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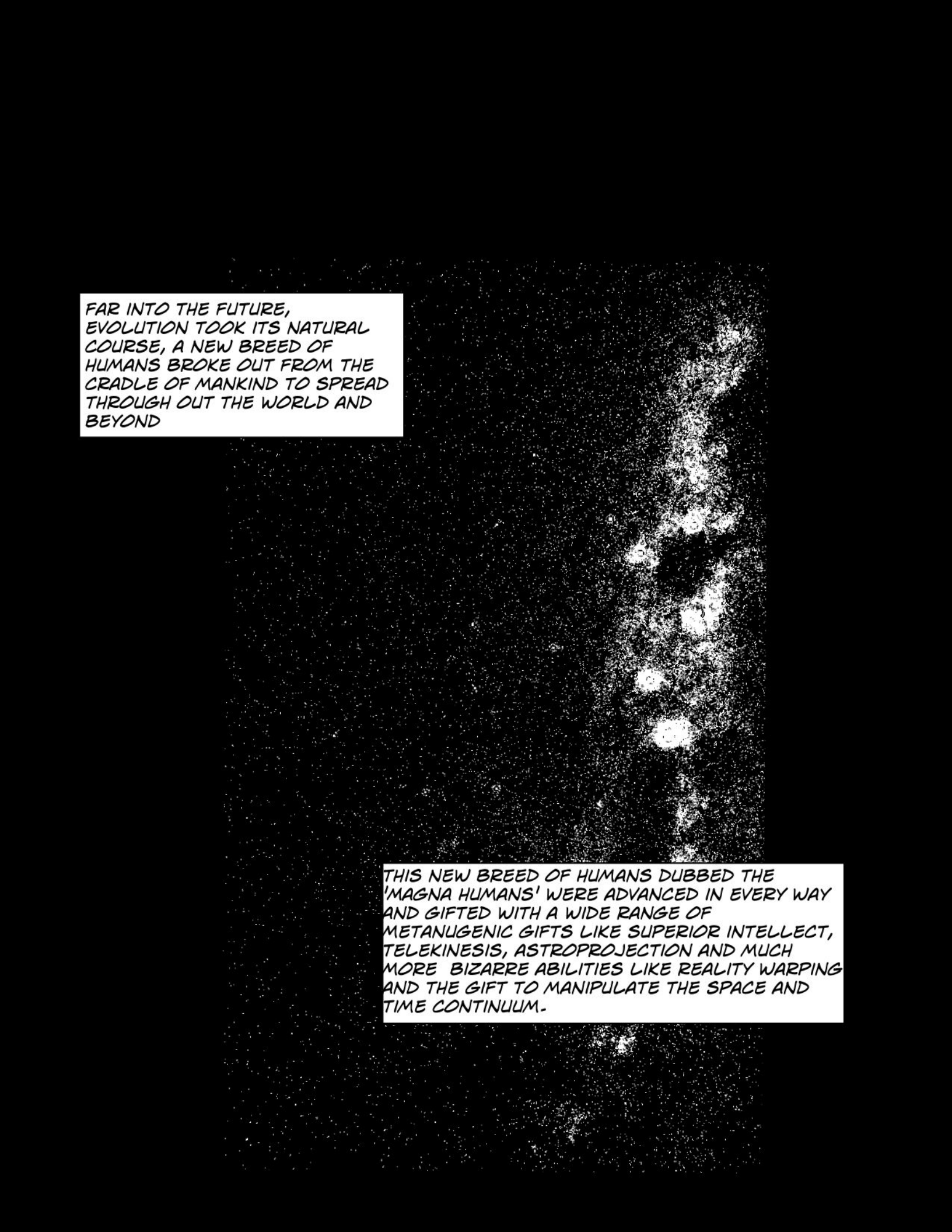




**VOL 1:  
MERE  
PAWNS**

**STORY &  
ART BY**

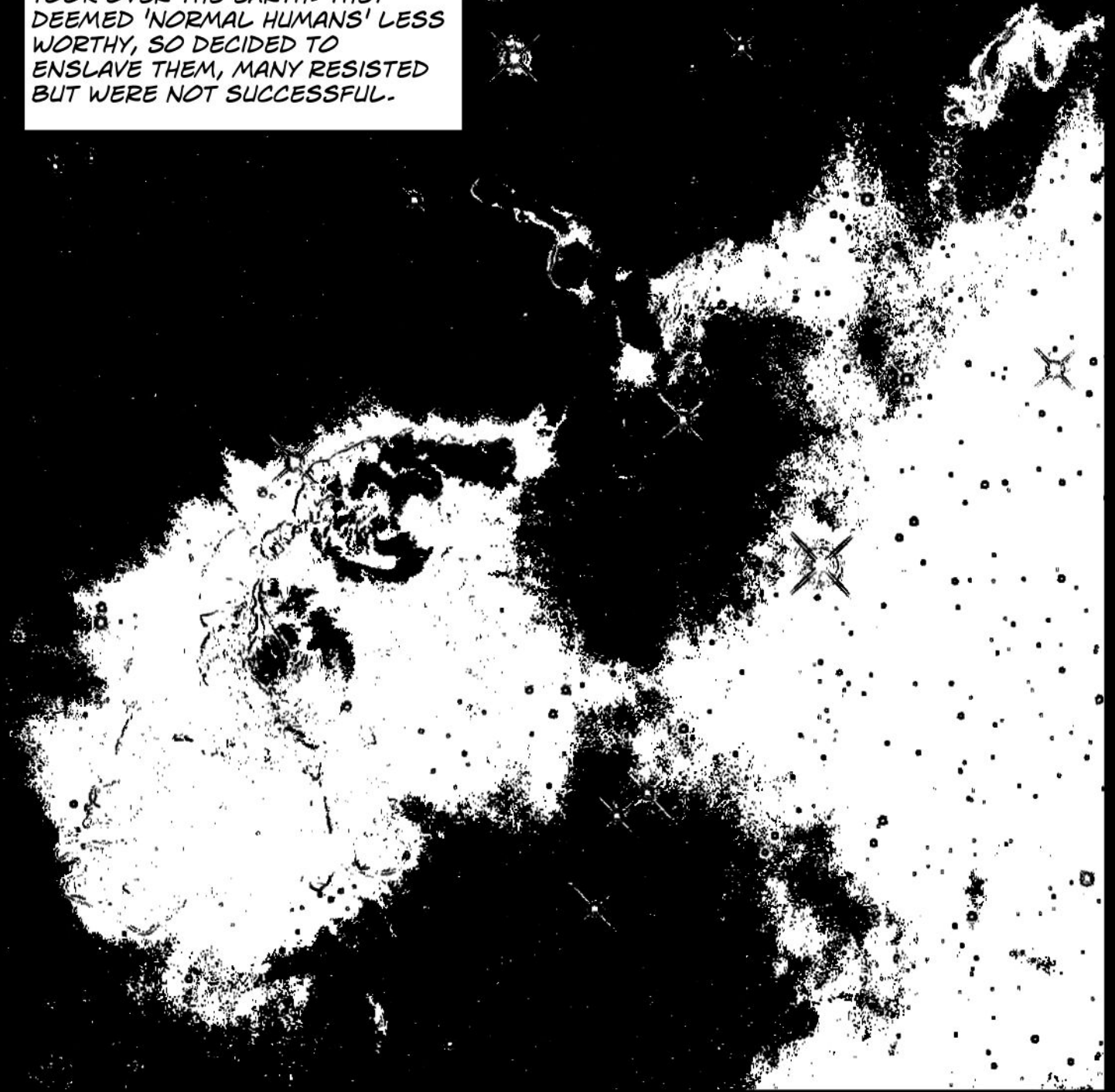
**MATSUZAKI  
HAYATO**



FAR INTO THE FUTURE,  
EVOLUTION TOOK ITS NATURAL  
COURSE, A NEW BREED OF  
HUMANS BROKE OUT FROM THE  
CRADLE OF MANKIND TO SPREAD  
THROUGH OUT THE WORLD AND  
BEYOND

