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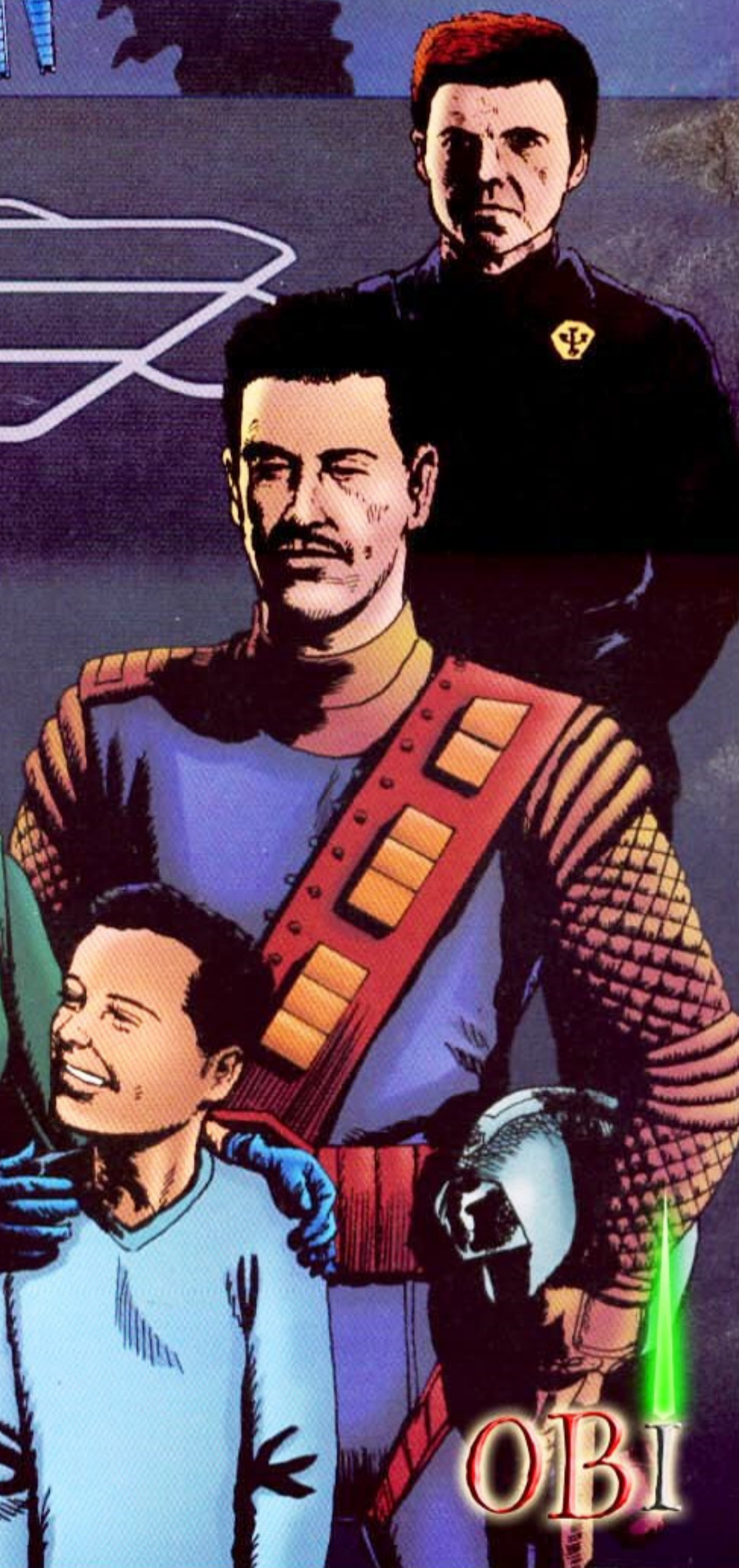
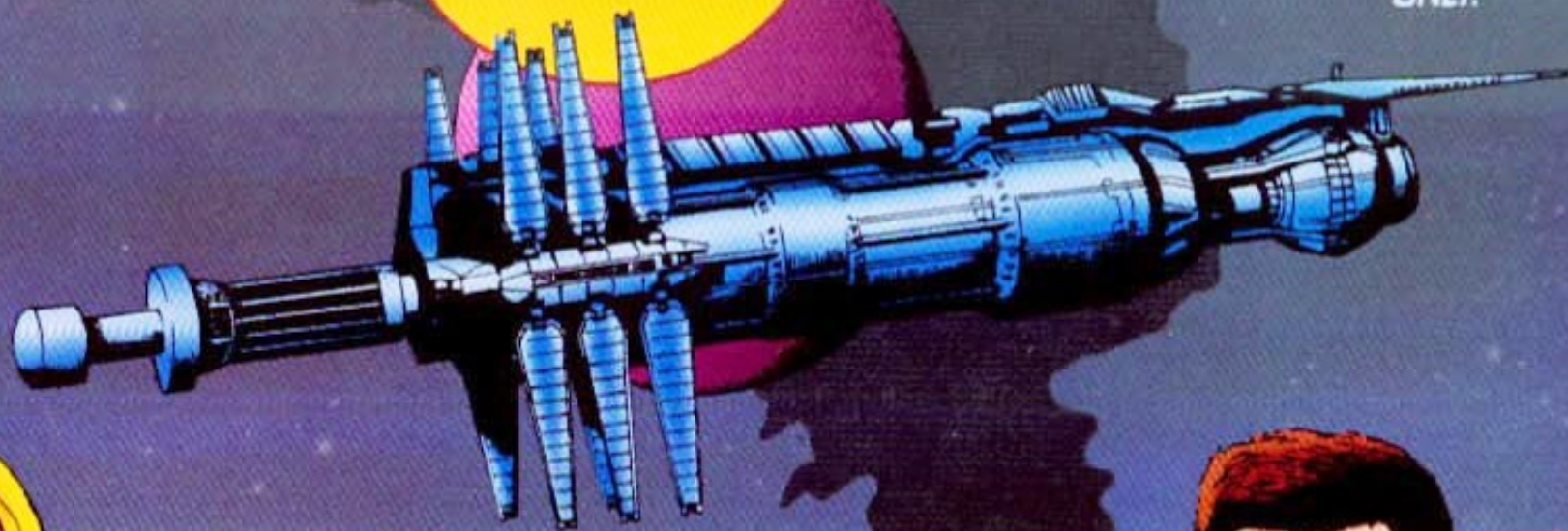
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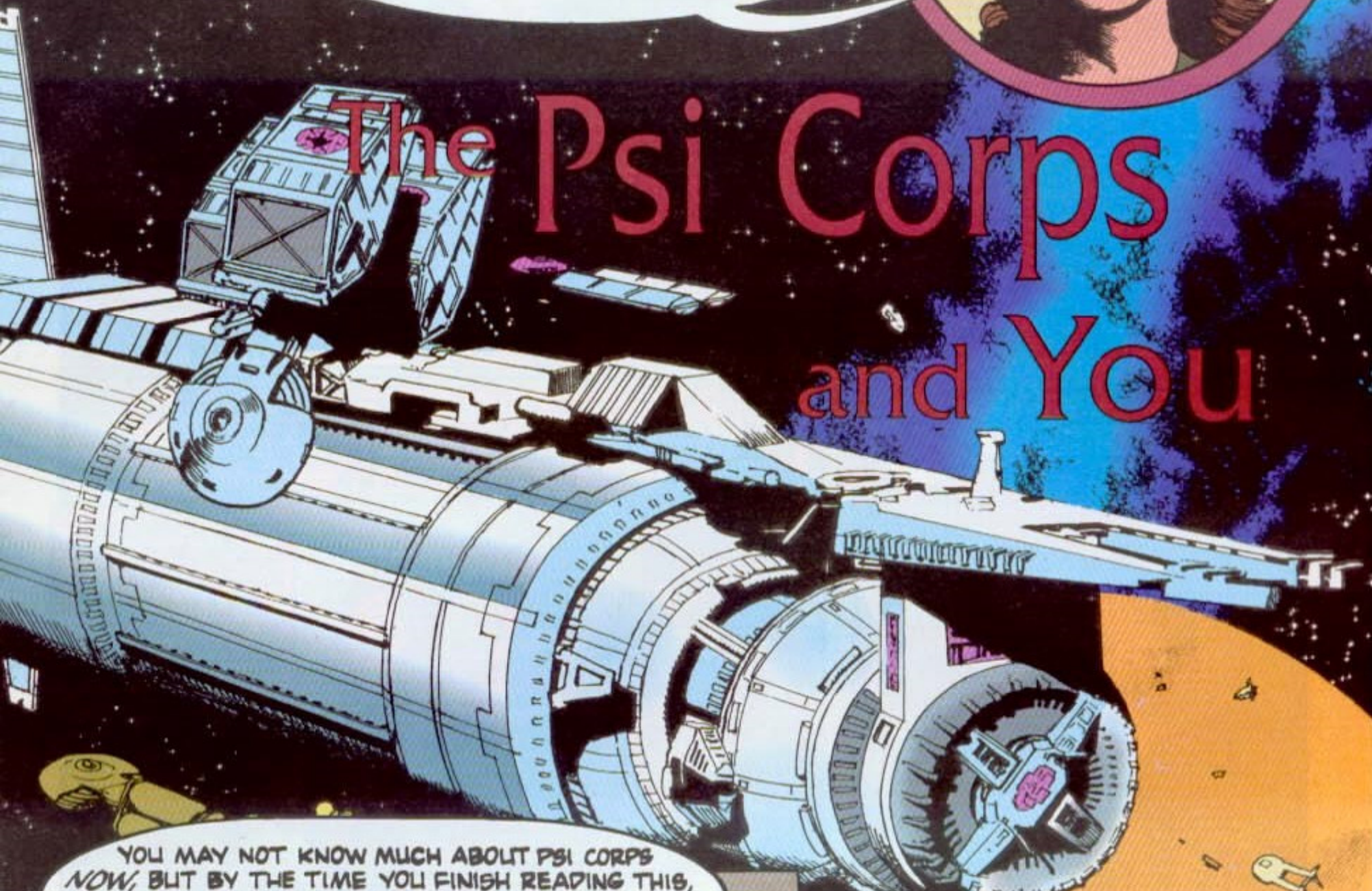


HI, KIDS! WELCOME TO A SPECIAL PSI CORPS PRESENTATION CREATED FOR ALL OF YOU ON BABYLON 5, TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A VERY EXCITING GROUP OF PEOPLE!

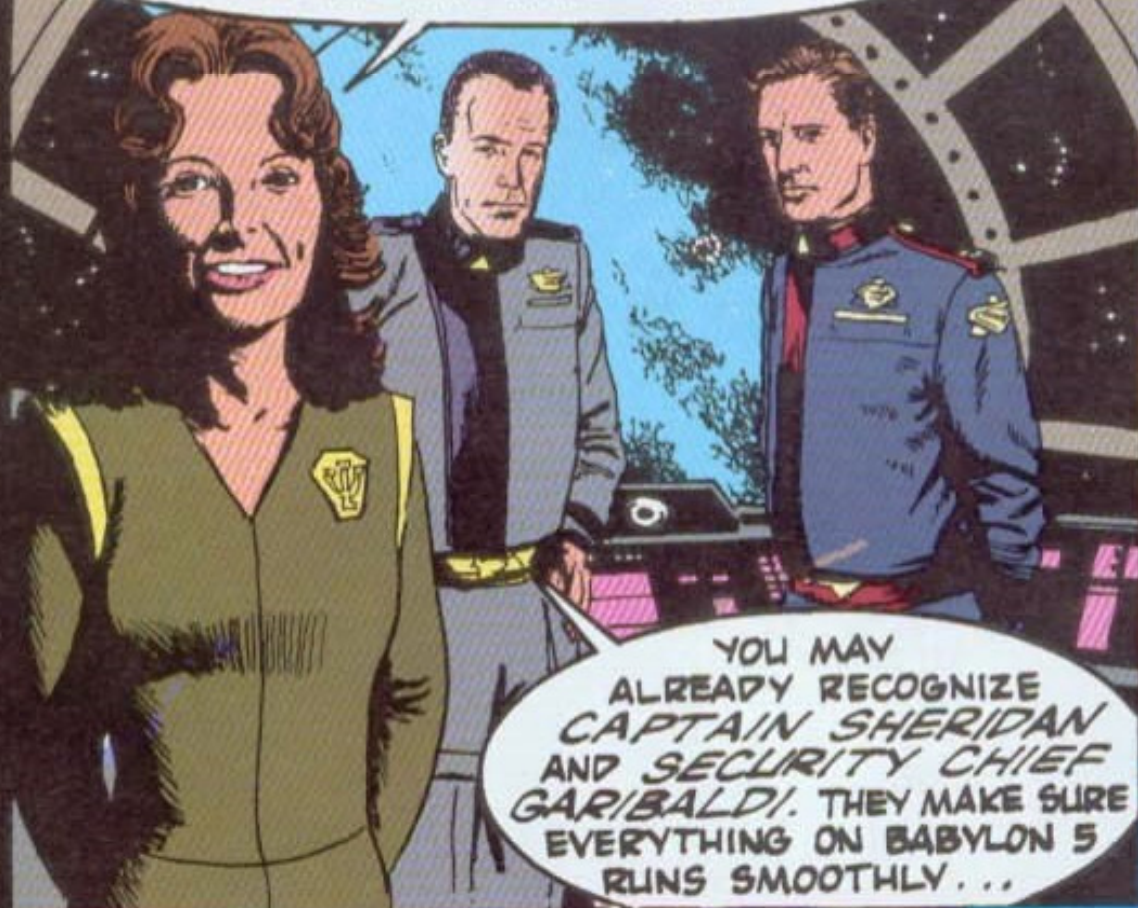
I'M DIANE MATTHEWS, AND I WORK HERE ON THE STATION AS A COMMERCIAL TELEPATH FOR PSI CORPS. TODAY, I'LL ALSO BE YOUR GUIDE, AS YOU LEARN ABOUT...



The Psi Corps and You



YOU MAY NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT PSI CORPS NOW, BUT BY THE TIME YOU FINISH READING THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO KNOW LOTS MORE—HOW EXCITING IT CAN BE TO WORK FOR PSI CORPS AND HOW OUR ORGANIZATION CAME TO BE!



YOU MAY ALREADY RECOGNIZE CAPTAIN SHERIDAN AND SECURITY CHIEF GARIBALDI. THEY MAKE SURE EVERYTHING ON BABYLON 5 RUNS SMOOTHLY...

...AND PSI CORPS TELEPATHS HELP MAKE THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY, TOO!

WATCH CAREFULLY.



"HERE, I'M WATCHING A *BUSINESS DEAL* BETWEEN MR. SOM-MERS, A MARKAB TRADER, AND MR. STEINBERG, WHO HAS HIRED ME."

I NEED FIVE HUNDRED REBREATHER CONVERTERS DELIVERED TO RAYCO AT CENTRAL DOME ON MARS WITHIN TEN DAYS.

NO PROBLEM. I CAN HAVE THREE HUNDRED WITHIN THREE DAYS, THE REST IN TEN.

HOW DID I GET TO THE TRUTH SO QUICKLY? IT'S SIMPLE WHEN YOU'RE A TELEPATH!

WITHOUT ME THERE TO MONITOR MR. SOM-MERS' THOUGHTS, MR. STEINBERG COULD HAVE PAID FOR MERCHANDISE HE'D NEVER RECEIVE!

HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE *THREE HUNDRED*. THAT'S ALL HE HAS, THOUGH. HE ONLY *HOPES* TO HAVE THE OTHER TWO HUNDRED IN TIME.

THEN YOU GET PAID FOR *THREE HUNDRED*, SOM-MERS. I'LL LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR THE OTHER TWO!

"BUT IT'S NOT ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS! MY DUTIES AS A TELEPATH TAKE ME ALL OVER THE STATION! HERE, AN *EMERGENCY* CALLS ME TO SICKBAY TO SCAN A PATIENT OF DR. FRANKLIN'S."

"THIS POOR DRAZI WAS BEATEN AND ROBBED OF ALL HIS LIFE SAVINGS IN A DANGEROUS SECTION OF THE STATION CALLED '*DOWNBELOW*'."

