

REMEMBER CHILDREN; YOUR ACTIONS ARE A REFLECTION ON THE ENTIRE BROOD.

TRY TO FOCUS ON A SPECIFIC SUBJECT.

TRY TO LEARN SOMETHING.

BE BACK HERE BY 5. THE ZOO CLOSES EARLY TODAY.

CHILDREN!

DON'T RUN YOU LITTLE MONSTERS!

FIELD TRIPS ARE SO LAME.

TIMI IS A LIAR.

AND NOW I WANT KEBABS.

I DUNNO-- TIMI FROM THE 45TH SAYS MOST OF THE 46TH WERE EATEN BY A CETIAN HYDRA ON THEIR FIELD TRIP. IT GOBBLED THEM UP LIKE KEBABS.

YOU'RE RIGHT THESE THINGS ALWAYS TURN OUT BORING.

BORING?

DO YOU KIDS HAVE



WE'RE
ON A FIELD
TRIP TO THE
INTERGALACTIC
ZOO.

THE ZOO?

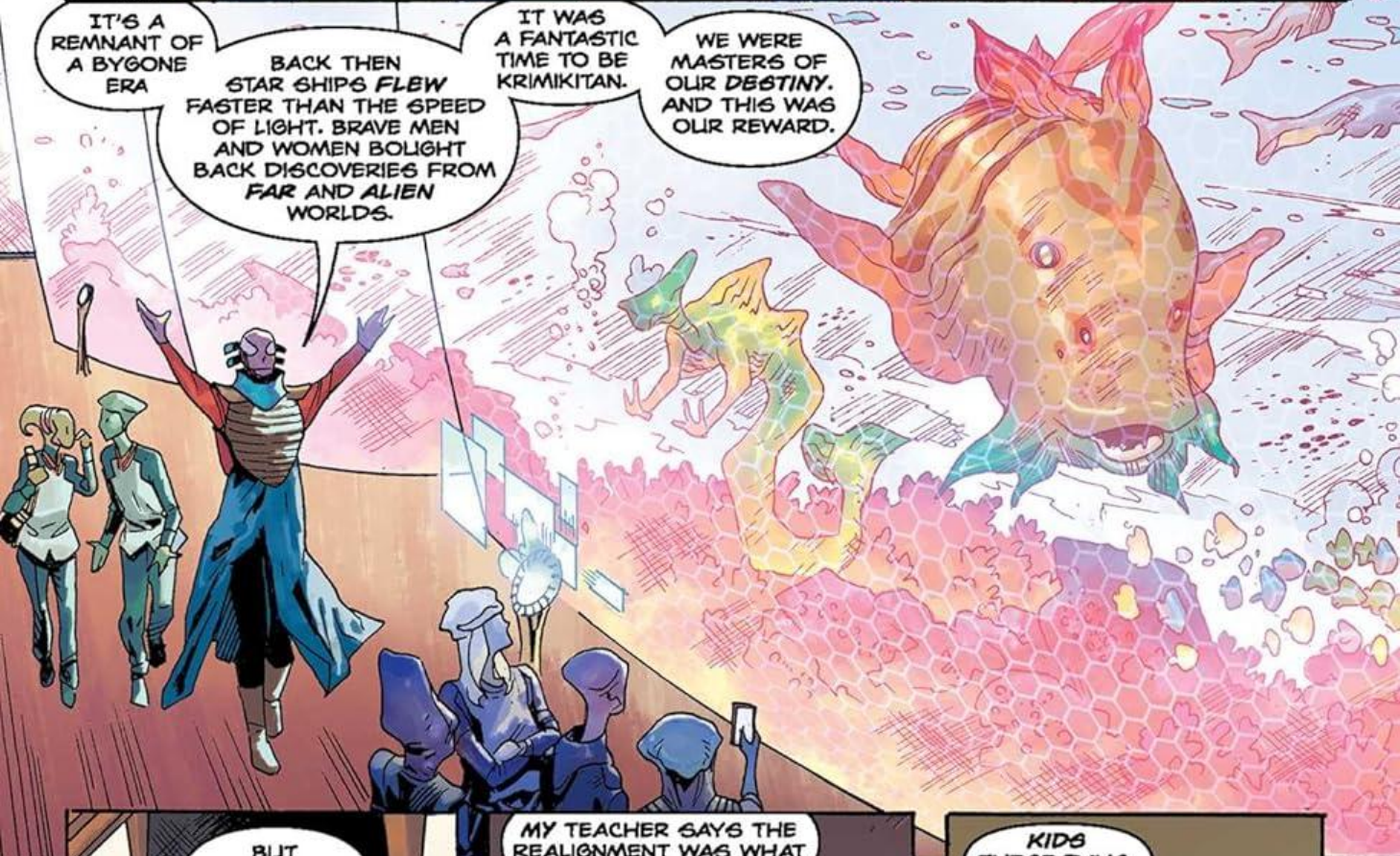
NO, THIS
IS MORE THAN
A MERE ZOO
--THIS IS A TIME
MACHINE!

