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This comic series about mutants killing each other in an apocalyptic wasteland is dedicated to my beautiful family: Joanna, Skylar, Frankie, Dominick, and Quinn.  
*We sure hope you enjoy the story and the world of the Oridium Wasteland. This project is purely for entertainment and fun. We had a blast making this stuff and just want people to enjoy the world.*

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# ISSUE 1 SENTINEL OF THE APOCALYPSE

IN THE EARLY 21ST CENTURY GENETICISTS BEGAN TO ALTER THE FUNDAMENTAL DNA OF HOMO-SAPIENS IN AN ATTEMPT TO "PERFECT" THE ORIGINAL DESIGN. THE GOAL WAS STRONGER, BETTER, FASTER, AND SEXIER. THE RESULTS WERE... MIXED. WHAT THE OUTSPOKEN PROPONENTS OF GENETIC RESEARCH DID NOT CONSIDER WAS THAT ONCE THE HUMAN GENOME WAS OPEN TO MODIFICATION, NATURE WOULD FIGHT BACK WITH A NASTY VENGEANCE. FOR EVERY PERFECT GENETICALLY ALTERED BABY BORN, THERE WERE NEARLY A DOZEN ACCIDENTAL MUTATIONS - A DOZEN BEING A SCIENTIFICALLY ACCEPTABLE NUMBER. AFTER ALL, PERFECTION REQUIRES SACRIFICE.

AT THE TURN OF THE 24TH CENTURY, THE GENETICALLY SUPERIOR, UPPER-CLASS POPULATION BECAME AWARE THAT ALL OF THESE NASTY MUTANTS WERE REALLY MAKING A MESS OF THE PLANET. SO THEY LEFT. THE WEALTHY 3 PERCENT TOOK RESIDENCE ON THE MOON IN A TERRAFORMED CITY KNOWN AS LUNA MELIORN. SAFELY REMOVED FROM THE REMAINING UGLY POPULATION.

NOW A BARREN WASTELAND THROWN INTO ANARCHY, THE LEFTOVER MUTANT POPULATION OF EARTH BEGAN TO FORM THEIR OWN TRIBES, GANGS, AND SETTLEMENTS. THE STRONG PREYED UPON THE WEAK. LARGER GANGS RAN THE OPEN DESERTS AND WASTELANDS. WARLORDS ROSE TO POWER AND LED THEIR FOLLOWERS THROUGH THE ONCE GREAT CITIES TO PILLAGE WHAT WAS LEFT.

THE MORE PEACEFUL INHABITANTS RETREATED TO HIDDEN STRONGHOLDS AND UNDERGROUND CITIES. THEY MADE USE OF THE REMAINING TECH TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. RATHER THAN RISK THEIR LIVES AS SCAVENGERS THEY BEGAN TO SEND DRONES AND BOTS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO FIND RESOURCES.

THE BLADE SENTINELS WERE A ONCE POWERFUL AND PROTECTIVE FORCE AGAINST THE GANGS OF RAIDERS AND MURDEROUS THUGS OF THE WASTELAND. A TERRIFIC FUSION OF BIOENGINEERING AND GENETIC ENHANCEMENT, THE SENTINELS WERE THE SAVIORS OF THE GOOD AND KIND HEARTED. AS WITH MOST GOOD THINGS, THEY WERE WIPED OUT AND ELIMINATED FROM THIS WORLD LONG AGO. BUT THEIR LEGACY IS NOT DEAD. THE LOREFORGERS AND TECHNOCLERICS TELL THE TALE OF A SINGLE SENTINEL WHO REMAINS AND WANDERS THE WASTELAND, TORMENTED BY HIS PAST.



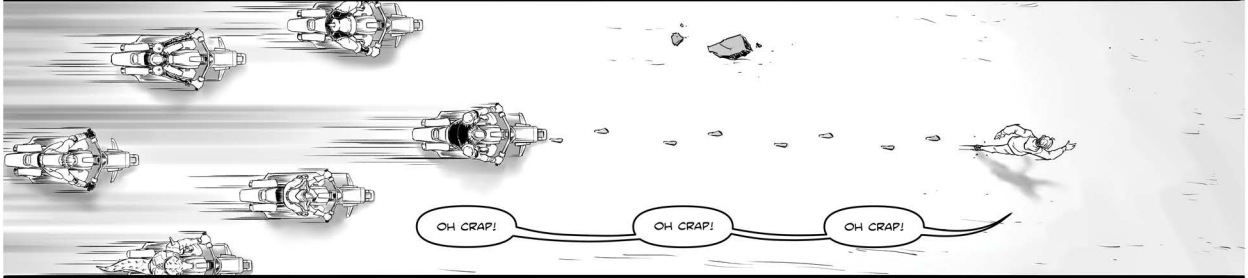
"YOU NEVER KNOW HOW BAD YOU CAN MESS THINGS UP UNTIL YOU REALLY TRY."

-DR. AVERY GILES  
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ORIDIUM WASTELAND

