

THE OMEGA SECTOR



**Book Three: The Dark Path
to Terra Seven**



The dream is always the same: cold, empty. I know what's about to happen but I can't do anything to change it.

It seems so foolish. We all heard the stories. Whether we choose to believe them or not is up to us. But for me, I don't know why it's so real.

Maybe just the fact that you saw one. That's a lot to process as a young woman.

Maybe...In my dream, I warn the captain. I try to tell him what's coming but they don't listen or don't hear me.



Why aren't you listening? It's a trap!

Helmsman, continue heading home.

Captain...



Captain!





You escaped me once but not this time!



Noooo!



Help!!!



Noooo...



...ooo!



I always wake up at that part. Drenched in sweat and wondering...


if my nightmare is ever going to come true.




WHTHOOOOSH

En route to meet up with the fleet, Captain.






John, you did well today. I haven't seen flying like that since my time on the Warhammer.



I didn't think the 328 could move like that.



Just trying to keep us alive Captain. We've all heard the stories.




Lieutenant, they're just stories.


You should rest while you can. I'm sure we'll rendezvous soon. I need to run comms with the fleet.

Aye, Captain, I'll leave you with the bridge.






Admiral, we've got your asset secured in the hangar. I've got two mechs assigned to her security detail.



Tyson, I don't need to tell you how important the information she carries may be.



Our enemy has some severe weaknesses that will give us an advantage in combat.

Ships:
Destroyers:
Cruisers:
Frigates:

Squadron 1
Destroyers: ■■
Cruisers: ●●
Frigates: ■■

Squadron 2
Destroyers: ■■
Cruisers: ●●
Frigates: ■■

Squadron 3
Destroyers: ■■
Cruisers: ●●
Frigates: ■■



Make sure your crew keeps her secured until I can interrogate her.

The 328 is up to the task.

