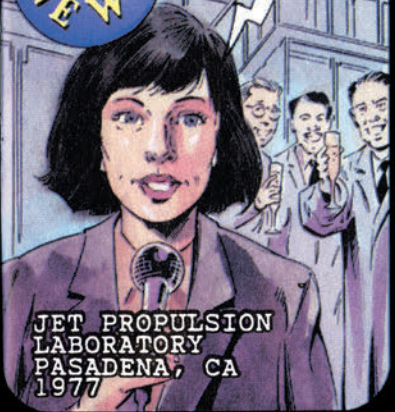


WYDLS  
11  
NEWS

I'M HERE IN PASADENA WITH THE NASA MISSION CONTROL TEAM AS THEY CELEBRATE SCIENTIFIC HISTORY...



JET PROPULSION LABORATORY PASADENA, CA 1977



...THE FIRST CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPHIC TRANSMISSIONS OF MARS FROM THE VIKING OBSERVER SPACECRAFT...



...PHOTOS THAT HAVE CREATED SOMETHING OF A STIR BY REVEALING THE PRESENCE OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER LOCKED IN MARS'S POLAR ICE CAPS...

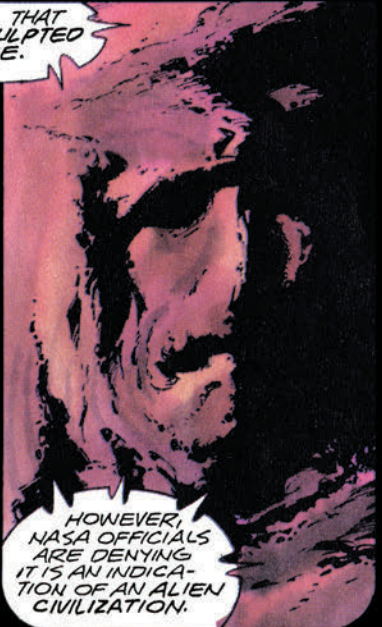


EVEN MORE CONTROVERSIAL IS ONE IMAGE OF A LAND FORMATION--

...WATER THAT, SOME SPECULATE, COULD HAVE POSSIBLY SUSTAINED LIFE ON THE PLANET.



--A FORMATION THAT LOOKS LIKE A SCULPTED HUMAN FACE.



HOWEVER, NASA OFFICIALS ARE DENYING IT'S AN INDICATION OF AN ALIEN CIVILIZATION.



IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A TRICK OF LIGHT AND SHADOWS...A GEOLOGIC ANOMALY.

LT. COL. MARCUS AURELIUS BELT VIKING ORBITER PROJECT DIRECTOR



I'M SORRY TO SAY THE ONLY SCULPTORS AT WORK HERE--

--ARE THE SOLAR WINDS THAT BLOW ACROSS THE SURFACE OF MARS AT 300 MILES AN HOUR--



--TEN MONTHS A YEAR.



A HOUSTON  
CONDOMINIUM  
ONE HOUR LATER



UNNNHH...

MY  
GOD...



HOW'S IT  
GOING OUT  
THERE?

THERE'S  
SOME-  
THING  
OUT  
HERE!

CAN YOU  
REPEAT THAT  
COMMANDER  
BELT?

IT'S  
COMING  
AT ME!  
HOLY  
GOD--!





