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THIS WAY!



YOU REALIZE, SAKAR, THAT WE HAVE SPENT NEARLY ANOTHER ENTIRE DAY DOWN HERE. OUR DAUGHTER IS MISSING SCHOOL FOR THIS.



AND YOU REALIZE, T'MAAK, THAT SELAR IS LEARNING THINGS HERE THAT SHE WILL NEVER LEARN IN A TEDIOUS CLASSROOM.

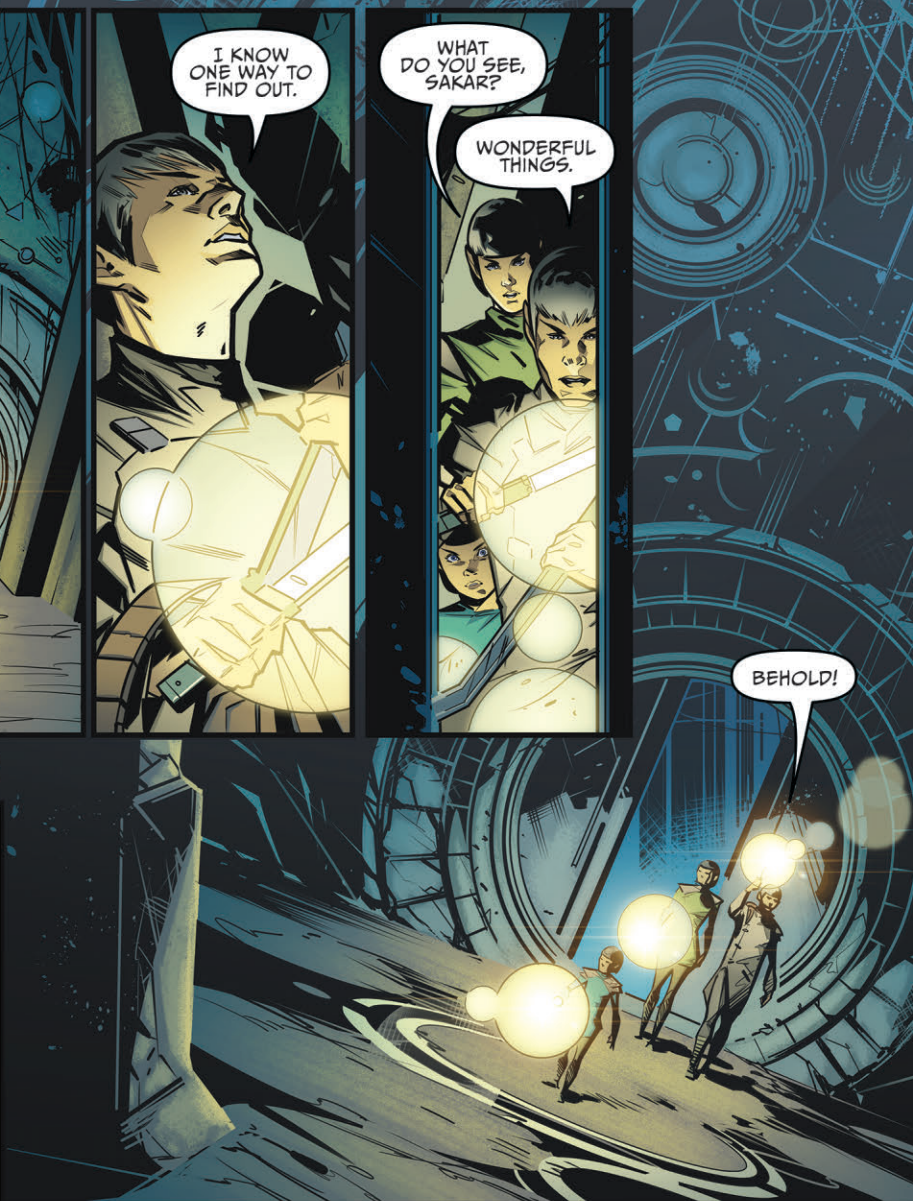
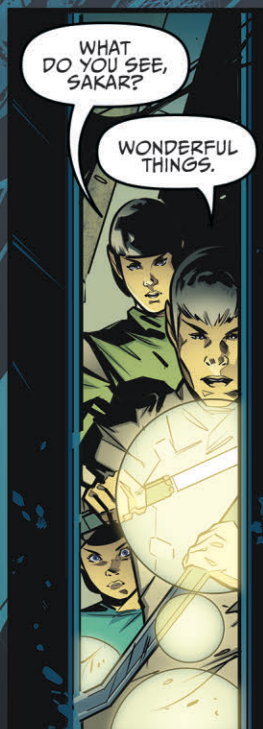


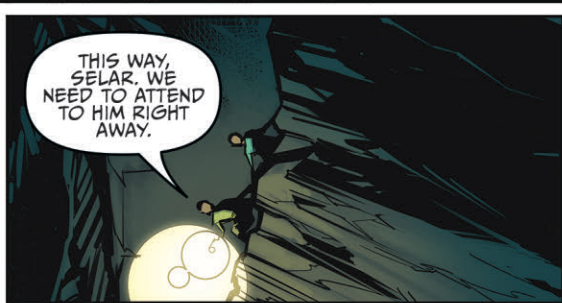
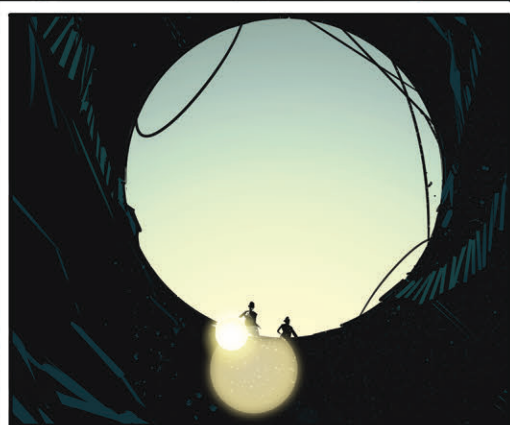
YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHAT AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY IT IS TO BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO EXPLORE THESE NEWLY DISCOVERED RUINS. THIS TEMPLE COMPLEX MAY HAVE BEEN AS IMPORTANT AS THE TEMPLE OF AMONAK.

