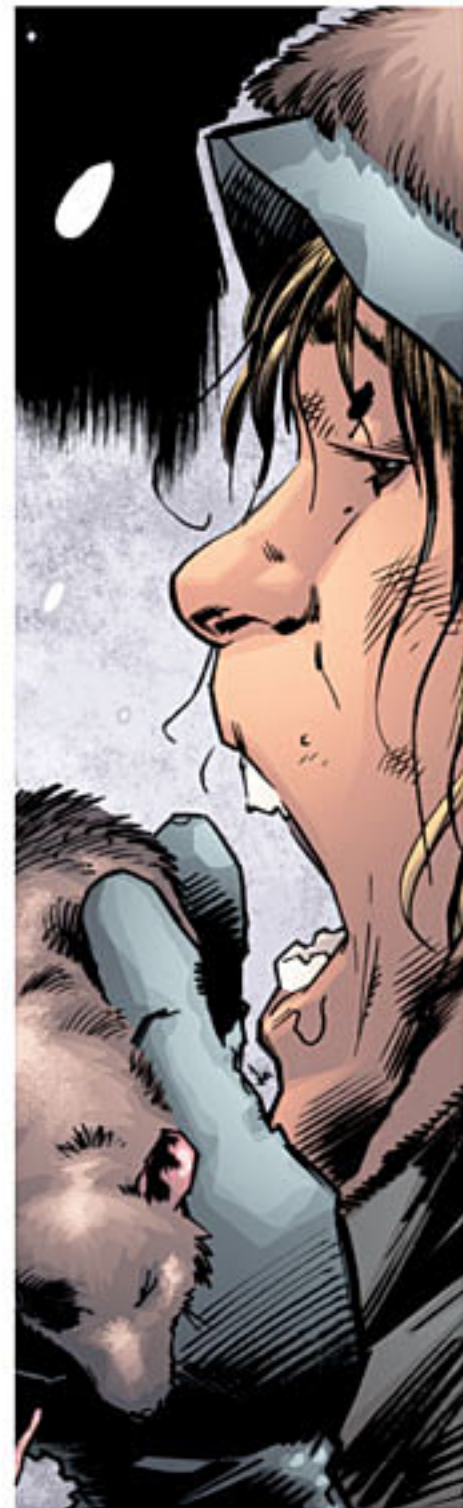
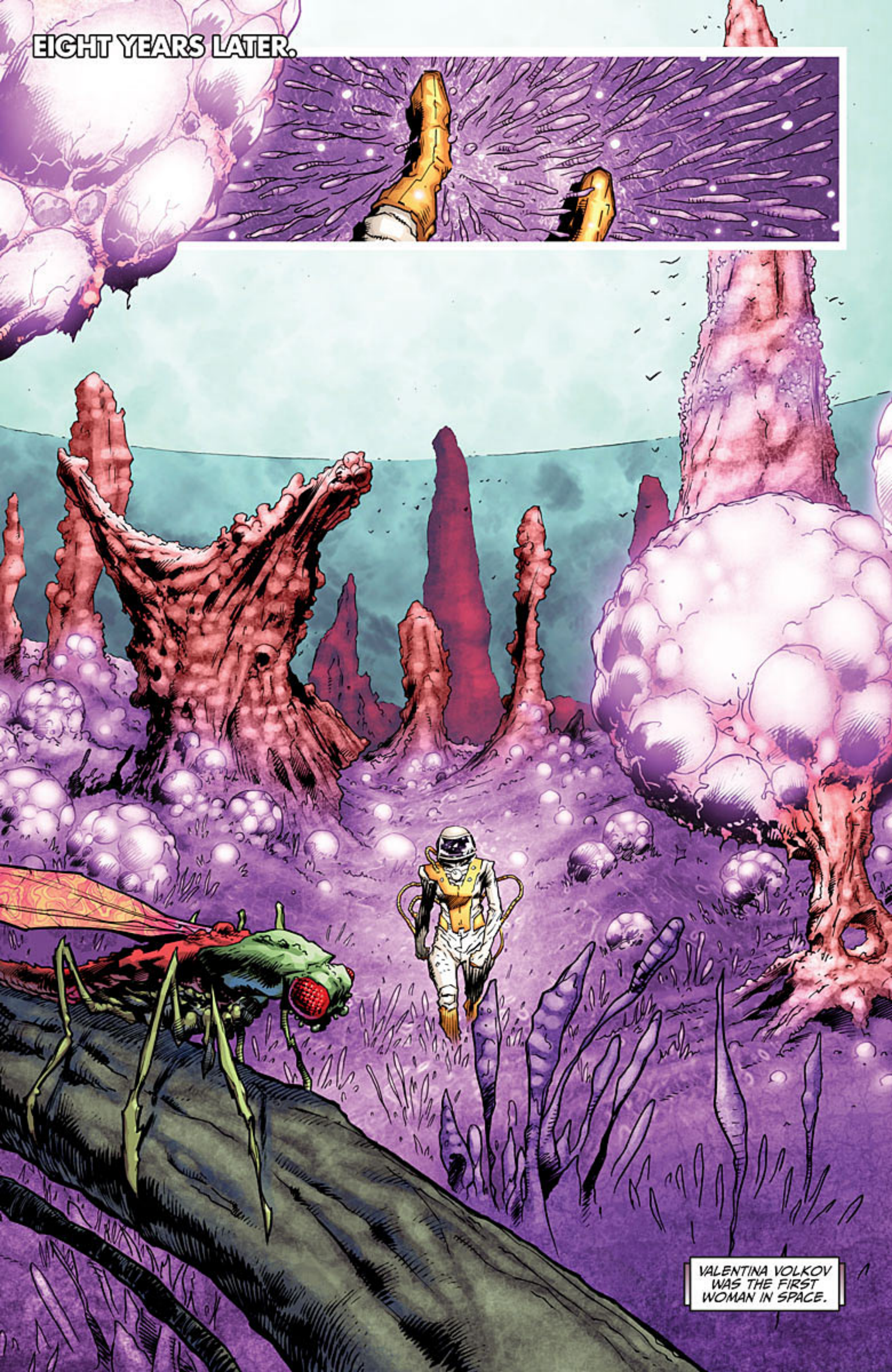


