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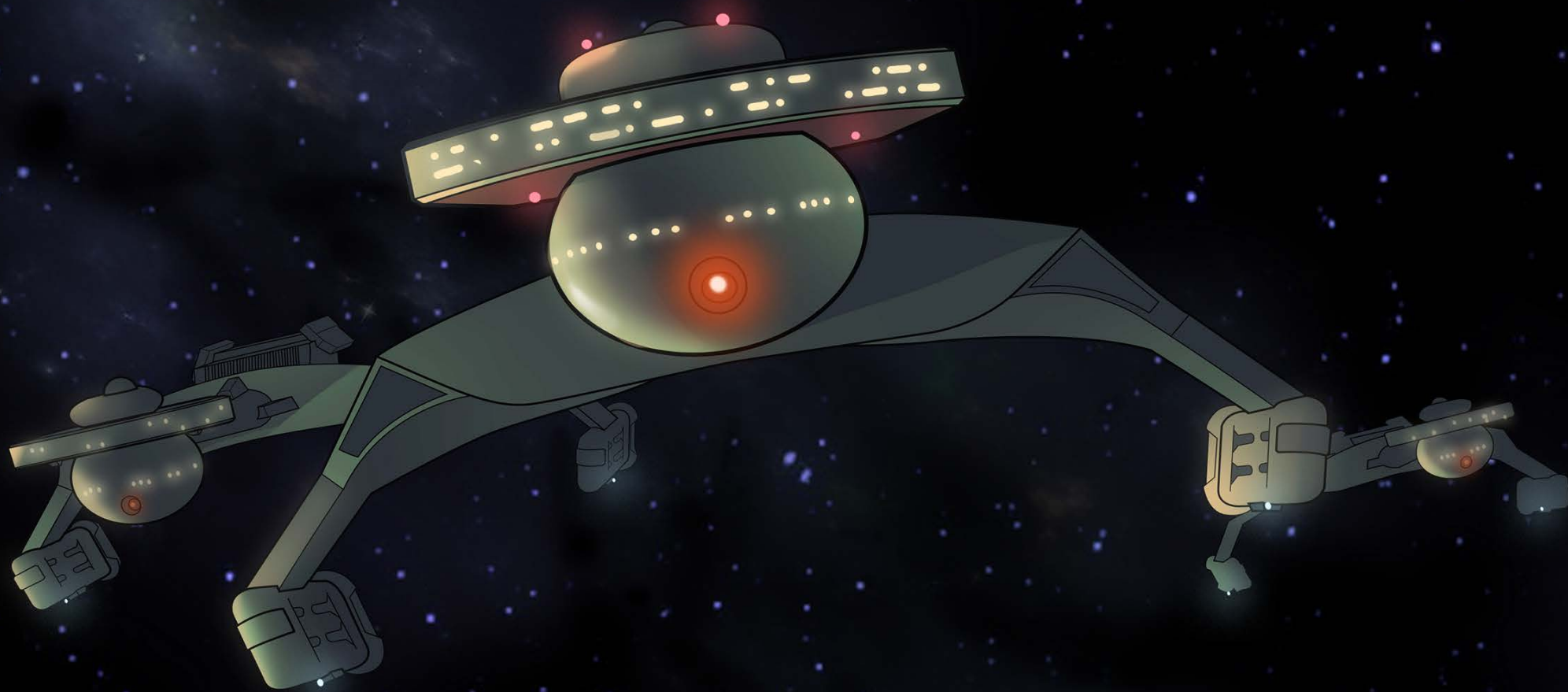
