

IN THE 22ND CENTURY, THE COALITION OF PLANETS IS WRACKED BY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHAOS AS THE ROMULAN STAR EMPIRE EMBARKS ON A BLOODY CRUSADE FOR GALACTIC DOMINATION. THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED EARTH STARFLEET OFFER RESISTANCE IN --

THE ROMULAN WAR

BASED ON STAR TREK, CREATED BY GENE RODDENBERRY

MINDCRIME COMICS PRESENTS
TALES OF THE MACOS

HOLOCAUST

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COMBAT LOG:
FIRST SGT. **ANDERSON LE**.
MACO SECOND REGIMENT,
BRAVO COMPANY.

GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN,
BUT OUR ENGAGEMENT AGAINST
THE ROMULANS WASN'T WHAT I
WAS EXPECTING.

<ALL EQUIPMENT
ACCOUNTED FOR>

<STAND BY FOR
TRANSPORT>

THE REPORT FROM **TERRA NOVA** LAST YEAR
MADE IT SOUND LIKE THE ROMMIES WERE A
BRUTAL, EFFICIENT WAR MACHINE.

BUT THE ONES WE RAN
INTO DIDN'T EVEN SEEM
INTERESTED IN US.

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THEIR MISSION, WHATEVER IT WAS...
WAS OVER.



STARFLEET INTELLIGENCE SAYS
THAT THE ROMULANS HAVE
SOME KIND OF *HONOR CODE*.



BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT THE
WORD 'HONOR' IS A
RELATIVE TERM.


ALTAIR SIX IS A *CIVILIAN COLONY*.
BASICALLY A *TOURIST TRAP* FOR ACADEMICS
AND SCIENCE-TYPES WHO LIKE TO PLAY IN
THE DIRT AND DIG UP POTS AND PANS MADE
BY ALIENS *TEN-THOUSAND YEARS AGO*.



IT'S NOT ALONG THE MAJOR TRADE
ROUTES AND THERE'S LITERALLY *NO*
STRATEGIC VALUE TO THIS PLACE.
WHICH WAS THE MAIN REASON STARFLEET
LEFT IT PRACTICALLY *UNDEFENDED*.



BUT TO THE ROMULANS, ALTAIR SIX
WASN'T A VACATION SPOT...
IT WAS A *LABORATORY*.



THE WHOLE *COLONY* SEEMS TO BE SET UP LIKE SOME KIND OF TWISTED, PERVERTED *SCIENCE EXPERIMENT*.

A *LABORATORY* TO SEE WHAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT HUMAN MINDS AND BODIES CAN TAKE.

THESE *BUTCHERS* DIDN'T MAKE ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADULTS AND *CHILDREN*, EITHER. KIDS SEEMED TO MAKE GOOD *TEST SUBJECTS* FOR EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT KINDS OF FATAL *RADIATION*.

THERE WAS A TEN-YEAR OLD BOY THEY INJECTED WITH... *SOMETHING*.

IT *BURNED* HIM APART... MELTED HIM DOWN... FROM THE *INSIDE OUT*.

ACROSS TOWN AT THE *MEDICAL CENTER*, THERE WERE COLONISTS WHO'D HAD THEIR BODY PARTS *REMOVED* AND THEN REATTACHED TO *OTHER PEOPLE*.

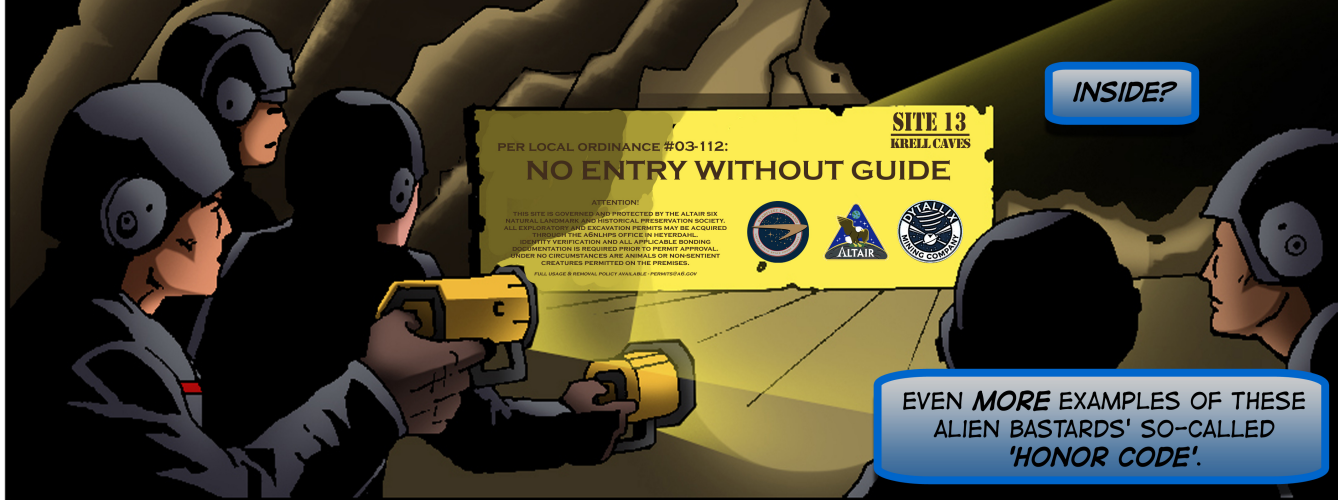
THANKFULLY, THEY WERE ALL *KILLED* IN THE *END*.

