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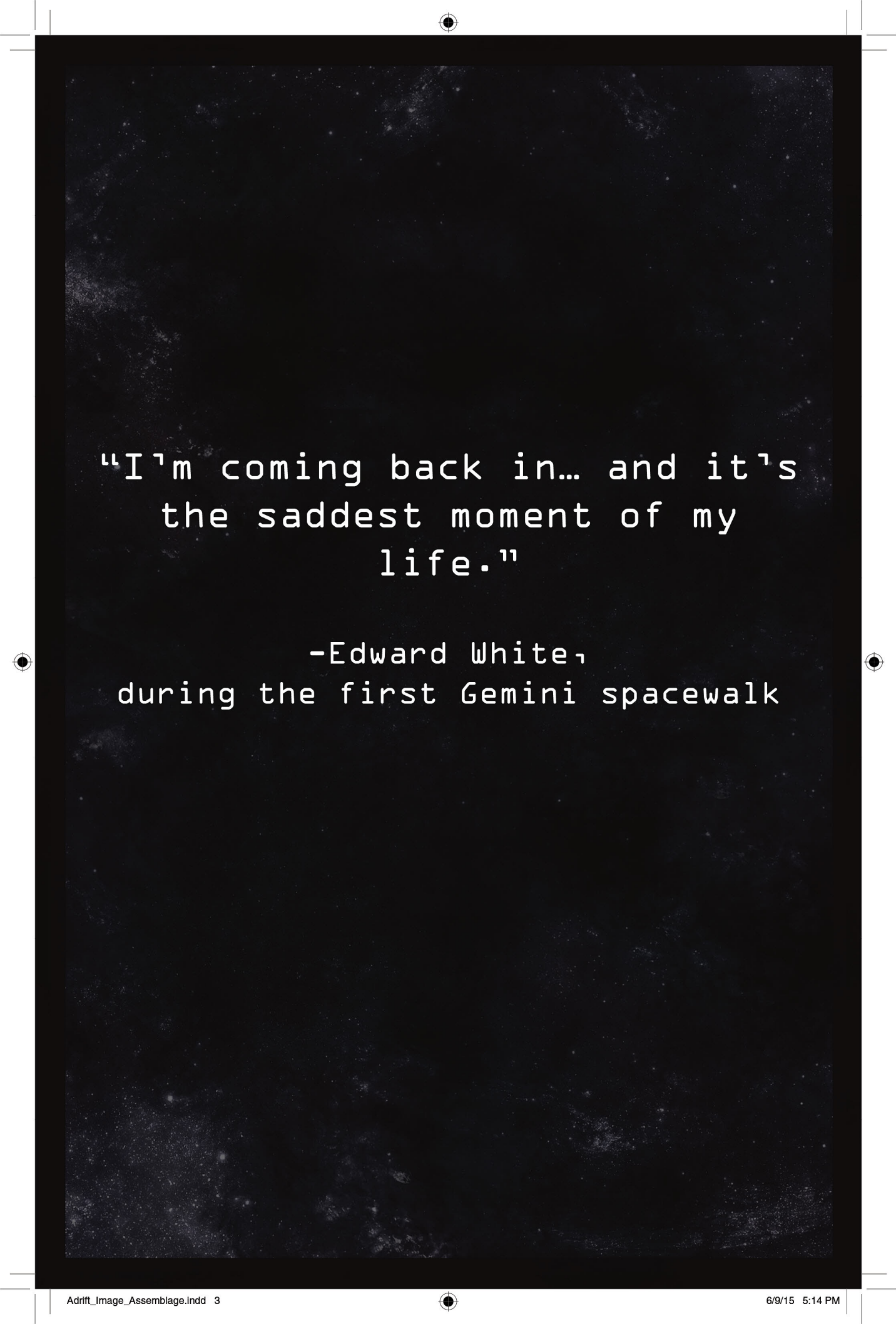


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"I'm coming back in... and it's  
the saddest moment of my  
life."

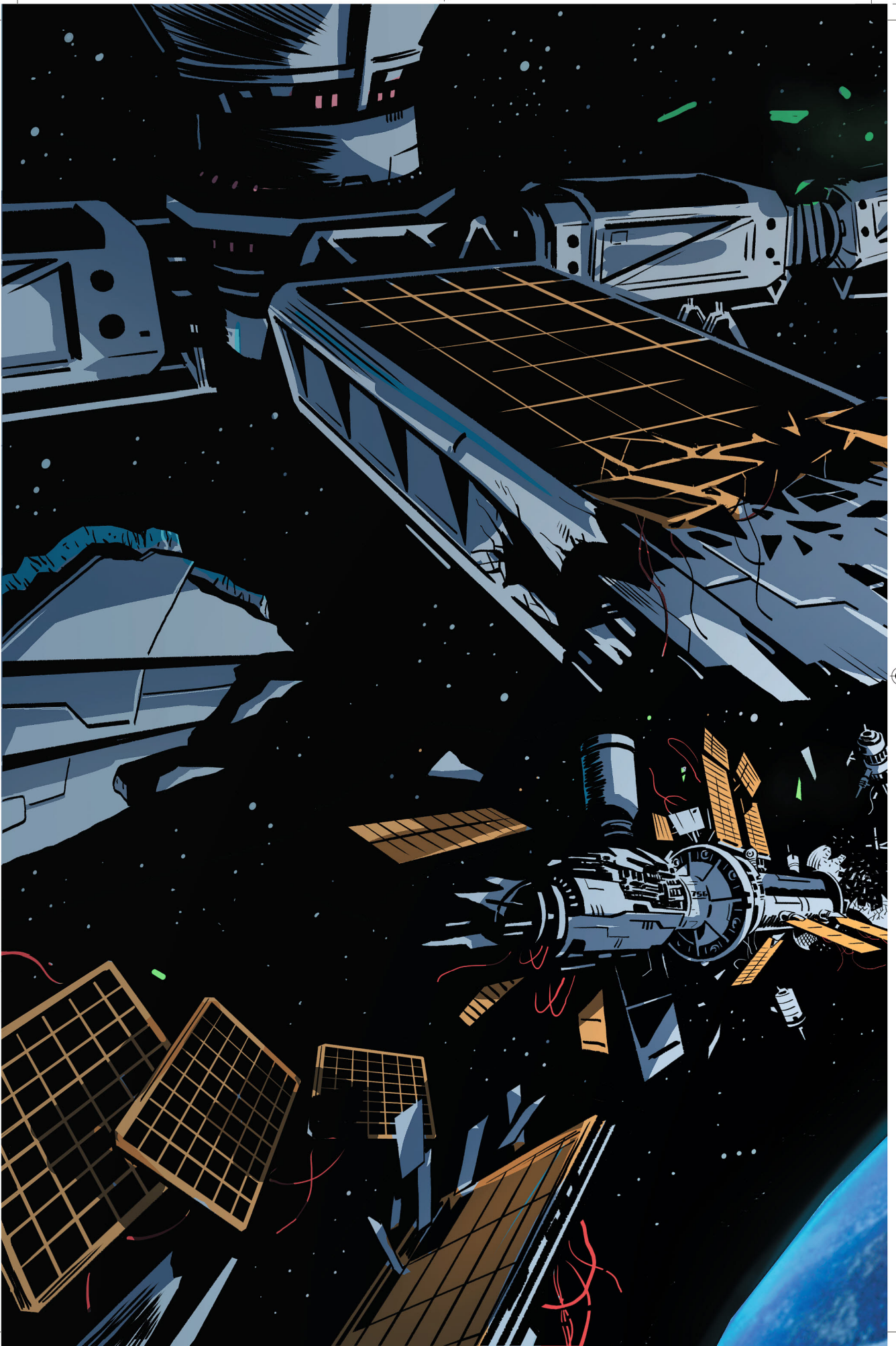
-Edward White,  
during the first Gemini spacewalk