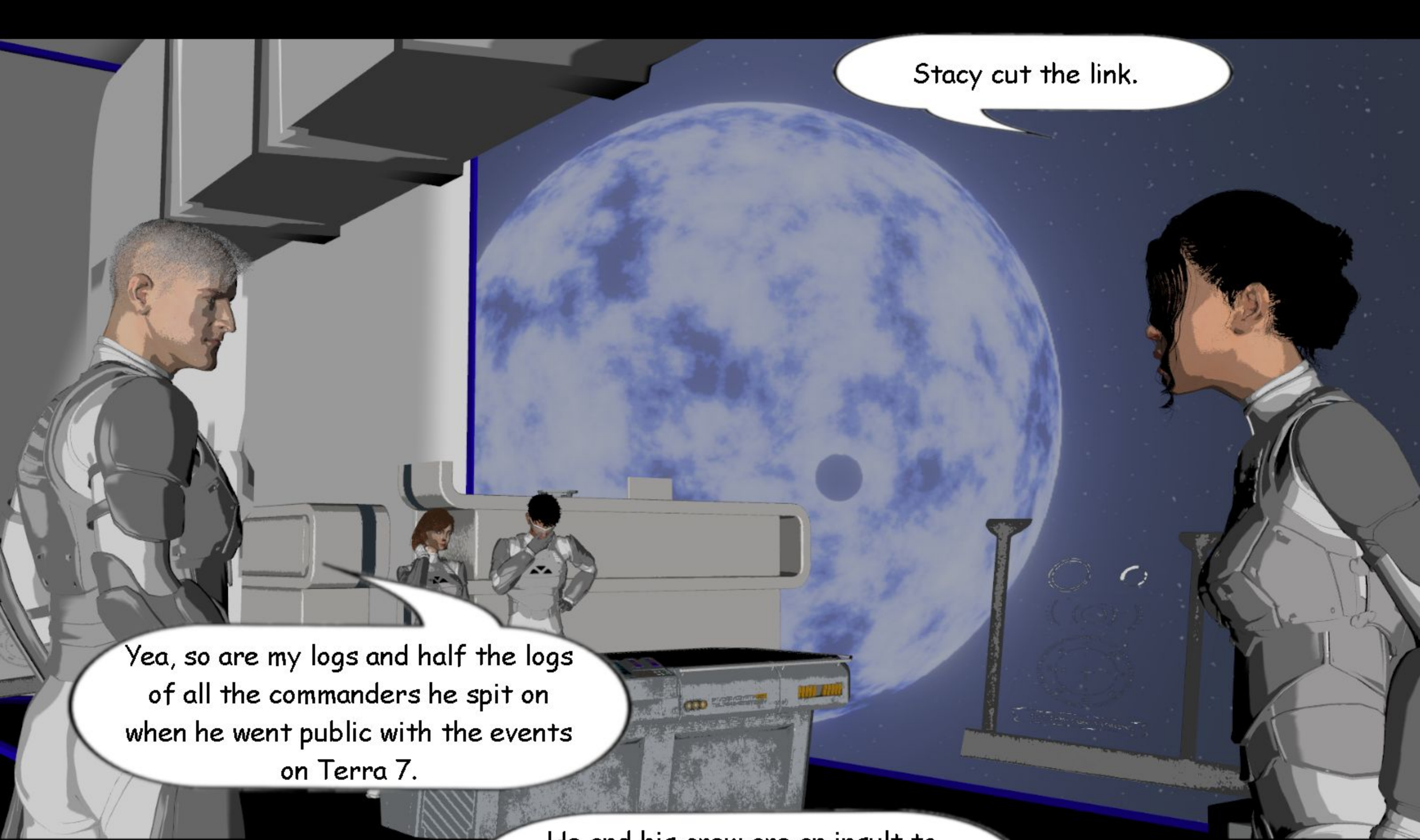


You and your crew have been a thorn in my side. Just give me another excuse.

You better be. The 328 is the last stop for you.

Admiral, these are recorded comms.





Stacy cut the link.


Yea, so are my logs and half the logs of all the commanders he spit on when he went public with the events on Terra 7.

He and his crew are an insult to order in this new world we are trying to build.



Enough Major Xao.

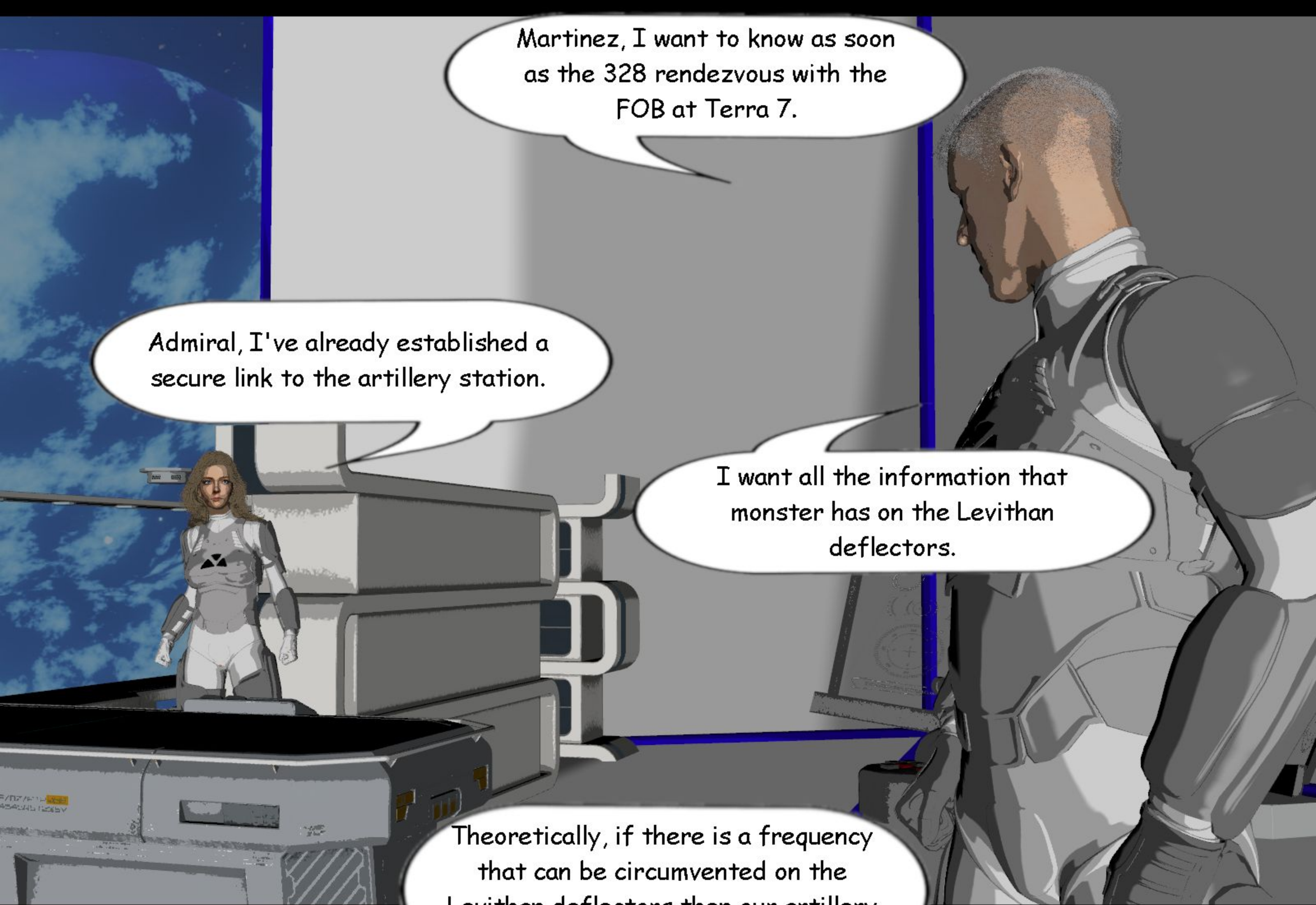
Admiral, we've all given so much to get here. The 328 is no exception. They were just trying to ...