2480 A.D.



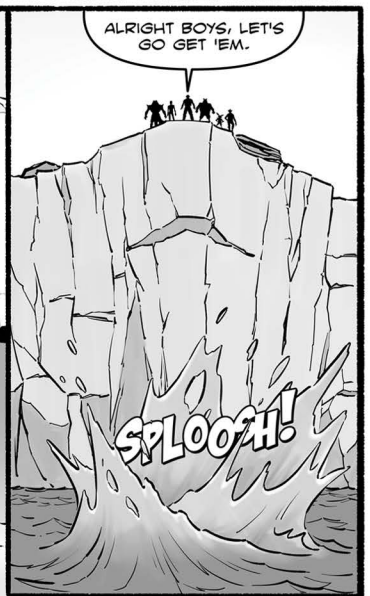
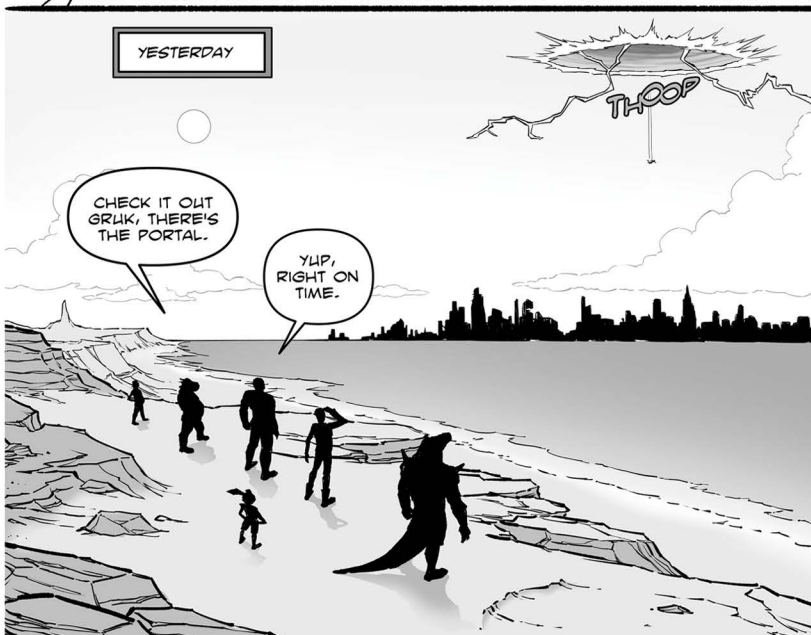
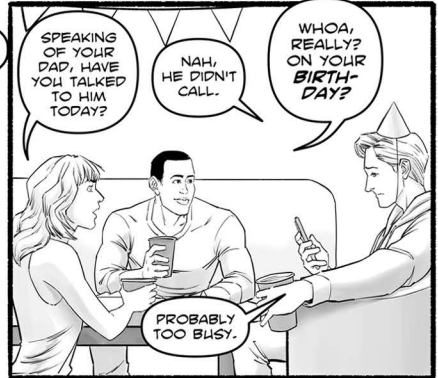
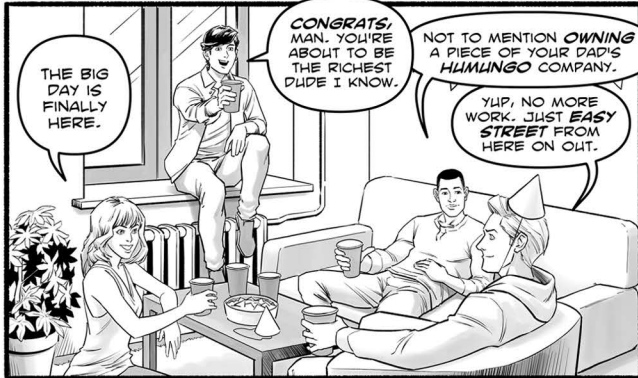


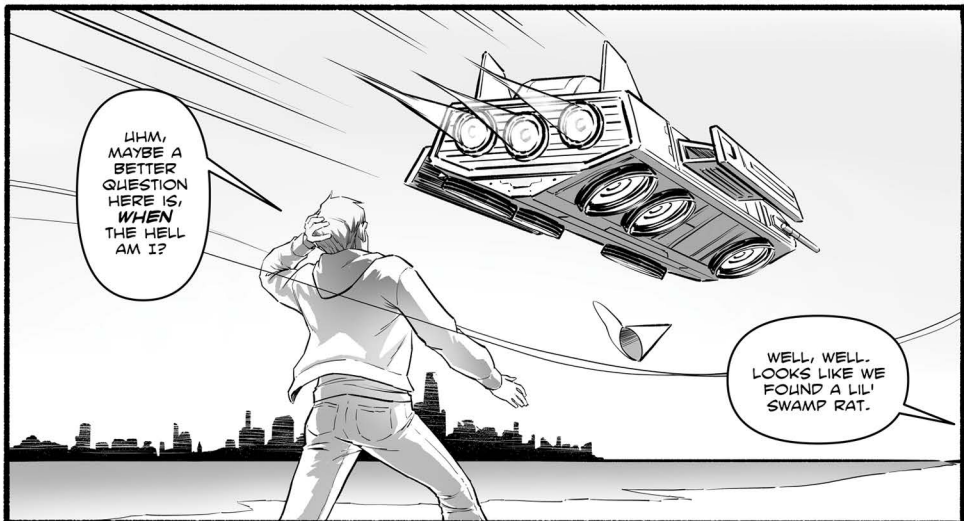




NEW JERSEY  
458 YEARS EARLIER...

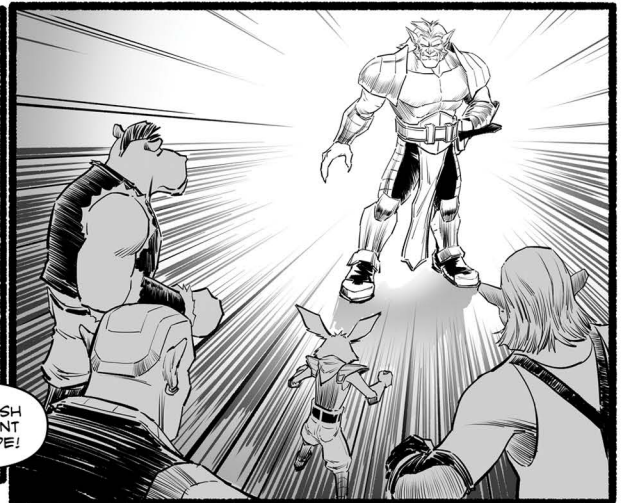
HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVE!  
THANKS GUYS, THIS IS A BIG ONE!













MEANWHILE

YOU'RE ABOUT 50 CREDITS SHORT, FRIEND.

LOOK SCUM. I KNOW THE VALUE OF THESE CELLS. MY OFFER STANDS.

THERE IS A REASON WE LEFT YOUR KIND HERE ON EARTH.

I ALREADY PAID YOU AN EXTRA 200 CREDITS TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT OUR LITTLE TRANSACTION.

