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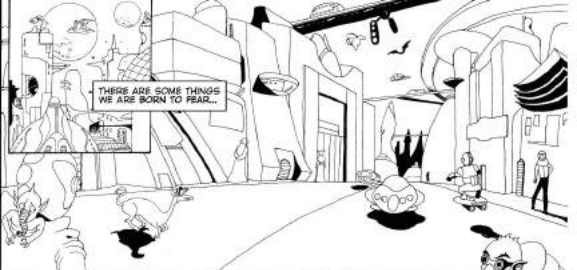
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**"...My greatest fear is not
a Universe born out of hatred,
but one living in indifference."**

-TELEMA, THE BOOK OF TOMES.

Far City, New Genesis, the Reemar System.





THERE ARE SOME THINGS
WE ARE BORN TO FEAR...



...INSTINCT, SOME CALL IT.



AND THEN...



THERE ARE OTHERS...



...WE ARE TAUGHT TO
FEAR OVER TIME.



ODDLY ENOUGH AND MORE
OFTEN THAN NOT...

...WE ARE NEVER QUITE
SURE WHY WE ARE
AFRAID.

SUFFICE TO SAY...

EXCUSE ME,
WE'RE
LOOKING FOR
SOMEONE
P

THERE ARE SOME
THINGS WE FEAR...

HEH!
AIN'T
WE ALL.

THAT DEMAND...

THIS
PERSON
GOT A
NAME...?

...NO INTRODUCTION.



HIS NAME IS
KEELIX...

...A SOMETIME THIEF AND
PETTY SMUGGLER.

ORDINARILY, KEELIX WOULD
BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT
HIS SOMEWHAT TRAGIC
EXISTENCE...

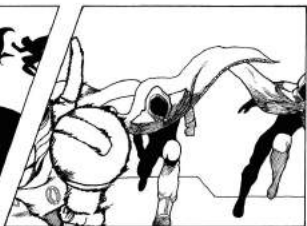
...HAD NO BEARING ON
THE GRAND DESIGN OF
THE UNIVERSE.

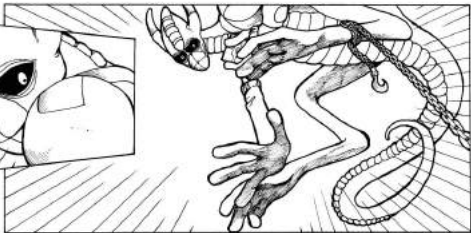
TODAY HOWEVER...

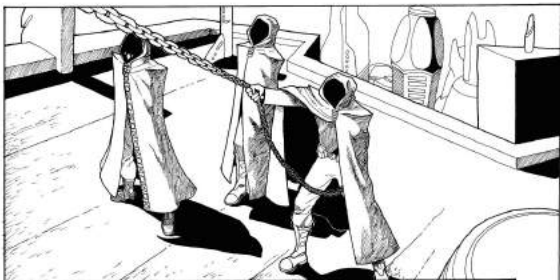
...IS A DIFFERENT
STORY.

TODAY, EVEN
KEELIX...

...HAS SOMETHING
WORTH PROTECTING.











Planer Kimm, Loc City, Draco Nebula, Outer Rim.

The Basilisk: Uber-class Prison Facility.

I DON'T
LIKE
THIS.

QUITE
FRANKLY
COMMANDER,
I DON'T
REALLY
CARE WHAT
YOU LIKE.

THIS
DIRECTIVE
CAME DIRECTLY
FROM THE
FIRST PRIME
HIMSELF...

AND
I'M ONLY
HERE TO
ENSURE THAT
YOU DON'T
MUCK IT UP.

THAT
MAYBE SO,
BUT
IF THINGS GO
SIDWAYS
...

IT'S US
GRUNTS WHO
ARE GOING TO
BE LEFT TO
PICK UP THE
PIECES.



ISN'T
THAT ALL YOU
SPACE MARINES
ARE GOOD FOR
?



