

**'ENTROPIC WAVE APPROACHING.'**

**'WORLD-DEATH IS IMMINENT.'**



"THE PEOPLE...  
THERE ARE *SO*  
MANY."

"THEY THINK WE'RE  
HERE TO *HELP*."

"THERE MUST  
BE *SOMETHING*  
WE CAN DO."

**'NEGATIVE.'**



**'WE ARE *SCIENTISTS*.'**

**'OUR DIRECTIVE  
IS *OBSERVATION*,  
NOT *RESCUE*.'**



"THESE PEOPLE ARE  
NOT *SPACE-FARING*.  
NONE OF THEM HAVE  
EVER LEFT THIS PLANET."

"WHEN THIS WORLD  
DIES, SO DOES  
THEIR *SPECIES!*"

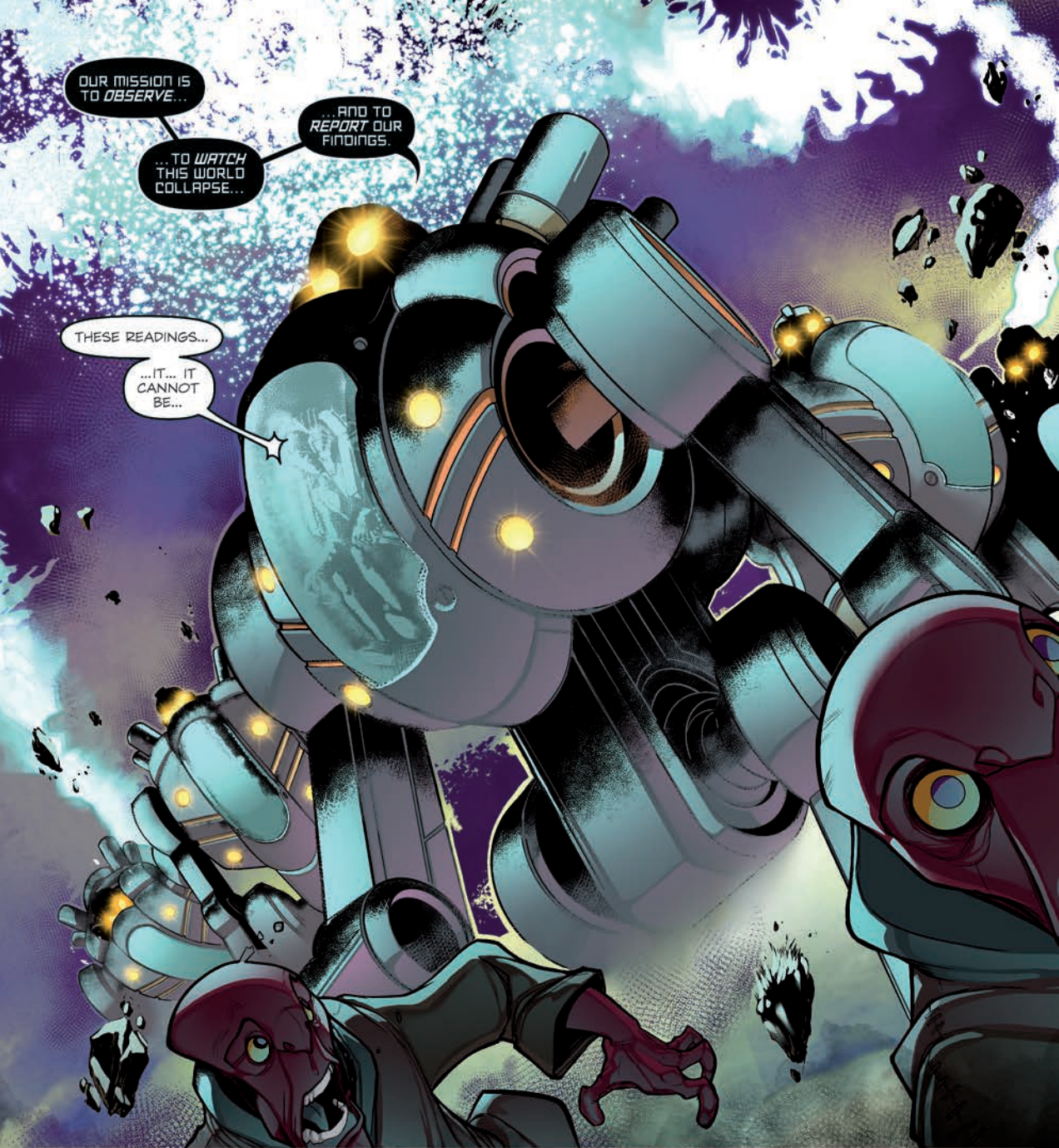
"THERE ARE  
*CHILDREN*  
AMONG THEM!"



"WE COULD *TRANS-WARD*  
AT LEAST SOME OF THEM  
TO *PRESERVES* IF—"

**'NEGATIVE.'**

**'PRESERVATION IS  
*SUPERFLUOUS* TO  
OUR DIRECTIVE.'**



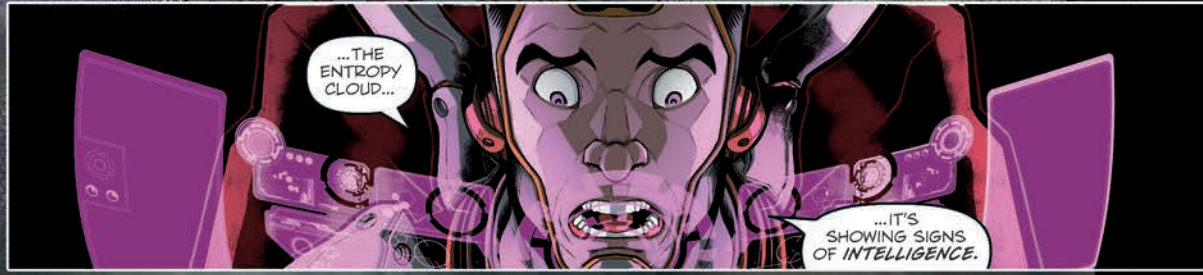
OUR MISSION IS TO OBSERVE...

