

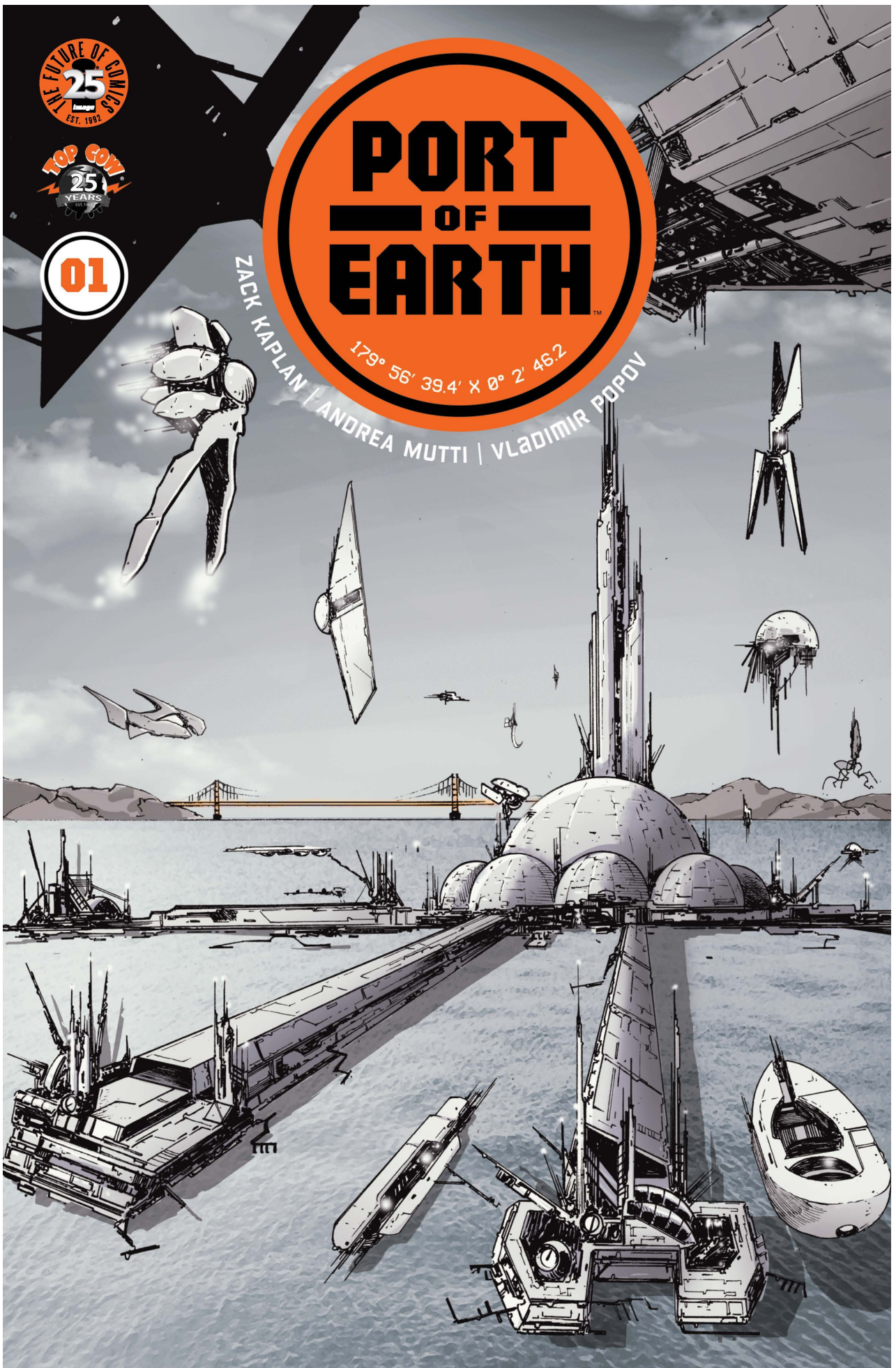
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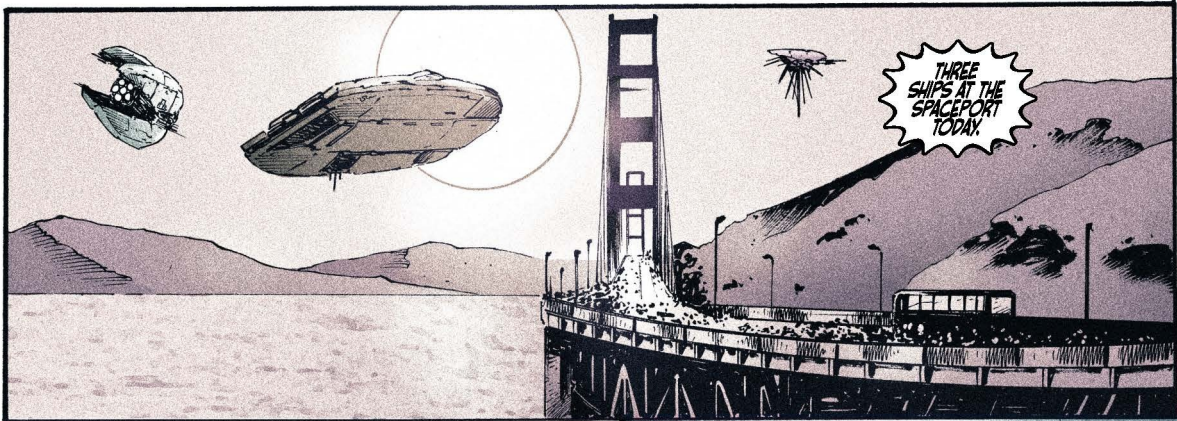
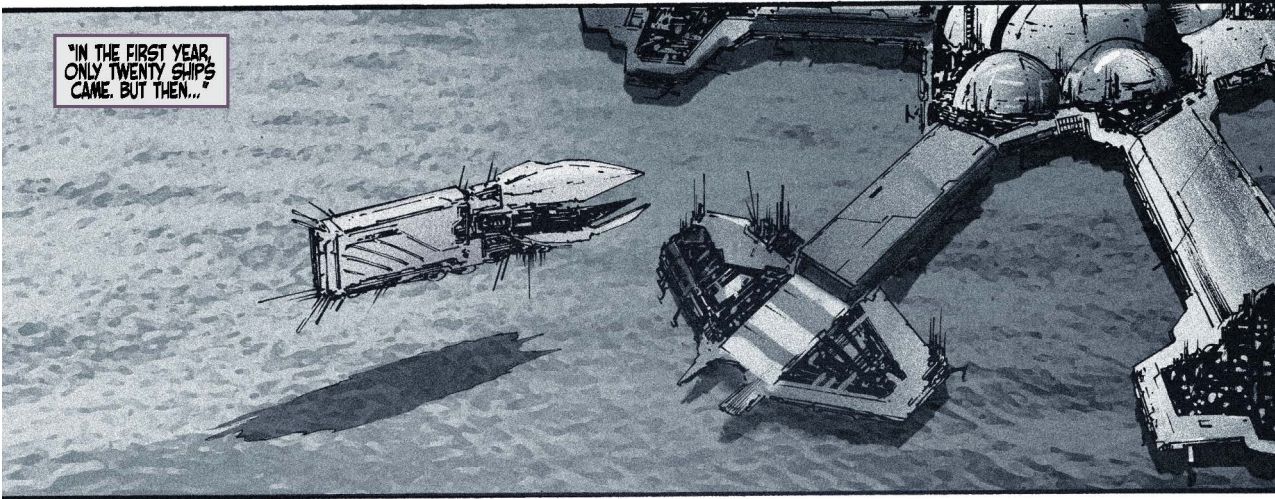
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# PORT OF EARTH™

