



THE OLD MAN  
WAS TRYING TO  
TELL THE FUTURE,  
LOOKING FOR  
PICTURES IN THE  
CAMPFIRE...

EVIL...  
OH... I SEE  
EVIL...

EVIL,  
BORN DEEP  
BENEATH THE  
CITY... FAR  
FROM THE  
LIGHT OF  
DAY...

I SEE IT  
GROWING, SAFE  
BELOW A SKY OF  
STEEL... SCHEMING  
IN THE DARK  
...GATHERING  
STRENGTH...

AND  
NOW... OH...  
NOW THE  
EVIL  
SPREADS!

IT SENDS  
DEADLY FEELERS  
OVER THE LAND  
ABOVE...

ACROSS  
THE GAP...  
REACHING  
TOWARDS THIS  
VERY PLACE!

I'D SEEN  
HIM DO THIS  
A HUNDRED  
TIMES BUT  
I HUMOURED  
HIM.

AFTER ALL,  
HE'D BEEN  
LIKE A FATHER  
TO ME.

AND  
WHAT DOES  
THIS EVIL  
WANT  
HERE?

THE  
FUTURE  
IS  
ALREADY  
GONE

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IS  
ALREADY  
GONE



OH, MY SON, I FEAR...

I FEAR THE EVIL WANTS YOU!

THAT WAS WHEN JOEY PIPED UP--

FOSTER! SENSORS DETECT INCOMING AUDIO SOURCE!



THEN THE REST OF US HEARD IT, TOO.

THE EVIL! THE EVIL IS NEARLY HERE--

WHUP WHUP WHUP

IT SOUNDED MORE LIKE A 'COPTER THAN A DEMON.



KWHUMPH!

BUT, NEXT THING, ALL HELL LET LOOSE ANYWAY--

RUN, FOSTER! RUN! HIDE FROM THE EVIL!

AIEEE!

BUDDA BUDDA



FOSTER! >KZZT< H-HELP!

BUDDA BUDDA

BETTER >BZZT< MAKE MY >TZZKT< NEXT BODY MOVE >KTZX FASTER, FOSTER...

HE WAS ONLY A ROBOT, BUT, WELL, I LOVED THE LITTLE GUY.



THEN, AS SUDDENLY AS IT STARTED, THE SHOOTING STOPPED.

WHUP WHUP

>TZZT<



THERE WAS A MOMENT'S SILENCE AS THE COPTER CUT ITS ROTORS, THEN--



WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE HERE, COME FORWARD--

NOW!

ONLY A FOOL WOULD'VE ARGUED WITH THAT FIREPOWER.



I-- I AM THE LEADER OF THESE PEOPLE... WE ARE PEACEFUL--

BRING HIM HERE.

AT ONCE, COMMANDER REICH.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.

SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T BELONG HERE... WHO WASN'T BORN IN THIS GARBAGE DUMP... WHO CAME FROM THE CITY AS A CHILD...



WE WANT TO TAKE HIM HOME AGAIN.

MY MIND RACING, I REMEMBERED WHERE I'D SEEN THAT SYMBOL BEFORE...



IT WAS THE DAY THE TRIBE FOUND ME...

THE DAY OF THE CRASH...

THE DAY MY MOTHER DIED.



YOU ALRIGHT, CITY BOY?

GOT A NAME, SON?

R-ROBERT.



HAH! WELCOME TO THE GAP, ROBERT!

YOU'RE ONE OF US, NOW.



AS HE PATCHED ME UP, THE OLD MAN HAD GENTLY EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NO WAY BACK INTO THE CITY...

AND I ALREADY KNEW THERE WAS NOTHING THERE COULD DO FOR MOTHER.



HIS TRIBE WAS POOR, BUT THEY TREATED ME LIKE ONE OF THEIR OWN...



I LEARNED HOW TO SURVIVE, HUNTING IN THE WASTELAND THEY CALLED THE GAP...



AND SCAVENGING FROM THE CITY DUMPS.

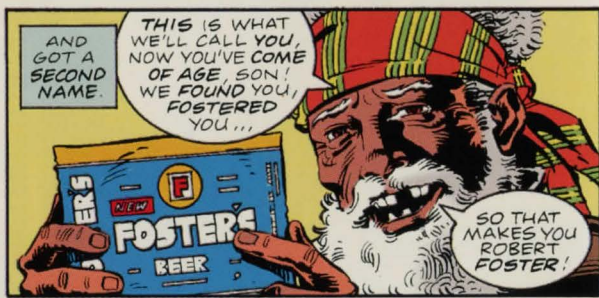


AS THE YEARS PASSED, I FORGOT MY LIFE IN THE CITY

DISCOVERED NEW TALENTS...

I'M YOUR «KZZT» FRIEND ... CALL ME «TZZT» JOEY.

HAH!



AND GOT A SECOND NAME.

THIS IS WHAT WE'LL CALL YOU, NOW YOU'VE COME OF AGE, SON! WE FOUND YOU, FOSTERED YOU...

SO THAT MAKES YOU ROBERT FOSTER!



