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HONOUR.

IT IS WRITTEN IN OUR BLOOD.
CODIFIED IN THE VERY ESSENCE
OF OUR BEING.

IT RESONATES IN ALL THAT
WE DO; ALL THAT WE ARE.



OURS IS THE
SEARCH FOR LIGHT
IN THE GLOAMING
OF THE UNIVERSE,
THE DYING EMBERS
IN THE BLACKEST
OF NIGHTS.

FOR WE ARE NOT ONLY
ANGELS OF DARKNESS,
FORGED IN WAR TO
SMITE THE ENEMIES OF
MANKIND, BUT ANGELS
OF REDEMPTION, ALSO.

AND IN CALAPHRAX,
WE SEEK THOSE WHO
MUST REPENT."

THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN
AND MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE LIGHT.

LORD
AZRAEL.

SERAPHUS.
ALTHEOUS. THE TIME
IS UPON US. THE CIRCLE
HAS SPOKEN.

THERE IS
WORD OF OUR
QUARRY?

PERHAPS.
AN ANCIENT VEIL
HAS BEEN LIFTED, AN
OLD HUNTING GROUND
EXPOSED.

YOU MUST
ASSEMBLE A
STRIKE FORCE AND
MAKE HASTE TO
THE CALAPHRAX
CLUSTER WITHIN
THE HOUR.

THE
CALAPHRAX
CLUSTER?

BUT IT IS SHROUDED IN THE WARP
STORMS OF EONS--IMPASSABLE SINCE
THE DAYS OF THE GREAT BETRAYAL.
WHATEVER OCCURRED THERE HAS
LONG BEEN ERODED BY THE
GREAT WASH OF HISTORY.

THE STORMS HAVE ABATED; THE
DEEDS OF OUR FOREFATHERS ARE
LAID BARE. THE REGION IS ONCE
AGAIN PASSABLE... FOR NOW.


THE CIRCLE
FEARS WHAT
MAY BE
EXPOSED.



AND YET THE
HUNTING, TOO, MAY
PROVE RICH.

IT IS SO.
I SEE YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT MUST
BE DONE.

AYE.



AND, OF
COURSE, THE
HASTE WITH WHICH
YOU MUST DO IT.
IT IS UNTHINKABLE
THAT OUR ENEMIES
MIGHT SET FOOT
UPON THOSE
BLIGHTED WORLDS
BEFORE US.




YET YOU UNDERSTAND, MY LORD, THAT THIS MIGHT
REPRESENT A MISSION OF GREAT PERIL. FESTERING
THINGS MAY LIE BEYOND THAT VEIL.

THINGS THAT HAVE
HAD ALMOST *TEN MILLENNIA*
TO GATHER THEIR STRENGTH. FOR
NOW, THEY SLEEP, BUT WE MIGHT
WAKE THEM, AND SO UNLEASH
THEM UPON THE GALAXY.

YET STILL, I FIND THE RISK A WORTHY
ONE. THERE IS NO CHOICE.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE AREA IS...
*CLEANS*ED. I TRUST FEW OTHERS TO SEE
THAT TASK DONE, AS I TRUST YOU, BROTHERS.
YOU WILL DO YOUR DUTY.

