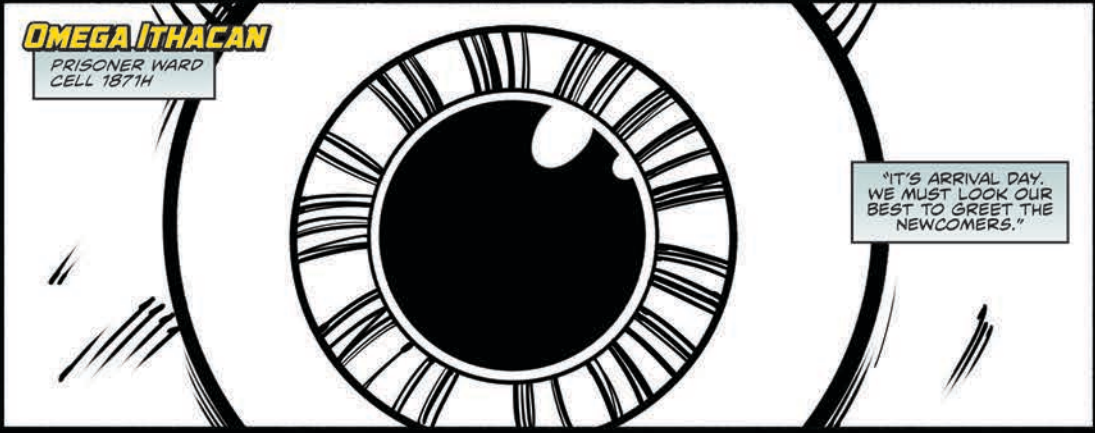


SPACECOOLER #3



OMEGA ITHACAN

PRISONER WARD
CELL 1871H



"IT'S ARRIVAL DAY.
WE MUST LOOK OUR
BEST TO GREET THE
NEWCOMERS."



"YOU HAD BETTER
BE ON YOUR BEST
BEHAVIOR."



"WE WON'T EVER
GET A ROOMMATE IF
YOU CAN'T CONTROL
YOUR ANGER."



"TODAY COULD
BE THE DAY THAT
CHANGES OUR
LIVES FOREVER."

THE SIDE SHOW

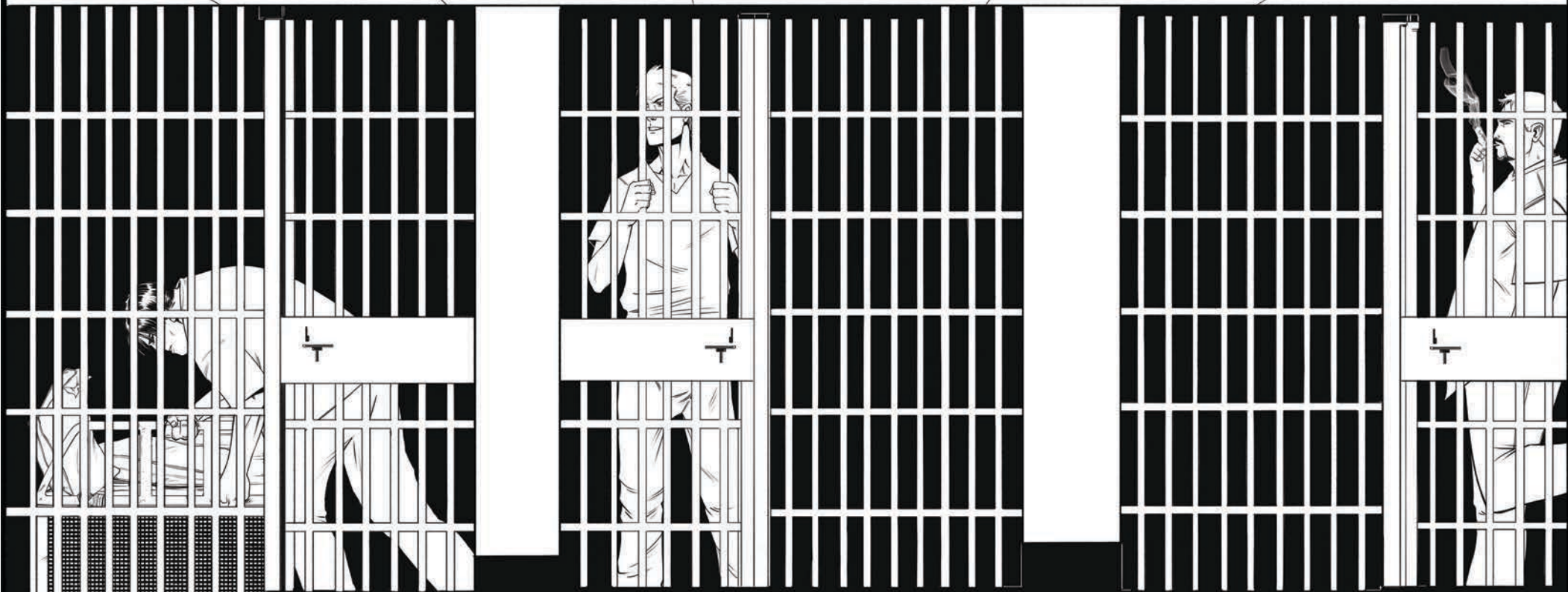
THE SECTION
OF THE PRISON
CLAIMED BY THE
MENTALLY
UNSTABLE.