You are going to be the one to update them on Operation FireHide. Major Xao you will be the lead XO on site.



You'll transport to Terra 7 immediately.



Martinez, I want to know as soon as the 328 rendezvous with the FOB at Terra 7.

Admiral, I've already established a secure link to the artillery station.

I want all the information that monster has on the Levithan deflectors.

Theoretically, if there is a frequency that can be circumvented on the Levithan deflectors then our artillery should be able to rip them a new one.



Your glasses are dumb.

You always do that! I just got these from the fleet catalog. These are the new GSX 90s.

Just saying.



Would you be here for the trip?

Settle down. We're almost there.
Engage mag-lock.



Do you think they will be able to get what they need from her? I can barely understand her. Doesn't seem like we got the top brass here.

Well, fleet doesn't think they are that very intelligent from our encounters.



328 requesting permission to dock with ST battery 23.

328 granted. Use dock 4.
Security will move the prisoner to a secured comm.



Please maintain ready stations at 0800.

Docking complete.




You move forward with new robots.


Follow me. We are going to move to a secure location to broadcast.




You've got a date with the admiral.




Man, I'm glad to unload the trash.
Most boring assignment ever.



So it's true we are being redirected to
Terra 7?



Yeah, why, you've gotta
weird look on your face.



Hey, look, if any of those things go
crazy I'm sure SIMON will protect
you.



I don't want to overstep but I think SIMON is in love with you. You don't notice the way he looks at you.

Lieutenant Johnson, I assure you I am not capable of attraction. It was removed from my AI to ensure a seamless and uncomplicated working environment.

Furthermore, my manufacturing and design was intentional to reduce your attraction toward me.

