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### OPERATION VOLCANO - PART ONE

#### PREVIOUSLY...

The Seventh Doctor and Ace have long traveled through space and time in the Doctor's TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimension in Space), facing all manner of deadly alien intelligences, and witnessing countless unique wonders.

Most recently, they defeated the war-like Kla-Shi-Kel – without firing a shot!

Afterwards, while witnessing the Kepler Alignment – in the company of some marshmallows and a roaring fire – the TARDIS alerted the pair to an urgent request for assistance from an old friend: Group Captain Gilmore...



#### The Doctor

An inquisitive explorer, revelling in adventure. He might trick you into thinking he's a buffoon, playing the fool or muddling his words – but these traits disguise a sharp intelligence and a shrewd judge of character...



#### Ace

A trusted companion of the Seventh Doctor, Dorothy Gale 'Ace' McShane always fights for what she believes in. She's ready to take on anyone – or anything – that gets in her way... sometimes with a dose of home-made explosives!



#### Gilmore

A Royal Air Force officer, the original leader of the Intrusion Countermeasures Group, Group Captain Ian Gilmore is a no nonsense military man, known for doing things by the book... so partnering with the Doctor never comes easily to him...

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THE YEAR 1967.

THE AUSTRALIAN DESERT...



ARE YOU  
SURE YOU WANT  
TO GO THROUGH  
WITH THIS?





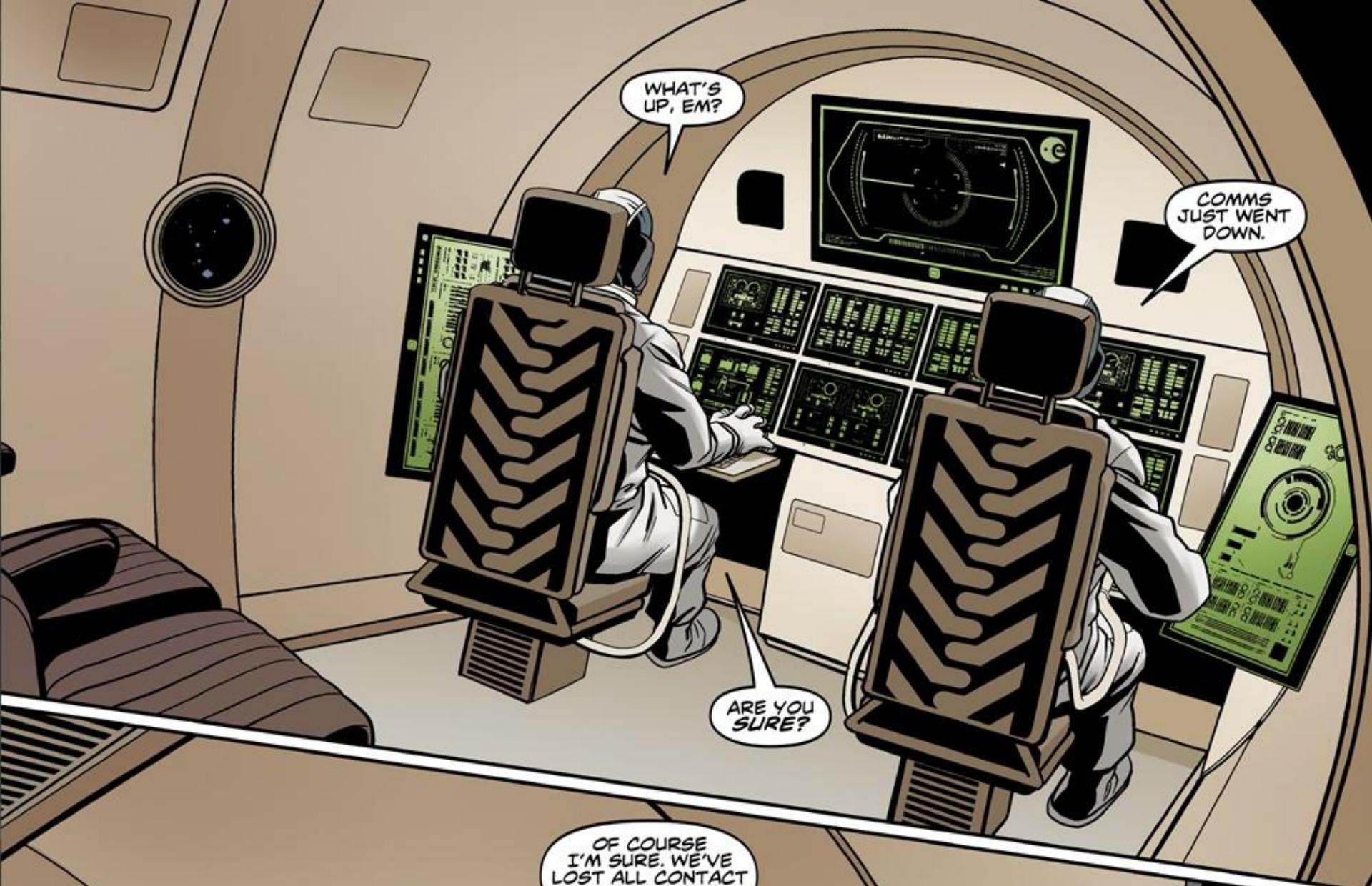
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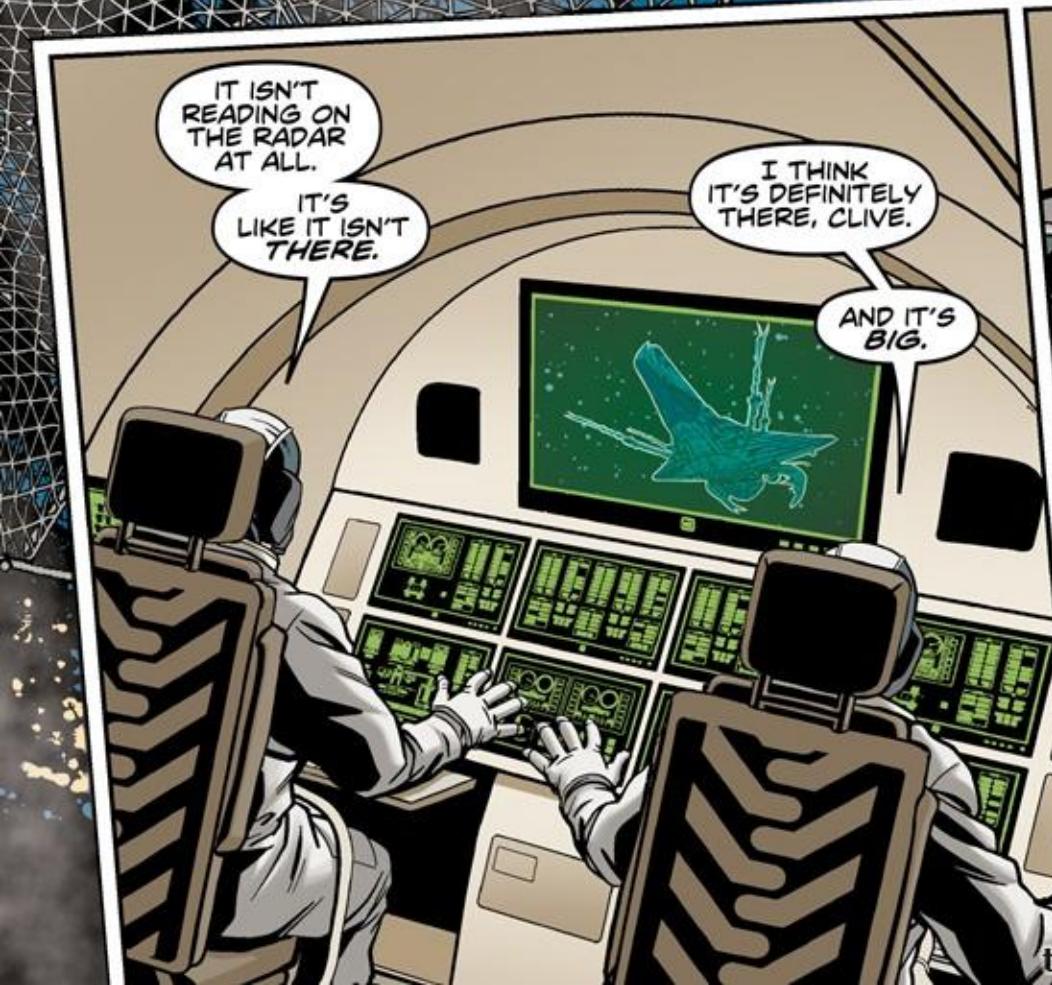
IN HIGH EARTH ORBIT...