SLOW BOAT TO HELL

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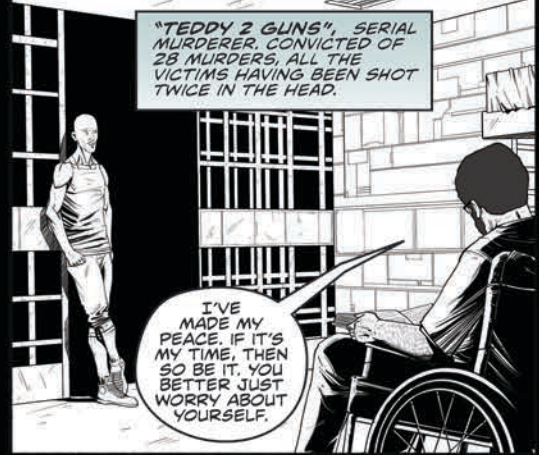
THE CAPTAIN,
CHARGED WITH
MULTIPLE COUNTS OF
GRAND LARCENY AND
ONE COUNT MURDER.

HEY POPS,
IT'S ARRIVAL DAY,
OR IN YOUR CASE
MAYBE EXIT
DAY.



"TEDDY 2 GUNS", SERIAL
MURDERER, CONVICTED OF
28 MURDERS, ALL THE
VICTIMS HAVING BEEN SHOT
TWICE IN THE HEAD.

I'VE
MADE MY
PEACE. IF IT'S
MY TIME, THEN
SO BE IT. YOU
BETTER JUST
WORRY ABOUT
YOURSELF.



HA, TEDDY
2-GUNS AIN'T
AFRAID OF NOTHING,
YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT BY NOW, YOU
READY TO GO SEE
WHAT GARBAGE
THEY BROUGHT
THIS YEAR?

IT'S
NOT THE
NEW INMATES
THAT I WANT
TO SEE.

DON'T YOU EVER WORRY
ABOUT THE COPS THEY SEND UP
HERE? THEY CONTROL YOUR LIFE
FOR A YEAR. THEY COULD END IT
WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, SO
YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT
THAT AND STAY LOW TO
THE GROUND.

WE ALL
DESERVE TO
BE HERE, BUT
THAT DOESN'T
MEAN WE NEED
TO DIE ANY
SOONER.



RAGDOLL,
PEDOPHILE,
THE MINUTE HIS
CRIMES WERE
KNOWN IN THE
PRISON YARD
HE BECAME
EVERYONE'S
PUNCHING BAG
OR SEX TOY.

COULD
YOU BOYS
KEEP IT DOWN OUT
THERE? MAMA ISN'T
READY TO FACE
THE DAY YET.



