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## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK

Welcome back to the next installment in our adaptation of BE FOREVER YAMATO. In this issue we continue our tradition of giving you something extra—specifically, more new scenes and subplots that weave in and out of the tapestry that forms this magnificent story. (Special note of interest: the very scene that opens this issue was written and designed for the feature film, but was cut from the production before it could be animated!)

*Our story so far:*

Determined to avenge themselves on Earth for *Yamato's* interference in the capture of planet Iscandar (See THE NEW VOYAGE), the sinister Dark Nebula Empire has finally launched its counterattack! Using a gigantic deep space projectile as its vanguard, a Dark Nebulan occupation force lead by Commander Kazan has defeated both the Earth automated space fleet and ground troops protecting Megalopolis City.

Narrowly evading capture, Nova carries General Singleton's last order to Derek Wildstar and the Star Force: they are to leave Earth any way they can, and reach the *Yamato* on asteroid Icarus in order to strike back at the invaders. Battling their way into the underground hangar of a hidden escape shuttle, they prepare to launch...but the outer doors have to be opened by remote control!

Nova braves a gauntlet of enemy troops and clears the way for the others—but she is hit by laser fire and falls tragically short of the ship at the crucial moment! Homer pulls a desperate Wildstar into the vessel as it lifts off, leaving Nova behind to face life or death alone!

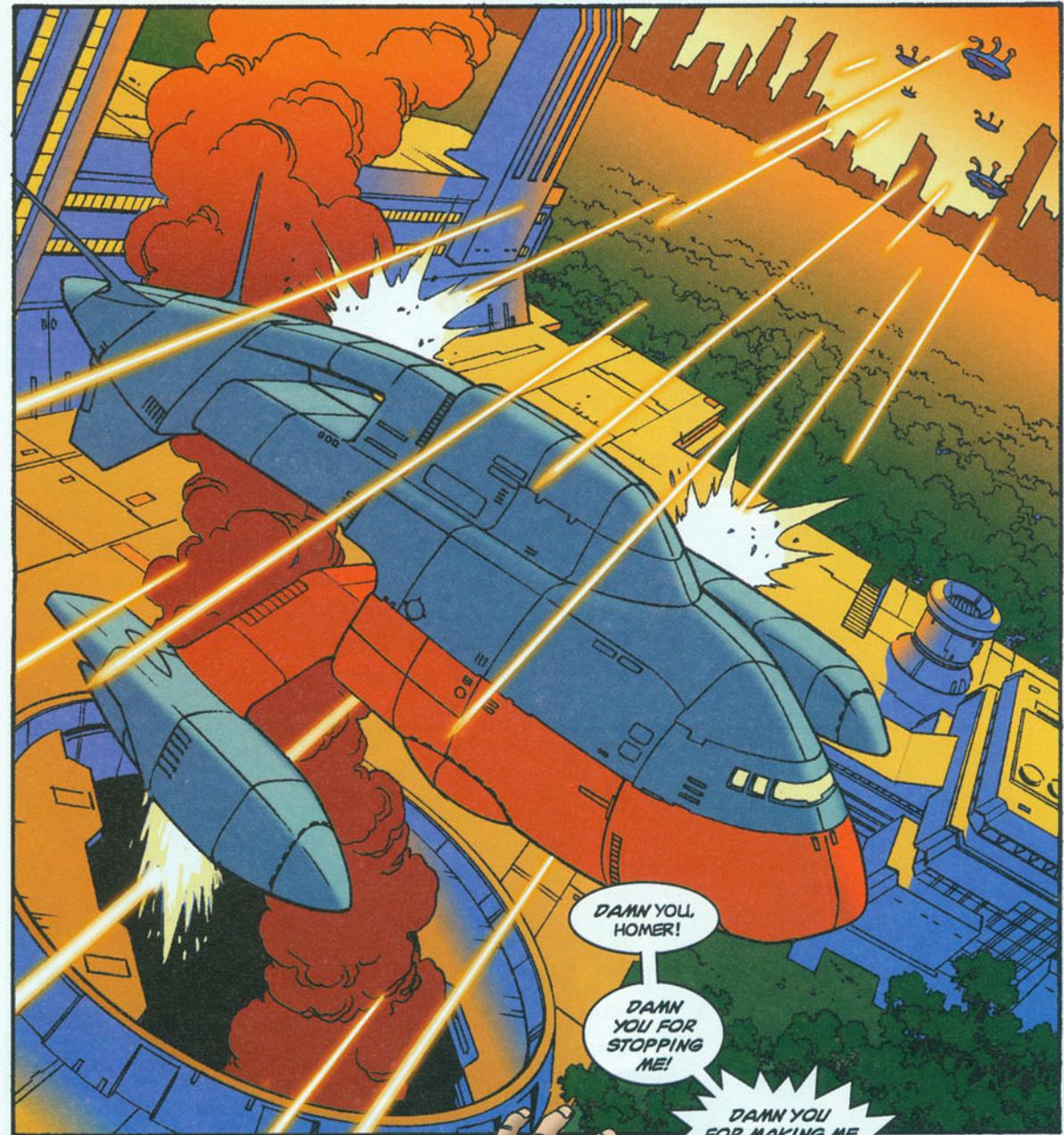
We're sure you'll want to leap right into this issue and see what happens next...but if you'd first like to skip ahead to this issue's COSMO NOTES for a couple of exciting announcements, you're certainly entitled!

And without further ado, *STAR BLAZERS #11!*

Best wishes,  
Barry Winston  
Publisher

### STAR BLAZERS AROUND THE WORLD:

Shortly before press time, we finalized an arrangement for *Star Blazers* to be broadcast for the first time in the Middle East! *The Journey to Iscandar* is now being translated into Arabic, and will soon grace televisions in such countries as Syria, Lebanon, Iran and Iraq! If any of us wanted more proof of the program's universal appeal, we need look no farther!





I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE -- OFF THIS SHIP!

WILDSTAR! STOP IT!

SHE NEEDS M--UH!

THAT WILL BE ENOUGH OF THAT, YOUNG MAN!



DR. SANE -- WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?

WHAT I HAD TO DO -- I KILLED HIM!

WHAT???

AND IF ANY OF YOU EVER TRUSTED ME IN THE PAST ...

YOU'LL ALL LINE UP FOR THE SAME!



AN HOUR LATER ...

...HERE WE SEE THE INTERIOR OF THE EARTH VESSEL, SIR.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF LIFE.

THE FLOATING BODIES WERE SLIGHTLY WARM, AND THE ROBOT'S NUCLEAR POWER CELL WAS ACTIVE, BUT THE CABIN HAD BEEN COMPLETELY DEPRESSURIZED BY OUR ANTI-SPACECRAFT FIRE.



LT. ALPHON'S TECHNICAL STAFF INFORMS ME THAT EARTH NATIVES CANNOT SURVIVE IN AN AIRLESS ENVIRONMENT FOR MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES AT MOST.

