

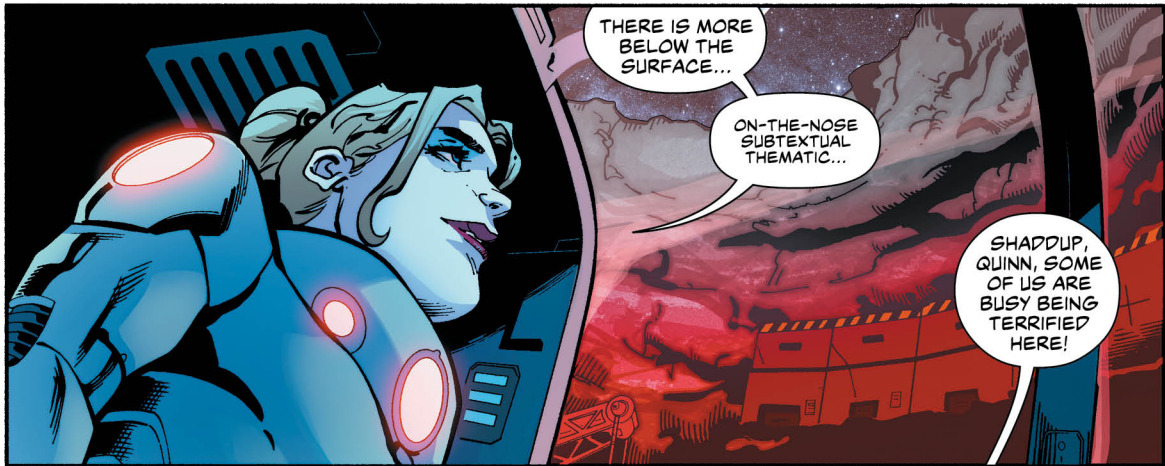


"SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE APOLLO MOON LANDINGS. ARMSTRONG. ALDRIN. THE OTHER GUYS..."

THE MOON.

"THEY WERE PART OF TASK FORCE X SECRET OPERATIONS REGARDING THIS SECRET MOON VAULT?"

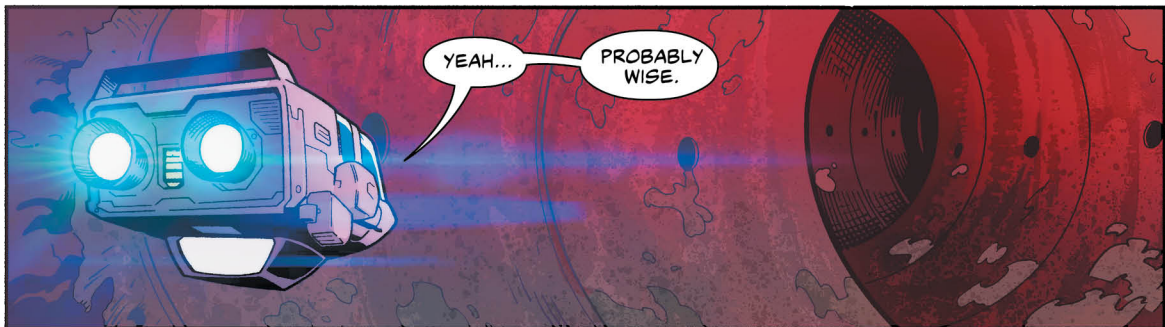
"THAT MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO LI'L OLE ME."



THERE IS MORE BELOW THE SURFACE...

ON-THE-NOSE SUBTEXTUAL THEMATIC...

SHADDUP, QUINN, SOME OF US ARE BUSY BEING TERRIFIED HERE!



YEAH...

PROBABLY WISE.



YOU BUILT THIS, FLAG?

WE DID. TASK FORCE X. DECADES AGO.

THE DECISION WAS MADE, WITH THE PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT, THAT WE COULDN'T RISK STORING WHAT EXTRATERRESTRIALS WE INTERCEPTED ON EARTH. IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS...



WHAT IF
THE MONSTERS
GOT OUT?

HAVE WE
SHRUNK?

NO.

THEN THAT'S
A **REALLY** BIG
DOOR,
MATE.



THE SECRET HISTORY OF TASK FORCE X PART 3

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LIKE JOHN EALES' HOUSE...