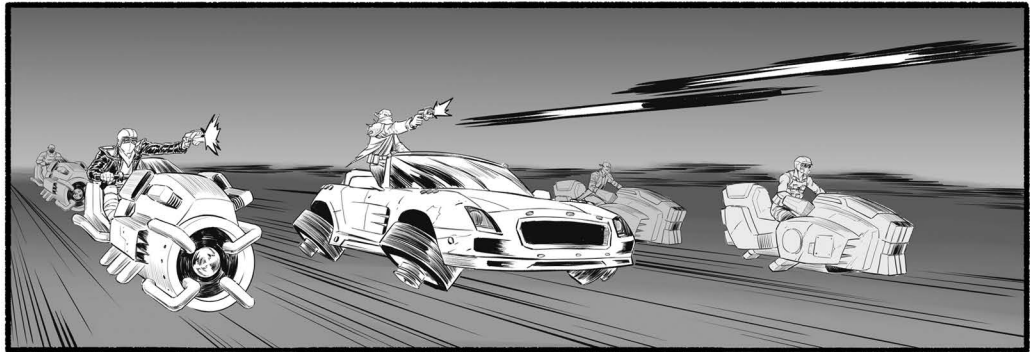


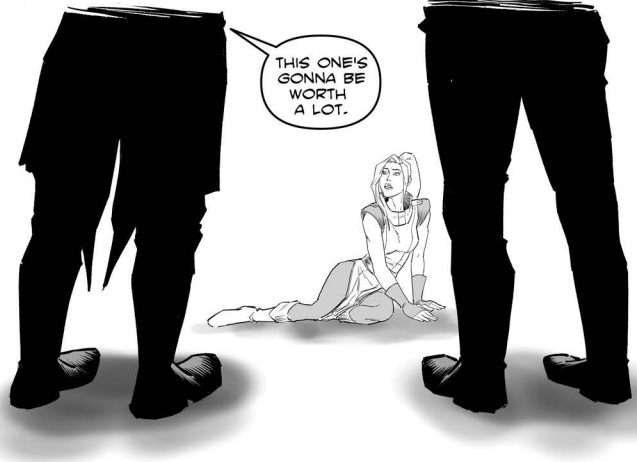
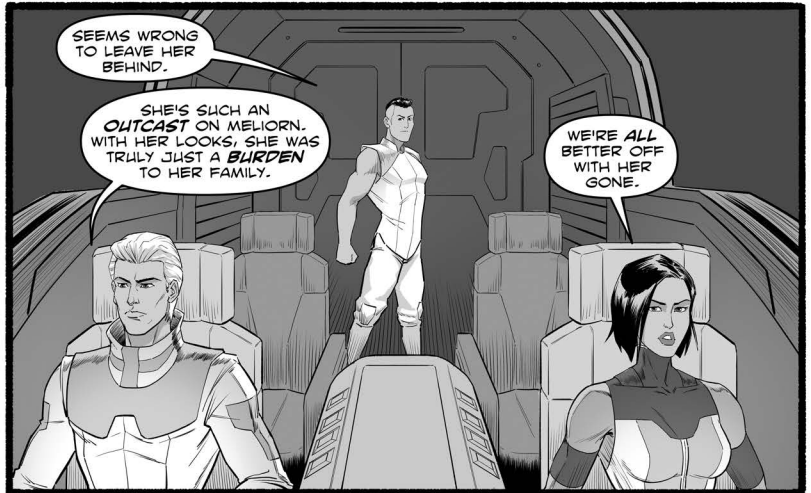
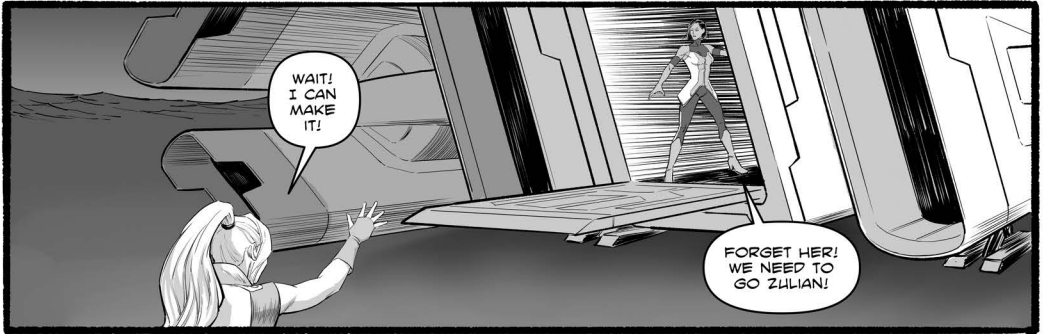
HURRY UP ZULIAN. YOU KNOW I ABSOLUTELY CAN'T STAND IT DOWN HERE ON EARTH. EVERYTHING IS JUST.. EWW.

ACTUALLY, I THINK IT'S KIND OF COOL. WE NEVER GET TO EXPERIENCE THIS ENVIRONMENT BACK ON THE MOON. I MEAN, THIS IS WHERE WE ALL CAME FROM.

FIGURES YOU ACTUALLY LIKE IT HERE PENELOPE. THIS PLANET SUITS YOU.

HEY!









I TOLD YOU...

SLASH!



...I DON'T...

SLISSHHH!



...WANT TO FIGHT.

WHAM!



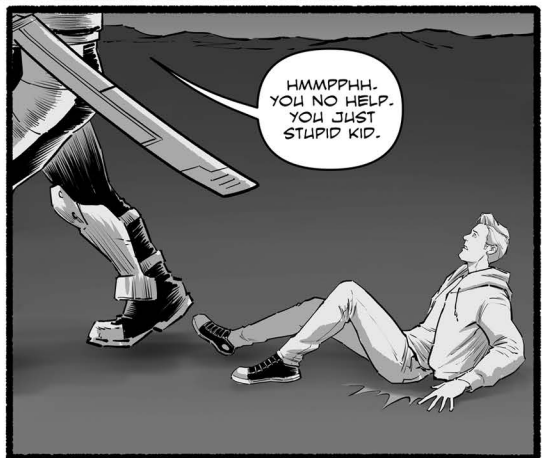
HEY BUDDY!  
HEY! THAT WAS  
REALLY AMAZING  
STUFF! WOW!