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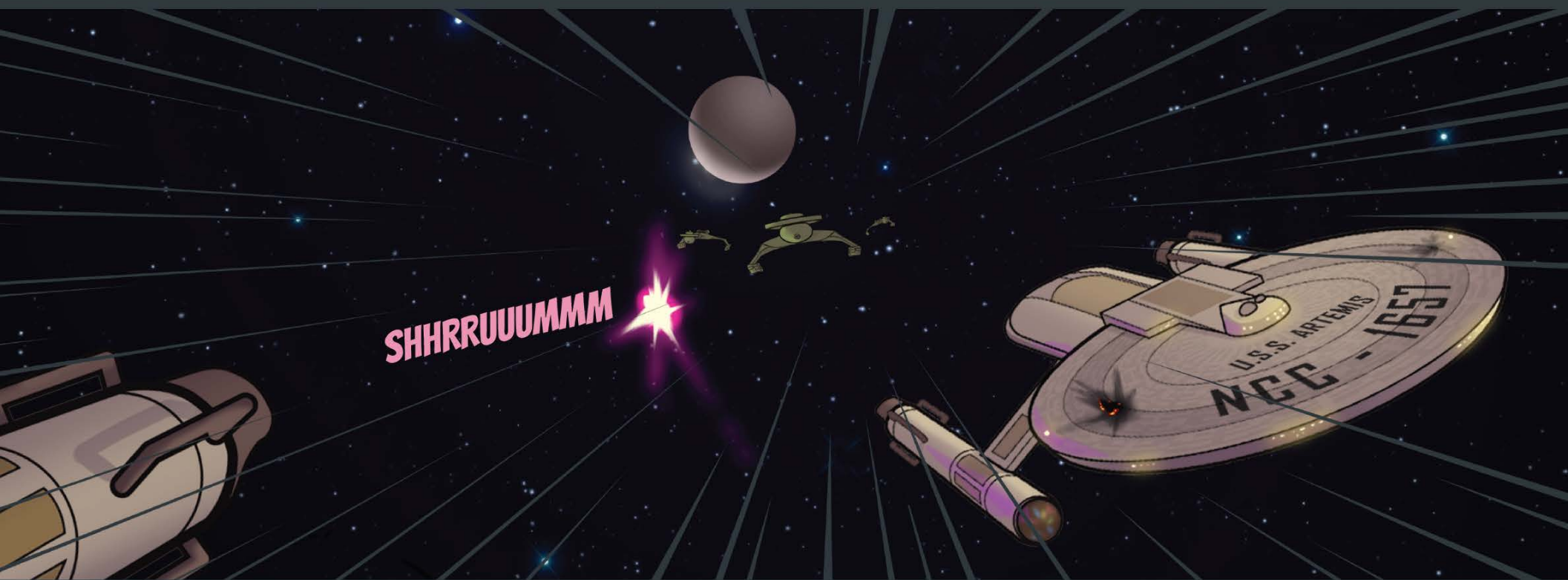
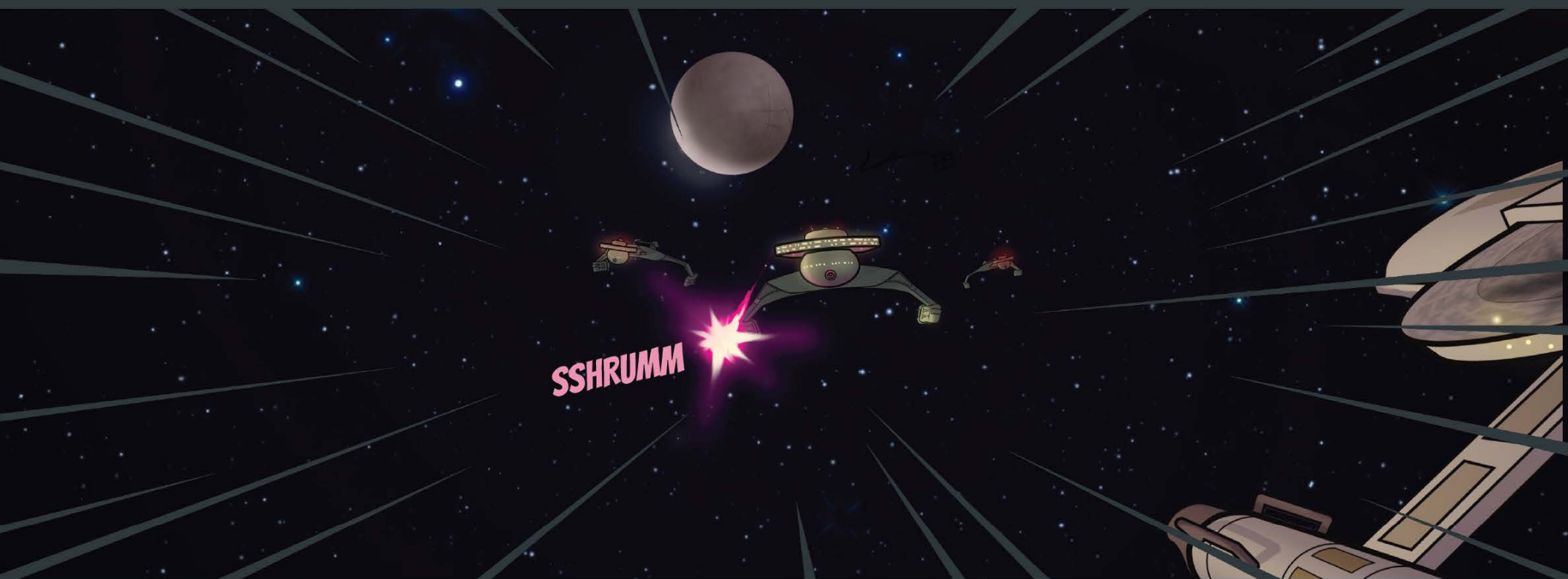


