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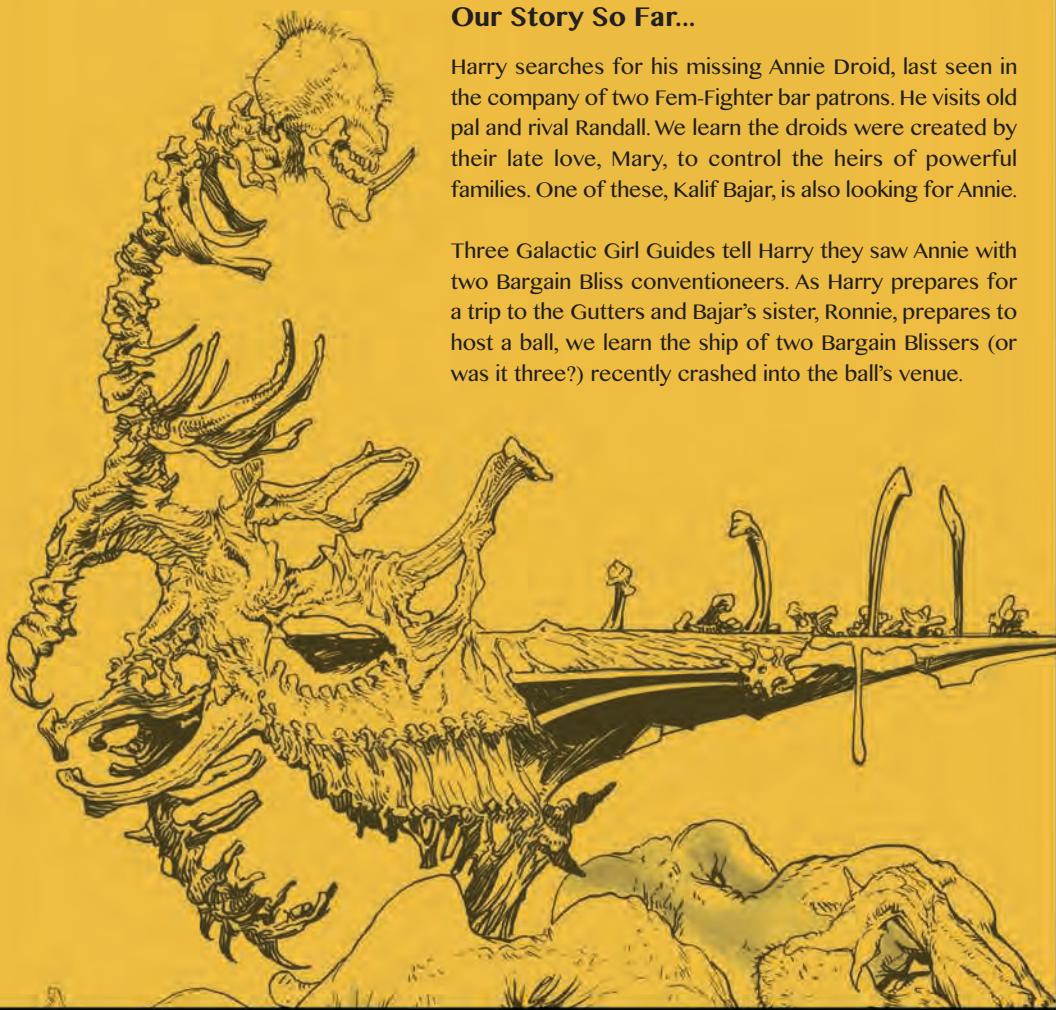
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Our Story So Far...

Harry searches for his missing Annie Droid, last seen in the company of two Fem-Fighter bar patrons. He visits old pal and rival Randall. We learn the droids were created by their late love, Mary, to control the heirs of powerful families. One of these, Kalif Bajar, is also looking for Annie.

Three Galactic Girl Guides tell Harry they saw Annie with two Bargain Bliss conventioners. As Harry prepares for a trip to the Gutters and Bajar's sister, Ronnie, prepares to host a ball, we learn the ship of two Bargain Blissers (or was it three?) recently crashed into the ball's venue.



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WELCOME TO REC 97! YOUR ONE-STOP STATION FOR REST, RELAXATION AND FUN!