THE KLIPER JUBILEE SHOUT  
IS ON A ROUTINE EUROPEAN  
SPACE AGENCY MISSION TO  
CLEAR UP ORBITAL JUNK.

NET FULLY  
DEPLOYED.

COMMENCING  
SWEEP.





"BOARD IT."

WE  
SHOULDN'T BE  
DOING THIS,  
EMILY...

YOU'RE  
ONLY SAYING  
THAT...

BECAUSE  
YOU LOST.

PROMISE  
YOU'LL NEVER TELL  
ANYONE THAT WE  
PLAYED ROCK PAPER  
SCISSORS TO SEE  
WHO WOULD DO  
THE EVA.

OF COURSE  
I'M GOING TO  
TELL PEOPLE.

I'M  
GOING TO TELL  
EVERYONE.

OKAY,  
JUBILEE  
SHOUT. I'M  
THERE.

"CONTACT."



THERE'S AN  
AIRLOCK.  
IT'S EVEN GOT  
INSTRUCTIONS.



I WISH I  
COULD READ  
THEM.



ACTUALLY,  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT?

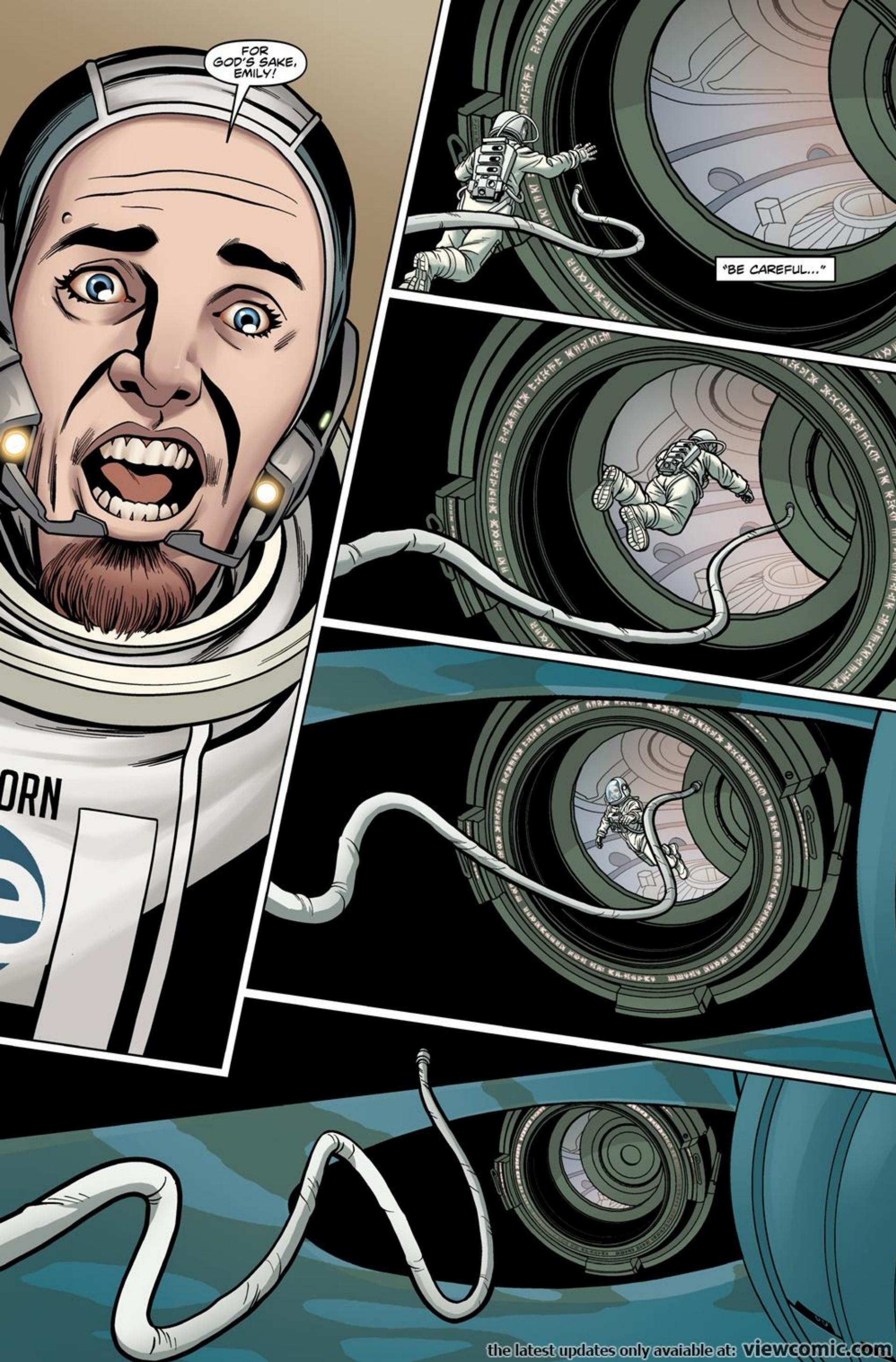
I THINK  
I CAN.

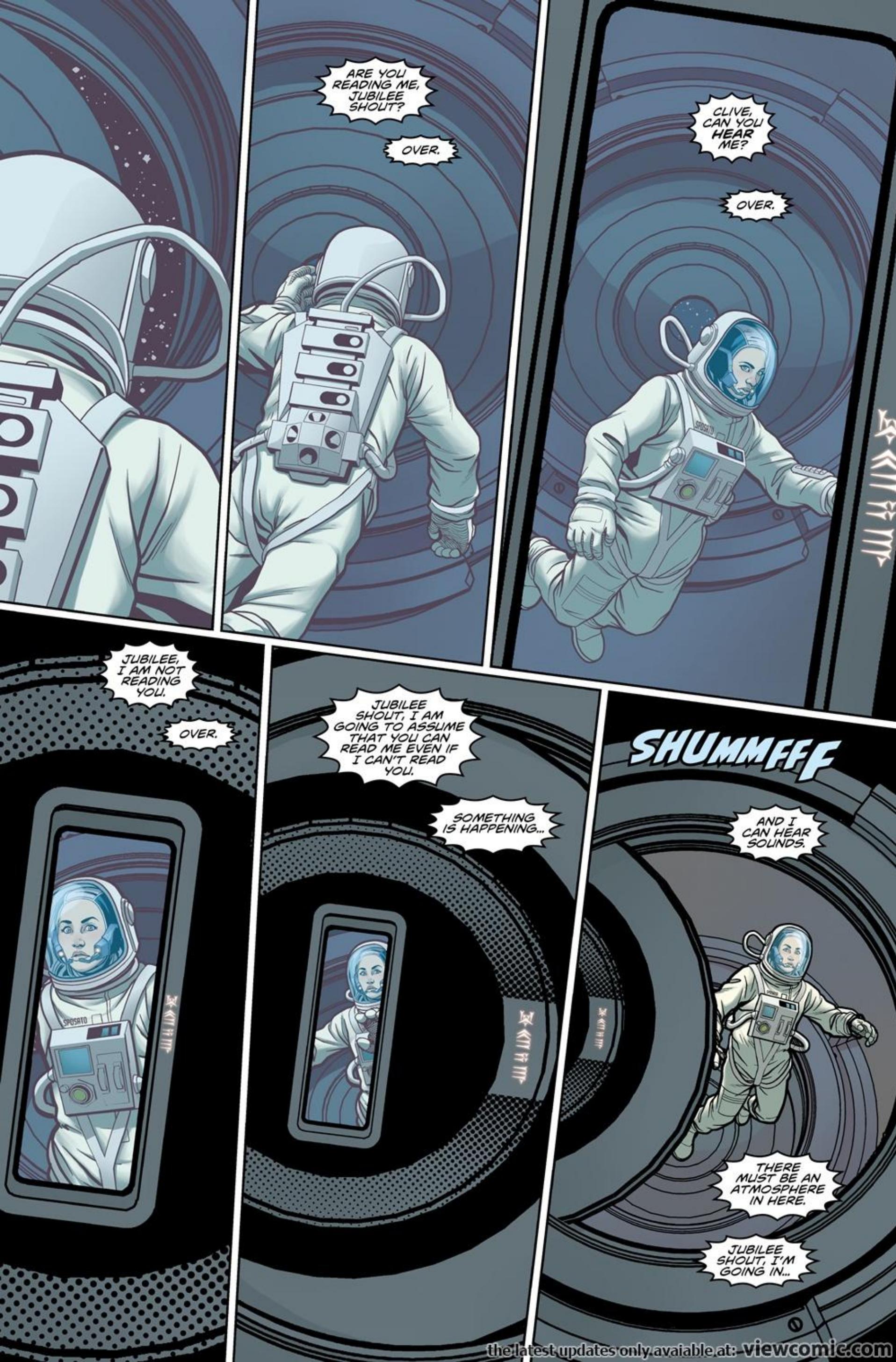
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DON'T  
KNOW  
HOW...  
BUT I  
CAN.

