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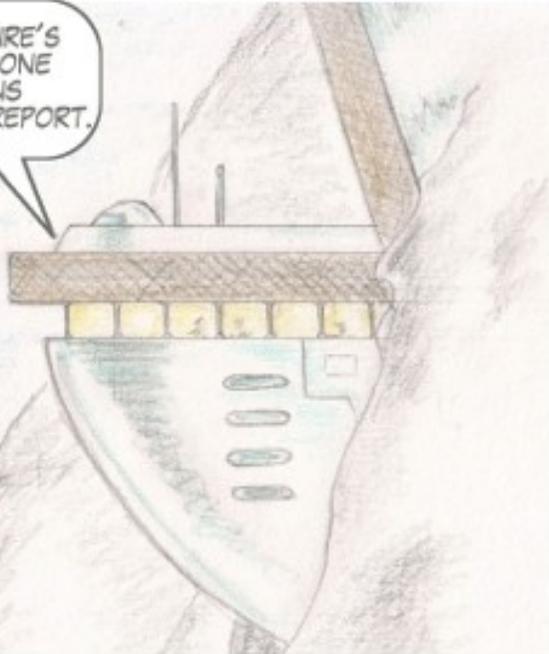
C12 COMICS

EPISODE 2:  
"SMALL  
QUIET TOWN"

SOMEWHERE AT THE  
EDGE OF THE APPALACHIAN  
MOUNTAINS -



AGENT TOURE'S  
COMMS DRONE  
PROVIDED US  
WITH HER REPORT.



IN RANGER CONTROL AT "THE RANCH", CAPTAIN MORSON BRIEFS RANGER PILOTS ANNA SOLBERG AND ZACK LIU ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS UFO VISITS.

HE ALSO BRINGS THEM UP TO SPEED ON AGENT TINA TOURE'S MISSION TO INFILTRATE DOCTOR SCARRIS'S ORGANISATION AND SCARRIS'S LINKS WITH SUSPECTED ALIEN LIFEFORMS. ALIEN LIFEFORMS THAT MAY HAVE EVIL PLANS FOR PLANET EARTH....



THAT IS UNTIL IT WAS ACCIDENTALLY  
SHOT DOWN BY THE MILITARY IN THIS  
AREA! WE BELIEVE FROM THE  
DRONE'S TRAJECTORY THAT SHE IS  
ACTUALLY SOMEWHERE OVER THERE.

ACCIDENTALLY?



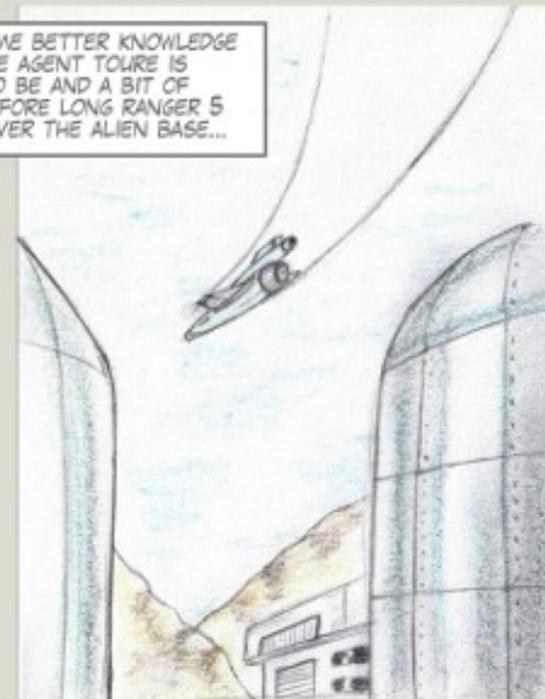
...ITS IMPORTANT THAT THE CORRECT ACTION IS TAKEN. I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO GET OUT TO THAT SMALL TOWN IN NEVADA IMMEDIATELY! COMMANDER LIU - LIAISE WITH THE MILITARY, HELP THEM SEARCH BUT TRY TO KEEP THEM OUT OF IT UNTIL WE ARE SURE WHAT THESE ALIENS ARE DOING. LIEUTENANT SOLBERG - FIND AGENT TOURE. TRUST ME, THESE ALIENS ARE FOR REAL. FIND OUT WHAT THE HELL THEY ARE UP TO!