THEREFORE, COMMANDER KAZAN, IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE STAR FORCE IS DEAD!

AND THE ROBOT IS OBVIOUSLY A WRECK!

# TRIAL by FIRE

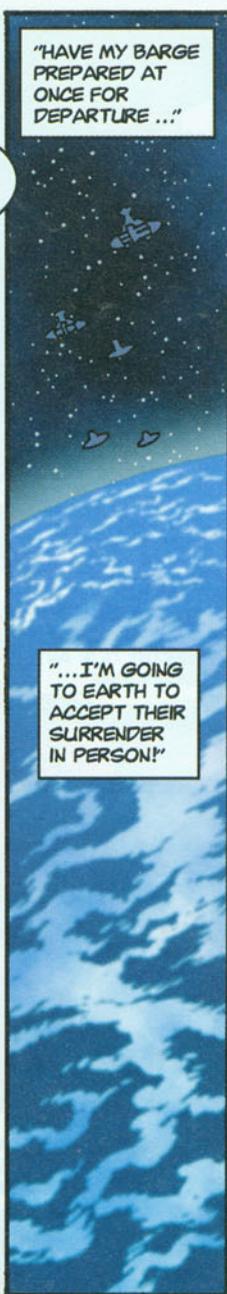


SHALL WE RETRIEVE THE BODIES, SIR?

NO. LET THEM DRIFT FOREVER. WE DON'T DARE RISK OFFENDING LADY BELOW BY MISHANDLING HER DEAD.

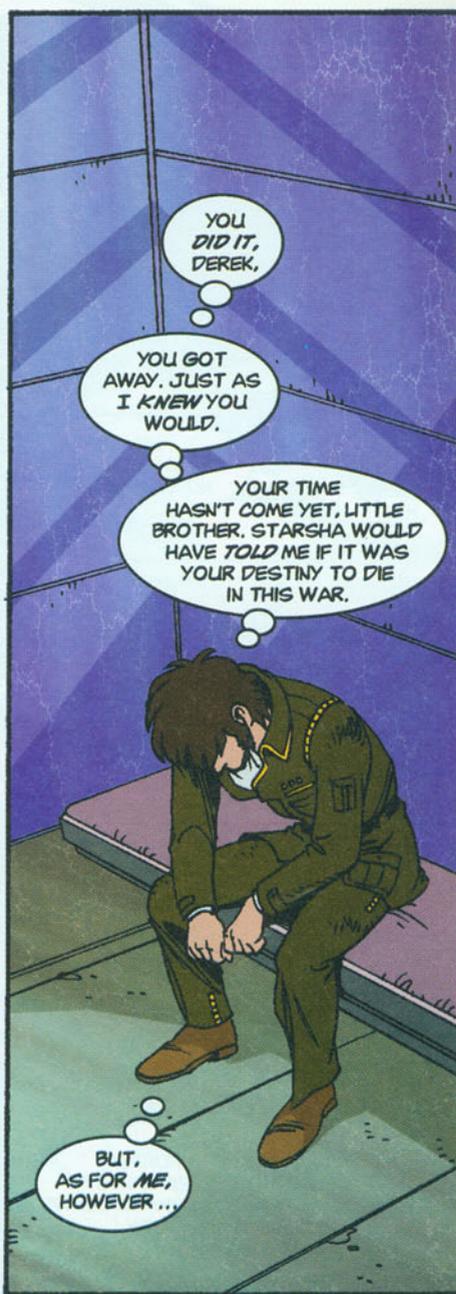
THE COSMOS WILL BE A FITTING TOMB FOR THEM.

MY COMPLIMENTS TO LT. ALPHON'S TEAM.



"HAVE MY BARGE PREPARED AT ONCE FOR DEPARTURE ..."

"...I'M GOING TO EARTH TO ACCEPT THEIR SURRENDER IN PERSON!"



YOU DID IT, DEREK.

YOU GOT AWAY. JUST AS I KNEW YOU WOULD.

YOUR TIME HASN'T COME YET, LITTLE BROTHER. STARSHA WOULD HAVE TOLD ME IF IT WAS YOUR DESTINY TO DIE IN THIS WAR.

BUT, AS FOR ME, HOWEVER ...



"...BUT BECAUSE IT'S WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO!"

GET UP, EARTHMAN!



IT'S YOUR TIME!

I KNOW!



"SIGHH..." "IT CAN'T BE HELPED." WHEN MOM USED TO SAY IT, IT ALWAYS SOUNDED SO WEAK. BUT NOW I SEE WHAT SHE MEANT!"

"NOW I SEE THAT SOMETIMES EVENTS ARE JUST GOING TO HAPPEN NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE DOES -- OR WHO GETS HURT IN THE PROCESS."

"AND NOW, INSTEAD OF FIGHTING MY DESTINY, I'M GOING TO HELP IT ALONG. NOT BECAUSE I'M WEAK OR SCARED, EITHER ..."



HEADQUARTERS, EARTH DEFENSE COMMAND  
25 DECEMBER 2202  
12:00 HOURS OKINAWA TIME

"ALL RISE FOR HIS EXCELLENCY, OCCUPATION COMMANDER KAZAN DA PROSHT, LEADER OF HER DARK LADYSHIP'S FORCES IN THE MILKY WAY GALAXY!"

MAY THE DARK LADY FAVOR OUR ENDEAVORS.

GENTLEMEN, I'LL BE BRIEF! AS THE SUPREME AUTHORITY ON THIS PLANET, I COMMAND YOU, THE FORMER LEADERS OF EARTH, TO ORDER THE IMMEDIATE END TO ANY RESISTANCE TO OUR OCCUPATION FORCES.

AS OCCUPATION COMMANDER IN THIS THEATER, I DO NOW ORDER A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, AND FORMALLY DECLARE HER LADYSHIP'S DOMINION OVER THE PLANET EARTH.

THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS! WE NEED A FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS --

SILENCE! THERE IS NOTHING TO DISCUSS!

THE HUMAN RACE EXISTS SOLELY AT MY SUFFERANCE.

OBSERVE! THIS IS THE DOUBLE NUCLEUS BOMB WHICH WE HAVE PLACED JUST OUTSIDE YOUR CITY.

THIS WEAPON IS POWERED BY DEZARIUM, A HYPERELEMENT NATIVE TO OUR MOTHER PLANET. IT PRODUCES HYPERON RADIATION WHICH PASSES THROUGH MOST MATERIALS HARMLESSLY, BUT ITS EFFECT ON NERVE AND BRAIN TISSUE IS DEVASTATING!

ANY FURTHER RESISTANCE ON YOUR PART WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE EXTINCTION OF ALL HUMAN LIFE ON EARTH.

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO TITAN AND GANYMEDE AND --

YES! A BEAM OF HYPERON RADIATION WAS DIRECTED AT EACH OF YOUR SPACE INSTALLATIONS AS THE DOUBLE NUCLEUS BOMB PASSED.

