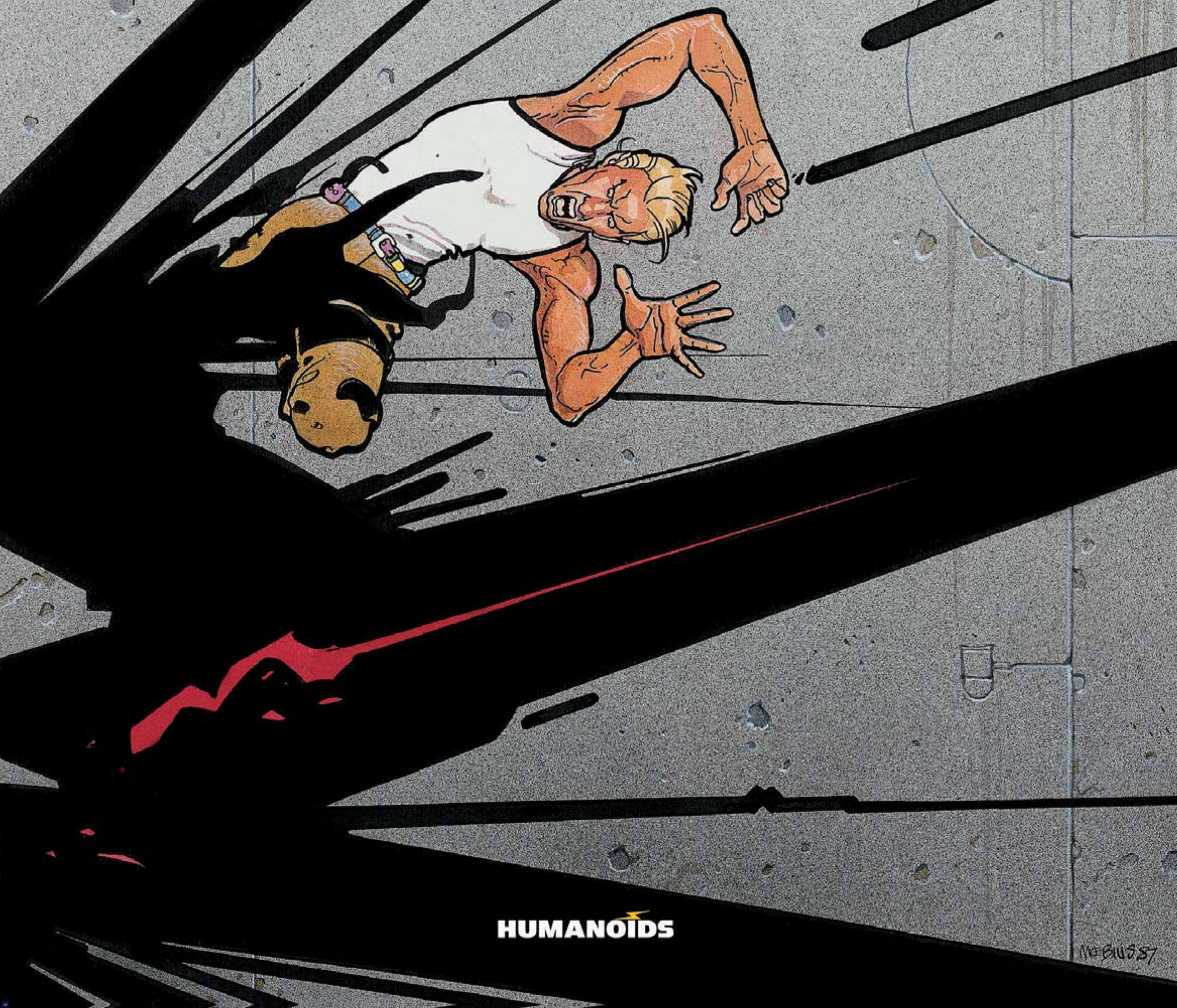


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THE FIFTH ESSENCE

PART ONE: THE DREAMING GALAXY



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INHUMAN!





A
MEDUSA!



THE MEDUSA'S GONE
CRAZY! IT'S ATTACKING
THE EMPERORESS INSTEAD
OF HELPING HIM/HER!

