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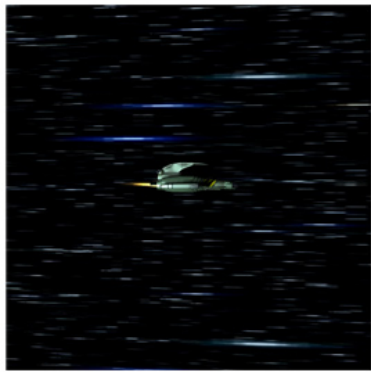


"I just wanted to say that I thought your strip version of 'World of the War-King' was fabulous. It's so nice to see the story finally "drawn up" after all these years... and in full colour and with a computer-modelled Killwagon too... and just to be reminded of how incredibly brutal the story was! I was obviously some sort of really mixed up kid! Seriously, I think you did a wonderful job... and picking it up for another look is seriously disrupting my afternoon!"

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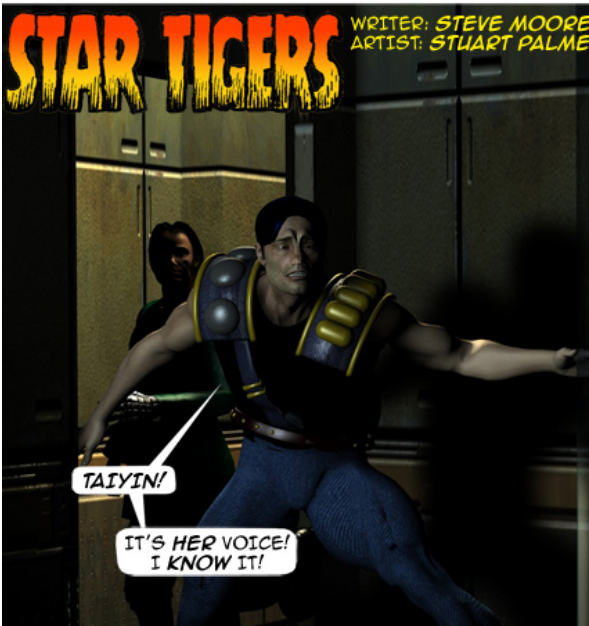


AS THE CRUISING KILL-WAGON CARRIES ABSLOM DAAK AND HIS MOTLEY CREW AWAY FROM THE PLANET DISPARTER, THE EERIE SILENCE OF A SLEEP-PERIOD IS BROKEN BY A THIN ETHEREAL VOICE, BECKONING SOFTLY ACROSS THE DEEPS OF SPACE LIKE A STRANGE INTERSTELLAR LORELEI...



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TAIYIN!

IT'S HER VOICE!
I KNOW IT!



COME, ABSLOM
COME TO...
THE
WORLD
OF THE
WAR-
KING



WAA77!!

IT CAN'T BE HER VOICE,
DAAK... SHE'S DEAD!

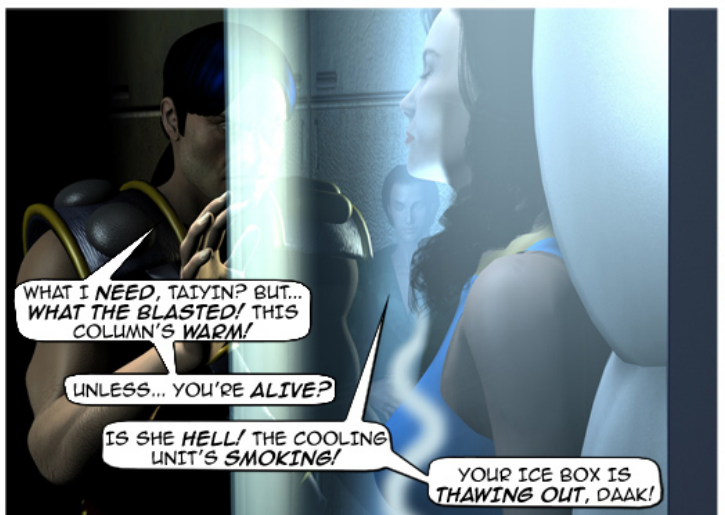
BESIDES, IT'S COMING FROM
EVERYWHERE... SOMEONE'S
USING THE WHOLE SHIP AS A
GIANT RESONANT RECEIVER!