THEIR INHABITANTS DIED PAINLESSLY, I ASSURE YOU!

BUT IT WILL NOT GO SO WELL FOR THE MILLIONS HERE ON EARTH IF YOU DO NOT COOPERATE! THAT BOMB WILL INSTANTLY DESTROY THE BRAIN AND NERVOUS TISSUE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH IF I DETONATE IT!

AND I WILL DETONATE IT, IF YOU DO NOT INSTANTLY OBEY MY ORDERS!

AND MY FIRST ORDER IS:

TELL ME THE LOCATION OF SPACE BATTLESHIP YAMATO!

NEVER!

TRIGGER YOUR DAMNED BOMB IF YOU WANT! YOU'LL NEVER LEARN WHERE YAMATO IS!

I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THAT SHIP, AND IF YOU KILL ME, I'LL TAKE THAT KNOWLEDGE TO MY GRAVE WITH A SMILE!

YOU'RE AFRAID, KAZAN -- AFRAID OF YAMATO! ONE ANCIENT BATTLESHIP AGAINST YOUR ENTIRE FLEET -- AND YET YOU'RE AFRAID!

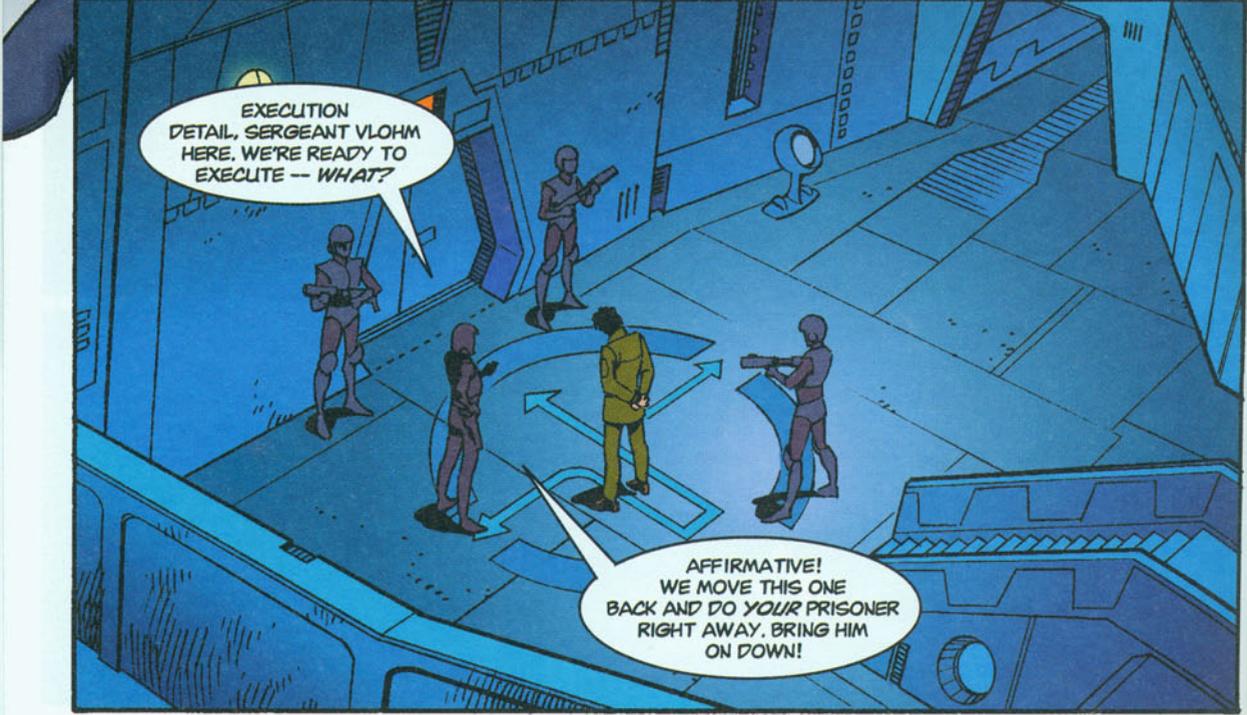


AND YOU SHOULD BE AFRAID! BECAUSE THAT SHIP CARRIES MORE THAN JUST MISSILES AND GUNS! SHE CARRIES THE HOPE AND STRENGTH OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE, SOAKED INTO HER STEEL ITSELF!

REST ASSURED, KAZAN -- NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO -- KILL US ALL, BURN THE PLANET -- THAT HOPE AND STRENGTH WILL RISE UP AND DESTROY YOU ALL!

YOU ARE MAD! ALL OF YOU!

GUARDS! DRAG THIS ANIMAL AWAY AND SHOOT IT AT ONCE!



EXECUTION DETAIL, SERGEANT VLOHM HERE, WE'RE READY TO EXECUTE -- WHAT?

AFFIRMATIVE! WE MOVE THIS ONE BACK AND DO YOUR PRISONER RIGHT AWAY, BRING HIM ON DOWN!



HEY, EARTHMAN! LOOKS LIKE YOU GET A FEW MINUTES EXTRA!

THERE'S SOMEBODY THEY WANT DEAD EVEN MORE THAN YOU!

EH?



GENERAL SINGLETON!



ALEX --!

HEY! GET BACK HERE!



GENERAL! I -- I'M CARRYING A BOMB INSIDE! IT'S ALREADY TRIGGERED -- TEN SECONDS! YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!

