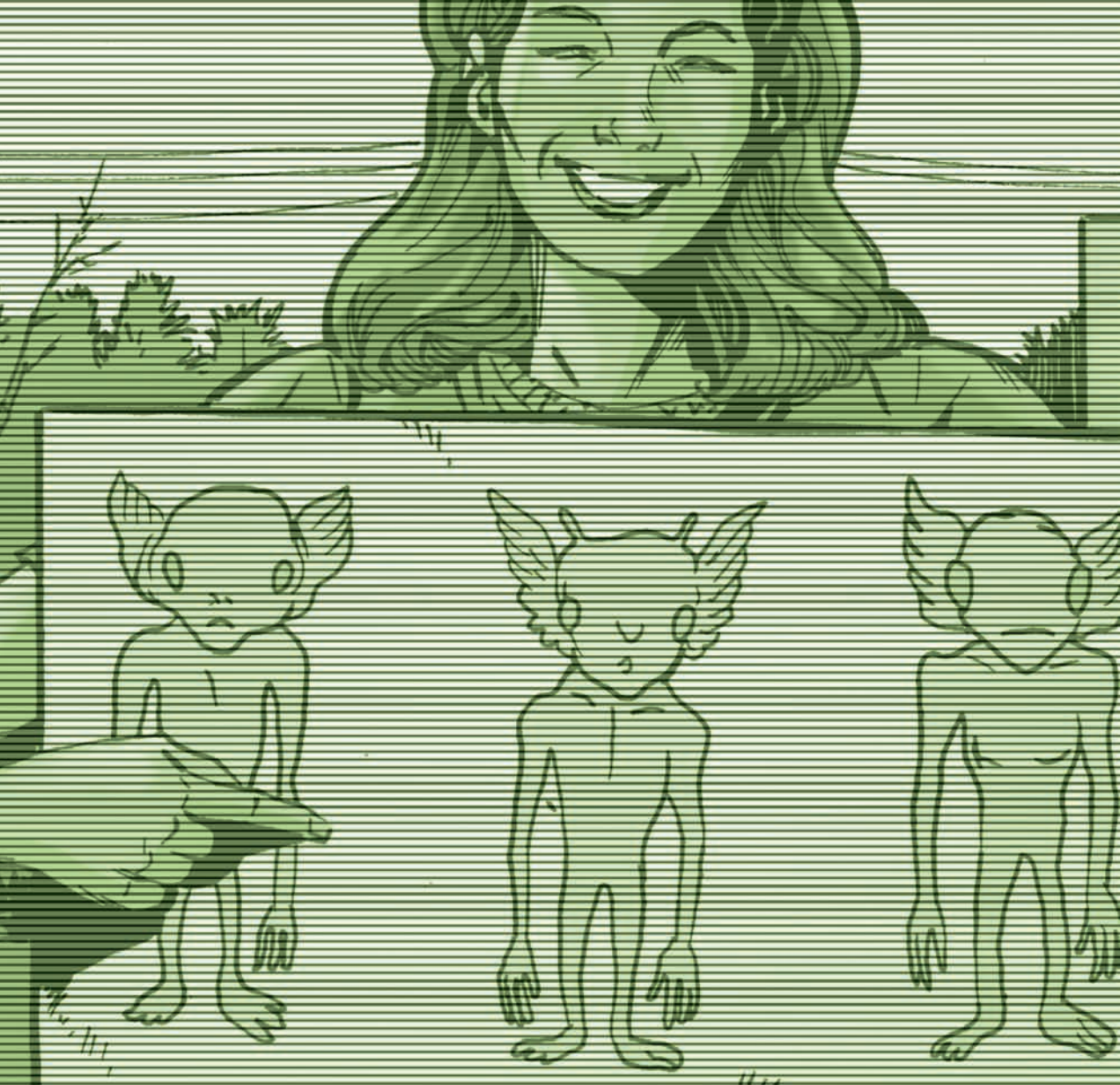


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WE HAVE THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ON THE LINE FOR YOU, MADAM--

I'LL BET WE DO. TELL HIM TO PISS OFF.