THOUGH UNABLE TO GO SUPERSONIC OVER THE US MAINLAND DUE TO FLIGHT REGULATIONS, THE SPEED OF THEIR TYPE 4 RANGER CRAFTS GET ZACK AND ANNA TO THE NEVADA TOWN IN LESS THAN 2 HOURS FROM THE RANCH IN THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS. ONCE THERE, THEY MEET THE GENERAL IN CHARGE -

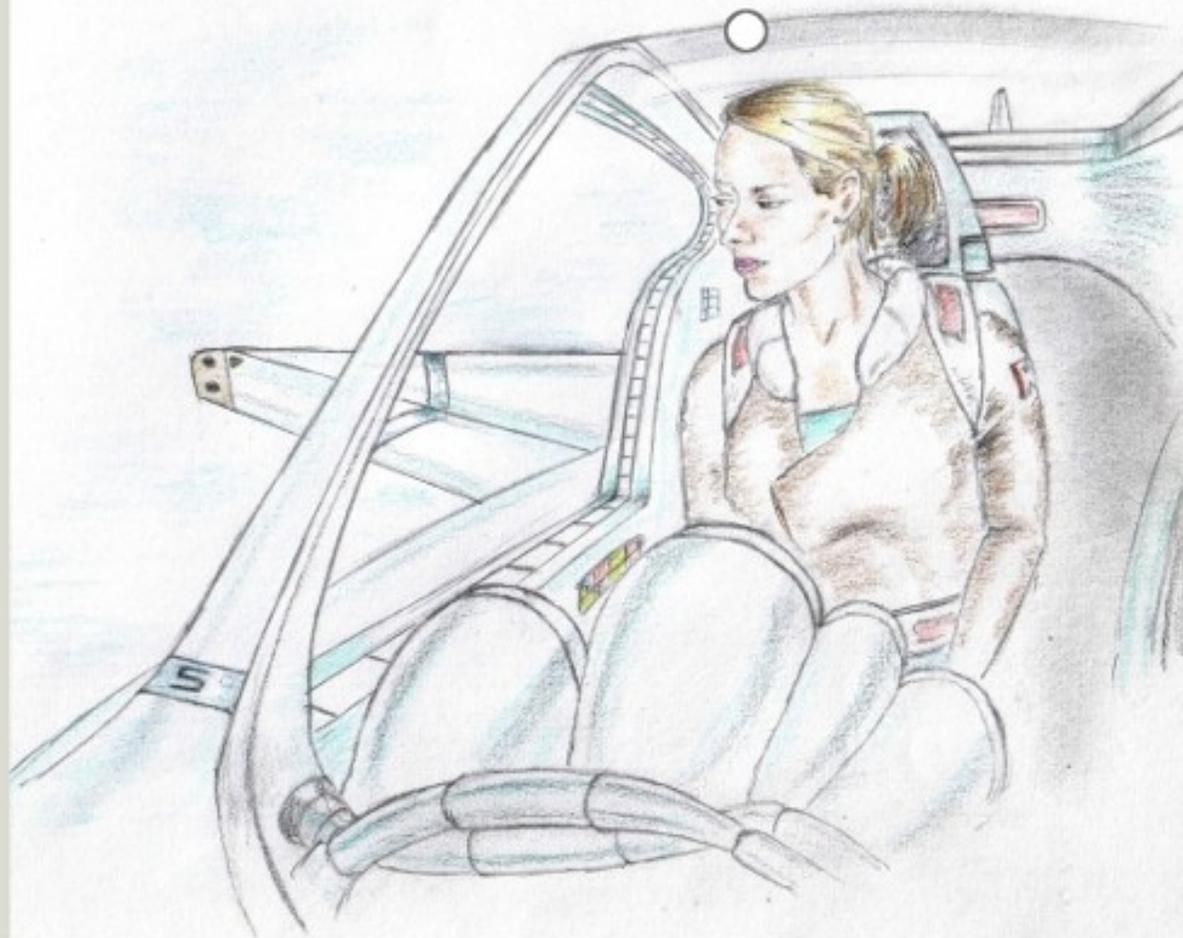


WITH SOME BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE AGENT TOURE IS LIKELY TO BE AND A BIT OF LUCK, BEFORE LONG RANGER 5 SOARS OVER THE ALIEN BASE...