THE ATTACKER WAS A LARGE MAN... LONG BLOND HAIR. BIG SCAR ACROSS HIS RIGHT EYEBROW.

GOOD JOB, MATTHEWS. I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

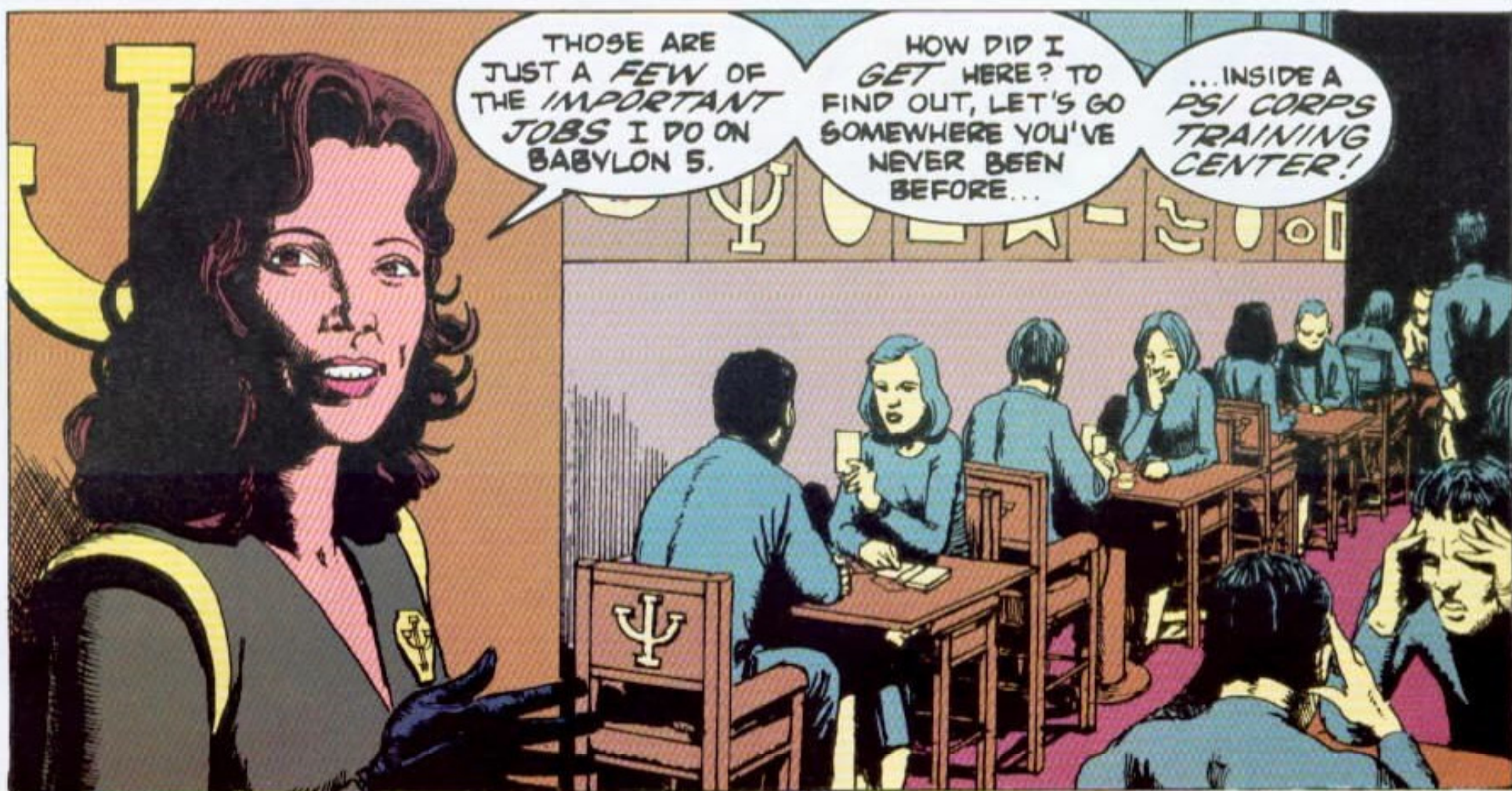
OOOOH...

AS YOU CAN SEE, I CAN LEGALLY SCAN THE VICTIM — TO SEE WHAT'S IN *HIS MIND* — BUT I *CAN'T* SCAN THE PERSON ACCUSED OF THE CRIME. MR. GARIBALDI WILL USE MY INFORMATION TO GATHER MORE *EVIDENCE*."

THOSE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE IMPORTANT JOBS I DO ON BABYLON 5.

HOW DID I GET HERE? TO FIND OUT, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE...

... INSIDE A PSI CORPS TRAINING CENTER!



"WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS A TRAINING EXERCISE. THE PSI CORPS IS SHOWING NEW RECRUITS HOW TO UNLOCK INCREDIBLE POWERS FROM INSIDE THEIR MINDS!"



"PSI CORPS KNOWS HOW TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR INNERMOST DESIRES!"

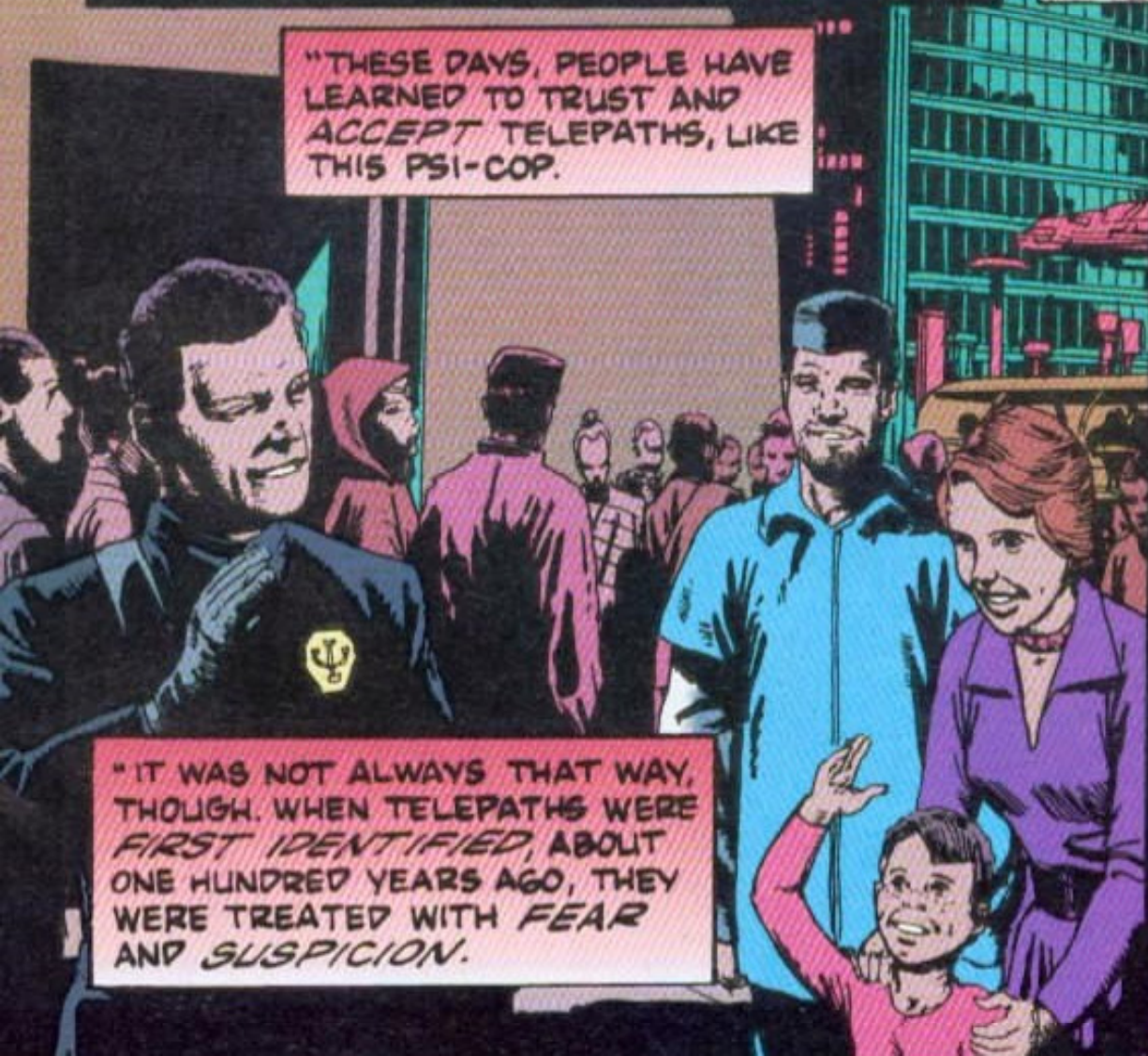
TELEPATHS CAN EXPLORE ALL KINDS OF SECRETS!

WE KNOW THAT EVEN WHEN NOTHING SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING ON THE OUTSIDE OF PEOPLE, SOMETHING IS ALWAYS HAPPENING INSIDE.



BUT I MUST BE CAREFUL. IF I READ SOMEONE'S MIND WITHOUT HIS OR HER PERMISSION, I COULD BE DISCHARGED FROM THE CORPS.

"THESE DAYS, PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED TO TRUST AND ACCEPT TELEPATHS, LIKE THIS PSI-COP."



"IT WAS NOT ALWAYS THAT WAY, THOUGH. WHEN TELEPATHS WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THEY WERE TREATED WITH FEAR AND SUSPICION."

"WITH A SINGLE HEROIC ACT, HOWEVER, ONE MAN CHANGED THAT OUTLOOK FOREVER."



"THAT MAN WAS WILLIAM KARGES—MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER!"

"AND THIS IS HOW IT ALL STARTED..."

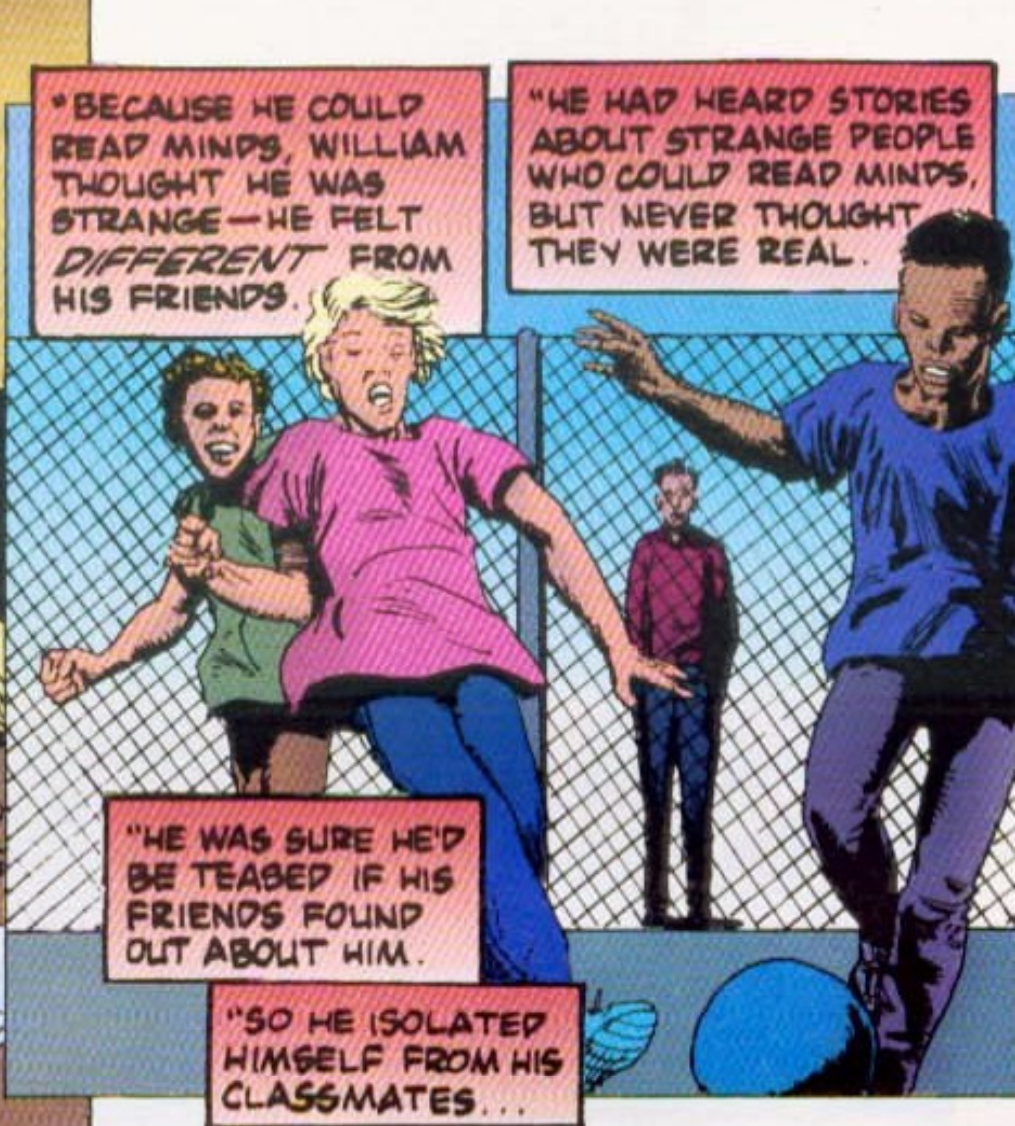


YOU HAVE TEN MORE MINUTES...

THE RESULTANT FORCE WILL BE THE SQUARE ROOT OF FOUR SQUARED PLUS FIVE SQUARED.

HUH?... OLEXA'S NOT TALKING, BUT I CAN HEAR HIM!

"WHEN WILLIAM TURNED THIRTEEN, HE DISCOVERED HE HAD A STRANGE ABILITY. HE SEEMED NORMAL ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT INSIDE, HE HAD A SPECIAL SECRET.

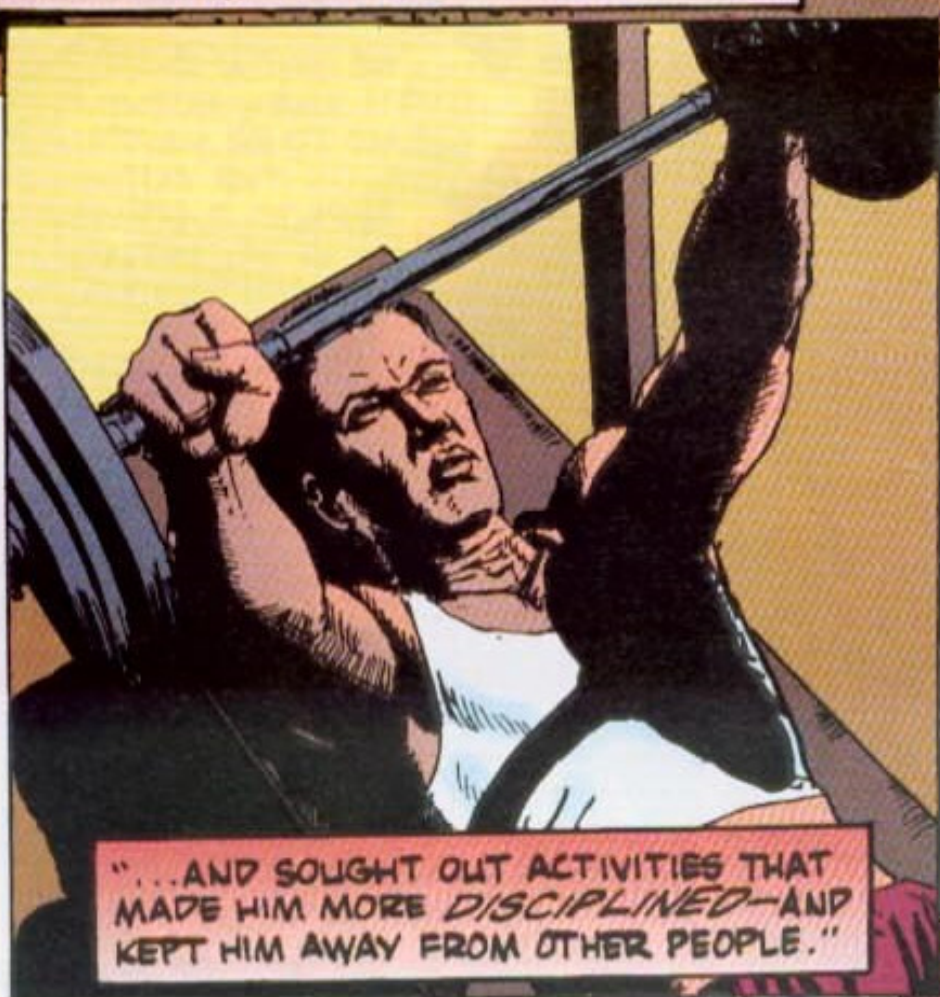


"BECAUSE HE COULD READ MINDS, WILLIAM THOUGHT HE WAS STRANGE—HE FELT DIFFERENT FROM HIS FRIENDS.

