

STAR RUNNER CHRONICLES



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RISING STAR



SOMETIMES, I'M JUST NOT GRATEFUL ENOUGH.

MONICA SPENT NEARLY A YEAR REPAIRING HER CUSTOMIZED JUMP SHIP. BUT WHEN SCOTT AND I WERE IN DANGER, SHE DIDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT SACRIFICING IT TO HELP US ESCAPE.

SHE WAS FORCED TO CRASH-LAND IN THE WOODS A FEW MILES FROM THE VANGUARD BASE, ALONG WITH KRISTINE AND GUS AS PASSENGERS.

ONCE AGAIN, I WAS SAVED BY MY FRIENDS.

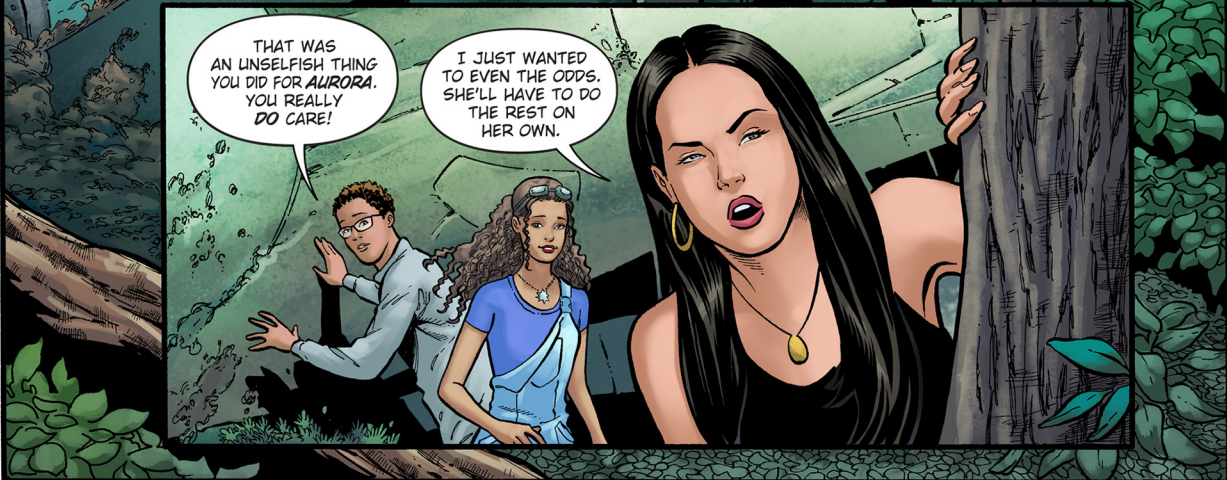
OUCH. WHAT A LANDING! I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOUR SHIP WAS WELL-SHIELDED?

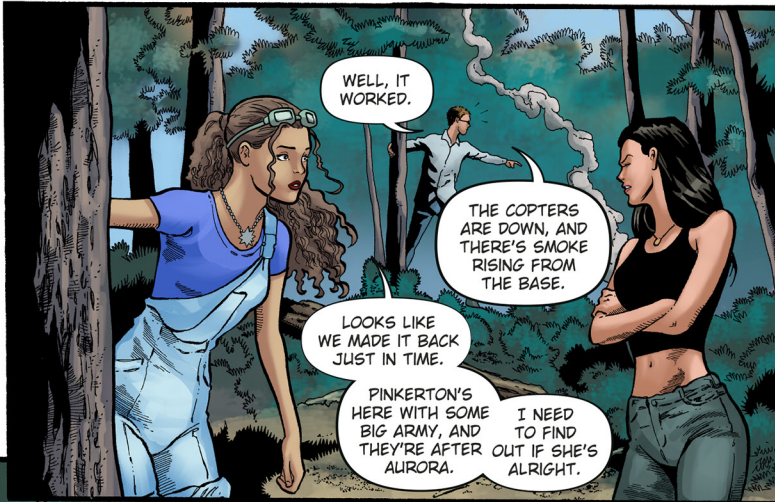
THE SHIP CAN BE REPAIRED, BUT THE CALIBRATORS WERE TAKEN OUT BY THE HIT.

SHE WON'T FLY AGAIN WITHOUT SOME HANDS-ON WORK.

THAT WAS AN UNSELFISH THING YOU DID FOR AURORA. YOU REALLY DO CARE!

I JUST WANTED TO EVEN THE ODDS. SHE'LL HAVE TO DO THE REST ON HER OWN.





