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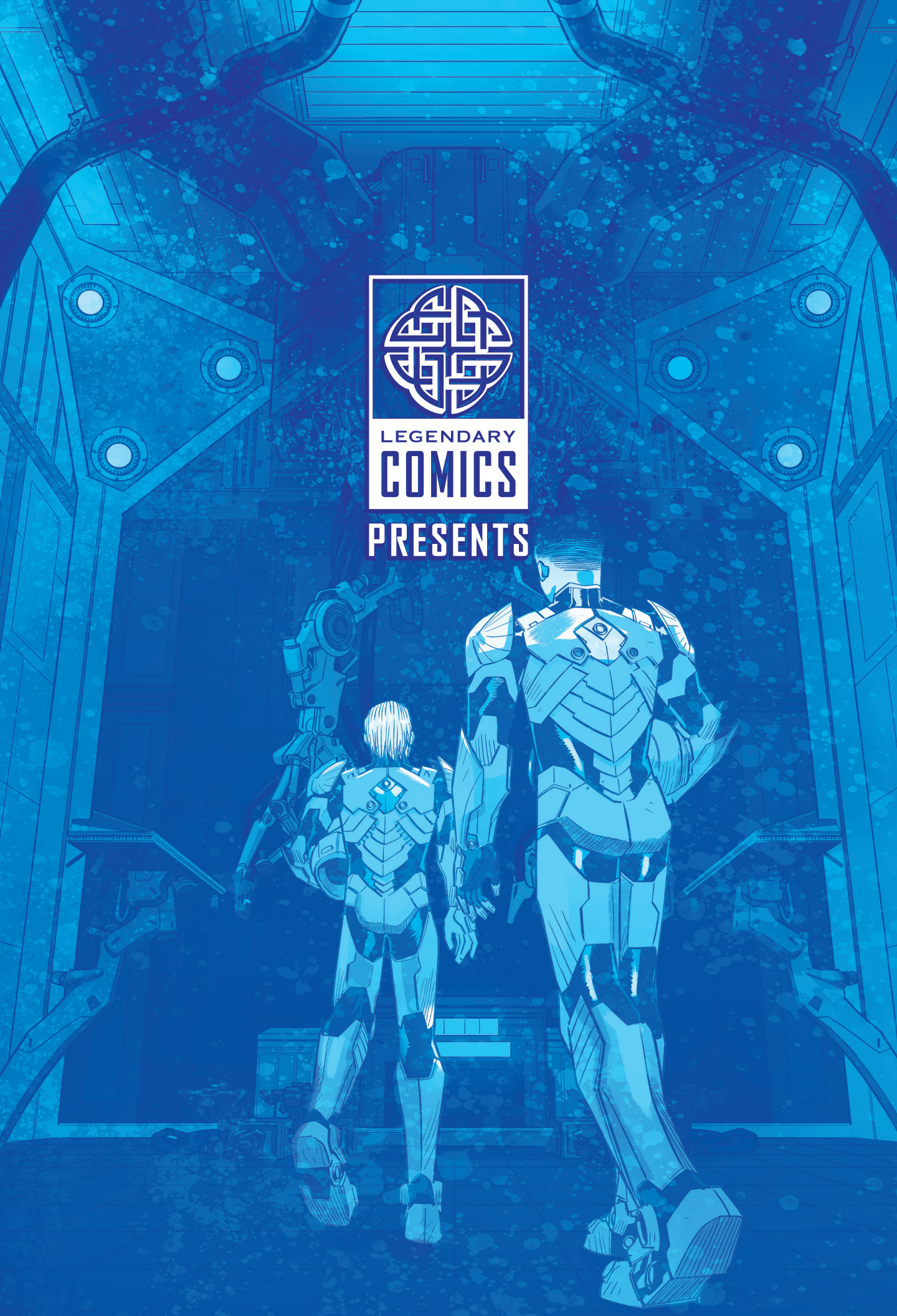
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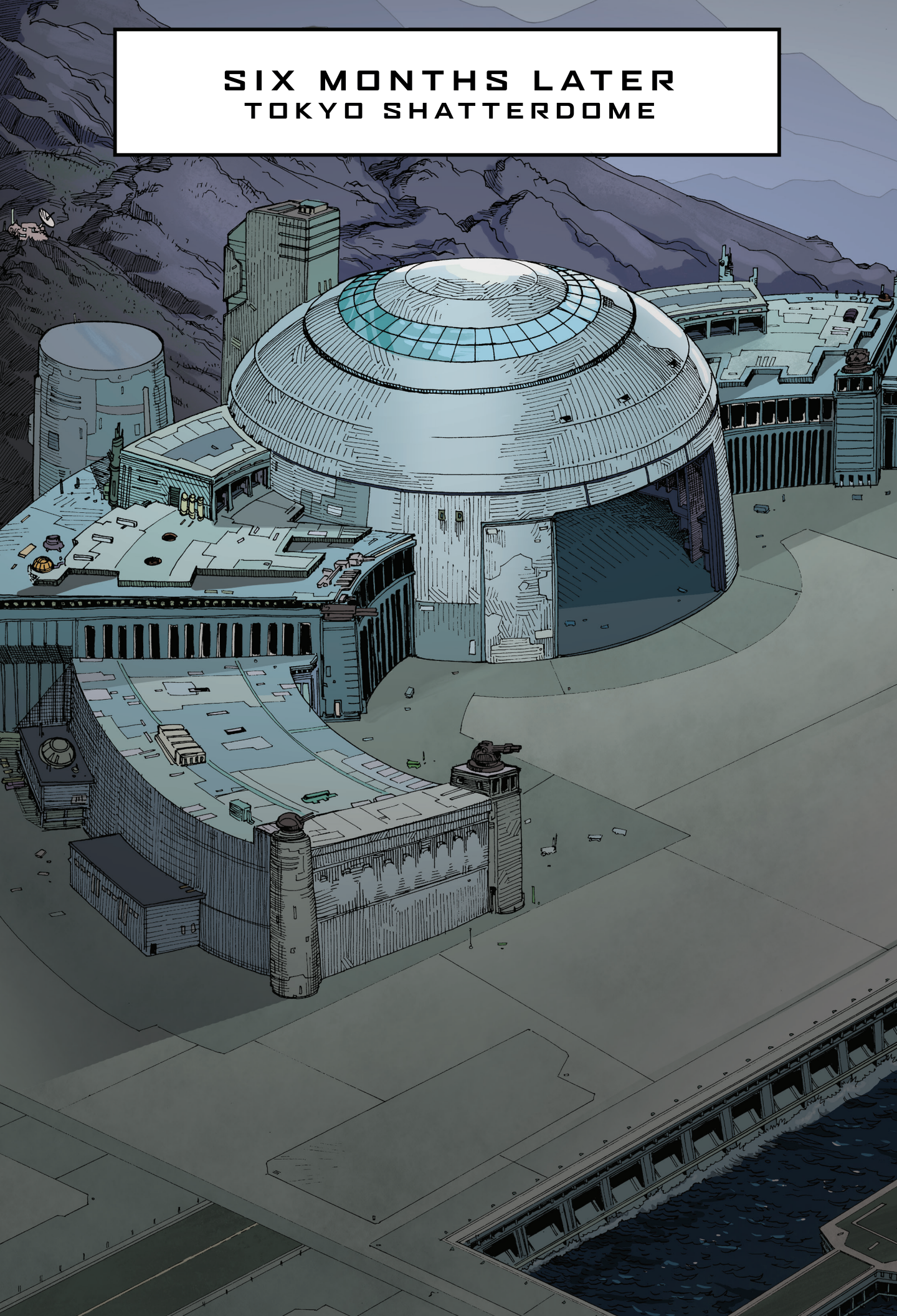
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YOU THINK THIS IS OVER, HUH? YOU THINK YOU SAVED YOUR CRAPPY WORLD?
WE'RE GOING TO KEEP COMING. WE'RE NOT GOING TO STOP AND...
SOONER OR LATER YOUR LUCK IS GOING TO RUN OUT.
NAH.


THE THINGS IN YOUR HEAD. THE PRECURSORS. TELL THEM WE'RE NOT AFRAID.
PENTECOST
TELL THEM NEXT TIME THEY WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT COMING FOR US... CAUSE WE'RE GOING TO COME FOR THEM.


SIX MONTHS LATER
TOKYO SHATTERDOME

"EVERYTHING IS READY. THE JAEGERS ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE TEAMS TRAINED."

"I STILL THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS YOU'RE NOT LETTING ME LEAD THE ATTACK."

"JAKE, WE'RE EXTREMELY LIGHT ON EXPERIENCED STRATEGISTS."

I'M NOT MY FATHER.

NO, YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT.

THANK YOU, MS. SHAO, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

I'M AGREEING WITH GENERAL PENTECOST, DR. GOTTLIEB.

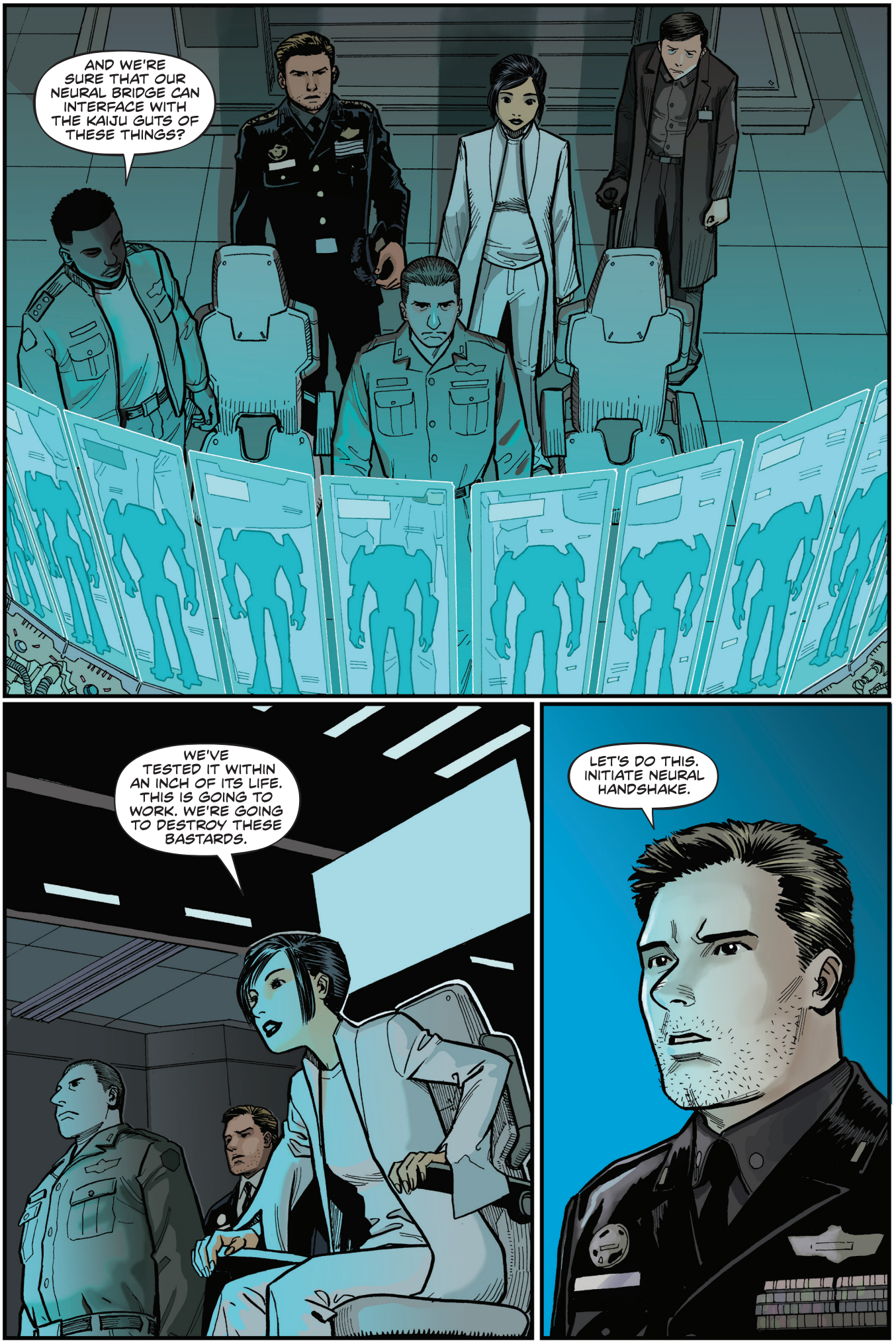
UNTIL WE KNOW THIS IS GOING TO WORK, WE CAN'T RISK OUR MOST EXPERIENCED RANGERS.

I WAS JUST STARTING TO LIKE YOU, NATE.

JAKE, THIS IS A HAIL MARY AND YOU KNOW IT. THE ODDS ARE--

NEVER TELL ME THE ODDS.


ACTING MARSHAL LAMBERT ON THE BRIDGE.
AT EASE.
SIR, WE'RE READY FOR LAUNCH.
PROCEED. AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE RDS*, HERMANN.
HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT STRAPPING ROCKETS TO THE ASSES OF GIANT ROBOTS AGAIN?
PRECISELY.
I ASSURE YOU, HERMANN, I CHECKED YOUR MATH, NOTHING WILL GO WRONG.
* EDITORIAL NOTE: RAPID DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM
OH, GOODY, YOU CHECKED MY MATH, THAT'S DEFINITELY WHAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT, NOT THAT WE'RE USING ROCKETS MADE OF THE MOST TOXIC AND EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE ON EARTH TO SAVE A FEW HOURS.


AND WE'RE SURE THAT OUR NEURAL BRIDGE CAN INTERFACE WITH THE KAIJU GUTS OF THESE THINGS?
WE'VE TESTED IT WITHIN AN INCH OF ITS LIFE. THIS IS GOING TO WORK. WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY THESE BASTARDS.
LET'S DO THIS. INITIATE NEURAL HANDSHAKE.

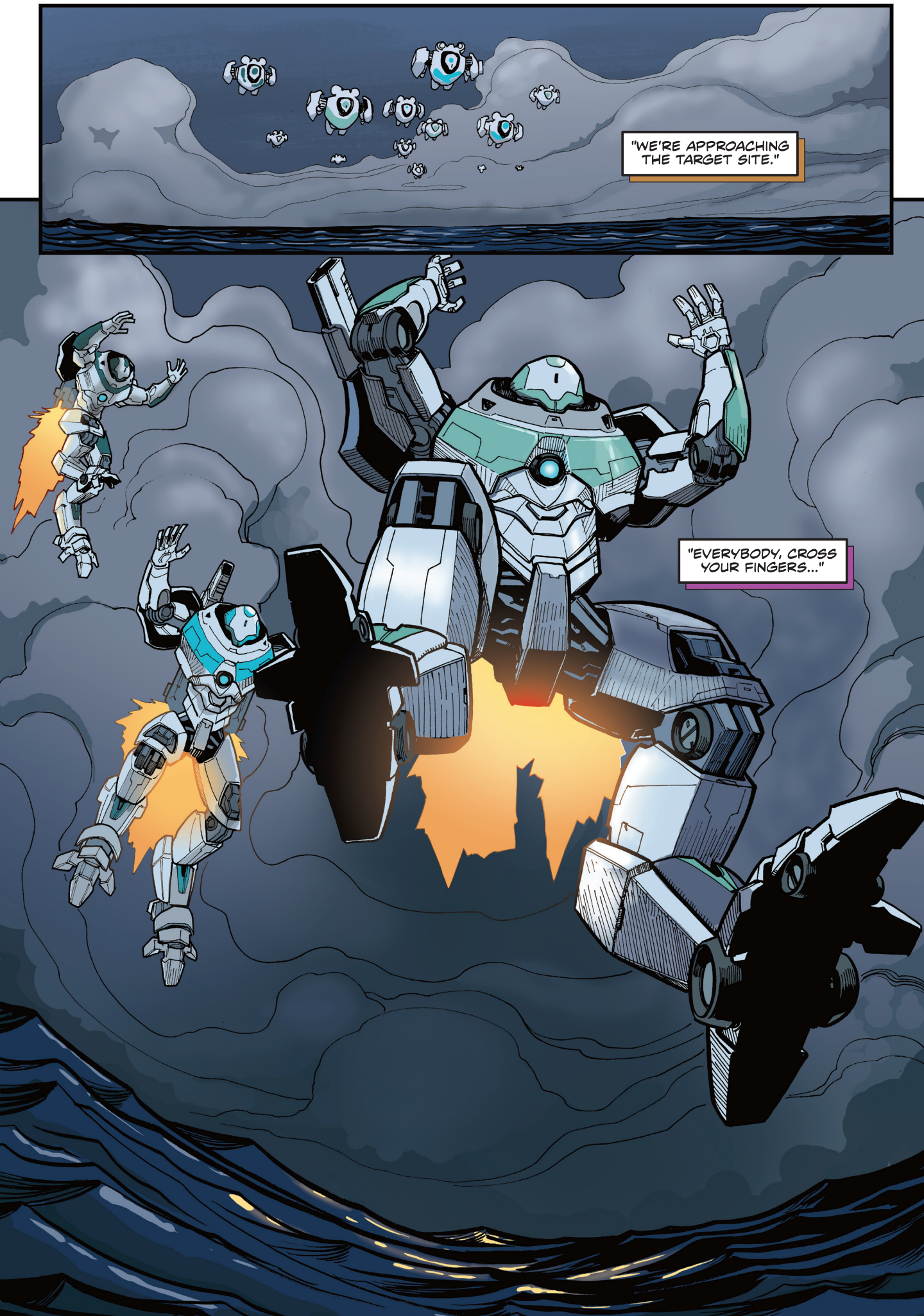
"HANDSHAKE STRONG ACROSS THE BOARD."

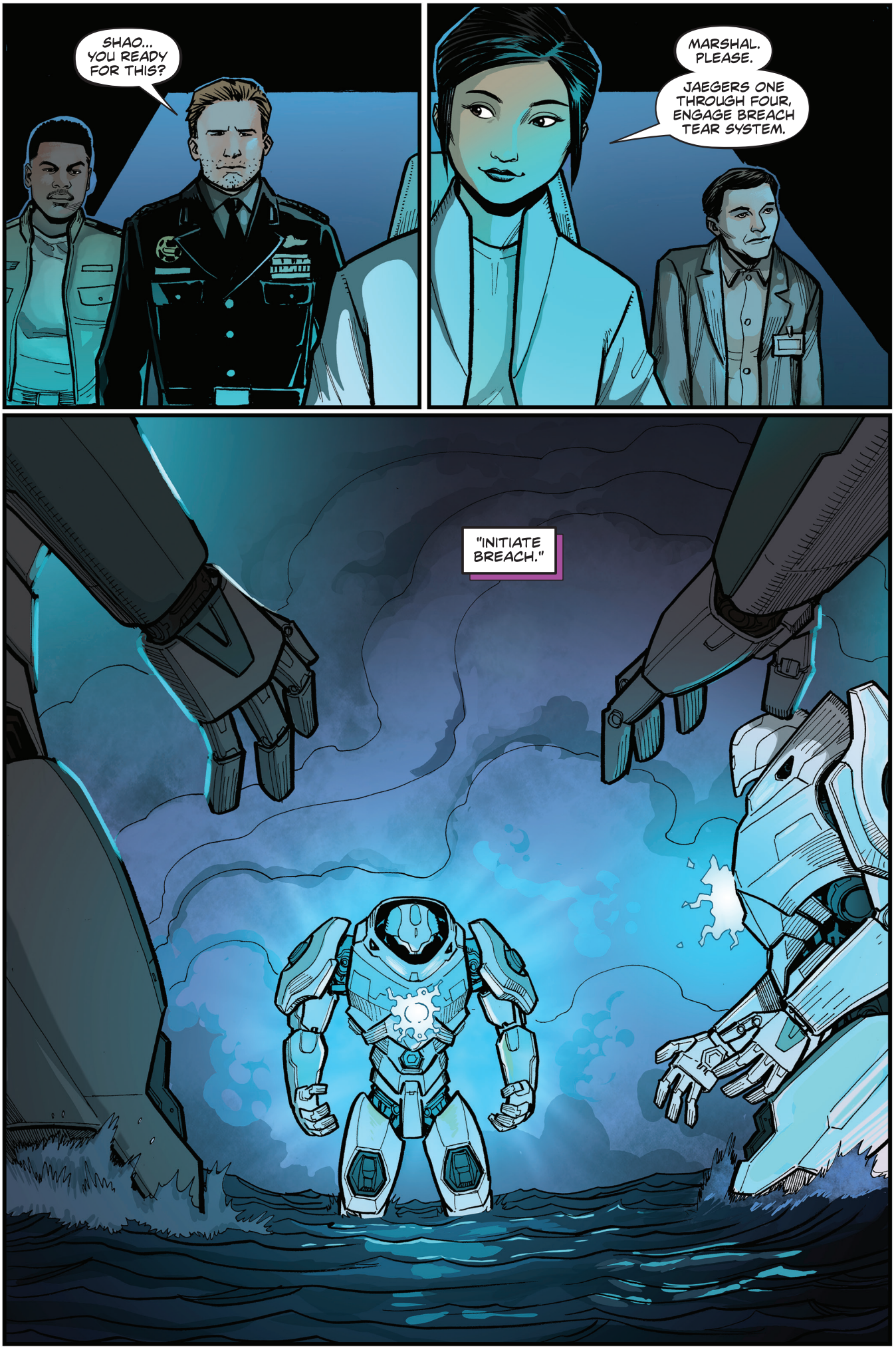
"ENGAGE RAPID DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM."

"RDS... ENGAGED."

"SYSTEMS ARE HOLDING."

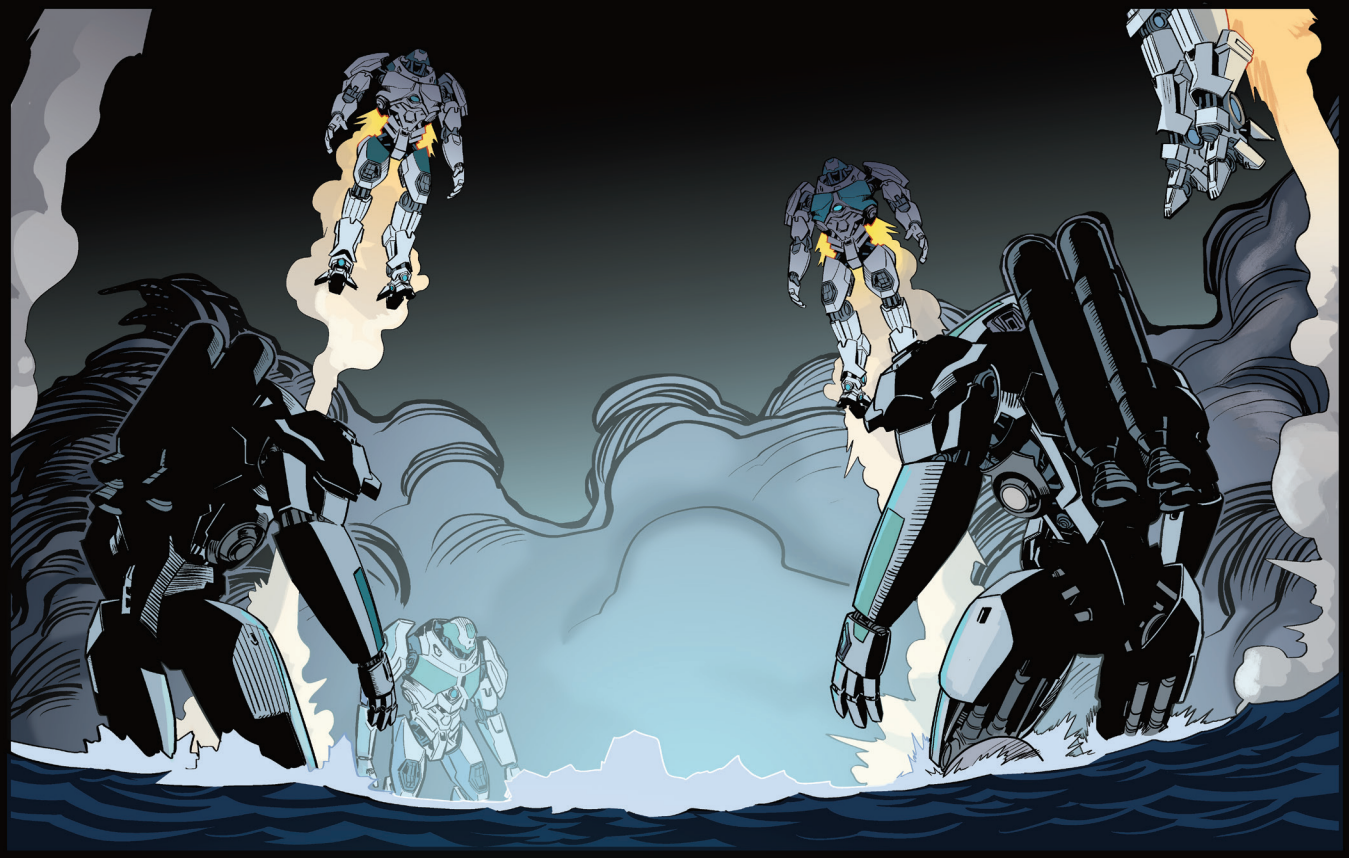
"NICE WORK, HERMANN."


"WE'RE APPROACHING THE TARGET SITE."
"EVERYBODY, CROSS YOUR FINGERS..."

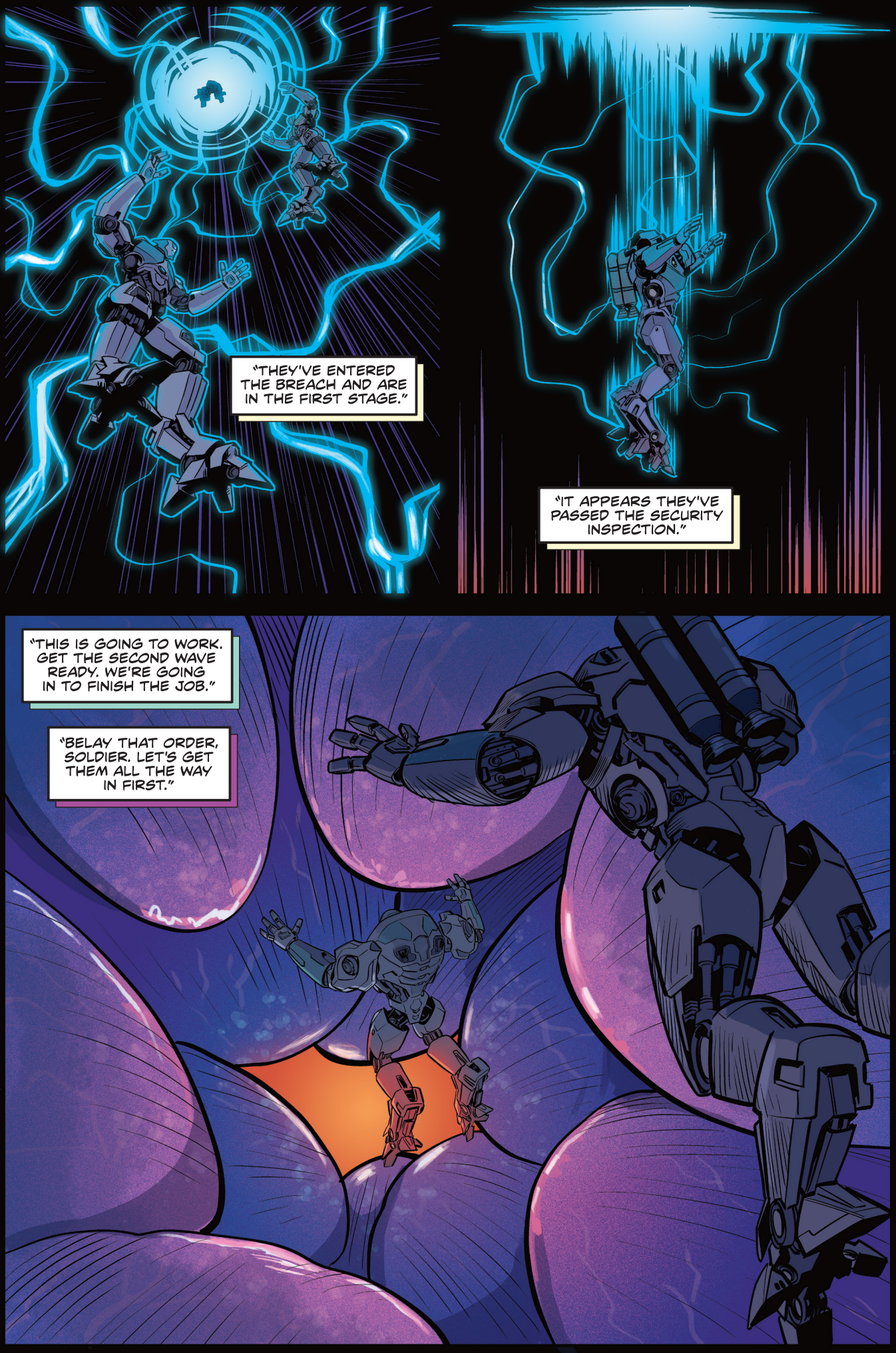

SHAO... YOU READY FOR THIS?
MARSHAL. PLEASE.
JAEGERS ONE THROUGH FOUR, ENGAGE BREACH TEAR SYSTEM.
"INITIATE BREACH."


USING THEIR OWN TECH AGAINST THEM.
FEELS GOOD, DOESN'T IT?
WAIT'LL WE DROP A HALF DOZEN NUCLEAR BOMBS ON THEM.
BASTARDS WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT THEM...


BREACH INTEGRITY IS AT 100%. READY FOR INSERTION PROTOCOL.
100%
WE READY FOR THIS?
HELL YEAH.
INSERTION PROTOCOL... ENGAGE.



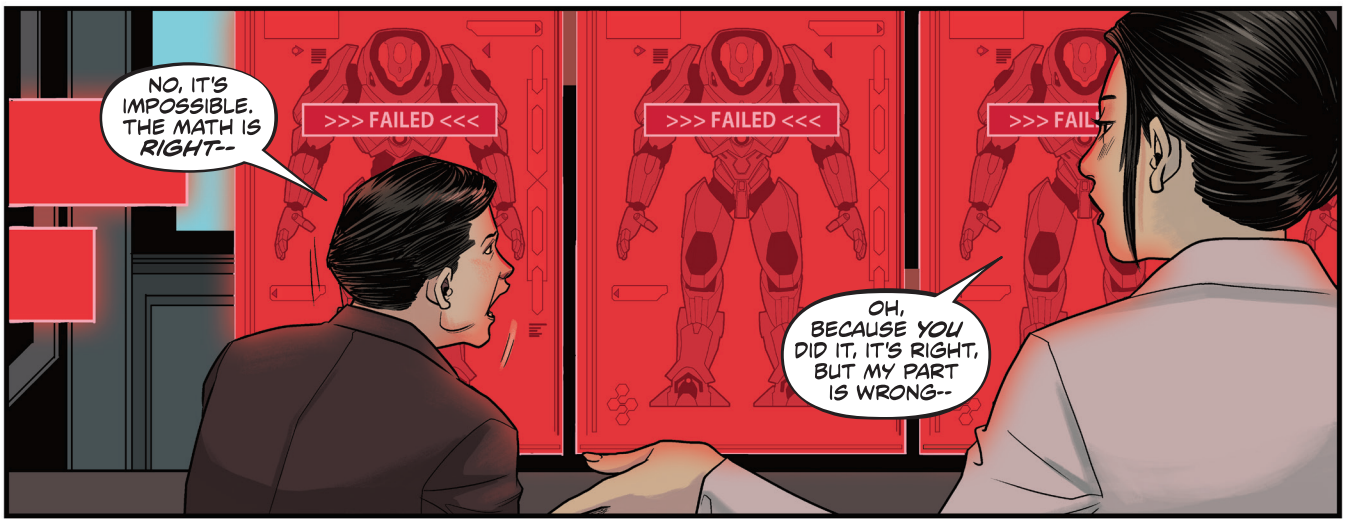

"THEY'RE IN."


"THEY'VE ENTERED THE BREACH AND ARE IN THE FIRST STAGE."
"IT APPEARS THEY'VE PASSED THE SECURITY INSPECTION."
"THIS IS GOING TO WORK. GET THE SECOND WAVE READY. WE'RE GOING IN TO FINISH THE JOB."
"BELAY THAT ORDER, SOLDIER. LET'S GET THEM ALL THE WAY IN FIRST."


THIS DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT.
REPORT?
I DON'T KNOW, THERE'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY FIELD...
WE SHOULD ABORT.
AGREED.
NEGATIVE. WE'RE TOO FAR IN. WE'RE SEEING THIS THROUGH.
ATTABOY.
AHHH!

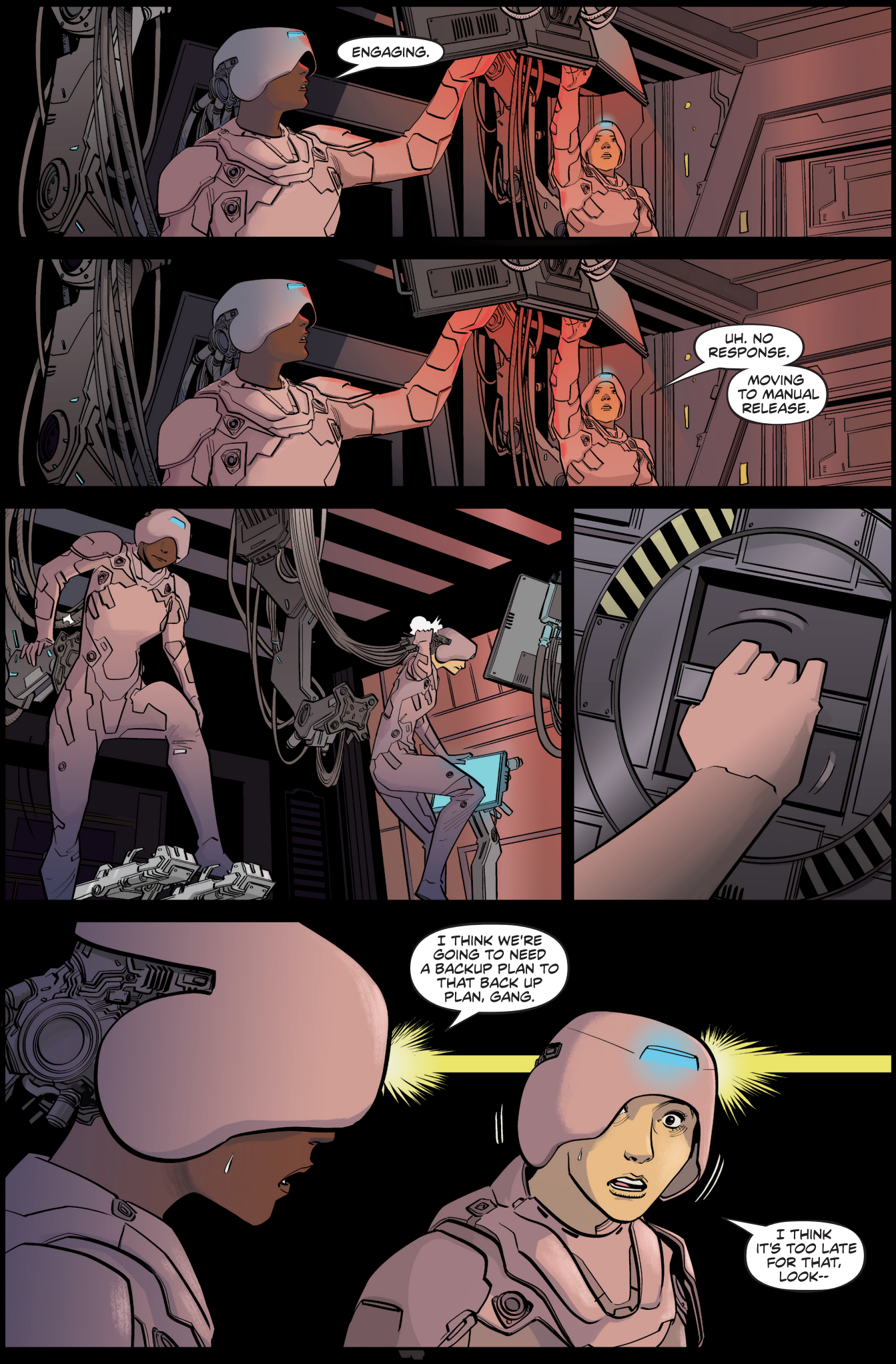

WE'RE... THROUGH... DEPLOYING WARHEAD...
LAUNCH
LAUNCH
NO RESPONSE. THE SYSTEM IS FAILING...
NO... THE KAIJU CONTROL SYSTEMS ARE BACK ONLINE.