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# STARDATE 2245.1



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The D7 enters the war.





Captain Kelvar Garth:  
U.S.S. Ares.



SHIELDS HOLDING AT 60%. **IMPULSE ENGINES DAMAGED** BUT STILL OPERATIONAL. **WARP DRIVE** IS FUNCTIONING FOR THE TIME BEING. **HULL BREACH** ON DECK 6, PORT SIDE AFT. PHASER BANKS 3 AND 4 **DAMAGED**.

CASUALTIES....



... SIR, **ADMIRAL RAMIREZ** HAS BEEN TAKEN TO **SICKBAY!**

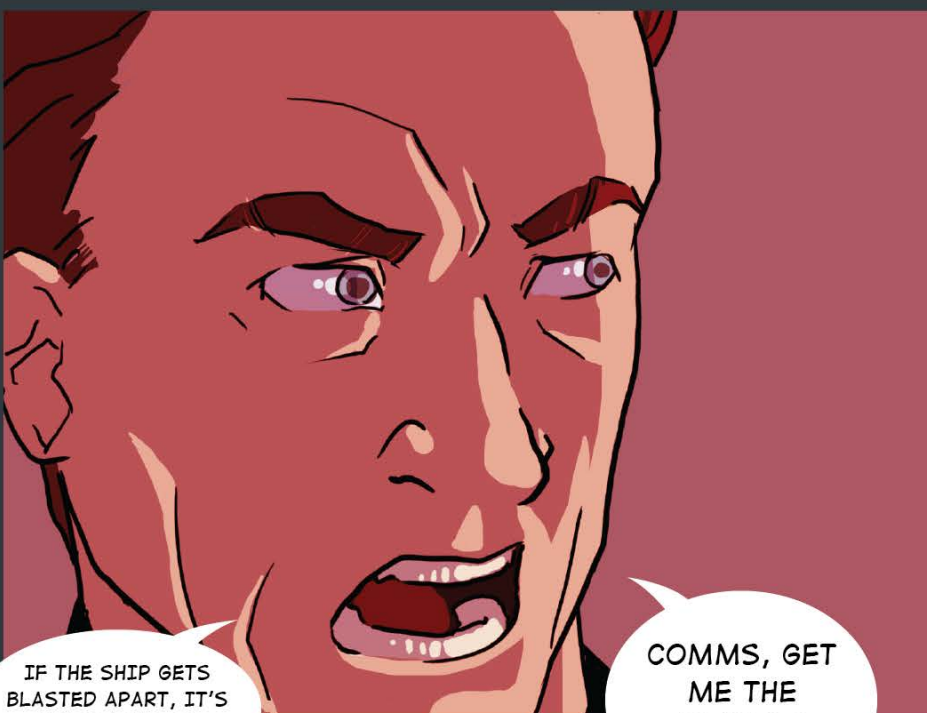


SICKBAY, THIS IS THE **BRIDGE**. STATUS ON **RAMIREZ!**



HE'S... HE'S IN **CRITICAL CONDITION**, CAPTAIN.

WE'VE STABILIZED HIM, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS, **NOW!** I CAN'T **OPERATE** IF THE SHIP IS BEING **BLASTED APART!**



IF THE SHIP GETS BLASTED APART, IT'S NOT GOING TO **MATTER**.

COMMS, GET ME THE **ARTEMIS**. **NOW!**



Captain Imari Jakande:  
U.S.S. Artemis

WELL, *GARTH*, IT LOOKS LIKE *KHARN'S* FINALLY GOT HIS *D7'S* LAUNCHED. WOULD YOU LOOK AT THE *SIZE* OF---

JAKANDE, *RAMIREZ* WAS *HIT*! HE'S IN *SICKBAY*, BUT HE NEEDS SURGERY... *IMMEDIATELY*!