THERE ARE IMPACT DENTS IN THAT. PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO BREAK IN.

...AH...



PEOPLE HAVE TRIED, AND THEY'VE ALL FAILED. THE DOOR'S UNBREAKABLE AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE CODE.

KARIN... SEND THE SIGNAL... OPEN THE... NNNN

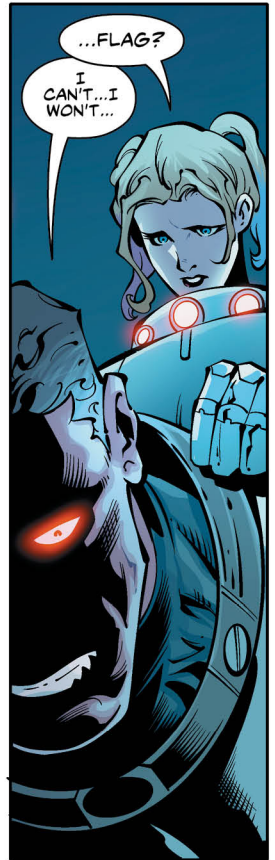
FLAG...?



THIS! THIS IS THE BIT! THE...THE THING...THE THING'S GONNA BURST OUTTA HIS STOMACH OR HIS BACK OR HIS...ARSE OR SOMETHING!

I'M TELLING YA, MATE! THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IN SPACE! THE BURSTING! THE BURSTING'S...

SHUT UP, BOOMERANG!



...FLAG?

I CAN'T...I WON'T...

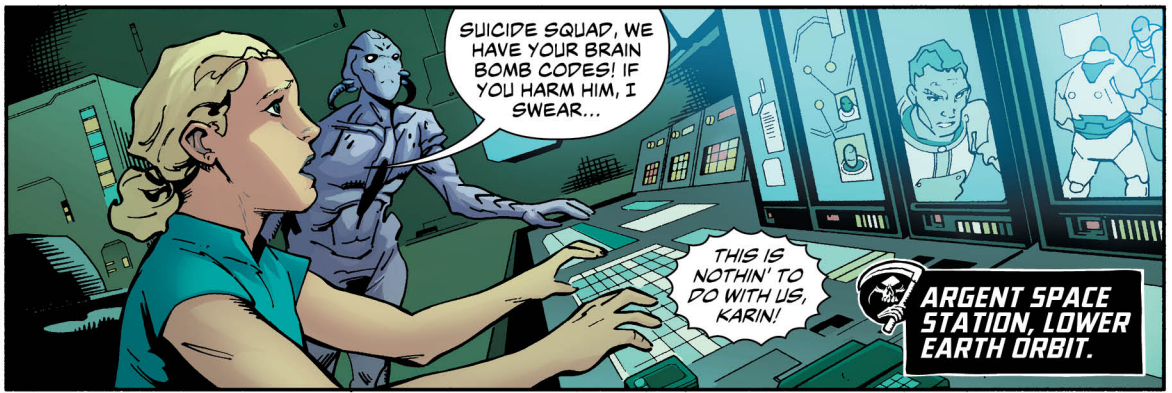


DON'T TOUCH ME!

THKKK

RICK! WHAT'S HAPPENING? ARE YOU OKAY?

RICK!



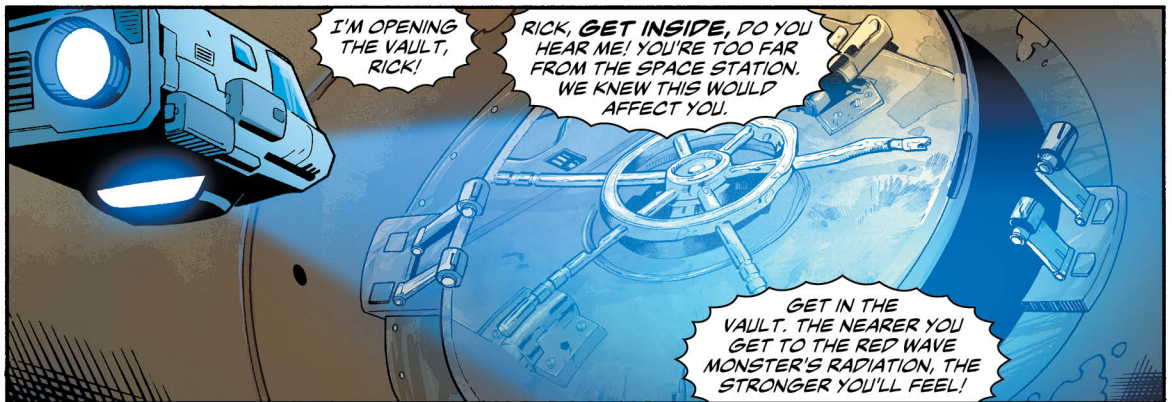
SUICIDE SQUAD, WE HAVE YOUR BRAIN BOMB CODES! IF YOU HARM HIM, I SWEAR...

