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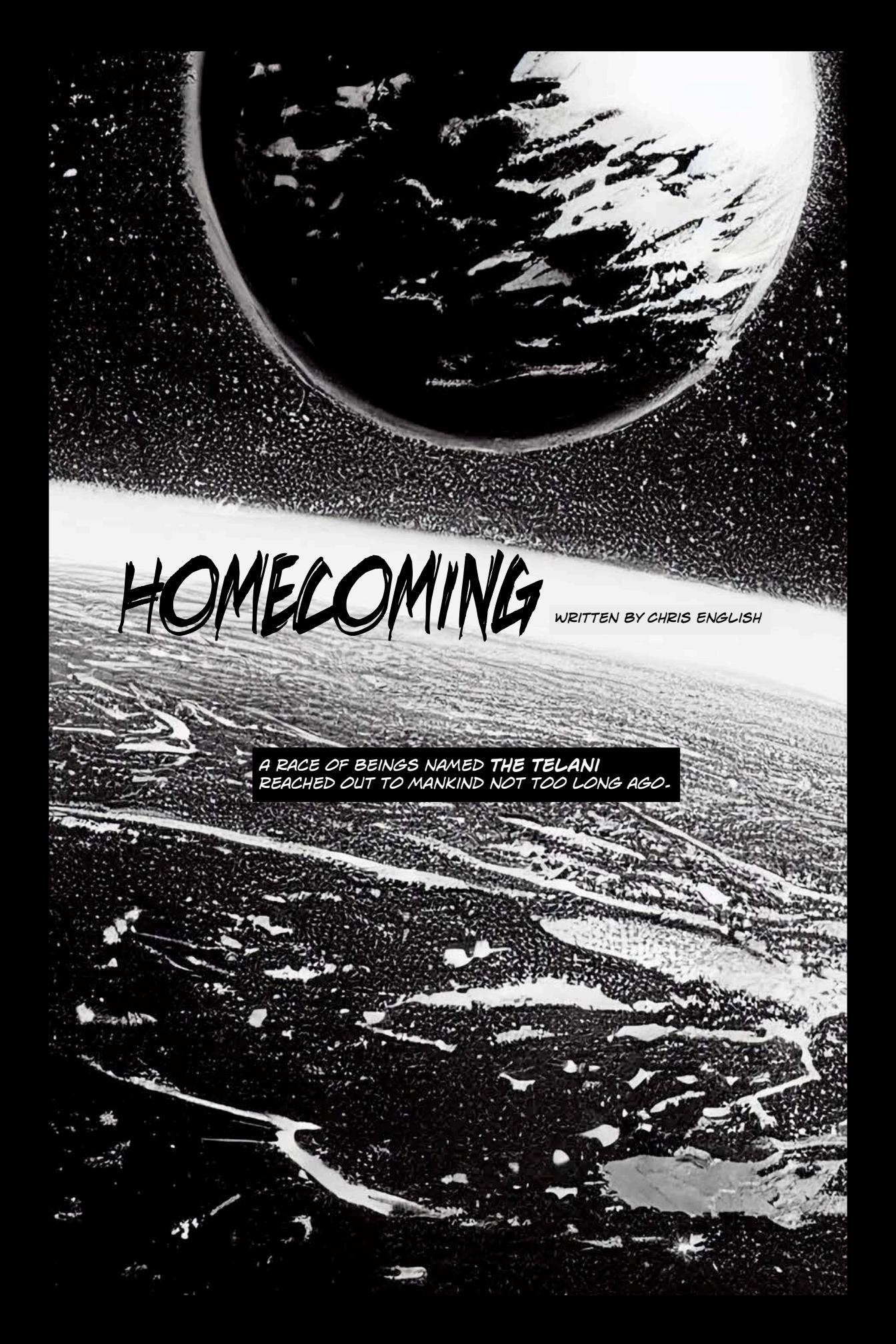