HNNNN  
NNHHH



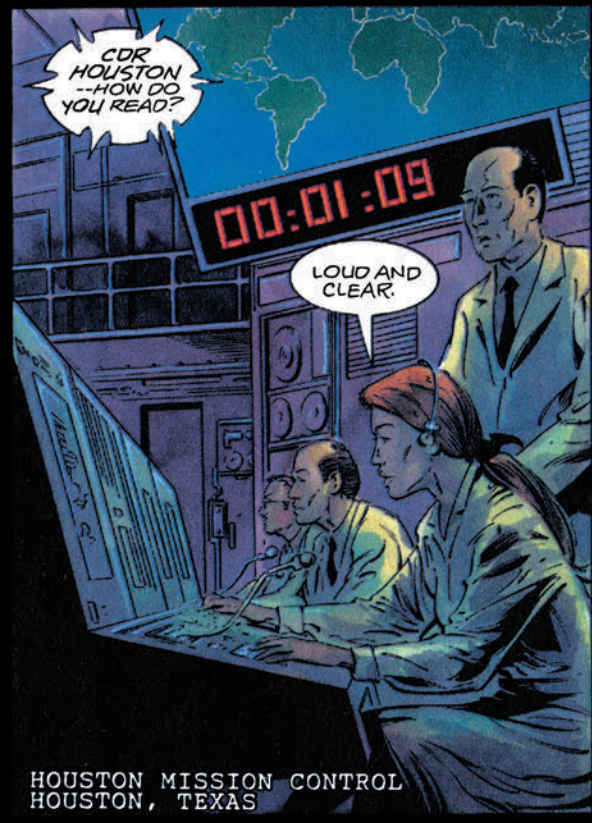


THIS IS SHUTTLE LAUNCH CONTROL WITH T MINUS ONE MINUTE, 15 SECONDS, AND COUNTING.

OTC TO CDR--HOW DO YOU READ?

LOUD AND CLEAR.

SHUTTLE SPACE CENTER  
CAPE CANAVERAL,  
FLORIDA  
1993



CDR HOUSTON --HOW DO YOU READ?

LOUD AND CLEAR.

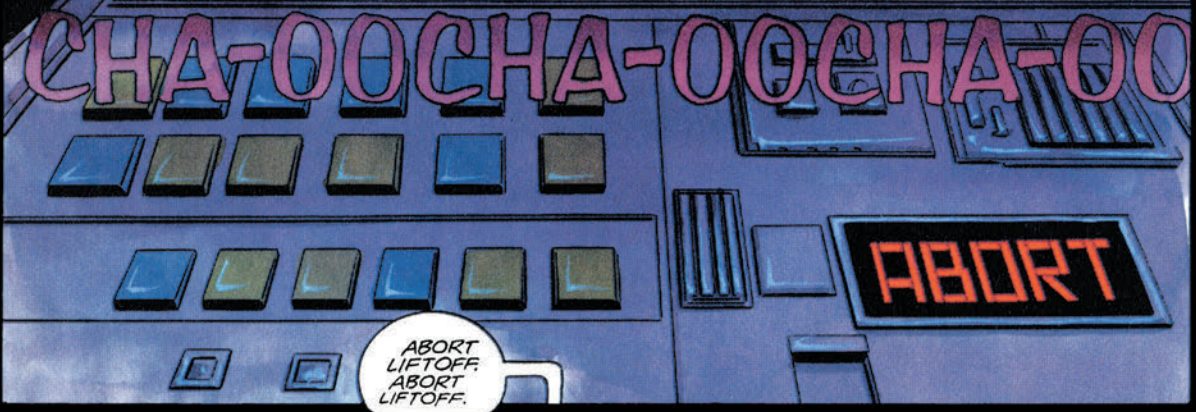
HOUSTON MISSION CONTROL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS



...LOCK YOUR VISORS AND INITIATE YOUR O<sub>2</sub> FLOW. Y'ALL HAVE A GOOD TRIP.

ROGER THAT, TEN-FOUR.

GO FOR MAIN ENGINE START. T MINUS TEN SECONDS AND COUNTING. T MINUS 9...8...7...6...5...4...3...



