

5881

A HALO STORY FROM THE



405TH INFANTRY
DIVISION

ANDREWS
COOPER
FRANKS
LETT'S

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2017*



Creating 581

Sometimes the hardest part of joining a new community is knowing where to start and what to do. As a community, it is our responsibility to guide you with notifications, updates, and helpful tips. We want to provide an inviting vehicle to deliver our messages and decided to create a "helper" to guide the way.

We initially wanted to use Guilty Spark from Halo® 3 as our guide. He is easily identifiable, relatable, and as proprietors and keepers of knowledge in the Halo® universe a forerunner ancilla is the perfect icon. Since an entire company is named after Guilty Spark, (343 Industries) we decided to create our own ancilla instead.

As the plan progressed, the scope increased, and we felt compelled to give a backstory to our newly created ancilla which included a new vision for how 581 and the 405th fit into the narrative of the Halo® saga. This vision was developed with the help of almost a dozen people. Many thanks to Robert Letts, C.J. Franks, David Dawson, Peter Cooper, Kristen Andrews, and those who helped proof-read and give feedback along the way.

We hope you enjoy this short story that introduces a new member to the 405th family and the Halo® universe.

405th Division Staff

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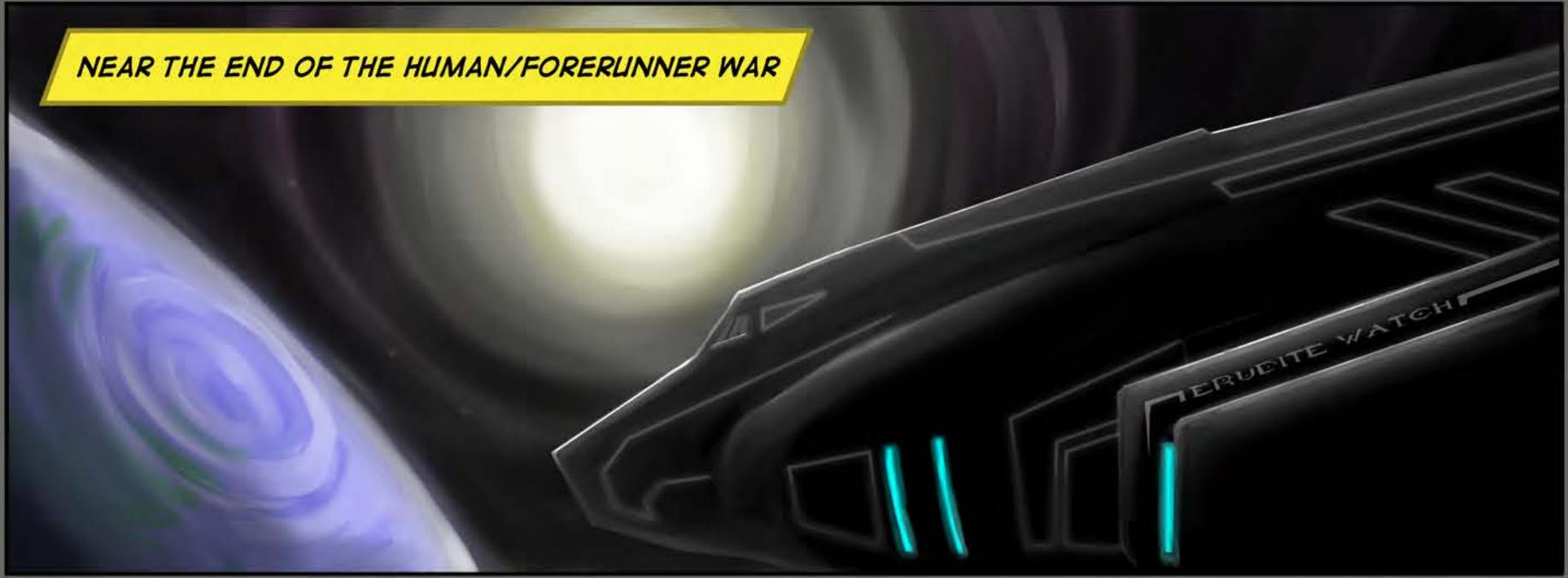


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NEAR THE END OF THE HUMAN/FORERUNNER WAR

