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THE LAST STARFIGHTER™





"FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW ME, MY NAME IS *ALEX ROGAN*, AND I'M FROM THE *PLANET EARTH*."

"UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK AGO, THAT'S ALL I *THOUGHT* I'D EVER BE."



GREETINGS STARFIGHTER!

YOU HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY THE STAR LEAGUE TO DEFEND THE FRONTIER AGAINST XUR AND THE KO-PAN ARMADA!

"BUT THEN I GOT THE HIGH SCORE ON THIS VIDEO GAME."



"ONLY, IT *WASN'T* A GAME AT ALL..."

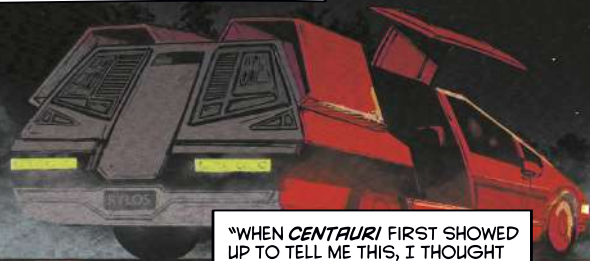
RECORD BREAKER!

"...IT WAS A *TEST*."



"DISPATCHED TO THE FAR CORNERS OF THE GALAXY, IT WAS DESIGNED TO FIND BEINGS WORTHY OF BECOMING *STARFIGHTERS*...

"...AN INTERSTELLAR PEACE-KEEPING FORCE BASED ON THE PLANET *RYLOS*.



"WHEN *CENTAURI* FIRST SHOWED UP TO TELL ME THIS, I THOUGHT HE WAS FULL OF IT.

"AS FAR AS MY SPECIES IS CONCERNED, WE'RE *ALONE* IN THE UNIVERSE.

"THE ONLY ALIENS WE EVER SEE ARE ON *STAR TREK*.

"TURNS OUT, WE'RE *NOT* ALONE. LIKE, AT ALL.



"THERE'S THOUSANDS OF WORLDS OUT THERE, FULL OF *LIFE*, AND THOSE WORLDS NEED *DEFENDING*.

"THAT'S WHERE THE *STAR LEAGUE* COMES IN.



"WHEN I GOT HERE, THE LEAGUE WAS ALREADY FIGHTING A FULL-BLOWN *WAR*..."




"...AND
IT WAS
LOSING.



"BADLY.



"XUR AND THE KO-DAN
ARMADA HAD ATTACKED
THE FRONTIER.



"THESE GUYS WERE RUTHLESS.
ON A MISSION OF COSMIC
CONQUEST AND DOMINATION.
JUST LIKE IN THE VIDEO GAME.




"SOMEONE HAD TO
STOP THEM. AND AS
IT TURNED OUT...




"...THAT
SOMEONE
WAS ME.



"MY CO-PILOT,
GRIG, AND I TOOK
ON THE ENTIRE
KO-DAN ARMADA...



"...WITH THE ONLY REMAINING
GUNSTAR IN THE FLEET, AND
THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE
RESTING ON OUR SHOULDERS.



"IF I'M BEING
HONEST, I STILL
CAN'T BELIEVE WE
ACTUALLY WON.



"BUT EVERY VICTORY
COMES WITH A PRICE..."



...UP UNTIL A WEEK AGO, I WAS JUST SOME KID FROM A TRAILER PARK.

BUT NOW...I'M

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AND SO, IN KEEPING WITH WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO BE LEGION TRADITION...

...WE'VE GATHERED HERE, AT THIS SACRED SITE, TO HONOR OUR FALLEN.

THE BRAVE HEROES WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST IN BATTLE.



RYLOS. HOME OF THE STAR LEAGUE.

WHO PUT THE NEEDS OF THE MANY BEFORE THEMSELVES.

WHO LEFT THEIR FAMILIES TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FUTURE.

AND WHO SACRIFICED EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF INTERGALACTIC PEACE.

WHATEVER "PEACE" MEANS ON YOUR WORLD, HUMAN, IT CLEARLY DOESN'T TRANSLATE...



...THE KO-DAN FLEET MAY HAVE BEEN CRUSHED, BUT XUR'S WHEREABOUTS REMAIN **UNKNOWN**.

REST ASSURED **SKOFF KOFF**,
AMBASSADOR MA'RIS,
STEPS ARE ALREADY
BEING TAKEN TO
REMEDY THIS...

...UNDER THE
GUIDANCE OF MY
YOUNGEST SON, **NEDARU**,
WHO WILL ASSUME THE
MANTLE OF **SKOFF**
RYLAN AMBASSADOR
ON MY BEHALF--

BUT ONLY
UNTIL SUCH TIME
AS MY FATHER IS
WELL ENOUGH
TO RESUME HIS
DUTIES.

MANY WORLDS
ARE STILL IN **DANGER**,
CRYING FOR HELP, AS
A GROWING **LAWLESSNESS**
NOW CREEPS ACROSS THE
GALAXY WITHOUT A
STARFIGHTER LEGION
TO STOP IT.



I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING...

"ONE SON
OF ENDURAN
TRIED TO
DESTROY US.
WHY SHOULD
WE TRUST
THE OTHER
ONE?"

BECAUSE
I AM **NOT** MY
BROTHER.

AND TO PROVE
IT, I'VE PUT OUT
A **BOUNTY** ON XUR'S
HEAD. HE WILL FACE
JUSTICE. DEAD OR
ALIVE.



AS FOR THE
STARFIGHTER
LEGION...

...THESE TWO
GREAT HEROES HAVE
AGREED TO LEAD A NEW
RECRUITMENT DRIVE
AND OVERSEE THE
RECONSTRUCTION
OF THE FLEET.



THEY DON'T
REALLY EXPECT
ME TO DO
THAT??

YOU AND
I ARE THE ONLY
STARFIGHTERS
LEFT, ALEX.

THERE IS
NO ONE
ELSE...

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