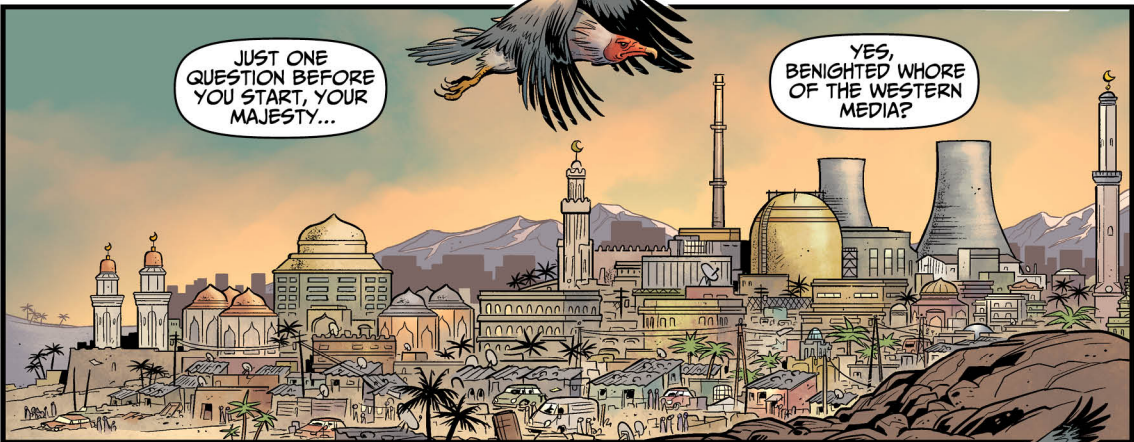


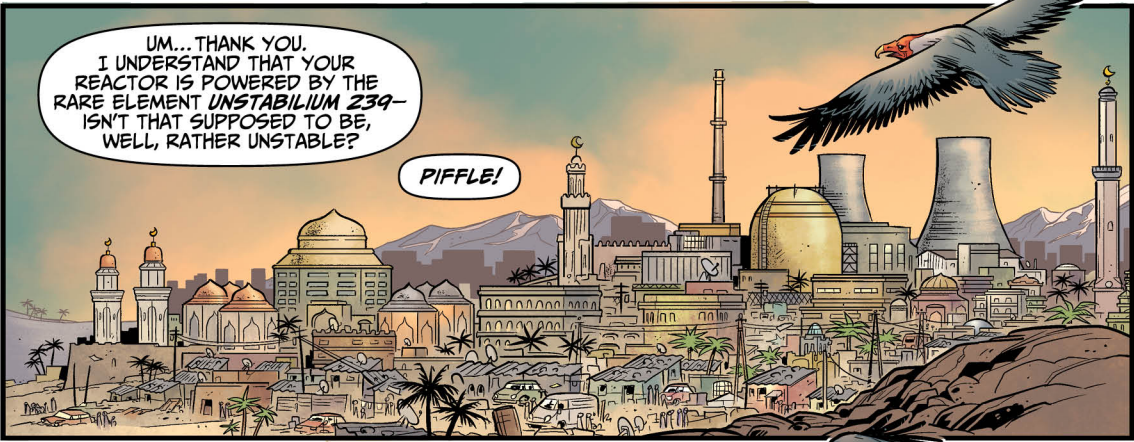
...OUR NATION'S FIRST  
**ATOMIC REACTOR** WILL BRING HEAT,  
LIGHT AND POWER TO THE BLESSED LAND  
OF **UNLIKLISTAN**—AND OUR NOBLE MONARCH  
**KING AHUK-AHUK-HAREM** WILL NOW THROW  
THE SWITCH THAT BEGINS ITS MAGNIFICENT  
**CHAIN REACTION...!**

THANK YOU,  
PROFESSOR  
DUBIOUS!