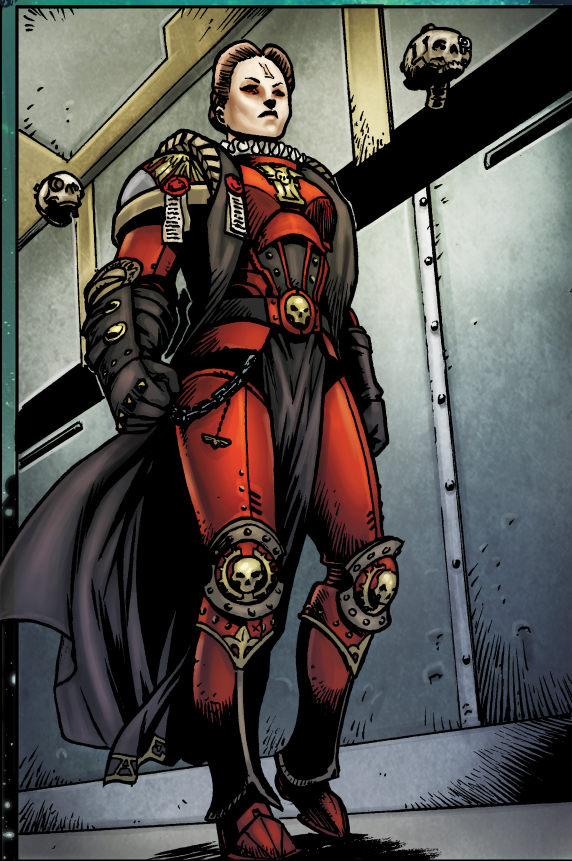
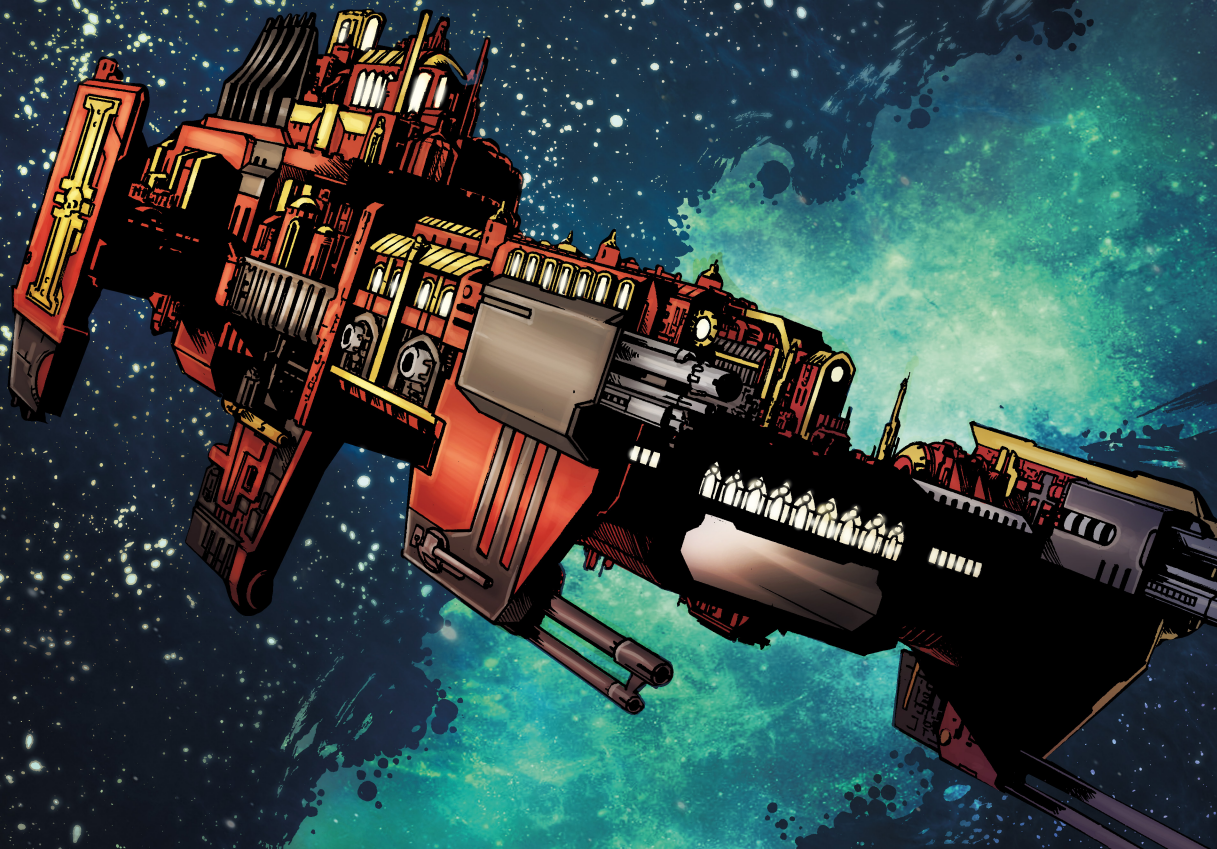
ALWAYS.



GO NOW.
GATHER YOUR
FORCES.

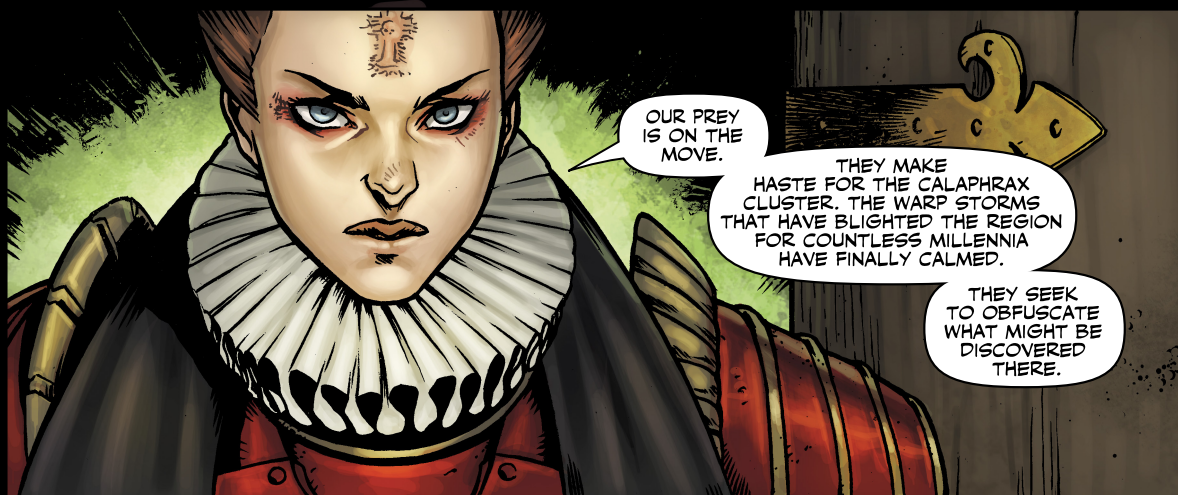
AND FLY ON SWIFT
WINGS, SO YOU MAY SEE
THE HONOUR OF OUR CHAPTER
IS ASSURED.