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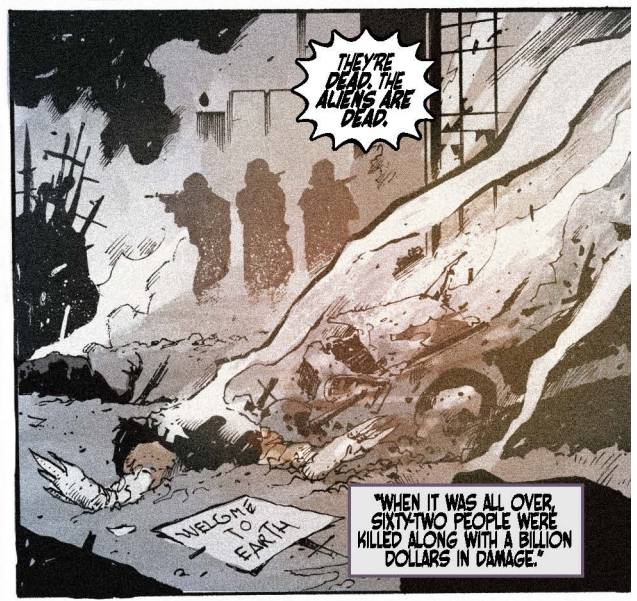
THEY'RE FIRING BACK. THE ALIENS ARE KILLING PEOPLE. THEY ARE KILLING PEOPLE.