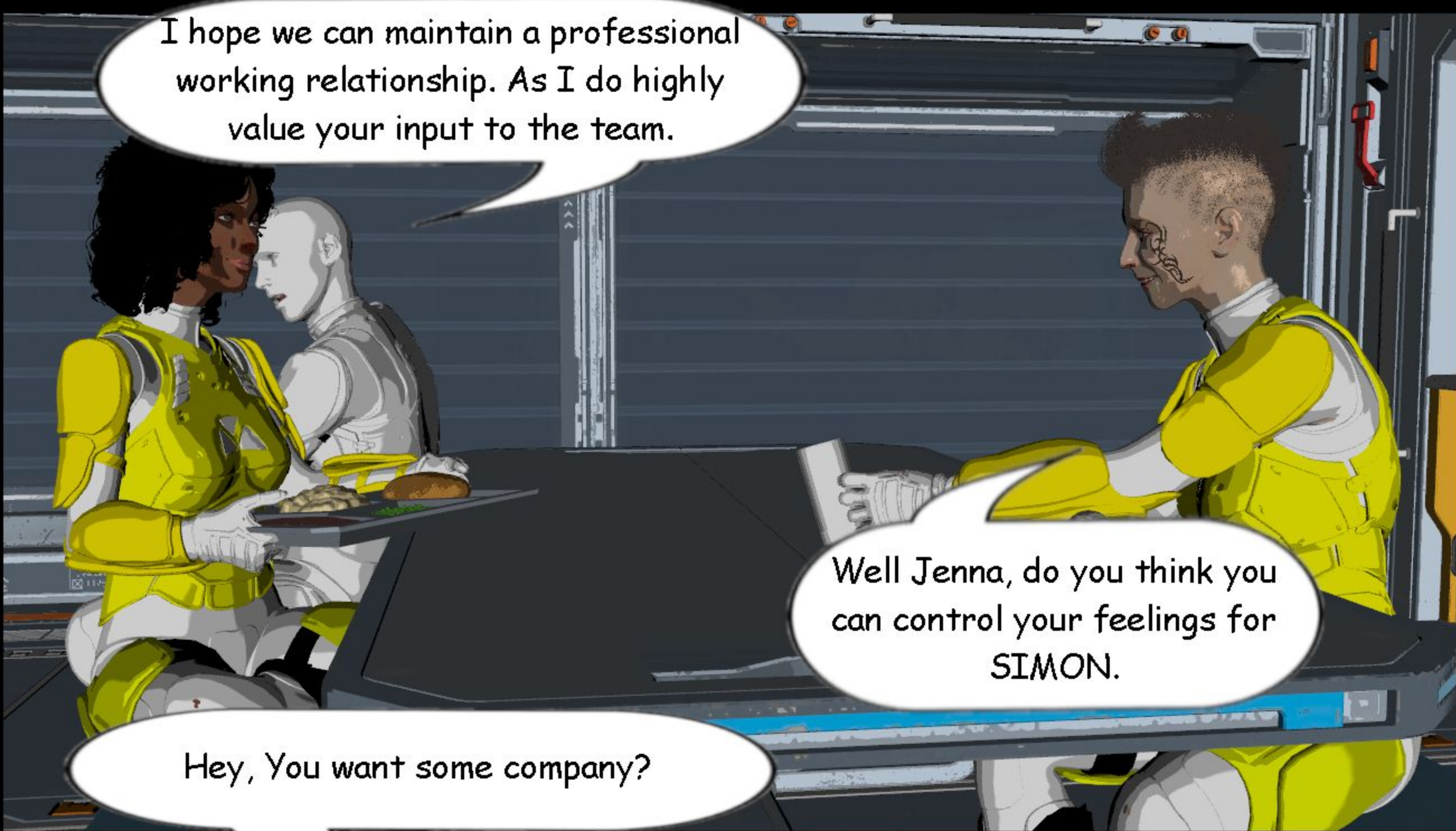


Thanks, Uri. I needed that.



Don't mention it. I love messing with SIMON.

Furthermore, it is not conducive for our working relationship to continue in such a manner. I am not designed to fulfill any human needs or have any such desires of my own...



I hope we can maintain a professional working relationship. As I do highly value your input to the team.

Well Jenna, do you think you can control your feelings for SIMON.

Hey, You want some company?



I'm fine.

I hate you.