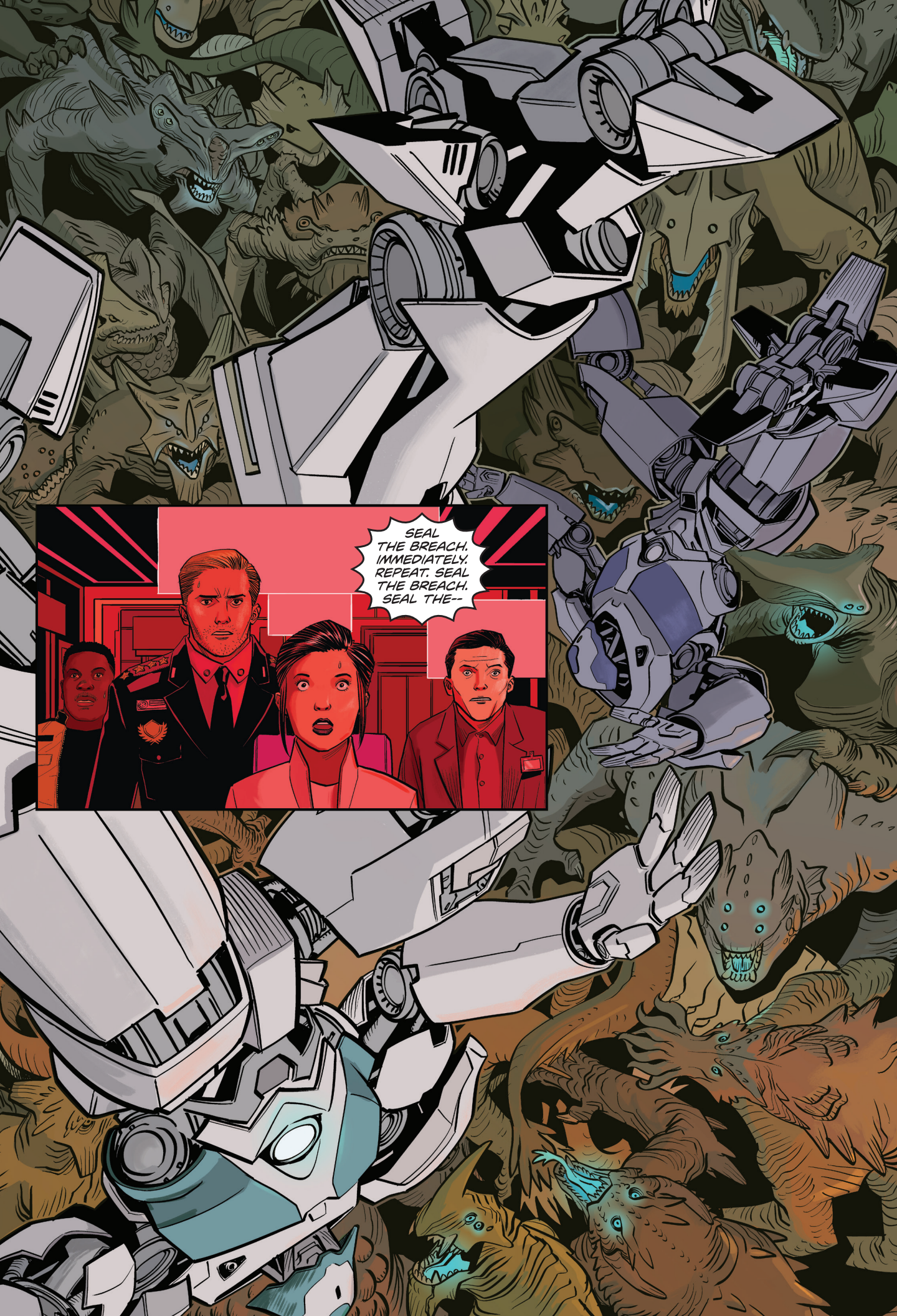

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. WE DISABLED THE BRAINS. THERE'S ONLY BASIC FIBERS TO ALLOW THEM TO PASS THROUGH THE LOCK...
IMPOSSIBLE? IT'S BLOODY WELL HAPPENING!
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THAT'S NOT ALL... THE RADIATION LEVELS ARE OFF THE CHARTS...

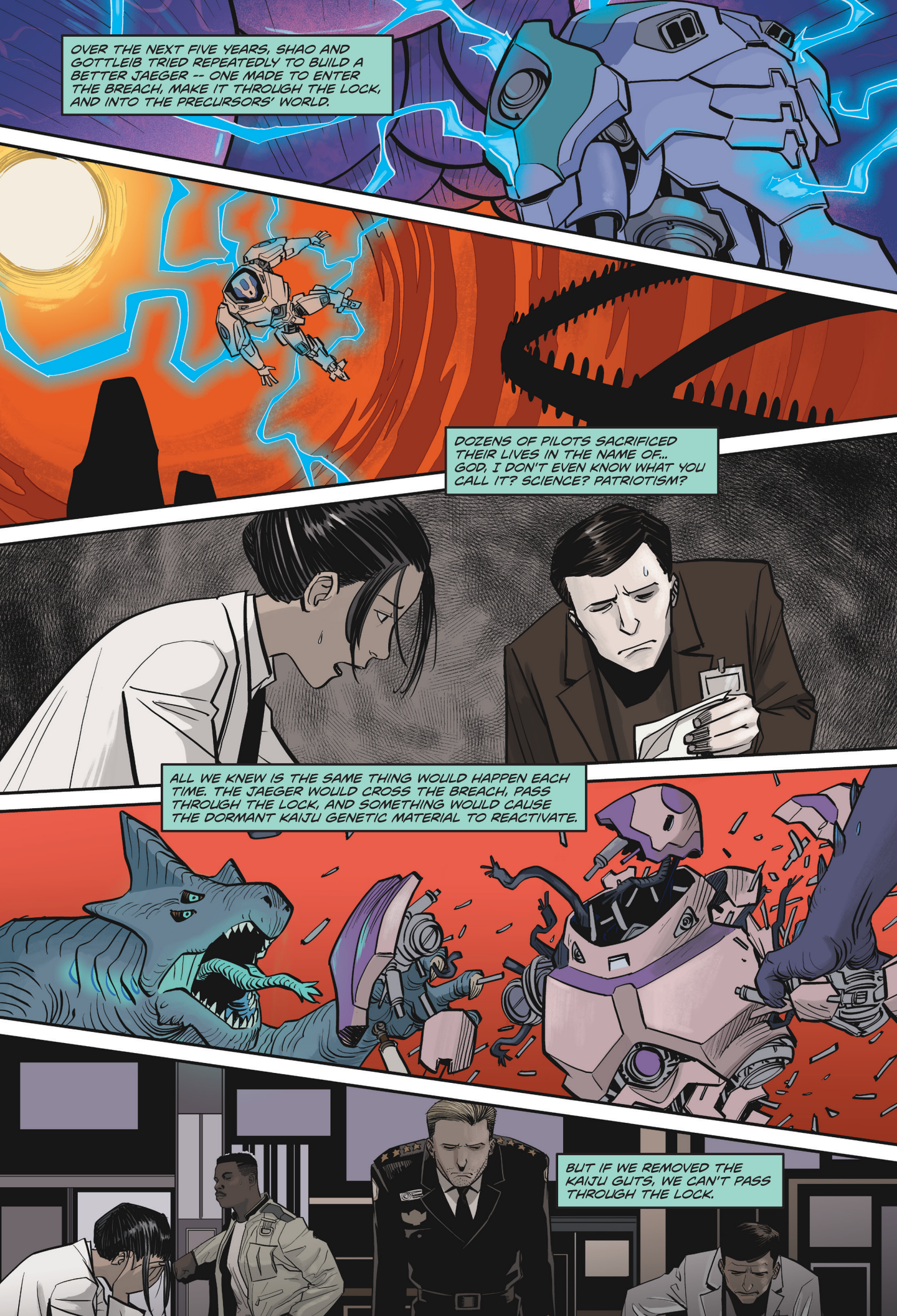

NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THE MATH IS *RIGHT*--
>>> FAILED <<<
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OH, BECAUSE *YOU* DID IT, IT'S RIGHT, BUT MY PART IS WRONG--

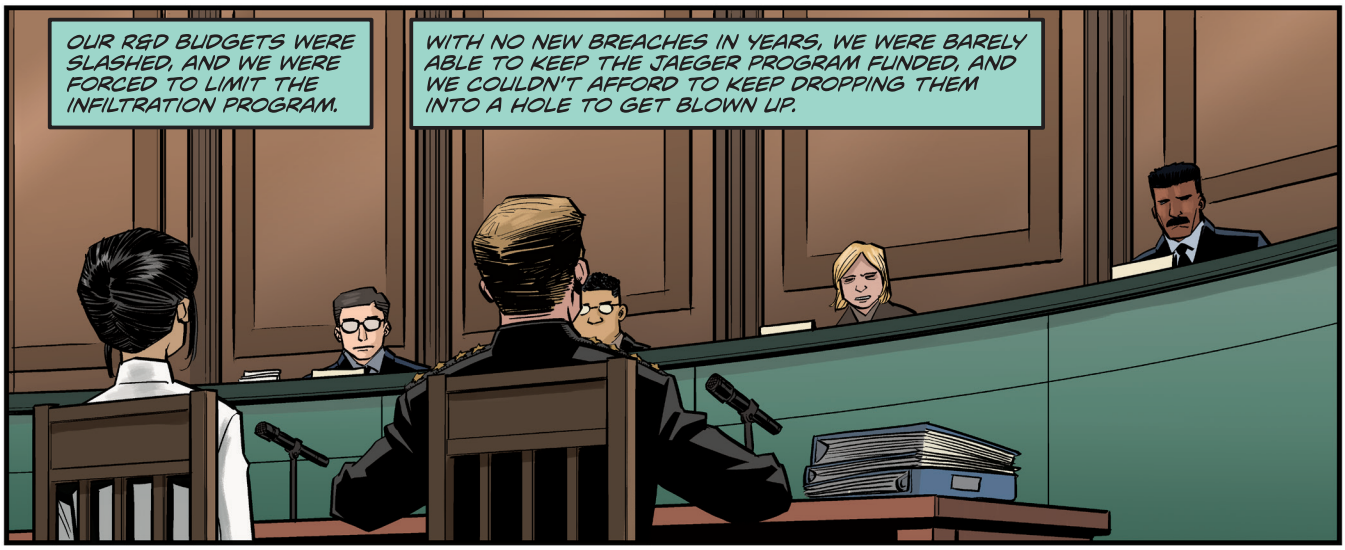

THIS ISN'T HELPING.
ORDER A FULL ABORT. THEY NEED TO HIT THE ESCAPE PODS.

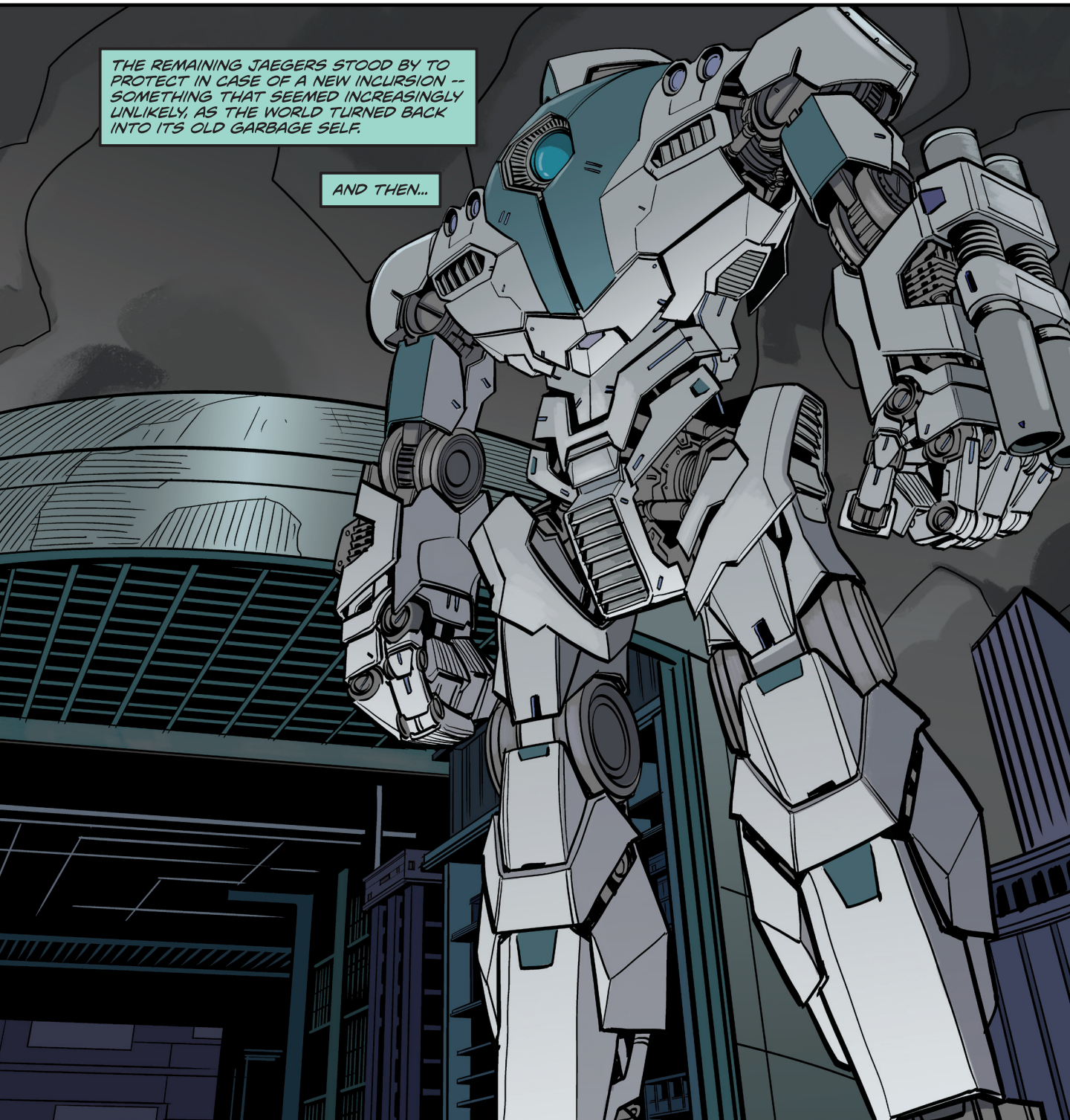

FULL ABORT. REPEAT. FULL ABORT. ENGAGING ESCAPE PROTOCOLS.

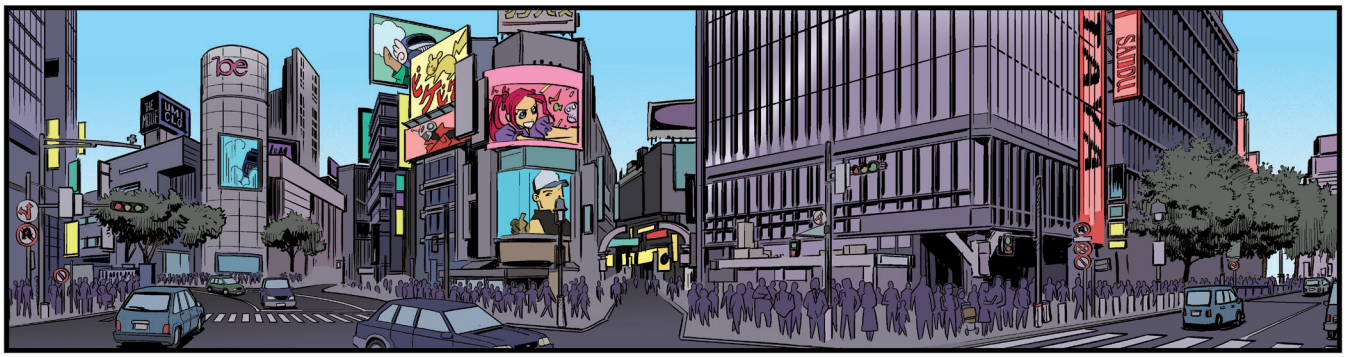

ENGAGING.
UH. NO RESPONSE.
MOVING TO MANUAL RELEASE.
I THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED A BACKUP PLAN TO THAT BACK UP PLAN, GANG.
I THINK IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, LOOK--


SEAL THE BREACH. IMMEDIATELY. REPEAT. SEAL THE BREACH. SEAL THE--


OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SHAO AND GOTTLEIB TRIED REPEATEDLY TO BUILD A BETTER JAEGER -- ONE MADE TO ENTER THE BREACH, MAKE IT THROUGH THE LOCK, AND INTO THE PRECURSORS' WORLD.
DOZENS OF PILOTS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE NAME OF... GOD, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU CALL IT? SCIENCE? PATRIOTISM?
ALL WE KNEW IS THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN EACH TIME. THE JAEGER WOULD CROSS THE BREACH, PASS THROUGH THE LOCK, AND SOMETHING WOULD CAUSE THE DORMANT KAIJU GENETIC MATERIAL TO REACTIVATE.
BUT IF WE REMOVED THE KAIJU GUTS, WE CAN'T PASS THROUGH THE LOCK.


OUR R&D BUDGETS WERE SLASHED, AND WE WERE FORCED TO LIMIT THE INFILTRATION PROGRAM.
WITH NO NEW BREACHES IN YEARS, WE WERE BARELY ABLE TO KEEP THE JAEGER PROGRAM FUNDED, AND WE COULDN'T AFFORD TO KEEP DROPPING THEM INTO A HOLE TO GET BLOWN UP.

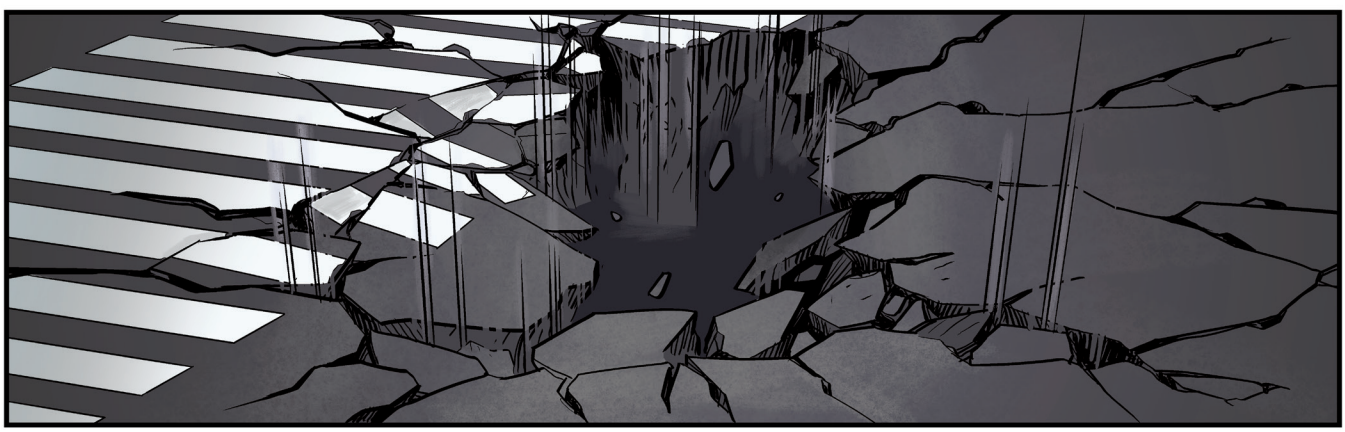

THE REMAINING JAEGERS STOOD BY TO PROTECT IN CASE OF A NEW INCURSION -- SOMETHING THAT SEEMED INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY, AS THE WORLD TURNED BACK INTO ITS OLD GARBAGE SELF.
AND THEN...


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SALON
HAIR

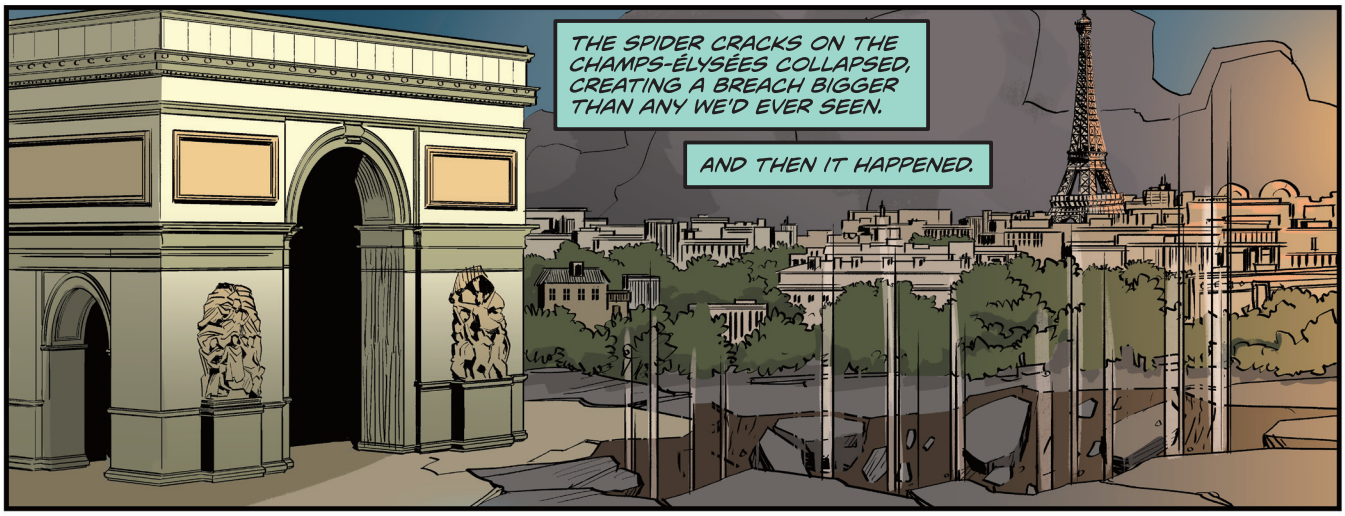


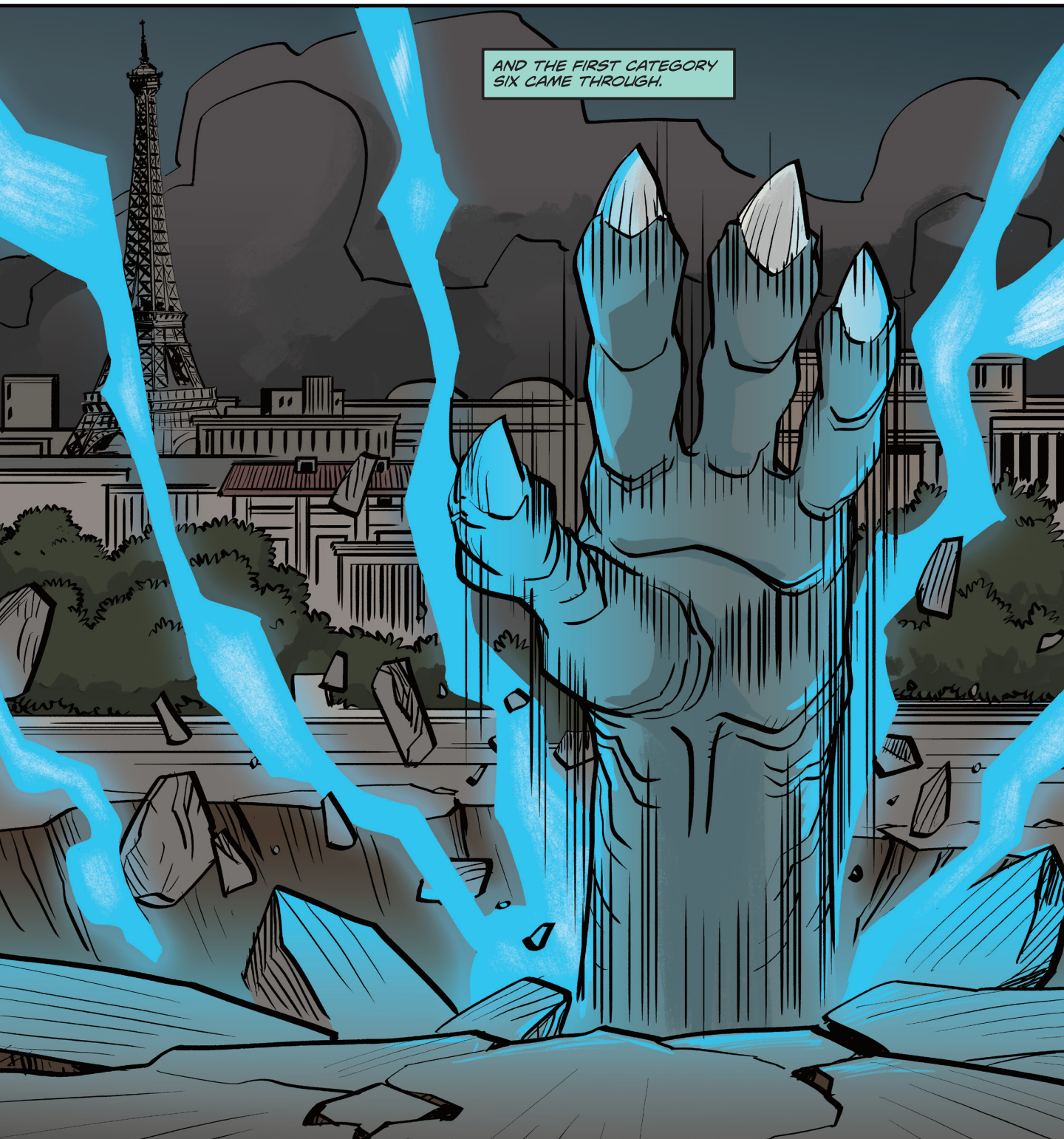







THESE SPIDER BREACHES BEGAN TO FORM ALL OVER THE WORLD. NO LONGER JUST LIMITED TO THE PACIFIC RIM OR EVEN CONTAINED BY THE OCEANS.
AND WHILE THE PARASITES WERE HANDLED -- MOSTLY -- IT RESTARTED THE PANIC.
SOMETHING WAS COMING.
Dougen-zaka
特撮
消火栓


THE SPIDER CRACKS ON THE CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES COLLAPSED, CREATING A BREACH BIGGER THAN ANY WE'D EVER SEEN.
AND THEN IT HAPPENED.


AND THE FIRST CATEGORY SIX CAME THROUGH.

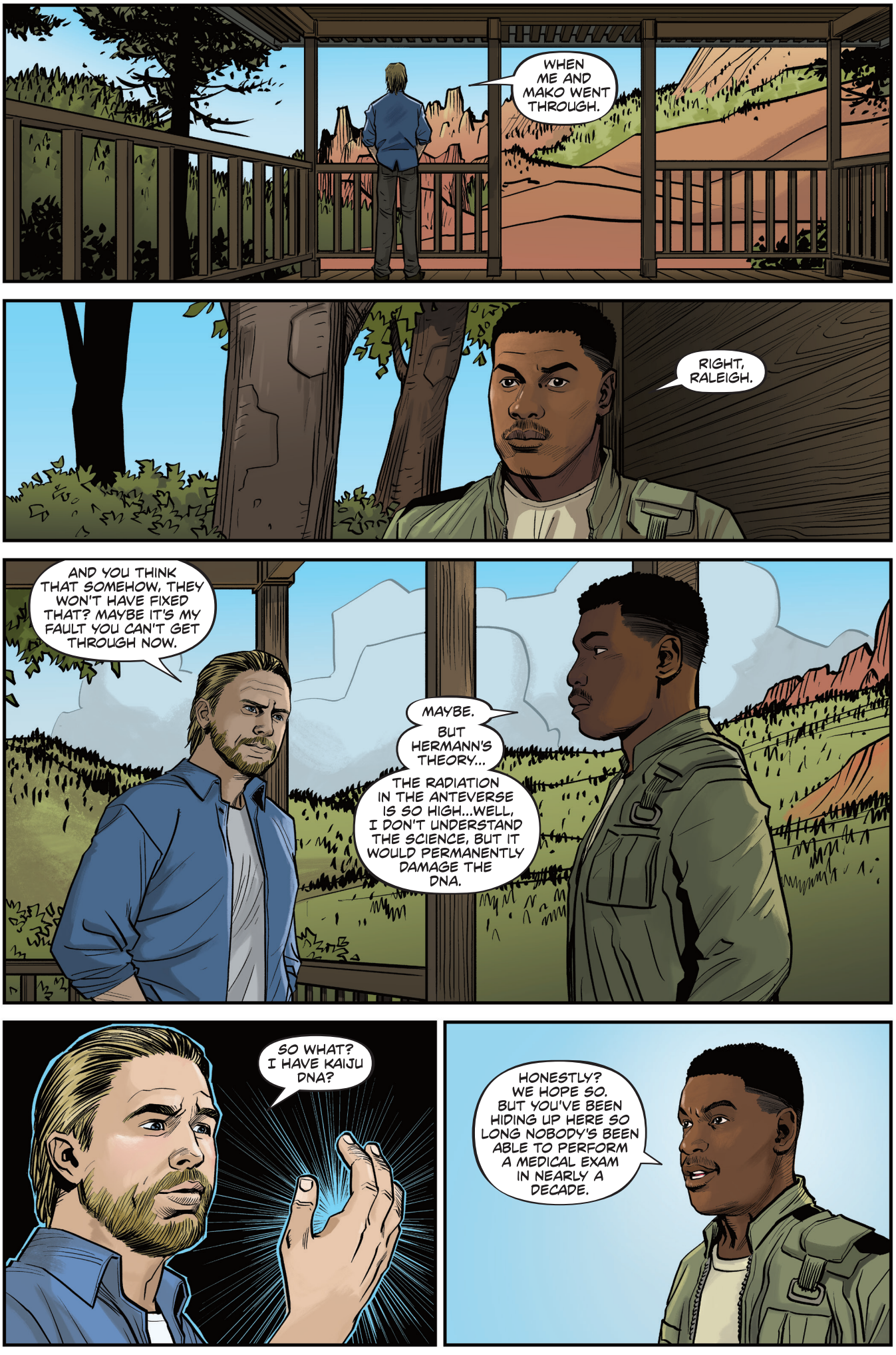
CODENAME: **GAJASAUR.** IT WAS NEARLY SEVEN HUNDRED FEET TIP TO TAIL. BIGGER THAN SLATTERN. BIGGER THAN MY PAL FROM MOUNT FUJI.

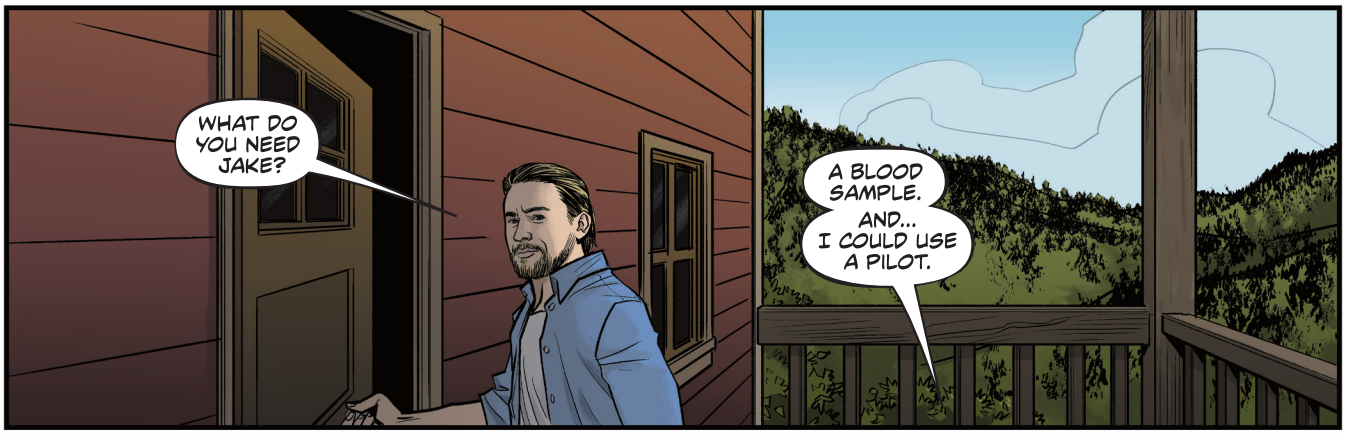
WE WERE READY. BUT WE WERE NOT PREPARED.

