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YE. THE COLONIZER HOMEWORLD.



THE SHARDS OF DAWN GREET RAADER LIKE A CATTLEPROD TO THE EYE.

LAST NIGHT, SHE TRIED DROWNING HER GRIEF IN LIQUOR AND HER SORROW IN GROG.

IT DID NOT GO WELL.



AVE'N, WOMAN, YE'RE S'POSED TO BE SOMETHIN' AKIN TO A GOD NOW...



...YE THINK THAT'D AT LEAST GIVE YE THE POWER TO HOLD YE'RE LIQUOR.

SERVITOR HELP RAADER.

I CAN HOLD MY LIQUOR JUST FINE, THANK YOU VERY--



CRIMINY, WOMAN...

QUITE THE MESS, THAT.

SHUT UP, YA MIDGE.

HUACHHHH



WHAT'RE YOU DISTURBING MY MORNING FOR ANYWAY, COLLOS?

OWEN THRASH AND HIS REVOLUTIONARIES. THEY WANT THEMSELVES ANOTHER AUDIENCE.



TELL 'EM TO SELL SOME TICKETS, THEN.

I GOTTA GO FIND ME SOME HAIR OF THE DOG.



NO.



THIS BE MUTINY!

SERVITOR WORRIED FOR RAADER.



THE BRUTEBEAST'S RIGHT. YOU CAN'T SOLVE WHAT'S AILIN' YE'RE HEART WITH BOOZE.

WATCH ME.

NO TIME, GIRLIE. THRASH SAYS THERE BE TROUBLE AT THE GALAXY'S EDGE.

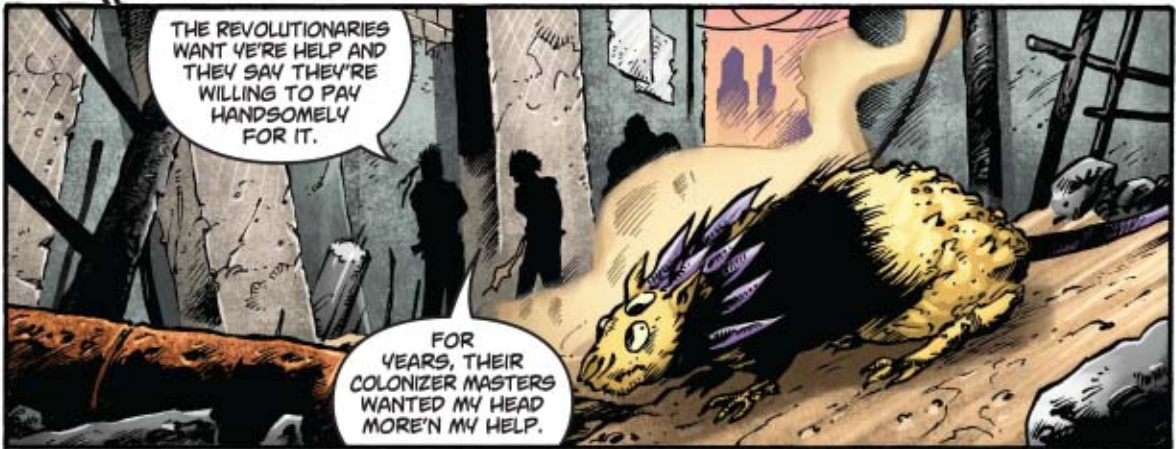


THRASH
CAN SAY
WHATEVER HE
WANTS. NONE
OF IT'S OF
CONCERN
TO ME.

NOW
PUT ME
DOWN, YOU
BRUTE.


BRUTE-
BEAST.

DOWN.
NOW.



THE REVOLUTIONARIES
WANT YE'RE HELP AND
THEY SAY THEY'RE
WILLING TO PAY
HANDSOMELY
FOR IT.

FOR
YEARS, THEIR
COLONIZER MASTERS
WANTED MY HEAD
MORE'N MY HELP.