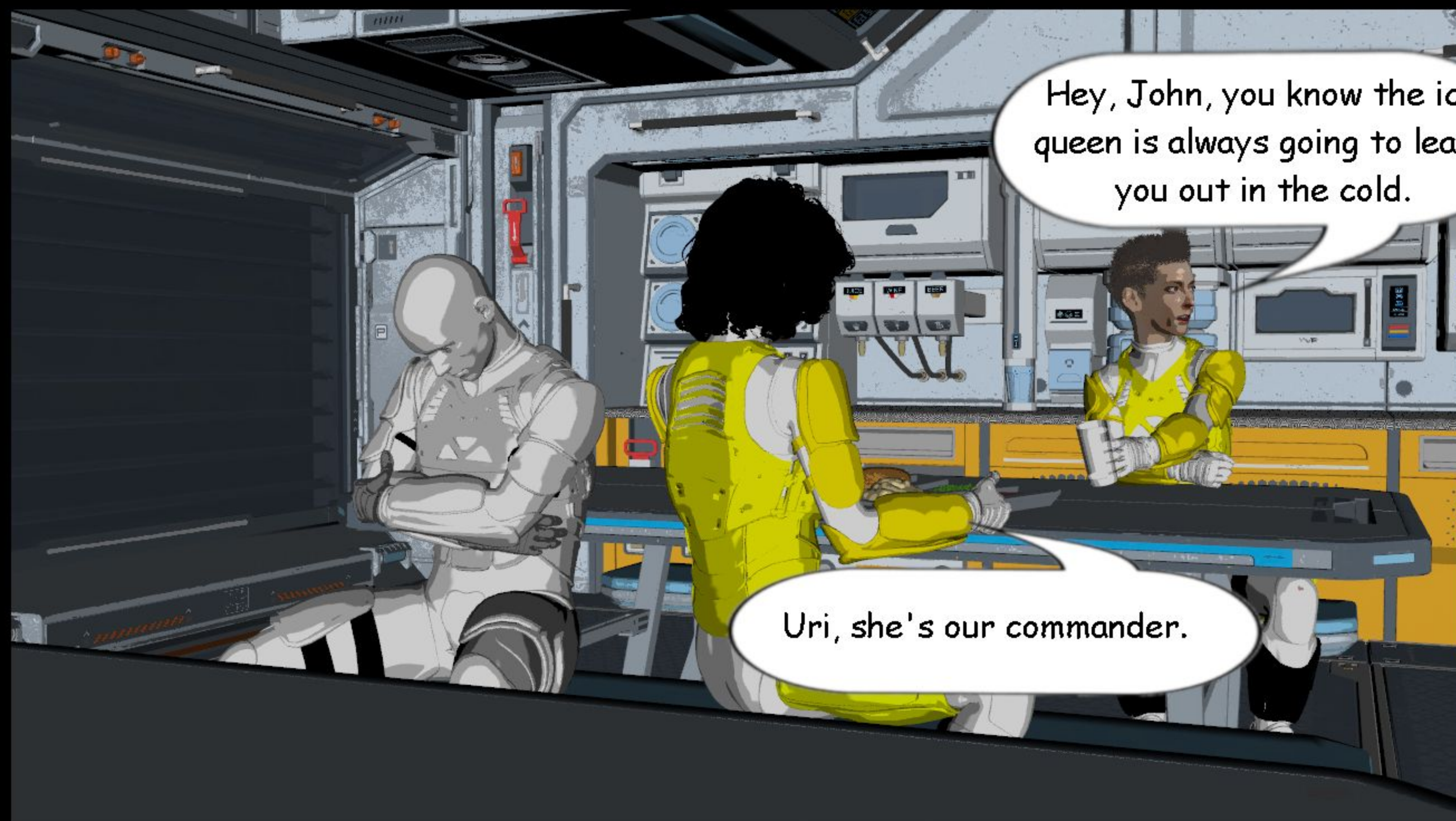
I just thought you may want to continue talking about what we said on the bridge.



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Ok, I just thought...






Major Xiao.

Riley is fine Tyson.



Don't be so formal.



I know we've got some history but I'm on direct orders from the fleet.



We're going on the offensive.




We're going to take down a Leviathan Warship.



I suppose you think that prisoner is the key?

Yeah. Hey, I am the lead XO while on this ship! You may have an issue with me but you will respect the rank!




Whatever issues you have with me get over it. Because this next mission is putting us both in front of a Levithian Class 2.

All about rank now. So you're going to try to sink the unsinkable? In case you didn't see my report the class 2 took a plasma explosion to the face and shook it off.




Tyson, we think we can punch a hole in their deflectors.

You're putting a lot of faith in that prisoner and the information they will be willing to give.



Riley, do you believe it will work? I get using the AI controlled destroyers but our lives aren't backed up on a server on Terra.

Your face says it all.



Don't bet on us. Got it.





XO is on deck!

At ease. I'm Major Xao and I'll be taking over for Operation FireHide. It is the first operation we will attempt to destroy our first class 2 Levithian starship.



That's impossible. If a plasma blast...we don't have anything that can break those deflectors.

Sergeant Johnson, I've just received an update. If there was a frequency we could exploit in their deflectors theoretically we could perhaps cause significant hull damage with the ST-23 argon cannons.





SIMON, yes a theoretical conclusion at best. IF.

To all, make no mistake, fleet will have us engage this class 2 head-on and if there is any compromise to our hull we will punch out of common space. Our lives will not end on an "IF"



Damn, right.

Captain, I expect the class 2 from our last encounter knows where we are heading.



They tried to disable us...



I've said my piece, please address further questions to our top-ranking XO.




I'm sure she'd be glad to address them.




Speak, Levithian.



I have technology in my helmet. You may access. Make link and transfer.




Don't try anything we have our best minds validating this data.




Any code we find that's malicious and our mechs will execute you on-site.