IT'S A
REMNANT OF
A BYGONE
ERA

BACK THEN
STAR SHIPS FLEW
FASTER THAN THE SPEED
OF LIGHT. BRAVE MEN
AND WOMEN BOUGHT
BACK DISCOVERIES FROM
FAR AND ALIEN
WORLDS.

IT WAS
A FANTASTIC
TIME TO BE
KRIMIKITAN.

WE WERE
MASTERS OF
OUR DESTINY.
AND THIS WAS
OUR REWARD.



BUT
MOST OF
THESE CAGES
ARE EMPTY.

MY TEACHER SAYS THE
REALIGNMENT WAS WHAT
SAVED US.

AND WE'RE
HERE TO
LEARN ABOUT
THE KRIMIKITAN
OPPRESSION OF
NATURE.

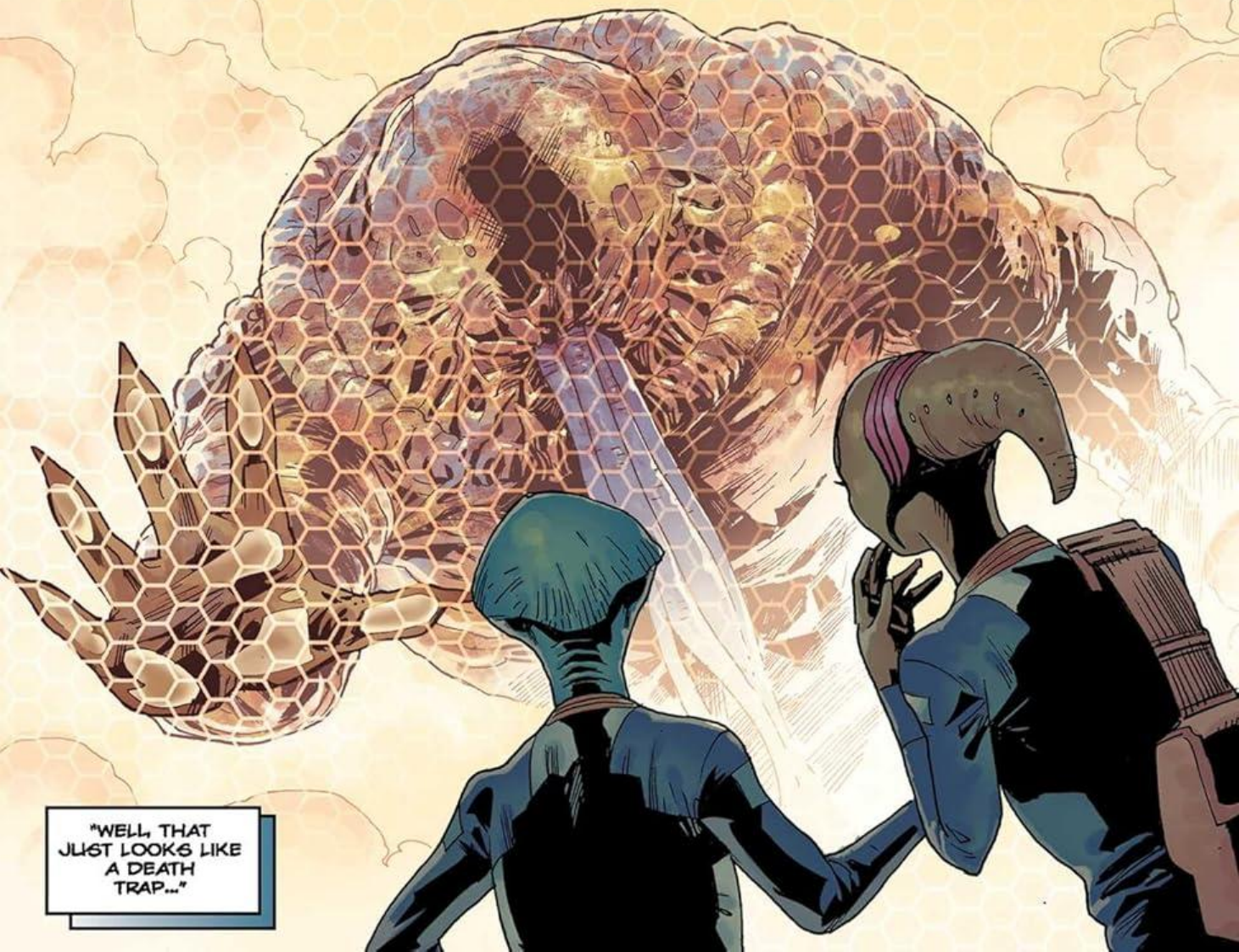
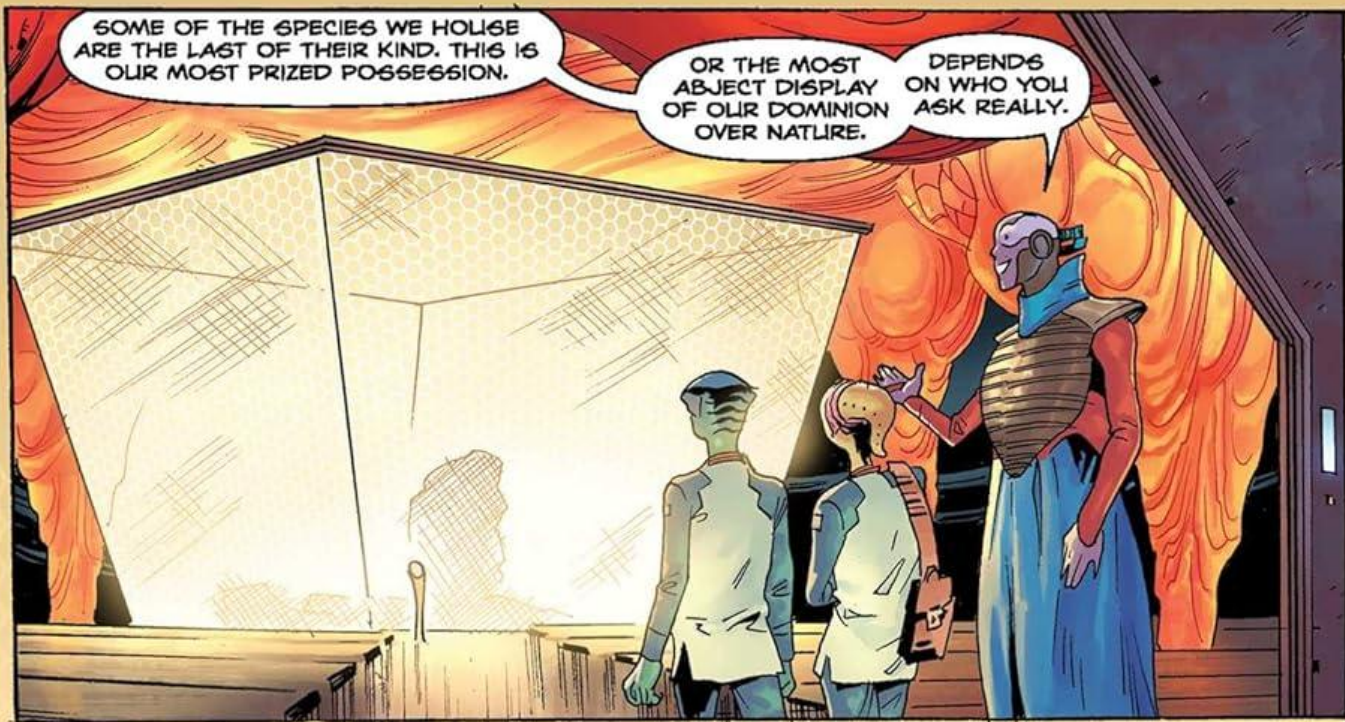
KIDS
THESE DAYS.
SO JADED--

VERY WELL,
ALLOW ME TO
SHOW YOU WHERE
WE KEEP THE
GOOD STUFF.

