

SEAN MURPHY'S



THE PILOT HOLES

Panel 2
A 63-year-old woman in her nightgown
She's not scared at all, mostly because

she knows
over
the

Panel 6
She's on her
her back she's holding
holding.

outside
any aliens

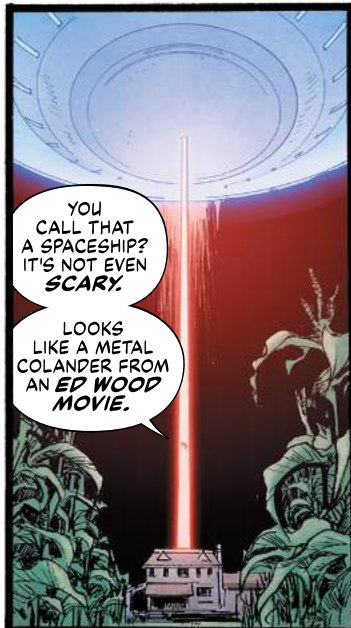
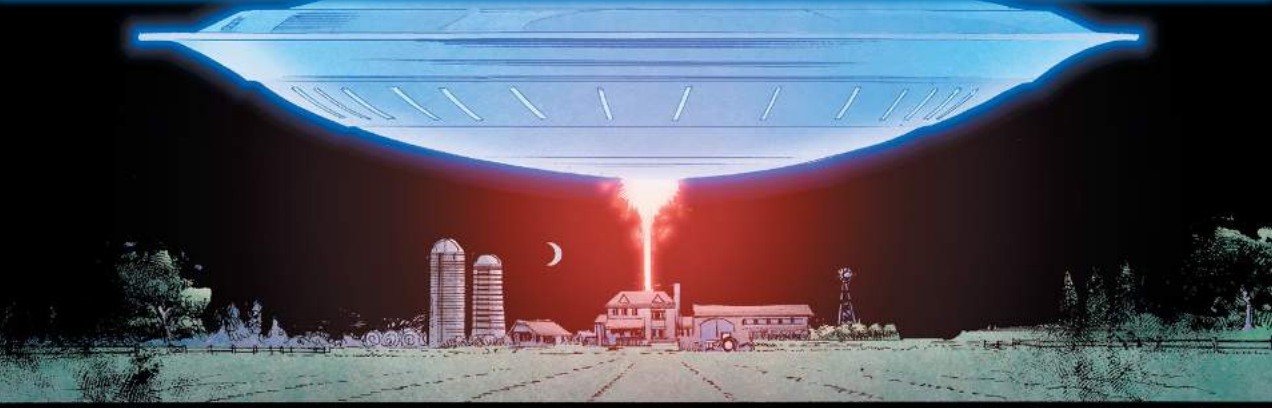
roll
ED: Tiny
HD: And this

like talking to them.
hit a shock
well—only the mo

trans fights, but
as the outside
the grey aliens



Sean Murphy
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WHY DIDN'T WE JUST DESTROY THEIR SHIP, ED? WE'RE ALMOST AT THE END OF CHAPTER 3--

IF WE DON'T START MOVING THEN THE REST OF THE NOVEL WILL READ LIKE [REDACTED] ROSWELL FAN FICTION.



JUST DO YOUR JOB, **SURGE**. AND STOP PRETENDING TO BE A HERO.

LEATHERY SKIN WITH BIG, FREAKY EYEBALLS--REMINDS ME OF THE NIGHT I PLOWED JOHNNY'S GRANDMA!



MY GRANDMOTHER WAS CRUSHED BY A **ROBOBLADE** IN THE **BATTLE OF THE DRAGON SHOGUNATE!**

I JUST DON'T GET **MANGA...**



...I MEAN YOUR EYES ARE LITERALLY TOO BIG FOR YOUR FACE! IF YOU'RE ASIAN THEN YOUR EYES SHOULDN'T BE **BIG AND ROUND**, THEY SHOULD BE--

EVERYONE GET BACK INTO THE **FOOT-NOTE**--WE'RE NOT DONE WITH THE **EDIT**.



WHY MUST YOU BE SO **ABHORRENT**, KEVIN? YOU KNOW APPEARANCE ISN'T EVERYTHING.

LITTLE IRONIC HEARING THAT FROM A **SHAPESHIFTING TIGER**.



PERHAPS THE REASON YOU ACT LIKE A **RACIST GERIATRIC** IS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE FACT THAT YOU LOOK LIKE A TODDLER.

I WAS CREATED IN 1930--I'M OLDER THAN ALL OF YOU!



HURRY UP--THE **CLOCK IS TICKING**.

SETTING COURSE FOR **KOKKIVIAN SPACE**.





WE'RE HERE.

RÖAR--CAN YOU SHAPESHIFT INTO A KOKKIVIAN ALIEN?

