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PREVIOUSLY...

On a far-distant planet, sexy-but-sadistic cyborg Superfecta 5 has brutally attacked the desert city of ZenZion at the behest of the despotic warlord Kavanaugh. With the leader of ZenZion murdered, his daughter Kathleen has turned to mercenary Daniel Cray for assistance. Though Cray believes there is no way ZenZion can avoid annihilation, he's agreed to introduce six students to the way of the sword.

Kathleen then plotted a pre-emptive strike aimed at Kavanaugh's sandship, the Gargantua, and begged Cray to accompany her. But the samurai refused. Soon, lost in the middle of a horrible sandstorm, Cray found himself in the exact spot where he had previously buried his own Malathane, as well as -- he thought -- his violent past.

As the small band of ZenZion "warriors" board the Gargantua, a betrayal at the hand of one of their own is revealed, and Cray must consider all options...



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WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN A SIGNAL BY NOW. SOMETHING'S WRONG.

THAT SWORD... THE MALATHANE. WHERE'D IT COME FROM, CRAY?



I FOUND IT IN THE SAND. AFTER THE STORM.



YOU FOUND IT. A SWORD LIKE THAT... ... WITH ALL THOSE NOTCHES...



ITS OWNER MUST HAVE BEEN ONE HELL OF A BADASS.



TRY THAT.



HOW'S IT FEEL?

OUTSTANDING.



MAYBE I'LL RUN SOME LAPS BEFORE DINNER.



IT WON'T STOP BLEEDING. THAT THING MUST HAVE HIT AN ARTERY.



O'BRIEN, WHERE'S THE SHIP'S FUEL DEPOT?

THIRD LEVEL. NEAR THE BACK.



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS IN THERE?

DIESEL. HIGH-OCTANE JELLY FOR THE FLAMETHROWERS. MAYBE SOME GASOLINE.

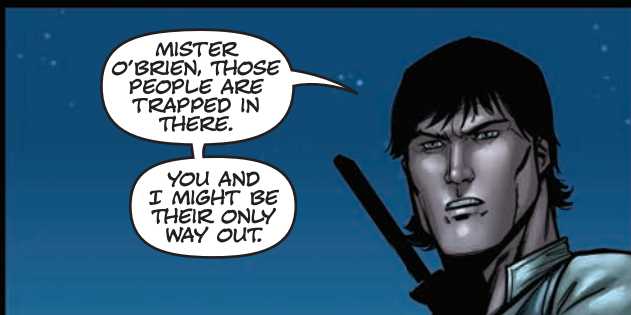


O'BRIEN, IF I GET YOU IN THERE, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN CREATE A DISTRACTION?

AN EXPLOSION OF SOME KIND?



I DOUBT THERE'S...



MISTER O'BRIEN, THOSE PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED IN THERE.

YOU AND I MIGHT BE THEIR ONLY WAY OUT.

