



THE
GHOST FLEETTM
THE WHOLE GODDAMNED THING

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CHAPTER 1

HOW IT ENDS



JANUARY 8, 1815.
THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

THIS IS NOT HOW
OUR STORY BEGINS.

GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON,
FACING DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE
BRITISH, STRIKES A DEAL WITH THE PIRATE
JEAN LAFITTE. THE PRIVATEER PROVIDES
JACKSON WITH AID IN EXCHANGE FOR
A PARDON FOR HIM AND HIS MEN.
THIS IS FAIRLY WELL KNOWN...

LAFITTE ALSO SHARED WITH
JACKSON WAYS KNOWN ONLY TO
MEN OF HIS... PARTICULAR
PROFESSION.

SECRET ROADS, HIDDEN PASSAGES...
WAYS OF MOVING **SENSITIVE CARGO**
AND **CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**
THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
TRACK. HE TAUGHT JACKSON HOW
TO MOVE IN THE SHADOWS...

HE TAUGHT HIM TO
BUILD A **GHOST FLEET**.

BUT THIS IS NOT HOW
OUR STORY BEGINS...

NOW.

WELL, THAT'S ABOUT THE BIGGEST LOAD OF BULL I EVER HEARD!

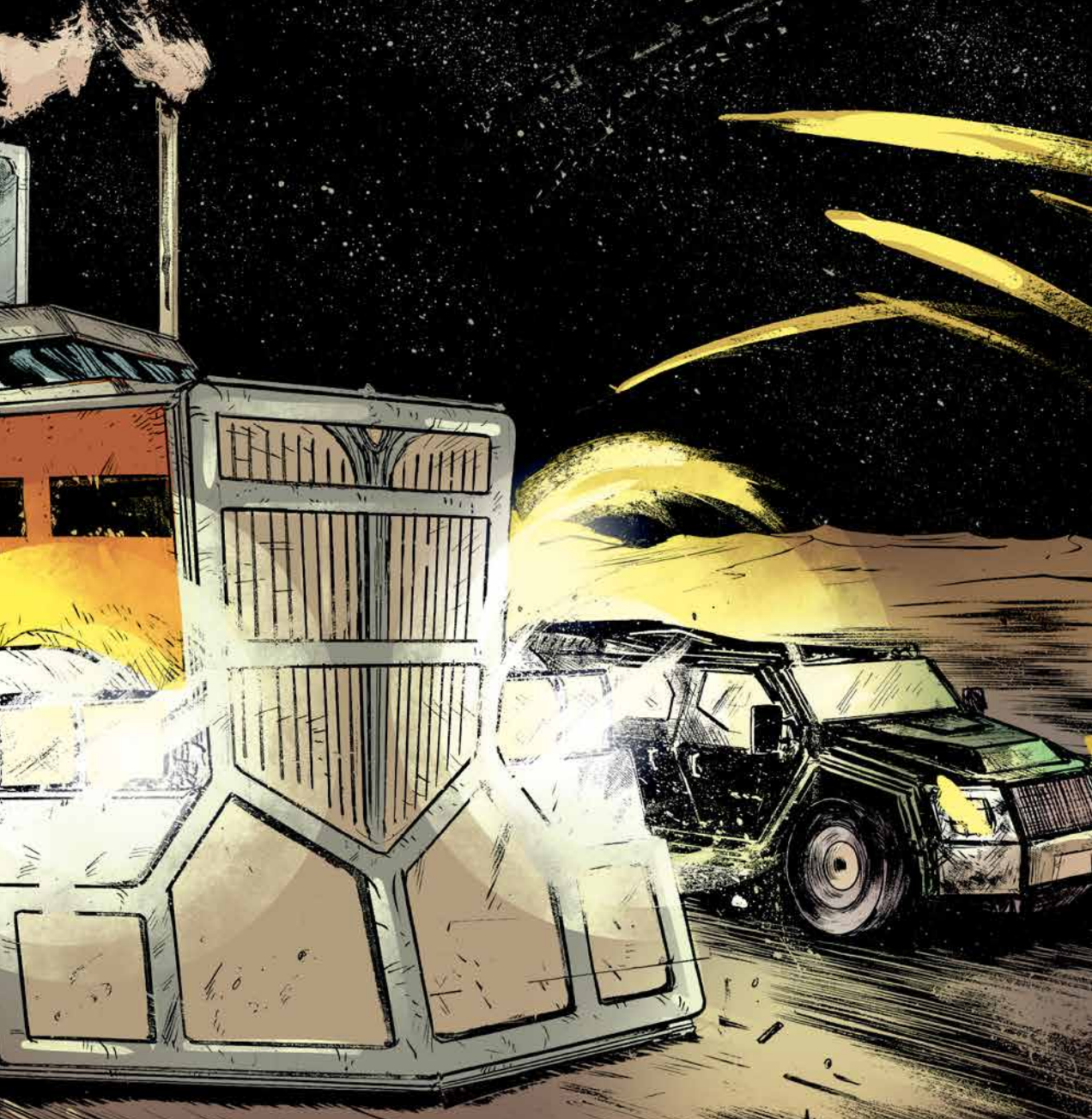
IT'S NOT UP FOR DISCUSSION, TRACE. YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE TO *THE FLEET* AND...AND ULTIMATELY THE DECISION RESTS WITH *SARA AND ME*. THE DOCTORS ARE OPTIMISTIC AND... WELL, FRANKLY, IT'S NOT YOUR PRO--

MIERDA! IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM?! WARD, WE'VE BEEN PARTNERS FOR HOW LONG NOW? FORGET THE FLEET. I'M GOING TO GO IN, AND I'M GOING TO GET TESTED, AND IF I'M A MATCH, THEN WE CAN TA--

WATCH THE ROAD, PLEASE.

OH, PLEASE... I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS. YOU AND SARA ARE, LIKE...LIKE, MY FAMILY, MAN. I WANT TO HELP. WHY ARE YOU BEING AN AS--

->KSH- BIG BEAR TO BOBCAT ONE, COME IN. COME IN, BOBCAT ONE--
->KSH-







HANDLER BRASS
TO CONTROL ONE! WE ARE
UNDER SEVERE FIRE FROM
UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS
UTILIZING HANDLER ORDNANCE--
WE NEED IMMEDIATE BACKUP
AND EXTRACTION!



THERE'S NO
WAY THEY'RE GOING
TO BREACH THE TRAILER. WHAT
THE HELL IS THE PLAN HERE?
THIS RIG CAN WITHSTAND
A MISSILE STRIKE. WHAT
ARE THEY THINKING?



CONTROL!
CONTROL?!

TRACE, THE
RADIO...THEY MUST
BE BLOCKING
THE SIGNAL!

I KNOW.
NO ONE'S COMING.
THIS POSITION IS NO
GOOD. WE NEED TO
GET OUT OF HERE.
NOW.

HOW?
THE BOBCAT
IS DOWN. WHAT
WOULD WE--



OH.
RIGHT...