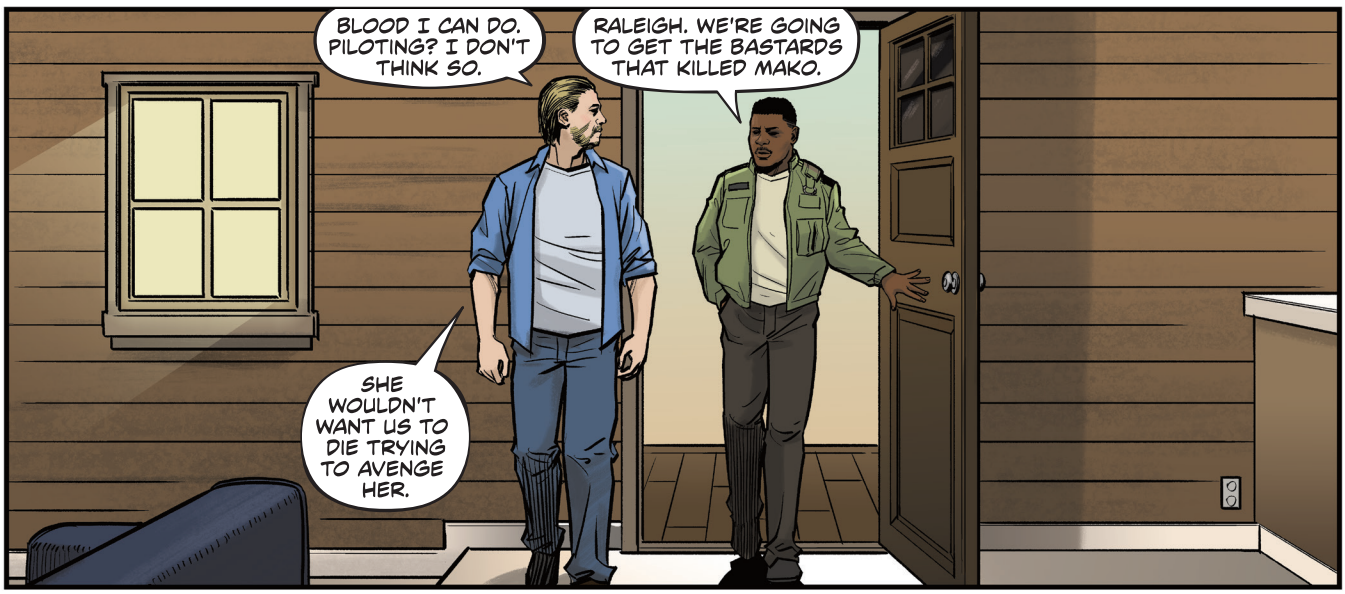


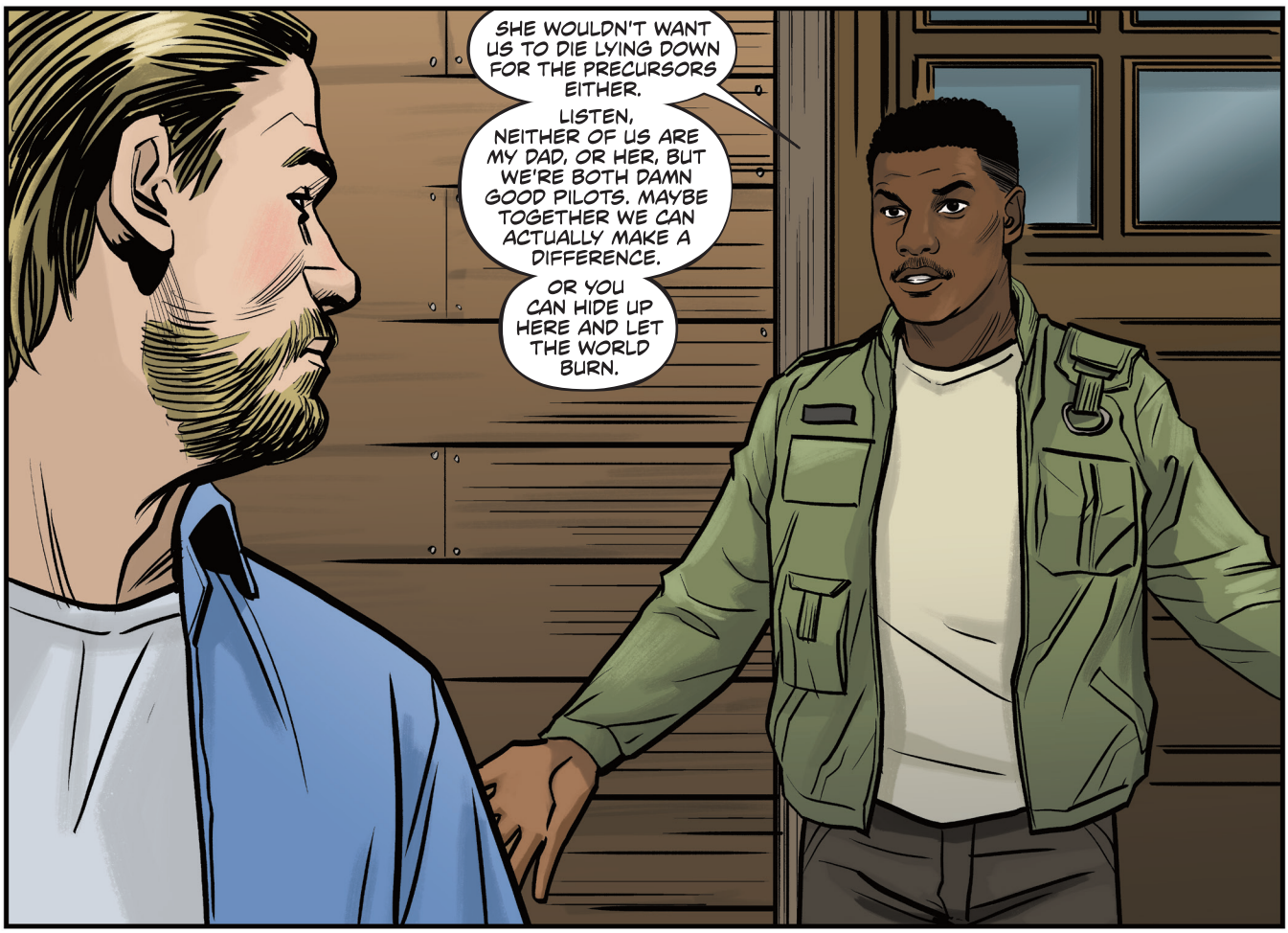


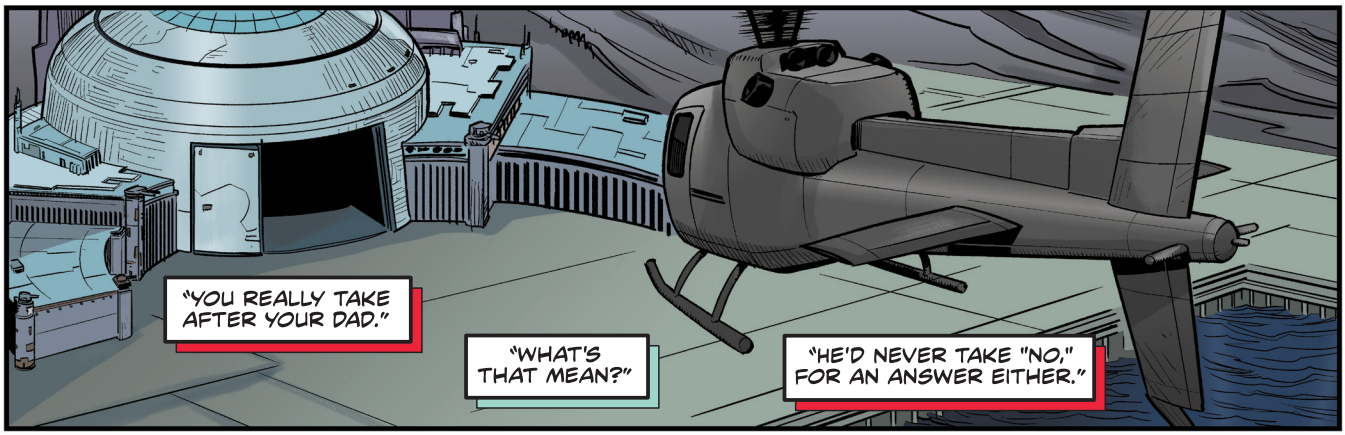

"IT TOOK TWENTY-FOUR JAEGERS AND THIRTY-SIX HOURS TO TAKE IT DOWN. WE LOST ALL BUT THREE OF THEM, AND THIRTY-FIVE OF THE PILOTS."
"SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE? YOU NEED PILOTS?"
"NO. WE NEED SOMETHING THAT ONLY YOU HAVE."
"HERMANN HAS A THEORY. THE ENTIRE ENTRY PROCESS OF THE ANTEVERSE IS KEYED TO DNA. IT'S HOW WE MADE IT THROUGH THE FIRST SET OF LOCKS EACH TIME.
"BUT ONCE WE HIT THE SECOND SET OF LOCKS, OUR DNA TRIGGERS AN ALARM -- FOREIGN OBJECT, AND EVERYTHING GOES TO SHIT.
"THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN... ONCE."

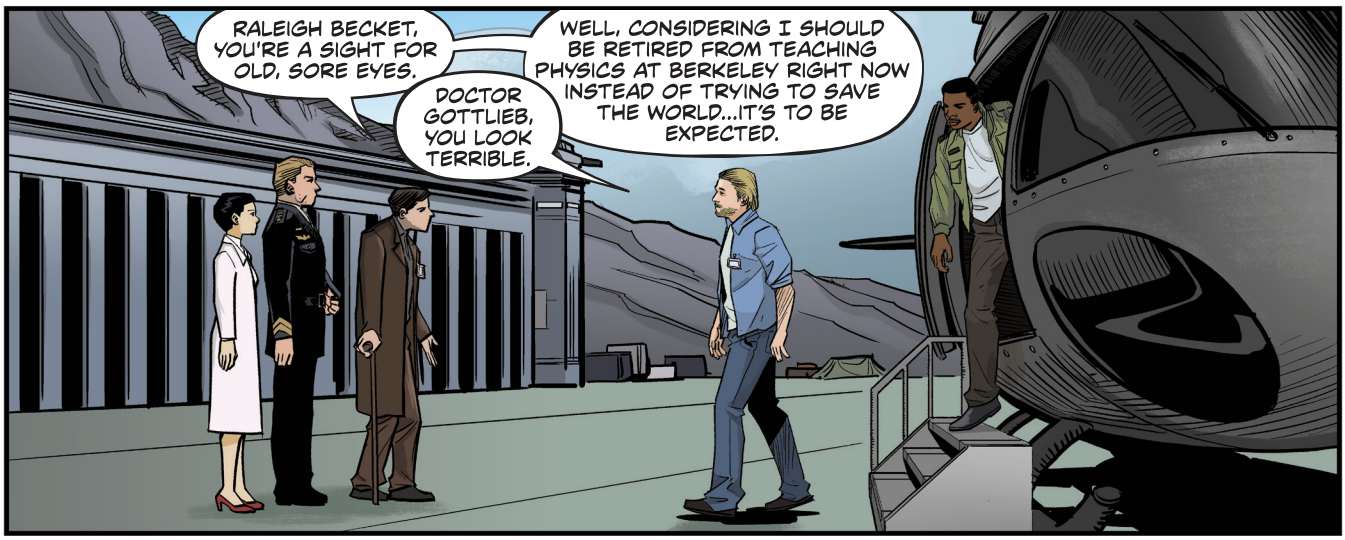

WHEN ME AND MAKO WENT THROUGH.
RIGHT, RALEIGH.
AND YOU THINK THAT SOMEHOW, THEY WON'T HAVE FIXED THAT? MAYBE IT'S MY FAULT YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH NOW.
MAYBE.
BUT HERMANN'S THEORY...
THE RADIATION IN THE ANTEVERSE IS SO HIGH...WELL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SCIENCE, BUT IT WOULD PERMANENTLY DAMAGE THE DNA.
SO WHAT? I HAVE KAIJU DNA?
HONESTLY? WE HOPE SO. BUT YOU'VE BEEN HIDING UP HERE SO LONG NOBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM A MEDICAL EXAM IN NEARLY A DECADE.

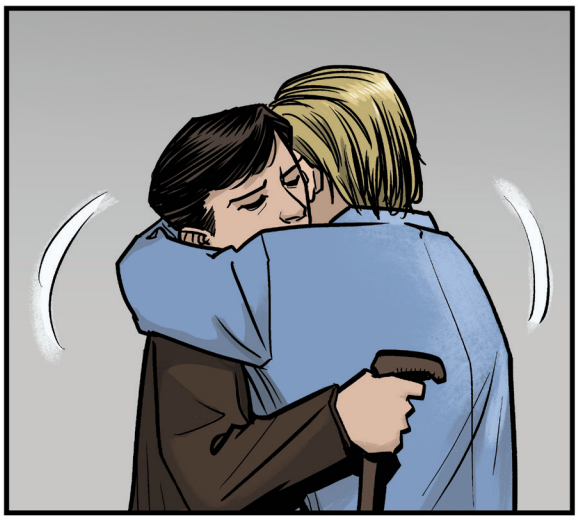

WHAT DO YOU NEED JAKE?
A BLOOD SAMPLE. AND... I COULD USE A PILOT.

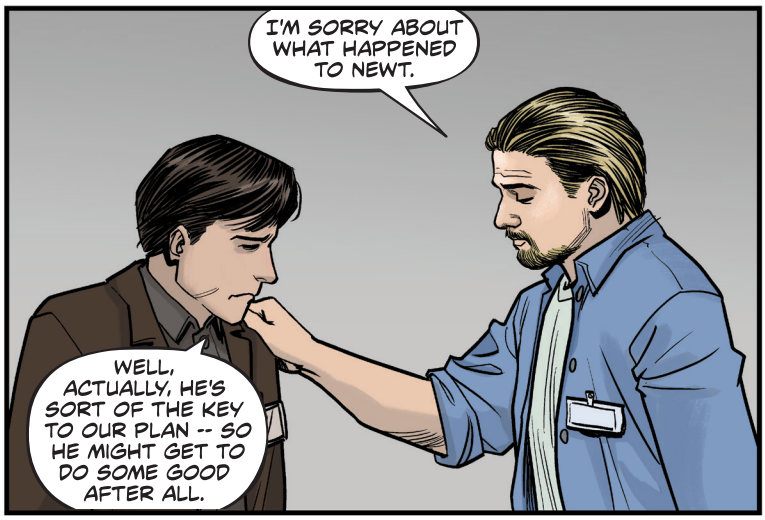

BLOOD I CAN DO. PILOTING? I DON'T THINK SO.
RALEIGH. WE'RE GOING TO GET THE BASTARDS THAT KILLED MAKO.
SHE WOULDN'T WANT US TO DIE TRYING TO AVENGE HER.

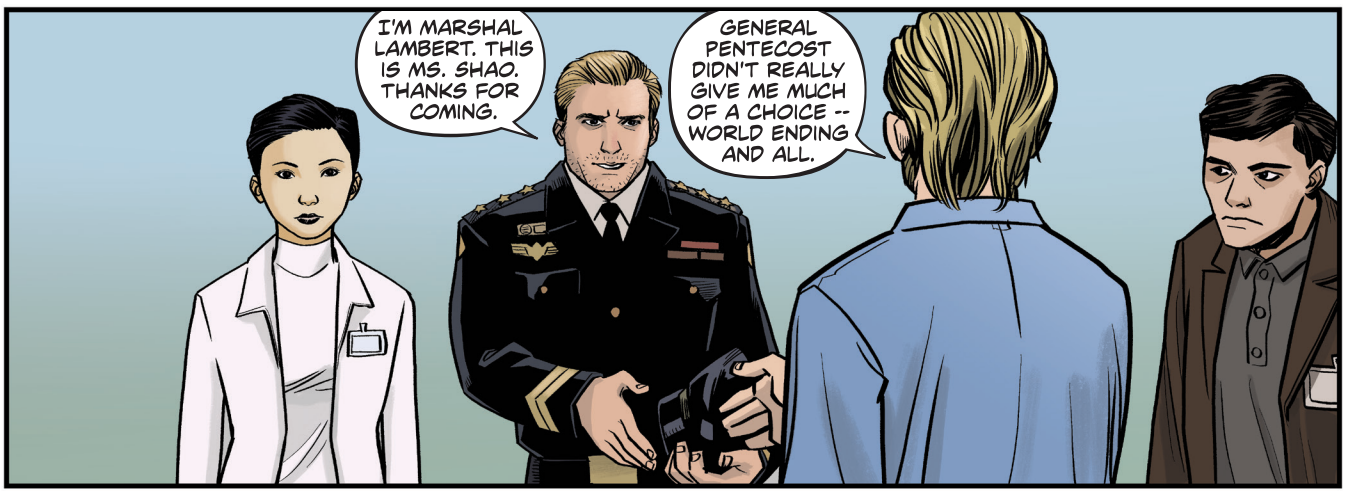

SHE WOULDN'T WANT US TO DIE LYING DOWN FOR THE PRECURSORS EITHER.
LISTEN, NEITHER OF US ARE MY DAD, OR HER, BUT WE'RE BOTH DAMN GOOD PILOTS. MAYBE TOGETHER WE CAN ACTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
OR YOU CAN HIDE UP HERE AND LET THE WORLD BURN.

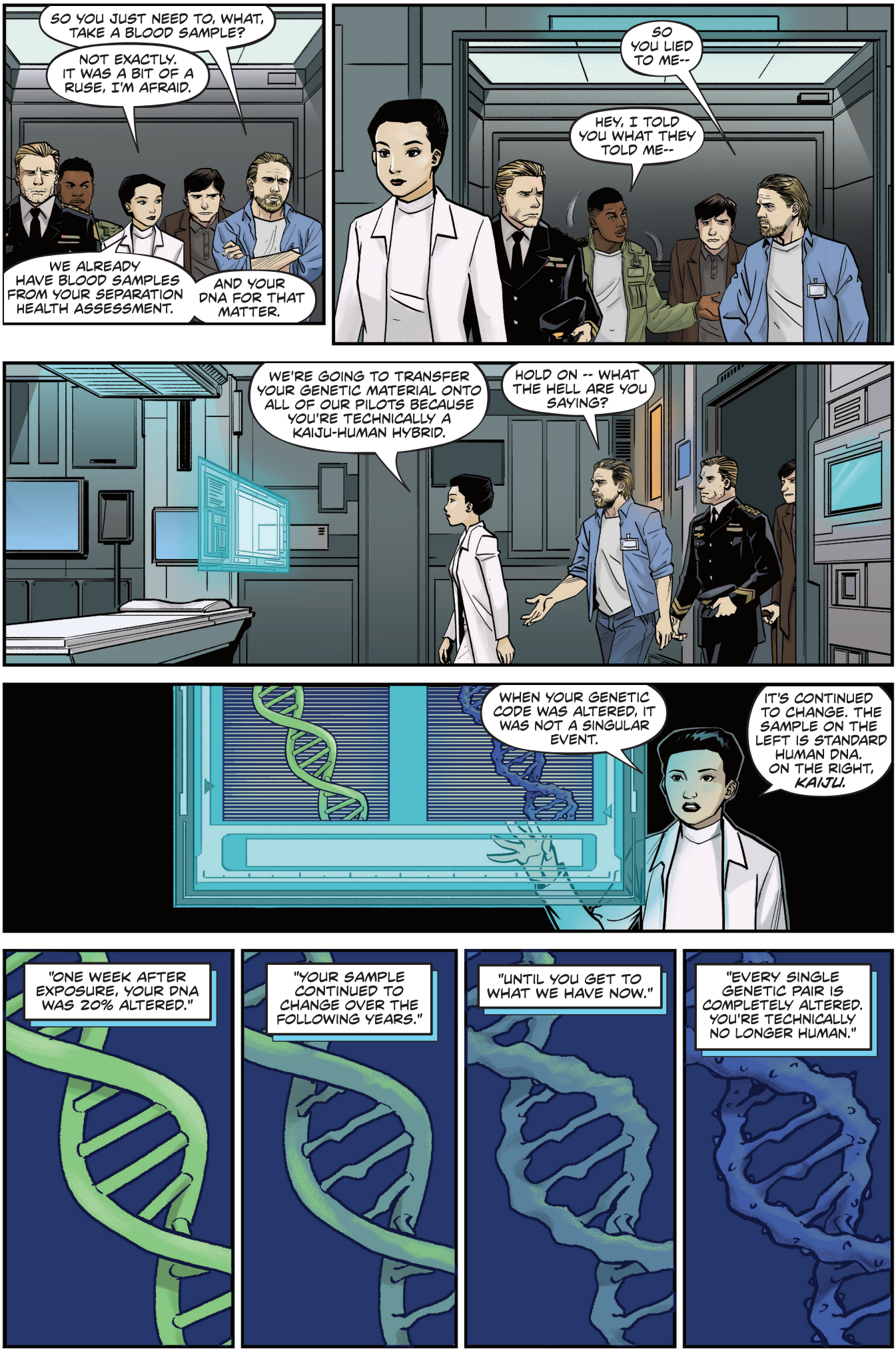

"YOU REALLY TAKE AFTER YOUR DAD."
"WHAT'S THAT MEAN?"
"HE'D NEVER TAKE "NO," FOR AN ANSWER EITHER."

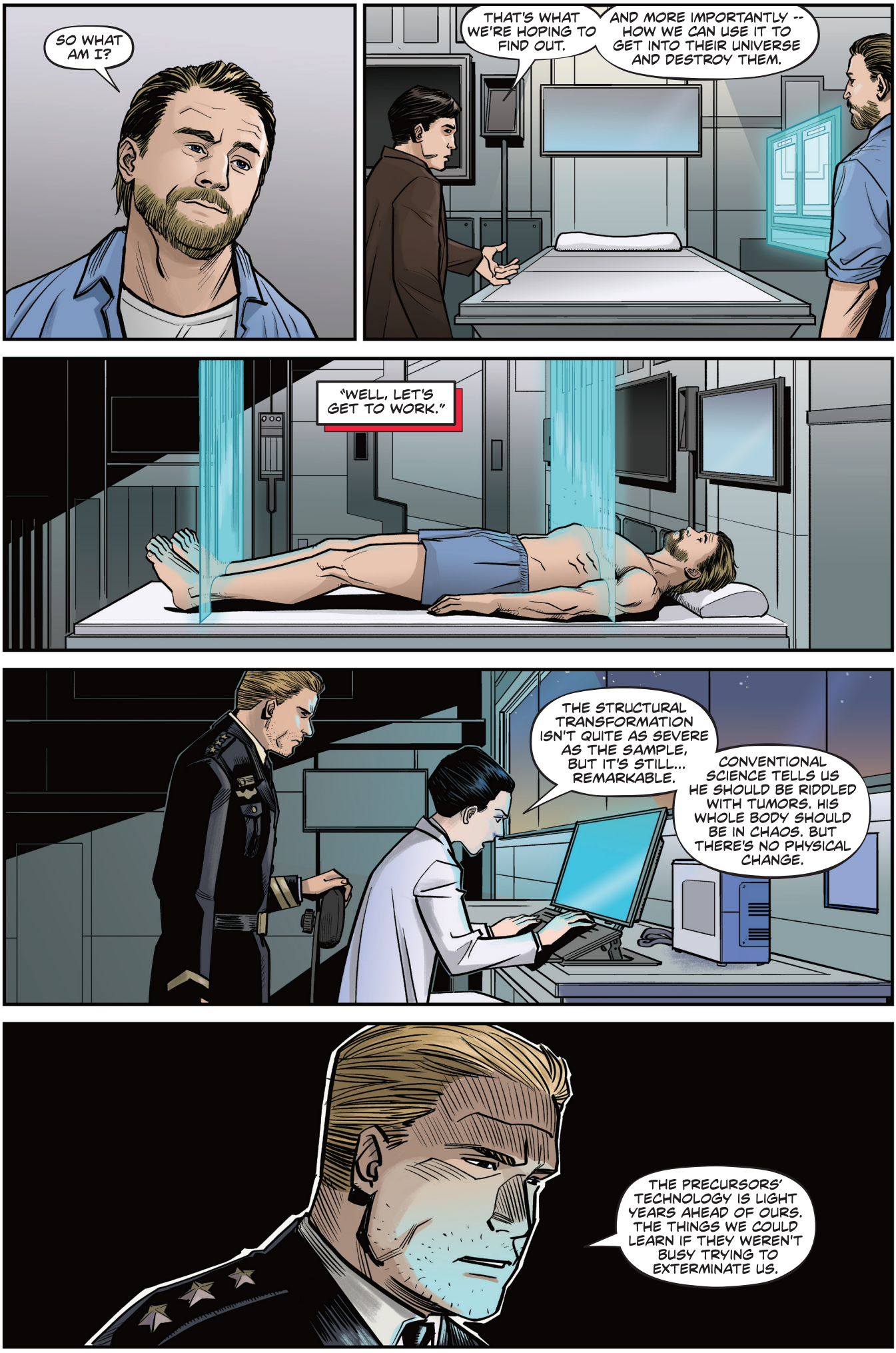

RALEIGH BECKET, YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR OLD, SORE EYES.
DOCTOR GOTTLIEB, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.
WELL, CONSIDERING I SHOULD BE RETIRED FROM TEACHING PHYSICS AT BERKELEY RIGHT NOW INSTEAD OF TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD...IT'S TO BE EXPECTED.



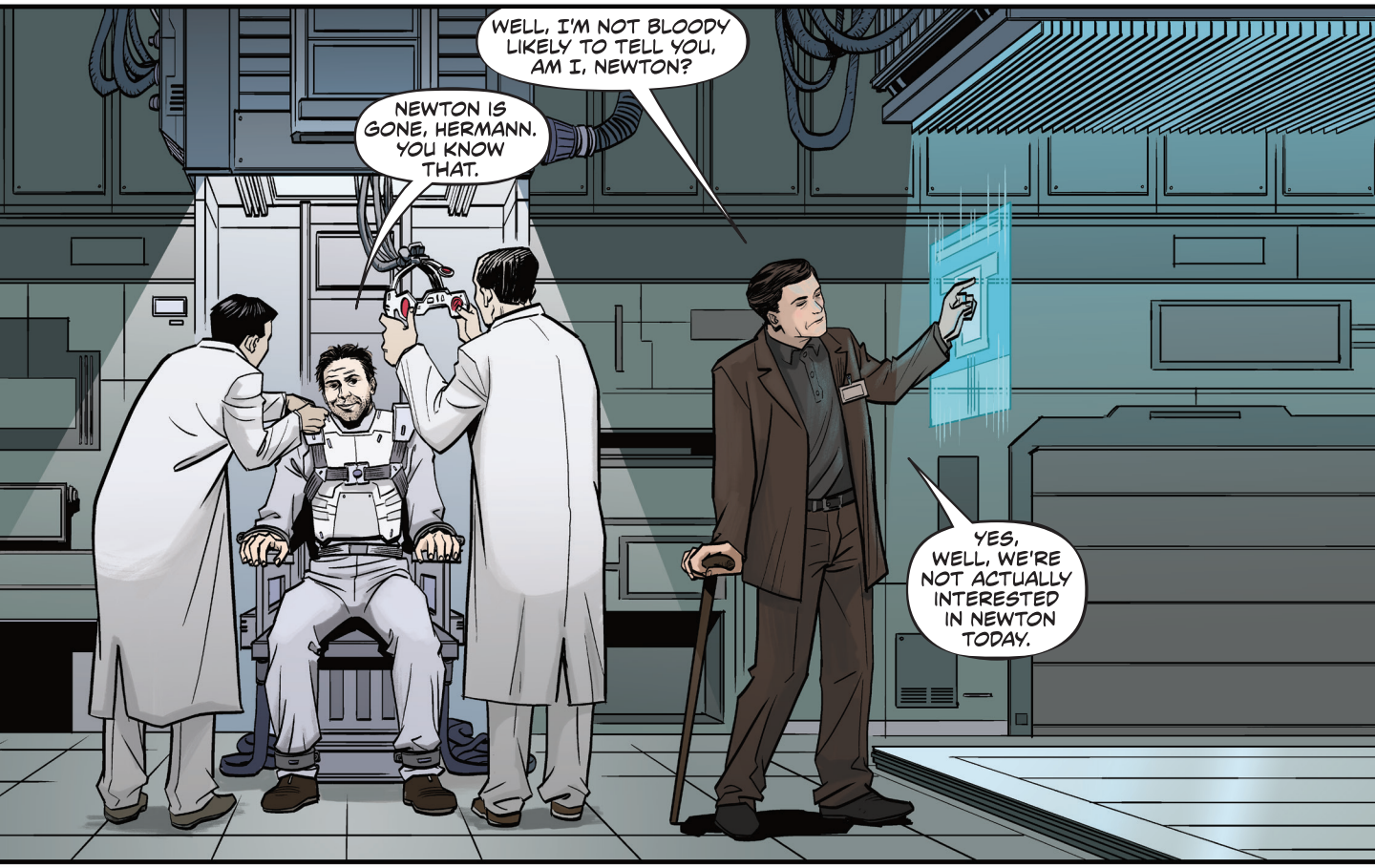

I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO NEWT.
WELL, ACTUALLY, HE'S SORT OF THE KEY TO OUR PLAN -- SO HE MIGHT GET TO DO SOME GOOD AFTER ALL.


I'M MARSHAL LAMBERT. THIS IS MS. SHAO. THANKS FOR COMING.
GENERAL PENTECOST DIDN'T REALLY GIVE ME MUCH OF A CHOICE -- WORLD ENDING AND ALL.


SO YOU JUST NEED TO, WHAT, TAKE A BLOOD SAMPLE?
NOT EXACTLY. IT WAS A BIT OF A RUSE, I'M AFRAID.
WE ALREADY HAVE BLOOD SAMPLES FROM YOUR SEPARATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT.
AND YOUR DNA FOR THAT MATTER.
SO YOU LIED TO ME--
HEY, I TOLD YOU WHAT THEY TOLD ME--
WE'RE GOING TO TRANSFER YOUR GENETIC MATERIAL ONTO ALL OF OUR PILOTS BECAUSE YOU'RE TECHNICALLY A KAIJU-HUMAN HYBRID.
HOLD ON -- WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
WHEN YOUR GENETIC CODE WAS ALTERED, IT WAS NOT A SINGULAR EVENT.
IT'S CONTINUED TO CHANGE. THE SAMPLE ON THE LEFT IS STANDARD HUMAN DNA. ON THE RIGHT, KAIJU.
"ONE WEEK AFTER EXPOSURE, YOUR DNA WAS 20% ALTERED."
"YOUR SAMPLE CONTINUED TO CHANGE OVER THE FOLLOWING YEARS."
"UNTIL YOU GET TO WHAT WE HAVE NOW."
"EVERY SINGLE GENETIC PAIR IS COMPLETELY ALTERED. YOU'RE TECHNICALLY NO LONGER HUMAN."


SO WHAT AM I?
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO FIND OUT.
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY -- HOW WE CAN USE IT TO GET INTO THEIR UNIVERSE AND DESTROY THEM.
"WELL, LET'S GET TO WORK."
THE STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION ISN'T QUITE AS SEVERE AS THE SAMPLE, BUT IT'S STILL... REMARKABLE.
CONVENTIONAL SCIENCE TELLS US HE SHOULD BE RIDDLED WITH TUMORS. HIS WHOLE BODY SHOULD BE IN CHAOS. BUT THERE'S NO PHYSICAL CHANGE.
THE PRECURSORS' TECHNOLOGY IS LIGHT YEARS AHEAD OF OURS. THE THINGS WE COULD LEARN IF THEY WEREN'T BUSY TRYING TO EXTERMINATE US.


WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, HERMANN?

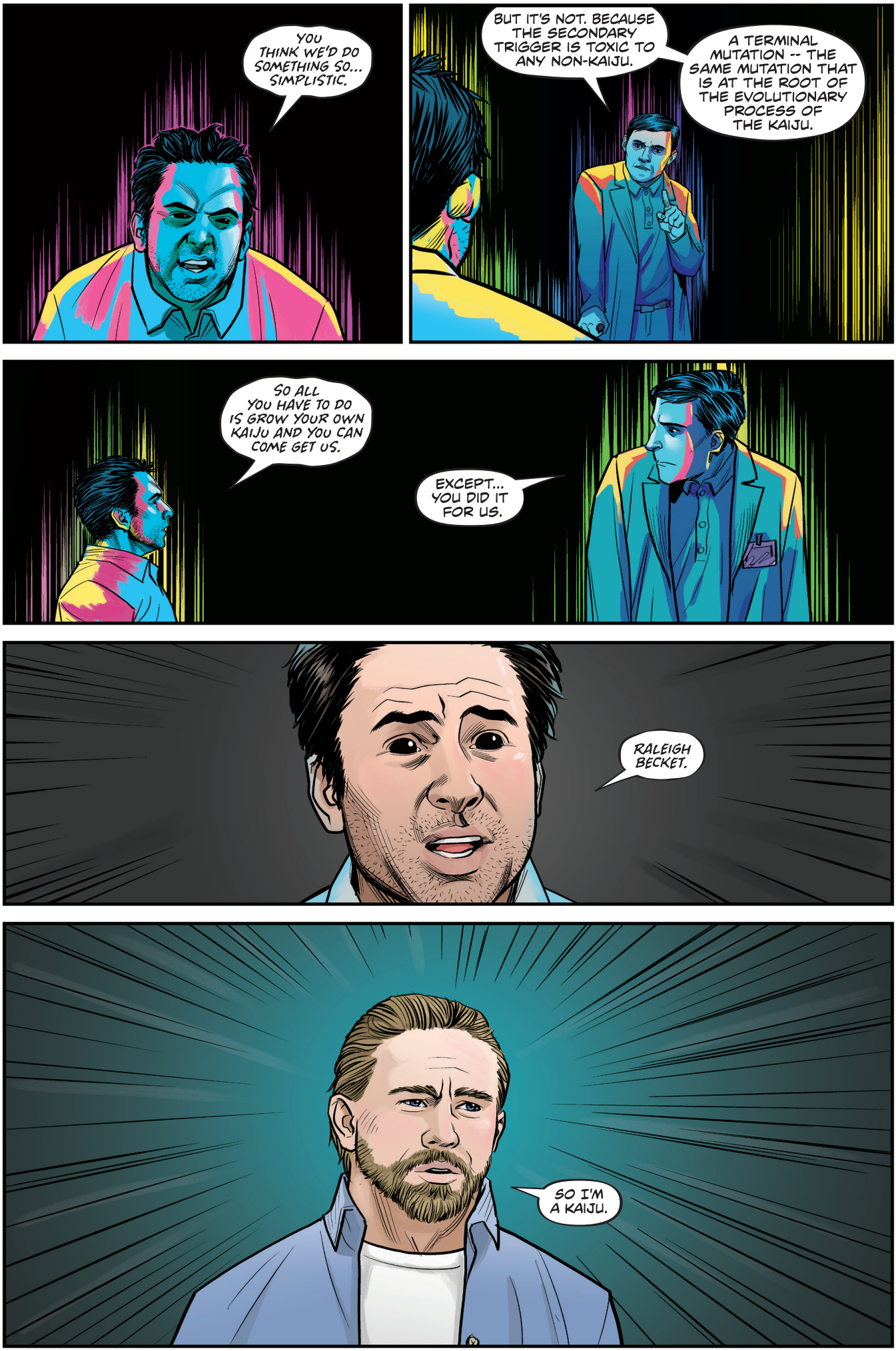

WELL, I'M NOT BLOODY LIKELY TO TELL YOU, AM I, NEWTON?
NEWTON IS GONE, HERMANN. YOU KNOW THAT.
YES, WELL, WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN NEWTON TODAY.

