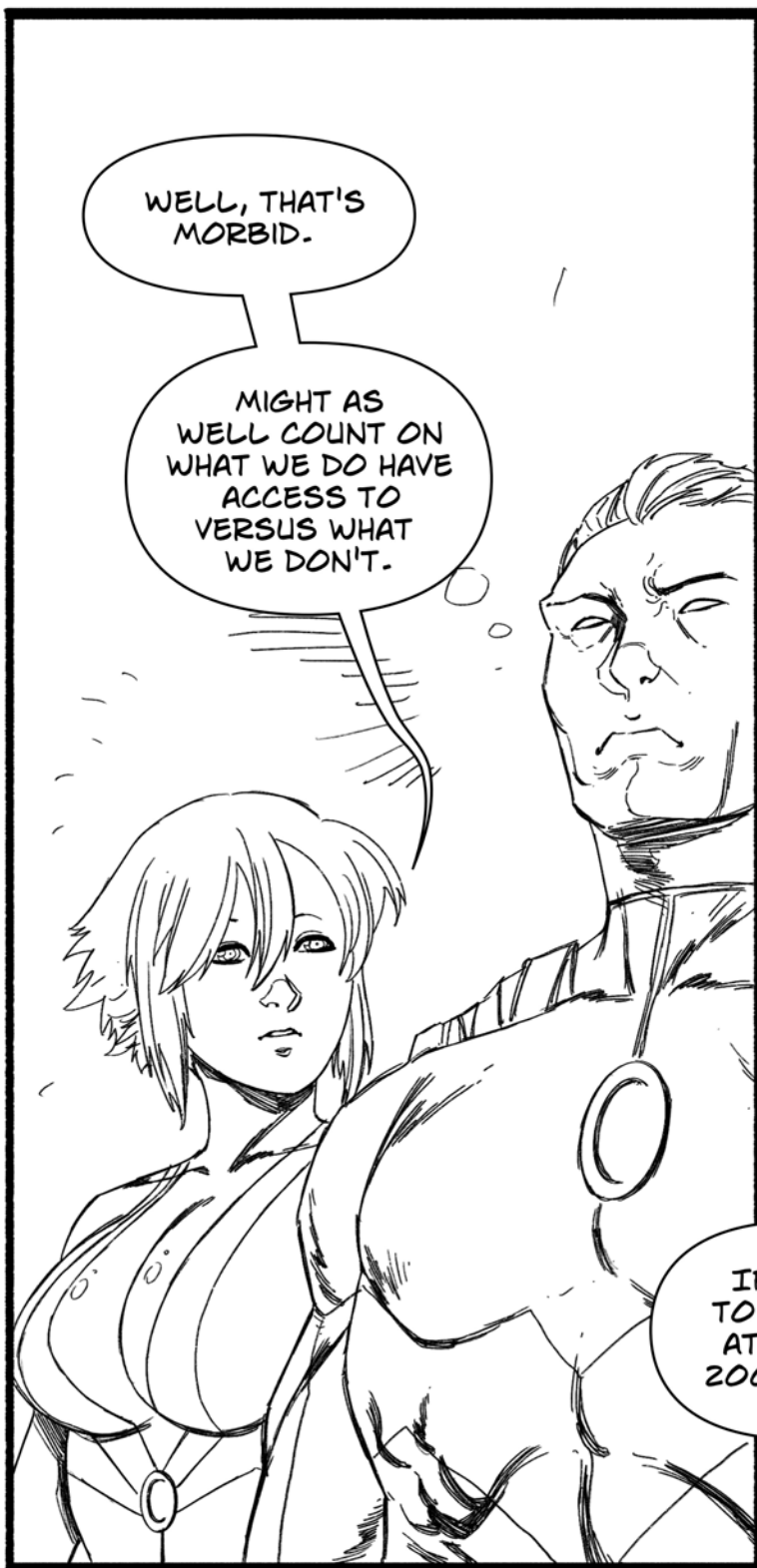
ANY SHIP WILL
STILL BE AT
LEAST 12 DAYS
AWAY FROM EARTH
ORBIT AT THAT
POINT.



