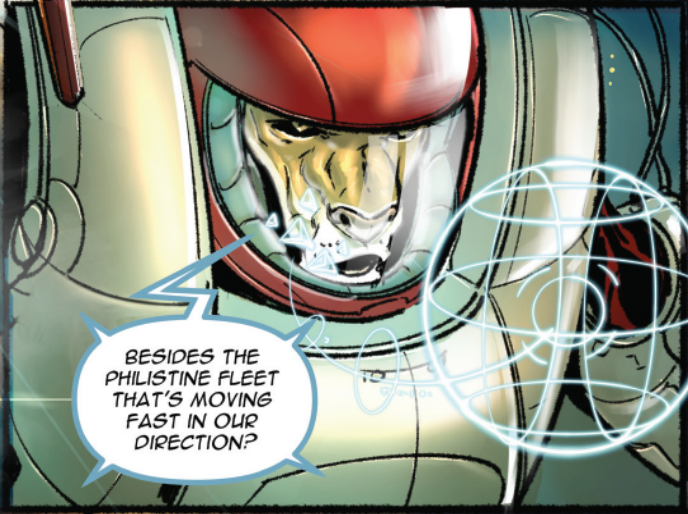




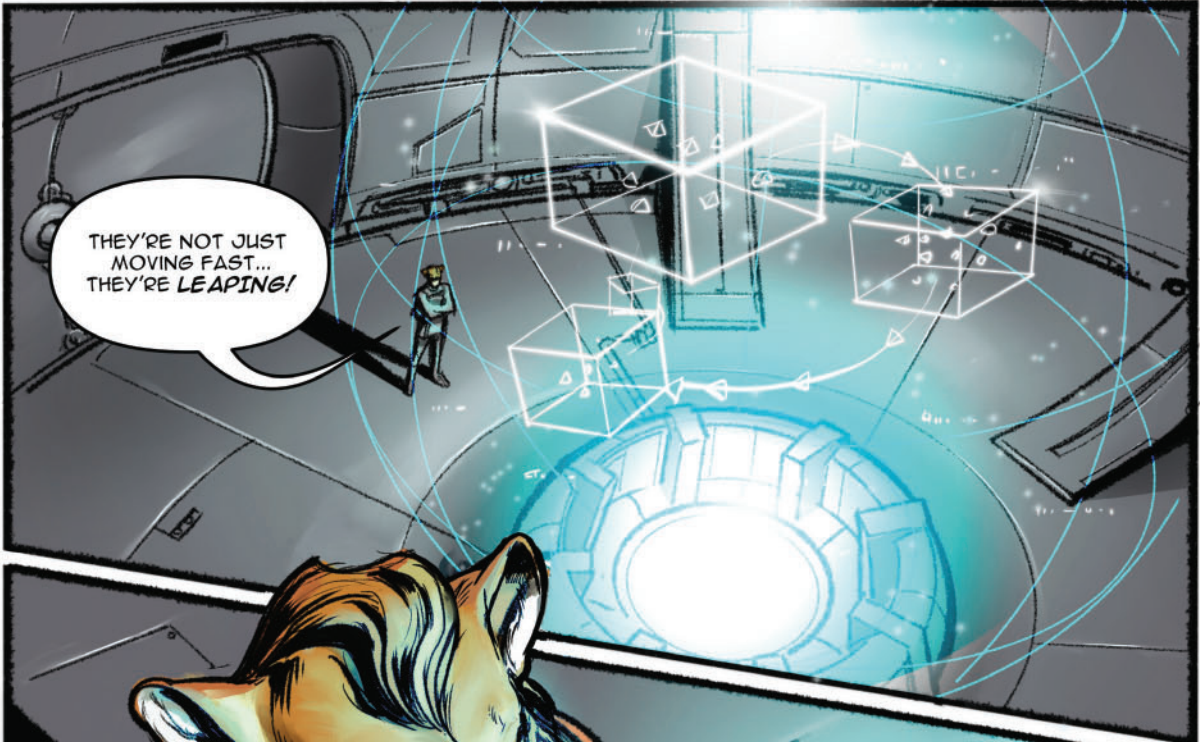
THE TRIBUTE,
MICHMASH NEBULA



PRINCE
JONATHAN...
WE'VE GOT A
PROBLEM.