OUTTA MY WAY, MERCURIUS!



THE VOICE DOESN'T MATTER...
IT'S THE WORDS...

...THE WORLD OF THE
WAR-KING... THERE YOU WILL
FIND WHAT YOU NEED...



WHAT I NEED, TAIYIN? BUT...
WHAT THE BLASTED! THIS
COLUMN'S WARM!

UNLESS... YOU'RE ALIVE?

IS SHE HELL! THE COOLING
UNIT'S SMOKING!

YOUR ICE BOX IS
THAWING OUT, DAAK!



THEN WE'VE GOT TO GET
A REPLACEMENT WITHIN
AN HOUR... OR...

AND THE ONLY PLANET
WITHIN RANGE IS... THE
WORLD OF THE WAR-KING!

EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'VE BEEN
SET UP FOR SOMETHING?



YEAH... AND I DON'T LIKE IT! THIS WAR-KING'S CRAZIER THAN I AM!

MAYBE... ALL WE KNOW IS HE'S INTO WAR AS ART... GOOD AND BAD DON'T MATTER IN HIS GAME...

FOR HIM, IT'S JUST THE AESTHETIC BEAUTY OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS...



BUT I HEAR HE HAS ONE OR TWO INTERESTING TOYS DOWN THERE...

I THINK WE SHOULD PAY HIM A VISIT...

NO WAY WE'RE NOT! WHAT DO YOU SAY, SALANDER?



HMM? FORGIVE ME... I WAS THINKING ABOUT MY SSSON...

AND MINUTES LATER, ON THE BLIZZARD-BOUND PLANET BELOW...



THERE'S OUR TARGET...

WE'LL SPLIT UP... RUN INTERFERENCE FOR EACH OTHER... COME ON, HARMA

THIS IS A CRAZY PLACE TO GO LOOKING FOR A REFRIGERATOR!



THEN, AS THE CHALLENGE IS TAKEN UP...

NOW WE'LL SEE IF DAAK MATCHES HIS REPUTATION, NAPOLEON... IF I JUDGE RIGHT, HE WON'T JUST BE CONTENT WITH A COOLING UNIT...

FOUR OF THEM, AGAINST YOU AND ME! I WONDER WHO DAAK'S GOT WITH HIM...