YOU
HAVE THE
REALIGNMENT
TO THANK FOR
THAT. OUR SHIPS
ARE BUT RUST
NOW.

AND IT'S
STILL BORING.
AT THIS POINT
WHO EVEN CARES
ANYMORE. IT'S
THE PAST.





The access wells

Level 131.

...YOU SURE
YOUR WORKERS
FOUND A BODY
DOWN THERE?

YES SIR. WE
CAME OUT HERE
TO DO SOME
SCHEDULED
MAINTENANCE
WORK.

THE BOYS
WERE HALFWAY
DOWN THE ACCESS
WELL WHEN THEY
SAW IT, INFORMED ME AND
I CALLED THE POLICE
RIGHT AWAY.

THEY'RE GOOD BOYS. THEY
WOULDN'T MAKE IT UP AND
TRUTH BE TOLD; IT WOULDN'T
BE THE *FIRST* BODY WE
FOUND IN AN ACCESS WELL.

SOME PEOPLE--THEY'D RATHER
KILL THEMSELVES THAN GO TO
A LIQUIDATION CENTER. IT'S ALL
A CRY FOR ATTENTION I THINK.

YOU
DID THE
RIGHT THING
CALLING
US.

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING,
GUNIGI?

I'M
THINKING I'M
TOO OLD TO
RAPPEL DOWN
TO A CRIME
SCENE...

...OR JUST
TOO FAT TO
FIT IN A
HARNES.

EITHER WAY,
I'M NOT GOING
DOWN THERE.

ARM'S
STILL ON THE
MEND.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?!

SO?

Sigh--
WHAT
ABOUT
HER?



ME SIR?!

YOU WERE FIRST ON THE SCENE RIGHT?

YES SIR. I SECURED THE AREA AND WAITED FOR THE SENIOR OFFICERS TO TAKE OVER.

LET'S SEE HERE. KOPA OF THE 42ND BROOD... CONSTABLE. HIGH MARKS IN MARKSMANSHIP AND THE REST...

WELL, IT'S GOOD. IT'S NOT BAD.



GET IN THE HOLE, KOPA. TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.

SIR I... I'M NOT QUALIFIED.

YOU QUESTIONING A SUPERIOR OFFICER, ROOKIE?



NO SIR, IT'S JUST PROTOCOL.

YOU WANT TO MAKE SERGEANT DON'T YOU?

WELL, HOW YOU GONNA DO THAT WITHOUT FIELD EXPERIENCE?



LISTEN--YOU SEEM LIKE A GOOD KID. LET ME HELP YOU OUT HERE. YOU DO A GOOD JOB AND WHO KNOWS, I'LL PUT IN A GOOD WORD, AND YOU'LL BE WAY AHEAD OF YOUR BATCH MATES.

WHAT DO YOU SAY? CAN YOU HANDLE IT?



I CAN HANDLE IT, SIR!



STARTING MY DESCENT.

IS MY RIG TRANSMITTING PROPERLY?

ALL GOOD. WE SEE WHAT YOU SEE.

KEEP GOING ROOKIE.



I'M ALMOST AT THE SITE. HANG ON. IT'S--I SEE SOMETHING.



BODY SEEMS TO HAVE LANDED ON SOME THICKER CABLES

EXTREME POSTMORTEM CALCIFICATION. ANY ENTRY WOUND WOULD ONLY SHOW ONCE THE EXTRA GROWTH HAS BEEN SHEARED AWAY.



BASED ON THE EXTENT OF CALCIFICATION HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE BODY'S BEEN THERE, ROOKIE?



I DON'T KNOW, SIR. THREE DAYS?

ANY I.D ON HIM?

DUNNO, IT MIGHT FALL IF I TRY TO SEARCH IT.