# ADRIFT

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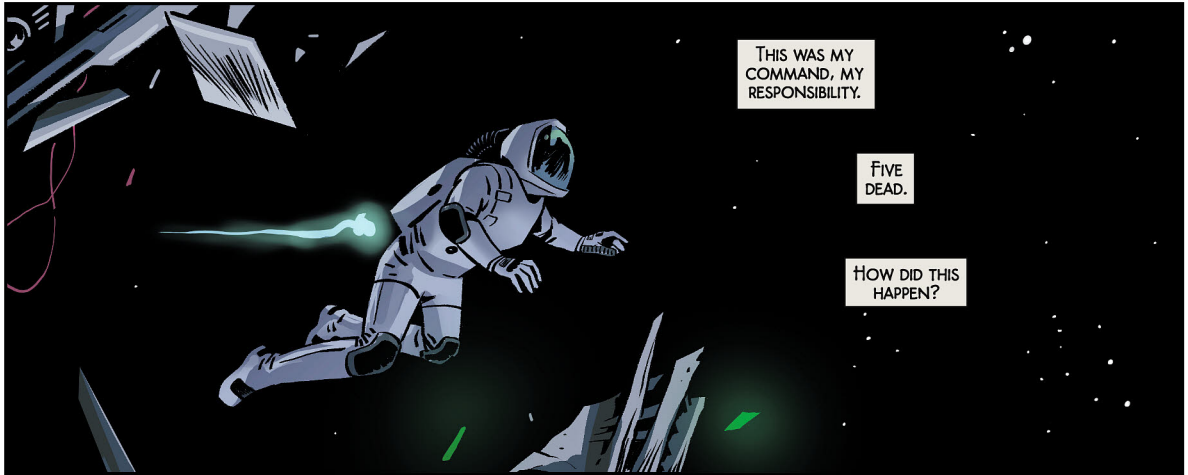








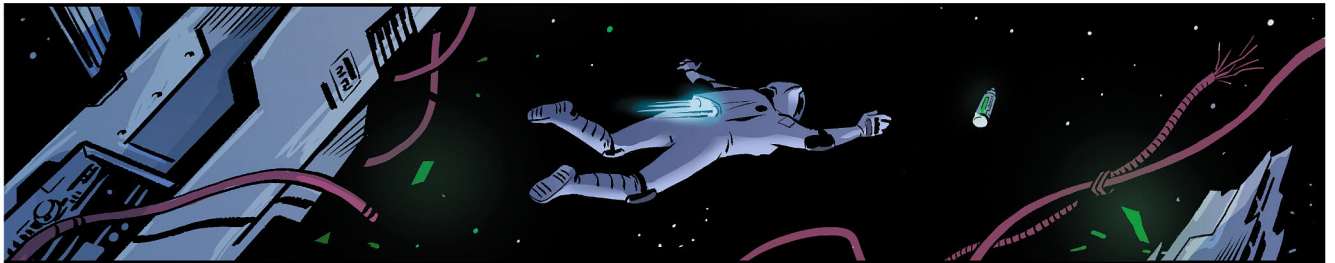
OUR MISSION HERE WAS TO TEST AND PROVE HARDIMAN'S THEORETICAL PROCESS OF EXTRACTING OXYGEN FROM TERRESTRIAL PLANT LIFE IN SPACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING USED AS A RENEWABLE OXYGEN RESOURCE FOR OFF-WORLD COLONIZATION.



THIS WAS MY  
COMMAND, MY  
RESPONSIBILITY.

FIVE  
DEAD.

HOW DID THIS  
HAPPEN?



FIRST  
PRIORITY  
ACHIEVED.

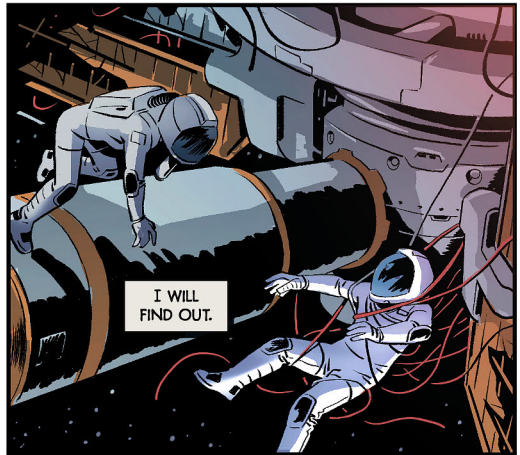


SECOND PRIORITY IS TO  
INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF  
THE CATASTROPHIC FAILURE  
OF NORTHSTAR IV.

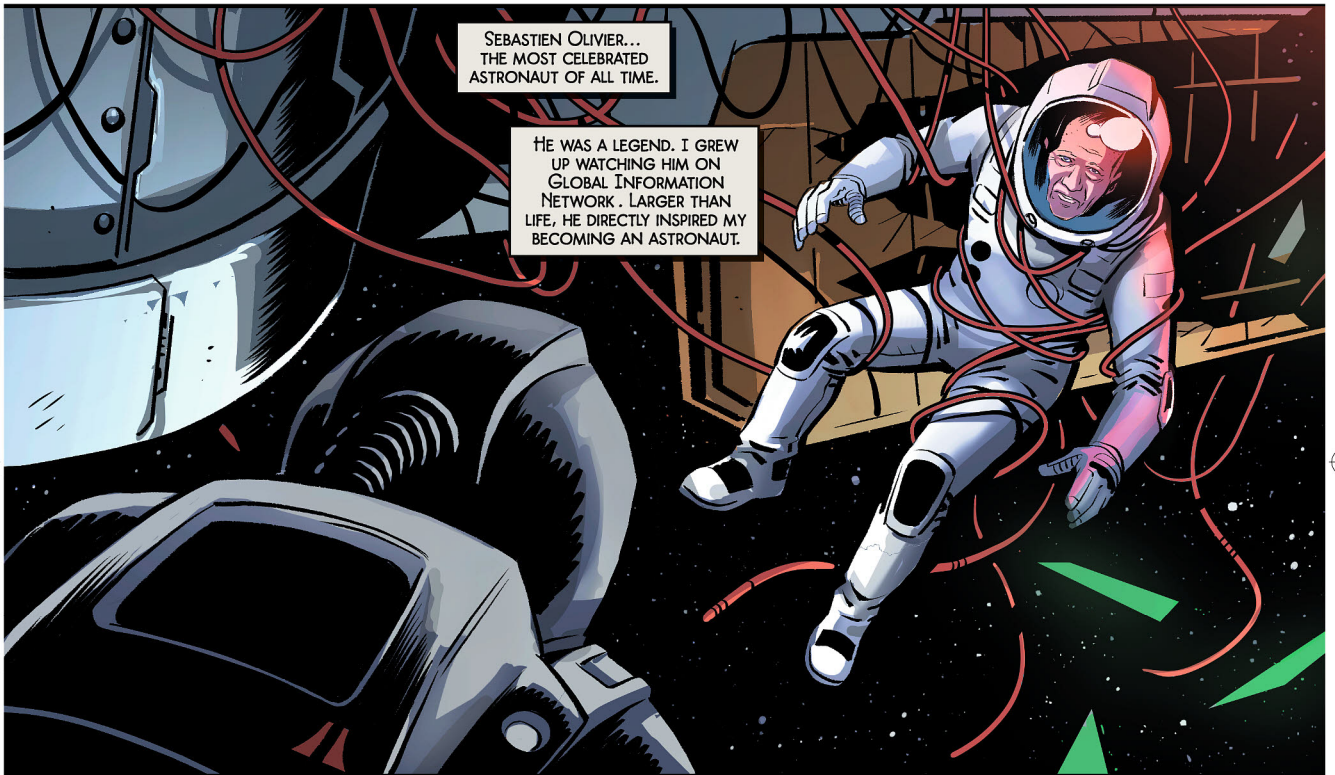




WAS IT HUMAN ERROR?  
EQUIPMENT  
MALFUNCTION?

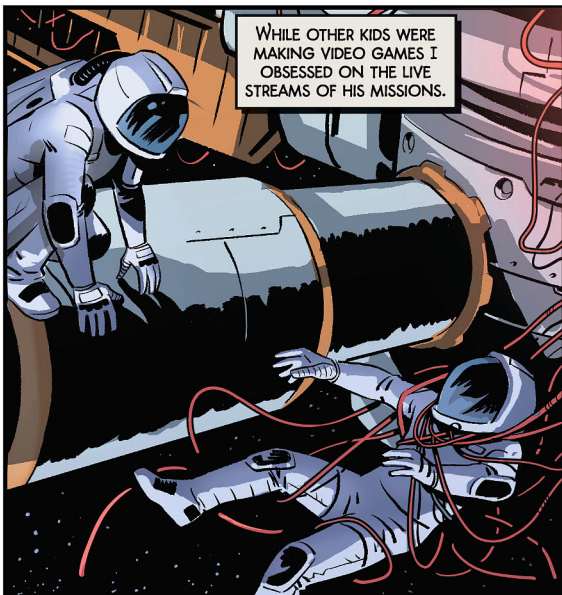


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FIND OUT.