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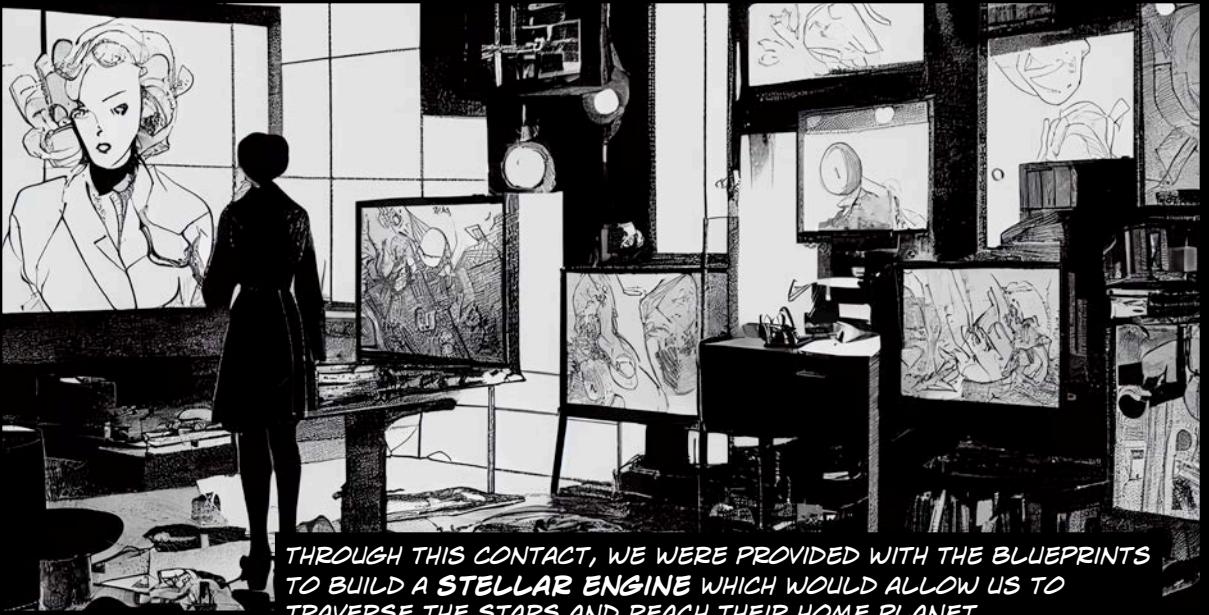
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HOMECOMING

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A RACE OF BEINGS NAMED THE TELANI
REACHED OUT TO MANKIND NOT TOO LONG AGO.



THROUGH THIS CONTACT, WE WERE PROVIDED WITH THE BLUEPRINTS TO BUILD A STELLAR ENGINE WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO TRAVERSE THE STARS AND REACH THEIR HOME PLANET.



ON THE EVE THAT NASA WAS TO LAUNCH IT'S FIRST SPACECRAFT POWERED BY THE STELLAR ENGINE CALLED, THE CONVERGENCE



**...EARTH WAS SURPRISED
ATTACKED BY BEINGS WE'VE
NAMED, THE KANGS!**



**THE NAME IS A REFERENCE TO A MARVEL COMIC BOOK
CHARACTER CALLED, KANG THE CONQUERER.**





AND CONQUER THEY DID!



