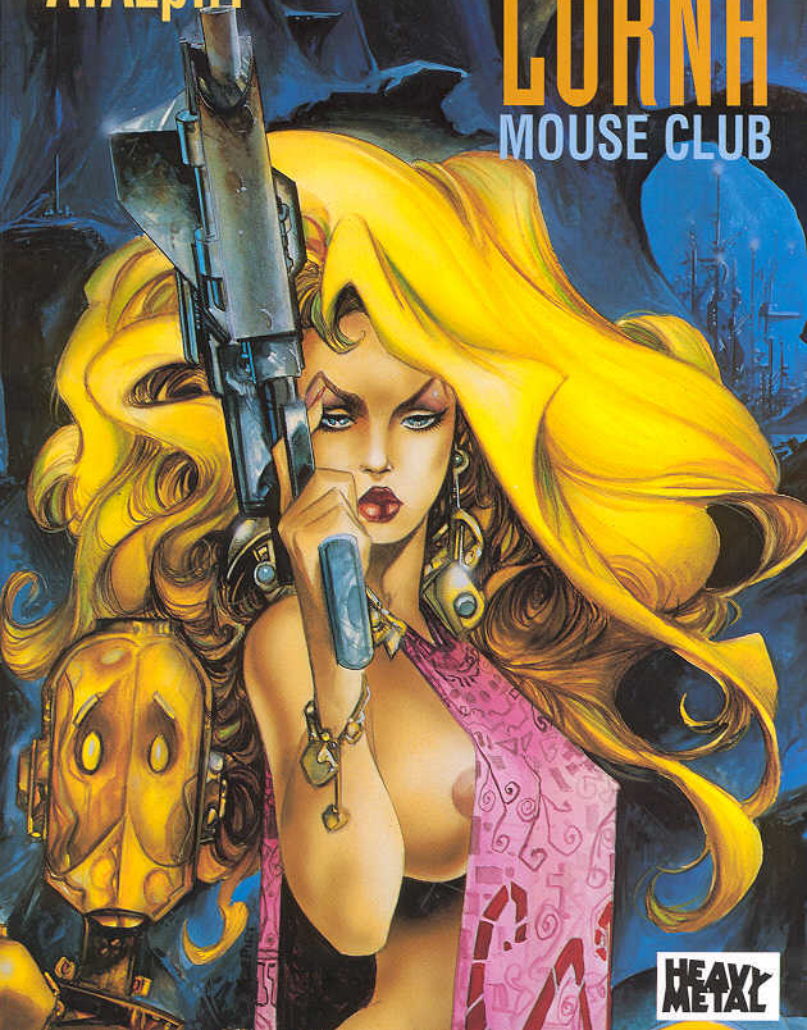


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SIGNALS ARE COMING
FROM SOMEWHERE
DOWN IN THERE.

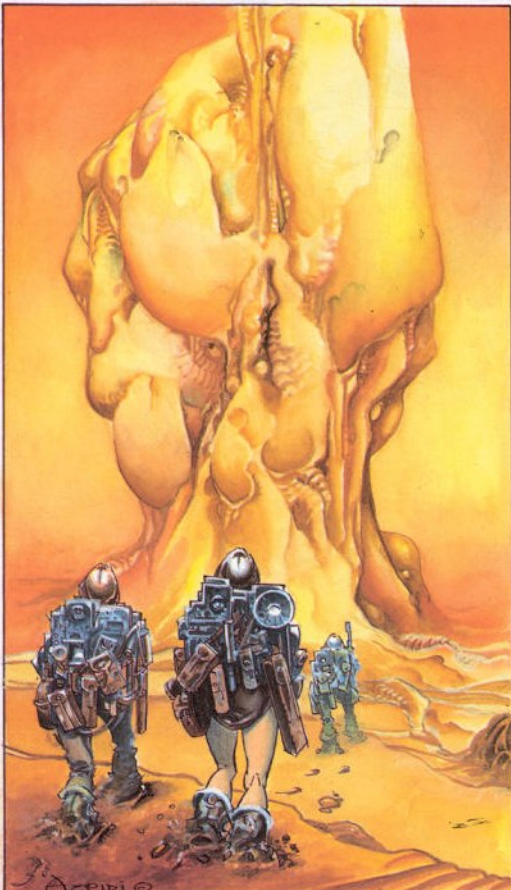
WE'VE ONLY GOT
TWO HOURS TO
GET BACK.

THE TEMPERATURE ON
THIS PLANET REACHES
FIFTY BELOW WHEN THE
SUN GOES DOWN.



HIBERNATION

DON'T WORRY, WE'VE GOT
ENOUGH TIME. CALL THE
BASE AND TELL THEM
THAT OUR DESTINATION
IS IN SIGHT AND WE ARE
PROCEEDING WITH PHASE
TWO OF OUR OPERATION.



PAUL AND I WILL GO INSIDE.
KEEP THE LINES OF
COMMUNICATION OPEN AND
WATCH OUT FOR US. WE'LL
LET YOU KNOW WHAT WE
FIND INSIDE.

I KNOW, BUT WE
NEED YOU TO STAY
HERE AND KEEP UP
COMMUNICATION
WITH THE BASE.

SEE A LION? I
ALWAYS GET
THE TONGUES-T
ASSUMPTIONS - THEY'RE
GOING TO BE NICE AND
COOL DOWN THERE.
WHILE I GET BURNED TO
A CRISP OUT HERE IN
THIS DAMN DESERT.

I'VE MADE CONTACT
WITH THE BASE.
REALLY, COME WAIT
TO STAY HERE. I'D
RATHER GO WITH YOU.



THE RADAR SHOWS A
TUNNEL IN THE UPPER
LEVEL AT THE CENTER
OF THE NUCLEUS. THE
SIGNALS SEEM TO BE
COMING FROM THERE.

DID YOU HEAR
THAT? MATT WERE
GOING OVER THERE.
WAKE UP!

PERFECTLY CLEAR!
DON'T WORRY, I
WOULDN'T FALL
ASLEEP!

IN FACT, I'LL SING A HAPPY
SONG JUST TO LET YOU
KNOW THAT ALL MY
CIRCUITS ARE IN WORKING
ORDER! CULDO WHEN I
SAW YOURUUUUU.





"WHEN I SAW YOU, I TREMBLED... I TREMBLED WITH JOY... WHEN I GROW..."



THE SIGNALS ARE COMING FROM THERE.

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

"WHEN... ERROR... GROW..."



SHIT! THE RADIO ISN'T WORKING!

THE SIGNALS MUST BE INTERFERING WITH OUR RADIO FREQUENCY. THEY SOUND LIKE THEY'RE FROM SOME ANCIENT CIVILIZATION. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM.



AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THIS THING IS VERY OLD. IT LOOKS AS IF IT'S BEEN ABANDONED FOR A VERY LONG TIME... A MILLENNIUM OR SO, I'D SAY...



WE'LL TAKE SOME PICTURES AND SO BACK. I DON'T EXPECT TO FIND ANYTHING LIKE THIS. OUR INVESTIGATION...





I DON'T REMEMBER... I'VE BEEN WAITING SUCH A LONG TIME... NO, I CAN'T REMEMBER...

MY CIRCUITS ARE RUSTY... THEY'LL TAKE A WHILE TO WARM UP...

MY MEMORY...

I'M BEGINNING TO REMEMBER...



I REMEMBER A DISTANT PAST... FUNCTIONS... PROGRAMS...

THAT'S IT... PROGRAMS... I'M PROGRAMMING MYSELF... MY CIRCUITS ARE BEING ACTIVATED...

WARMTH...

ORGANIC MATTER...