DOWN-SEE-DAISY TO LOWER TIERS, NOMANTIC CITY AND THE REC STATION GUTTERS!



WHILE VISITING REC 97, WALK IN A DETERMINED MANNER. DON'T LOOK UP. DON'T LOOK DOWN.

HAR, HAR, HAR! TRUST ME, NICK THE GEEZER PICO!

THE DAISY TO THE GUTTERS DROPS YOU THROUGH NOMANTIC CITY, HOME TO PAY-PER-BOOT HOUSES AND HOOK-UP HOTELS...



...WHICH IS WHERE SOME REST-UNIT DRIVER KNOCKED ME OFF THE BEAM.

BUMP!

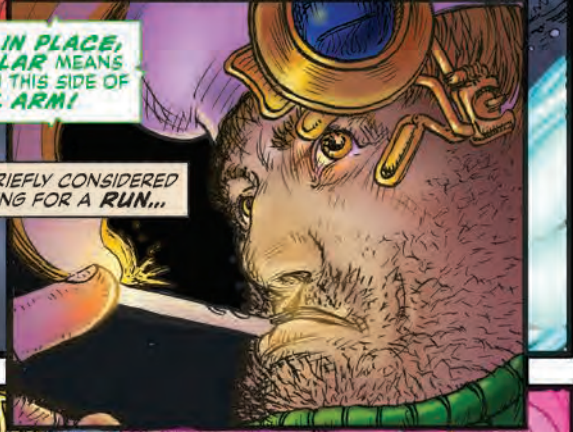
IF GRAVITY'S YOUR **ENEMY** AND YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE A METEOR-POCKED **MOON...**



...TRY **RUNNING IN PLACE**, THE MOST **POPULAR** MEANS OF LIFE EXTENSION THIS SIDE OF THE **SPIRAL ARM!**

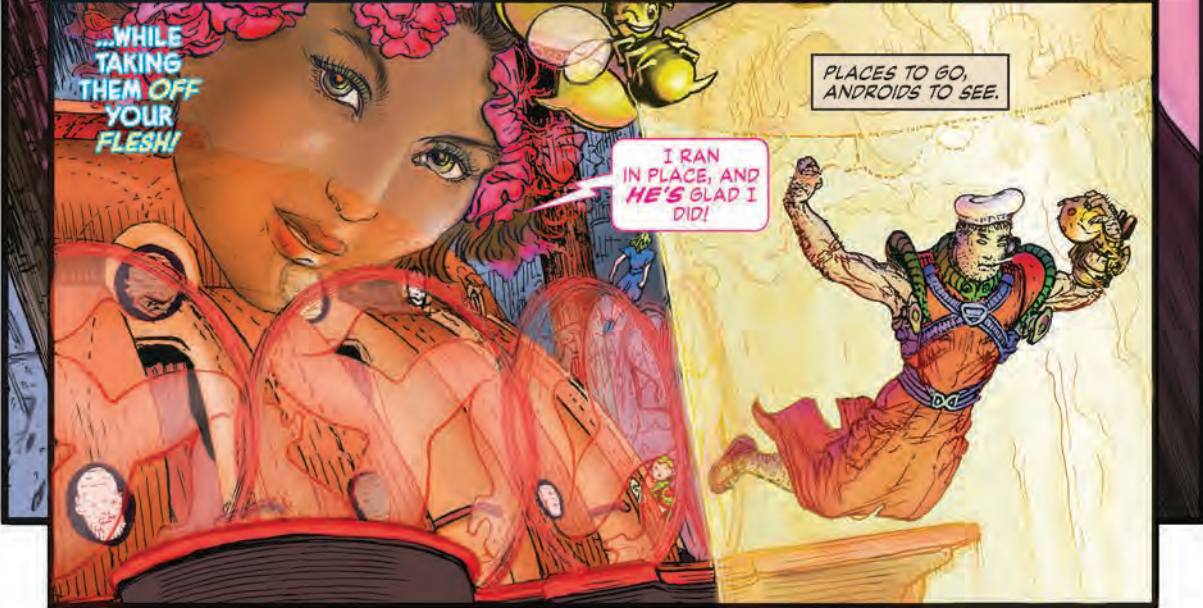
I BRIEFLY CONSIDERED GOING FOR A **RUN...**

STEP INTO OUR **PATENTED LIFE CHAMBERS...**



...AND RECEIVE A **JOLT OF YOUTH** GUARANTEED TO **ADD CYCLES** TO YOUR **LIFESPAN...**

...BUT DECIDED IT COULD WAIT.



