

A FEW MINUTES LATER,
AT THE WITMAC FARM.

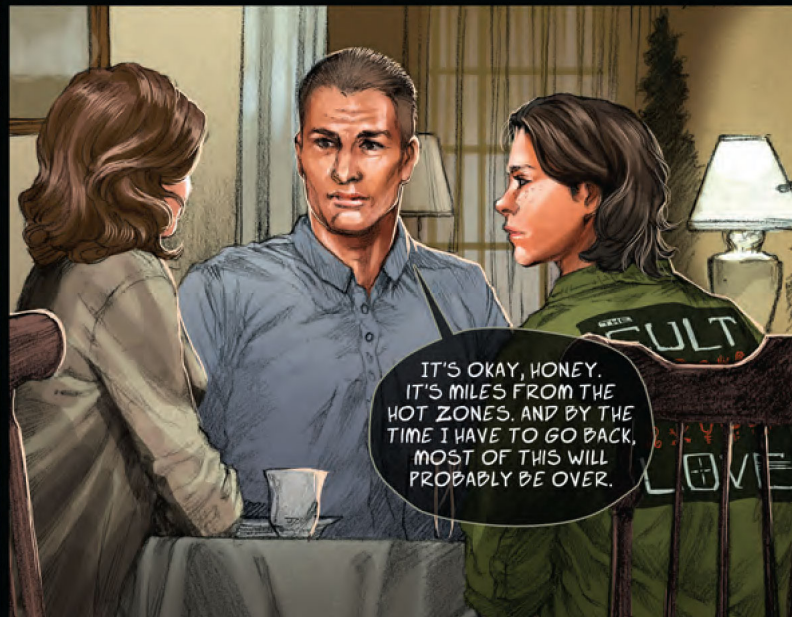


OOOF! AWW,
I MISSED YOU
BOTH SO MUCH.



SO WHAT'S CALIFORNIA
LIKE? IT LOOKS BAD ON TV.
ALAN'S DAD SAYS THAT
THE LIBYANS ARE BEHIND
ALL THIS ZEALOT STUFF.

EDDIE,
NOT AT
DINNER.



IT'S OKAY, HONEY.
IT'S MILES FROM THE
HOT ZONES. AND BY THE
TIME I HAVE TO GO BACK,
MOST OF THIS WILL
PROBABLY BE OVER.



NOW GIVE YOUR COMPANIONS A PROPER BURIAL AND GET BACK TO YOUR PATROLS.

YES, REDCOAT.



JUST A LITTLE UNUSUAL... THAT THEY WOULD AMBUSH US.

I'M SURE THEY PROVOKED THE TIN KIN. I KNOW A LIE WHEN I HEAR IT.



IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW. WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO ELIMINATE THE TIN KIN EITHER WAY. BUT IT MAY BE SOONER THAN I INTENDED.



MY SOURCE WITHIN THE TIN KIN SAID THEY ARE IN A DESPERATE SITUATION. THE WINTER SICKNESS HAS TAKEN MANY OF THEIR TRIBE. WE COULD INVADE NOW WHILE THEY ARE WEAK.

NO NEED FOR THAT. AS THEY HAVE DONE BEFORE, THE TIN KIN WILL COME TO US.



AND AGAIN, THEIR VISIT WILL END IN BLOOD.

BRAND SENT A MESSENGER TO THE AMONI. HE HOPED THEY WOULD BE CONVINCED TO RECONSIDER THEIR WAYS AND ESTABLISH PEACE AMONG THE CREATURES OF THE LAND.



THE MESSENGER WAS SHOWN NO MERCY.



THE AMONI MARCHED INTO THE LAND TO ELIMINATE THE FOLLOWERS OF THE CODE OF WILL.





RAARRH!



QUAA--!

SQUAK--!



GURGGGHH



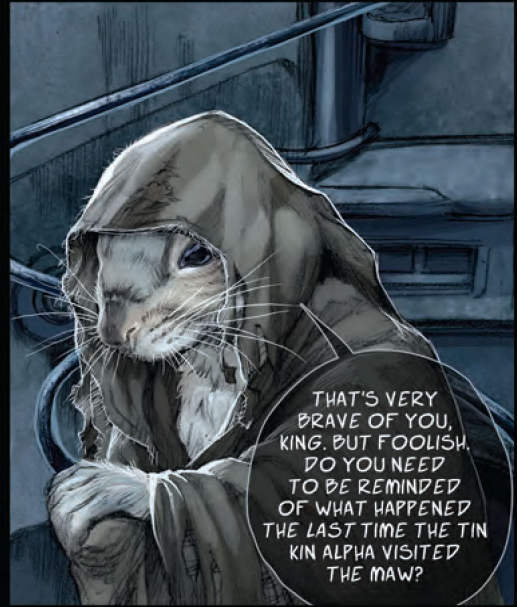
GRAAW!





IT WOULD BE REALLY RISKY TO SEND A MESSENGER TO THE MAW NOW.

I'LL GO. I'LL MEET WITH REDCOAT PERSONALLY AND FIND OUT WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE.



THAT'S VERY BRAVE OF YOU, KING. BUT FOOLISH. DO YOU NEED TO BE REMINDED OF WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME THE TIN KIN ALPHA VISITED THE MAW?



THAT'S A LOSS THE TIN KIN CAN'T RECOVER FROM.



THEN LET ME GO.

THE SMARTEST THING I'VE HEARD ALL DAY. ELI'S BEEN WANTING TO REJOIN HIS FRIEND, REDCOAT, EVER SINCE HE LEFT.



ARE YOU QUESTIONING MY LOYALTY, CHEEKS?

NO, I'M CHALLENGING YOU TO PROVE IT.

A FEW HOURS LATER,
IN THE TIN KIN SICK QUARTERS.

OH.
OH...

P... P...
PASHA?

HEY,
LITTLE
SISTER!

PASHA! I MISSED
YOU SO MUCH!
I THOUGHT I'D
NEVER FIND
WHERE YOU
WERE HIDING!

GRUNT
I MISSED
YOU TOO!

YOU DON'T
HAVE LONG?
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

I DON'T HAVE
LONG, THOUGH.
I HAVE TO TELL
YOU SOMETHING.

MEO IS
GOING TO
FIND ME SOON.
I HAVE TO GET
BACK.

OH,
LISTEN...