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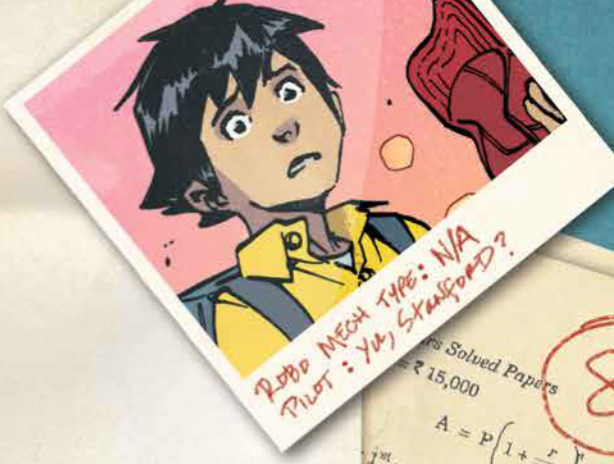

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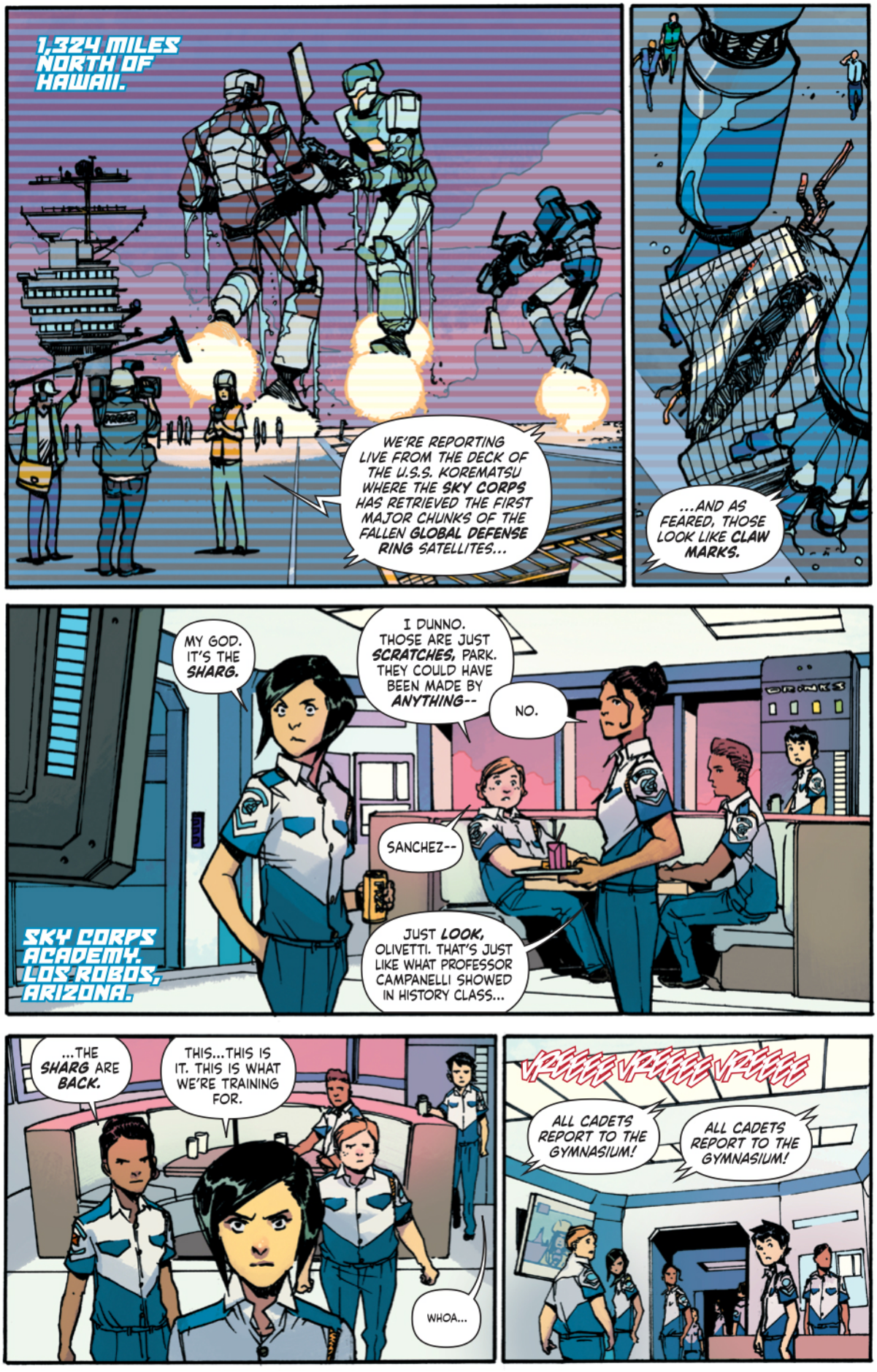
1,324 MILES NORTH OF HAWAII.
WE'RE REPORTING LIVE FROM THE DECK OF THE U.S.S. KOREMATSU WHERE THE SKY CORPS HAS RETRIEVED THE FIRST MAJOR CHUNKS OF THE FALLEN GLOBAL DEFENSE RING SATELLITES...
...AND AS FEARED, THOSE LOOK LIKE CLAW MARKS.
MY GOD. IT'S THE SHARG.