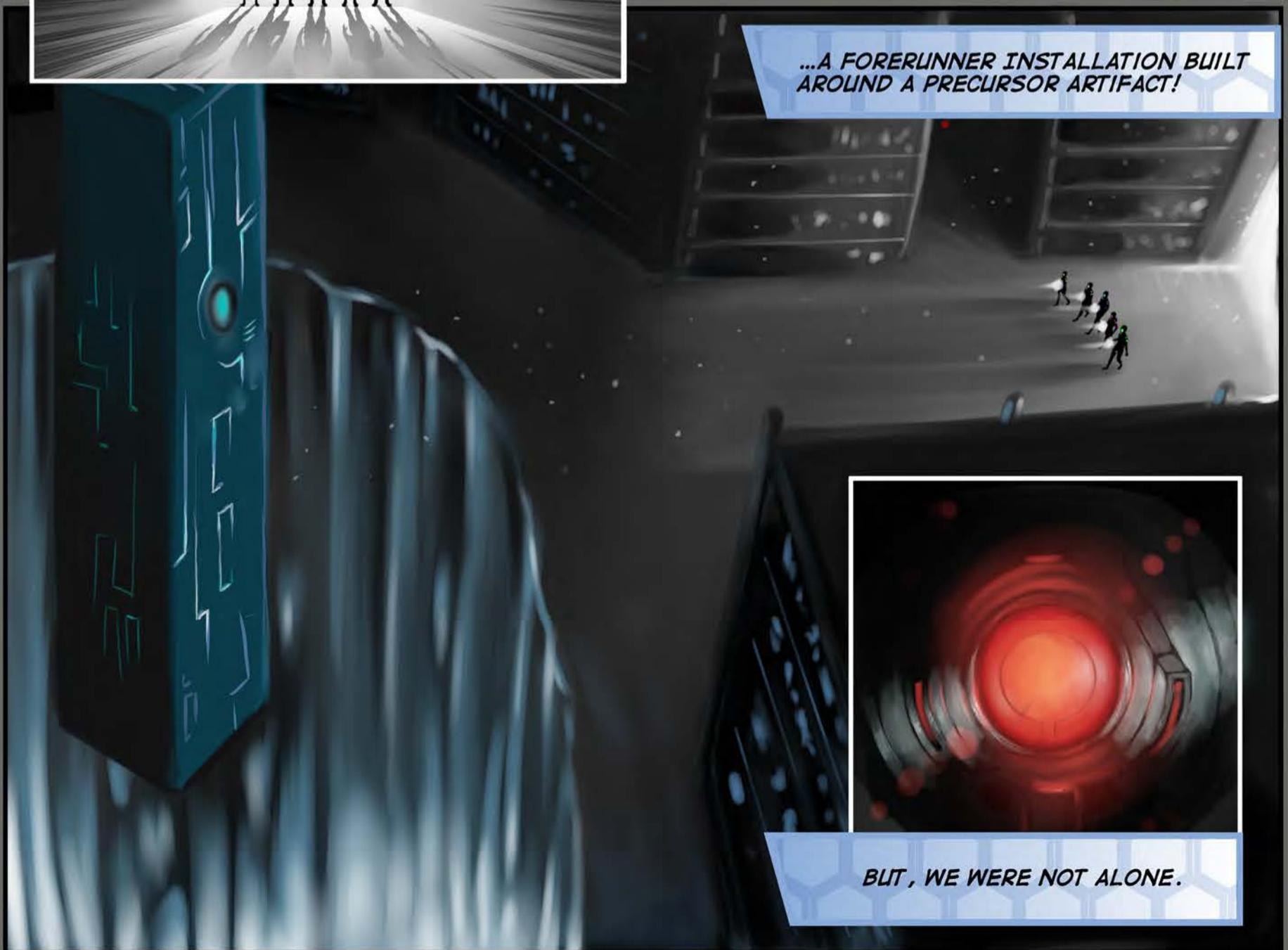


CAPTAIN'S ENTRY FOR SCIENCE VESSEL ERUDITE WATCH:
WE CAME TO THE 11TH PLANET OF THIS SYSTEM, LOOKING FOR A CURE TO AN INSATIABLE PLAGUE.

WE FOUND SOMETHING ELSE...



...A FORERUNNER INSTALLATION BUILT AROUND A PRECURSOR ARTIFACT!



BUT, WE WERE NOT ALONE.



SCANNERS WILL BE IN PLACE IN TEN MINUTES. DO YOU REALLY THINK...

I HAVE NO DOUBT. IT'S CERTAINLY PRECURSOR.

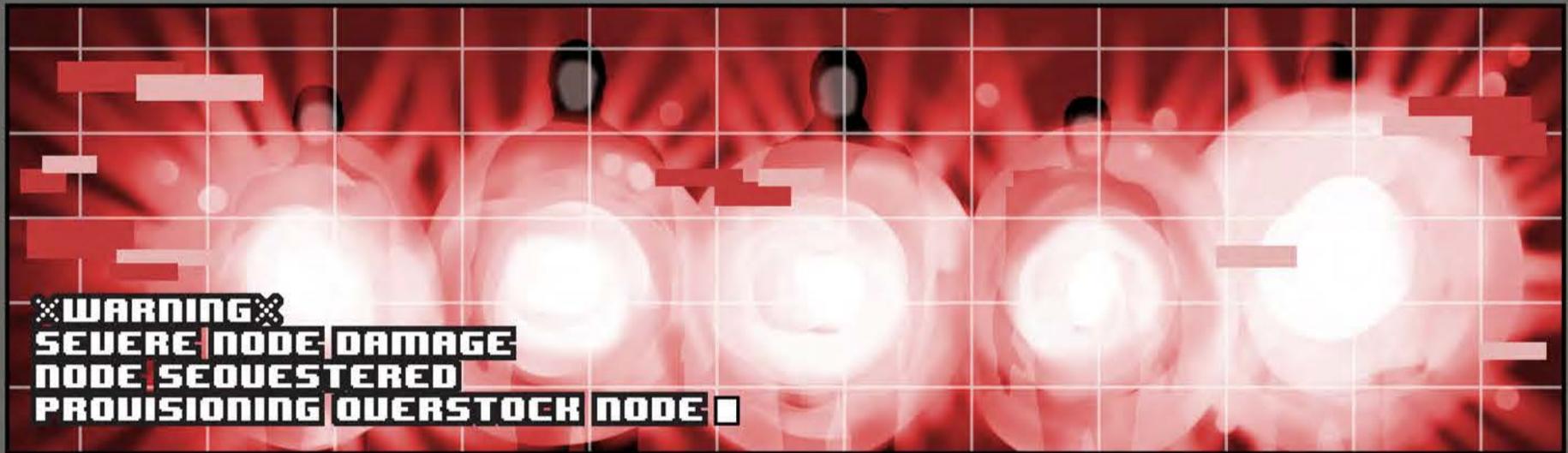
BUT USEFUL? I DON'T KNOW.