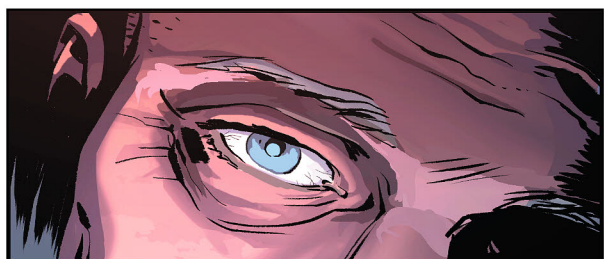


SEBASTIEN OLIVIER...  
THE MOST CELEBRATED  
ASTRONAUT OF ALL TIME.

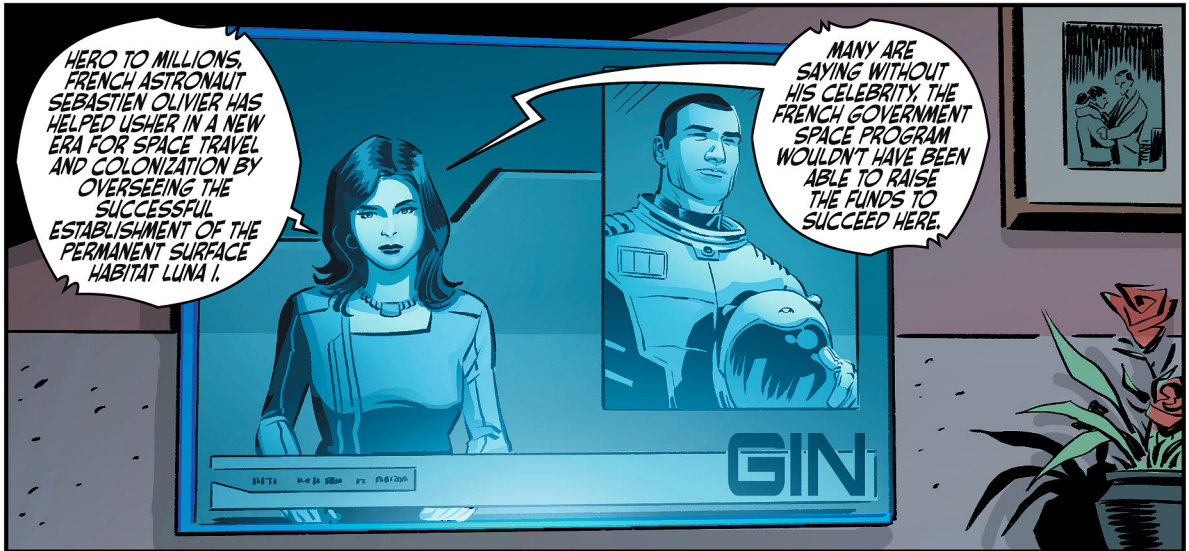
HE WAS A LEGEND. I GREW  
UP WATCHING HIM ON  
GLOBAL INFORMATION  
NETWORK. LARGER THAN  
LIFE, HE DIRECTLY INSPIRED MY  
BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT.



WHILE OTHER KIDS WERE  
MAKING VIDEO GAMES I  
OBSESSED ON THE LIVE  
STREAMS OF HIS MISSIONS.

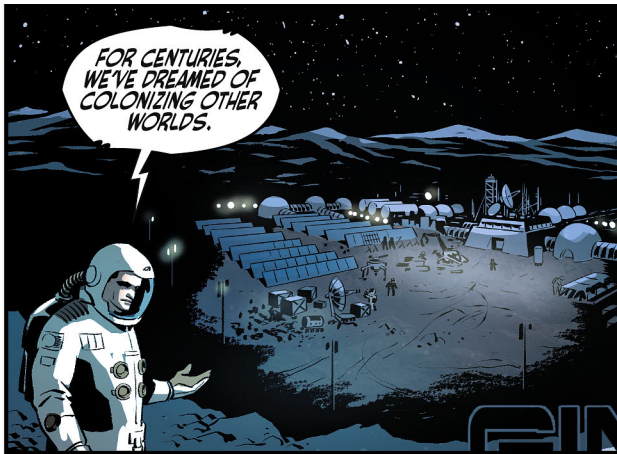




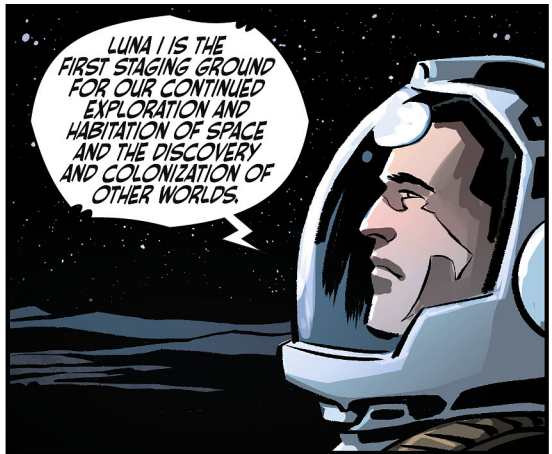


HERO TO MILLIONS, FRENCH ASTRONAUT SEBASTIEN OLIVIER HAS HELPED USHER IN A NEW ERA FOR SPACE TRAVEL AND COLONIZATION BY OVERSEEING THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT SURFACE HABITAT LUNA I.

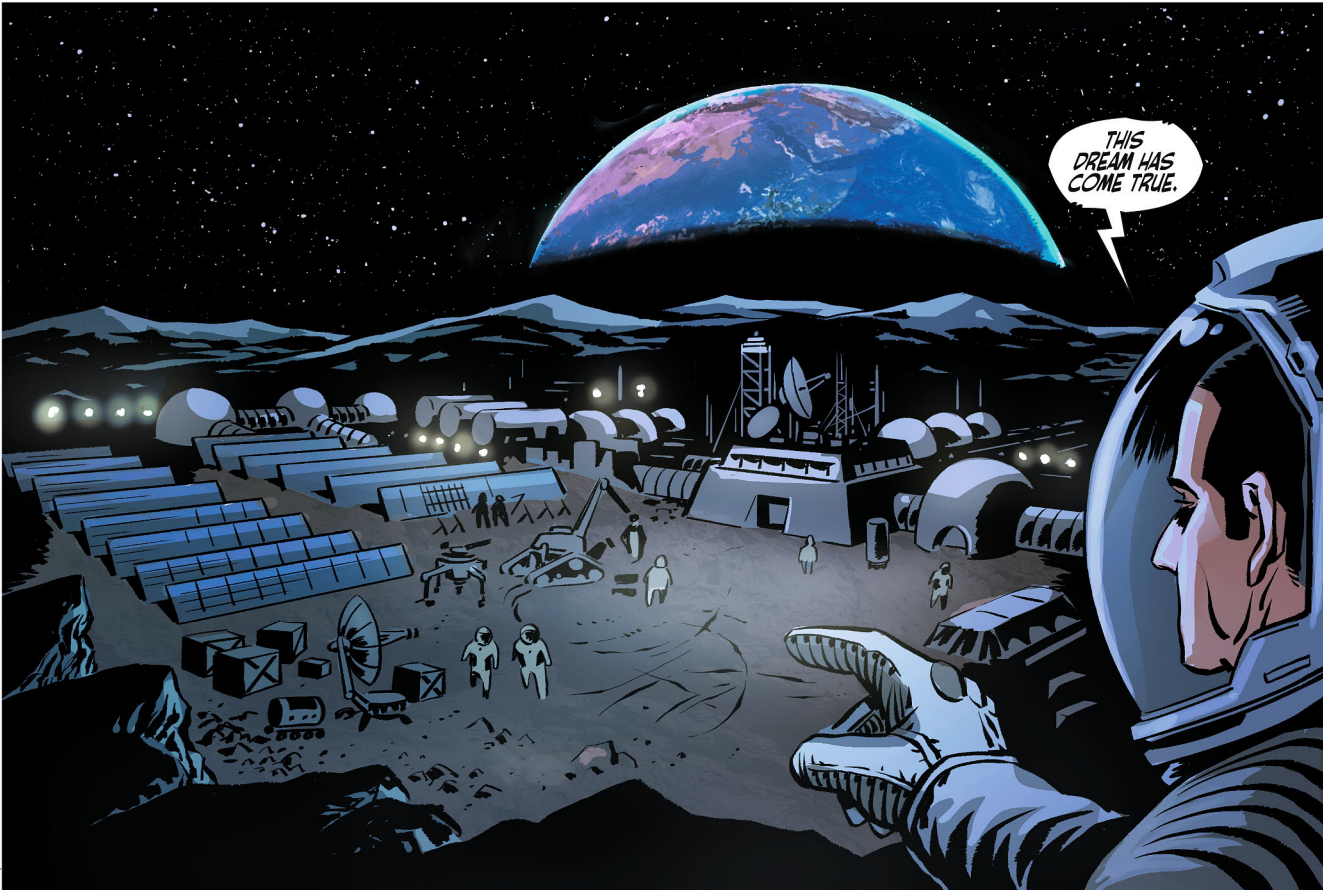
MANY ARE SAYING WITHOUT HIS CELEBRITY, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SPACE PROGRAM WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RAISE THE FUNDS TO SUCCEED HERE.



