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PRIME

THE DREAMWAVE OF THE NINTENDO GAMECUBE

THE NEW MP COMIC WAS CREATED BY DARK HORSE COMICS AND DREAMWAVE. WE GRABBED THE PRESIDENT OF DREAMWAVE FOR A QUICK CHAT.



Dreamwave is a comic book company that started publishing in early 2002. It gained instant recognition and critical acclaim for its **Transformers series**—which became the **best-selling North American comic series** in its first month of publication. Transformers continued to claim the number one spot for over six months, finally slipping in October of 2002—an impressive run for a startup comic company. **Most of the Dreamwave staff members are self-proclaimed video game fanatics**, and the opportunity to work with **Nintendo Power** and the **Metroid series** was greeted with great cheer around the office. Since they started working on the **Metroid Prime comic**, many Dreamwave employees have taken to **wearing Super Mario Bros. shirts**. They've even busted out the **Nintendo 64** and **Super NES** so they could play the old-school classics. **Pat Lee** is the **president of Dreamwave Productions**, and a busy, busy man—but we managed to ask him a couple of questions between projects.

NINTENDO POWER> What makes the Metroid Prime comic book different from other comics? (Other than being included in NP, of course!)

PAT LEE> Dreamwave takes a slightly different approach than a standard comic book company. We try to make all of our books feel like movies or video games. Also we strive to write stories that advance the plot without taking any of the enjoyment out of the video game experience. Basically, we try to give readers something that they can't get anywhere else.

NINTENDO POWER> Why did Dreamwave choose to work on the Metroid Prime comic book?

PAT LEE> Being in my mid-20s, I have very fond memories of certain video game titles—and Metroid is at the top of the list. Metroid is not just a video game; it's a true icon. Even though it has passed through many different incarnations, it always stays true to the original concept.

NINTENDO POWER> Have you played Metroid Prime yet? If so, what did you think?

PAT LEE> The game is awesome! After a while, I had to have my brother hide it, or else I wouldn't be able to get any work done. Once I started playing, I just couldn't stop. And while I have to get my comic books out on a monthly basis, I keep trying to get my work done faster so I have more time to play.

NINTENDO POWER> Thank you very much!

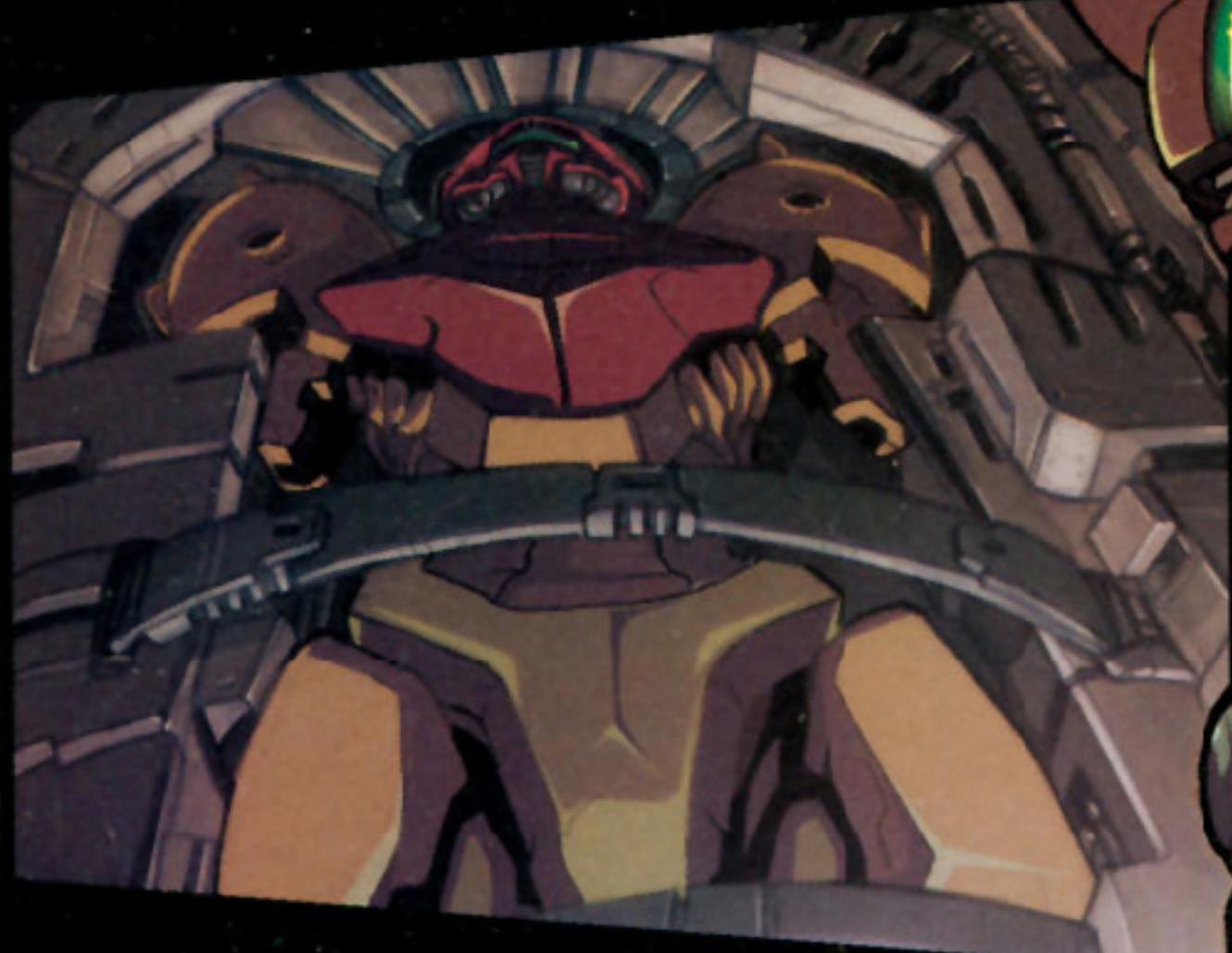
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NINTENDO OF AMERICA...

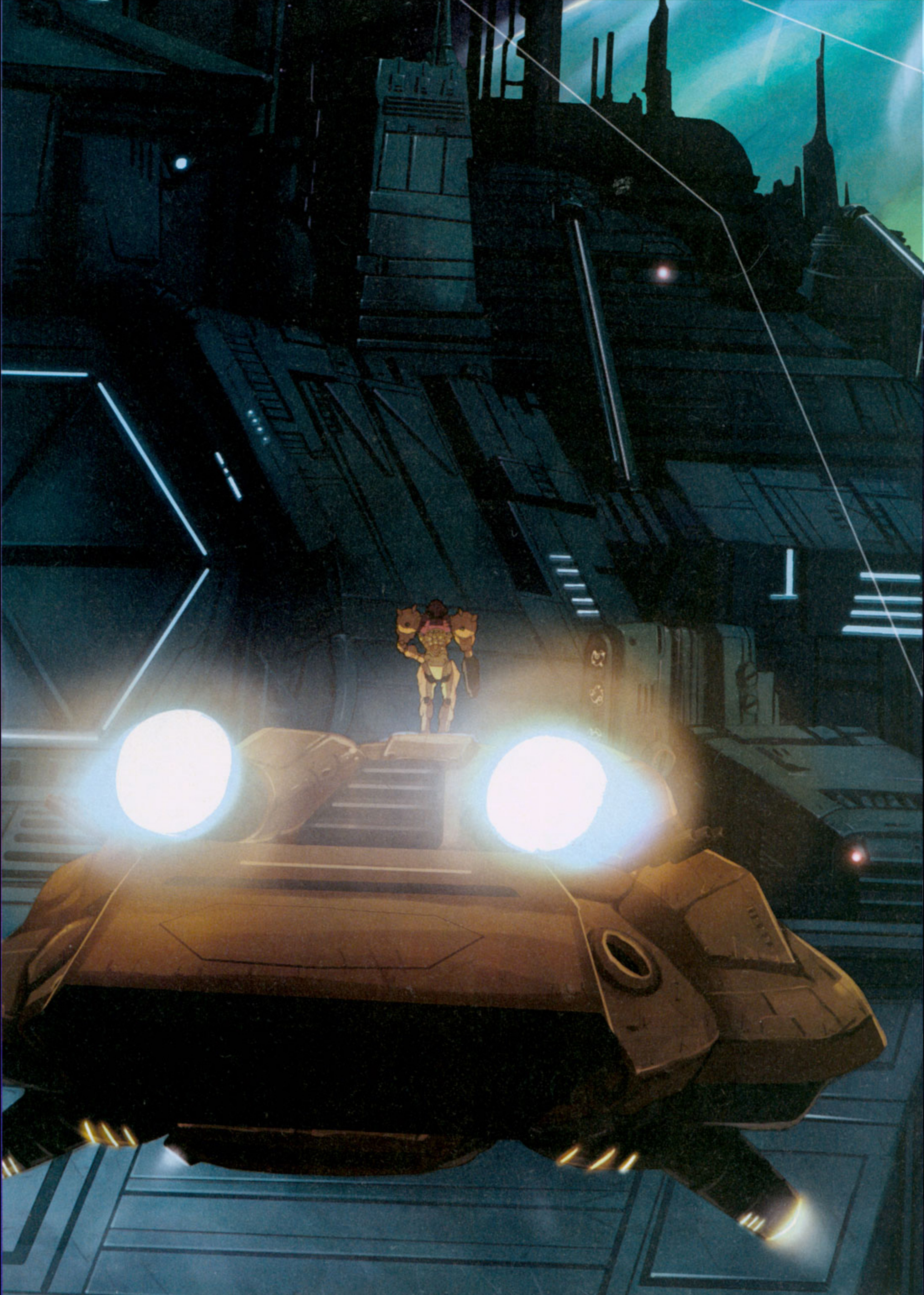
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF