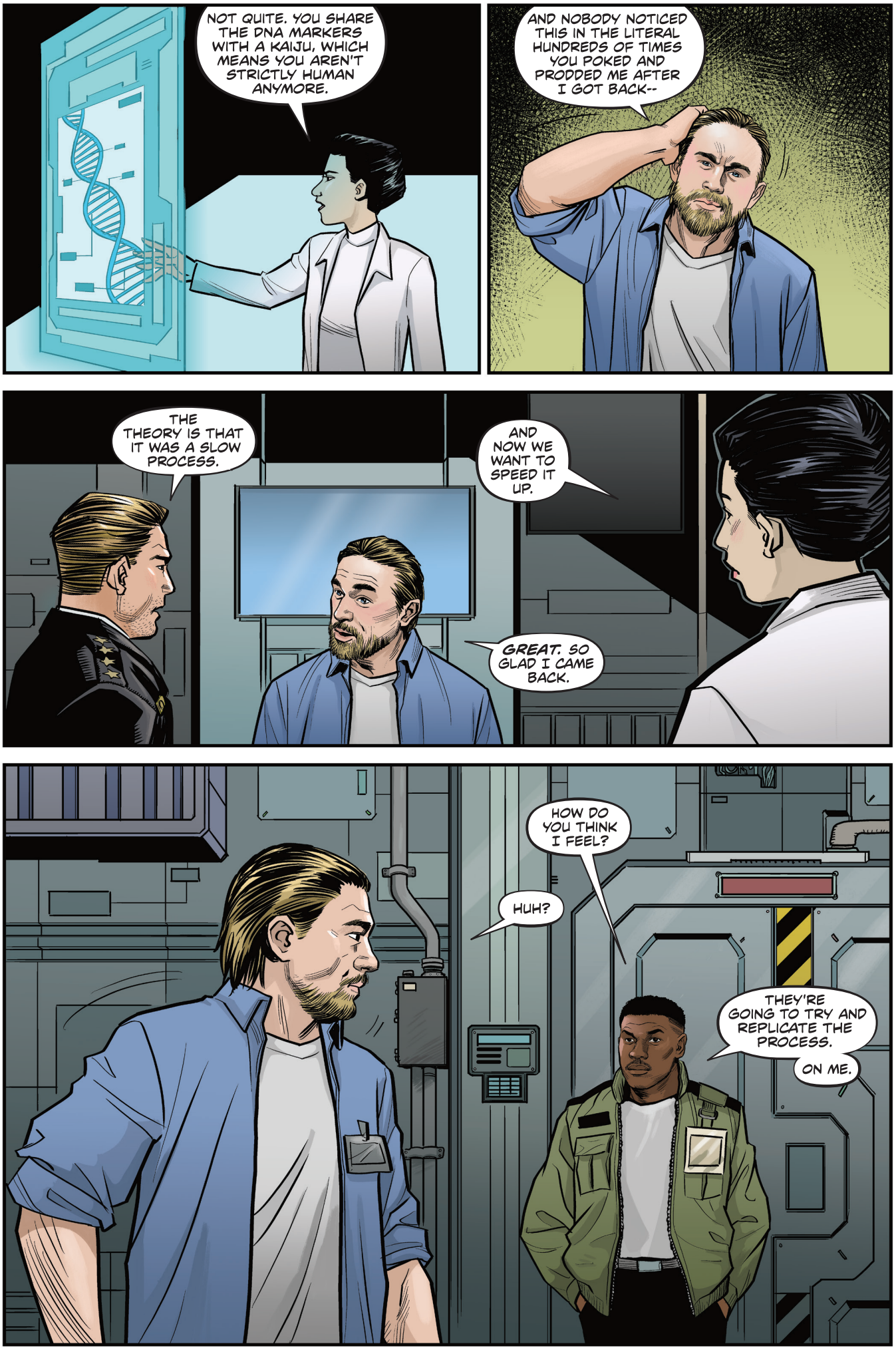

THIS IS NOT HOW YOUR TECHNOLOGY WORKS.


YES, WELL, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH NEW TRICKS, MY FRIENDS. ACTIVATE THE ONE WAY DRIFT.

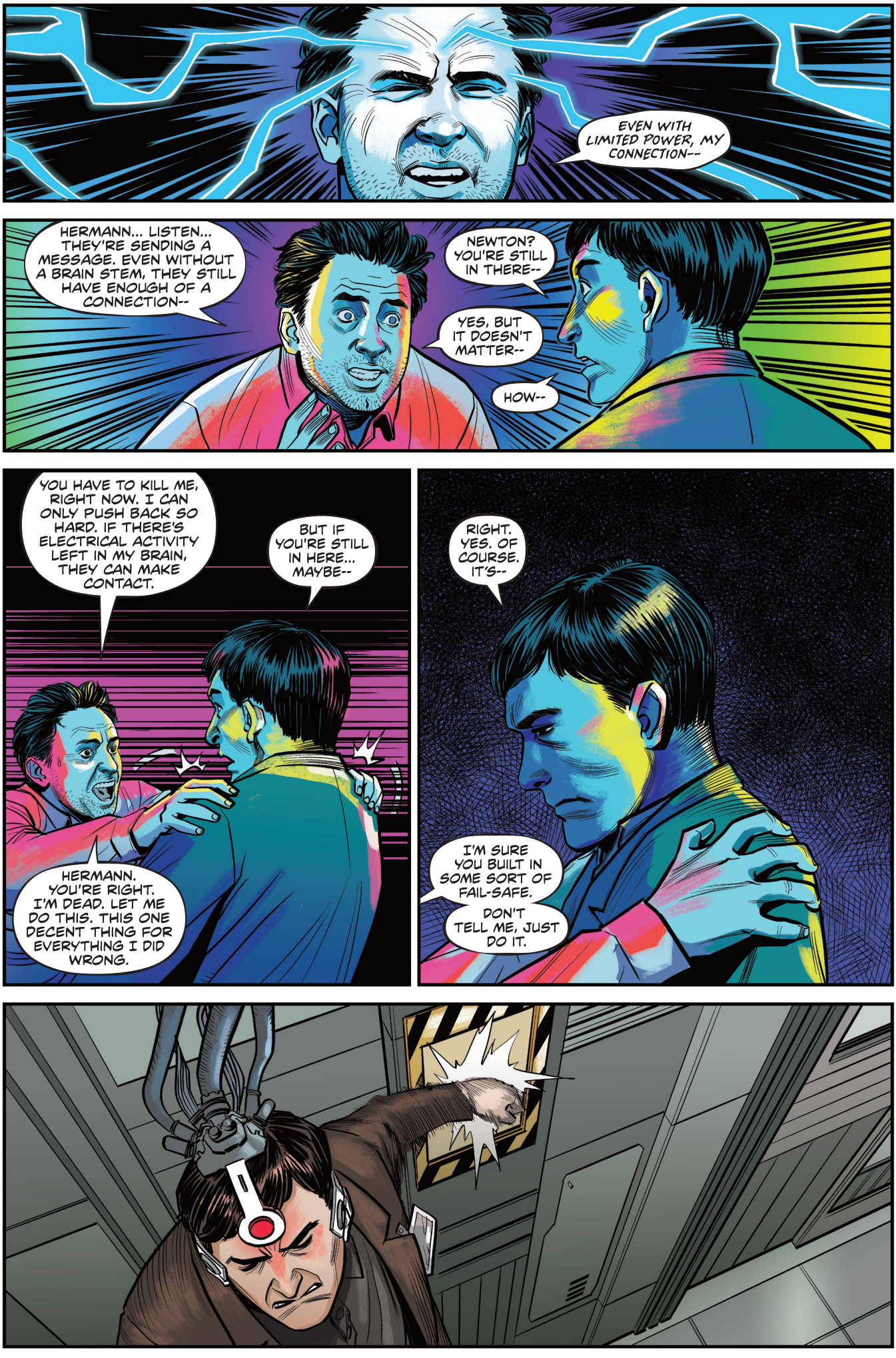

"THERE."


THIS IS THE MOMENT, RIGHT, NEWTON?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE LOOKING AT?
THE REVISION TO YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM.
THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM WAS KEYED ONLY TO THE DNA OF THE KAIJU, BUT WE FIGURED THAT OUT, SO YOU HAD TO RECALIBRATE IT, BUT WHAT IS THE SYSTEM YOU'RE USING NOW?
YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO JUST CHANGE IT AGAIN?
I DON'T, NO.
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR MY THEORY?
NOW, I'M NOT A BRILLIANT BIOLOGIST LIKE YOU ARE--*WERE*, NEWT. BUT I HAVE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THIS.
MY THEORY IS THAT YOU HAVEN'T ACTUALLY CHANGED IT. IT'S STILL TIED TO DNA, BUT THAT THERE'S A SECONDARY TRIGGER THAT WAS ADDED THAT CAN'T BE FAKED.

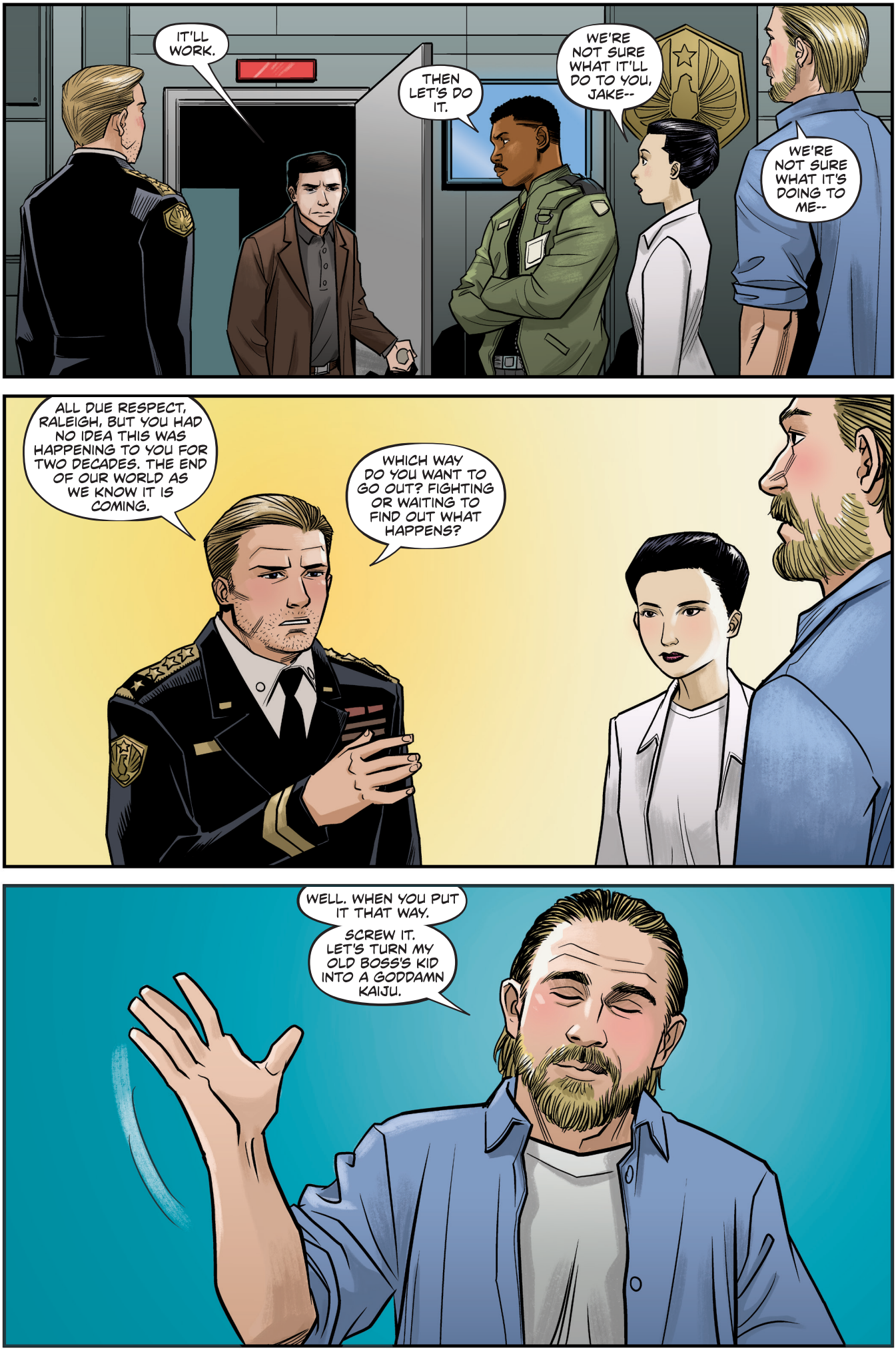

YOU THINK WE'D DO SOMETHING SO... SIMPLISTIC.
BUT IT'S NOT. BECAUSE THE SECONDARY TRIGGER IS TOXIC TO ANY NON-KAIJU.
A TERMINAL MUTATION -- THE SAME MUTATION THAT IS AT THE ROOT OF THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS OF THE KAIJU.
SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GROW YOUR OWN KAIJU AND YOU CAN COME GET US.
EXCEPT... YOU DID IT FOR US.
RALEIGH BECKET.
SO I'M A KAIJU.

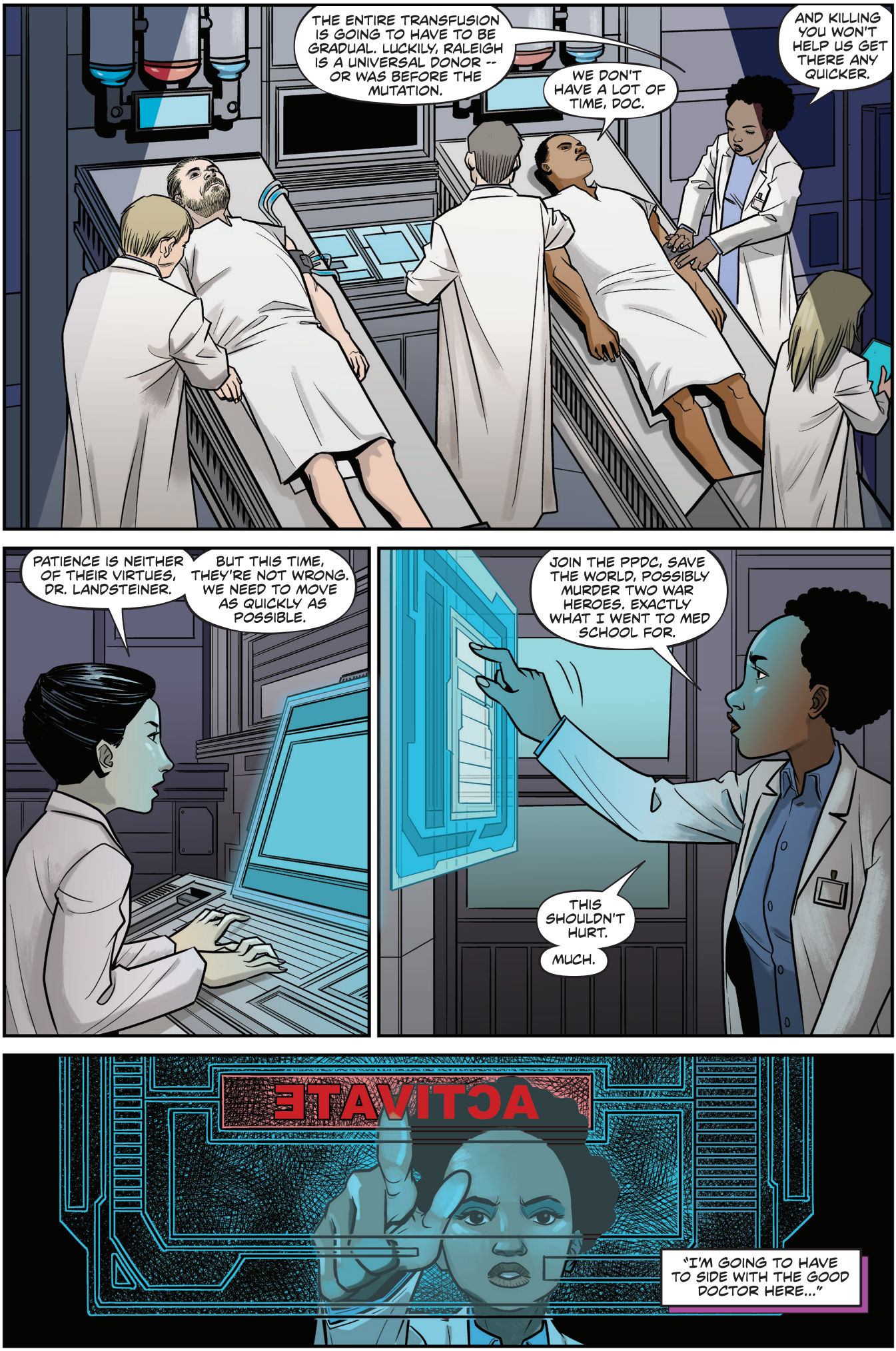

NOT QUITE. YOU SHARE THE DNA MARKERS WITH A KAIJU, WHICH MEANS YOU AREN'T STRICTLY HUMAN ANYMORE.
AND NOBODY NOTICED THIS IN THE LITERAL HUNDREDS OF TIMES YOU POKED AND PRODDED ME AFTER I GOT BACK--
THE THEORY IS THAT IT WAS A SLOW PROCESS.
AND NOW WE WANT TO SPEED IT UP.
GREAT. SO GLAD I CAME BACK.
HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL?
HUH?
THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND REPLICATE THE PROCESS.
ON ME.

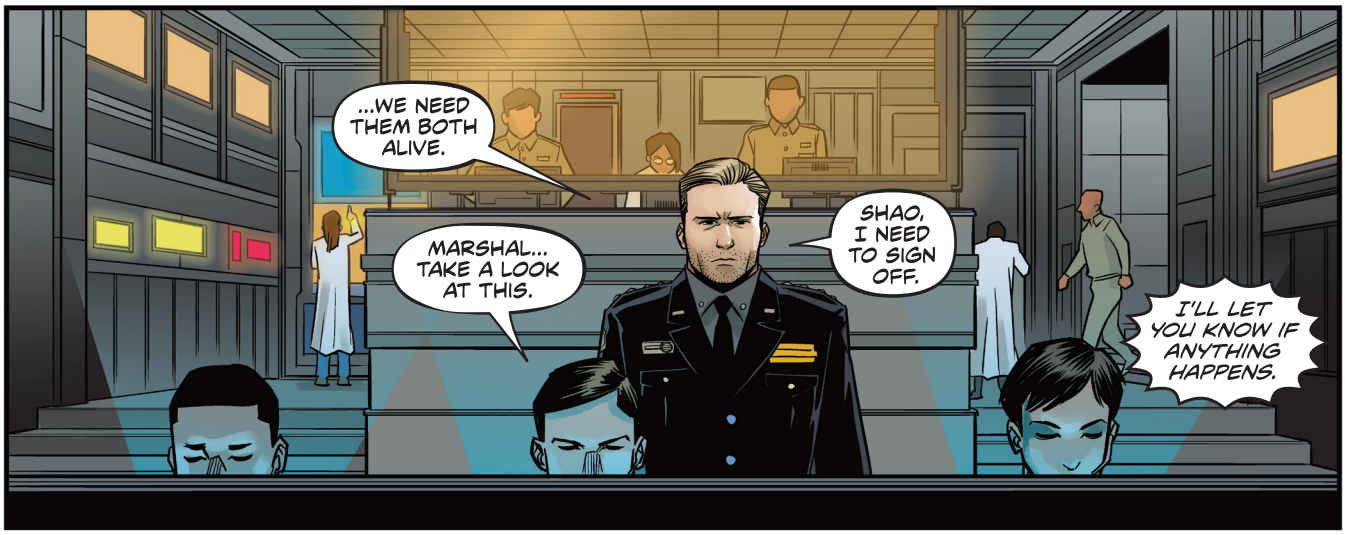

AND WHAT STOPS US FROM JUST CHANGING THE PROTOCOLS AGAIN?
YES, WE REALIZED THAT WAS A RISK WE HAD TO TAKE.
BUT WE MADE PREPARATIONS.
THIS NEW DRIFT TECHNOLOGY IS NOT JUST A ONE-WAY VERSION OF OUR REGULAR SYSTEM. IT DOESN'T QUITE WORK THAT WAY.
IN ORDER TO GAIN THE PARTICIPATION OF AN UNWILLING USER... IT PERMANENTLY ALTERS THE NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEM.
IT SEVERS THE BRAIN STEM OF THE TARGET. YOU'RE EFFECTIVELY DEAD. THIS IS THE FINAL SECONDS OF BRAIN ACTIVITY BEFORE YOU DIE.
AND YOU THINK THERE'S NOT ENOUGH STRENGTH IN MY DYING BRAIN TO SEND A SIGNAL BACK TO MY PEOPLE.
WE KNOW THERE'S NOT.
YOU KILLED YOUR BEST FRIEND.
THE NEWTON I KNEW... HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS.

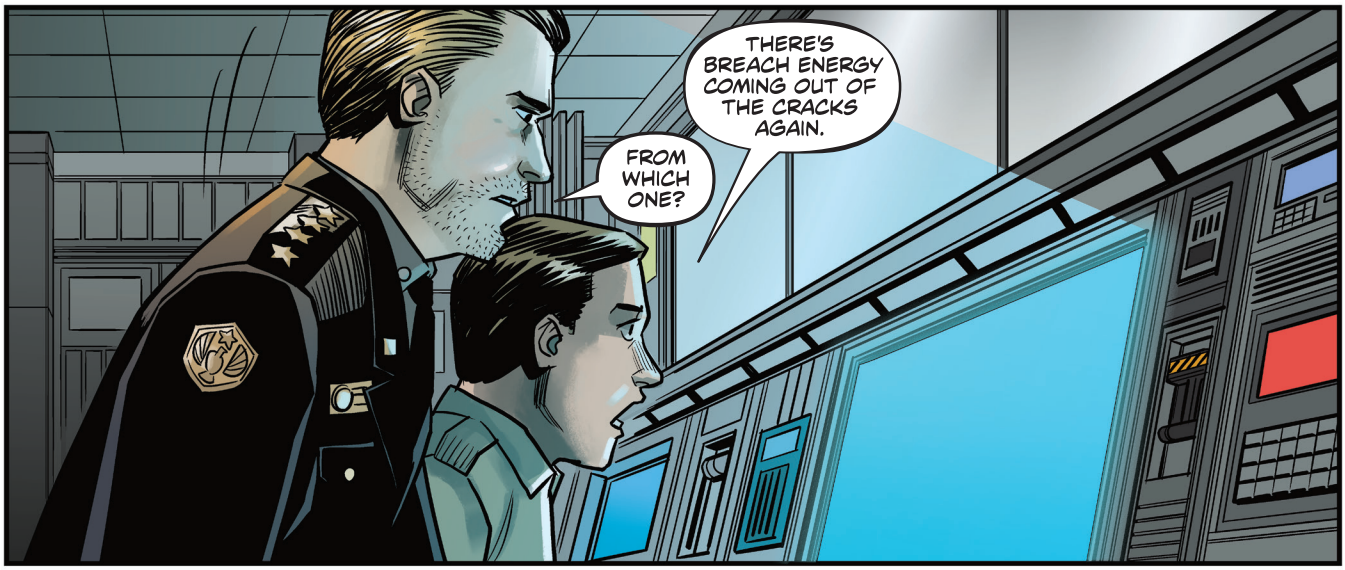

EVEN WITH LIMITED POWER, MY CONNECTION--
HERMANN... LISTEN... THEY'RE SENDING A MESSAGE. EVEN WITHOUT A BRAIN STEM, THEY STILL HAVE ENOUGH OF A CONNECTION--
NEWTON? YOU'RE STILL IN THERE--
YES, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER--
HOW--
YOU HAVE TO KILL ME, RIGHT NOW. I CAN ONLY PUSH BACK SO HARD. IF THERE'S ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY LEFT IN MY BRAIN, THEY CAN MAKE CONTACT.
BUT IF YOU'RE STILL IN HERE... MAYBE--
HERMANN. YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M DEAD. LET ME DO THIS. THIS ONE DECENT THING FOR EVERYTHING I DID WRONG.
RIGHT. YES. OF COURSE. IT'S--
I'M SURE YOU BUILT IN SOME SORT OF FAIL-SAFE.
DON'T TELL ME, JUST DO IT.


GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND.

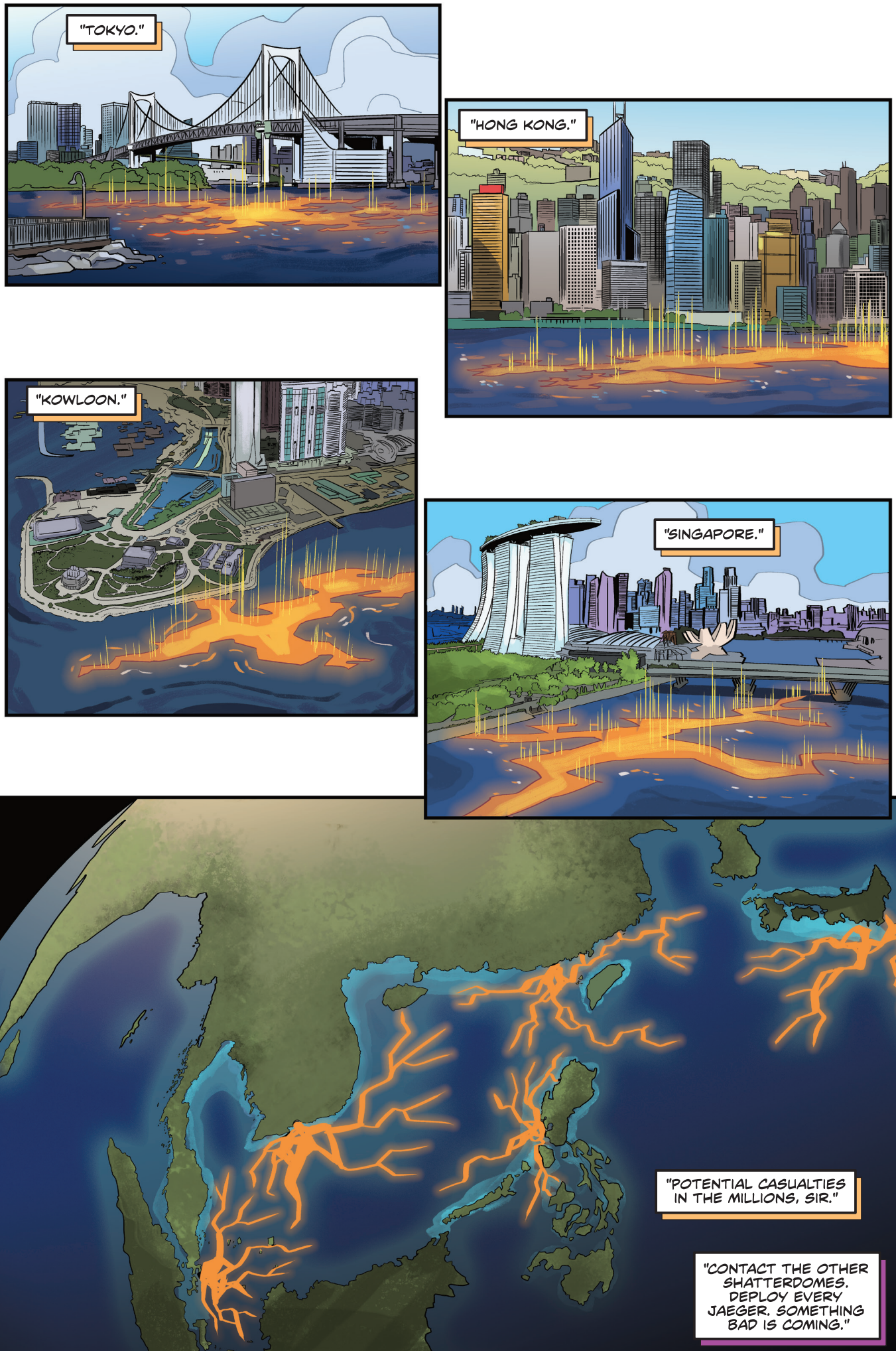

IT'LL WORK.
THEN LET'S DO IT.
WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT IT'LL DO TO YOU, JAKE--
WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT IT'S DOING TO ME--
ALL DUE RESPECT, RALEIGH, BUT YOU HAD NO IDEA THIS WAS HAPPENING TO YOU FOR TWO DECADES. THE END OF OUR WORLD AS WE KNOW IT IS COMING.
WHICH WAY DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT? FIGHTING OR WAITING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS?
WELL. WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY.
SCREW IT. LET'S TURN MY OLD BOSS'S KID INTO A GODDAMN KAIJU.


THE ENTIRE TRANSFUSION IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE GRADUAL. LUCKILY, RALEIGH IS A UNIVERSAL DONOR -- OR WAS BEFORE THE MUTATION.
WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME, DOC.
AND KILLING YOU WON'T HELP US GET THERE ANY QUICKER.
PATIENCE IS NEITHER OF THEIR VIRTUES, DR. LANDSTEINER.
BUT THIS TIME, THEY'RE NOT WRONG. WE NEED TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
JOIN THE PPDC, SAVE THE WORLD, POSSIBLY MURDER TWO WAR HEROES. EXACTLY WHAT I WENT TO MED SCHOOL FOR.
THIS SHOULDN'T HURT.
MUCH.
ACTIVATE
"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SIDE WITH THE GOOD DOCTOR HERE..."


...WE NEED THEM BOTH ALIVE.
MARSHAL... TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
SHAO, I NEED TO SIGN OFF.
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.


THERE'S BREACH ENERGY COMING OUT OF THE CRACKS AGAIN.
FROM WHICH ONE?


ALL OF THEM.


"TOKYO."
"HONG KONG."
"KOWLOON."
"SINGAPORE."
"POTENTIAL CASUALTIES IN THE MILLIONS, SIR."
"CONTACT THE OTHER SHATTERDOMES. DEPLOY EVERY JAEGER. SOMETHING BAD IS COMING."

"JESUS...THE BREACH HAS GOT TO BE A MILE ACROSS..."

"AND IT'S NOT DONE OPENING UP YET..."

"WE'VE GOT A KAIJU..."

"OR TWO?"

"CODENAME: *QUADRALITH*. OUR FIRST CATEGORY SEVEN."

"WE HAVE INCOMING JAEGERS IN 5...4...3...2...1."

WE'VE GOT CONTACT. ALL HANDS READY TO GO.

DAMMIT, TOO CLOSE TO THE BREACH--

FIRE RETRO ROCKETS--

FIRING...

"RISING TIDE, ON YOUR SIX--"

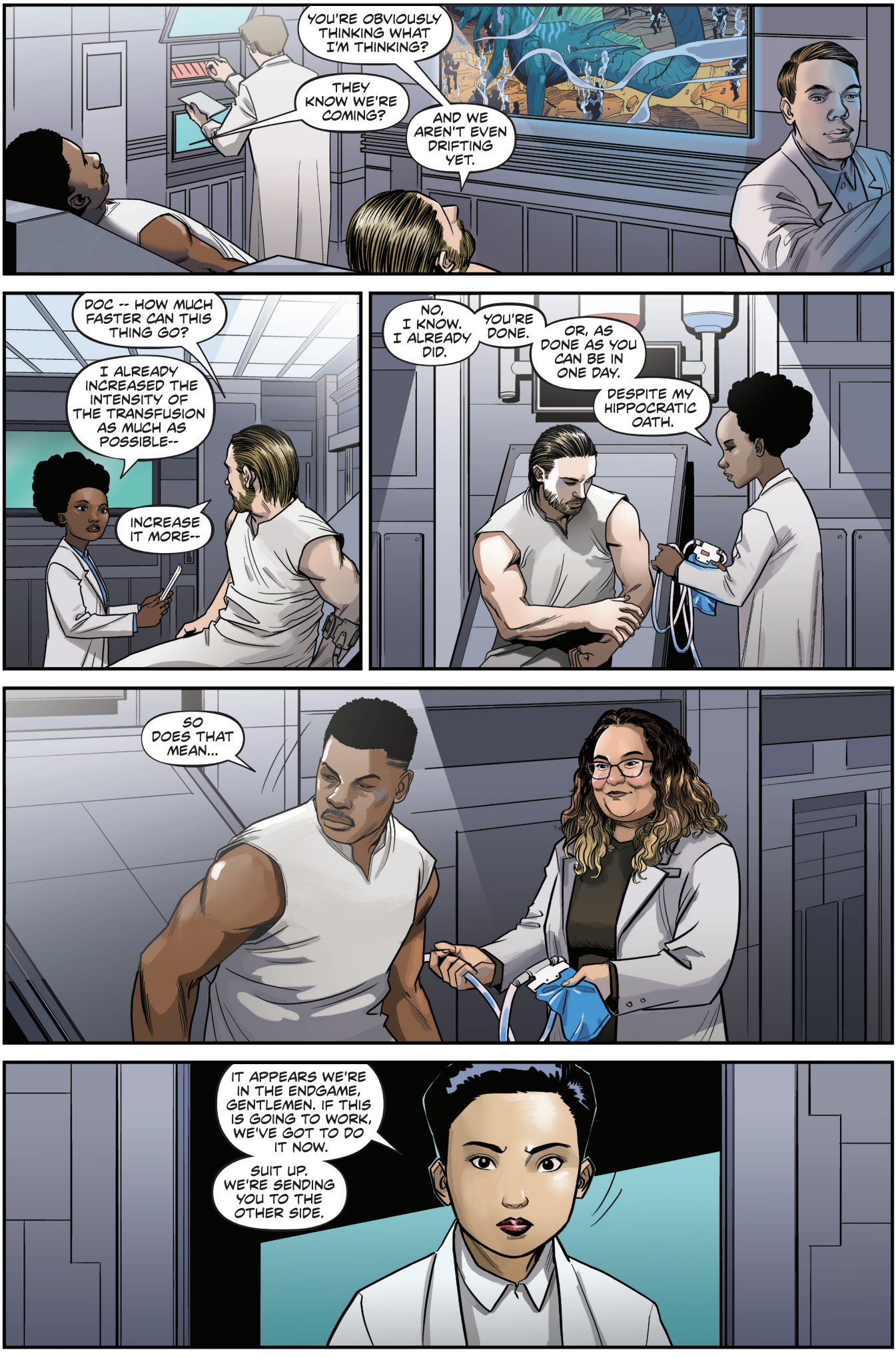
GAAAAH!

"SIR, WE'VE LOST RISING TIDE, AND WE'VE GOT A SECOND BREACHED CATEGORY SEVEN, WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE A THIRD RIGHT BEHIND IT."

