

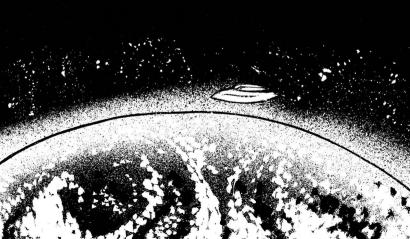
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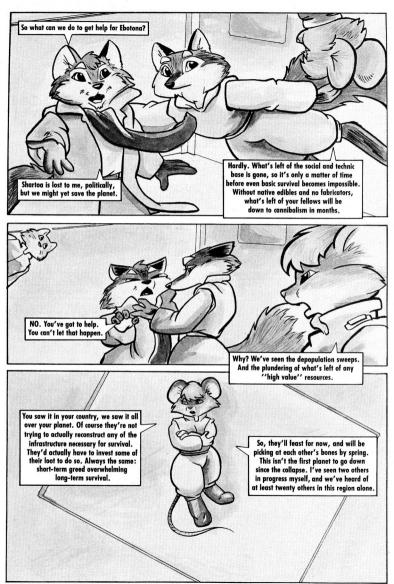


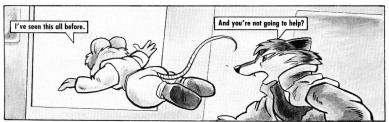




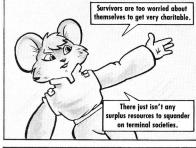














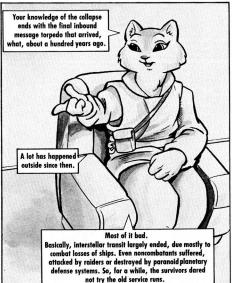


If it were only up to me, I'd vac cill you right now. But, like you said, you could be a valuable asset. There's a market for well-trained guns. Military discipline is as rare as hi-tech, nowadays. Yeah, there's a lot you can do.



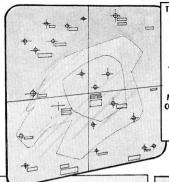












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MEMBER TO SPECIAL COURTESIES THROUGHOUT SERVICED SPACE.



Awright. Interesting. But for now, what can you tell us about yourself?



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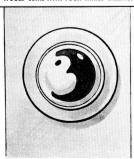
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SELF-SUFFICIENT.
IT ALSO HAS A
NEARLY CLOSED LOOP
ENVIRONMENTAL
SYSTEM,
WHICH CAN ALL BUT
OUT-LAST THE
LIFETIME OF A CREW.

OOOH. So, you're a deep ship, jus' like the stories.

QUITE RIGHT. IT WAS A PITY THAT WE WERE NEVER DEPLOYED TO OUR ORIGINAL MISSION: EXTREME LENGTH, DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION.



HAVING A MOTIVATED TEAM ON BOARD COULD BE AN ASSET, AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. NOT ONLY FOR THE OBVIOUS GUN-FOR-HIRE JOBS, BUT FOR THE TRULY UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS, IN WHICH A WIDER RANGE OF OPTIONS WOULD COME WITH YOUR VARIED TALENTS.



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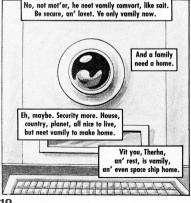






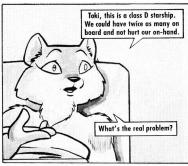








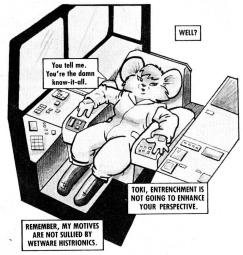




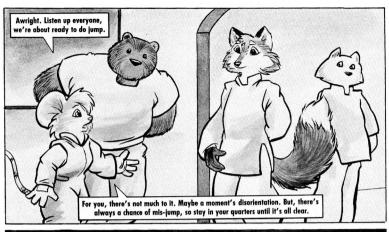


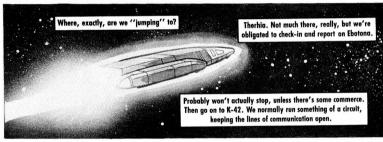
NOTHING?NOT ENTIRELY HONEST, ARE WE? I KNOW YOU'RE STILL UPSET ABOUT CAP'S DEATH, AND THE GENERAL OUTCOME OF THE OVER-ALL INCIDENT. NOW THAT I'VE HAD TIME TO STUDY THEM, I SUSPECT OUR PASSENGERS ARE AS SINCERE AS THEY SEEM, AND THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND SELFLESS COMMITMENT RANKLES YOU. YOU'D LIKE TO THINK YOU'RE HARD AND CYNICAL, AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DRAWN INTO THEIR SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE.