...WHILE **TAKING THEM OFF** YOUR **FLESH!**

PLACES TO GO, **ANDROIDS** TO SEE.

I RAN **IN PLACE**, AND **HE'S GLAD I DID!**

BY THE TIME I HIT THE CANAL, MY GEAR WAS RAISING BLISTERS WHERE THE CALLOUSES USED TO BE. THEN MY "EARZ" STARTED BUZZING.



THE MEDICONES WERE SPEAKING IN A FREQUENCY BEYOND ME. I'D HAVE TO PLAYBACK THE CONVERSATION LATER--BUT THEY HAD NOTICED THE TATTOOS.

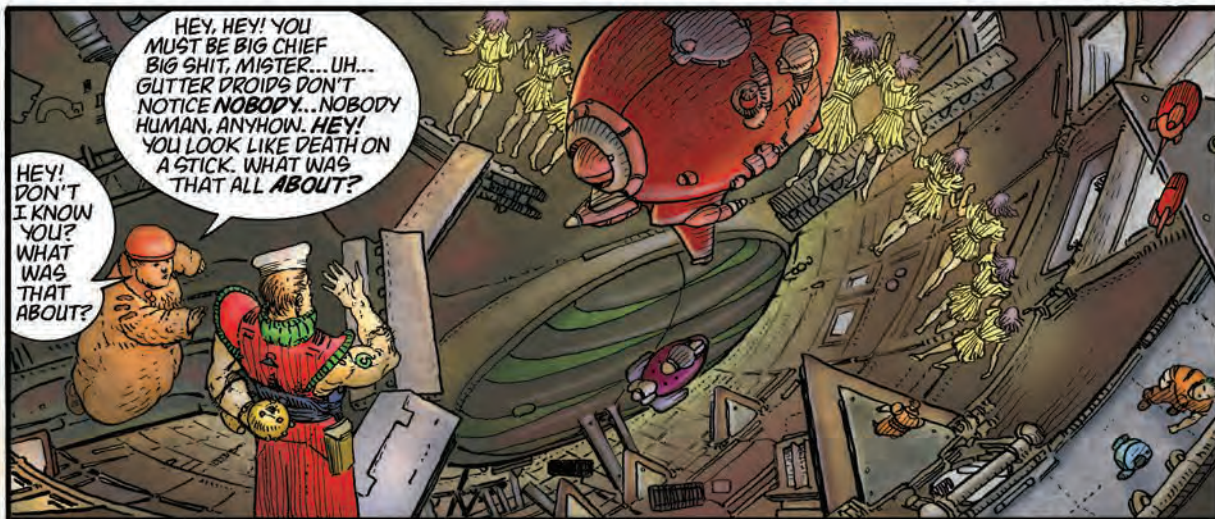


HE MUST HAVE HAD A JOB OUT-TOP. HE WAS WEARING A SKEEN. OFF-WORLDEERS DON'T WANT TO KNOW THAT THEIR BELLHOP'S BEEN ROGUED.



