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A large, reddish-orange planet (Mars) is shown in space, surrounded by a field of stars. Two smaller, irregularly shaped objects (satellites) are visible in the distance.

MARS, THE FOURTH PLANET
IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

IT WAS NAMED AFTER THE GOD OF WAR,
WHICH IS IRONIC TO SAY THE LEAST...

A close-up view of Mars, showing its reddish-orange surface with various craters and geological features. Two irregularly shaped satellites, Phobos and Deimos, are shown orbiting the planet.


IT HAS TWO IRREGULARLY SHAPED SATELLITES
THAT ORBIT IT IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS:
PHOBOS AND DEIMOS (FEAR AND TERROR).

TODAY WE KNOW THAT THEY WILL END
THEIR DAYS FALLING IRREDEMIABLY TO
THEIR SURFACE DUE TO THE GRAVITY
THAT MARS EXERTS ON THEM.


A view of the surface of Phobos, showing a small, circular structure (the outpost) and a large, dark, irregularly shaped object (the monolith). The text "BASE ABANDONADA A.C. CLARKE" is written in red above the structure.

BASE ABANDONADA
A.C. CLARKE

PHOBOS HOUSES... HOUSED A SMALL OUTPOST
(CLOSED FOUR YEARS AGO). CURIOUSLY, IT WAS
LOCATED NEAR A SUPPOSED "MONOLITH" THAT WAS
DISCOVERED 30 YEARS AFTER THE RELEASE OF
"2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY," THE NOVEL BY ARTHUR
C. CLARKE (AFTER WHOM THE BASE WAS NAMED),
WHICH WAS ADAPTED FOR THE SCREEN BY KUBRIK.

A view of the surface of Mars, showing a barren, rocky landscape with a large, dark, irregularly shaped object (the monolith) in the foreground. The sun is visible in the background, casting a bright glow over the scene.

FOR MILLENNIA, IT WAS A BARREN AND EMPTY
LANDSCAPE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ITS HEYDAY
PRECEDED THAT OF THE EARTH, WHEN IT
WAS PLAGUED BY VOLCANOES. TODAY, IT IS
EXPERIENCING A RENAISSANCE, AND CITIES
ARE SPREADING ACROSS THE PLANET.

A view of a futuristic city built on the surface of Mars. The city is constructed from a complex network of red and black structures, with a large, circular, golden structure in the center. The sun is visible in the background, casting a bright glow over the scene.

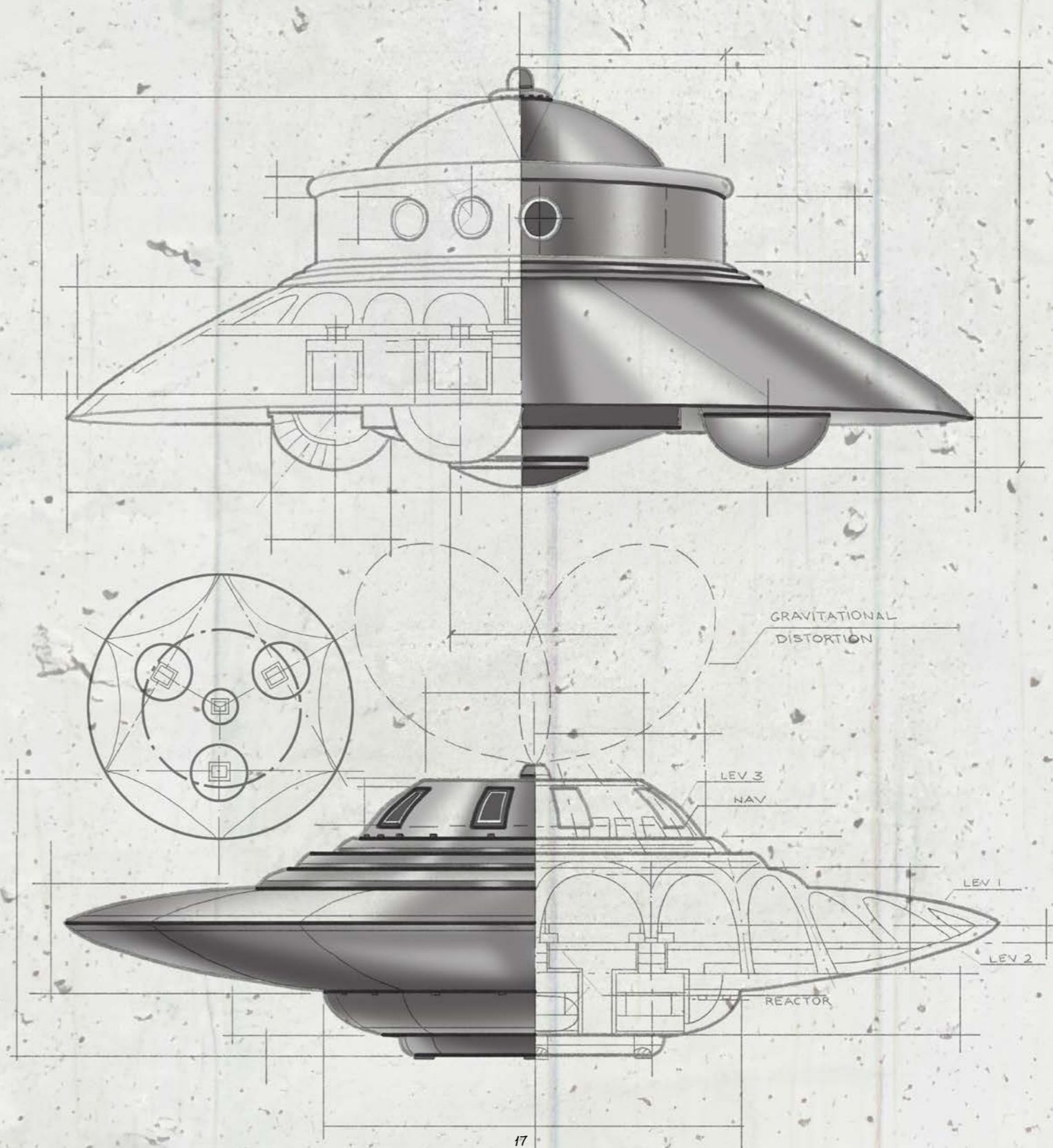
CYCLES FOLLOW ONE ANOTHER ON MARS. THERE WAS LIFE,
THEN THERE WASN'T, AND NOW IT HAS IT'S MOMENT AGAIN...
BUT WHAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CONSTANT ON MARS...

