

# GLASS ANGEL



PH  
2023



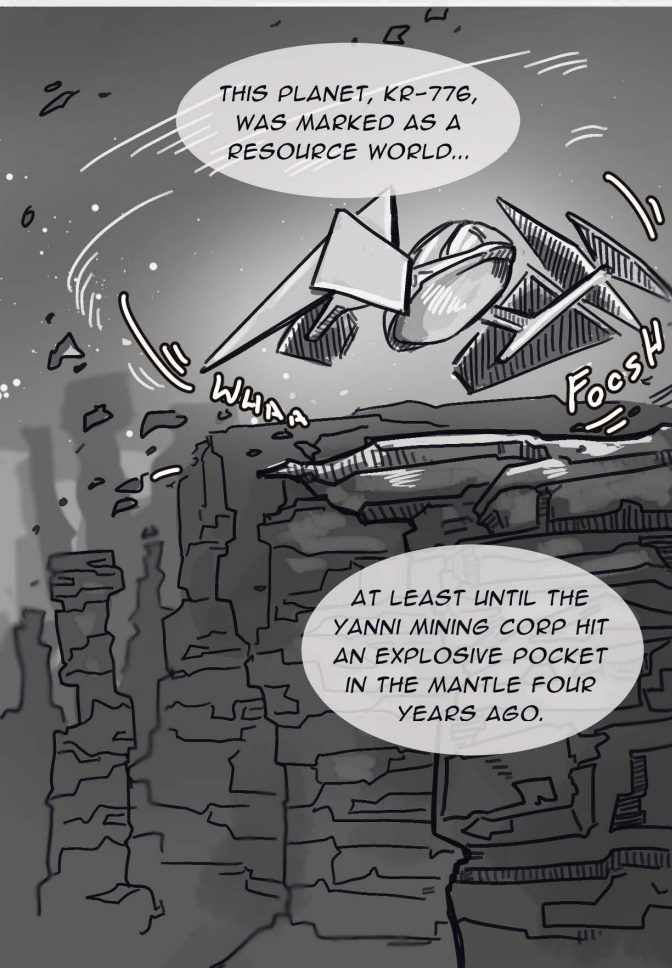


IMPERIAN BRAINS  
MUST BE STRUCTURED  
DIFFERENTLY.

AFTER JUST READING FROM  
THEIR INFONET ON THEIR  
LANGUAGE AND SHIP DESIGN,  
I CAN PILOT DRELLA'S SHIP  
WITH NO EFFORT.



I'VE BEEN DELAYING THIS  
LONG ENOUGH; I NEED TO  
GET IN CONTACT WITH CONFED  
COMMAND. BUT SHOWING UP  
WITH DRELLA'S BODY  
WOULDN'T EXACTLY GO WELL.



THIS PLANET, KR-776,  
WAS MARKED AS A  
RESOURCE WORLD...

AT LEAST UNTIL THE  
YANNI MINING CORP HIT  
AN EXPLOSIVE POCKET  
IN THE MANTLE FOUR  
YEARS AGO.



WORLD IS  
BARELY  
HABITABLE  
WITHOUT  
EQUIPMENT.  
STILL NEAR  
THE SHIPPING  
LANES, BUT  
THE SYSTEM IS  
IGNORED.





I HAD TO GO BACK TO H-731 AND RETRIEVE PARTS OF THE CONFED TRANSMITTER FROM THE SURFACE.



WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO SEND A SIGNAL HOME WITH A CONFED TRANSMITTER VERSUS REWORKING AN IMPERIAN ONE.

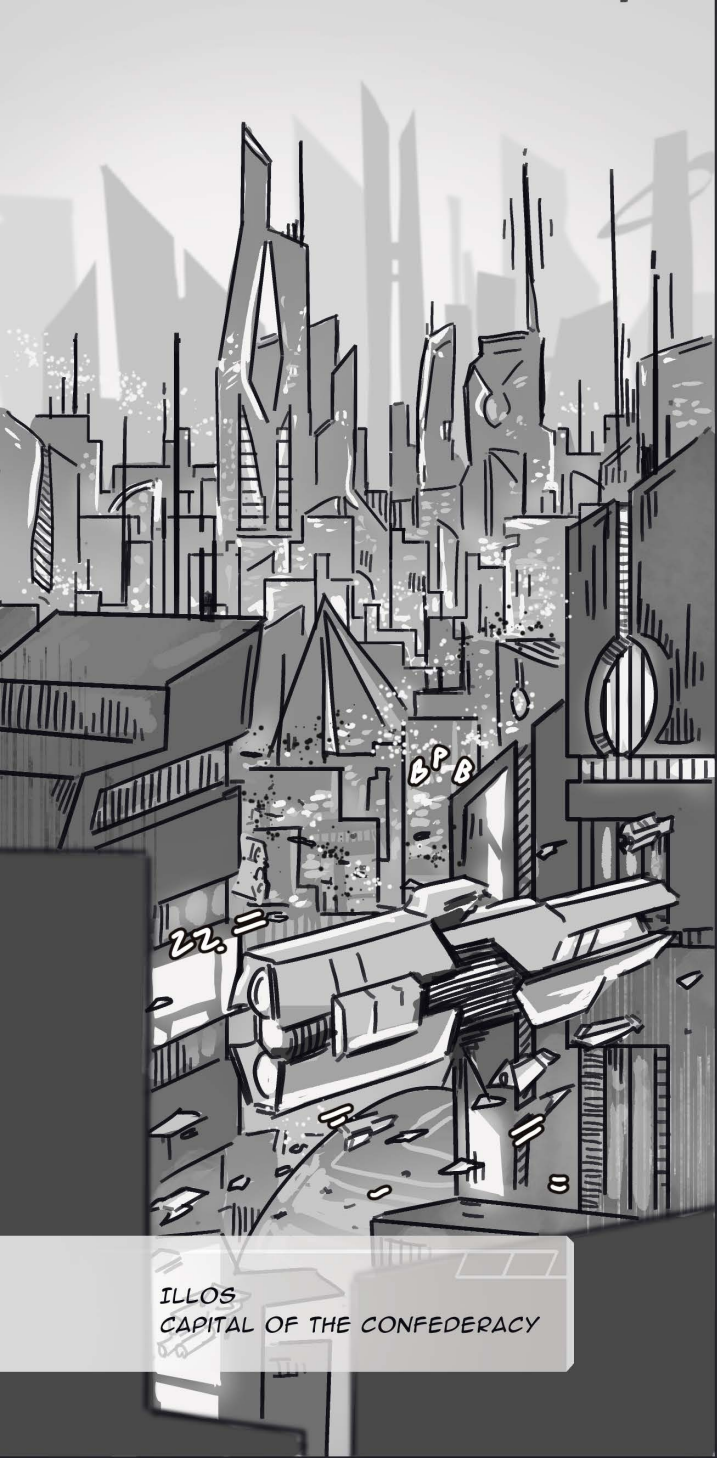


I HOPE ASSI IS STILL WORKING IN CENTRAL AT SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE.