"FOR THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WILL
NOT DELAY, AND SEEK TO UNCOVER
THAT WHICH SHOULD REMAIN UNSEEN."





INQUISITOR
SABBATHIEL.



OUR PREY
IS ON THE
MOVE.

THEY MAKE
HASTE FOR THE CALAPHRAX
CLUSTER. THE WARP STORMS
THAT HAVE BLIGHTED THE REGION
FOR COUNTLESS MILLENNIA
HAVE FINALLY CALMED.

THEY SEEK
TO OBFUSCATE
WHAT MIGHT BE
DISCOVERED
THERE.



SO SAYS
THAT *THING* IN
THE HOLD.

ARE YOU
CERTAIN IT CAN
BE TRUSTED?

"THIS SEAL IS THE ONLY
CERTAINTY I REQUIRE."

"FOR TOO LONG HAVE I
SOUGHT THE TRUTH."

"I KNOW THE DARK
ANGELS FOR WHAT
THEY ARE."

"THEY MASK THEIR TREACHERY
IN SECRETS AND RITUALS."

"BUT THEY WALK WITH
DAEMONS. I HAVE SEEN
IT, AND AT CALAPHRAX,
I SHALL PROVE IT."





THEN YOU
TAKE US INTO
BATTLE?

NO, ANYA.
TO WAGE WAR
AGAINST SUCH
AN ENEMY IS
TO LOSE--
TO DIE.



WE MUST
ENGAGE IN A FAR
MORE SUBTLE
STRATAGEM.

WE MUST
ENCOURAGE THEM
TO CONDEMN
THEMSELVES.



THIS IS A
DANGEROUS GAME
YOU UNDERTAKE,
OLD FRIEND.

YET IT IS THE
MOST IMPORTANT
OF GAMES, FITCH. THE
GREATEST ENEMY OF
MANKIND IS BORN NOT
OF THE WARP, BUT OF
HUMANITY ITSELF.

TRAITORS
MUST BE
CLEANSED.



HERA. INSTRUCT
THE NAVIGATOR. WE
MAKE HASTE TO
THE CALAPHRAX
CLUSTER.



THERE, WE
SHALL DRAG
THE SECRETS
OF THESE **DARK**
ANGELS INTO
THE LIGHT.

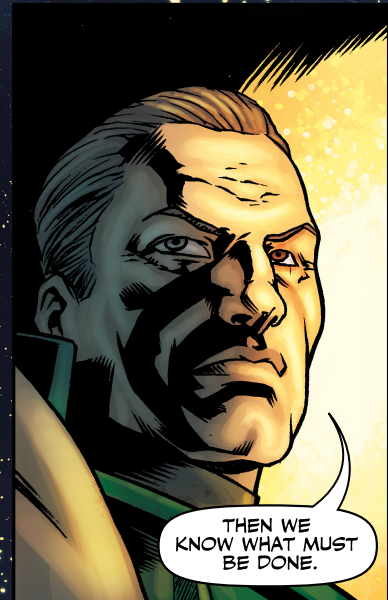
"WE BEGIN ON EXYRION."



THE SITE OF A
GREAT VICTORY FOR
OUR CHAPTER, AND
YET A TERRIBLE
DEFEAT.

TIME HAS
SHROUDED THE
RECORDS OF
WHAT TRANSPIRED
HERE, MASTER
SERAPHUS.





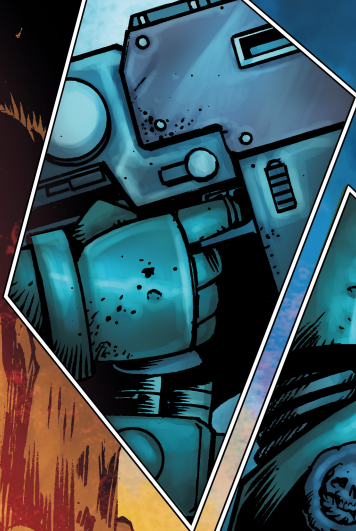


LAUNCH
THE FIRST
WAVE.