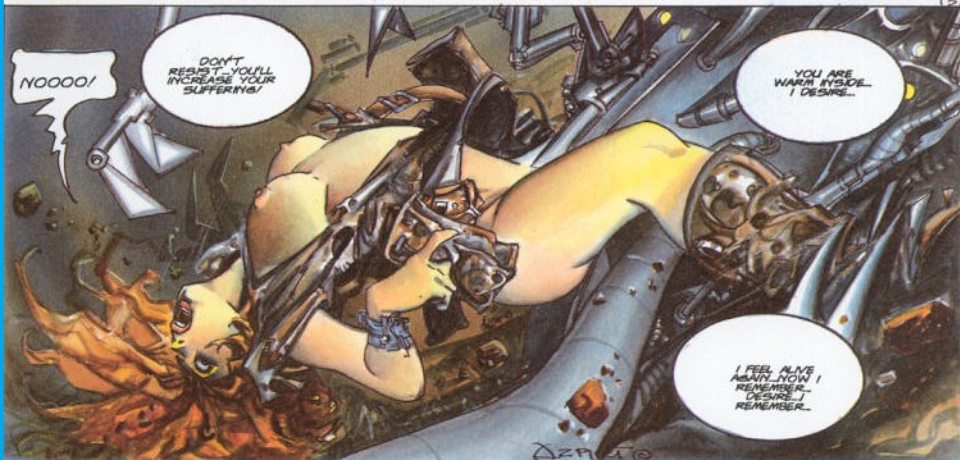
I'M ANALYZING THE SUBSTANCE YOU ARE MADE OF...



IT'S SOMEWHAT CONFUSED, BUT STILL USEFUL

DON'T BE AFRAID... OUR COUPLES WILL BE PAINFUL, BUT YOU WILL SURVIVE... WARMTH...

YOU ARE VERY DELICATE... YOU WILL SUFFER...



NOOOO!

DON'T RESIST... YOU'LL INCREASE YOUR SURVIVAL!

YOU ARE WARM INSIDE... I DESIRE...

I FEEL ALIVE AGAIN... NOW I REMEMBER... DESIRE... I REMEMBER...

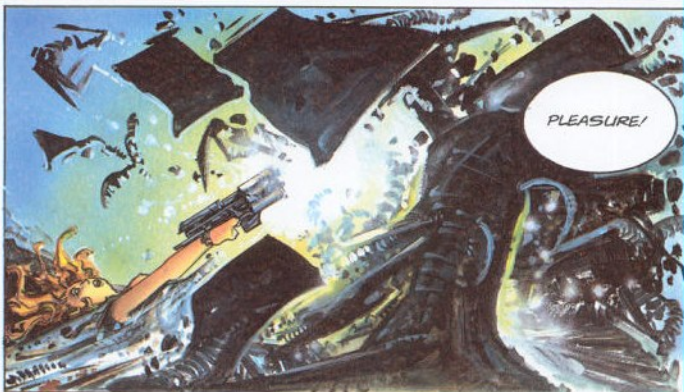
ADAM



I'VE WAITED
FOR SUCH
A LONG
TIME... DESIRE OH
YES, NOW I FEEL
IT... I FEEL
ALIVE... OH, WHAT
PLEASURE!



PLEASURE!



PLEASURE!



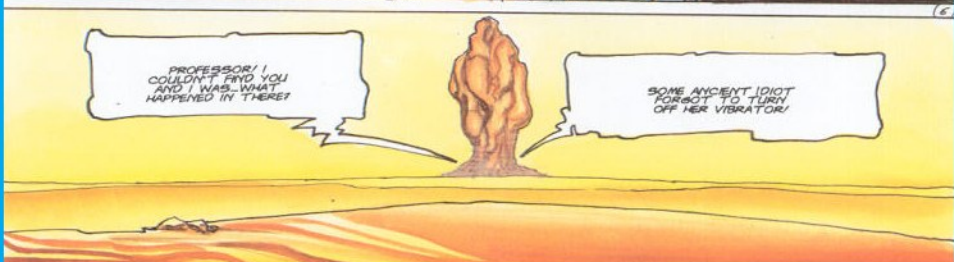
GO TO
HELL!

ORGAS...!



PROFESSOR! I
COULDN'T FIND YOU
AND I WAS... WHAT
HAPPENED IN THERE?

SOME ANCIENT IDIOT
FORGOT TO TURN
OFF HER VIBRATOR!





IT'S THE KIND OF PLACE THAT MAKES MY CIRCUITS SHORT OUT... I DON'T THINK THIS WAS SUCH A GOOD IDEA....



DON'T WORRY, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND NOTHING SHOULD GO WRONG. ALMOST ALL THE MONEY IN THE GALAXY ENDS UP IN THIS PLACE....



AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO TAKE SOME OF THAT MONEY OUT OF HERE.

WELL, IF I LOOK AT IT THAT WAY, I FEEL BETTER.



HERE WE ARE

MOUSE CLUB



THIS IS THE MOUSE'S CLUB.

HEAVENS! IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A FRIENDLY KIND OF PLACE. AND WHAT IF WE TRIED THIS SOME OTHER DAY?

DON'T BE A COWARD!



IT'S NOT FEAR... IT'S A
GUT FEELING...



STOP RIGHT
THERE!



NO ONE CAN
GET IN WITHOUT
THEIR SPECIAL
PASS...



IT'S ONE OF
THE BETTER
PASSES I'VE
SEEN
TONIGHT...



ONE DAY YOUR TRICK
WON'T WORK AND THEN...
GOOD LORD!

DRUGS, PROSTITUTION, SMUGGLING,
AND MONEY... THAT IS ALL WE WANT
... MONEY!



YOU HAVE
TEN MINUTES
TO GET TO THE
CENTRAL
COMPUTER.

...AND
OPEN THE
SAFE. I KNOW
THAT.

THEN...
THE PARTY
WILL BEGIN...



NO ONE MOVE! NO ONE!
MOUSE, DON'T TRY TO DO
ANYTHING, AND TELL YOUR
MEN TO LEAVE ME ALONE!

MY DEAR, LORNA! IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME SINCE WE SAW YOUR
PRETTY BODY AROUND THIS
PLACE... I HEARD ABOUT
YOUR STAY IN TURKISH!



HAVE YOU
CHANGED PROFESSIONS? HAVE YOU
BECOME ONE OF THOSE
LOUGH POLICE WOMEN?



POLICE WOMEN? WHAT
ON EARTH ARE YOU SAYING?
THE REASON I'M HERE IS
TO EASE SOME OF
YOUR WORRIES...



GREAT EVERYTHING IS
WORKING OUT JUST AS WE
HAD PLANNED...



THE COAST IS
CLEAR LET'S
GET TO WORK...



DON'T LOOK
SO SAD. I JUST
WANT TO HAVE
SOME FUN.



YOU WANT TO HAVE A
NICE TIME? YOU COULDN'T
HAVE CHOSEN A BETTER
PLACE ISN'T THAT
SO, MY FRIENDS?



NOW FOR THE
EXPLOSION. I'LL ESCAPE
IN THE CONFUSION THAT
WILL FOLLOW...



DON'T RUSH...
ONE AT A TIME... I
KNOW HER WELL AND
I CAN ASSURE YOU THERE
WILL BE ENOUGH FOR
EVERYBODY....



WHERE'S THE
EXPLOSION?



WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING ON? WE
SHOULD HAVE HEARD
IT BY NOW!!



I'M **EXHAUSTED**. I CAN'T GO ON.
GIVE HER... GIVE HER ALL SHE
WANTS...



THAT MORON OF AN
ANDROID! JUST WAIT
UNTIL I GET MY
HANDS ON IT AGAIN



SIX HOURS!! SIX
HOURS WAITING FOR THE
SIGNAL, HAVING TO PUT UP
WITH ALL SORTS OF ABUSE
FROM THOSE JERKS, AND IN
ALL THAT TIME YOU WEREN'T
ABLE TO FIND THE COMBINA-
TION THAT WOULD HAVE
MADE US ALL RICH!!...

PLEASE, PROFESSOR, TRY TO
UNDERSTAND... SHE IS MY COUSIN
AFTER ALL AND WE HADN'T SEEN
EACH OTHER IN THIRTEEN YEARS...
SHE WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE ME...

COME ON,
DON'T BE MAD
AT ME!
PLEASE....

BEEP...
BEEP... BEEP...

THE RETURN



WELCOME TO THE HOME OF MOUSE. COME IN, MY FRIENDS, AND MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE.