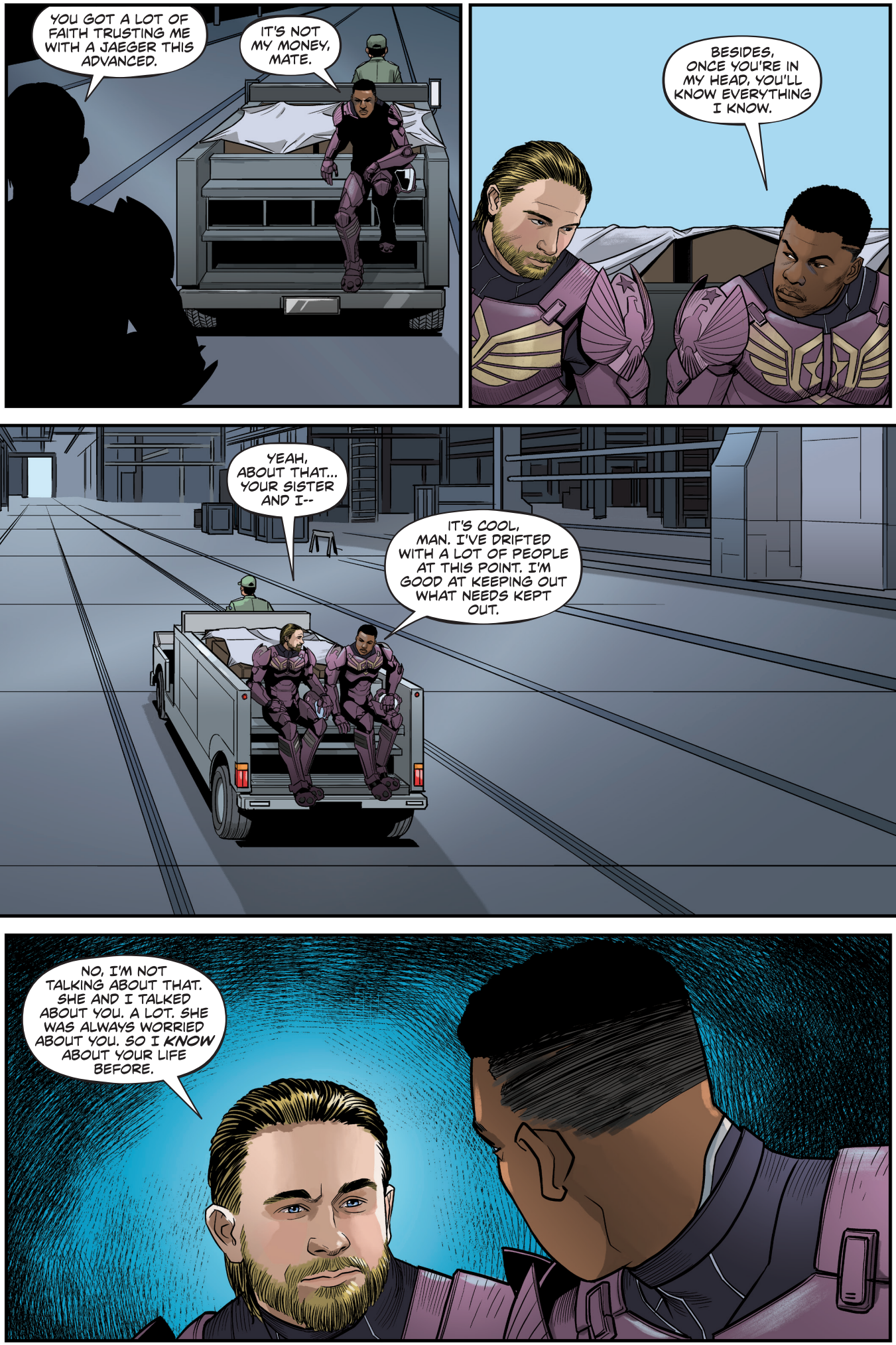
TELL ME THAT'S IT...

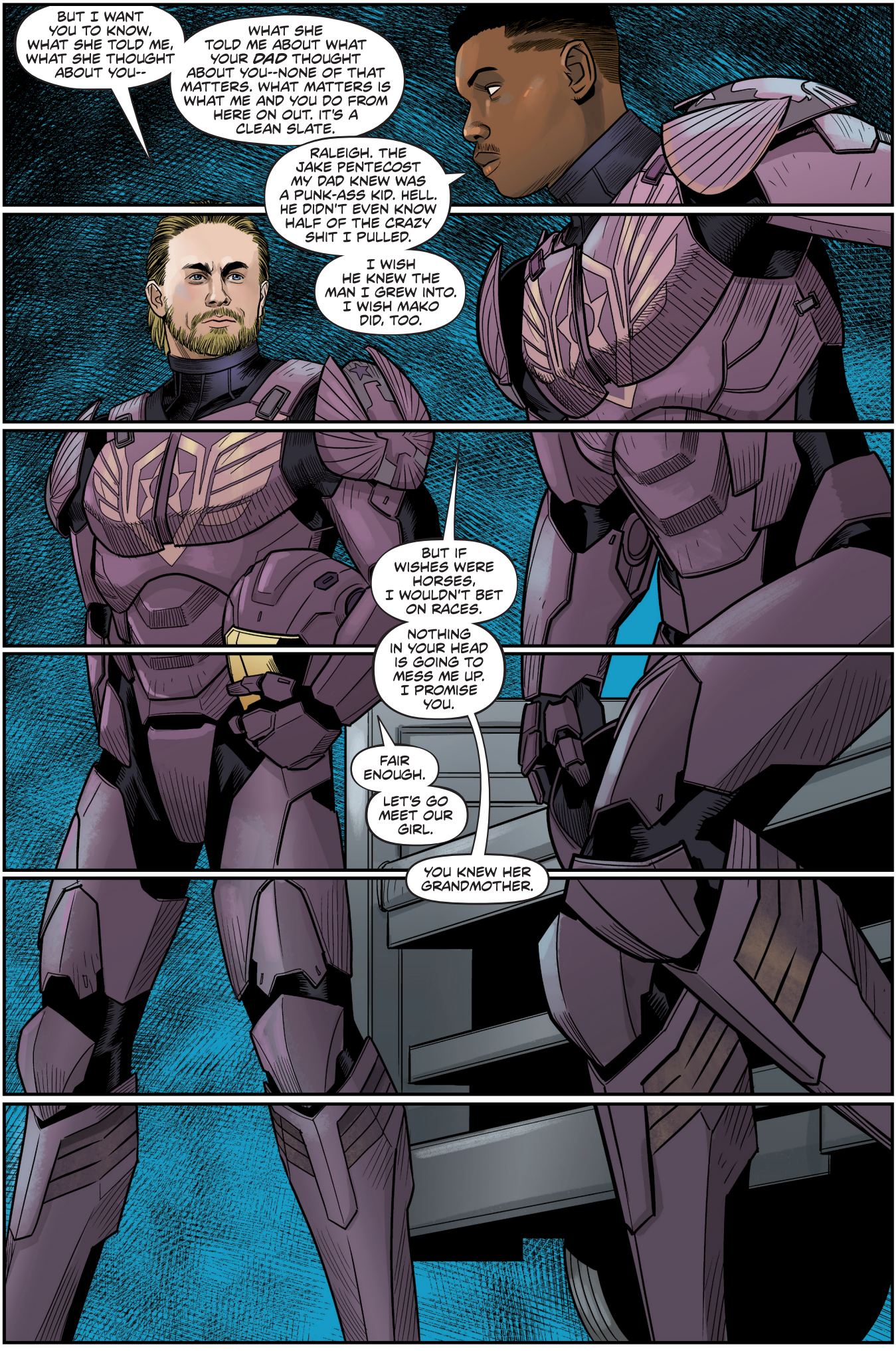
I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT THERE'S KAIJU CROSSING BREACHES PLANET-WIDE.

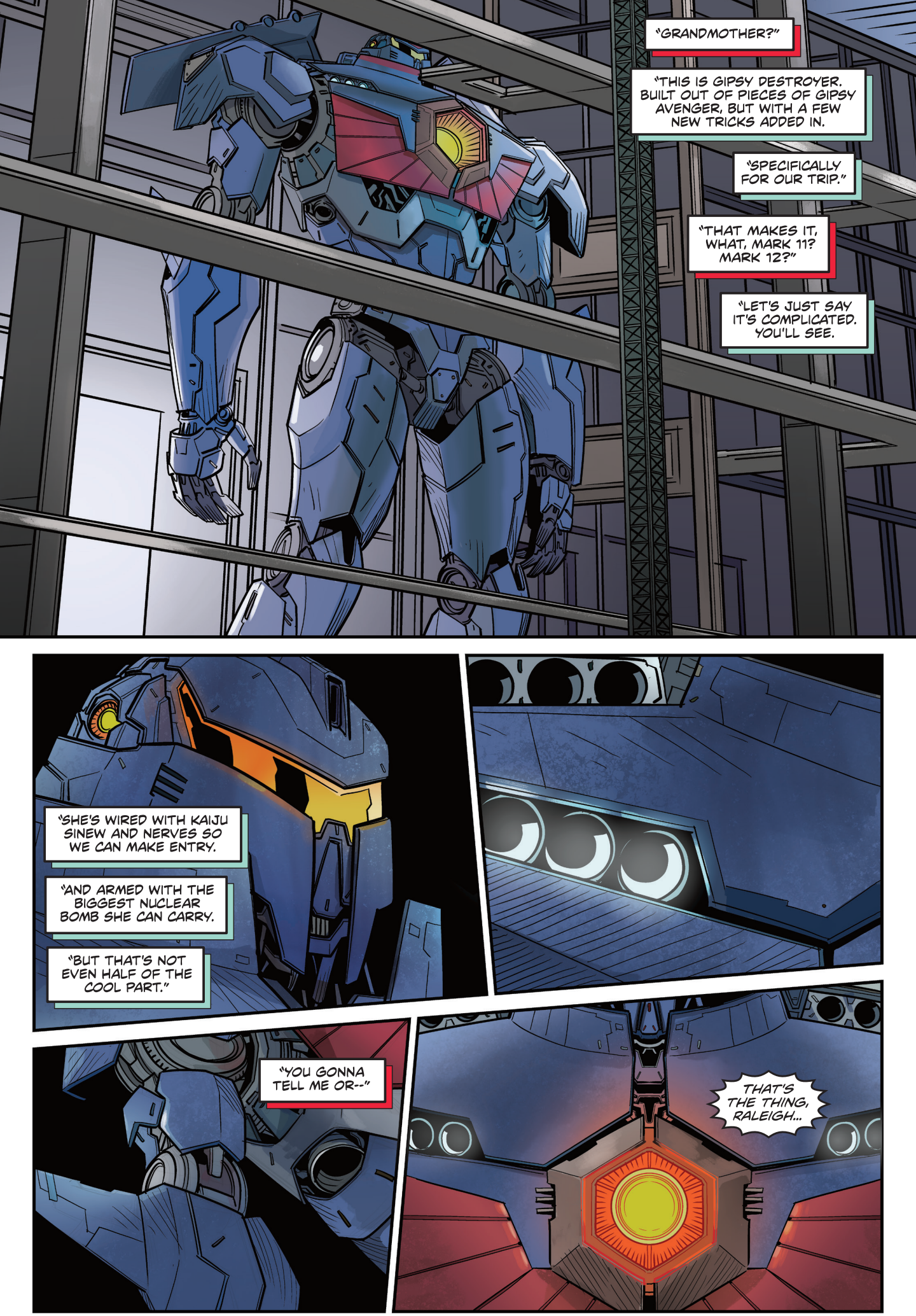
SEVEN ACTIVE BREACHES AND COUNTING.

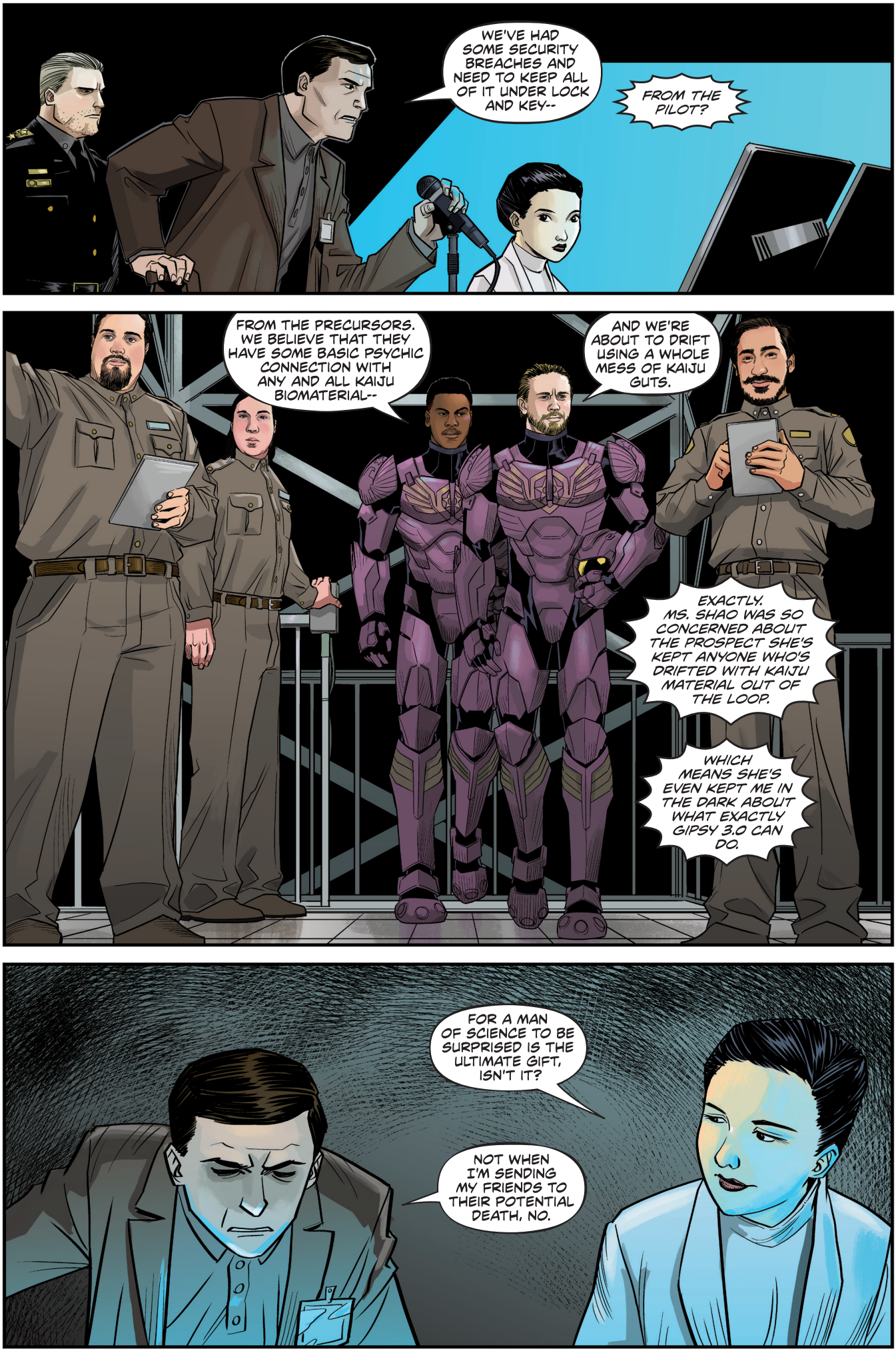

YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?
THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING?
AND WE AREN'T EVEN DRIFTING YET.
DOC -- HOW MUCH FASTER CAN THIS THING GO?
I ALREADY INCREASED THE INTENSITY OF THE TRANSFUSION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE--
INCREASE IT MORE--
NO, I KNOW. I ALREADY DID.
YOU'RE DONE.
OR, AS DONE AS YOU CAN BE IN ONE DAY.
DESPITE MY HIPPOCRATIC OATH.
SO DOES THAT MEAN...
IT APPEARS WE'RE IN THE ENDGAME, GENTLEMEN. IF THIS IS GOING TO WORK, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW.
SUIT UP. WE'RE SENDING YOU TO THE OTHER SIDE.

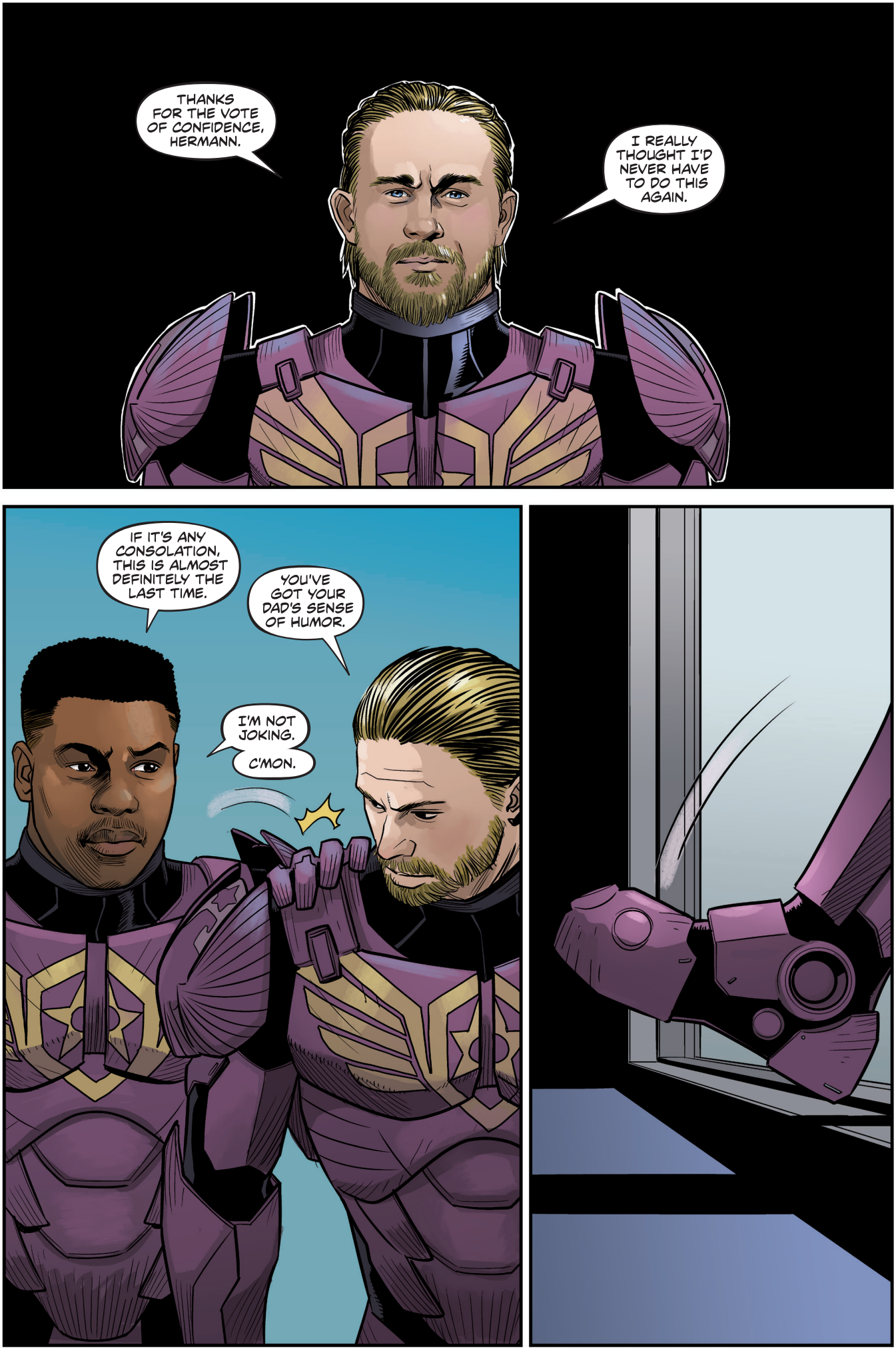

HUH.
THEY MADE YOU INTO THE SUPERHERO I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE, MAKO.
I'M GONNA FINISH WHAT WE STARTED. I PROMISE.

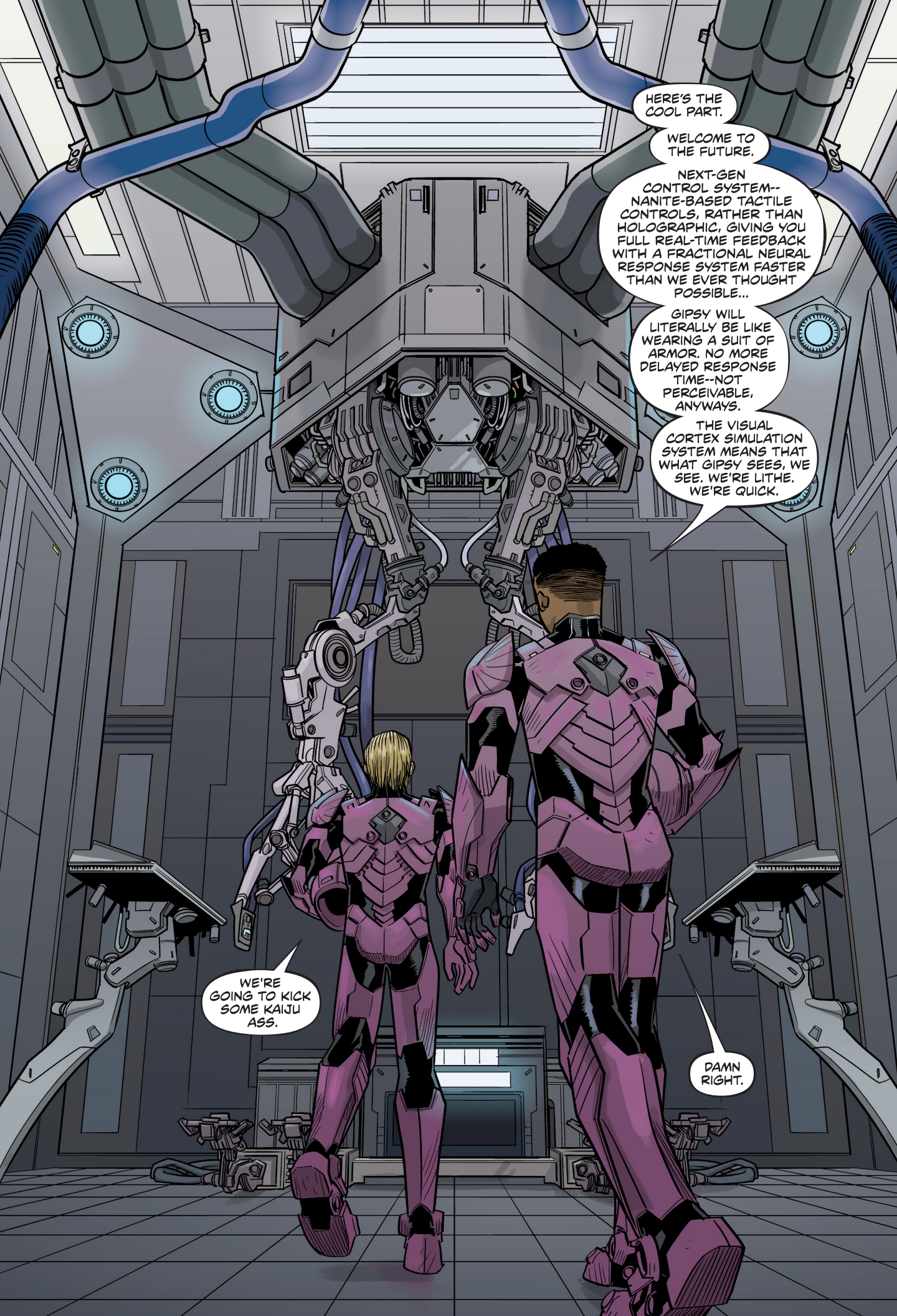

YOU GOT A LOT OF FAITH TRUSTING ME WITH A JAEGER THIS ADVANCED.
IT'S NOT MY MONEY, MATE.
BESIDES, ONCE YOU'RE IN MY HEAD, YOU'LL KNOW EVERYTHING I KNOW.
YEAH, ABOUT THAT... YOUR SISTER AND I--
IT'S COOL, MAN. I'VE DRIFTED WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THIS POINT. I'M GOOD AT KEEPING OUT WHAT NEEDS KEPT OUT.
NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. SHE AND I TALKED ABOUT YOU. A LOT. SHE WAS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. SO I KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEFORE.

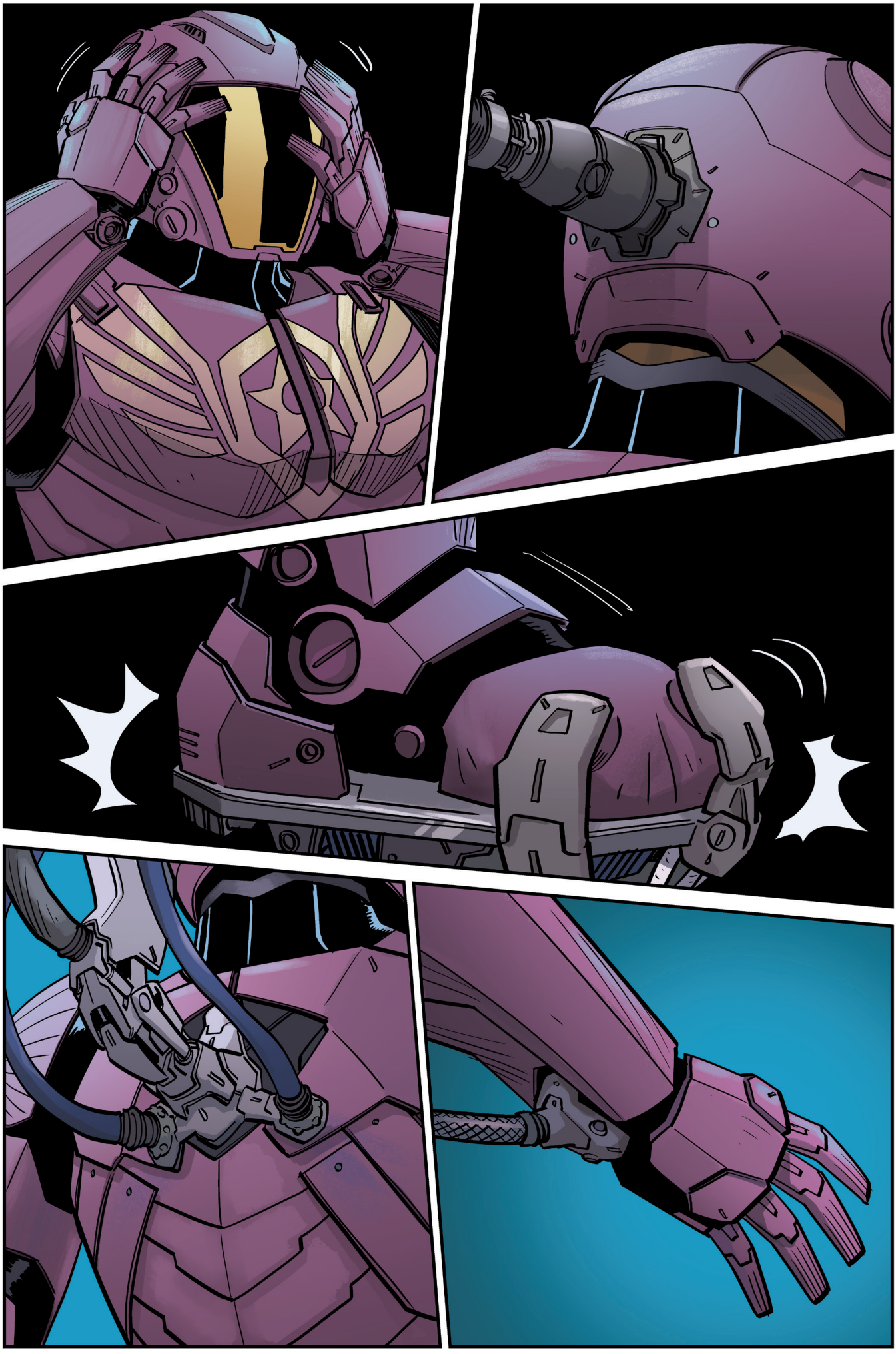

BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW, WHAT SHE TOLD ME, WHAT SHE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU--
WHAT SHE TOLD ME ABOUT WHAT YOUR DAD THOUGHT ABOUT YOU--NONE OF THAT MATTERS. WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT ME AND YOU DO FROM HERE ON OUT. IT'S A CLEAN SLATE.
RALEIGH. THE JAKE PENTECOST MY DAD KNEW WAS A PUNK-ASS KID. HELL. HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HALF OF THE CRAZY SHIT I PULLED.
I WISH HE KNEW THE MAN I GREW INTO. I WISH MAKO DID, TOO.
BUT IF WISHES WERE HORSES, I WOULDN'T BET ON RACES.
NOTHING IN YOUR HEAD IS GOING TO MESS ME UP. I PROMISE YOU.
FAIR ENOUGH.
LET'S GO MEET OUR GIRL.
YOU KNEW HER GRANDMOTHER.

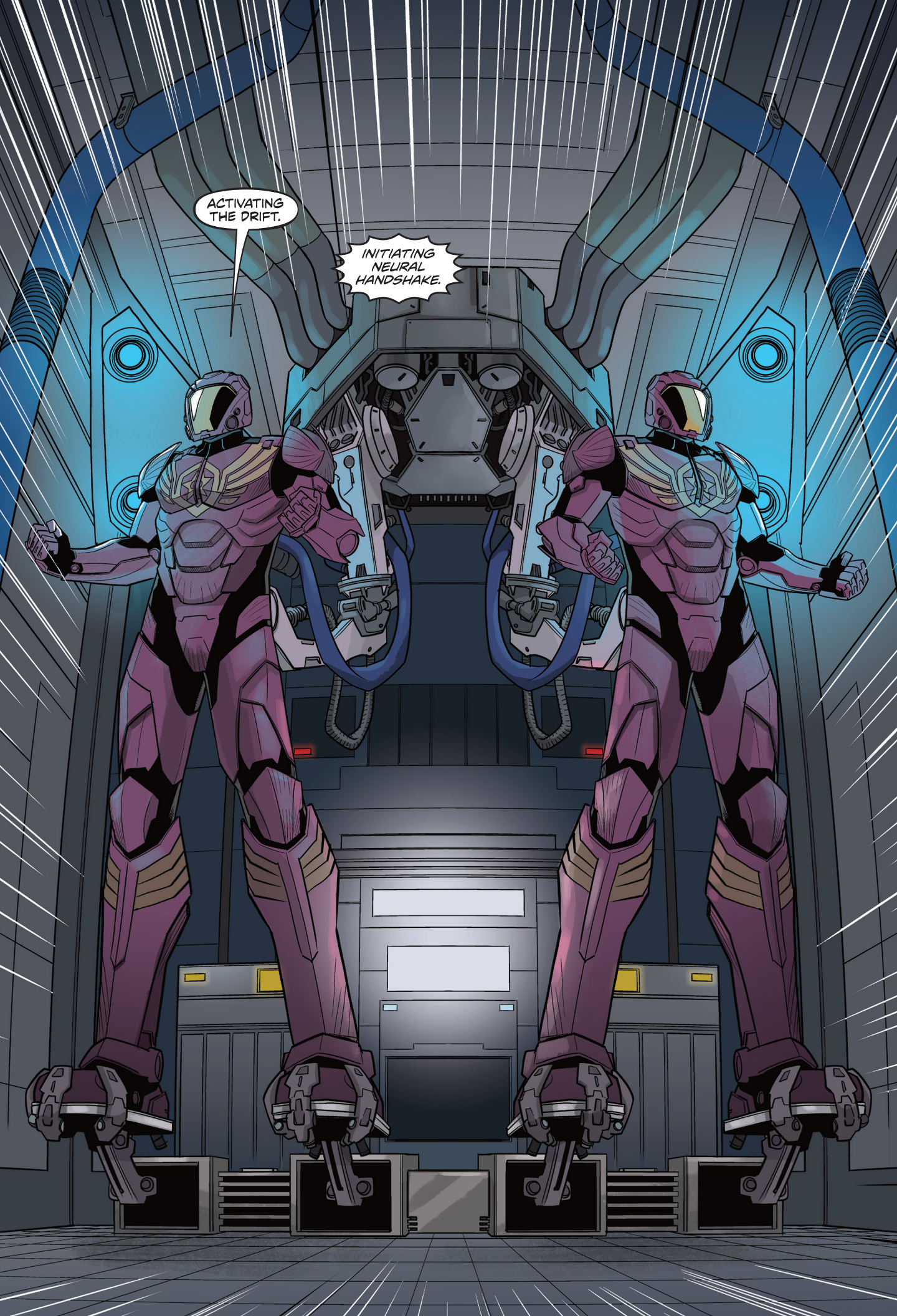

"GRANDMOTHER?"
"THIS IS GIPSY DESTROYER. BUILT OUT OF PIECES OF GIPSY AVENGER, BUT WITH A FEW NEW TRICKS ADDED IN.
"SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR TRIP."
"THAT MAKES IT, WHAT, MARK 11? MARK 12?"
"LET'S JUST SAY IT'S COMPLICATED. YOU'LL SEE.
"SHE'S WIRED WITH KAIJU SINEW AND NERVES SO WE CAN MAKE ENTRY.
"AND ARMED WITH THE BIGGEST NUCLEAR BOMB SHE CAN CARRY.
"BUT THAT'S NOT EVEN HALF OF THE COOL PART."
"YOU GONNA TELL ME OR--"
THAT'S THE THING, RALEIGH...


WE'VE HAD SOME SECURITY BREACHES AND NEED TO KEEP ALL OF IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY--
FROM THE PILOT?
FROM THE PRECURSORS. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE SOME BASIC PSYCHIC CONNECTION WITH ANY AND ALL KAIJU BIOMATERIAL--
AND WE'RE ABOUT TO DRIFT USING A WHOLE MESS OF KAIJU GUTS.
EXACTLY. MS. SHAO WAS SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROSPECT SHE'S KEPT ANYONE WHO'S DRIFTED WITH KAIJU MATERIAL OUT OF THE LOOP.
WHICH MEANS SHE'S EVEN KEPT ME IN THE DARK ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY GIPSY 3.0 CAN DO.
FOR A MAN OF SCIENCE TO BE SURPRISED IS THE ULTIMATE GIFT, ISN'T IT?
NOT WHEN I'M SENDING MY FRIENDS TO THEIR POTENTIAL DEATH, NO.