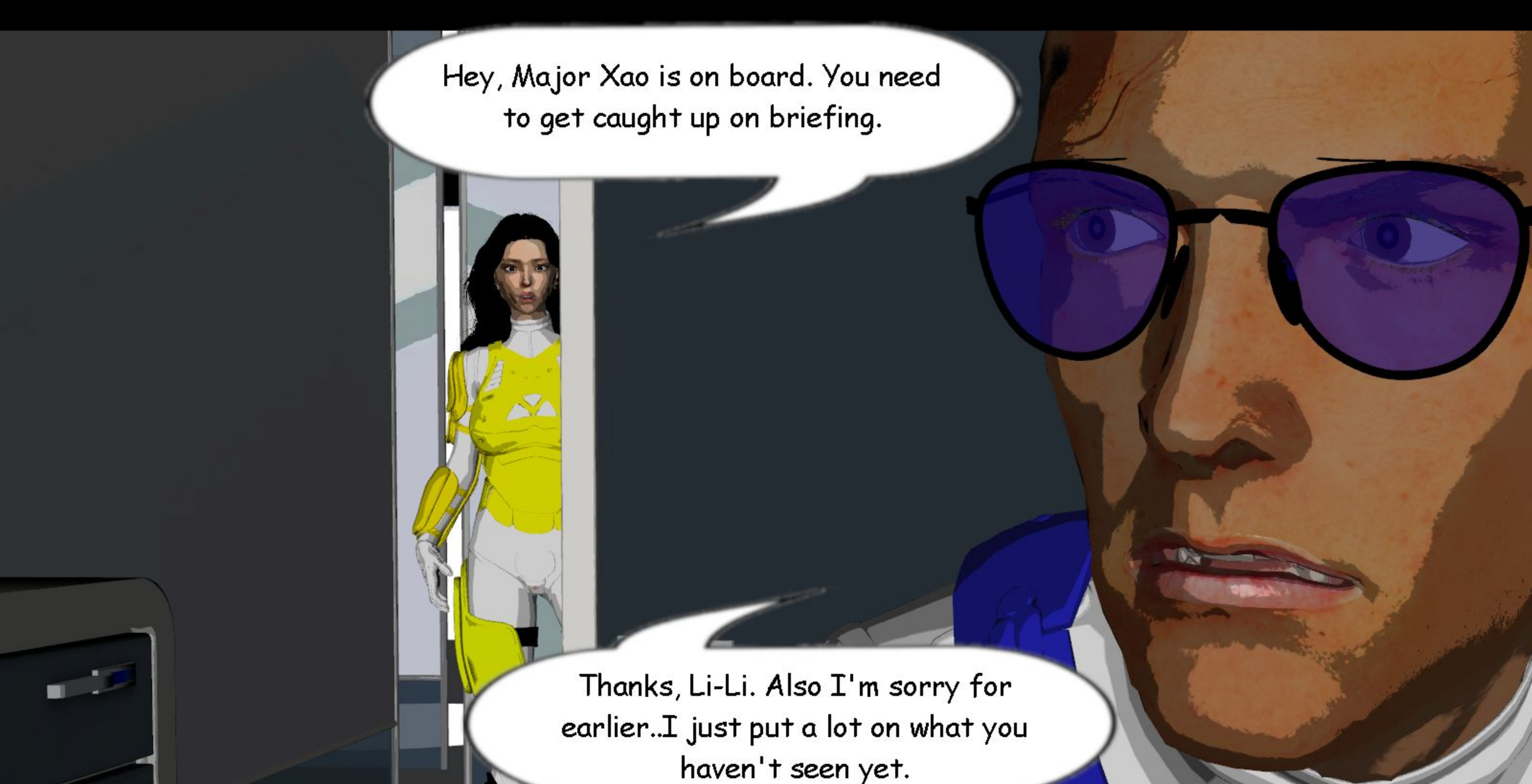
Yes, begin transfer.



You think me of not smart. I do not know your language. But, you know not mine. I say we are the same.




The only reason your race is still around is because of your sheer size. Aside from that you are nothing to us.




Hey, Major Xiao is on board. You need to get caught up on briefing.

Thanks, Li-Li. Also I'm sorry for earlier..I just put a lot on what you haven't seen yet.



Uncle Kyle, I know you've seen more than me but...



Hey look, we don't have to do this now. But we do need to head down.




I'm so angry all the time, on the inside.



If I could, I'd destroy every last one of them. Terra 7 was our home and they loved to torment us like we were ants under a microscope.



But we were families. Brothers, neighbors, and husbands and wives.