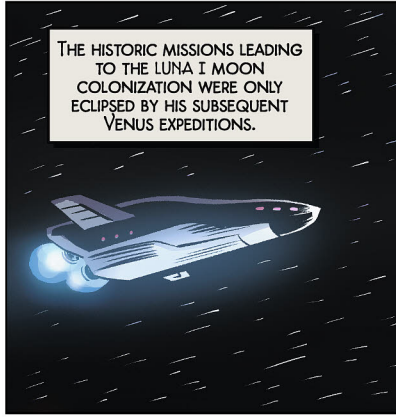
FOR CENTURIES, WE'VE DREAMED OF COLONIZING OTHER WORLDS.



LUNA I IS THE FIRST STAGING GROUND FOR OUR CONTINUED EXPLORATION AND HABITATION OF SPACE AND THE DISCOVERY AND COLONIZATION OF OTHER WORLDS.

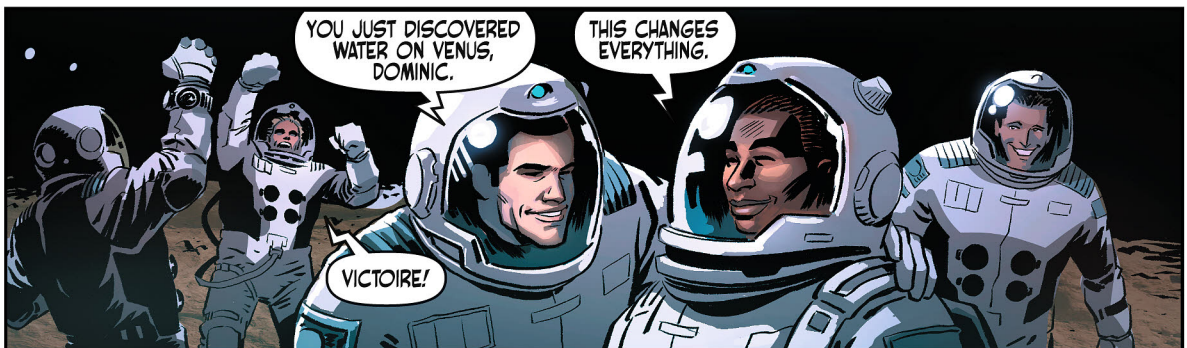
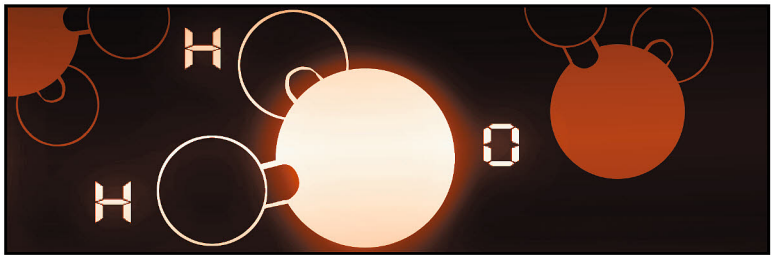


THIS DREAM HAS COME TRUE.

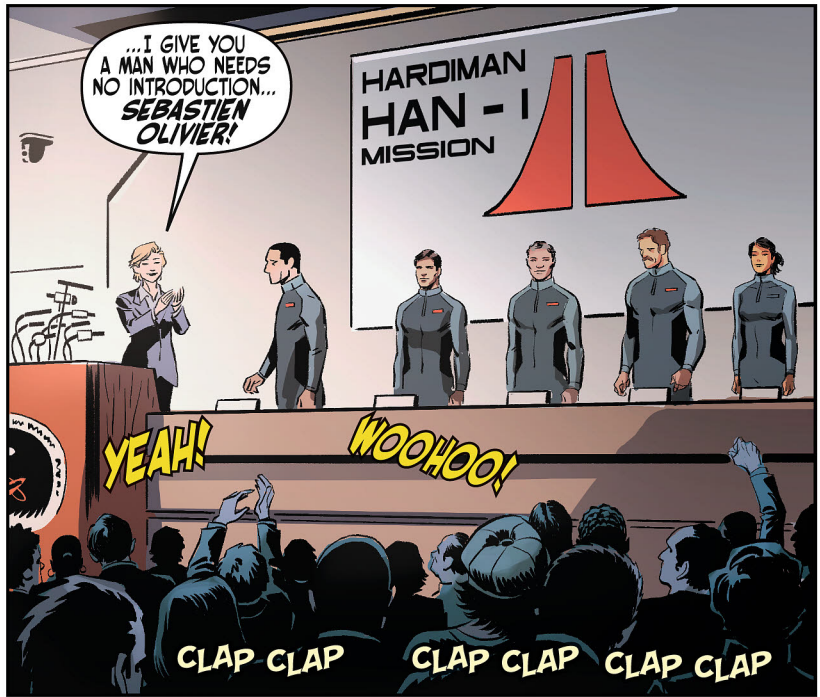




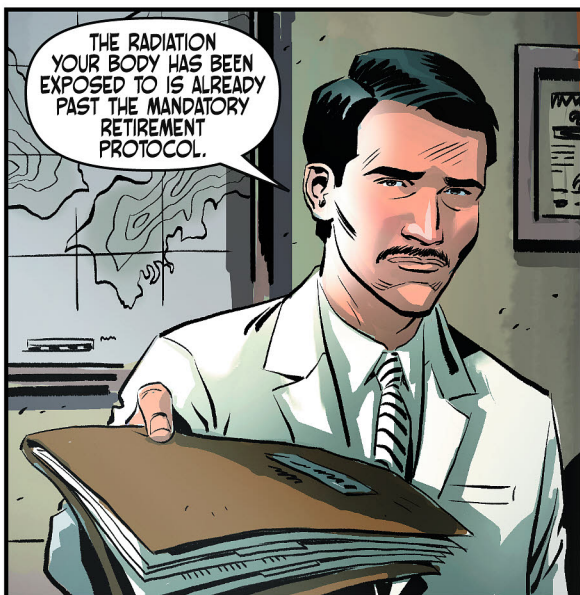
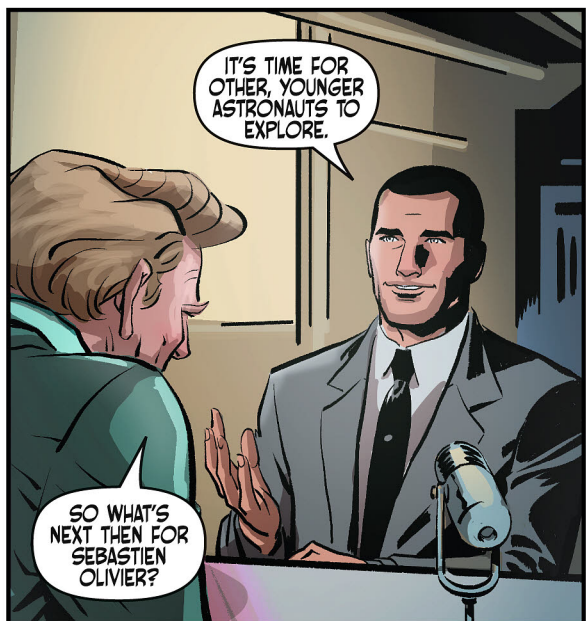
VENUS DARK SIDE  
GRAVITY .38 EARTH  
462° CELCIUS











