
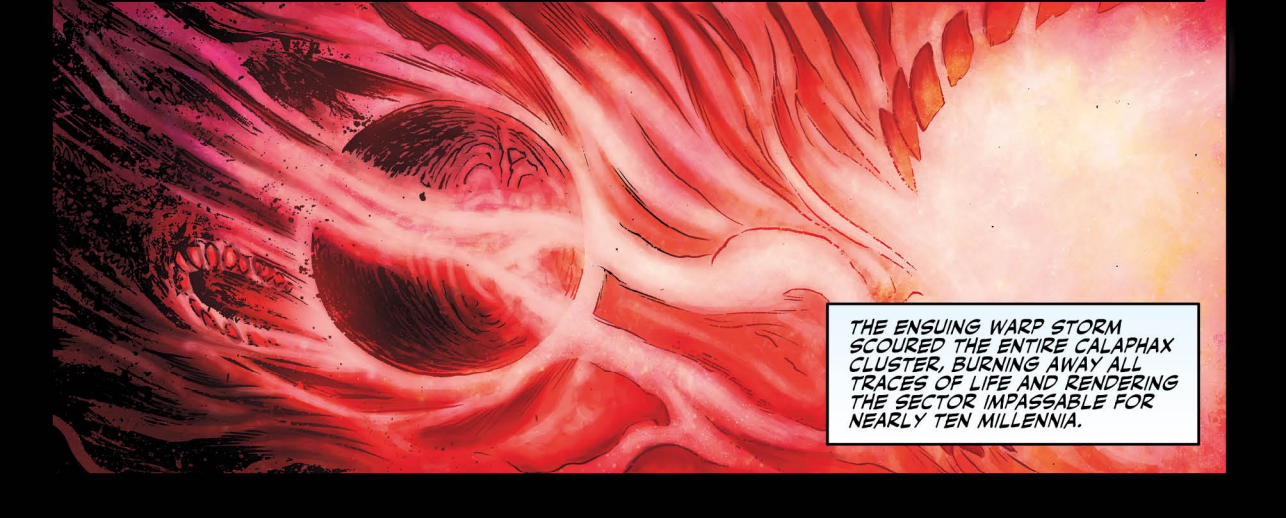




LEGEND TELLS THAT THE BATTLE  
FOUGHT HERE WAS OF A SCALE  
UNSEEN SINCE THE DARK DAYS OF  
PROSPERO. HERE, ON EXYRION,  
LEGION CLASHED WITH LEGION;  
BROTHER WITH BROTHER.



IT IS SAID THAT THE ENEMY  
DEPLOYED A WEAPON SO  
CATASTROPHIC THAT A  
MILLION LIVES WERE  
CLAIMED IN A SINGLE BLOW,  
AND THE RESULTING  
PSYCHIC HOWL CAUSED THE  
VOID ITSELF TO SUNDER.



THE ENSUING WARP STORM  
SCOURED THE ENTIRE CALAPHAX  
CLUSTER, BURNING AWAY ALL  
TRACES OF LIFE AND RENDERING  
THE SECTOR IMPASSABLE FOR  
NEARLY TEN MILLENNIA.

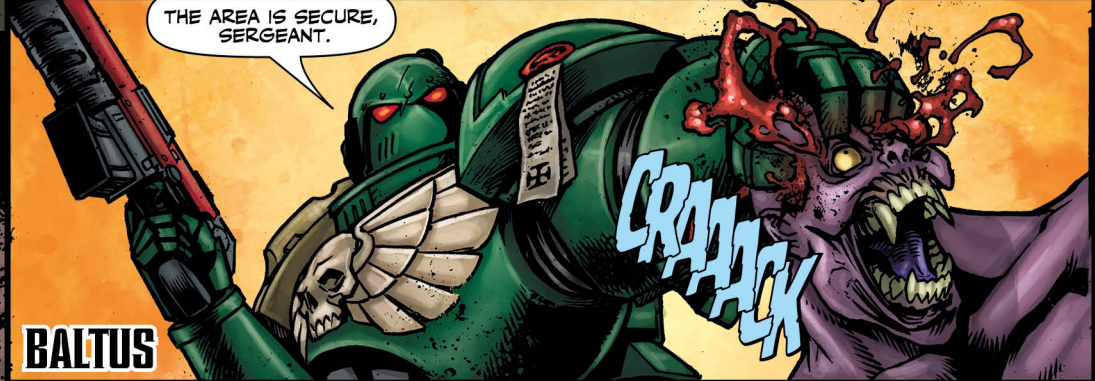


NOW, THE PLANET IS NOTHING BUT THE DOMAIN OF DEGENERATE WARP SPAWN AND A WASTELAND OF THE LONG DEAD.



**BRAPPA**

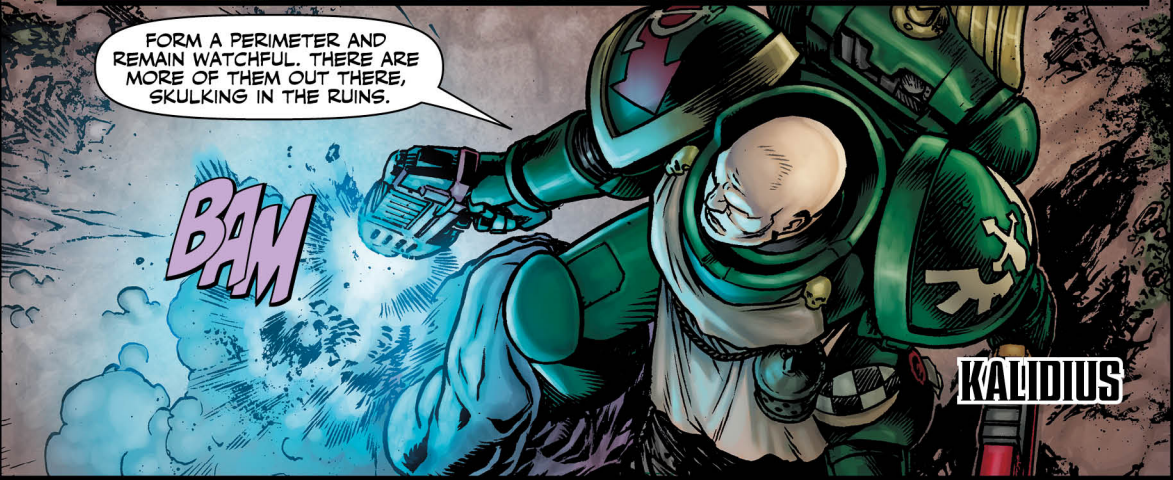
THE AREA IS SECURE, SERGEANT.



**BALTUS**

**CRACK**

FORM A PERIMETER AND REMAIN WATCHFUL. THERE ARE MORE OF THEM OUT THERE, SKULKING IN THE RUINS.



**BAN**

**KADDUS**



**PHAEDUS**

OVER HERE,  
SERGEANT.

PHAEDUS?

IT'S A  
THERMAL  
VENT. AND IT'S  
OPERATIONAL.

THERE'S  
SOMETHING ALIVE  
DOWN THERE?

I'M DETECTING  
MULTIPLE LIFE SIGNS.  
*THOUSANDS* OF  
THEM.

MORE OF  
THOSE WARP-SPAWNED  
VERMIN?

I CANNOT  
BE CERTAIN,  
BUT I DO NOT  
BELIEVE SO.

IT APPEARS TO BE AN  
UNDERGROUND CITY.  
A *HIVE*.

A *HIVE*?  
BENEATH THE  
GROUND?