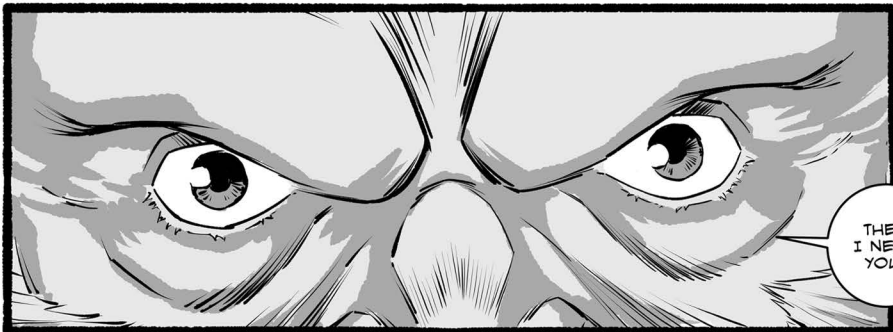
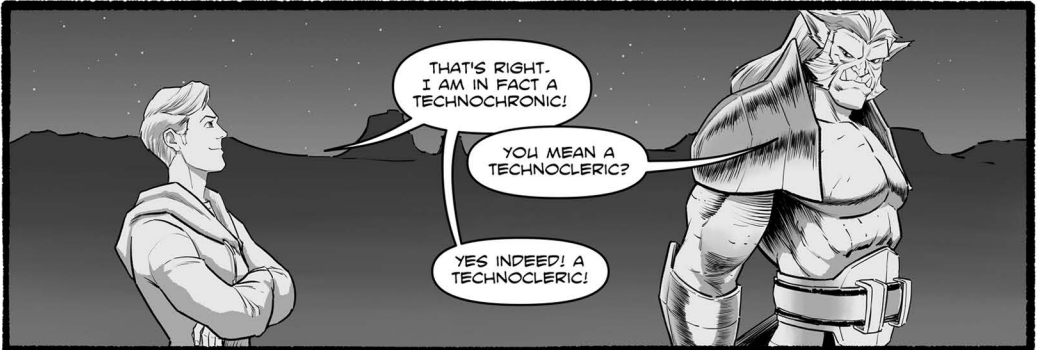
ANY CHANCE  
YOU COULD MAYBE,  
LINTIE ME?



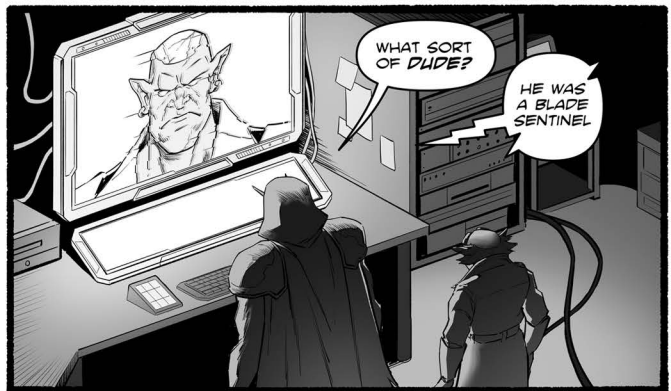
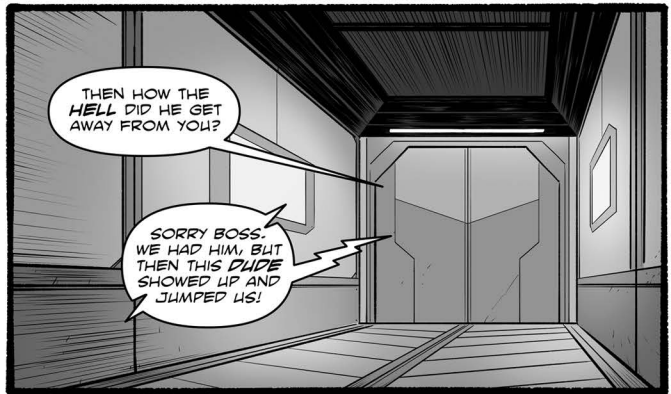
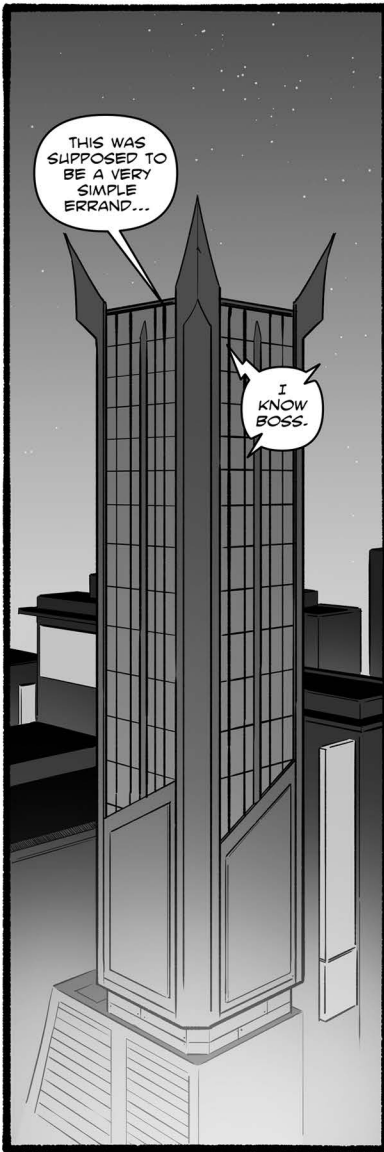
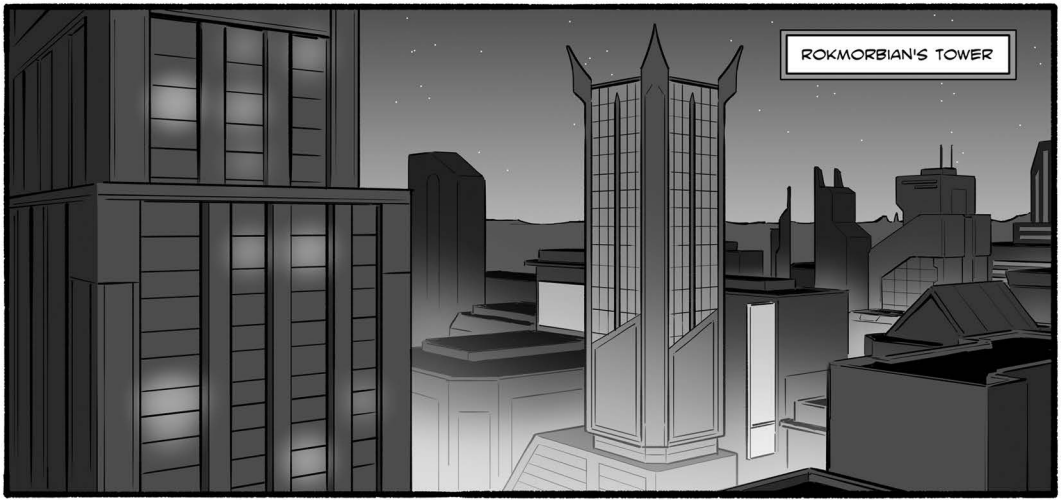