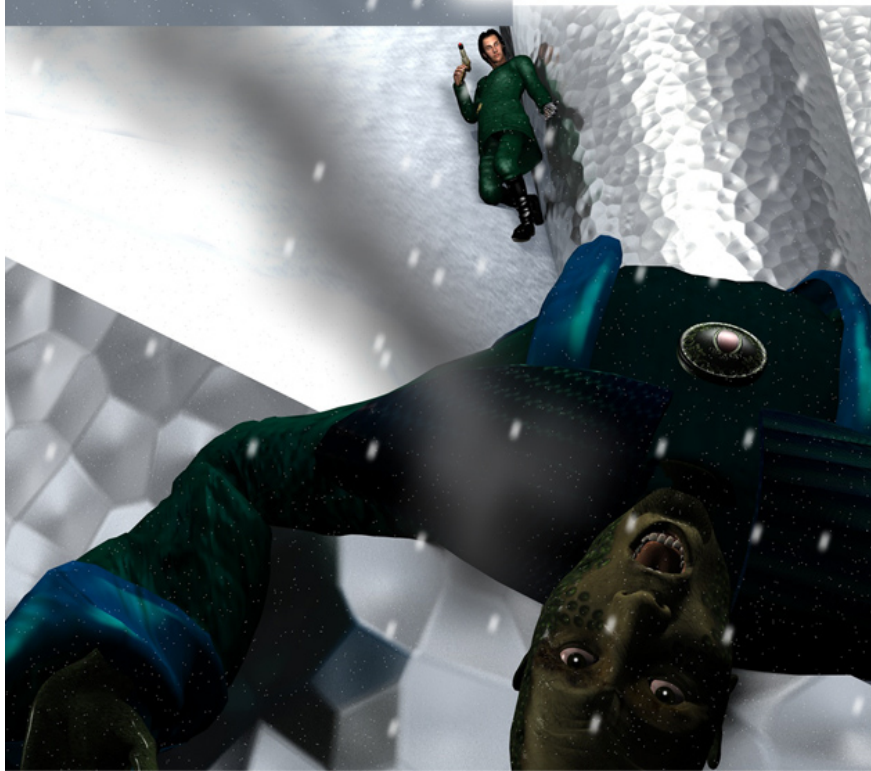


IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY... AND THEY WILL TRY TO AVOID OUR SCANNERS...

I SUGGEST COUNTER-MEASURES IN AREA 27...

I'M INCLINED TO AGREE...

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HEY, WHAT YOU KNOW?
COOLING UNITS!

I KNOW THIS IS *TOO EASY*.
HARMA... THE WHOLE THING *STINKS!*



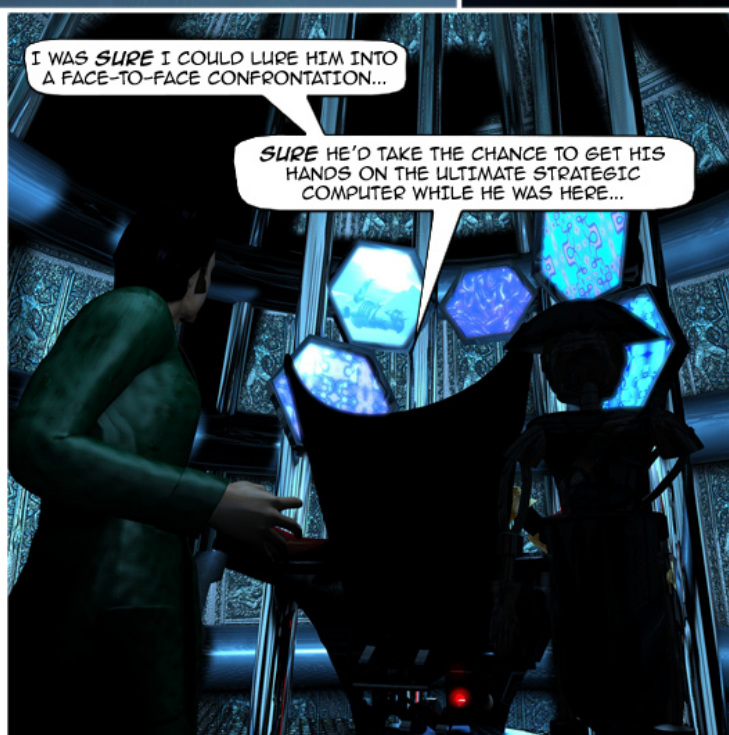
SO THIS IS WHERE WE *PULL OUT* OF THIS CRAZY GAME!

TAKE ONE EACH FOR INSURANCE,
HARMA... AND LET'S GET GOING!



KRUNK!

DAAK'S RUNNING OUT! IT SEEMS I
MISJUDGED HIM, NAPOLEON...



I WAS *SURE* I COULD LURE HIM INTO
A FACE-TO-FACE CONFRONTATION...

SURE HE'D TAKE THE CHANCE TO GET HIS
HANDS ON THE ULTIMATE STRATEGIC
COMPUTER WHILE HE WAS HERE...