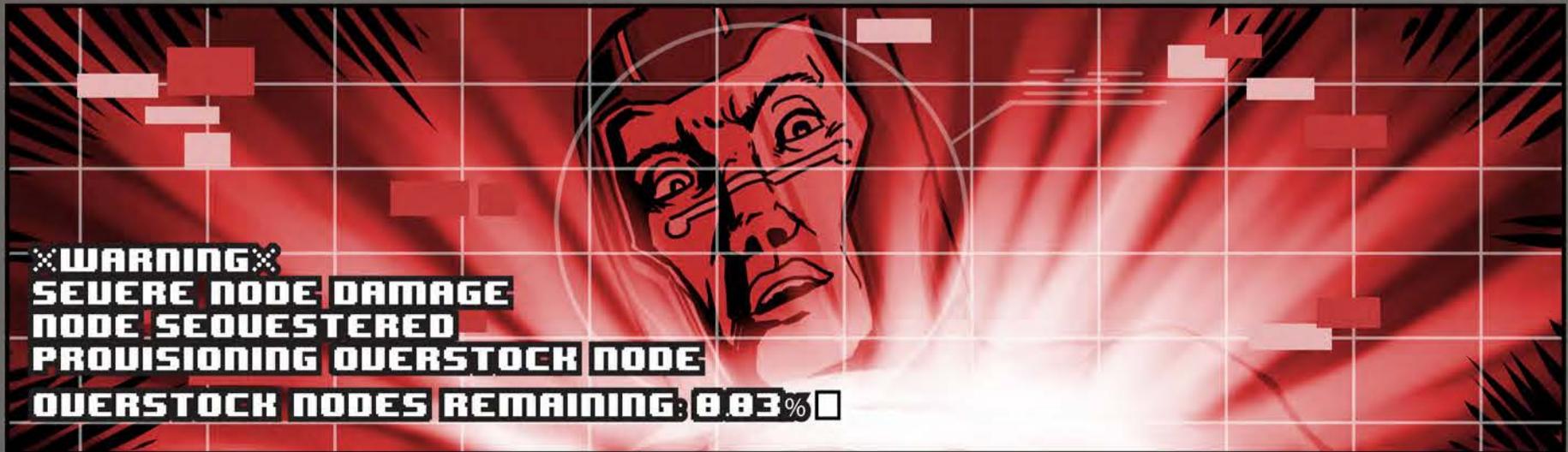
✕INITIATE✕
GREETINGS PROTOCOL ▣



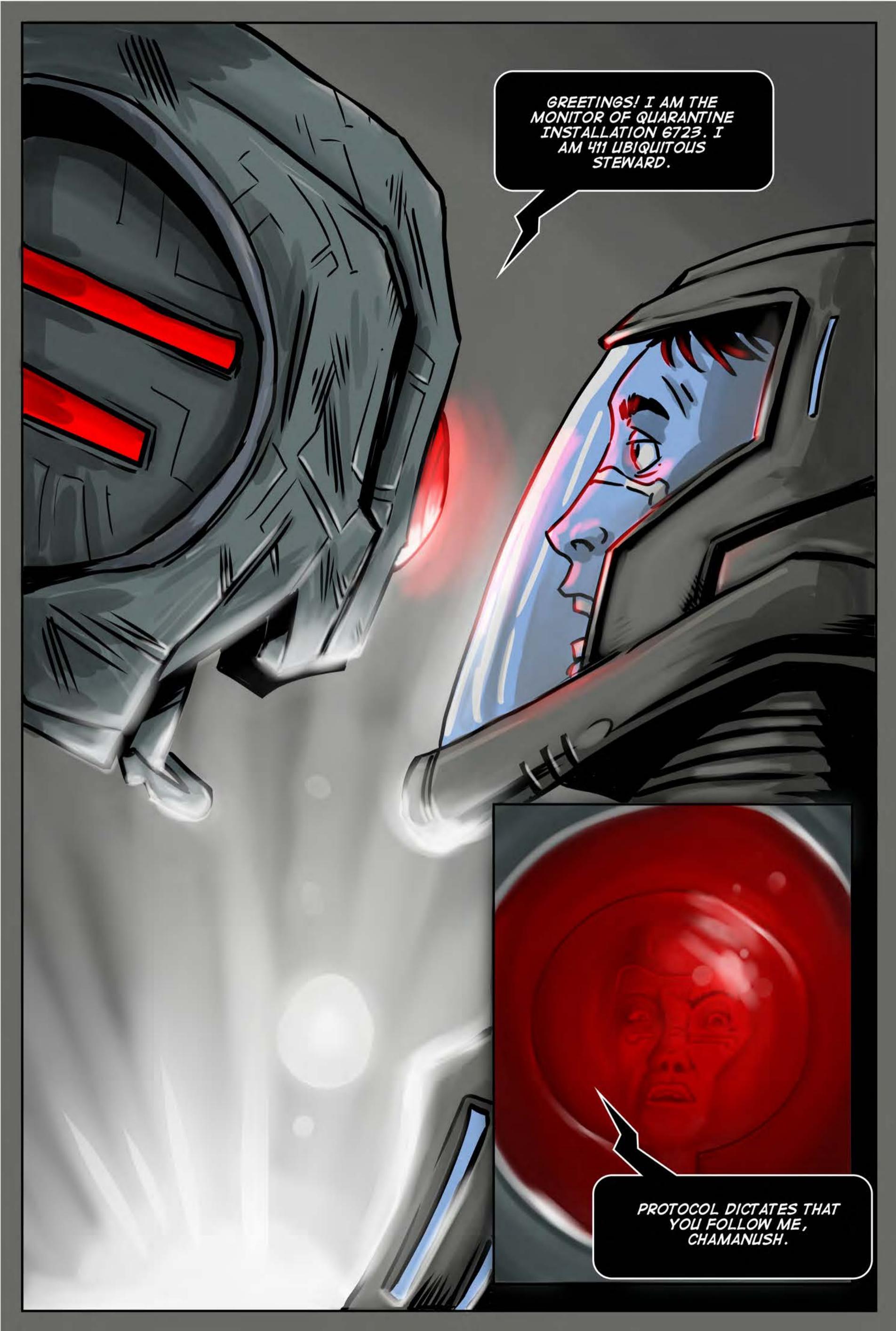
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I AM #% *\$ * \$ THE...
GREETINGS! \$% \$ I AM THE
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✕WARNING✕
SEVERE NODE DAMAGE
NODE SEQUESTERED
PROVISIONING OVERSTOCK NODE ▣



✕WARNING✕
SEVERE NODE DAMAGE
NODE SEQUESTERED
PROVISIONING OVERSTOCK NODE
OVERSTOCK NODES REMAINING: 0.83% ▣



GREETINGS! I AM THE
MONITOR OF QUARANTINE
INSTALLATION 6723. I
AM 411 UBIQUITOUS
STEWARD.

PROTOCOL DICTATES THAT
YOU FOLLOW ME,
CHAMANUSH.



THIS WAY PLEASE.