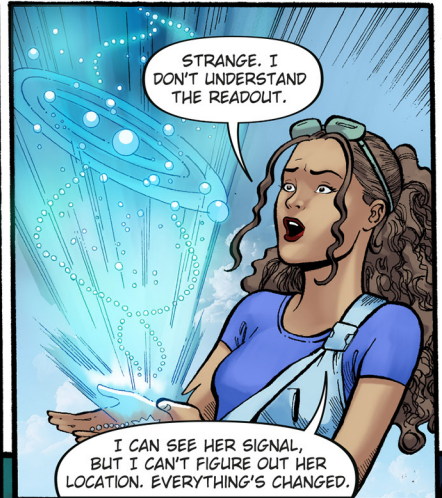
WELL, IT WORKED.

THE COPTERS ARE DOWN, AND THERE'S SMOKE RISING FROM THE BASE.

LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT BACK JUST IN TIME.

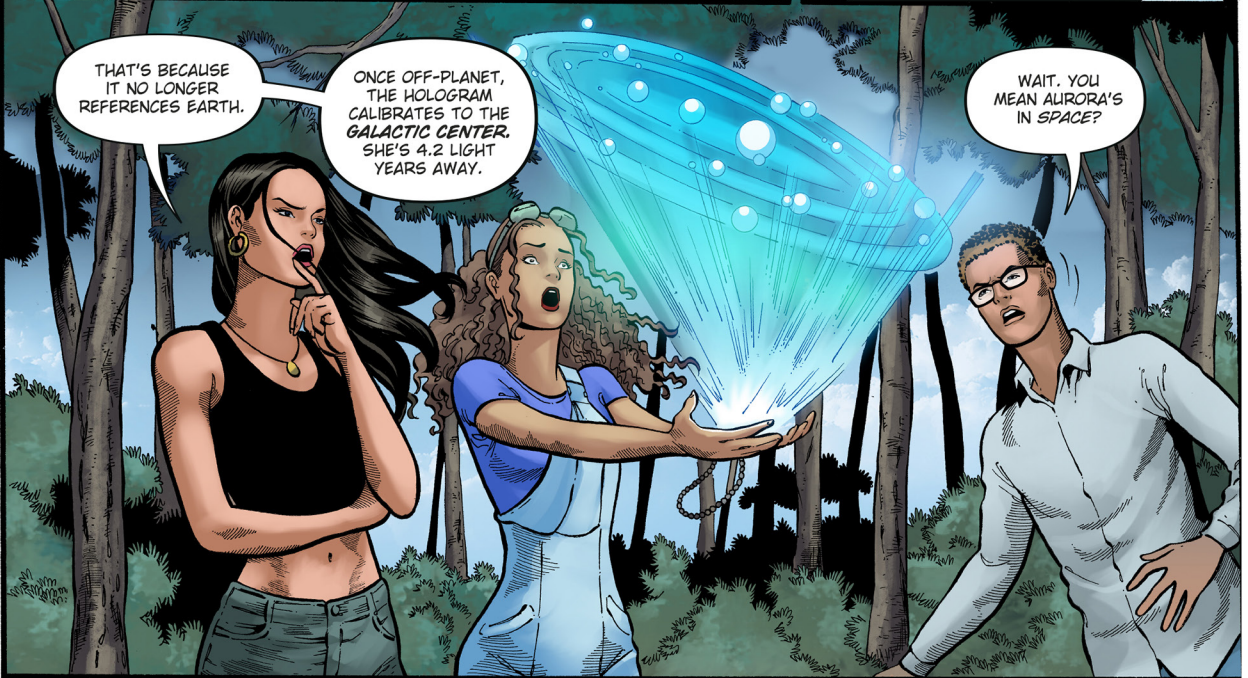
PINKERTON'S HERE WITH SOME BIG ARMY, AND THEY'RE AFTER AURORA.

I NEED TO FIND OUT IF SHE'S ALRIGHT.



STRANGE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE READOUT.

