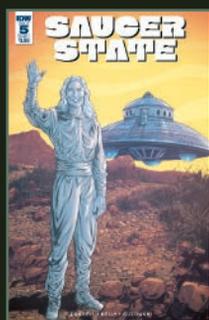


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PETERSON SFB.

I NEED TO GET BACK OUT THERE.



YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CRISIS MEETINGS, PREPARING FOR RUSSIA NOW.

I HAVE A LEAD, ONE THAT MAKES MORE SENSE NOW WE'RE UNPICKING THE AEROSPACE CONNECTION...

YOU MEAN THE BLUEBIRDS?



WHOEVER WAS CONTROLLING THE PIONEER COUPLE HAD ACCESS TO THE SAME "ALIEN ARTIFACT" PIECE OF JUNK ASTELLE WAS SHOWN--

--SO MAYBE THE BLUEBIRDS ARE LINKED TO THE MICROWAVE HALLUCINATION WEAPON.

I FOUND SOME INFORMATION ON JOE BERMINGEN, THE ONLY NAME WE HAVE IN CONNECTION TO ALL THAT.



APART FROM ASTELLE, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HER WITH EVERY ARM OF STATE, AND...

YOU GO OPEN UP OUR SECOND FRONT.

JUST BE CAREFUL--

"--THAT WHATEVER
MADE ASTELLE
DISAPPEAR DOESN'T DO
THE SAME TO YOU."

GLEARRGHHH!

AND
CLEAR IN THREE...
TWO... ONE...

...AND
CUT OFF.

THAT'S...
IMPRESSIVE
KIT.

NOTHING BUT
THE BEST FOR THE
BLUEBIRD CONTACT
TEAM. HOW YOU
HOLDING UP?

...EXCELLENTLY.

BUT,
LISTEN,
JACOB...

...I CAN UNDERSTAND
THE NEED FOR SECURITY,
BUT I WAS CALLED HERE
SO QUICKLY... I HAVE
FAMILY I NEED TO--

BIG
NEGATIVE ON THAT,
ASTELLE--

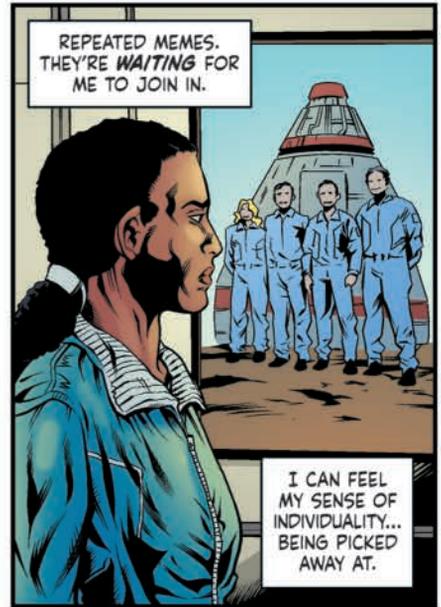


--ISOLATION ISN'T JUST SECURITY, IT'S PHILOSOPHY. IT'S *FOR THE VOYAGE*.



"FOR THE VOYAGE."

THEY KEEP SAYING THAT.



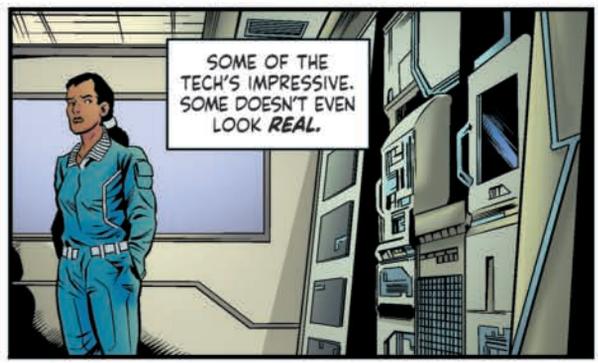
REPEATED MEMES. THEY'RE *WAITING* FOR ME TO JOIN IN.

I CAN FEEL MY SENSE OF INDIVIDUALITY... BEING PICKED AWAY AT.



HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN HERE? ONLY A DAY? HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN KEPT AWAKE?

IT'S LIKE THERE'S... SOMETHING IN THE... WATER... OR...



SOME OF THE TECH'S IMPRESSIVE. SOME DOESN'T EVEN LOOK *REAL*.



I FEEL LIKE... I'M IN OZ.

I FEEL LIKE...

...THE EVERYDAY
IS FAR AWAY.

MEANWHILE, IN
THE NEW MEXICAN
DESERT...

WE PROUDLY
PRESENT...

THE PARANORMAL AND THE SACRED

(FOR JEFF KRIPAL)

...YOU...
WHAT NOW?
WHO ARE YOU
EVEN TALKING
TO?



"YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THIS IS TALKING TO YOU."

"I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU IN SAUCER COUNTRY."

WHAT...
WAS THAT?
WHAT DID YOU
JUST DO?

PLEASE,
FOLLOW ME.

"ORTON IS HERE
TO SPEAK OF A
NEW SCIENCE OF
ASSOCIATION."

"OF SYSTEMS THAT
CONNECT EVENTS IN
WAYS THAT GO ROUND
AND PAST YOUR
CURRENT KNOWLEDGE
OF PHYSICS."

"HENCE A KEY TO
THE DEVELOPING
NARRATIVE WAS
OFFERED AS 'CAKE',
AN OBJECT THAT
BECAME A WORD."

NO! NO!
WHAT'S--

--HAPPENING?!

PLEASE,
MICHAEL,
WAIT--!