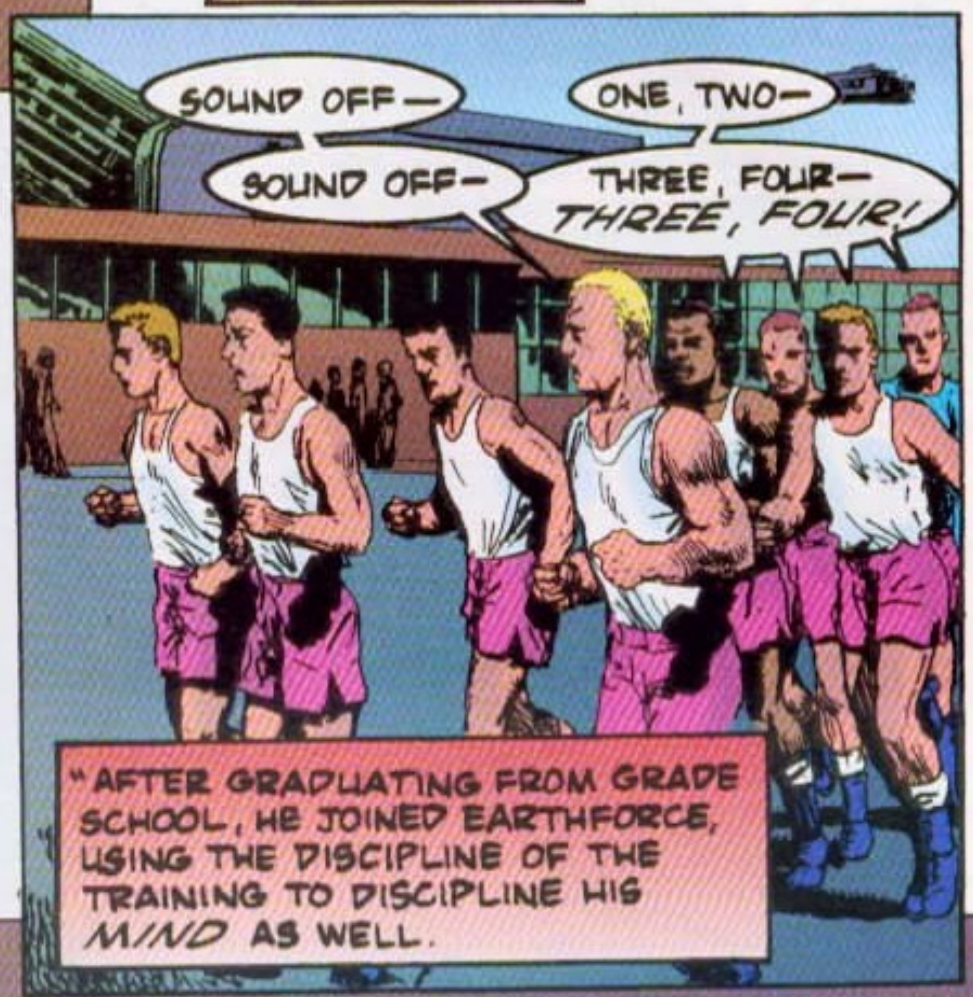
"HE HAD HEARD STORIES ABOUT STRANGE PEOPLE WHO COULD READ MINDS, BUT NEVER THOUGHT THEY WERE REAL.

"HE WAS SURE HE'D BE TEASED IF HIS FRIENDS FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM.

"SO HE ISOLATED HIMSELF FROM HIS CLASSMATES...



"...AND SOUGHT OUT ACTIVITIES THAT MADE HIM MORE DISCIPLINED—AND KEPT HIM AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE."



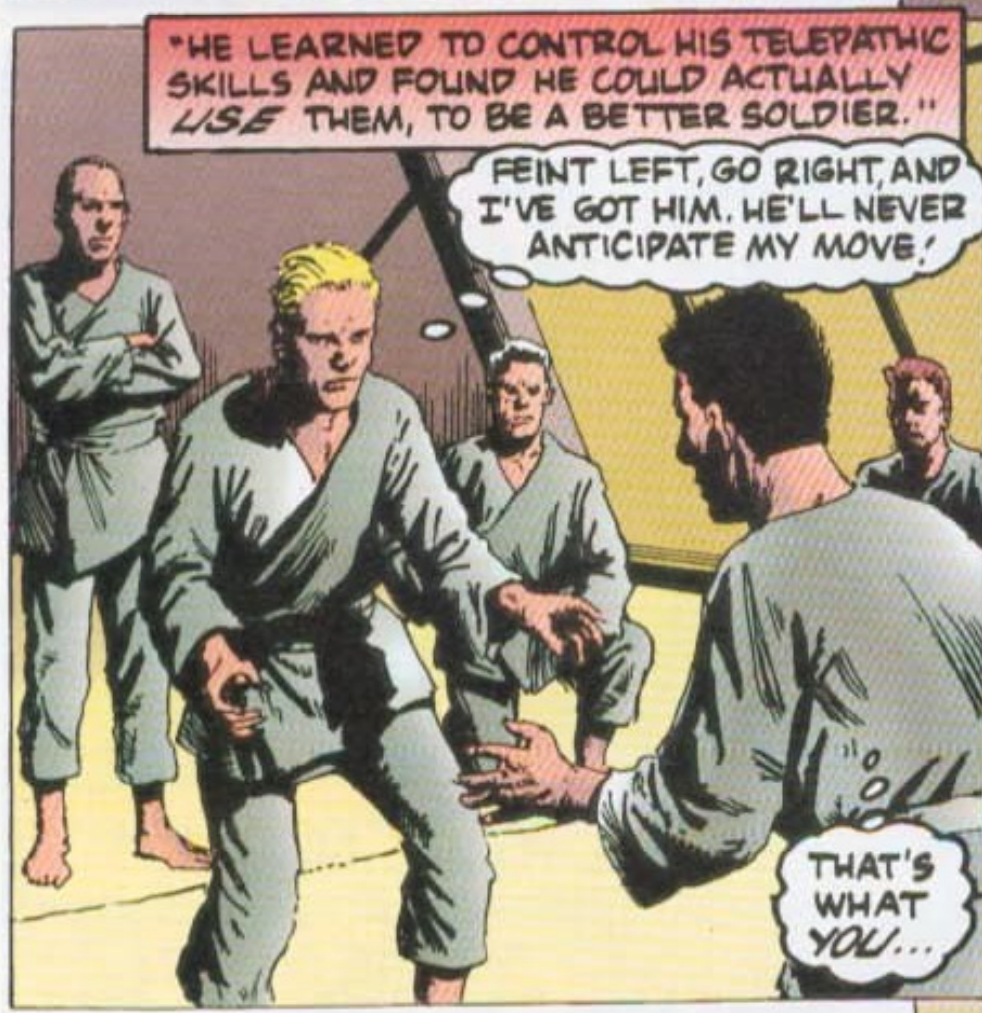
SOUND OFF—

ONE, TWO—

SOUND OFF—

THREE, FOUR—
THREE, FOUR!

"AFTER GRADUATING FROM GRADE SCHOOL, HE JOINED EARTHFORCE, USING THE DISCIPLINE OF THE TRAINING TO DISCIPLINE HIS MIND AS WELL.



"HE LEARNED TO CONTROL HIS TELEPATHIC SKILLS AND FOUND HE COULD ACTUALLY USE THEM, TO BE A BETTER SOLDIER."

FEINT LEFT, GO RIGHT, AND I'VE GOT HIM. HE'LL NEVER ANTICIPATE MY MOVE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU...

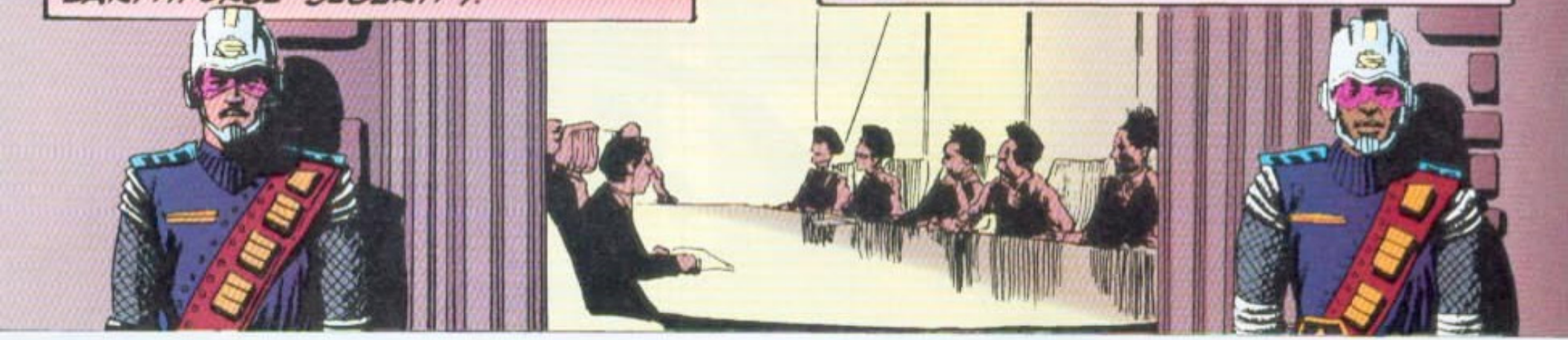


...THINK, OLCH!

OOF!

"WILLIAM BECAME SUCH A GOOD SOLDIER THAT HE WAS PROMOTED AND TRANSFERRED TO EARTHFORCE SECURITY."

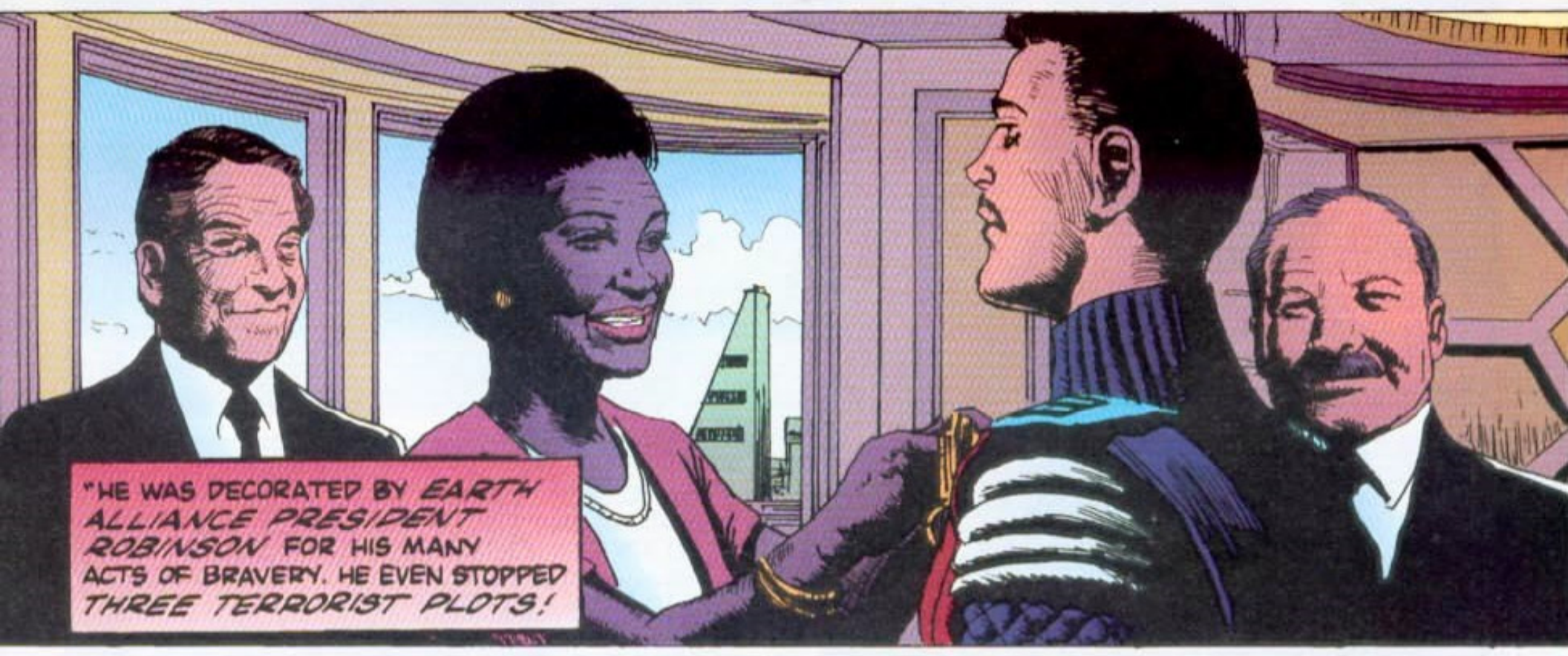
"STILL, HE NEVER REVEALED HIS SPECIAL SECRET. HE WAS AFRAID OUR GOVERNMENT WOULD FROWN ON HIS ABILITIES—THEY MIGHT EVEN LOCK HIM UP."



"TIME AND AGAIN, WILLIAM RISKED HIS LIFE TO PROTECT THE EARTH ALLIANCE."



"HE WAS DECORATED BY EARTH ALLIANCE PRESIDENT ROBINSON FOR HIS MANY ACTS OF BRAVERY. HE EVEN STOPPED THREE TERRORIST PLOTS!"



"THE PRESIDENT PROMOTED WILLIAM TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER AND PLACED HIM IN CHARGE OF HER PERSONAL SECURITY STAFF."



"THEN, ONE DAY, SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING."

"WILLIAM AND HIS SECURITY FORCE WERE ESCORTING THE PRESIDENT TO A CAMPAIGN RALLY, WHERE SHE WAS GOING TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT SPEECH."

"SUDDENLY, WILLIAM HEARD STRANGE, STRONG THOUGHTS IN HIS MIND..."