RAGDOLL IS
ALSO KNOWN
FOR HIS ABILITY
TO MAKE SOME
OF THE BEST
TOILET WINE
IN THE PRISON.





IT'S ARRIVAL DAY! THEY ARE HERE! THEY ARE HERE!



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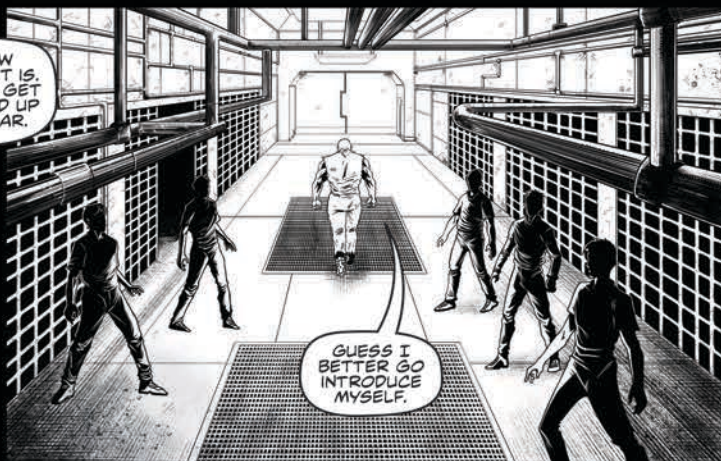


NOT ALL THE PRISONERS SHARE THE SAME ENTHUSIASM FOR ARRIVAL DAY.



THE OX, CRIMES UNKNOWN.

WE KNOW WHAT DAY IT IS. YOU IDIOTS GET SO WORKED UP EVERY YEAR.



GUESS I BETTER GO INTRODUCE MYSELF.



EVERY PRISON HAS A SOCIAL HIERARCHY, THE SAME HOLDS TRUE IN SPACE.

AS IN THE HIERARCHY IS DETERMINED BY A WIDE ARRAY OF FACTORS INCLUDING PREVIOUS CRIMES, ACCESS TO CONTRABAND, AFFILIATION WITH PRISON GANGS, AND PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL DOMINATION OF OTHER PRISONERS.



AS IN HIERARCHY, THE PERSON AT THE TOP WANTS TO KNOW WHEN THEY HAVE COMPETITION.

OH MAN, IS HE GONNA BE PISSED.



"I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH."



HEY, BOSS, THE SHUTTLE IS HERE.



YOU'RE LATE.



Y-YE-YEEAH, SORRY BOUT THAT, BOSS.



AS KING OF THIS SHIT HOLE, ON THIS DAY OF ARRIVAL, I AM GOING TO PERFORM AN ACT OF KINDNESS AND AN ACT OF CRUELTY. CARE TO GUESS WHICH ONE YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE?



GOOD CHOICE.

NOW, LET'S GO PROTECT THE THRONE.



WHELP, PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW AND ALL THAT, BUT WE ARE OUT OF HERE. MY PARTING WISH IS THAT YOU TWO KIDS WORK OUT YOUR DIFFERENCES AND PLAY NICELY FOR A YEAR.

YOU HAVE FREE WIFI, ACCESS TO AN AMAZING GYM. SO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. THE PRISONERS WILL DO WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO. AVOID EACH OTHER IF THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED. DO WHAT WORKS FOR THE TWO OF YOU.



YEAH, YEAH. HAVE A GOOD TRIP HOME. I'LL LET THE THREE OF YOU HAVE YOUR HEART TO HEARTS. I'M GOING TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW ARRIVALS.

HE IS ENJOYING THIS A LITTLE TOO MUCH.



THE SOONER WE GET THEM MOVED, THE SOONER YOU ALL CAN GET HOME. IT'S A WIN-WIN.



KENNEDY SPACE STATION



OMEGA ITHACAN

COMMUNICATIONS DECK.