GREETINGS
SENATOR UTARA,
I BELIEVE YOU
HAVE BEEN
EXPECTING ME...

...I AM
MENTOK.



GARRISON'S
BLOODY
BALLS!

IT'S A
GADDAMED
SPACEBOT.



GREETINGS
MENTOK

...ON BEHALF
OF THE
SENATE COUNCIL
OF RIMM,
I WELCOME
YOULL



I TRUST
YOUR JOURNEY
WENT WELL
?

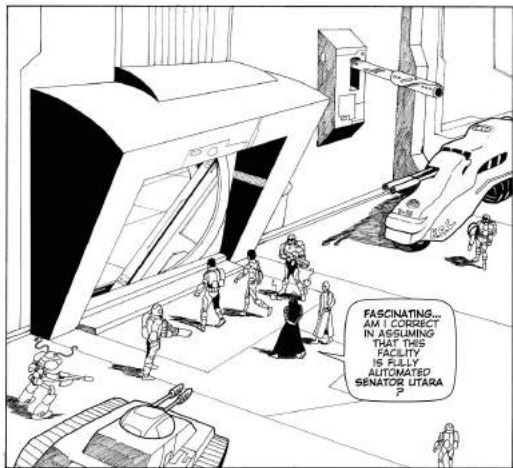
ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED,
I FOUND
THE TRIP TO
BE MOST
ADEQUATE.

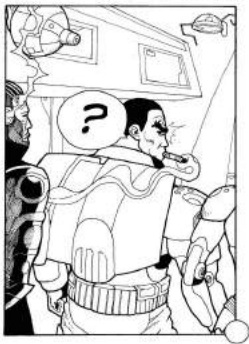


AHEM

YES,
OF COURSE.
SHALL WE
PROCEED
THEN?

ZP12







COMMANDER
PLEASE...
I'M GROWING
INCREASINGLY
WEARY OF YOUR
INSUBORDINATE
BEHAVIOR



LET'S NOT
FORGET
WHY WE
ARE HERE!!

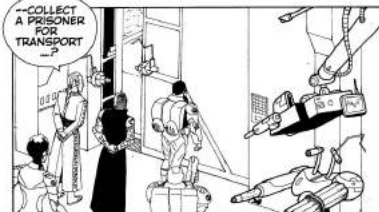


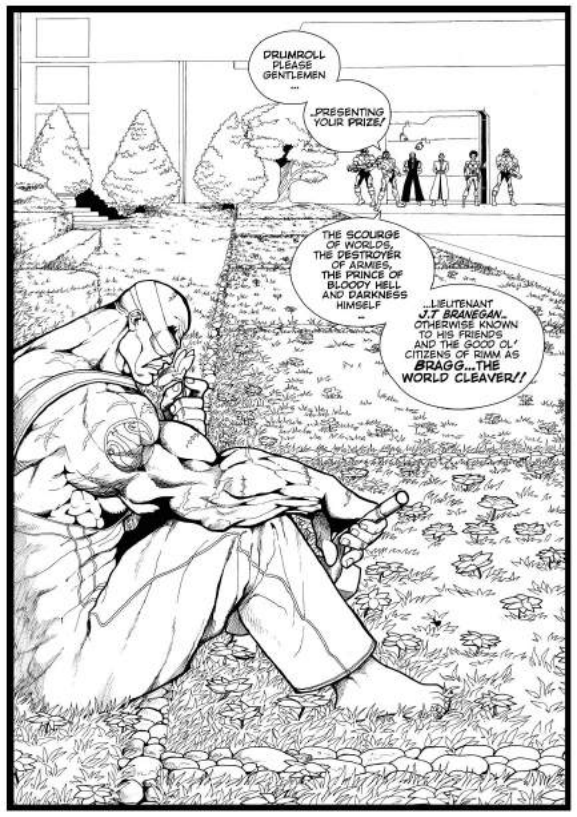
I BEG YOUR
INDULGENCE
ONCE AGAIN
MENTOK...



