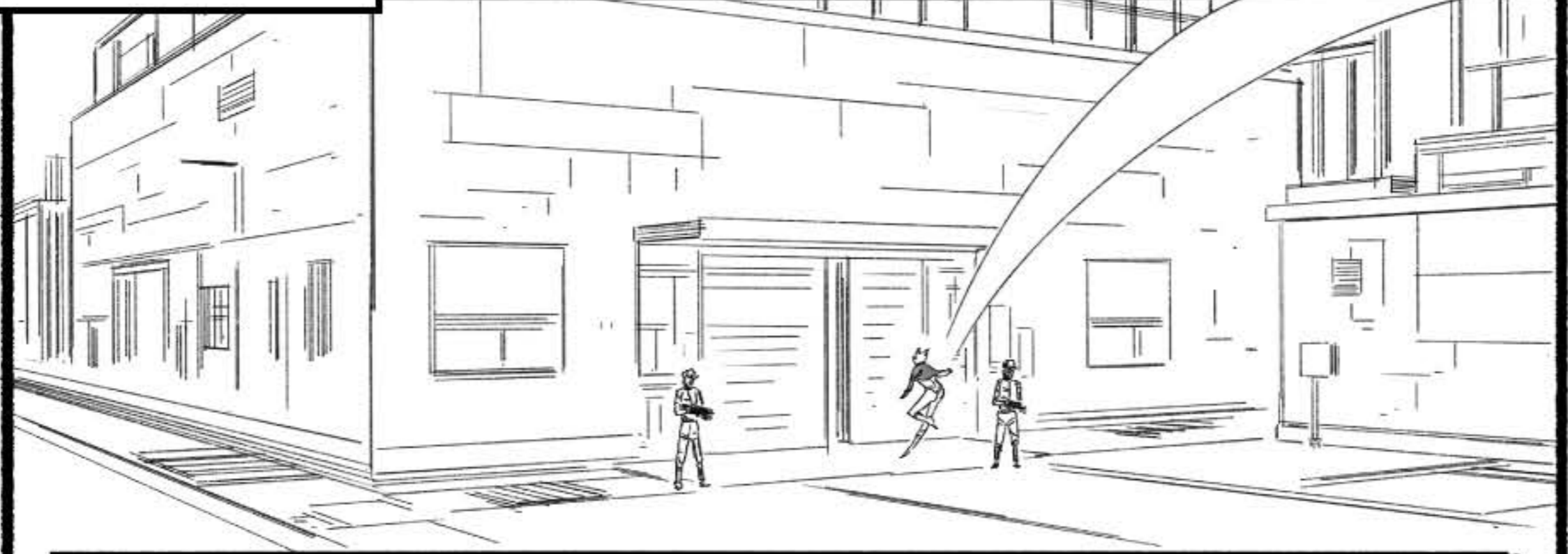


TWO MONTHS LATER.



ROBERTS.

SIR.

I CALLED YOU IN BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.

BAD NEWS FIRST, I JUST SPENT THE LAST MONTH NEGOTIATING WITH THE U.N. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING TO END ANYTIME SOON.



YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM ABOUT...

I HAD NO CHOICE, THEY WOULD HAVE FOUND OUT ANYWAY.



AT THIS SECOND I'VE CONVINCED THE UN TO AGREE THAT THIS ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE INTERNATIONALLY RUN WITH STAFF FROM EVERY COUNTRY THAT WANTS TO PARTICIPATE.

THAT EXPLAINS WHY THE BASE IS SUDDENLY FULLY STAFFED.

I AM DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO AVOID THE START OF WORLD WAR 3.

WW3? YOU'RE EXAGGERATING SIR.

HE ISN'T.
LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF TOMORROW ANOTHER COUNTRY SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED THEY HAD 120 BRAND NEW NUCLEAR MISSILES WITH NO WAY TO CONTROL THEM?

IT'S NOT THE SAME!

IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME.
AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE 120 BRAND NEW ALIEN SUPERS AS POWERFUL AND MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU ON AMERICAN SOIL. HOW LONG UNTIL THEY FIGURE OUT THAT WE ARE A PAPER TIGER?

WHO ARE YOU ANYWAYS?

THIS IS SOLOMON QUINN, CURRENTLY THE BEST EXPERT IN ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE CONTACT WITH AND OUR MAIN SPONSOR.

SOLOMON QUINN?
OWNER OF SOLOMON INDUSTRIES?
RECLUSE TRILLIONAIRE?
SMART PHONES?
COMPUTERS?
TABLETS?