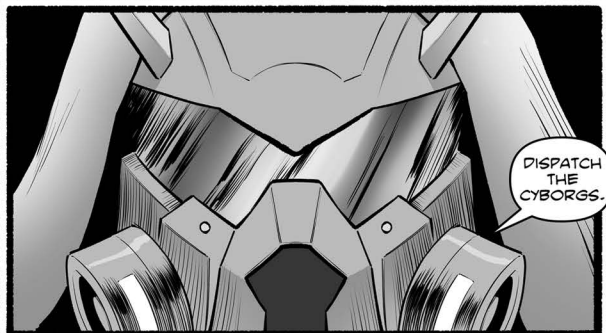




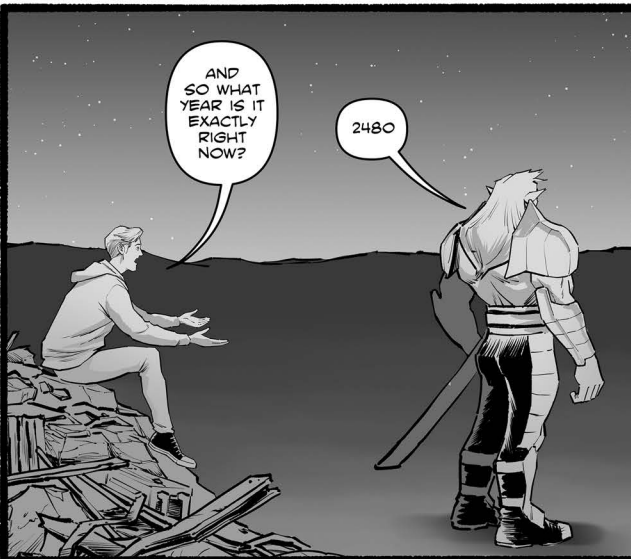
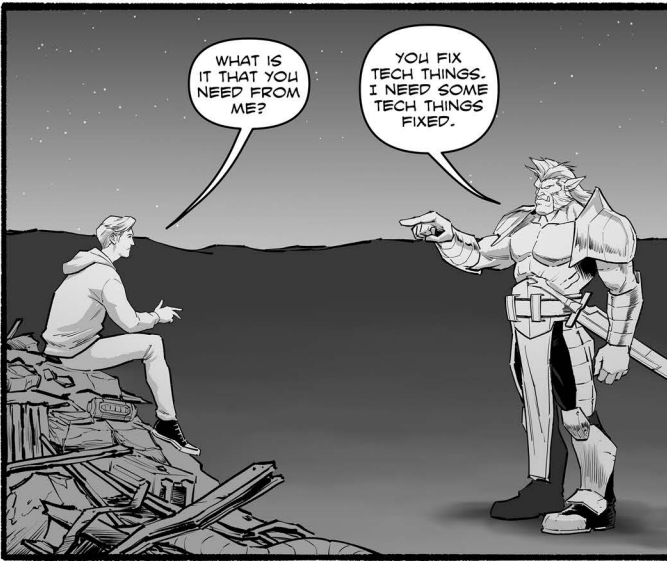


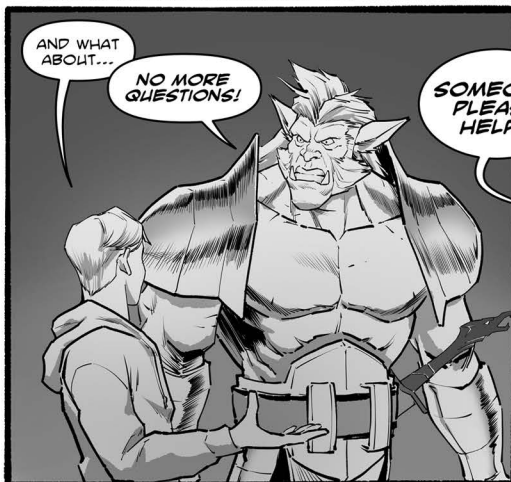
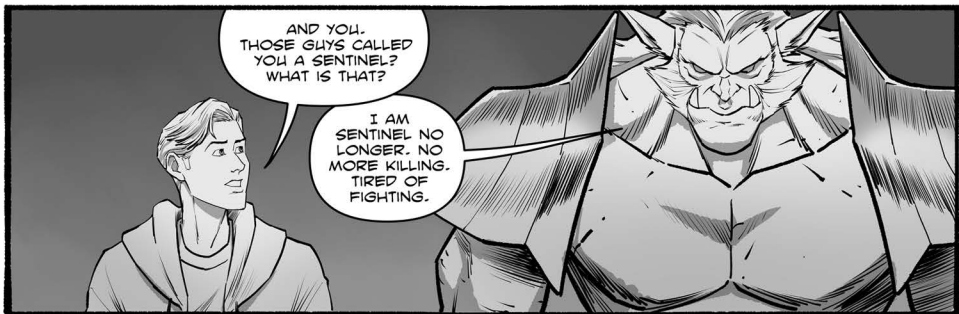
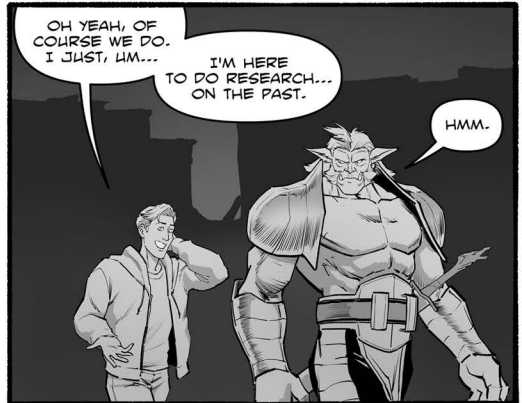
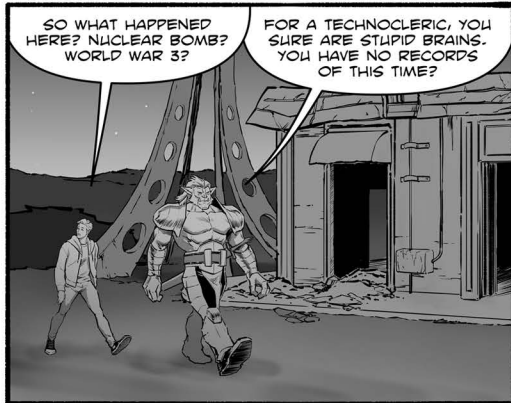
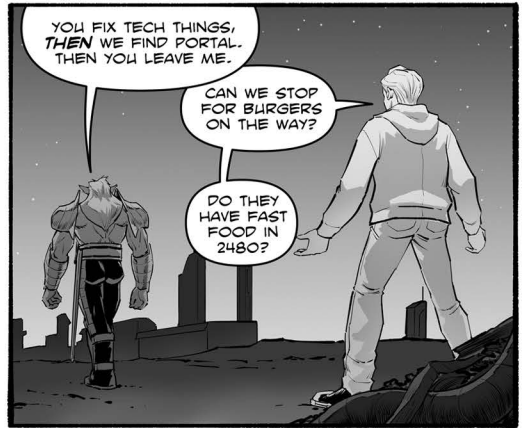
















WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT WITH ME ANYWAY?

YOU'RE WORTH QUITE A LOT TO THE RIGHT BUYER, PRETTY LADY.



LET GO OF ME!

ALRIGHT, LET'S GET HER INTO THAT CAGE.



WHAM



CRUNCH



EASY THERE FOXY LADY.

FIST



WELL, YOU'RE A FEISTY ONE AIN'T YA. I KNOW SOME BUYERS THAT ARE JUST GONNA LOVE THAT.

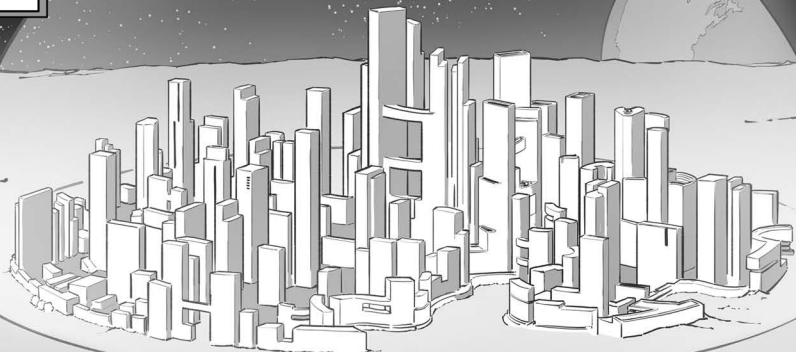


ALRIGHT, TIME TO START THE BIDDING ON HER.

LET'S SEE IF WE GET ANY BUYERS.

MELIORN CITY

THE MOON



ZULIAN, I JUST GOT A PING ON LADY PENELOPE. SHE'S ACTIVE IN THE STREAM RIGHT NOW.

WHAT?! SHE'S STILL ALIVE? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?



I THOUGHT FOR SURE SHE WAS A GONER.

LOOKS LIKE THAT BAND OF RAIDERS IS TRYING TO FIND A BUYER.



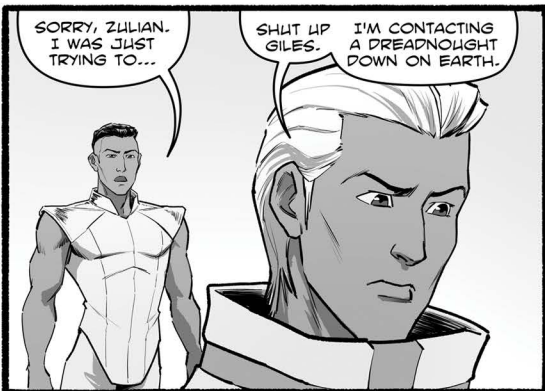
PERHAPS WE SHOULD PUT IN AN OFFER?

I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SITUATION GILES. IF SHE TELLS ANYONE THAT WE WERE DOWN THERE, OR THAT WE LEFT HER, I'M GOING TO HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TIME IN MY MOVE FOR THE GOVERNOR'S POSITION.

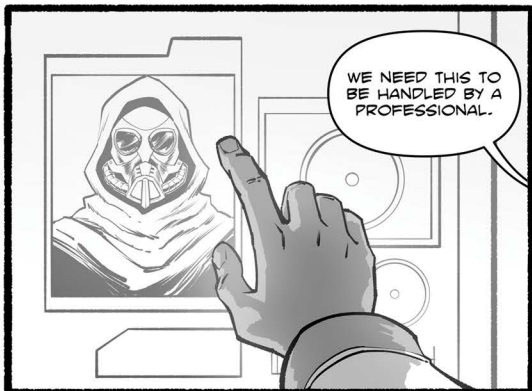


SORRY, ZULIAN. I WAS JUST TRYING TO...

SHUT UP GILES. I'M CONTACTING A DREADNOUGHT DOWN ON EARTH.

