

MELVILLE ISLAND,
NUNAVUT SIDE,
CANADA.

"IT BEGAN SOME TWO
DECADES AGO, THE NIGHT
SOMETHING FELL FROM THE
HEAVENS ABOVE MY
COUNTRY.

"A METEOR,
EVERYONE
ASSUMED.

"EVERYONE EXCEPT
FOR JOSEPH EVANS.
HE WAS CERTAIN IT WAS
SOMETHING MORE, AND HE
DEDICATED THE REST OF HIS
LIFE TO FINDING IT. WHERE
HE FAILED...

"...HIS SONS SUCCEEDED. AN ALIEN
FROM A SPECIES CALLED *THE BOREALIS*,
KILLED IN THE LANDING. BUT SOMETHING
STILL LIVED. A SEED.

"IT BONDED WITH THEM,
MICHAEL AND TOM. THE BOREALIS
TECHNOLOGY CHANGED THEM.

"AND THUS, CAPTAIN
CANUCK WAS BORN."

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
NEW YORK, UNITED STATES.

CANUCK'S FIGHT AGAINST THE ALIEN
PHAROS SPILLED INTO THE UNITED
STATES, AND AMERICAN LIVES WERE
LOST. I MOURN THAT TRAGEDY WITH
YOU ALL. BUT THAT IS MY REASON
FOR ADDRESSING THIS BODY,
SO THAT YOU KNOW.

CAPTAIN
CANUCK IS
NOT SIMPLY A
CANADIAN HERO. HE
IS A HERO FOR
EVERYONE.



CANADA DID NOT SET OUT TO HAVE SUPER HUMANS. THIS WAS NOT PART OF SOME HIDDEN AGENDA.



"THESE PEOPLE YOU CALL SUPERHEROES ARE JUST WOMEN AND MEN. CHOSEN BY FATE ALONE."



"ARE THEY EXCEPTIONAL? YES. WITHOUT QUESTION."



"BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY CHOOSE TO DO WITH THEIR ABILITIES. THEY ALL DECIDED TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. TO DEDICATE THEIR GIFTS TOWARD GOOD."



"YES, THERE'S STILL MUCH ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. THIS IS A STRANGE NEW AGE FOR THE WORLD."



BUT LET US NOT BE AFRAID. LET US ALL WALK INTO THIS FUTURE TOGETHER.

YOU CANADIANS THINK YOU'RE SO DAMN SPECIAL...



BUT YOU'RE NOT. YOU'RE LOSERS. CAPTAIN CANUCK? LOSER.

AMERICA DOESN'T NEED ANYONE'S HELP. WE HAVE A REAL SUPERHERO. LOOK AT BATTLE JR. HERE. YOU SEE THE GUNS? TREMENDOUS GUNS. HE CAN SHOOT A ROCKET FROM HIS ARM! TOTAL WINNER.



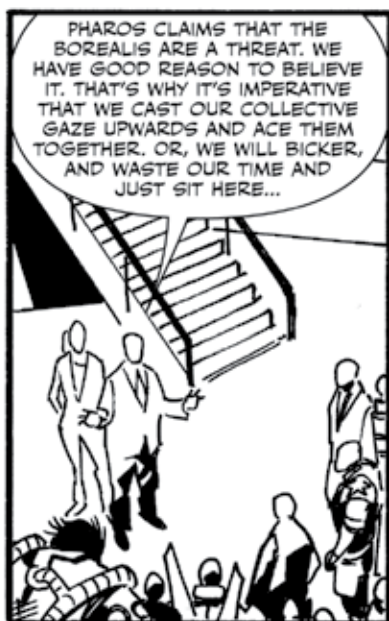
PATHETIC. HE LOOKS LIKE AN ADOLESCENT CHILD'S FANTASY. UNLIKE OUR SUPERIOR RUSSIAN SPECIMEN, VOYNA--THE MAN CALLED WAR!

KNONE COMPARE TO THE GREATNESS OF THE PEOPLE'S HERO, IRON LOTUS!



THIS GOES SIDWAYS, I'M SHOOTING THE RUSSIAN THING FIRST. SIR.

LISTEN, EVERYONE, THE LAST THING I WANTED TO DO IS START SOME KIND OF SUPERHUMAN ARMS RACE. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER. I'VE WARNED YOU, THE BOREALIS PLAN TO RETURN.



PHAROS CLAIMS THAT THE BOREALIS ARE A THREAT. WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE IT. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE CAST OUR COLLECTIVE GAZE UPWARDS AND ACE THEM TOGETHER. OR, WE WILL BICKER, AND WASTE OUR TIME AND JUST SIT HERE...



PACIFIC OCEAN. ABOVE THE MARIANA TRENCH.

"...WAITING FOR THEM TO COME FROM THE SKIES."

LANCE. LANCE, CAN YOU HEAR ME? DO YOU SEE ANYTHING YET?

10,500 METERS BELOW.