NO!
LOOK!



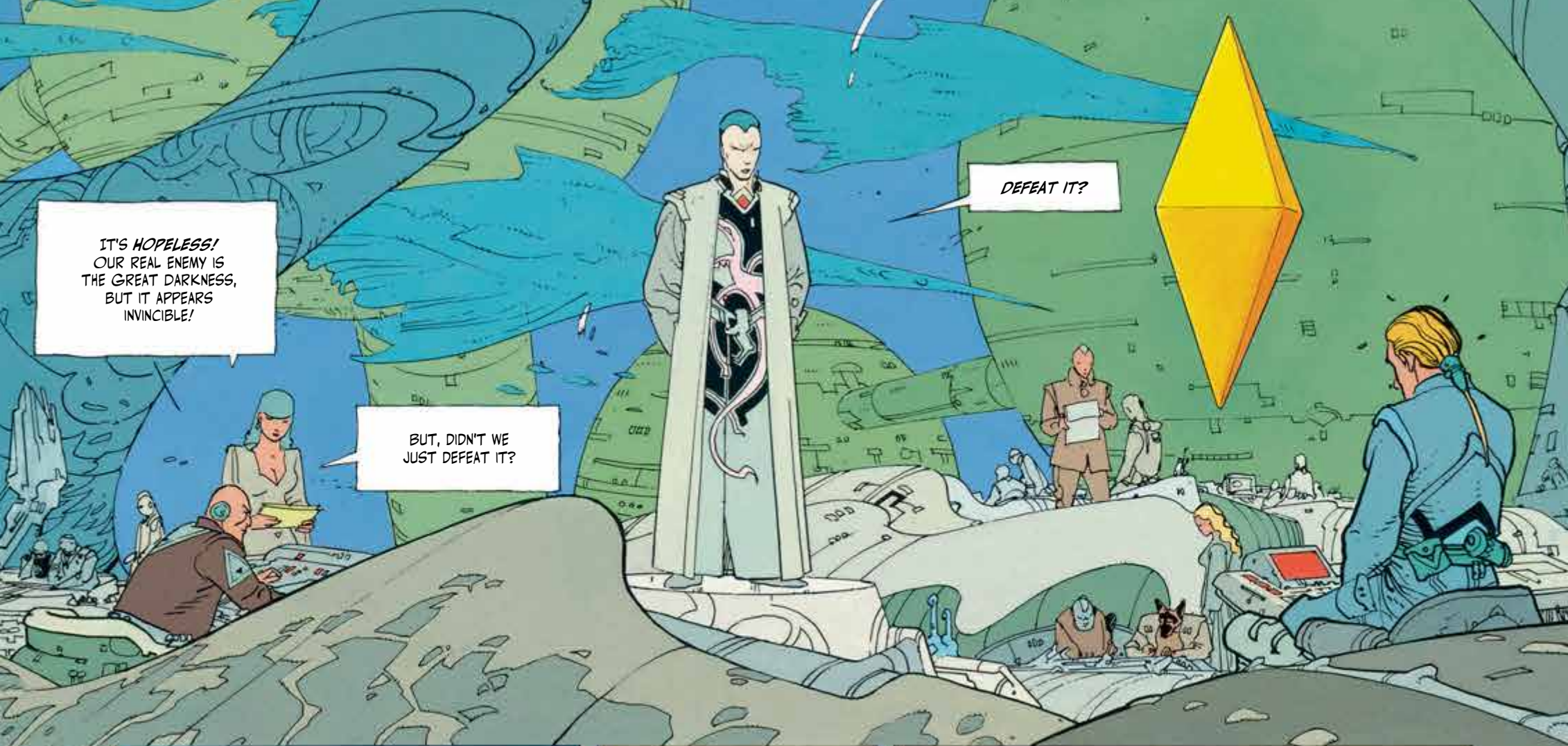
THE DARK
PLASMA! IT'S
MELTING AWAY!

WE'RE
SAVED!



SOMEONE TAKE CARE
OF THE WOUNDED!

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IT'S **HOPELESS!**
OUR REAL ENEMY IS
THE GREAT DARKNESS,
BUT IT APPEARS
INVINCIBLE!