...IS HIS FACE LOOKING UP AT THE SKY, ONCE
MADE OF STONE, NOW MADE OF METAL.



THIS COULD BE OUR MARS AT SOME POINT IN
OUR REALITY... OR IN ANOTHER.

PREFACE



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MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE,
MONTANA JULY 28, 2013.

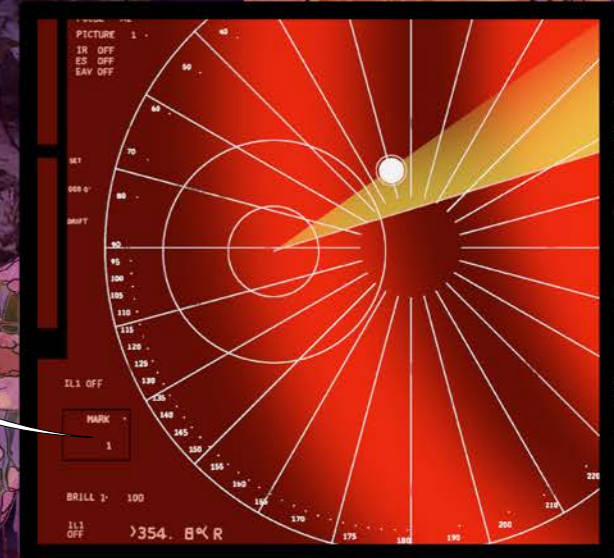
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**RADIATION AREA
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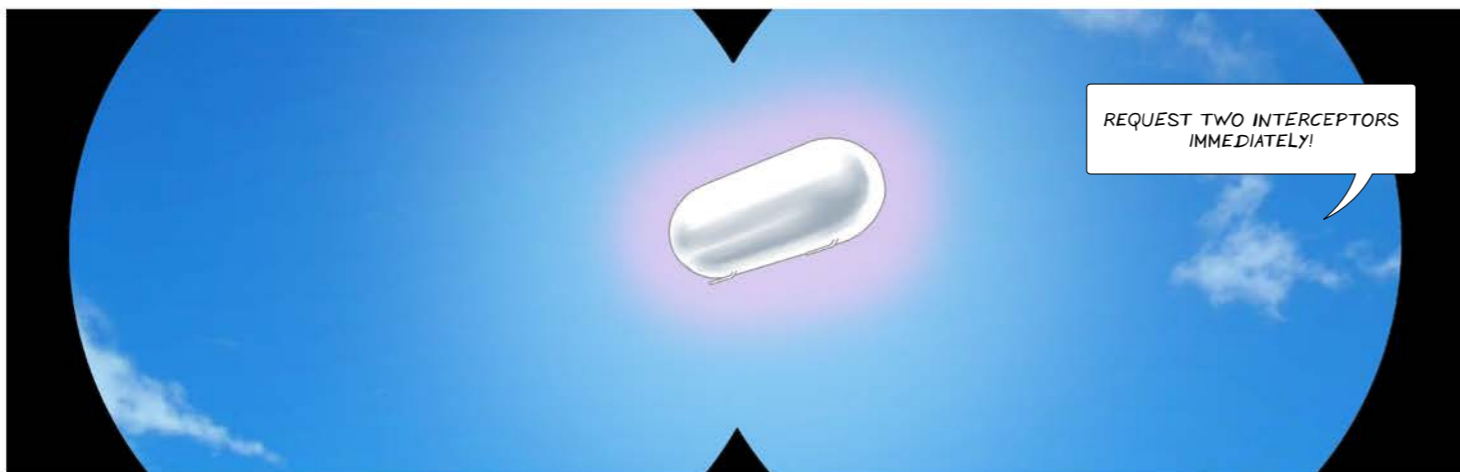
I DON'T KNOW, SIR, IT
JUST APPEARED ON
THE SCREEN.

