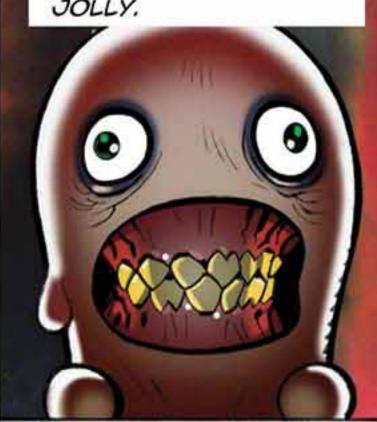
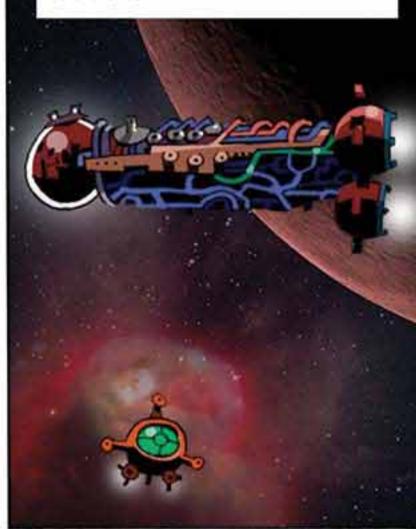




MR SHOOB SHOOB HAS
BEEN MY COMPANION
SINCE CHILDHOOD, NO
ONE ELSE HAS EVER
SEEN HIM, AND MY
PSYCHIATRIST SAID
THAT HE'S A FIGMENT
OF MY IMAGINATION,
BUT OUT HERE IN SPACE
HE IS QUITE VISIBLESMOOTH, SOFT, A BIT
STICKY, AND VERY, VERY
JOLLY.



WE ARE ENTERING THE LASSITERS' SYSTEM-A SMALL CLUSTER OF PLANETS, WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR RICH DEPOSITS OF THE RARE AND VALUABLE UDAGAWA CRYSTAL.



WE'VE COME HERE TO
GATHER A VITAL SUPPLY
OF UDAGAWA,
IT'S DESPERATELY
NEEDED BACK ON EARTH.

ZUB
ZUB!

THE
WAS
THAT?

I'VE BEEN RUNNING MY
TANK ENGINE FOR
DECADES ON A FEW
GRAINS OF ENRICHED
UDAGAWA. BUT THE
JUICE HAS FINALLY
RUN DRY, AND MY POOR
TANK IS NOW FROZEN
RIGID; IMMOVABLE
AND STIFF, LIKE A HUNG
MAN'S ERECTION.