*UTILIZING SOME UNKNOWN
STEALTH TECHNOLOGY...*

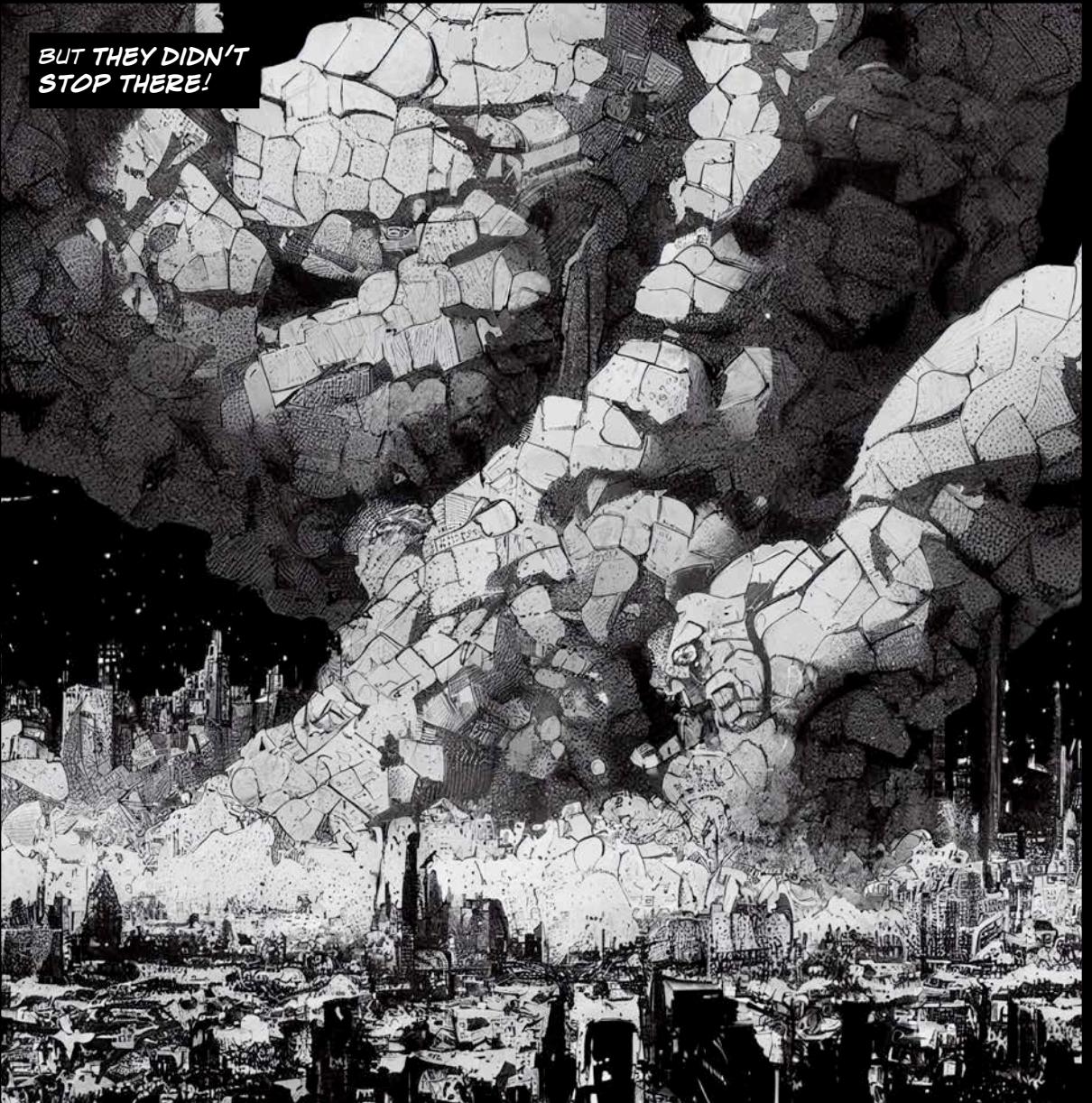


*...THEY WERE ABLE TO INVADE
OUR PLANET UNDETECTED...*

...AND WIPE OUT THE
MAJORITY OF EARTH'S ARMED
FORCES WITHIN 24 HOURS.



**BUT THEY DIDN'T
STOP THERE!**



THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO
DECIMATE AS MANY POPULATION
CENTERS AS THE COULD!

AND LIKE
OTHERS...



...I LOST
EVERYTHING
I HELD DEAR!



*DETERMINED NOT TO
LET THOSE WHO
PERISHED DIE IN VAIN...*

*...WITH THE HELP OF THE
REMAINING NASA TECHS, WE
WERE ABLE TO MODIFY AND
LAUNCH AN OLD ROCKET WITH
THE TECHNOLOGY
GARNERED FROM THE
CONVERGENCE.*



AND SOMEHOW, I WAS
ABLE TO GET PAST THE
KING'S ORBITING SHIPS
AND MAKE IT INTO
HYPERSPACE.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT
WAS AN OVERSIGHT...



OR THEY JUST DIDN'T FEEL
THAT I WARRANTED ENOUGH
OF A THREAT TO REACT.

WHATEVER THE REASON, IT'S
BEEN 4 YEARS SINCE I LAST SET
FOOT ON MY HOME PLANET.



BUT I'M BACK NOW
MOTHERFUCKERS!



AND I'VE BROUGHT SOME
FRIENDS WITH ME!