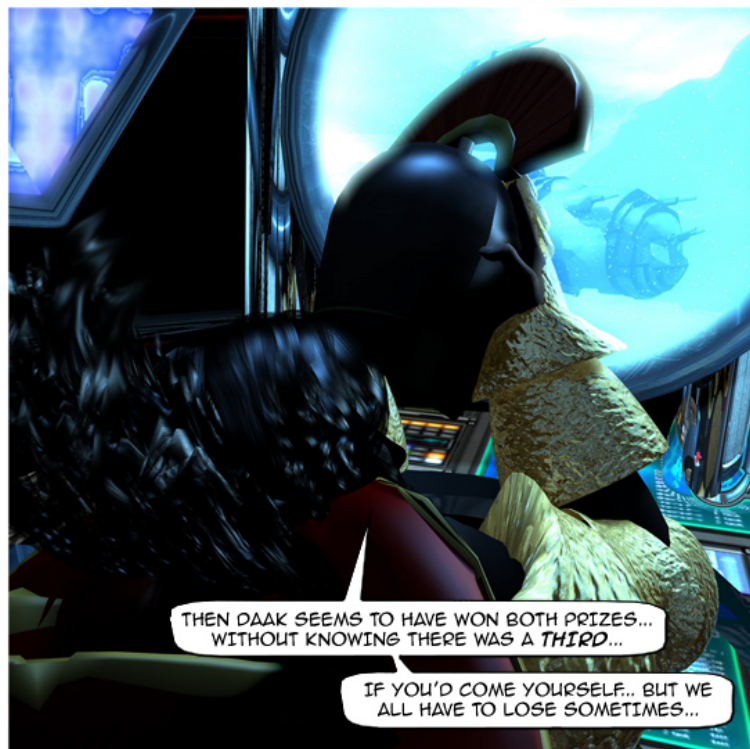


BUT PERHAPS HE DOESN'T *KNOW* YOU'VE GOT THE
FINEST TACTICAL HEAD IN THE GALAXY, NAPOLEON...



IT'S A... NAPOLEON?

AH, SO HE HAS *MERCURIUS THE THIEF* WITH HIM...



THEN DAAK SEEMS TO HAVE WON BOTH PRIZES...
WITHOUT KNOWING THERE WAS A *THIRD*...

IF YOU'D COME YOURSELF... BUT WE
ALL HAVE TO LOSE SOMETIMES...