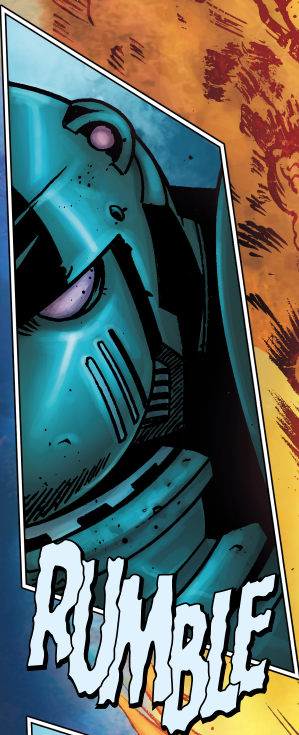
PHUT PHUT PHUT

VRoooooh

KROOSH



RUMBLE

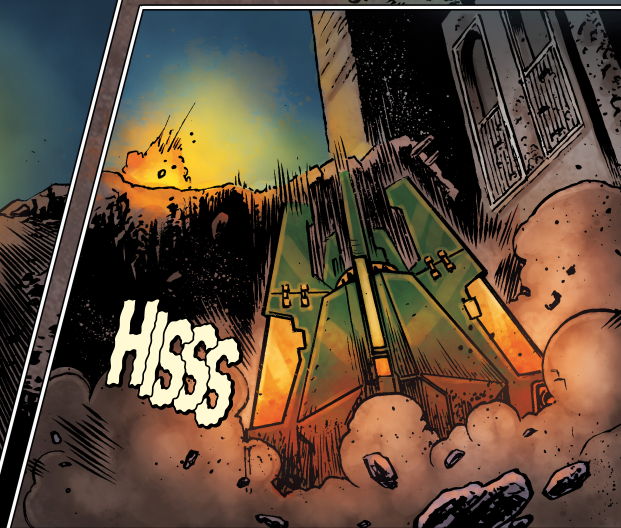




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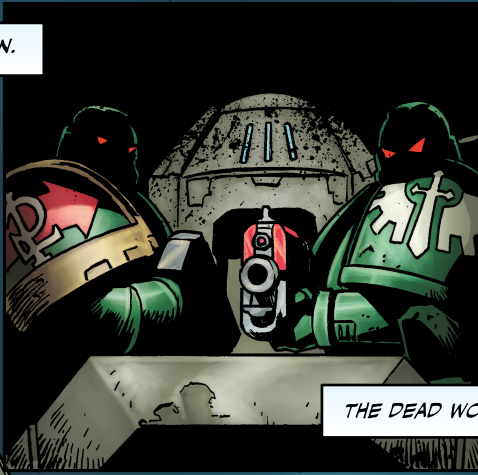


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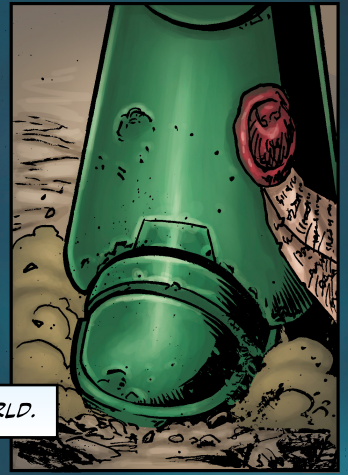




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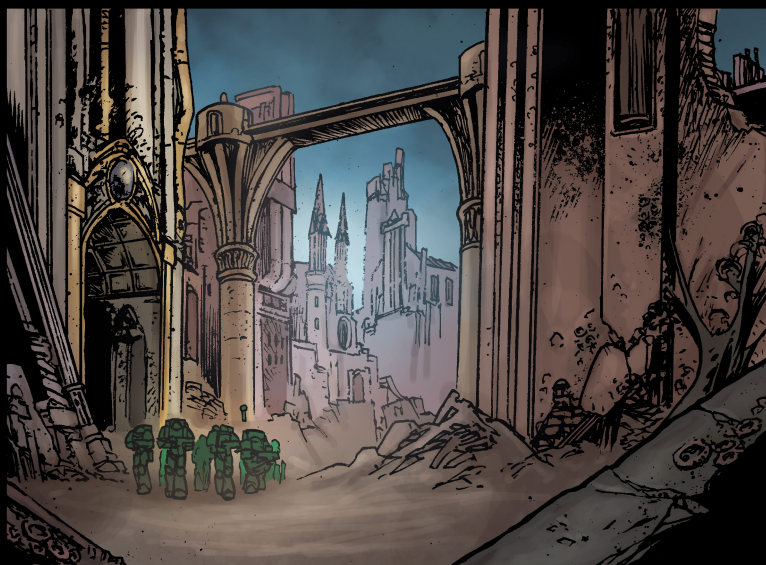
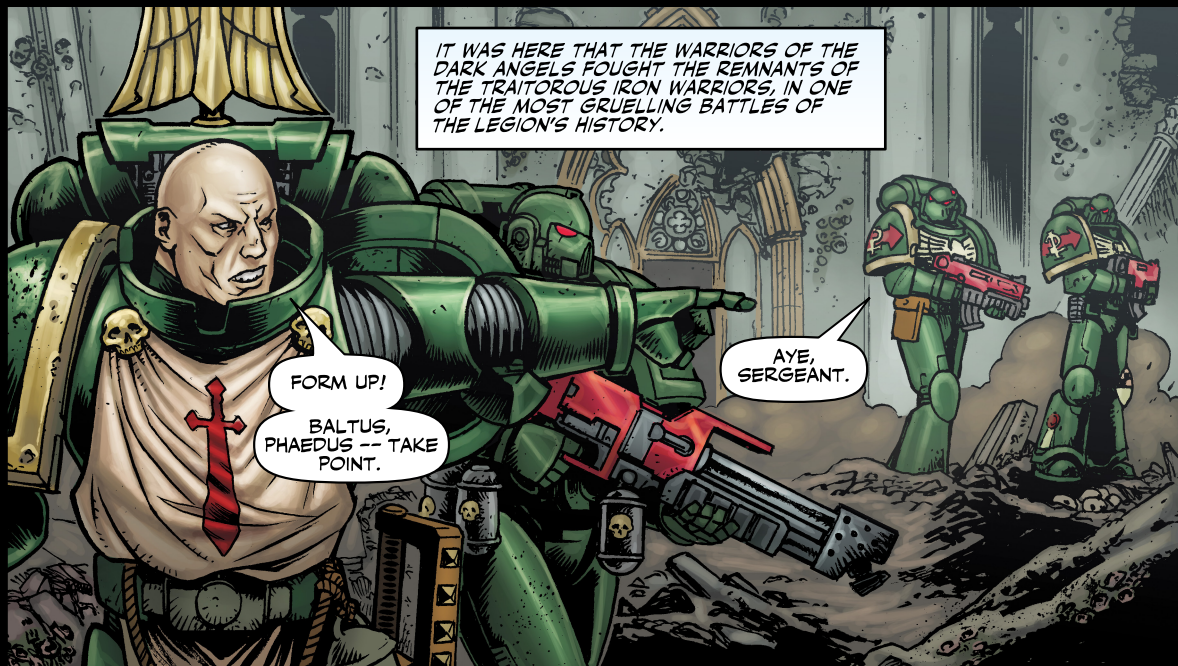