END

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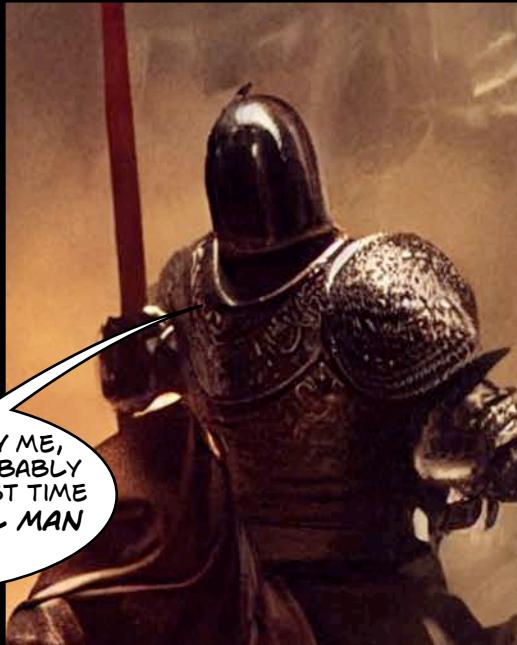
I SO SWEAR ON MY FAMILY CREST, THAT IT WILL BE "I", SIR GARNETT...



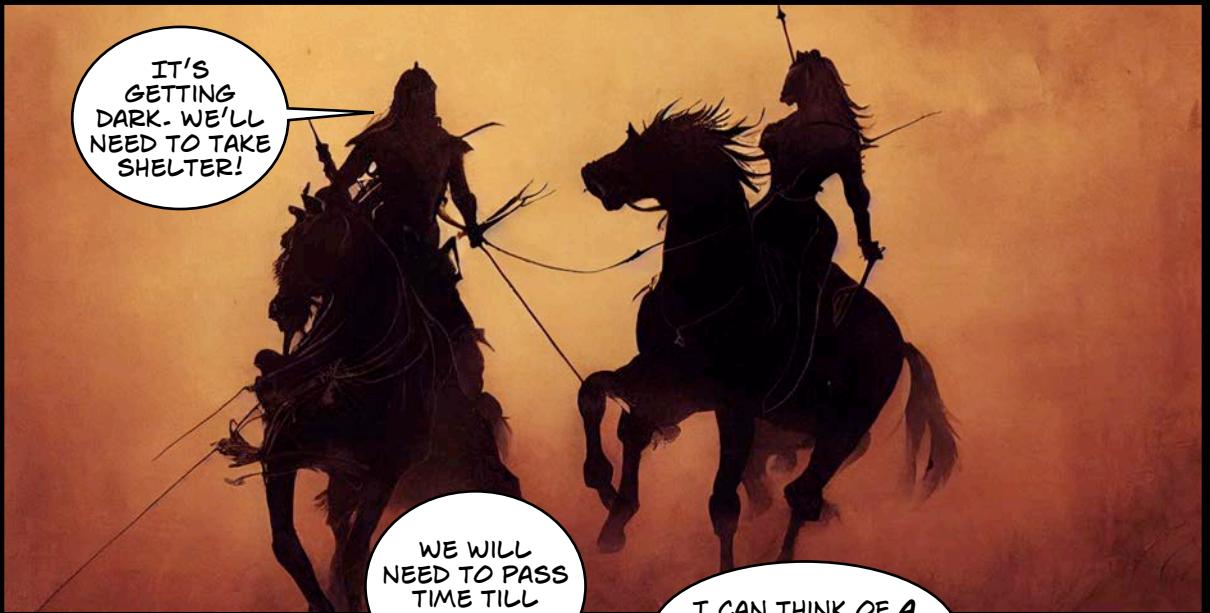
...WHO WILL PUT AN END TO THAT TROLL THAT HAS BEEN PLAGUE ON THIS TOWN!



SIR GANETT, I WOULD LOVE THE PRIVILEGE OF ACCOMPANYING YOU!



YOU MAY ACCOMPANY ME, WENCH! IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME THAT YOU SEE A REAL MAN IN ACTION!



IT'S GETTING DARK. WE'LL NEED TO TAKE SHELTER!

WE WILL NEED TO PASS TIME TILL MORNING.

I CAN THINK OF A FEW WAYS TO PASS TIME!



PREPARE FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF MAKING LOVE TO A REAL MAN!



**DAMN! UM...
THIS HAS NEVER
HAPPENED
BEFORE. I'M
SORRY!**

- SIGH -



MORNING.



HEY! UH. GOOD MORNING!
CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

CAN WE NOT MENTION WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?



TRUST ME, I'LL NEVER MENTION LAST NIGHT!



BUT NEITHER WILL YOU!



YOU SEE IT WASN'T
SOME TROLL KILLING THE
MEN OF THIS VILLAGE. IT
WAS ME!



CURSED BY A
JEALOUS EX-
BOYFRIEND WARLOCK
TO KILL ANY MAN WHO
CAN'T SEXUALLY
SATISFY ME!

