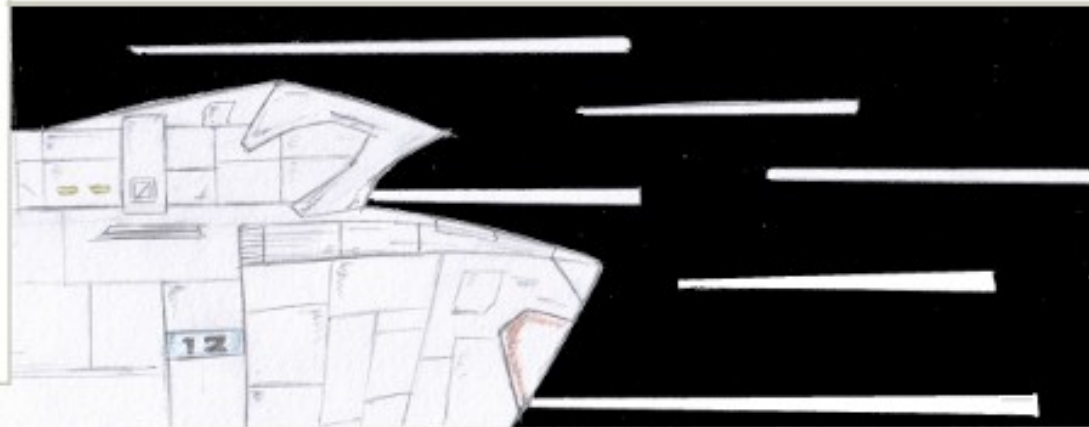


EPISODE 10: -
"THE OBSIDIAN INCIDENT"

ANUBIS MAKES ITS WAY TO THE AREA AT WARP FLANK - ITS ABSOLUTE FLAT OUT SPEED....

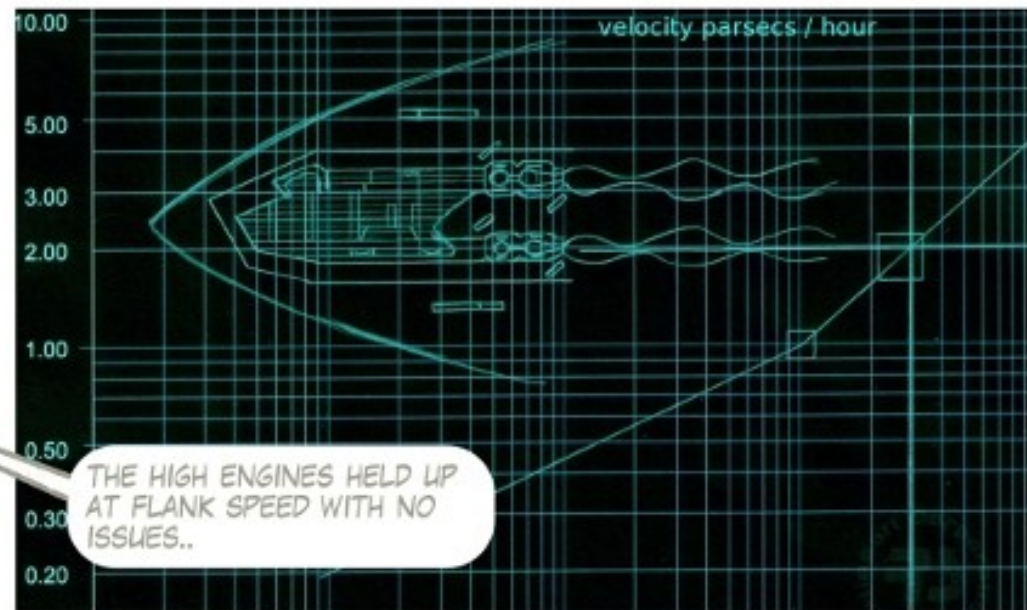
LIEUTENANT ANNA SOLBERG HAS FALLEN THROUGH TIME INTO THE FUTURE AND BEEN RESCUED BY THE 23RD CENTURY BATTLE CRUISER ANUBIS.

SHE BARELY HAS A CHANCE TO COME TO TERMS WITH WHAT HAS HAPPENED WHEN THE SHIP RECEIVES AN URGENT DISTRESS CALL FROM A SPACE LAB LOCATED IN AN AREA KNOW AS THE "OBSIDIAN RUN"..



WE ARE NOW 10 MINUTES AWAY FROM THE OBSIDIAN RUN AREA.. RECOMMEND WE DROP OUT OF WARP NOW TO AVOID ASTEROIDS

AGREED - STAND BY TO SLOW TO SUB LIGHT



THE HIGH ENGINES HELD UP AT FLANK SPEED WITH NO ISSUES..