BESIDES THE
PHILISTINE FLEET
THAT'S MOVING
FAST IN OUR
DIRECTION?

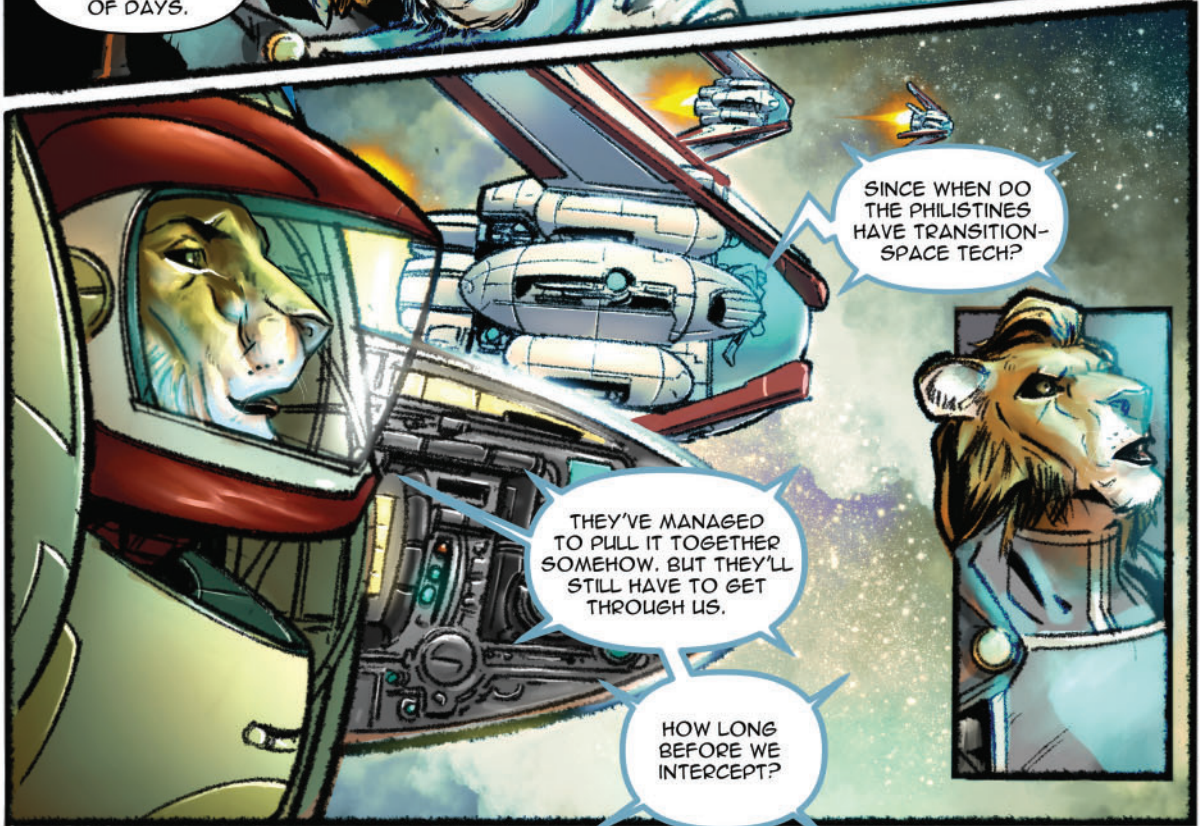


THEY'RE NOT JUST MOVING FAST... THEY'RE LEAPING!



COMMANDER BENJAMIN

AND AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL REACH GIBEAH IN A MATTER OF DAYS.



SINCE WHEN DO THE PHILISTINES HAVE TRANSITION-SPACE TECH?

THEY'VE MANAGED TO PULL IT TOGETHER SOMEHOW. BUT THEY'LL STILL HAVE TO GET THROUGH US.

HOW LONG BEFORE WE INTERCEPT?



WE'VE TRACKED THEIR TRAJECTORY. IT'S A BIT ERRATIC, BUT WE SHOULD BE CLOSE TO THEIR LEAP EXIT WITHIN THE--

ALERT!
TWO NEW CONTACTS...