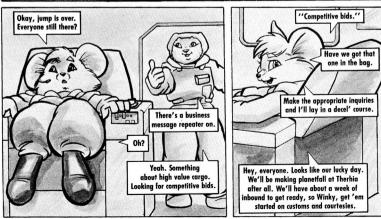


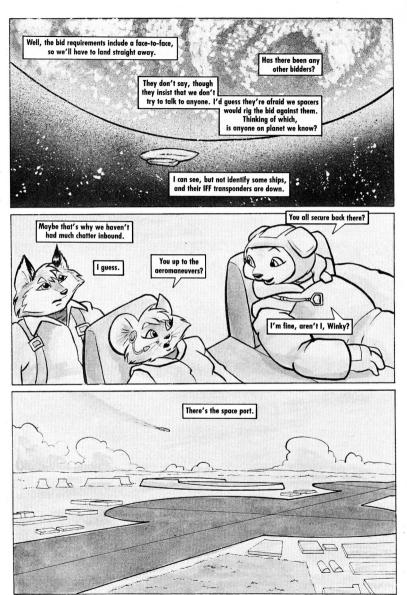


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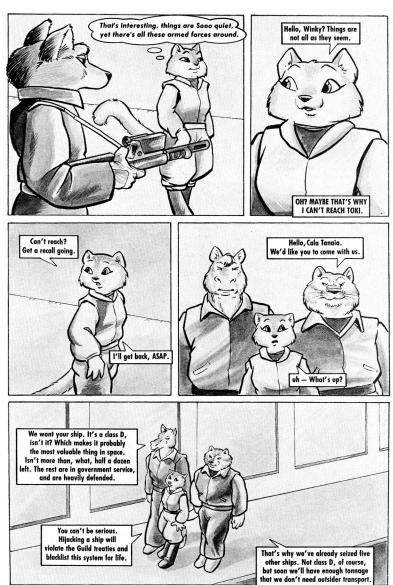




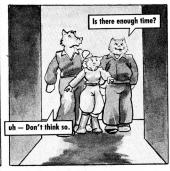


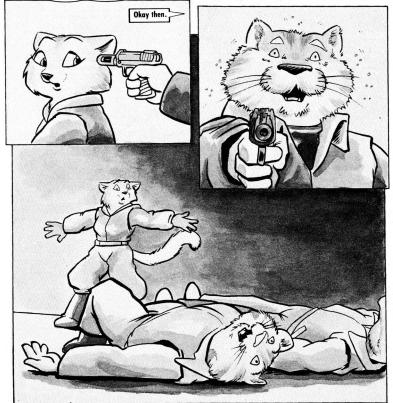




















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Sam Kieth!

Critters #14: Usagi Yojimbo story and cover, plus Birthright and Gnuff.

Critters #15: Blue Beagle and Fission Chicken, and Birthright races on!

Critters #16: Gnuff ends, another Nilson Groundthumper story by Sakai, and Birthright

Critters #17: Lionheart returns, plus the conclusion of Birthright.

Critters #19: Gnuff returns, plus Sam and Max, Freelance Police, Lizards, and Fission Chicken.

and Fission Chicken.

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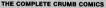
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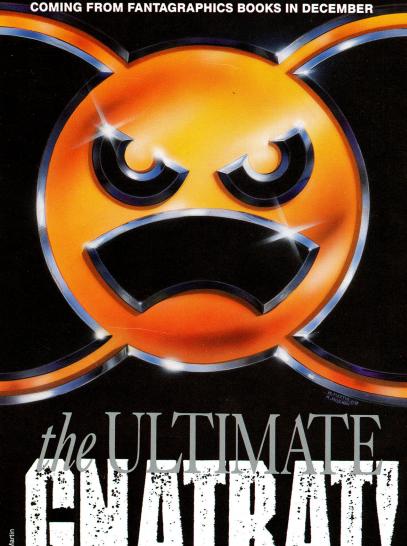
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