HEY, A.I.M.E. CAN YOU TRY MY WIFE'S CELLPHONE? VIDEO AND AUDIO IF POSSIBLE.

HELLO JASON, I HOPE YOU HAVE FOUND THE FACILITIES TO BE ADEQUATE.

I CAN TRY AND CONNECT, HOWEVER YOU WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF CONNECTING IN 8 HOURS, WHEN WE ARE IN A CLOSER ROTATION.

THANKS, I'LL DO THAT, AND I GUESS THIS PLACE WILL HAVE TO DO. I DON'T SEE MYSELF GOING ANYWHERE FOR A YEAR.

I HAVE A WIDE ARRAY OF MOVIES, MUSIC, AND E-BOOKS IN MY DATABASE. PERHAPS ONE OF THOSE WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE?

THANKS, MAYBE LATER.

SO, WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU ARE GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GET HOME?

YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT? I AM GOING TO THE NEAREST BURGER JOINT AND WILL PROBABLY END UP IN A FOOD COMA.

FOOD, REALLY? I'M TAKING MY GIRL TO VEGAS. HELL, I MAY LEAVE THERE A MARRIED MAN.

CAN I DO THE HONORS?

BE MY GUEST.

WELCOME TO YOUR FINAL DESTINATION. WE HOPE YOU HAD AN ENJOYABLE FLIGHT UP HERE.

YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE MOVED TO GENERAL POPULATION.

ONCE THERE YOU WILL NEED TO FIND AN OPEN CELL.

THERE WILL BE ONE FOR EACH OF YOU.

I KNOW THIS BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS OCCUPANTS WILL NOW BE DEAD.

HERE COMES THE FRESH MEAT.



INSIDE THE PIGSTY



**KENNEDY
SPACE
STATION**

COMMUNICATIONS
DECK.



GET ME
CONNECTED TO
A.I.M.E. NOW!

THE
STATION IS AT
ITS FURTHEST
DISTANCE FROM
US RIGHT
NOW.

LIVE
COMMUNICATIONS
WOULD BE MINIMAL
AT BEST. THEY WILL
BE WITHIN RANGE IN
ABOUT 6 - 8
HOURS, SIR.



GET ME THE
NAME OF WHOEVER RAN
CHEVEYO'S PAPERWORK.
WE NEED TO GET HIM OFF
THAT SPACE STATION
NOW...

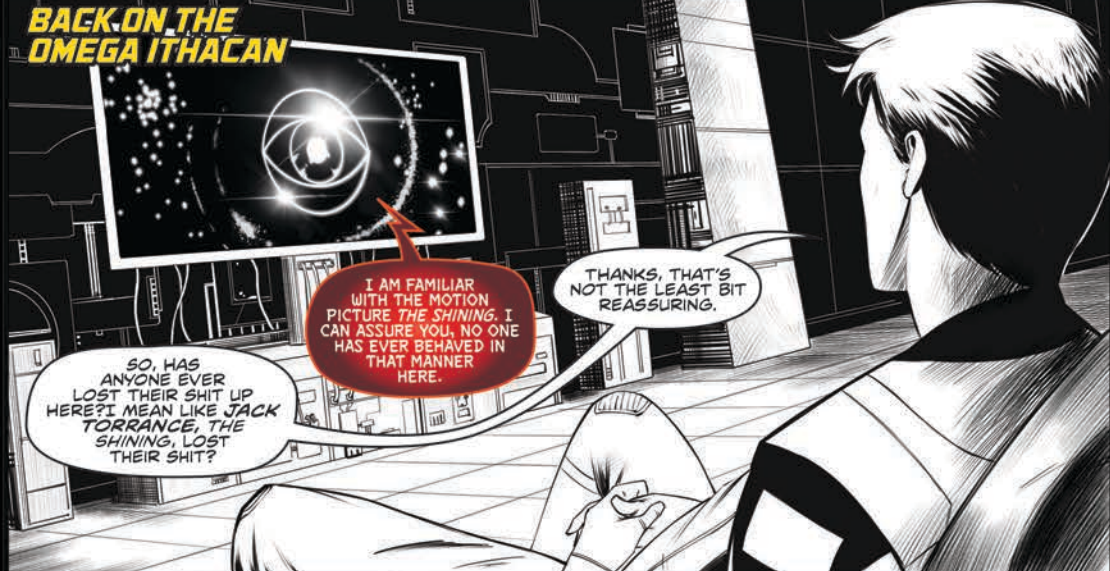
WORKING
ON IT, SIR. HOW
WILL WE EXPLAIN
THIS TO THE
PUBLIC?