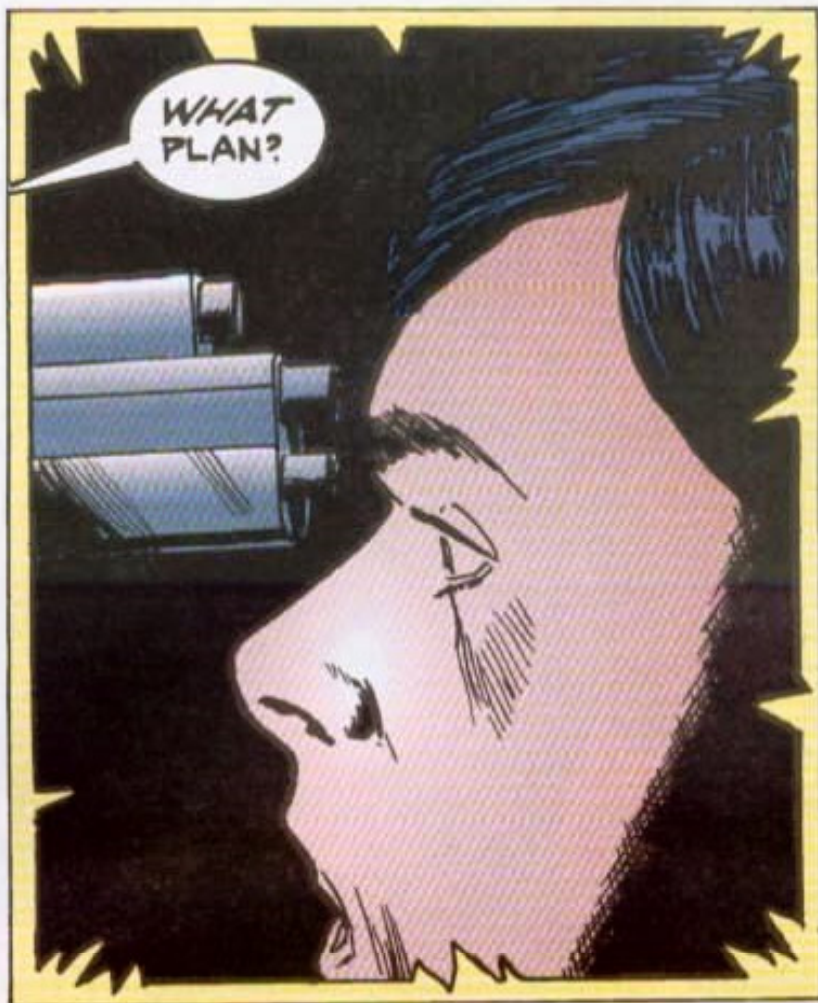
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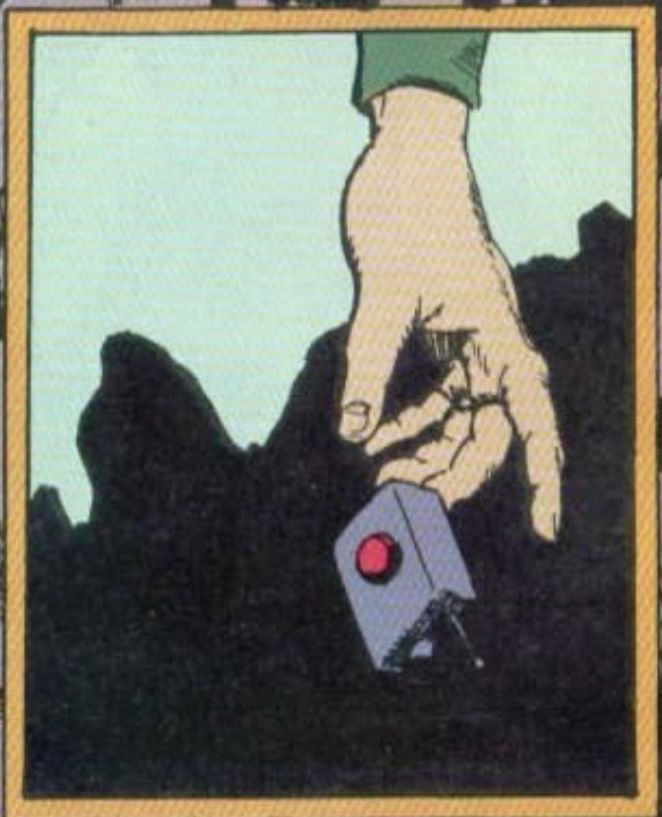
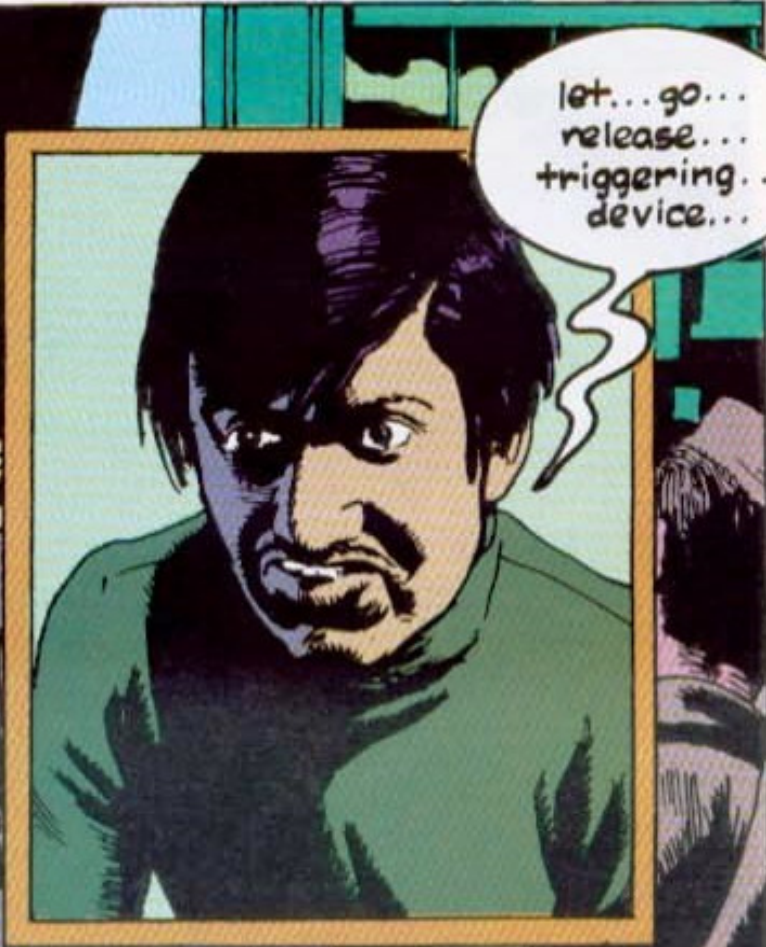
WHO WAS THAT?

"SOMEONE IN THAT CROWD KNEW ABOUT A BOMB - BUT WHO?"

"USING ALL HIS POWERS OF CONCENTRATION, WILLIAM ZOOMED IN ON A MAN HE KNEW WAS TROUBLE."

TIME TO SET THIS PLAN IN MOTION...





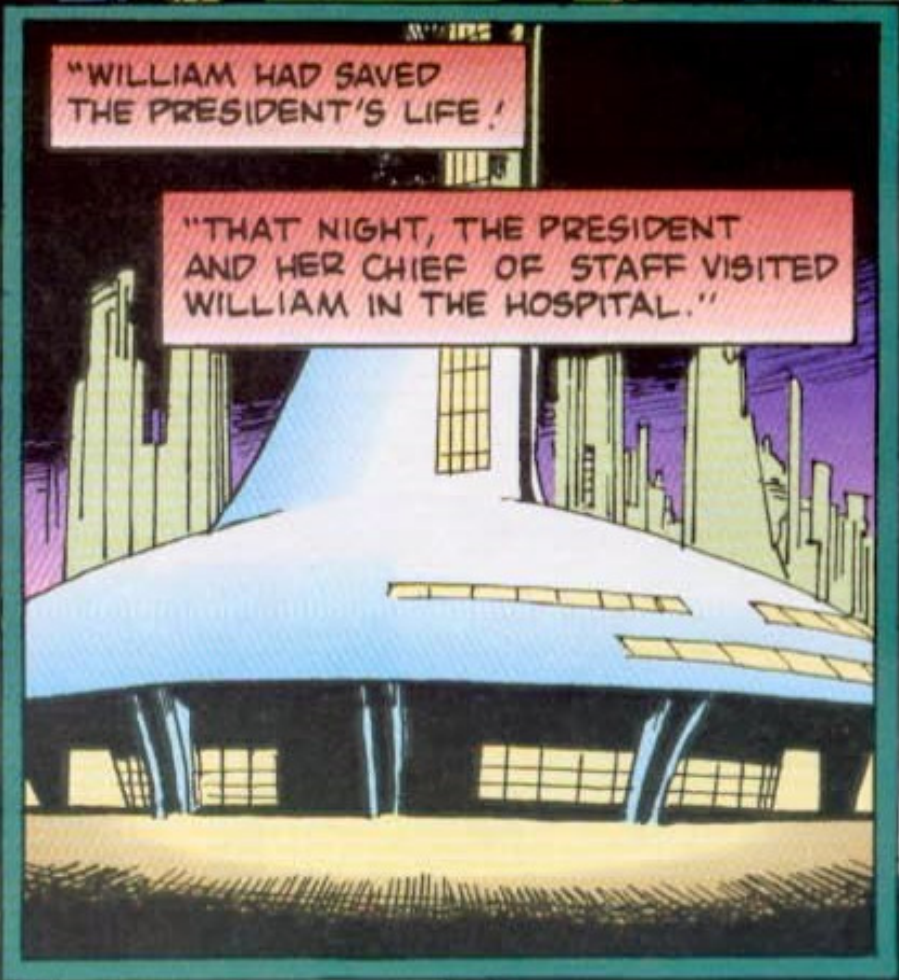


GOT HIM!

LET'S GET HIM OUT OF HERE! WHERE'S GREEN LEADER?

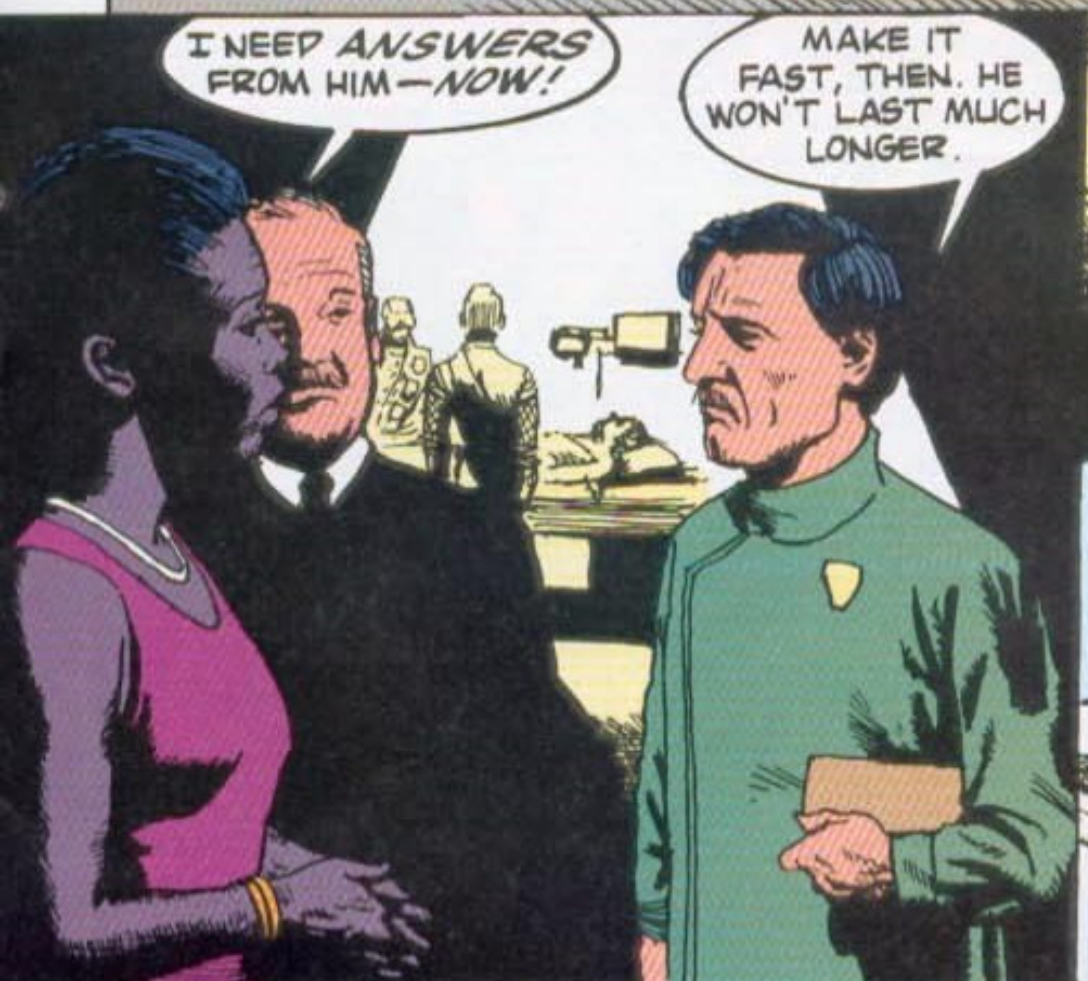


THERE HE IS! GET MEDAC, NOW!



"WILLIAM HAD SAVED THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE!"

"THAT NIGHT, THE PRESIDENT AND HER CHIEF OF STAFF VISITED WILLIAM IN THE HOSPITAL."



I NEED ANSWERS FROM HIM—NOW!

MAKE IT FAST, THEN. HE WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER.



HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, COMMANDER?

I READ... HIS... THOUGHTS.



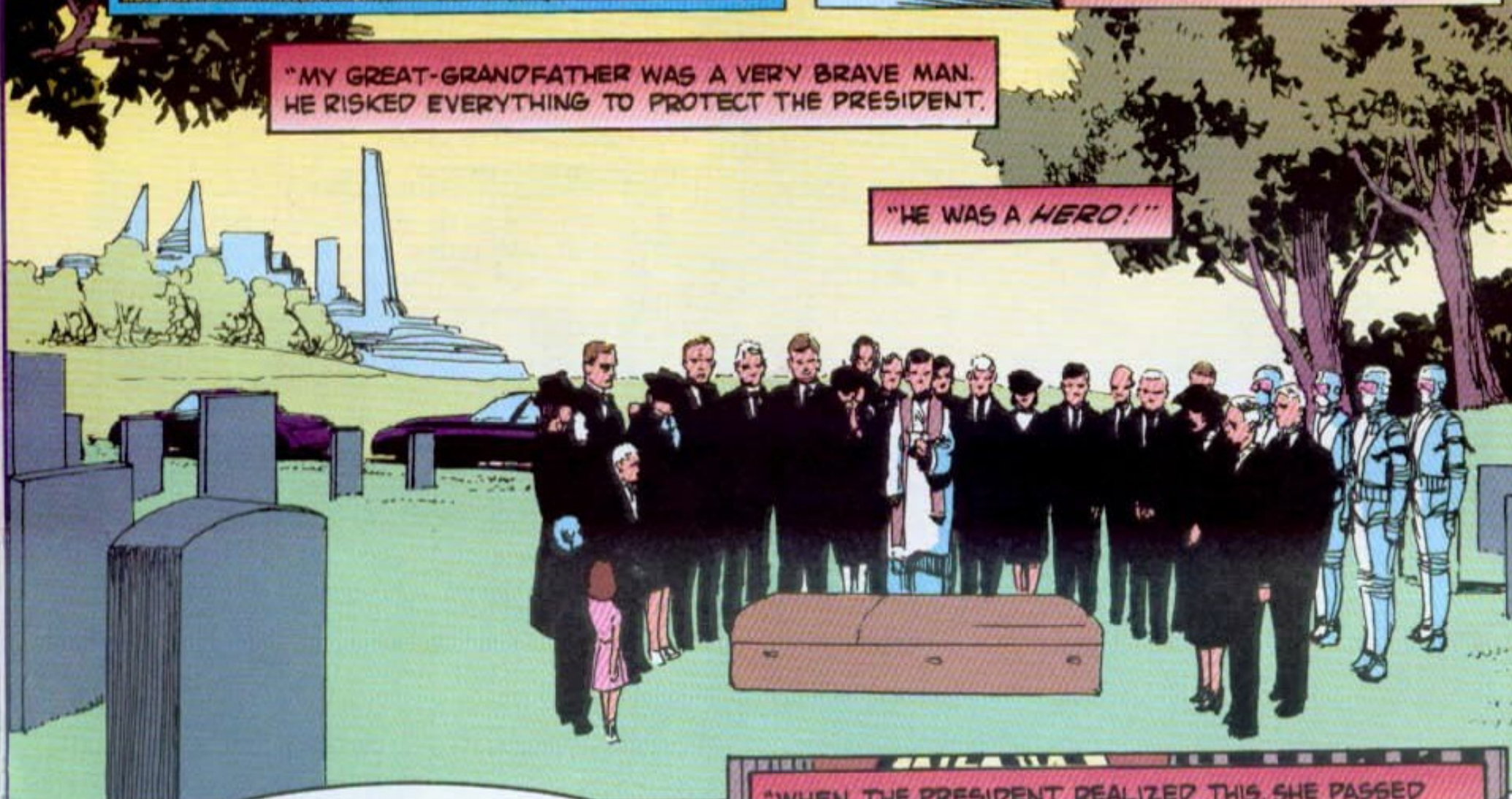
YOU'RE A TELEPATH, COMMANDER?