SOFTWARE ENGINEER,
WEAPONS CONTRACTOR,
LEADER IN TECHNOLOGICAL
BREAKTHROUGHS. YES,
THAT SOLOMON QUINN.

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE SOLOMON QUINN,
BALD GUY WITH GLASSES,
SKINNY JEANS AND A BLACK SHIRT?
DO WE NEED SPONSORS?

I HATE PUBLIC APPEARANCES,
HE'S AN ACTOR I PAY TO STAND IN FOR ME.

AT THE MOMENT WE ARE INDEPENDENT OF ANY GOVERNMENT. I'D LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. QUINN PROVIDES US WITH MONEY, SUPPLIES, WEAPONS, TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADES.

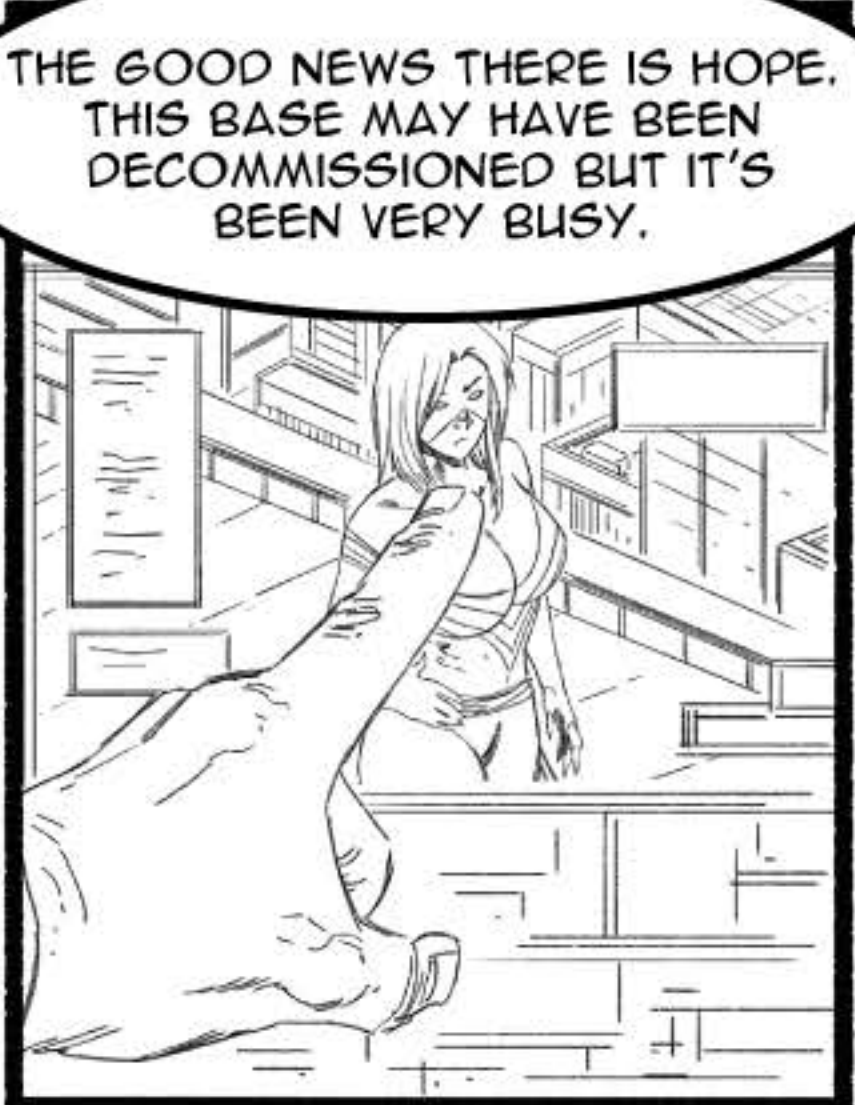
AT WHAT COST?

I GET TO EXAMINE ALL ANCIENT TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING YOUR CODEX.



EVEN WITH QUINN'S TECHNOLOGY AND WEAPONS YOU ARE THE ONLY WEAPON WE HAVE AGAINST OUR GUESTS.

WE ESTIMATE THAT EARTH'S CURRENT DEFENSES CAN ONLY HOLD THEM OFF FOR LESS THAN A WEEK.




THE GOOD NEWS THERE IS HOPE. THIS BASE MAY HAVE BEEN DECOMMISSIONED BUT IT'S BEEN VERY BUSY.



I HAVE DISCOVERED A SUBROUTINE THAT HAS BEEN RUNNING IN THIS BASE THE WHOLE TIME IT'S BEEN DECOMMISSIONED.