CA-CHAK



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SPACE PIRATES?
BUT I DESTROYED ZEBES
TWO YEARS AGO... WHAT
HAPPENED HERE?

CLANK!

GRARRRR!

HUMPH!

mmrrroooor...





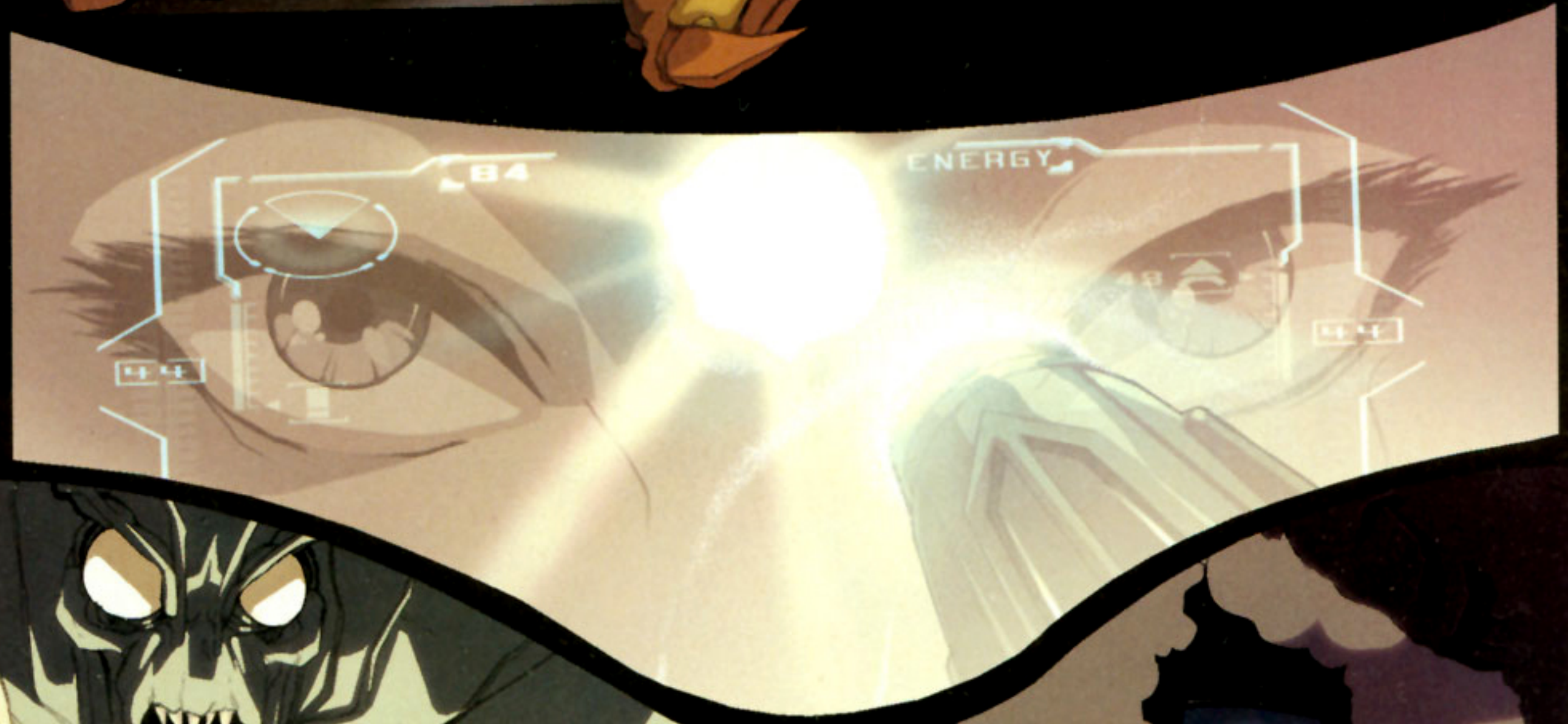
VWOOM!
VWOOM!
VWOOM!



BZZZ!
BZZZ!

BZZZ!

UUUHH!



B4

ENERGY



SKRREEEEE!

FWISSSSSS



A METROID!



A METROID...
CAN IT REALLY
BE?



RRRRRRRR...



UH-...



...OH.



FWWWAAAAA!



UUUHH!

SSHHHH



PNG! PNG! PNG! PNG!
FWITTI! FWITTI! FWITTI!



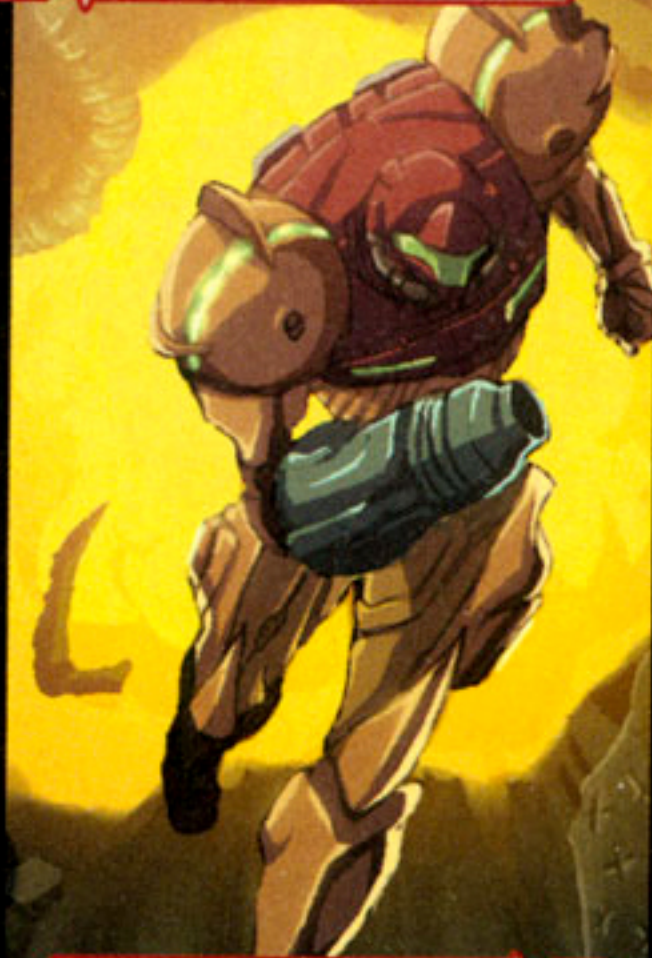
KRA-CHAK!

FWOOOOOM!



KA-BOOM!

FUSION CORE RUPTURE
IMMINENT.