NO VISUALS YET, BUT LIKE WE THOUGHT, THIS DEFINITELY ISN'T ONE OF THE DIMENSIONAL RIFTS WE'VE BEEN EXPLORING. I'M GETTING ENERGY SPIKES, BUT IT'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

STAY SAFE, LANCE. I HATE THAT YOU HAD TO GO IT ALONE.

I'M FINE, JOHN. REMEMBER THE WHOLE "LANCE VALIANT AND HIS AMAZING POWERS" THING?

ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE AWFULLY COZY WITH THE TWO OF US IN HERE.

EW. STOP.

TASHA? SORRY, DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE ON THE HORN, TOO.

RELAYING A MESSAGE FROM OUR FRIEND WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THE U.N. IS HOLDING ITS MEETING ON SUPERS, AND IT'S TURNING INTO A PISSING CONTEST BETWEEN ALL THE BIG BOYS.

KEBEC THINKS IF WE CAN MAKE CLEAR THE POWER OF THE RIFTS, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STAVE OFF WORLD WAR III.

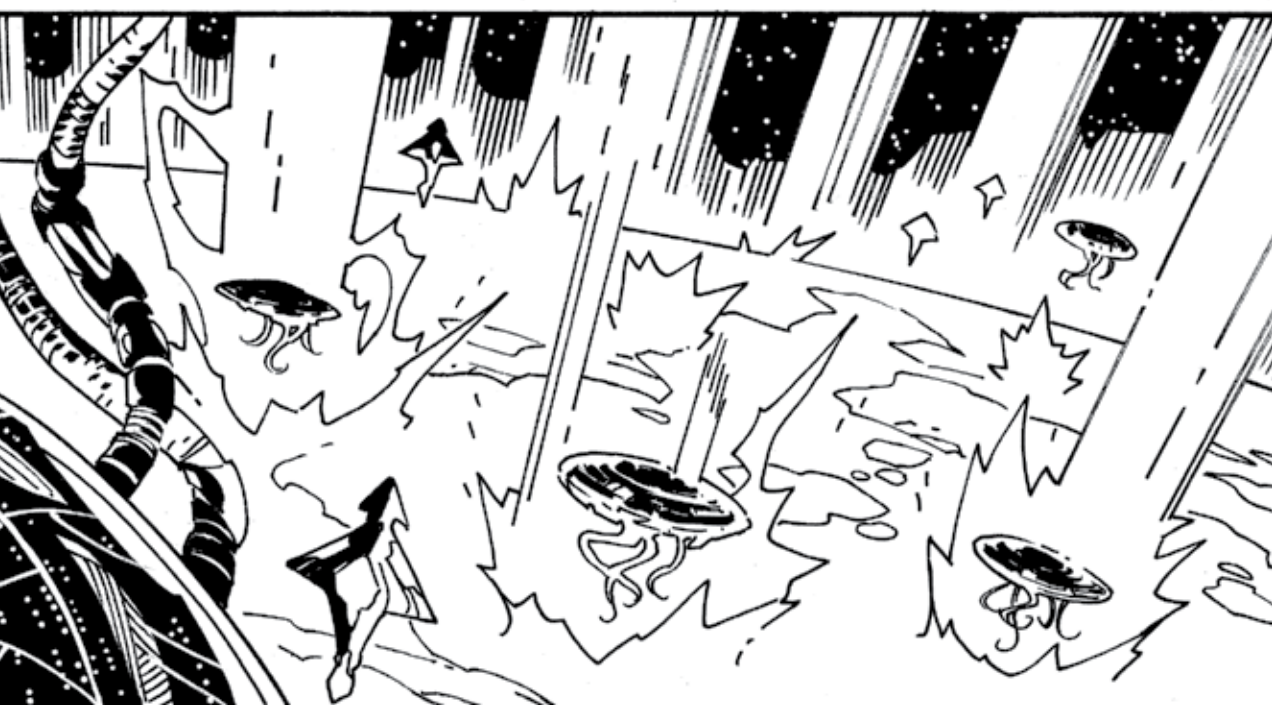
HOLD ON! I HAVE VISUAL. THE RIFT IS ACTIVE! DO YOU HEAR ME? THE RIFT IS ACTIVE!

SOMETHING IS MOVING IN IT! WE NEED TO--

LANCE! LANCE! WHAT'S HAPPENING?! PLEASE...



WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S COMING THROUGH?!





NEW YORK.



<EARTH.
HN. IT IS
PRETTIER
THAN I
EXPECTED.>

<AH,
WELL.>



EARTH-
WORLDERS,
BEHOLD!



WE ARE THE
BOREALIS. WE COME
FROM A FAR DISTANT
PLANET, BUT WE KNOW
YOU VERY WELL. FOR WE
HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
WE HAVE WATCHED YOU.
WATCHED YOU
CLOSELY.

WE OBSERVE
LIFE ACROSS THE
COSMOS, LETTING
SPECIES DEVELOP, TO
TAKE WHATEVER PATH
THEY CHOOSE. WE DO
NOT INTERFERE...

...UNTIL
IT IS TIME FOR
JUDGMENT.