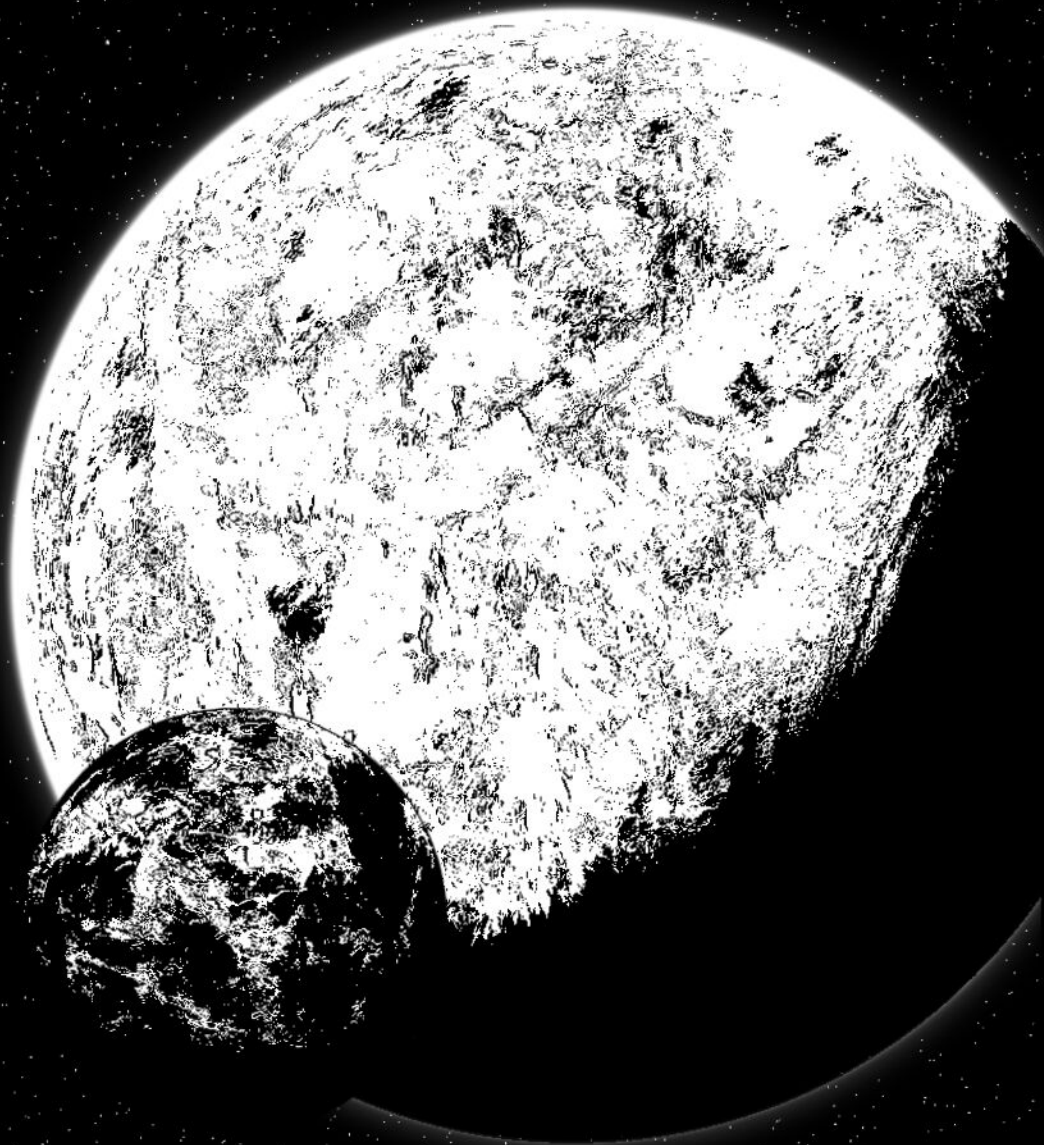
THIS NEW BREED OF HUMANS DUBBED THE  
'MAGNA HUMANS' WERE ADVANCED IN EVERY WAY  
AND GIFTED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF  
METANUGENIC GIFTS LIKE SUPERIOR INTELLECT,  
TELEKINESIS, ASTROPROJECTION AND MUCH  
MORE BIZARRE ABILITIES LIKE REALITY WARPING  
AND THE GIFT TO MANIPULATE THE SPACE AND  
TIME CONTINUUM.

UNFORTUNATELY WITH GREAT  
POWER CAME GREAT  
IRRESPONSIBILITY, MANY YEARS  
INTO THE FUTURE THE 'MAGNA  
HUMANS' GREW IN NUMBERS AND  
TOOK OVER THE EARTH. THEY  
DEEMED 'NORMAL HUMANS' LESS  
WORTHY, SO DECIDED TO  
ENSLAVE THEM, MANY RESISTED  
BUT WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.





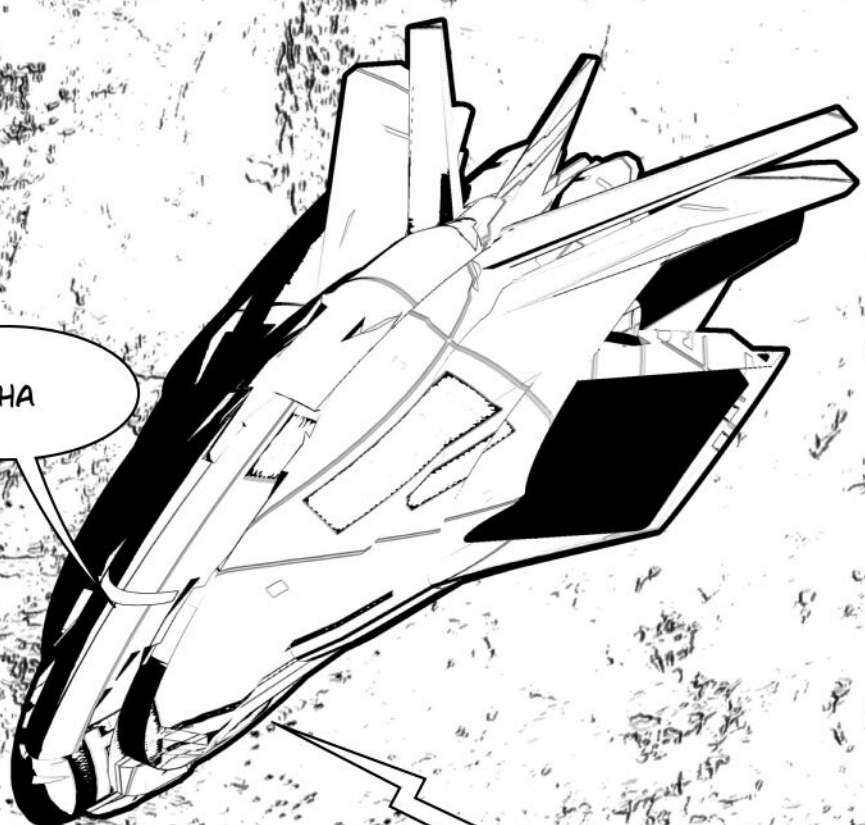
AN UPRISING GREW AND A SMALL GROUP OF HUMANS CALLING THEMSELVES THE 'DELTA DIVIDE' DECIDED TO GO BACK TO THE PAST TO DESTROY ANY HUMAN THAT HAD THE SIGNS OR THE CARRIERS OF THE MAGNA HUMAN, TO STOP THEIR GROWTH BEFORE THEY BECOME A DICTATORSHIP THAT THE WORLD GOT TO KNOW AND FEAR.



THIS IS THE STORY OF A  
ONE OF THE VERY FEW  
MAGNA HUMANS THAT  
HIDE AMONG NORMAL  
MEN, IN AGONY AS THEY  
SECRETLY KEEP THEIR  
ABILITIES FROM PLAIN  
SIGHT TO AVOID BEING  
CALLED AN OUTCAST  
OR EVEN WORSE GET  
THE CHILLING WRATH  
OF THE SIGMA DIVIDE.