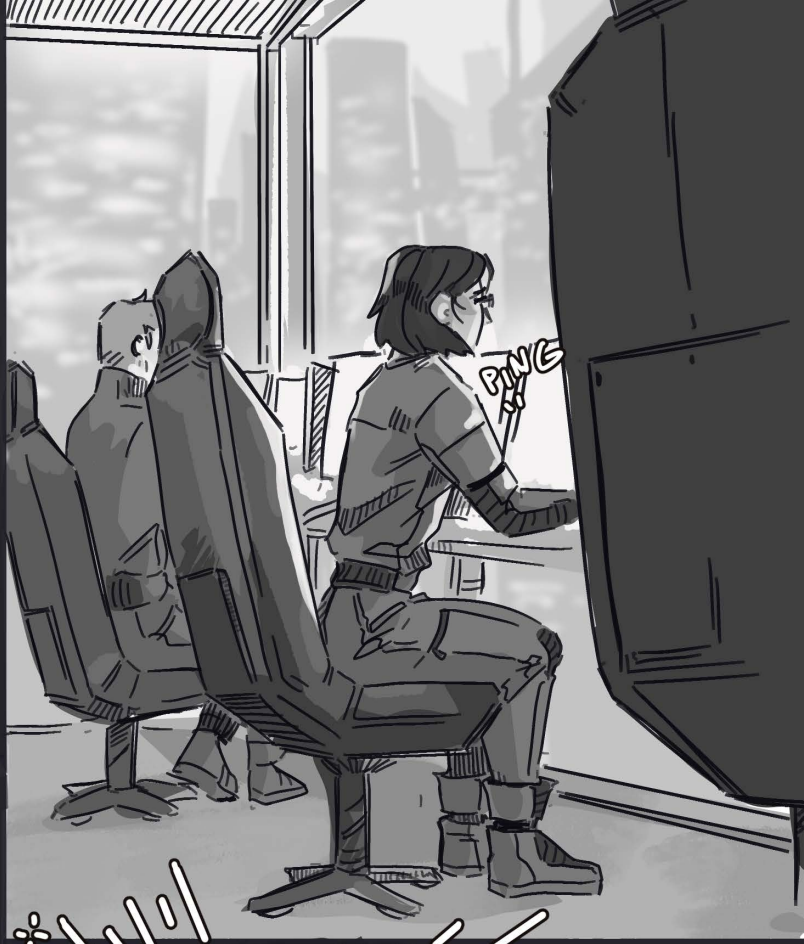


PLEASE GET THE MESSAGE, ASSI...





ILLOS  
CAPITAL OF THE CONFEDERACY



WAIT...

THIS CAN'T  
BE RIGHT...



**SIR!**  
I'M GETTING  
AN ENCRYPTED  
SIGNAL FROM  
KR-776!  
IT'S... FROM  
KIT!



PO JANALI, THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE! YOU  
SAID CPO WEIBER  
WAS ON THE  
CALYPSO!

CONFIRMED  
LOSS, ALL  
HANDS. KR-766  
IS ALSO 4  
SECTORS AWAY  
FROM H-731.





I KNOW, SIR, BUT THIS ALGORITHM, IT'S SOMETHING KIT AND I USED IN TECH SCHOOL! AND THERE'S TWO DATES LOOPED IN THE BOTTOM BAND

ONE BEING MY BIRTHDAY AND THE OTHER HIS!



IT COULD BE AN IMPERIAN PLOY...

I'M TELLING YOU, SIR, IT'S KIT!

IF YOU'RE SURE, PO, WE WILL NEED TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS.

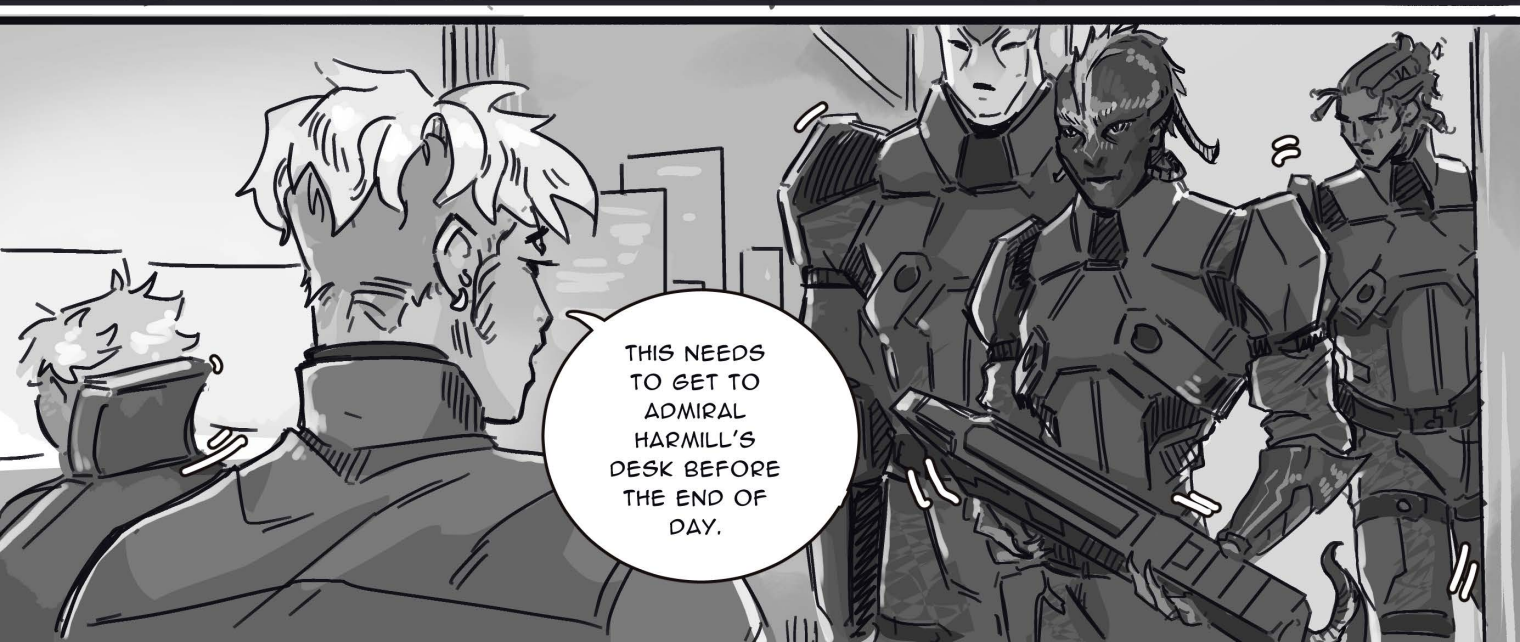


ALRIGHT! EVERYONE HERE, EVERYTHING YOU ARE HEARING IS NOW NEED TO KNOW; DO NOT TELL THIS TO ANYONE!

GLANCE

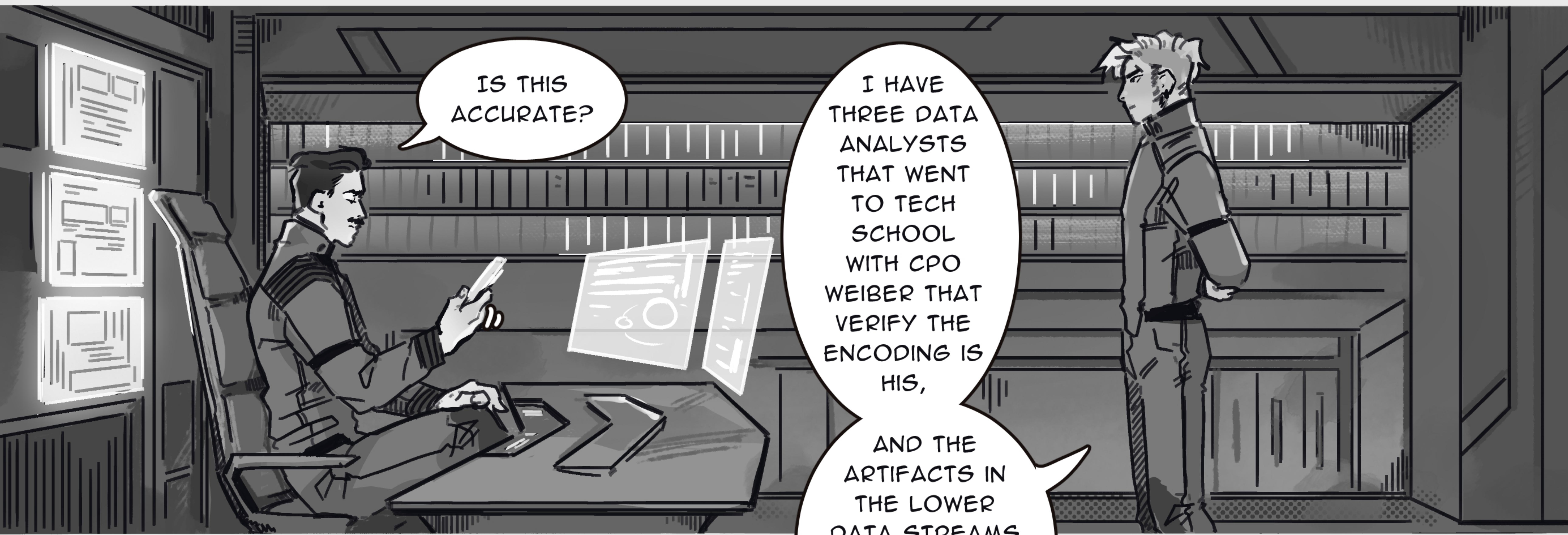
TURN

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THIS DOES NOT LEAK. PO JANALI, DECRYPT THE MESSAGE AND GET US EXACT COORDINATES.