GET OUT OF HERE, *GARTH*... *NOW*! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

JUMP TO *WARP* WITH US. WITH LUCK, WE CAN *BOTH* MAKE IT BACK TO THE *FLEET*--

WON'T WORK. THOSE *D7'S* ARE *FASTER* THAN WE ARE. WE'D NEVER OUTFRIN THEM.

*STARFLEET* CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE *BOTH* OUR SHIPS PLUS *RAMIREZ*. YOU NEED TO GET THE *OLD MAN* TO *SAFETY*!

*HELM*, PREPARE TO COME *ABOUT*!

JAKANDE, *DON'T*! WE'LL BEAM *RAMIREZ* TO YOU! WE CAN OPEN UP *VENTRAL SHIELDS* LONG ENOUGH TO---

WHAAMM!

*CAPTAIN GARTH*, WE'VE JUST TAKEN HEAVY DAMAGE TO THE OVERRIDE POWER CONDUITS! *TRANSPORTERS* AND *AUXILIARY CONTROL* CIRCUITS ARE *OFFLINE*!

DAMN IT ALL.





JAKANDE! CAN YOU--

SORRY, *GARTH*, OUR *TRANSPORTERS* WERE KNOCKED OUT *5 MINUTES* AGO!

WE'RE OUT OF *TIME!* GET THE *ARES* OUT OF HERE!

ENGINEERING, SLOW TO *QUARTER IMPULSE* AND START VENTING *WARP PLASMA!* I WANT IT TO SEEM LIKE WE'VE BEEN *CRIPPLED!*



YES, *CAPTAIN!*

AND...  
LIEUTENANT?



... BE PREPARED TO SHUT DOWN *ANTI-MATTER CONTAINMENT* ... ON MY *MARK.*

BUT THAT--

YES...  
YES, SIR.



*CAPTAIN GARTH.*  
IT'S BEEN AN *HONOR* SERVING WITH YOU.