BREEP BREEP BREEP BREEP BREEP

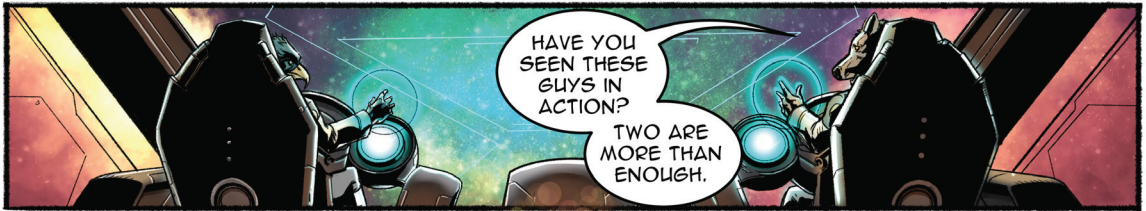


**SERAPHIM MARINES
INBOUND!**



KING SAUL SENT THE SERAPHIM MARINES. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING BACK.

WHAT IF THE PRINCE REFUSES? THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM.



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE GUYS IN ACTION?

TWO ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH.



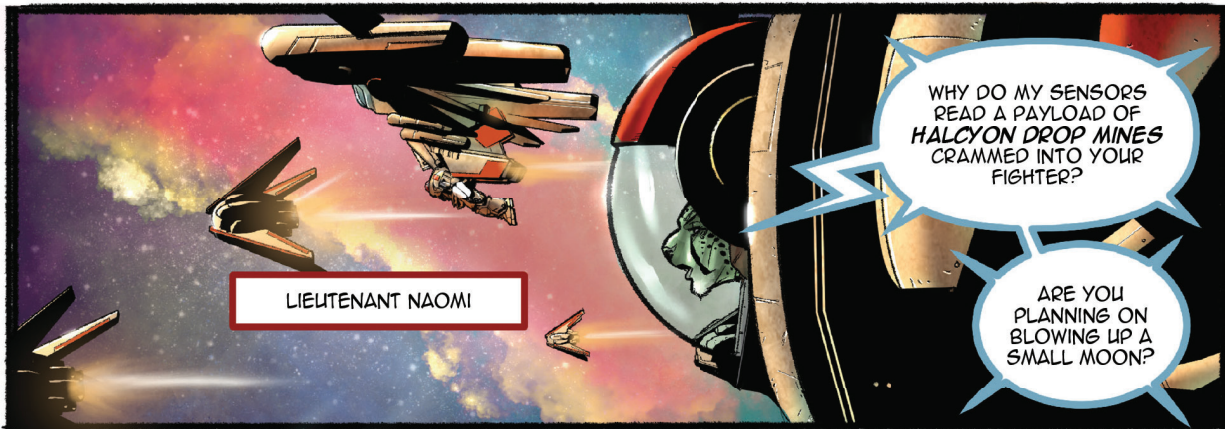
PRINCE JONATHAN, I'M UNDER A DIRECT ORDER FROM KING SAUL TO BRING YOU IN!

SERAPHIM CHIEF ABNER



YOU ARE TO TURN BACK AND AWAIT HIS ARRIVAL.