...WASTED ENOUGH TIME!

GIVE US THE RUNAWAY OR WE'LL SHOOT EVERYONE-- STARTING WITH YOU, GRANDAD!

THE OLD MAN HAD BEEN RIGHT, FOR ONCE...



IT WAS ME THEY WANTED.

NO, MY SON! DON'T LET THE EVIL TAKE YOU! RUN!

DNA SCAN CONFIRMS IT'S HIM, SIR.



EVIL HAD COME TO THE GAP, JUST AS HE SAID.

TAKE HIM.



BUT HAD THE OLD MAN SEEN WHY IT WANTED ME?

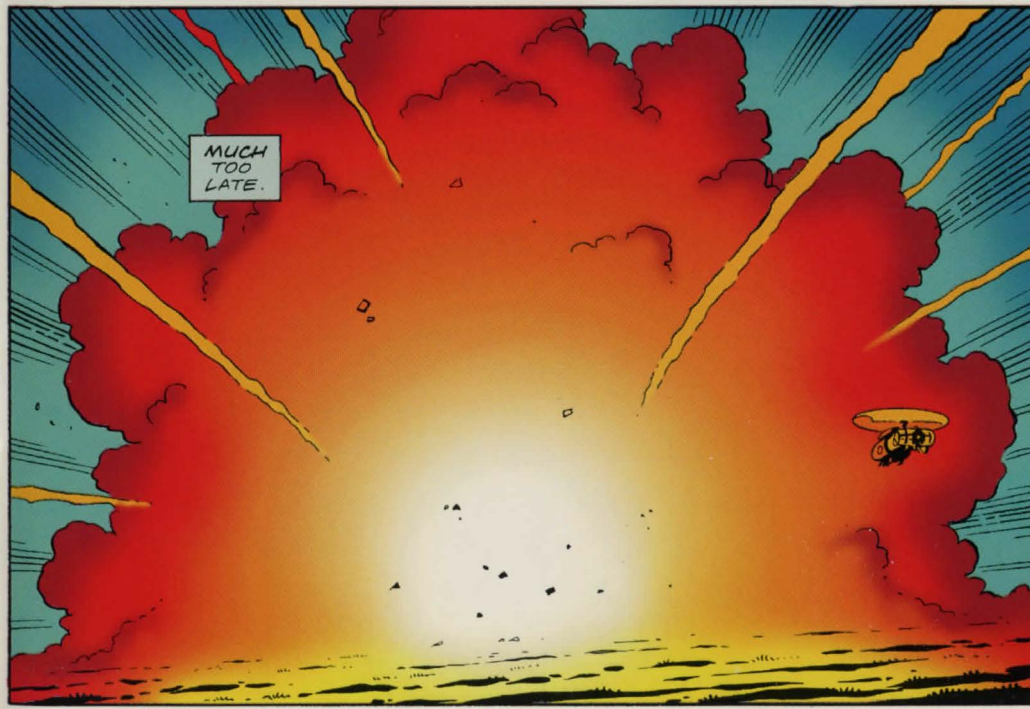
OR WHAT IT WOULD DO NEXT?



IT WAS TOO LATE TO ASK HIM NOW.

LEAVING DESTRUCTION ZONE, COMMANDER REICH.

GOOD. DETONATE--



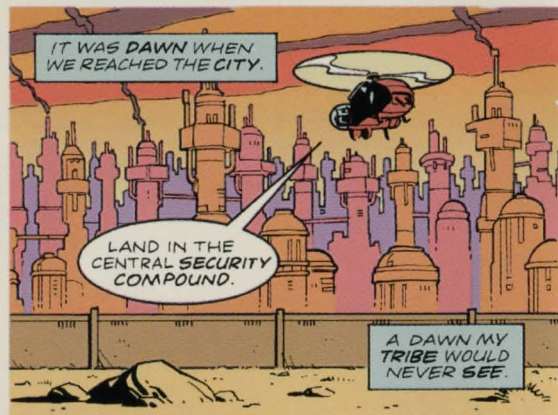
MUCH TOO LATE.



ALL I  
COULD  
DO WAS  
WAIT.

JUST LIKE ON A  
HUNT. JUST LIKE  
THE OLD MAN  
TAUGHT ME.

WAIT...  
AND BE  
READY.



IT WAS DAWN WHEN  
WE REACHED THE CITY.

LAND IN THE  
CENTRAL SECURITY  
COMPOUND.

A DAWN MY  
TRIBE WOULD  
NEVER SEE



THEY WERE NO  
MORE THAN A  
NOTE IN REICH'S  
BOOK NOW.

YES, SIR.  
LOCKING ON  
AUTOMATIC  
LANDING  
BEACON.

BUT WHAT WAS  
I? WHY DID--

SIR! THE  
GUIDANCE  
SYSTEM!  
IT'S GONE  
CRAZY!

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
HIT!

MAYBE I'D  
GET SOME  
ANSWERS NOW.

IF I SURVIVED  
ANOTHER  
COPTER CRASH...

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