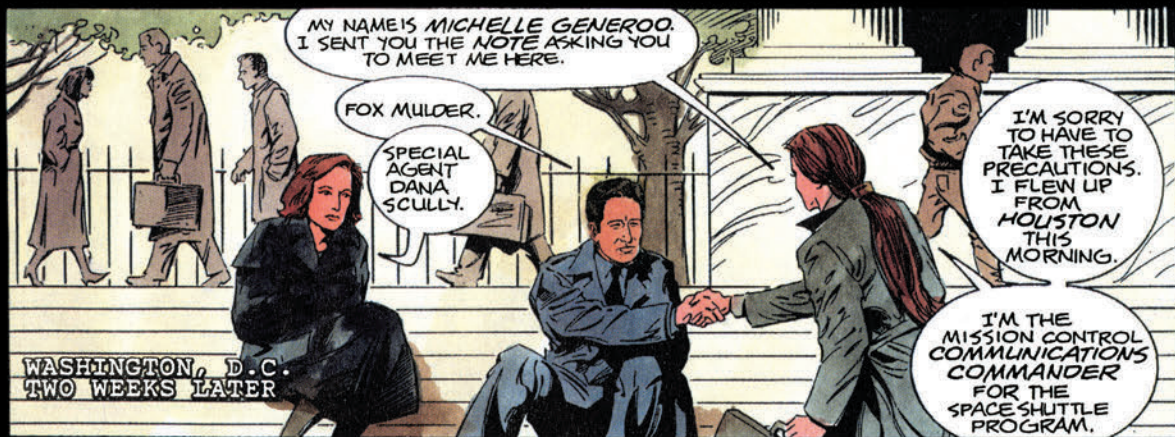
ABORT LIFTOFF.  
ABORT LIFTOFF.



SYSTEM FAILURE...



...ABORT LIFTOFF.



MY NAME IS MICHELLE GENEROO. I SENT YOU THE NOTE ASKING YOU TO MEET ME HERE.

FOX MULDER.

SPECIAL AGENT DANA SCULLY.

I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO TAKE THESE PRECAUTIONS. I FLEW UP FROM HOUSTON THIS MORNING.

I'M THE MISSION CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS COMMANDER FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM.

WASHINGTON, D.C. TWO WEEKS LATER



I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THERE MAY BE A SABOTEUR AT WORK INSIDE NASA.

DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE?

I DON'T KNOW, I MAY.



IT'S A MATERIAL ANALYSIS THAT SHOWS DEEP-GROOVED SCORING MARKS INSIDE THE APV VALVE-- MARKS THAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THE MALFUNCTION.

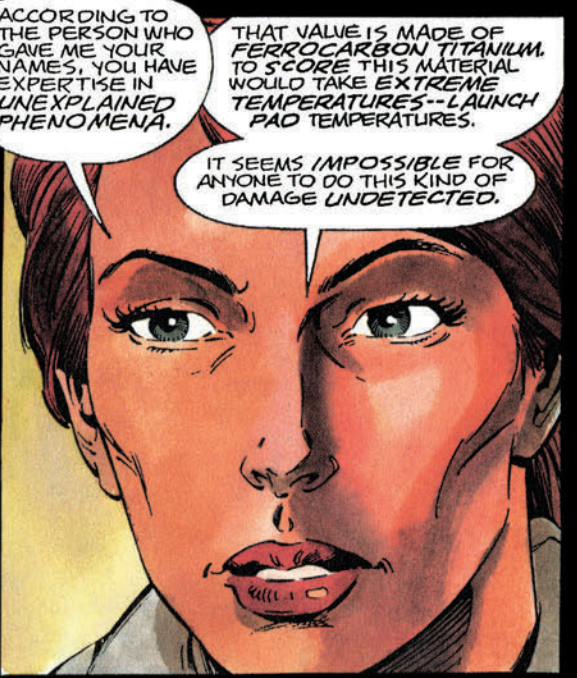
EVIDENCE OF TAMPERING?



TWO WEEKS AGO, A SHUTTLE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED THREE SECONDS BEFORE LIFTOFF WHEN AN AUXILIARY POWER UNIT VALVE MALFUNCTIONED.

IF THE FLIGHT HADN'T BEEN ABORTED, THERE WAS A GREAT CHANCE THE ORBITER WOULD'VE EXPLODED ON THE LAUNCH PAD.

THIS WAS SENT TO ME IN THE MAIL.



ACCORDING TO THE PERSON WHO GAVE ME YOUR NAME, YOU HAVE EXPERTISE IN UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA.

THAT VALVE IS MADE OF FERROCARBON TITANIUM. TO SCORE THIS MATERIAL WOULD TAKE EXTREME TEMPERATURES--LAUNCH PAD TEMPERATURES.

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO DO THIS KIND OF DAMAGE UNDETECTED.