AN APOLOGY
IS NOT REQUIRED.
I FEEL NO
REAL EMOTION
AND THEREFORE
CAN TAKE NO
TRUE OFFENSE.

...MILITARY
MEN ARE
SOMETIMES,
HARD TO
UNDERSTAND.





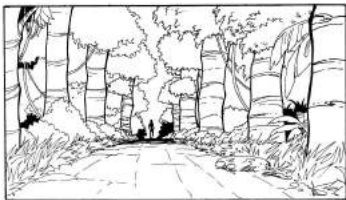
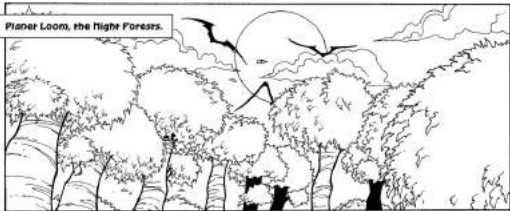
DRUMROLL
PLEASE
GENTLEMEN

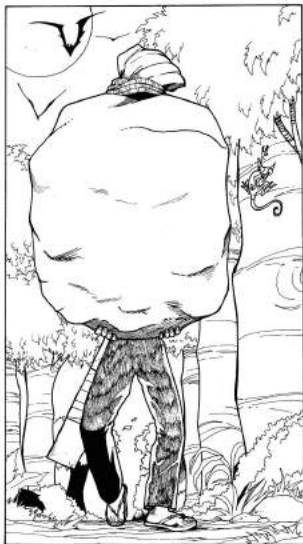
...PRESENTING
YOUR PRIZE!

THE SCOURGE
OF WORLDS,
THE DESTROYER
OF ARMIES,
THE PRINCE OF
BLOODY HELL
AND DARKNESS
HIMSELF

...LIEUTENANT
J.T. BRANEGAN...
OTHERWISE KNOWN
TO HIS FRIENDS
AND THE GOOD OL'
CITIZENS OF RIMM AS
BRAGG...**THE**
WORLD CLEAVER!!

Planet Loom, the Night Forests.





JABARI: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN
MEANING "FEARLESS".

WHAT'S WITH YOU?
YOU'RE ALWAYS
COMPLAINING....
I'VE BEEN WALKING
ALL DAY, MY FEET
HURT AND I NEED
A HOT BATH.
BUT DO YOU SEE
ME COMPLAINING
!?

ERR...
?

BESIDES...
IF YOU HAD
LEFT THAT
THING BEHIND
LIKE I TOLD
YOU, YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE SO MUCH
TO CARRY NOW
WOULD YOU...
?!

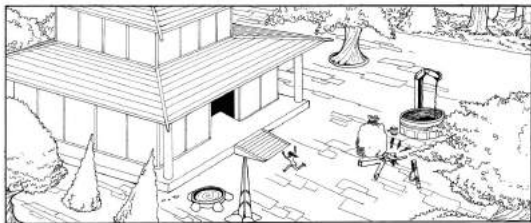
YOU KNOW
THE OLD MAN
SAYS I HAVE TO
CARRY IT WITH
ME WHEREVER I
GO

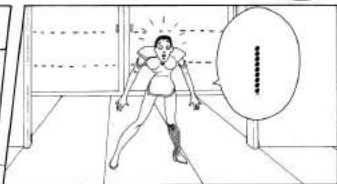
BESIDES...IF
I DIDN'T HAVE IT
WITH ME...HOW
AM I SUPPOSED TO
PROTECT YOU FROM
ALL THOSE BANDITS
THAT HAVE BEEN
LURKING ABOUT
?

YOU'RE
JUST LAZY
IS ALL.

BANDITS
INDEED...
LET'S GET
GOING AND
NO MORE
COMPLAINING.