GODS OF THE MOONSTORM, GRANT ME A NEW FORM...

MORPH!

OH FLIPP, THIS PLACE IS CREEPY, EP.

THIS IS DAT-280Z, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO UPLOAD COORDINATES.

WE HAVE ELIMINATED THE LAST OF THE GRISEONIAN SHIPS, TERMINATING THEIR CLAIM OVER PLANET EARTH.

RECEIVING COORDINATES NOW...

BLOO BLEEP.

FZZT!

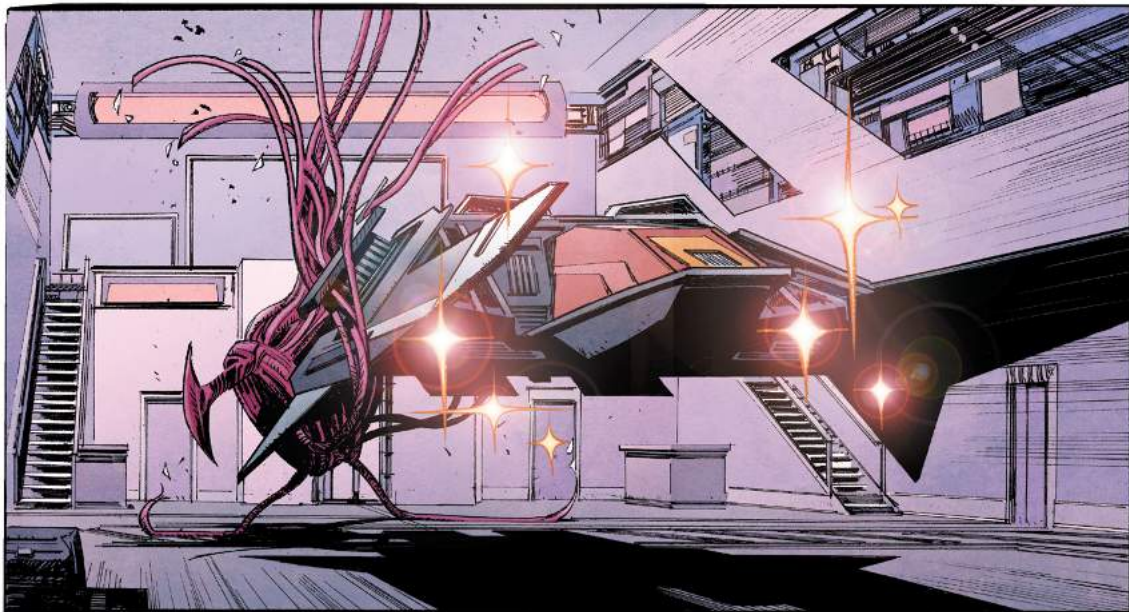
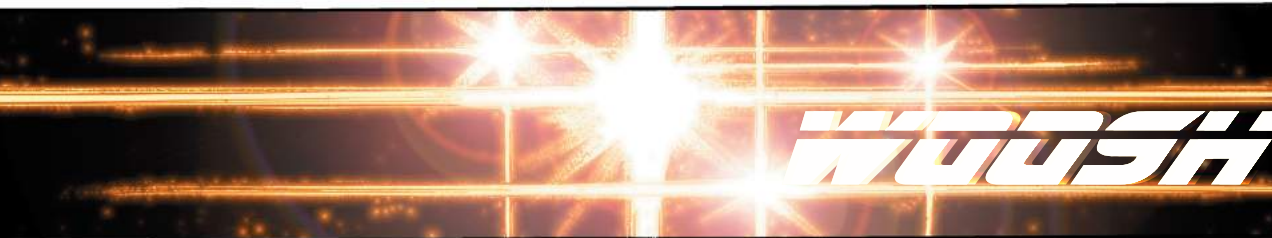
SURGE, STOP IT!

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING! SOME KIND OF POWER FLUCTUATION COMING FROM THE SPACE STATION--

BLOO BLEEP!

ZAP!

ARGH!

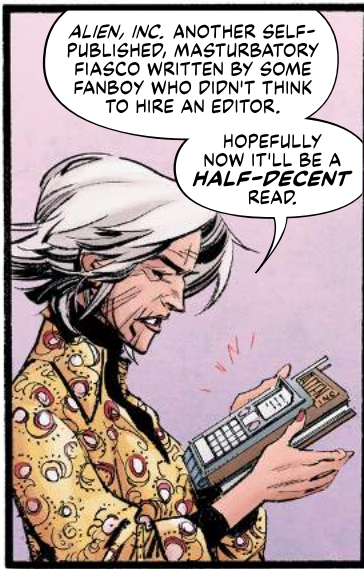




HOW YOU DOING, SURGE?

HE'S OBVIOUSLY HURT!