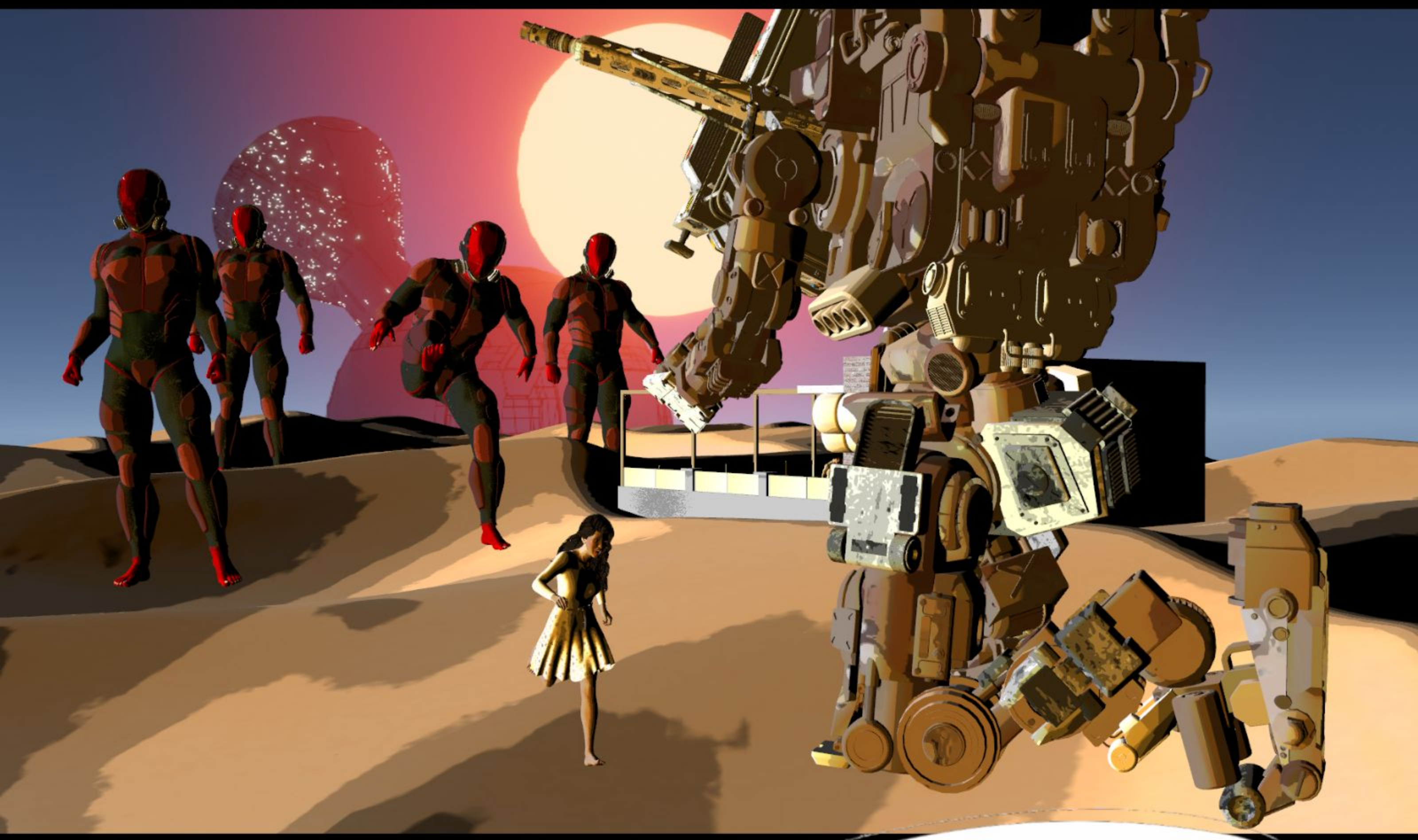
They moved through the colonies crushing and destroying my neighbors, my family, and my wife.



And I took every opportunity to stop them.



They were relentless as if they were stomping out pests.



So when we had the means to fight, I fought.



And I fought hard with every ounce of hydraulic force. I wanted to rip and tear and crush as they had.





They were an object of fear for many. But with or without my mech they were an object of hatred for me.



It blinded me. The fleet declared the planet lost. They set the reactor to nuke the planet. It was their way of destroying this threat once and for all.



The problem was I was still angry and I wanted to chew on more Levithian. So I ordered my squad to continue the fight instead of retreating on the code black.



All of my men fell at that battle.



But when it came to me the Levithan weren't fighting a man they were fighting hate. I remember broken bones, blood, crushed cockpits, and hydraulic fluid left on the battlefield.





After everyone was dead, I realized something. I was truly, truly alone.



Unfortunately, we would only learn after destroying the planet that the true origin of this evil fell from the stars.