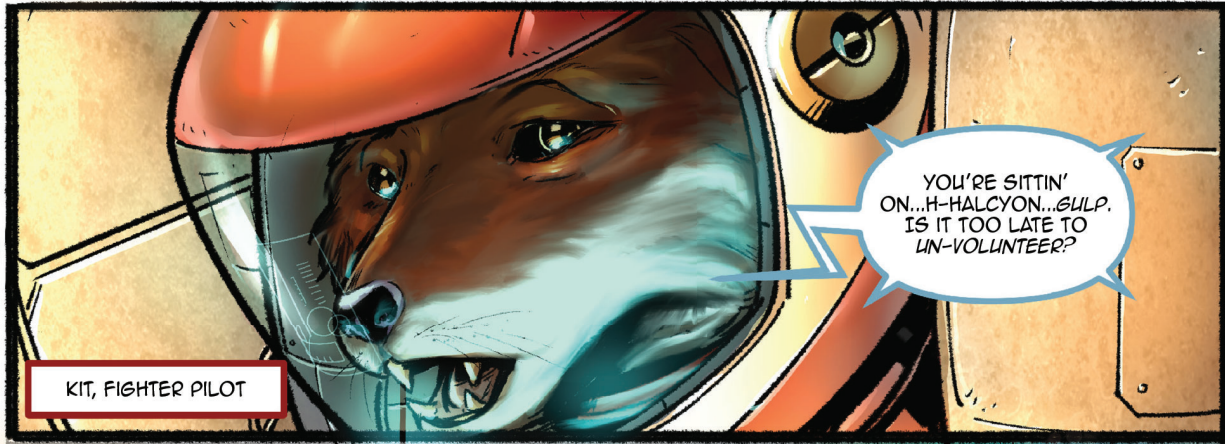
I'LL BE WITH YOU SHORTLY, CHIEF...I JUST HAVE ONE LITTLE THING TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST.



LIEUTENANT NAOMI

WHY DO MY SENSORS READ A PAYLOAD OF HALCYON DROP MINES CRAMMED INTO YOUR FIGHTER?

ARE YOU PLANNING ON BLOWING UP A SMALL MOON?



KIT, FIGHTER PILOT

YOU'RE SITTING ON...H-HALCYON...SULP. IS IT TOO LATE TO UN-VOLUNTEER?



PRINCE JONATHAN, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!? YOU HAVE REFUSED TO HONOR YOUR FATHER'S EDICTS, AND NOW YOU'RE BREAKING A DIRECT COMMAND!

CHIEF ABNER, MY FATHER HAS MADE TROUBLE FOR DOMINION. THE ENEMY IS UPON US!



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

ENOUGH!



WE HAVE OUR ORDERS. FALL BACK AND JOIN THE MAIN FLEET... **NOW!**

THERE'S NO TIME!



THEY'LL BE HERE SOONER THAN WE THOUGHT. THE PHILISTINES HAVE SOMEHOW ACQUIRED TRANSITION TECH...THEY'RE MAKING LONG-RANGE LEAPS!

IF WE CATCH THEM EXITING TRANSITION SPACE, WE CAN TAKE THEM BY--



SURPRISE.



ENEMY CONTACT!
VIGILANCE
LEVEL ONE!

ALL FLEET
WEAPONS
FREE!
LAUNCH ALL
FIGHTERS.



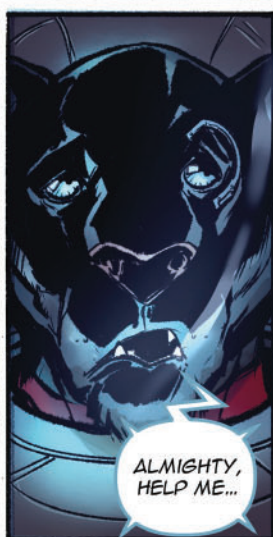
ALPHA SQUAD,
WE'RE ON THE
JUMP SHIP! TARGET
THE HANGAR
BAY!



I'M GUESSING THE
HANGAR BAY IS THAT
GIANT GAPING MOUTH
WITH THE METAL DEVILS
POURING OUT OF IT?



CHIEF ABNER!
CAN YOU CREATE
A DIVERSION?



ALMIGHTY,
HELP ME...