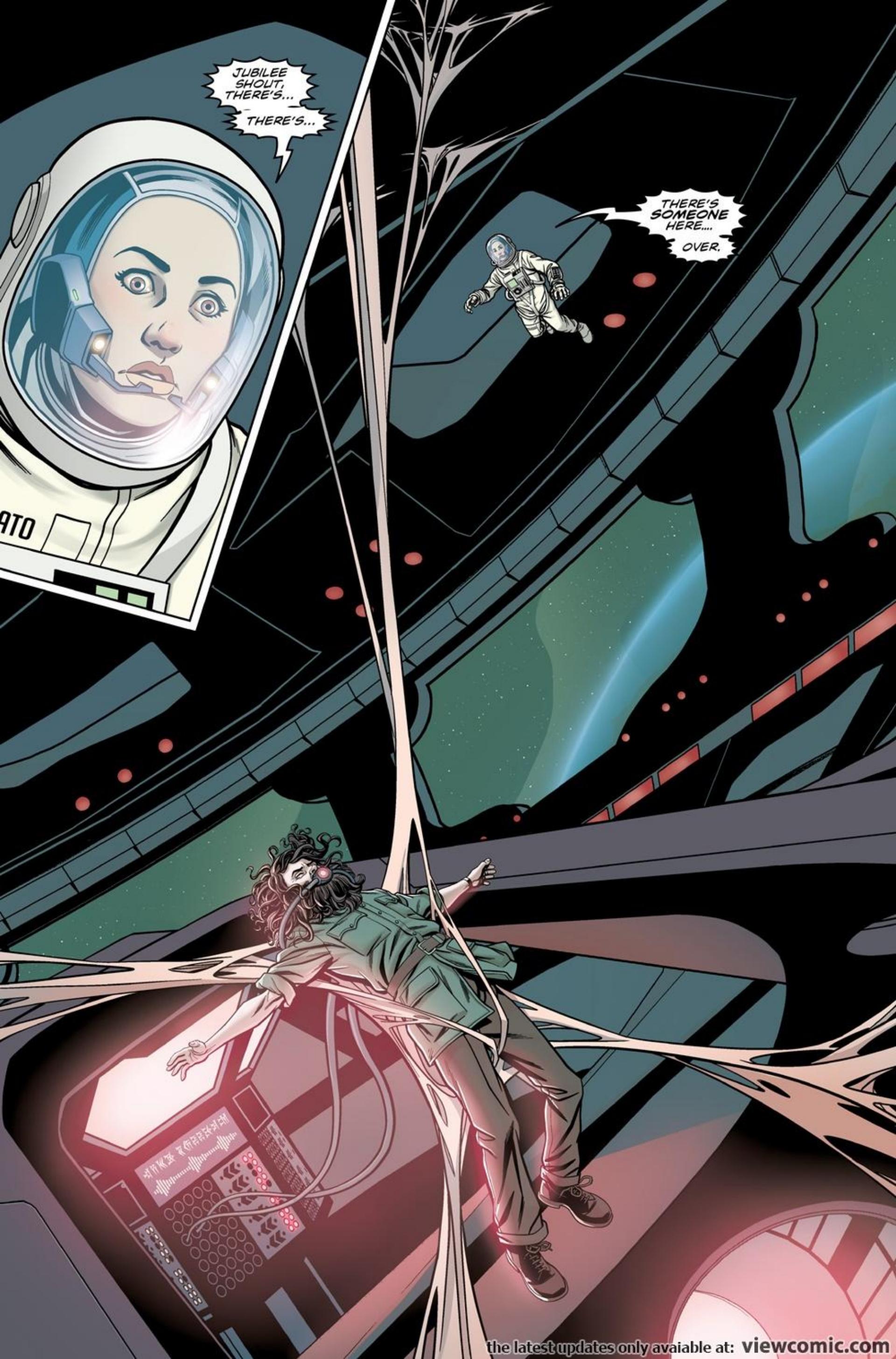


JUBILEE  
SHOUT, IT'S  
OPENING.

AND  
THERE ARE  
LIGHTS  
INSIDE.









MAY 1967.

THIS IS THE  
MOST REMARKABLE  
CAVE SYSTEM IN  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.  
NOT LEAST BECAUSE  
OF THESE...

THEY'RE  
EXTRAORDINARY.

I'VE SEEN  
THE ONES IN  
ALTA MIRA  
AND CHAUVENT,  
RACHEL--

...BUT  
THESE ARE  
VERY DIFFERENT  
IN STYLE...

AND  
CONSIDERABLY  
MORE RECENT,  
ALLISON.

THEY DATE  
FROM ABOUT  
FIVE THOUSAND  
YEARS AGO.

SHALL I  
PHOTOGRAPH  
EVERYTHING?

NO, JUST  
THIS ONE,  
PLEASE...