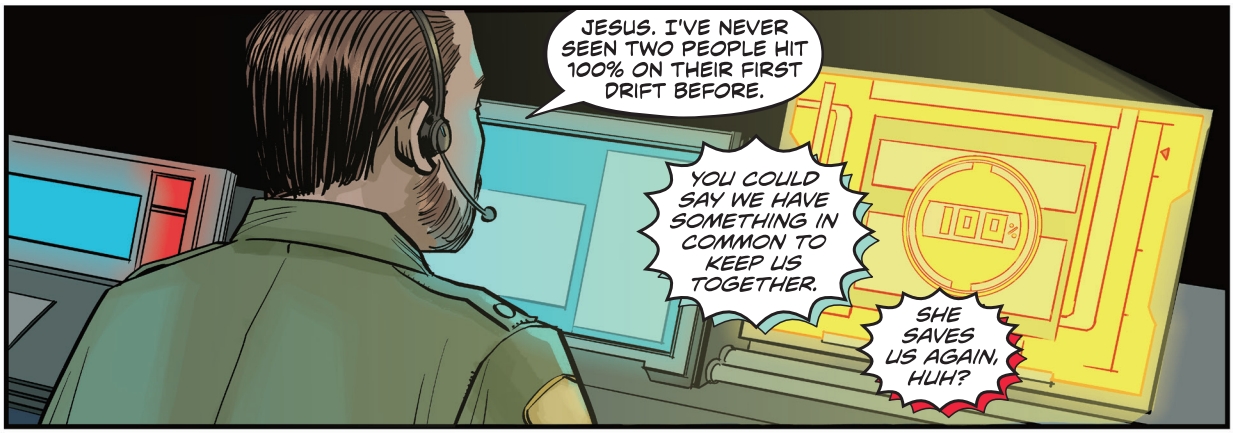

THANKS FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, HERMANN.
I REALLY THOUGHT I'D NEVER HAVE TO DO THIS AGAIN.
IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, THIS IS ALMOST DEFINITELY THE LAST TIME.
YOU'VE GOT YOUR DAD'S SENSE OF HUMOR.
I'M NOT JOKING.
C'MON.

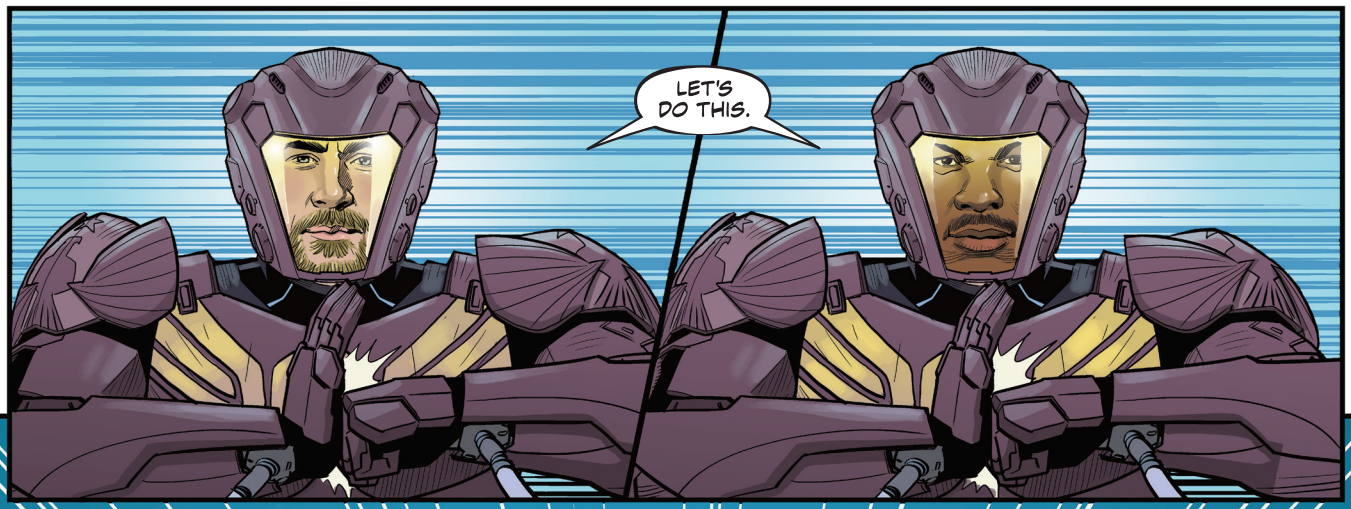

HERE'S THE COOL PART.
WELCOME TO THE FUTURE.
NEXT-GEN CONTROL SYSTEM--NANITE-BASED TACTILE CONTROLS, RATHER THAN HOLOGRAPHIC, GIVING YOU FULL REAL-TIME FEEDBACK WITH A FRACTIONAL NEURAL RESPONSE SYSTEM FASTER THAN WE EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE...
GIPSY WILL LITERALLY BE LIKE WEARING A SUIT OF ARMOR. NO MORE DELAYED RESPONSE TIME--NOT PERCEIVABLE, ANYWAYS.
THE VISUAL CORTEX SIMULATION SYSTEM MEANS THAT WHAT GIPSY SEES, WE SEE. WE'RE LITHE. WE'RE QUICK.
WE'RE GOING TO KICK SOME KAIJU ASS.
DAMN RIGHT.

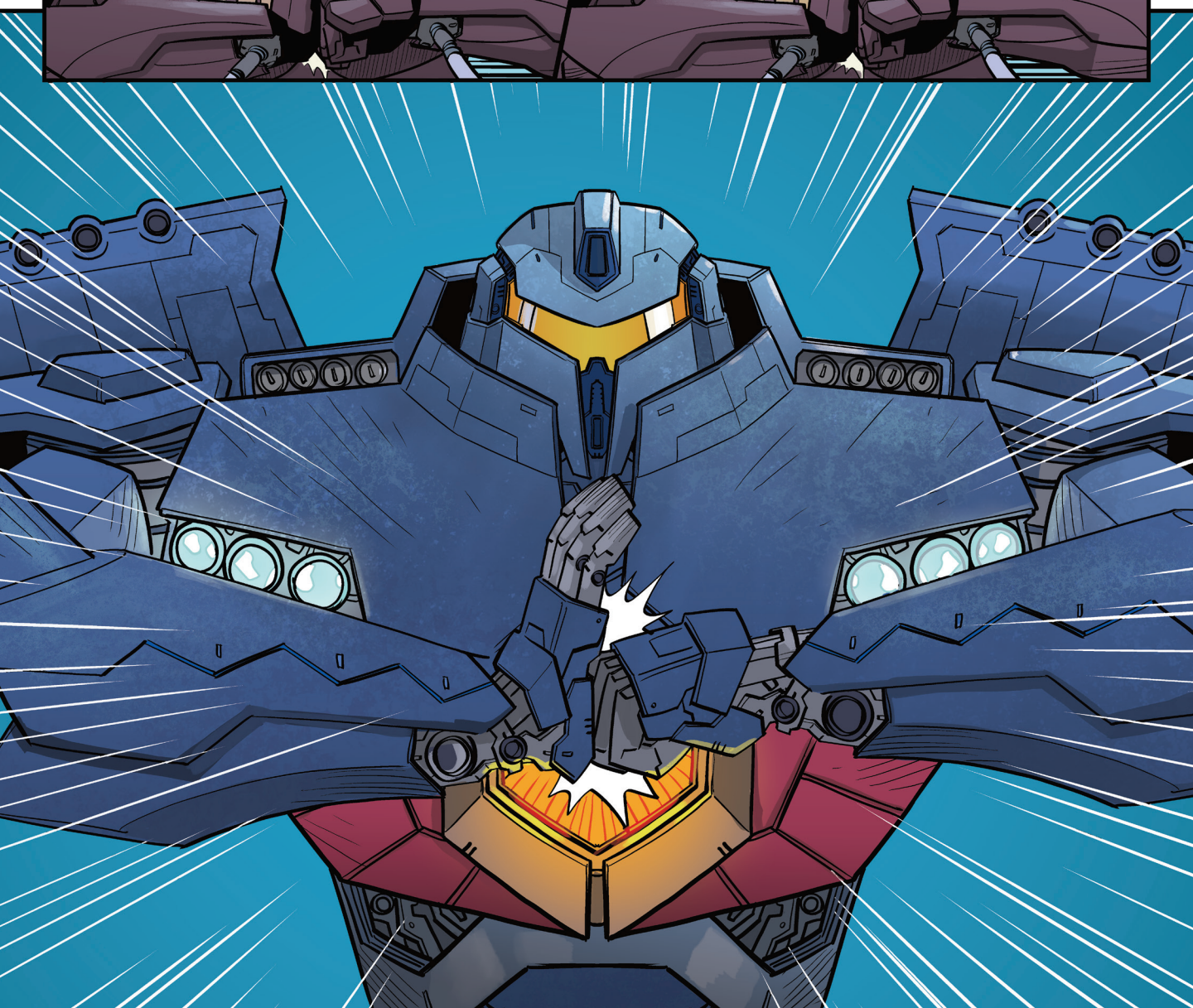



ACTIVATING THE DRIFT.
INITIATING NEURAL HANDSHAKE.




JESUS. I'VE NEVER SEEN TWO PEOPLE HIT 100% ON THEIR FIRST DRIFT BEFORE.
YOU COULD SAY WE HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON TO KEEP US TOGETHER.
100%
SHE SAVES US AGAIN, HUH?


LET'S DO THIS.




WE'VE GOT COORDINATES LOCKED IN FOR YOU. HAND OVER CONTROL TO US.
WE'RE NOT CONTROLLING OUR OWN ENTRY, SHAO??
NEGATIVE, BOYS. WE'RE GOING TO REMOTE PILOT YOU. WE'LL HAVE TO BE CLOAK-AND-DAGGER FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER.
"ENGAGING BOOSTER."
YOU'RE GOING TO EITHER LOVE OR HATE THIS.

DEFINITELY HATE.

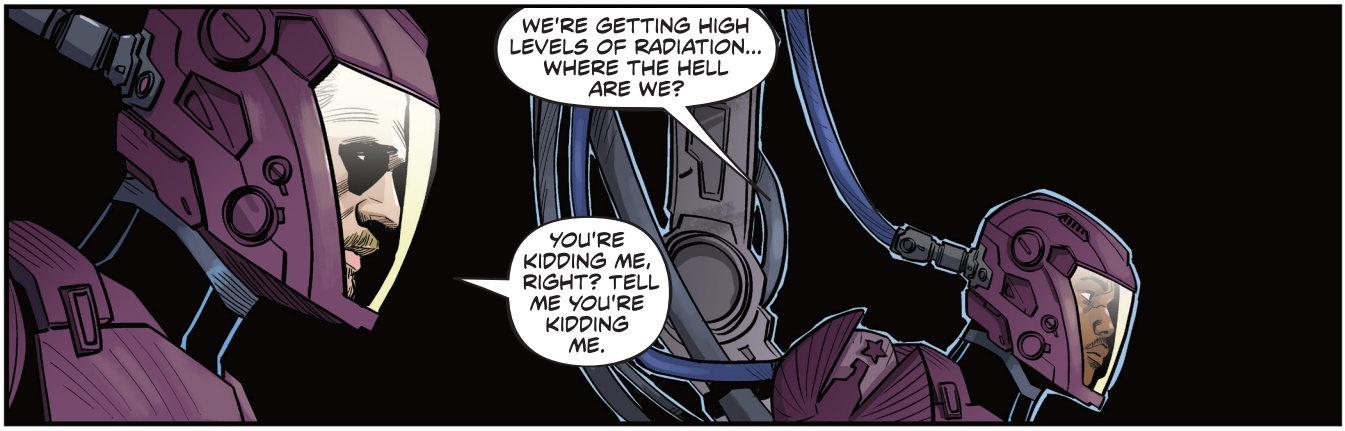
YOU SHOULD'VE TRIED IT THE FIRST FEW TIMES, RALEIGH.

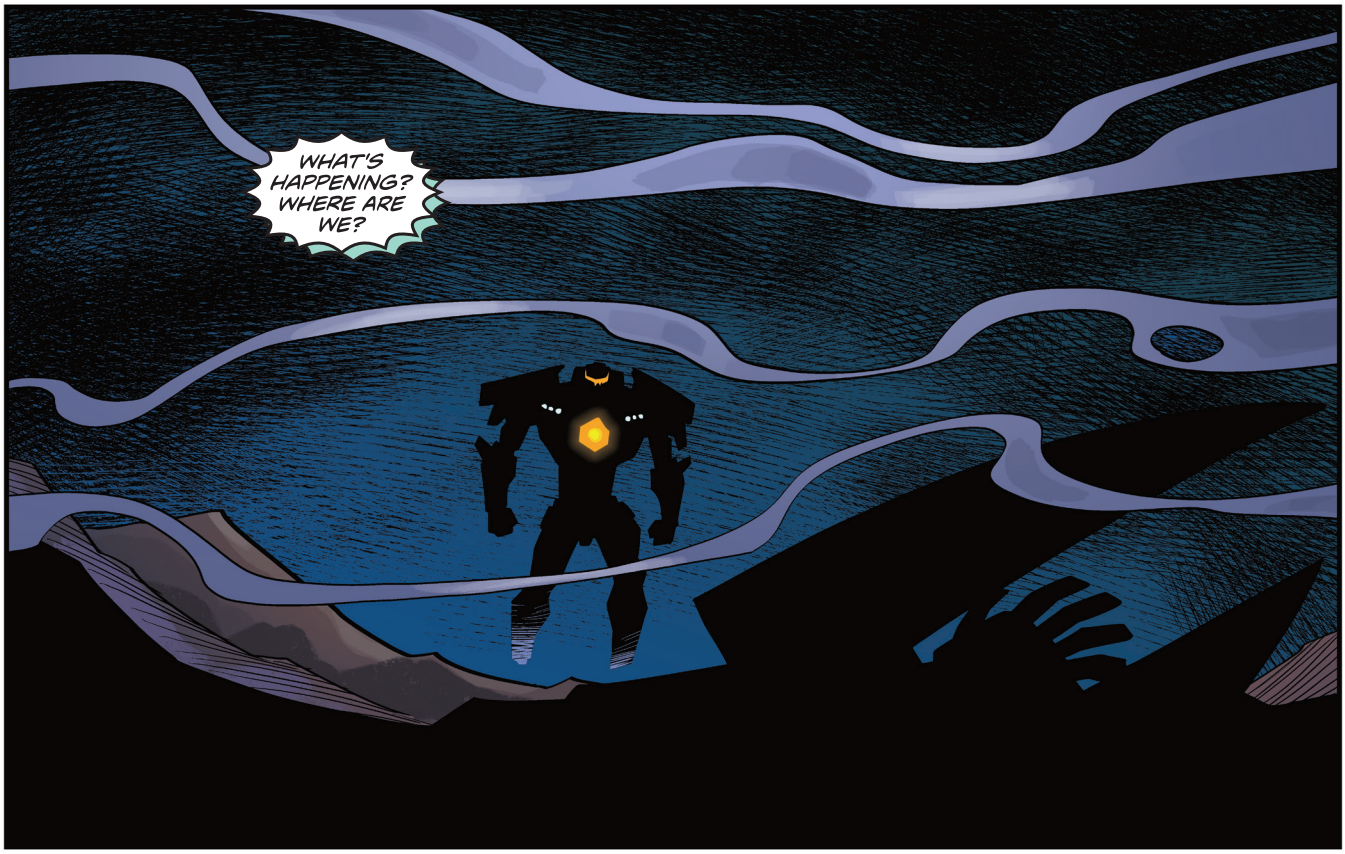
NEARLY ADDED SOME INTERESTING COLOR TO THE CONTROLS IN HERE.

WE'RE OVERSHOOTING THE BREACH...

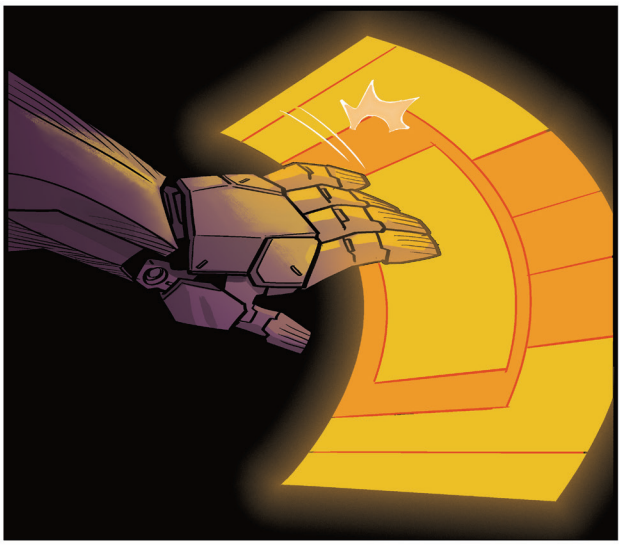
THAT'S NOT WHERE WE'RE HEADED.

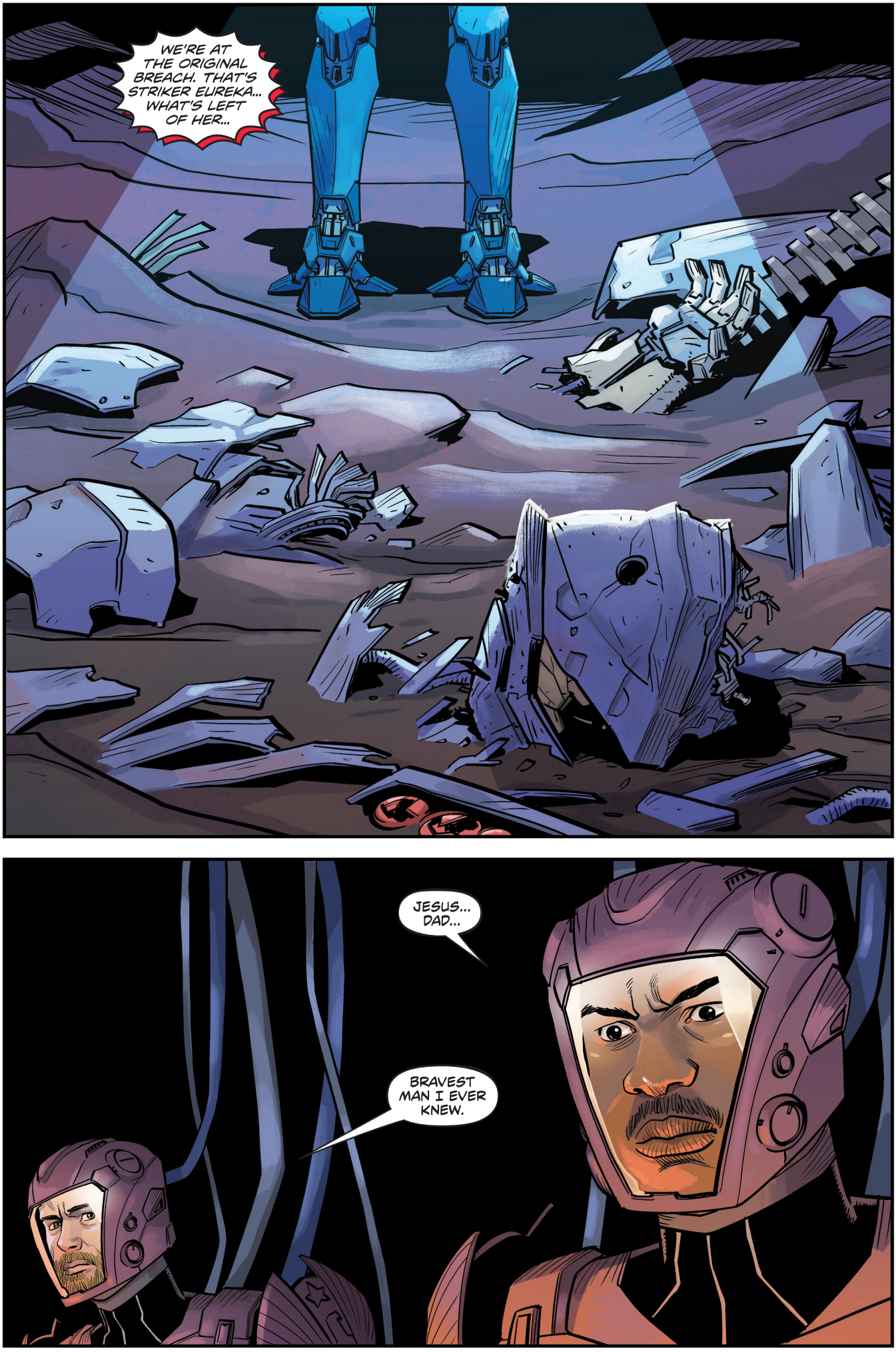


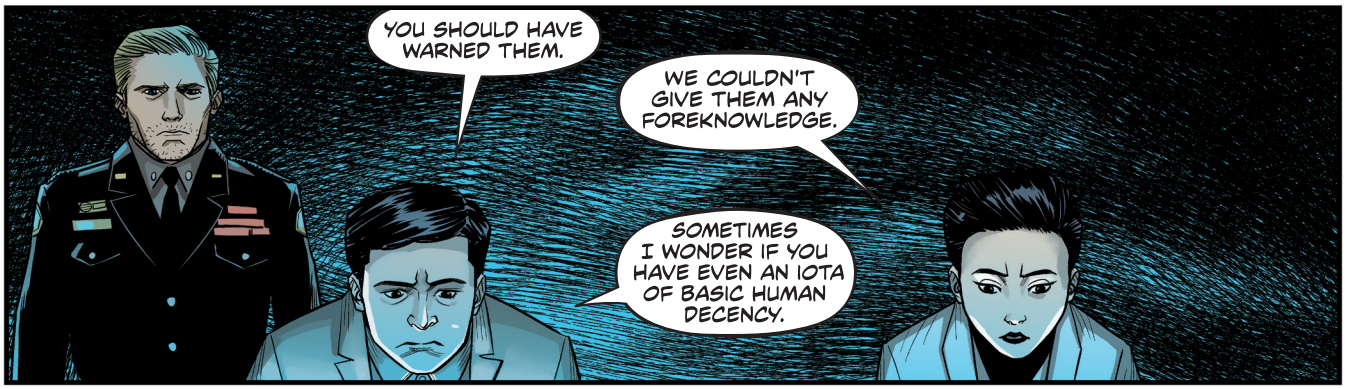

WE'RE GETTING HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION... WHERE THE HELL ARE WE?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT? TELL ME YOU'RE KIDDING ME.


WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHERE ARE WE?

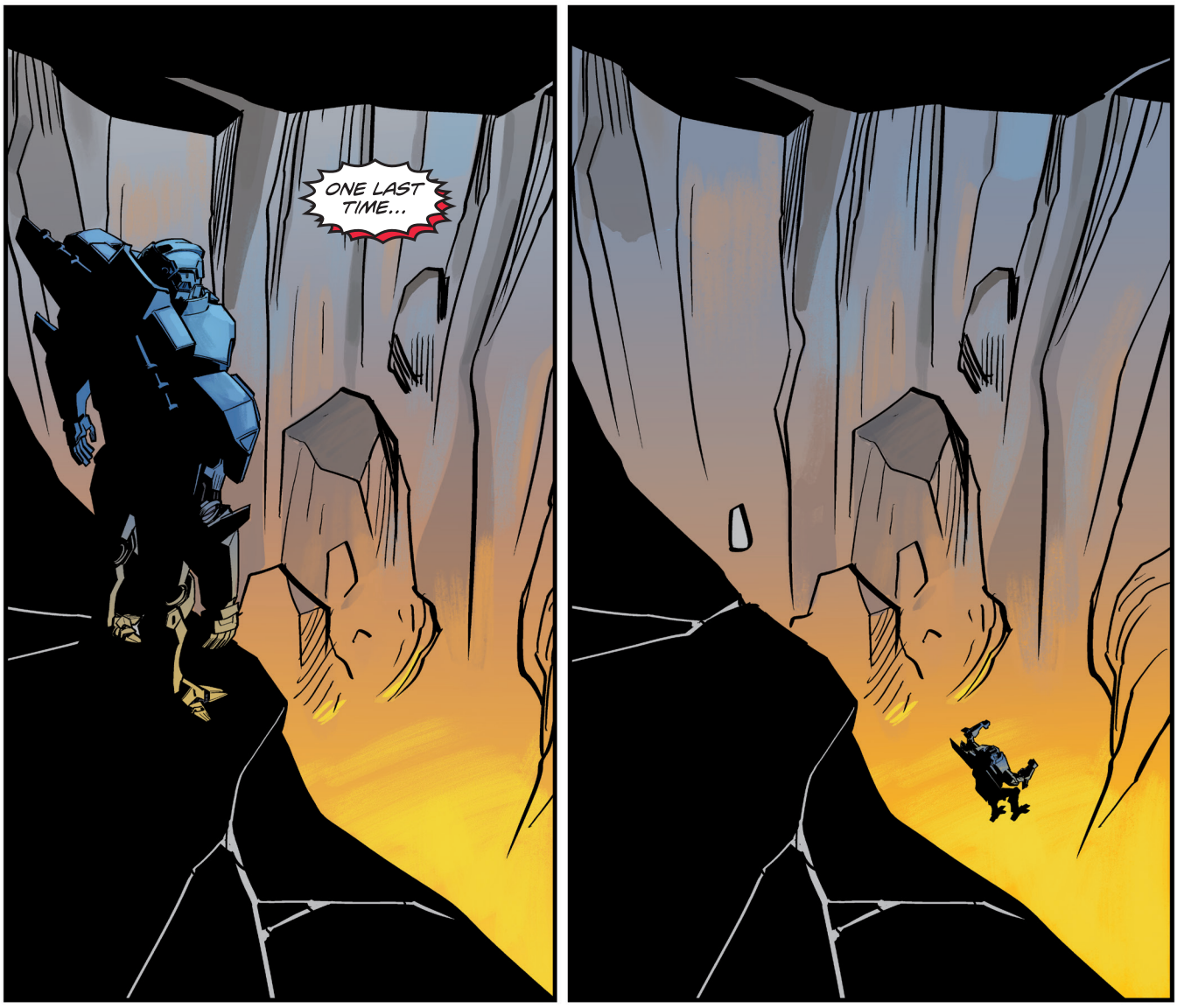

TURN ON THE SPOTLIGHTS.

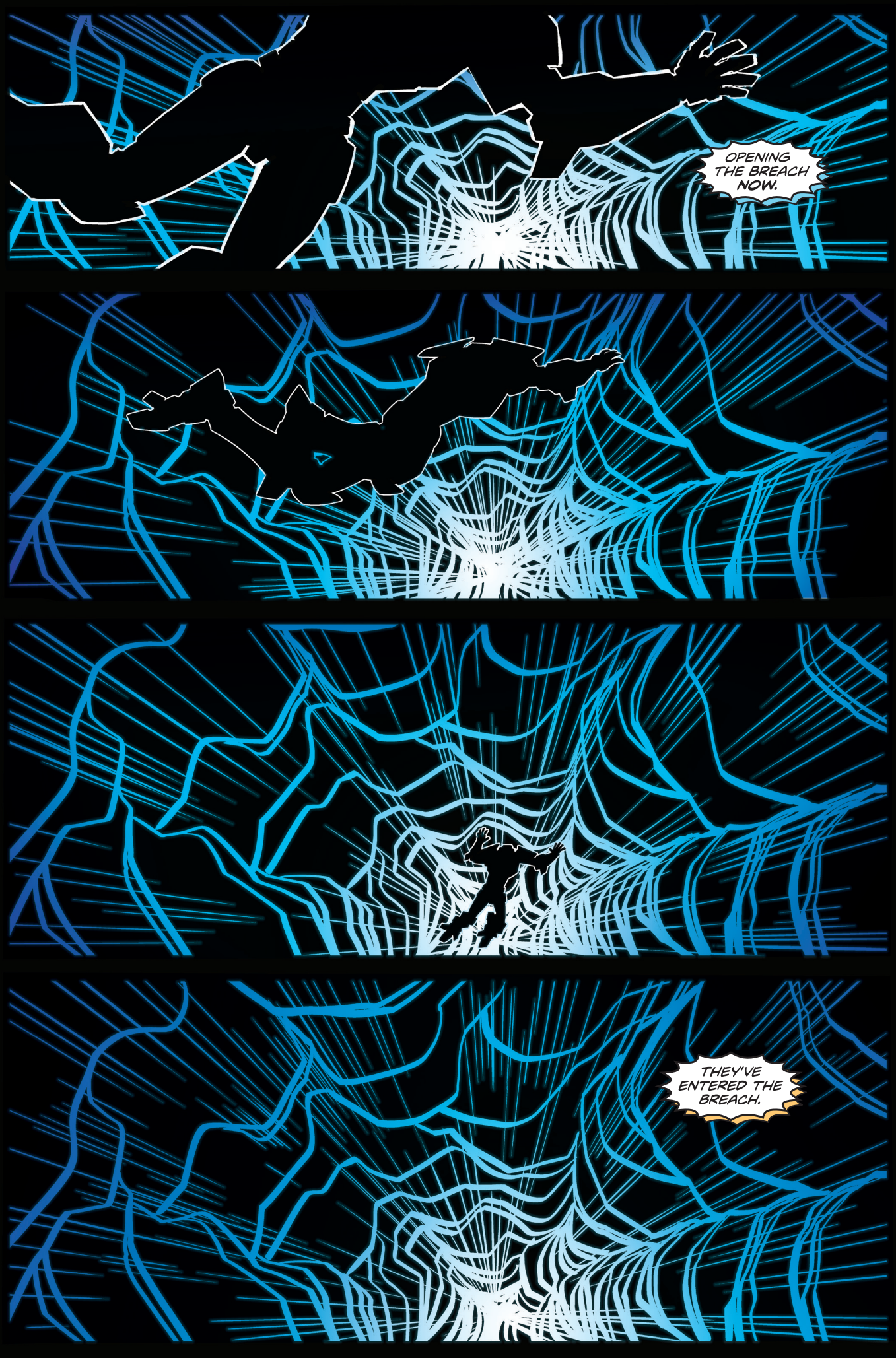


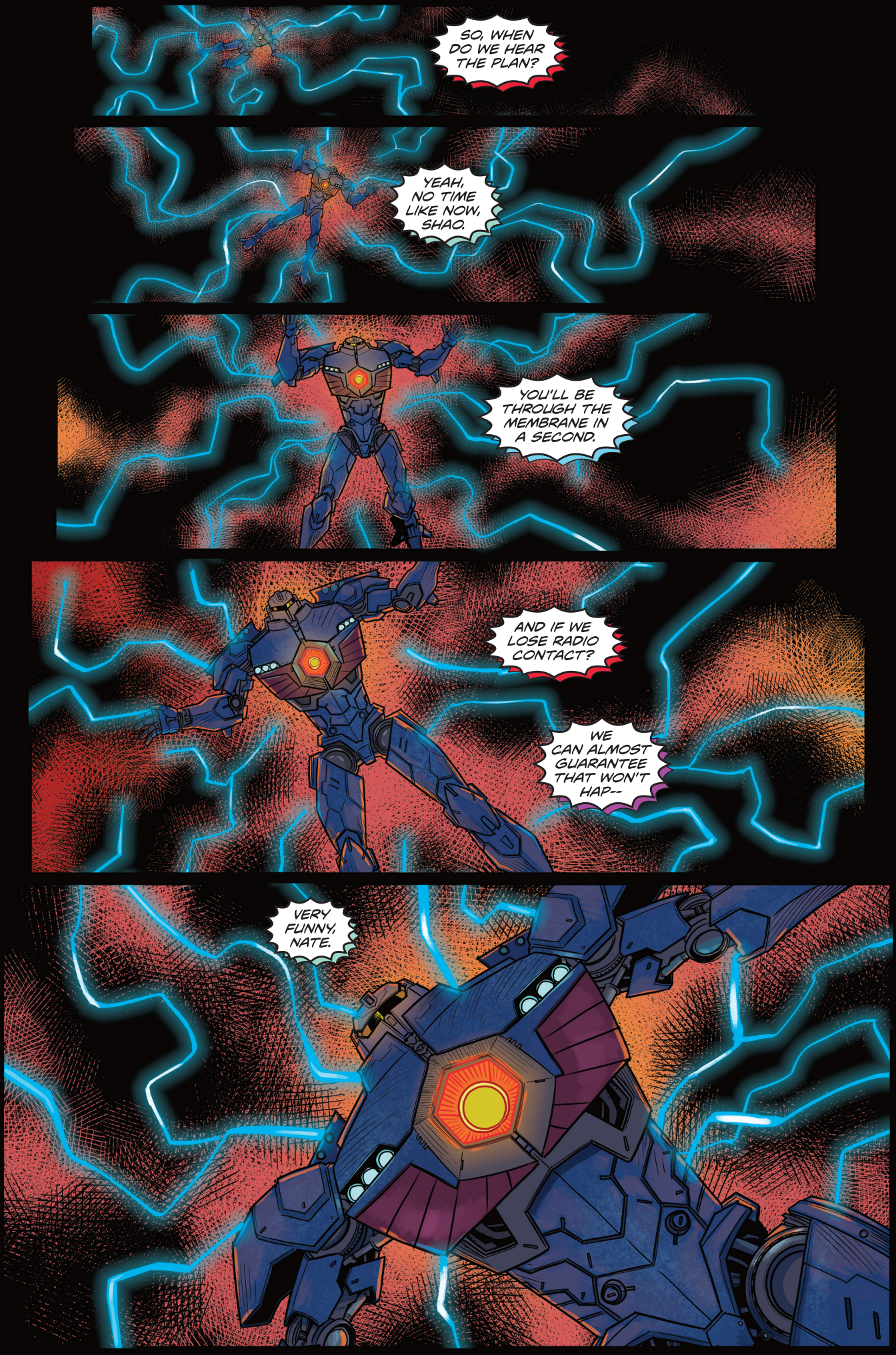

WE'RE AT THE ORIGINAL BREACH. THAT'S STRIKER EUREKA... WHAT'S LEFT OF HER...
JESUS... DAD...
BRAVEST MAN I EVER KNEW.