I was angry then.



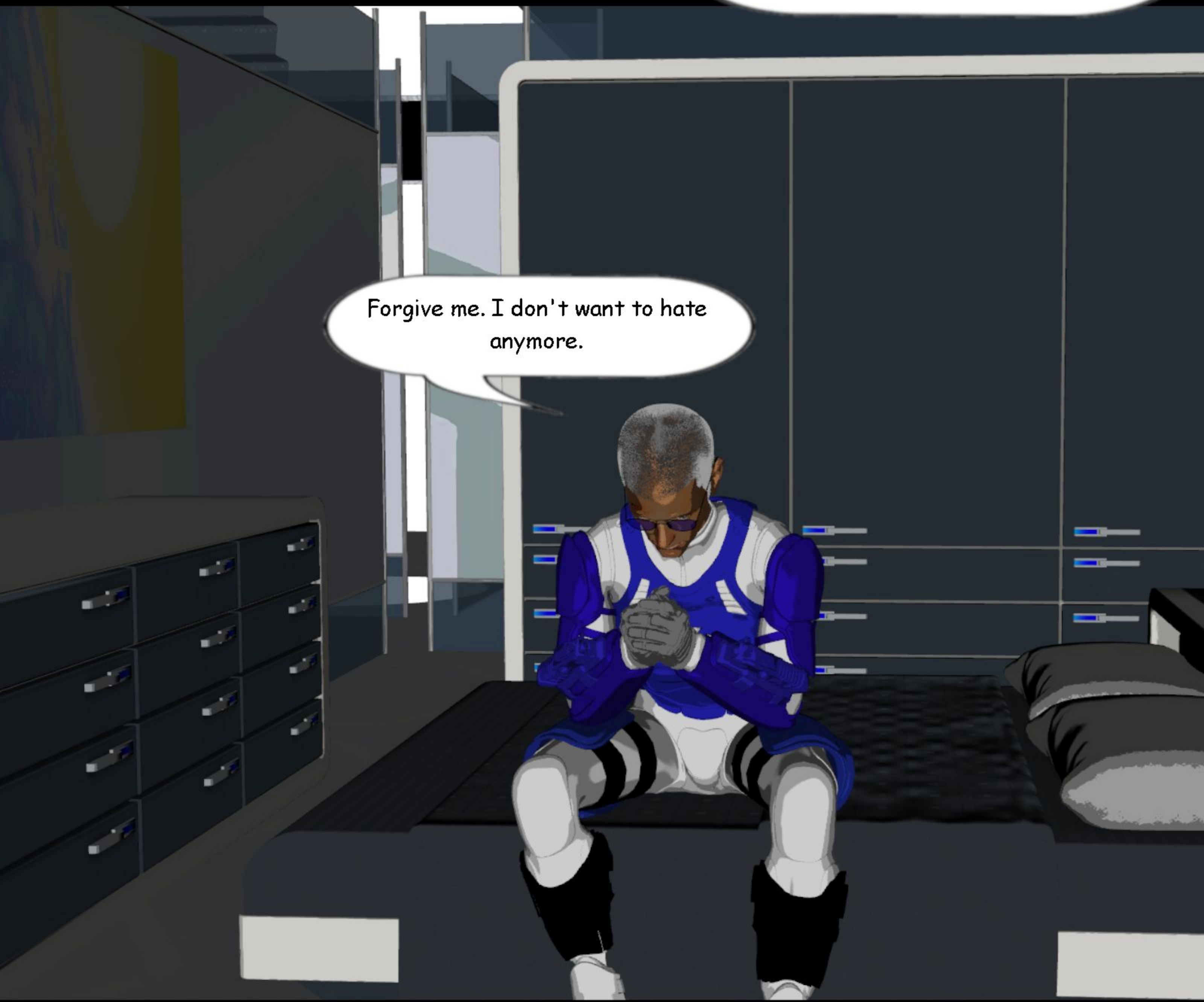
and I'm angry now.




I'm sorry.



Me to kiddo. Hey, go ahead and head down. I'll be behind you shortly.



Forgive me. I don't want to hate anymore.

A futuristic fleet of spaceships is positioned in space, surrounded by large, glowing blue and orange celestial bodies. The ships are illuminated with bright lights, and the background is a dark starfield. A large white speech bubble is at the top, containing text.

The fleet is in position. Prepare to broadcast. Soon they'll know exactly where we are.

To be continued...

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Coming Soon