BUT, DIDN'T WE
JUST DEFEAT IT?

DEFEAT IT?



WE'VE BARELY **STALLED** IT! THE EMPERORESS IS
ONLY A MEDIUM! THE DARKNESS CAN STRIKE
ANYWHERE! AT ANY
TIME!

THE INCAL
SENT THAT
MEDUSA JUST
IN TIME!



BUT, HOW MANY WILL
IT TAKE TO--

ENOUGH!



I'VE HAD IT WITH ALL
OF THIS! WE AGREED I'D
BE OFF THE HOOK AFTER
THE BERG CAPER! NOW,
I WANT A WELL DESERVED
VACATION ON SOME
PLANET OF PARADISE
WITH ANIMAH!

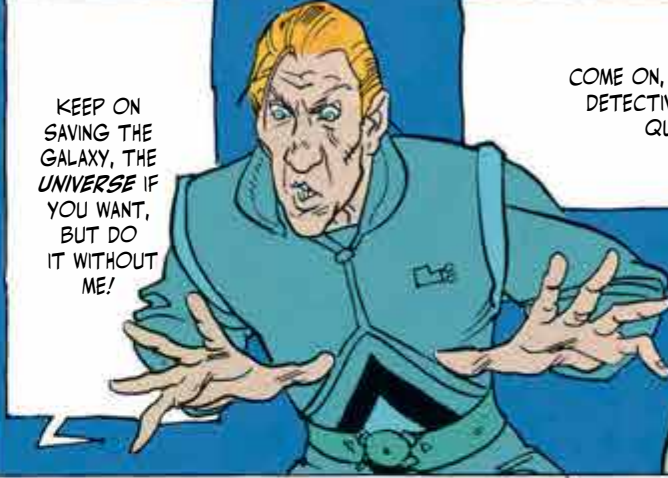
A "VACATION?"
WHAT'S THAT?



I'VE **HATED** THIS THING
SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING,
AND IT'S GETTING **WORSE!**
SO, I'M TELLING YOU NOW...
I'VE HAD IT UP TO
HERE! **HAD IT!**

I'M **DONE!**

BUT,
JOHN--



KEEP ON
SAVING THE
GALAXY, THE
UNIVERSE IF
YOU WANT,
BUT DO
IT WITHOUT
ME!



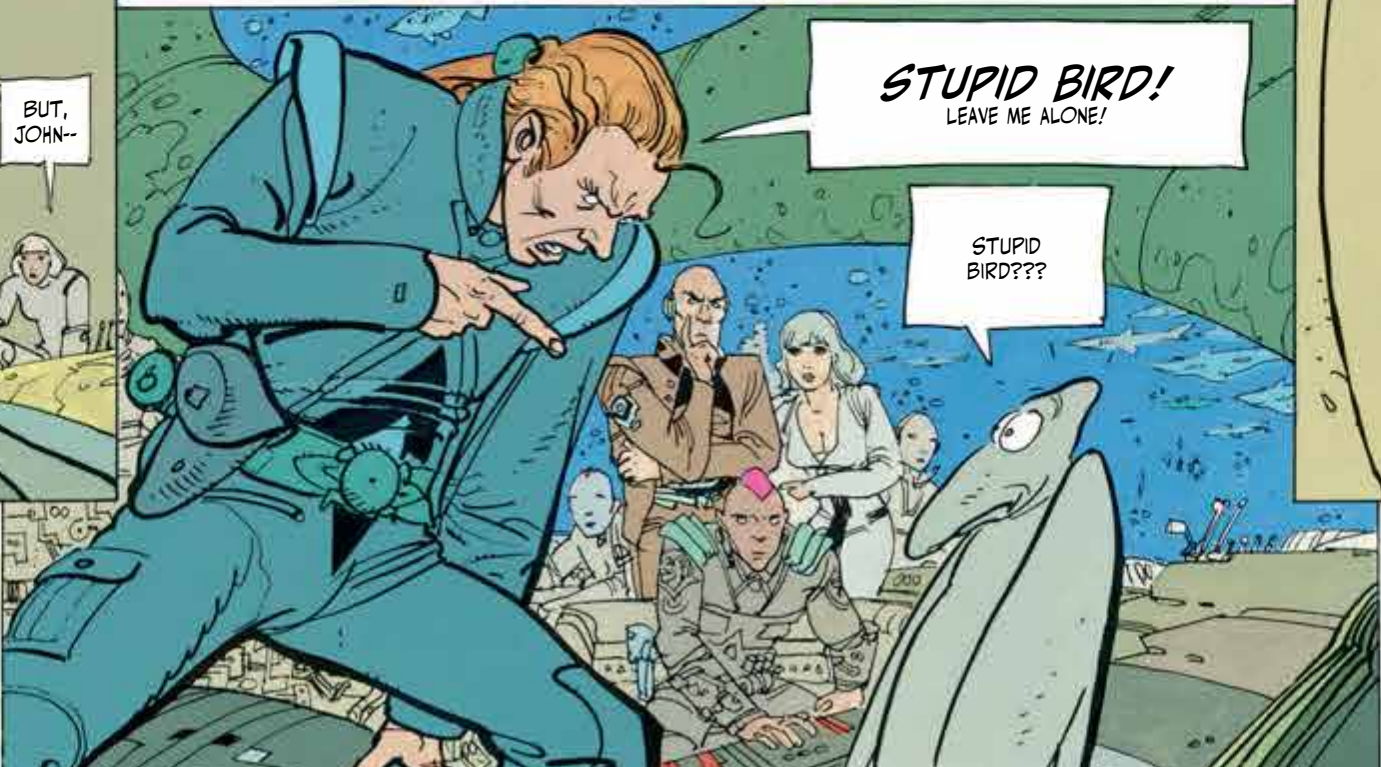
COME ON, JOHN! YOU'RE A
DETECTIVE! YOU **CAN'T**
QUIT NOW!

WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO HIM?



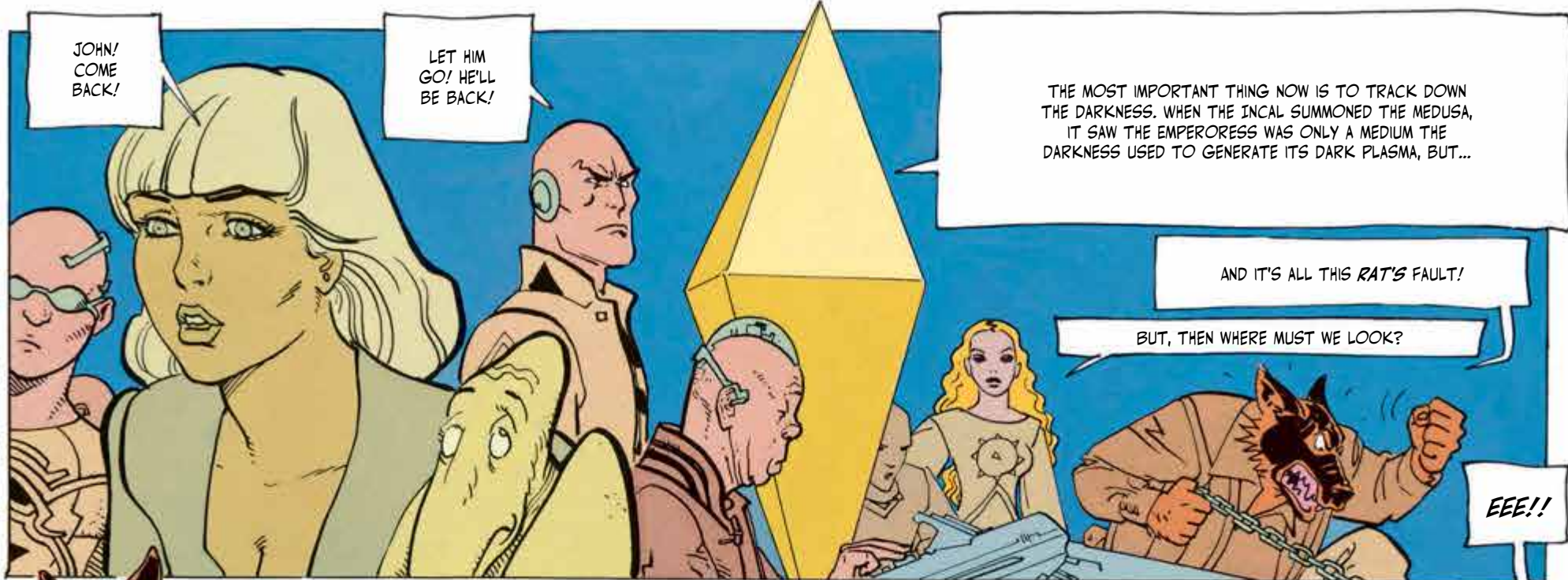
I'M HURT,
REALLY...