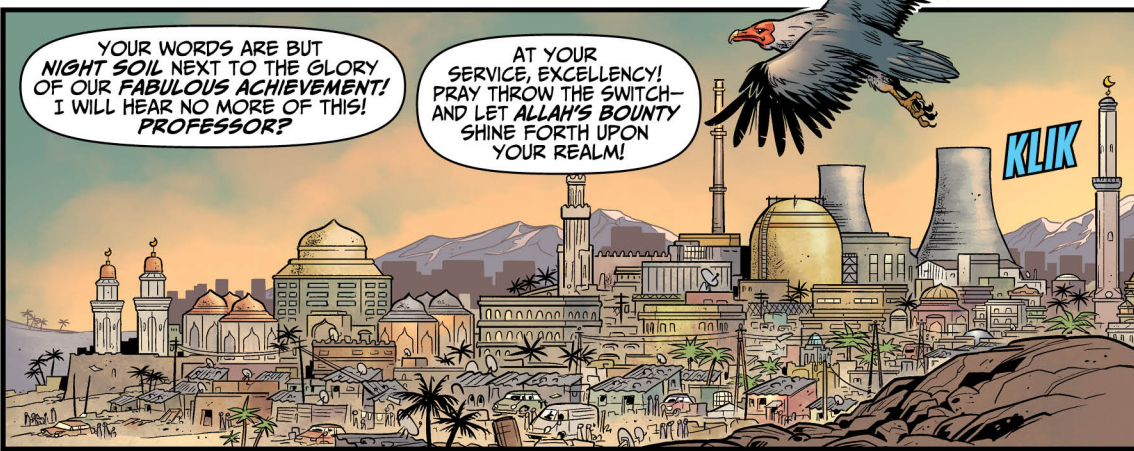
JUST ONE  
QUESTION BEFORE  
YOU START, YOUR  
MAJESTY...

YES,  
BENIGHTED WHORE  
OF THE WESTERN  
MEDIA?



UM... THANK YOU.  
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR  
REACTOR IS POWERED BY THE  
RARE ELEMENT **UNSTABILUM 239**—  
ISN'T THAT SUPPOSED TO BE,  
WELL, RATHER UNSTABLE?

