



--BUT I THINK... YEAH. WE'RE OFFICIALLY CLEAR. THE SAMPLE'S LOADED AND READY FOR TRANSPORT.

GOOD. START THE ASCENT PROGRAM.



EZEKIEL, PREP OUR SHIP. AS SOON AS THE PROBE COMES BACK, WE'RE TRANSFERRING THE ORE AND LEAVING.

COMMANDER. WHAT ABOUT THE EDWARD SITUATION?

HE PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE FOR THETA AND IT COST HIM. THAT CAN'T GO UNANSWERED.



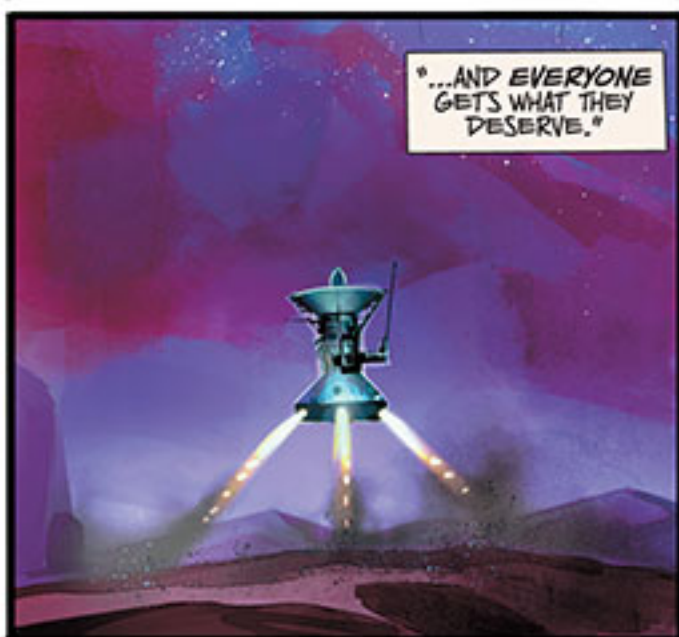
I KNOW. AS SOON AS WE GET OUR ANZINITE... I PROMISE YOU-- WE WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS KILLER.

AS LONG AS IT GETS DONE.



WE HAVE LIFTOFF. RENDEZVOUS TRAJECTORY PLOTTED. THE PROBE WILL BE BACK IN SEVEN HOURS.

JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER, EZEKIEL...



"...AND EVERYONE GETS WHAT THEY DESERVE."



THEY'RE
HERE FOR THE
ANZINITE.

OH...

AS THE ONLY
ONE HERE WITHOUT
A SCIENCE DEGREE,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
HUMOR ME. WHAT IS
ANZINITE?

IT'S A RADIOACTIVE,
ANZIUM-RICH ORE. THE
ANZIUM, WHEN IT'S
REFINED, CAN BE USED
IN FTL DRIVES.



RIGHT, BUT CERTAIN *EXTREMELY* RARE TYPES
OF THE ORE CAN BE REFINED AND ENRICHED TO
PRODUCE A BLAST YIELD TEN THOUSAND TIMES
MORE POWERFUL THAN THE BIGGEST HYDROGEN
BOMB. THAT'S "EXTINCTION LEVEL EVENT"
POWERFUL.

APPARENTLY, WE'VE
STUMBLERD ON THAT
KIND.



"APPARENTLY"? YOU
REVIEWED ALL THE
PROBE REPORTS,
ANNABELLE--

AND I'VE
NEVER SEEN THIS ONE
BEFORE. UP UNTIL NOW,
ALL THE ANZINITE WE'VE
FOUND HAS BEEN
COMMON.



IT DOESN'T REALLY
MATTER AT THIS POINT
THOUGH, RIGHT? WE
CAN'T LET THEM GET
AHOLD OF THIS.

WE'VE GOT
SEVEN HOURS UNTIL
THE PROBE COMES
BACK. I STILL THINK
THE PLAY IS GETTING A
MESSAGE TO ANTARES
AND EARTH. THEY CAN
GET AN ARMADA
OUT HERE.

GUS? WHAT DO YOU THINK THE EXTENT OF THE COMMS DAMAGE IS?

BEST GUESS IS THEY KNOCKED OUT MOST OF THE DISH ARRAY. THAT'S THEIR USUAL M.O.

BUT I GREW UP HACKING TOGETHER SATELLITES. I GET OUTSIDE THE SHIP... I CAN FIX WHATEVER THEY'VE TAKEN OUT. IF WE COORDINATE IT RIGHT, SOMEBODY ELSE CAN SEND A MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE.

I'LL DO IT. THAT WAY, I CAN TRANSMIT THE FULL DATA REPORT. ANTARES AND EARTH NEED TO SEE JUST HOW DIRE THIS IS.

THIS IS... WELL, GREAT AND ALL, BUT, UH, THIS ASSUMES WE CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY OUT OF THIS ROOM FIRST.

AND A WAY TO DEAL WITH THE GUARDS.

WHEN THEY LET YOU GET SUPPLIES FROM YOUR LAB... YOU HAPPEN TO GRAB ANY OF THAT CAROPENTAL?

"WELL, IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN VERY PRETTY..."