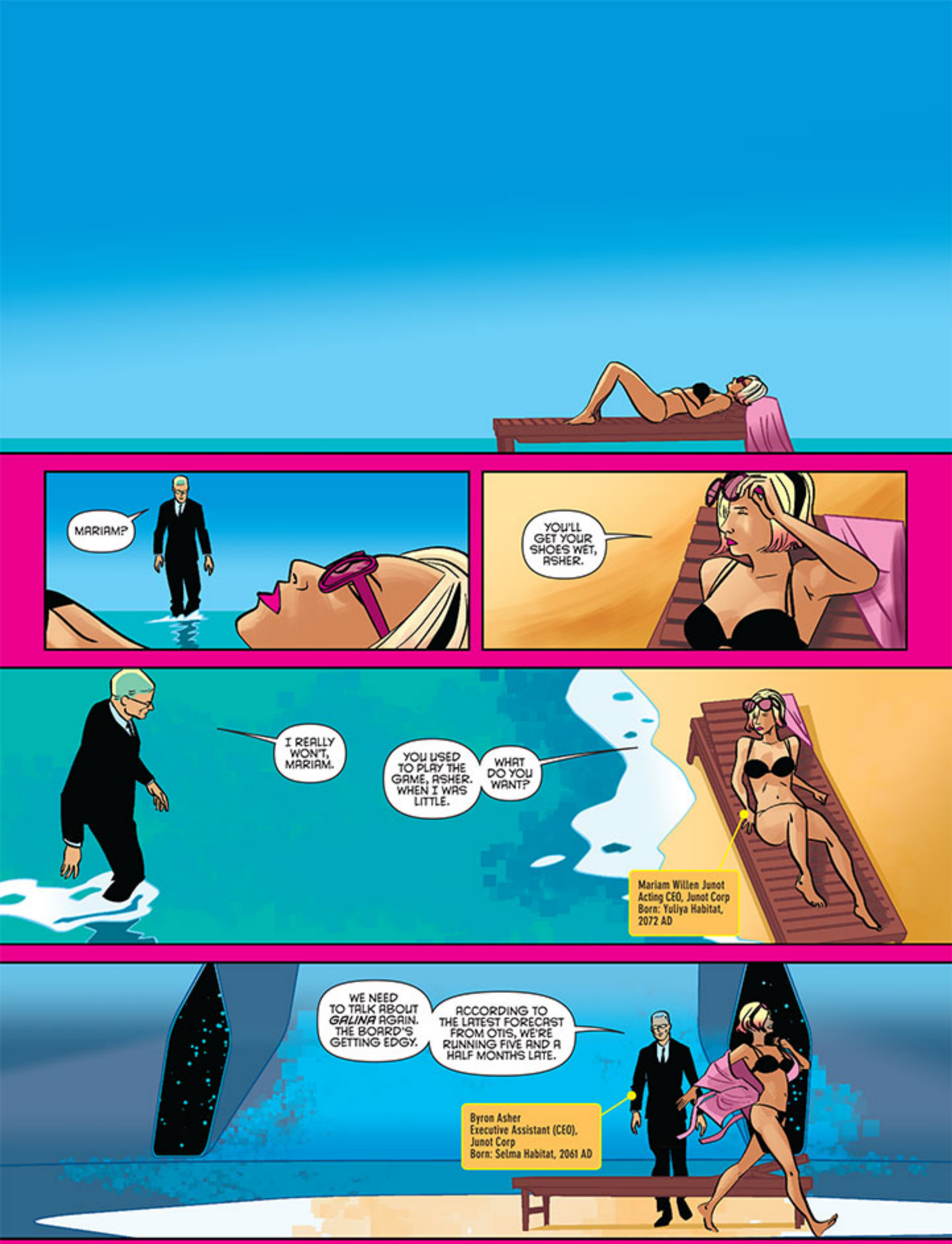
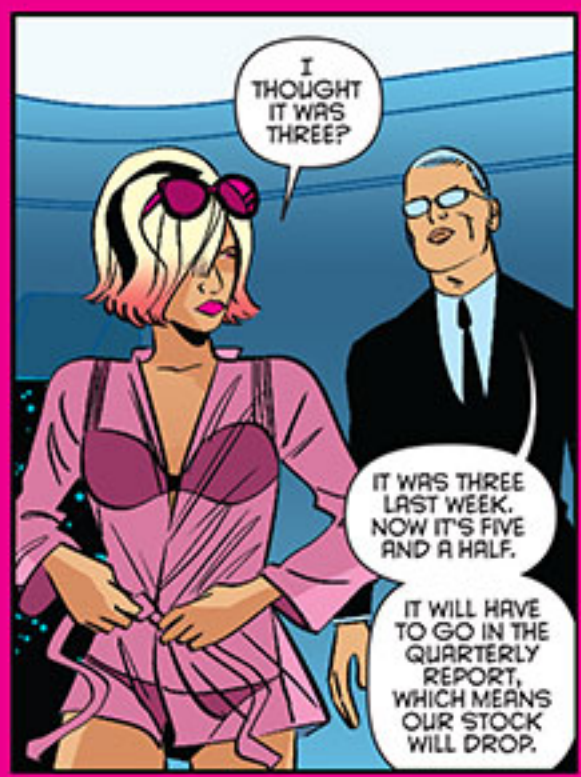