THIS NEEDS TO GET TO ADMIRAL HARMILL'S DESK BEFORE THE END OF DAY.





IS THIS ACCURATE?

I HAVE THREE DATA ANALYSTS THAT WENT TO TECH SCHOOL WITH CPO WEIBER THAT VERIFY THE ENCODING IS HIS,

AND THE ARTIFACTS IN THE LOWER DATA STREAMS ARE HIS DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION MARKS.



THIS IS... QUITE UNPRECEDENTED.

AND THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE MESSAGE?

THE SIGNAL WAS SENT DIRECTLY TOWARDS ILLOS, BUT IT WAS ALSO SENT IN SHORT-BURST, POTENTIALLY TO AVOID ANYONE ELSE FINDING AND DECODING THE MESSAGE.

RICE



GET THE BELLEROPH ON READY FOR FTL IN TWO HOURS.

TAP IL.

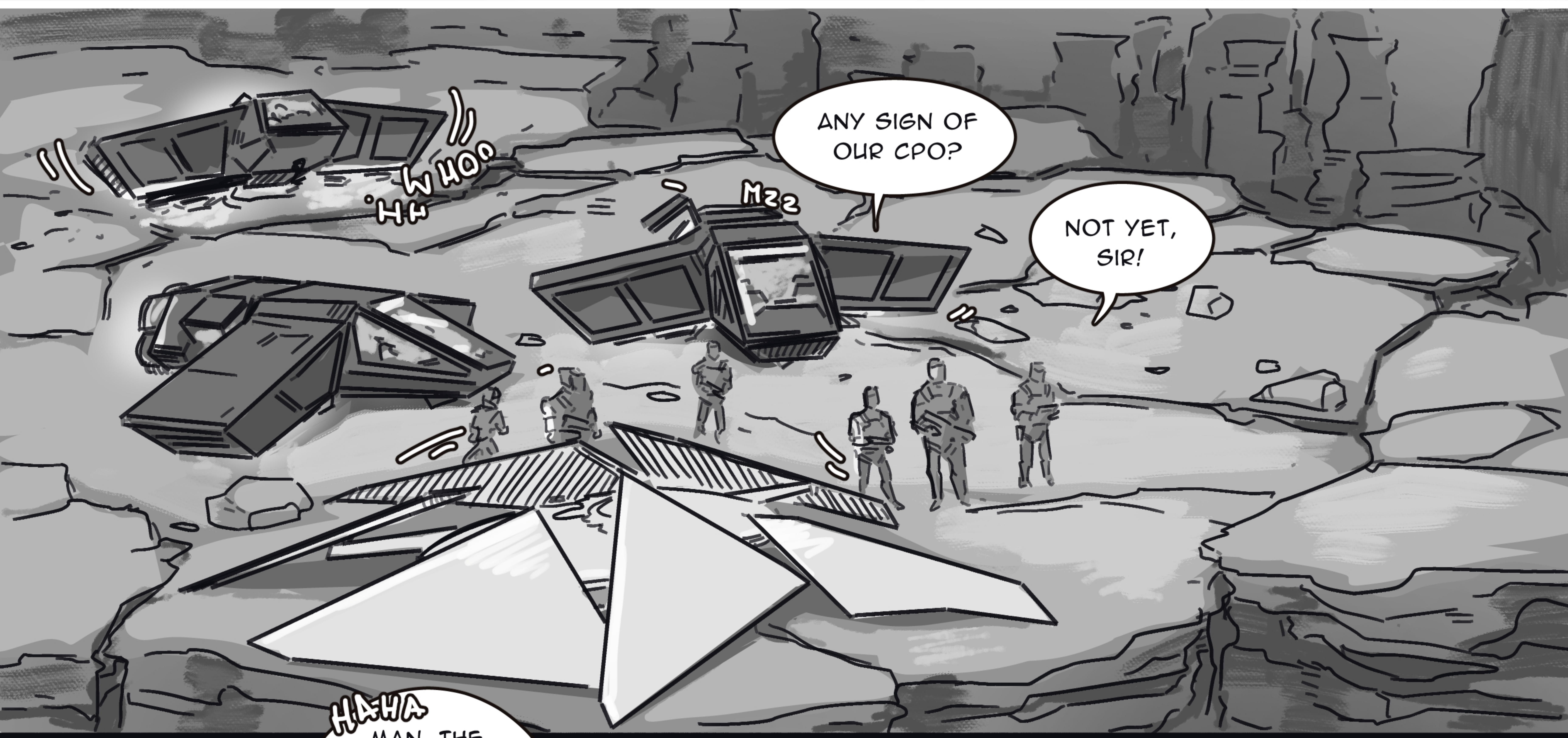
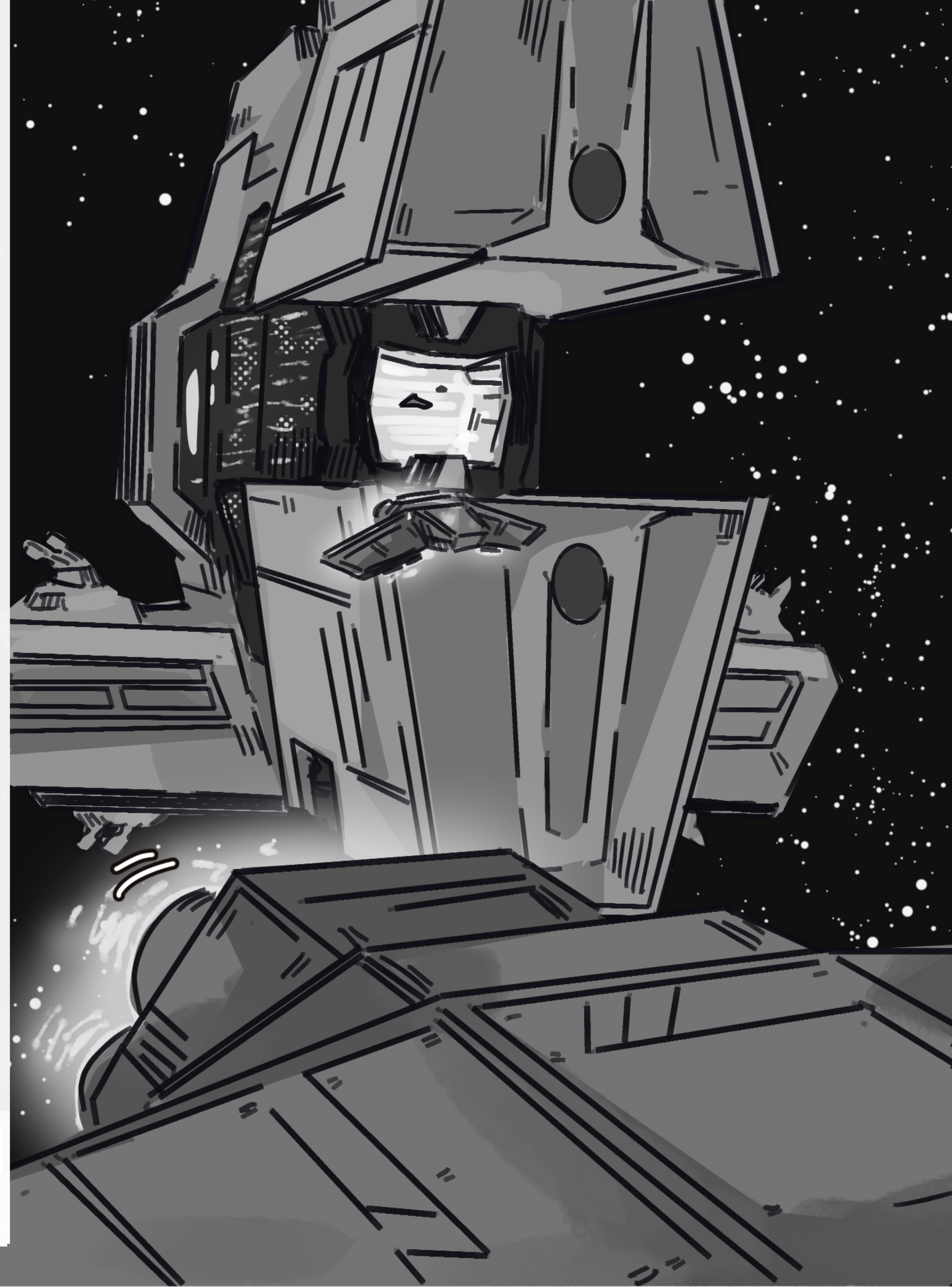
WE'RE GOING TO GO IN QUICK AND RETRIEVE THE ASSET.