AND AFTER LAST
NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE,
YOU CAN BE SURE THAT YOUR
PAIN IS DEFINITELY GOING TO
LAST A LOT LONGER
THAN YOU DID!

END

WHEN THE GROB SHIPS
APPEARED IN THE EARTH'S
ATMOSPHERE...



---HUMANITY DID WHAT
THEY ALWAYS DID IN THE
FACE OF THE UNKNOWN---

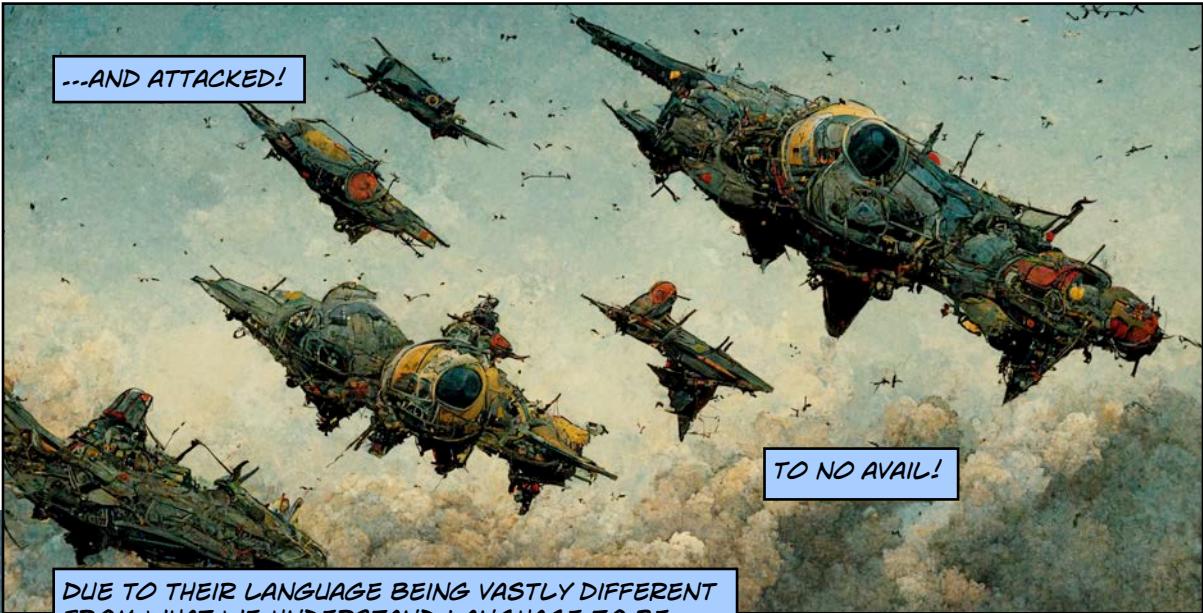
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---THEY FEARED---





---AND ATTACKED!

TO NO AVAIL!

DUE TO THEIR LANGUAGE BEING VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE TO BE...



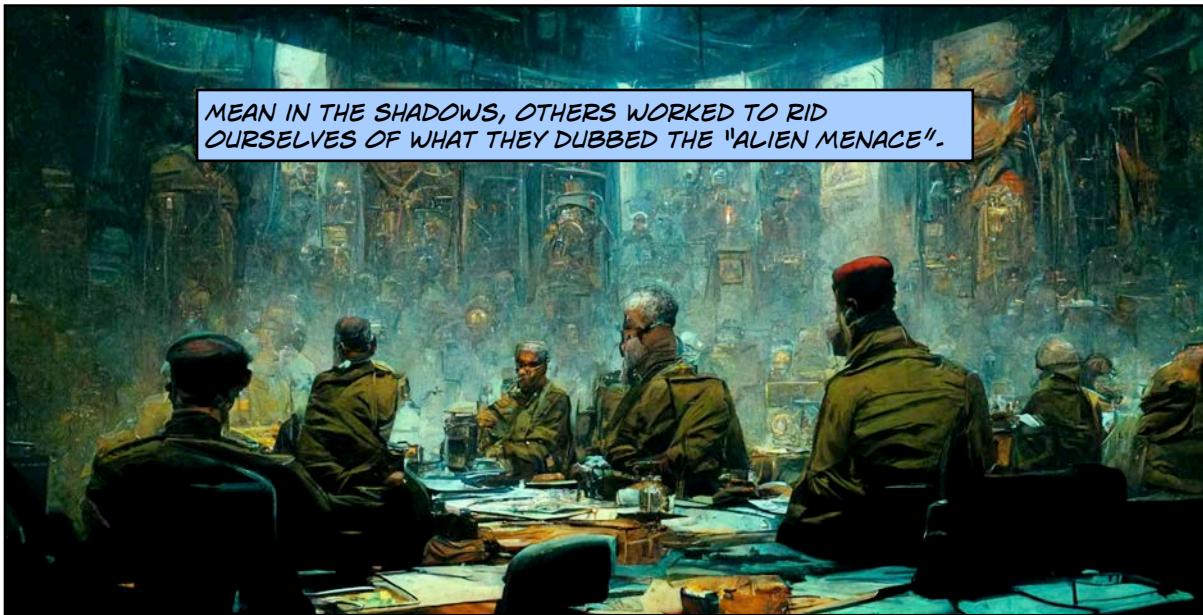
---WE WEREN'T ABLE TO COMMUNICATE AND COMPREHEND THEIR MOTIVES.