...AND TO REPORT OUR FINDINGS.

...TO WATCH THIS WORLD COLLAPSE...

THESE READINGS...

...IT... IT CANNOT BE...



...THE ENTROPY CLOUD...

...IT'S SHOWING SIGNS OF INTELLIGENCE.



THESE AREN'T JUST ENERGY SPIKES.

THE CLOUD... IS REACHING OUT... LIKE SOME SORT OF—

RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY IS SUPERFLUOUS TO OUR DIRECTIVE.

IT... DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?

EVEN IF WE WARPED EVERYONE OFF THIS WORLD... WE'D ONLY BE BUYING THEM A LITTLE MORE TIME.

AFFIRMATIVE.

WE'VE COLLECTED ENOUGH.

THERE'S ONLY A FEW MINUTES LEFT—AT MOST!

WE NEED TO EVAC!

NEGATIVE.

OUR FINDINGS ARE BEING STREAMED TO THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE.

WE WILL REMAIN HERE TO OBSERVE THIS WORLD'S FINAL MOMENTS.

I'M NOT GOING TO DIE HERE!

STAY BEHIND? ARE YOU MAD?

ENERCHANGE AND GET US OUT OF—

NEGATIVE.

LATER: MICROPOLIS-12.

YOU HEARD ABOUT SAGGURA?

GREEN LITTLE WORLD ON THE FRINGE?

ONE SECOND IT WAS THERE, THE NEXT IT WAS GOBBLED UP BY A ROGUE ENERGY TORRENT.

FROM WHAT I HEARD, THERE'S *NOTHING* LEFT. NOT EVEN SPACE DUST.



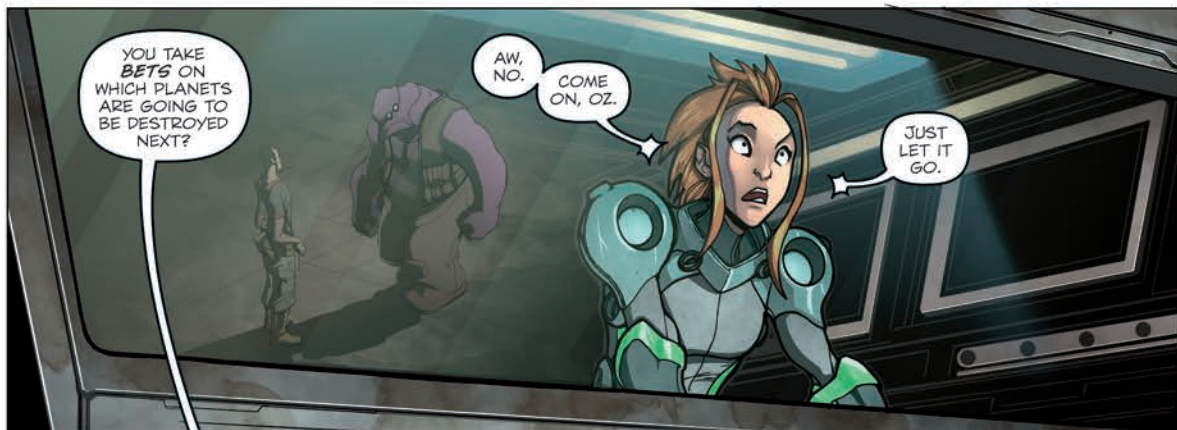
YEAH, I HEARD.  
IT'S A DAMN TRAGEDY.



I'LL SAY!

YOU KNOW HOW MANY CRED'S I LOST IN THE WORLD-DEATH POOL?

POOL?



YOU TAKE **BETS** ON WHICH PLANETS ARE GOING TO BE DESTROYED NEXT?

AW, NO.  
COME ON, OZ.

JUST LET IT GO.



SURE. WHY NOT?

SOONER OR LATER, THE ENTROPY CLOUD'S GONNA TAKE US ALL.

MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SOME MONEY IN MY POCKET WHEN I GO.



WE DON'T NEED THE HASSLE.

JUST LET IT GO.

WE CAN BE **RIGHTEOUSLY-INDIGNATED** AFTER WE'VE BEEN PAID.



EVERY TIME ONE OF THOSE PLANETS BURN, A LOT OF **INNOCENT PEOPLE** BURN WITH IT.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO SHOW A LITTLE **COMMON DECENCY** AND **RESPECT**.

OOOHH.

STRUCK A **SORE SPOT** WITH YA, OZ?

BET YOU'D JUST **LOVE** TO HIT ME, WOULDN'T YOU?

BUT-OH- THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE ONE OF THE **LAST PHAROIDS... A PACIFIST** AT HEART.



FIRST OF ALL, MY PEOPLE **WEREN'T** PACIFISTS.

WE JUST DIDN'T BELIEVE IN FIGHTING IN A **POINTLESS WAR**.

SECOND OF ALL, I'M NOT GOING TO HIT YOU...



...BUT  
HE WILL.