SURE..
BEATS HANGING
AROUND WAITING
FOR A LIFT BACK
TO THE 21ST
CENTURY!

VERY GOOD. JANE BEGIN APPROACH
SCANS AND PATCH THEM THROUGH TO
THE MAP ROOM..

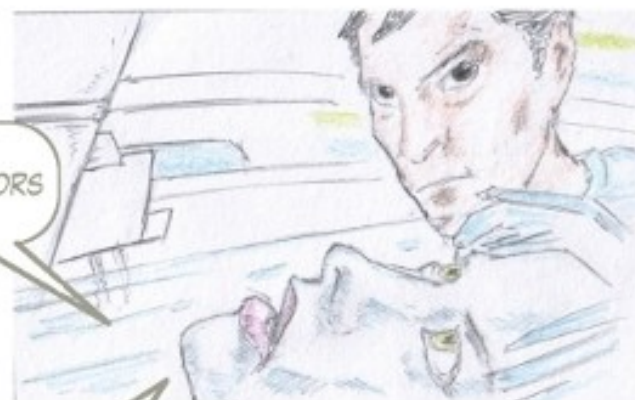
..HAVE THE MARINE COMMANDER AND
HIS SECOND LIEUTENANT JOIN US..
ANNA - CARE TO JOIN US AS WELL?



REPORT FINDINGS
PLEASE JANE

THE STATIONS
SHIELD GENERATORS
ARE DOWN..

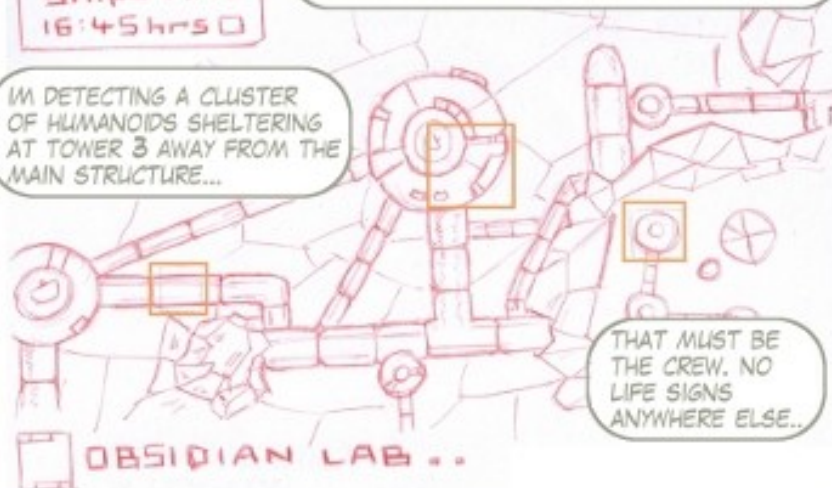
HOWEVER, ASTEROID DAMAGE
TO THE STATION IS VERY LIGHT..



AND NONE IN THE SHIELD GENERATOR
AREAS SO THEY SHOULD BE WORKING!

SHIP'S TIME
16:45 HRS 0

IM DETECTING A CLUSTER
OF HUMANOIDS SHELTERING
AT TOWER 3 AWAY FROM THE
MAIN STRUCTURE...



THAT MUST BE
THE CREW. NO
LIFE SIGNS
ANYWHERE ELSE..

OBSIDIAN LAB...



WELCOME TO THE
OBSIDIAN RUN
EVERYBODY. A MASS OF
SUPER HARDENED EXTRA
SHARP ASTEROIDS!

THE STATION IS HIDDEN
IN THE MIDDLE OF IT..
THIS IS GOING TO BE
FUN...

SORRY, DONT THINK I
CAN GET US
THROUGH THIS SIR

OK - SWITCH CONTROL
OVER TO AI. OVER TO YOU
JANE

NOT TRYING MANUAL
THEN?

NOT IN THESE
CONDITIONS!

EXPECTING
TO LOOSE
SOME
TRIM?



WHY WOULD ANYONE
BUILD A LAB IN HERE?!

SECURITY MAINLY.. ITS
A TOP SECRET LAB, SO
THE ECCENTRIC
SCIENTIST WHO BUILT IT
WANTED IT HARD TO REACH!



EVEN WITH AI
CONTROLLING, WE'RE
STILL TAKING HITS!

SHIELDS
HOLDING..

ANUBIS ARRIVES AT THE OBSIDIAN RUN STATION, SITUATED ON A LARGE ASTEROID, DEEP IN THE CLUSTER. THE SHIP'S AI COMPUTER JANE BEGINS MAKING A CLOSE RANGE SCAN..

RADIATION AND TOX LEVELS ARE LOW, STATION AIR GOOD.

WAIT! THATS ODD

WHAT IS IT JANE?