AHA

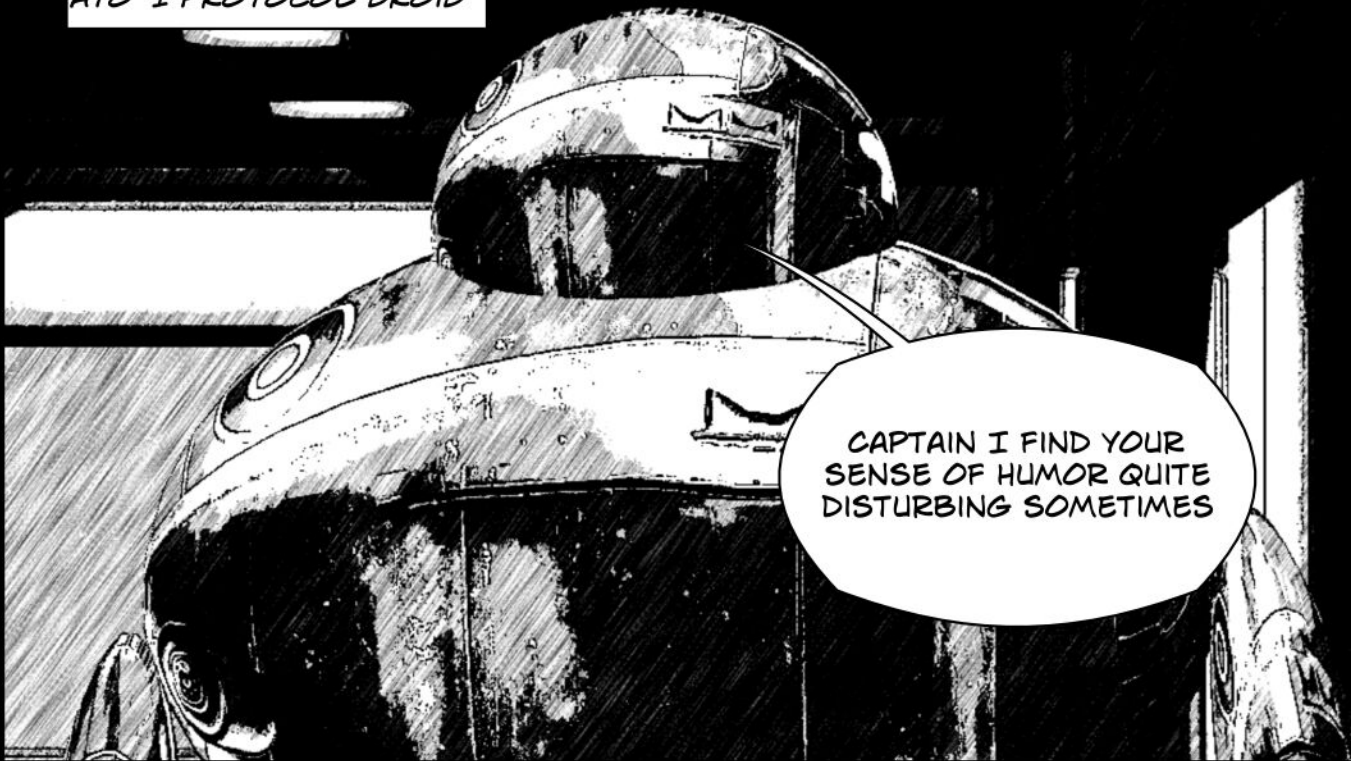
WHAT?!!





MAKE YOUR MOVE  
SCUM BAG!!!!

ATO-1 PROTOCOL DROID



CAPTAIN I FIND YOUR  
SENSE OF HUMOR QUITE  
DISTURBING SOMETIMES

SERIOUSELY!

PFT!HAHA  
HAHAH

HE  
HE YOU  
SHOULD HAVE  
SEEN YOUR  
FACE

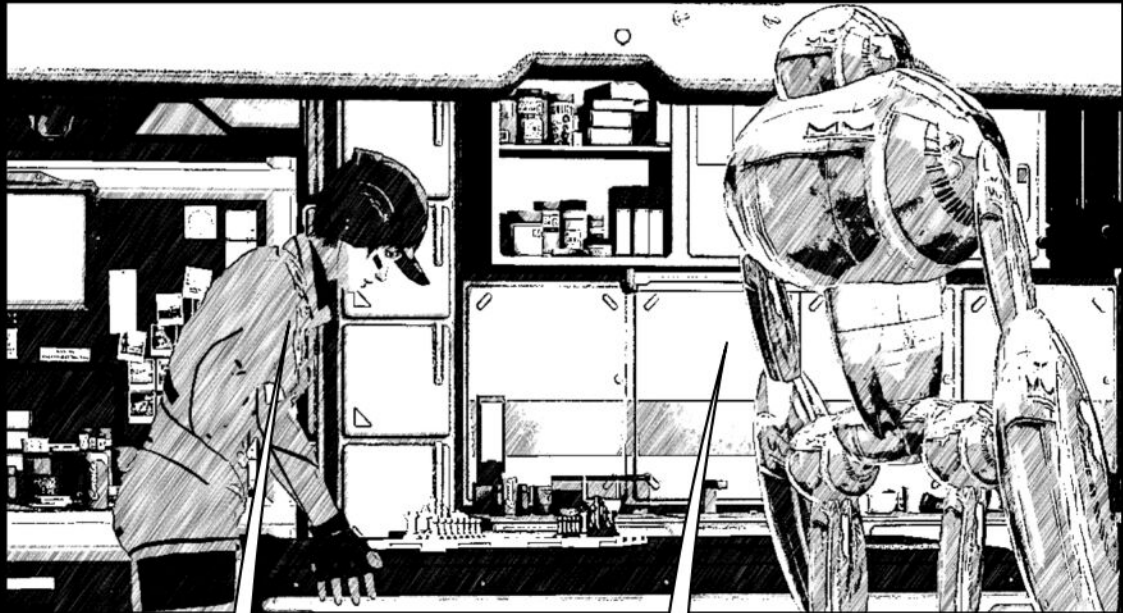
HAHA VERY  
FUNNY... YOU DO  
KNOW WHITE STARTS  
FIRST IN CHESS  
RIGHT





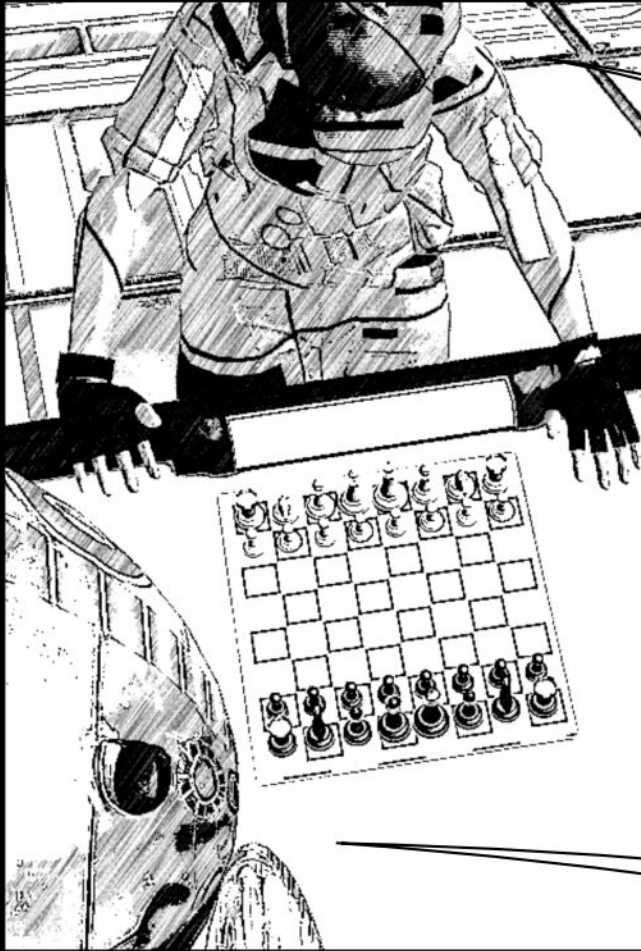
PFFT  
DHAAA!