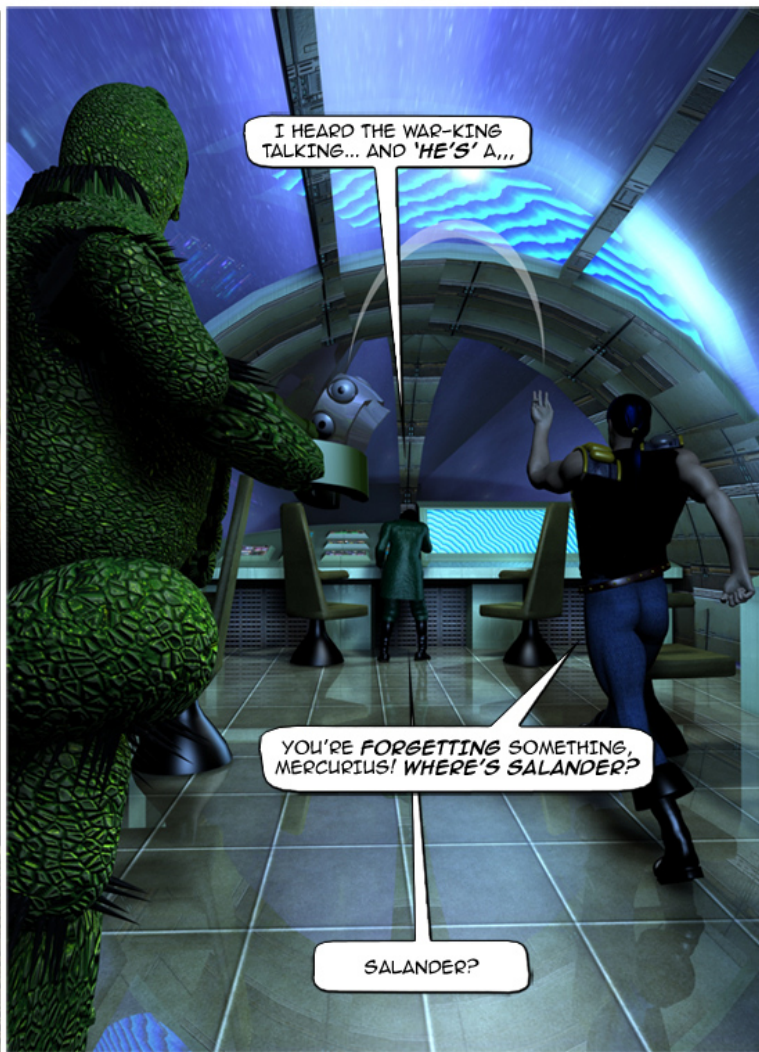


DON'T WE, ABSLOM..?



SOMETHING STRANGE
GOING ON HERE, DAAK...

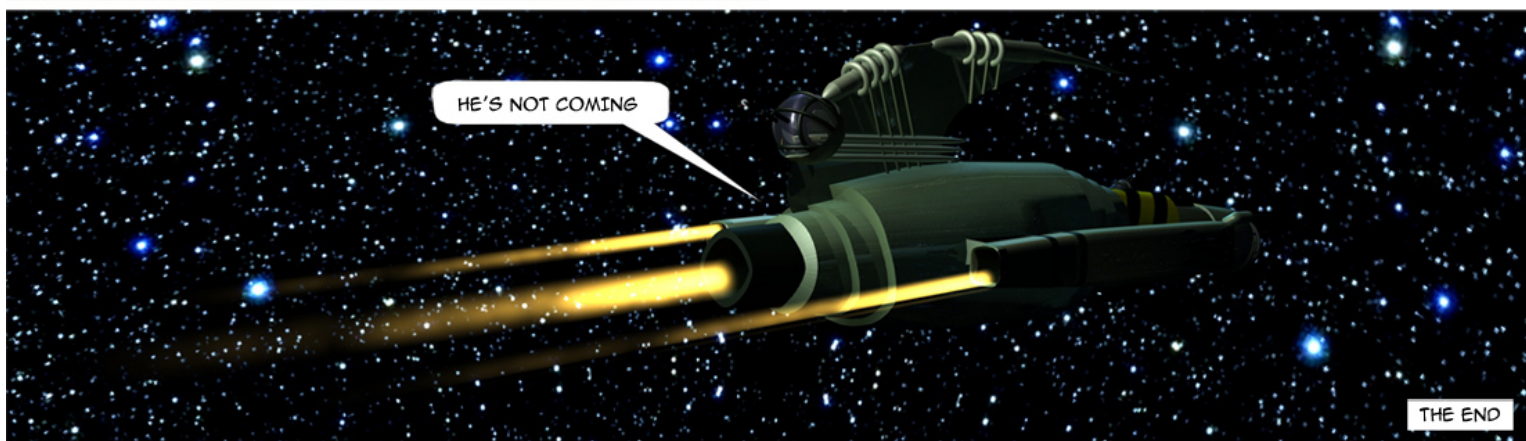
HERE, HOLD *THIS* FOR ME
WHILE I TAKE US OUT OF HERE...



I HEARD THE WAR-KING
TALKING... AND 'HE'S' A...

YOU'RE *FORGETTING* SOMETHING,
MERCURIUS! WHERE'S SALANDER?

SALANDER?



HE'S NOT COMING

THE END

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"When Steve first presented me with the original script for an unpublished 'Star Tigers' strip dating from 1980, I just knew it had to become a bonus feature on the second 'Star Tigers' disc. I had the idea of a moving comic strip, but I also knew that the very best way to appreciate the story would be as originally intended - on the printed page.

With that in mind, I first assembled the strip as the pages you see here, closely following Steve's original script, before breaking them down to make the composite images you see on the bonus feature.

Steve's original covering letter said that the strip could be either four or five pages long, depending on whether or not they could 'borrow' a page from the main strip. I hope nobody minds that I went for the latter!"

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