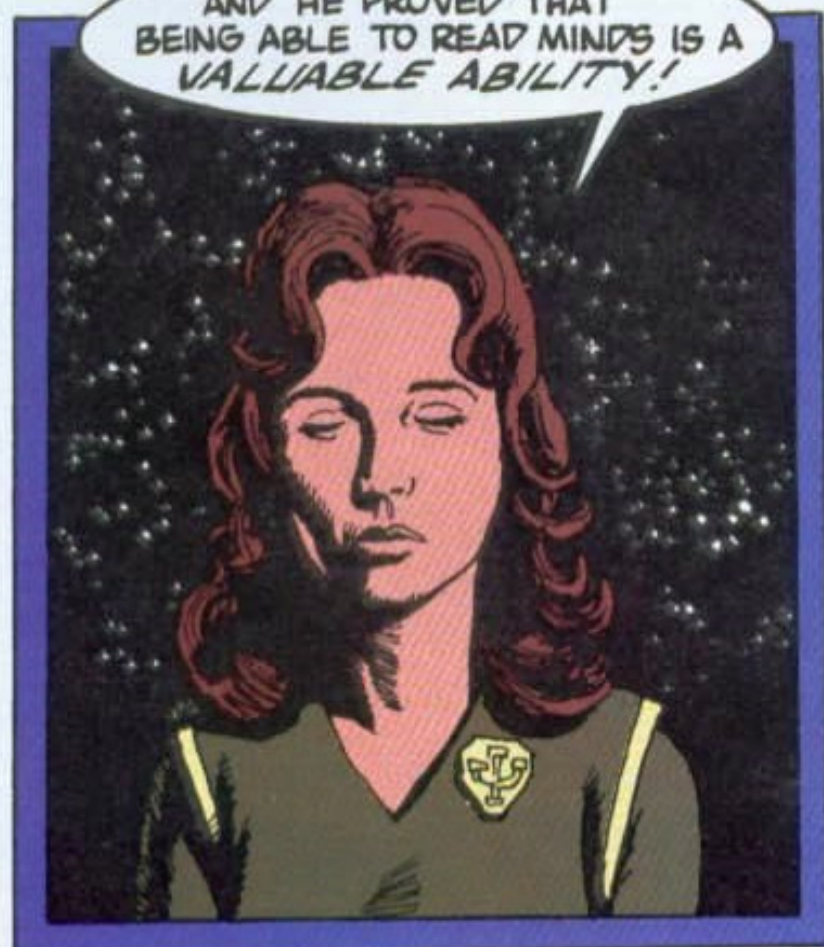
YES...MADAM PRESIDENT...

"MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS A VERY BRAVE MAN. HE RISKED EVERYTHING TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT."

"HE WAS A HERO!"



AND HE PROVED THAT BEING ABLE TO READ MINDS IS A VALLIABLE ABILITY!



"WHEN THE PRESIDENT REALIZED THIS, SHE PASSED EQUAL-OPPORTUNITY LAWS ENSURING THAT ANYONE WHO WAS A TELEPATH COULD COME FORWARD AND BE COUNTED—WITHOUT FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION!"



"A SPECIAL AGENCY ALREADY EXISTED TO MONITOR THE SUDDEN, INCREASED NUMBERS OF TELEPATHS. NOW, THE PRESIDENT CHANGED THE AGENCY'S PLURPOSE—TO HELP TELEPATHS FUNCTION IN SOCIETY!"

"WITHIN SIX MONTHS, *PSI CORPS* WAS A REALITY!"

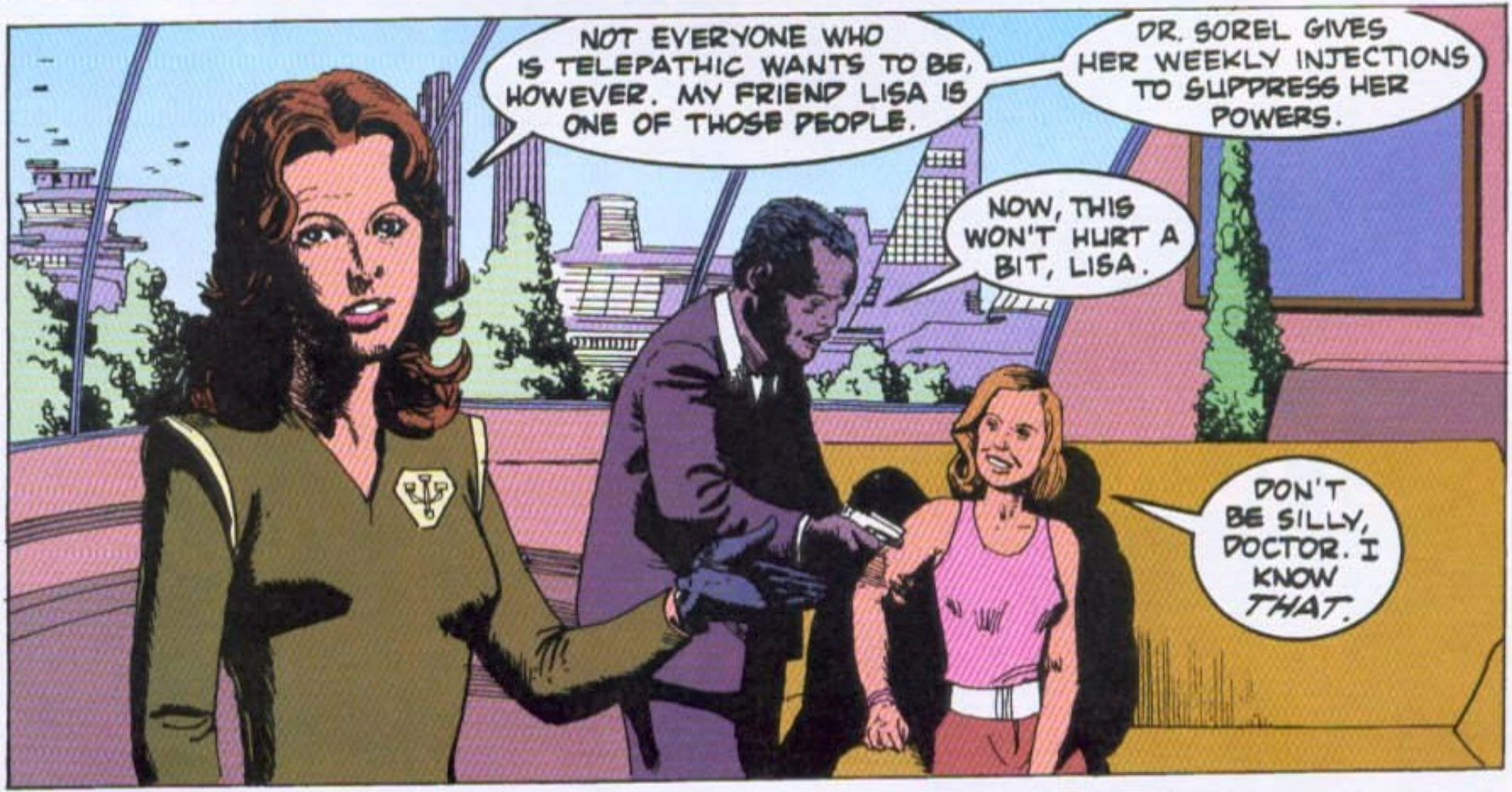
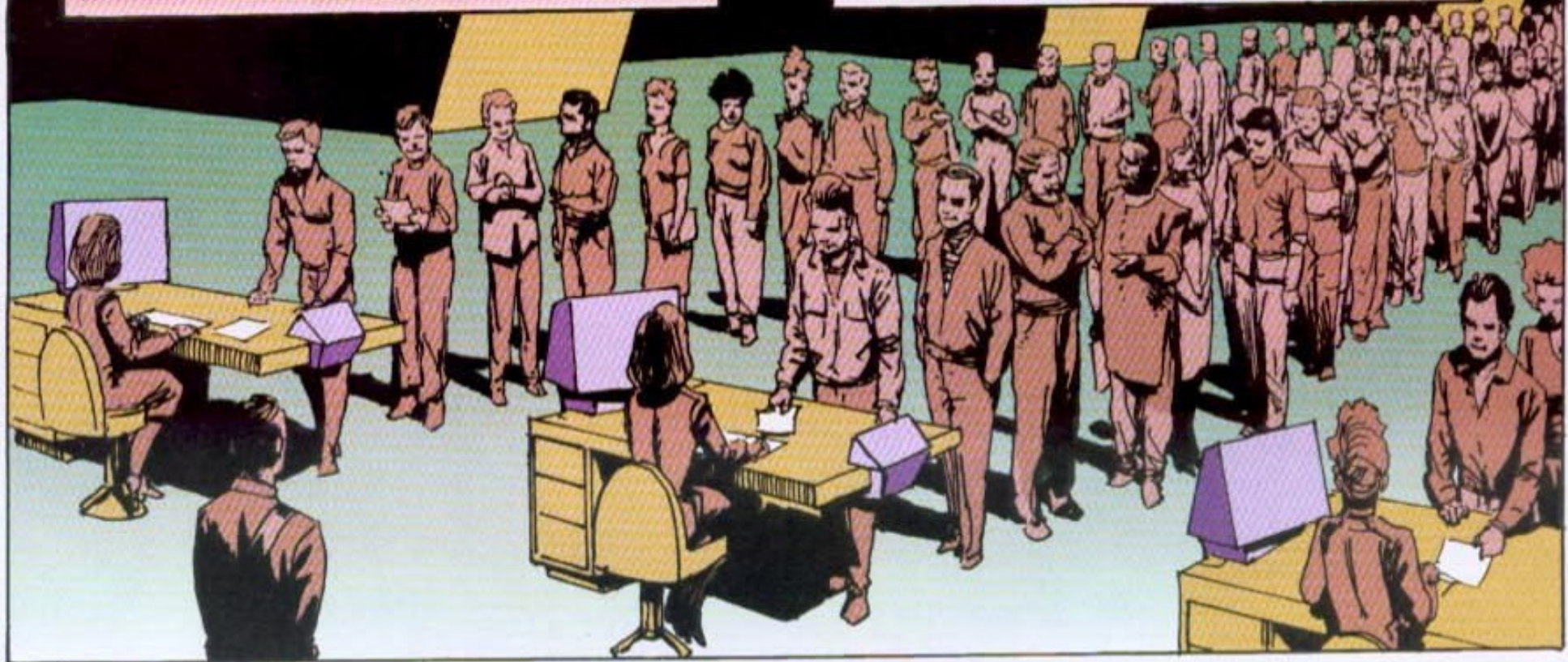
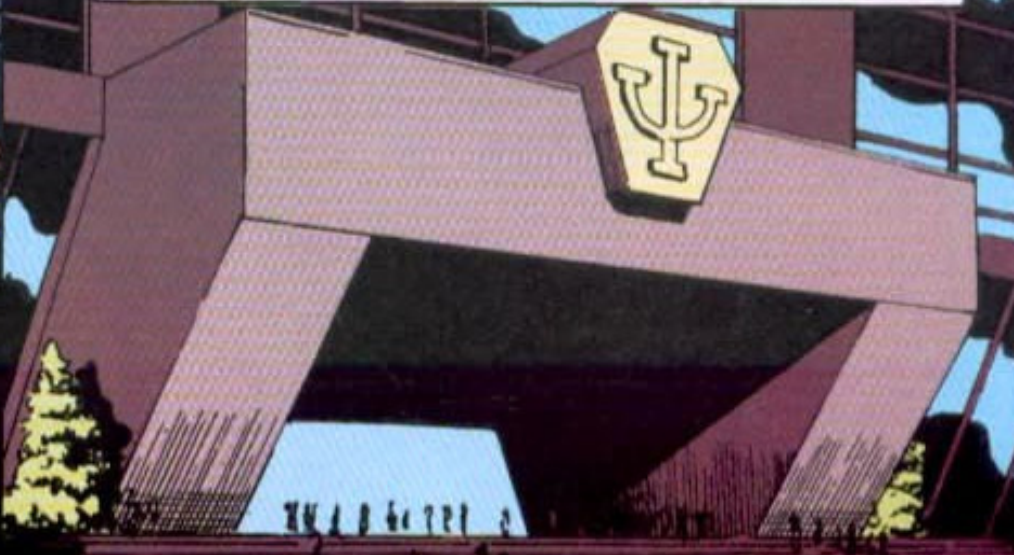
"AT LAST, TELEPATHS HAD A PLACE TO GO WHERE THEY WERE *VALUED*. MANY FINALLY FELT COMFORTABLE REVEALING THEIR IDENTITIES AND POWERS IN PUBLIC."

"*PSI CORPS* BECAME A COMMUNITY FILLED WITH *SPECIAL PEOPLE*, LIKE WILLIAM."

"PEOPLE WHO USED TO BE ASHAMED BECAUSE THEY WERE 'DIFFERENT,' WERE NOW *PROUD* TO BE SPECIAL!"

"NOWADAYS, ALL TELEPATHS ARE ASKED TO *REGISTER WITH PSI CORPS*, FOR THEIR OWN GOOD."

"THAT WAY, THE EARTH ALLIANCE AND *PSI CORPS* CAN HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR *FULL POTENTIAL!*"



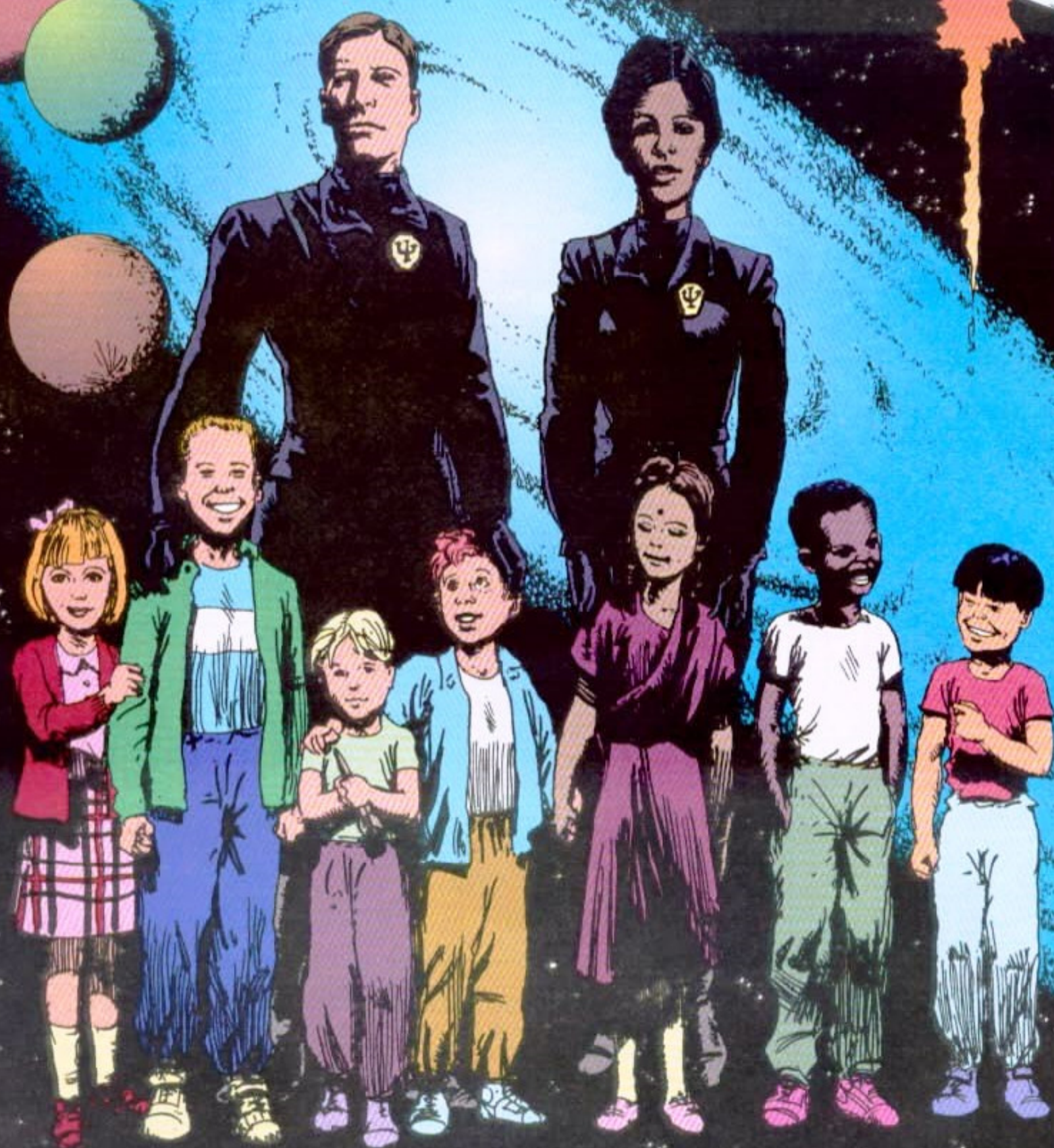
NOT EVERYONE WHO IS TELEPATHIC WANTS TO BE, HOWEVER. MY FRIEND LISA IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE.