CAPTAIN MIKA OMICRON OF THE  
SS ICARUS CARGO SPACE SHIP



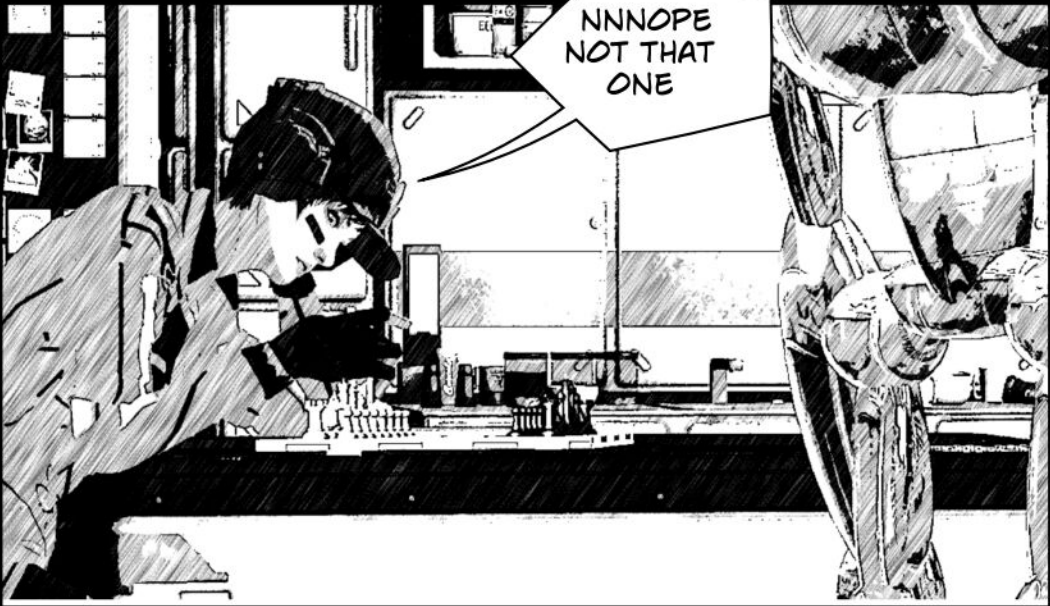
OK NOW  
WHERE WERE  
WE?

THE  
BEGINING

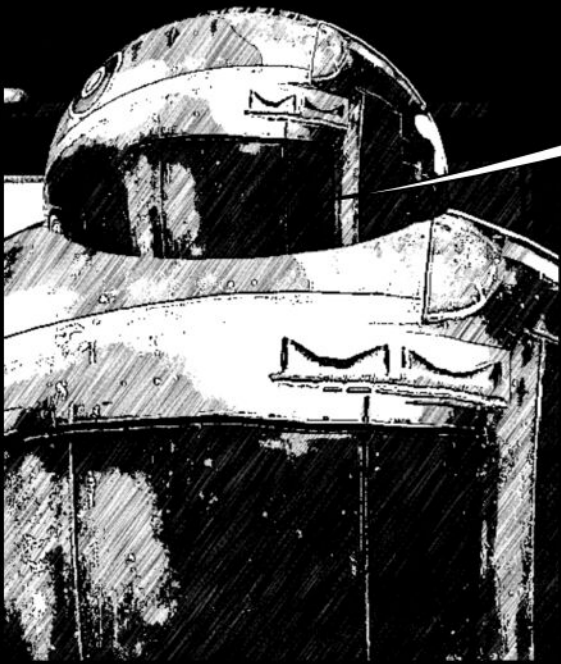


HMMM!

HMM  
INDEED!



NNNOPE  
NOT THAT  
ONE



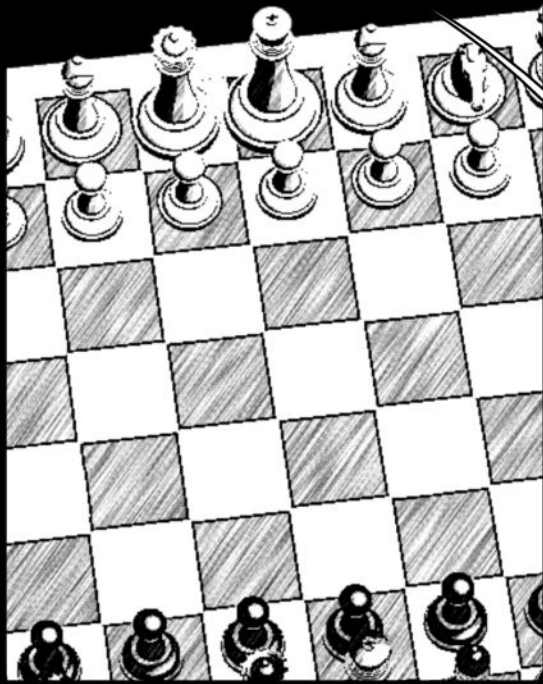
WOULD IT  
HELP IF I GOT  
INTO YOUR  
BRAIN AND  
PUSHED?



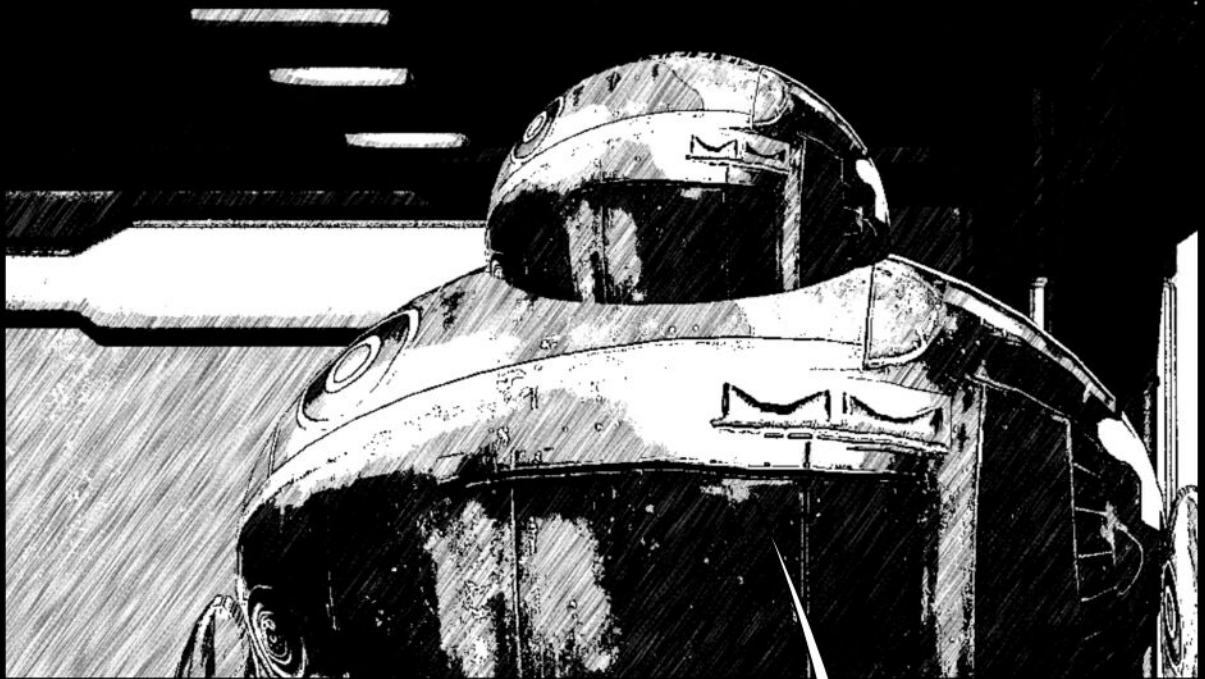
SHURRUP ATO,  
CAN'T A BRILLIANT  
MIND THINK?



WELL,  
BRILLIANT ISN'T  
EXACTLY THE  
WORDS ID USE.



YOUR SMACK TALK  
WON'T HELP YOU, YOU  
GONNA LOOSE!