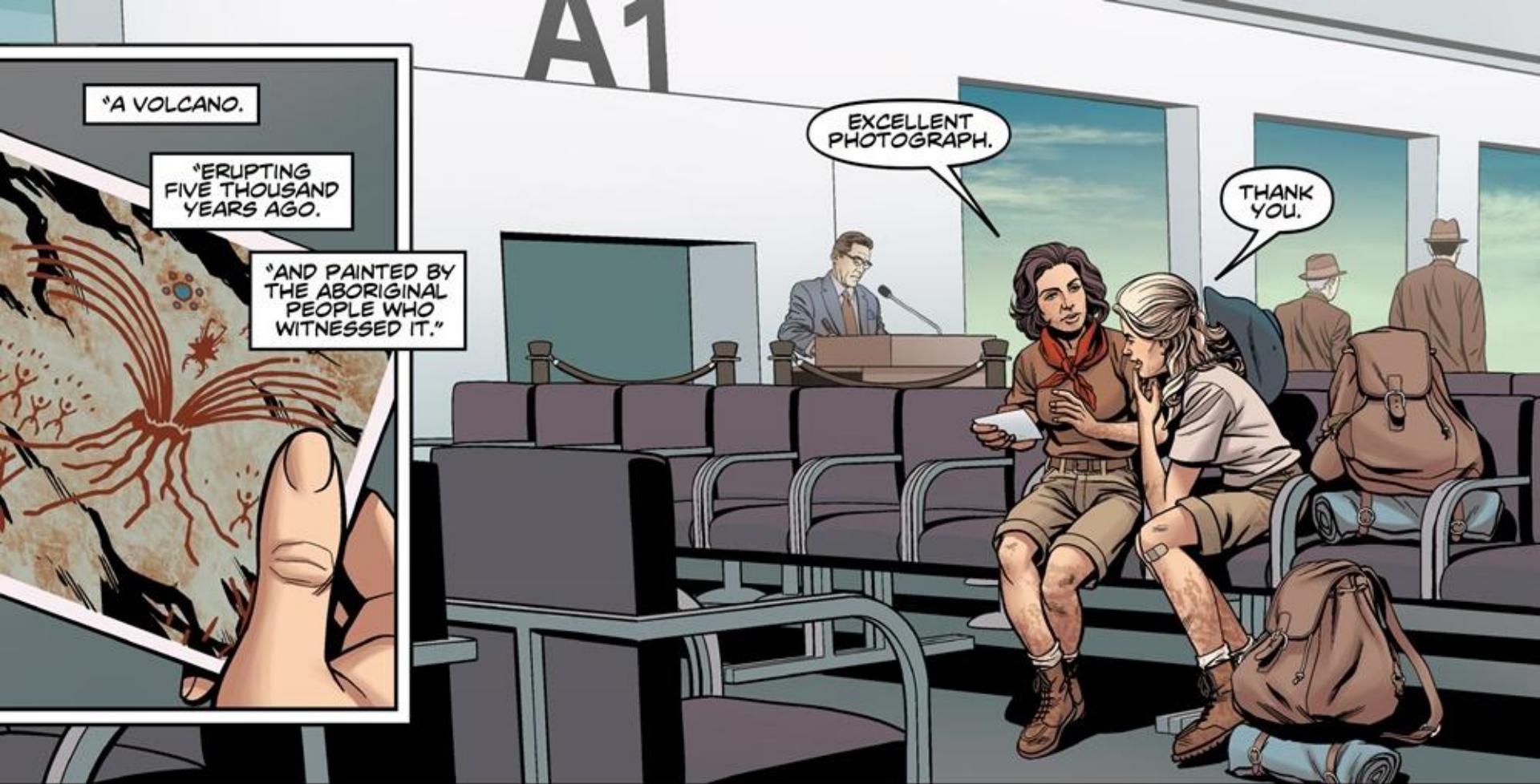
"A VOLCANO."

"ERUPTING FIVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO."

"AND PAINTED BY THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED IT."

EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPH.

THANK YOU.



I'M AFRAID OUR FLIRTATION WITH TOURISM ENDS HERE, HOWEVER.

NOW IT'S DOWN TO BUSINESS.

ADELAIDE



SINCE I BELIEVE THIS IS COLONEL PALMER.

TOO RIGHT, LADIES.

GLAD TO MEET YOU, PROFESSOR JENSEN -- DOCTOR WILLIAMS.

NOW LET'S GO LOOK AT THE WHIRLY BIRD.

STARTING TOMORROW, WE'LL BE USING THIS TO SURVEY THE MARALINGA SITE.

IT WILL BE JUST AS WELL WE'LL BE AIRBORNE.

SINCE THAT ENTIRE DESERT HAS BEEN RENDERED RADIOACTIVE BY BRITISH BOMBS.



THE MARALINGA NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST SITE.

BRITAIN DID INDEED DETONATE A HYDROGEN BOMB HERE TEN YEARS AGO.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE ENTIRE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DESERT HAS BEEN RENDERED RADIOACTIVE IS PREPOSTEROUS.

STILL, IT IS ALWAYS SENSIBLE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS...

AND OBSERVE FROM A SAFE DISTANCE.

WE'RE APPROACHING THE BOMB DETONATION POINT.

GOOD LORD.

WHAT IS IT?

WE ARE GOING TO NEED THE DOCTOR.

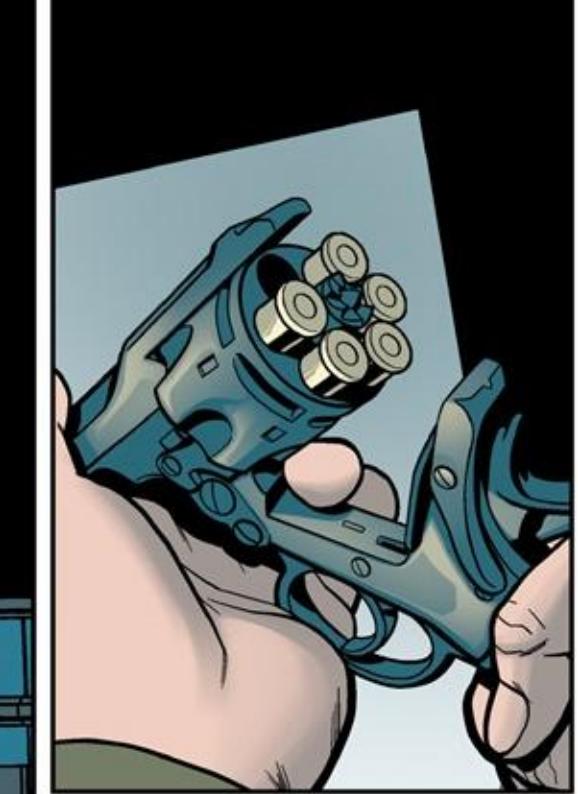
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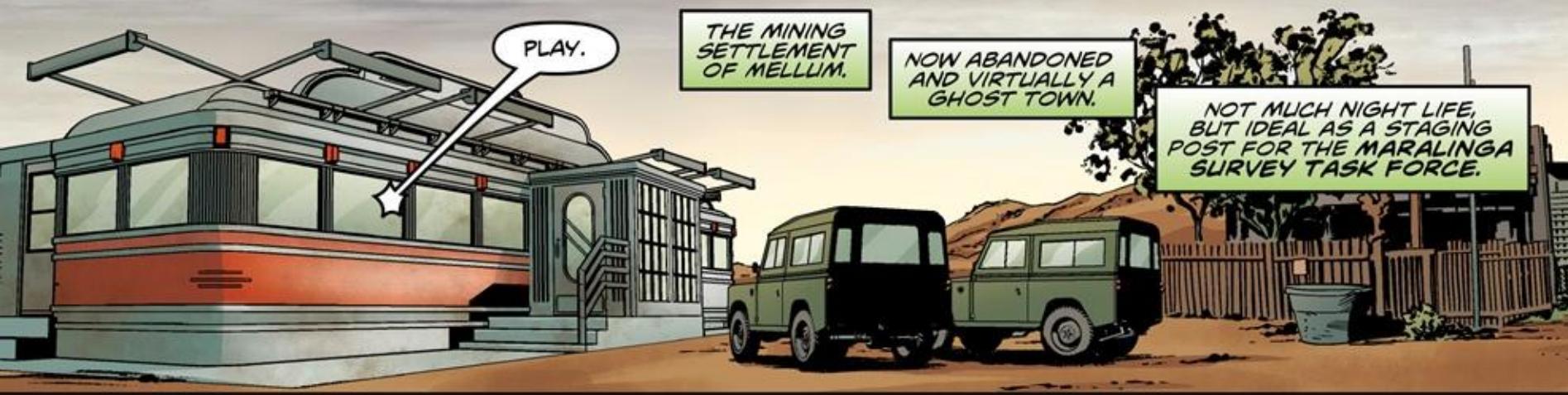
HOW SOON DO YOU THINK HE CAN GET HERE?