CHEVEYO BECAME VIOLENTLY SICK
UPON ARRIVAL, WE NEED TO GET HIM
HOME FOR TESTING. JASON WILL MAN
THE STATION ALONE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS
UNTIL WE CAN GET SOMEONE ELSE UP THERE.



HOW DO WE
CONVINCE CHEVEYO
TO COME BACK?

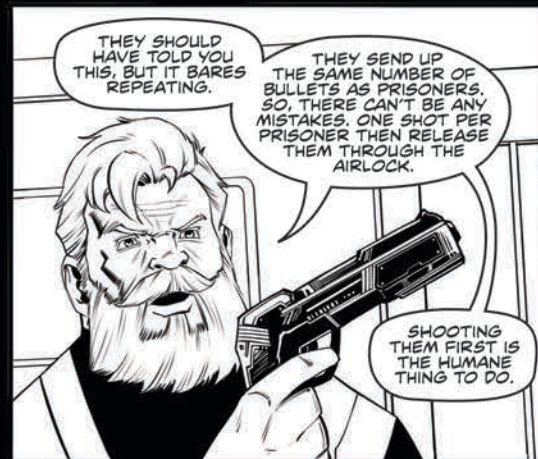
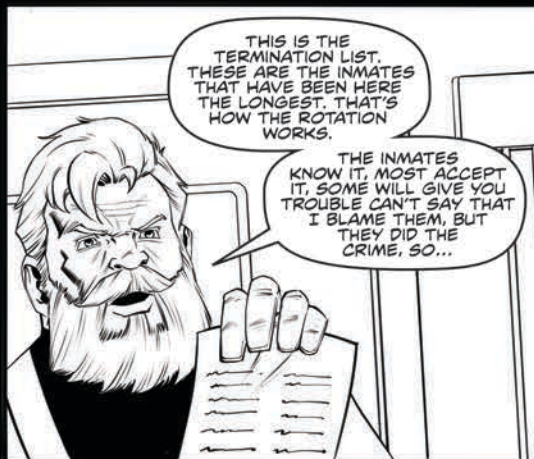
**BACK ON THE
OMEGA ITHACAN**



SO, HAS
ANYONE EVER
LOST THEIR SHIT UP
HERE? I MEAN LIKE JACK
TORRANCE, THE
SHINING, LOST
THEIR SHIT?

I AM FAMILIAR
WITH THE MOTION
PICTURE THE SHINING. I
CAN ASSURE YOU, NO ONE
HAS EVER BEHAVED IN
THAT MANNER
HERE.

THANKS, THAT'S
NOT THE LEAST BIT
REASSURING.





I GOT IT, MAN.

I HEARD THIS STORY BACK AT THE BASE. YOU GUYS ARE FREE TO BE ON YOUR WAY.

I'LL HANDLE THIS SINCE MY CORNBREAD PARTNER OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T HAVE THE BALLS FOR IT.



PILOTS ARE RUNNING FINAL CHECKS WITH A.I.M.E AND THEN WE ARE OUT OF HERE.

ARE THEY ALL OUT IN THE OPEN?

SAY WHAT?

THE PRISONERS, ARE THEY ALL OUT OF THEIR CELLS?

I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE?

GOODBYE.



ARE YOU GUYS READY TO GO? OUR WINDOW FOR LAUNCH OPENS IN 30 MINUTES.

^{251GHE} EVERYONE UP HERE HAS THE JOKES TODAY.