IF WISHES  
WERE HORSES



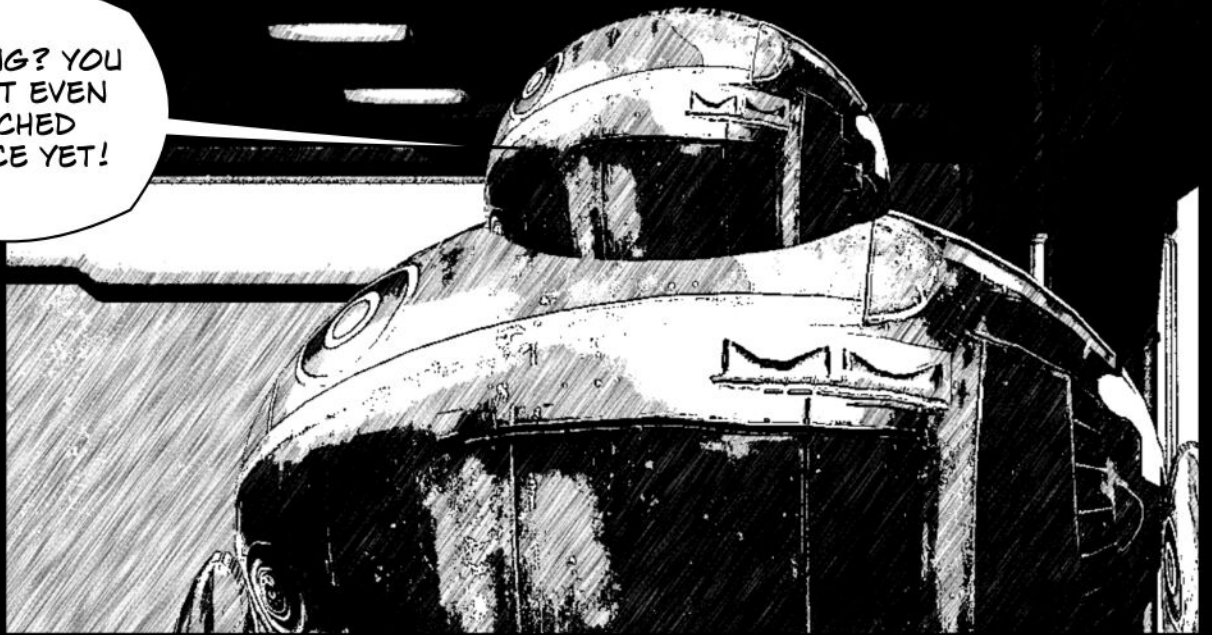
**PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW**



AH MEN!, JUST  
BEFORE I STARTED  
WINNING!

**PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW**

WINNING? YOU  
HAVN'T EVEN  
TOUCHED  
A PIECE YET!



**PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW,PIEW**

**PIEW, PIEW, PIEW, PIEW, PIEW, PIEW**

MR  
RUST BUCKET  
YOU HAVE JUST  
ESCAPED MY  
WRATH!



**PIEW, PIEW, PIEW, PIEW, PIEW, PIEW**



COME ATO,  
LETS GO FIND  
OUT WHAT THE  
HOLLA BALOO  
IS ABOUT!  
I'L KICK YOUR ASS  
LATER

BLAH, BLAH,  
BLAH!!!



PZZZCHIUWWW  
HELLO...PZZZCHIU  
WWW

HELLO!... CAN  
ANYONE HERE ME?

IT SEEMS TO BE  
A DISTRESS  
SIGNAL CAPTAIN

PUT IT  
ON THE MAIN  
SPEAKERS  
ICARUS



HELLO THIS IS  
CAPTAIN MIKA OF THE  
SS ICARUS...

SIR WHATS  
EVERYWHERE YOUR  
BREAKING UP?

PLEASE  
HELP US PLEASE!  
THEY'RE  
EVERYWHERE  
MY LOCATION IS ZX-5  
BETA 8275 HELP US  
PZZZSSHHIUW!



HUNDREDS..  
PZIIIIUWW!

ICARUS YOUR  
GETTING A  
READING?

THE REGAL ALPHA,  
LARGE SCIENCE  
FRIGATE,  
CO-ORDINATES ZX-5  
BETA 8275



SIR WE ARE ON  
OUR WAY JUST  
HANG IN THERE...

HURRYYY  
COUGH! COUGH!  
PLEASE! THE  
PZIUUUWW!  
ARE COMING!  
THURRY..PZZIUUW  
WW!!! HELPP!  
AAARGH

SIR!..SIR!



SITUATIONS  
SEEMS DIRE HE  
SEEMS TO HAVE  
BEEN ATTACKED  
BY SOMEONE

OR  
SOME-THING



AWAITING YOUR  
NAVIGATION  
INSTRUCTIONS



ZX-5 BETA  
8275  
HMM

ICARUS PLEASE  
PUNCH IN  
CO-ORDINATES  
4350 - 2347 -  
OMICRON 008354  
AND STEP ON IT

AFFIRMATIVE!



YIKES A MISSION!

ATO I'L KICK YOUR ASS, WHEN WE GET BACK

HIGHLY UNLIKELY

TA-DAH!  
WE'RE HERE!




I MUST ADMIT  
CAPTAIN, YOU'VE  
GOT YOUR  
SPACE NAVIGATION  
CHARTS DOWN TO A  
TEE!



COZ THATS  
HOW I ROLL TIN  
CAN---BUT?!!!






!?!

I DIDN'T  
EXPECT AN  
ASTEROID FIELD  
ICARUS!... YOU  
GOT THIS?

I HAVE IT UNDER  
CONTROL CAPTAIN!



ICARUS  
YOU KNOW I WOULD  
HAVE EASILY CLEARED A  
PATH FOR YOU!  
YOUR SUCH A SHOW  
OFF

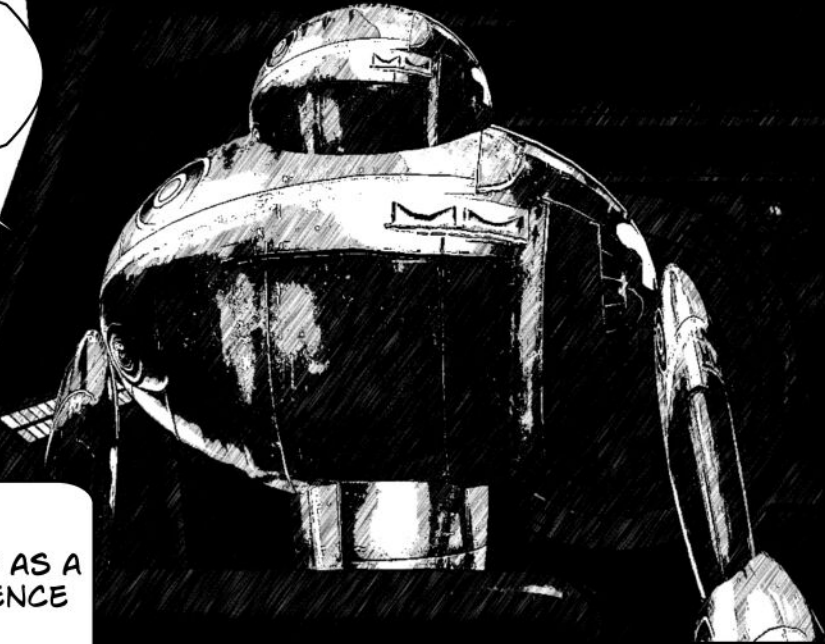
NO WORRIES CAPTAIN!  
I'M TRAINED IN SUCH  
MANEUVERS!