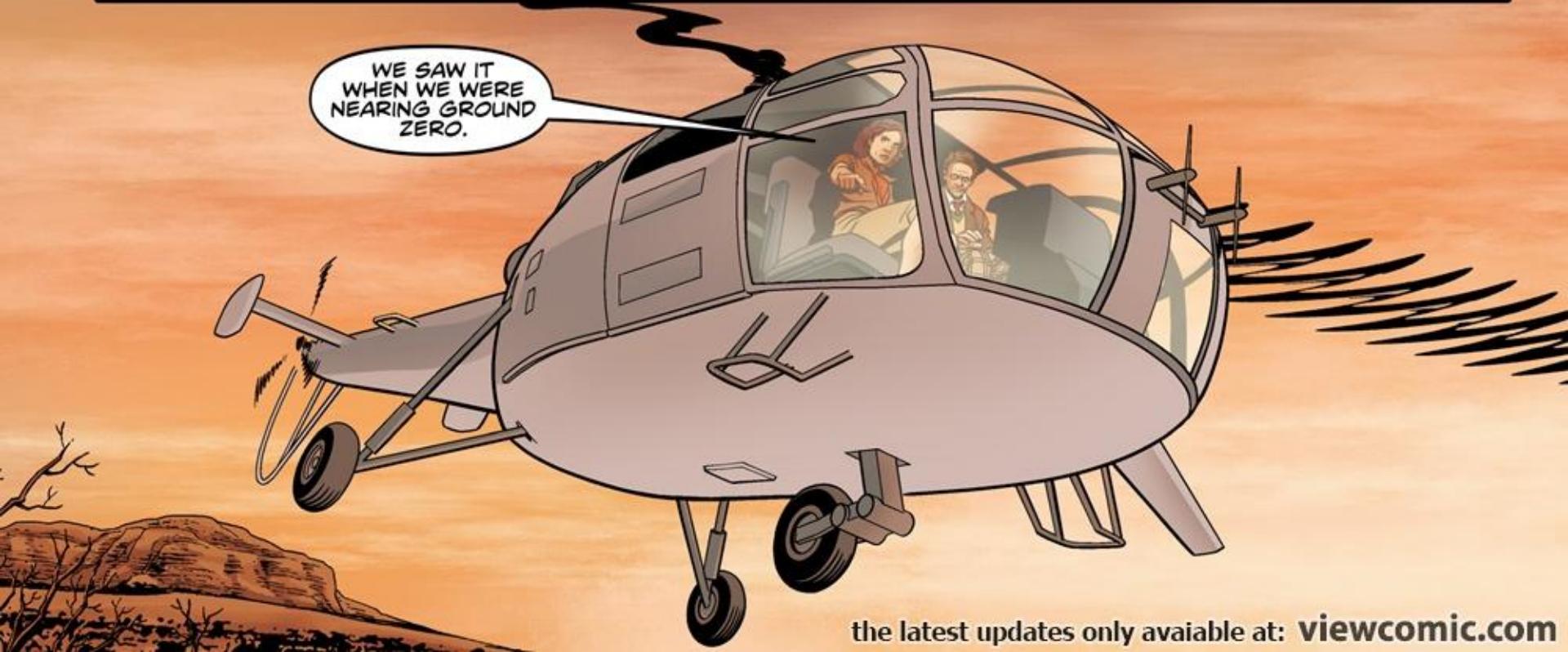














THERE,  
THAT'S WHY WE  
NEED YOU.



AH,  
NOW.

THINGS HAVE  
SUDDENLY BECOME  
INTERESTING.



# THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY'S KOUROU LAUNCH FACILITIES, FRENCH GUIANA.

Bienvenue Welcome

CENTRE SPATIAL GUYANAI

Port spatial de l'Europe

Europe's Spaceport

ESA CNES

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2029.

HOW TIME FLIES.

OUR DIGS ARE QUITE PLEASANT.

THEY PUT US IN A BIO-HAZARD ISOLATION WING FOR THE TIME BEING.

BUT I DIDN'T LET THAT HURT MY FEELINGS...

THERE. BEARD GONE.

NOW, IS THE MOUSTACHE OKAY?

MAY I SEE THE MIRROR, PLEASE?

YOU REALLY DO HAVE A KNACK FOR THIS.

MY MOTHER AND FATHER BOTH CUT HAIR FOR A LIVING. IT'S HOW THEY MET.

I'M THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY FOR BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT.

AND NOW FOR YOUR MIGHTY MANE...

I DON'T WISH TO SOUND LIKE SAMSON, BUT...

I REALLY DON'T WANT YOU TO CUT MY HAIR.

THE GHOST TOWN OF MELLUM  
IN THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK.

MAY 1967.

OFFICERS  
MESS



WELCOME TO  
THE OFFICERS'  
MESS, MR  
DARANA.

IT'S FAIRLY  
AD HOC, BUT DO  
MAKE YOURSELF  
AT HOME.

THE  
GENERATOR'S  
WORKING AND  
WE'VE GOT SOME  
REFRIGERATION  
GOING.

COOKIE,  
FETCH US  
SOME ICE FOR  
THE GIN AND  
TONICS.

RIGHTO,  
COLONEL.



CAN I FIX  
YOU ONE, MR  
DARANA?

NO  
THANK  
YOU.

YOU KNOW  
WHAT THEY  
SAY ABOUT US  
ABORIGINALS  
AND LIQUOR.