I THOUGHT IT WAS A MISTAKE,
BUT I CHECKED IT THREE TIMES.
WE HAVE IT ON TOP OF US.

IT'S AS IF IT HAD
COME FROM ABOVE...



DAMN IT!!
THERE IT IS!!



REQUEST TWO INTERCEPTORS
IMMEDIATELY!

SCRAMBLE



SIR, THEY ARE ALREADY
ON THEIR WAY.
ESTIMATED TIME OF
ARRIVAL IS 6 MINUTES.

NOTIFY "NORAD" AND ACTIVATE
THE SECURITY PROTOCOL. IT
IS PROBABLY JUST A BALLOON,
BUT IT IS IN OUR AIRSPACE.





ACE of PIKE

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ARE YOU SEEING THAT?

IT'S HUGE!

I DON'T SEE ANY WINGS OR NAVIGATION SYSTEM. IT MUST BE AEROSTATIC.

I'M SWITCHING TO INFRARED, IT DOESN'T GENERATE HEAT...



IT'S MOVING!



UHHH, WHERE...



SUDDENLY, THE OBJECT DISAPPEARS FOR A MOMENT AND REAPPEARS BEHIND THE FIGHTER JETS.



WOW! HOW DID IT DO THAT?

WE'VE GOT IT BEHIND US!



DAMN IT! IT'S JUST LIKE THE 'NIMITZ'!

LET'S SURROUND HIM!

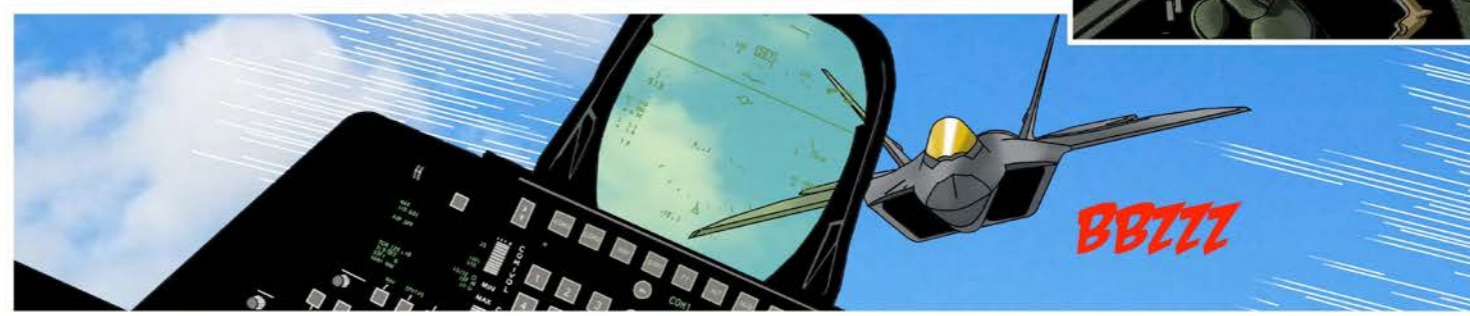


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, IT'S STOPPED AT 12,000 FEET.



WHITE, SMOOTH, NO WINDOWS... NO PROPELLERS, NO WINGS...

START LOCKING... WAIT!!!



FUCK! WHERE IS IT? IT'S GONE!



IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S DROPPED TO 200 FEET.



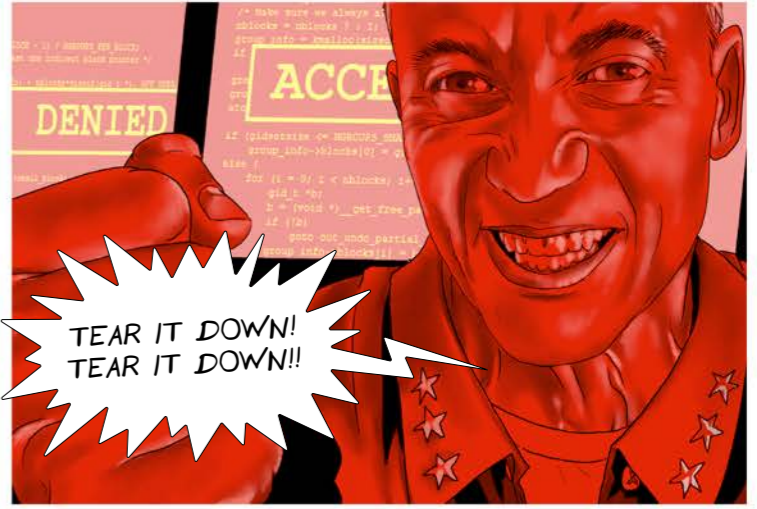
WE HAVE IT ON TOP OF US.