FATHER?

I THINK SOMETIMES YOU FANCY YOURSELF LIKE THE HERO IN THE ADVENTURE STORIES THE HUMANS LIKE TO TELL, SAKAR.







THIS WAY, SELAR. WE NEED TO ATTEND TO HIM RIGHT AWAY.



I AM SCARED, MOTHER.

I KNOW. I AM CONCERNED AS WELL.



STEADY, DAUGHTER. WE ARE NEARLY THERE.

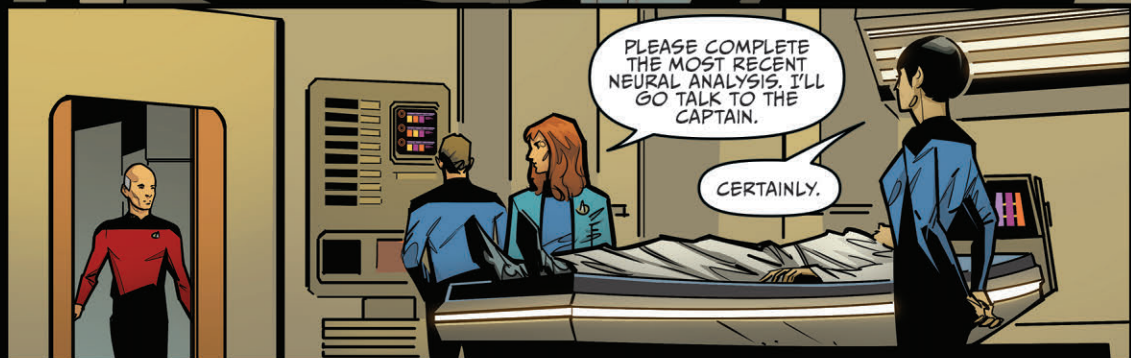


SAKAR!



IS HENDRYK SHOWING SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT, SELAR?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO. IF ANYTHING, HIS VITAL SIGNS LOOK WORSE NOW THAN EARLIER TODAY.



PLEASE COMPLETE THE MOST RECENT NEURAL ANALYSIS. I'LL GO TALK TO THE CAPTAIN.

CERTAINLY.



CAPTAIN?

AH, DOCTOR. I WAS HOPING YOU COULD GIVE ME AN UPDATE ON HENDRYK'S CONDITION. THE AMBASSADORS ARE EAGER FOR HIS RETURN.



I'M SORRY, JEAN-LUC. HE'S SUFFERED EXTENSIVE TRAUMA. THE PROGNOSIS ISN'T GOOD, BUT DR. SELAR IS ONE OF STARFLEET'S TOP EXPERTS ON VULCAN PHYSIOLOGY. IF ANYONE CAN HELP, IT'S HER.



IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO HELP HIM AND BRING HIM BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, WE MUST DO IT.



THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING VERY POORLY, BEVERLY. HENDRYK WAS THE DRIVING FORCE, AND THE CARDASSIANS TRUSTED HIM. WITHOUT HIM THERE, IT'S ALL FALLING APART.

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU HOW BAD THINGS WILL BE IF WE WALK AWAY FROM THESE TALKS WITH NOTHING TO SHOW.

WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN.



HOW IS HIS  
CONDITION NOW?  
IS THERE ANYTHING  
I CAN DO TO  
HELP?

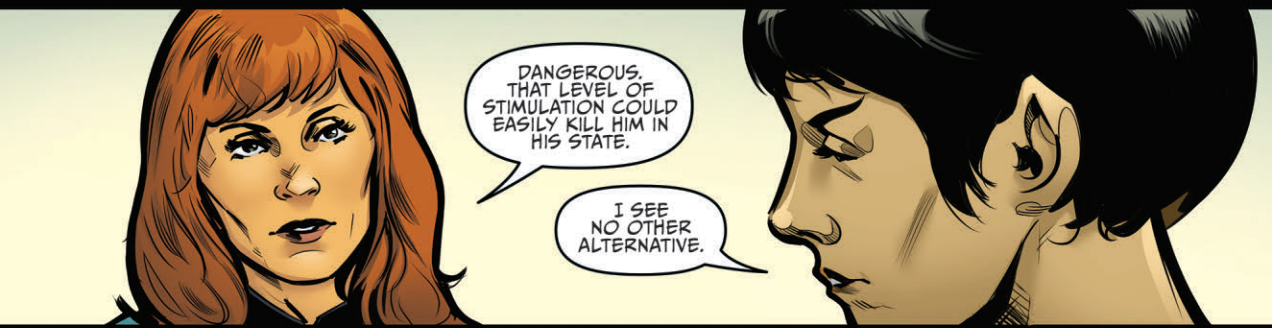
HENDRYK'S INJURIES  
WERE EXTENSIVE,  
CAUSING DAMAGE ALL  
ALONG HIS UPPER  
SPINAL CORD AND  
INTO HIS BRAIN.

HE'S SLIPPING  
INTO A DEEP COMA  
AND DEATH IS LIKELY  
WITHIN HOURS.

CAN'T WE DO  
SOMETHING TO GIVE  
US SOME MORE TIME  
TO HEAL HIM? WHAT  
ABOUT CORTICAL  
STIMULATION?