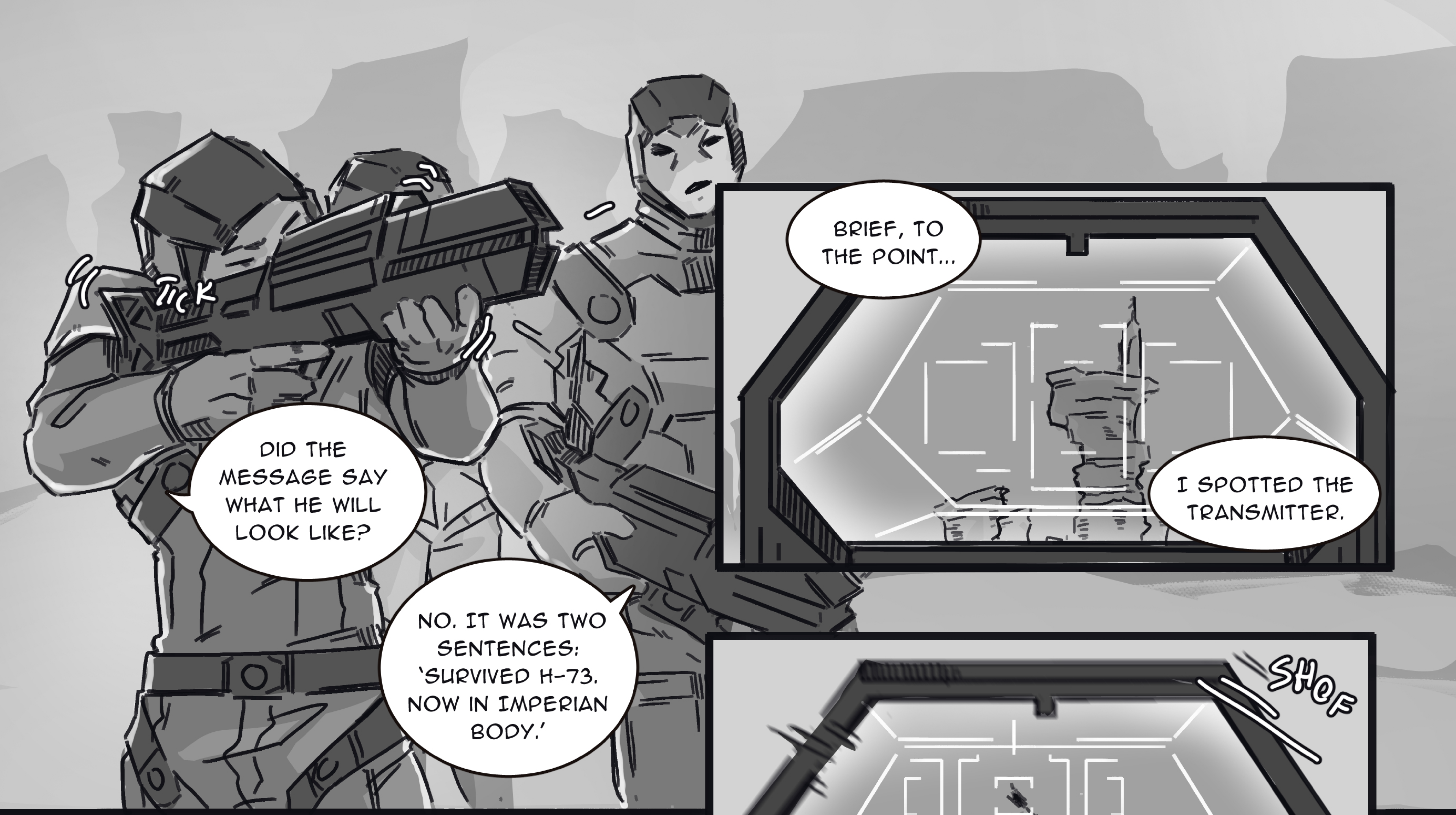
YES SIR!