DR. SOREL GIVES HER WEEKLY INJECTIONS TO SUPPRESS HER POWERS.

NOW, THIS WON'T HURT A BIT, LISA.

DON'T BE SILLY, DOCTOR. I KNOW THAT.

The Future Is Yours.

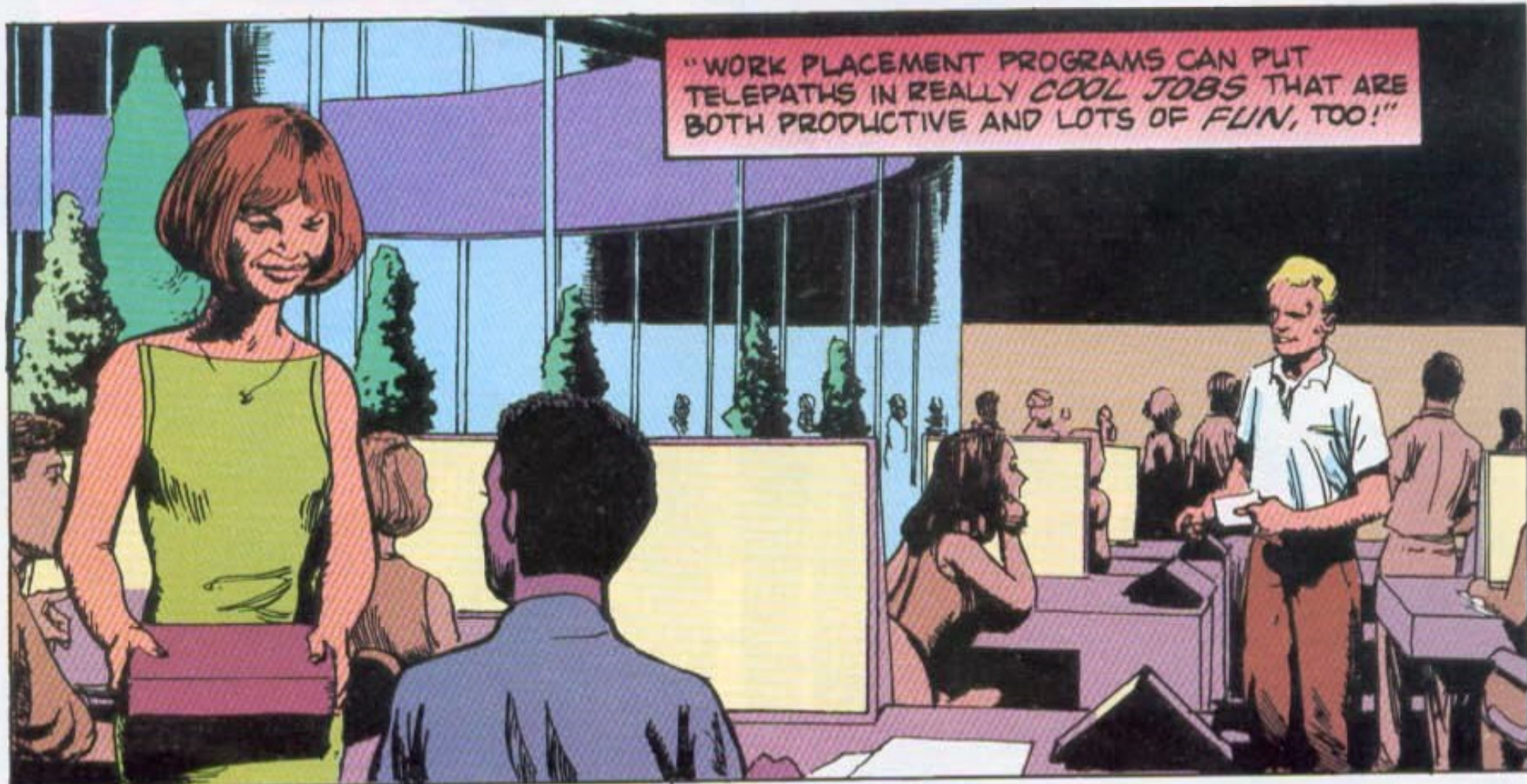



...Make It
A Bright One.

PSI CORPS



*The right choice
for everyone.*





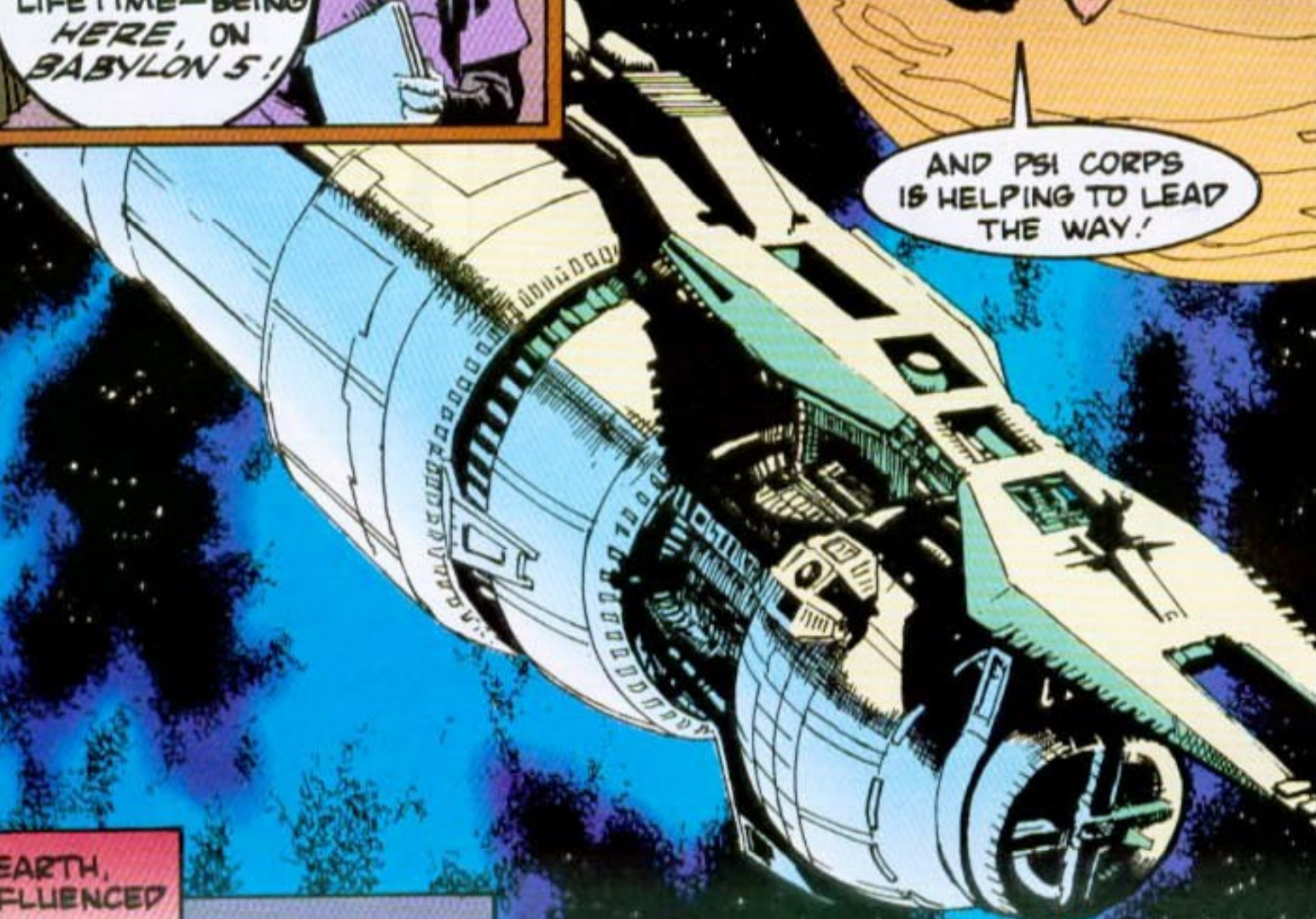
I STARTED OUT IN THE WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM. BUT SOMETHING KEPT CALLING TO ME.

I FINALLY REALIZED WHAT IT WAS: THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME—BEING HERE, ON BABYLON 5!




HERE ON BABYLON 5, WE'RE ALL A LONG WAY FROM EARTH. BUT REMEMBER, KIDS, EVERYONE ON THIS STATION IS WORKING TOWARD MAKING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!


AND PSI CORPS IS HELPING TO LEAD THE WAY!



"EVEN FAR FROM EARTH, PSI CORPS HAS INFLUENCED ALL OUR LIVES!"



"FOR EXAMPLE, THE MINBARI ARE OUR FRIENDS NOW—BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT TEN YEARS AGO, THEY WERE AT WAR WITH EARTH ALLIANCE? A TELEPATH HELPED CHANGE ALL THAT."



"YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD STORIES ABOUT COMMANDER SINCLAIR, WHO WAS FIRST IN CHARGE OF BABYLON 5."

"LEGEND HAS IT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MINBARI'S SURRENDERING TO EARTH."

"WHAT ISN'T MENTIONED IS HOW ANOTHER PILOT IN SINCLAIR'S SQUADRON, LT. ANDREW DENMARK OF PSI CORPS, HELPED HIS SQUADRON TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH FOR SINCLAIR TO MAKE HIS HISTORIC ATTACK ON A MINBARI CRUISER.

"THE STORY YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE WAS RECONSTRUCTED FROM MISSION RECORDINGS ONLY RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED."

ALPHA SIX,
TWO BOGIES
ABOVE YOU AT
TEN O'CLOCK!

ROGER, ALPHA 9—
INITIATING EVASIVE
MANEUVERS.

NOBODY
GETS ME
THAT
EASY.

MY GOD,
THERE'S TOO MANY
OF THEM! WE CAN'T
STOP THEM!

CAN IT, ALPHA
NINE! COME RIGHT
BEARING FOUR-FOUR-THREE
MARK ONE-ONE!

CAN'T GET...
CONTROL...

STAY CALM—COVER ALPHA
LEADER... TAKE ALPHA THREE AND
ALPHA FOUR WITH YOU.

I'm...going...to
cover Alpha Leader—
Alpha Three and Alpha
Four, you're with me.

TWO
BOGIES CLOSING
IN ON ALPHA
LEADER!

NOT FOR LONG,
ALPHA FOUR!

GOOD WORK,
ALPHA THREE! STAY
IN FORM—

WHOA!
FOUR BOGIES AT
SEVEN O'CLOCK!
EVAS—

THOSE WERE
THE LAST WORDS HEARD
FROM LT. DENMARK. THE
WRECKAGE OF HIS SHIP WAS
DISCOVERED AFTER THE
END OF THE WAR.

HE USED HIS
TELEPATHIC ABILITIES
TO CALM HIS FELLOW PILOTS.
WITHOUT HIM, ALPHA SQUADRON
COULD NEVER HAVE HELD FORMATION
LONG ENOUGH FOR LT. SINCLAIR TO
MAKE HIS LEGENDARY ATTACK
ON THE MINBARI!

MARS COLONY

"PSI CORPS HELPS OUT IN OTHER EARTH ALLIANCE OUTPOSTS, AS WELL.

"FOR EXAMPLE, MARS IS NOT AN EASY PLACE TO LIVE. BUT PSI CORPS IS DOING ITS PART TO MAKE SURE IT'S EASIER FOR EVERYONE...

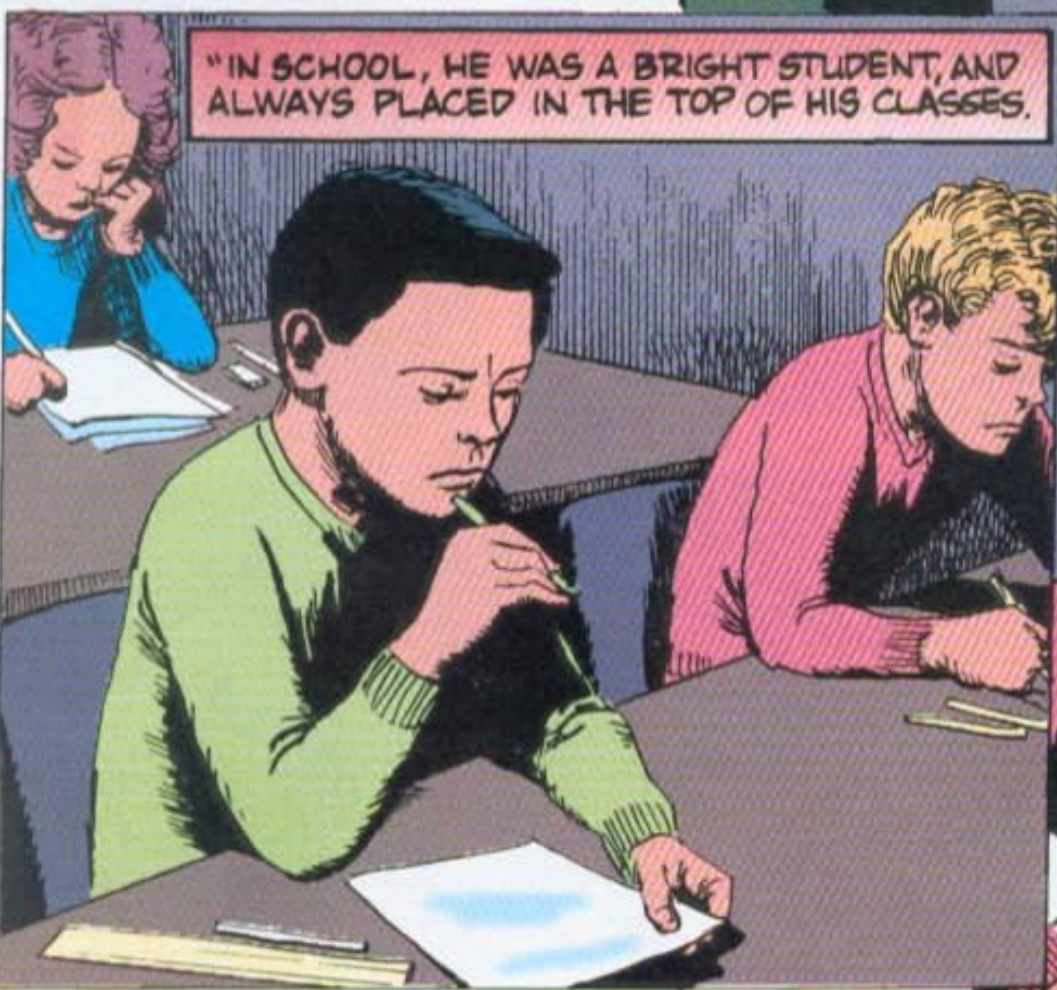
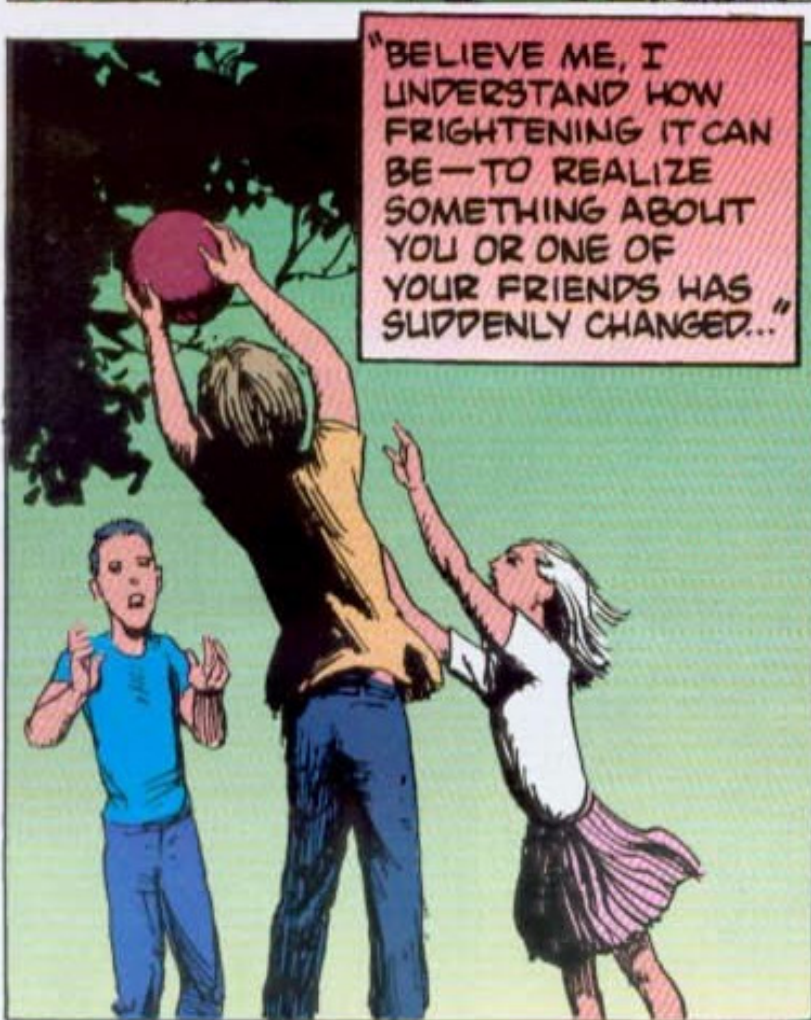
"PSI CORPS UNDERSTANDS THINGS DON'T ALWAYS RUN SMOOTHLY, AND HELPS OUT ANY WAY IT CAN—WHETHER THE PROBLEM CAN BE HELPED WITH TELEPATHY OR NOT.