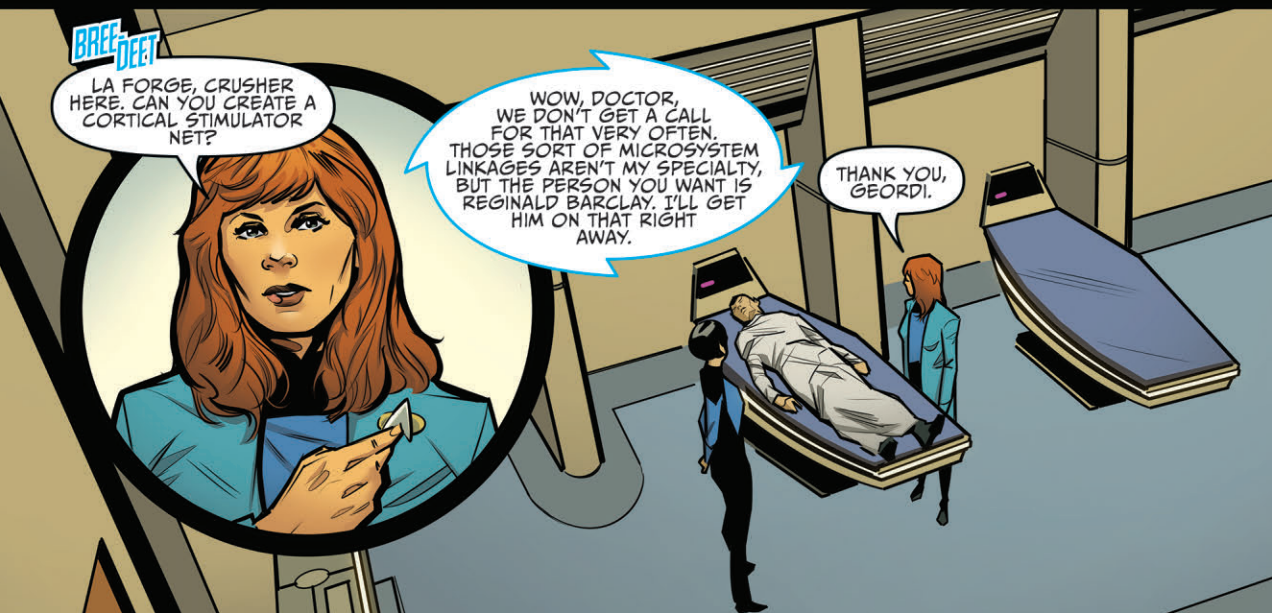
OUR  
STANDARD CORTICAL  
STIMULATORS ARE NOT  
SUFFICIENT. WE WILL  
HAVE TO CREATE A  
NETWORK OF THEM. IT  
IS OUR LAST CHANCE TO  
KEEP HIM ALIVE WHILE  
WE TAKE ADDITIONAL  
MEASURES TO  
STABILIZE HIM.

I HAVE  
COMPLETED  
MY DIAGNOSIS.  
UNFORTUNATELY,  
OUR OPTIONS  
ARE LIMITED.



DANGEROUS.  
THAT LEVEL OF  
STIMULATION COULD  
EASILY KILL HIM IN  
HIS STATE.

I SEE  
NO OTHER  
ALTERNATIVE.



BREE-DEET

LA FORGE, CRUSHER  
HERE. CAN YOU CREATE A  
CORTICAL STIMULATOR  
NET?

WOW, DOCTOR,  
WE DON'T GET A CALL  
FOR THAT VERY OFTEN.  
THOSE SORT OF MICROSYSTEM  
LINKAGES AREN'T MY SPECIALTY,  
BUT THE PERSON YOU WANT IS  
REGINALD BARCLAY. I'LL GET  
HIM ON THAT RIGHT  
AWAY.

THANK YOU,  
GEORDI.

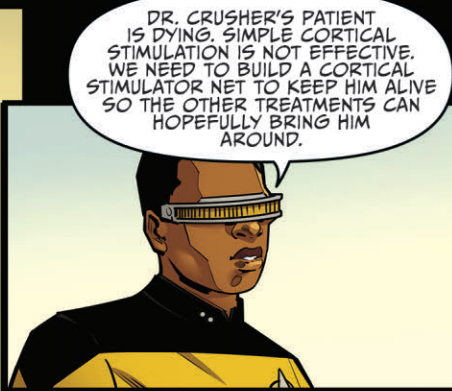




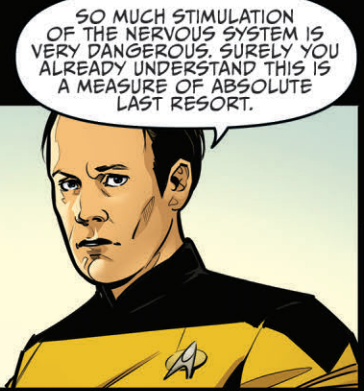


BARCLAY, JUST THE MAN I WANTED TO SEE. LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT YOUR SLEEVES ALREADY ROLLED UP READY TO GET TO WORK!

UH, JUST ENTHUSIASTIC FOR THE TASK, SIR!



DR. CRUSHER'S PATIENT IS DYING. SIMPLE CORTICAL STIMULATION IS NOT EFFECTIVE. WE NEED TO BUILD A CORTICAL STIMULATOR NET TO KEEP HIM ALIVE SO THE OTHER TREATMENTS CAN HOPEFULLY BRING HIM AROUND.



SO MUCH STIMULATION OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM IS VERY DANGEROUS. SURELY YOU ALREADY UNDERSTAND THIS IS A MEASURE OF ABSOLUTE LAST RESORT.



WE'RE AWARE OF THE RISKS, BUT WE'VE RUN OUT OF OPTIONS. COMMANDER LA FORGE TELLS US YOU ARE THE BEST AT BUILDING WHAT WE NEED.

YES, YES, I HAVE CONSTRUCTED A NET LIKE THIS BEFORE. I'LL GET TO WORK RIGHT AWAY.



IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED, JUST LET ME KNOW.

THANK YOU, COMMANDER.



I DON'T KNOW, DOCTOR, IT SEEMS LIKE BARCLAY HAS TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF. HE'S ALMOST LIKE A NEW PERSON.

I KNOW, I'VE SEEN IT, TOO. TROI ALWAYS TELLS ME WE NEED TO GIVE PEOPLE ROOM TO GROW. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEING WITH BARCLAY.

HE HAS BECOME MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE CONFIDENT OVER TIME, BUT WHAT WE'VE SEEN LATELY, WELL, IT'S JUST EXTRAORDINARY.





FATHER!



SAKAR,  
HOW ARE  
YOU?