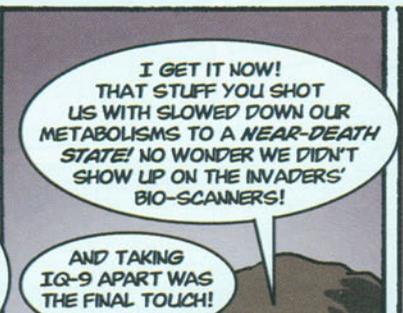
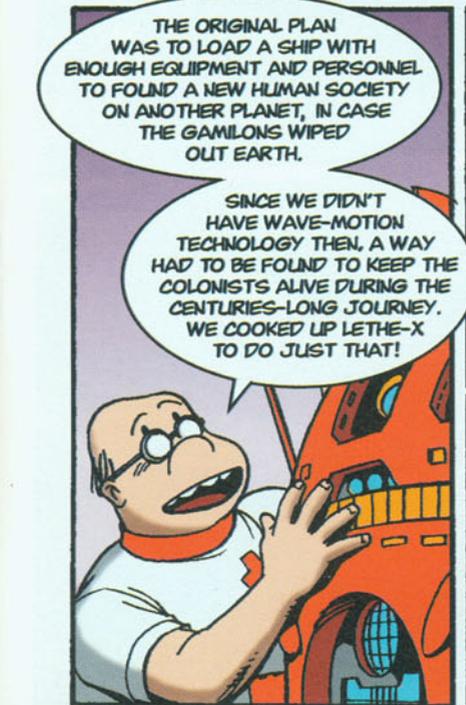
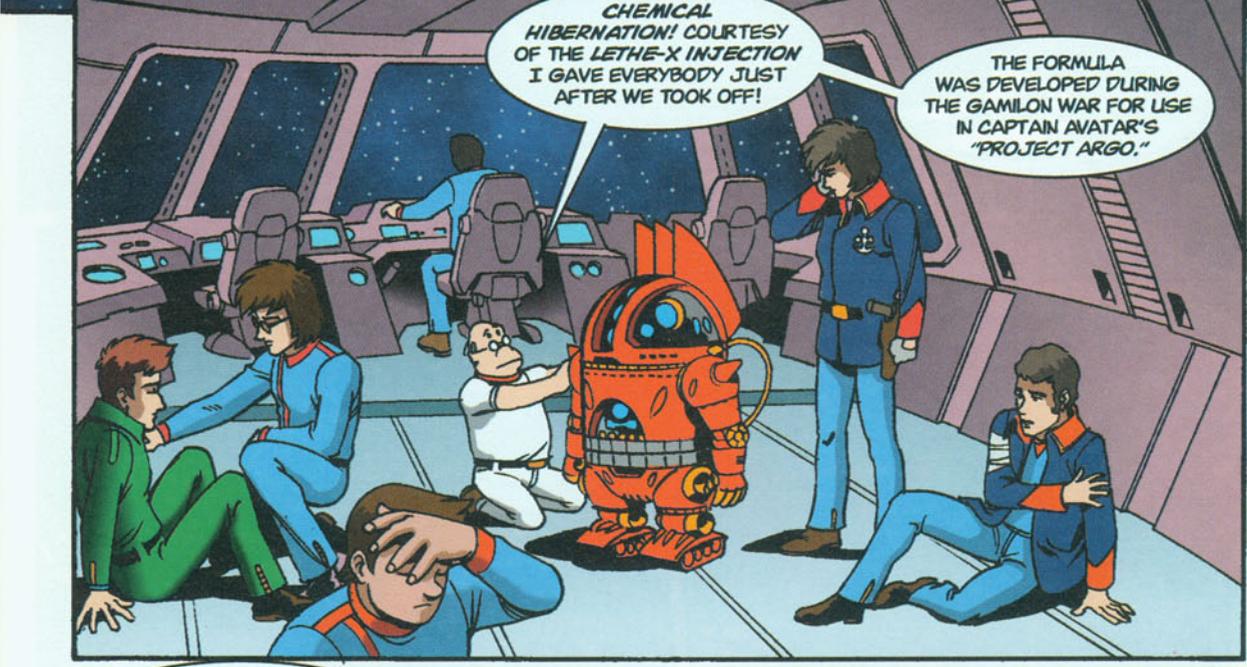
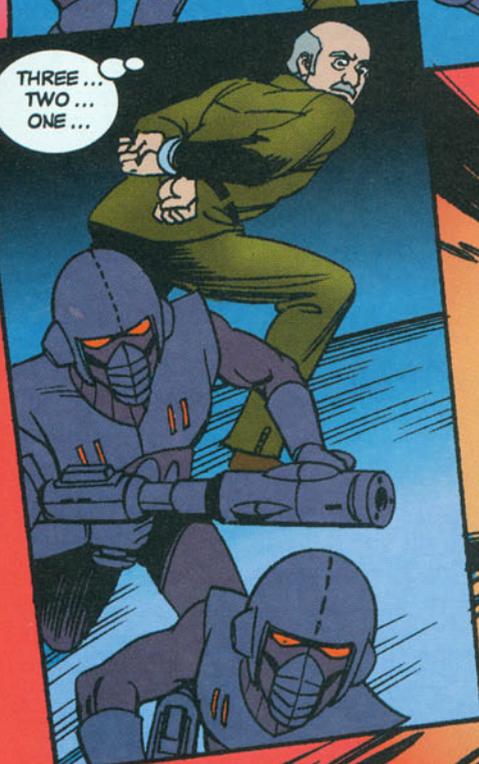
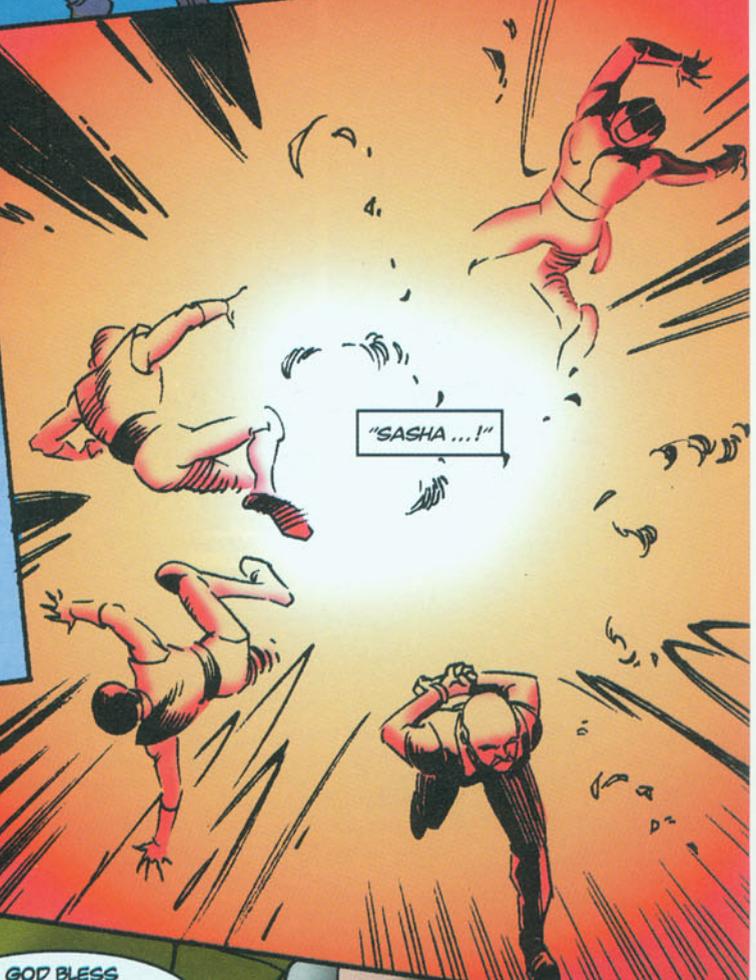
ALEX! FOR GOD'S SAKE WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



WHAT I'M MEANT TO DO, GENERAL! WHAT I WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO DO!

SHUT UP! GET THROUGH THAT DOOR NOW!

NO! THERE'S STILL HOPE, ALEX! THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE!



WILDSTAR,  
WE'RE COMING UP  
ON A LARGE PLANETOID.  
IT MATCHES ICARUS'  
PREDICTED ORBITAL  
COORDINATES.