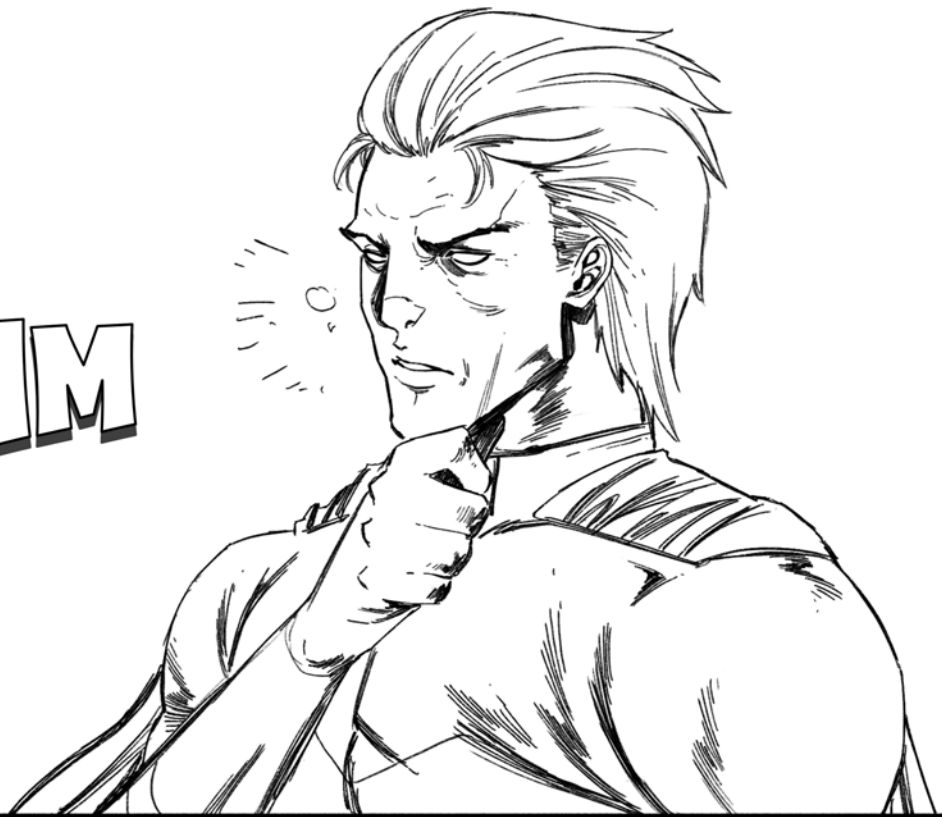
HWA
IT'S STILL
SOMETHING.







HHMMMMM

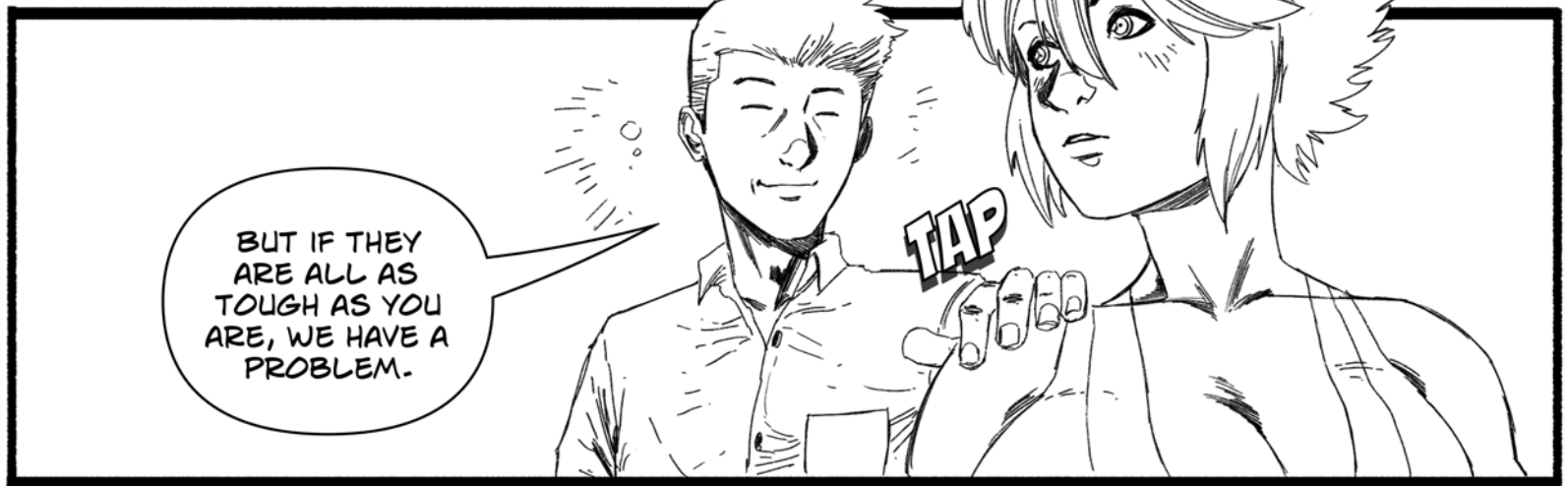


THE LACK OF
POPULATION
GROWTH.

IF AN
INVASION
PROVES TO HAVE
A HEAVY DEATH
TOLL...



...THEY
WOULD THINK
IT'S NOT WORTH
THE EFFORT!



BUT IF THEY
ARE ALL AS
TOUGH AS YOU
ARE, WE HAVE A
PROBLEM.

TAP