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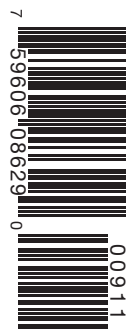
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Part I

It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those operating on the fringes, there is potential for profit.

Rogue archaeologist Chelli Aphra briefly teamed up with Luke Skywalker and his friends to reactivate the Rur Crystal, an artifact with the consciousness of an ancient Jedi. But when that endeavor led to them escaping only due to Luke's affinity with the force, they decide it's best to go their separate ways.

Now, still in possession of the newly-reactivated Rur crystal, it's time to get back to what Aphra does best: Get rich or die trying....

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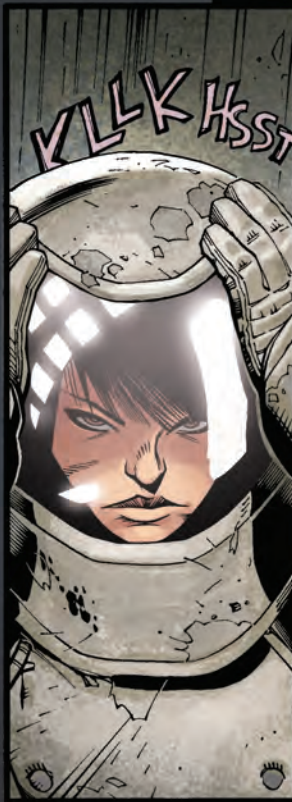


IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, LIGHT THE FUSE AND TAKE COVER.

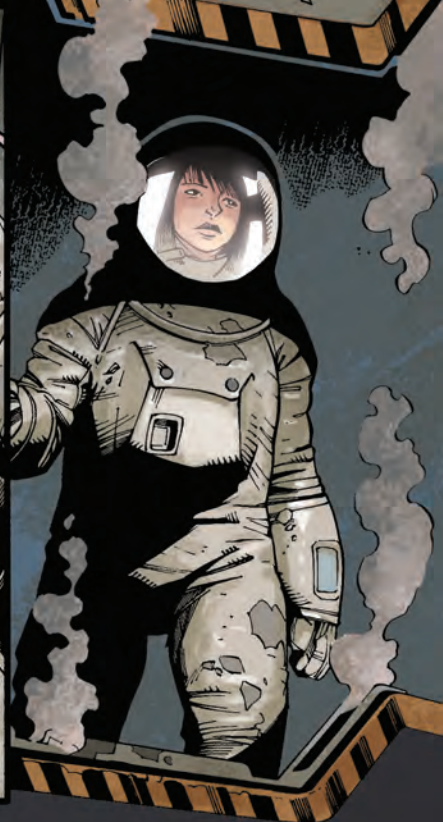
HOW QUANT, MASTER APHRA.

