

--WE NOW
GO TO THE
INTERNATIONAL
SPACE STATION
WHERE THE CREW ARE
SEEING MANY OF THE
ENERGY BURSTS ALL
THE WAY FROM
FOUR HUNDRED
KILOMETERS--

YES,
LONDON--THE
PHENOMENA SEEM TO
BE HOLDING THEIR
POSITIONS FOR MOST
OF THE PAST
24 HOURS.

IT MAKES
QUITE A LIGHT
SHOW FROM
UP HERE!

THE CALM

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THE UNITED NATIONS.

AND BACK ON TERRA FIRMA, THE U.N. HAS CONVENED AN EMERGENCY MEETING--

WE'VE LEARNED ONE SCIENTIST HAD BEEN FOCUSING ON THE PHENOMENA, DR. BENTON QUEST.

BUT DR. QUEST HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION F.E.A.R.

IS F.E.A.R. CAUSING THE ENERGY STORMS?

IS THIS INTEL FROM MIG? CIA?

NO. EVERYTHING WE KNOW HAS BEEN VOLUNTEERED BY THE PRIVATE INTELLIGENCE GROUP *INTER-NATION*.

ITALY

JAMAICA

JAPAN

JORDAN

GERMANY

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THEY ARE NOT SANCTIONED BY THE U.N.!

OR ANY COUNTRY!

WE ARE WELL AWARE, YET ALL OUR RELEVANT FACTS ARE FROM *INTER-NATION*.

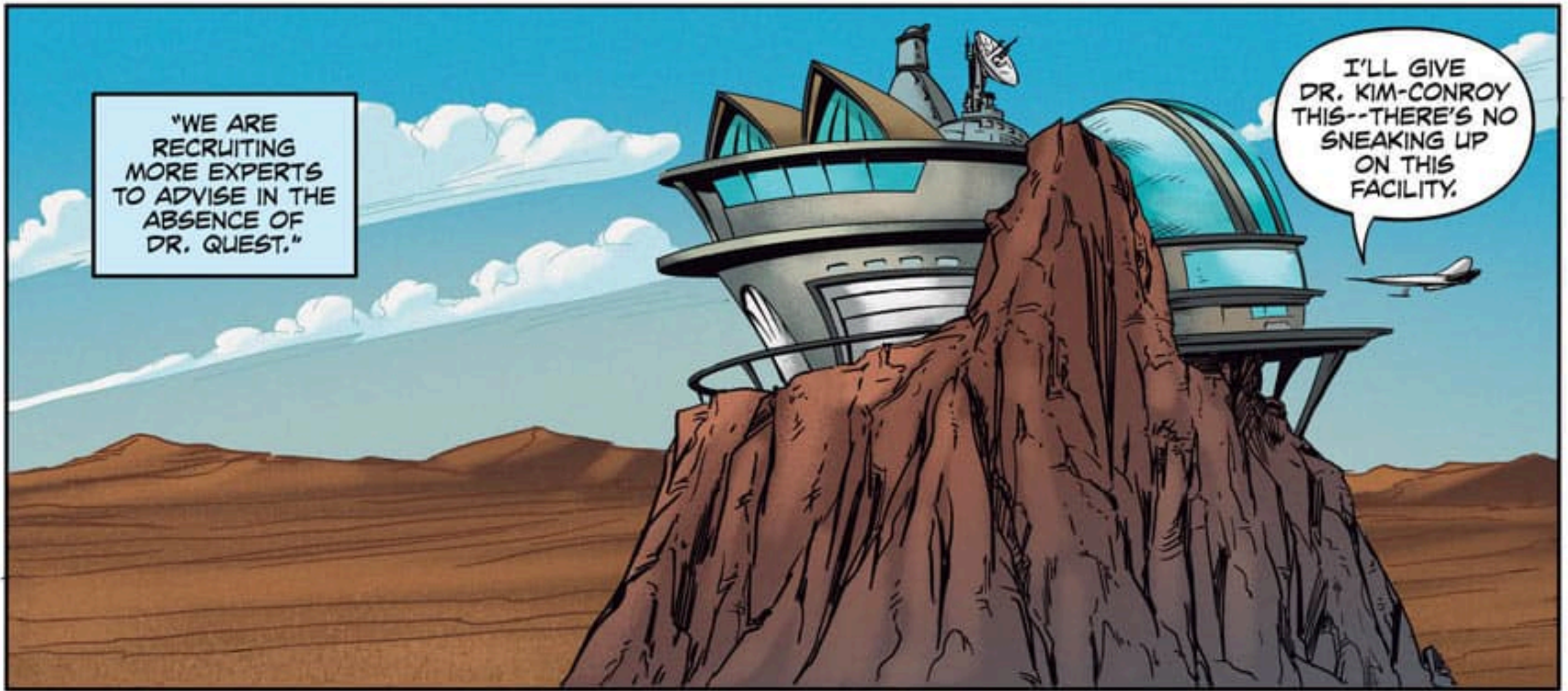
THEIR CHIEF OF OPERATIONS IS KNOWN ONLY AS "FALCON 7."