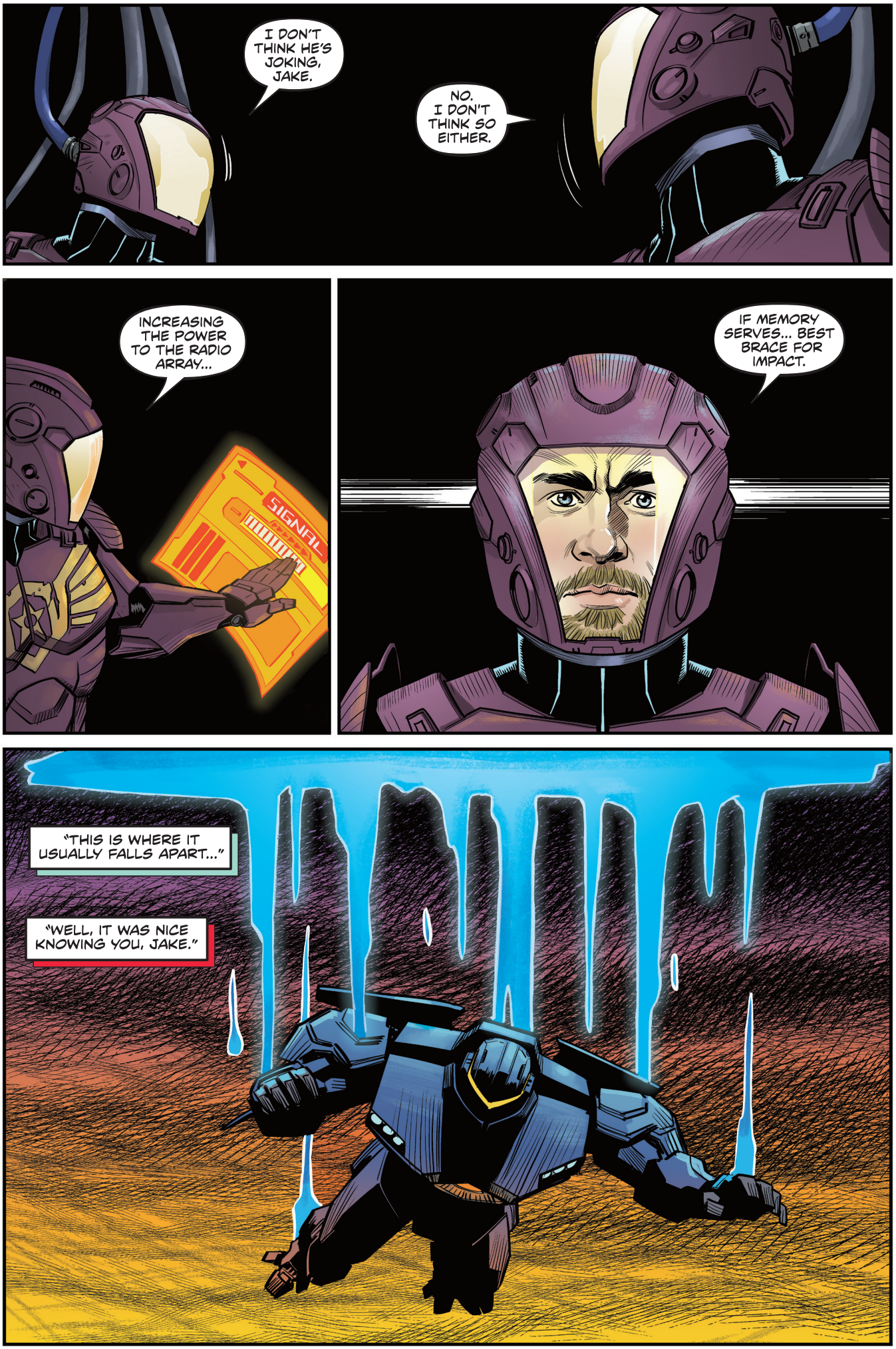

YOU SHOULD HAVE WARNED THEM.
WE COULDN'T GIVE THEM ANY FOREKNOWLEDGE.
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF YOU HAVE EVEN AN IOTA OF BASIC HUMAN DECENCY.

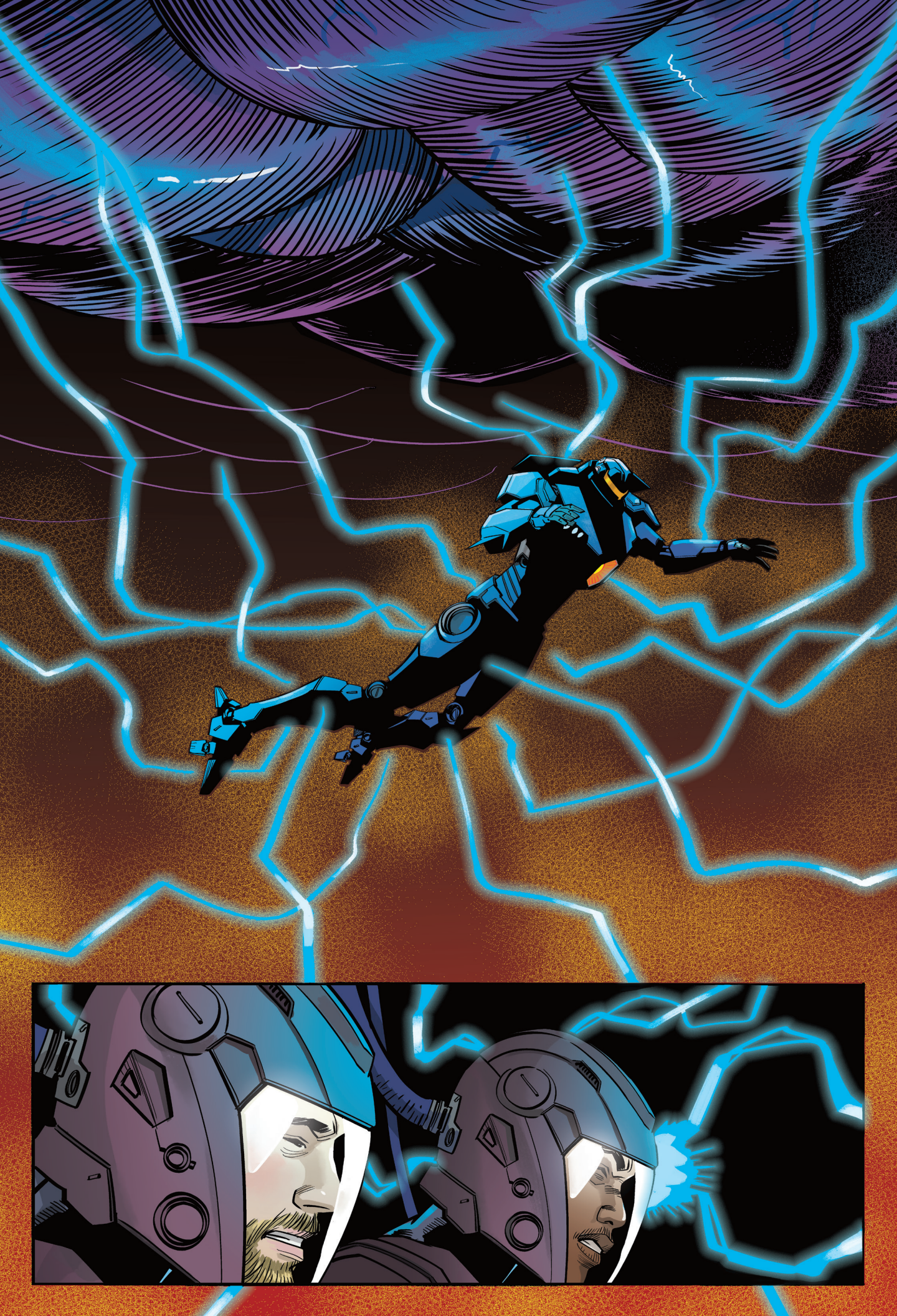

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S A WORLD LEFT FOR HUMANS TO BE DECENT IN.
NAVIGATE TO THE SITE AND OPEN THE BREACH.

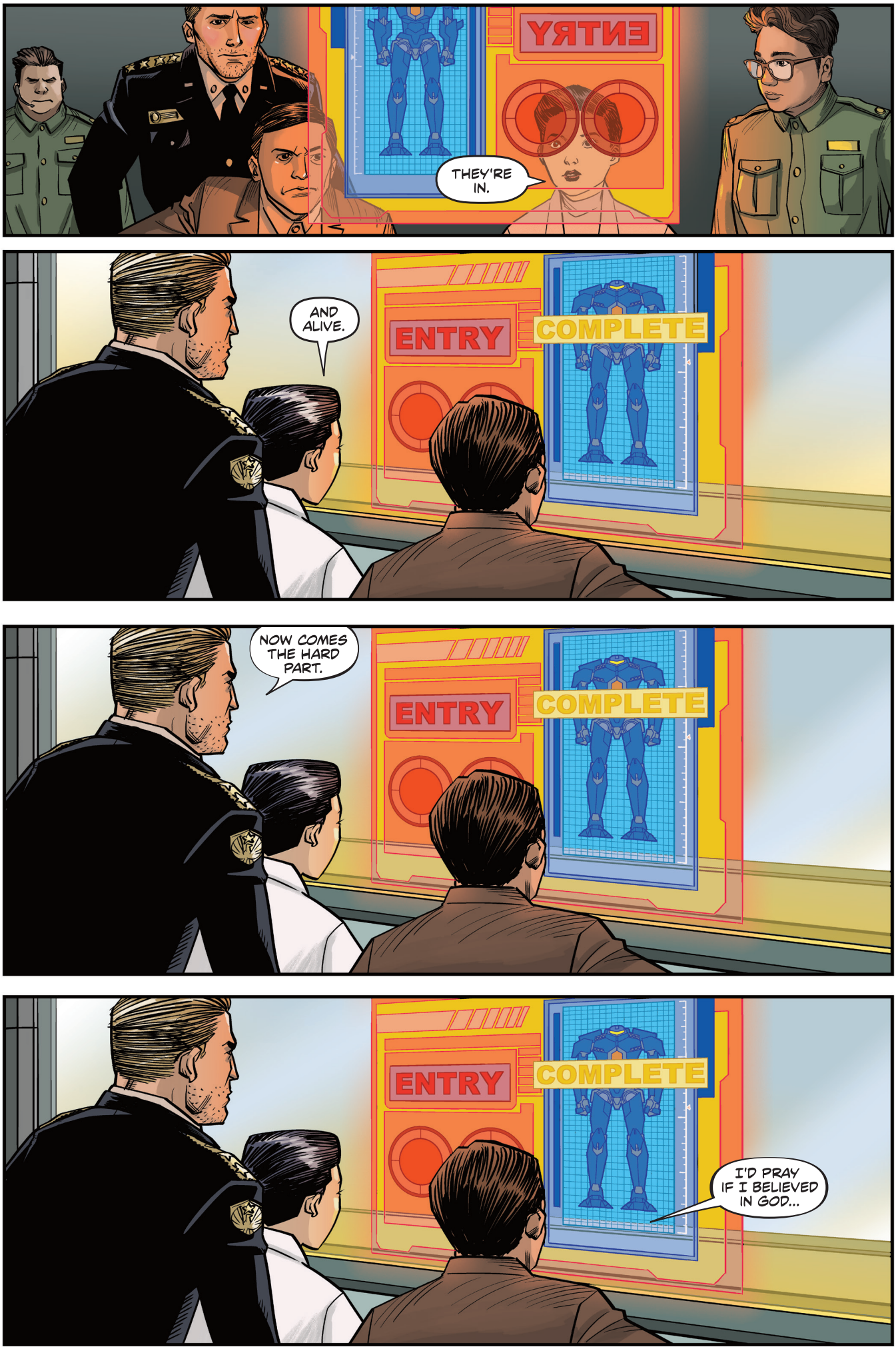

ONE LAST TIME...

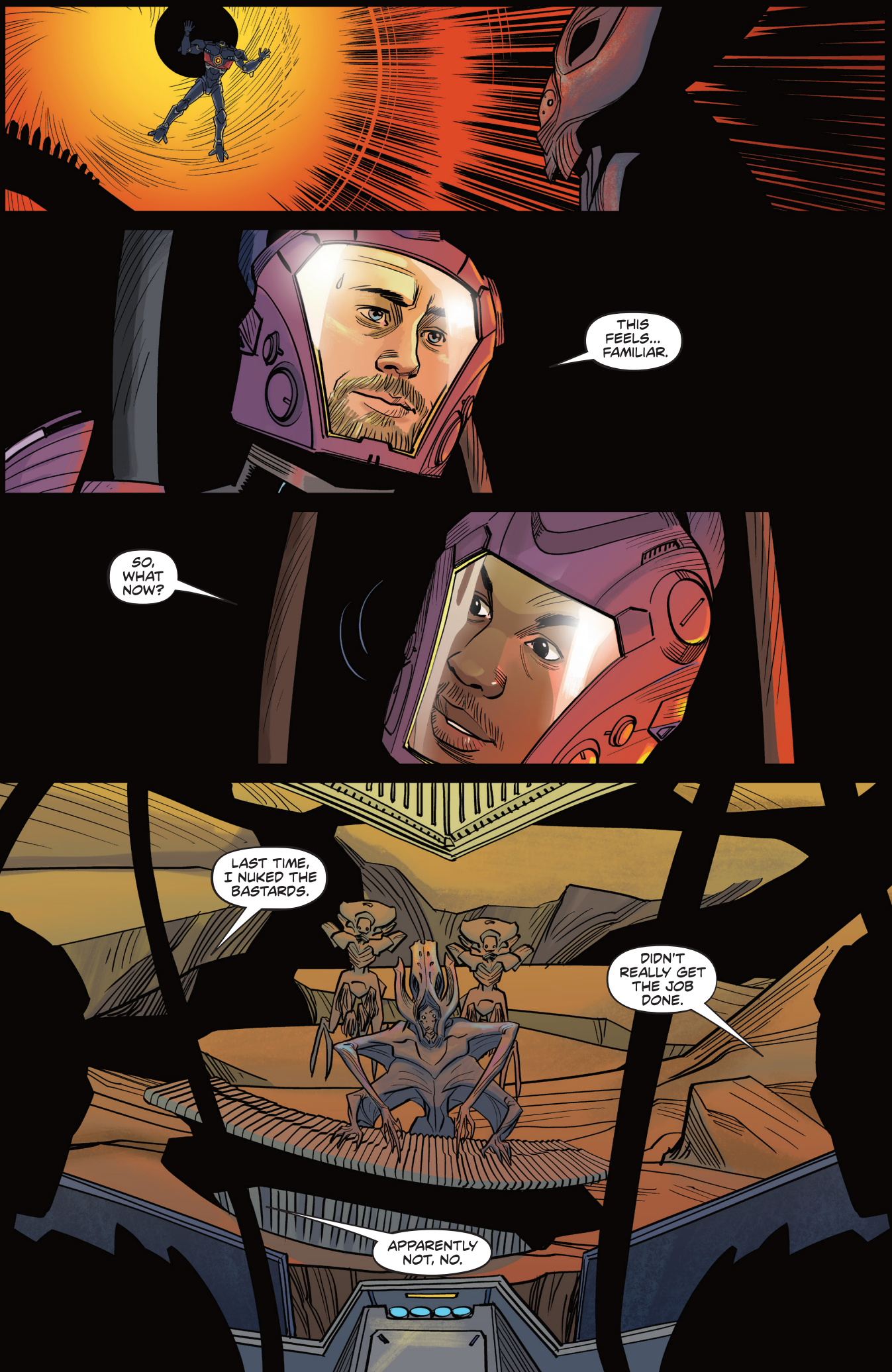

OPENING THE BREACH NOW.
THEY'VE ENTERED THE BREACH.


SO, WHEN DO WE HEAR THE PLAN?
YEAH, NO TIME LIKE NOW, SHAO.
YOU'LL BE THROUGH THE MEMBRANE IN A SECOND.
AND IF WE LOSE RADIO CONTACT?
WE CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE THAT WON'T HAP--
VERY FUNNY, NATE.


I DON'T THINK HE'S JOKING, JAKE.
NO. I DON'T THINK SO EITHER.
INCREASING THE POWER TO THE RADIO ARRAY...
SIGNAL
IF MEMORY SERVES... BEST BRACE FOR IMPACT.
"THIS IS WHERE IT USUALLY FALLS APART..."
"WELL, IT WAS NICE KNOWING YOU, JAKE."



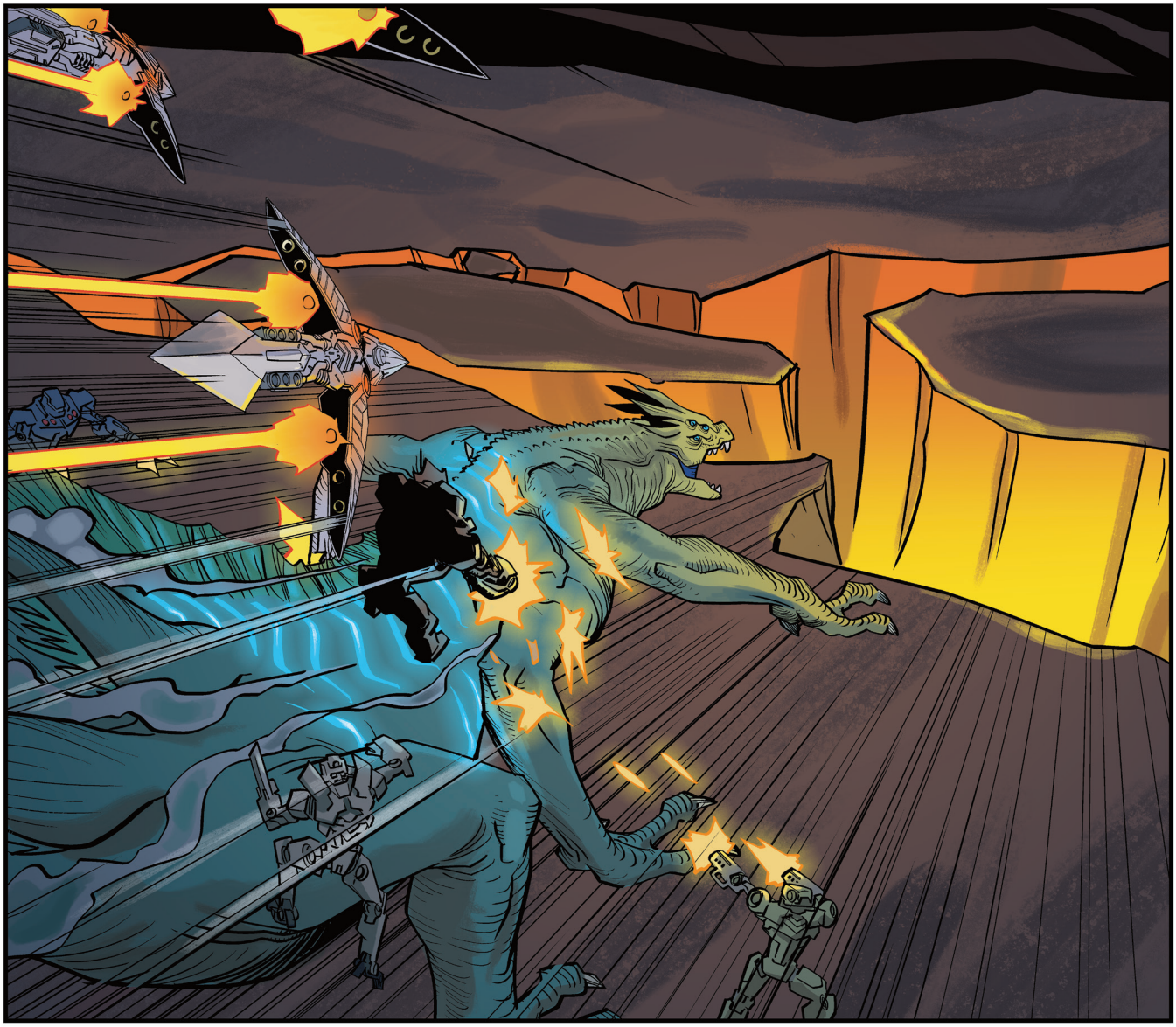

ENTRY
THEY'RE IN.
AND ALIVE.
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NOW COMES THE HARD PART.
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I'D PRAY IF I BELIEVED IN GOD...

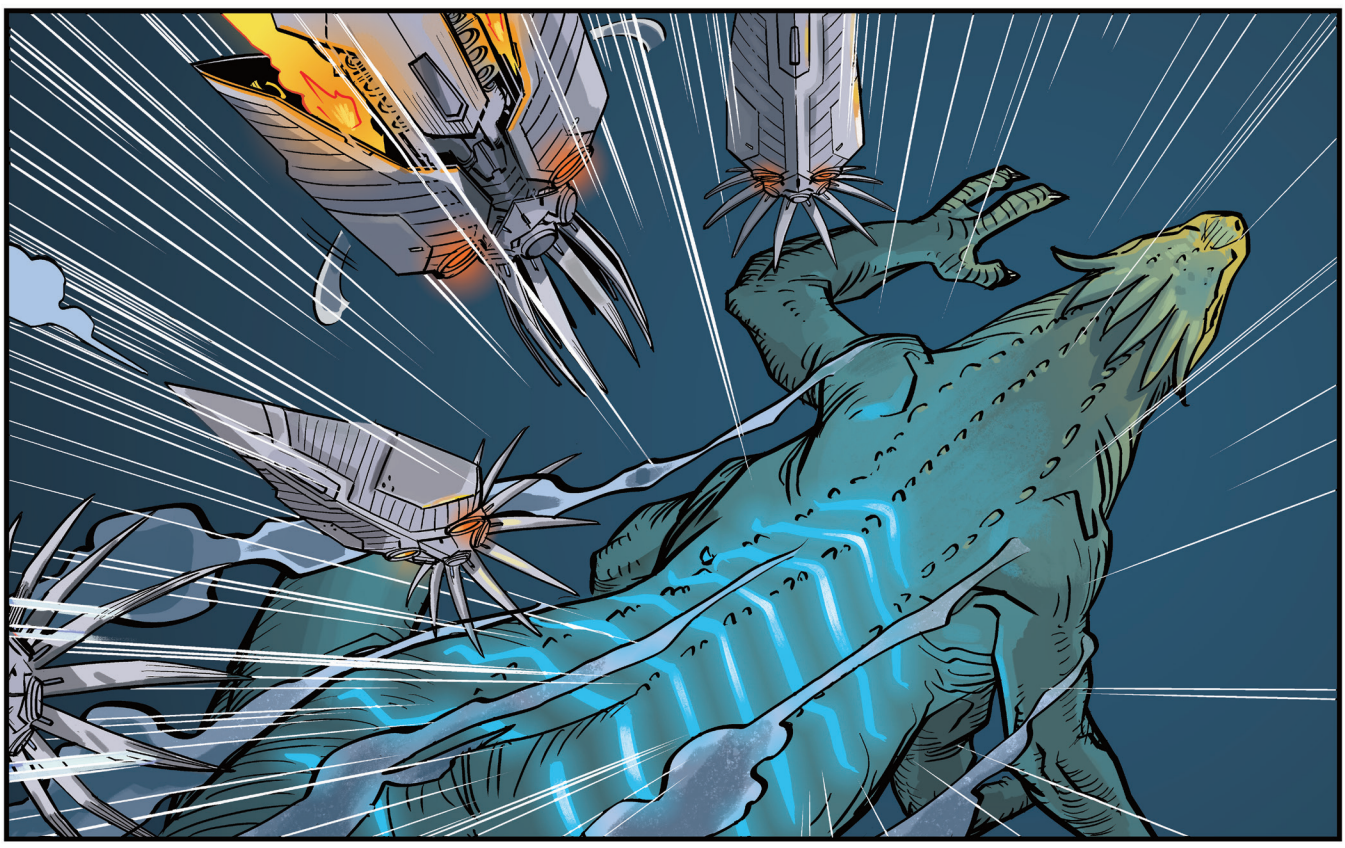

THIS FEELS... FAMILIAR.
SO, WHAT NOW?
LAST TIME, I NUKED THE BASTARDS.
DIDN'T REALLY GET THE JOB DONE.
APPARENTLY NOT, NO.

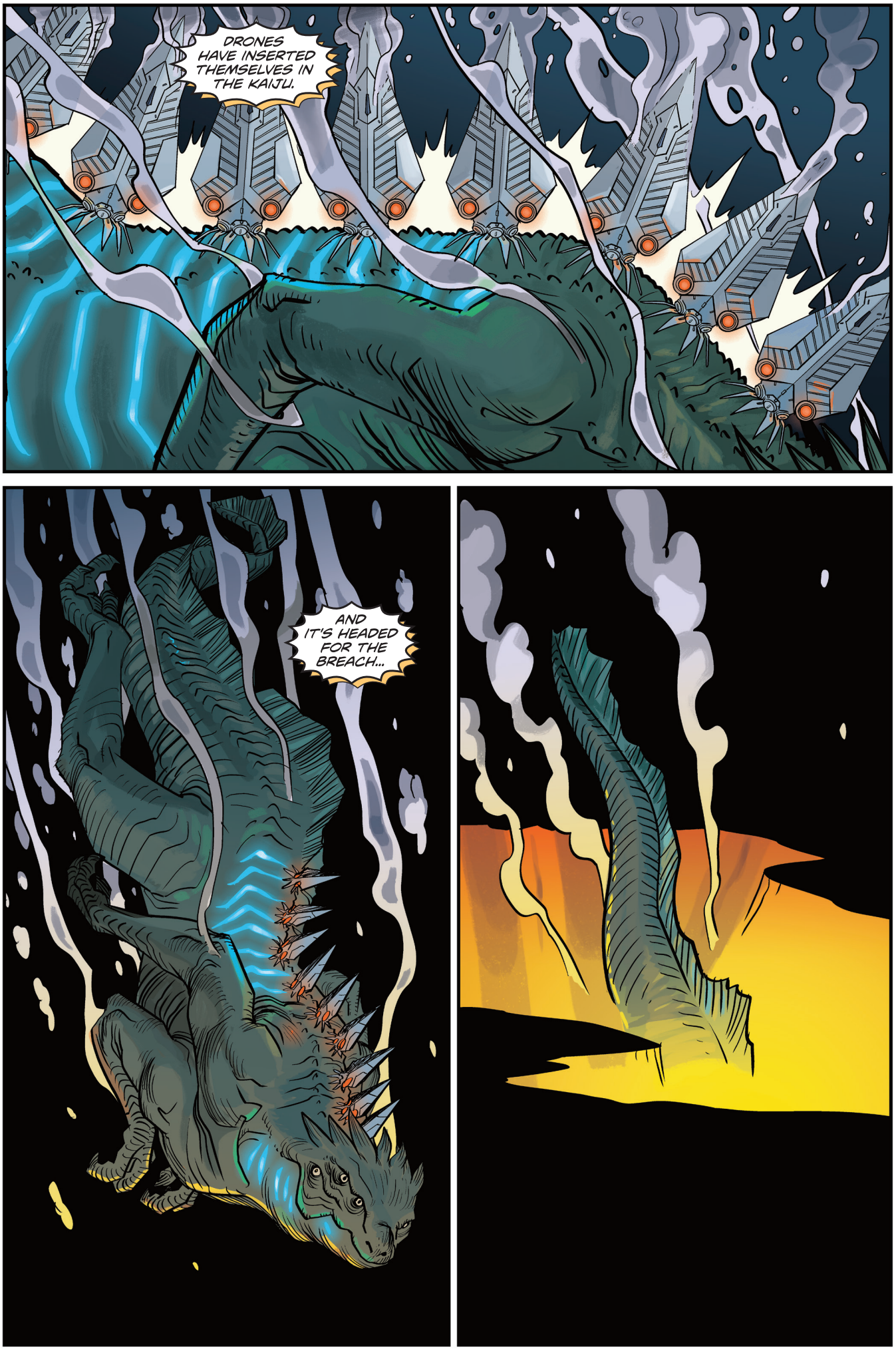

THE KAIJU ARE CONVERGING ON THE BREACH. THEY TOOK THE BAIT.
THE BAIT?
WE WERE HOPING THEY WOULD DO THIS YES.
WE BUILT A PLAN ON *HOPE?*
WE BUILT A PLAN ON MATHEMATICAL MODELS. WE JUST DID IT WITHOUT YOU.
LOVELY.
WE HAVE YEARS' WORTH OF DATA ON THE BREACH. WE ASSUMED THAT IF WE MANAGED TO GET PAST THE PRECURSORS' DEFENSE SYSTEMS, THEY WOULD RECALL SOME KAIJU FROM OTHER BREACHES TO HELP DEFEND THEIR HOME BASE.
BASIC WAR GAMES TACTICS HERE.

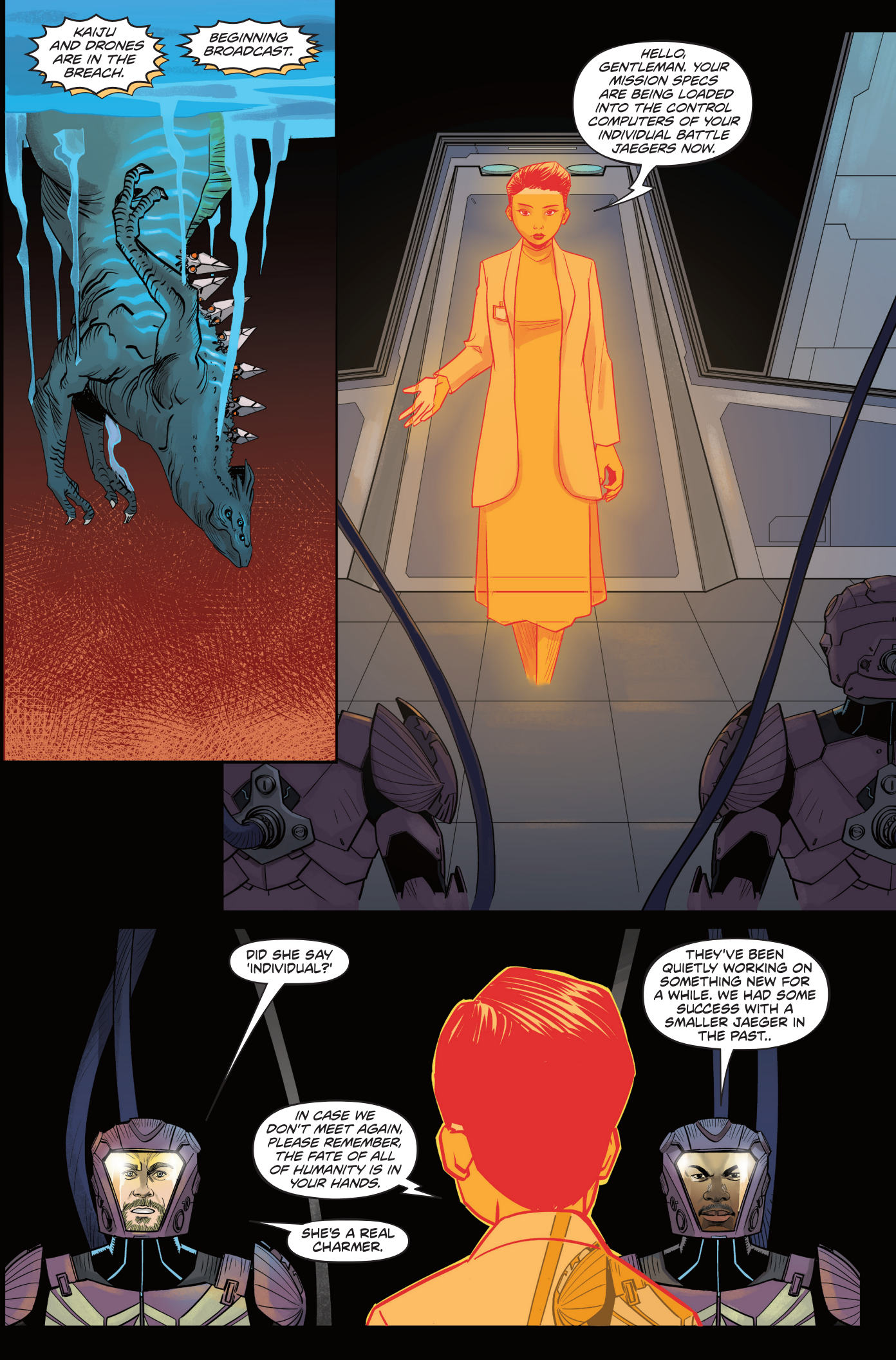

AND HOW IS SENDING KAIJU TO ATTACK A LONE JAEGER ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BREACH THE PLAN?
WE STILL HAVE NO RADIO CONTACT. WE NEED TO ACTIVATE THE PLAN REMOTELY.
IT WOULD SEEM THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE RADIO CONTACT THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
SO WE NEED TO GET A RADIO TO THEM.
DRONE NETWORK, BEGINNING INFILTRATION PATTERN.