"RECENTLY, A SMALL GROUP OF TERRORISTS TRIED TO TAKE OVER MARS COLONY. PSI CORPS STEPPED IN QUICKLY TO PROTECT THE COLONISTS FROM THESE EXTREMISTS.

"WHEN THERE WAS A FOOD SHORTAGE ON MARS, PSI CORPS RUSHED TO GET FOOD SUPPLIES TO ALL THE HUNGRY COLONISTS.

"YOU COULD SAY PSI CORPS' MISSION IS TO PROTECT.

"PROTECT THE FUTURE—FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO MAKE IT BETTER, AND SAFER."





ALFRED, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. HALF YOUR ESSAY IS *IDENTICAL* TO SUZY'S, YET SHE SITS THREE ROWS AND TWO DESKS IN *FRONT* OF YOU.



DID YOU CHEAT ON THIS PAPER, ALFRED?

NO, MISS LEROY, I *SWEAR!*



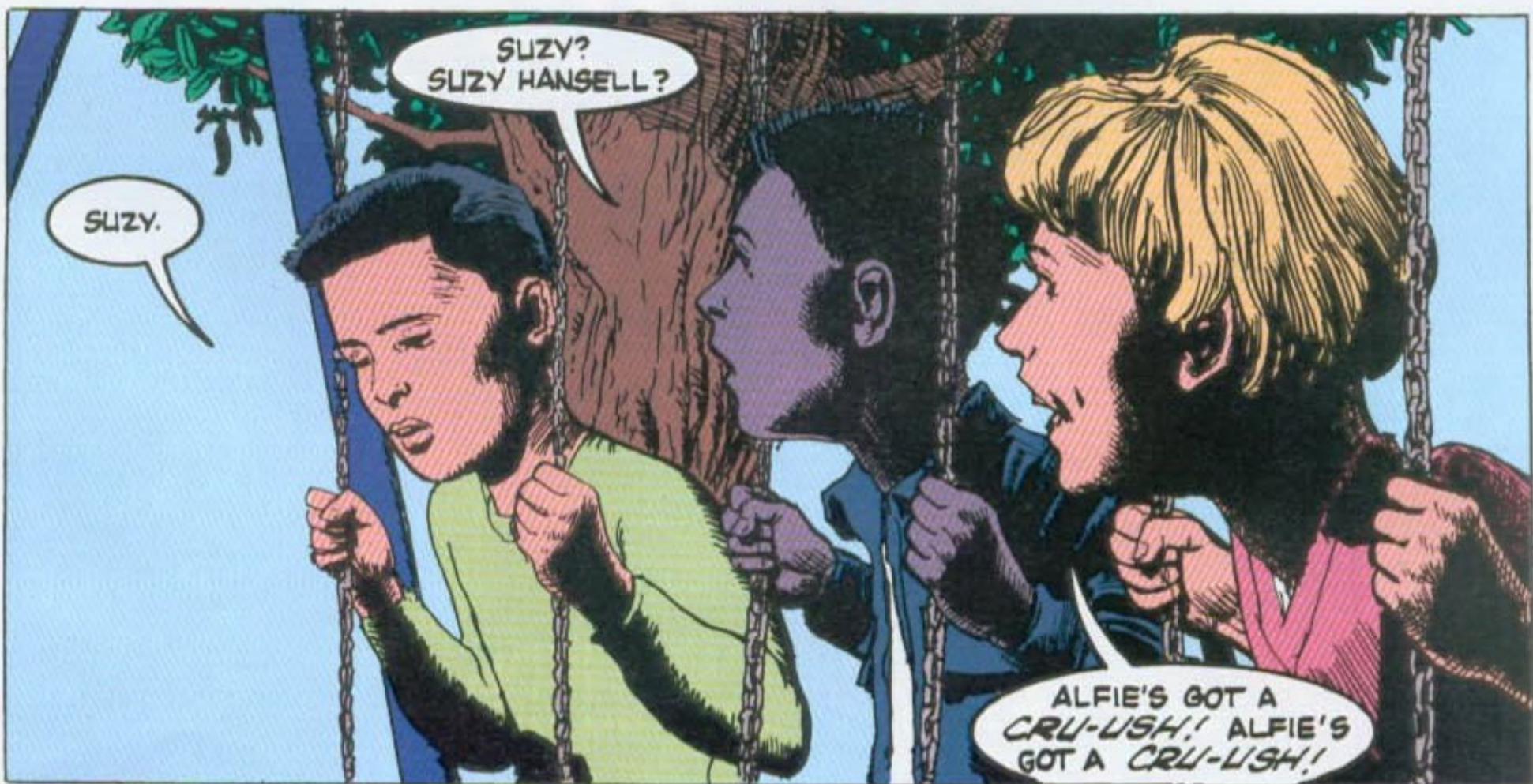
LATER...

...AND THEN SHE ACCUSED ME OF *CHEATING!* I'VE NEVER CHEATED ON ANYTHING IN MY LIFE.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS GONNA FLUNK ME.

LUCKY FOR YOU SHE DIDN'T, HUH?

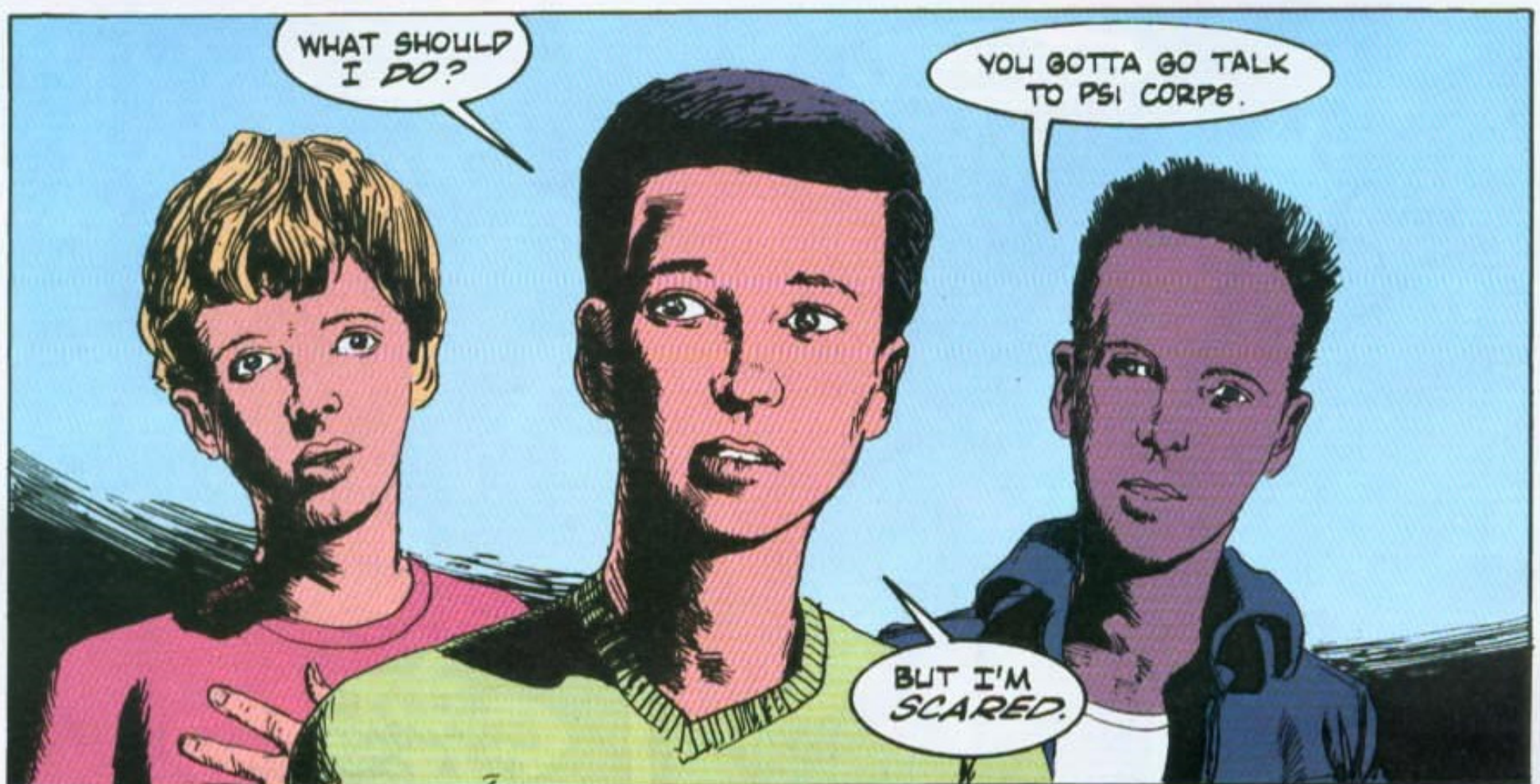
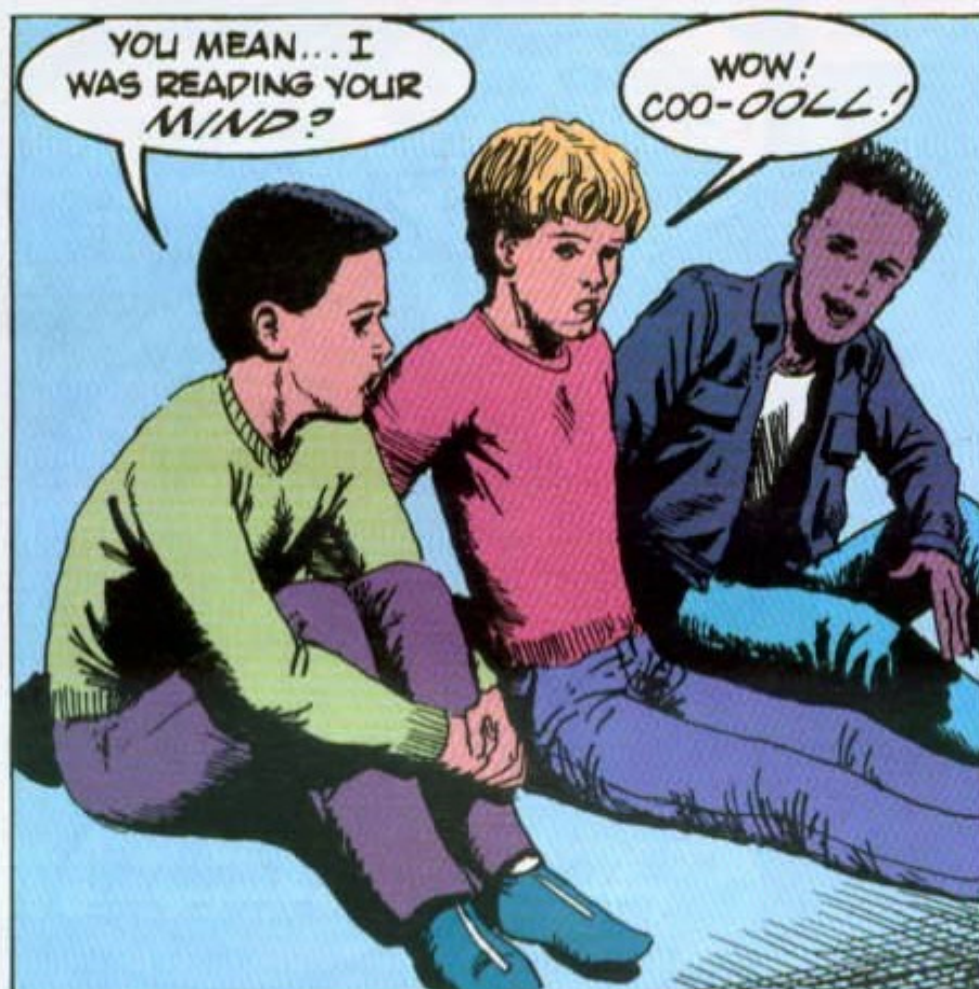
SO, WHO'D SHE THINK YOU CHEATED OFF OF?

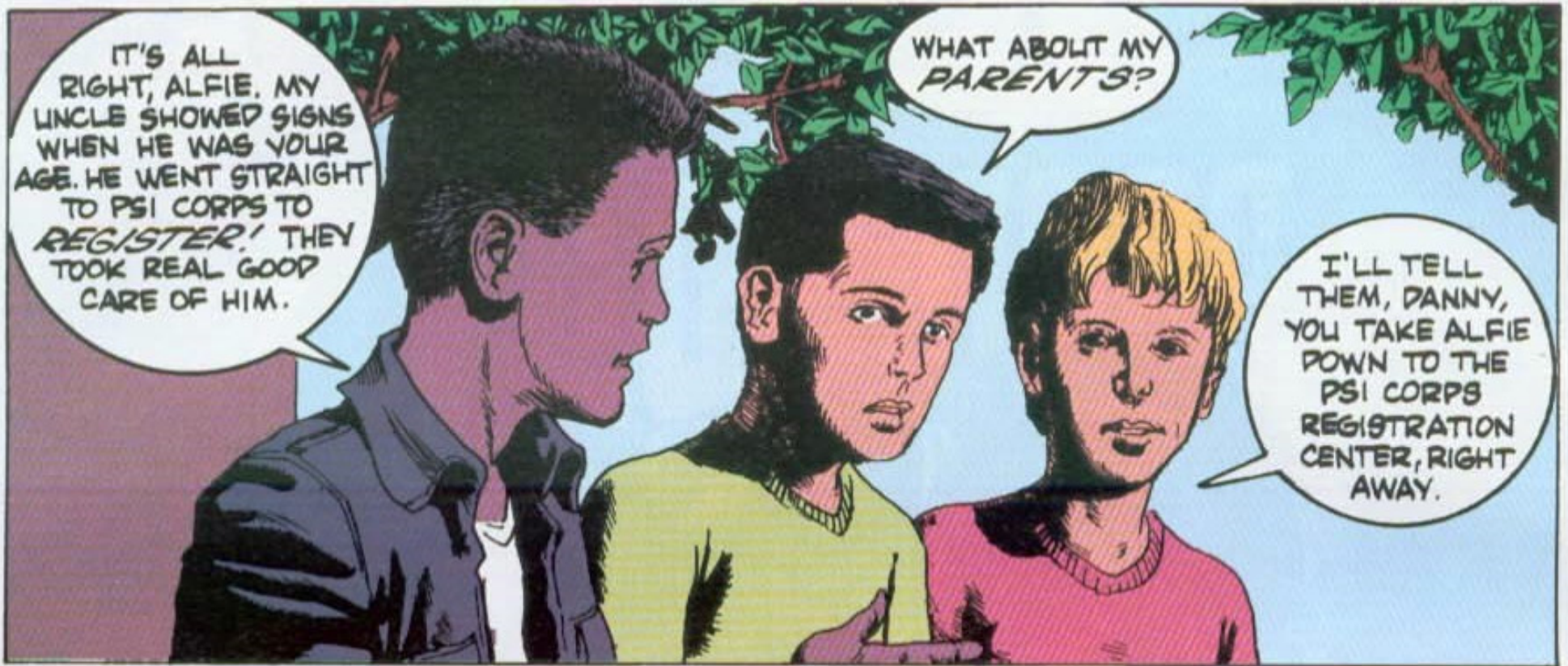


SUZY?
SUZY HANSELL?