SOMETHING SPIKED ON THE SENSORS THEN DISAPPEARED. CANT TRACE IT AT ALL NOW.. COULD HAVE BEEN SOME INTERFERENCE

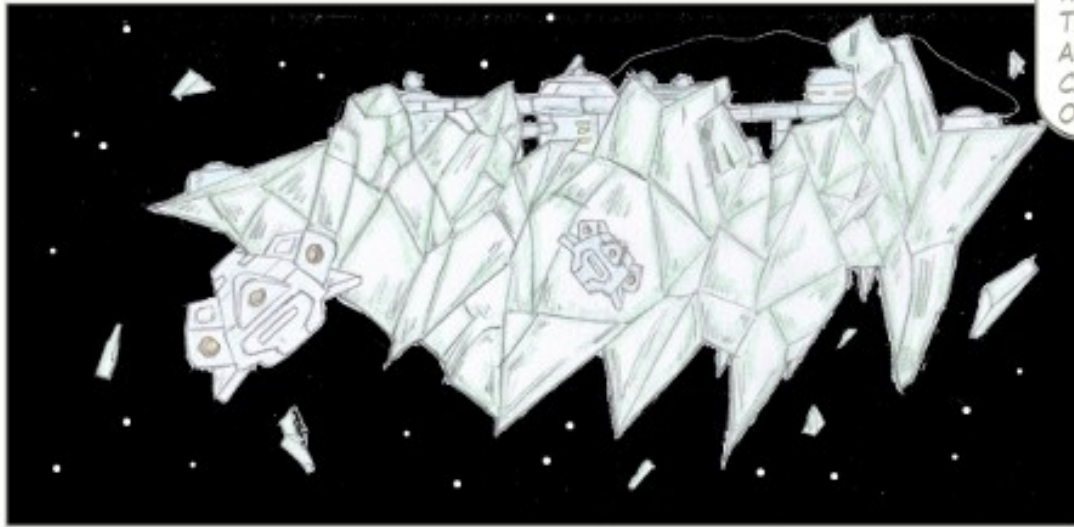
OKAY - KEEP AN EYE ON IT. WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER TO START THE RESCUE.



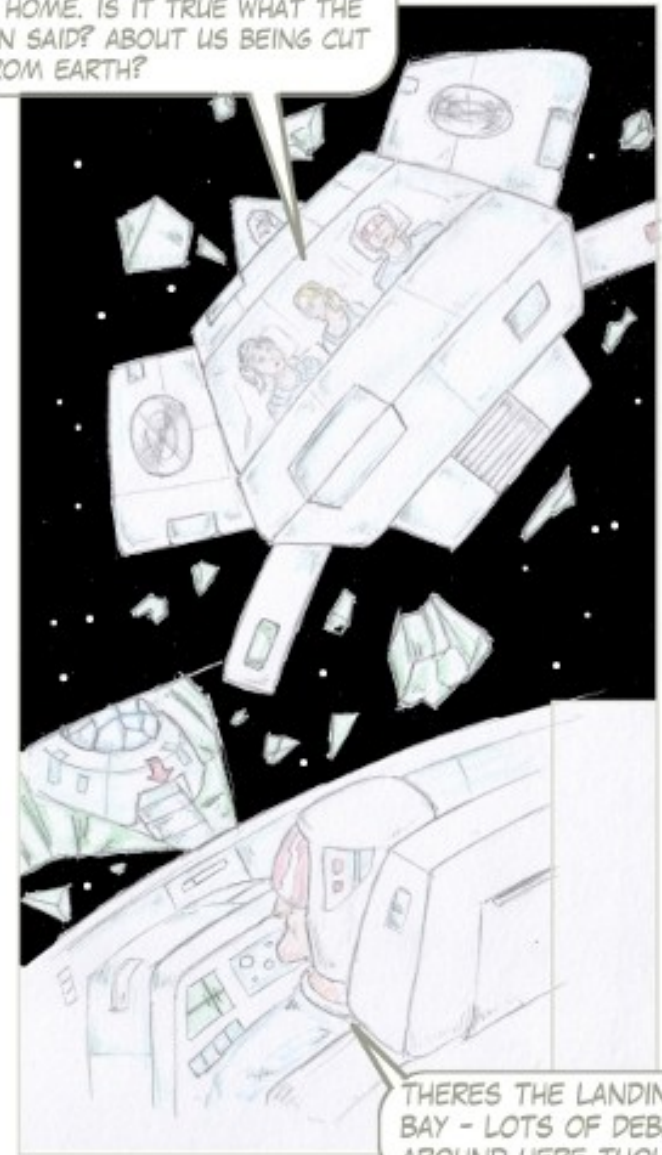
THE COMMAND TEAM DISCUSS THE BEST APPROACH AND THE DECISION IS MADE TO LAUNCH TWO SHUTTLES. ONE WILL GO TO THE AID OF THE STATIONS CREW, THE OTHER TO FIX WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED TO THE STATION'S SHIELD GENERATOR AT THE OTHER END OF THE STATION.