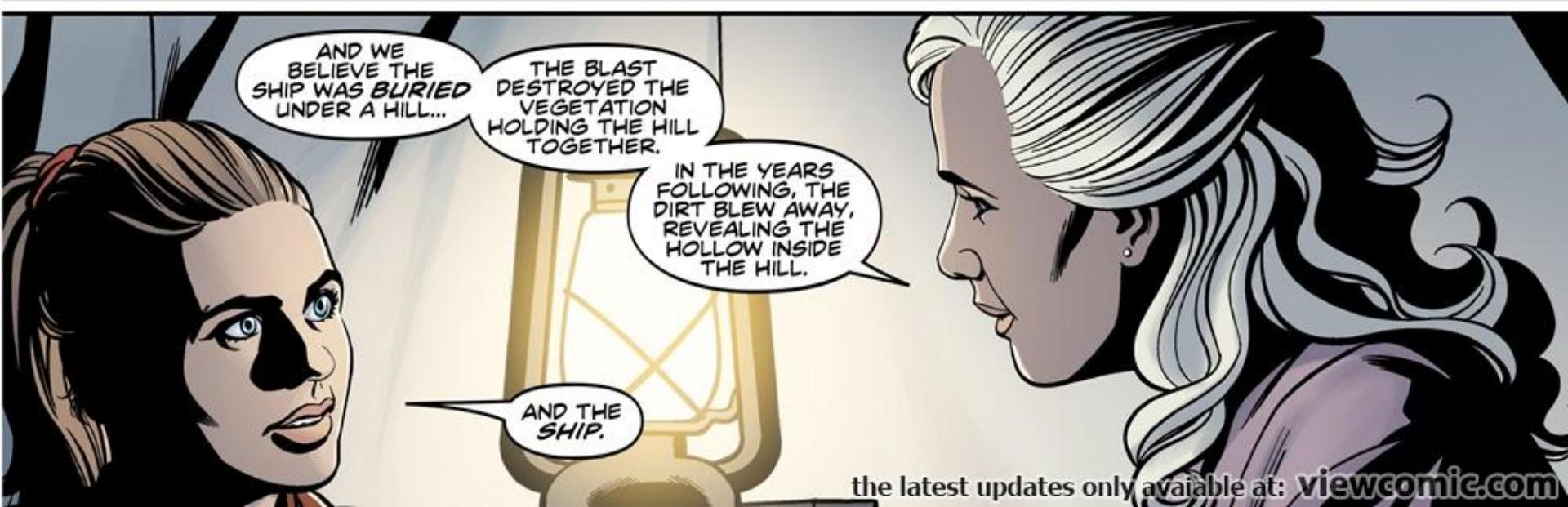
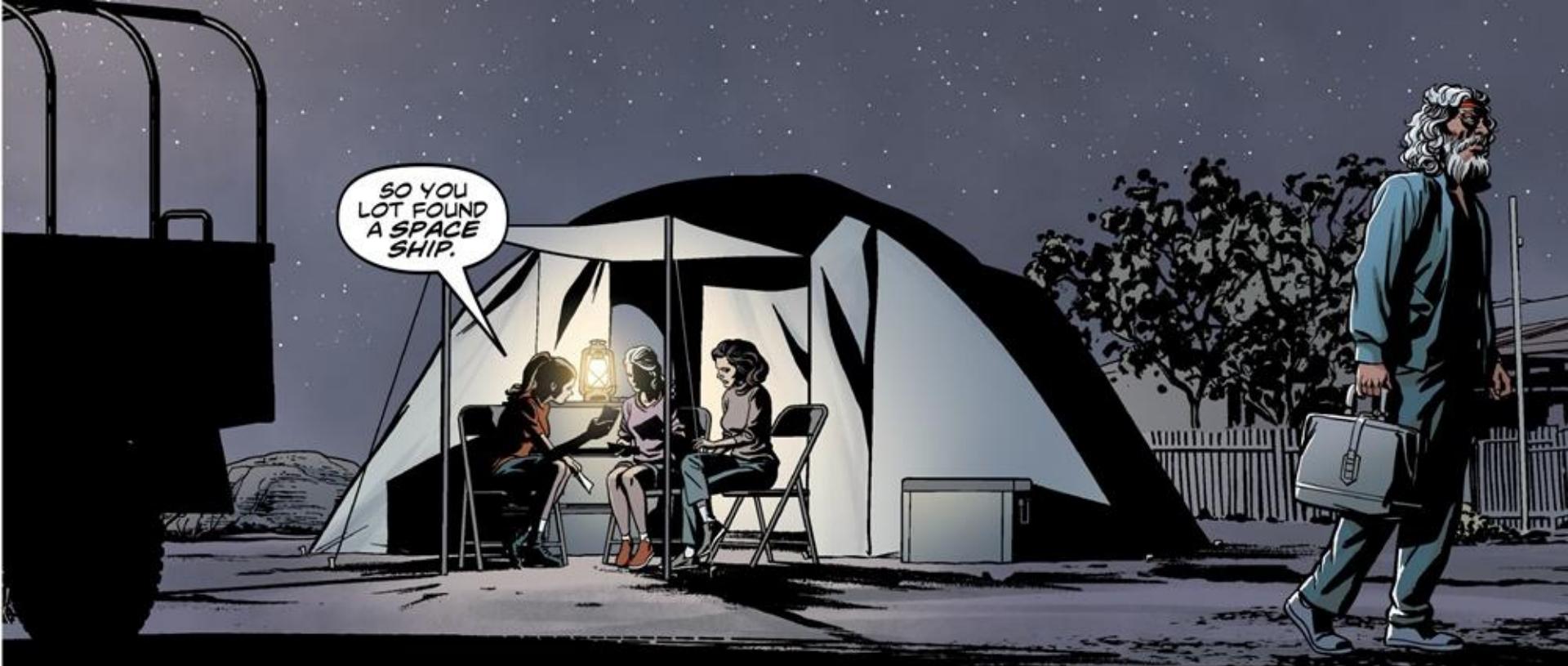
SOME KIND  
OF LAWYER,  
ISN'T HE?

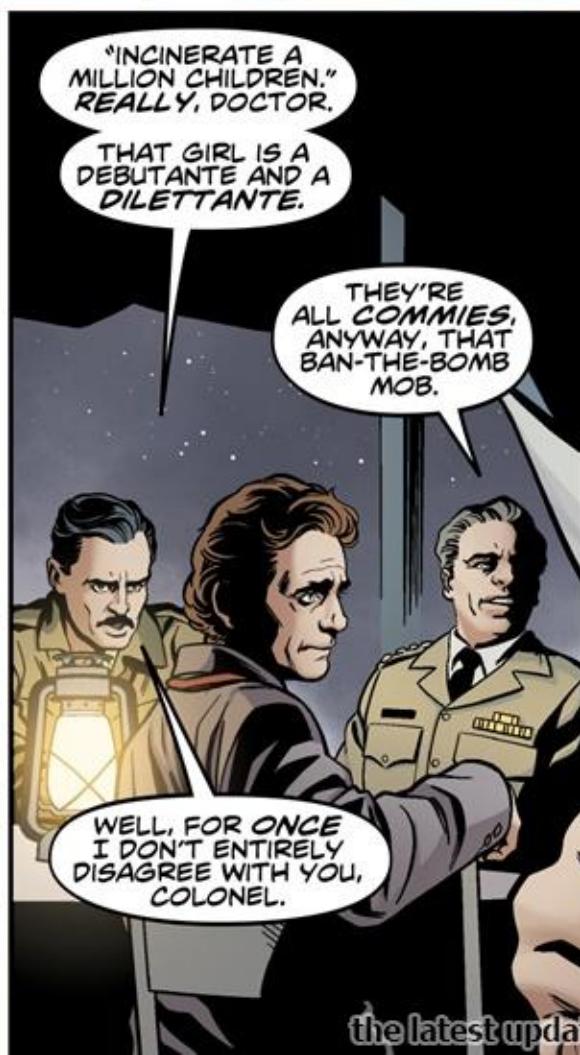
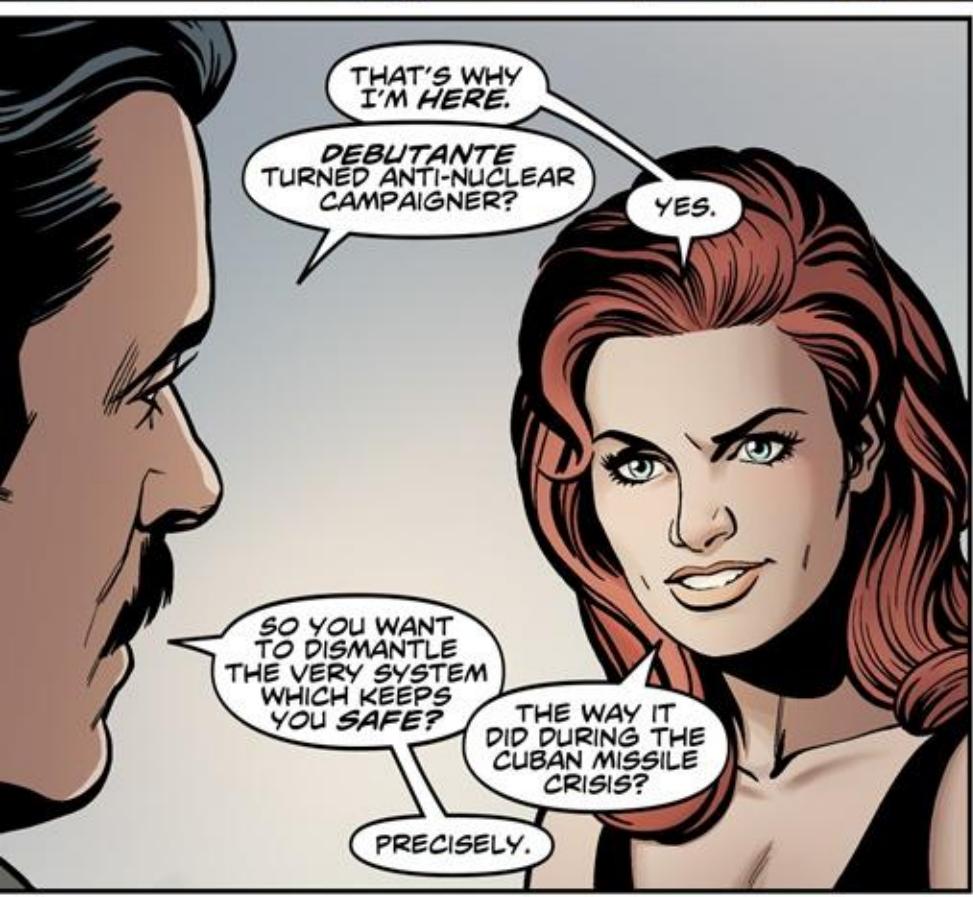
REPRESENTING  
HIS PEOPLE.