AND WITHOUT
MY CREW OR MY
FAMILY OR EVEN
MY SHIP--MY
BELOVED
STARSHADOW--

--WHAT INTEREST
DOES COLONIZER
COIN HOLD
FOR ME?

IT BUYS
A LOT OF
GROG, FOR
ONE.



THAT IT
DOES.

LEAD
ON.

ONCE A PREEMINENT SYMBOL OF WEALTH AND OPPULENCE IN THE GALAXY, THE COLONIZER ROYAL PALACE HAS LOST ITS LUSTER IN THE WAKE OF THE EMPIRE'S COLLAPSE...

AND NOW SERVES AS THE SEAT OF POWER FOR THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT LED BY REVOLUTIONARY OWEN THRASH.

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

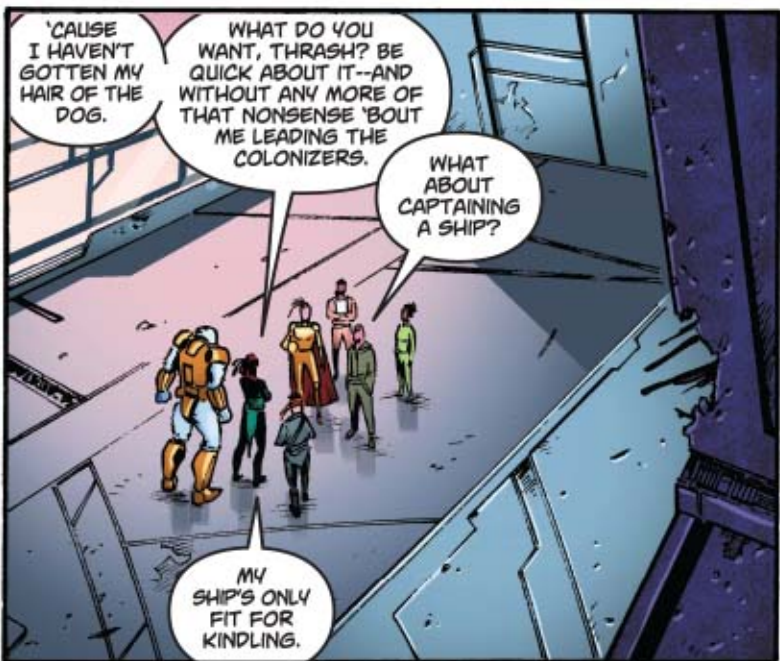
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.



'CAUSE I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY HAIR OF THE DOG.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, THRASH? BE QUICK ABOUT IT--AND WITHOUT ANY MORE OF THAT NONSENSE 'BOUT ME LEADING THE COLONIZERS.

WHAT ABOUT CAPTAINING A SHIP?



MY SHIP'S ONLY FIT FOR KINDLING.

WHICH IS WHY HE'S OFFERING YOU *MINE*. HE'S OFFERING YOU THE HARBINGER.

EVEN IF I'D SULLY MYSELF CREWING A COLONIZER BOAT... WHY WOULD I?



BECAUSE WE FACE A COMMON DANGER.

AND YOU, IN OUR JUDGMENT, ARE THE CAPTAIN MOST QUALIFIED TO PROTECT US FROM IT.





WHY WOULD
RAADER WANT
TO PROTECT
COLONIZERS?



WHAT
HE SAID.



THE COLONIZER
EMPIRE GREW FROM
A RESISTANCE BUILT
TO REPEL AN INVASION
FROM A FORCE
BEYOND OUR
GALAXY.



THEY'RE
CALLED THE
SIDARI.



THEIR
INCURSION INTO
KNOWN SPACE
DESTROYED ONE
OF OUR LAST
REMAINING
SHIPS.

AND
YOU WANT
ME TO FLY OUT
TO GREET 'EM?
HOW DAFT DO YOU
THINK I AM?