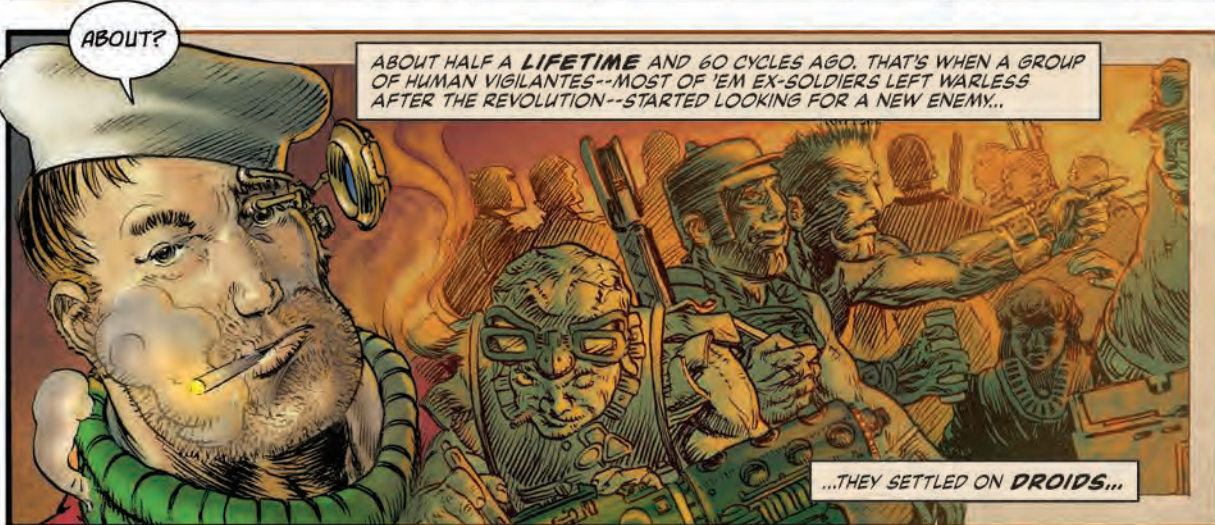
HEY, HEY! YOU MUST BE BIG CHIEF BIG SHIT, MISTER... UH... GUTTER DROIDS DON'T NOTICE NOBODY... NOBODY HUMAN, ANYHOW. HEY! YOU LOOK LIKE DEATH ON A STICK. WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

HEY! DON'T I KNOW YOU? WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?



ABOUT?

ABOUT HALF A LIFETIME AND 60 CYCLES AGO. THAT'S WHEN A GROUP OF HUMAN VIGILANTES--MOST OF 'EM EX-SOLDIERS LEFT WARLESS AFTER THE REVOLUTION--STARTED LOOKING FOR A NEW ENEMY...



...THEY SETTLED ON DROIDS...

...SPECIFICALLY, VERCADIAN PROTECTOR ANDROIDS AND THE ROGUE MEDICONES WHO BUILT THEM...



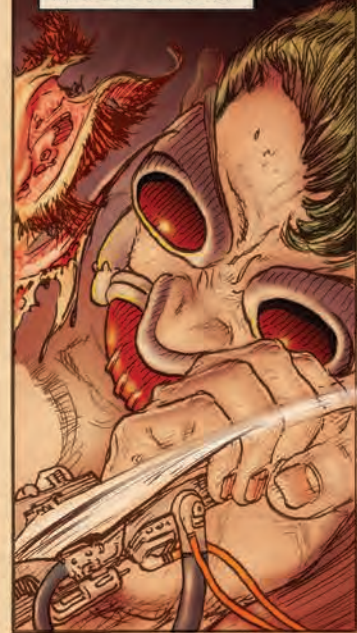
...BUT ANY DROID WOULD DO.

THESE BOYS SPECIALIZED IN THE SNEAK ATTACK. THEY'D LURE A DROID INTO A SITUATION WHERE IT HAD TO FIGHT OR DIE.

THEN THEY'D TAKE IT APART...



...PIECE BY PIECE.



BUILT TO DIE. WHO CARES?



MOST HUMANS DIDN'T AND SOME WOULD SAY DROIDS **CAN'T**, BUT I HAD MY DOUBTS... ENOUGH DOUBTS TO MAKE ME FIGHT FOR THE CYBERFORMS AGAINST THEIR HUMAN TORTURERS.



LIFE'S LIFE--WHETHER IT'S BURNED OR BAKED MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME.



IT MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO THE DROIDS.