IF YOU DON'T BRING YOUR BAGS WITH YOU THEN THEY WILL STAY RIGHT THERE, I'M NOT YOUR MOTHER. AND IF YOUR PARTNER DOESN'T GET HERE, HE WILL BE STAYING ANOTHER YEAR AS WELL.

MY PARTNER SHOULD BE ON HIS WAY BACK NOW. DO WE CHECK OUR BAGS WITH YOU GUYS?

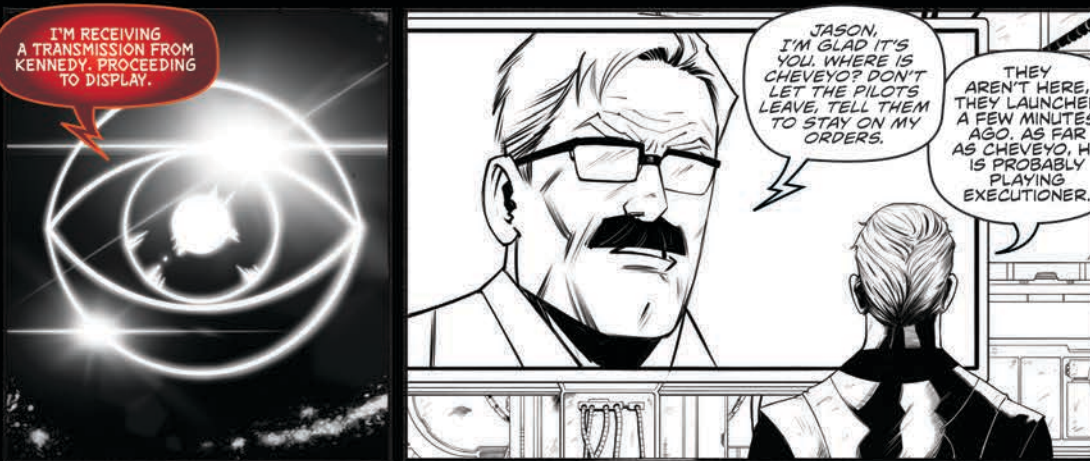


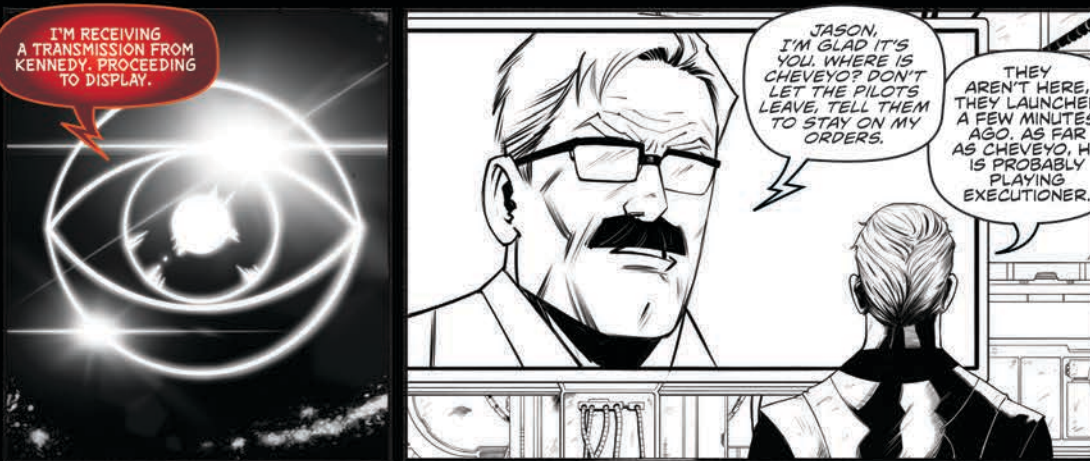
HOW THE F*CK DID HE GET THAT UP HERE AND WHY DID HE LET HIM KEEP IT?