IT'S A MASSACRE! PEOPLE ARE DYING! DEAR GOD, SOMEONE STOP THEM!



ARMY HELICOPTERS ARE ON THE SCENE! THEY'RE FIRING!



THEY'RE DEAD. THE ALIENS ARE DEAD.

"WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, SIXTY-TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED ALONG WITH A BILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGE."



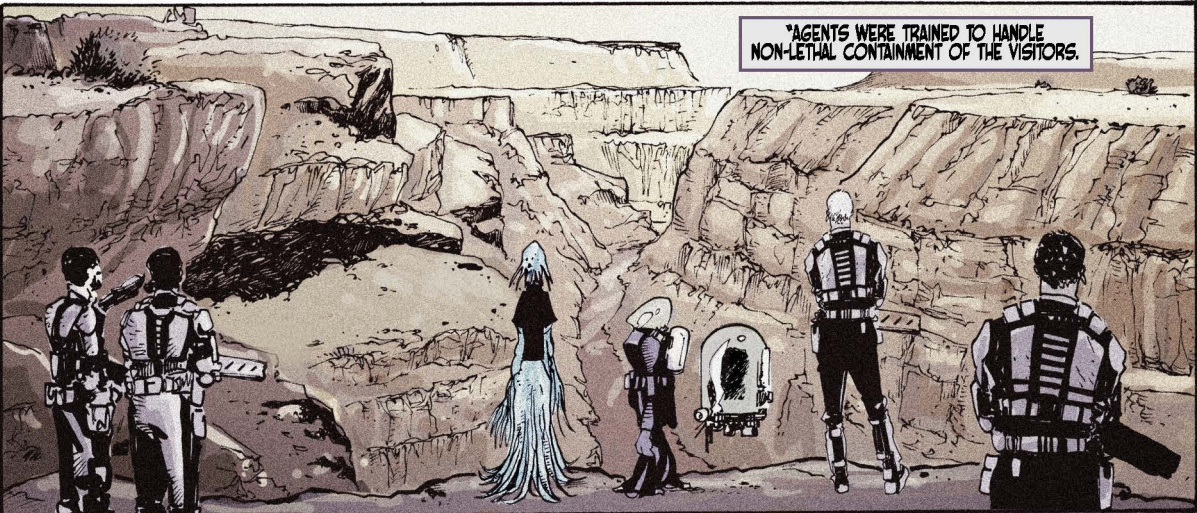
"IT TURNED OUT THE CONSORTIUM WASN'T DIPLOMATIC AT ALL. THEY WEREN'T THE U.N. OF PLANETS. THEY WERE CHEVRON, OFFERING GAS STOPS TO GALACTIC MOTORISTS, AND THEY WEREN'T HAPPY ABOUT THEIR DEAD CUSTOMERS."



"THE CONSORTIUM CHARGED US WITH OUR PLANET'S SECURITY."



"SO THE EARTH SECURITY AGENCY WAS CREATED. ITS MISSION: TO PROTECT THE EARTH FROM ALIEN VISITORS AND PROTECT THE ALIEN VISITORS FROM EARTH."



"AGENTS WERE TRAINED TO HANDLE NON-LETHAL CONTAINMENT OF THE VISITORS."



"THE CONSORTIUM PROVIDED THE AGENTS WITH LIMITED ALIEN TECHNOLOGY."



"BUT AGENTS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO KILL ALIEN VISITORS AGAIN UNLESS AUTHORIZED. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WERE FAR TOO GREAT."



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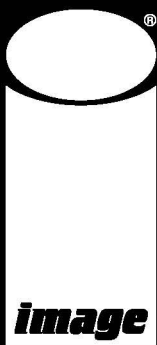
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"WE ALWAYS KNEW  
WE WERENT ALONE.

"WE LOOKED TO  
THE STARS...

"...WITH  
HOPE...

"...WITH  
FEAR...