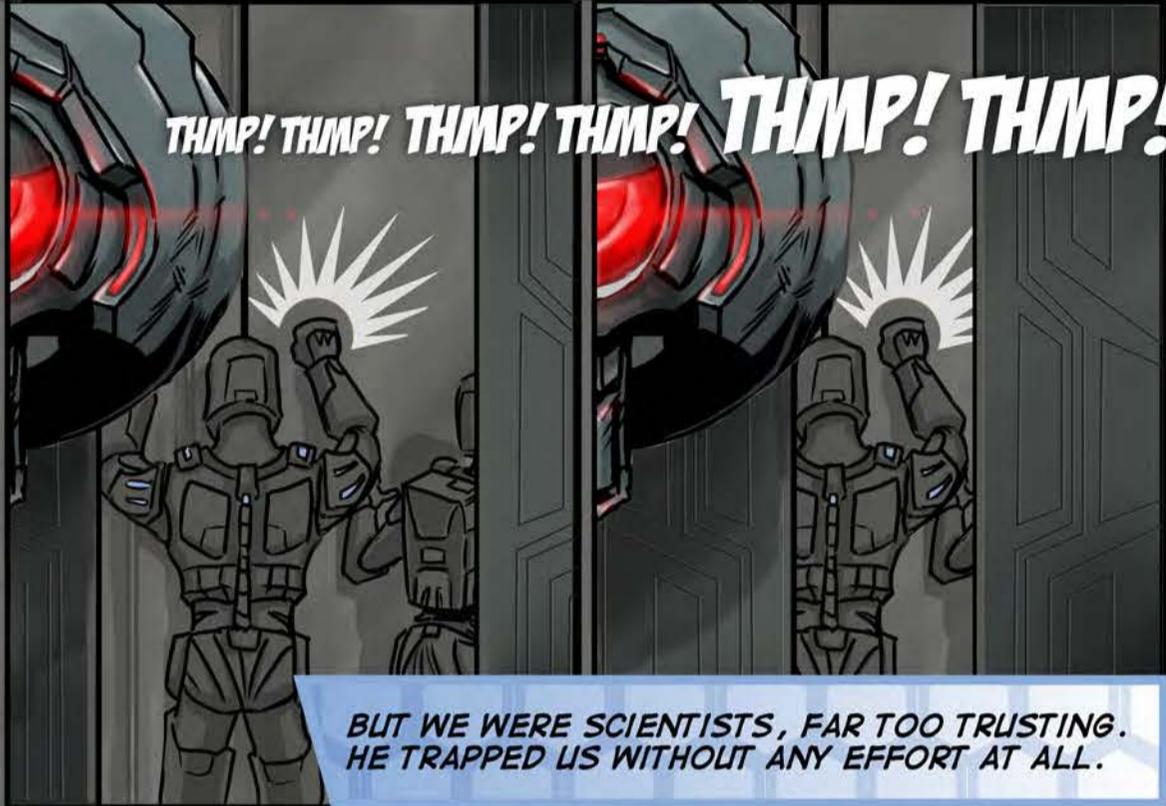
PERHAPS A MILITARY UNIT WOULD HAVE HANDLED THINGS DIFFERENTLY, BEEN MORE CAUTIOUS.



SHFFFFT-CHNK!

HUH?

WHAT IS THIS?



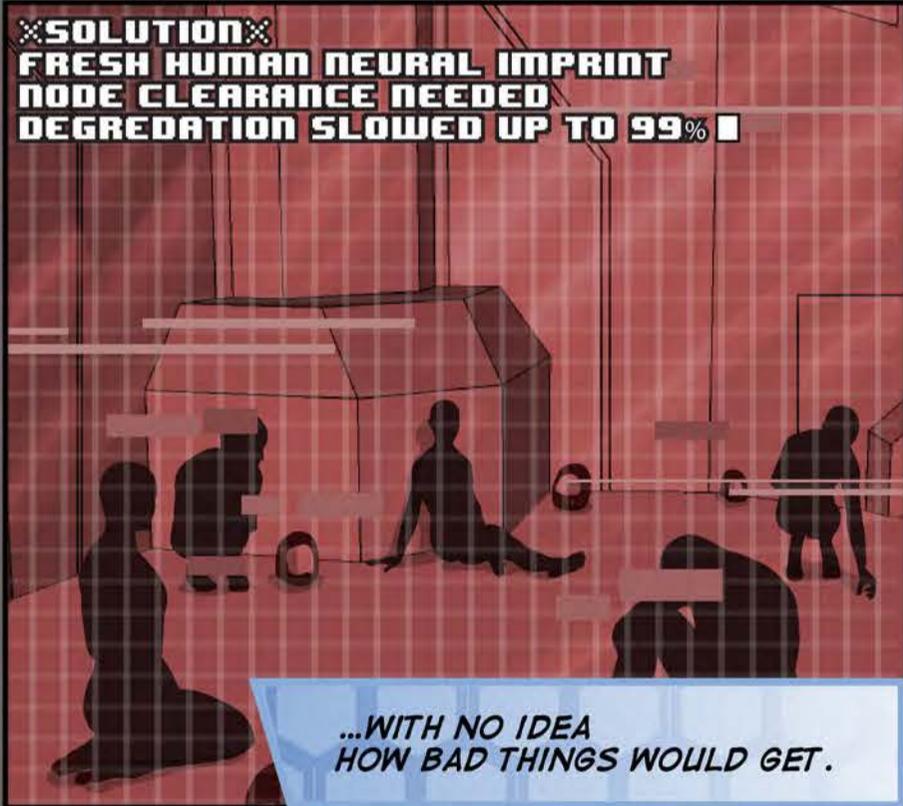
THMP! THMP! THMP! THMP! THMP! THMP!

BUT WE WERE SCIENTISTS, FAR TOO TRUSTING. HE TRAPPED US WITHOUT ANY EFFORT AT ALL.



CRITICAL OVERSTOCK NODES REMAINING: 8.81% CORETEX COLLAPSE IMMINENT

WE LANGUISHED FOR WEEKS...



SOLUTION FRESH HUMAN NEURAL IMPRINT NODE CLEARANCE NEEDED DEGRADATION SLOWED UP TO 99%

...WITH NO IDEA HOW BAD THINGS WOULD GET.