SIR, THE SILO & SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN BREACHED. SOMEONE HAS HACKED THE SYSTEM, THE LAUNCH HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!



IT'S NOT US! THE SYSTEM IS DOWN!!



TEAR IT DOWN! TEAR IT DOWN!!



THE FIGHTERS BEGIN THE BLOCKADE OF THE TARGET...



AND IT PLACES ON ITS TAIL, HUNTER HUNTED.





THE SILO DOOR SLOWLY OPENS...



CANCEL THE LAUNCH!
FOR GOD'S SAKE!
CANCEL THE LAUNCH!

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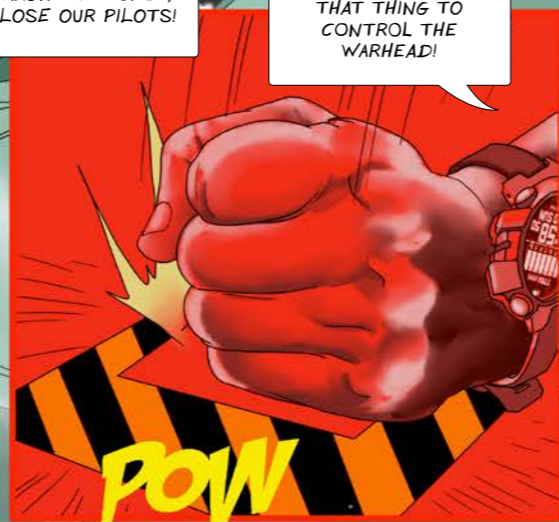
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INSERTS THE KEY AND TURNS.



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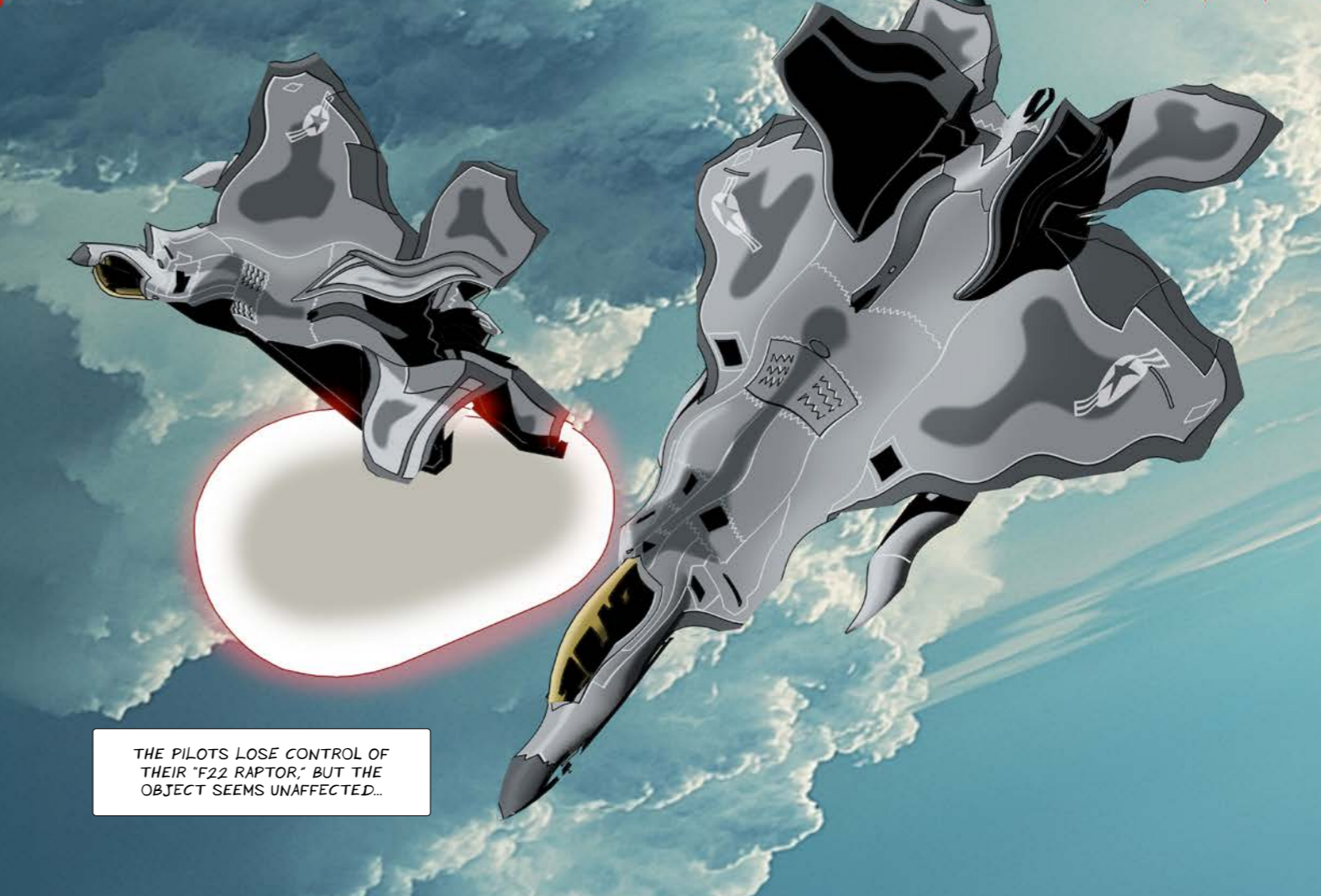
WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT THING TO CONTROL THE WARHEAD!