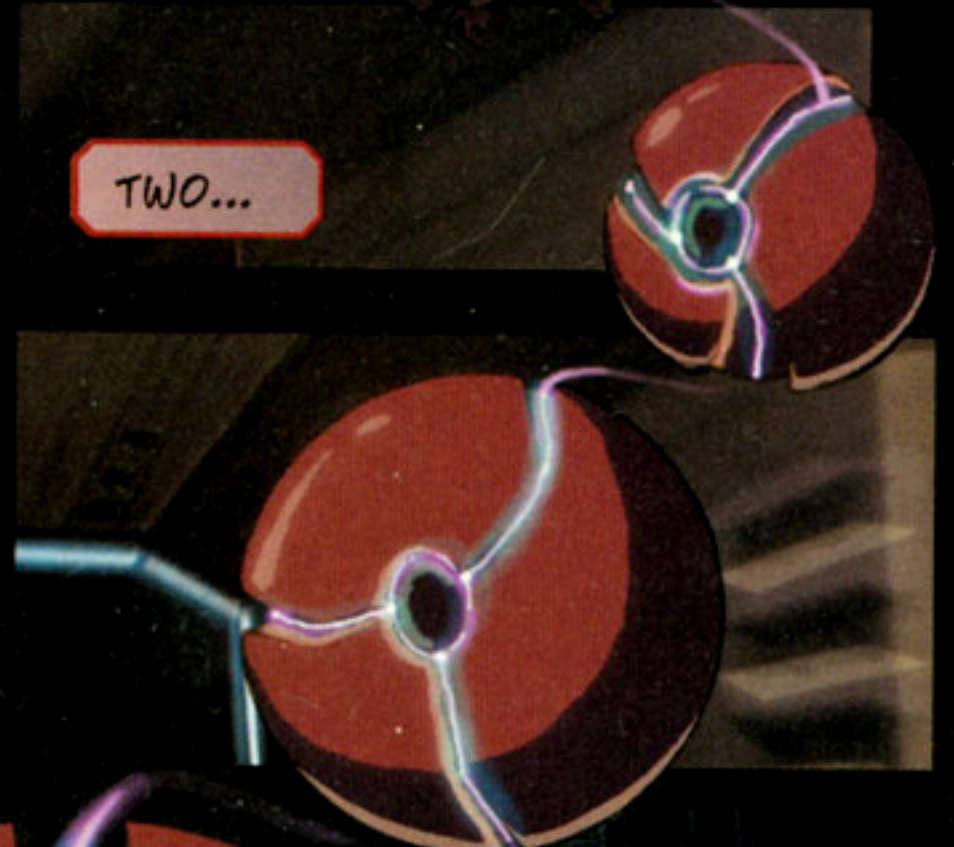


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SEQUENCE INITIATED.

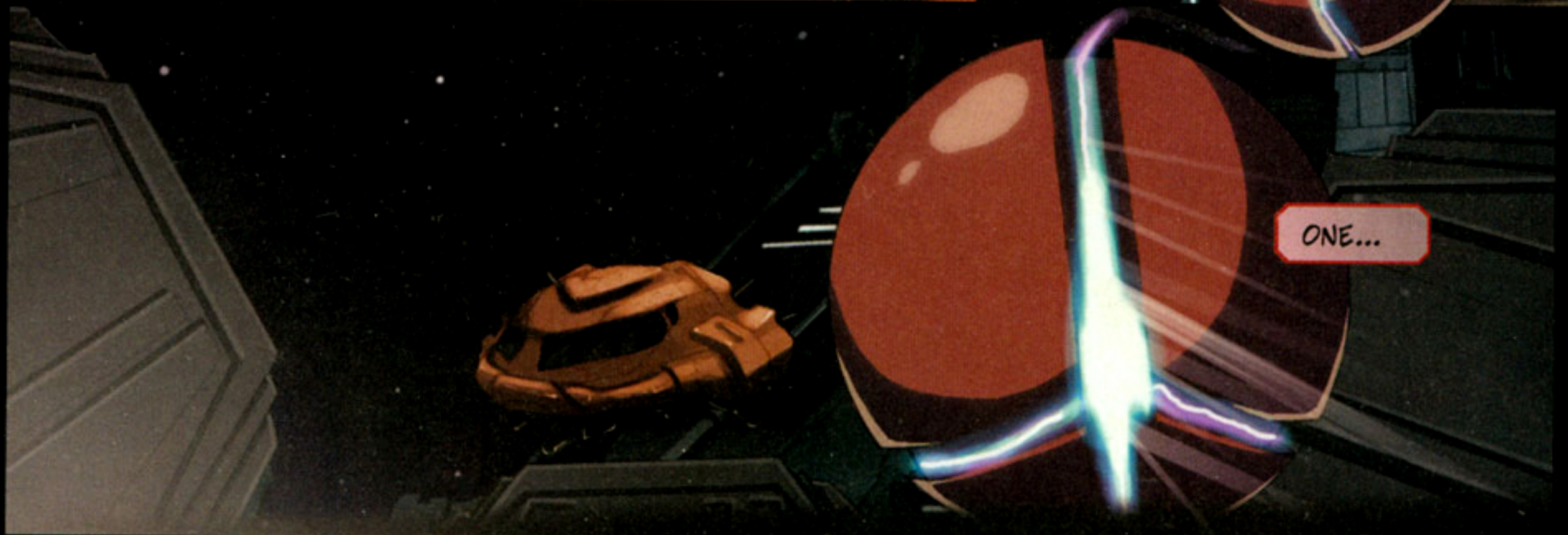
THREE...



TWO...



ONE...




KAT-BOOM!!!

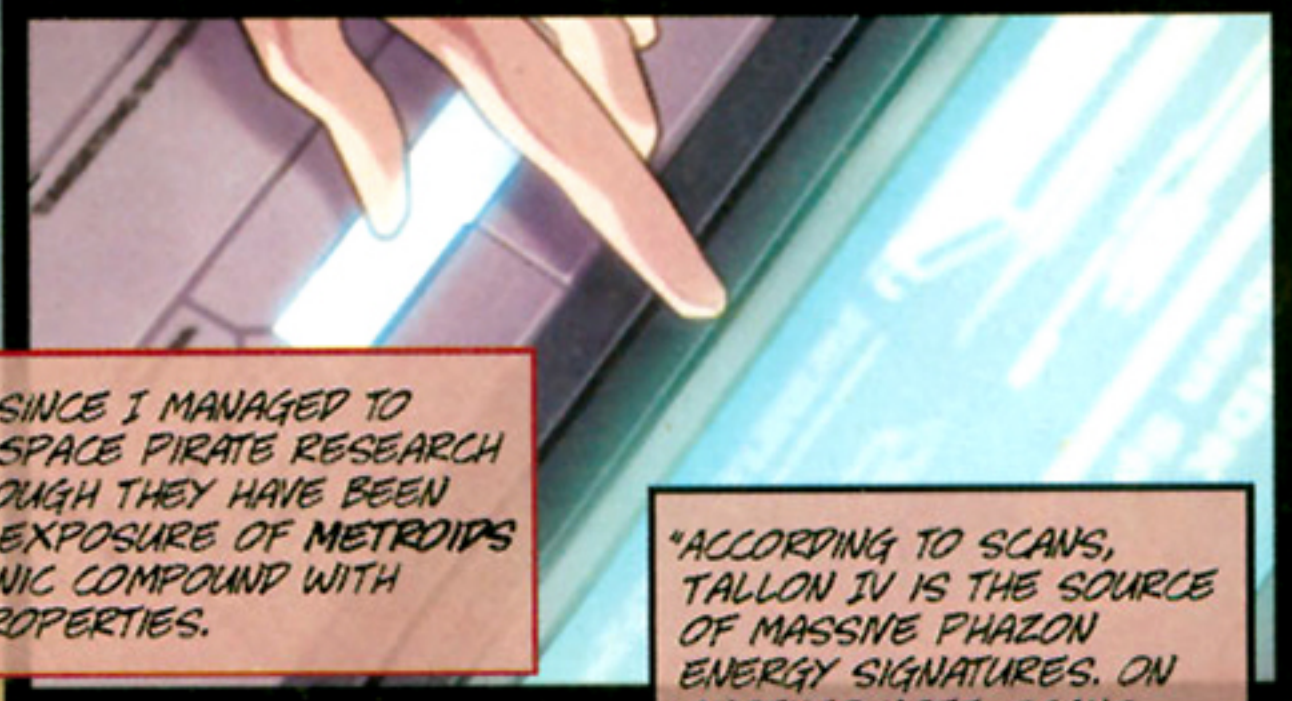
MY POWER SUIT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



STAY TUNED FOR MORE
ADVENTURES NEXT ISSUE
AS SAMUS ARAN BATTLES
THE SPACE PIRATES ON THE
SURFACE OF TALLON IV!




"SHORTLY AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RESEARCH VESSEL, A RANDOM POWER SURGE DAMAGED MY VARIA SUIT. I WAS ABLE TO REVERT BACK TO MY POWER SUIT—HOPEFULLY, IT WILL OFFER ME SOME PROTECTION ON TALLON IV.