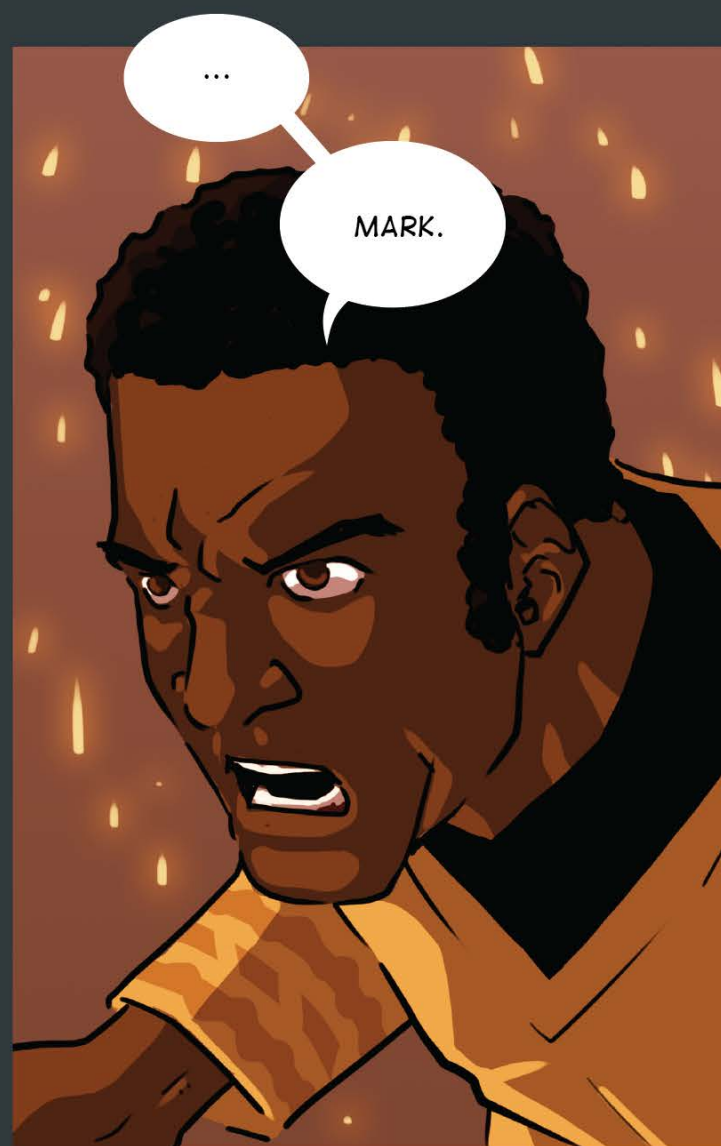
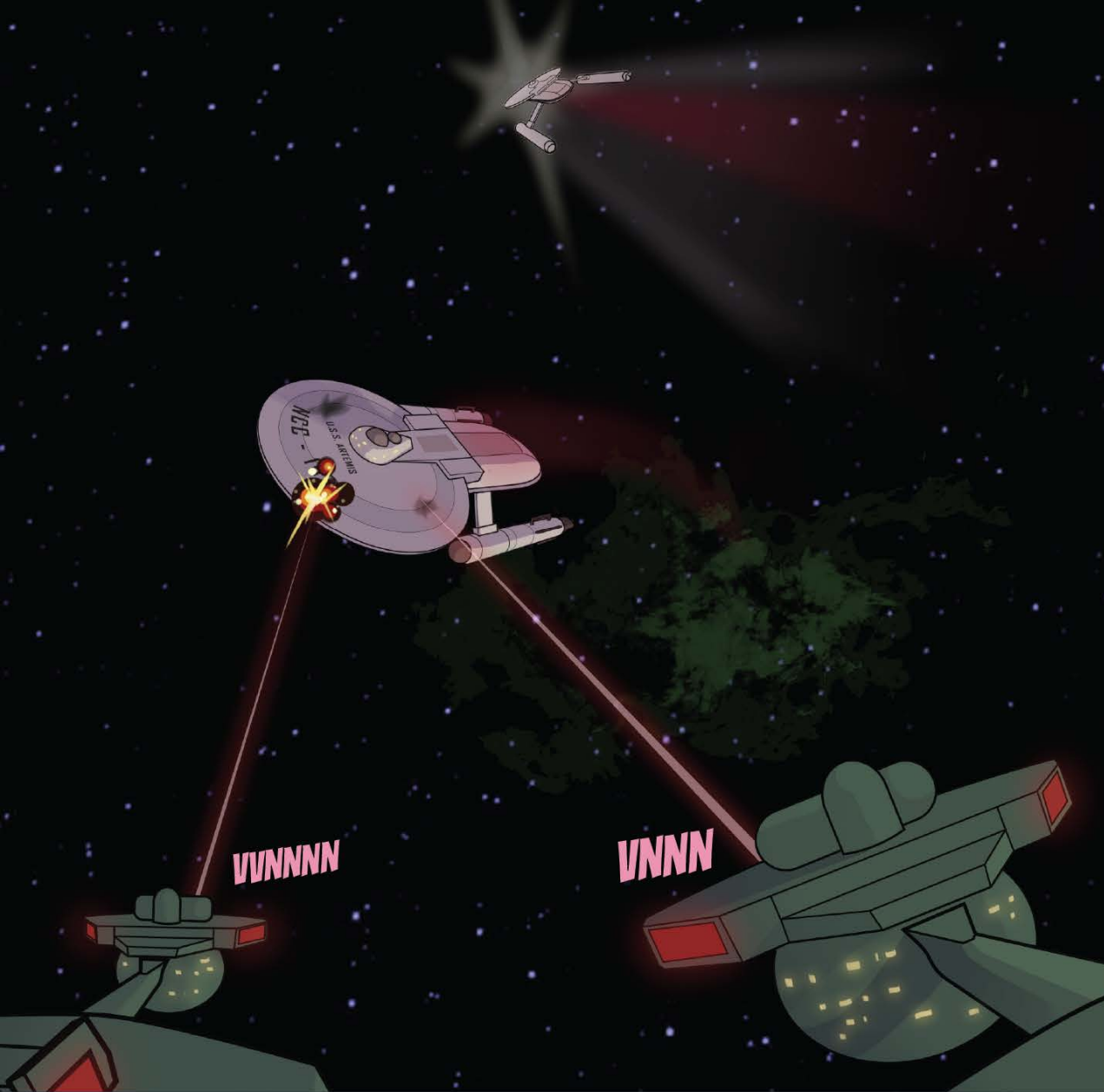
*HELM, HARD ABOUT!*



THE *HONOR* IS *OURS, ARTEMIS.*

*HELM, MAXIMUM WARP. NOW!*









ANTI-MATTER  
EXPLOSION DETECTED,  
CAPTAIN.