THE DEAD WORLD.



LOST BEHIND THE VEIL
FOR AN ETERNITY.





HERE, BROTHER WENT TO
WAR AGAINST BROTHER.



SUFFER NOT
THE WARPSPAWN
TO LIVE!



HERE, THE GENESEED THAT NOW
STRENGTHENS MY BODY AND MY RESOLVE
WAS BAPTISED IN BLOOD AND DEATH.



OVER HERE!
THERE ARE MORE
OF THEM.



PHAEDUS!
BEHIND YOU!





AND HERE THE OPEN
GRAVES OF THAT BATTLE
MAY BE FOUND STILL.



THE PLANET **TINTAROTH**. IT LIES ON THE OUTER RIM OF THE CLUSTER, BATHED IN THE LIGHT OF TWIN STARS, AND PROTECTED FROM THE TRANSMUTING EFFECT OF THE WARP STORMS BY THEIR SCOURING GLARE.

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PLANET REMAINS **INHABITED**.



AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

AYE. I FEAR WHAT MIGHT HAVE BECOME OF THEM.



IT IS A WORLD THAT MIGHT EASILY BE SWAYED AGAINST US.

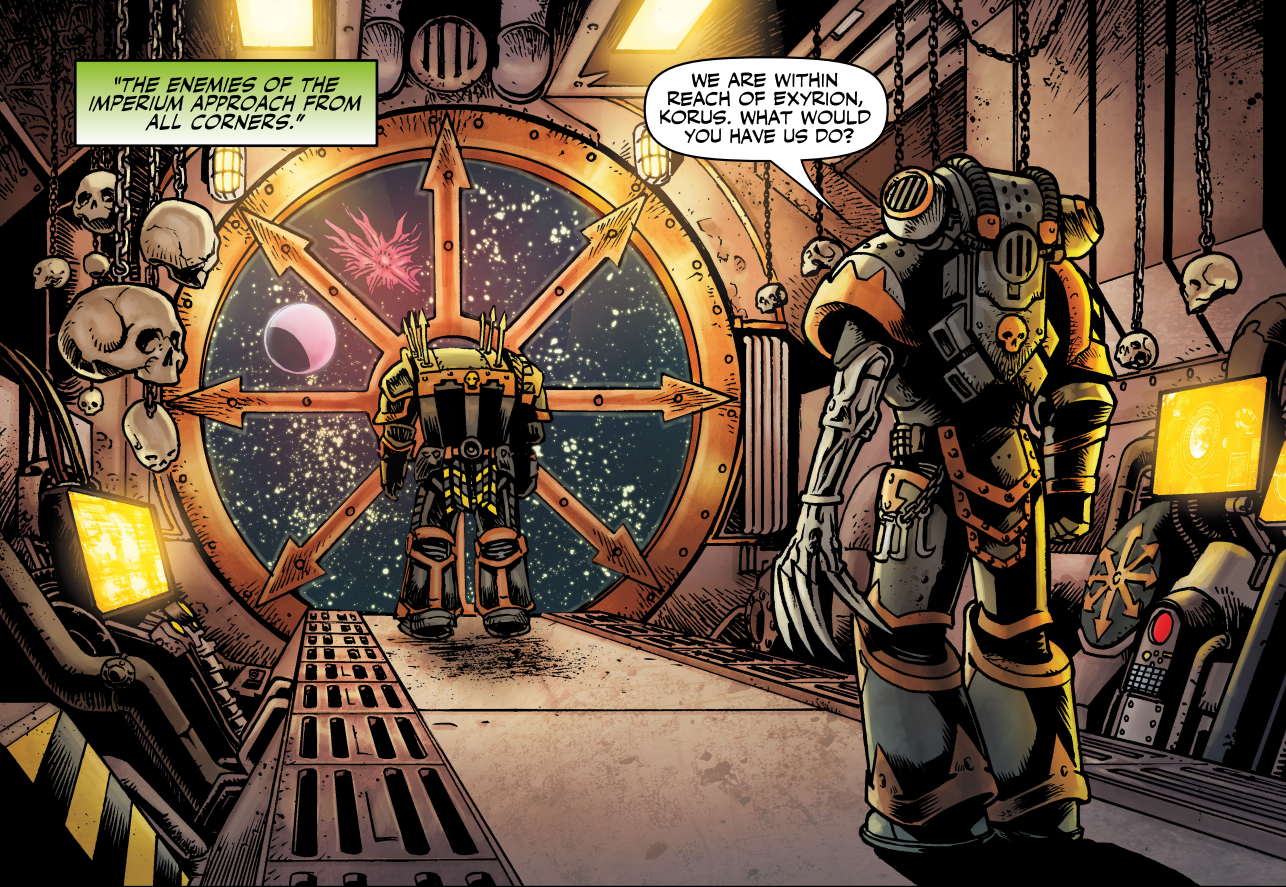
YOU MUST MOUNT A CONTACT MISSION IMMEDIATELY. IT WILL INVOLVE EITHER GREAT DIPLOMACY...