THIS IS NOTHIN' TO DO WITH US, KARIN!

ARGENT SPACE STATION, LOWER EARTH ORBIT.



THE HEART...
...CANNOT...
...BE WHOLE.



I'M OPENING THE VAULT, RICK!

RICK, GET INSIDE, DO YOU HEAR ME! YOU'RE TOO FAR FROM THE SPACE STATION. WE KNEW THIS WOULD AFFECT YOU.

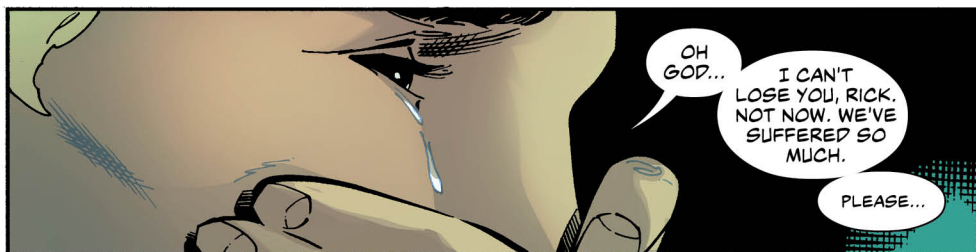
GET IN THE VAULT. THE NEARER YOU GET TO THE RED WAVE MONSTER'S RADIATION, THE STRONGER YOU'LL FEEL!



RICK...

PLEASE SPEAK TO ME...

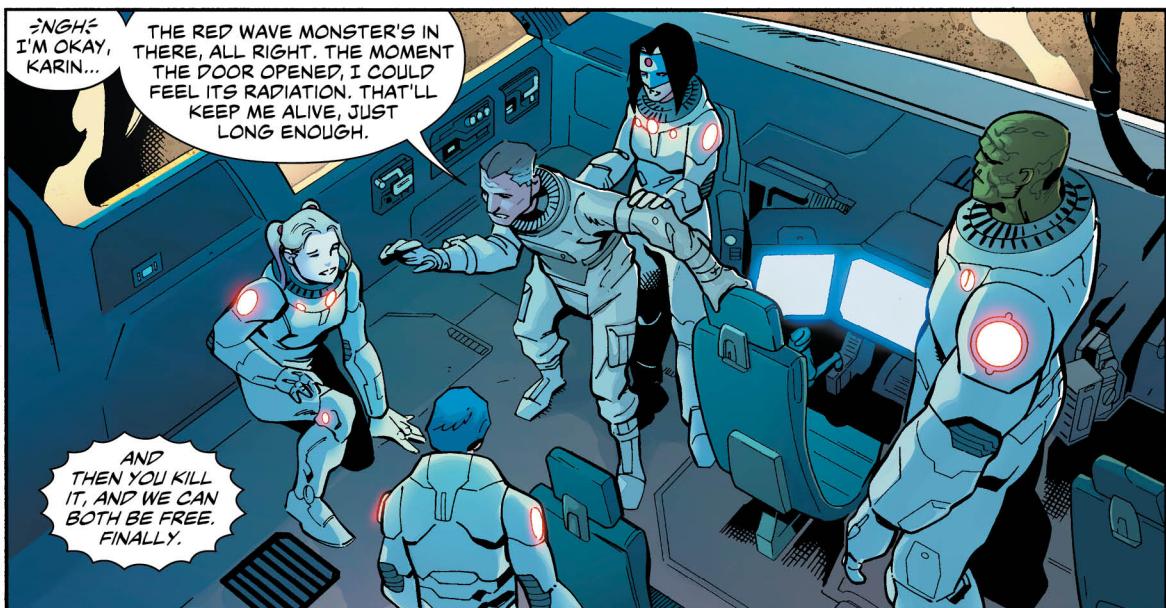
WE CALCULATED YOU'D BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THE JOURNEY WITHOUT AGING.