THIS IS OUR LATEST COMMUNIQUE FROM HIM.

THE THREAT IS LIKELY **EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL** IN ORIGIN.

THE PHENOMENA ARE VORTICES THAT THE ENTITY IS USING TO REACH EARTH. USE YOUR FORCES TO KEEP THE PUBLIC AWAY FROM THEM.

DO NOT DIRECTLY ENGAGE ANYTHING THAT MAY COME THROUGH A VORTEX UNTIL WE HAVE MORE FACTS!



"WE ARE RECRUITING MORE EXPERTS TO ADVISE IN THE ABSENCE OF DR. QUEST."

I'LL GIVE DR. KIM-CONROY THIS--THERE'S NO SNEAKING UP ON THIS FACILITY.



WE AT INTER-NATION INVITED HER TO SET UP HERE AFTER HOSTILE GROUPS TARGETED HER FAMILY.

RACE? MISS SUMADI? I BELIEVE YOU THAT THEY WON'T HURT DAD BECAUSE THEY NEED HIM FOR SOME REASON...



...BUT IS TODD GOING TO BE OKAY? THAT JUNGLE WAS FULL OF PREHISTORIC ANIMALS!

I DON'T THINK UG IS GOING TO LET ANYTHING GET NEAR HIM.

HE'S LIKE HIS CAVE-DAD.