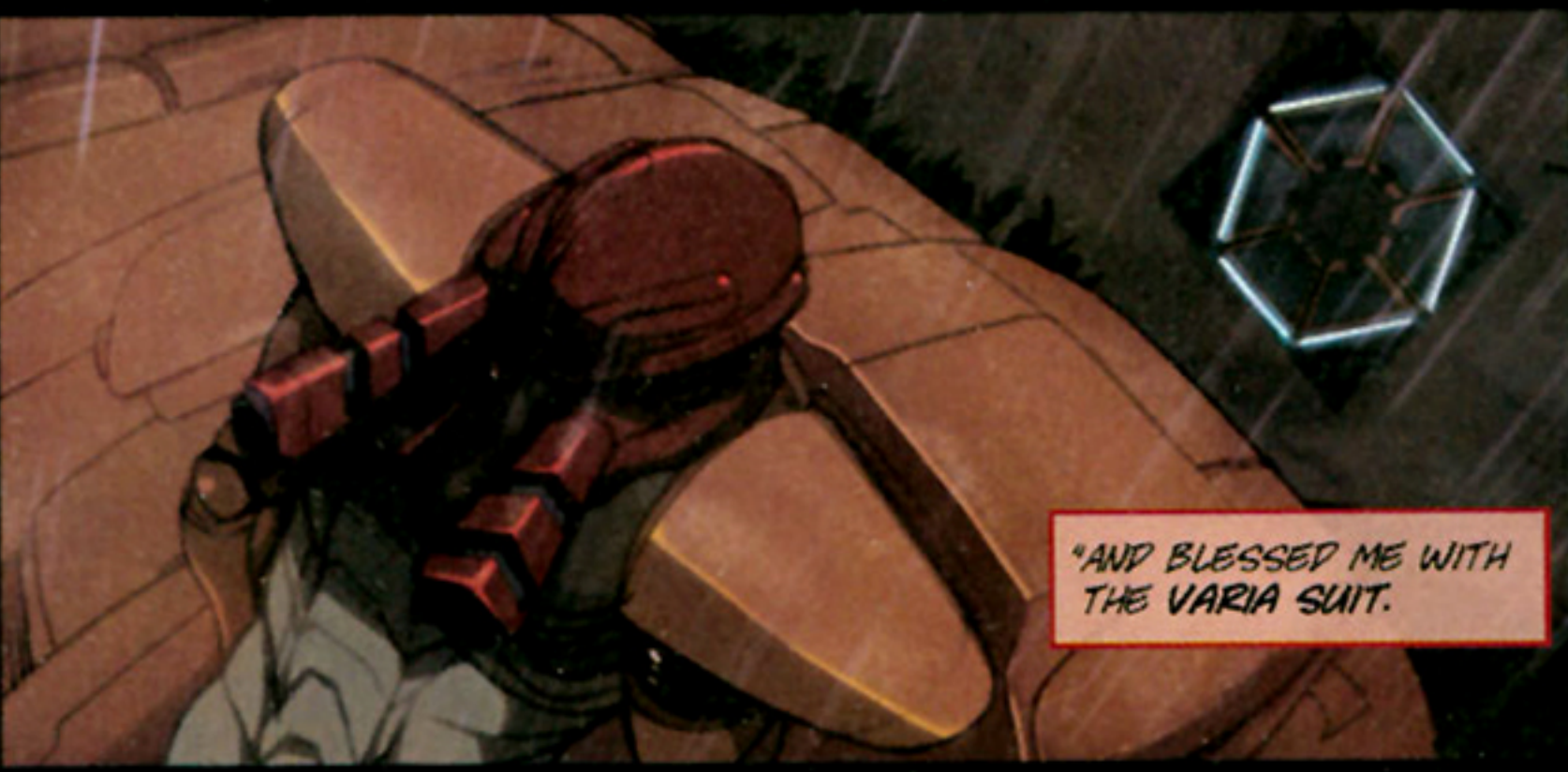


"IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS SINCE I MANAGED TO DECODE SOME OF THE SPACE PIRATE RESEARCH LOGS. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING A ZERO-G EXPOSURE OF METROIDS TO PHAZON, A MUTAGENIC COMPOUND WITH EXTREME ENERGETIC PROPERTIES.

"ACCORDING TO SCANS, TALLON IV IS THE SOURCE OF MASSIVE PHAZON ENERGY SIGNATURES. ON ANOTHER NOTE, SCANS ALSO INDICATE THAT TALLON IV IS LITTERED WITH ANCIENT RUINS FROM THE CHOZO CIVILIZATION.

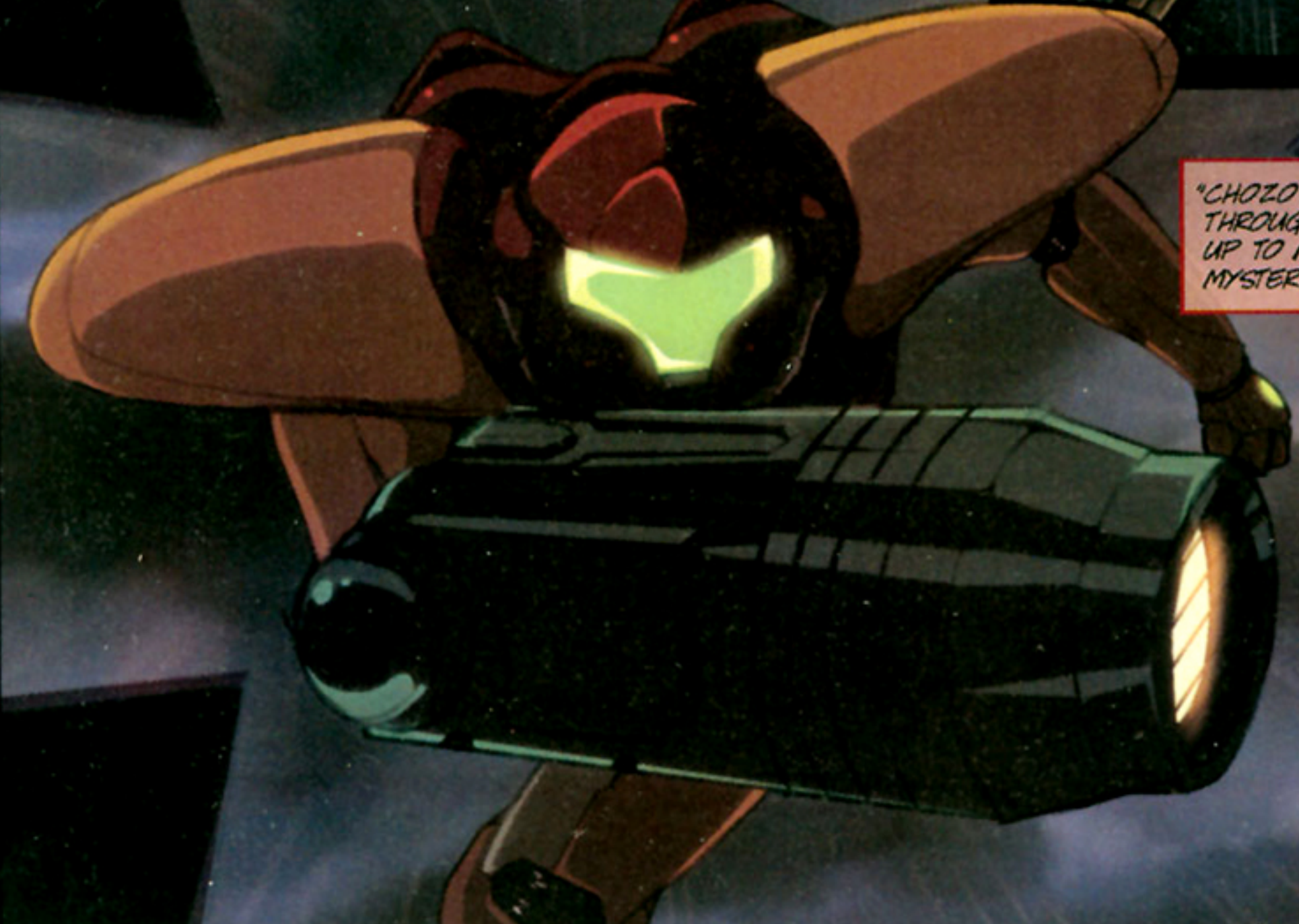


"IT WAS THE CHOZO THAT RAISED ME AFTER THE MASSACRE ON K-2L. THEY TRAINED ME TO FIGHT...

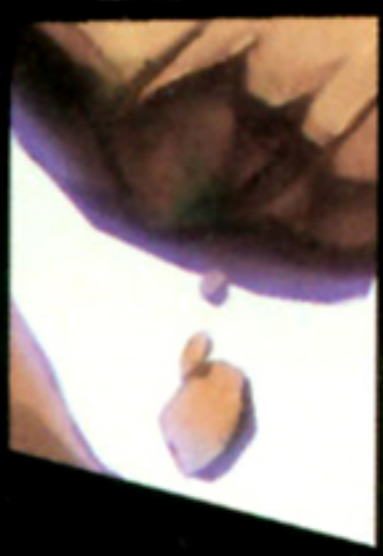


"AND BLESSED ME WITH THE VARIA SUIT.