THANK YOU, GREAT MOUSE. IT IS AN HONOR FOR US TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE. HOW CAN WE BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?

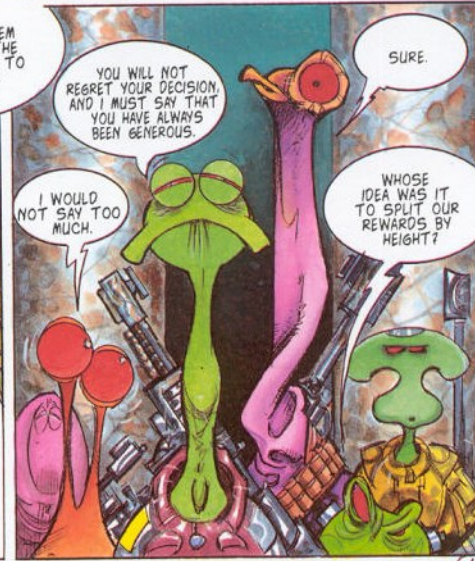


YOUR DILIGENCE PLEASES ME AS WELL AS THE GOOD DEEDS THAT PRECEDE YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN SUMMONED PRECISELY BECAUSE OF YOUR SERVICES.



I HAVE A PENDING PROBLEM AND I BELIEVE THE HOUR HAS COME TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY. FOR THIS MISSION I NEED THE BEST. OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND THE RISKS THAT COME WITH AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS KIND AND SO I AM READY TO PAY HANDSOMELY FOR A JOB WELL DONE.



YOU WILL NOT REGRET YOUR DECISION, AND I MUST SAY THAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GENEROUS.

SURE.

I WOULD NOT SAY TOO MUCH.

WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO SPLIT OUR REWARDS BY HEIGHT?



HHMM... WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

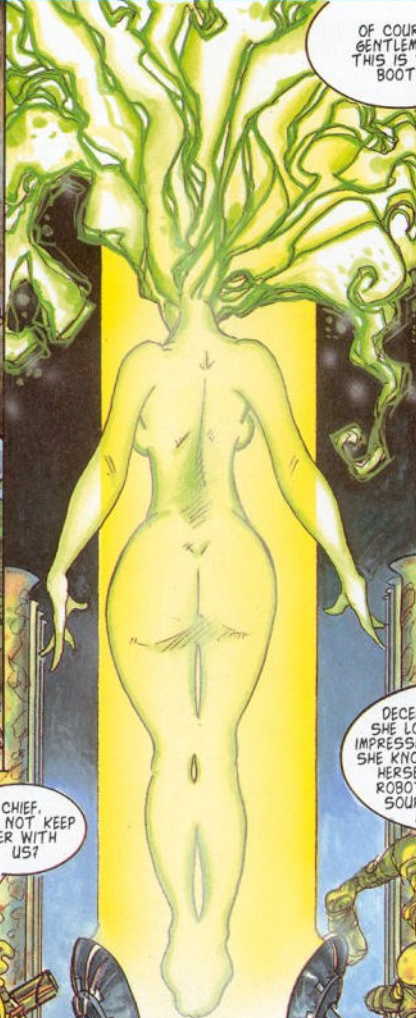
IT MEANS THAT... FINE. THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS AND CAN HARDLY CONTAIN OURSELVES.

I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE TERRANUS IV SYSTEM. OF COURSE, I WILL REIMBURSE YOU FOR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES AND THERE YOU WILL SEARCH FOR A FEMALE HUMAN AND TWO ROBOTS.

WHEN YOU FIND THEM, BRING THEM TO ME ALIVE, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY WHOLE.

I UNDERSTAND. GREAT
MOUSE. THAT NO ONE CAN FIND
OUT ABOUT THIS OPERATION.
ONLY I MUST KNOW WHAT
SHE LOOKS LIKE.

OF COURSE, GENTLEMEN...
THIS IS YOUR
BOOTY.



FOR A
THOUSAND MILLION
RACKS! A SILLY
FEMALE!

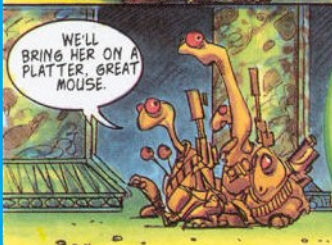
CHIEF,
WHY NOT KEEP
HER WITH
US?

DON'T BE
DECEIVED BY THE WAY
SHE LOOKS. I KNOW THE
IMPRESSION SHE MAKES, BUT
SHE KNOWS HOW TO DEFEND
HERSELF AND THE TWO
ROBOTS HAVE MORE RE-
SOURCES THAN YOU
MIGHT THINK

HO!



WE'LL
BRING HER ON A
PLATTER. GREAT
MOUSE.







HEAVENS!
AN EMERGENCY
MESSAGE! SOMEONE
NEEDS HELP.



I MUST
INFORM THE
CAPTAIN
IMMEDIATELY!



EFFICIENCY
IN SUCH CASES
IS BASED ON THE
SPEED WITH WHICH
THE RESCUE IS
EFFECTUATED.

PROFESSOR,
PROFESSOR, WE
HAVE AN
EMERGENCY!



PROFESSOR?

OOOOH...
ADL, MY LOVE, COULD
YOU LOWER THE VOLUME
OF YOUR CIRCUITS OR I'LL
HAVE TO GIVE YOU A KICK
IN THE...AAHH! THIS HEAD-
ACHE IS KILLING
ME.



HOW DISGUSTING!
I'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT
A SHIP SUSCEPTIBLE TO
BREAKDOWNS REQUIRES
OUR ASSISTANCE.

THAT'S
BETTER! TAKE
CARE OF THE RESCUE.
AS SOON AS MY HEAD
SETTLES DOWN, I'LL
BE WITH YOU.

HOW
DISGUSTING!
YOU'RE ALWAYS
ACTING LIKE
ANIMALS!



I'M
ALWAYS AT
MY POST.

...AND GIVEN
THAT ARNOLD, THE
PILE OF WORN-OUT
CIRCUITS, ISN'T
AT HIS POST...

PANCREAS
AND LIVER ZONES
DESTROYED...

OUT-OF-
ORDER KIDNEYS, A RIB
HAS PERFORATED THE PLEURA
AND THE LUNGS HAVE FILLED
UP, MANIFESTING EPILEPTIC
CONVULSIONS. BONES
AND LIGAMENTS: 80%
DESTROYED...

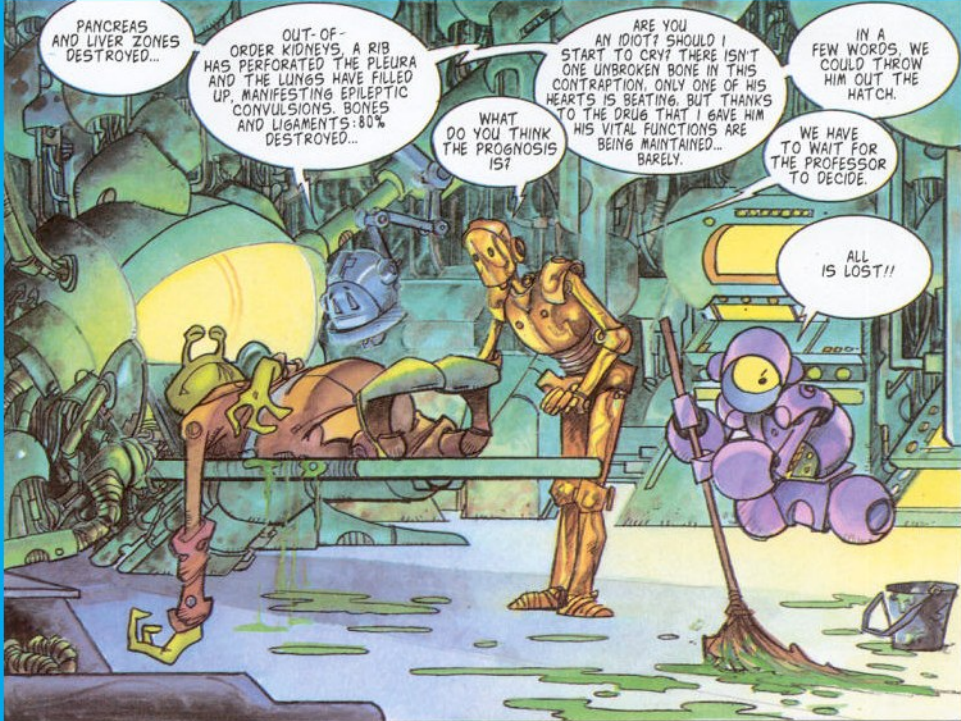
WHAT
DO YOU THINK
THE PROGNOSIS
IS?