ICARUS,  
THIS IS EARTH  
EVAC SHIP ONE.  
PLEASE RESPOND,  
OVER.

NOTHING,  
LIKE NOBODY'S  
LISTENING!

I AM  
DETECTING A  
VERY TIGHT BEAM  
RADAR APPROACH  
SIGNAL.

IT COULD  
BE A LANDING  
BEACON.  
WILDSTAR?

IQ-9, FOLLOW  
THAT BEACON IN. ALL  
HANDS, STRAP IN AND  
SECURE FOR  
LANDING.

THEN IT  
MUST BE ICARUS,  
HOMER. TRY TO RAISE THEM  
-- SHORT BANDWIDTH  
ONLY.

"CLOSING ON LANDING  
STAGE. CROSSING  
OUTER MARKER ..."

"STAND BY FOR  
TOUCHDOWN ..."

WE'RE  
DOWN! THROTTLE  
AT ZERO!

OUTER  
DOME  
CLOSING.

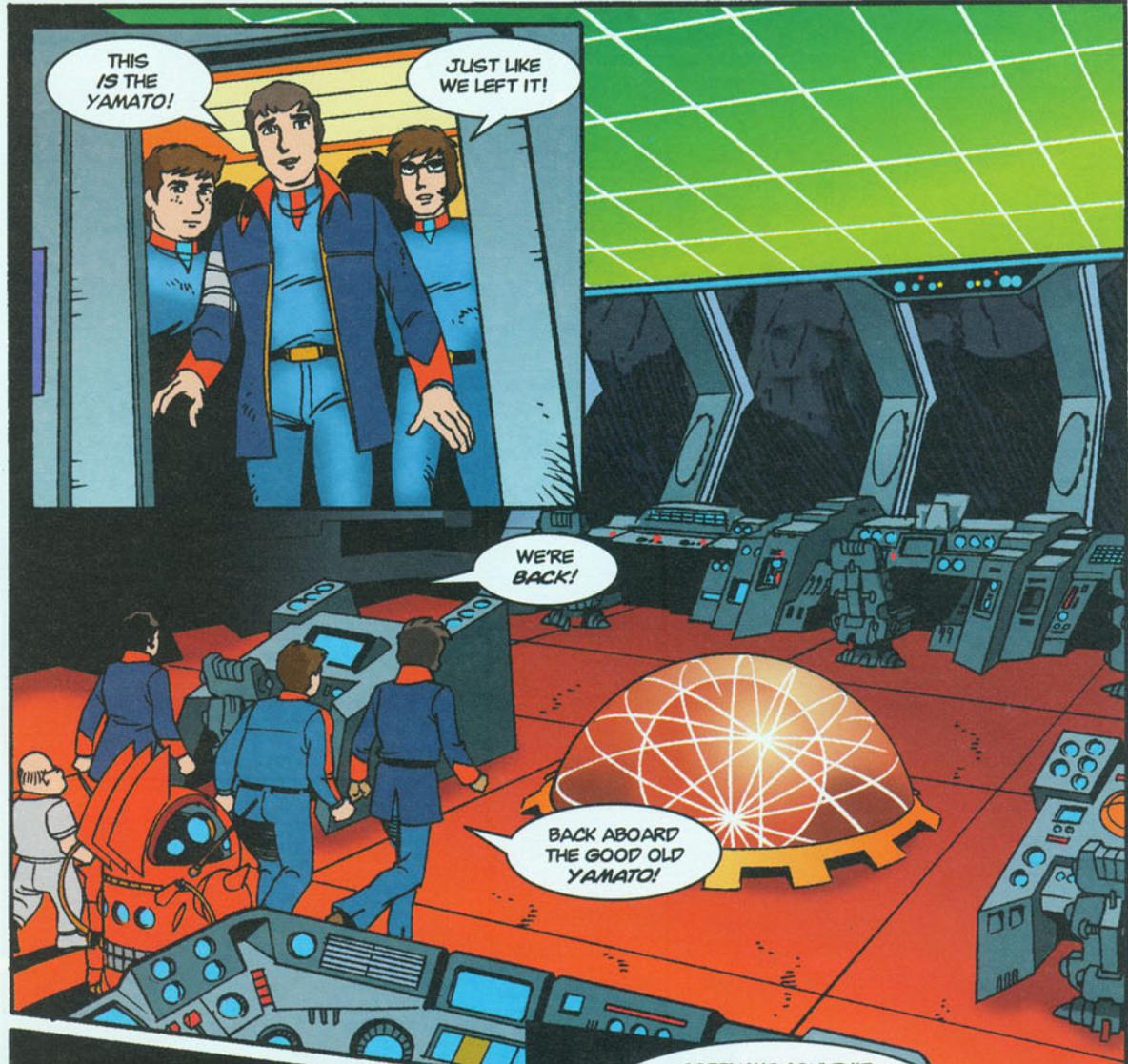
LET'S GO!

WHAT THE --?

THIS CAN'T  
BE RIGHT!

LOOK AT  
THAT -- YAMATO'S  
THIRD BRIDGE!

OR AN  
AMAZING REPLICA.  
COME ON -- AT LEAST  
THE ELEVATOR'S IN  
THE RIGHT PLACE!



THIS IS THE YAMATO!

JUST LIKE WE LEFT IT!

WE'RE BACK!

BACK ABOARD THE GOOD OLD YAMATO!



SANDOR!

AND WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE!

AND CHIEF YAMAZAKI! GOOD TO SEE YOU!



SORRY WE COULDN'T HELP YOU IN GETTING HERE, FELLAS, BUT WE'VE BEEN DOING TESTS ON THE WAVE ENGINE, AND IT'S ALL WE CAN DO TO KEEP ENERGY EMISSIONS BELOW THE DETECTION THRESHOLD.

BUT TRUTH BE TOLD, WILDSTAR, WE KNEW YOU'D FIND US EVEN IF YOU HAD TO TAKE APART EVERY ASTEROID IN THE SYSTEM.



MEET MY STAFF -- THIS IS LT. GOMEZ, IN CHARGE OF THE NEW COSMO RADAR ...

LT. HIGASHIDA, WHO RUNS THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECTION ...

LT. WAKEFIELD, COMMANDING BLACK TIGERS, BLACK FLIGHT ...

AND LT. CONROY, COMMANDING BLACK TIGERS, GOLD FLIGHT!



CONROY??

CORY CONROY, SIR

I'M THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE CONROY YOU REMEMBER ... I'LL DO MY BEST TO HONOR HIS MEMORY!



SO YOU'RE THE CAPTAIN, NOW, SANDOR? I'M SURE --

NOT HARDLY, WILDSTAR -- I'M STILL JUST A KNOB-TWISTER HERE.



COMMANDER WILDSTAR!

MAY I INTRODUCE THE SHIP'S NEW COMMANDING OFFICER -- FLEET CAPTAIN YAMANAMI!