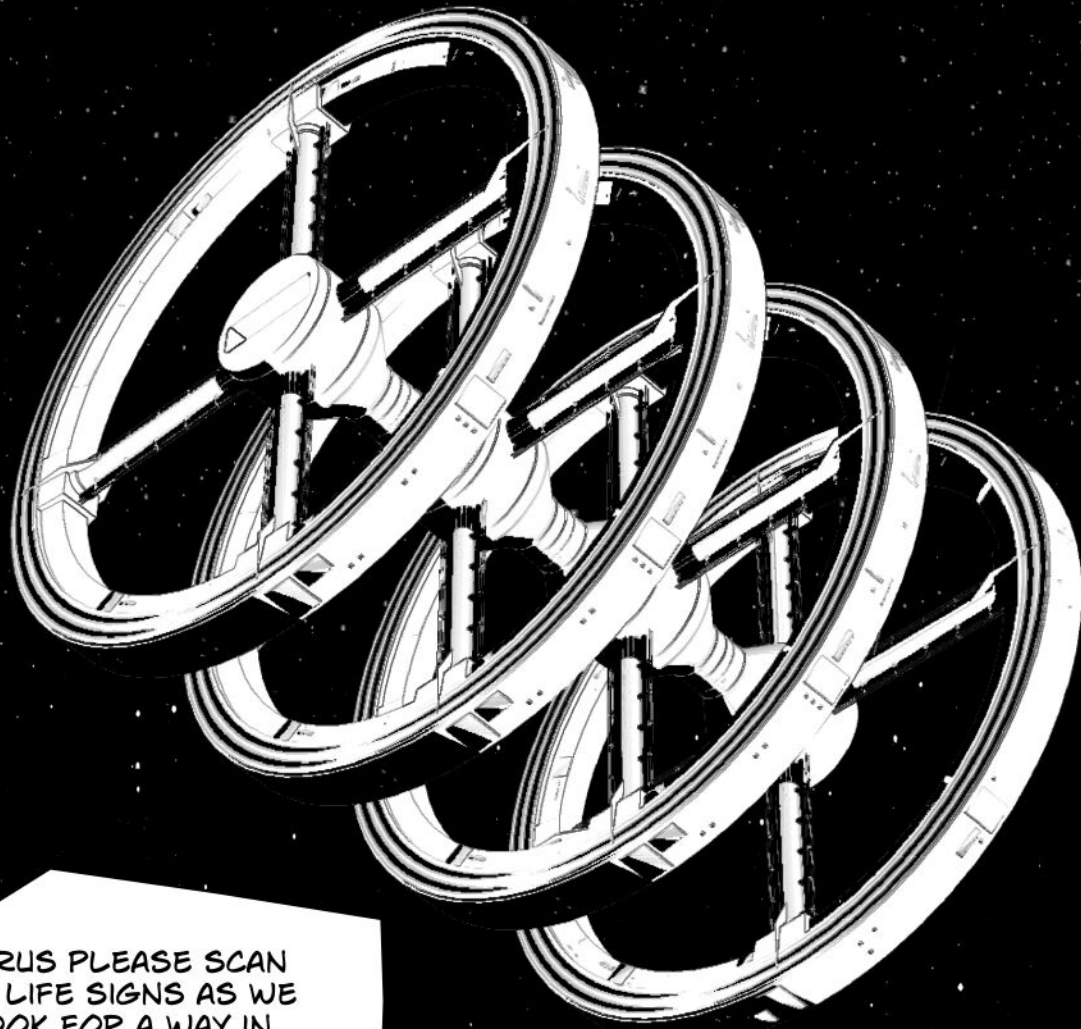
THERE YOU GO  
CAPTAIN!

SPLENDID  
WORK ICARUS

THERE'S THE  
REGAL UP  
AHEAD!



IT'S CLASSIFIED AS A  
CLASS 'A' SCIENCE  
VESSEL



ICARUS PLEASE SCAN  
FOR LIFE SIGNS AS WE  
LOOK FOR A WAY IN



QUITE  
IMPRESSIVE,  
IT HAS ITS  
OWN IN BUILT  
HYPERDRIVE

AFFIRMATIVE  
CAPTAIN!





ANY  
ONE GOT  
ANYTHING?

THERE SEEMS TO BE  
JUST ONE LIFE SIGN, I  
CAN'T SEEM TO DETECT  
ANYTHING ELSE



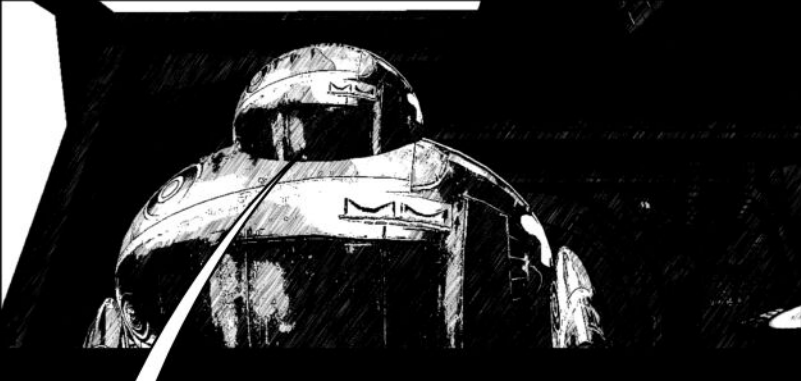
AND WE GOT A  
DOCKING BAY AS  
WELL



CAPTAIN,  
SOMETHING ABOUT  
THIS JUST FEELS OFF,  
IF I MUST SAY!




YOU AND  
ME BOTH ATO,  
ICARUS PUT HER  
DOWN THERE



HIM...  
ICARUS IS A  
HIM

TOMAYTO  
TOMATO, ICARUS  
DOESN'T CATCH  
FEELING LIKE YOU  
RUSTY, DO YOU  
ICARUS?





NEGATIVE  
CAPTAIN, AS I  
HAVE NO ARMS I  
CANNOT CATCH  
ANYTHING

EXACTLY! NOW  
WE AREN'T STAYING  
ANY SECOND LONGER  
THAN WE HAVE TO, ITS A  
QUICK AND DIRTY, ICARUS  
YOU'LL BE OUR EYES AND  
EARS

ATO YOUR  
COMING WITH  
ME, SHOOT  
ANYTHING THAT  
DOESN'T KNOW  
ZPAC OR ELVIS



ARTISTS  
CAPTAIN?!!

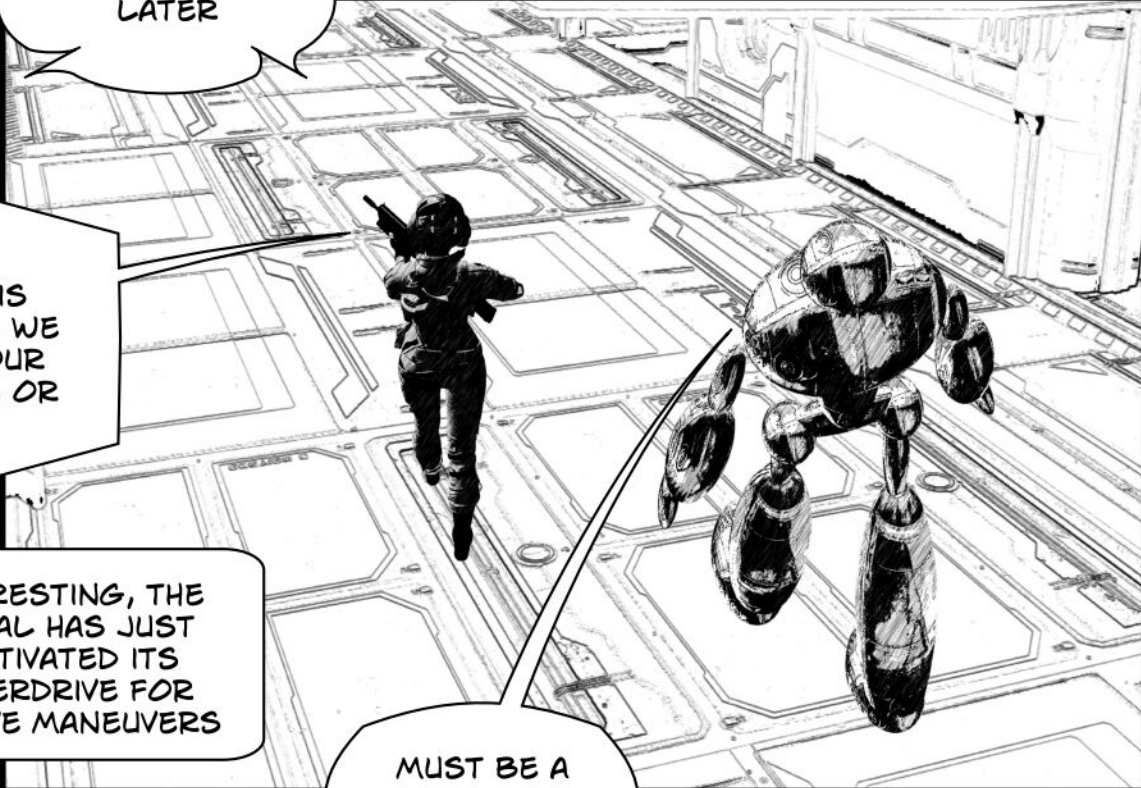
CRITTERS  
ATO, JUST  
SHOOT ANY  
SPOOKY  
CRITTERS

MOMENTS  
LATER

WE'VE  
GONE  
THROUGH THIS  
PLACE ICARUS, WE  
CAN'T FIND YOUR  
SOS PERSON, OR  
ANYTHING

INTERESTING, THE  
REGAL HAS JUST  
ACTIVATED ITS  
HYPERDRIVE FOR  
EVASIVE MANEUVERS

MUST BE A  
MALFUNCTION IN  
THE SYSTEM







HEY!  
HELLO!