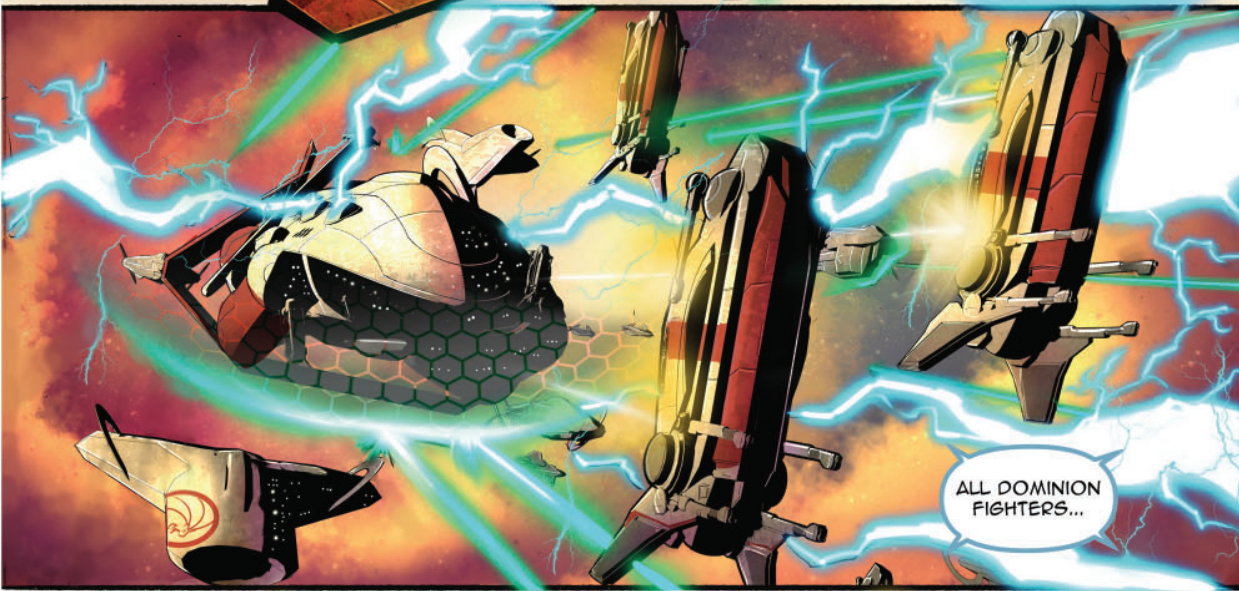
OK, LIEUTENANT,
WE'RE WITH PRINCE
JONATHAN! LET'S
MAKE OURSELVES
A TARGET!

COMMANDER
BENJAMIN, PATCH
ME INTO TACTICAL,
WE'LL TAKE
POINT.

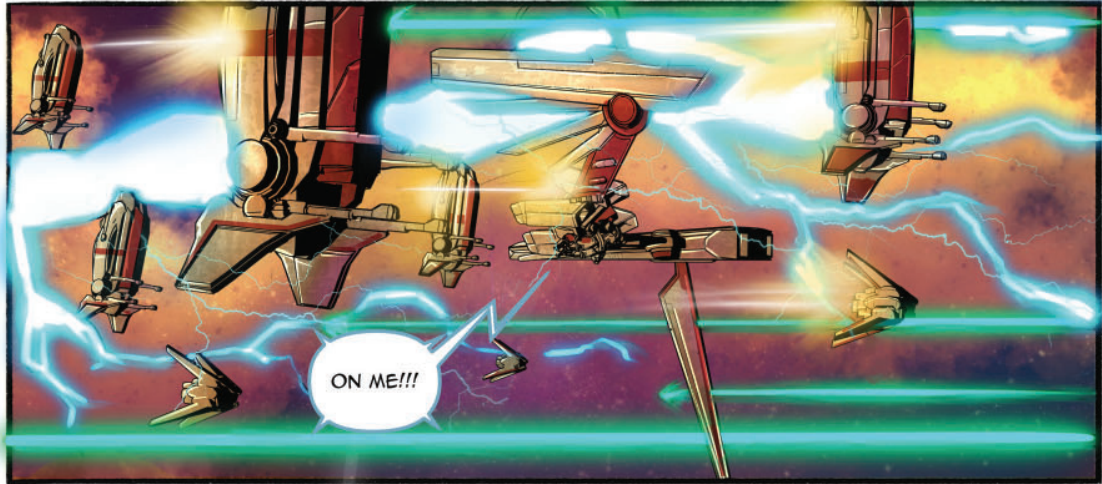


TRIBUTE FLEET,
CONCENTRATE
MAIN BATTERIES
ON THE JUMP
SHIP...