POW



THE ELECTROMAGNETIC BURST CAUSES A TOTAL POWER OUTAGE, LIGHTS AND SCREENS GO BLACK.

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THE PILOTS LOSE CONTROL OF THEIR 'F22 RAPTOR,' BUT THE OBJECT SEEMS UNAFFECTED...



THE PILOTS ACTIVATE THE EJECTOR SEAT.

SHHHHH



ONE ACHIEVES IT.



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BIKERS' BAR, WILLIAMS, ARIZONA.

THE NOISE OF THESE GUYS' MOTORCYCLES CAN BE HEARD ALL THE WAY TO THE HIGHWAY.



AT LEAST 30 MOTORCYCLES STACKED UP LIKE DOMINOES. SATURDAY, NO ONE IS WORKING HERE TODAY..

...WELL, EXCEPT ME.



SCARY GUYS, MOTORCYCLE CLUB BI COLORS...



THE GUY WITH THE APPLE WANTS TO PLAY..

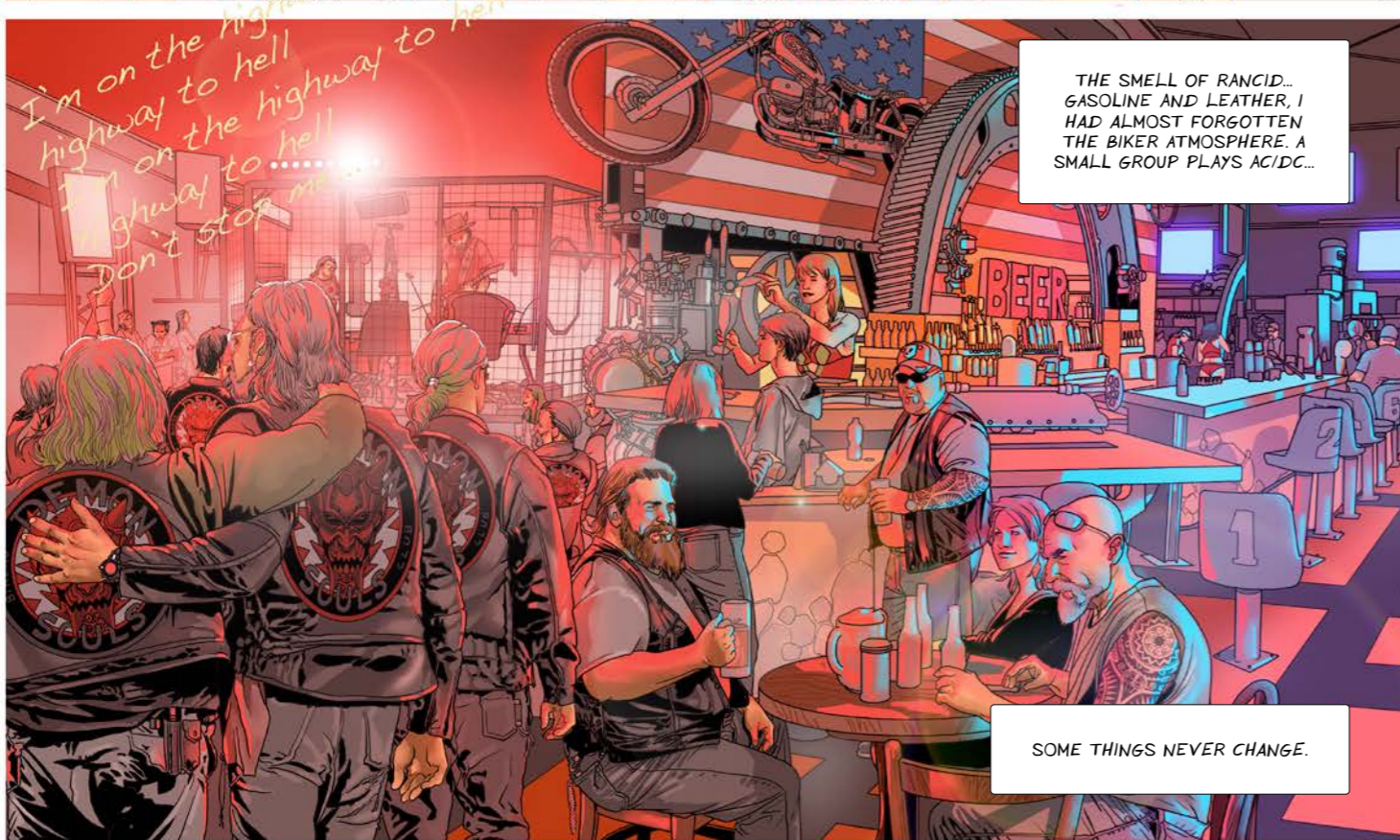


...BUT I'M NOT IN THE MOOD.



THEY LOOK AT ME.

THEY DON'T KNOW MY INTENTIONS. HERE, THEY LOOK DOWN ON GUYS FROM OTHER MOTORCYCLE CLUBS.



I'm on the highway to hell... highway to hell... highway to hell... Don't stop me now.

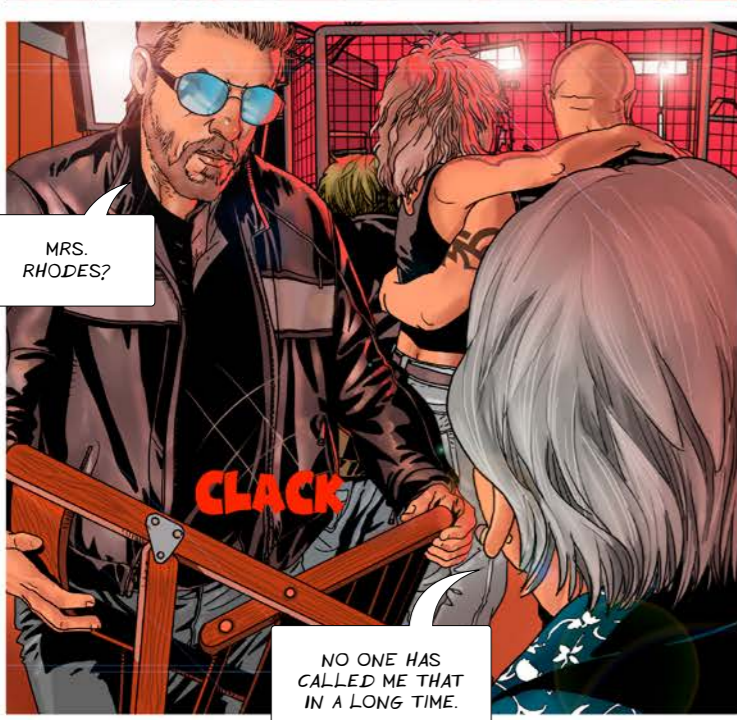
THE SMELL OF RANCID... GASOLINE AND LEATHER, I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN THE BIKER ATMOSPHERE. A SMALL GROUP PLAYS AC/DC...

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.



I LOOK FOR AN ELDERY WOMAN, SHE SHOULD'NT BE HARD TO FIND...

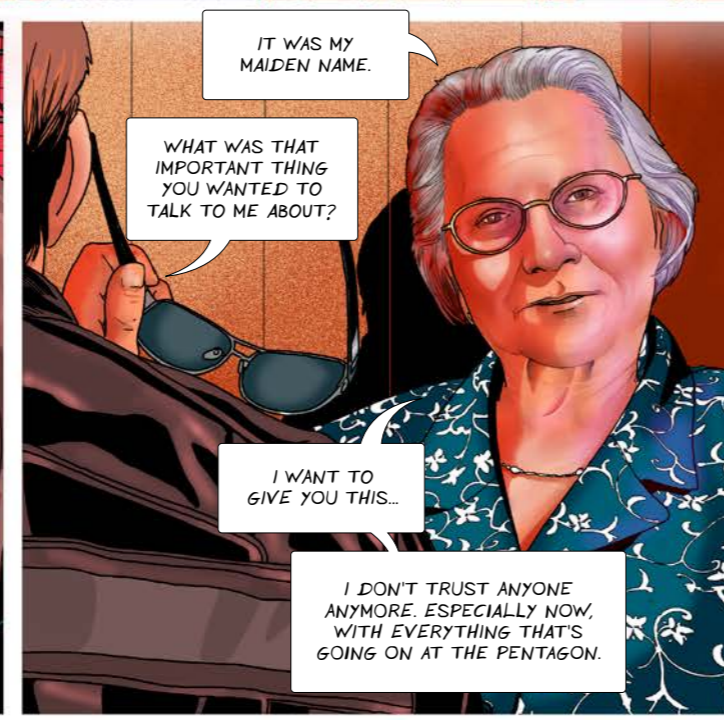
THERE SHE IS. SHE STANDS OUT ALMOST AS MUCH AS THE BAND...