FOR 10 YEARS THEIR SHIPS SIMPLY HOVERED IN OUR ATMOSPHERE OVER OUR CITIES...



---WHILE SCIENTIST AND LINGUISTS WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO OVERCOME THE COMMUNICATION BARRIER.

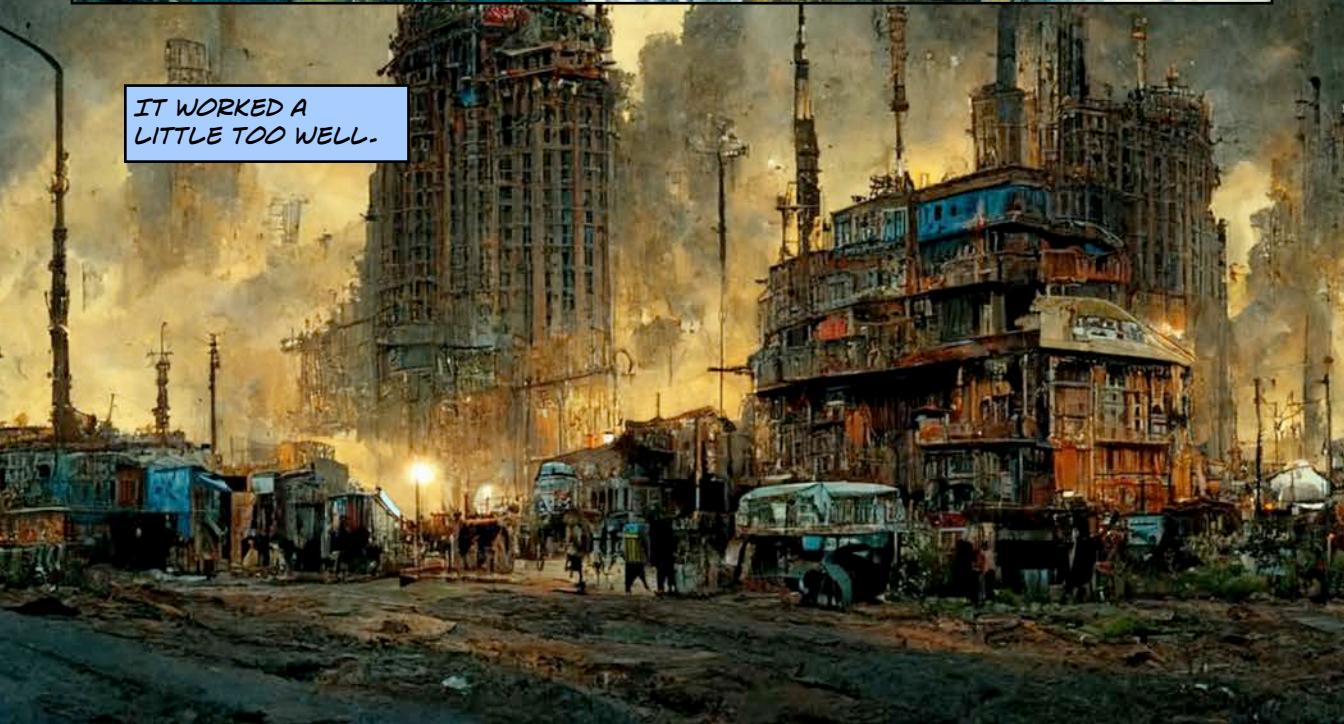
MEAN IN THE SHADOWS, OTHERS WORKED TO RID OURSELVES OF WHAT THEY DUBBED THE "ALIEN MENACE".