YOU MEAN  
OTHER THAN...  
MY MULTIPLE  
LIFE-THREATENING  
INJURIES... MY  
BELOVED?



YOUR DROLL  
SENSE OF HUMOR  
IS AS EVER, OUT OF  
PLACE RELATIVE TO  
THE SITUATION,  
HUSBAND.



IS THERE...  
HOPE FOR  
RECOVERY?

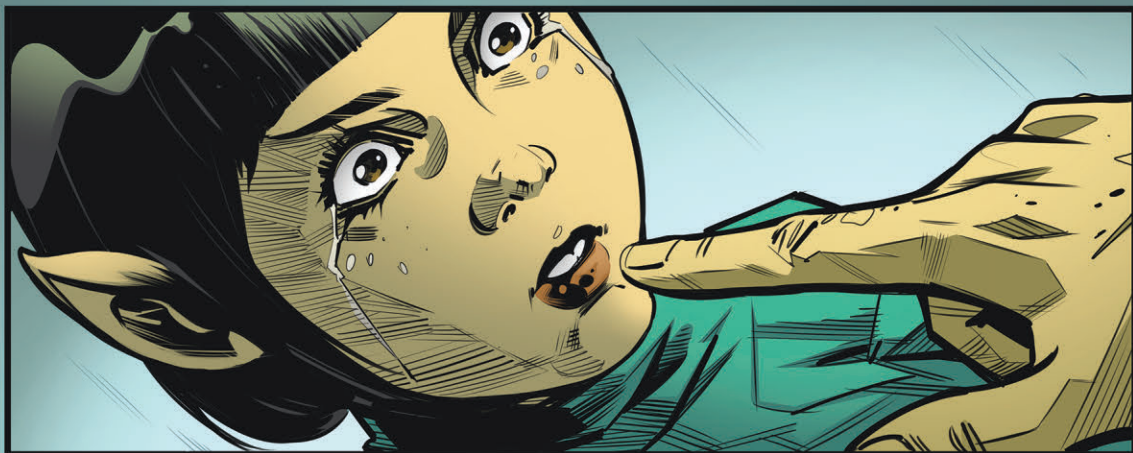
NO.  
UNFORTUNATELY,  
NO.



DO NOT GRIEVE,  
DAUGHTER. YOUR  
MOTHER WILL TAKE CARE  
OF ME. AND YOU MUST BE  
STRONG IN THE DAYS TO  
COME. I NEED NOT  
REMINIQUO OF MY  
LOVE FOR YOU.



MOTHER,  
IS THERE  
NOTHING WE  
CAN DO?





CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER'S LOG. IN THE DAYS SINCE THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR HENDRYK, I HAVE KEPT DR. SELAR UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION, AFTER HER EXPLANATION OF THE VULCAN KATRA RITUAL THAT OCCURRED JUST BEFORE HENDRYK'S PASSING. IF SELAR IS INDEED IN POSSESSION OF HENDRYK'S... IMMORTAL SOUL, I GUESS ONE WOULD SAY—SHE SHOWS NO INDICATIONS OF IT.

DR. SELAR. PLEASE REPORT TO THE CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM.

ON MY WAY.

I HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO MEET WITH CAPTAIN PICARD, DOCTOR. I SHALL RETURN DIRECTLY.

YES, FINE... SELAR?

DOCTOR?

...NEVER MIND, LIEUTENANT. CARRY ON.

CAPTAIN PICARD. YOU REQUESTED TO SEE ME.

INDEED I DID, DOCTOR. PLEASE, COME IN. THIS IS AMBASSADOR THONN, WHO HAS BEEN LEADING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CARDASSIANS IN AMBASSADOR HENDRYK'S PLACE.

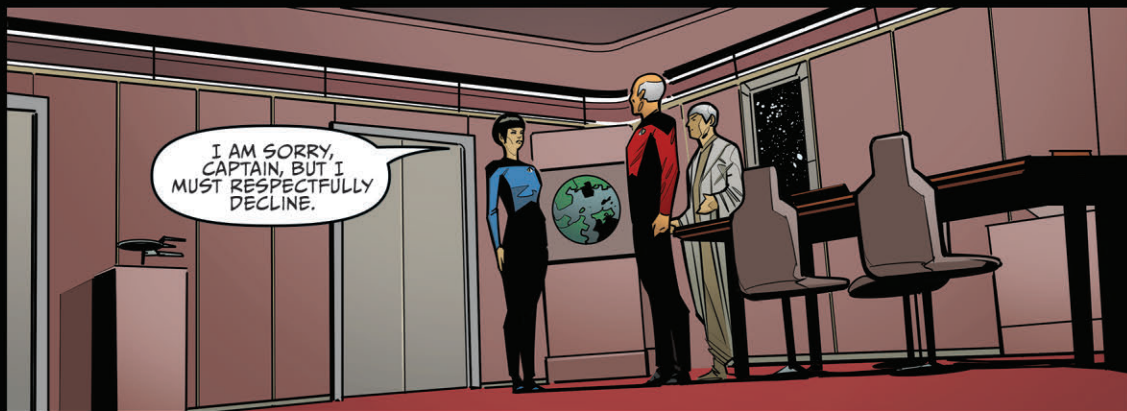
DOCTOR. THE CAPTAIN HAS INFORMED ME THAT AMBASSADOR HENDRYK ENTRUSTED YOU WITH HIS KATRA.