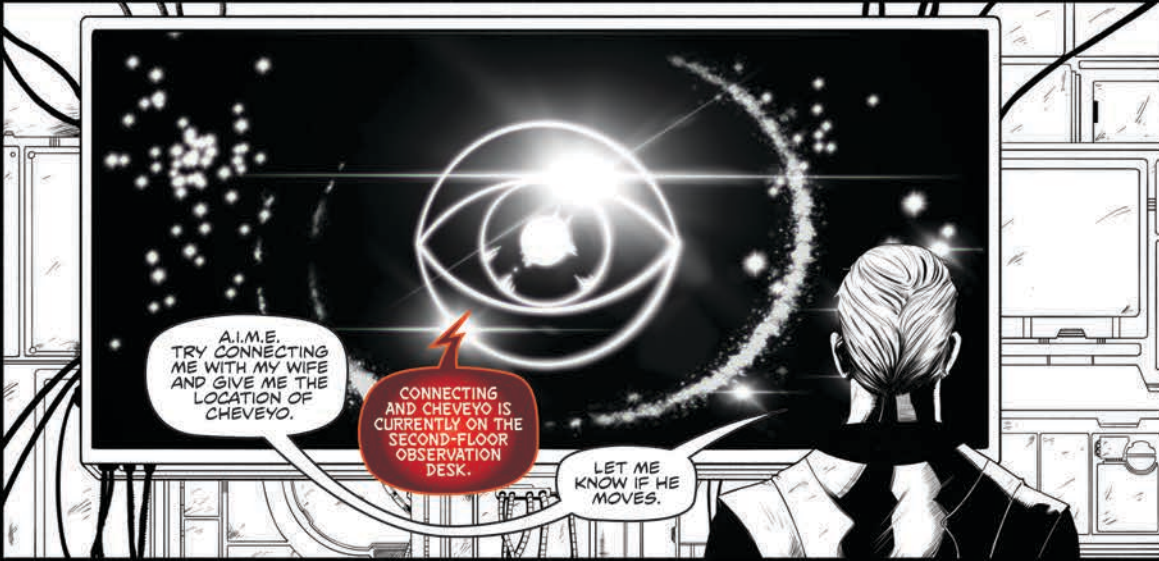
I'LL BASH HIS SKULL IN WITH IT. ACTUALLY THAT WOULD BE TOO QUICK, I AM GOING TO MAKE HIM PAY FOR A YEAR AND THEN...

SO HURRY UP.

"AND CUT THE JOKES."







A.I.M.E. TRY CONNECTING ME WITH MY WIFE AND GIVE ME THE LOCATION OF CHEVEYO.

CONNECTING AND CHEVEYO IS CURRENTLY ON THE SECOND-FLOOR OBSERVATION DESK.

LET ME KNOW IF HE MOVES.



HEY HONEY, I MADE IT. WE WILL SEE IF I SURVIVE A YEAR.

OH MY GOD, YOU'RE CALLING ME FROM SPACE??

HOW CRAZY IS THAT, HOW WAS YOUR FLIGHT? DO YOU CALL IT A FLIGHT WHEN YOU GOT TO SPACE? HAS YOUR PARTNER BECOME ANY MORE TOLERABLE?

YES, TRY NOT TO UPSET HER THOUGH, OK?

SLOW DOWN, I MADE IT SAFELY. I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF TIME TO TALK NOW. IS MOLLY RIGHT THERE?



HEY KIDDO, YOU DOING OK?

HI DAD, I'M OK. ARE YOU IN OUTER SPACE NOW?

I AM, YOU BETTER REMEMBER TO LOOK UP TO THE SKY EVERY NIGHT. MAYBE YOU WILL SEE ME WAVING SOMETIME.

VERY FUNNY, MOM HAS BEEN CRYING EVERY NIGHT.

I CAN'T TALK TO LONG NOW, BUT YOU TAKE CARE OF MOM UNTIL I GET BACK OK? I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

I WILL, I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE YOU TOO, KIDDO. I'LL CALL BACK WHEN I CAN.

MEANWHILE AT THE PIGSTY



BRIAN ROGERS



Space Cooler
FENTON - ROGERS



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