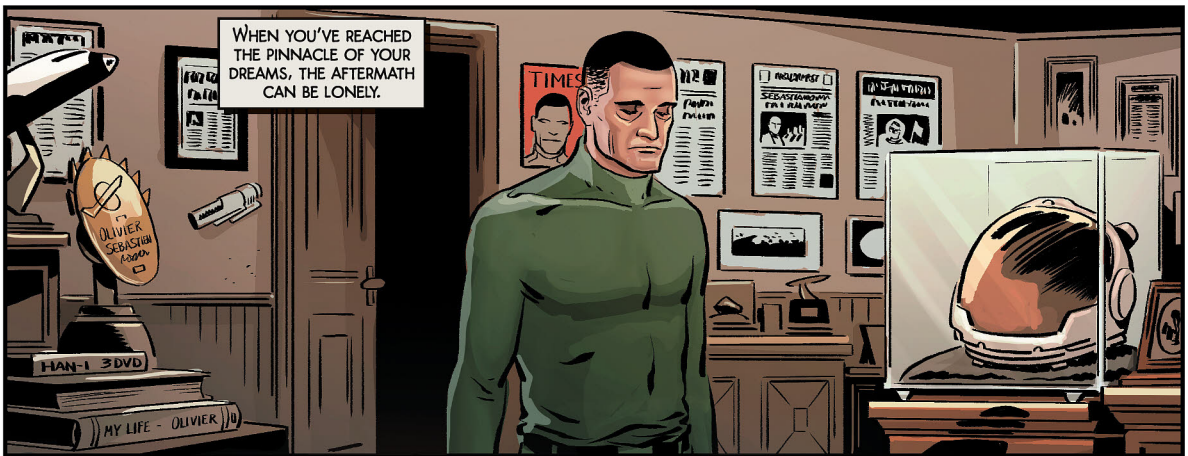


SALLES LA-SOURCE,  
FRANCE

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WANTED  
HIM TO BECOME THE PUBLIC FACE OF  
THE CONTINUING SPACE PROGRAM.  
TO WRITE BOOKS AND TEACH THE  
NEXT GENERATION...

...BUT THE MAN WHOSE  
TELEVISION APPEARANCES  
PAUSED THE WORLD...

...JUST  
DISAPPEARED.

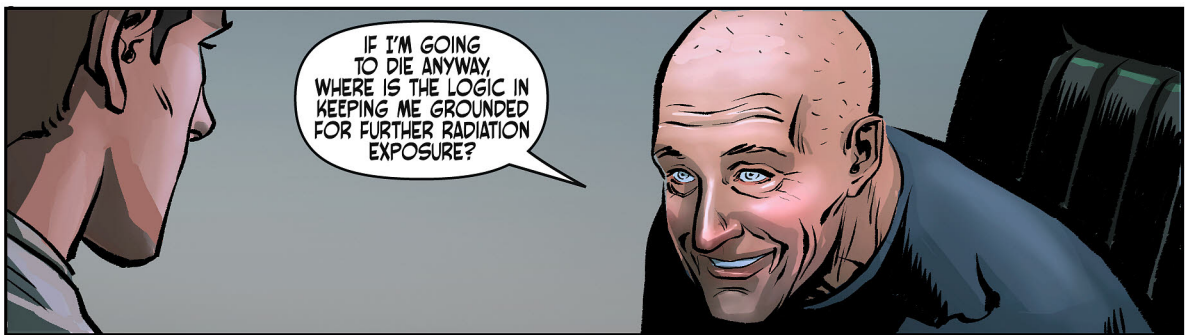
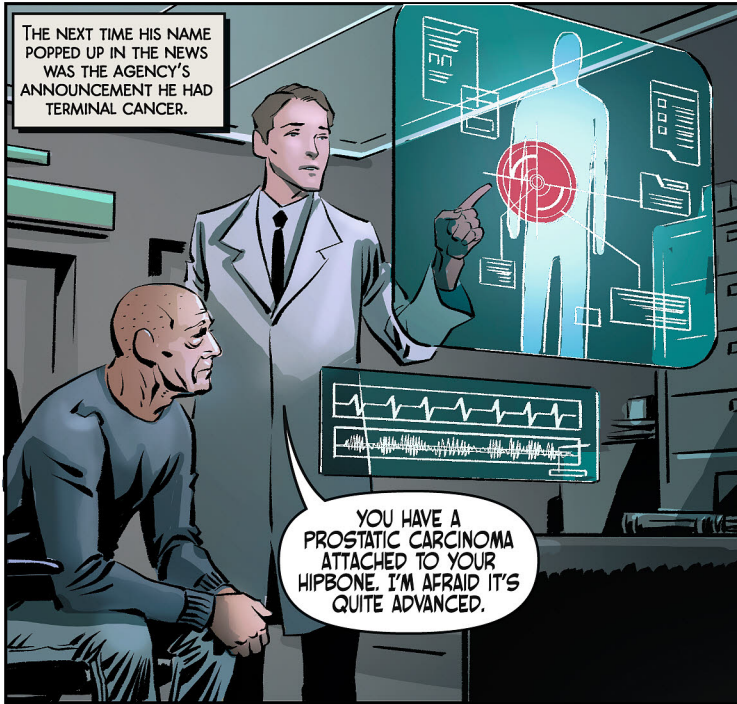


WHEN YOU'VE REACHED  
THE PINNACLE OF YOUR  
DREAMS, THE AFTERMATH  
CAN BE LONELY.