LIFT







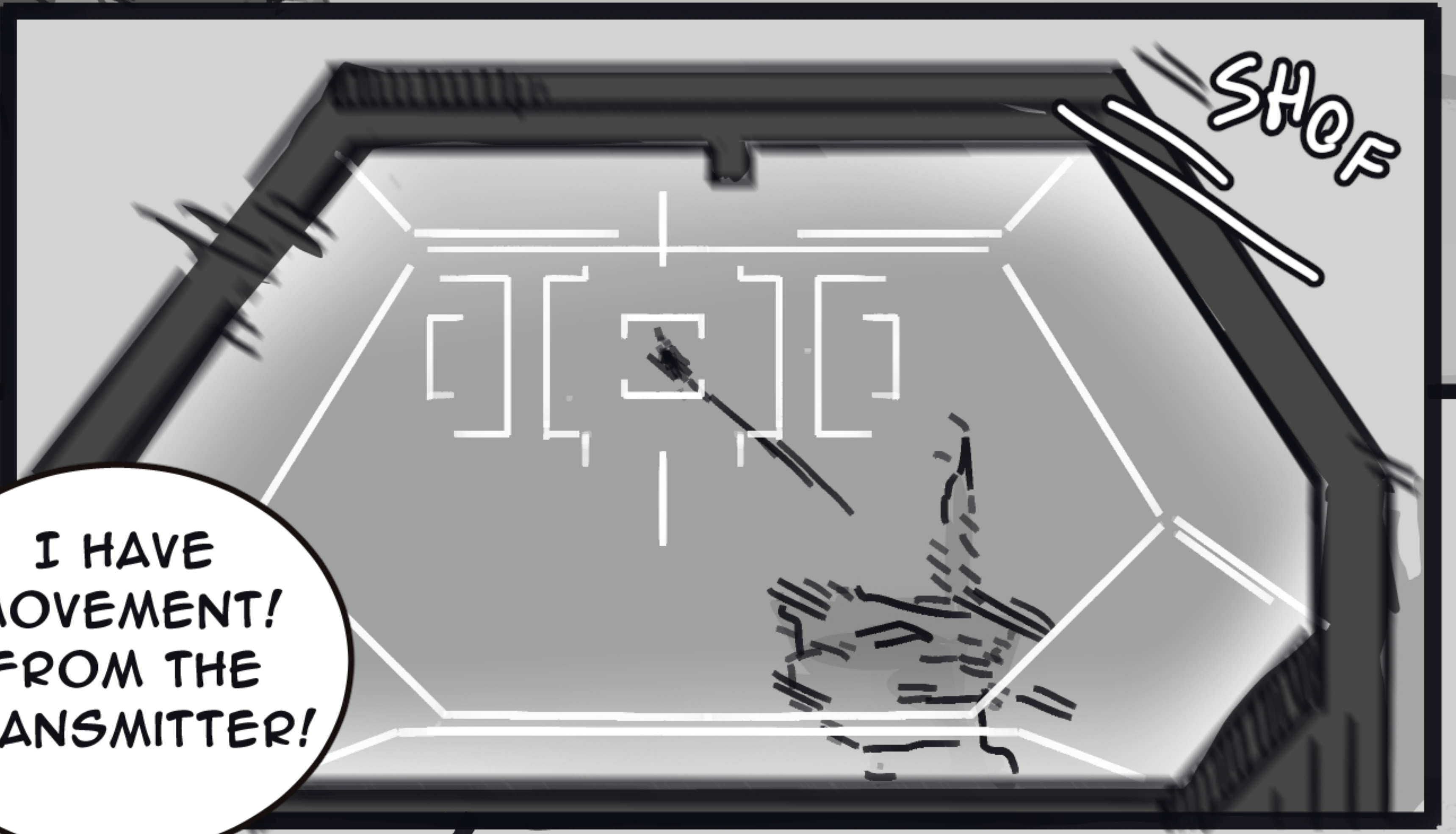


DID THE MESSAGE SAY WHAT HE WILL LOOK LIKE?

NO. IT WAS TWO SENTENCES: 'SURVIVED H-73. NOW IN IMPERIAN BODY.'

BRIEF, TO THE POINT...

I SPOTTED THE TRANSMITTER.



I HAVE MOVEMENT! FROM THE TRANSMITTER!



HOLY SHIT!  
IT'S DRELLA!  
OPEN FI...

FREEZE

NO, WAIT!  
I'M...

STOP!  
BELAY  
THAT!

GASP

SHIFT

CLICK

GLACK

GRSK

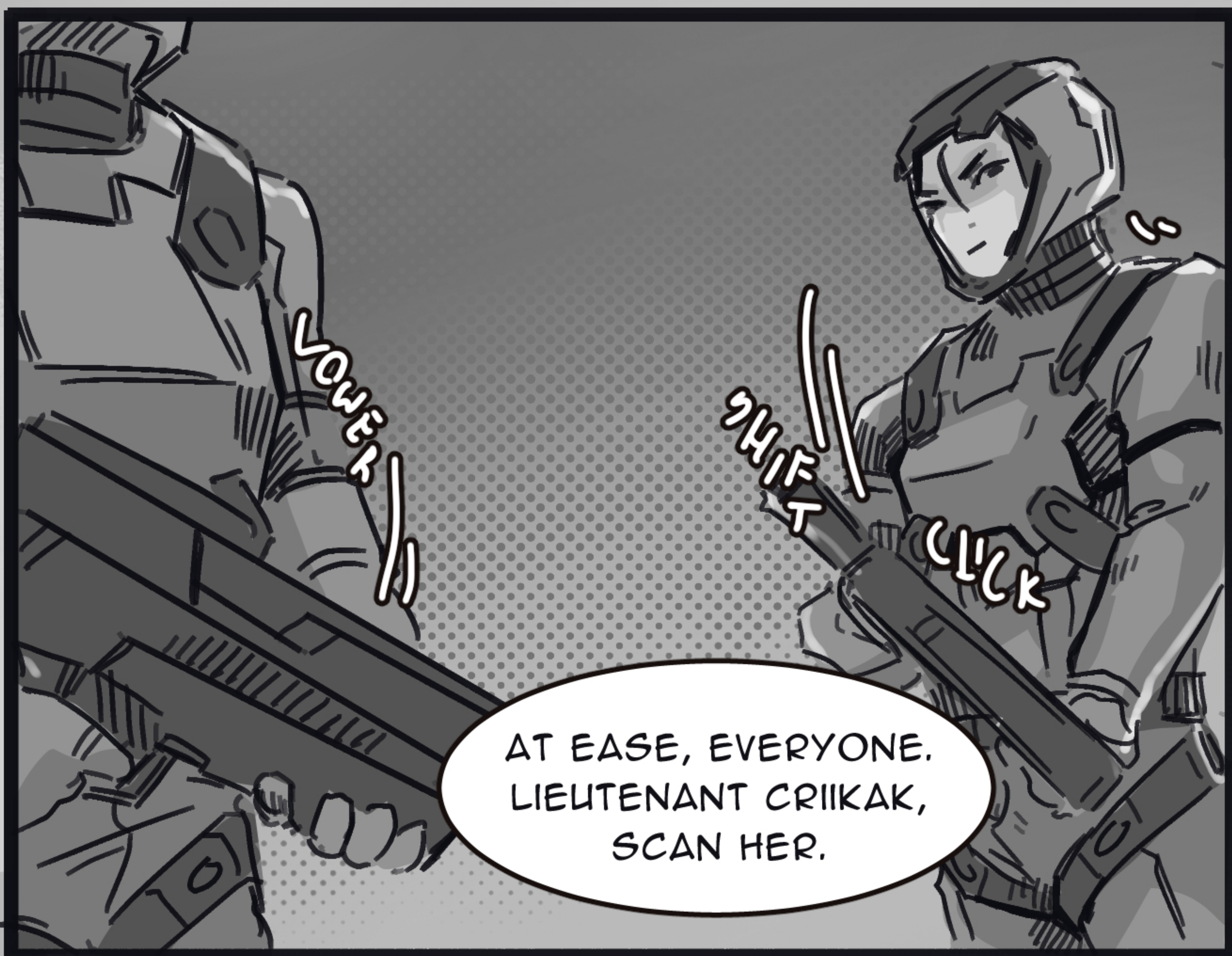
SHOF





IDENTIFY YOURSELF, SOLDIER!

CPO KIT WEIBER!  
SERIAL NUMBER:  
TGBS7768592.