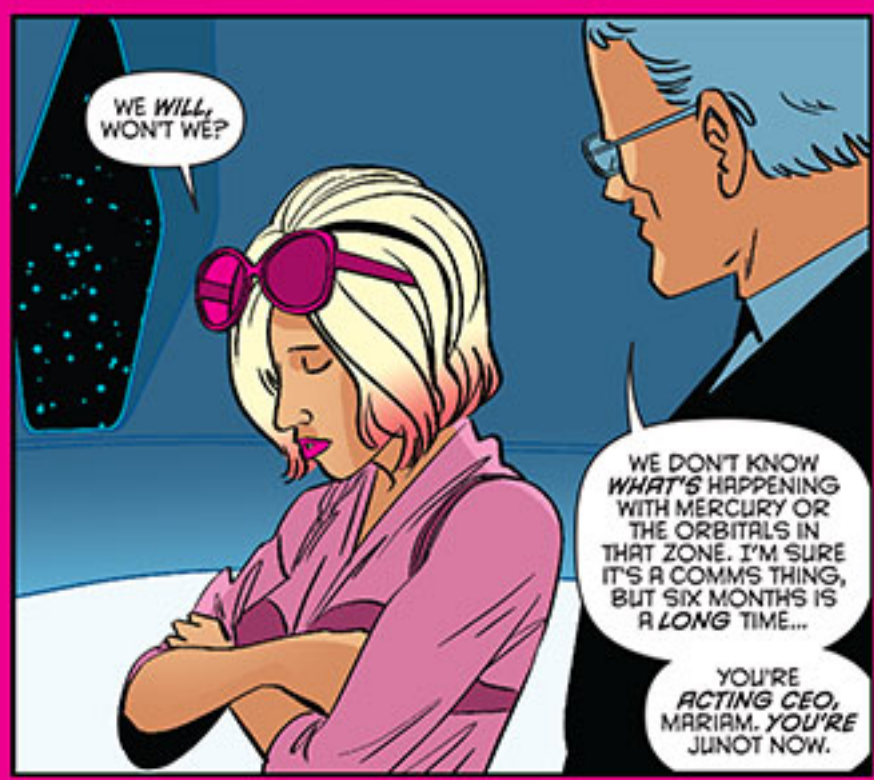
BRINK
BOOK TWO
DAN ABNETT ★ I.N.J. CULBARD