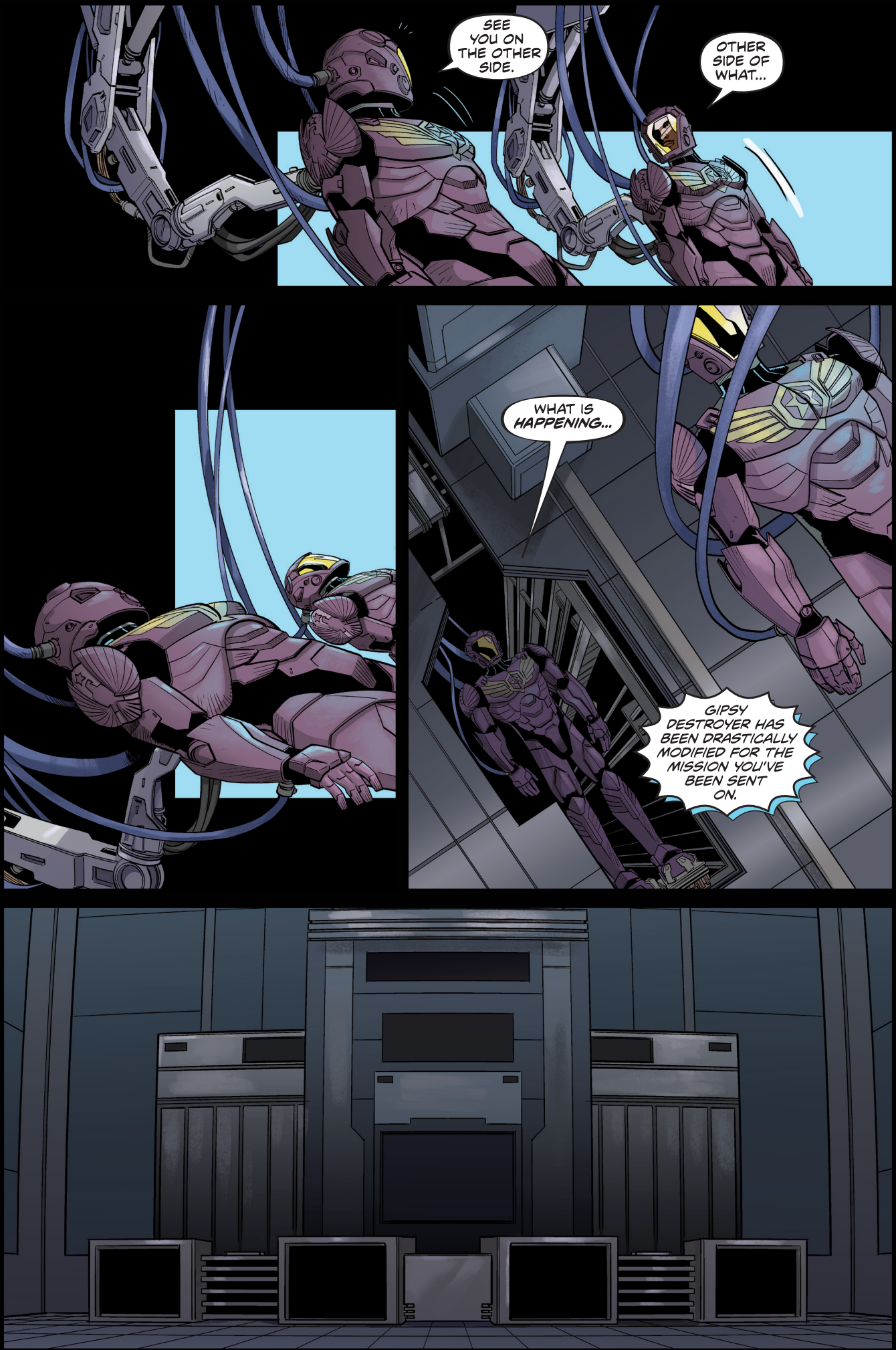


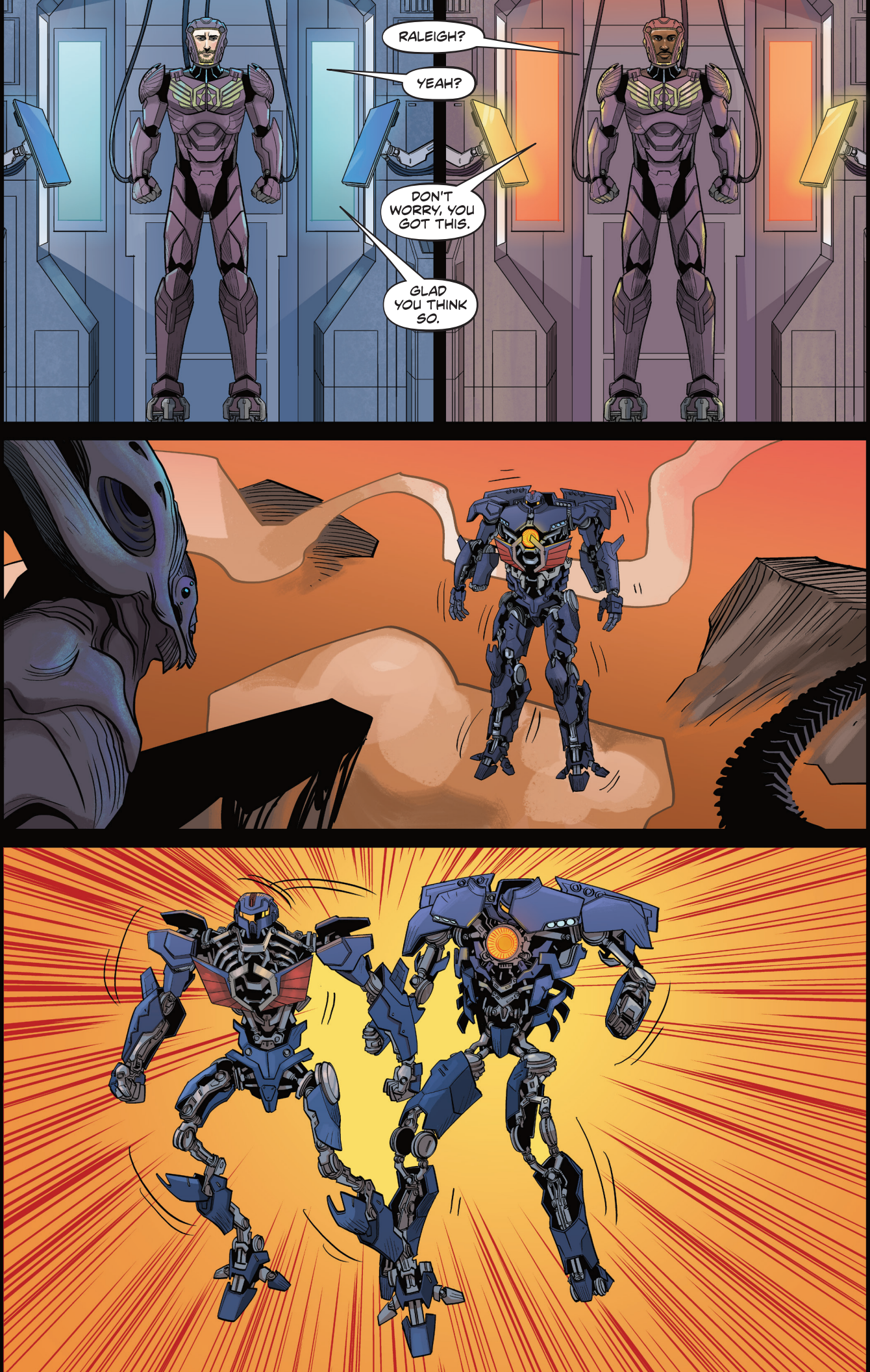





DRONES HAVE INSERTED THEMSELVES IN THE KAIJU.
AND IT'S HEADED FOR THE BREACH...

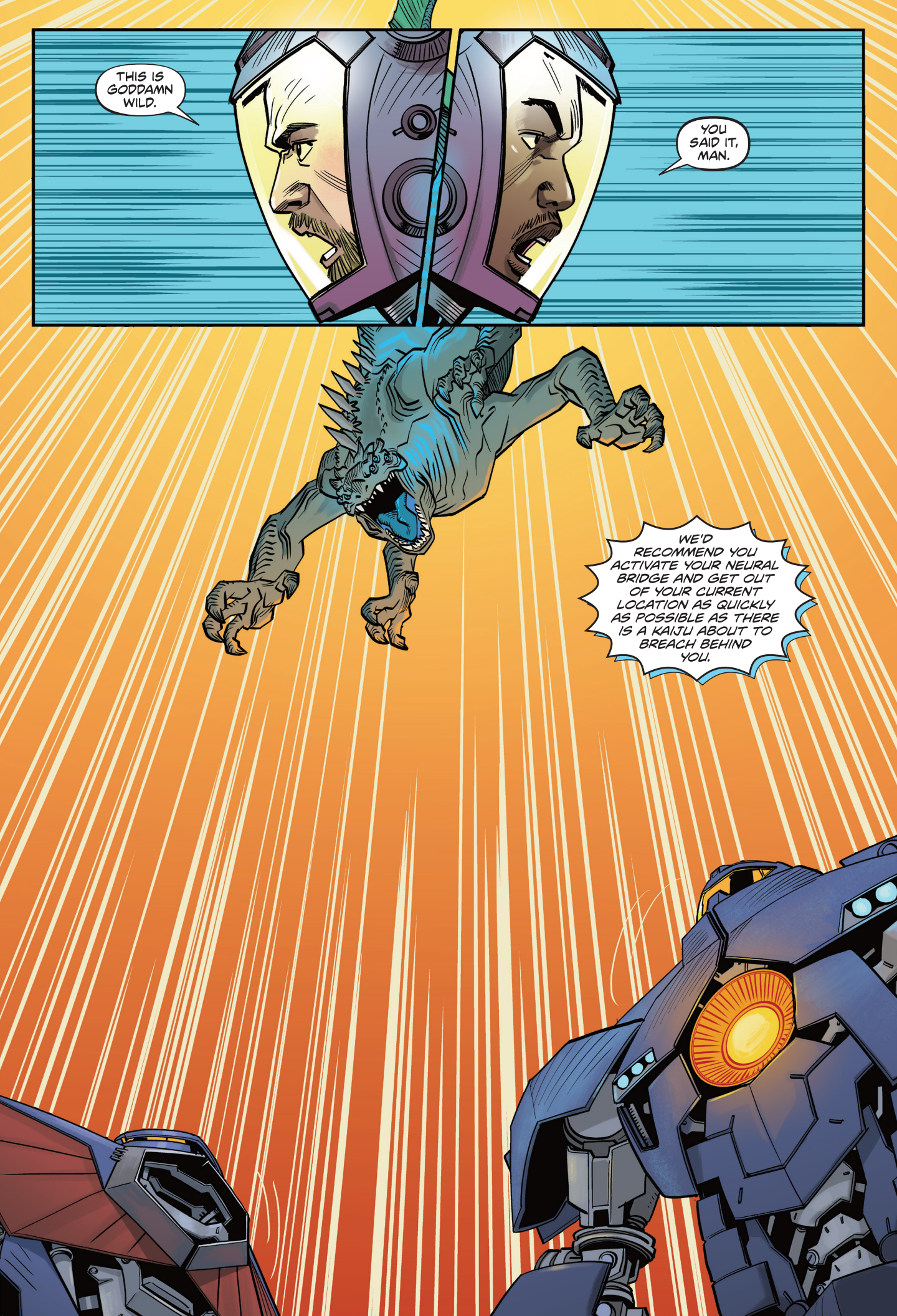

KAIJU AND DRONES ARE IN THE BREACH.
BEGINNING BROADCAST.
HELLO, GENTLEMAN. YOUR MISSION SPECS ARE BEING LOADED INTO THE CONTROL COMPUTERS OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL BATTLE JAEGERS NOW.
DID SHE SAY 'INDIVIDUAL?'
IN CASE WE DON'T MEET AGAIN, PLEASE REMEMBER, THE FATE OF ALL OF HUMANITY IS IN YOUR HANDS.
SHE'S A REAL CHARMER.
THEY'VE BEEN QUIETLY WORKING ON SOMETHING NEW FOR A WHILE. WE HAD SOME SUCCESS WITH A SMALLER JAEGER IN THE PAST..


SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE.
OTHER SIDE OF WHAT...
WHAT IS HAPPENING...
GIPSY DESTROYER HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY MODIFIED FOR THE MISSION YOU'VE BEEN SENT ON.


RALEIGH?
YEAH?
DON'T WORRY, YOU GOT THIS.
GLAD YOU THINK SO.

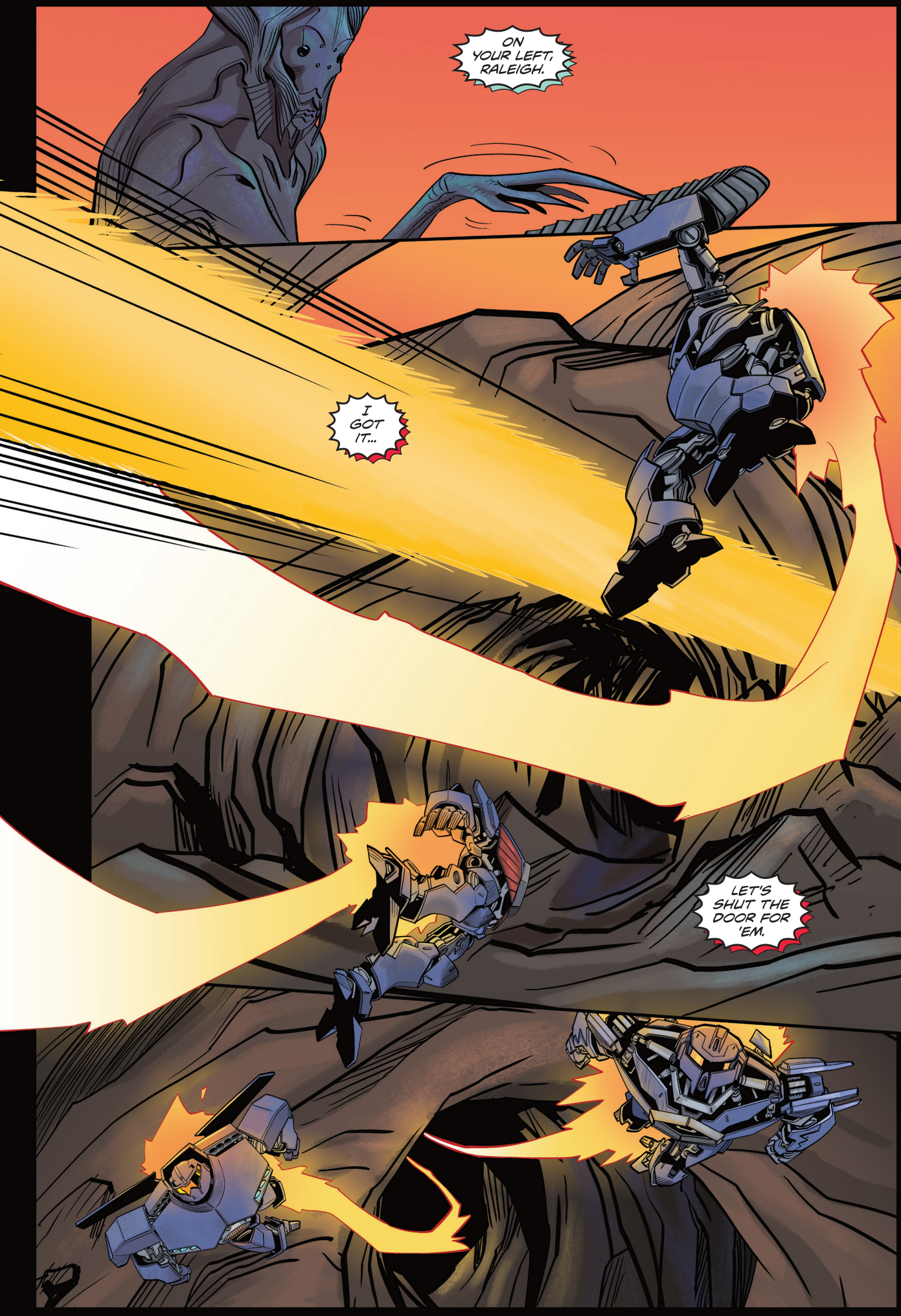
WE HAVE DESIGNED GIPSY AS TWO DISTINCT UNITS.

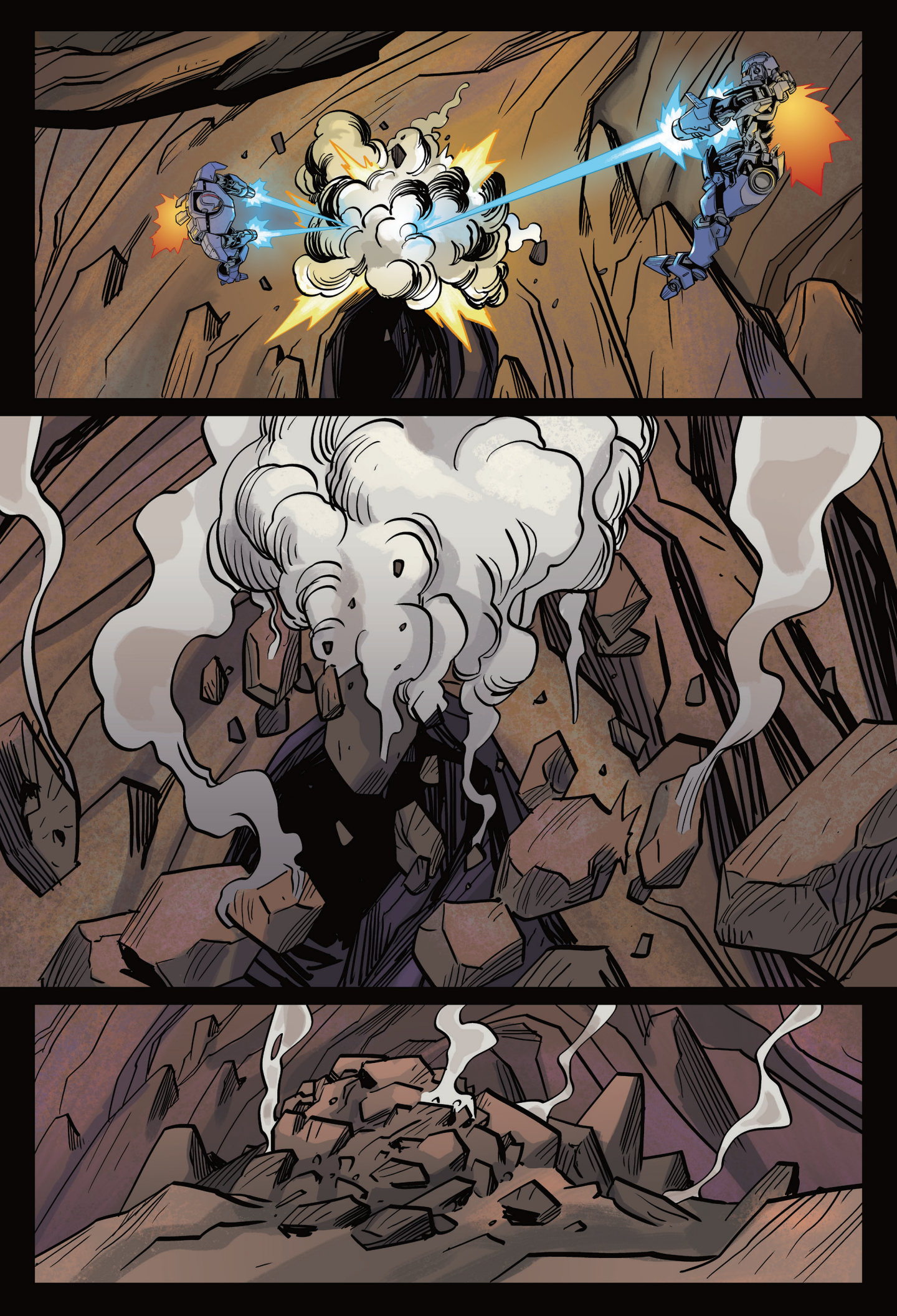
TWO TARGETS-- MORE OF A CHANCE ONE OF YOU SURVIVES THIS MISSION.

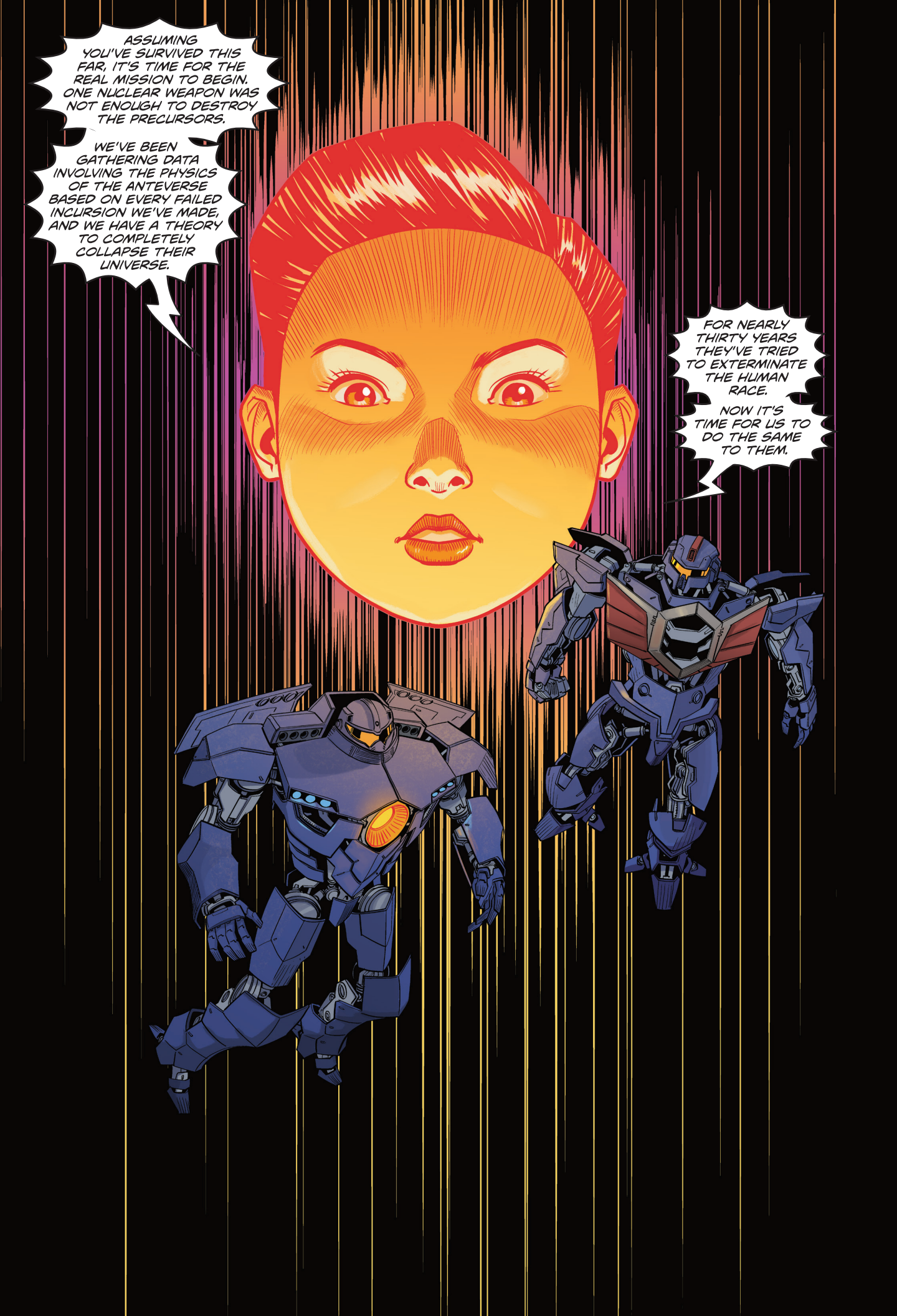

THIS IS GODDAMN WILD.
YOU SAID IT, MAN.
WE'D RECOMMEND YOU ACTIVATE YOUR NEURAL BRIDGE AND GET OUT OF YOUR CURRENT LOCATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AS THERE IS A KAIJU ABOUT TO BREACH BEHIND YOU.

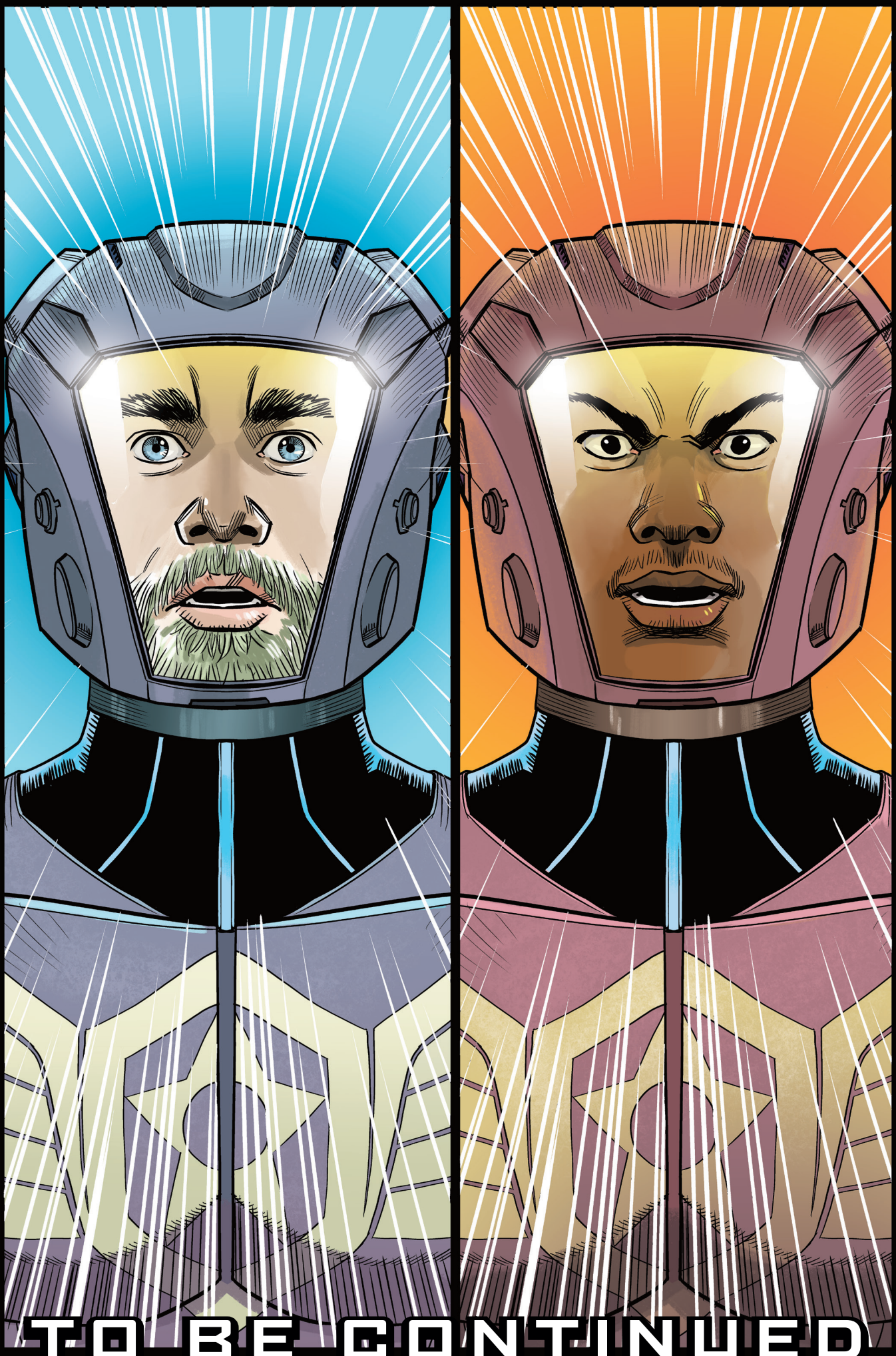

ACTIVATE BRIDGE
ACTIVATE BRIDGE
NEURAL HANDSHAKE
100%
NEURAL HAN
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ON YOUR LEFT, RALEIGH.
I GOT IT...
LET'S SHUT THE DOOR FOR 'EM.



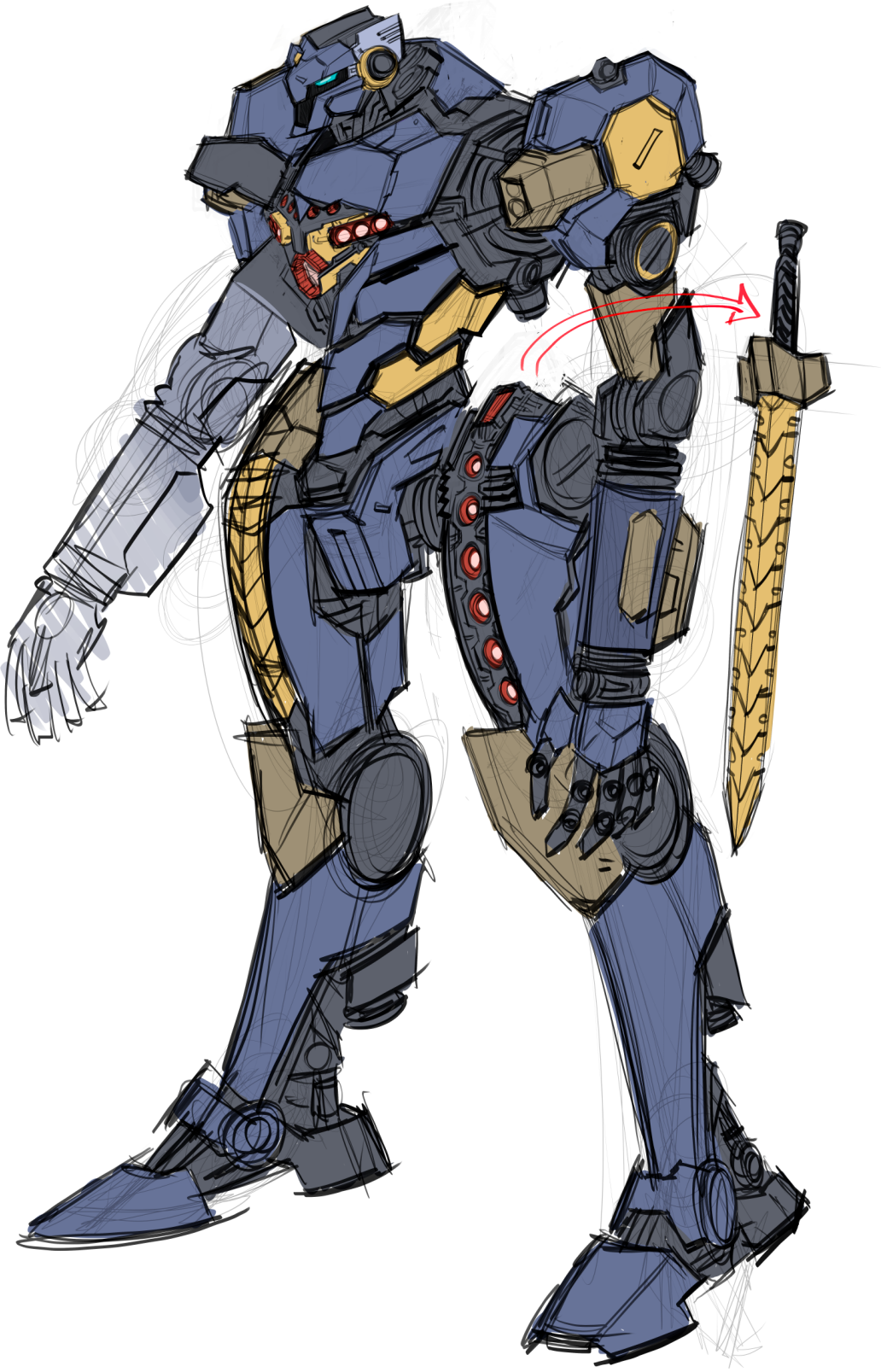

ASSUMING YOU'VE SURVIVED THIS FAR, IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL MISSION TO BEGIN. ONE NUCLEAR WEAPON WAS NOT ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE PRECURSORS.
WE'VE BEEN GATHERING DATA INVOLVING THE PHYSICS OF THE ANTEVERSE BASED ON EVERY FAILED INCURSION WE'VE MADE, AND WE HAVE A THEORY TO COMPLETELY COLLAPSE THEIR UNIVERSE.
FOR NEARLY THIRTY YEARS THEY'VE TRIED TO EXTERMINATE THE HUMAN RACE.
NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO DO THE SAME TO THEM.

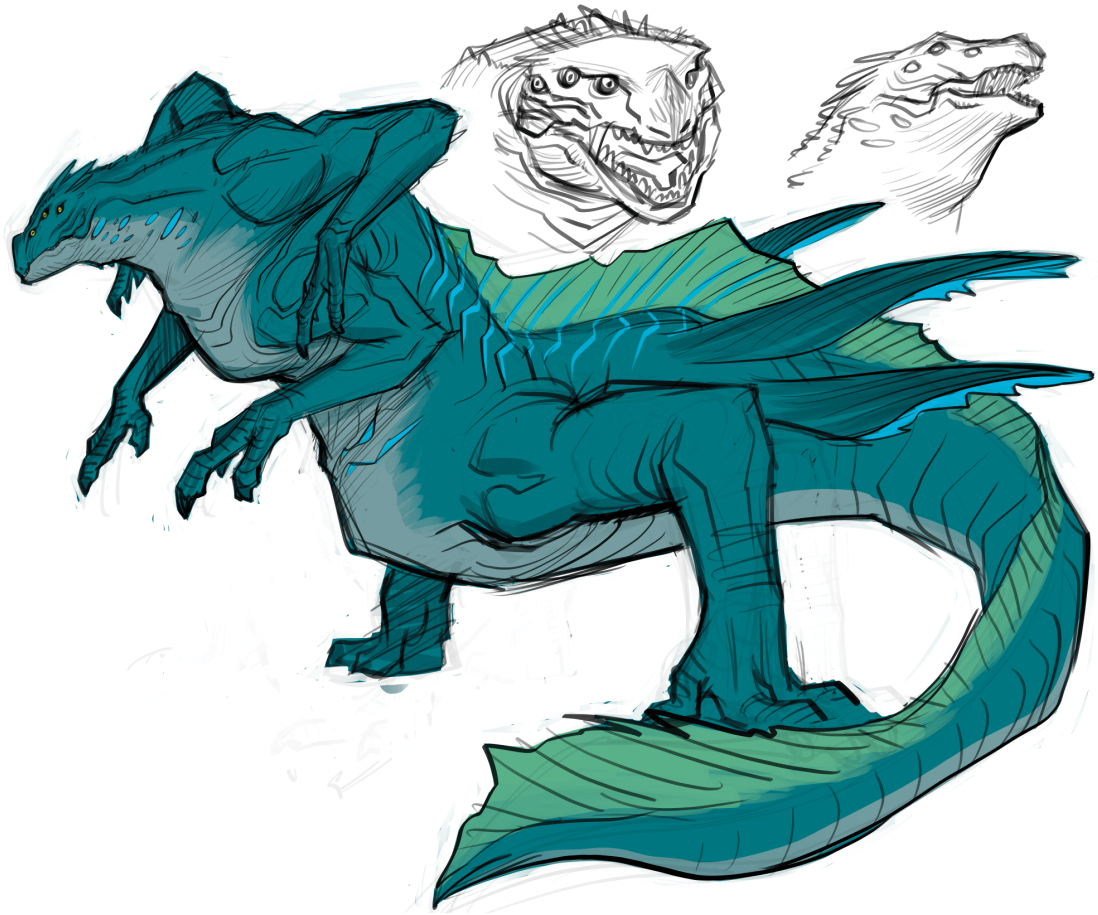

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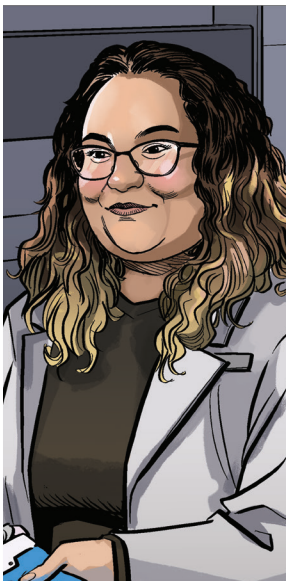








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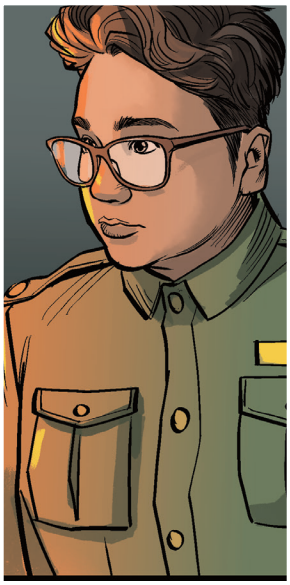
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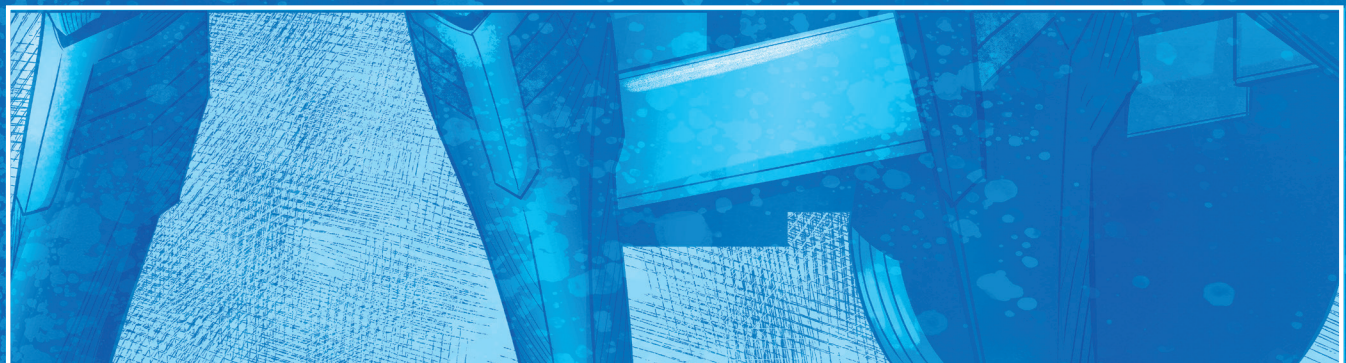




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