LOWER

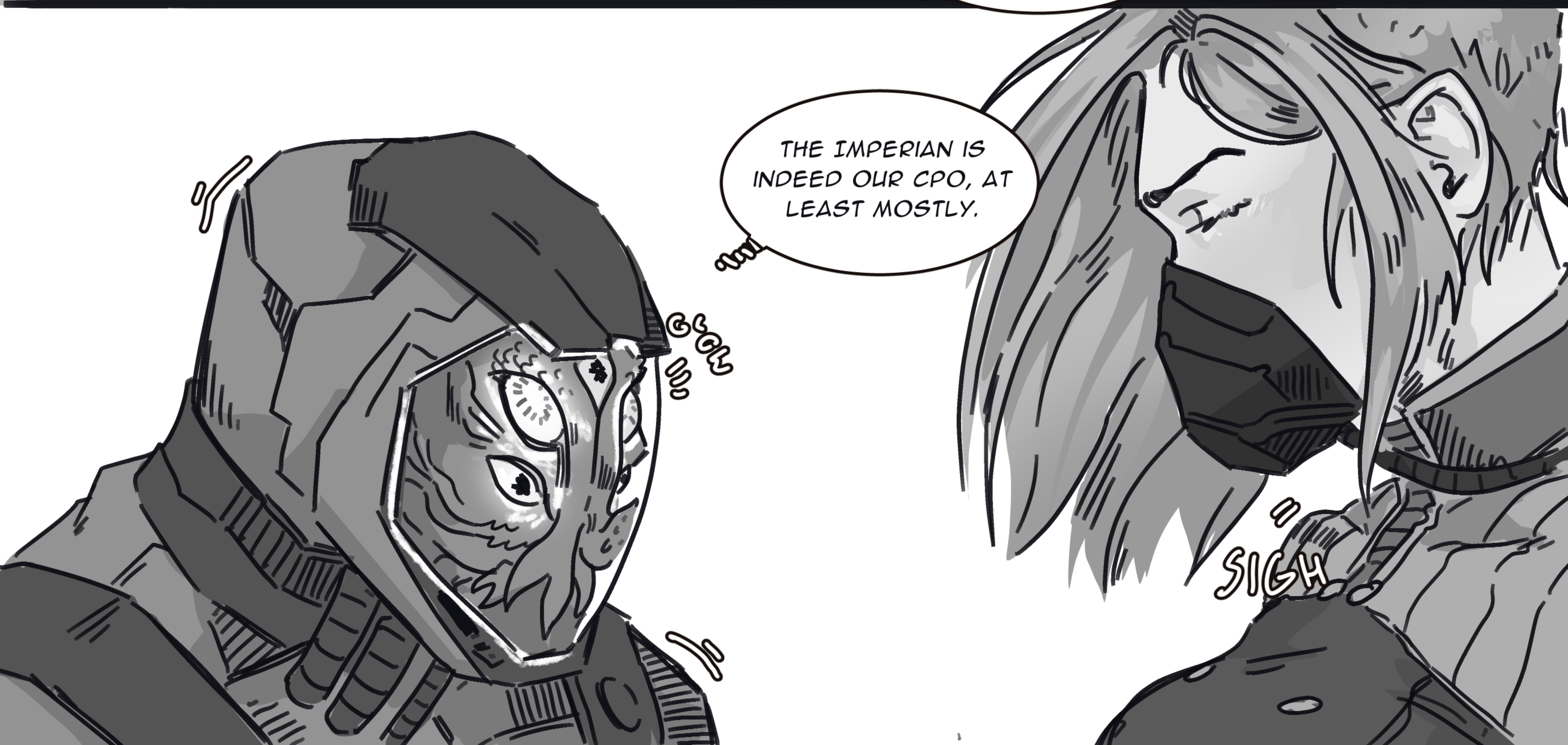
SHIFT  
CLICK

AT EASE, EVERYONE.  
LIEUTENANT CRIIKAK,  
SCAN HER.



TRRR

OPEN YOUR MIND,  
KIT...



THE IMPERIAN IS  
INDEED OUR CPO, AT  
LEAST MOSTLY.

GGG

SIGH





ALRIGHT, CPO, LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE BELLEROPHON. THE ENGINEERING TEAM WILL RETRIEVE YOUR SHIP IN THE NEXT SHIFT.



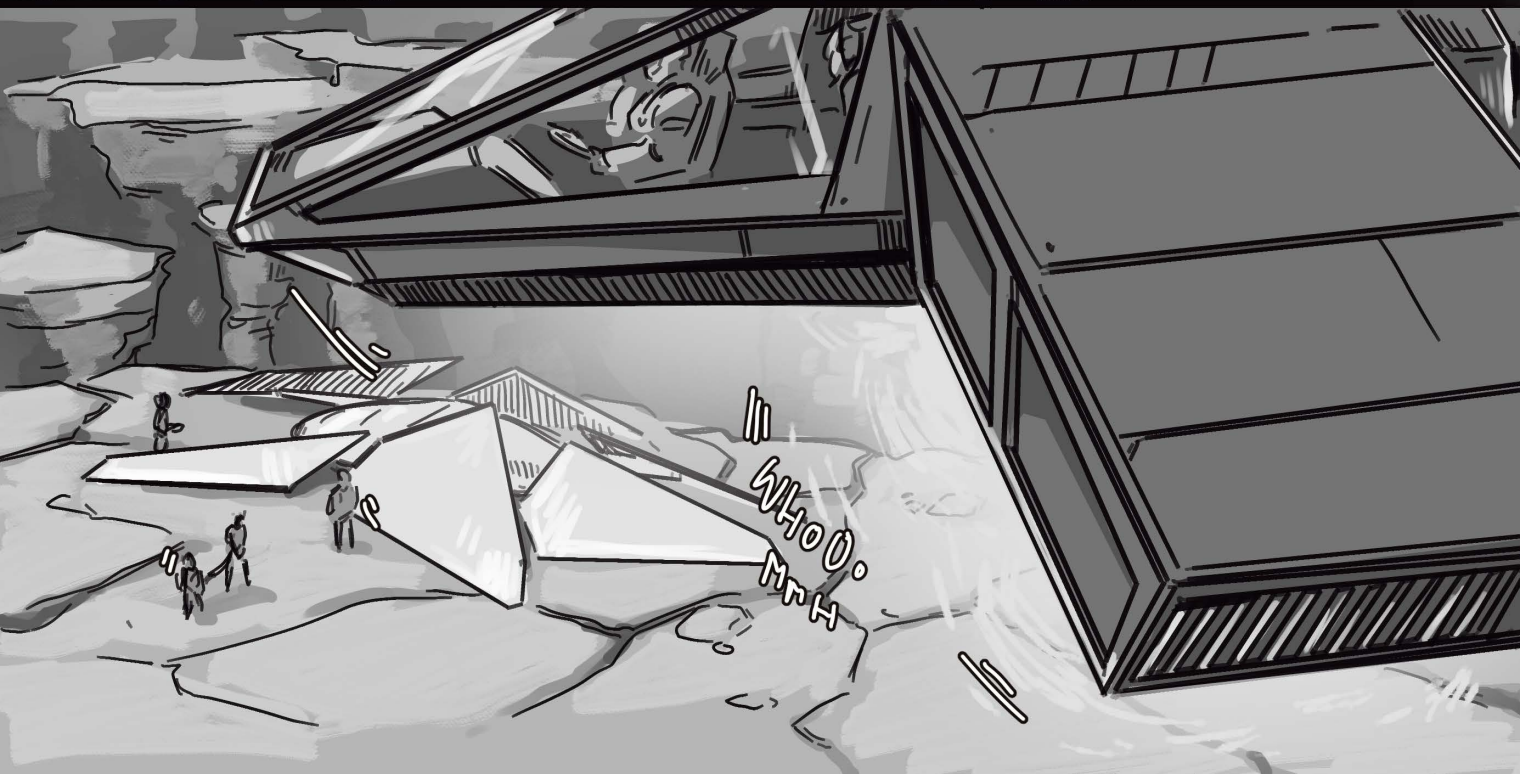
YES SIR!



CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? THAT'S DRELLA! RIGHT THERE!

