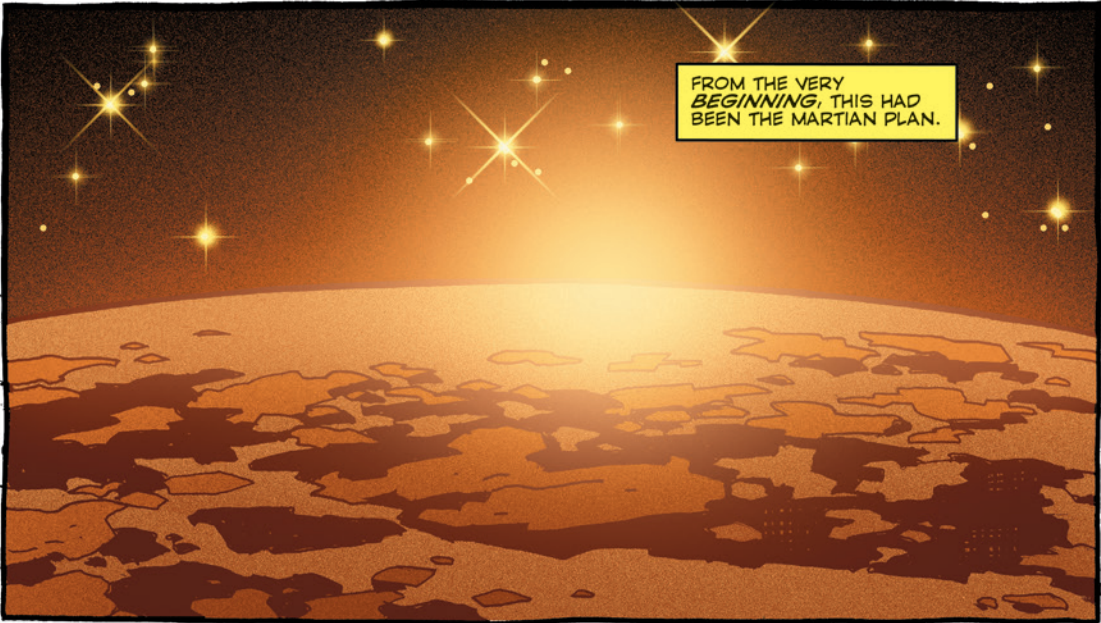




THE PLANET EARTH.

THE YEAR 20 A.I.*

(*AFTER INVASION.)



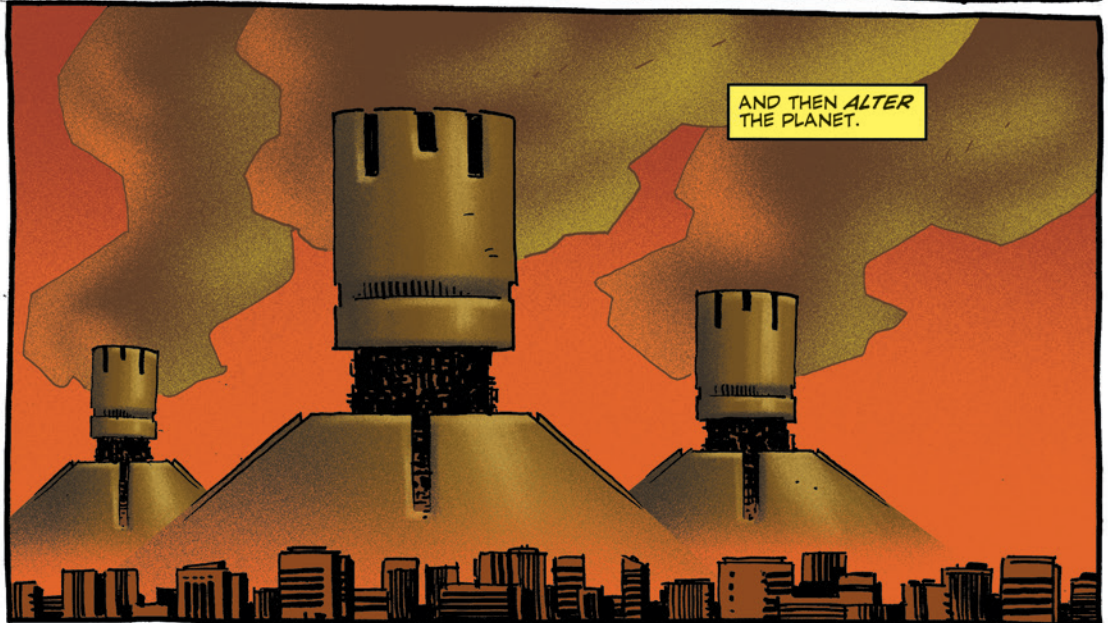
FROM THE VERY
BEGINNING, THIS HAD
BEEN THE MARTIAN PLAN.



ATTACK THE PLANET.



OCCUPY THE PLANET.



AND THEN ALTER
THE PLANET.

WITHIN TWENTY YEARS THE ENSLAVED HUMANS WOULD RECONSTRUCT THE RUINED HUMAN CITIES OF PLANET EARTH TO BE IN MARS' OWN IMAGE.



WITHIN TWENTY YEARS THE TERRAFORMING FACILITIES WOULD REMAKE THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE INTO SOMETHING FAR MORE HOSPITABLE TO MARTIANS.



AND FAR MORE LETHAL TO HUMANS.



TWENTY YEARS WAS A LONG TIME, BUT SUPREME SECTOR OVERSEER ZAR COULD SEE THE MARTIAN FUTURE CLEARLY.

<AND THE MARTIAN FUTURE IS BRIGHT!*>

*TRANSLATED FROM MARTIAN, THE WORST LANGUAGE IN THE UNIVERSE!