ARE YOU
AN IDIOT? SHOULD I
START TO CRY? SHOULD I
START TO CRY? THERE ISN'T
ONE UNBROKEN BONE IN THIS
CONTRAPTION. ONLY ONE OF HIS
HEARTS IS BEATING. BUT THANKS
TO THE DRUG THAT I GAVE HIM
HIS VITAL FUNCTIONS ARE
BEING MAINTAINED...
BARELY.

IN A
FEW WORDS, WE
COULD THROW
HIM OUT THE
HATCH.

WE HAVE
TO WAIT FOR
THE PROFESSOR
TO DECIDE.

ALL
IS LOST!!



LOOK, IT
SEEMS LIKE HE'S
RECOVERING.

...OH...H...

...SEX...

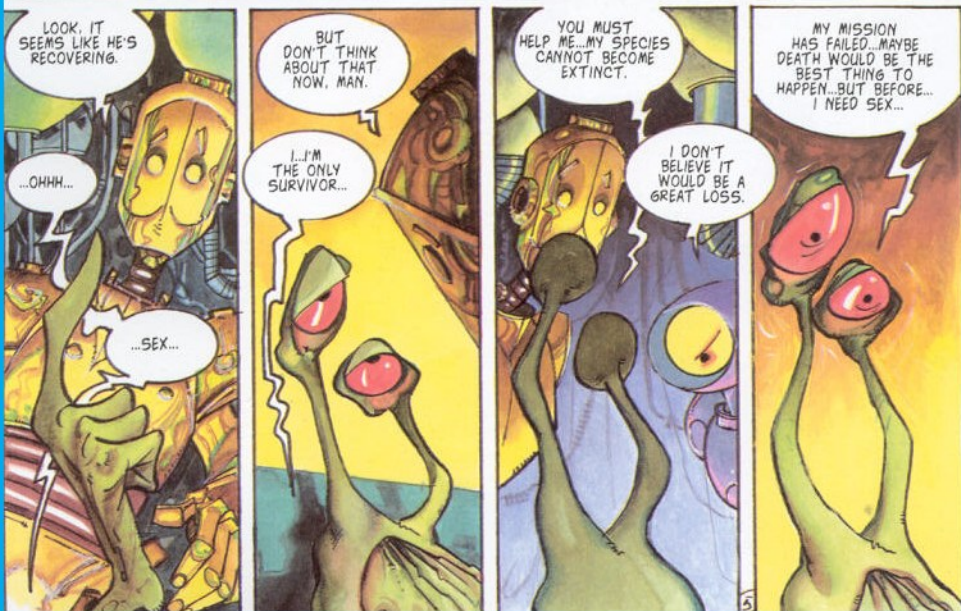
BUT
DON'T THINK
ABOUT THAT
NOW, MAN.

I'M
THE ONLY
SURVIVOR...

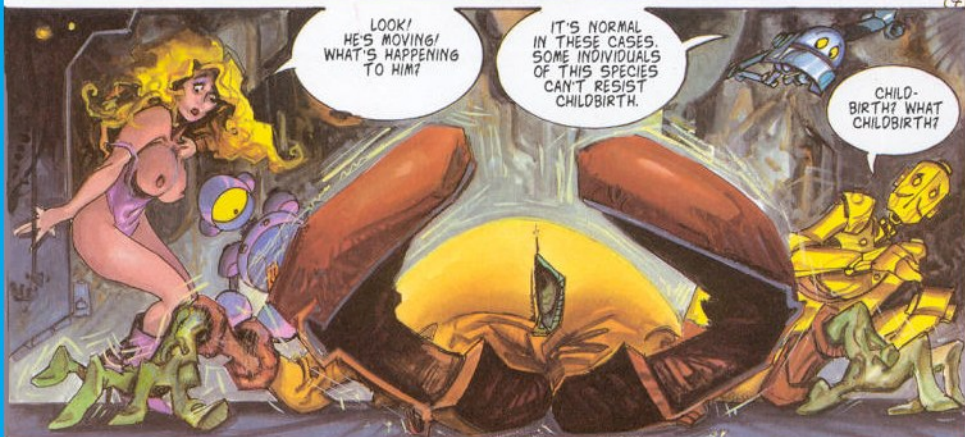
YOU MUST
HELP ME...MY SPECIES
CANNOT BECOME
EXTINCT.

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE A
GREAT LOSS.

MY MISSION
HAS FAILED...MAYBE
DEATH WOULD BE THE
BEST THING TO
HAPPEN...BUT BEFORE...
I NEED SEX...











THIS
IS FOR THE
BEST.



OOOOF...
IT'S ALL OVER.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH
FOR TODAY.

I'M GOING
TO TAKE A
SHOWER. DISPOSE
OF HIM.



WHAT IS
THAT LITTLE
NOISE?

TRI...
TRI...TRI...



HAVE YOU EVER
SEEN A SMALL CUBIC
METAL OBJECT WITH A
SCREEN IN WHICH YOU CAN
SEE NUMBERS COUNTING?
AND ITS CONNECTED TO
A POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE
THAT WILL GO OFF
IN SIXTY...FIFTY-
NINE...

TRI...
TRI...



AND
NOW WHAT?

RUN, RUN,
RUN!

FORTY-SIX.
FORTY-FIVE. FORTY
...WHERE ARE YOU
GOING? DON'T LEAVE
ME HERE, YOU
COWARDS!

I HOPE THAT
URDAK HAS SUCCEEDED IN
INFILTRATING THE STATION
AND DISCONNECTING THE
RADAR. IT'S BEEN AN HOUR
SINCE HE CALLED. HOW DOES
HE GO BACK TO SLEEP
FLYING...



AND
IF WE STAY
THERE?

THIS IS
NO TIME FOR
KIDDING.

THIRTEEN...
TWELVE...
ELEVEN...



THERE IT IS!
PREPARE FOR
BOARDING!

DOES
SOMEBODY
WANT TO
EXPLAIN
WHAT'S UP?

LATER,
NOW WE
HAVE TO GET
GOING.

WHAT IS
THIS?

A METEOR
HAS STRUCK
THE HULL.

UUUF...
NEARLY.

YOU
TELL HER
ABOUT THE
STATION.

NO.
YOU!

YOU!

I'M JUST
TAKING A QUICK
SHOWER AND
THEN WE'LL GO
HOME.



AND
SUDDENLY WE WERE
SHAKEN BY A VIOLENT
EXPLOSION. I STILL
CAN'T EXPLAIN WHAT
HAPPENED.

WE'LL GET
THEM ANOTHER
DAY, GREAT
MOUSE.

WELL,
DON'T COUNT
ME IN.