PHAZON!



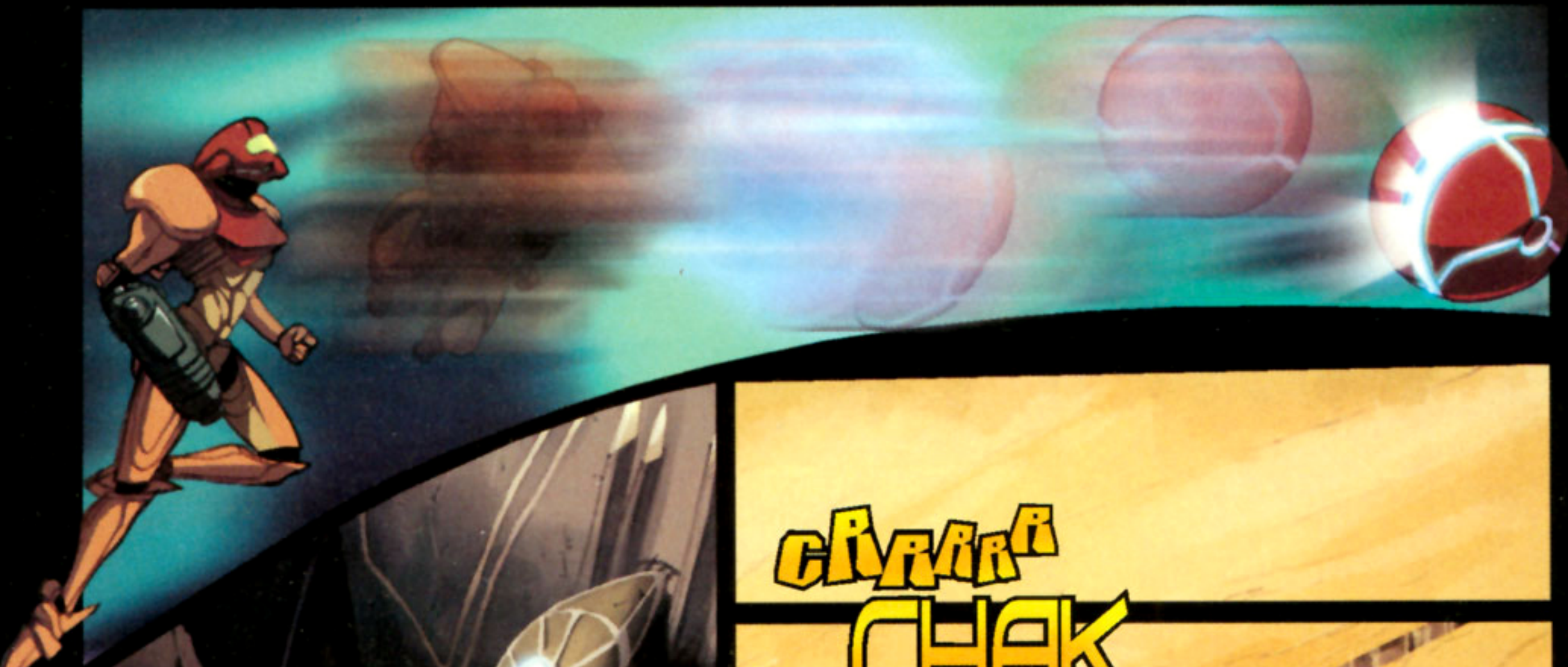
"CHOZO BLOOD PUMPS THROUGH MY VEINS ... AND IT'S UP TO ME TO UNCOVER THE MYSTERIES OF THIS PLANET."



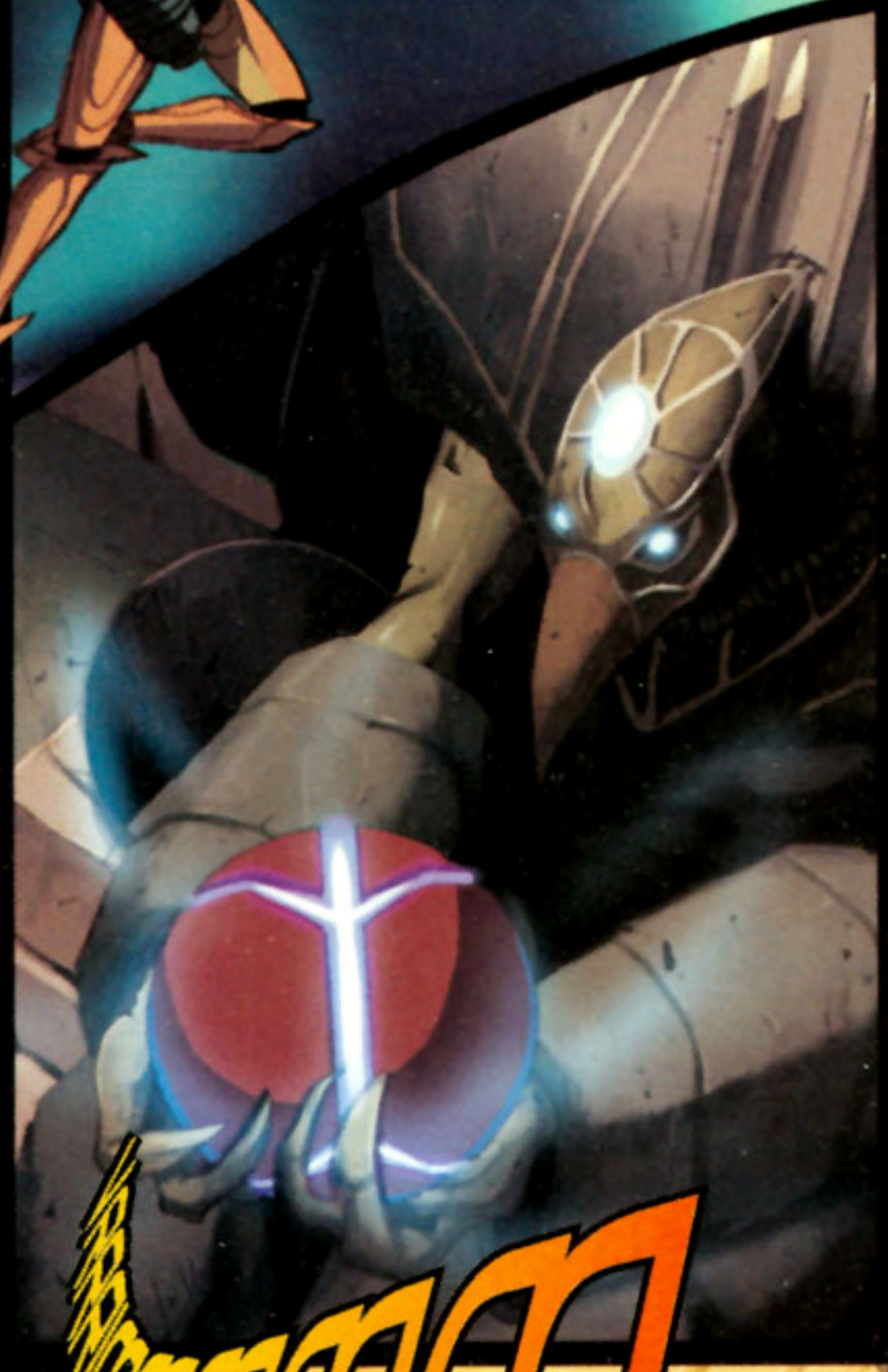


VZZZZZ





CRARRR
CHAK



mmmmmm...





WVSSH!



GRRRRR...



SWAN!