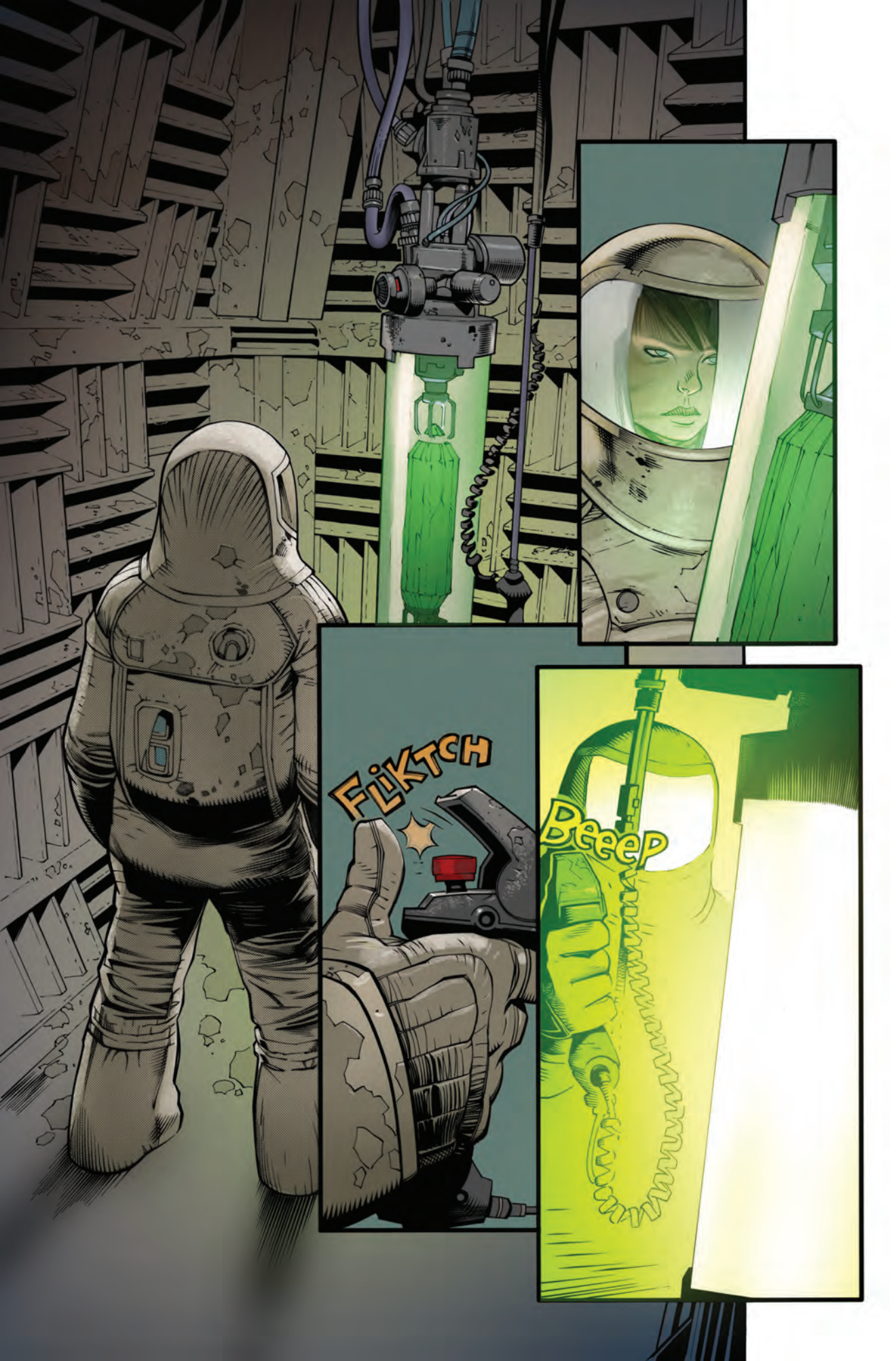
DON'T MOCK, TRIPLE-ZERO. THIS IS FOR YOUR PROTECTION.

IT HAS TO BE CHEMICALS ONLY. NO ELECTRONICS.



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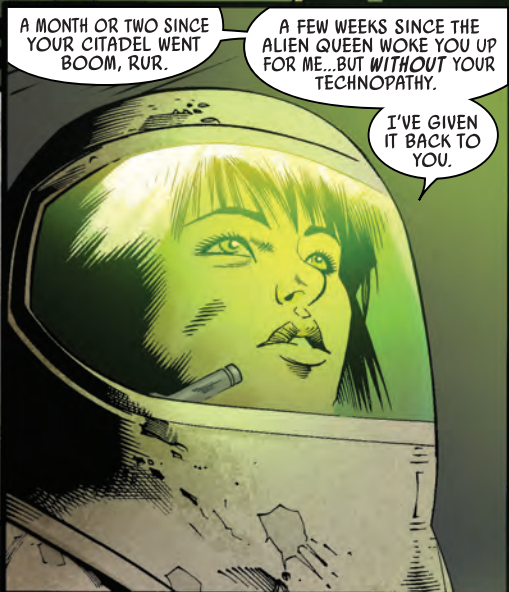


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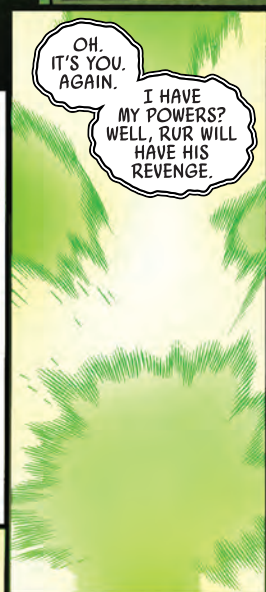
WH... WHERE AM I?
WHEN AM I?