OR GREAT **RESOLVE**. I SEE THAT IT IS SO. I SHALL MAKE PREPARATIONS.

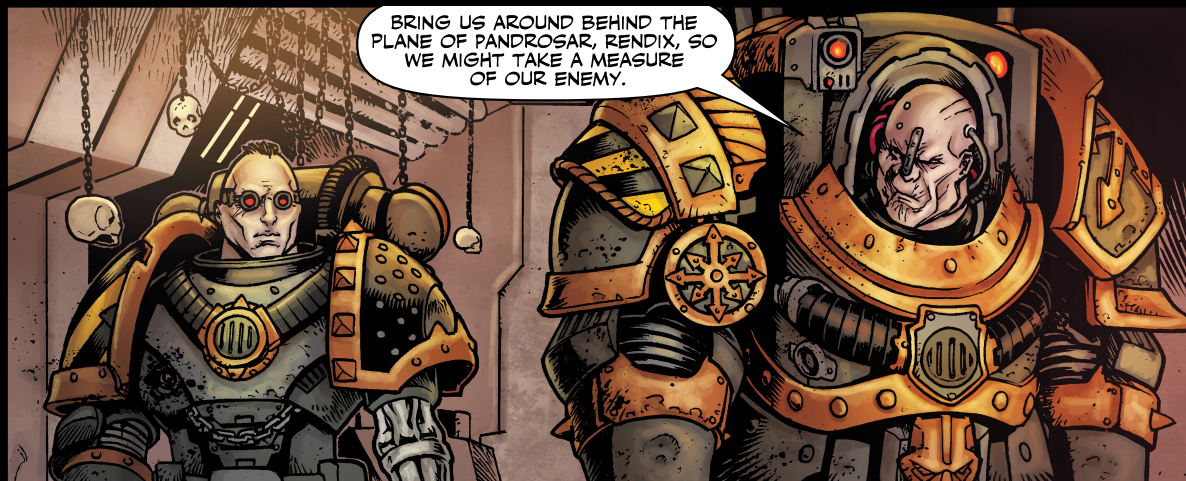


"IN MY ABSENCE, I REMIND YOU TO BE ON YOUR GUARD."



"THE ENEMIES OF THE
IMPERIUM APPROACH FROM
ALL CORNERS."

WE ARE WITHIN
REACH OF EXYRION,
KORUS. WHAT WOULD
YOU HAVE US DO?



BRING US AROUND BEHIND THE
PLANE OF PANDROSAR, RENDIX, SO
WE MIGHT TAKE A MEASURE
OF OUR ENEMY.



THEN, WHEN
ASTORAX'S BONES GIVE TELL
OF FAIR WIND, THE
IRON WARRIORS
SHALL STRIKE.

WE SHALL
DECIMATE THE ENEMY
AND RECLAIM WHAT IS
RIGHTFULLY *OURS*.

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CONTINUED...