BETTER THAT WE HAD DIED IN THE CELL.



HE SCOOPED OUT ALL THAT WAS IN US...



HUMAN IMPRINT CONFIRMED:
DEGRADATION SLOWED BY 21.8%
⊠WARNING⊠
DOMINANCE DEGRADATION +6 ■



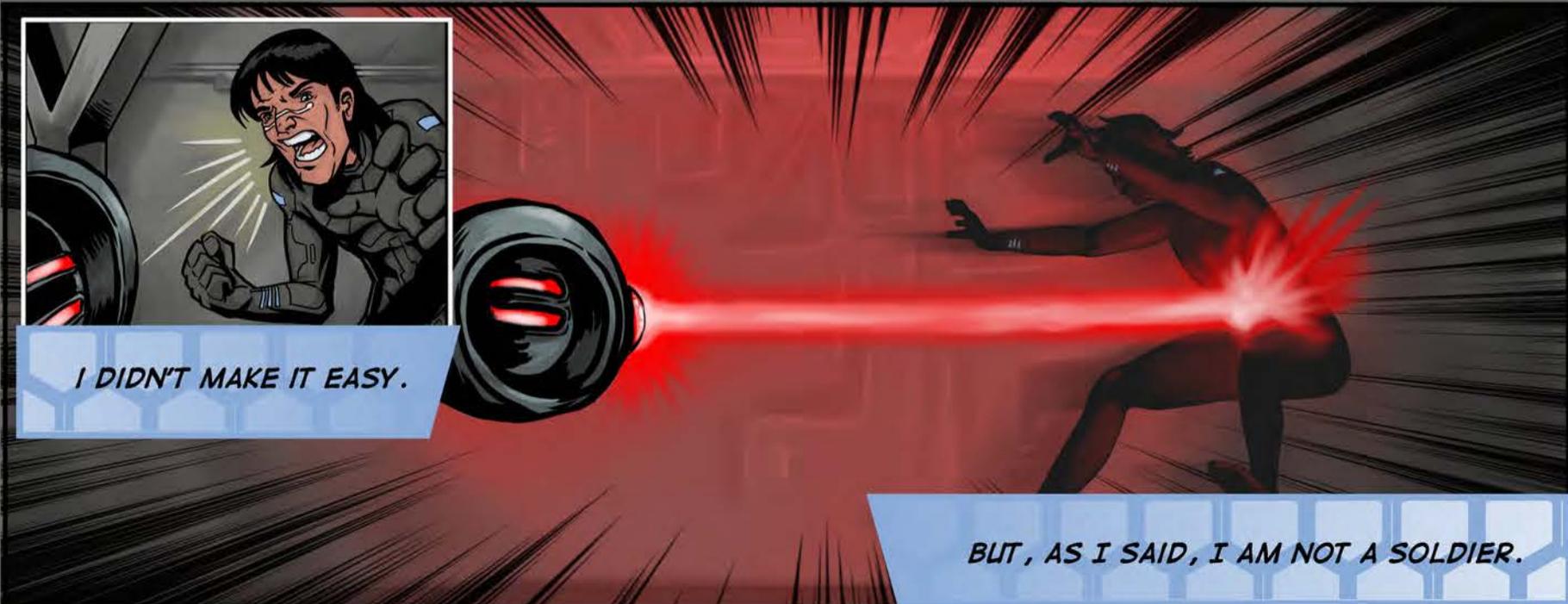
...ALL OUR HUMANITY.



HUMAN IMPRINT CONFIRMED:
DEGRADATION SLOWED BY 38.2%
⊠WARNING⊠
DOMINANCE DEGRADATION +9 ■



I WAS THE LAST.