ONE MAN IN PARTICULAR, ELI JOHNSON, GOT AHOLD OF SOME ALIEN DNA AND CREATED A PATHOGEN TO ELIMINATE THEM.



IT WORKED A LITTLE TOO WELL.





NOT ONLY DID IT
WIPE OUT MOST OF
THE ALIENS...



BUT IT ALSO TOOK
DOWN 85% OF THE
EARTH'S HUMAN
POPULATION AS WELL.



WHAT WE DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND WAS,
THESE ALIENS
WERE SEEDERS!



THEY WERE THE
ONES RESPONSIBLE
FOR LIFE ON EARTH
IN THE FIRST PLACE.



OUR DNA IS DIRECTLY
TIED TO THEIRS.



YOU SEE, ABOUT A MONTH AGO THE FINAL REMAINS GROSS AND HUMANS FINALLY BROKE THROUGH THE LANGUAGE BARRIER.

AND THEY WERE ABLE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO US.

THEY WEREN'T HERE TO ATTACK US, BUT SIMPLY TO SEE HOW FAR WE HAD COME AND IF WE WERE READY TO TAKE OUR PLACE IN THE STARS!

I GUESS WE WEREN'T!

I'D BEEN TASKED TO ACQUIRE A PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY FROM ONE OF THE SHIPS THAT CRASHED...

...AND GO BACK IN TIME AND KILL ELI JOHNSON BEFORE HE CREATES THE VIRUS THAT WILL LEAD US ALL TO RUIN!



THE REAL QUESTION IS, CAN I DO IT?



CAN I KILL THIS CHILD IN COLD BLOOD?



CAN I MURDER... MY OWN SON???



END



FRISCO SAN CITY. A CITY
SHROUDED IN ENDLESS NIGHT
DUE TO PLANETARY ORBIT.

FROM THE AIR ITS BEAUTIFUL. "A BEACON
OF A FUTURE TO COME" IS WHAT THE
POLITICAL PROPAGANDIST LABEL IT.

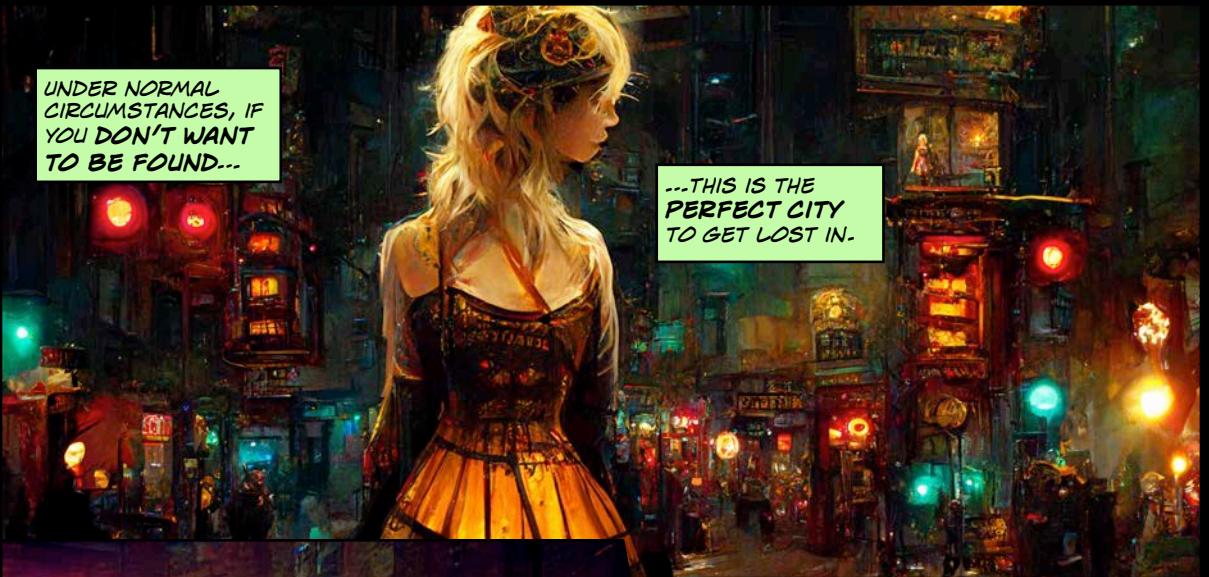
TO ME, IT'S JUST...