WHAT
DOES SHE
HAVE TO
COMPLAIN
ABOUT...
I'M THE ONE
CARRYING THE
BAG?













MUSTAFA: NAME OF ARABIC ORIGIN
MEANING "CHOSEN". ALSO MUSTAFAD

OHIN: NAME OF AFRICAN ORIGIN MEANS "CAVE".
(ALSO OHYN OR OHAN)



LATER ON THAT NIGHT.

WE
DO NOT OFTEN
HAVE GUESTS
OUT HERE IN THE
NIGHT
FORESTS

...SO
IT WOULD BE
AMISS OF
ME TO TREAT
THE ONLY ONE
WE'VE HAD IN
YEARS WITH
ANY LESS.

AH OHIN
IT IS GOOD
TO KNOW YOU
HAVEN'T LOST
THAT LEGENDARY
HOSPITALITY OF
YOURS.

YES...
HOW LONG
HAS IT BEEN
?

NOT
LONG
ENOUGH.

COME NOW
OHIN, YOU'LL
HURT MY
FEELINGS

WE'RE
OLD FRIENDS
AFTERALL.

I REMEMBER
THINGS A LITTLE
DIFFERENTLY.





I'M NOT
HIS STUDENT
UNDERSTAND
?

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
REASON I'VE
ALLOWED THE
OLD GOAT
TO TRAIN ME
...



AND
WHAT IS
THAT
P

BECAUSE
ONE DAY
I'M GOING
TO KILL THE
OLD MAN
!



JABARI
...





THAT'S
ONE SCARY
KID...

OHIN
DON'T TELL ME
YOU'RE ACTUALLY
TRAINING SOMEONE
WHO ACTUALLY
MEANS TO
KILL YOU
?!

IT
WOULDN'T
BE THE
FIRST TIME.



THAT
WAS
DIFFERENT.



WE
SHALL
SEE.

SO...
TO WHAT
DO WE OWE
TO THIS THE
MOST
UNEXPECTED
OF VISITS
...?

AHEM...
YES OF
COURSE.



WE HAVE
TROUBLES
OHIN
...

BIG
TROUBLES.

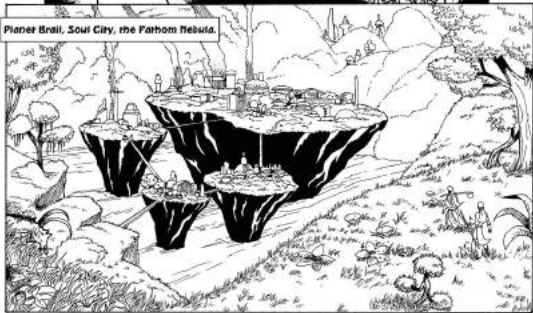
THE
COUNCIL HAS
COMMISSIONED
IT'S EMISSARIES
TO GATHER OUR
ALLIES...



TO EVERY CORNER OF
THE KNOWN GALAXIES
THE CALL HAS BEEN
SENT.



Planet Brail, Sour City, the Farhom Nebula.



THOSE WILLING TO STAND
AGAINST A NEW...



...AND FORMIDABLE EVIL.



Single, Plasma System.

MANY...

MUCH LIKE YOURSELF
IN YOUR YOUNGER
DAYS...

...SHOW GREAT
POTENTIAL.









WHO YOU
CALLING WEAK
AND INCOMPETENT
YOU FOOLISH
OLD MAN
?!!

EEEEEEKKKK!!!
DON'T TELL ME
HE'S BEEN
LISTENING IN
ALL ALONG
?



YOU
COME HERE
WITH THAT
SILLY MUSTACHE
AND START
INSULTING
PEOPLE
!!



SILLY
MUSTACHE?!
IF YOU WEREN'T
SHOWING YOUR
BAD MANNERS BY
LISTENING IN ON
OTHER PEOPLE'S
PRIVATE
CONVERSATIONS
THEN YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE HEARD
ANYTHING NOW
WOULD YOU
?!