**BIIP!**

HEY WHAT  
THE...WE HAVE  
SOMEONE ATO

EXCUSE  
ME, ARE YOU  
THE ONE WHO  
CALLED THE  
SOS?



**SHUUP!**



EXCUSE ME IS  
EVERYTHING OK?

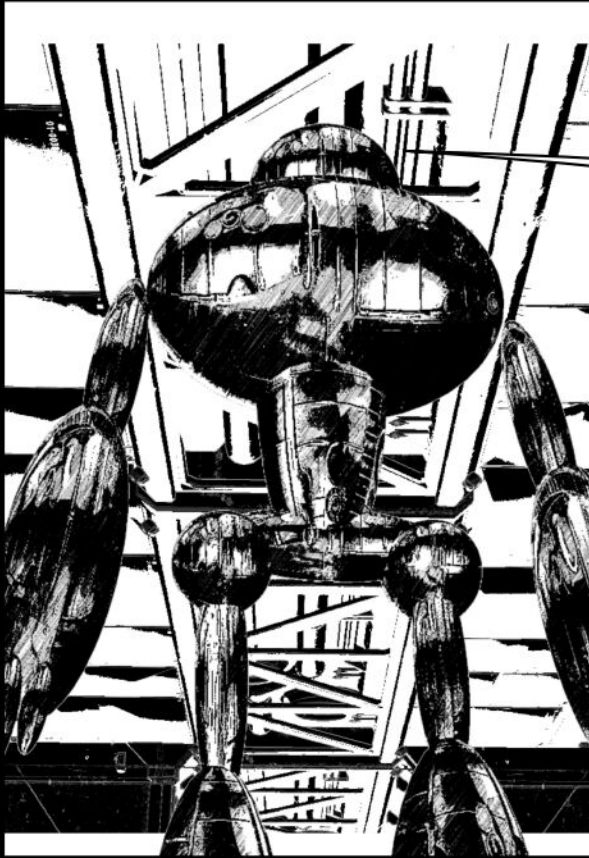
YOU CARRY A FUTURE OF  
DEATH WITHIN YOU, YOUR A  
DISEASE YOU KILLED MY  
PEOPLE IN COLD BLOOD  
AND YOU WILL SLAUGHTER  
MILLIONS MORE

WHO ME?  
ARE YOU SOME  
KIND OF FORTUNE  
TELLER?

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU  
MEAN BY THAT MA'AM,  
BUT IF YOUR FINE WE'LL JUST  
FIND OUR OWN WAY OUT...

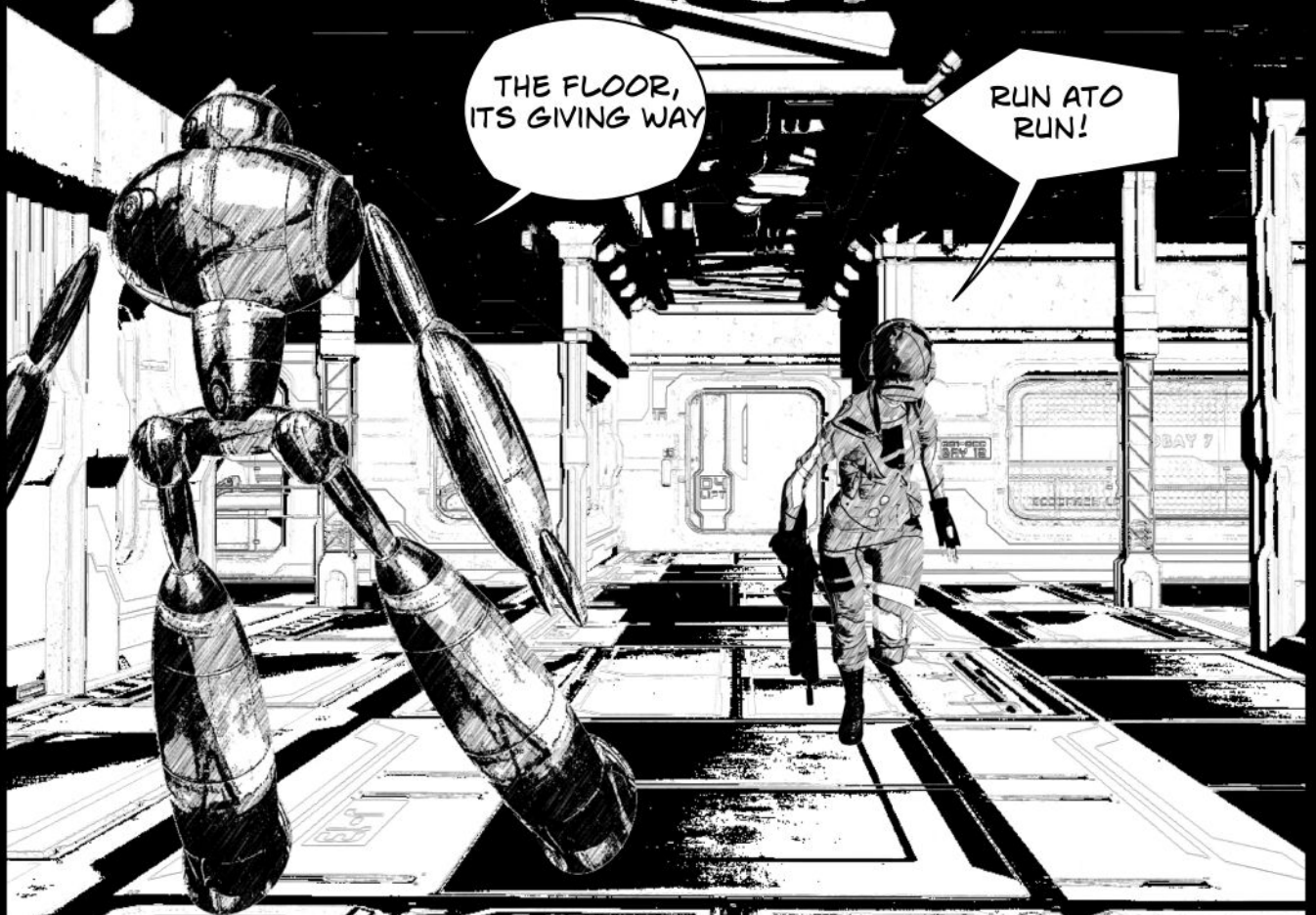
YOU CAME TO  
PERISH, HAIL TO THE  
'DELTA DIVIDE'  
GIVE MY REGARDS  
TO OBLIVION.

OK,  
WILL DO,  
WHEN I SEE  
HIM, HER.....I  
MEAN IT!



CAPTAIN, THERE'S BEEN SOME EXPLOSIONS, MY SENSORS ARE PICKING A SUDDEN LACK IN STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY ON THIS PLATFORM

**CRACKING!**



THE FLOOR, IT'S GIVING WAY

RUN ATO  
RUN!

ICARUS!  
HEELLLP!

THIS IS  
BOUND TO  
LEAVE A  
SCRATCH!

CRASH



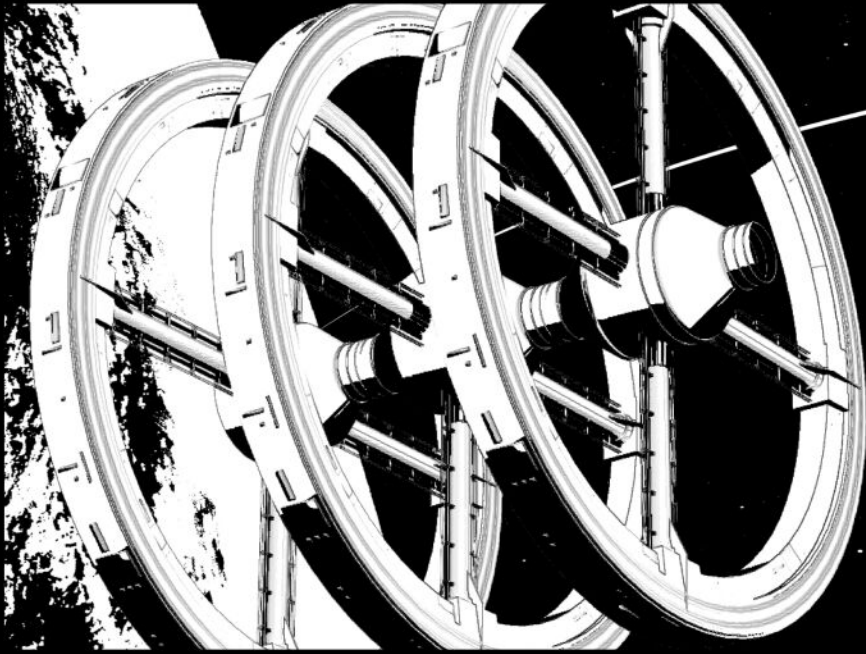


ICARUS HURRY!