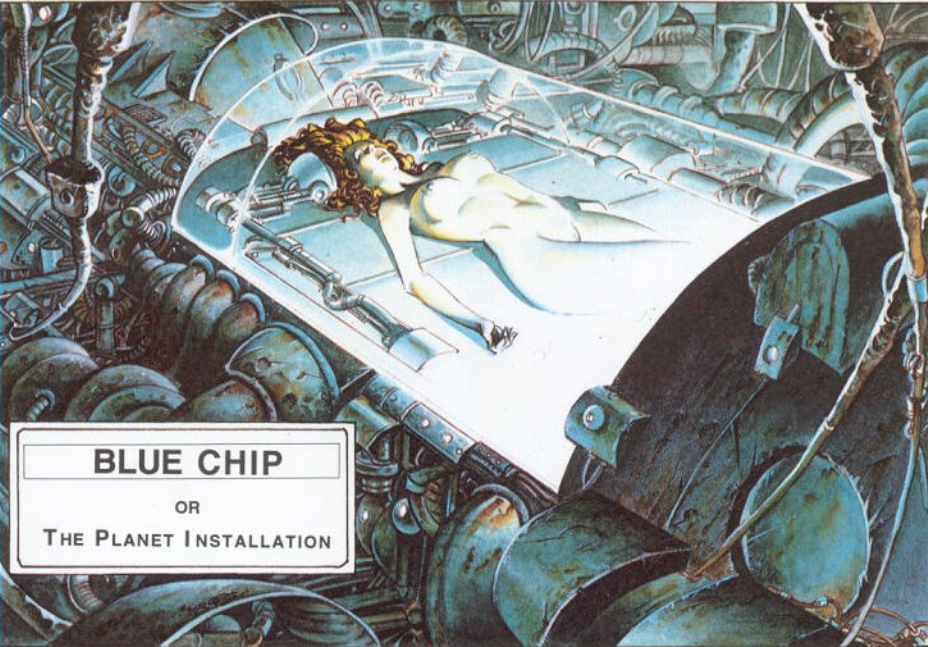


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BLUE CHIP

OR

THE PLANET INSTALLATION

A woman with long, curly brown hair is lying on her side in a futuristic, mechanical environment. She is wearing a light blue, form-fitting outfit. The background is filled with complex machinery, pipes, and a large, curved, metallic structure. The scene is lit with a cool, blue light.

I HAVE WAITED SO LONG FOR YOU. MY NIGHTS WERE ENDLESS AND FILLED WITH LONELINESS. SLEEP BROUGHT NO RELIEF TO MY LONGINGS.

NOW YOU ARE HERE.



IS IT AN
ACCIDENT
OR PROVI-
DENCE?

ANSWER
THAT QUESTION YOURSELF!
WE ARE ALONE! ONLY US TWO...!
THE EARTH...THE UNIVERSE
BELONGS TO US!
BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY FEW
NATURAL BEINGS IN THE
UNCOUNTABLE WORLDS; I WAS
SO BORED! I COMPLETED
THE PLANET CYCLE!

OR I
BEGAN IT
ANEW...

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?



WE ARE
TOGETHER. THAT IS
WHAT MATTERS. WHY ARE
WE TOGETHER? WORDS ARE
NOT SUFFICIENT TO DESCRIBE
MY FEELINGS...YOUR TOUCH!
YOU ARE LIFE...



I HAVE ONLY
ONE WISH: THAT THIS
CYCLE PROCEEDS
DIFFERENTLY! ALREADY
DURING THE LAST TIME I HAD
SO MUCH TROUBLE, TRYING
TO MAKE EVERYTHING
PERFECT. YOU SAW WHAT
WOULD COME OUT
OF IT...!

THEREFORE,
YOU FEEL
GUILTY?



IN A CERTAIN WAY...
YES, WHEN THE PROGRAM
WAS INITIALIZED... IN
SEVERAL MOMENTS MY
PURPOSE WAS FULFILLED. MY
POWER WAS NOT SUFFICIENT
TO INFLUENCE THE
INSTALLATION PROCESS.



"THEREFORE,
IT CAN RUN DOWN
AGAINST ALL ELSE...
AND END SO HORRIBLY? CAN'T
YOU AT LEAST TAKE THE VIOLENCE
AND CRUELTY OUT OF THE PRO-
GRAM? DESTRUCTION LEADS TO
SELF-DESTRUCTION...
SHOULD YOU PASS
THIS ON?

I WANT TO
REMAIN ONE WITH
YOU FOR ETERNITY,
WITH THE UNIVERSE,
WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE, WITH
THE TRUTH...



I CAN NO
LONGER REMAIN
WITH YOU, MOTHER!
THAT IS WHAT HAS
DEVELOPED...LIKE
THIS OR THAT...





WE WILL SEE
EACH OTHER AGAIN IN
ETERNITY. ENJOY THE TIME
AS IT PASSES...THE
MEMORY OF THE MOMENT
OF A NEW PLANET CYCLE
LASTS FOREVER.



WE WILL SEE
EACH OTHER AGAIN
IN ANOTHER TIME, IN
ANOTHER WORLD, IN
ANOTHER FORM, IN
ANOTHER
DIMENSION.



MOTHER
EARTH! THE
PROCESS CAN
NOT BE UNDONE.
I AM YOURS
FOREVER.



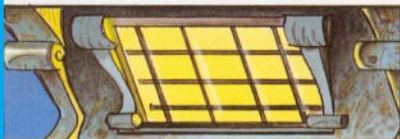
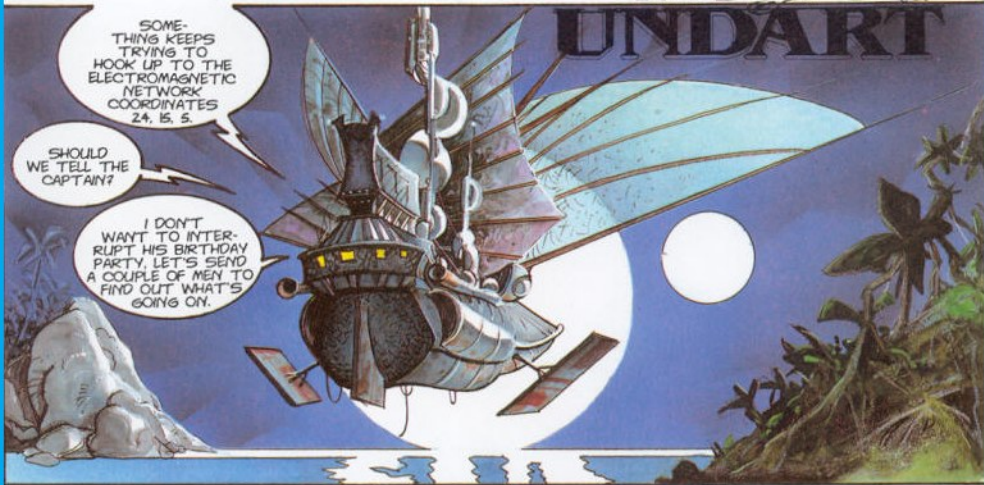
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TWO MILLION YEARS PASS. THEN COMES
THE DAY WHEN A NEW MAN BEGINS TO
MAKE SOMETHING OF THE EARTH.

SOME-
THING KEEPS
TRYING TO
HOOK UP TO THE
ELECTROMAGNETIC
NETWORK
COORDINATES
24, 15, 5.

SHOULD
WE TELL THE
CAPTAIN?

I DON'T
WANT TO INTER-
RUPT HIS BIRTHDAY
PARTY, LET'S SEND
A COUPLE OF MEN TO
FIND OUT WHAT'S
GOING ON.



A LITTLE
WAVE-TYPE SHIP
HAS BEEN CAUGHT,
WITH THREE CREW-
MEMBERS WHO ARE
ABOUT TO ARRIVE, BUT
LISTEN... LISTEN
...LISTEN...

PERFECT,
BRING THEM
IN AS A
SURPRISE!

MY DEAR
AND BELOVED
UNDART, KING OF
THE SOUL OF THE
UNIVERSE, HYENA
OF SPACE!

ENOUGH OF
THAT SPOUT-
ING, UMBACA,
GET TO THE
POINT.

BROWN
NOSE!

I ONLY
WANT TO GIVE
YOU A PRESENT
BETTER YET
THREE

ONE!

TWO!

AND
THREE!



HEAVENS,
WE'RE DOOMED
FACED WITH
SUCH A MAN!

MAKE NO MIS-
TAKE ABOUT IT,
THEY DON'T SEEM
LIKE THEY'D ENJOY
CANS WITHOUT
THE SARDINES.

WHO IS
YOUR LEADER?
I WANT TO
SPEAK WITH
HIM!

I AM!

I AM
THE GREAT
UNDART!

NO,
ME!

I ALSO
WANT TO
SPEAK!