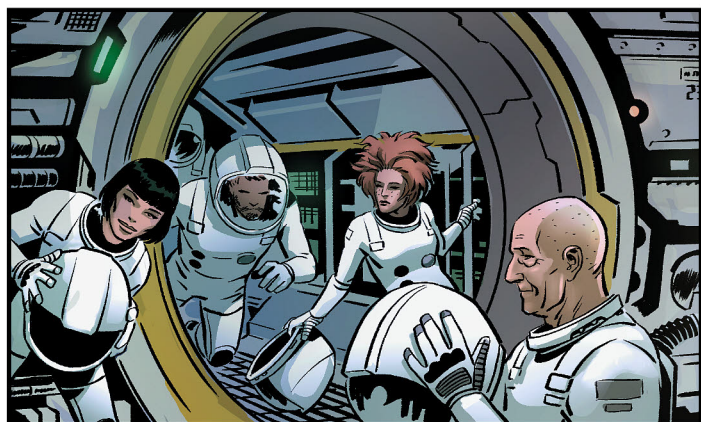
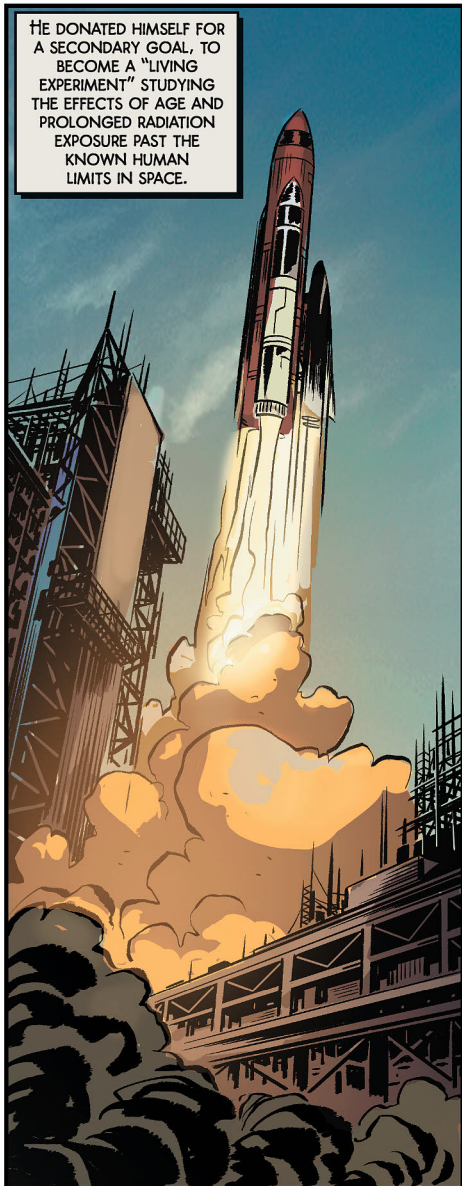
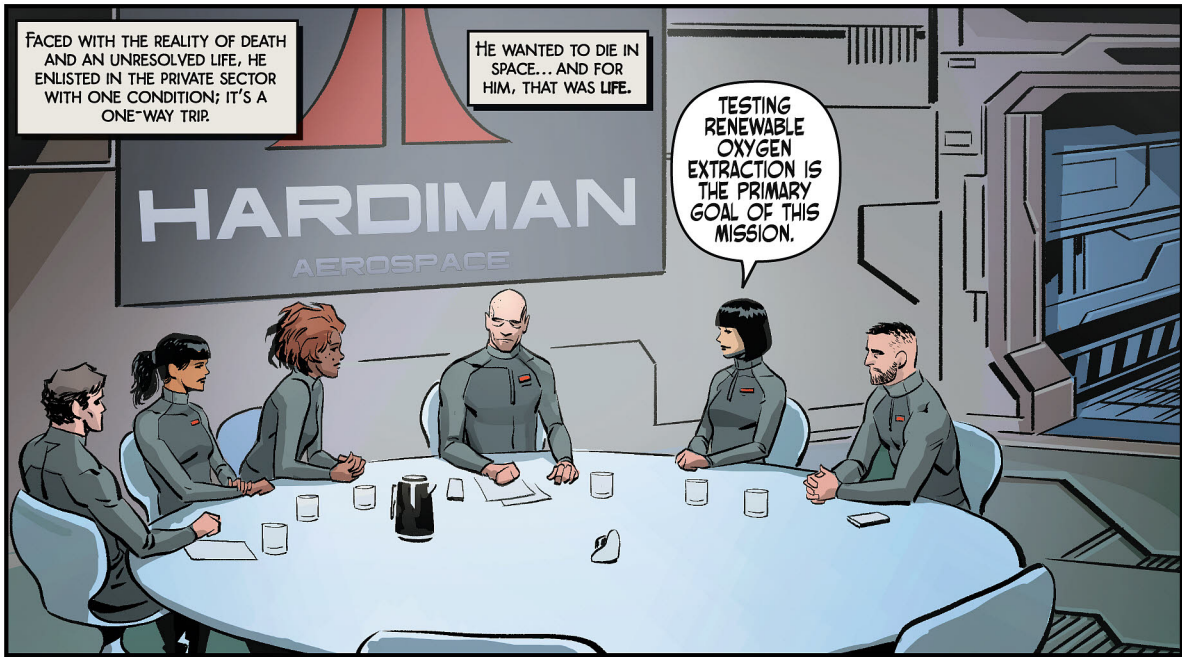


AFTER EXPERIENCING THE WONDER  
AND POSSIBILITY OF THE UNIVERSE,  
HE FELT LIKE AN ALIEN ON EARTH  
AND REMAINED RECLUSIVE.

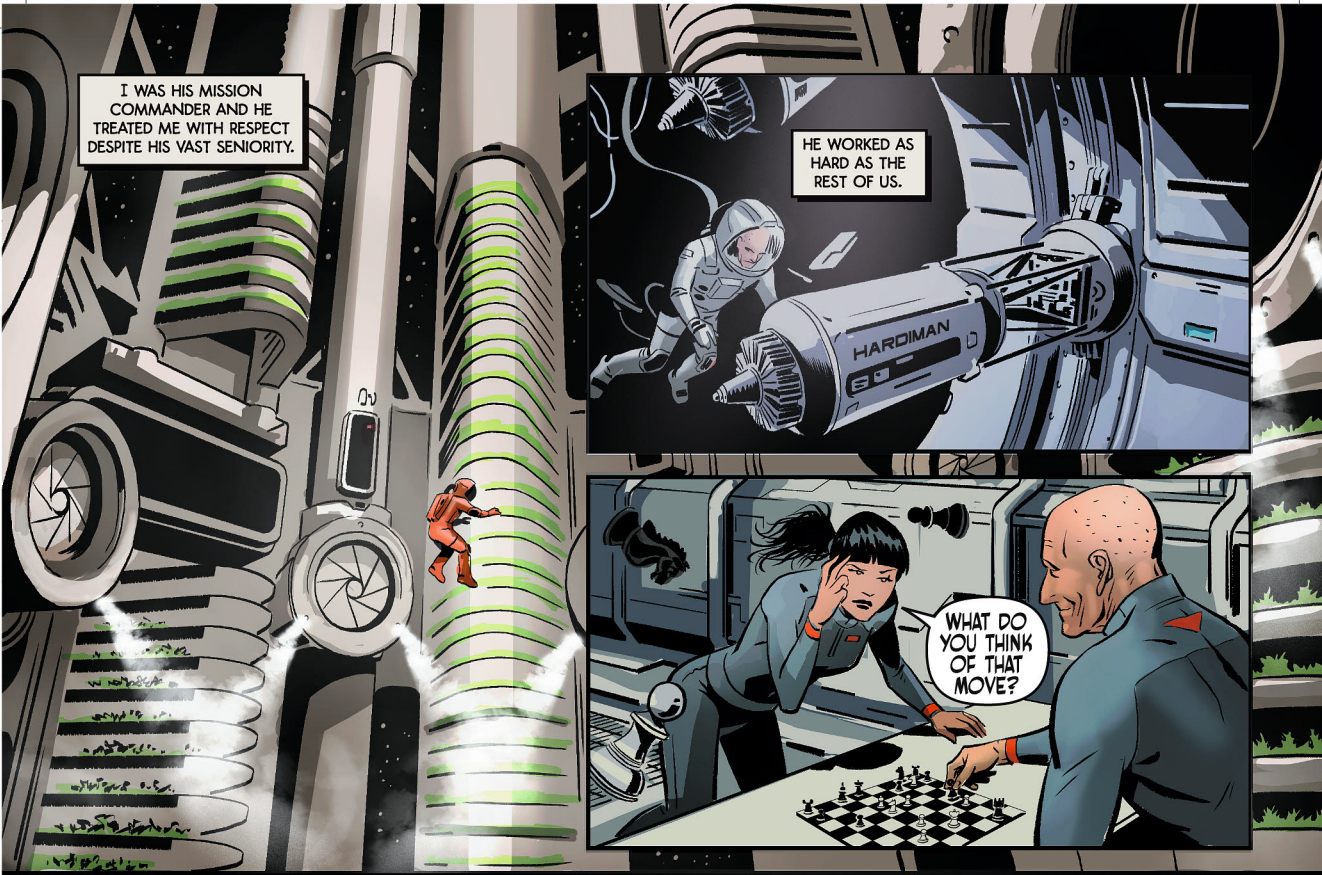
HE LONGED TO RETURN  
TO HIS REAL HOME.







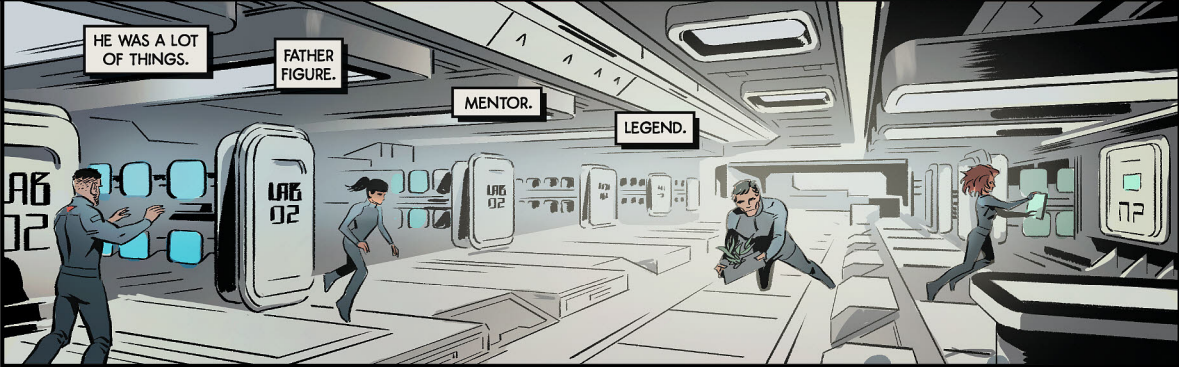




I WAS HIS MISSION COMMANDER AND HE TREATED ME WITH RESPECT DESPITE HIS VAST SENIORITY.