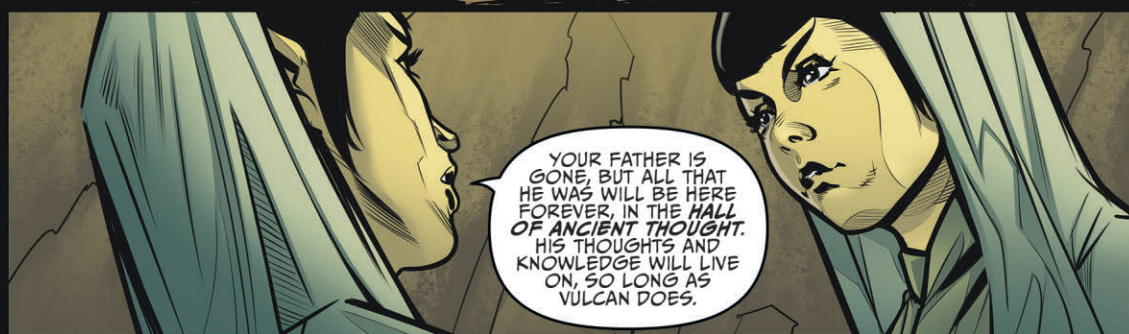
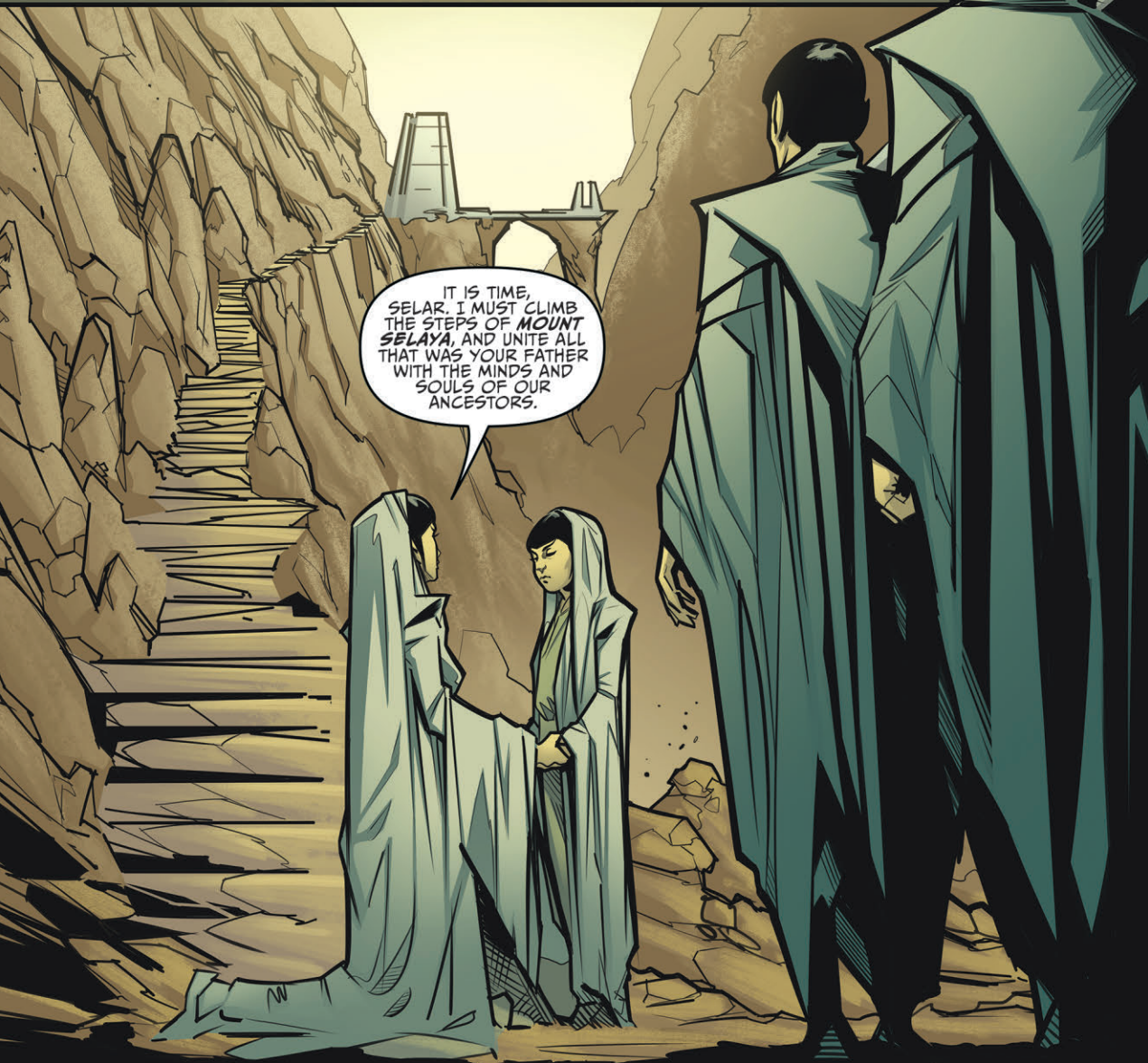
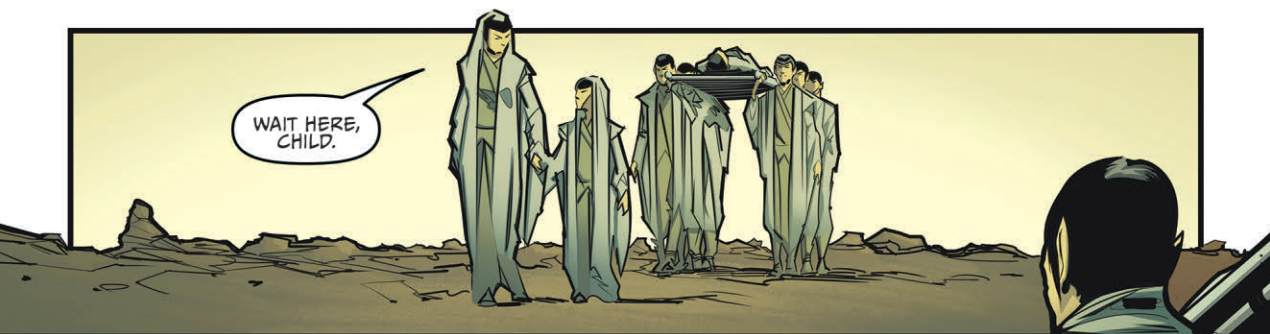
...YES. THIS IS TRUE. I HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED LEAVE FROM CAPTAIN PICARD, THAT I MAY RETURN TO VULCAN WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S REMAINS TO COMPLETE THE RITUAL.