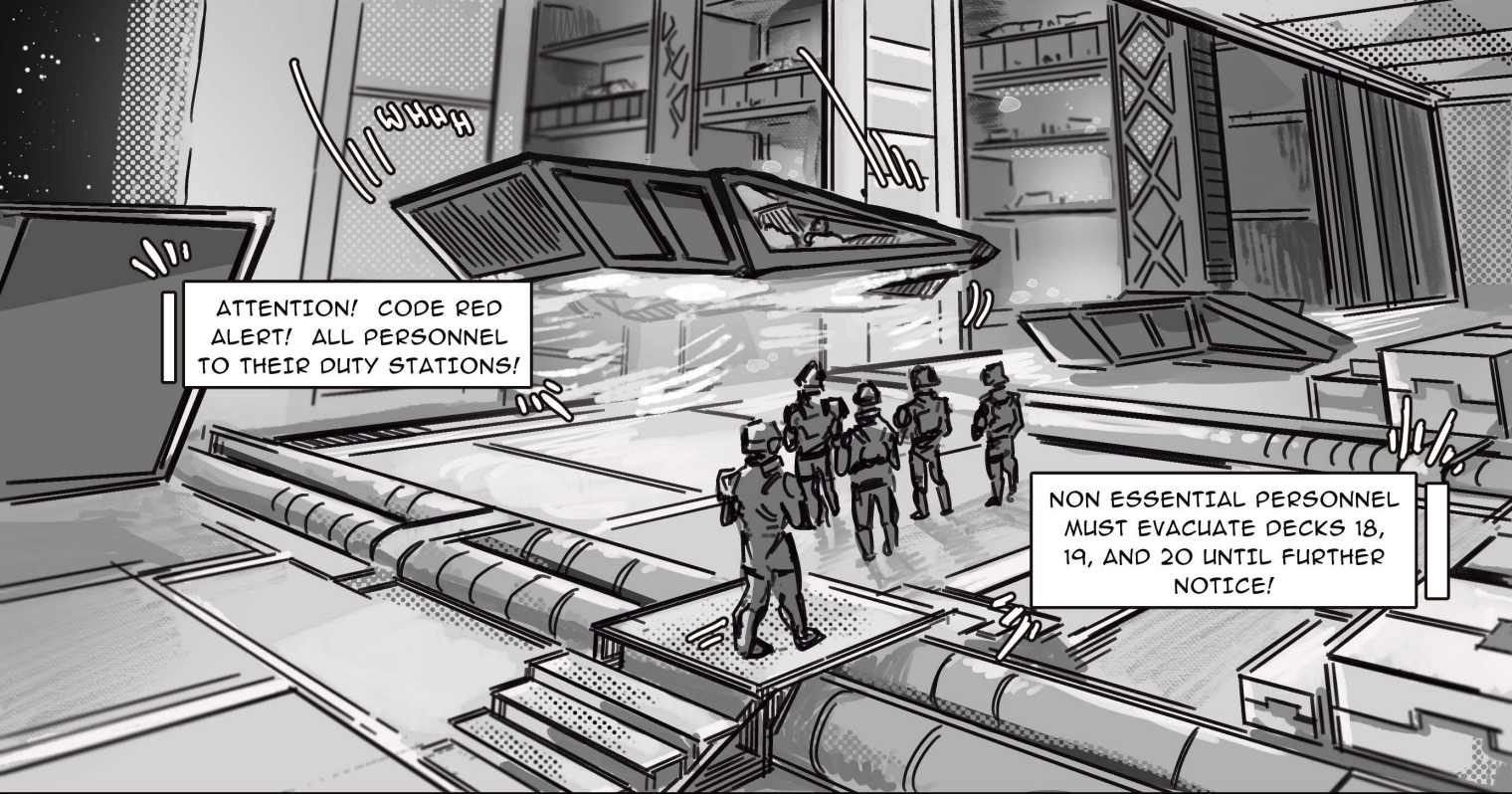
WELL, HER BODY. WE KILLED ONE OF THE STRONGEST IMPERIANS AND GAINED AN IMPERIAN SOLDIER IN THE EXCHANGE.

NOT BAD...



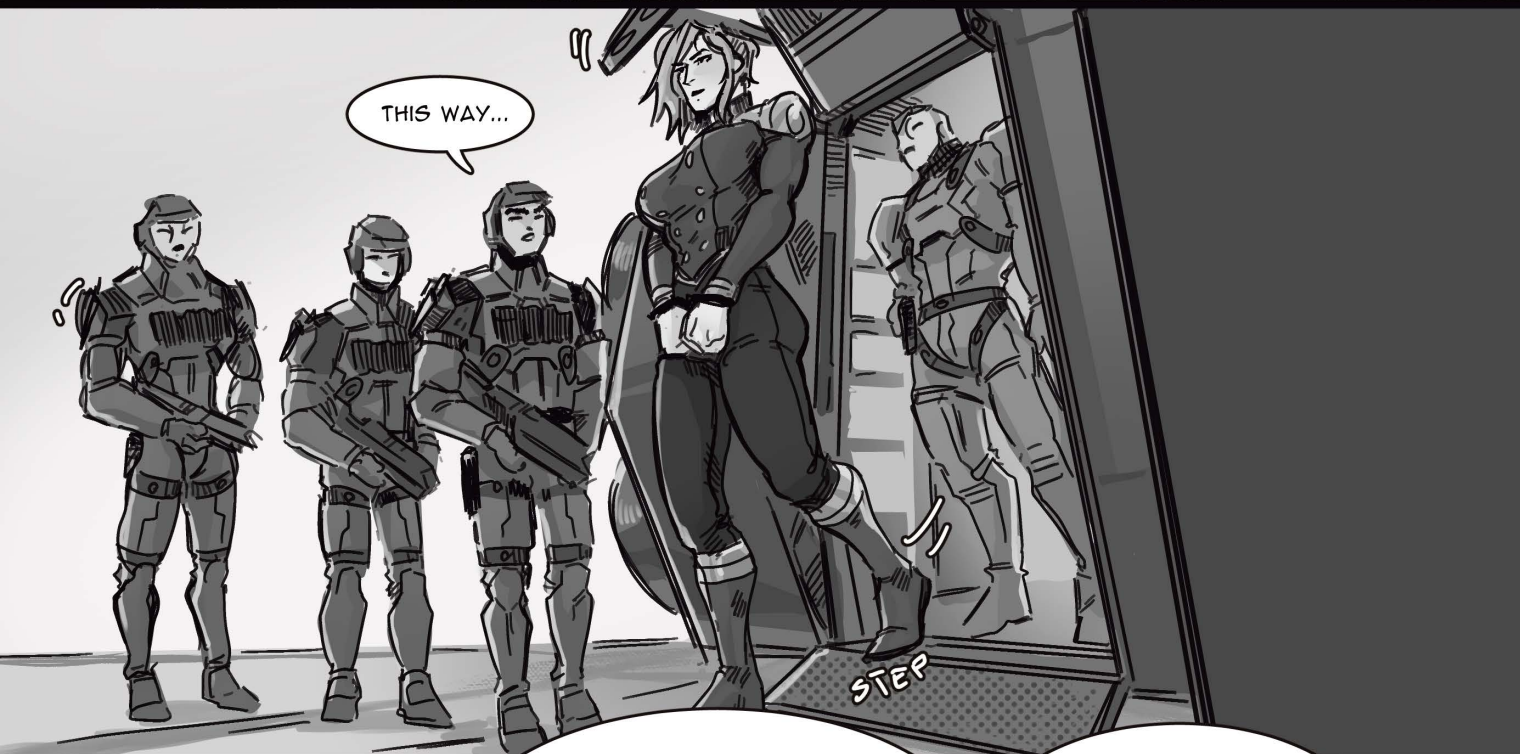
Whoa.  
MmH





ATTENTION! CODE RED  
ALERT! ALL PERSONNEL  
TO THEIR DUTY STATIONS!

NON ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL  
MUST EVACUATE DECKS 18,  
19, AND 20 UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE!



THIS WAY...

STEP



DECK 18

THIS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU  
CHECKED OUT BY MEDICAL, THEN  
WE WILL PUT YOU IN A MAKESHIFT  
QUARTERS, CONVERTED FROM  
THE CARGO BAY ON DECK 20....

THE SECURITY IS MORE  
FOR THE CREW THAN  
FOR YOU. CRIKAK'S  
CONFIRMATION IS ALL  
I NEED.

THANK YOU,  
BUT...