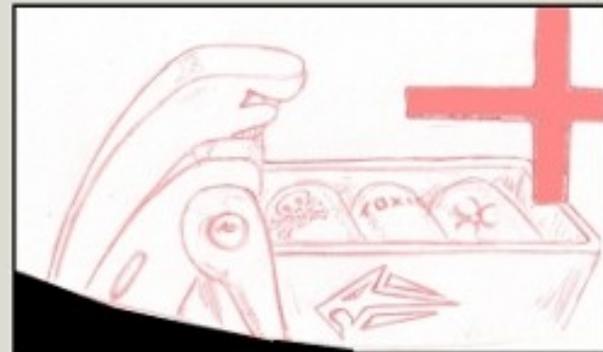


HMM.. THERE SEEMS  
TO BE A LOT OF ACTIVITY  
DOWN THERE FOR A CHEMICAL  
PLANT THAT SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN..  
...I THINK I'D BETTER TAKE A  
CLOSER LOOK!

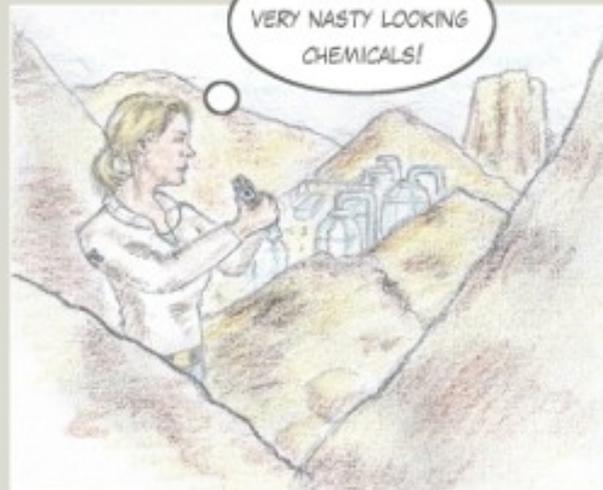
ANNA LANDS RANGER 5 AWAY FROM THE CHEMICAL  
PLANT, SO AS TO HIDE IT FROM WHOEVER IS  
THERE, AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE SHE'S MISSED  
THEM. SHE THEN BEGINS TO MOVE IN ON THE  
PLANT ON FOOT TO INVESTIGATE....



SOME SERIOUSLY ADVANCED  
ROBOTIC LIFTING GEAR!

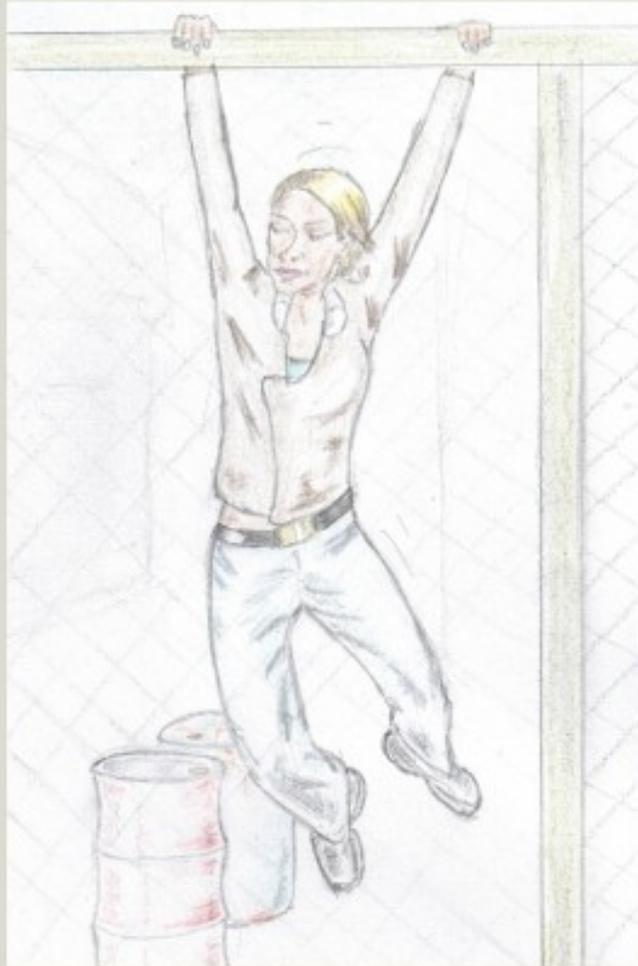
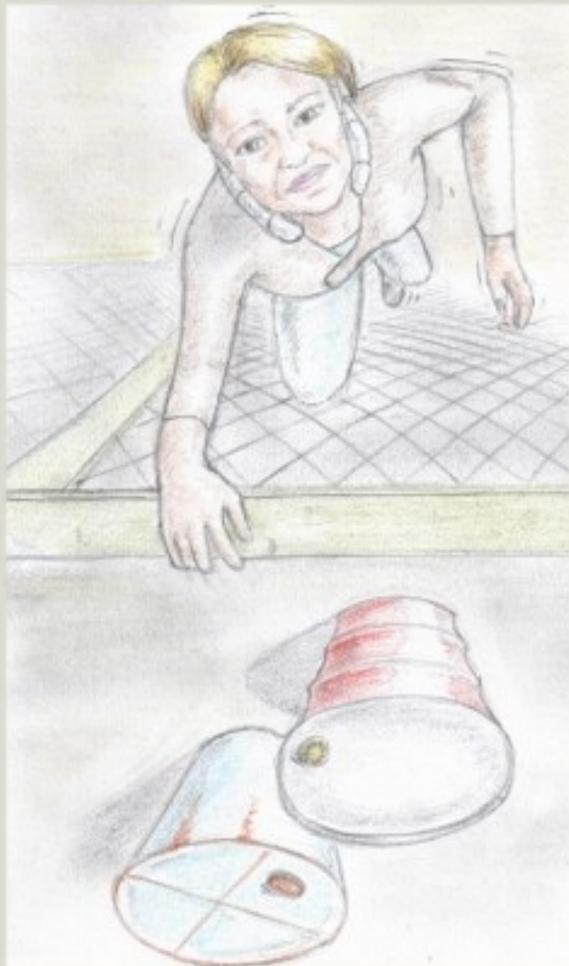