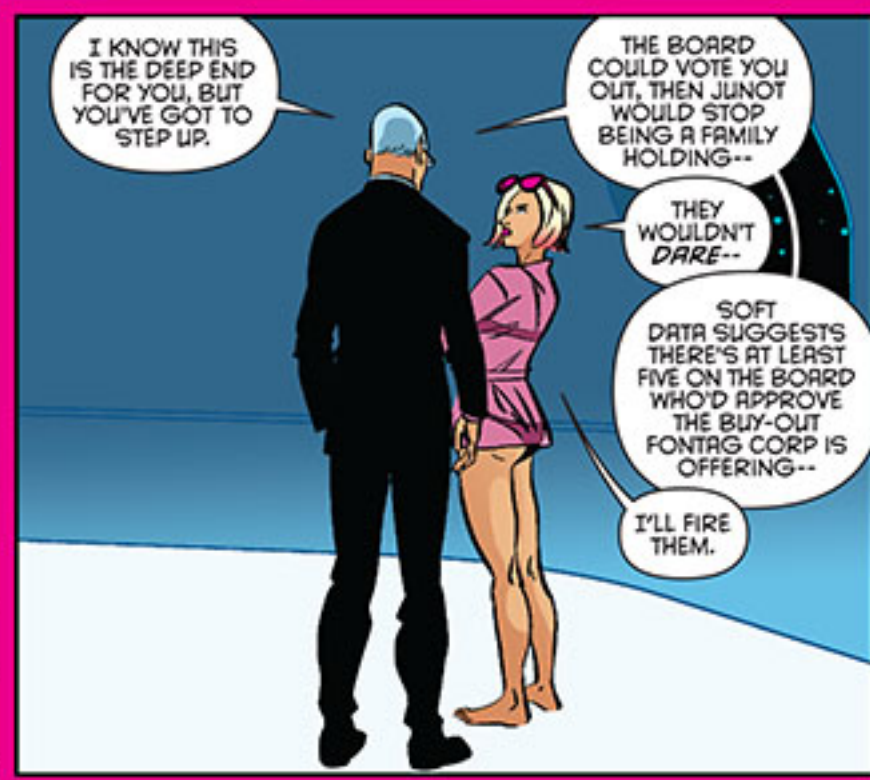

MARIAM?
YOU'LL GET YOUR SHOES WET, ASHER.
I REALLY WON'T, MARIAM.
YOU USED TO PLAY THE GAME, ASHER. WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
Mariam Willen Junot
Acting CEO, Junot Corp
Born: Yuliya Habitat, 2072 AD
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT *GALINA* AGAIN. THE BOARD'S GETTING EDGY.
ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FORECAST FROM OTIS, WE'RE RUNNING FIVE AND A HALF MONTHS LATE.
Byron Asher
Executive Assistant (CEO),
Junot Corp
Born: Selma Habitat, 2061 AD

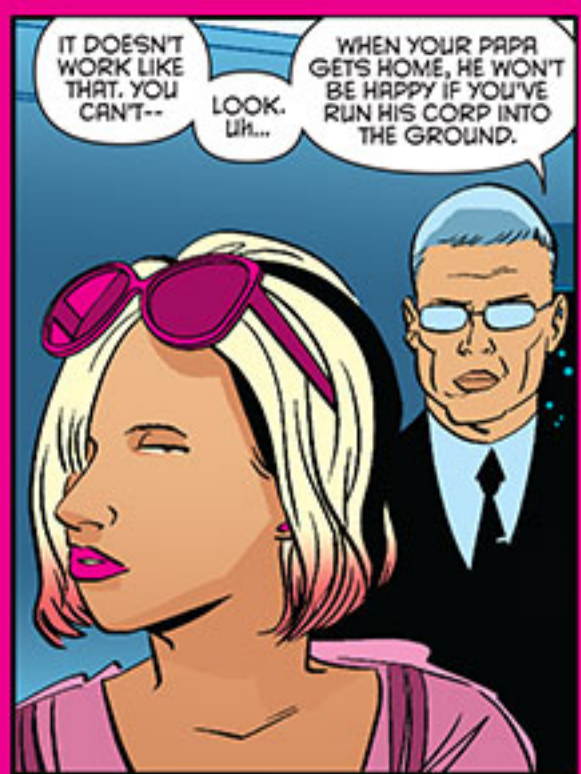

I THOUGHT IT WAS THREE?
IT WAS THREE LAST WEEK. NOW IT'S FIVE AND A HALF.
IT WILL HAVE TO GO IN THE QUARTERLY REPORT, WHICH MEANS OUR STOCK WILL DROP.

PAPA WILL SORT IT OUT AS SOON AS HE'S BACK.
CHRIST, HE'S NOT COMING BACK, MARIAM.

IT'S A COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM, ASHER! THIS WHOLE MERCURY EVENT THING, IT'S A COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM!
ANOTHER WEEK, WE'LL HEAR FROM HIM!
RIGHT. YES. OF COURSE.