HE WORKED AS HARD AS THE REST OF US.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT MOVE?



HE WAS A LOT OF THINGS.

FATHER FIGURE.

MENTOR.

LEGEND.

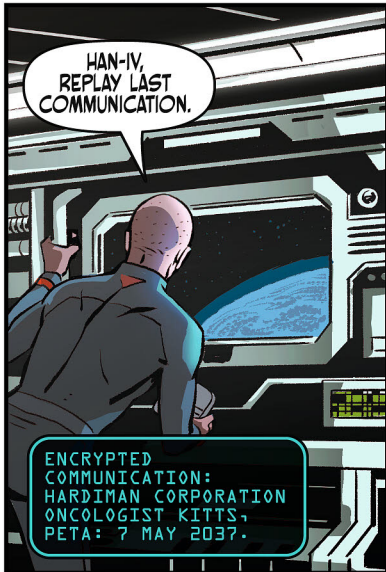


I WAS IN COMMAND, BUT HE WAS THE CENTER AND LIFE OF THE TEAM.



EVERYONE LOVED HIM.





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REPLAY LAST  
COMMUNICATION.

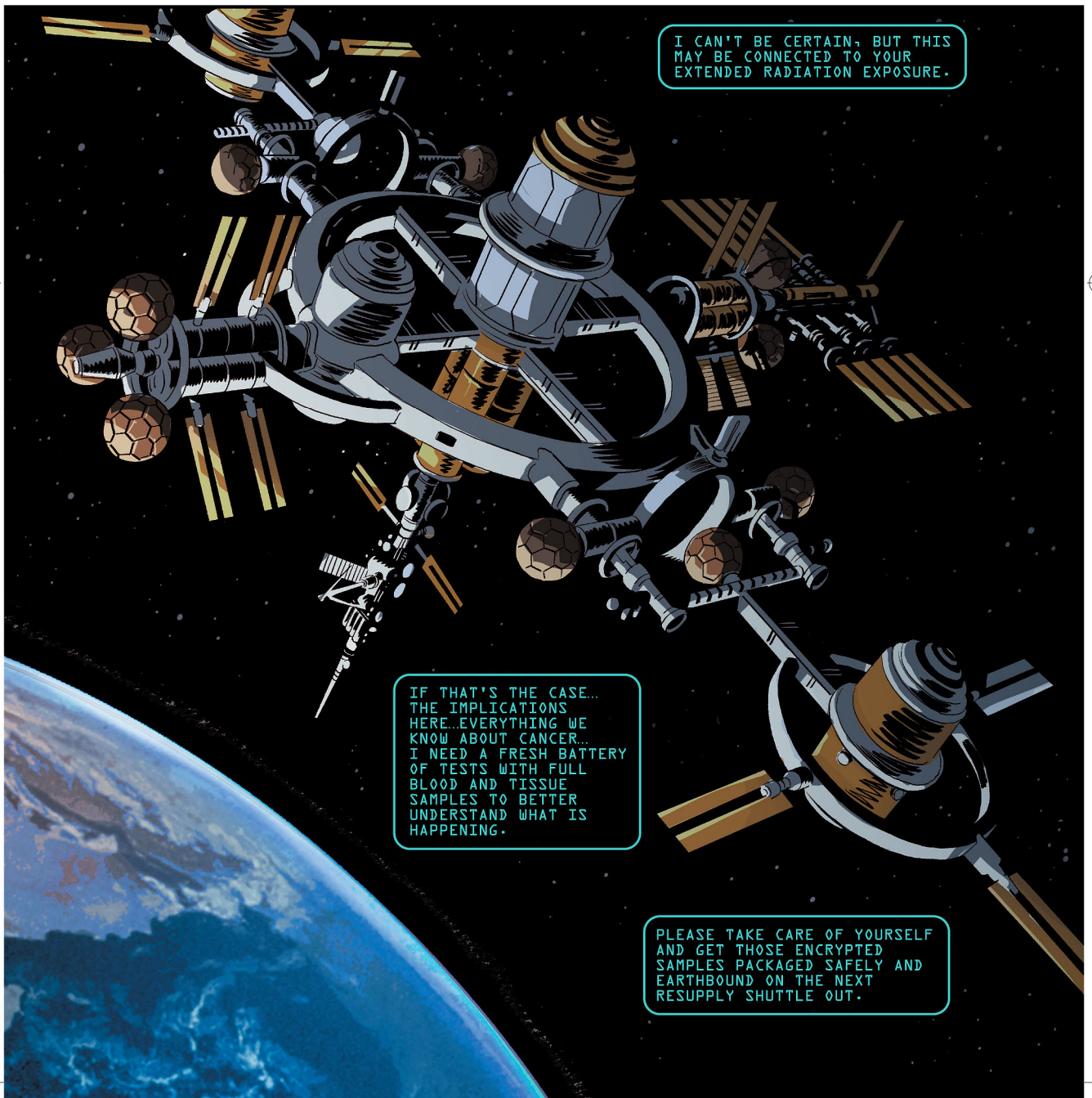
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I SEE A VERY CLEAR  
DECREASE IN YOUR  
T-CELL COUNT. YOUR  
CANCER...APPEARS TO  
BE...REGRESSING.



I'VE PUT IN A  
REQUEST TO HAVE  
YOU BROUGHT BACK  
DOWN TO EARTH.