YOU HAVE
EVERYTHING IN THE
SHIP,
JUST LET
US GO...

...WE ARE
COMPLETELY
OF NO USE
TO YOU.

I THINK YOU'RE
WRONG ABOUT
THAT, LITTLE
ONE.



I AM ALWAYS
GRATEFUL FOR
WOMEN LIKE
YOU.



YOU WILL
BE MINE



I LIKE WHAT
I SEE.



YOU EVER HAVE
ANYTHING LIKE
THIS IN YOUR
LIFE?



NOW I
KNOW WHY
THEY CALL
YOU THE
GREAT...

DON'T
WASTE
YOUR ENERGY
TALKING.



MAYBE
WE SHOULD
HELP HER.

BETTER SHE
DOES IT WELL
SO THAT SHE
WILL BE A HELP
TO US.



GREAT...
GREAT!





WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?



IT SEEMS LIKE HE HAD SOMETHING BETWEEN HIS HANDS BEFORE THEY CUT OFF HIS HEAD.



NOW I'M SAFE, I CAN RELAX...



...AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESCUE MY FRIENDS.





I WAS SENT BY THE CAPTAIN, WHO DOESN'T WANT ANY OF HIS MEN TO STOP HAVING FUN ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT DAY.



HE SENT US A GREAT PIECE OF CAKE.



WAIT... DON'T! KNEW YOU?

WELL...



...YOU'RE THE WOMAN WHO ...AAAAH...

WHAT?



WITH THIS, OUR ROMANCE ENDS.



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



IT'S HER ...IT'S HER.

WE'RE SAVED.



LET'S BUST OUT OF THIS STINKING JOINT.

I KNOW WHERE THEY'VE GOT SOME SMALL SHIPS IN WHICH WE CAN GET GOING.

BEFORE THAT, I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO.



HEY...!
MM...
MMMM...



MY DEAR CAPTAIN,
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT
YOUR PLEASANT
DREAMS. I JUST WANTED
TO SEE YOU OFF, AND
TO SHOW YOU
SOMETHING...

...SOMETHING
WHICH I CAN DO
WITHOUT HAVING
TO APPLY
FORCE.

MMMM
...MM!



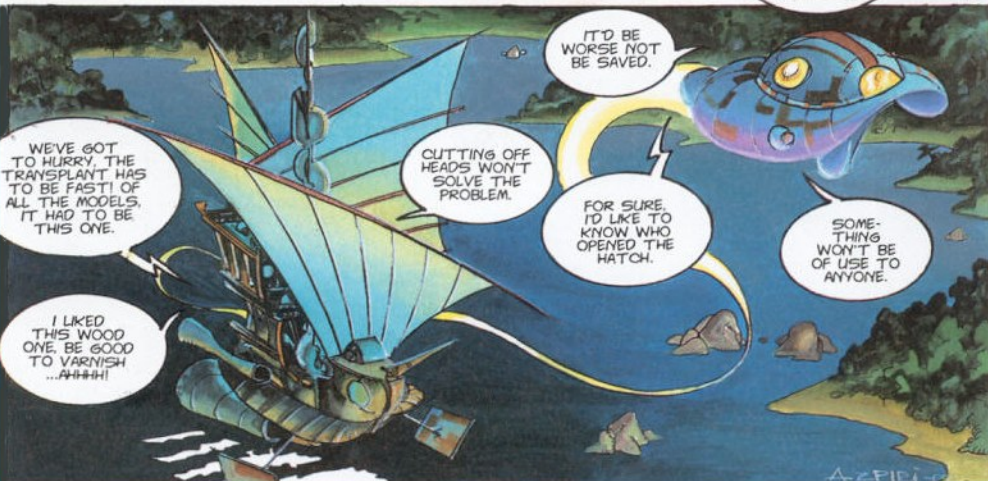
HEY...IT'S
GROWING! COME ON,
CAPTAIN. DON'T YOU
REMEMBER YOUR
DOCTOR'S
ORDERS...?

CAPTAIN,
YOU'RE GOING
TO RIP YOUR
STITCHES.

MMMM
...MM!



OH...I'M SORRY,
I JUST
REMEMBERED THAT
I HAVE SOME
LOOSE ENDS
TO SEW UP.



WE'VE GOT
TO HURRY. THE
TRANSPLANT HAS
TO BE FAST! OF
ALL THE MODELS,
IT HAD TO BE
THIS ONE.

I LIKED
THIS WOOD
ONE. BE GOOD
TO VARNISH
...AAAAH!

CUTTING OFF
HEADS WON'T
SOLVE THE
PROBLEM.

IT'D BE
WORSE NOT
BE SAVED.

FOR SURE,
I'D LIKE TO
KNOW WHO
OPENED THE
HATCH.

SOME-
THING
WON'T BE
OF USE TO
ANYONE.

ASTROPORT

Inut Airport,
6:30 am

What are we doing here? This is the most violent place in the whole Galactic Confederation.

Totally! The statistics say that 36.5% die per day. The rest end up wounded. That totals seven dead per day.

Um. I don't understand.

Wire brain, we don't have enough fuel to continue in our voyage...

I'M
CLEAN!

Why don't we stay on the ship? It's comfortable enough.

Come on, come on. Don't be cowards. With this arsenal nobody is going to mess with us.

It's like we're taking a vacation.

Boys, its time to play tourists!

AZP







I knew it wasn't a good idea to leave the ship!

We've got to stick together! We've got to try...



...get out of here!



What the devil?

Are we dead?

I'm sorry, it was me.



I don't understand.

You talk like us.

Nobody talks like you.



All of this is my fault. Really, I have a universe living in my brain in which there are thousands of worlds, but I can't control them.. I can only travel to them...

...I'm not familiar with the nature of the phenomenon as much as perturbed by how it works beyond my control.



It's amazing! We could get out of any danger with that!



I think we've got to concentrate.



I'm sorry, I can't seem to concentrate, sometimes this happens to me.

Well, I'm already tired of...Heavens!



You are like a golem! I must have you!

Now we're in trouble again. Let's get out of here!

I've never seen anything like it.



I can't, I don't see any danger.

hsh!
hsh!
hsh!

Horrible!



Stop!
Don't do anything...!





I am
more than
satisfied!



Do you know what
happened? There was
no danger and that man
seemed to be so
hospitable.

I think that
as it will end with
you, it will begin
with me.



Arnold!

Look,
I found a
letter...!

It says, "An
asteroid for nuclear
use. Eject ten
thousand
kilometers."





We're in
trut...

We made
it back to our
ship alive...

and we
have fuel!



LET'S
GO!!



In the end
he saved our
lives...

...why are you
looking at me
like that?...

...what are you
going to
do?...

No, I'm
going to...



Don't take
this the wrong way,
but I'm not going to take
another vacation for at
least a thousand years.

Ungrateful!
Get me out
of here!

Don't leave me
alone in my
universes...

Oh, no! Carnivorous
plants!

The dragons want
to eat me...

He burned
me!
Help!

THE GATE



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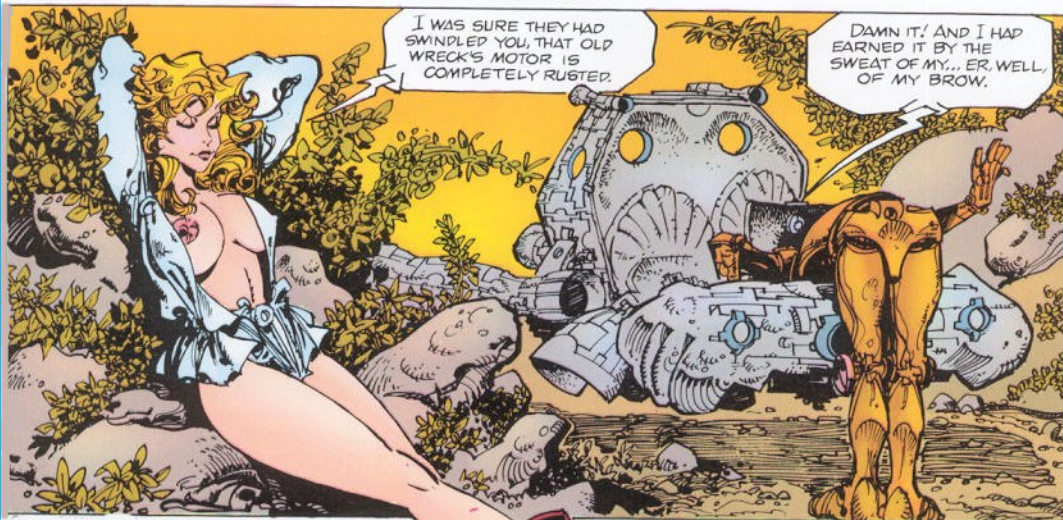








PILGRIMS



I WAS SURE THEY HAD SWINDLED YOU, THAT OLD WRECK'S MOTOR IS COMPLETELY RUSTED.