THE SHIELD GENERATORS ARE SITUATED AT WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "SHARP END", THIS IS DUE TO IT BEING ON A "POINTY" SECTION OF THE ROCK, STICKING OUT FROM THE REST OF THE ASTEROID.

EACH SHUTTLE IS TO BE FLOWN BY A "CYBOPILOT" - THESE ARE ELITE PILOTS WITH A CYBERNETIC LINK IMPLANTED THAT ALLOWS THEM TO DIRECTLY INTERFACE WITH THEIR HELMET DISPLAY AND THE SHUTTLE. THIS GIVES THEM FASTER AND FINER CONTROL, CONTROL THAT IS NEEDED FOR NAVIGATING THROUGH THE ROCKS OF THE OBSIDIAN RUN!



THANKS FOR LETTING ME COME WITH YOU ON THIS MISSION. I NEED TO KEEP MY MIND FROM THINKING ABOUT HOME. IS IT TRUE WHAT THE CAPTAIN SAID? ABOUT US BEING CUT OFF FROM EARTH?



THERES THE LANDING BAY - LOTS OF DEBRIS AROUND HERE THOUGH

HE'S RIGHT. TOO MANY DANGEROUS ANOMALIES AND TRAPS THAT HAVE BEEN SET BY OUR ENEMIES.

WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF FOR A FEW YEARS, SOME OF OUR YOUNGER CADETS HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN TO EARTH - THEY WERE BORN IN THE COLONIES.

YOU MISS YOUR FRIENDS?

YEAH.. MISSING HOME ALEADY!



VISOR TO FULL
ENHANCE MODE..
STEADY DOES IT



THE CYBOPILOT
PICKS HIS WAY
THROUGH THE
ASTEROIDS AND
DEBRIS...



DELIVERING THE
SHUTTLE TO
THE LANDING
BAY AT THE
"SHARP END"

THE CYBOPILOT STAYS
WITH THE SHUTTLE.
ANNA AND THE SPACE
MARINE HEAD INTO THE
COMPLEX. LIEUTENANT
WILLIAMS SENSES
DANGER AHEAD..



SOMETHINGS
NOT RIGHT
HERE...

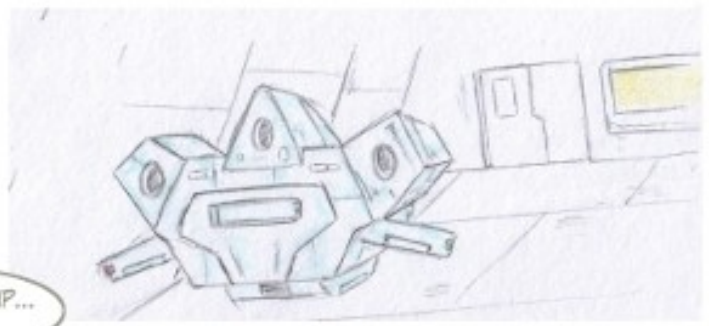
SOME RESCUE
MISSION THIS
IS BECOMING

SHE PREPARES BY
ARMING HER FIREARM
VIA HER CYBERNETIC
LINK TO IT -

GUN SYNC UP...
GUN ARM

MEANWHILE, THE 2ND SHUTTLE HAS LANDED AT
THE OTHER END OF THE STATION IN THE MAIN
LANDING BAY.

THE MARINE COMMANDER AND HIS CYBOPILOT
MAKE THEIR WAY TOWARDS TOWER 2 WHERE THE
LAB STATIONS CREW ARE LOCATED..



LIPON REACHING THE LAB CREW THEY FIND SOME OF THEM TO BE QUITE SHAKEN UP - ONE IN PARTICULAR. YET CERTAIN OTHERS SEEM VERY CALM...



A RESCUE TEAM -
THANK HEAVENS!

EVERYONE OKAY?



WE HAVE TO GO...
NOW!! ITS NOT
SAFE HERE!

THEY COULD FIND
US!

WHY DID WE
CREATE THEM?



HEY - EASY

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH HER?

SHE WAS JUST A BIT
SHAKEN UP BY THE
ASTEROID HIT. WE
LOST SOME PEOPLE...

ASTEROID HIT..
RIGHT...
LET ME KNOW
YOUR CASUALTY
REPORT. THEN
LETS ASSESS THE
STATION DAMAGE

THE WAY THEY SOUND,
THE WAY THEY MOVE!

LIEUTENANT
WILLIAMS - BE
AWARE SOMETHING
STRANGE IS GOING
ON HERE..

SIR! HAD A
FEELING ABOUT
THAT MYSELF