THE  
AIR IN MY  
PSYIONIC  
BUBBLE WON'T  
LAST LONG, AND  
GET ATO FOR  
ME WHILE  
YOUR AT IT

ON MY WAY  
CAPTAIN!

OH DEAR!



CAPTAIN! IT'S A TRAP, ARE YOU OK?

THERE YOU ARE ICARUS, I'M JUST FLOATING ABOUT

GENTLY ICARUS GENTLY!

ICARUS TAKE A PHOTO OF ATO, HE LOOKS LIKE SUCH A DWEEB IN SPACE HEHE!





GOOD TO SEE  
YOU MR ICARUS!

GOOD TO SEE YOU  
CAPTAIN, THE  
HYPERDRIVE WAS  
SET TO SELF  
DESTRUCT  
REMOTELY, CLEAR  
SIGNS OF  
SABOTAGE TO GET  
RID OF US

PEOPLE  
WE NEED TO GET OUT  
OF HERE QUICKLY! OR  
WE'LL BE THE ONES  
SENDING OUT AN SOS



ICARUS  
LETS GO,  
LETS GO!

I CAN'T CAPTAIN, THE FORCE  
OF GRAVITY FROM THE  
REGAL IS PULLING US IN

WHAT IF WE  
JUMP TO  
HYPERSPACE?

NOT A GOOD IDEA,  
THE ASTEROID FIELD IS  
IN OUR WAY





CAPTAIN I SUGGEST IF WE ARE  
TAKING ANY COURSE OF  
ACTION WE TAKE IT NOW...

ICARUS TAKE  
THE WHEEL!

ICARUS  
NEEDS A WAY TO  
GO INTO  
HYPER SPEED, I'L MAKE  
HIM A WAY! FOR  
HYPER SPEED!

WHAT DO YOU  
PLAN TO DO  
CAPTAIN?



HOW?



'MOSES STYLE'  
WE PART THE SEA



IT WONT BE  
EASY!

YOU CAN DO THIS!



EASY DOES IT





YOU CAN DO THIS!

EASY DOES IT





COME ON  
BABIES, DO  
WHAT MAMA  
SAYS!



MOVE!

**DANGANGGAAH!**



THERE  
YOU GO  
ICARUS!

BEST PRESENT  
EVER CAPTAIN!

I DONT BELIEVE  
IT! GO ICARUS  
GO!





ICARUS  
DO IT, DO IT  
NOW!

WITH  
PLEASURE  
CAPTAIN!

I DONT  
BELIEVE IT!

A FEW DAYS LATER

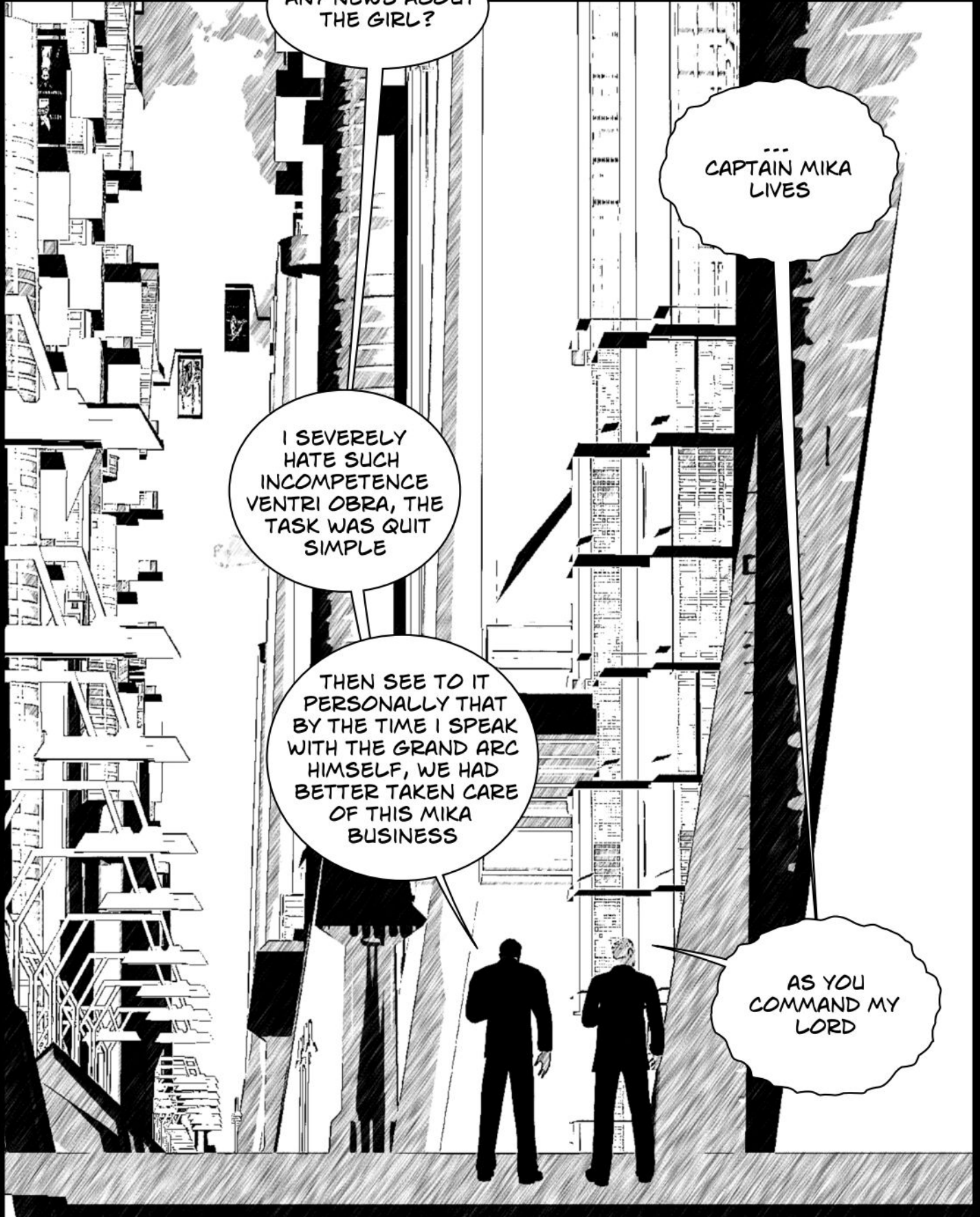
ANY NEWS ABOUT  
THE GIRL?


...  
CAPTAIN MIKA  
LIVES

I SEVERELY  
HATE SUCH  
INCOMPETENCE  
VENTRI OBRA, THE  
TASK WAS QUIT  
SIMPLE

THEN SEE TO IT  
PERSONALLY THAT  
BY THE TIME I SPEAK  
WITH THE GRAND ARC  
HIMSELF, WE HAD  
BETTER TAKEN CARE  
OF THIS MIKA  
BUSINESS

AS YOU  
COMMAND MY  
LORD





CAPTAIN, WHAT IS THE DELTA DIVIDE?

NO CLUE ATO



DO YOU FEEL AS I DO WE NEED TO FIND OUT?

YES WE DO ATO! BUT UNTIL THEN I NEED TO BEAT YOU IN A LONG AWAITED GAME OF CHESS



ATO WILL WIN FOR SURE!



HEY WHAT  
HAPPENED TO  
TEAM MIKA?

YOU MEAN TEAM,  
SUPER ASTRO  
MIKA

YOUR SO  
SILLY  
ICARUS HEHE!  
CAPTAIN WILL DO  
JUST FINE!

THE END