I'LL BE OKAY, JUST NEED TO REST.



ALIEN, INC. ANOTHER SELF-PUBLISHED, MASTURBATORY FIASCO WRITTEN BY SOME FANBOY WHO DIDN'T THINK TO HIRE AN EDITOR.

HOPEFULLY NOW IT'LL BE A HALF-DECENT READ.



LOOKS LIKE THE EDIT WORKED--REVIEWS ARE MOSTLY POSITIVE.

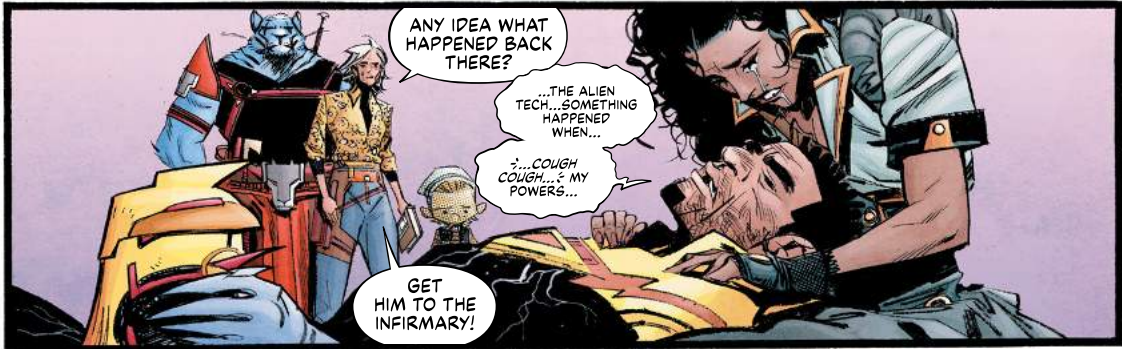
OVER 5,000 READERS IN THE FIRST MONTH. TRANSLATED INTO 6 LANGUAGES BY THE END OF THE YEAR. EVEN OPTIONED BY NETFLIX FOR A SERIES STARRING WILL SMITH!

I LOVE WILL SMITH! MY FAVORITE BLACK ACTOR!



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WHAT?

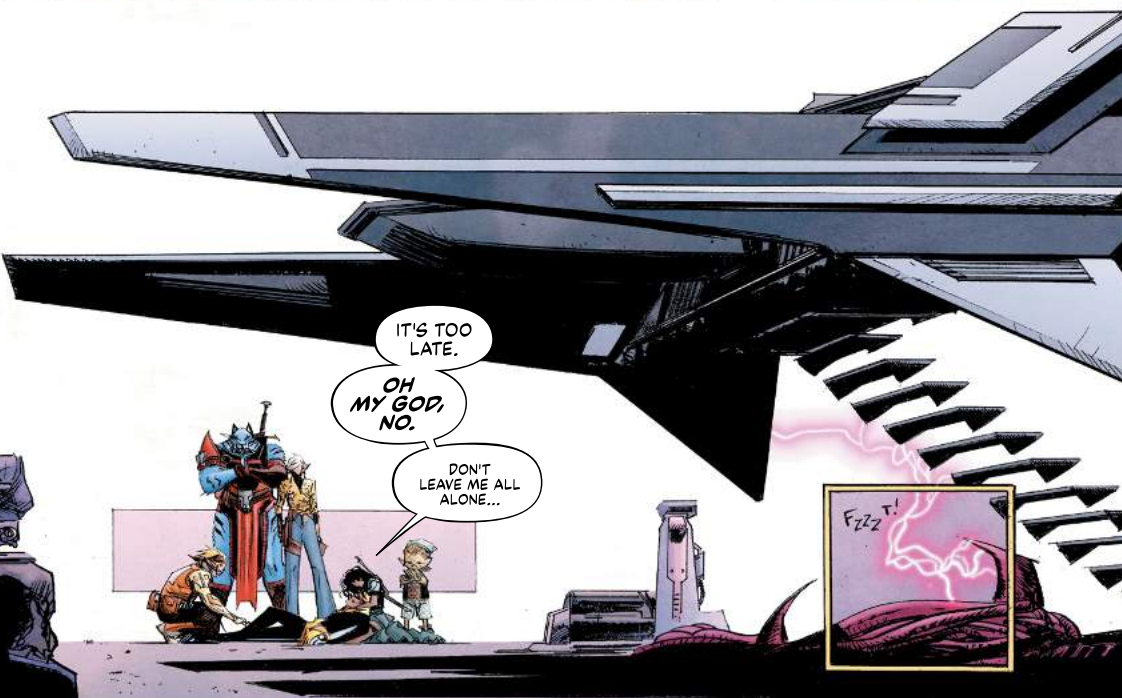


ANY IDEA WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE?

...THE ALIEN TECH...SOMETHING HAPPENED WHEN...