FOR SOME  
REASON HE'S  
UPSET...

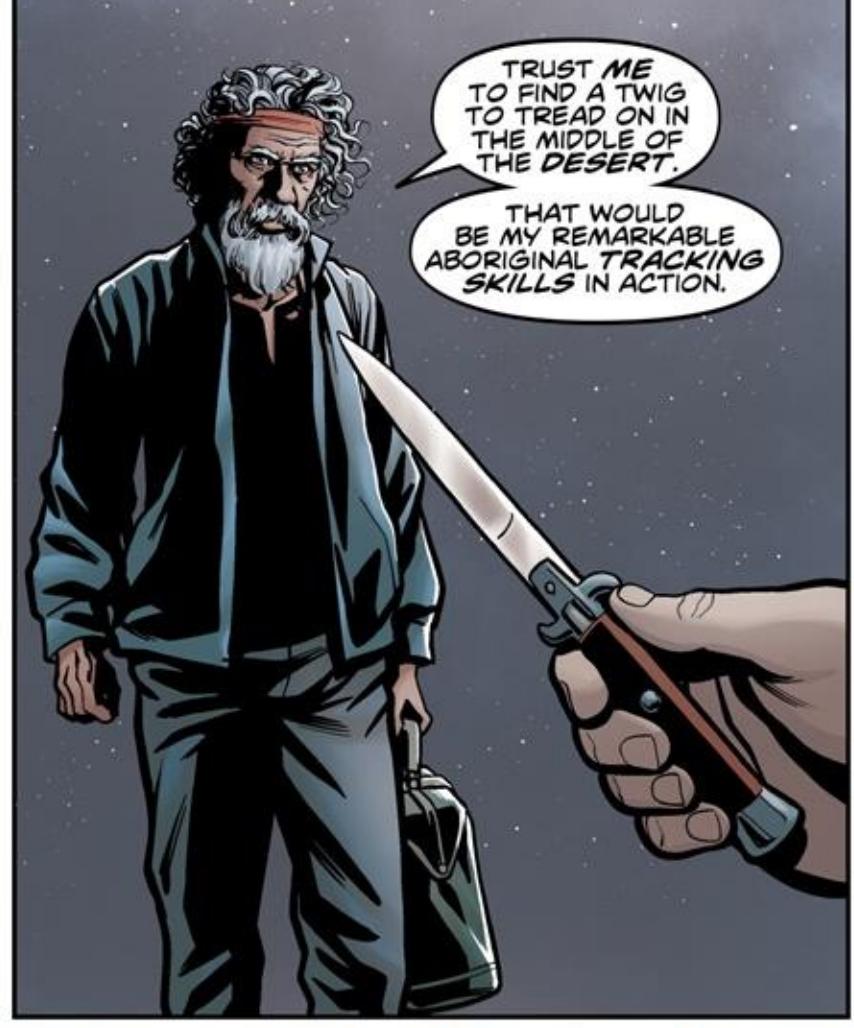
THAT  
CERTAIN SNOOTY  
POMS DROPPED AN  
ATOM BOMB ON  
HIS PEOPLE'S  
SACRED SITES.











WE CAN FLY YOU OVER THE TEST SITE AGAIN IF YOU LIKE.

BUT I DON'T SEE HOW YOU PROPOSE TO GET ANY CLOSER.

HE'S RIGHT.

YOU'D HAVE TO WEAR RESPIRATORS AND ANTI-RADIATION SUITS.

IN THE DESERT, IN THE TEMPERATURES YOU'D BE OPERATING AT...

THEY'D BE MORE LIKELY TO KILL YOU THAN SAVE YOUR LIFE.

QUITE TRUE.

WHICH IS WHY I'VE PROVIDED THESE...

I FEEL SLIGHTLY RIDICULOUS IN THIS GET-UP.

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE, MATE.

I CAN ALSO PROVIDE SOME TENTS.

EQUALLY RADIATION-PROOF, OF COURSE.

WHERE DID HE GET THIS STUFF?

DON'T ASK.





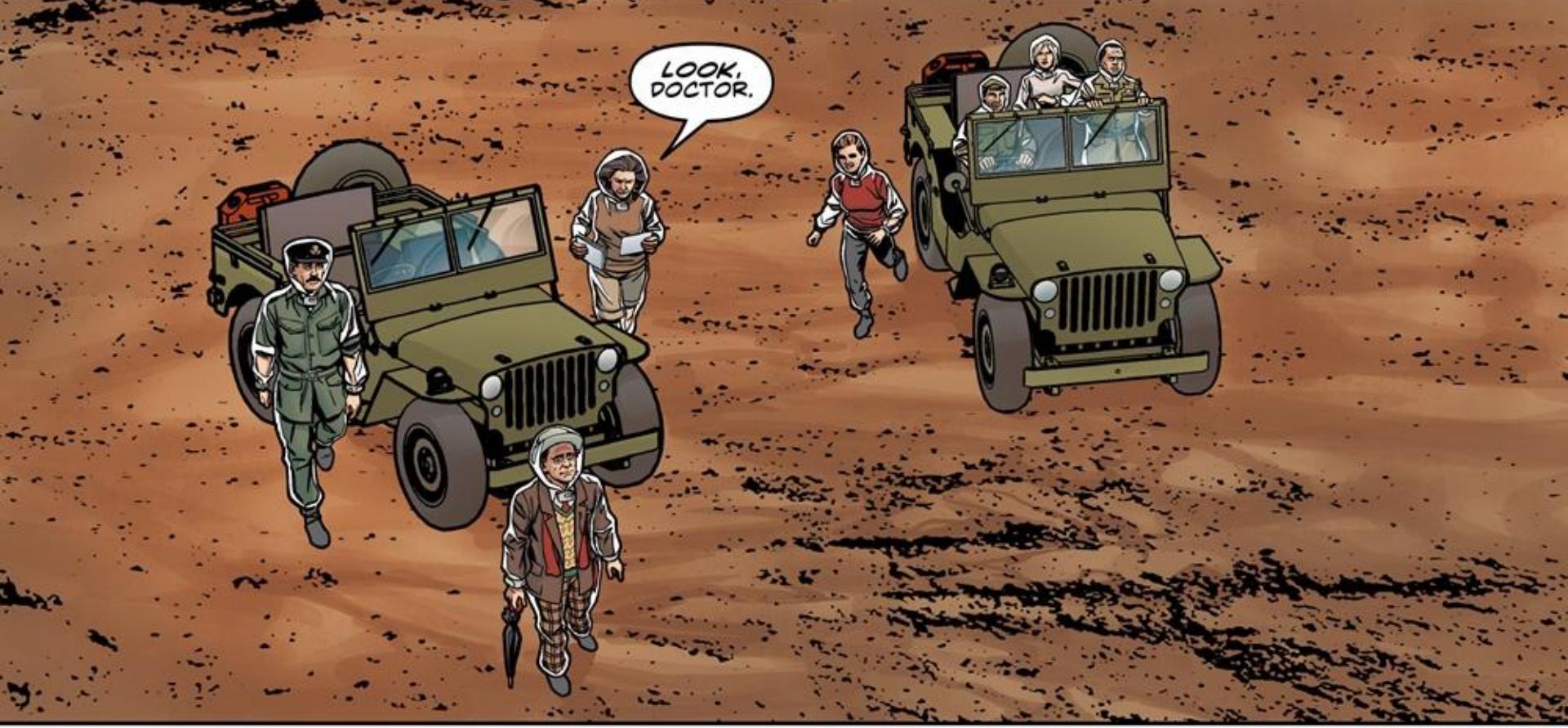
"WE HAVE WORK TO DO."