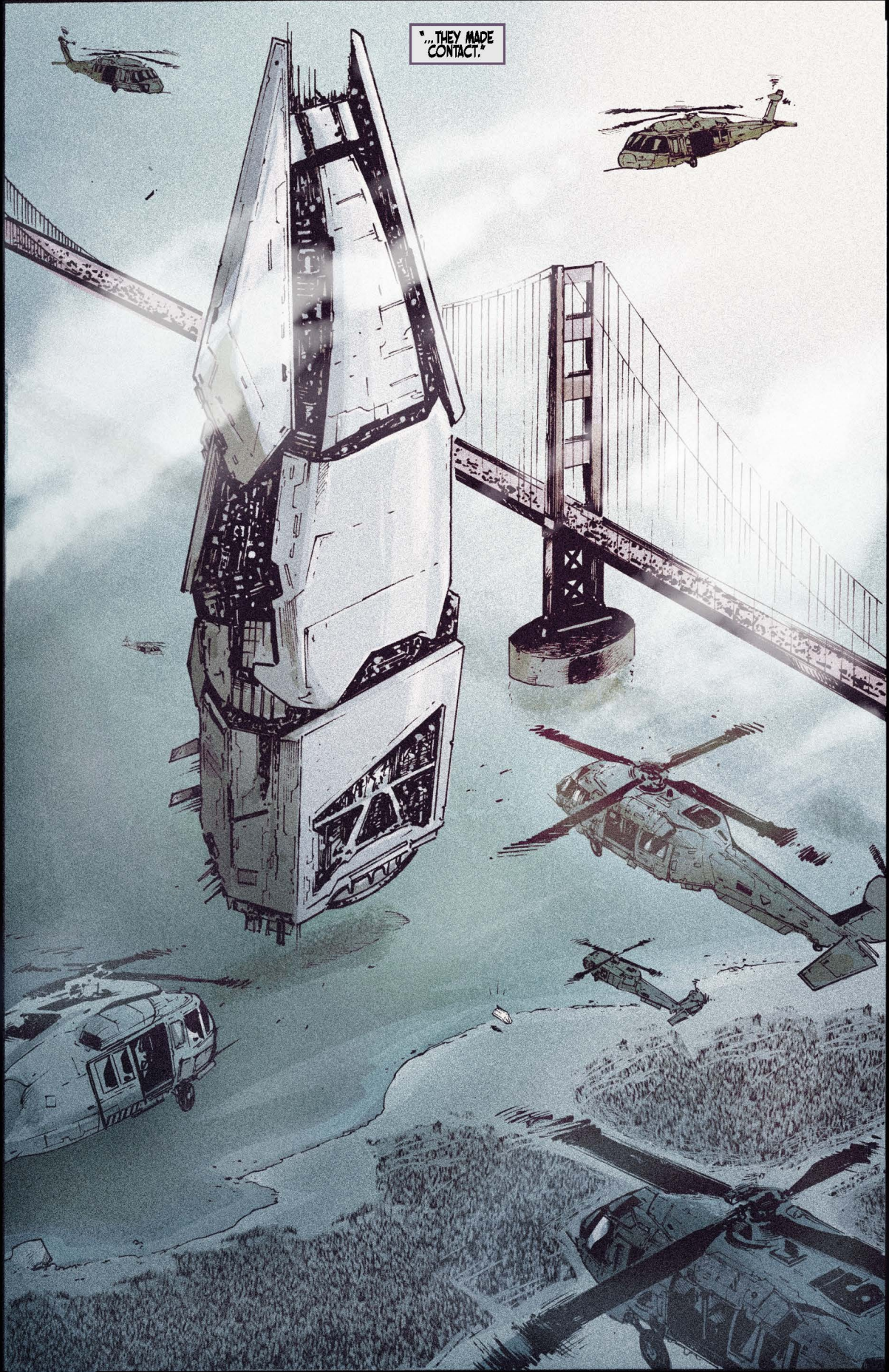
"...WITH  
ANTICIPATION...

"...WONDERING WHEN  
WE MET THEM...