**PIFFLE!**

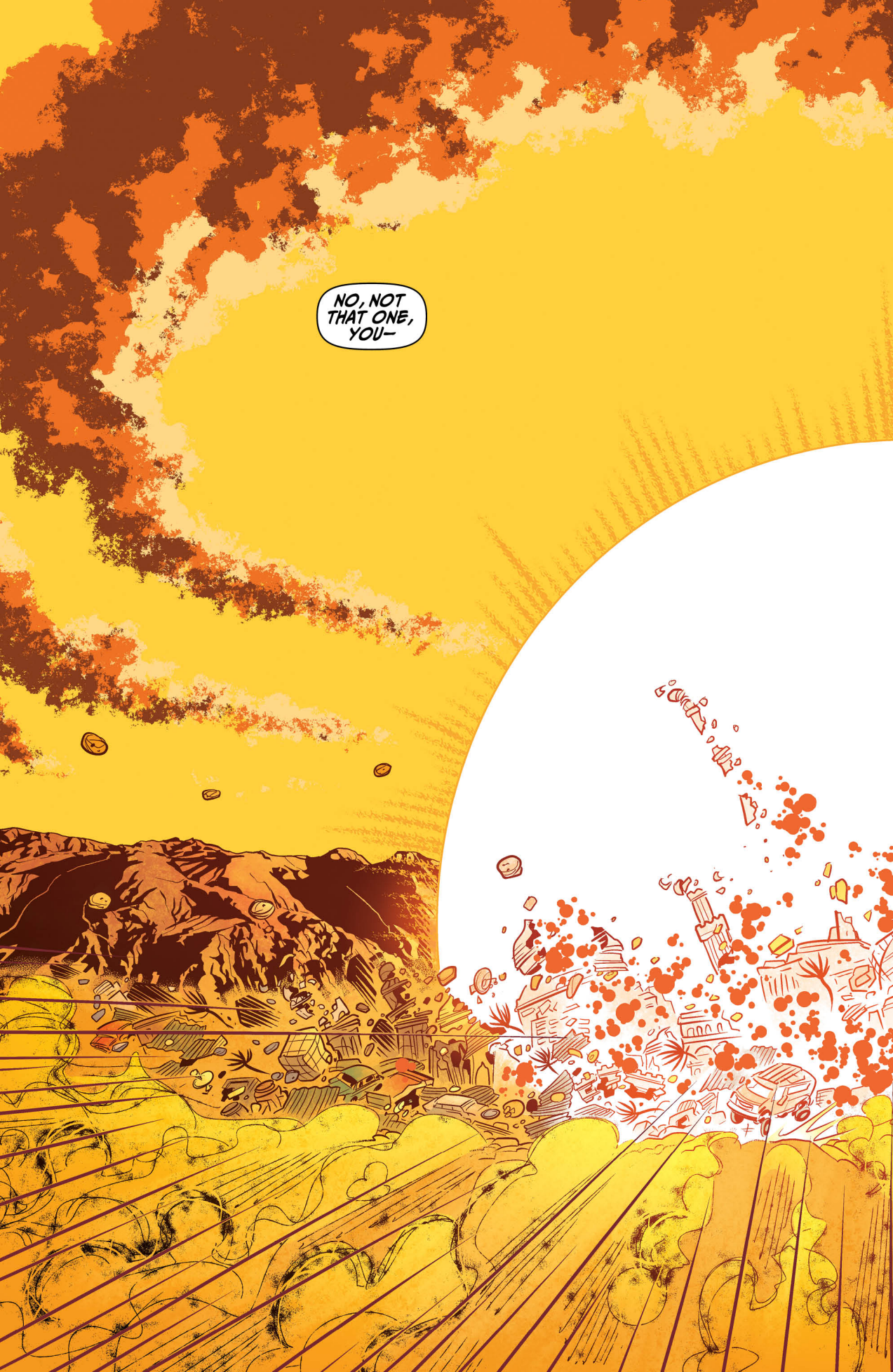


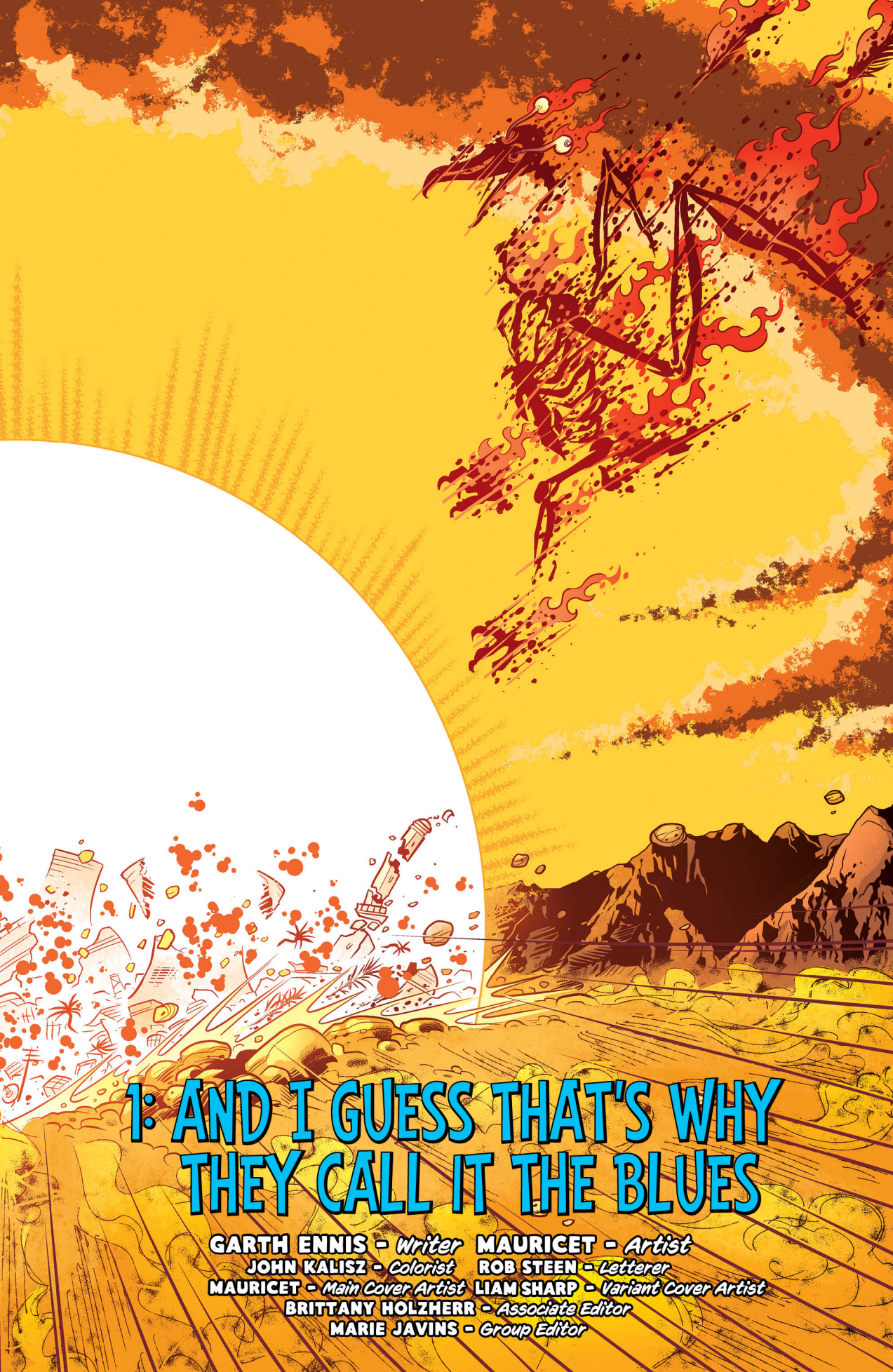
YOUR WORDS ARE BUT  
**NIGHT SOIL** NEXT TO THE GLORY  
OF OUR **FABULOUS ACHIEVEMENT!**  
I WILL HEAR NO MORE OF THIS!  
**PROFESSOR?**

AT YOUR  
SERVICE, EXCELLENCY!  
PRAY THROW THE SWITCH—  
AND LET **ALLAH'S BOUNTY**  
SHINE FORTH UPON  
YOUR REALM!