MEANING IT'S BEEN SPYING ON SUPERHUMANS AND STUDYING AND CLASSIFYING THEM.

BY TRYING TO IDENTIFY EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREATS.



IF WE CAN RECRUIT SOME OF THESE SUPERHUMANS WE MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEND OURSELVES.



THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE SAYING.

WHAT ABOUT THE 4TH AMENDMENT!?

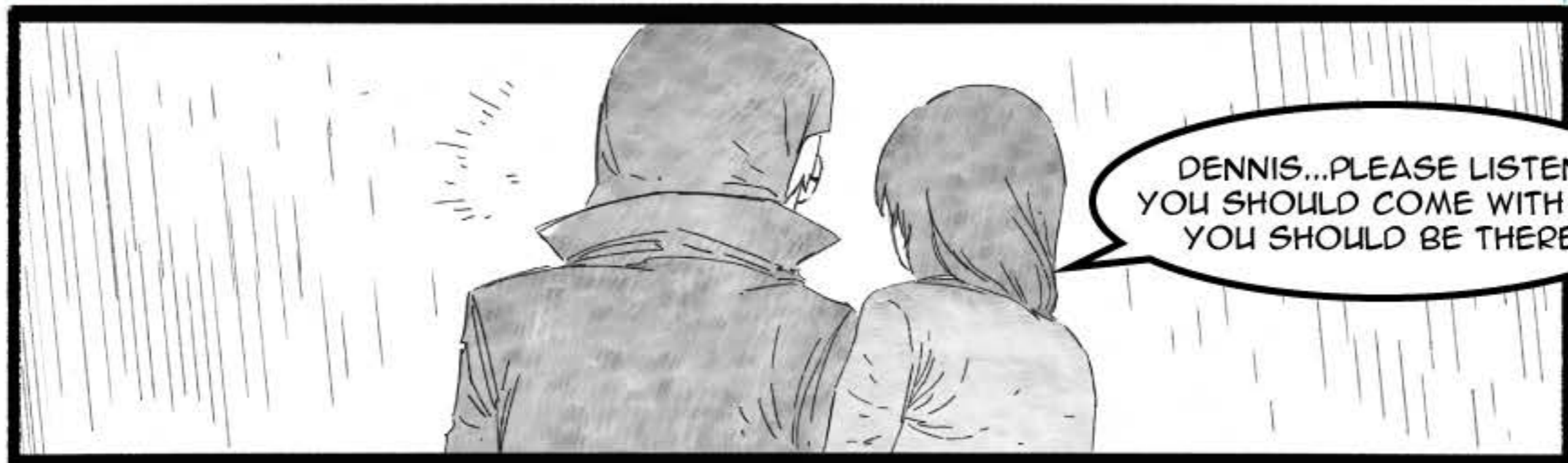
WHAT ABOUT THE PATRIOT ACT?! DON'T GET SOFT ON ME NOW SOLDIER!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME!? THIS COMPUTER HAS BEEN SPYING ON AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR YEARS AND YOU OKAY WITH THAT?!



2 DAYS LATER.







MILKY WAY, SIGMA SECTION,
GALAXY POLICE PRISON 5-30006.
2000 YEARS FROM NOW.



SO LONG AS THAT STAR BURNS
THE PRISONER CAN'T ESCAPE.
THE WHOLE PLACE IS POWERED BY IT.

WELCOME TO THE PRISON.
IT'S AN EASY BIG KID.
THE WHOLE PRISON IS DESIGNED
TO HOLD ONE PRISONER.