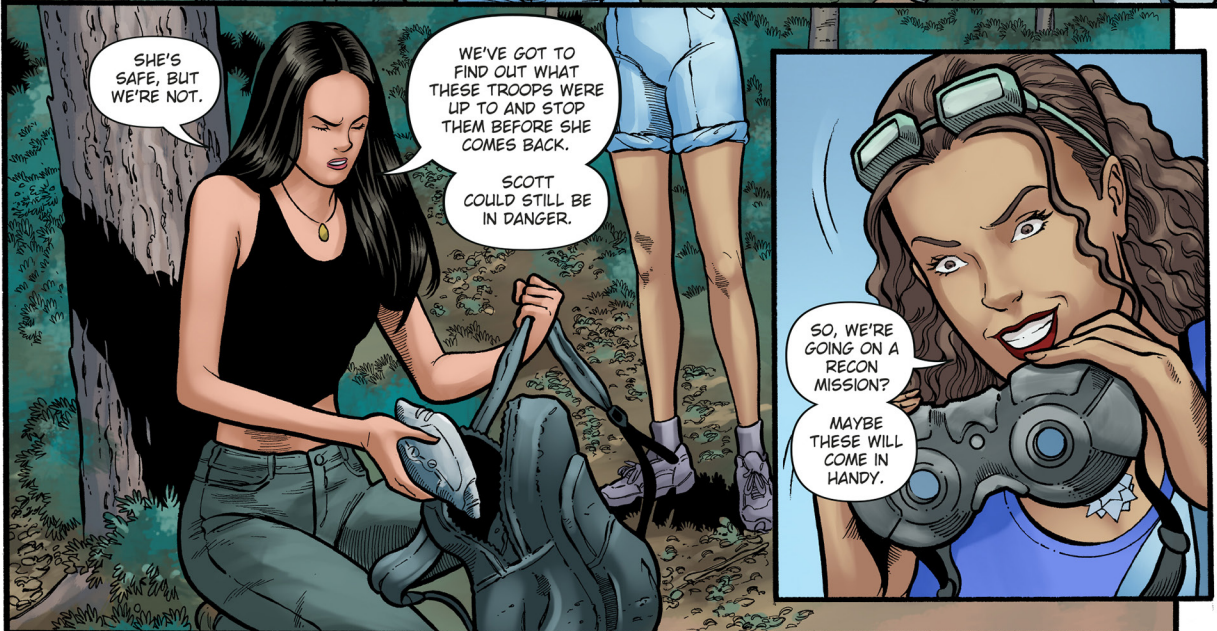
I CAN SEE HER SIGNAL, BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HER LOCATION. EVERYTHING'S CHANGED.



THAT'S BECAUSE IT NO LONGER REFERENCES EARTH.

ONCE OFF-PLANET, THE HOLOGRAM CALIBRATES TO THE GALACTIC CENTER. SHE'S 4.2 LIGHT YEARS AWAY.

WAIT. YOU MEAN AURORA'S IN SPACE?



SHE'S SAFE, BUT WE'RE NOT.

WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THESE TROOPS WERE UP TO AND STOP THEM BEFORE SHE COMES BACK.

SCOTT COULD STILL BE IN DANGER.

SO, WE'RE GOING ON A RECON MISSION?

MAYBE THESE WILL COME IN HANDY.



AT FIRST, I COULDN'T BELIEVE I'D MADE IT.

TO FLY MY PARENT'S SHIP, TO FEEL THE EXPANSE OF SPACE AROUND ME, IT WAS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE. I FELT TIME FOLD AT MY COMMAND, AND IT WAS EXHILARATING.

I HAD SEEN THIS MOMENT IN MY VISION, BUT IT WAS STILL A BIT OF A SHOCK.

HOW COULD YOU BE MY "BETROTHED"?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU!



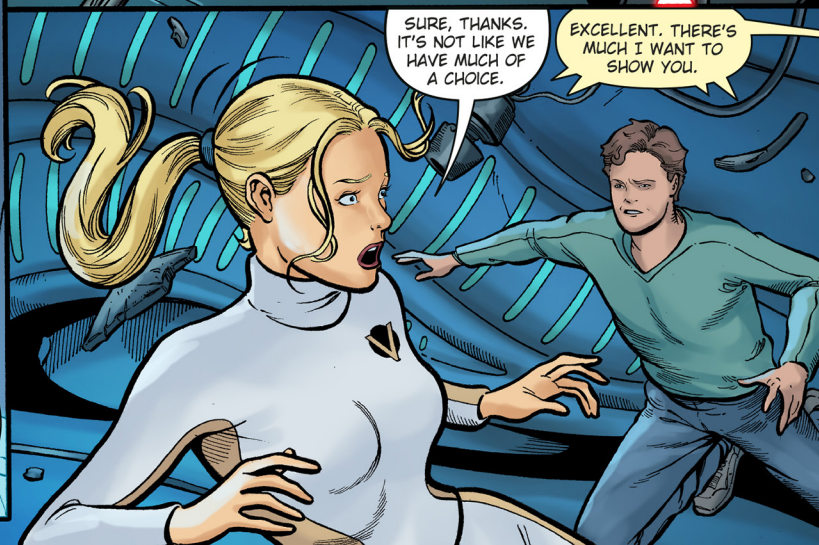
OUR FAMILIES GO BACK A THOUSAND GENERATIONS, A'RORA.

WE WERE RAISED TO BE NAVIGATORS FOR THE GALACTIC. SINCE MY FATHER CAME FROM THE SAME LINE AS YOUR MOTHER, I WAS PROMISED TO HER FIRST-BORN DAUGHTER.



I KNOW THIS MUST SEEM CONFUSING TO YOU, HAVING GROWN UP OFF-WORLD.

LET ME BRING YOU ABOARD. WE'LL REPAIR YOUR SHIP, AND I CAN EXPLAIN OUR HISTORY.



SURE, THANKS. IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE.

EXCELLENT. THERE'S MUCH I WANT TO SHOW YOU.

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