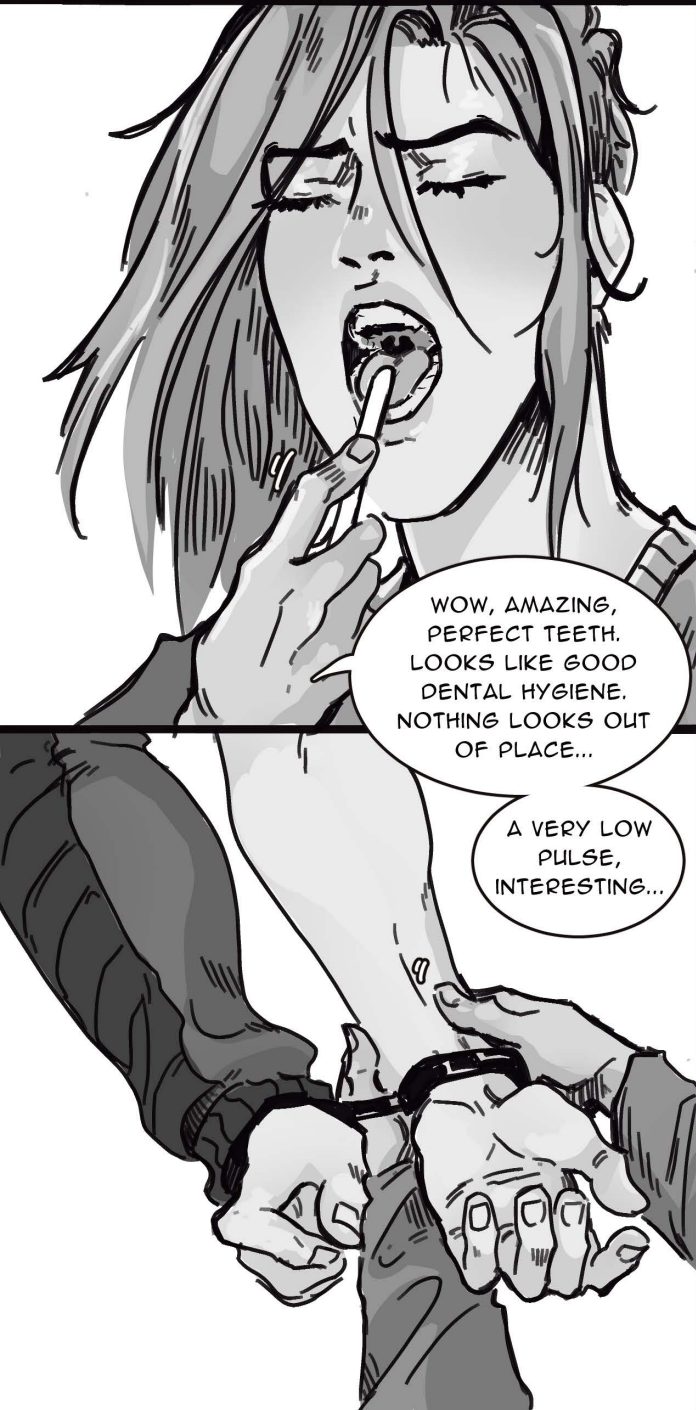
TORN





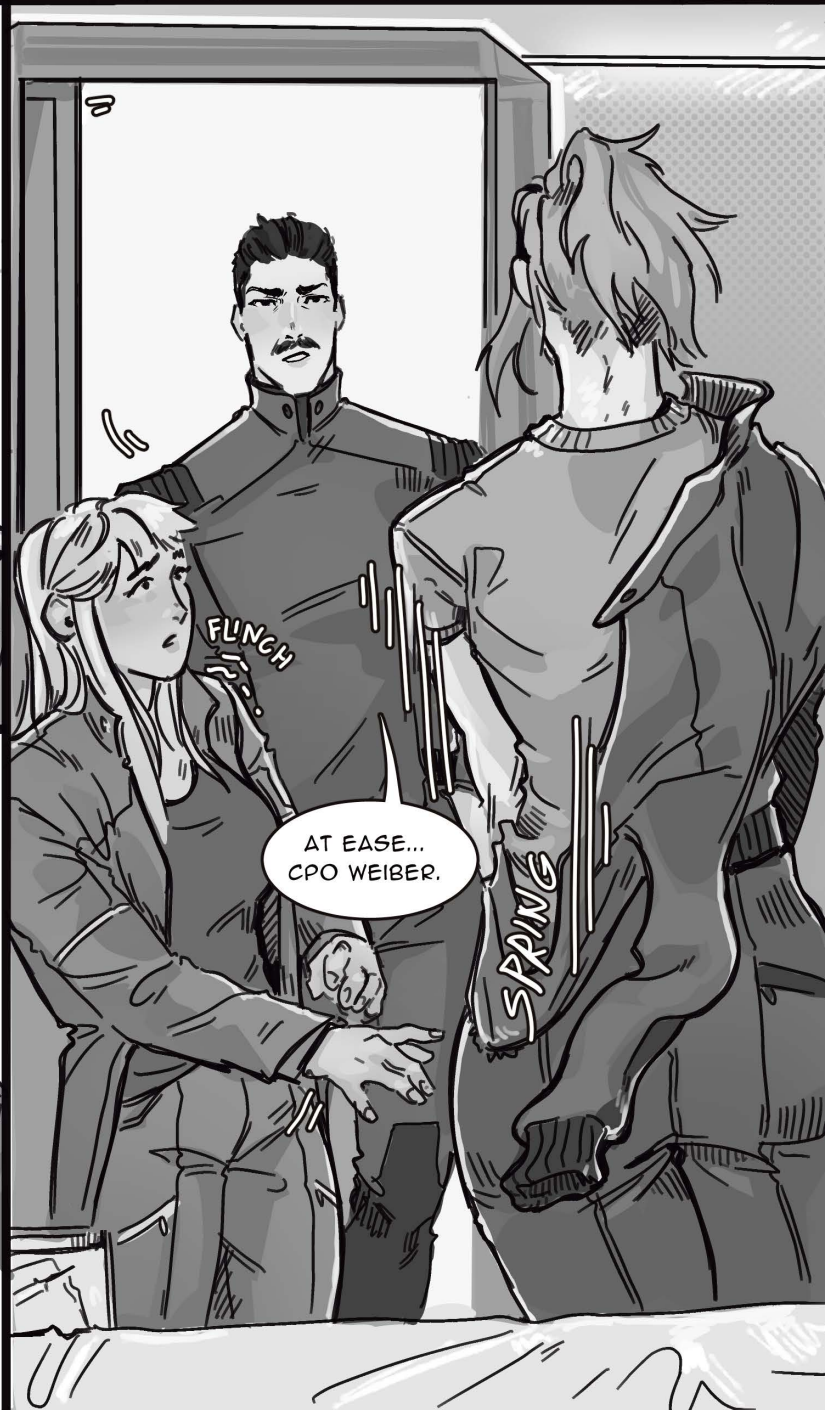
FASCINATING...

IMPERIAN PHYSIOLOGY IS KNOWN TO BE TOUGH, BUT NONE OF MY CUTTING INSTRUMENTS CAN GET ME TO DRAW BLOOD!



WOW, AMAZING, PERFECT TEETH. LOOKS LIKE GOOD DENTAL HYGIENE. NOTHING LOOKS OUT OF PLACE...

A VERY LOW PULSE, INTERESTING...



AT EASE... CPO WEIBER.

FLUNCH

SPRING





WE MUST GIVE YOU THANKS, WEIBER.

WE HAVE CAPTURED NOT ONLY KILLED A HIGH RANKING IMPERIAN, BUT WE HAVE GAINED MANY IMPERIAN RESOURCES IN ONE SWOOP.

SITS



THANK YOU, ADMIRAL. CAN I ASK WHAT THE PLAN IS, SIR?



WE ARE SETTING COURSE TO DO AN FTL JUMP AT A BLACKOPS SITE.

WE WILL TAKE THIS TIME TO EXAMINE YOUR NEW BODY, DRELLA'S SHIP, AND DUMP THE DATABASE.



FAD

GHH!