BAD
MANNERS...!?
WHAT KIND OF
GUEST COMES TO
SOMEONE'S HOME
AND STARTS
MAKING FUN OF
THEM BEHIND
THEIR BACKS
!!?

I WASN'T
MAKING FUN
OF YOU!!



OH!!
IS CALLING
SOMEONE
WEAK AND
INCOMPETENT
A COMPLIMENT
WHERE YOU'RE
FROM
!!!?

THE NEXT MORNING...









HEY
OLD MAN
...

DON'T
THINK THIS
IS OVER,
I'LL BE MUCH
STRONGER
WHEN I GET
BACK...



JUST
MAKE SURE
YOU'RE STILL
HERE WHEN
I DO!



HEH
—

JABARI...



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SIGIL SWORDS



TIME



SOUND



MOON



FORCE



ICE



LIGHT

The Sigils/Runes/Symbols on Sigil Swords are taking from the Ranghoul race's ancient language. Each symbol represents the embodiment of a fundamental law or element and grants the User of the weapons access to a pre-programmed manipulation of the element in question. The Swords themselves aren't magical, but a highly evolved form of technology. Technologically created conduits for a Saints massive psychic energy, programmed to replicate the synaptic process a Saint would otherwise have to learn through training or natural processes. Normally a Soul Saint would have to be taught specifically to control one or the other of these elements or would naturally attune themselves to one (or sometimes more) of these elements in question, often due to the nature of their environment. In other words, a Sigil Sword/Weapon does the brainwork for the Soul Saint and gives him/her access to fundamental or elemental forces they would otherwise spend a lifetime trying to master. This highly advanced synaptic replication has caused the Sigil blades to develop a sort of sentient intelligence of their own, as they record and mimic the brainwaves of their various Users. It has often happened, where Sigil Blades choose their Masters rather than just being giving to a Soul Saint. However, even with this, a Soul Saint/Deathly Saint, can often force or bend the blade to their will, if they know how.

The Power level of the symbols on a Sigil blade is determinant on the arrangement of the Sigils on the flat of the blade (as well as the power of the User). With the symbol close to the hilt being the weakest and the one at the top, towards the point of the blade being the strongest. The range and power of the elements the Sigils are able to access are also determinant on this arrangement. For instance, a Sigil sword with a "Force Sigil" at the top of the blade would be able to summon far more powerful attacks and a wider range of techniques, than one with the "Force Sigil" at the hilt. Also, the way a Sigil User combines the abilities of the symbols is also limited by this hierarchy. The position of the sigils on the blade also indicate the level or amount of Will a Soul Saint would have to muster to activate them, the least tasking of which being the weakest symbol at the hilt and the symbol above it, going up to the tip of blade, requiring the most psychic energy to activate. In order to activate the sigils, most Saints use "keywords" or "Mantras". In truth, these Mantras aren't really necessary, activating the symbols has nothing to do with the spoken word, but is initially used to train Saints through the mental process of unlocking the power of the Sigils.

Most Sigil Swords have three to two symbols. There are, however, Sigil weapons with only one symbol. These are often amongst the rarest Sigil Blades, due mostly to the great difficulty it took for the Ranghoul Sigil Masters to craft a single symbol weapon of any real worth or power. However, single sigil weapons are amongst the most powerful of the Sigil weapons, with legendary blades like Sutekh, Ista, Mongo and Shani, to name a few. It is also said that the most powerful Sigil weapon in history was also a single sigil weapon. Its ability was so feared, even by the Sigil Masters, that all record of its name was expunged from the Ranghoul archives.

It is also important to note that no civilization has ever been able to successfully replicate the technology of the Sigil Blades. Only the Order of Priests on a planet known as Brail ever came close.

"...and much to our combined dread, he called out the name of his sword and then his opponent...and his enemy was no more."

-ISHAK, SIGIL MASTER OF THE RANGHOUL.



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