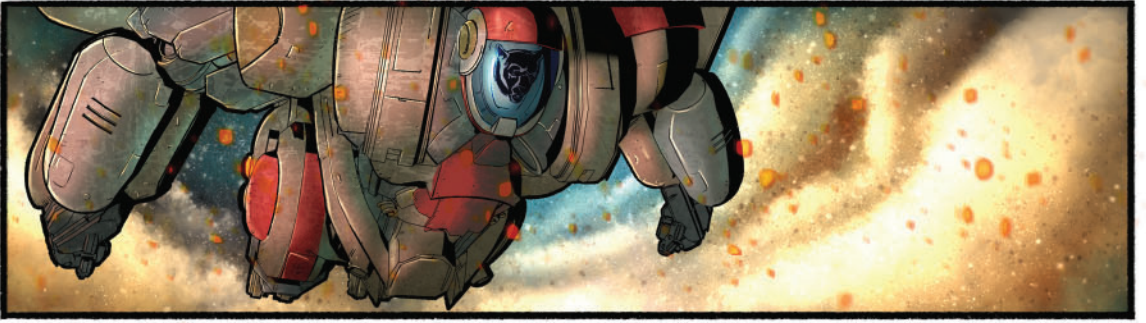
WE NEED TO GET
THROUGH THOSE
SHIELDS BEFORE IT
LEAPS AGAIN! WE
WON'T GET A
SECOND CHANCE.



ALL DOMINION
FIGHTERS...



ON ME!!!



COMPUTER,
ACTIVATE
PULSE WAVE!



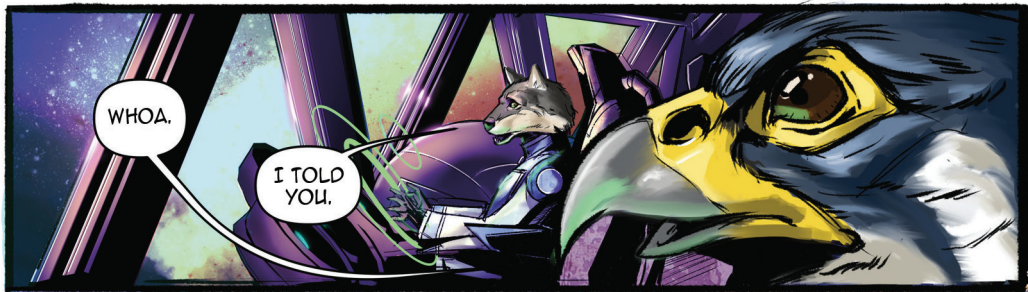
YES, COMMANDER...



PULSE WAVE INITIATED...

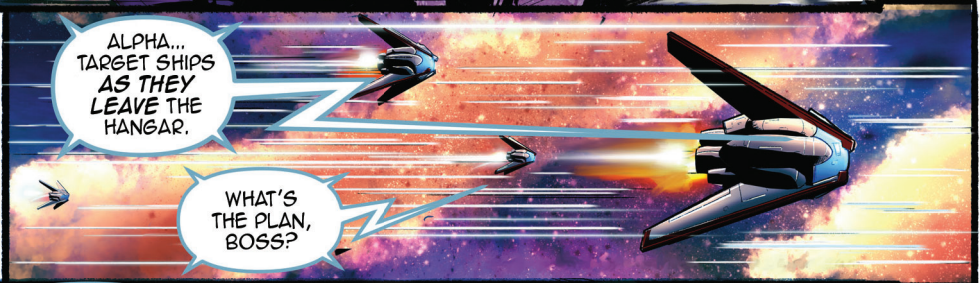


TARGET ELIMINATED.



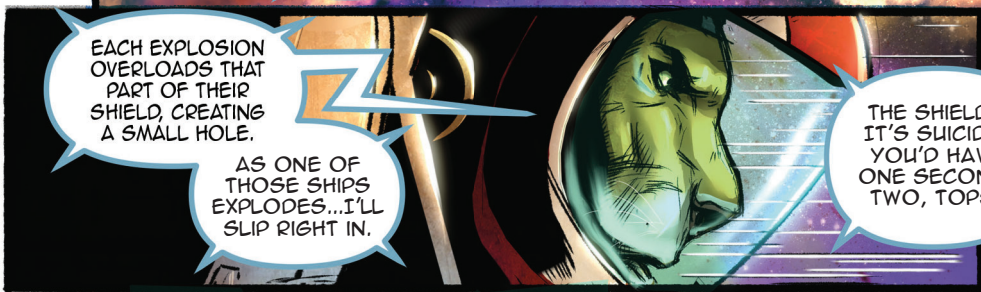
WHOA.