OH GOD...

I CAN'T LOSE YOU, RICK. NOT NOW. WE'VE SUFFERED SO MUCH.

PLEASE...



"NGH!
I'M OKAY,
KARIN..."

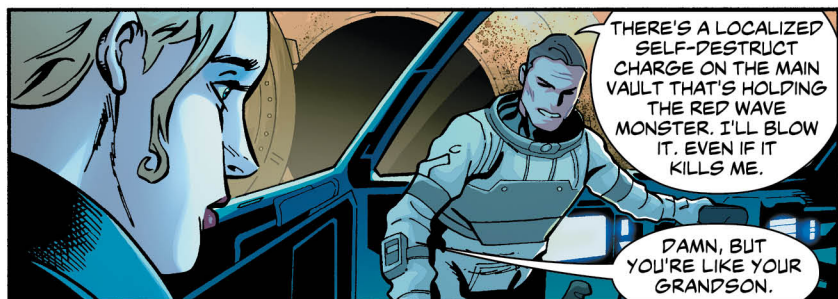
THE RED WAVE MONSTER'S IN
THERE, ALL RIGHT. THE MOMENT
THE DOOR OPENED, I COULD
FEEL ITS RADIATION. THAT'LL
KEEP ME ALIVE, JUST
LONG ENOUGH.

AND
THEN YOU KILL
IT, AND WE CAN
BOTH BE FREE.
FINALLY.



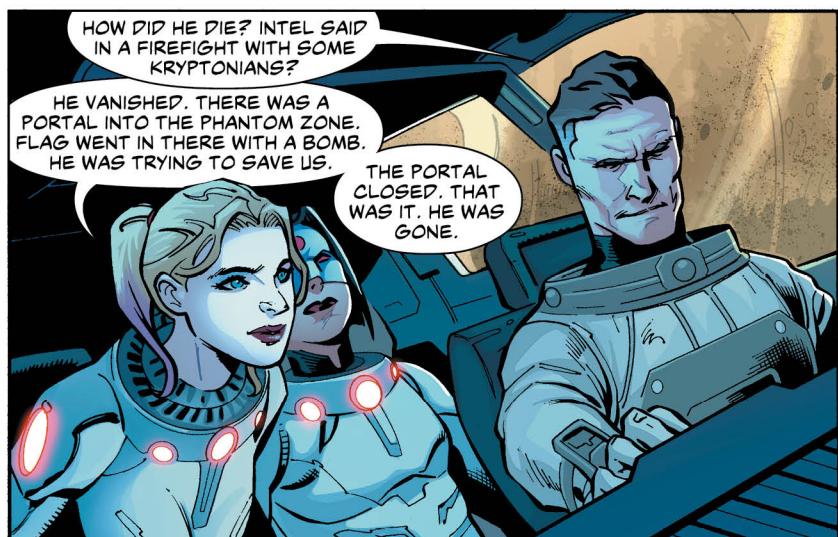
RICK?

...
SURE,
KARIN.



THERE'S A LOCALIZED
SELF-DESTRUCT
CHARGE ON THE MAIN
VAULT THAT'S HOLDING
THE RED WAVE
MONSTER. I'LL BLOW
IT. EVEN IF IT
KILLS ME.

DAMN, BUT
YOU'RE LIKE YOUR
GRANDSON.



HOW DID HE DIE? INTEL SAID
IN A FIREFIGHT WITH SOME
KRYPTONIANS?

