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MY GOD, LODGE, THEY ACTUALLY DESTROYED OUR FUEL BARGE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US?

DEPENDING ON THE VESSEL, DOCTOR, DAYS TO A LITTLE OVER A WEEK OF SUSTAINED FLIGHT.

I SUGGEST ASSEMBLING A POLICE FORCE. I HAVE A LIST OF CANDIDATES.

WE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE FUEL AND FOOD FOR THE EXECUTIONER, A FEW WARSHIPS, AND ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL.



SOME COMMANDERS WILL SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLEE.

OUR DECK GUNS WILL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THEM.

WE WON'T SHOOT OUR OWN PEOPLE. HOW COULD YOU SUGGEST SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

IT'S MY JOB.

JUST LIKE YOUR JOB IS TO PRESERVE THE FLEET AT ANY COSTS.



THE JUDGE WILL TAKE THE DAWN.

HE'LL COME BACK TO US.

THIS IS NOT HIS FIRST ATTEMPT AT TAKING THE DAWN.



THE JUDGE WAS AN AIR BATTALION COMMANDER THEN.

OUR LEADER, THE ADMIRAL, HAD GROWN OLD AND IN THAT OLD AGE BECAME A GENTLE MAN.

THOSE TYPES OF MEN MAKE LOVING GRANDFATHERS BUT POOR LEADERS.

THE FLEET WAS FLOUNDERING AND WEAK.

UNORGANIZED AND ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE.



THE JUDGE WAS A STRONG WARRIOR AND PREACHED EXPANSION AND STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.



THE ADMIRAL HALF-HEARTEDLY AGREED.

# CHAPTER SIX



THE JUDGE LED A CRUSADE TO EXPAND OUR EMPIRE AND TO FIND THE FOREVER SHIP.

AND WHEN HE FINALLY FOUND THE DAWN, HE LED EVERY VESSEL THE ADMIRAL WOULD ALLOW INTO THE BATTLE TO POSSESS IT.