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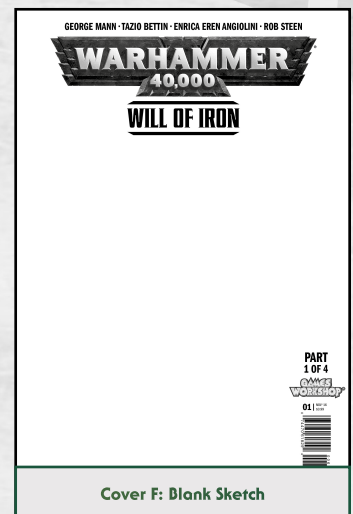
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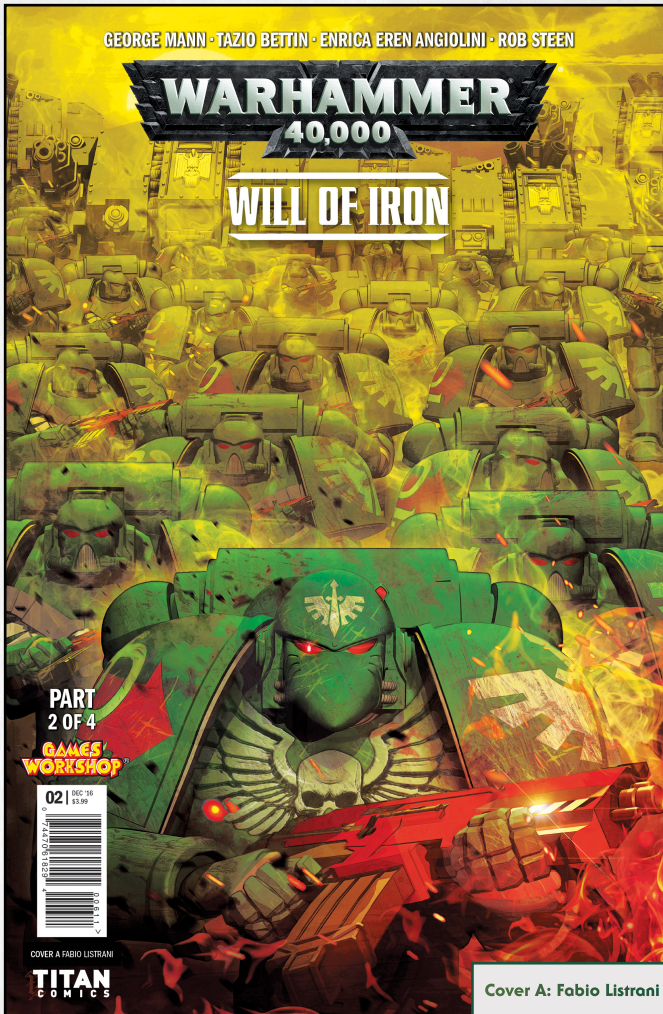
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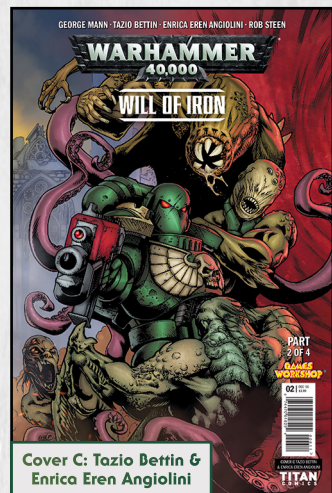
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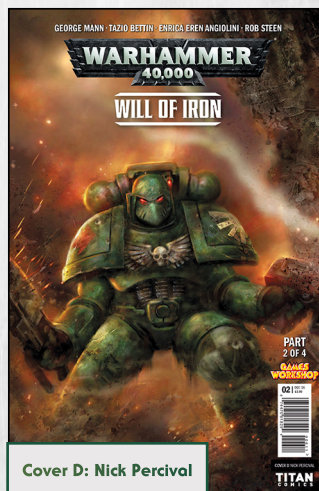