SIR!!



AVATAR AND GIDEON BOTH SPOKE WELL OF YOU AND THE STAR FORCE, AND I EXPECT YOU TO LIVE UP TO THEIR PRAISE. THIS SHIP HAS COME BACK TO LIFE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SAVING THE EARTH -- AND I WILL ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE AND COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO VICTORY!

AM I UNDERSTOOD, COMMANDER?

COMPLETELY, CAPTAIN! YOU MAY DEPEND ON THE STAR FORCE!



VERY GOOD, COMMANDER SANDOR, BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR LAUNCH. I'LL BE BELOW.

YES, CAPTAIN!



OH -- THERE'S ONE MORE MEMBER OF THE BRIDGE CREW I WANT YOU TO MEET.

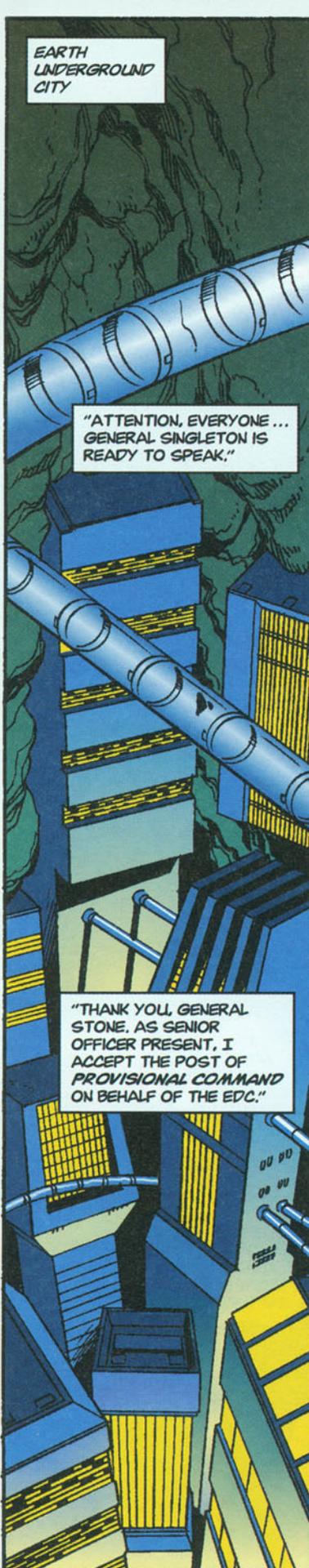
MY NIECE, MIO SANDOR, SHE'S GOING TO BE RUNNING THE COSMO RADAR CONSOLE.

MIO'S THE CHILD OF MY -- MY ADOPTED BROTHER. SHE'S BEEN SWORN IN AS A CADET MIDSHIPMAN BY CAPTAIN YAMANAMI. YOU TWO CAN GET ACQUAINTED LATER ...

M-MIO? BUT YOU LOOK SO FAMILIAR!



I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT!



EARTH UNDERGROUND CITY

"ATTENTION, EVERYONE ... GENERAL SINGLETON IS READY TO SPEAK."

"THANK YOU, GENERAL STONE. AS SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT, I ACCEPT THE POST OF PROVISIONAL COMMAND ON BEHALF OF THE EDC."



YOU KNOW HOW SERIOUS OUR SITUATION IS. THE DARK NEBULA EMPIRE HAS COMPLETE AEROSPACE SUPREMACY AND HAS OCCUPIED ALL SURFACE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY CENTERS.

OUR ALIOMATED FLEET HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND OUR REMAINING SHIPS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE THE SYSTEM, MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE, AND AWAIT ORDERS.

GENERAL STONE AND THE EARTH DEFENSE ARMY ARE PLANNING OUR EVENTUAL COUNTERATTACK ON THE INVADERS.

MEANWHILE, I WILL LEAD THOSE OF YOU FROM THE FLEET ON A DIFFERENT MISSION.



THE DARK NEBULANS HAVE PLACED A BOMB ON THE SURFACE CAPABLE OF WIPING OUT THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON ...

WHY THEY HAVEN'T DETONATED IT YET IS A MYSTERY ... THEY'RE EITHER WAITING FOR SOMETHING OR THEY STILL NEED US ALIVE.

OUR JOB WILL BE TO BUY TIME ... TIME FOR DR. PROBE'S SCIENCE TEAM TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO RENDER THE BOMB HARMLESS ...

... TIME FOR GENERAL STONE AND THE ARMY TO PREPARE FOR THE FINAL BATTLE ...

... AND TIME FOR THE STAR FORCE TO WORK THEIR NEXT MIRACLE!

WILDSTAR, IT'S TIME TO GO! MAKE READY FOR DEPARTURE FOR EARTH!

ATTENTION ALL DECKS! STAND BY FOR LAUNCH!

CAPTAIN! WAVE-MOTION RADIO SIGNAL FROM EARTH! IT'S -- IT'S GENERAL SINGLETON!

CAPTAIN YAMANAMI! I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY!

I'M AT THE OLD UNDERGROUND UN/SDF COMMAND CENTER. THERE AREN'T MANY OF US, BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WE CAN AGAINST THE ENEMY!

WE'RE AWAITING YOUR ORDERS, SIR!

GENERAL ... IF I MAY ...

COMMANDER WILDSTAR! I'M VERY PLEASED THAT YOU AND THE REST OF THE STAR FORCE ESCAPED!

IT'S -- ABOUT THAT, SIR. NOVA -- CAPTAIN FORRESTER -- DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT WITH US. ANY WORD OF HER, SIR?

I'M SORRY, WILDSTAR. SHE HASN'T REPORTED IN, AND I PERSONALLY CHECKED FOR HER IN SICKBAY ...

I CAN ONLY ASSUME SHE'S BEEN CAPTURED ...

...OR WORSE!

I'M AFRAID I HAVE OTHER BAD NEWS, WILDSTAR. YOUR BROTHER, ALEX ... TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO ESCAPE ...

(SIGH) DEREK, ALEX IS DEAD.

SEE THAT, DEREK? THAT'S A SPACE DESTROYER!

DEREK, WE'RE SHIPPING OUT EARLIER THAN I THOUGHT ...

IF WE DON'T GET THROUGH THIS, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I LOVE YOU AND ... I'M GLAD YOU'RE MY BROTHER!

ONE DAY I'M GOING TO JOIN THE FLEET AND BE ON A SHIP LIKE THAT!

ME TOO, BIG BROTHER, ME TOO!

I CAN'T BE THERE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY ... BUT I'LL BRING YOU A MOON ROCK WHEN I COME BACK!

"HOW DO I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED? THAT'S EASY, BROTHER -- I JUST WANT TO BE KNOWN AS AN ORDINARY SAILOR WHO DID HIS DUTY ..."

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SASHA ... DON'T CRY ...

"DID HIS DUTY ..."