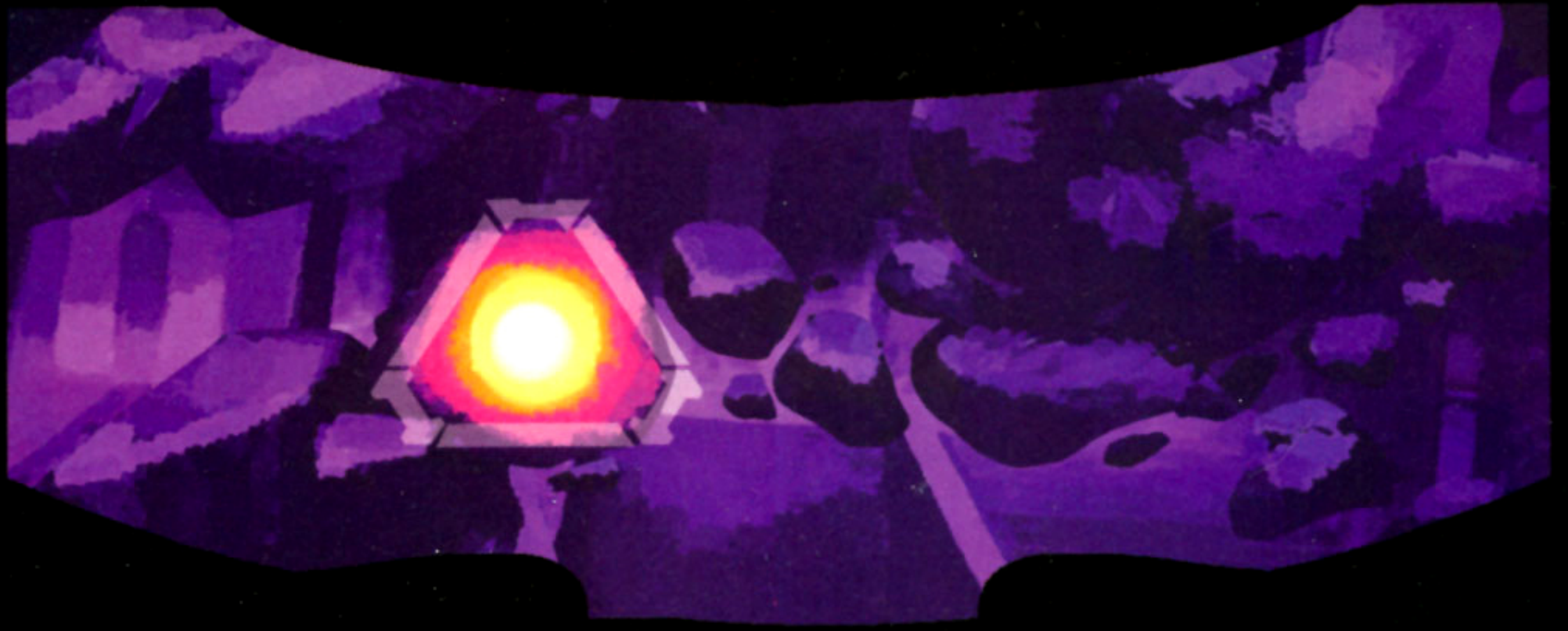
**VZZZZAT!
VZZZZAT!
VZZZZAT!**

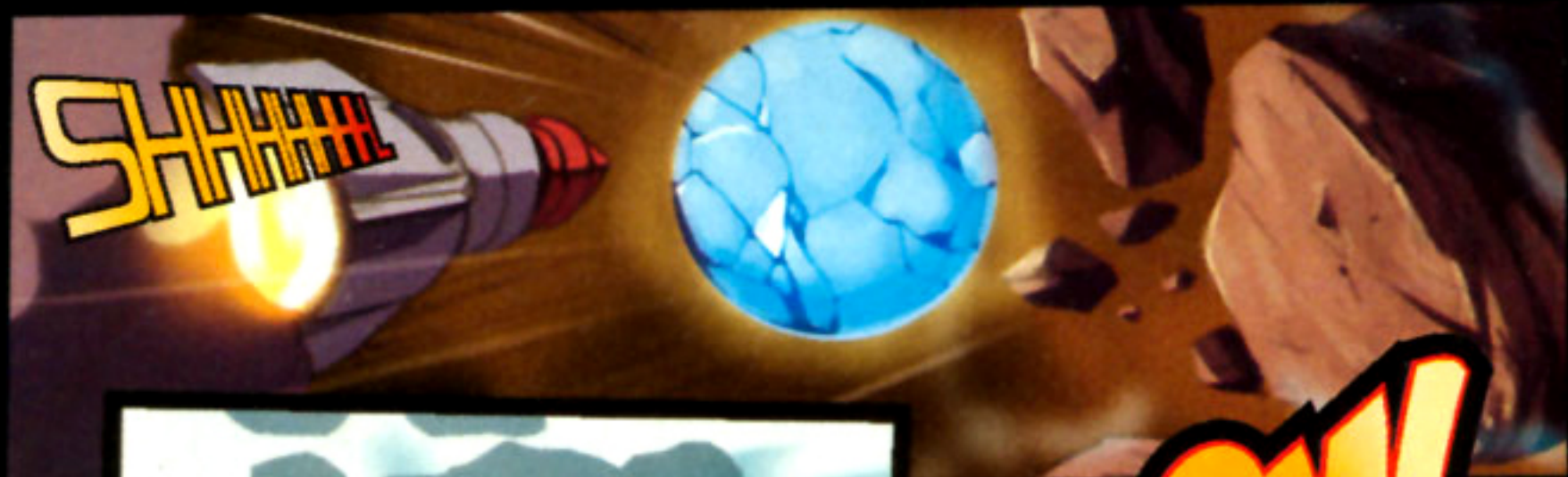


PING!

PING!

PING!





KA-BOOM!



TO BE
CONTINUED...

"IT HAS BEEN OVER TEN HOURS SINCE I LANDED ON THE SURFACE OF TALLON IV."

SHHHNK!

"LUCKILY, I WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER A PHAZON SUIT UPGRADE THAT WILL PROTECT ME. EVEN AT THE SOURCE OF THE PHAZON SPREAD, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FUNCTION OPTIMALLY."

"WITH THE HEAVY PHAZON RADIATION FROM THE PLANET, I WAS AFRAID THAT MY SUIT MIGHT NOT FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY DOWN IN THE CORE."

"NOW WITH ALL TWELVE OF THE CHOZO ARTIFACTS, THE SEAL TO THE PHAZON CORE CAN FINALLY BE UNLOCKED."

RIDLEY!

GRROUSSA!

**SHOOM!
SHOOM!
SHOOM!**





TARGET: META-RIDLEY

FLAMETHROWER
CHARGED AND READY



FWOOSH!



SKREEEEEE!!!



CLUNK!

"THE PHAZON CORE."

"WHATEVER SECRETS THE
SPACE PIRATES ARE HIDING
LIE INSIDE."

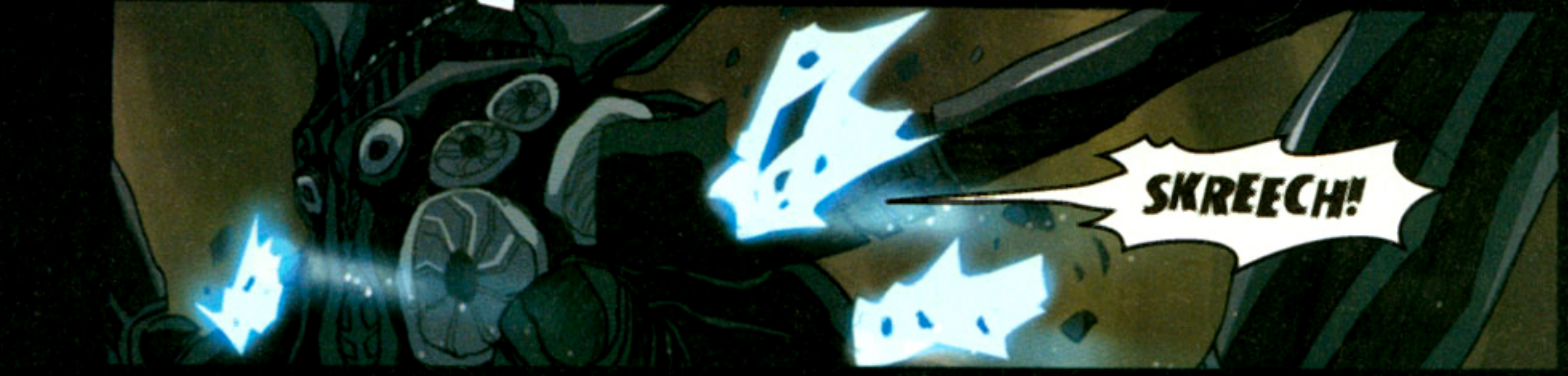
"I MUST CONTINUE."



