



PERMISSION
DENIED, CAPTAIN
STARBUCK.

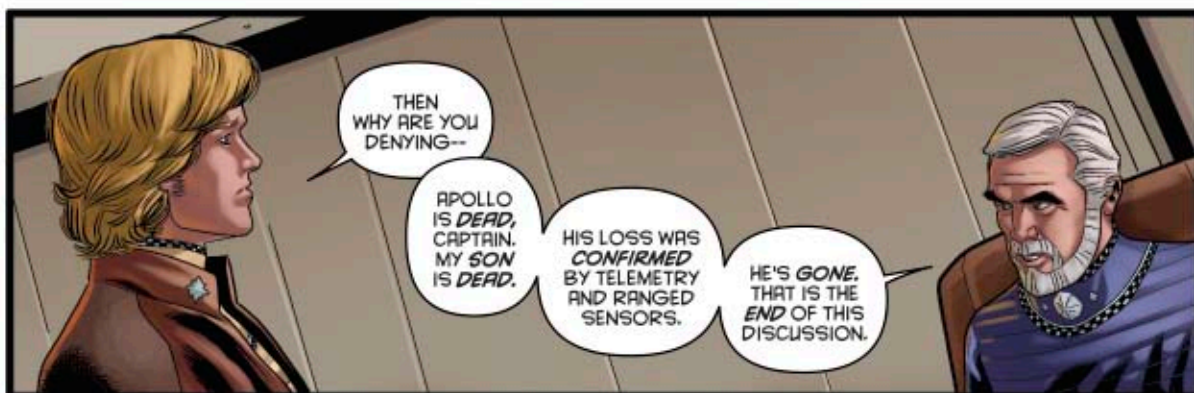


COMMANDER,
IF THIS IS
ABOUT MY, uh...
BEHAVIOR IN THE
BRIG YESTERDAY,
I **SINCERELY**
APOLOGIZE--

YOU WERE
STRICKEN WITH
GRIEF. THE LOSS
HAS AFFECTED
US ALL.

YOU **SHOULDN'T**
HAVE BEHAVED THE
WAY YOU DID, BUT
I WON'T HOLD IT
AGAINST YOU.

PROVIDED
IT DOES NOT
HAPPEN **AGAIN**.



THEN
WHY ARE YOU
DENYING--

APOLLO
IS **DEAD**,
CAPTAIN.
MY **SON**
IS **DEAD**.

HIS LOSS WAS
CONFIRMED
BY TELEMETRY
AND RANGED
SENSORS.

HE'S **GONE**.
THAT IS THE
END OF THIS
DISCUSSION.

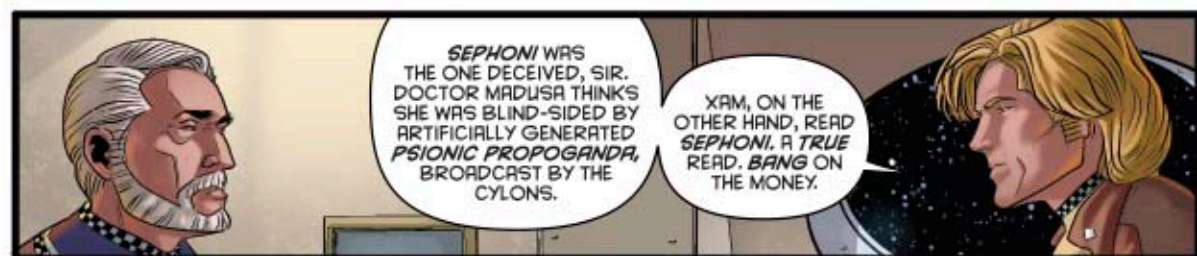


PLEASE,
STARBUCK.

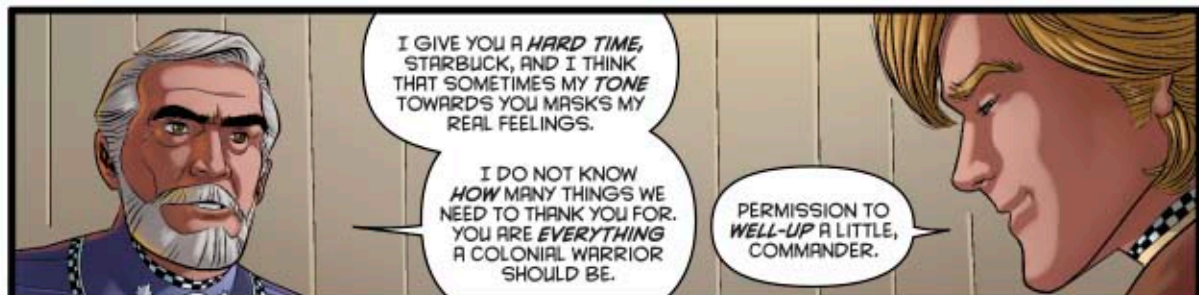
LEAVE ME
ALONE WITH MY
OWN GRIEF.