DAMN IT! AND I HAD EARNED IT BY THE SWEAT OF MY... ER, WELL, OF MY BROW.



WORK HARD, BOY, WORK HARD, AND WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR TOILING, YOUR CREATOR WILL REWARD YOU IN THE USUAL WAY.

AND WHAT DO YOU USUALLY THINK OF, FOOL? I AM BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT YOUR MEETING WITH THAT LITTLE ROBOT FROM THE WILD SIDE OF THE ROAD HAS ALTERED YOUR SENSES.

SHH! PROFESSOR, WE HAVE COMPANY!

GOOD AFTERNOON...

...GIVE US...

THE GALACTIC SPIRIT!



USUAL REWARD! THE REWARD IS TO YOUR PLEASURE. CAN'T YOU THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE?

LORDA



WHO WILL THESE
THREE LITTLE
ONES BE?

PLEASE,
PROFESSOR, LET
ME SPEAK, I AM A
BETTER DIPLOMAT,
WHO ARE YOU, GOOD
PEOPLE?

WE ARE WANDERING
PILGRIMS WHO WALK
UNFALTERINGLY...

...IN SEARCH
OF THE MYSTIC
ARK OF THE
GREAT ORIGINS

...CAN
WE BE
OF ANY
HELP?

WELL, IF YOU COULD HELP
US
FIX THIS VEHICLE, WE
WOULD BE ETERNALLY
GRATEFUL.

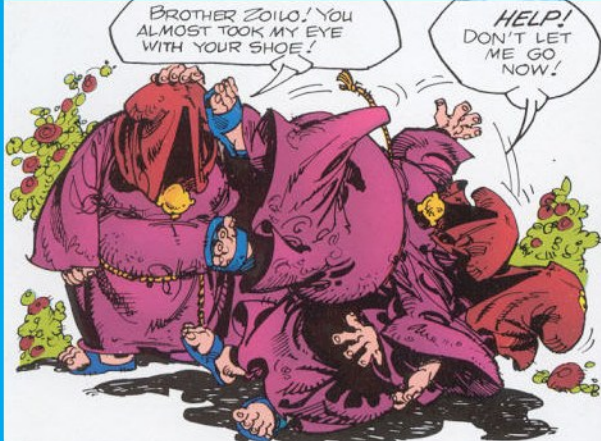
WHICH VEHICLE?
WE DON'T SEE
ANY VEHICLE!

... BECAUSE, MORPHOLOGI-
CALLY, OUR EYES...

...ARE ALWAYS DIRECTED
TOWARD'S HEAVEN. BUT WE
WILL ATTEMPT TO HELP
YOU.

LET'S TURN HIM
UPSIDE DOWN
CAREFULLY!

DO YOU SEE
THE VEHICLE,
BROTHER
ZOILO?



BROTHER ZOILO! YOU ALMOST TOOK MY EYE WITH YOUR SHOE!

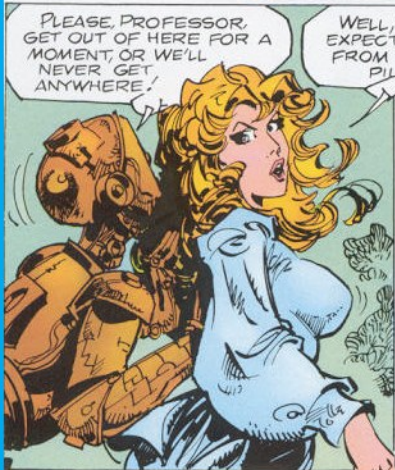
HELP! DON'T LET ME GO NOW!



WHAT A REACTION HE'S HAD...

BUT WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN, BROTHER ZOILO?

...IT WAS... HEAVEN, HEAVEN.



PLEASE, PROFESSOR, GET OUT OF HERE FOR A MOMENT, OR WE'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE!

WELL, WE CAN'T EXPECT MUCH FROM THESE PILGRIMS!



NOW CHANGE TO...

...THE SECOND...

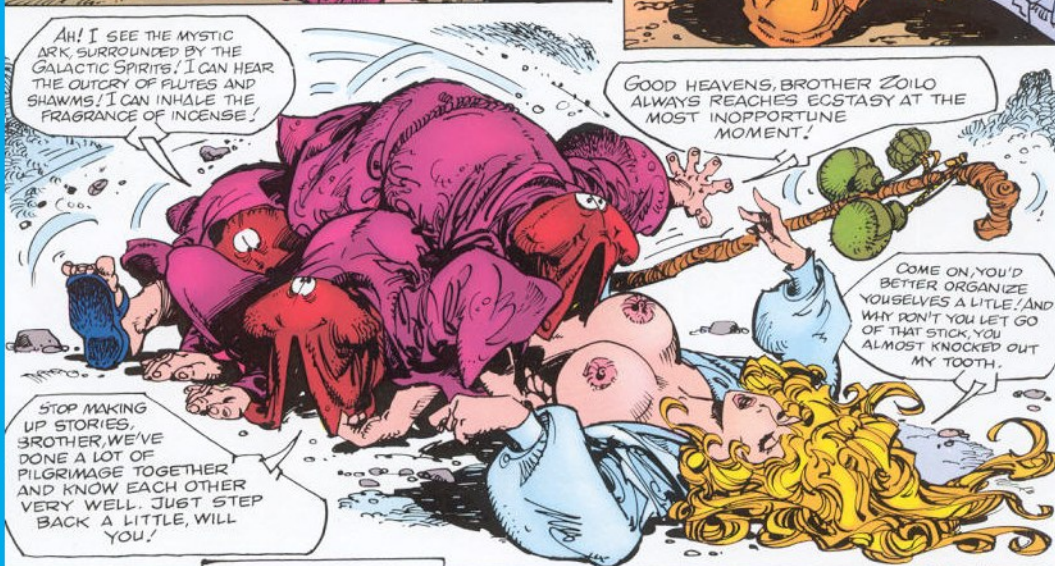
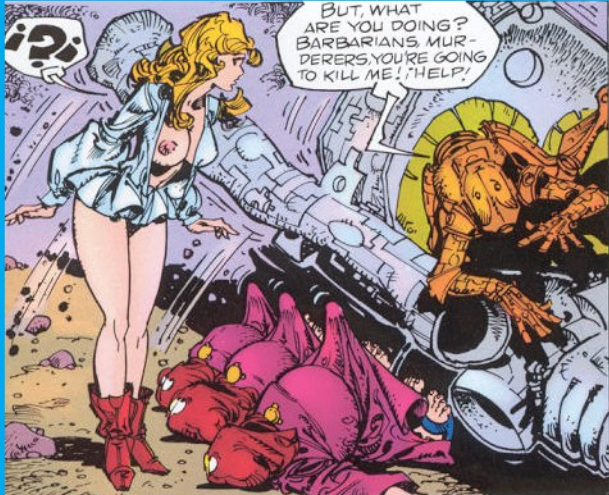
...GEAR.

I'LL SAY IT LOOKS AS IF IT'S WORKING!