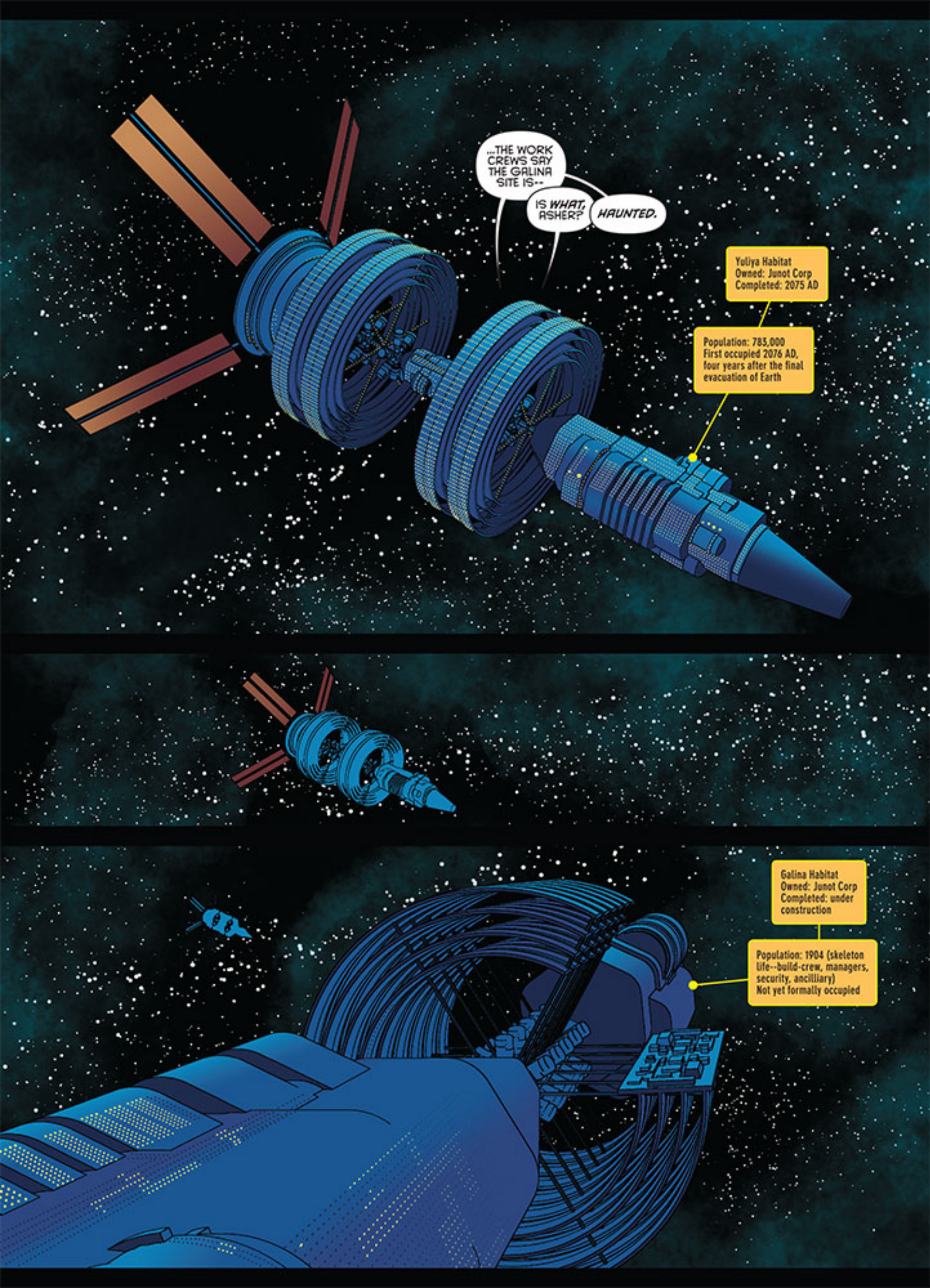

WE WILL, WON'T WE?
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MERCURY OR THE ORBITALS IN THAT ZONE. I'M SURE IT'S A COMMS THING, BUT SIX MONTHS IS A LONG TIME...
YOU'RE ACTING CEO, MARIAM. YOU'RE JUNOT NOW.


I KNOW THIS IS THE DEEP END FOR YOU, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO STEP UP.
THE BOARD COULD VOTE YOU OUT, THEN JUNOT WOULD STOP BEING A FAMILY HOLDING--
THEY WOULDN'T DARE--
SOFT DATA SUGGESTS THERE'S AT LEAST FIVE ON THE BOARD WHO'D APPROVE THE BUY-OUT FONTAG CORP IS OFFERING--
I'LL FIRE THEM.


IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT. YOU CAN'T--
LOOK. Uh...
WHEN YOUR PAPA GETS HOME, HE WON'T BE HAPPY IF YOU'VE RUN HIS CORP INTO THE GROUND.

JUNOT CORP HAS BEEN JUNOT FOR SIXTY-SIX YEARS. THE FAMILY BUSINESS--
EXACTLY.

HOW BLOODY HARD IS IT TO BUILD A HABITAT AND KEEP IT ON THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? WHAT'S CAUSING THE DELAYS?
WELL--
Um, THE THING IS...


...THE WORK CREWS SAY THE GALINA SITE IS--
IS WHAT, ASHER?
HAUNTED.
Yuliya Habitat
Owned: Junot Corp
Completed: 2075 AD
Population: 783,000
First occupied 2076 AD, four years after the final evacuation of Earth
Galina Habitat
Owned: Junot Corp
Completed: under construction
Population: 1904 (skeleton life--build-crew, managers, security, ancilliary)
Not yet formally occupied