THE DEATH OF APOLLO

PART THREE



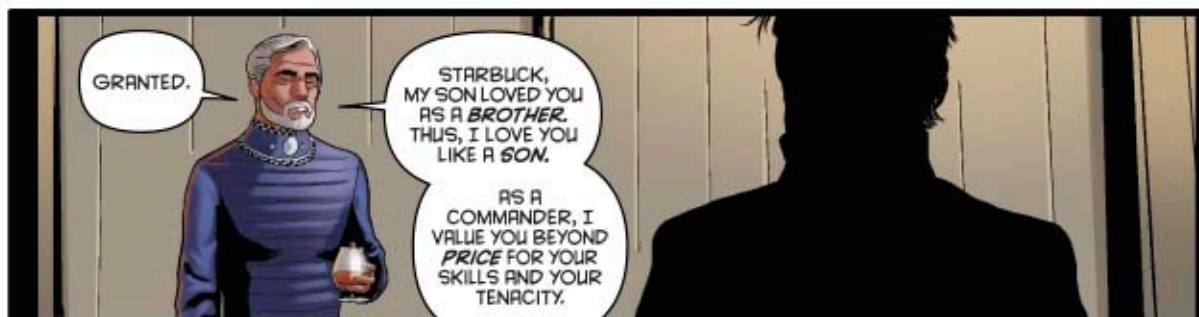




I GIVE YOU A *HARD TIME*, STARBUCK, AND I THINK THAT SOMETIMES MY *TONE* TOWARDS YOU MASKS MY REAL FEELINGS.

I DO NOT KNOW *HOW MANY THINGS* WE NEED TO THANK YOU FOR. YOU ARE *EVERYTHING* A COLONIAL WARRIOR SHOULD BE.

PERMISSION TO *WELL-UP* A LITTLE, COMMANDER.



GRANTED.

STARBUCK, MY SON LOVED YOU AS A *BROTHER*. THUS, I LOVE YOU LIKE A *SON*.

AS A COMMANDER, I VALUE YOU BEYOND *PRICE* FOR YOUR SKILLS AND YOUR TENACITY.

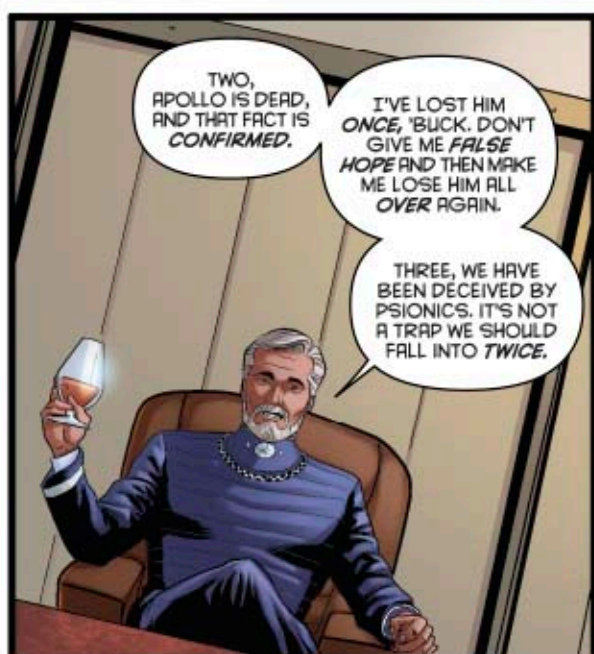


WITH APOLLO GONE, I NEED YOU MORE THAN *EVER* AS SENIOR FLIGHT OFFICER.

IN THAT *FORMAL* REGARD, STARBUCK, I WOULD LIKE YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING THINGS.

ONE, THE SECURITY OF THE FLEET IS *PARAMOUNT*. WE ARE MOVING FAST, DESPERATE TO AVOID DETECTION BY THIS *NEW CYLON* THREAT AND ITS SO-CALLED *SUPER BASE-STAR*.

I NEED *EVERY* VIPER PILOT I'VE GOT.



TWO, APOLLO IS DEAD, AND THAT FACT IS *CONFIRMED*.

I'VE LOST HIM *ONCE*, 'BUCK. DON'T GIVE ME *FALSE HOPE* AND THEN MAKE ME LOSE HIM ALL *OVER AGAIN*.

THREE, WE HAVE BEEN DECEIVED BY PSIONICS. IT'S NOT A TRAP WE SHOULD FALL INTO *TWICE*.



FOUR, I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LIKE TO PLAY THE *LONG-SHOT*, THE *BIG ODD'S*.

I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU WANT APOLLO TO BE *ALIVE*.

BUT I WILL *NOT* SANCTION AN INVESTIGATIVE MISSION. I HAVE LOST BOTH OF MY SONS TO THE CYLON MENACE.

I WILL NOT LOSE YOU *TOO*, NOT ON A FOOL'S ERRAND.



I WILL NOT LOSE *ANOTHER* SON. EVEN IF HE *ISN'T* MY OWN BLOOD.