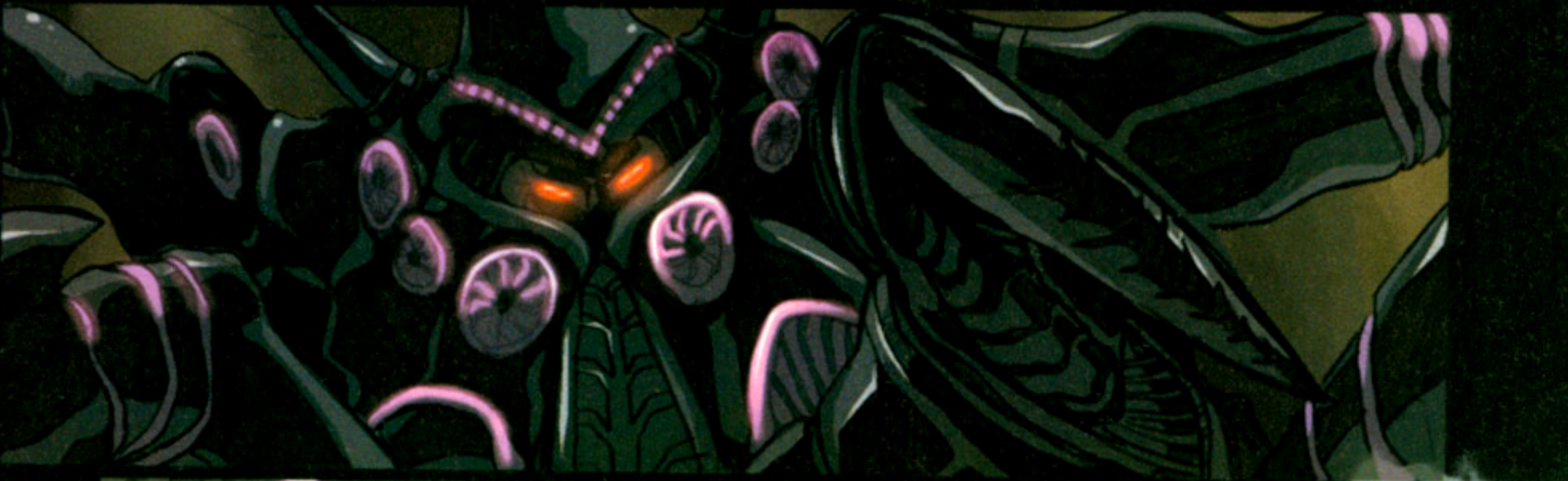


SHKOOM!
SHKOOM!

SHKOOM!



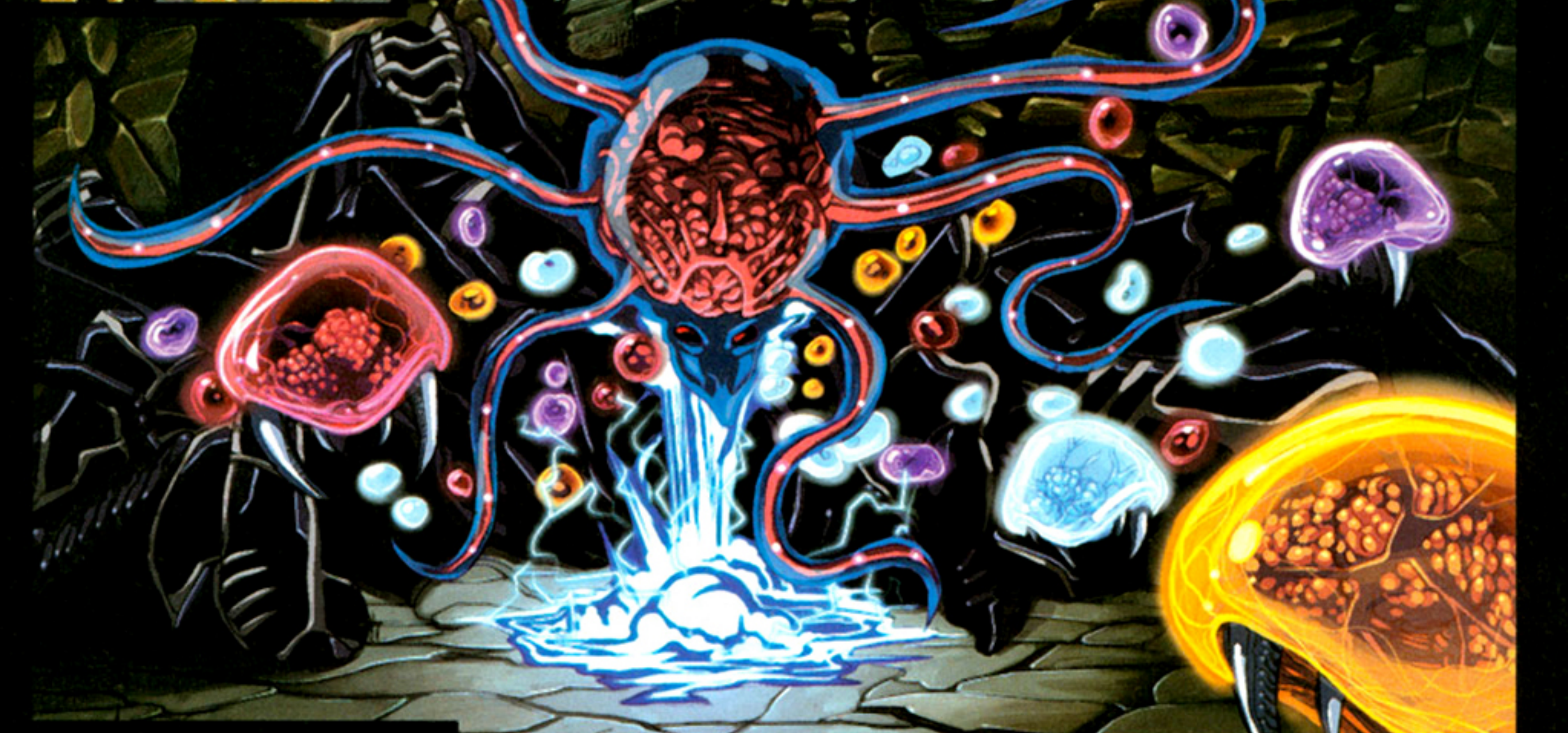
SKREECH!

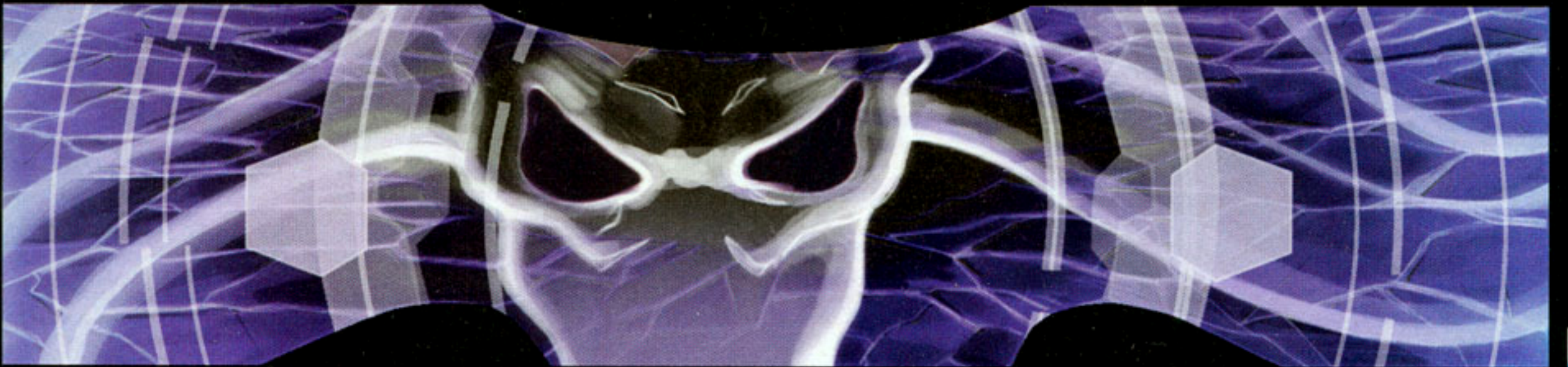
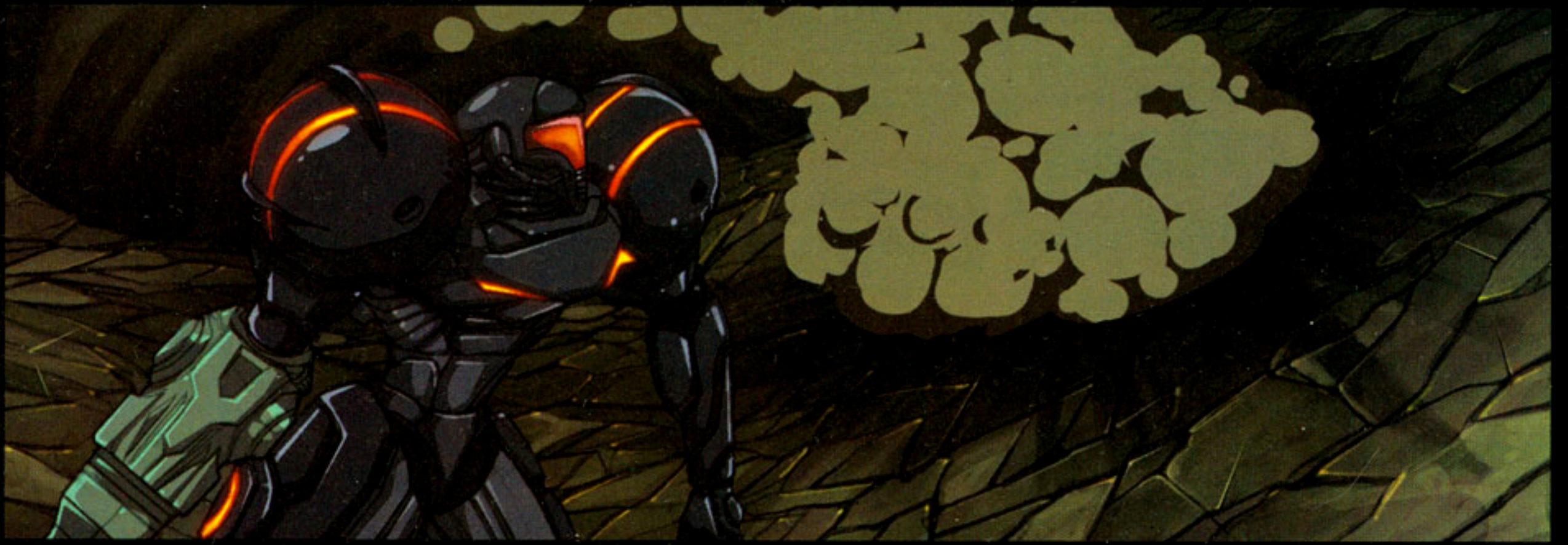