MRS. RHODES?

CLACK

NO ONE HAS CALLED ME THAT IN A LONG TIME.



IT WAS MY MAIDEN NAME.

WHAT WAS THAT IMPORTANT THING YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?

I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS...

I DON'T TRUST ANYONE ANYMORE. ESPECIALLY NOW, WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON AT THE PENTAGON.



THE PENTAGON?

HERE IS YOUR TEA, PROFESSOR.



WHAT CAN I GET YOU?

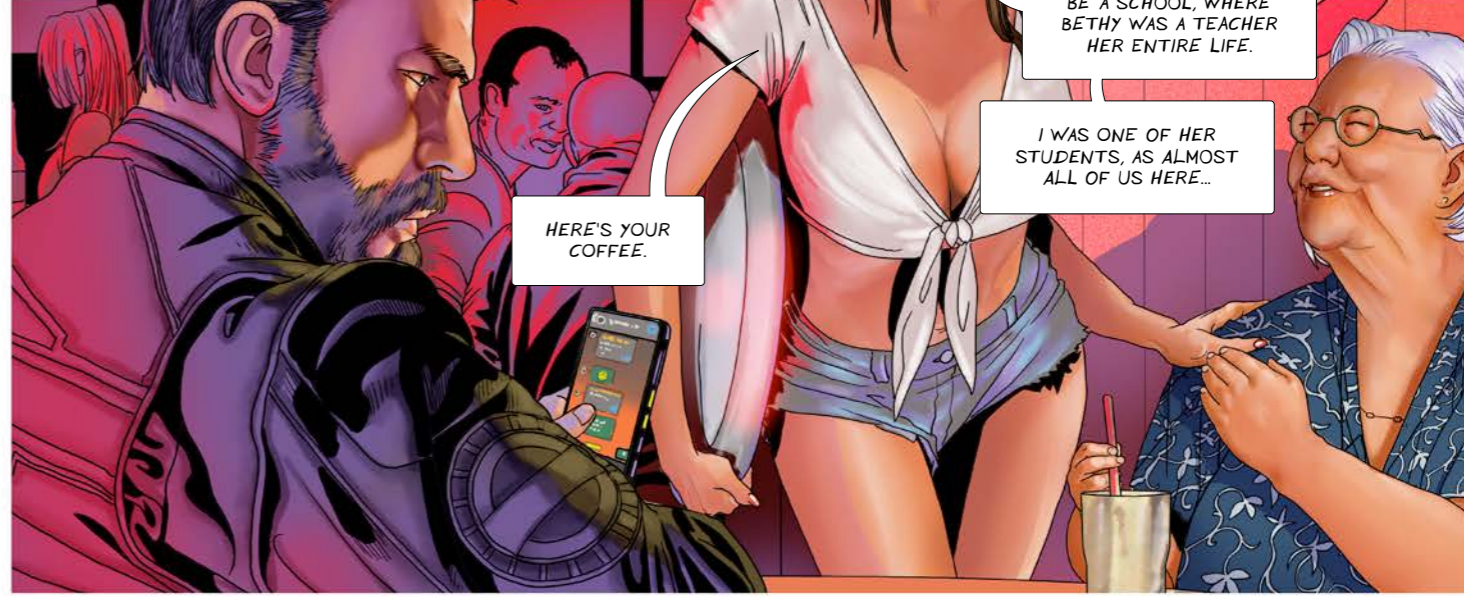
JUST COFFEE.

I SEE THAT MRS. RHODES IS A REGULAR CUSTOMER HERE...

YES, SHE COMES EVERY DAY.

THIS BUILDING USED TO BE A SCHOOL, WHERE BETHY WAS A TEACHER HER ENTIRE LIFE.

I WAS ONE OF HER STUDENTS, AS ALMOST ALL OF US HERE...



HERE'S YOUR COFFEE.



DID YOU SAY THE PENTAGON?

YES. THE PENTAGON, NASA, THE CAPITOL, THE CIA, THE NSA... THEY'RE ALL INVOLVED.



SHE GIVES ME A BOX WITH A BUNCH OF DOCUMENTS WITH OFFICIAL STAMPS, PHOTOS, AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS WITH NEWS ABOUT THE UAPs.



BUT... UFOs? SERIOUSLY?

I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN, MADAM...



GIVE ME 5 MINUTES, I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

I'VE JUST BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A BRAIN TUMOR AND IN A FEW MONTHS I WON'T EVEN REMEMBER THIS CONVERSATION...

AND EVEN THOUGH MY GRANDFATHER WAS MARRIED SIX TIMES AND WE ARE A LARGE FAMILY, NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS TOPIC... ONLY ME.