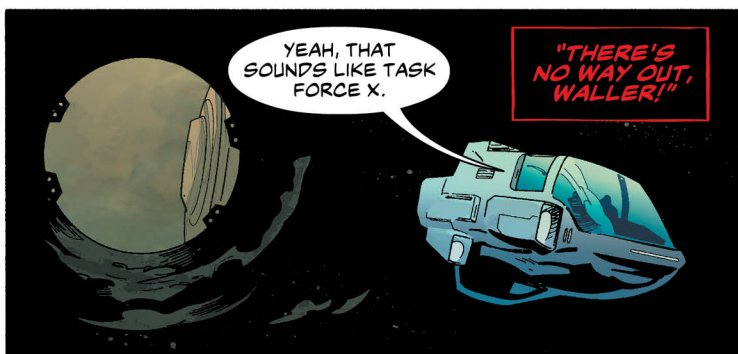
HE VANISHED. THERE WAS A
PORTAL INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE.
FLAG WENT IN THERE WITH A BOMB.
HE WAS TRYING TO SAVE US.

THE PORTAL
CLOSED. THAT
WAS IT. HE WAS
GONE.



HE DIED A
HERO?

...YEAH.



YEAH, THAT
SOUNDS LIKE TASK
FORCE X.

**"THERE'S
NO WAY OUT,
WALLER!"**

**TOP SECRET
AIRCRAFT
GRAVEYARD,
GROOM LAKE,
NEVADA.**

YOU GOT A PLAN TO GET OUTTA HERE, WALLER?

I HOPE YOU GOT A PLAN! 'COS WE SURROUNDED RIGHT NOW! NO WAY OUT TO YOUR PLANE!



EL DIABLO'S RIGHT! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THESE DAMN ZOMBIE ROBOTS! WE'RE SURROUNDED!

WE'RE ALL DOWN TO SECONDARY WEAPONS HERE, AND THERE AIN'T NO THIR'D!

PROTECT THE SECRETS!

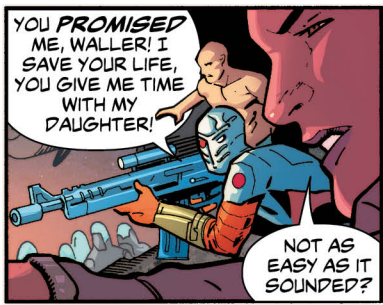
PROTECT ARGENT!



YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, DEADSHOT...

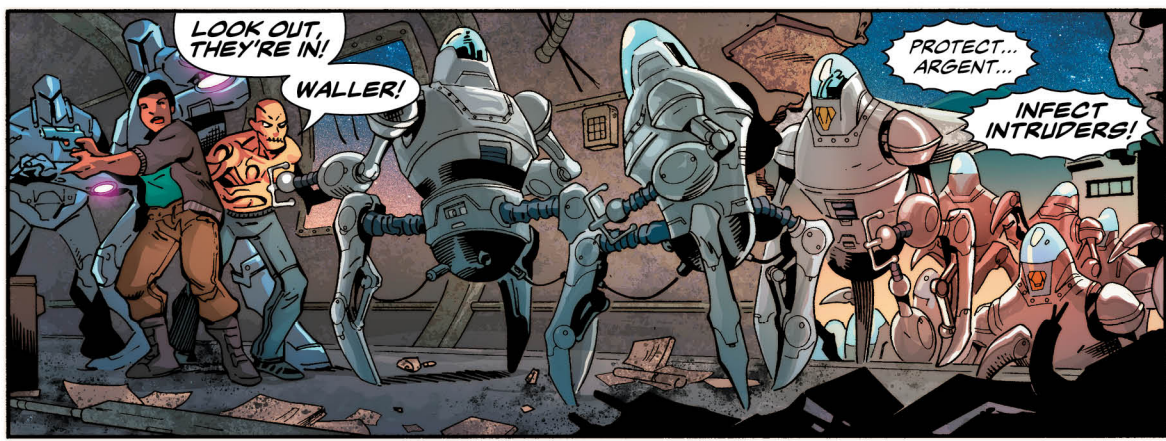
I ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN.

I SENT YOUR TEAM IN FIRST TO DRAW THE INEVITABLE BOOBY-TRAPS OUT INTO THE OPEN.



YOU PROMISED ME, WALLER! I SAVE YOUR LIFE, YOU GIVE ME TIME WITH MY DAUGHTER!

NOT AS EASY AS IT SOUNDED?



LOOK OUT, THEY'RE IN!

WALLER!

PROTECT... ARGENT...

INFECT INTRUDERS!