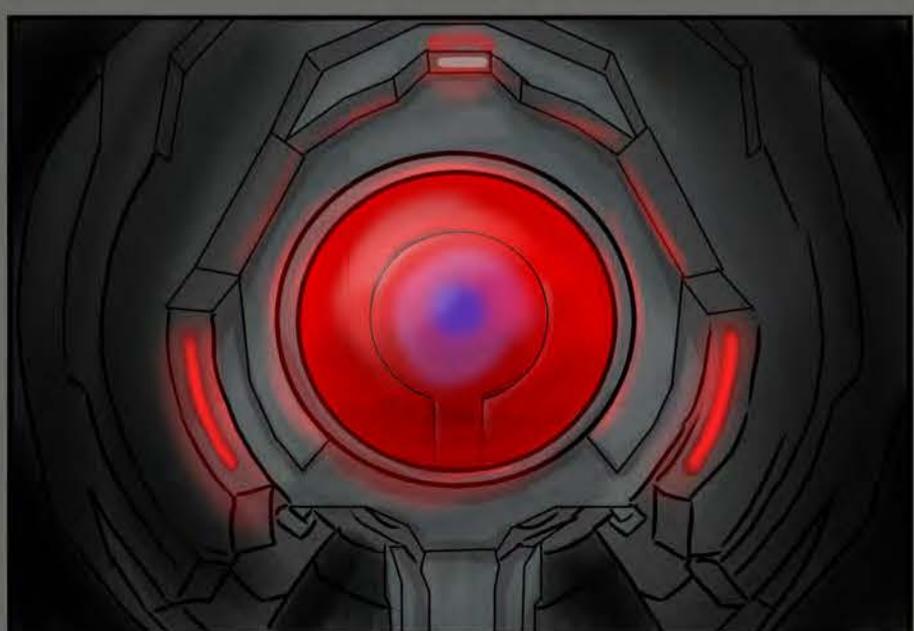
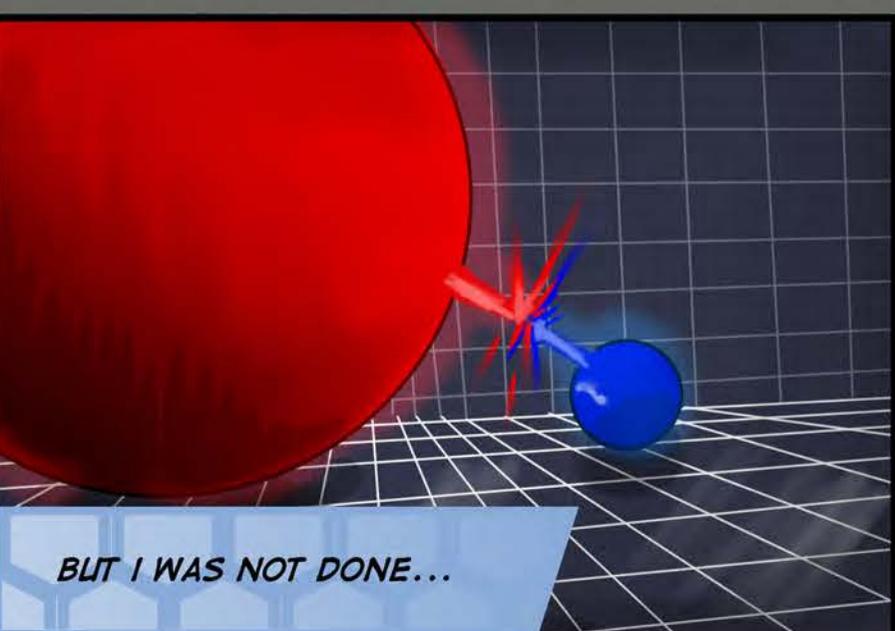
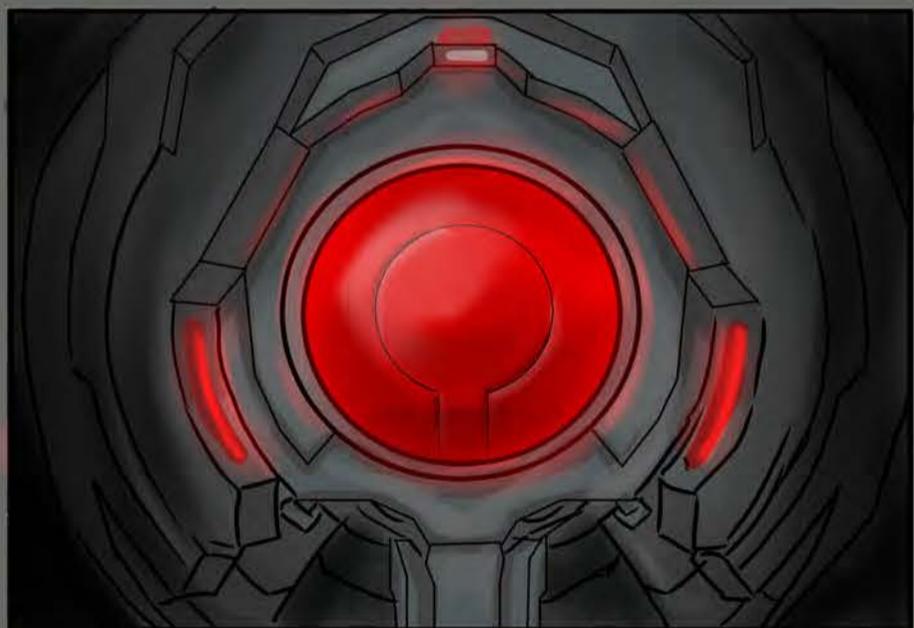