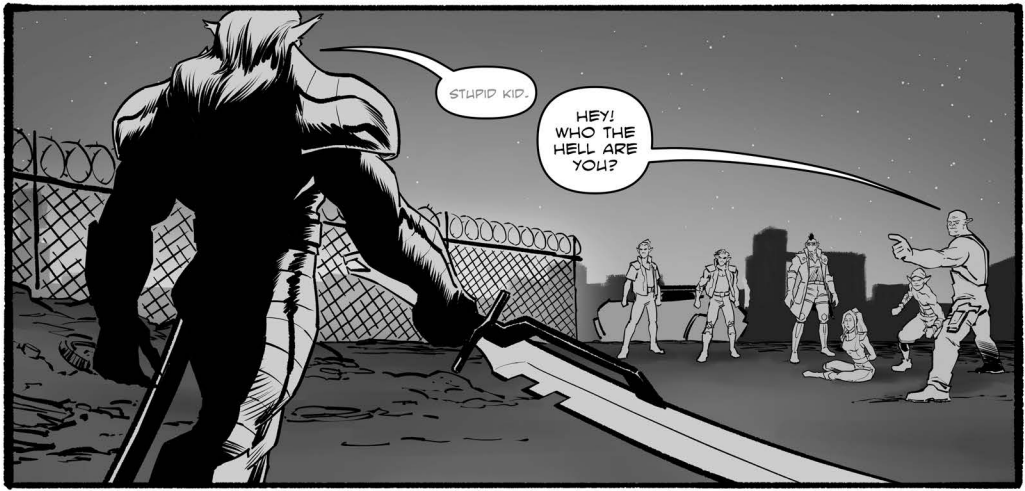


WE NEED THIS TO BE HANDLED BY A PROFESSIONAL.











LET'S GO

NO!  
LEAVE ME ALONE  
YOU WRETCHED  
BEAST!



LET ME GO! I HAVE  
VERY POWERFUL FRIENDS  
IN MELIORN CITY!

RELAX.  
THIS IS  
RESCUE.



FANCY GIRL,  
MEET  
TECHNOCLERIC.

HI! I'M STEVE. IT  
WAS MY IDEA TO  
RESCUE YOU.

HOW  
HEROIC  
OF YOU  
STEVE.

*Skylar  
waz here  
2402*



YOU SURE DON'T LOOK  
LIKE YOU'RE FROM AROUND  
HERE. EVER BEEN TO THE  
CADILLAC BAR?

I'M NOT FROM  
HERE. I'M FROM  
MELIORN.

OHhh, MELIORN,  
EH? NEVER HEARD  
OF IT. IS THAT IN  
LONG ISLAND?



YOU SEEM KIND  
OF DIM TO BE A  
TECHNOCLERIC.

YES. HE IS  
FOOL. BUT BEST  
TECHNOCLERIC.



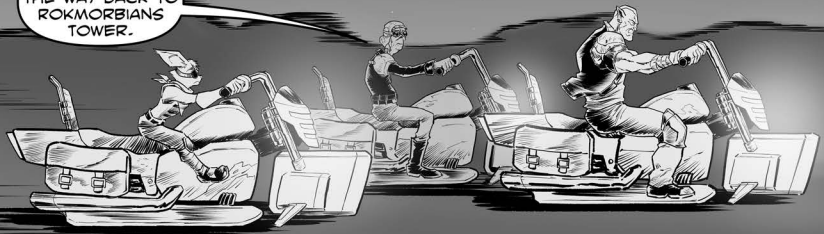
GREAT! MAYBE YOU  
CAN BUILD ME A SHUTTLE  
AND GET ME BACK TO  
THE MOON.



THAT SON OF  
A BITCH IS GONNA  
PAY BIG TIME!

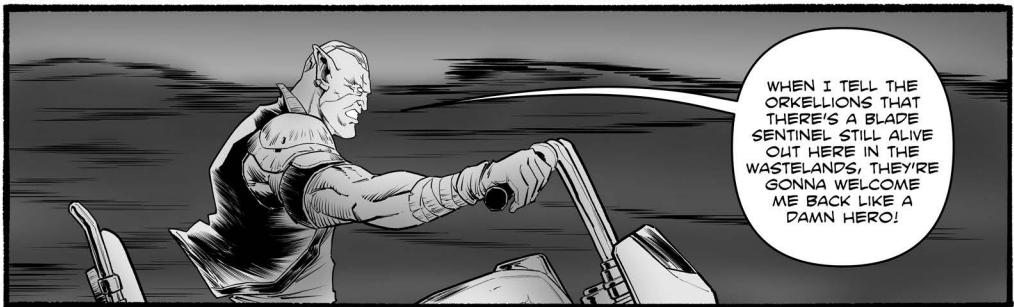
WE NEED  
REINFORCEMENTS.

BUT THIS AIN'T  
THE WAY BACK TO  
ROKMORBIAN'S  
TOWER.



WE'RE NOT GOING BACK  
TO ROKMORBIAN'S. WE'RE GOING  
UNDERGROUND. I NEED TO TALK  
TO MY PEOPLE. MY FAMILY.

BUT YOU  
AIN'T BEEN  
BACK THERE  
IN YEARS.



WHEN I TELL THE  
ORKELLIONS THAT  
THERE'S A BLADE  
SENTINEL STILL ALIVE  
OUT HERE IN THE  
WASTELANDS, THEY'RE  
GONNA WELCOME  
ME BACK LIKE A  
DAMN HERO!



YOU EVER  
MET ANY  
ORKELLIONS...  
OTHER THAN  
GRUK?

NO, BUT  
I HEAR  
THEY'RE  
THE WORST  
KIND OF  
MUTANTS.