"DID HIS DUTY ..."



SIR, YAMATO IS READY TO LAUNCH. WE AWAIT YOUR ORDER TO RETURN TO EARTH!

NO! UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL YOU RETURN TO EARTH!



LOOK CAREFULLY, CAPTAIN. THIS IS THE DOUBLE NUCLEUS BOMB — THE WEAPON THAT WIPED OUT OUR SPACE BASES ON ITS WAY IN.

IT WILL DO THE SAME TO EARTH IF YOU ATTACK BEFORE IT CAN BE RENDERED HARMLESS.

I'M DOWNLOADING DATA TO YOUR COMPUTER NOW ...



I AGREE, CAPTAIN. CAN THE STAR FORCE LOCATE THE ENEMY HOMEWORLD?

YES, SIR! PERMISSION TO LAUNCH, SIR?

PERMISSION GRANTED! GODSPEED, STAR FORCE! EDC OUT!



ALL HANDS BEGIN FINAL LAUNCH COUNTDOWN!

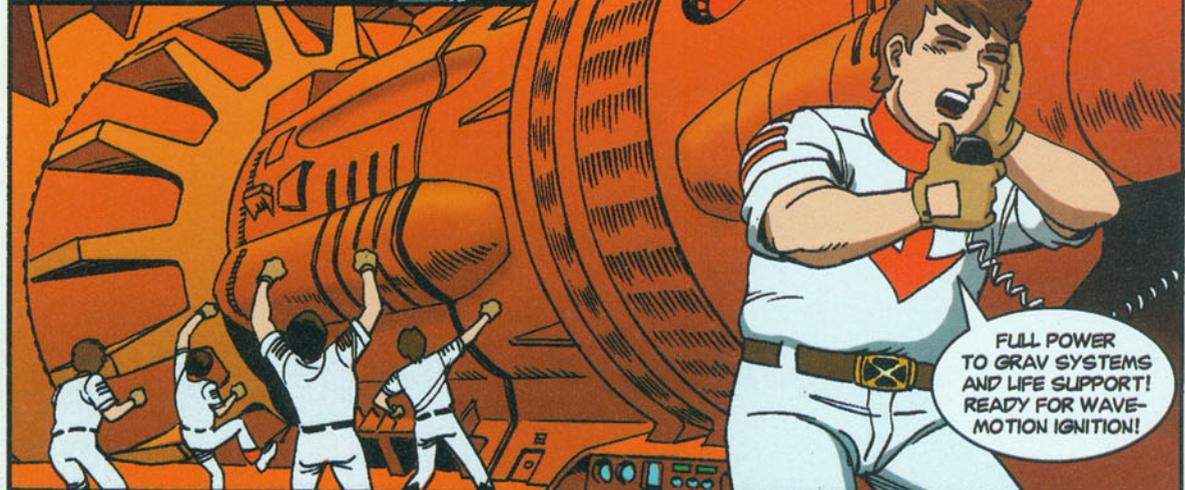
PILOT TO ENGINE ROOM! OPEN VALVE TO WAVE-MOTION ENGINE!



MY GOD ...

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THIS IS A HYPERON WEAPON!

HYPERON?



ENGINE ROOM TO PILOT ... AUXILIARY ENGINES SPINNING ...

FULL POWER TO GRAV SYSTEMS AND LIFE SUPPORT! READY FOR WAVE-MOTION IGNITION!



SIR, HYPERONS ARE A FORM OF WAVE-MOTION RADIATION PRODUCED BY THE INTERACTION OF ENERGY WITH HYPER-DIMENSIONAL ELEMENTS. ISCANDARILUM, WHICH WE USE, IS CLEAN — IT DOESN'T RADIATE IN THE HYPERON BAND. BUT THE OTHER ELEMENTS DO!

HYPERON RADIATION PASSES THROUGH MOST MATTER HARMLESSLY, BUT IT DISRUPTS LIVING BRAIN AND NERVE TISSUES. IF THAT BOMB EXPLODES, EVERY LIFE FORM ON EARTH WITH A NERVOUS SYSTEM WILL DIE!



LOOK AT THAT LARGE DOME ON TOP OF THE BOMB — IT'S GOT TO BE A WAVE RADIO RECEIVER. IF WE FOLLOW ITS BEAM BACK TO THE SOURCE, IT SHOULD LEAD US RIGHT TO THE TRIGGER OF THAT BOMB.

... ON THE ENEMY HOMEWORLD, UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS.



THEN THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO GO THERE —

— AND DESTROY OR DISABLE THE TRIGGER!



ROCK FRAGMENTATION CHARGES ARMED!

ENGINE ROOM! CAST LOOSE FLYWHEELS AND STAND BY FOR ENGINE IGNITION!

WAVE ENERGY BUILDING ... CROSSING IGNITION THRESHOLD ... NOW!