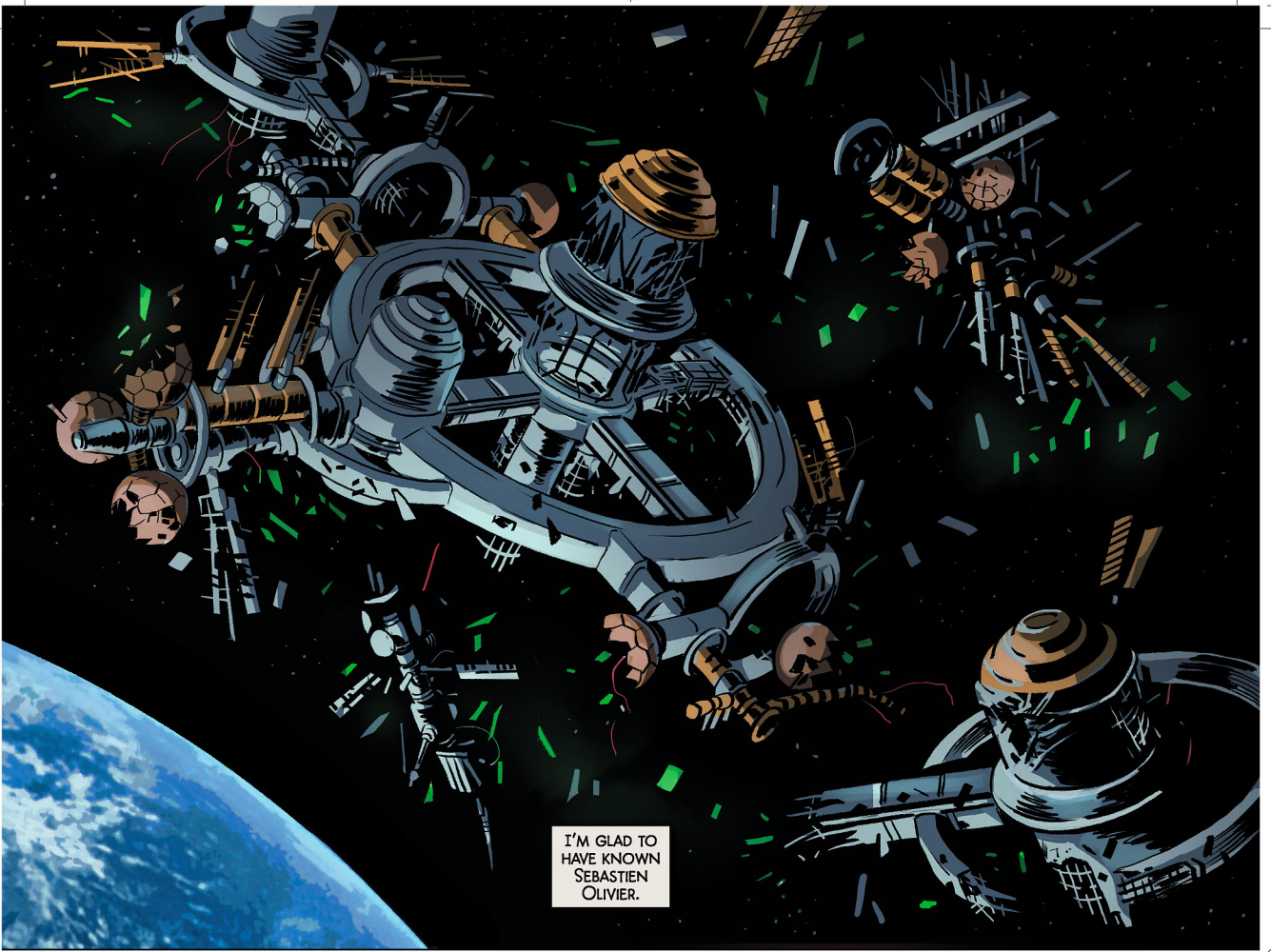


I CAN'T BE CERTAIN, BUT THIS  
MAY BE CONNECTED TO YOUR  
EXTENDED RADIATION EXPOSURE.

IF THAT'S THE CASE...  
THE IMPLICATIONS  
HERE...EVERYTHING WE  
KNOW ABOUT CANCER...  
I NEED A FRESH BATTERY  
OF TESTS WITH FULL  
BLOOD AND TISSUE  
SAMPLES TO BETTER  
UNDERSTAND WHAT IS  
HAPPENING.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF  
AND GET THOSE ENCRYPTED  
SAMPLES PACKAGED SAFELY AND  
EARTHBOUND ON THE NEXT  
RESUPPLY SHUTTLE OUT.

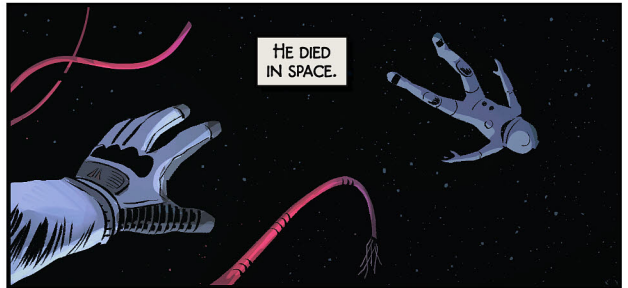
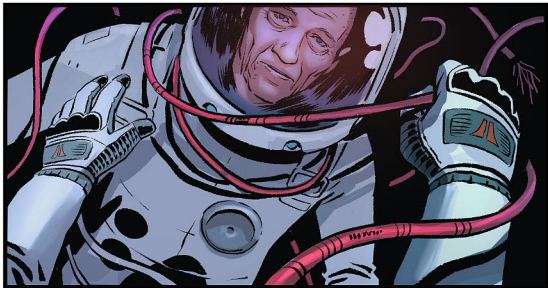




I'M GLAD TO  
HAVE KNOWN  
SEBASTIEN  
OLIVIER.



HE GOT  
HIS WISH.



HE DIED  
IN SPACE.



GOODBYE,  
MY FRIEND.

TO BE  
CONTINUED!





### ADAM ORTH

Adam Orth is a Creative Director and Game Designer passionate about crafting immersive, interactive digital entertainment experiences through original and world-class intellectual properties.

A 17-year veteran of the video game industry, he has held both design and high-level creative positions at Microsoft, LucasArts, Electronic Arts, Sony Computer Entertainment and PopCap Games. He has directly collaborated with George Lucas (*Star Wars*), Frank Miller (*The Dark Knight*, *Sin City*) and has deep experience creating digital entertainment for iconic brands like Lucasfilm, NASA, Nike and National Geographic.

Adam is co-founder and Creative Director of Three One Zero in Santa Monica, CA and is currently developing ADR1FT to be published by 505 Games in September 2015. Adam is represented by Creative Artists Agency.

### MATT HAWKINS

A veteran of the initial Image Comics launch, Matt started his career in comic book publishing in 1993 and has been working with Image as a creator, writer and executive for over 20 years. President/COO of Top Cow since 1998, Matt has created and written over 30 new franchises for Top Cow and Image including *Think Tank*, *Necromancer*, *VICE*, *Lady Pendragon*, *Aphrodite IX*, *IXth Generation* as well as handling the company's business affairs.



### LUCA CASALANGUIDA

I draw since I was a child. I grew up with American and Italian comics. So, I put those two things together, becoming a comic artist. Graduated in architecture and also at the "Accademia del fumetto di Pescara".

I'm working for Sergio Bonelli Editore on characters like *Dylan Dog*, *Lukas*, and *Orphans*.

### ANDREW ELDER

Andrew Elder is a colorist from Glasgow, Scotland and has been in the industry for nine years. He has a deep passion for stories and was trained as an animator at Duncan of Jordanstone School of Art at the University of Dundee. Andrew has also worked as a producer, concept artist, storyboard artist and production painter in the games and TV industry. His very first coloring job was on *Cowboys and Aliens*, and he has been part of many great series such as: *Mars Attacks*, *Batman: Arkham Unhinged*, *Batman Beyond*, *Injustice*, *Suicide Risk* and many more. Currently, he is working on creating a webcomic with his wife/editor, Hannah Elder.



### TROY PETERI

Starting his career at Comicraft, Troy Peteri lettered titles such as *Iron Man*, *Wolverine*, and *Amazing Spider-Man*, among many others. He's been lettering roughly 97% of all Top Cow titles since 2005. In addition to Top Cow, he currently letters comics from multiple publishers and websites, such as Image Comics, Dynamite, and Archaia. He (along with co-writer Tom Martin and artist Dave Lanphear) is currently writing (and lettering) *Tales of Equinox*, a webcomic of his own creation for [www.Thrillbent.com](http://www.Thrillbent.com). (Once again, [www.Thrillbent.com](http://www.Thrillbent.com).) He's still bitter about no longer lettering *The Darkness* and wants it back on stands immediately.



# HARDIMAN

MANKIND ABOVE ALL ELSE

“Mankind Above All Else.”

Hardiman Corporation was founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist David Hardiman. Hardiman Corporation is an entirely charitable organization that exists solely to advance the betterment of the human race and planet earth.

As a young man, Hardiman made billions from various financial ventures, but ultimately was worn down by the meaningless pursuit of personal wealth and greed. Looking for a positive way to funnel his wealth into the hands of others who were less fortunate, Hardiman began building clean water wells, food-sourcing, housing, infrastructure and education facilities in impoverished countries. The seemingly endless need for help opened Hardiman’s eyes to the greater needs of humanity and the declining state of the world. He turned his complete focus and empire to solving and eradicating these problems.

Hardiman Aerospace, the world’s largest privately-funded space effort, is an ambitious extension of Hardiman Corporation.

With the undeniable truth of global warming, over-population and the depletion of Earth’s precious natural resources, the need to investigate the idea of inhabiting other planets is critical to the future of the human race.


Taking cues from Hardiman’s early efforts providing basic survival needs for humans, Hardiman Aerospace’s mission is to find a solution for a natural, sustainable and renewable source of Oxygen that can be managed on planets without a breathable atmosphere.

The Northstar Project, now in its Fourth iteration, is an entirely experimental effort that centers around extracting oxygen and carbon dioxide from terrestrial plant life in space and converting it to breathable oxygen suitable for prolonged human use.

Three versions of the Northstar (I-III) have successfully completed each of their missions in service of the Northstar project. Northstar IV is currently in the process of becoming operational with an advance crew of 6, including Mission Commander Alex Oshima and Legendary Space Pioneer Sebastien Olivier.



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