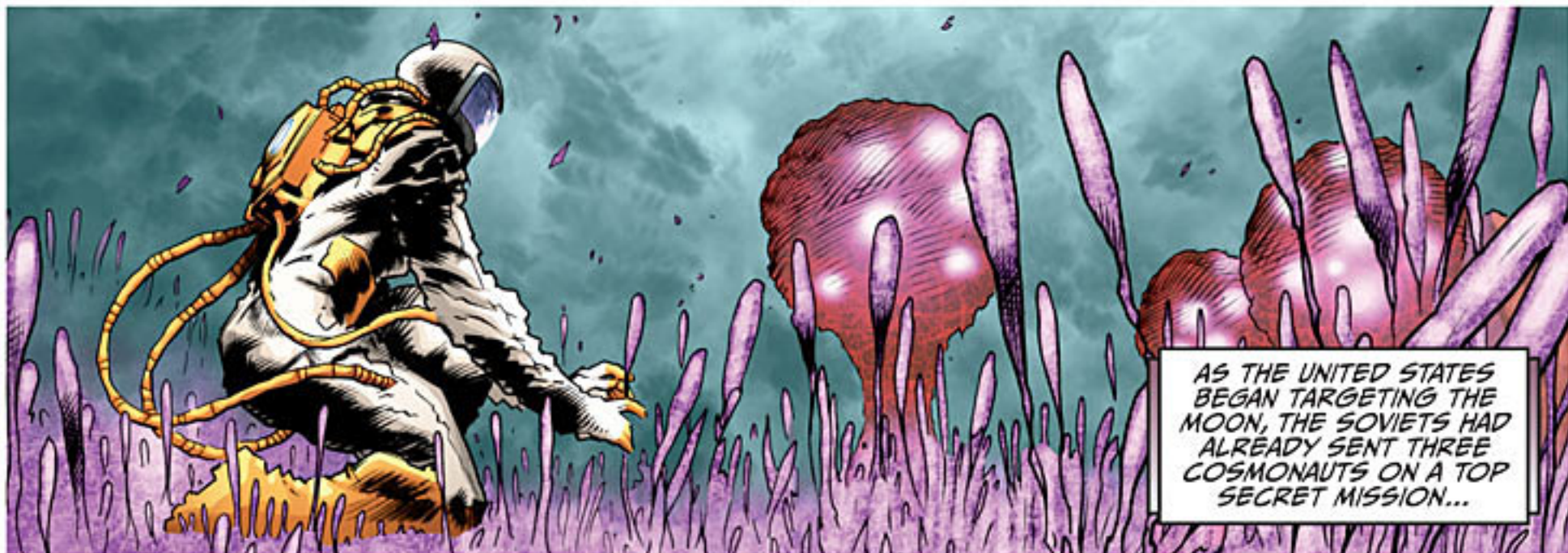
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EIGHT YEARS LATER.



**VALENTINA VOLKOV
WAS THE FIRST
WOMAN IN SPACE.**



THE COSMONAUTS SPENT YEARS IN THE HYBER CHAMBERS. SLEEPING THEIR WAY TO THE EDGES OF THE UNIVERSE.

WHEN THEY WOKE UP, THEY ENCOUNTERED A PLACE NEVER SEEN BY HUMAN EYES.

WHAT THEY DISCOVERED WAS BEYOND THE IMAGINATION.

THEIR MISSION: FIND THE UNEXPLORED AND INVESTIGATE IT--

--CONQUER IT--

--CLAIM IT FOR THE PEOPLE--

--THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF SOCIALISM OVER ITS ENEMIES.

THEIR MISSION WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

WITH ONLY ONE PROBLEM: THEIR SPACE CAPSULES LAY SPENT ON THE GROUND, LIKE BROKEN SEED PODS.

AND A CREW OF THREE WAS NOW TWO. THE THIRD, ABRAM ADAMS, ABANDONED THEM WITH NO WAY TO RETURN HOME.

WH-WHEN IS IT? WHERE ARE WE? WH-WHAT HAPPENED?

ABRAM LEFT US. HE WAS A DESERTER. DO YOU REMEMBER NOW, KAZMIR?

Y-YES...



I KNOW. I KNOW. AGAINST REGULATIONS. BUT WE'RE HUMAN, MYSHKA.

OUR BIOLOGY JUST IS WHAT IT IS. NO MATTER WHAT OUR LEADERS FORCE US TO DO.



THAT NECKLACE. WHERE'D YOU GET IT? IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I ALWAYS WONDERED.

YOU NEVER TOOK IT OFF. NOT DURING TRAINING. NOT OUT HERE AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE.



I DON'T REMEMBER. I'VE HAD IT SINCE I WAS A CHILD. IT HAS... JUST ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME.



CHILD... I DON'T REMEMBER... BEING ONE. WE WERE ONCE. WE HAD TO BE, RIGHT?



...NOT ABRAM. NOT ANYMORE. HE SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO IT...



...HE GAVE IN TO THE UNKNOWN. AND IT GAVE HIM...



WE CAN GO HOME! WE JUST NEED TO SURRENDER TO IT!

IT CAN HELP US IF WE JUST LET IT. BUT I--BUT I'M AFRAID, MYSHKA... AND I'M DYING...

WE NEED TO GET HOME!