IT MUST
BE THE
SHOCK!



STUPID BIRD!
LEAVE ME ALONE!

STUPID
BIRD???



JOHN!
COME
BACK!

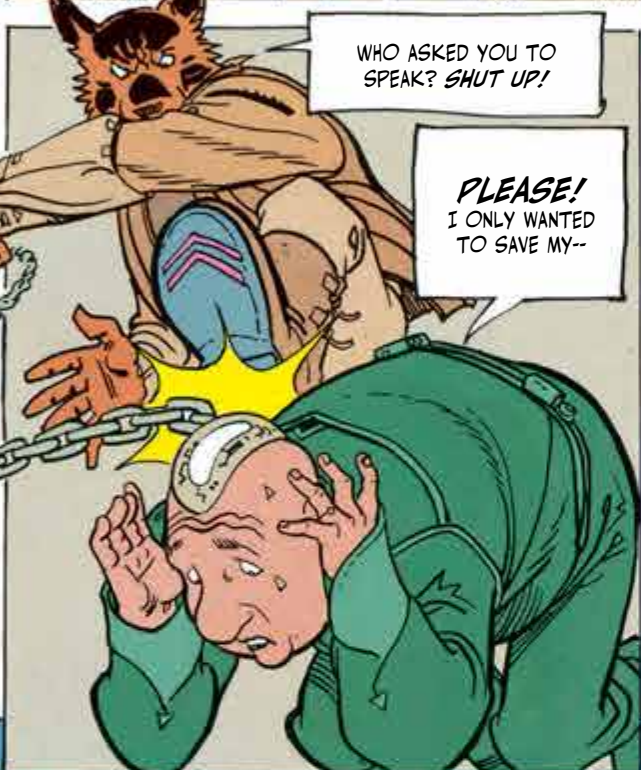
LET HIM
GO! HE'LL
BE BACK!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO TRACK DOWN
THE DARKNESS. WHEN THE INCAL SUMMONED THE MEDUSA,
IT SAW THE EMPERORESS WAS ONLY A MEDIUM THE
DARKNESS USED TO GENERATE ITS DARK PLASMA, BUT...

AND IT'S ALL THIS *RAT'S* FAULT!

BUT, THEN WHERE MUST WE LOOK?

EEE!!