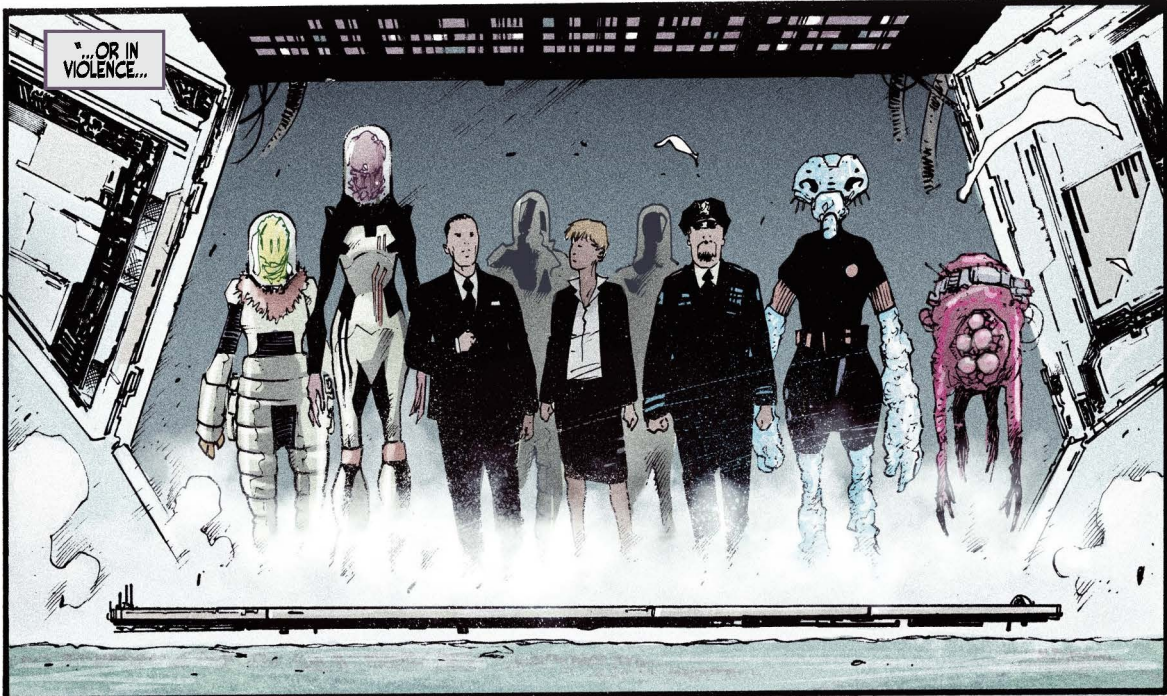
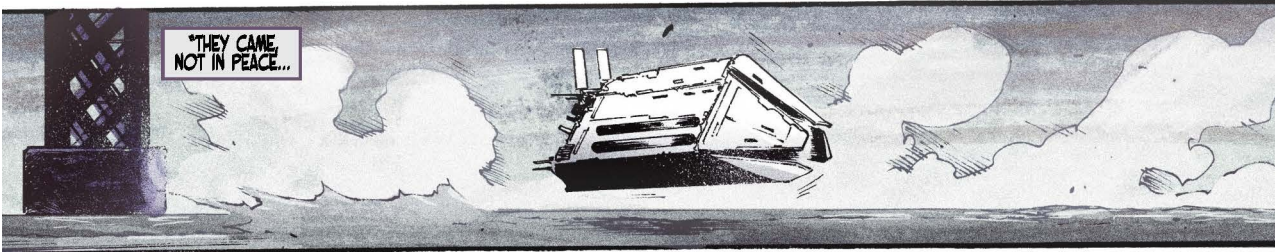
"...WOULD THEY  
COME IN PEACE...

"...OR IN  
VIOLENCE.

"THEN ONE DAY, IT  
HAPPENED..."







\*THEY CALLED THEMSELVES THE CONSORTIUM, A RULING BOARD FOR THOUSANDS OF PLANETS.

\*THEY CAME FROM THE CENTER OF THE MILKY WAY, TRAVELING TOWARDS OUR GALAXY'S OUTER FRONTIER.

\*THEIR SHIPS RAN ON WATER, AND THEY REQUIRED A PORT ALONG THEIR GALACTIC ROUTE.

\*OUR OCEANS OFFERED FUEL FOR THEIR SHIPS, A SMALL AMOUNT, NO CONSEQUENCE TO US.

\*SO THEY PROPOSED A DEAL, THEY OFFERED US THE TECHNOLOGY TO TURN WATER INTO POWER.

\*TO END OUR PLANET'S ENERGY CRISIS FOREVER.

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179° 56' 39.4"





**PART  
OF  
EARTH**

X 0° 2' 46.2

"THERE WAS NO REASON  
NOT TO AGREE.

"THEY PICKED THE SITE  
FOR THE ALIEN PORT.

"FIFTY MILES OFF THE  
CALIFORNIA COAST, NEAR  
SAN FRANCISCO.

"IT WAS THE GREATEST  
ENGINEERING UNDERTAKING  
IN MODERN HISTORY.

"AND AFTER THREE YEARS  
OF CONSTRUCTION..."

"...THE PORT OF EARTH OPENED.

"AND ON THANKSGIVING DAY, 2020, WE HOSTED OUR FIRST VISITOR.

"WE NEVER MET THEM. NEVER SAW THEM.

"THEY STAYED ONLY A FEW HOURS IN THE COMFORT OF THE PORT'S ALIEN HABITATS.

"THEY WAITED AS THEIR SHIP REFUELED.

"AND THEN THEY LEFT."



