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WMMMMMM FINZZT

ARRRGH!

HSSSSSS SKREEEEEEEE

STAY AWA--
AAAHHH!

GRRRGLE

CRYO DEFROST

INITIATED ■

DAMMIT!

AS IF THE MISSION TO LY-223 WASN'T ENOUGH OF A BUST, WE'VE GONE FROM ONE INFERNAL CRISIS TO ANOTHER.

HIGGINS, GET UP! NOW!

SMACK!

WAKY, WAKY, OLD MAN!

WE'RE GOING HUNTIN'!

PIPER IS ALREADY UP AND MOVING, SO YOU NEED TO SHAKE OFF THE RUST AND HUSTLE, HIGGINS. YOU TWO ARE GOING TO HELP ME CLEAN HOUSE.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT US INVOLVED IN NOW, GALGO?

JANUARY 23, 2219.
2:54 AM, EARTH CENTRAL TIME.
ZETA 2 RETICULI SYSTEM.

WHAT HAPPENED TO HEADING HOME?

AFTER I TUCKED YOU IN, ELDEN CAME AFTER FRANCIS--

"--AND THEN THE HELIOS GOT STEERED INTO A WHOLE OTHER KIND OF MONSTER MASH. WE'VE ALREADY HAD OUR FAIR SHARE OF ALIENS ON THIS TRIP, NOT TO MENTION THAT GIANT ENGINEER...

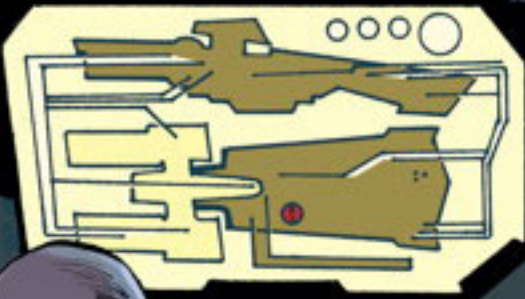
"...SO I LET THOSE FREAKS WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES AND--

"--GOT US SOME DISTANCE--"

--BUT WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A NICE, SWEET *STOWAWAY*, BOYS.

A RAT IN STEERAGE. A BARNACLE ON THE HULL. A GOPHER IN THE--

WE GET IT, GALGO. WHAT ABOUT IT?



AFTER THE B.S. WE JUST ESCAPED, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT IT COULD BE...

...AND MY GIRL DOESN'T LIKE UNINVITED GUESTS. THE SIGNAL IS A BIT *FUZZY* AND FADING IN--

DAMN. IT'S GONE AGAIN.

DON'T WORRY, BOSS. I GOT THIS.

KA-CHAK

NOT WITH THAT, YOU WON'T.

HERE.

ZZZT
ZZZT

AM I SUPPOSED TO KILL IT...

...OR MAKE IT MY PET?!

USE YOUR HEAD! NO FIREARMS.

YOU COULD BLOW A HOLE IN THE SIDE OF MY BABY.

YOU'RE STILL HOLDING THAT... WHATCHAMA-CALLIT...

...ENGINEER GUN YOU FOUND IN THAT *CRAZY SHIPWRECK!*

THIS CANNON IS OUR *MEAL TICKET*, YA DUMMY!

I WON'T USE IT, BUT IT'S NOT LEAVING MY SIDE!

IF WE DON'T COME BACK WITH *SOMETHING* TO SHOW THE COMPANY FOR OUR TRIP...





REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD TO TRACK THAT ESCAPEE ON FURY 161?

YOU AND I HAD THAT POOR PRISONER CRAPPING HIS PANTS. THE LOOK ON HIS FACE WAS ALMOST WORTH MORE THAN THE BOUNTY.

YOU MEAN THAT TIME YOU WERE TALKING TOO DAMN MUCH AND ALMOST GAVE AWAY OUR POSITION?



IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SUCH A *RUNT*, I'D HAVE LEFT YOU TO ROT WITH THE PRISONERS.

AW, BUT YOU SAW SOMETHING SPECIAL IN ME...



WHAT'S THE WORD, PIPER?

YOU SHOULD BE *RIGHT* ON TOP OF IT...



YEAH... ABOUT THAT...

I THINK OUR PASSENGER WANTS TO...



PIPER?! WHAT IS IT?
IS IT ONE OF THOSE
MONSTERS?!

IF HE ALREADY
KILLED IT, WE'RE
NEVER GOING
TO HEAR THE
END OF IT.