AND SOME  
VERY NASTY LOOKING  
CHEMICALS!





CAREFULLY ANNA MAKES HER WAY OVER THE SECURITY FENCE AND ONTO THE CHEMICAL PLANT, LOOKING TO FIND HER FRIEND AND FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON...



GOT TO GET INTO THE MAIN BUILDING UNDETECTED - THIS VENT SHOULD DO!

HAVING CLIMBED INTO THE BASE, QUIETLY ANNA BEGINS TO SEARCH FOR AGENT TOURE AND SIGNS AS TO WHAT THE ALIENS ARE PLANNING. AFTER COVERING SEVERAL DISUSED ROOMS AND EMPTY CORRIDORS, SHE IS DRAWN TOWARDS A NOXIOUS SMELL AND THE SOUND OF MACHINERY...

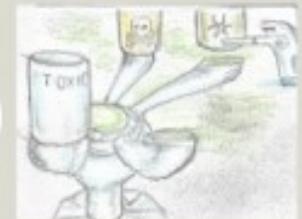


THIS PLACE IS HUGE!! LETS TRY AND SEE WHAT THEYRE UP TO...



NO SIGN OF TOURE, JUST THOSE ROBOTS MOVING THOSE CHEMICALS...

...POURING THEM INTO SOME KIND OF MIXING MACHINE...



...AND WHATS THAT? **HUMAN REMAINS!!** BODY PARTS IN VARIOUS STATES OF DECAY!

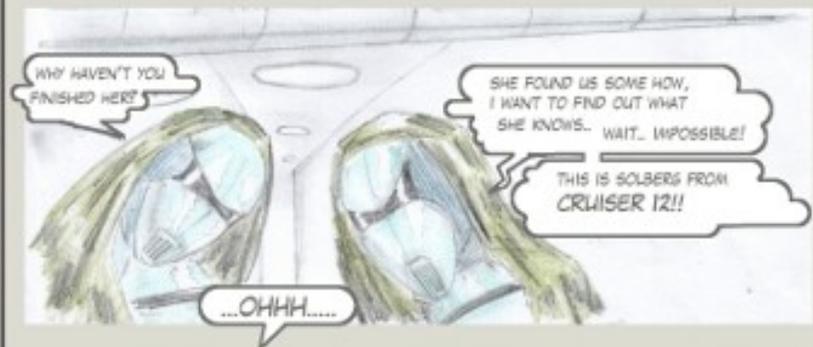
OR MAYBE THESE ARE THE AFTER EFFECTS OF THOSE CHEMICALS THEY ARE MIXING!  
**THIS IS WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT!**



UNABLE TO FIND THE AGENT ANYWHERE, ANNA DECIDES TO LEAVE THE BASE SO THAT SHE CAN RAISE THE ALARM WITH THE OTHER RANGERS. BUT AS SHE ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE...



...SNEAKING BEHIND HER, A COUPLE OF THE ALIENS HIT HER WITH SOME KIND OF STUN RAY!!



NEXT EPISODE:

**"INTERROGATED  
BY ALIENS"**