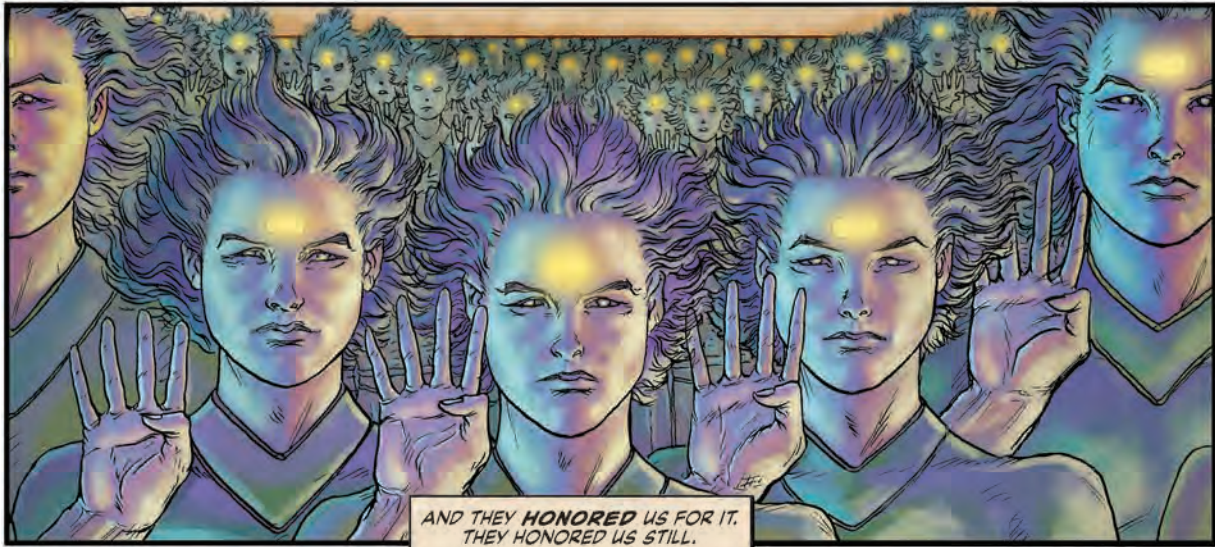
THE IDEA OF A HUMAN--ONE OF THEIR CREATORS--KILLING ANOTHER HUMAN TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A DROID WAS A HORRIBLE/BEAUTIFUL THING.



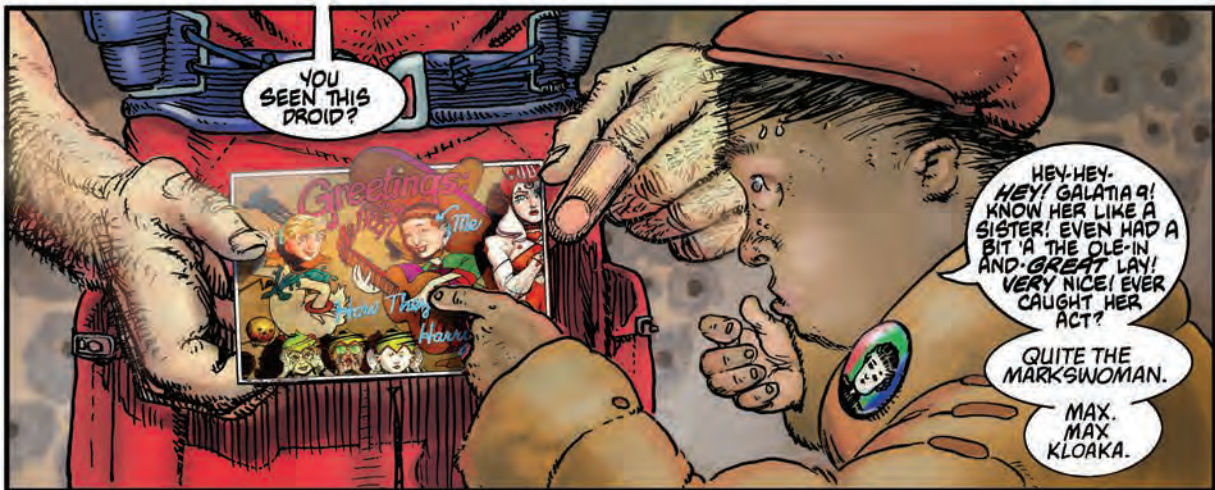
THOSE OF US WHO DID THEIR KILLING FOR THEM DURING THE DROID WARS BECAME MORE THAN HUMAN IN THEIR EYES.



WE WERE ANGELS IN LEAD BOOTS, OUR FEATHERS BLOODED AND OUR HALOS IN HOCK--BUT ANGELS, NEVERTHELESS.



AND THEY HONORED US FOR IT. THEY HONORED US STILL.



YOU SEEN THIS DROID?



HEY-HEY-HEY! GALATIA 9! KNOW HER LIKE A SISTER! EVEN HAD A BIT 'A THE OLE-IN AND GREAT LAY! VERY NICE! EVER CAUGHT HER ACT?

QUITE THE MARKSWOMAN.

MAX. MAX. KLOAKA.