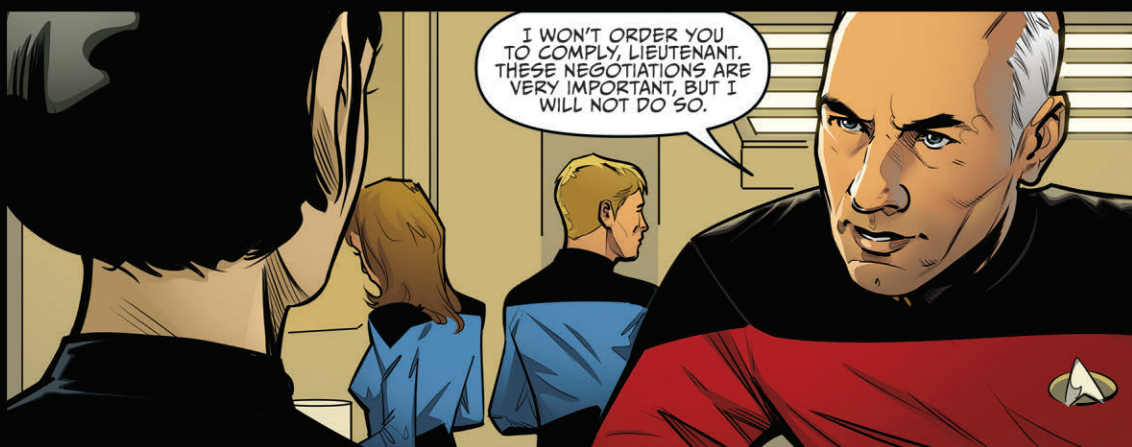
THIS IS MOST FORTUITOUS!

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

THE NEGOTIATIONS DO NOT GO WELL, DOCTOR. I AM A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR MY DEPARTED COUNTERPART HENDRYK. BUT YOU... YOU CARRY WITHIN YOU ALL THAT HE WAS. DO YOU NOT SEE? YOU CAN TAKE HIS PLACE!

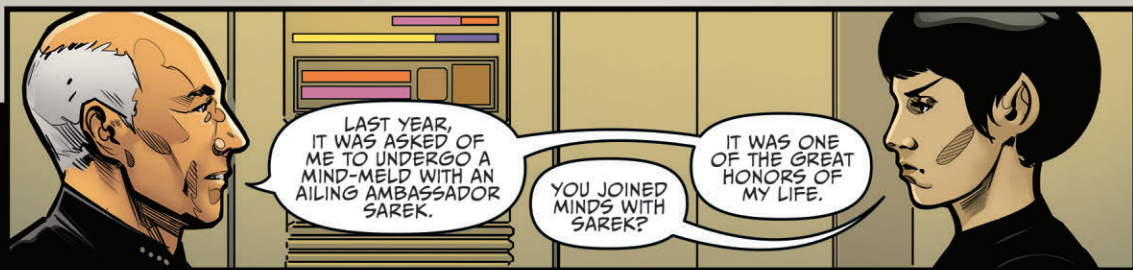








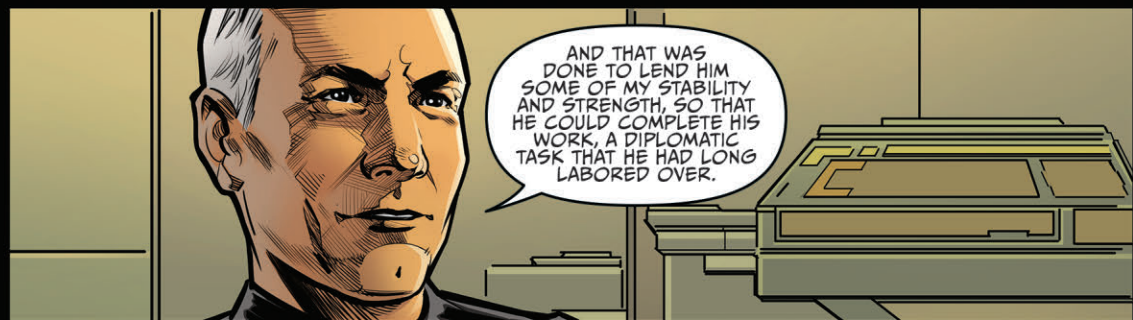
YOU KNOW, I AM NOT ENTIRELY UNFAMILIAR WITH THESE MATTERS.



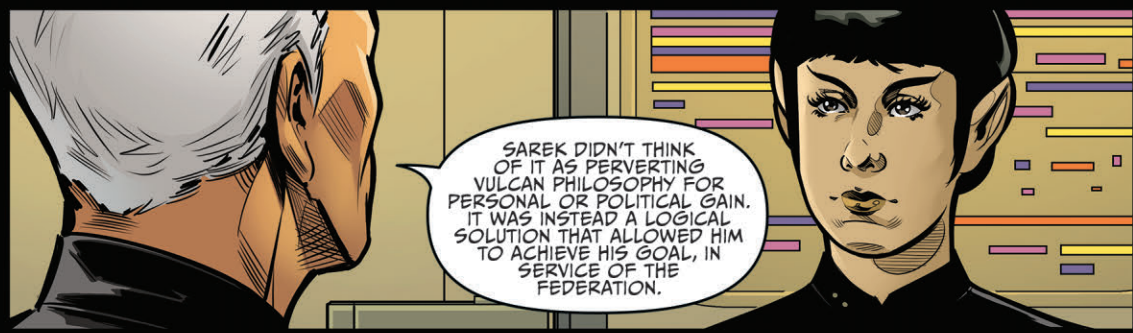
LAST YEAR, IT WAS ASKED OF ME TO UNDERGO A MIND-MELD WITH AN AILING AMBASSADOR SAREK.

YOU JOINED MINDS WITH SAREK?