ZAR REPORTED AS MUCH TO MARTIAN HIGH COMMAND.

<OUR REBUILDING EFFORTS ARE PROCEEDING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.>

<OUR PRIMARY TERRAFORMING PLANT IS OPERATING AT 110 PERCENT CAPACITY.>

<THIS IS A TURNING POINT FOR THE OCCUPATION.>

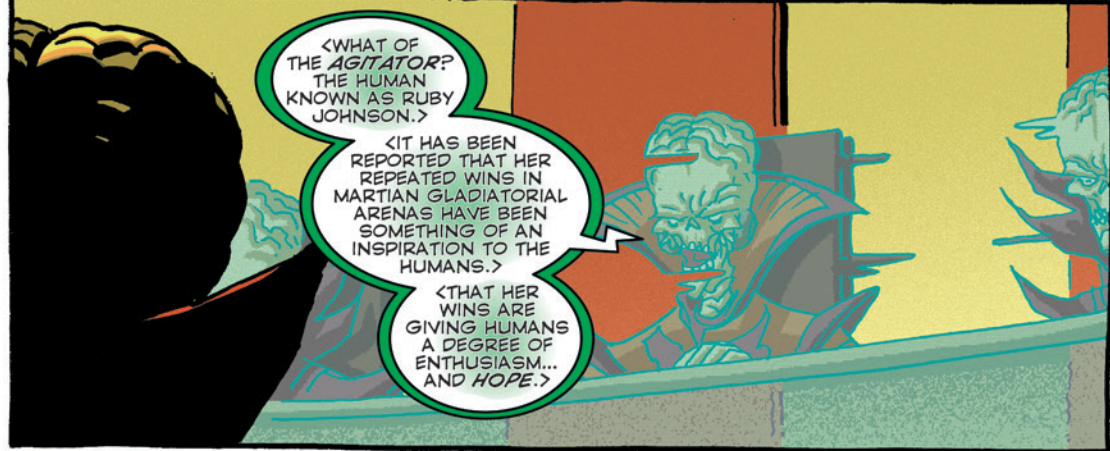
AND ZAR WAS CORRECT.



THIS WAS A TURNING POINT FOR THE MARTIAN OCCUPATION.

<MORE IMPORTANTLY, MARTIAN GROUND TROOP MORALE IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.>

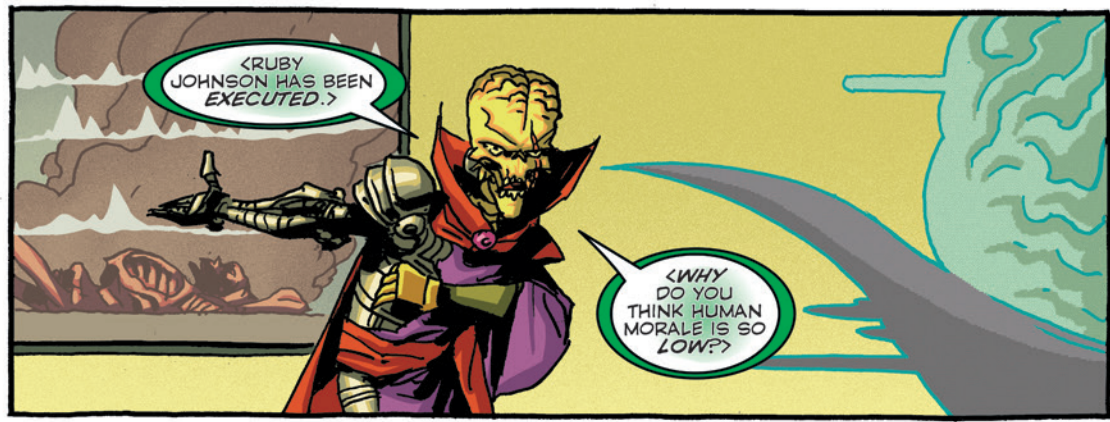
<WHILE MORALE OF THE HUMAN SUPPLICANTS IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW.>



<WHAT OF THE AGITATOR? THE HUMAN KNOWN AS RUBY JOHNSON.>

<IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT HER REPEATED WINS IN MARTIAN GLADIATORIAL ARENAS HAVE BEEN SOMETHING OF AN INSPIRATION TO THE HUMANS.>

<THAT HER WINS ARE GIVING HUMANS A DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM... AND HOPE.>



<RUBY JOHNSON HAS BEEN EXECUTED.>

<WHY DO YOU THINK HUMAN MORALE IS SO LOW?>

"<I SAW TO IT MYSELF.>

"<NOT ONLY THAT, I'VE COMMANDED THAT THE EXECUTION BE BROADCAST ON AN INFINITE LOOP ACROSS EVERY HOLOSCREEN IN THE SECTOR.>

"<HUMANS ARE NATURALLY A **REBELLIOUS** SPECIES. SUBMITTING TO AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL OCCUPATION FORCE IS NEVER SOMETHING THAT WAS GONG TO COME EASILY TO THEM.>

"<BUT IF YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR **HOPE**, YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR **FIGHT**.>"

VRRRZZ

?!?

<AND YOU PLEDGE THAT **EVERYTHING** YOU'VE REPORTED IS CORRECT AND TRUE, SUPREME SECTOR OVERSEER ZAR?>

<IT /S. I SWEAR BY MY COMMAND TITLE AND RANK. I SWEAR BY MY LIFE.>

<THEN HOW DO YOU **EXPLAIN** WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NEW NOACHIS LABOR CAMP OMICRON-FIVE?>

<WHAT?>

<WHAT'S HAPPENING? SOME SORT OF HUMAN **RESISTANCE**?>

<**NOT** RESISTANCE, ZAR.>