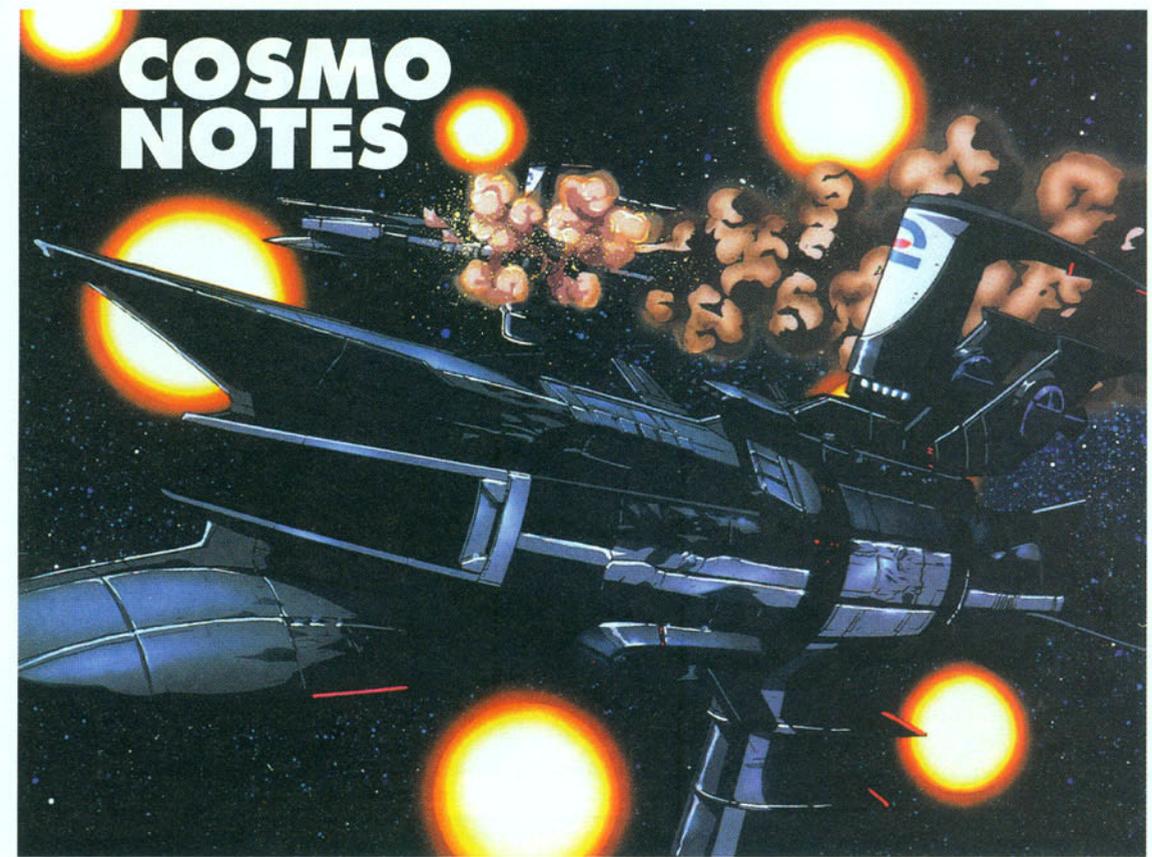


4... 3... 2... 1...

IGNITION! FLYWHEEL START!

10... 9... 8...

7... 6... 5...



#### EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT #1:

You can search all you want to, but you won't find the image shown above in any *Star Blazers* or *Yamato* video currently in release from Voyager Entertainment. So what's it doing here? Simple: it's from *Yamato 2520*, the direct-to-video animated series currently being produced in Japan by Yoshinobu Nishizaki, creator of the original *Yamato* saga. And now we can finally announce that we've started the ball rolling to bring *Yamato 2520* to America!

Starting this fall, you'll be able to follow the adventures of the *Yamato* crew of the distant future in their battle against the Brone Empire! Shown above are other battleships fighting to defend Earth, one of which is damaged and rebuilt to become the 18th vessel to bear the name *Yamato*!

The 6-episode video series has just passed the halfway mark in Japan, with Episodes 0-3 currently in release and episode 4 now in production. In the fall of this year, Voyager Entertainment will bring you Episodes 0 and 1 in a double-length debut video with the same high-quality subtitles that have graced our previous releases. Episode 0 is a fascinating "Making of" documentary focussing on different aspects of the series from character design to the scoring of the soundtrack, and it also includes a history of events that span the centuries between 2199 and 2520 A.D. Episode 1 is fully animated, and sets the stage for a galaxy-spanning adventure in the grand *Yamato* tradition. Both digital and cel animation are combined with the most modern design techniques for a truly state-of-the-art experience!

We'll tell you more about *Yamato 2520* next issue, by which time a firm release date should be set for Episodes 0 and 1!

#### EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT #2:

The *Star Blazers* Fleet Battle System, the first-ever American tactical game for *Star Blazers* and *Yamato* fans, inches ever closer to its release date! A good deal of the artwork and play testing are completed, and the rulebook is now in its final stages of production. Prototypes of the metal spaceship miniatures are already completed, and a total of 36 are planned. (However, the game will come supplied with standard counters that can substitute for the miniatures if you are unable to obtain them all at once.)

Since our last report, the game was displayed at Gamma Con, an annual gaming industry expo held in Reno, Nevada. Response from industry experts was overwhelmingly positive to both the game and the metal miniatures that have been developed.

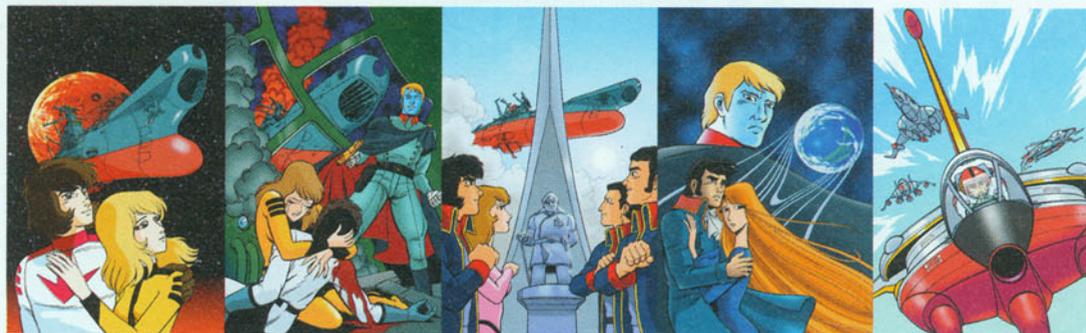
The next chance players will have to test the game will be at *Origins*, a gaming convention taking place July 17-20 in Columbus, Ohio. Although a precise schedule for playtesting has not been set, you can obtain information about the convention by calling 206-204-7290.

If all goes according to schedule, the game will officially go on sale just under a month later at *Gen Con '97*, which takes place August 7-10 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tryout sessions will be scheduled just as they were last year, and both the game and miniatures will be available for purchase. For details on *Gen Con '97*, call 414-248-3625.

And tell them we sent you!

This concludes the exciting announcements for this edition of COSMO NOTES! Watch this space in upcoming issues for further information!

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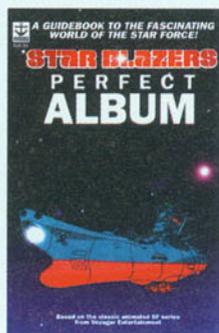
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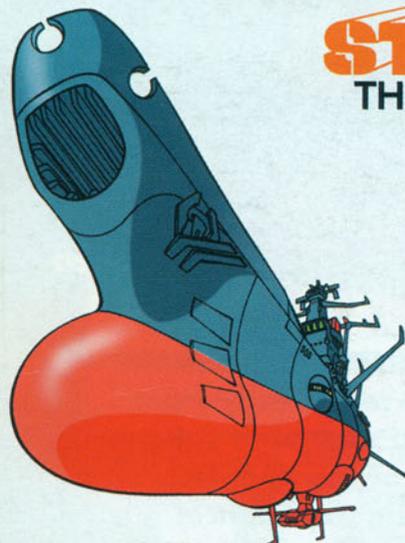
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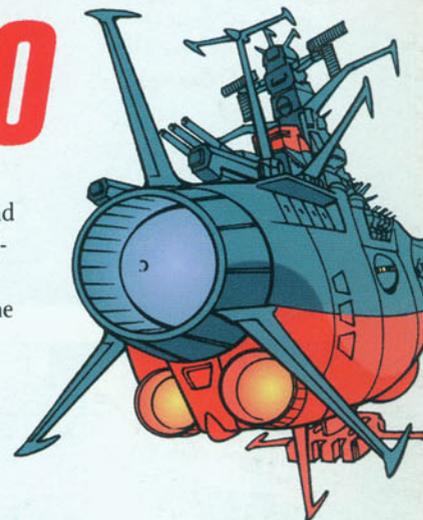
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