?...COUGH COUGH... MY POWERS...

GET HIM TO THE INFIRMARY!



IT'S TOO LATE.

OH MY GOD, NO.

DON'T LEAVE ME ALL ALONE...





KNOW?
KNOW?



CLIFF?

CLIFF WIESELWITZ?
I KNOW YOU'RE
IN THERE.



I ACTUALLY CHANGED
MY LAST NAME TO
INKSLAYER.

YEAH, I KNOW--
A PSEUDONYM
YOU CREATED FOR
YOUR PUBLISHING
CAREER.

WHAT CAN
I DO FOR YOU
OFFICER...



ED.

OFFICER
ED?

JUST ED,
SHORT FOR
EDITOR.

LISTEN, IT'S
REALLY NOT
A GOOD--



I KNOW ALL ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED WITH YOUR WIFE, CLIFF.
I LOST MY HUSBAND NOT TOO
LONG AGO, SO I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE GOING THROUGH.

BELIEVE IT OR
NOT, YOU AND I
HAVE **A LOT IN
COMMON**.

LIKE
FAKE NAMES
AND DEAD
SPOUSES?



LIKE A LOVE OF
READING, AND
A PASSION FOR
BOOKS.

WHAT CAN
YOU TELL ME
ABOUT THIS
SWORD?

UH...
WHAT?

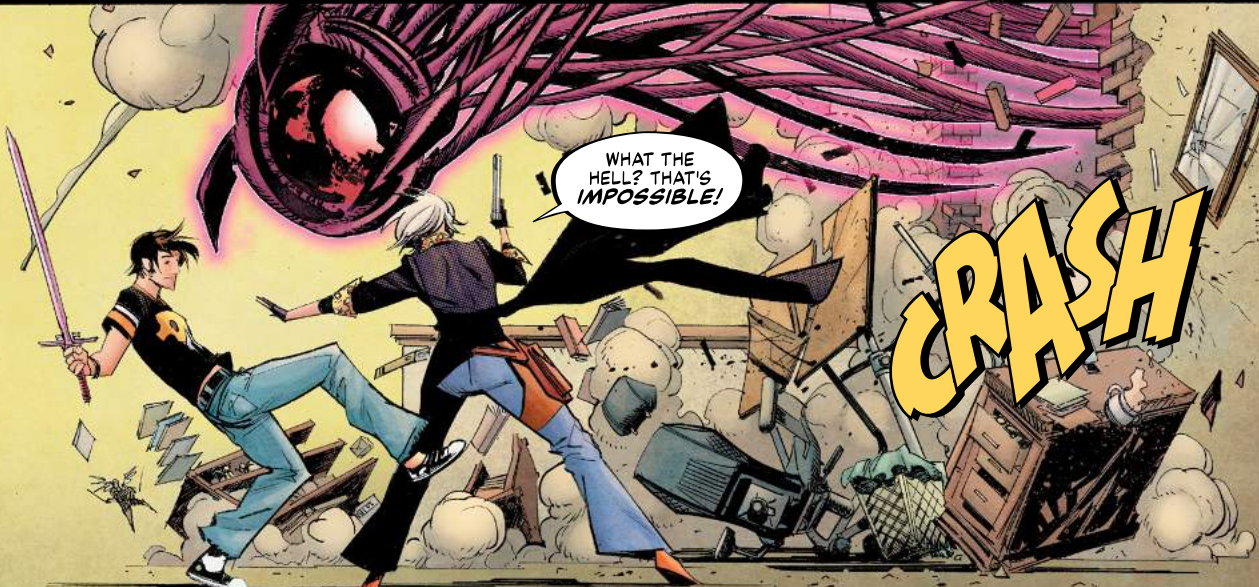


I LEAD AN ELITE TEAM CALLED THE **PLOT HOLES**. EACH MEMBER IS A FICTIONAL CHARACTER RECRUITED FROM A DIFFERENT BOOK--OUR JOB IS TO JUMP INTO OTHER BOOKS IN ORDER TO SAVE AS MANY OF THEM AS WE CAN. BY **EDITING** AND **PUBLISHING** THEM.

WHAT???



YOU'RE LIVING IN A BOOK, CLIFF. A TERRIBLE BOOK THAT WE **CAN'T** SAVE, SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE **ELIMINATED** WITH THE REST OF YOUR WORLD, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME.



WHAT THE HELL? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

CRASH



MY ACTION FIGURES!

GET BEHIND ME!



CLIFF, USE THE SWORD!



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THESE THINGS--I ONLY KNOW HOW TO DRAW THEM!



FZZT

SKREEEE



HOLY

THIS WAY.



WHAT ??

TRUST ME.



AHHHHH

RELAX, KIDDO--I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.



AHHHHH

RELAX, KIDDO--I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

WISH