A MONTH OR TWO SINCE YOUR CITADEL WENT BOOM, RUR.

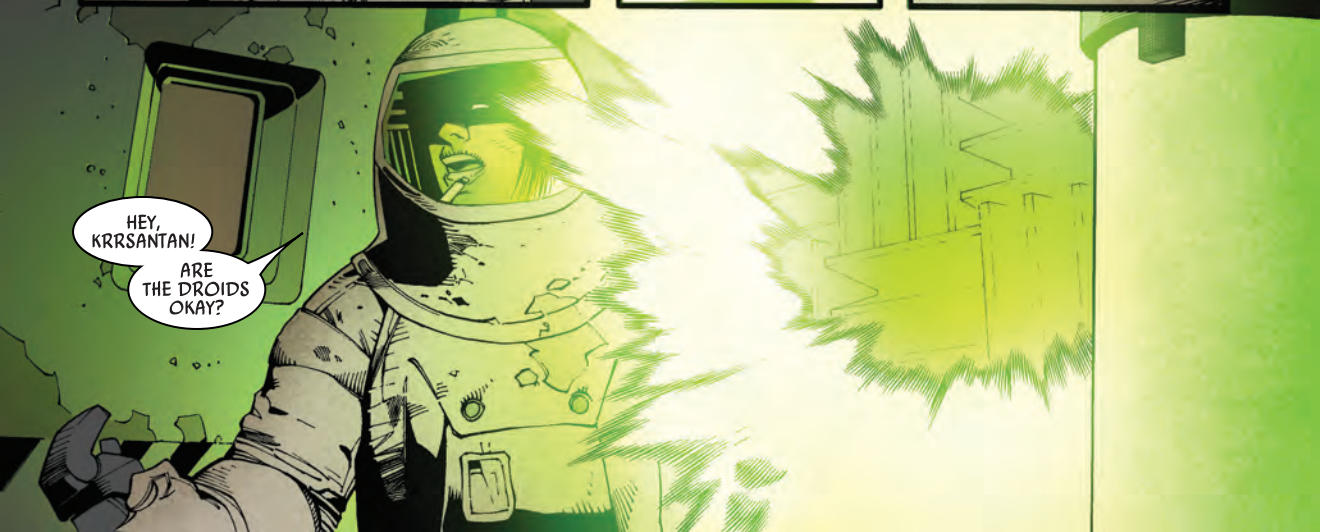
A FEW WEEKS SINCE THE ALIEN QUEEN WOKE YOU UP FOR ME...BUT *WITHOUT* YOUR TECHNOPATHY.

I'VE GIVEN IT BACK TO YOU.



OH. IT'S YOU. AGAIN.

I HAVE MY POWERS? WELL, RUR WILL HAVE HIS REVENGE.



HEY, KRRSANTAN!
ARE THE DROIDS OKAY?

HRRRRGGGHHH!

BLEEP!

YES, BEETEE. WE CAN SPEAK FOR OURSELVES, MASTER.

WE'RE PERFECTLY FINE!

GOOD. GET IN HERE, TRIP...

I'M NOT SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.

I AM TERRIBLY FOND OF HAVING CONTROL OF MY OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.

THIS IS SCIENCE.

SCIENCE IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA.

YOU CAN'T DO THE OLD ROBO-CRAZY ON HIM, CAN YOU, RUR?

WELL, I THINK THIS COUNTS AS A SUCCESS FOR THE CONTAINMENT FIELD...

WHO ARE YOU?

AND WHAT DO YOU DESIRE FROM IMMORTAL RUR?

WELL...