D7'S NO LONGER  
IN PURSUIT.



ARTEMIS IS  
GONE...



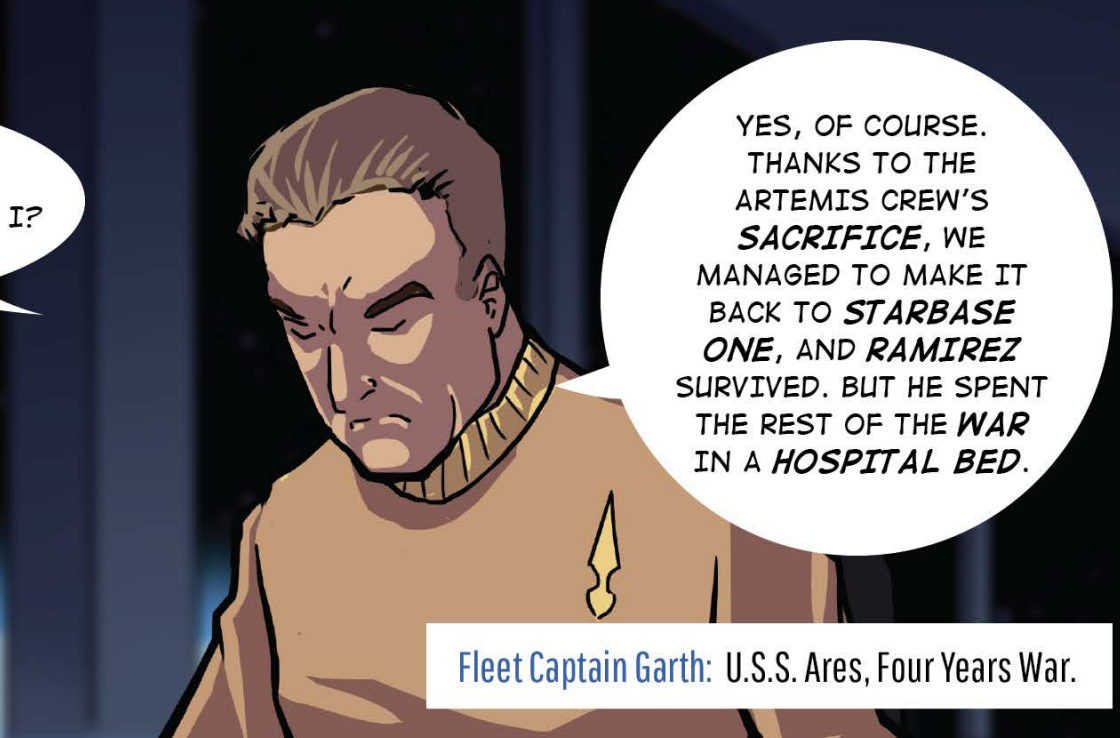
HELM. SET COURSE  
FOR EARTH.  
MAXIMUM WARP.

... YES,  
CAPTAIN.

FLEET CAPTAIN GARTH?  
DO YOU NEED A MOMENT  
BEFORE CONTINUING THE  
INTERVIEW?

NO... NO, WE CAN  
CONTINUE. WHERE WAS I?

THE ARTEMIS HAD BEEN DESTROYED,  
AND THE ARES WAS RETURNING TO EARTH  
WITH ADMIRAL RAMIREZ IN CRITICAL  
CONDITION.



YES, OF COURSE.  
THANKS TO THE  
ARTEMIS CREW'S  
SACRIFICE, WE  
MANAGED TO MAKE IT  
BACK TO STARBASE  
ONE, AND RAMIREZ  
SURVIVED. BUT HE SPENT  
THE REST OF THE WAR  
IN A HOSPITAL BED.

Fleet Captain Garth: U.S.S. Ares, Four Years War.



Kharn: Klingon Supreme Warlord, Four Years War.



Captain Sam Travis:  
USS Hercules, Four Years War.



Captain Sonya Alexander:  
USS Ajax, Four Years War.



Despite the narrow escape of the USS ARES, in the ensuing weeks, the new D7 warships begin taking a toll on the Federation Fleet.



But as preparations commence for executing Garth's plan at Axanar, word arrives at Earth that the Vulcan Council has reached a fateful decision.

Vulcan is withdrawing from the Federation.