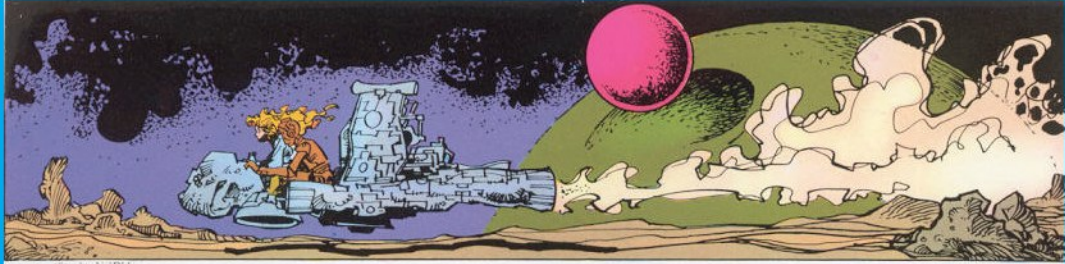
IT'S FIXED, PROFESSOR! COME AND SEE IT!

REALLY? LET'S SEE, LET'S SEE!



SIX HOURS LATER...

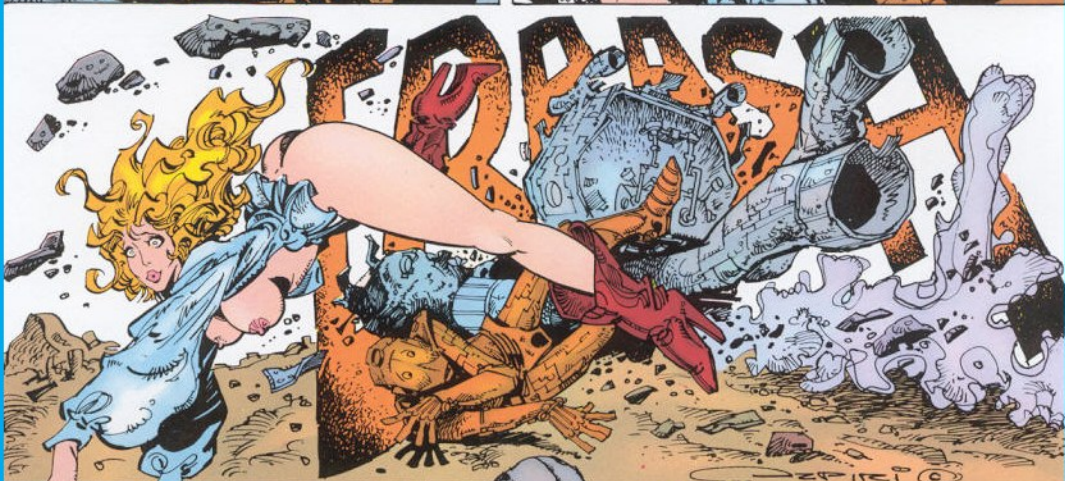




LET ME TAKE THE WHEEL, PROFESSOR. YOU ALWAYS LET YOURSELF BE CARRIED AWAY AS WHEN YOU... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...

WILL YOU PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE, YOU PILE OF TIN! I HAVE NO NEED FOR YOUR ADVICE!

WE'LL CRASH! BE CAREFUL! THE ROCK! THE...



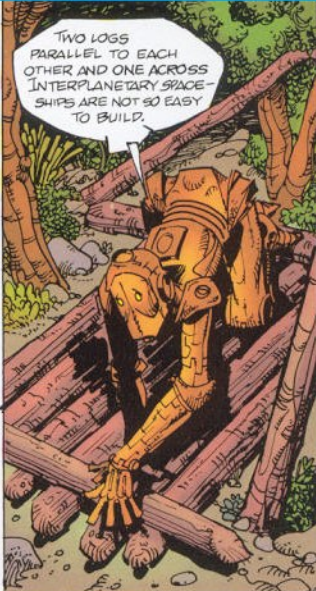
OF COURSE, YOU SEE, THE ONLY ROCK IN THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE! BUT AS SOON AS YOU SAW ITS SHAPE, YOU HAD TO GO FOR IT, AS THOUGH YOU WERE HYPNOTIZED!

YOU ARE RIGHT, MY FRIEND, I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU. I AM SORRY.





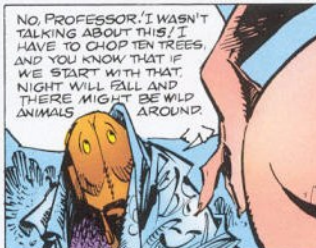
WELL, DON'T WORRY, WE CAN GO ON ALONG THIS RIVER, AS FOR THE VEHICLE, THERE IS NO PILGRIM WHO CAN FIX IT. I'LL BUILD A RAFT.



TWO LOGS PARALLEL TO EACH OTHER AND ONE ACROSS INTERPLANETARY SPACE—SHIPS ARE NOT SO EASY TO BUILD.



OH! WHAT'S THIS?



NO, PROFESSOR, I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THIS! I HAVE TO CHOP TEN TREES, AND YOU KNOW THAT IF WE START WITH THAT, NIGHT WILL FALL AND THERE MIGHT BE WILD ANIMALS AROUND.



YOU HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD ME, I'VE SIMPLY DECIDED TO TAKE A LITTLE SWIN IN THE RIVER.

IN THE RIVER?

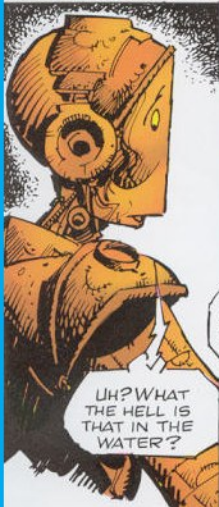


BUT... THAT IS UNWISE! THAT RIVER MAY BE DANGEROUS! NOTHING CAN BE DONE, SHE PAYS ME NO ATTENTION, SHE HAS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE ROCK!



DON'T GRUMBLE SO MUCH,
THERE IS NO DANGER HERE.
THE WATER IS BEAUTIFUL...

ACTUALLY, SHE IS THE ONE
WHO IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL. I'LL
HAVE TO TIGHTEN ALL MY CIR-
CUITS IN ORDER TO STOP LOOKING
AT HER AND GO BACK TO WORK
ON THE RAFT.



UH? WHAT
THE HELL IS
THAT IN THE
WATER?



A HUGE
THROG OF FISH ARE
COMING, PROFESSOR, THEY
COULD BE CARNIVOROUS
PIRANHA. QUICK, SWIM
TOWARDS THE
SHORE.



HURRY UP, GET
OUT OF THE WATER,
THEY ARE ABOUT TO
REACH YOU! TAKE
HOLD OF MY HAND,
QUICK!

I'M COMING...
I'M COMING,
DON'T MAKE ME
NERVOUS!



THEY'VE REACHED
HER! HOW HORRIBLE!
THEY'RE SWALLOWING
HER UP...



I MUST SAVE
HER, OR OTHERWISE,
WE SHALL DIE
TOGETHER, HER
FROM THE FISH, ME
FROM THE OXIDE!



WELL MY WEIGHT HAS
TAKEN ME TO THE BOTTOM
OF THE RIVER, BUT, IT DOESN'T
MATTER, I WILL MOVE FORWARD
WHICHEVER WAY I CAN!
OH, POOR PROFESSOR!

DO YOU ALSO WANT TO SWALLOW ME UP? IT WON'T BE EASY, I'M TOUGHER THAN YOU THINK!

I GOT YOU! AT LEAST YOU WILL PAY FOR ...

... BUT, WHAT'S THIS?

... WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO MY MASTER! I AM GOING TO...!

THE SAME SHAPE AS THE ROCK FROM BEFORE... THEN THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING ELSE...!

FOR THE MOMENT THESE NICE FISH, WITH THEIR VIRILE ASSAULTS, ARE PUSHING US WITH THE STRENGTH OF AN ATOMIC OUTBOARD MOTOR! REMIND ME THAT I MUST GET A PATENT FOR THIS MOTOR.

DAMN IT! AND THIS IS WHY I'VE DIVED INTO THE WATER AND HAVE RUSTED ALL MY JOINTS! I SHOULD HAVE PAID MORE ATTENTION TO THE NATURE OF HER SCREAMS!