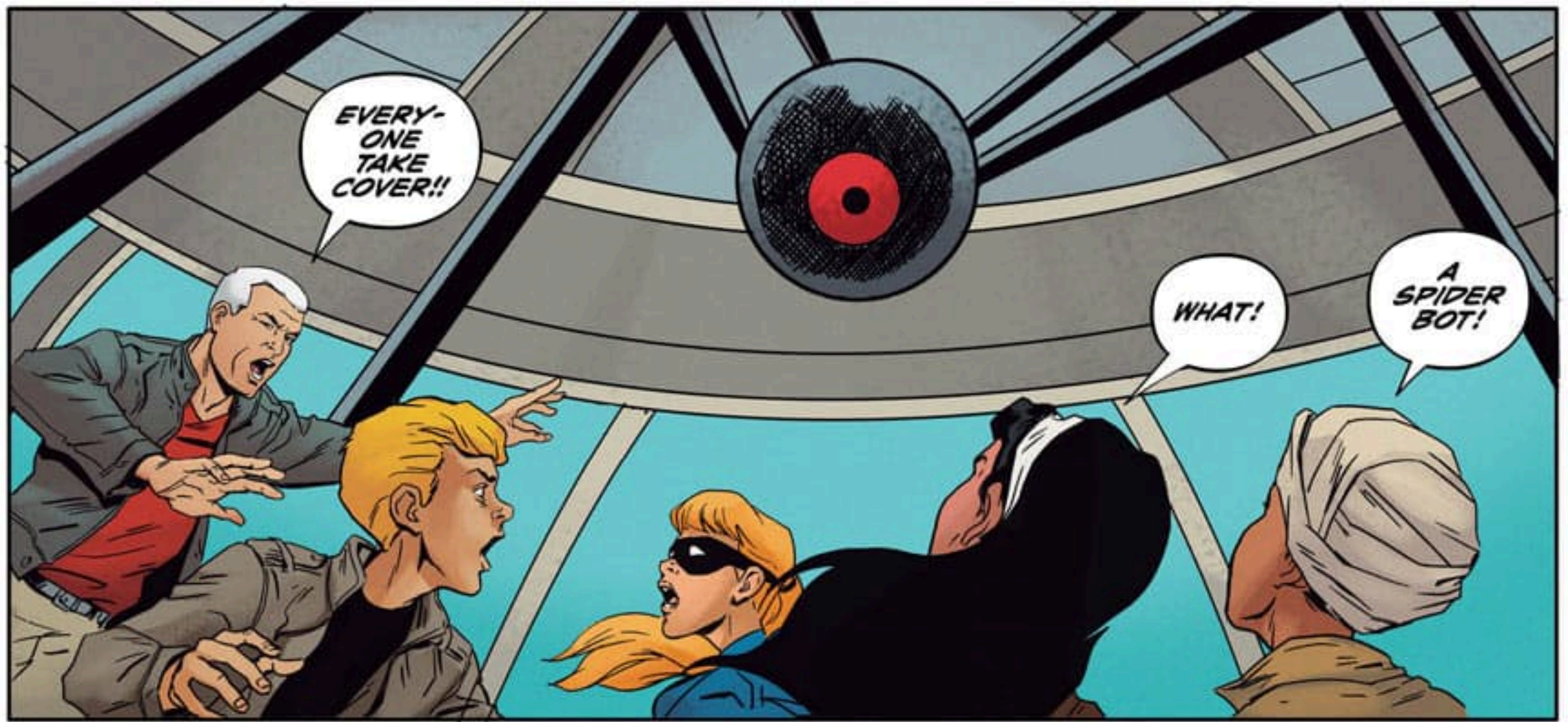


I'VE SENT AN AGENT WITH SUPPLIES TO HELP LOOK FOR TODD'S PARENTS. SHE'S THERE NOW.

WHEN WE FIND YOUR FATHER, JONNY, MY BROTHER WILL PROBABLY BE THERE, TOO!

THANKS, JAN.

EEK-EEK!!



EVERY-ONE TAKE COVER!!

WHAT!

A SPIDER BOT!



BLAM
KBLAM
KBLAM
BLAM

STOP!!



WHY ARE YOU SHOOTING AT MY ROBOT? I GAVE YOU CLEARANCE TO LAND!

THIS IS YOURS?!