THESE ARE THE PHOTOS I TOLD YOU ABOUT, DOCTOR.

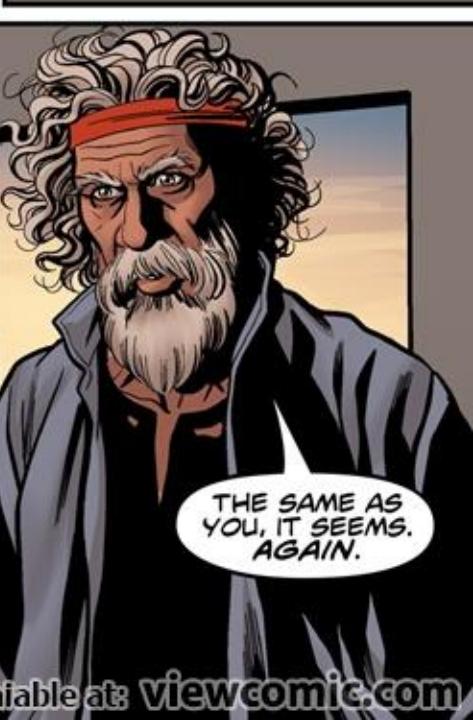
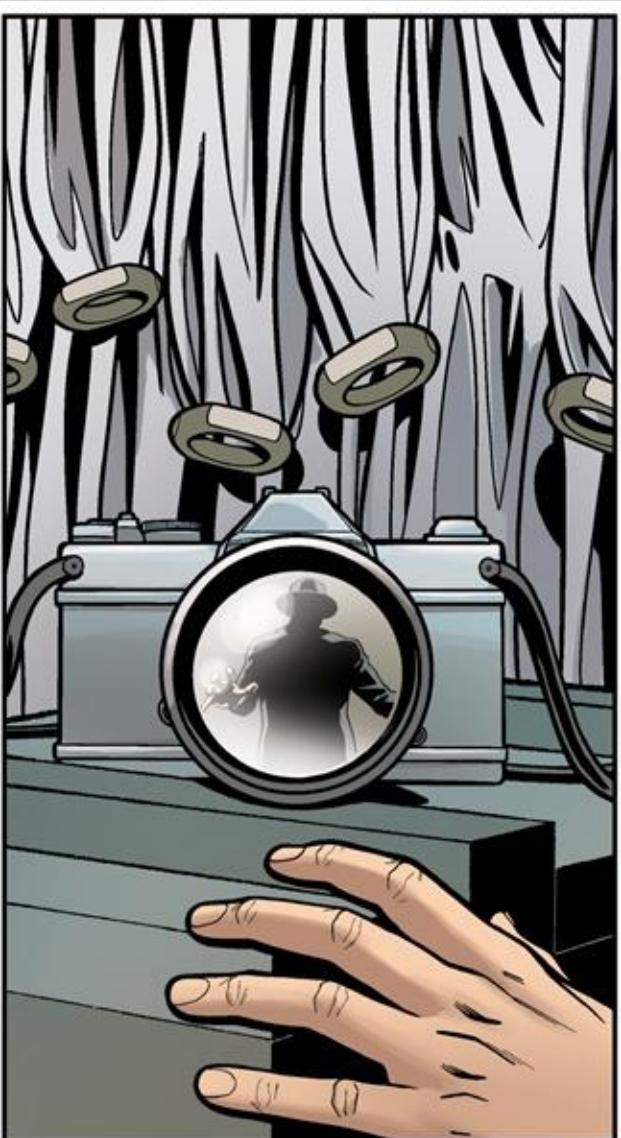
CAVE PAINTINGS DEPICTING VOLCANIC ACTIVITY.

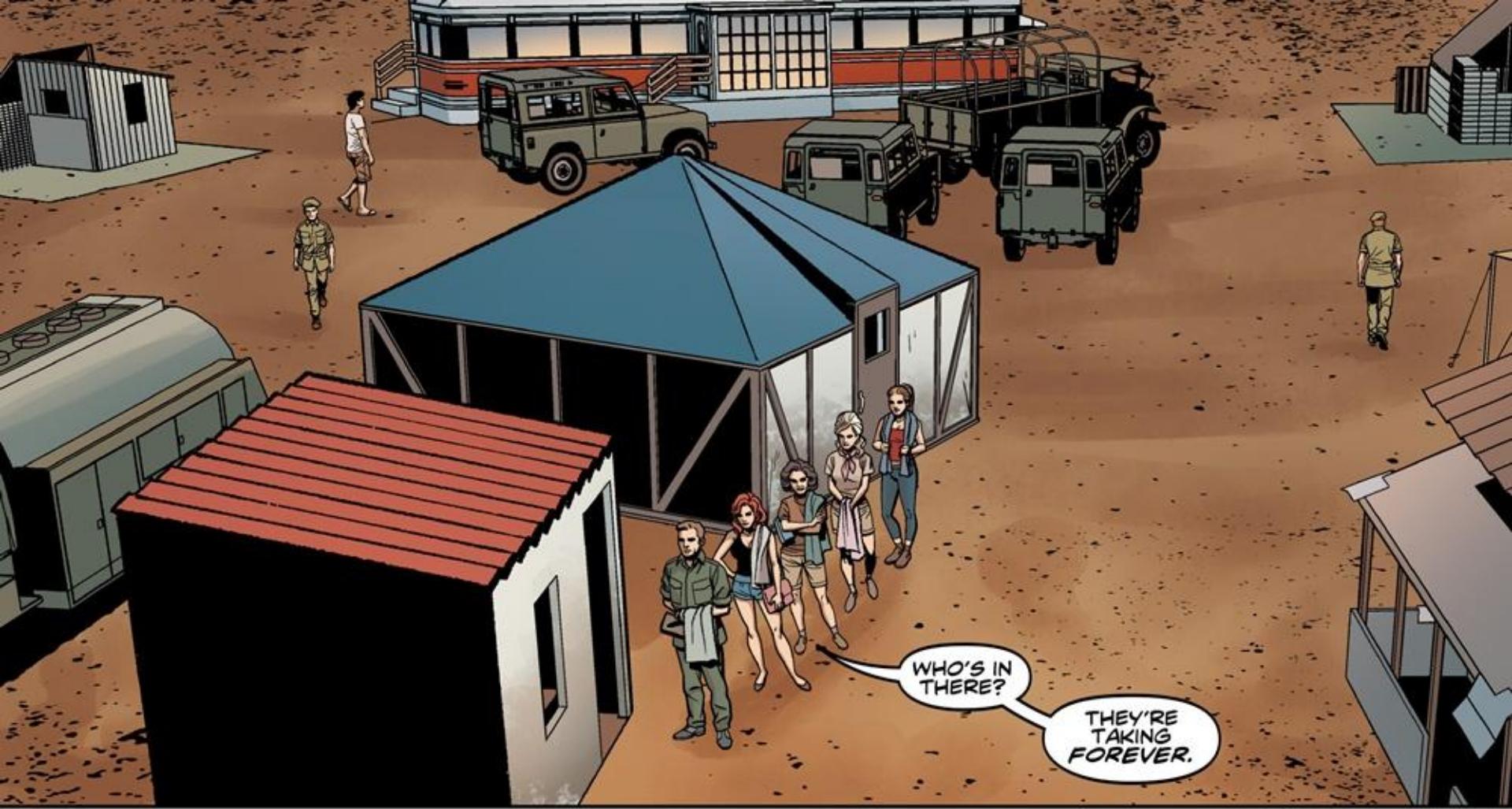
FASCINATING.

STRENGTH...





















AEEEEE!