OKAY, FIVE MINUTES.



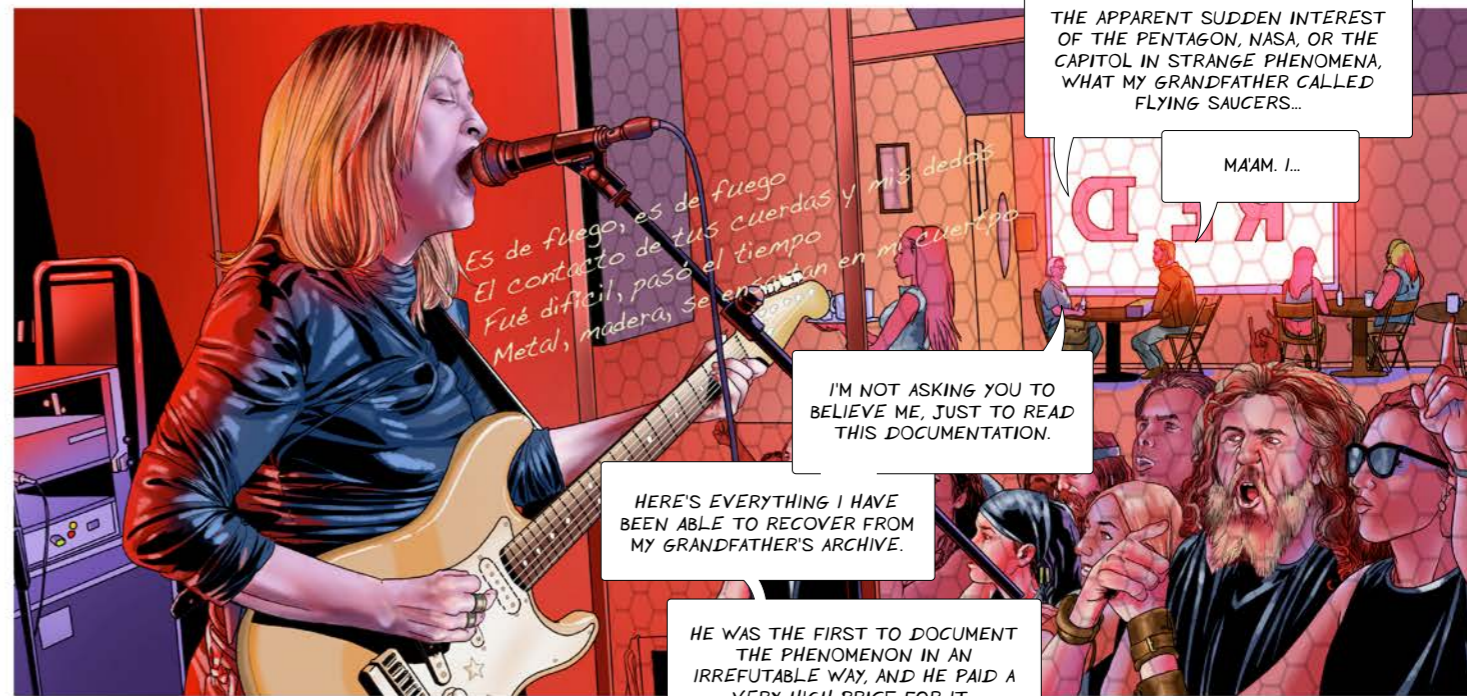
I FOLLOW YOUR PODCAST WITH HELLEN EVERY WEEK, AND A FEW SHOWS AGO I HEARD YOU TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT WAS HAPPENING.

BUT YOU CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S BEHIND IT...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, WE TALK ABOUT MANY TOPICS.



A FIGHT AT THE BAR, BAD THING...



THE APPARENT SUDDEN INTEREST OF THE PENTAGON, NASA, OR THE CAPITOL IN STRANGE PHENOMENA, WHAT MY GRANDFATHER CALLED FLYING SAUCERS...

MAAM. I...

I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO BELIEVE ME, JUST TO READ THIS DOCUMENTATION.

HERE'S EVERYTHING I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECOVER FROM MY GRANDFATHER'S ARCHIVE.

HE WAS THE FIRST TO DOCUMENT THE PHENOMENON IN AN IRREFUTABLE WAY, AND HE PAID A VERY HIGH PRICE FOR IT...



YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING ME COMPANY FOR YEARS WITH YOUR PODCASTS, AND I KNOW MY GRANDFATHER WOULD HAVE APPROVED OF YOU HAVING THIS.

AND WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR GRANDFATHER'S NAME WAS?

PROFESSOR WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES... HE LIVED NEARBY.



WILL YOU LOWER YOUR FUCKING VOICE!? I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING!!



THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN, IN 1947.

WE BETTER LEAVE NOW. I'LL WALK YOU TO THE EXIT.



SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.

THC