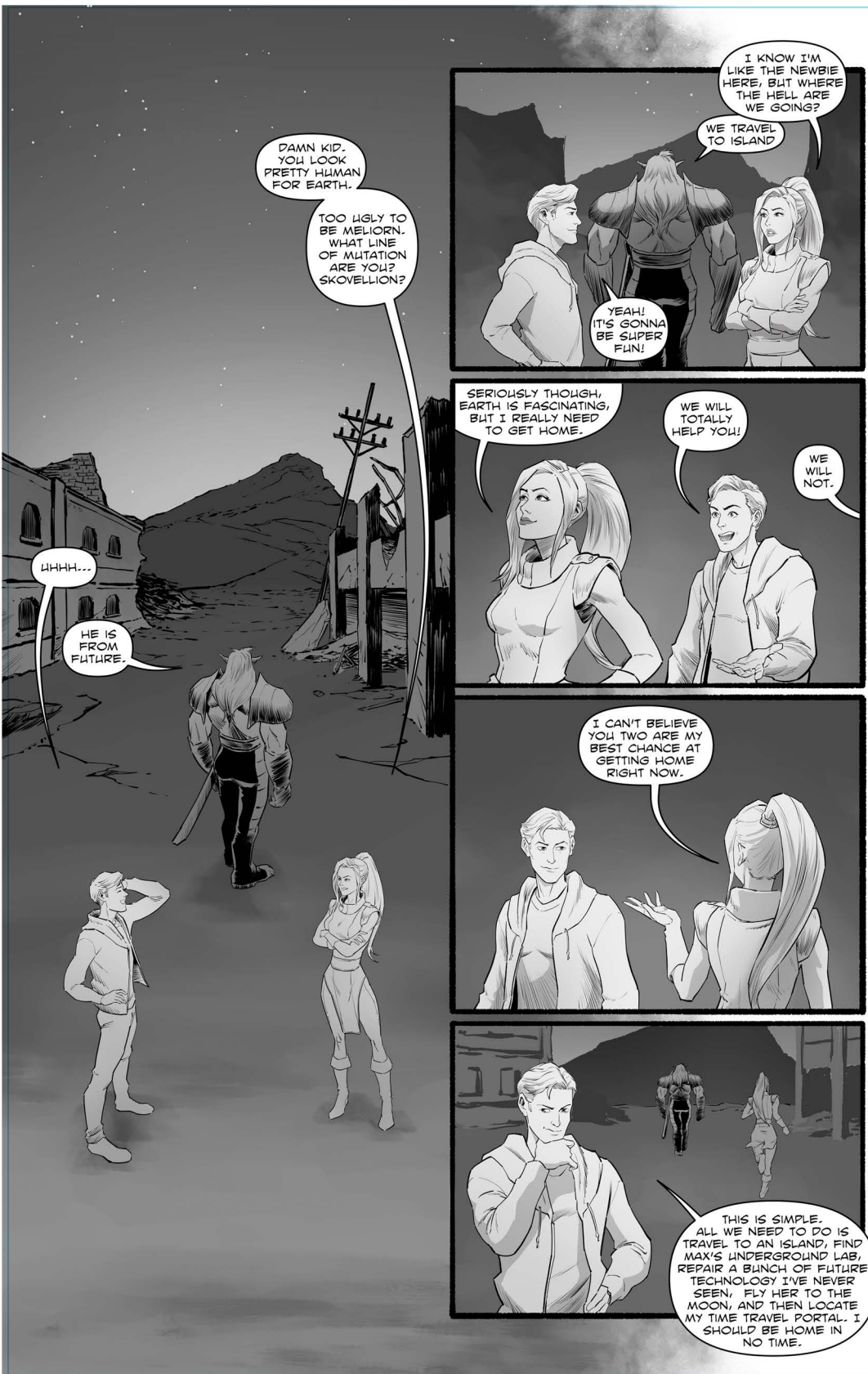
THEY EAT  
LITTLE  
GUYS LIKE  
YOU FOR  
A SNACK.



MY PEOPLE  
HAVE BEEN  
DYING TO GET  
THEIR HANDS ON  
A SENTINEL  
FOR YEARS.



THIS  
ASSHOLE  
IS GONNA  
SUFFER.



DAMN KID. YOU LOOK PRETTY HUMAN FOR EARTH.

TOO UGLY TO BE MELIORN. WHAT LINE OF MUTATION ARE YOU? SKOVELLION?

UHHH...

HE IS FROM FUTURE.

I KNOW I'M LIKE THE NEWBIE HERE, BUT WHERE THE HELL ARE WE GOING?  
WE TRAVEL TO ISLAND  
YEAH! IT'S GONNA BE SUPER FUN!

SERIOUSLY THOUGH, EARTH IS FASCINATING, BUT I REALLY NEED TO GET HOME.  
WE WILL TOTALLY HELP YOU!  
WE WILL NOT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO ARE MY BEST CHANCE AT GETTING HOME RIGHT NOW.

THIS IS SIMPLE. ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TRAVEL TO AN ISLAND, FIND MAX'S UNDERGROUND LAB, REPAIR A BUNCH OF FUTURE TECHNOLOGY I'VE NEVER SEEN, FLY HER TO THE MOON, AND THEN LOCATE MY TIME TRAVEL PORTAL. I SHOULD BE HOME IN NO TIME.



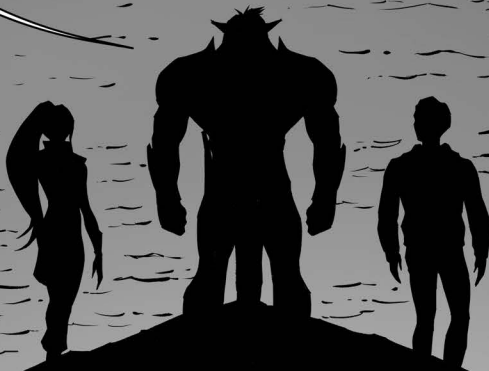




TECH PLACE IS  
THERE. YOU FIX  
TECH, THEN WE  
GO TO PORTAL.  
NO TROUBLE.

YEAH, I'VE  
HAD ENOUGH  
TROUBLE FOR  
A LIFETIME.

WITH MAX HERE,  
I DON'T THINK WE'RE  
GONNA HAVE ANY  
TROUBLE AT ALL.



YEAH, THIS IS GONNA BE A CINCH.

THIS IS GAHL-4 OF THE CYBORG BATTALION 2. WE HAVE A FIX ON THEIR POSITION.

THAT'S RIGHT BROTHERS, WE'RE GONNA GET OURSELVES AN ACTUAL SENTINEL!



WE SHALL SOON HAVE THIS HUMAN'S DNA. THEN OUR REIGN OF DESTRUCTION WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE!

**TO BE CONTINUED**

thanks J.



FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN

# ISSUE 2

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HOLY SMOKES! WHAT A RIDE!  
HUNGRY FOR MORE MAYHEM?  
CHECK OUT MAXIMUS BLADE ONLINE  
AND FIND OUT ABOUT UPCOMING  
CONTENT AND ISSUES

WE'VE GOT 3 MORE JUICY ISSUES IN  
THIS SERIES.  
EACH ONE JAM PACKED WITH MUTANT  
FREAKS AND FIERY DESTRUCTION.

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