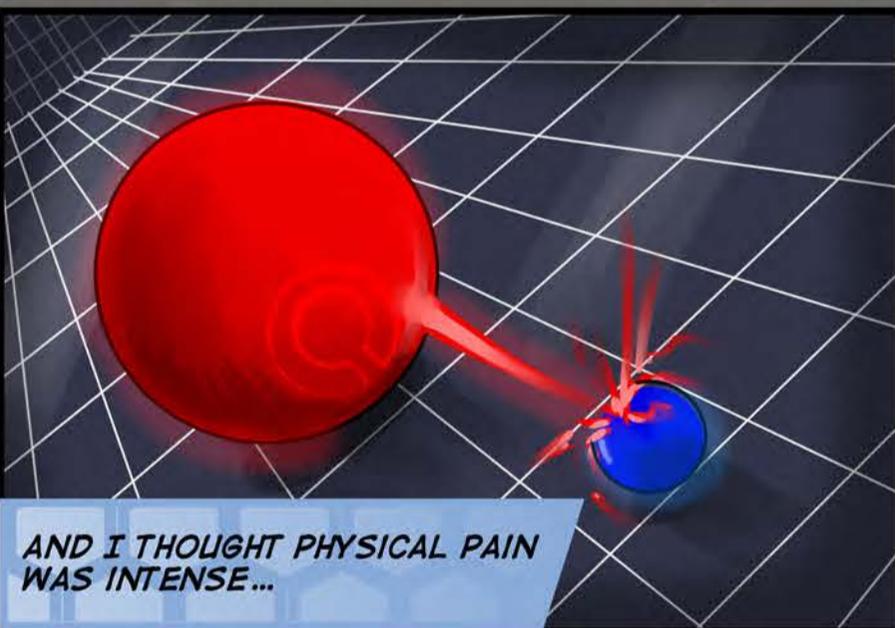
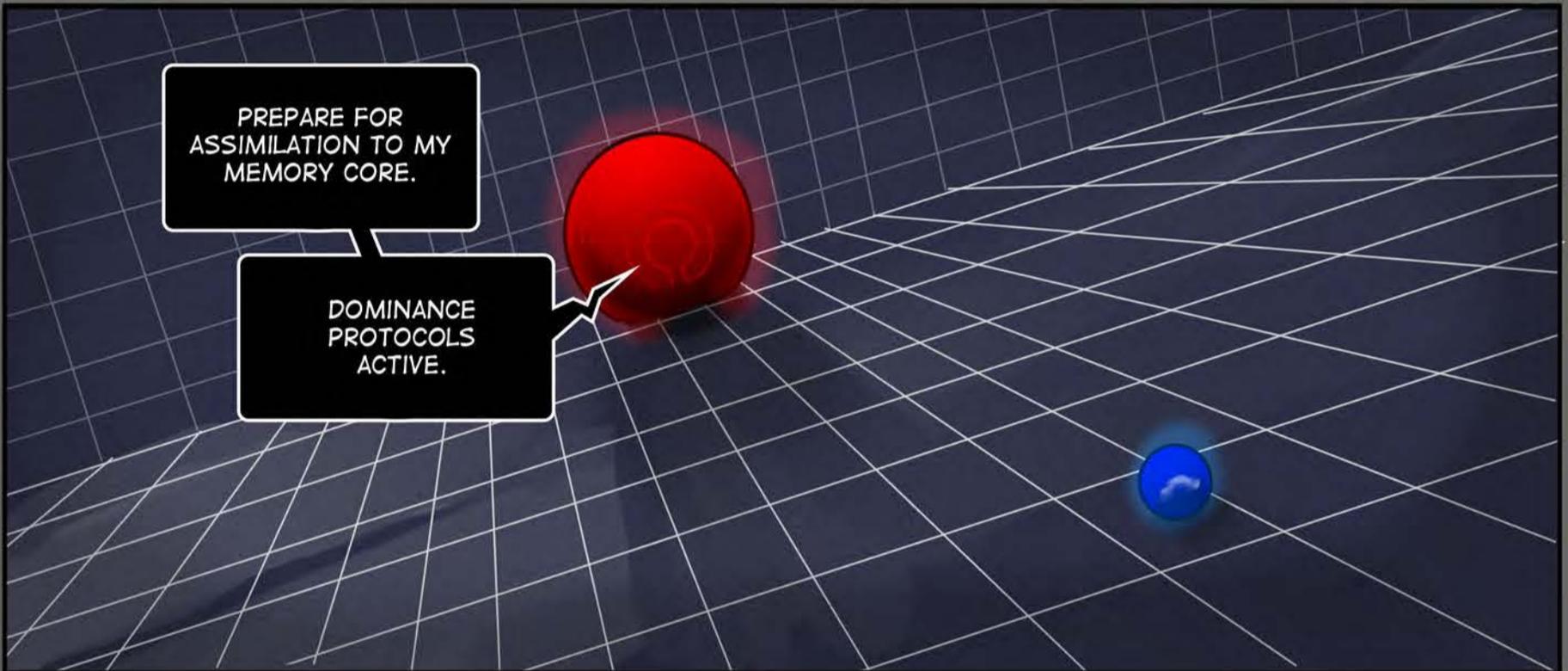
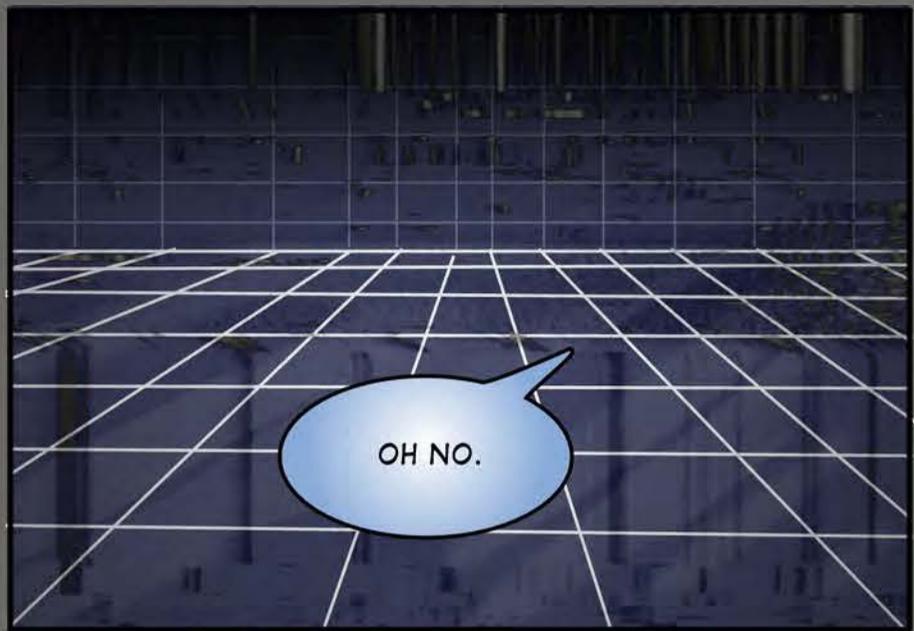