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO SURVIVE ---

THIS.



AFTER WE SECURED THE **CAPITAL**, THE SQUAD MOVED TO SUPPORT A STARFLEET **SCIENCE TEAM** AT ONE OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG SITES NEARBY.



INSIDE?

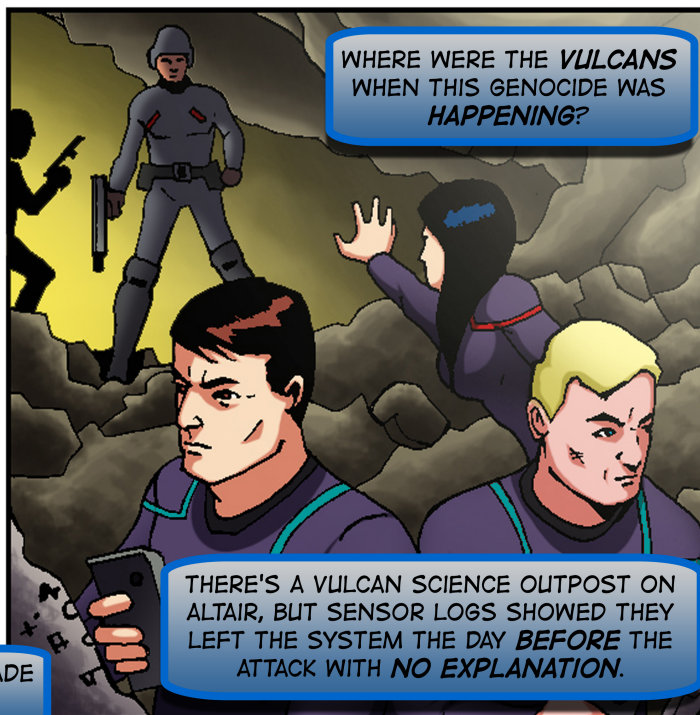
EVEN **MORE** EXAMPLES OF THESE ALIEN BASTARDS' SO-CALLED 'HONOR CODE'.



I'M NOT LIKE ONE OF THOSE **TERRA PRIME** WHACKOS.

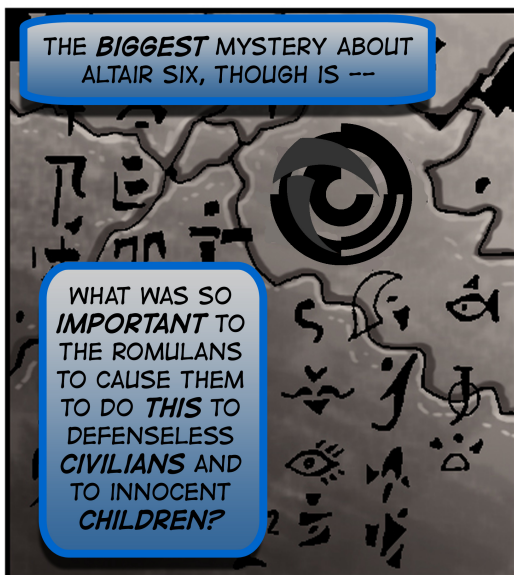
SOME OF MY BEST **FRIENDS** ARE **ALIENS**.

BUT **MAJOR EDISON** MADE A GOOD **POINT** --



WHERE WERE THE **VULCANS** WHEN THIS GENOCIDE WAS **HAPPENING**?

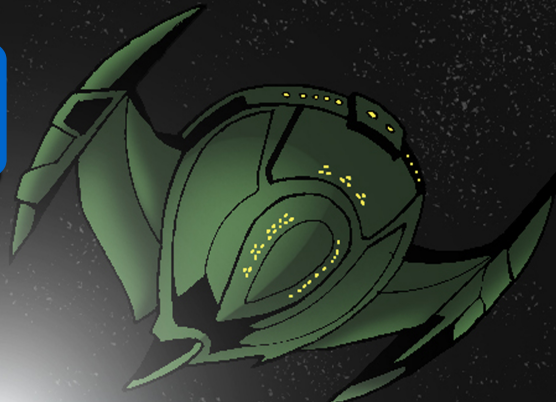
THERE'S A **VULCAN SCIENCE OUTPOST** ON **ALTAIR**, BUT **SENSOR LOGS** SHOWED THEY LEFT THE SYSTEM THE DAY **BEFORE** THE ATTACK WITH **NO EXPLANATION**.



THE **BIGGEST** MYSTERY ABOUT **ALTAIR SIX**, THOUGH IS --

WHAT WAS SO **IMPORTANT** TO THE **ROMULANS** TO CAUSE THEM TO DO **THIS** TO DEFENSELESS **CIVILIANS** AND TO INNOCENT **CHILDREN**?

WHAT KIND OF **MONSTERS** DO THIS?



AND WHEN DO I GET TO **KILL** SOME OF THEM?

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