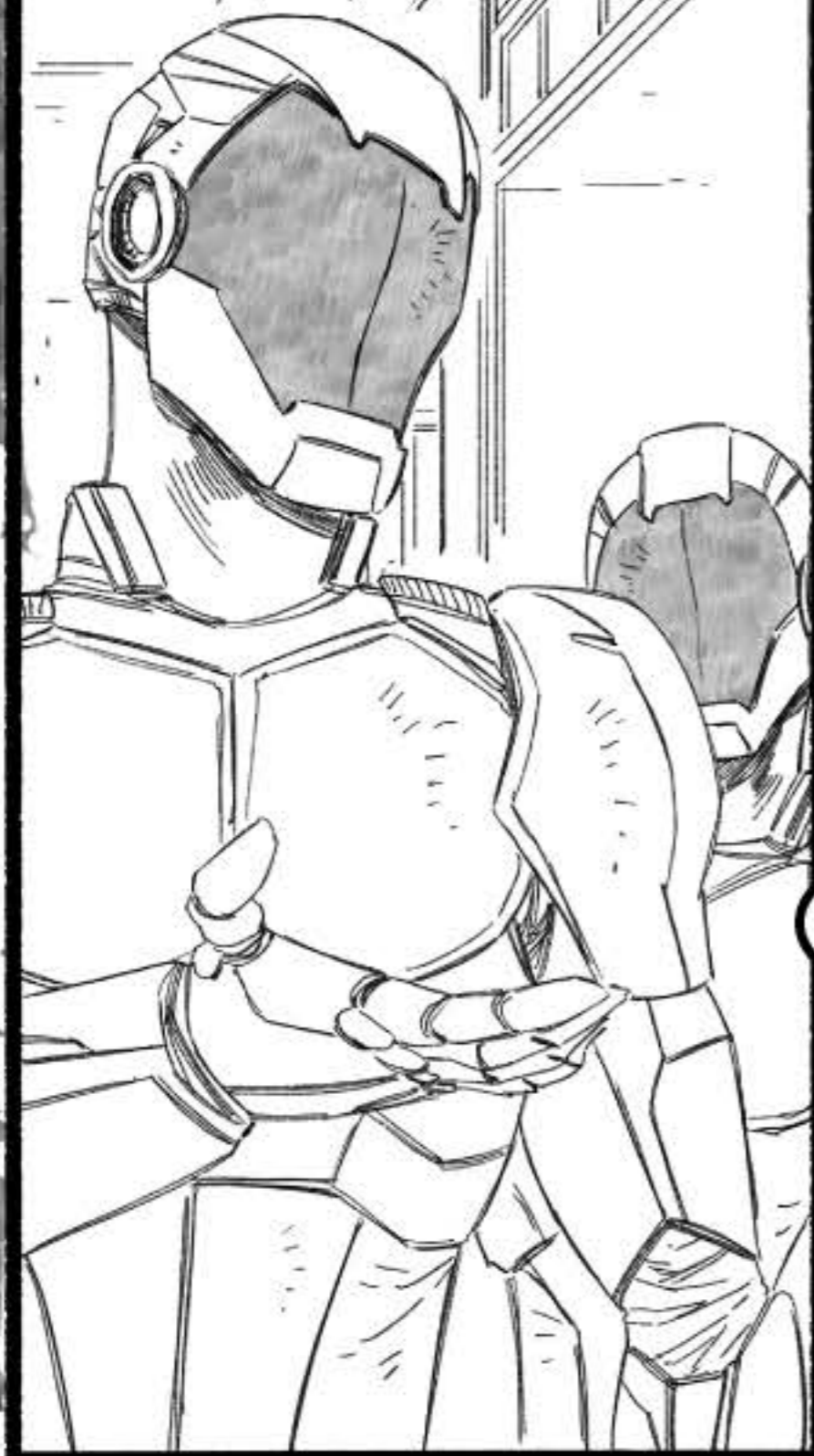
WHAT IF THE PRISONER ESCAPES?

THIS PLACE WAS DESIGNED BY
THE SMARTEST RACE IN
THE GALAXY, KELDONITES.

THEY LEFT THE GALAXY
HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO
DIDN'T THEY? WHO'S BEEN
REPAIRING THE PLACE?

IT SELF-REPAIRS!

OKAY YOU'RE NERVOUS.
I GET IT. FOLLOW ME, LET ME
SHOW YOU SOMETHING.



THIS PRISON IS MADE OF THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN THE GALAXY POLICE.

WARNING! STAFF ONLY!
DO NOT ENTER!

THE PRISON IS A MOBIUS STRIP GENERATOR. THE PRISONER IS TRAPPED IN A POCKET DIMENSION WITH INFINITE SPACE. THERE IS NO DOOR OUT. ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

EVEN IF THE PRISONER ESCAPED THEY ARE NOT FROM OUR DIMENSION AND EXIST OUTSIDE OUR DIMENSION. THEY CAN'T INTERACT WITH ANYTHING WITHOUT A BODY.

BODY? WHAT IF THEY TAKE OVER A GUARD?

WHAT DID YOU TOUCH?

SORRY I COULDN'T HELP IT. IT'S A PRANK WE PLAY ON ROOKIES. LET ME SHUT IT OFF.

THEY CAN'T, OUR HEADS WOULD EXPLODE. THEY NEED A KELDONITE BODY. AS YOU KNOW THEY LEFT THE GALAXY.

ALERT! ALERT!
ESCAPE IMMINENT!

I DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING!

NO...NONONONO
THIS IS A REAL ALERT!