I DIDN'T MAKE IT EASY.

BUT, AS I SAID, I AM NOT A SOLDIER.



HUMAN IMPRINT CONFIRMED:
DEGRADATION SLOWED BY 98.7%
×WARNING×
DOMINANCE DEGRADATION +17

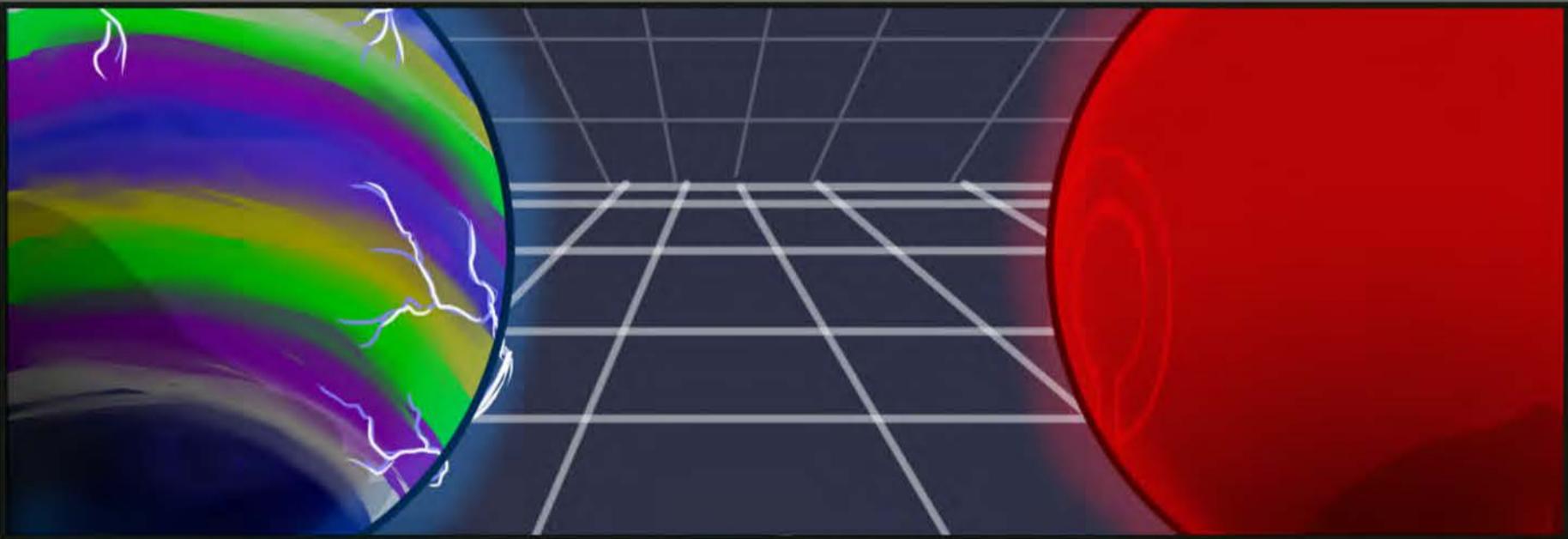
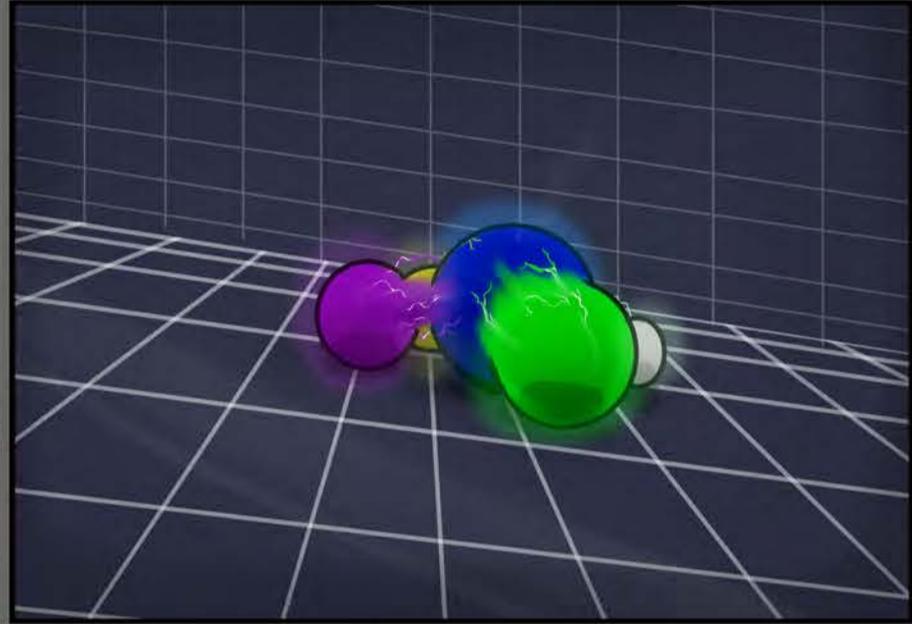
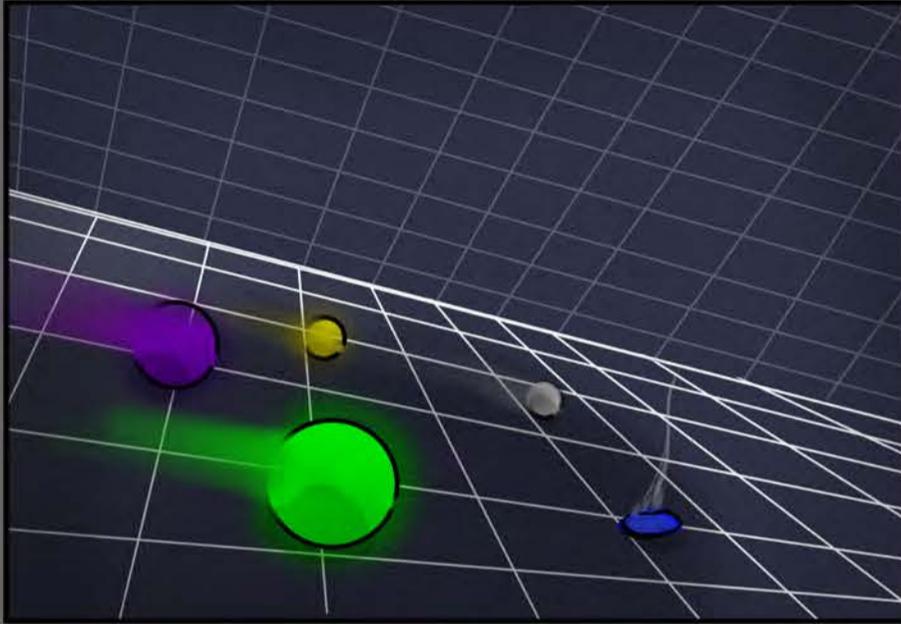


I GAVE IT EVERYTHING I HAD,
BUT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH.

FURTHER RESISTANCE
IS POINTLESS.

NO!

CAPTAIN,
LET'S FINISH
THE FIGHT!



DURING THE HUMAN/COVENANT WAR



**CAPTAIN'S ENTRY FOR GALLANT OBSERVER,
WE CAME TO THE 11TH PLANET OF THIS SYSTEM, FLEEING
THE COVENANT AND SEEKING A WAY TO STOP THEM.**



WE FOUND SOMETHING ELSE...

A PRECURSOR ARTIFACT ...



WE BROUGHT BOTH BACK WITH US.



...AND ONE OF US!





WE ARE NOW EN ROUTE TO MISRIAH, IN THE HOPE OF DELIVERING THE ARTIFACT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. AS FOR OUR NEW COMRADE...



...WE GAVE IT A NEW LOOK, BUT IT GAVE ITSELF A NEW NAME.



GREETINGS! I AM THE MONITOR OF UNSC WARSHIP GALLANT OBSERVER. I AM **581 ERUDITE WATCH**.