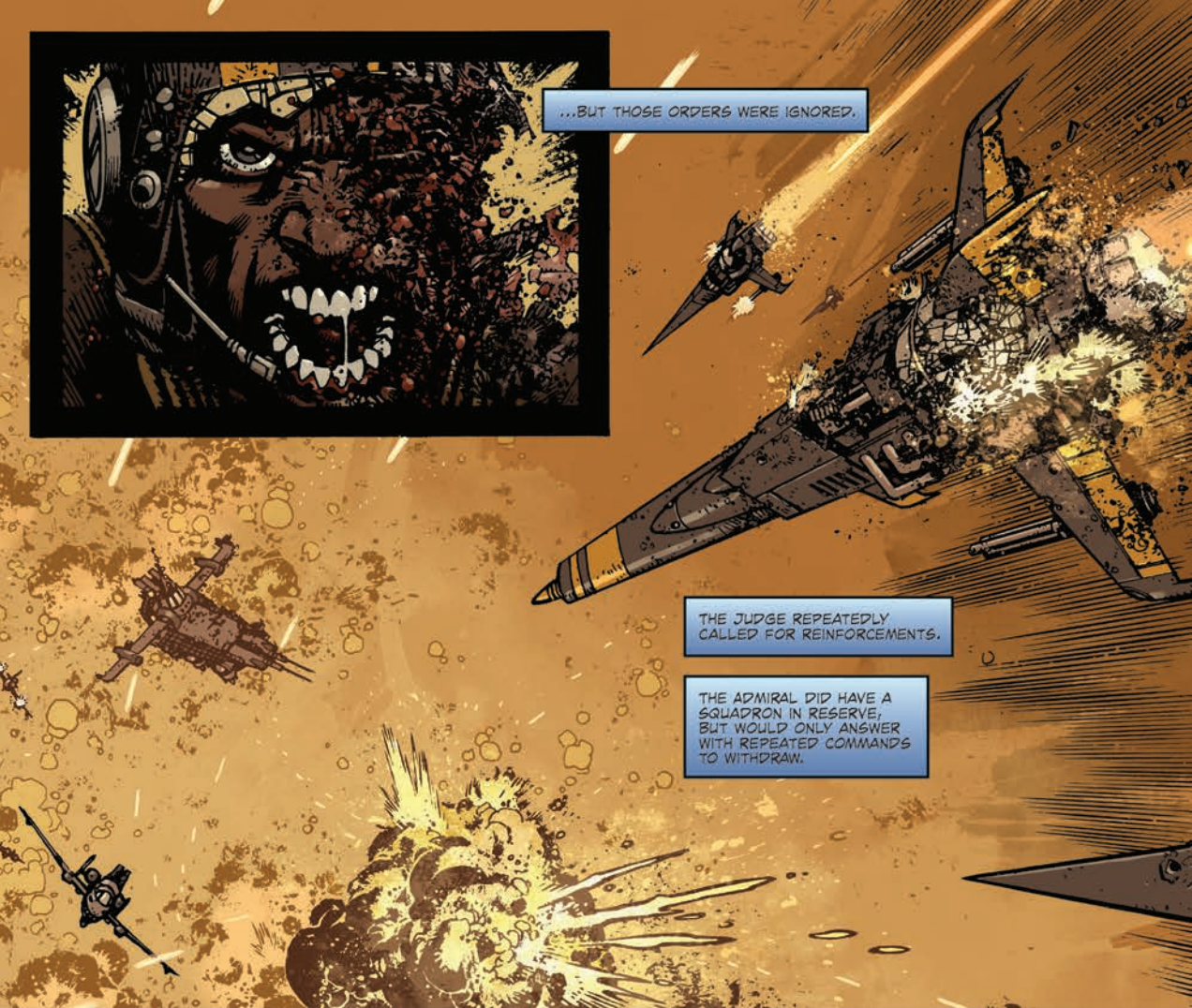


WHAT CAME NEXT, THE OLD MAN HAD NO STOMACH FOR.

THE ADMIRAL CALLED OFF THE ATTACK...



...BUT THOSE ORDERS WERE IGNORED.



THE JUDGE REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

THE ADMIRAL DID HAVE A SQUADRON IN RESERVE, BUT WOULD ONLY ANSWER WITH REPEATED COMMANDS TO WITHDRAW.



IT WAS A SLAUGHTER ON BOTH SIDES.

THE DAWN'S COMMANDER AND PROTECTORS WERE A SEASONED UNIT, PREPARED TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING TO KEEP THEIR HOME.

THE JUDGE KNEW TO SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD YOU NEEDED TO RULE THE SKY.



AND THE DAWN, MYTHICAL FOREVER SHIP NOW FOUND, WAS A WAY TO INSURE THAT OUR FLEET WOULD THRIVE FOR AN ETERNITY.

IT WAS A CONFLICT THAT WOULD ONLY END WHEN ONE SIDE WAS OBLITERATED.



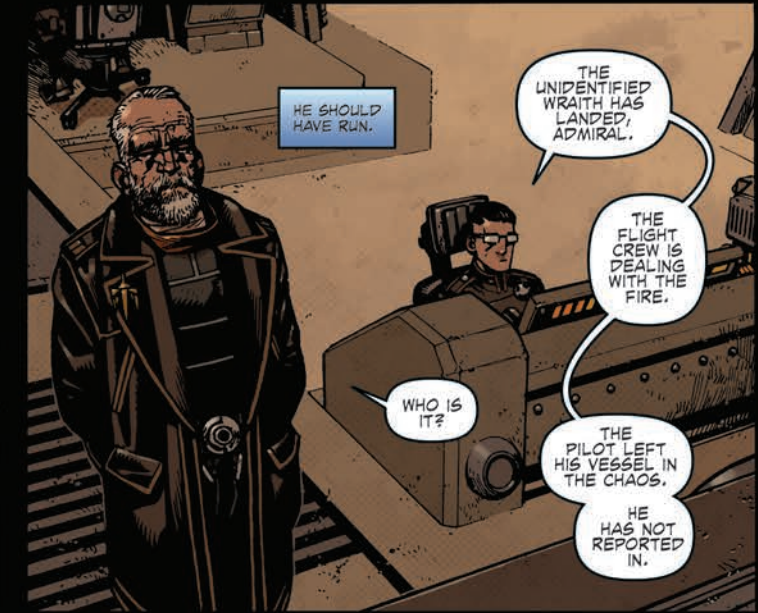
WHEN THE JUDGE STOPPED RESPONDING TO THE ADMIRAL'S HAILS TO RETURN WE ASSUMED THE WORST.



WE HAD NO CONCEPT OF THE WORST.



THE ADMIRAL WAITED AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.



HE SHOULD HAVE RUN.

THE UNIDENTIFIED WRAITH HAS LANDED, ADMIRAL.

THE FLIGHT CREW IS DEALING WITH THE FIRE.

WHO IS IT?

THE PILOT LEFT HIS VESSEL IN THE CHAOS.

HE HAS NOT REPORTED IN.



MY GOD... ALAN.

YOU CAME BACK TO US.