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LIKE ALL CITIES, THERE'S A DARK UNDER BELLY RARELY SEEN BY THE MASSES.



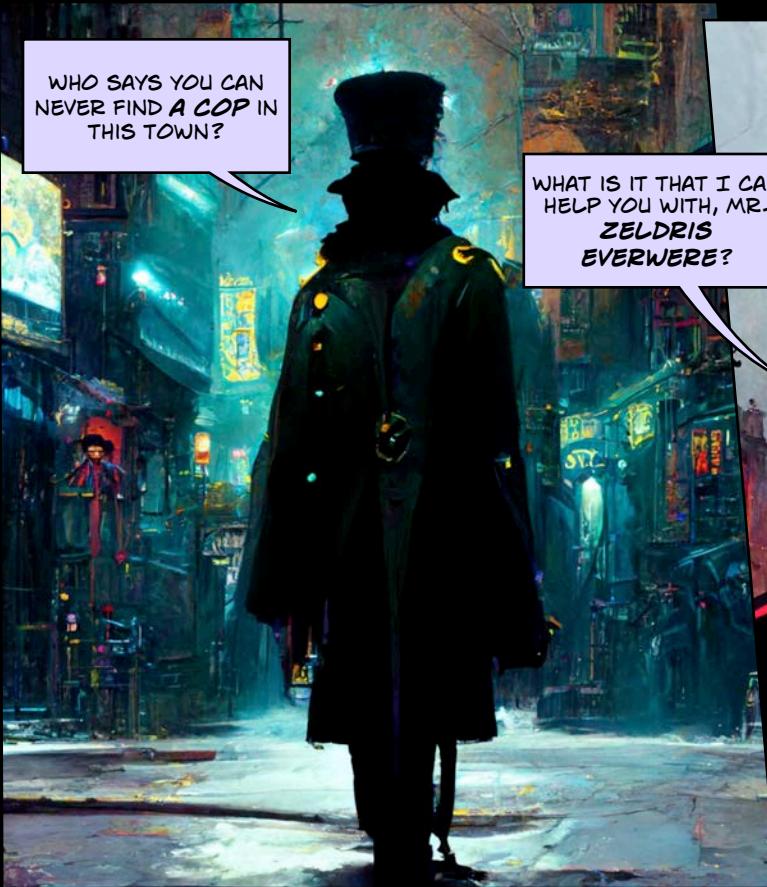
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE FOUND...

...THIS IS THE PERFECT CITY TO GET LOST IN.



BUT THESE AREN'T NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

HEY, MALFAR! WE NEED TO TALK!



WHO SAYS YOU CAN NEVER FIND A COP IN THIS TOWN?

WHAT IS IT THAT I CAN HELP YOU WITH, MR. ZELDRIS EVERWERE?



YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHY I'M HERE, MALFAR!

I CAN MOST HUMBLY ASSURE YOU THAT I DO NOT!

SOMEONE HAS BEEN FLOODING THE CITY WITH RIPPER.

TWO KIDS DIED LAST NIGHT BECAUSE OF IT.



DO I STRIKE YOU AS SOME SORT OF PETTY DRUG DEALER?





LOOK, WE COULD
CIRCLE JERK OUR
DICKS TILL THE SKIN
COMES OFF



OR YOU CAN JUST TELL
ME WHAT I WANT TO
KNOW!

WHAT?



WHAT?



UM... YEA! I THINK THAT'S ALL THE CONVERSATION I'M UP FOR
TONIGHT. IT'S GETTING LATE AND I MUST RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT.
I'LL HAVE MY LAWYER CONTACT AND YOU CAN **RUB HIS DICK** OR
WHATEVER IT WAS YOU SAID. I BID YOU ADIEU!



I GOTTA STOP
SAYING SHIT LIKE
THAT!

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MEET DETECTIVE ZELDRIS EVERWERE. IF YOU LOOK UP "TOXIC MALE" IN THE DICTIONARY HIS PHOTO WILL APPEAR NEXT TO THE DESCRIPTION. HE'S UNAPOLOGETICALLY RAW AND HILARIOUS AT THE SAME TIME. NOT FOR THE "WOKE" AT HEART.