**KLIK**

NO, NOT  
THAT ONE,  
YOU—





# 1: AND I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE BLUES

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FIVE DAYS LATER,  
USAF RECONNAISSANCE  
FLIGHT SKEETER  
FOUR-NINER:

YOU  
BROUGHT YOUR  
DOG?!



ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR  
TINY MIND? DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY  
REGULATIONS YOU'VE BROKEN WITH THAT  
THING ABOARD THIS AIRCRAFT?

COME ON,  
DICK, YOU KNOW  
HE'S A GOOD  
OLD GUY...

DON'T DICK  
ME, CAPTAIN--!

LT COL R. ATCHERLY "DICK"  
CAPT D. MULLER "MUTT"



BUT IT'S LOW-  
LEVEL RECON, WE'RE  
NOT GONNA NEED  
OXYGEN...

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!  
**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED,**  
THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE  
TAUGHT IN TRAINING!



GIVE ME  
STRENGTH! A DOG!  
A DOG!

AW, YOU SHOULD  
SEE HIM, HE'S HAVIN'  
A REAL GOOD TIME--  
HRCH-HRCH-HRCH-  
HRCH-HWEEENN





DEAR LORD, THAT LAUGH--!

HRCH-HRCH-HRCH-HRCH-HWEEENN

A TOP-SECRET MISSION ENTRUSTED TO US BY THE GENERAL HIMSELF! NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT WE'RE OPERATING IN UNLIKLISTANI AIRSPACE--WHICH IS NOT ONLY BORDERED BY SEVERAL HOSTILE NATIONS, IT'S CURRENTLY COMPLETELY IRRADIATED...!



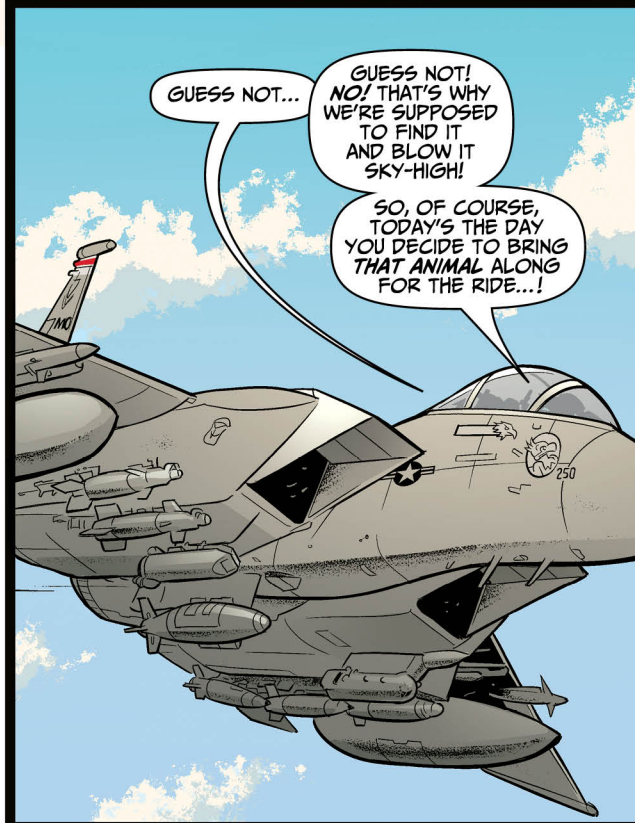
WELL IF IT'S IRRADIATED, WE AIN'T LIKELY TO BE GETTIN' TOO MANY VISITS FROM THE BOYS IN THEM HOSTILE NATIONS...

NICE THEORY! EXCEPT THAT THE LOCALS AROUND HERE ARE ALL COMPLETE LUNATICS!



IF THEY GOT WIND OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, THEY'D THINK NOTHING OF SENDING IN A FEW SUICIDE SQUADS TO RETRIEVE IT!

THAT DRONE THAT WAS SENT TO INSPECT THE DISASTER SITE, IT DISAPPEARED WITH THE VERY LATEST SURVEILLANCE PACKAGES ON BOARD! YOU WANT TECHNOLOGY LIKE THAT FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF AMERICA'S ENEMIES?



GUESS NOT...

GUESS NOT! NO! THAT'S WHY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FIND IT AND BLOW IT SKY-HIGH!

SO, OF COURSE, TODAY'S THE DAY YOU DECIDE TO BRING THAT ANIMAL ALONG FOR THE RIDE...!