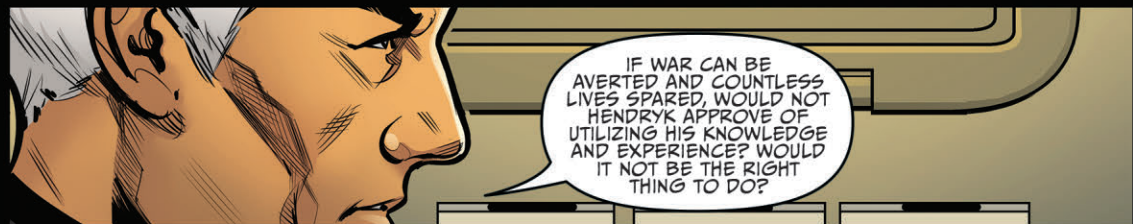
IT WAS ONE OF THE GREAT HONORS OF MY LIFE.



AND THAT WAS DONE TO LEND HIM SOME OF MY STABILITY AND STRENGTH, SO THAT HE COULD COMPLETE HIS WORK, A DIPLOMATIC TASK THAT HE HAD LONG LABORED OVER.



SAREK DIDN'T THINK OF IT AS PERVERTING VULCAN PHILOSOPHY FOR PERSONAL OR POLITICAL GAIN. IT WAS INSTEAD A LOGICAL SOLUTION THAT ALLOWED HIM TO ACHIEVE HIS GOAL, IN SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION.

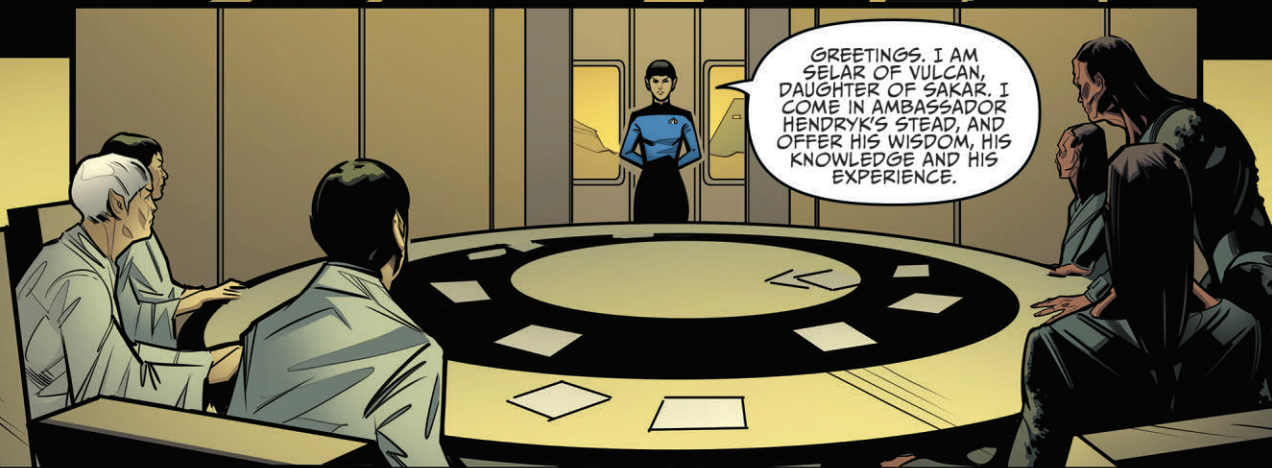
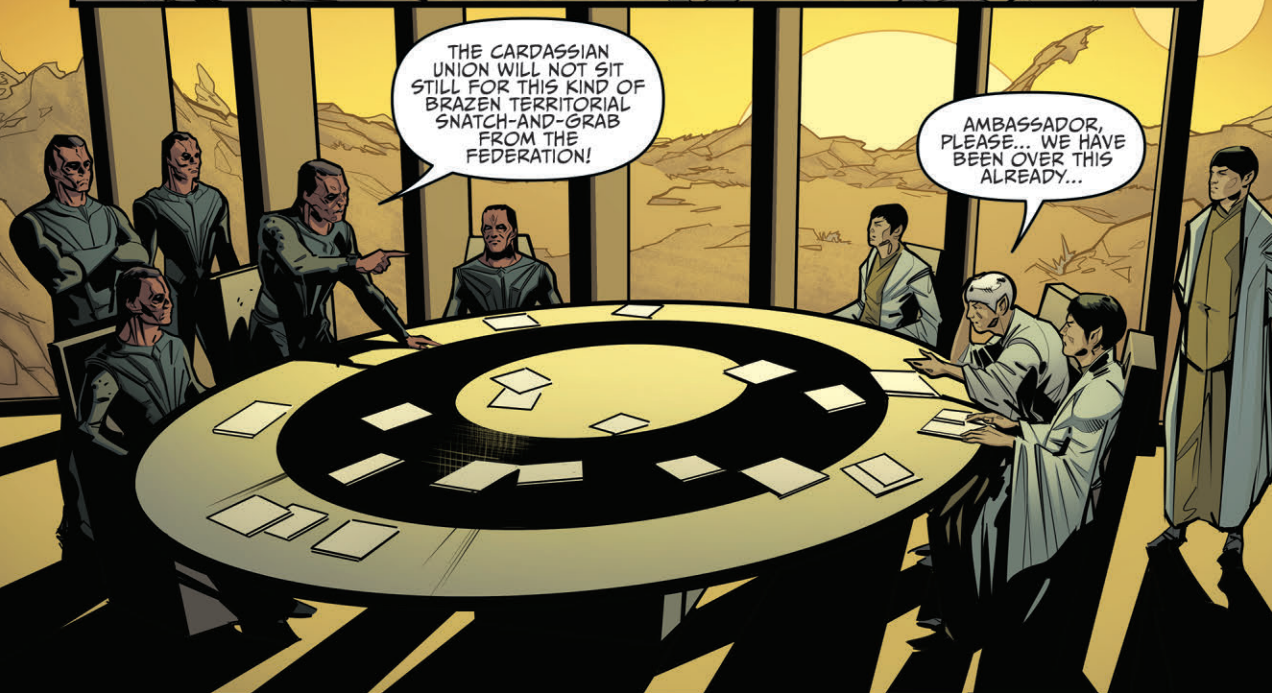


IF WAR CAN BE AVERTED AND COUNTLESS LIVES SPARED, WOULD NOT HENDRYK APPROVE OF UTILIZING HIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE? WOULD IT NOT BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO?