WHO ASKED YOU TO
SPEAK? *SHUT UP!*

PLEASE!
I ONLY WANTED
TO SAVE MY--



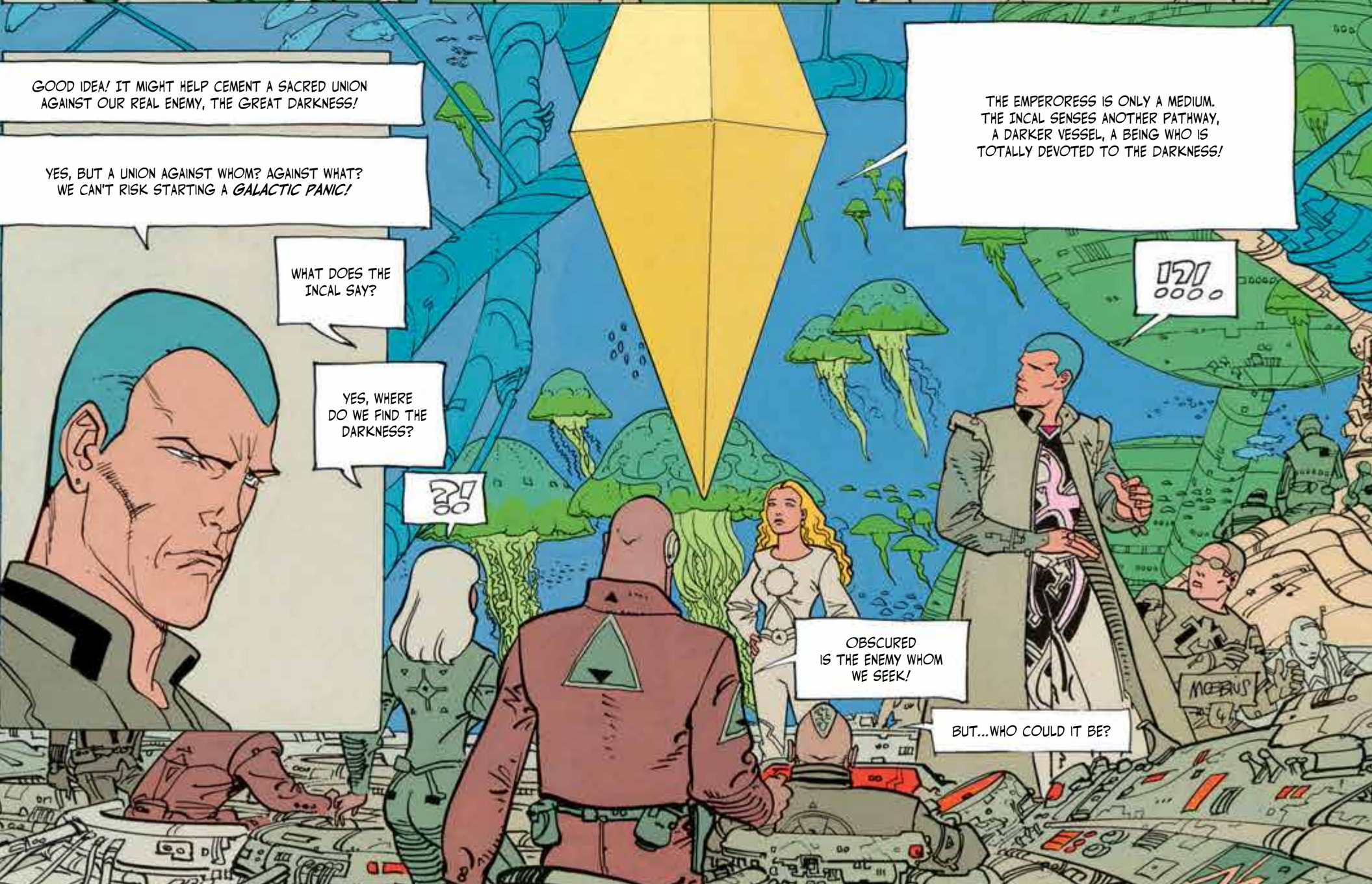
THE EMPERORESS' CONDITION PUTS US
IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION. THE IMPERIAL
PARLIAMENT AWAITS HIM/HER ON THE PLANET
OF GOLD. IF HE/SHE DOESN'T SHOW UP,
THE COLONIAL PLANETS' ALLIANCE WILL
BREAK APART!

...AND THE
IMAN WILL
REGAIN
CONTROL!



IF THEY DO, IT WILL MEAN A RETURN
TO TYRANNY AND ALL OUR SUFFERING
WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN!

WHY DON'T WE
SHOW THEM THE
MEDUSA AND WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE
EMPERORESS?



GOOD IDEA! IT MIGHT HELP CEMENT A SACRED UNION
AGAINST OUR REAL ENEMY, THE GREAT DARKNESS!

YES, BUT A UNION AGAINST WHOM? AGAINST WHAT?
WE CAN'T RISK STARTING A *GALACTIC PANIC!*

WHAT DOES THE
INCAL SAY?

YES, WHERE
DO WE FIND THE
DARKNESS?

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THE EMPERORESS IS ONLY A MEDIUM.
THE INCAL SENSES ANOTHER PATHWAY,
A DARKER VESSEL, A BEING WHO IS
TOTALLY DEVOTED TO THE DARKNESS!

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OBSCURED
IS THE ENEMY WHOM
WE SEEK!

BUT...WHO COULD IT BE?