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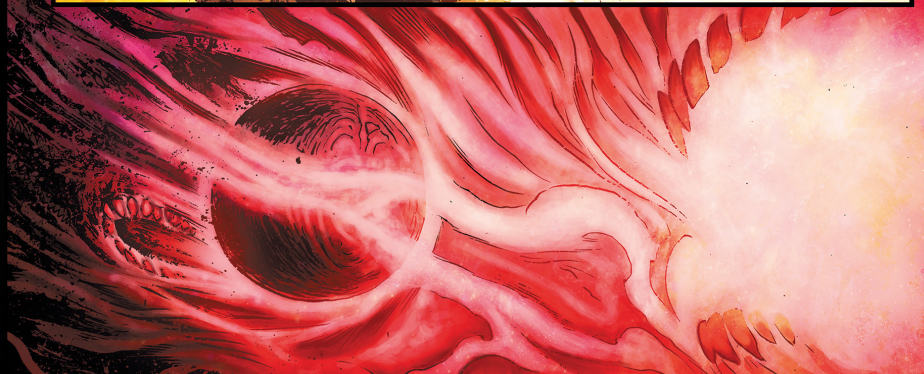
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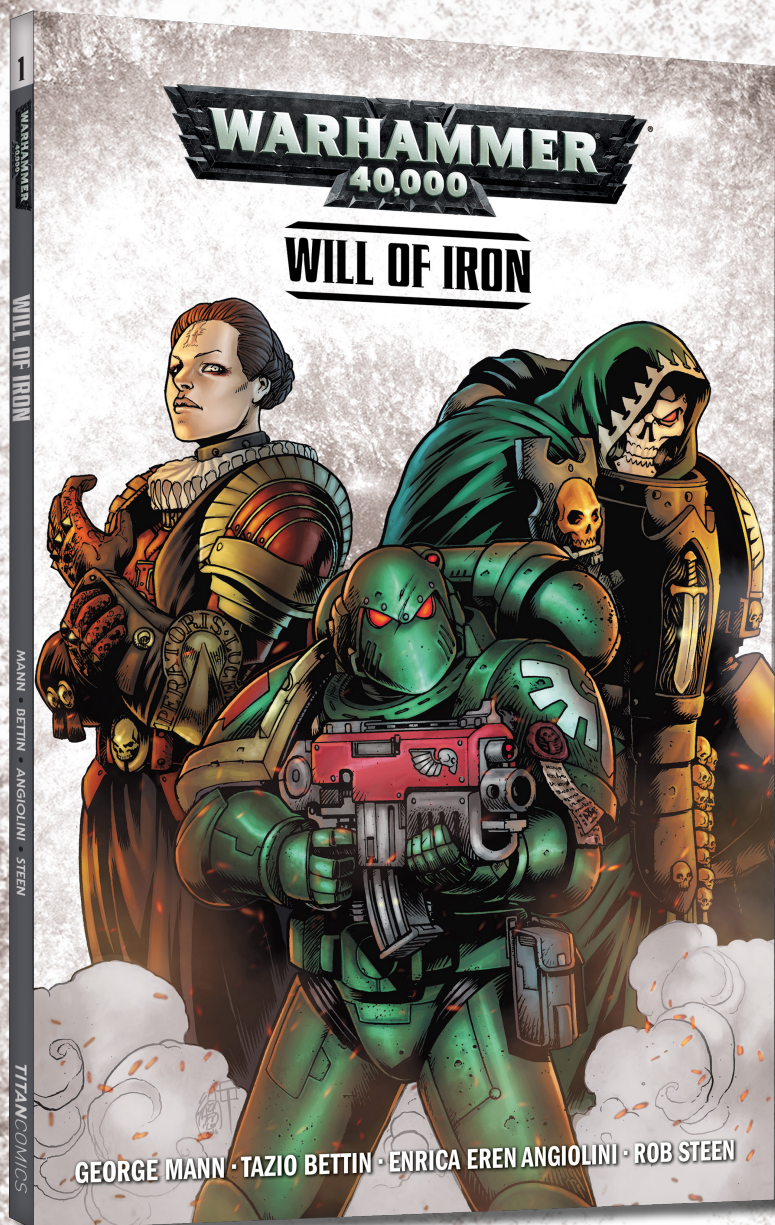
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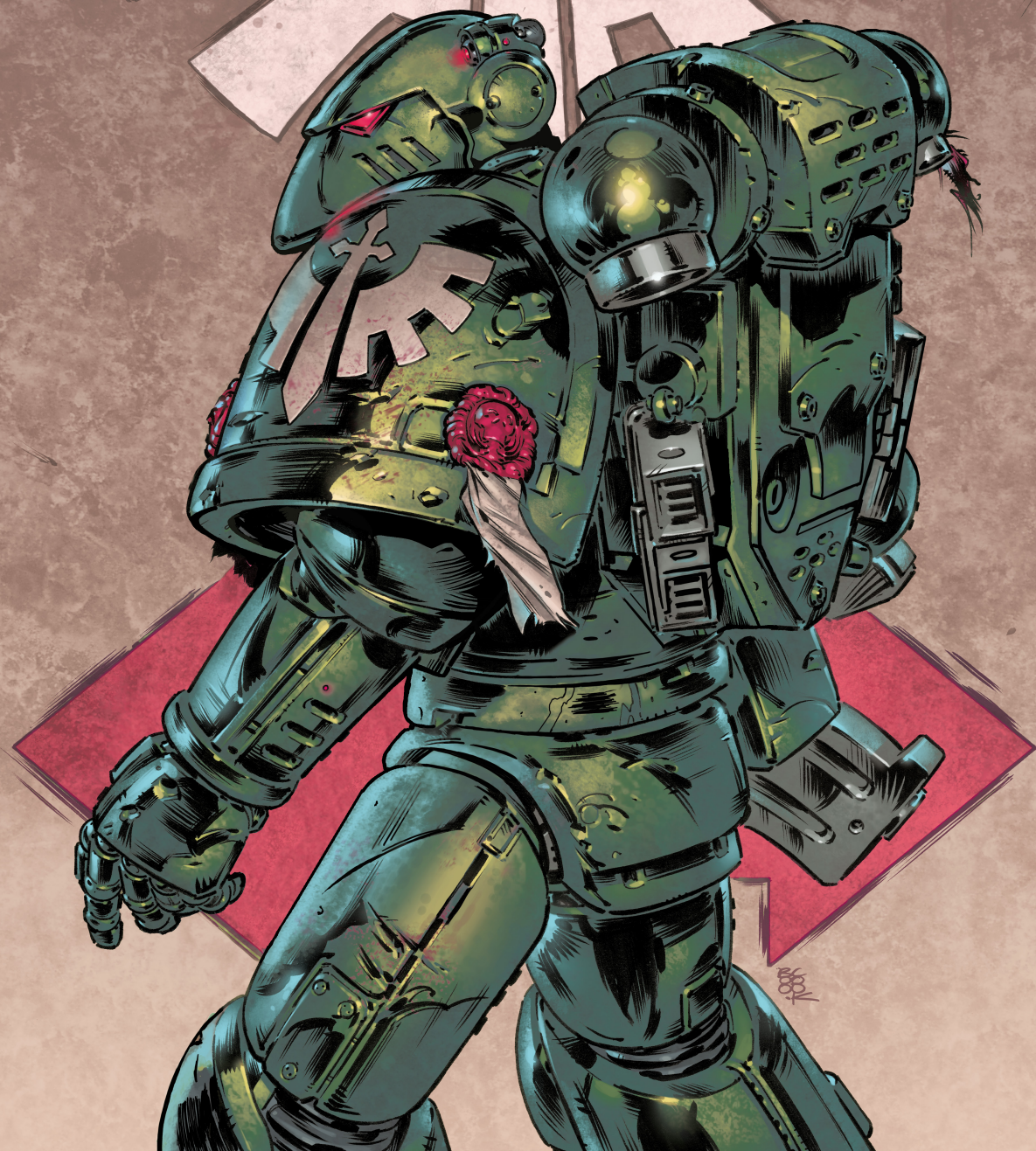


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