MORE TO THE POINT, DOCTOR, WOULD IT NOT BE LOGICAL?

**DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND,  
TELVINA 2.**





"NOW I CLIMB THE  
STEPS OF MOUNT  
SELAYA."

"AS MY MOTHER DID  
BEFORE ME..."



"NOW I BRING  
AMBASSADOR  
HENDRYK HOME."





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THERE IS THE WORLD WE KNOW, WHERE GOOD MEN STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SELFISH AND THE CRUEL.

BUT THERE IS A REALITY BEYOND THE WORLD WE KNOW. A REALITY WHERE THE SELFISH AND THE CRUEL ARE EMBRACED, AND THE QUALITIES OF KINDNESS AND MERCY ARE NOT SEEN AS IDEALS TO BE LAUDED, BUT INSTEAD WEAKNESSES TO BE SNUFFED OUT.

A REALITY THAT AT FIRST GLANCE SEEMS IDENTICAL, BUT IS IN FACT REVEALED TO BE A TWISTED, DARK REFLECTION OF OUR OWN. AND THEREIN LIES THE IRONY. FOR HOW CAN A WORLD THAT SEEMS SO FAMILIAR...



...BE SO DIFFERENT?





GOT HIM.

BREE-EEP



PIKE  
HERE.

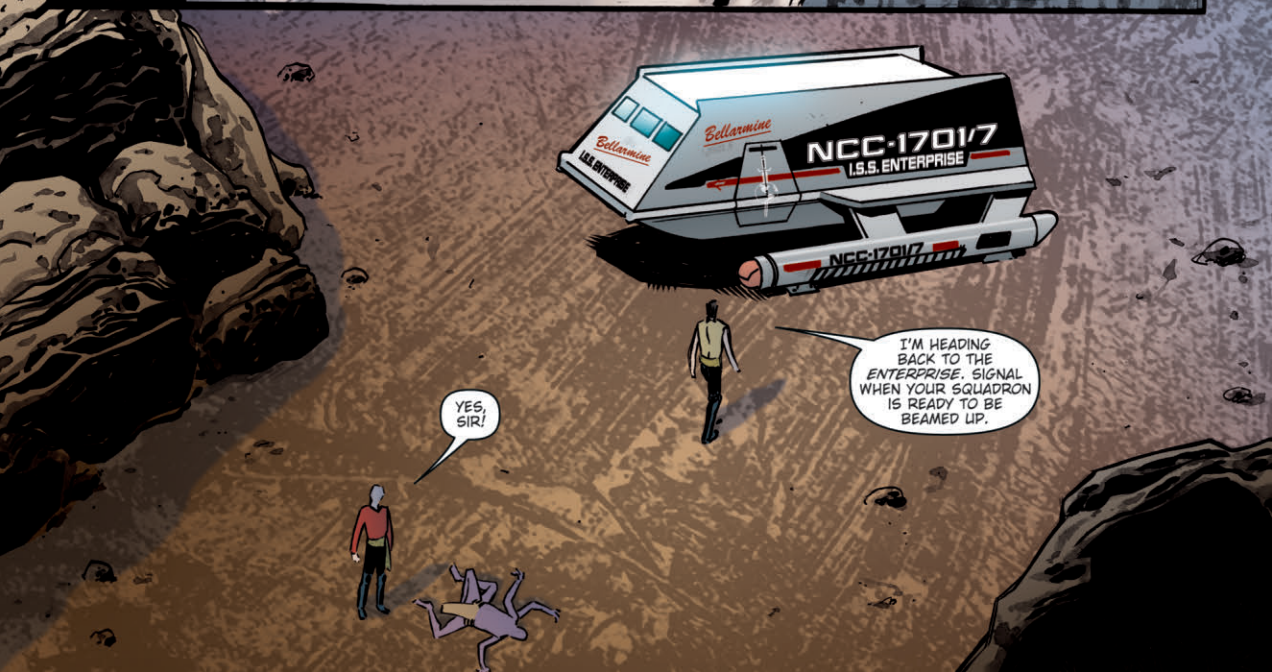
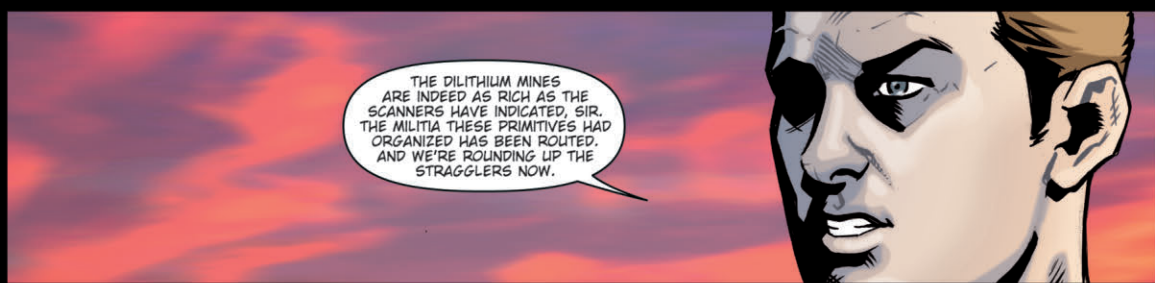
THIS IS  
KELSO, CAPTAIN.  
THE MINES HAVE  
BEEN TAKEN.

ACKNOWLEDGED,  
LIEUTENANT. MEET  
ME BACK AT THE  
BELLARMINE FOR A  
FULL REPORT.

TELL YOUR MEN  
TO MAKE SURE TO LEAVE  
ENOUGH OF THESE THINGS ALIVE  
TO KEEP THE MINES OPERATING.  
AS FOR THE REST—TELL THEM  
TO ENJOY THE HUNT.

AYE,  
SIR.







KA-  
BOOOM!





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