WE'LL CALL HIM BACK, JANEY.

HARRY...



IS IT THEM?

ARE THEY COMING IN FORCE?

IS THIS WAR? BECAUSE IT WON'T BE A WAR, IT'LL BE A COLONIS--

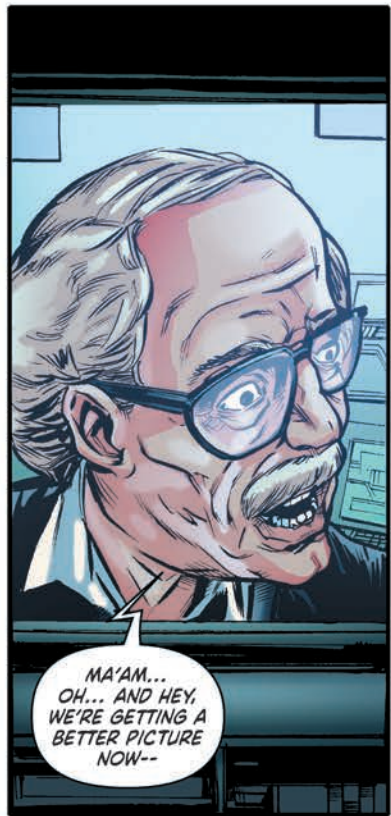
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THE SHIP... THE OBJECT... IS DECELERATING, BUT ASSUMING A STEADY RATE, AND THAT IT KEEPS HEADING OUR WAY--

ASSUME.



MA'AM... OH... AND HEY, WE'RE GETTING A BETTER PICTURE NOW--

"--THEY SHOULD BE
HERE IN ABOUT A YEAR."





A SAUCER.
IT'S A DAMN
SAUCER.



GET ME THE U.S.A., GIVE GENERAL MONTAGUE MY COMPLIMENTS AND BRIEF HIM BEFORE THE CALL THAT I HAVE A NEW NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR HIM, AND WILL BE TASKING HIM TO **TODAY** CREATE A GROUP OF BOTH CODEBREAKERS AND LINGUISTS FROM EVERY SERVICE INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITIES TO READ THE MESSAGES FROM THE--

--OBJECT.



GODDARD, YOUR DIRECTOR... DECARLO, RIGHT? IS TO, ON MY AUTHORITY, ASSIGN THE BIGGEST, SCRATCH THAT, MOST APPROPRIATE, RADIO TELESCOPE WE HAVE **IN THE USA** AND SEND A SIGNAL BACK, IMMEDIATELY, AS CONTINUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, IN **ENGLISH--**

--"ALL MANKIND WELCOMES YOU."

THOSE WORDS.



USAF CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL GOLDMAN IS PATCHED IN TO US NOW?

MA'AM.

OKAY, SPACE WARFARE TASK GROUP HAS A YEAR. DROP EVERYTHING. SPEND EVERYTHING. GIVE ME A DAMN GUN.

MA'AM.



I'M RIGHT NOW CREATING A NEW INNER CABINET, TASKED SPECIFICALLY TO DEAL WITH THIS.

THEY AND THE CHIEFS OF STAFF GET FIRST AND IMMEDIATE ACCESS.



TELL THE NETWORKS I'LL BE OUT FRONT IN ONE HOUR. MAYBE EARLIER.

ASK LANGLEY FOR EYES IN RUSSIAN BROADCASTING TO TIP US IF THEIR PRESIDENT IS HEADING FOR THE LECTERN. IF HE DOES, I GO FIRST.



DO I HAVE NASA ADMINISTRATOR KANE ON THE LINE?

YES, MA'AM! EXCITING DAY, HUH?

YOU DROP EVERYTHING AND SPEND EVERYTHING TOO, CHARLIE--