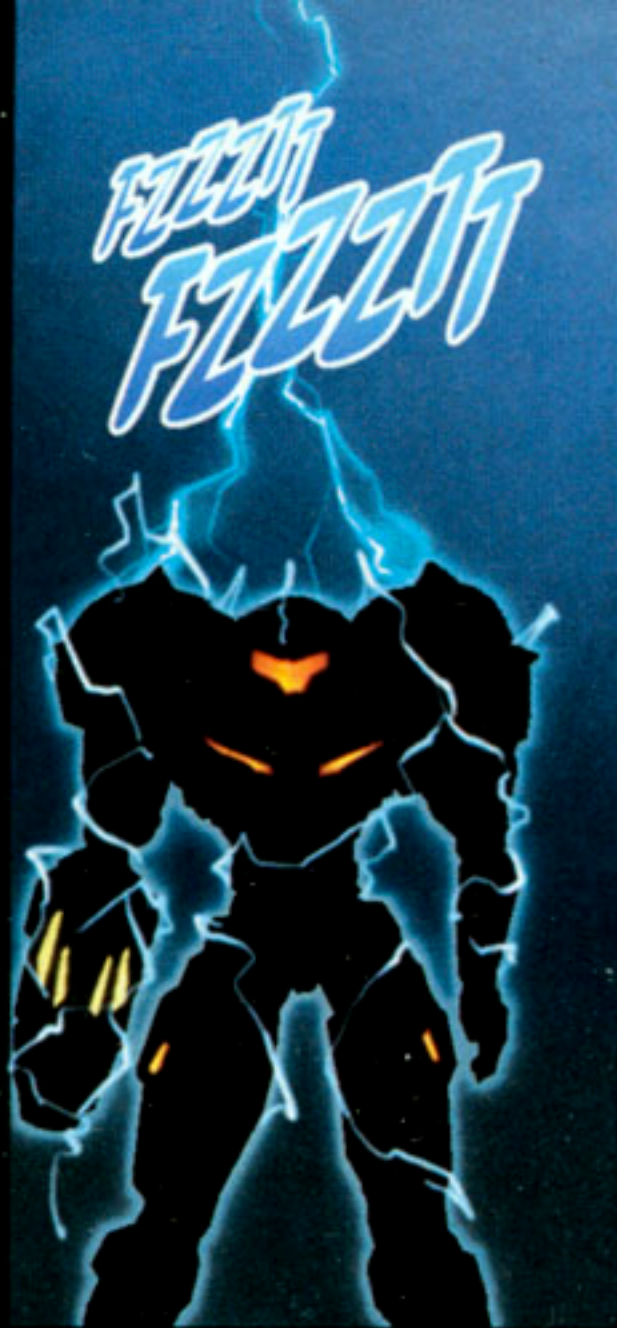
CHA-
CHAK!



WUAAA
TOOWAAA!







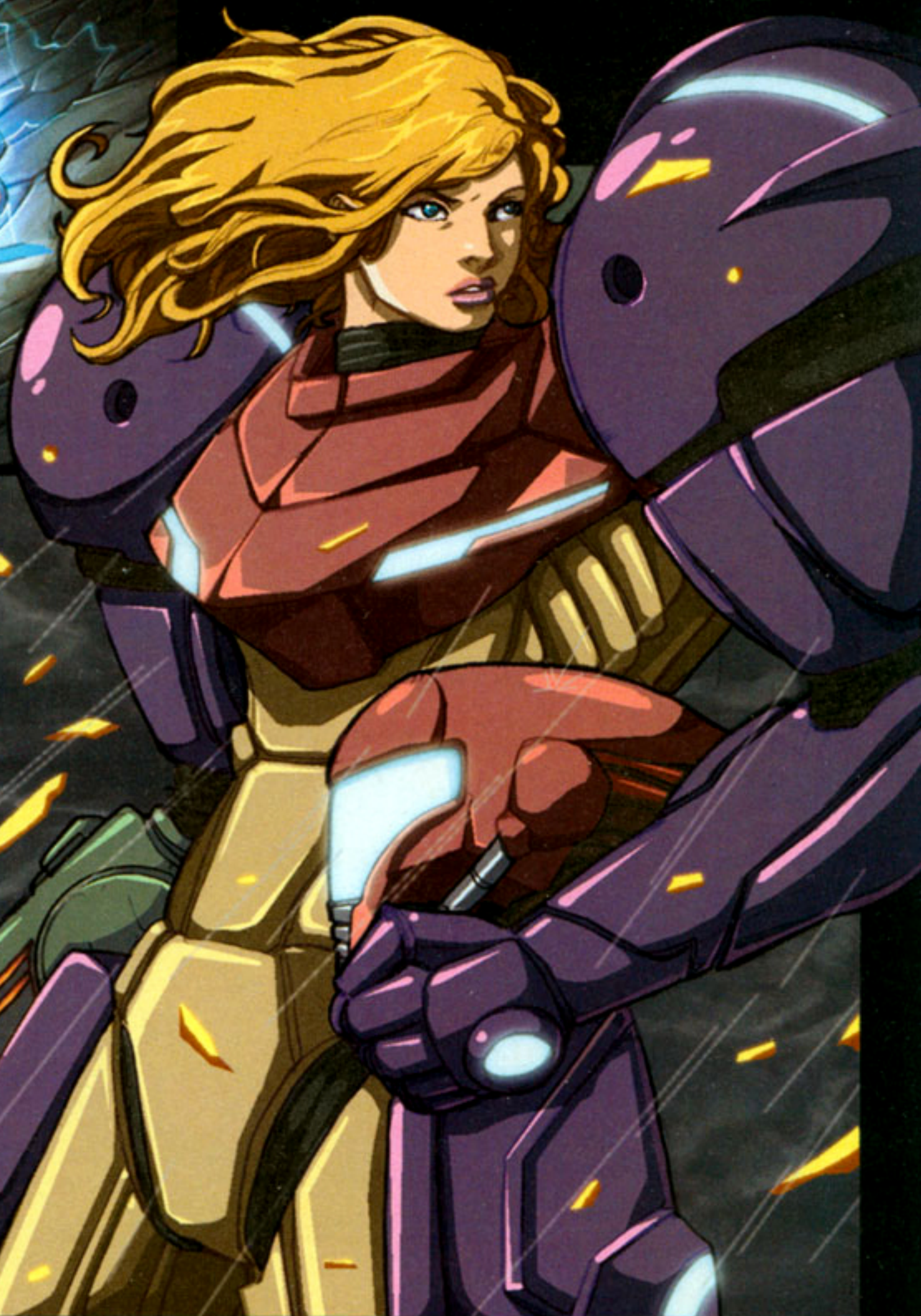
"THE BLAST DESTROYED THE METROID."



"UNFORTUNATELY MY PHAZON SUIT WAS OVERLOADED IN THE PROCESS."



"THE GRAVITY SUIT WON'T LAST LONG IN THE SURROUNDING PHAZON RADIATION."



"I MUST ESCAPE THE CORE."

END

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