SUZY.

ALFIE'S GOT A *CRU-LISH!* ALFIE'S GOT A *CRU-LISH!*





IT'S ALL RIGHT, ALFIE. MY UNCLE SHOWED SIGNS WHEN HE WAS YOUR AGE. HE WENT STRAIGHT TO PSI CORPS TO REGISTER! THEY TOOK REAL GOOD CARE OF HIM.

WHAT ABOUT MY PARENTS?

I'LL TELL THEM, DANNY, YOU TAKE ALFIE DOWN TO THE PSI CORPS REGISTRATION CENTER, RIGHT AWAY.



HELLO, BOYS, I'M MAJOR SPONALBLE. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I'M DANNY COGGINS, AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, ALFRED BESTER. WE JUST FOUND OUT HE'S A TELEPATH.



I SEE, WELL, YOU DID THE RIGHT THING COMING STRAIGHT HERE, ALFRED, AND DANNY'S A GOOD FRIEND TO KNOW WHAT TO DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS.

HAVE YOU TOLD ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS?

OUR FRIEND WENT TO TELL ALFIE'S PARENTS.

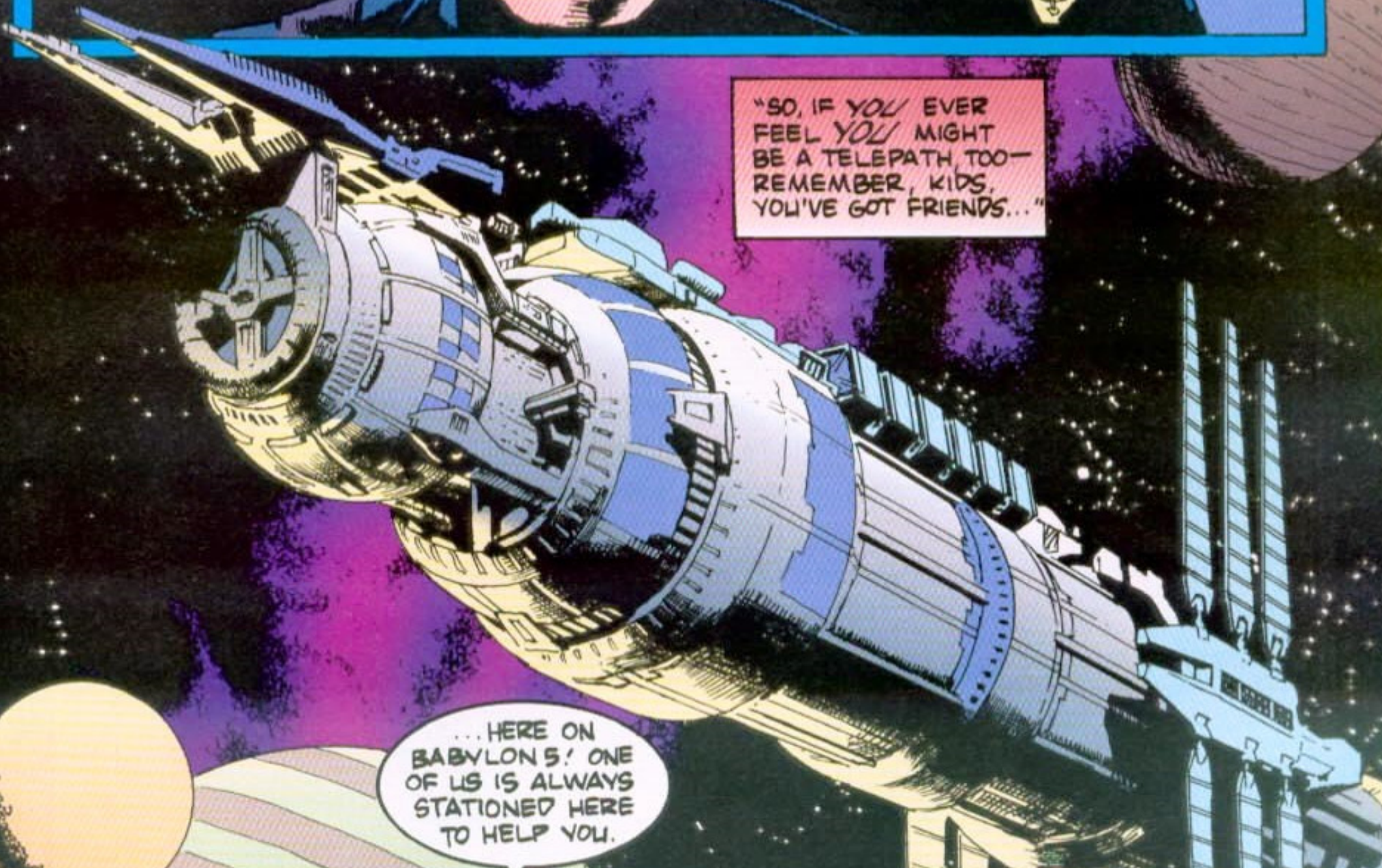
THAT'S FINE, THEY DESERVE TO KNOW. YOU HANDLED THE SITUATION JUST RIGHT, BOYS.

DANNY, YOU SAVED ALFRED A LOT OF TROUBLE BY BRINGING HIM HERE. NOW WE CAN HELP HIM DEVELOP HIS SPECIAL GIFT TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL!

"ALFRED CHOSE TO STAY WITH PSI CORPS, AND TODAY HE'S ONE OF ITS MOST VALUED MEMBERS."



"SO, IF YOU EVER FEEL YOU MIGHT BE A TELEPATH, TOO—REMEMBER, KIDS, YOU'VE GOT FRIENDS..."



... HERE ON BABYLON 5, ONE OF US IS ALWAYS STATIONED HERE TO HELP YOU.

COME TALK TO US ANY TIME! WITH PSI CORPS AS YOUR FRIEND, YOU NEVER HAVE TO FEEL...

... ALL ALONE IN THE NIGHT.



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THE END.

HOW TO FIND OUT IF YOU'RE A TELEPATH

(excerpted from The Official Guide to the Psi Corps)

YOUR NAME: _____ AGE: _____ SEX (circle one): M F

WHERE WERE YOU BORN? _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

JUST CIRCLE "YES" OR "NO" TO ANSWER THESE EASY QUESTIONS. . .

1. YES NO Have you ever heard someone talk, yet their lips didn't move?
2. YES NO Do you hear voices in your head when no one around you is speaking?
3. YES NO Do you finish other people's sentences for them?
4. YES NO Is anyone in your family a telepath?
5. YES NO Do you often feel "different" from your friends?
6. YES NO Has anyone ever told you, "You must have read my mind!"?
7. YES NO If a friend starts to cry, do you feel strangely compelled to cry, too?
8. YES NO Can you read things you can't see by seeing them in someone else's mind?
9. YES NO Have you ever considered joining Psi Corps?
10. YES NO Have you ever said something, then noticed others were looking at you strangely?

If you answered "YES" to one or more of these questions, **YOU MAY BE A TELEPATH!** Take this quiz to your nearest Psi Corps Registration center and talk to the experts! We can tell you if you really are a telepath.

SEE IF YOUR DESTINY LIES WITH PSI CORPS!

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*The right choice
for everyone.*

B A B Y L O N

"It was the dawn of the third age of mankind...ten years after the Earth-Minbari war. The Babylon Project was a dream given form. Its goal: to prevent another war, by creating a place where humans and aliens could work out their differences peacefully. It's a port of call, home away from home, for diplomats, hustlers, entrepreneurs, and wanderers. Humans and aliens, wrapped in two million, five hundred thousand tons of spinning metal...all alone in the night. It can be a dangerous place, but it's our last, best hope for peace. This is the story of the last of the Babylon stations. The year is 2259. The name of the place is...**BABYLON 5.**"

Dear Ms. Hitchcock,

Just finished reading B5 #8 ["Silent Enemies"]. To be perfectly honest, I wasn't surprised by who the mysterious workers were that Garibaldi saw on Mars. Just thinking how deep and widespread the Psi Corps organization is could give one nightmares! I assume this will be further explored in future storylines?

I was also pleased to see that Mr. Mury might continue his writing career (by assisting in some manner) with this particular title. This brings me to the question I have been DYING to ask for the longest time. With the Innovation company no longer in existence, would it be at all possible that DC might consider picking up the LOST IN SPACE series which Mr. Mury had been working so hard on? I felt it was a great travesty that the title was never allowed to at least finish the planned run for which it had initially been scheduled.

Please, please, please give this serious thought and respond as soon as possible. I would love to see DC not only bring LOST IN SPACE back, but take it to heights of success along the lines of your STAR TREK titles.

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Unfortunately, no matter how good a series is, sometimes there simply isn't enough demand for it. Was that the case

for LOST IN SPACE? Who knows? But until it's clear that enough people want another LOST IN SPACE comic, it's unlikely we'll take it on, sorry.

But on the bright side? Bill Mury has time to work on lots of other projects — including acting on the BABYLON 5 TV show, and writing a few issues of this very title! (Yes, we know it's taking a long time, but he is working on it.)

Although you apparently guessed some of the secrets of the last story arc, you don't mention whether you enjoyed the entire 4-issue story! Well...? Guess we'll chalk you up on the positive side, since you're willing to entrust us with even more classic SF comic books.

Dear Laura:

After reading part four of [writer] Tim DeHaas's story [issue #8], I was convinced it wasn't just the TV series that was special. The [comic book] story wasn't dull, but quite original and exciting!

I must say I couldn't have imagined a better comic book about B5. I haven't written to a comic book before, but felt I should indulge you. I live in Europe and therefore can't watch the TV series, so I am extremely delighted that I can follow the story, while the show is airing in sync with the comic book. It is hard not being able to watch the series, but this great comic book has reduced my suffering!

The comic is almost flawless. It could use a little more action and space battles, though. The idea of having a "behind-the-scenes" look at B5 is really original. And if you have no material, you could always have a U.S. TV update (PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!) of the show.

Although issue #8 was great, #5 ["With Friends Like These..."] is still my favorite. I hope you make that cover into a poster. (DEMAND: Make more of those lovely posters!)

And last, a compliment to the staff: you've all done a terrific job — keep on doing it!

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P.S. Looking for a B5 pen pal!!!

We hear that B5 is super-popular in Europe, and your letter sure looks like proof! (We've also heard of several European science fiction conventions where J. Michael Straczynski, B5's creator, was almost mobbed. Yikes!)

Unfortunately, there are no plans for more posters right now... but you never know what the future holds. In the meantime, we'll bask in your compliments — and try to act on your other suggestions.

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Dear Laura,

I just finished issue #8 and I can't get over what a terrific complement the comic book is to the TV series. Bringing in the Shadowships by way of a flashback really adds to their menace — we know from the TV show they're definitely up to no good, and now we learn that they've been at it for a long time.

I also enjoy Ridgway's art — great likenesses and I especially liked the effect of the alien disappearing into the tree [issue #7: "Survival the Hard Way"] — really eerie!

VIC TANGENT
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No doubt about it, John Ridgway has a way with a pen. Did you catch his drawing of another shadowy alien in issue #8? A bit more subtle, but just as creepy, I think you'll agree... if you can spot it.

Dear Laura:

Please please please, DON'T cancel the BABYLON 5 comic.

It's a wonderful addition to the television series and novels. I buy two copies per month — one to read and put away and one to lend around. You have two more people buying the comic every month since #2 because I lend my comics.

It would be a shame to cut the comic book's storyline short. More and more people approach me when I wear my BABYLON 5 T-shirt on the street and talk to me about the show. The show, having been renewed for a third season, seems to be gaining momentum in spite of lackluster promotion on all fronts. Concerning the comic BABYLON 5: my comics dealer and the other, main store sell out each issue. They say more new people are looking for the comic all the time.

This is not the only DC comic I buy. I love the miniseries and some of the series that Vertigo has done and continues to do so well. I've enjoyed the JONAH HEX

miniseries (keep hiring Joe Lansdale/Tim Truman, willya?). PREACHER and GODDESS are off to a rousing start. SANDMAN and HELLBLAZER are staples. THE BLACK ORCHID and DEATH miniseries written by Neil were... Gaimanesque... naw... filled with the Gaiman touch... nope... Neil. What more can you say? I heard — or maybe it's wishful thinking — that another DEATH miniseries is in the works. Oo oo.

So please, Laura, save my one little science-fiction comic from editorial oblivion and I'll be a DC'er for the rest of my life. I'm 37, and when DC launched the Vertigo line, it brought me back to buying comics.

I'd like to keep buying BABYLON 5.

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P.S. I know you might not be making much on this comic due to licenses, but there might be more potential than you think. Please stick with it. By the way, four people remarked on the GEnie service in the BABYLON 5 comic topic that they found out about the comic's cancellation when they tried to place subscription orders. Didn't know DC could afford to blow off \$80 in subs.

Dear Laura Hitchcock:

I'm not a letter writer, so forgive me if the form of this letter is inappropriate. I've also never written a letter to a comic book before, so I apologize if this should be directed to another individual. My letter is to protest the cancellation of the BABYLON 5 comic series. The clerk at my local shop called me today to inform me he'd read this information in the latest issue of Comics Buyer's Guide.

I should point out that in the past I've been a big comics buyer, but dissatisfaction with many of the changes in the genre (mostly escalating prices and fewer well-written books) have cut my buying to just

five-ish titles a month. BABYLON 5 is one of those five. Yes, I do encourage my friends to purchase the title. Yes, I have even given issues as gifts. While not everyone will continue the title, some will.

I truly believe that with the continued success of the series (it will, as I'm sure you already know, be continued next season) and novels for BABYLON 5 coming out on a regular basis (with positive reviews where I've seen them), sales will continue to grow. Also, realize that as the series continues, people will continue to purchase it. This, if you allow the series to continue, will give you opportunities to do graphic novels of back-issue compilations, etc.

I'm sure you at DC have explored all these options and I just wish to let you know that there are a lot of people like myself who are not comics fanatics but do follow B5. I hope you reconsider the title's cancellation.

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P.S. Note that my retailer called me just to tell me of its cancellation.

We've received a lot of mail (and e-mail) like this, from all kinds of different people, united in one thing — they're addicted to BABYLON 5 and want the comic-book story to continue. But the truth? Unfortunately, this will be the last issue of BABYLON 5... for now.

We say "for now" because there's an excellent chance we'll be back, perhaps in a different format. As we've said all along, B5 has a special kind of energy, and a devoted following, even here at DC.

So, stay tuned and in touch. This may be the last of the BABYLON 5 comic books for a few months, but you won't be all alone in the night. Here, as on the Babylon 5 station itself, you never know what the future holds.