I TOLD YOU.



ALPHA... TARGET SHIPS AS THEY LEAVE THE HANGAR.

WHAT'S THE PLAN, BOSS?



EACH EXPLOSION OVERLOADS THAT PART OF THEIR SHIELD, CREATING A SMALL HOLE.

AS ONE OF THOSE SHIPS EXPLODES... I'LL SLIP RIGHT IN.

THE SHIELD? IT'S SUICIDE! YOU'D HAVE ONE SECOND, TWO, TOPS!



DON'T WORRY... THE ALMIGHTY IS WITH ME.

LOVELY. I'LL HAVE THAT ENGRAVED ON YOUR TOMBSTONE.



BEGINNING ATTACK RUN. SENDING WAYPOINT LOGISTICS. ALPHA SQUAD...

LET'S DO THIS!



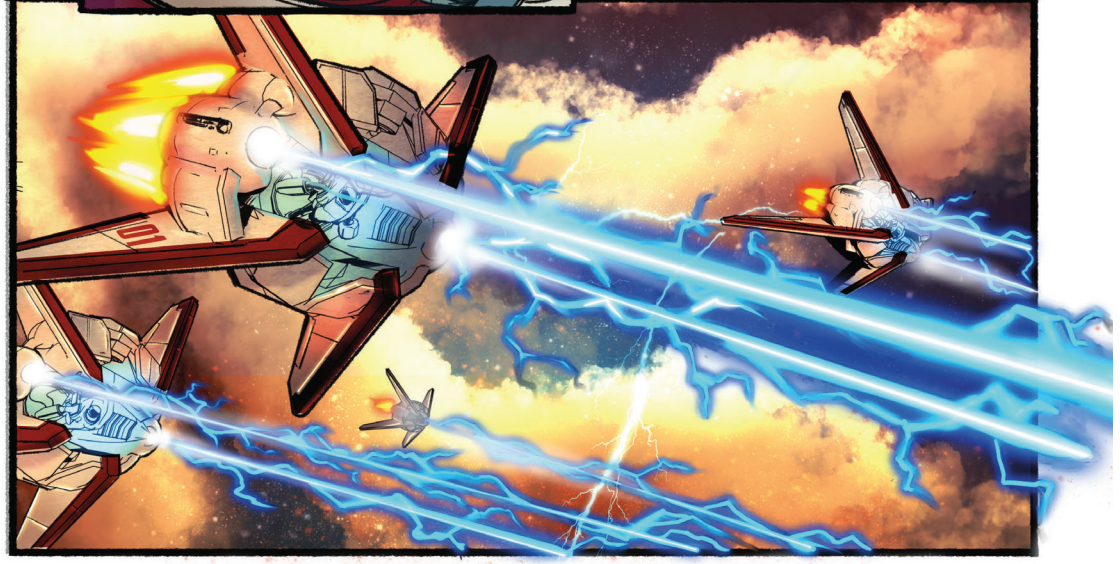


TWO FIGHTERS EXITING THE HANGAR!!!

THEY'RE BREACHING THE SHIELD!



HIT 'EM!





YOU'RE ALL CLEAR, BOSS!



COMPUTER, INITIATE NEEDLE-EYE PROTOCOL.

INITIATING...



TARGETING SHIELD BREACH...

CALCULATING TRAJECTORY...



AFTERBURNER...IGNITION

WHOOO!

WARD



HALYCON MINES... ARMED...

OK, BOSS!
YOU NEED TO
EJECT!

NOT YET!
...PLOTING
AUTOPILOT
TRAJECTORY...

DETONATION IN TEN...



NINE...

EIGHT...



SEVEN...



**BOMBS
AWAY!!!**

SIX...



**GET HIM
OUT OF
THERE!!!**

FIVE...



FOUR...

**ON
IT!!!**



THREE...

TWO...



COMPUTER, SHIELDS AT MAX--

ONE...