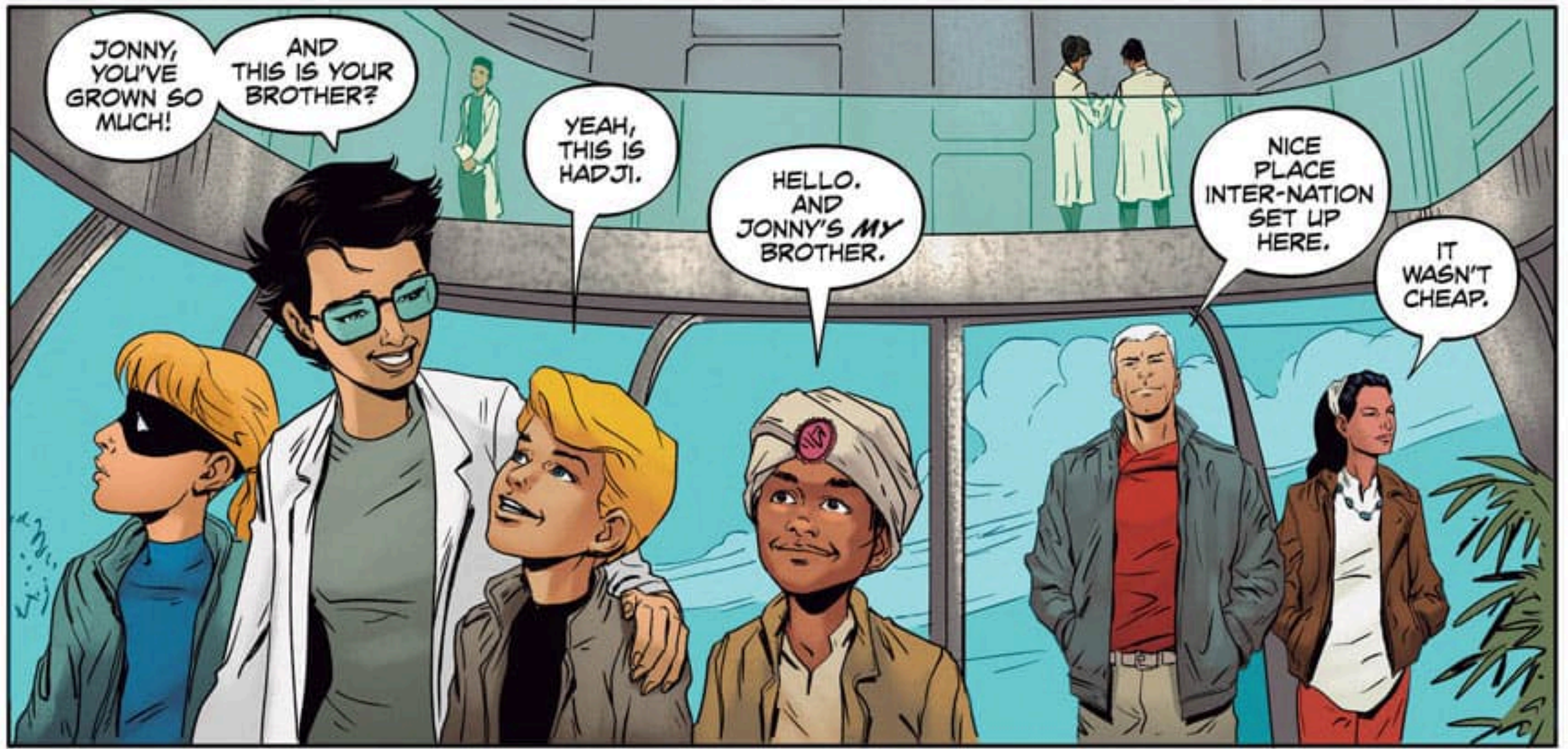
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE DR. ZIN'S LARGER SPIDERS...

WHY AM I SURPRISED?

OF COURSE ARCHIMEDES ZIN IS RIPPING OFF MY WORK.

WE'RE ON HIGH ALERT. THE SENTRY ALREADY CAUGHT SOME INFILTRATORS THIS MORNING. COME ON INSIDE.

THESE FIVE ARE CLEAR.



JONNY, YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH!

AND THIS IS YOUR BROTHER?

YEAH, THIS IS HADJI.

HELLO. AND JONNY'S MY BROTHER.

NICE PLACE INTER-NATION SET UP HERE.

IT WASN'T CHEAP.



DR. QUEST HAD BEEN TALKING WITH LINDA ABOUT YOUR GROUP. THIS IS WHY HE CALLED THEM FIRST.

SAID THE I-N DOESN'T PRESSURE SCIENTISTS.

IF YOU'RE HINTING AT TAKING A POSITION, MR. BANNON, I COULD PUT IN A WORD WITH FALCON 7.



WHAT I TOLD BENTON IS TRUE.

INTER-NATION HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF MY LARGE-EMERGENCY-RESPONSE PROJECT. THEY HAVEN'T TRIED TO DIRECT IT.

THANKS-- BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMEONE BROKE IN EARLIER?



YES, BUT THEY'RE UNDER CONTROL, IN THE BIG LAB.

STEP ON THE LIFT, PLEASE.



GOOD, WE CAN QUESTION THEM-- AND I CAN SEE HOW YOUR BUILD IS COMING.

WHAT'S BEING BUILT?

IT'S THE CULMINATION OF MY ROBOTICS WORK, JONNY.

"IT'S CALLED
GARGANTUAN."

IT'S
HUMONGOUS
!!!

THAT'S
THE
BIGGEST
ROBOT
I'VE EVER
SEEN!!

♪

GARGANTUAN
IS FOR DEALING
WITH LARGE
CATASTROPHES
WHERE IT ISN'T
SAFE TO SEND
IN PEOPLE.

SAY
THERE WERE A
NUCLEAR REACTOR
MELTDOWN--
IT COULD HANDLE
THE CORE WITH
NO RISK TO
HUMAN LIFE.

LET'S
MOVE IN
CLOSER.
MY *STAR TECH*
IS WORKING
IN THE
TORSO.