I DUNNO. THOSE ARE JUST SCRATCHES, PARK. THEY COULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY ANYTHING--
NO.
SANCHEZ--
JUST LOOK, OLIVETTI. THAT'S JUST LIKE WHAT PROFESSOR CAMPANELLI SHOWED IN HISTORY CLASS...
SKY CORPS ACADEMY. LOS ROBOS, ARIZONA.
...THE SHARG ARE BACK.
THIS...THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRAINING FOR.
WHOA...
VEEEEE VEEEEE VEEEEE
ALL CADETS REPORT TO THE GYMNASIUM!
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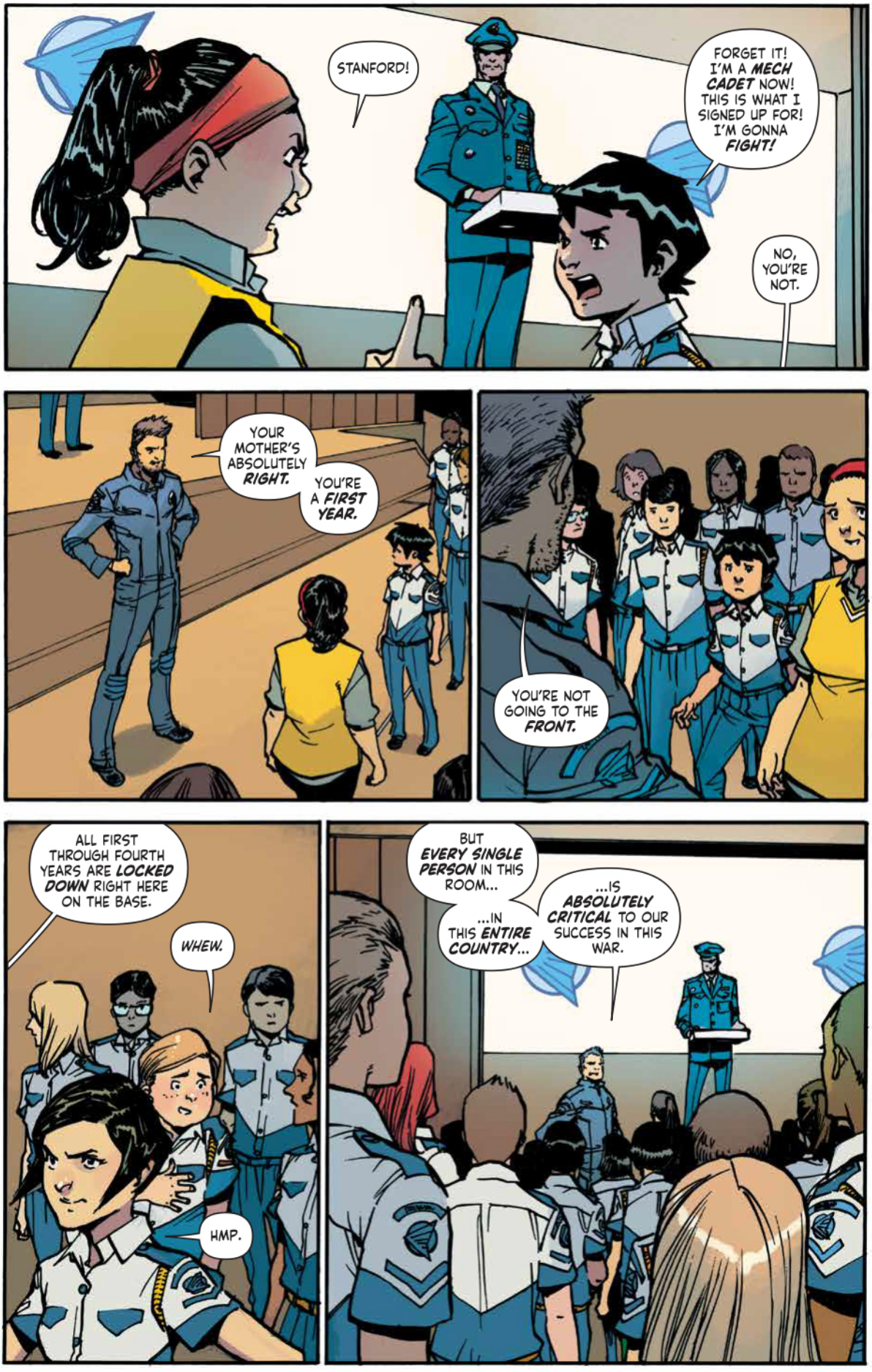
TURN BACK! THIS ROAD IS BLOCKED!
I WORK THERE! CLEANING STAFF!
ALL NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL ARE TO REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL FURTHER--
NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND--
--MY SON IS A CADET!
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!
QUICKLY, EVERYONE IN!
AT 1900 HOURS, I RECEIVED ORDERS FROM CENTRAL COMMAND PLACING THE SKY CORPS ACADEMY ON EMERGENCY WARTIME NOTICE.
FIFTH AND SIXTH YEAR CADETS, PLEASE STEP FORWARD.
YOU ARE HEREBY PROMOTED TO ACTIVE DUTY. COLLECT YOUR GEAR AND REPORT TO THE HANGARS.
CAPTAIN TANAKA IS NOW YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER.
I NEED ALL PILOTS READY TO FLY. WE'RE MOVING OUT IN NINETEEN MINUTES.

ALL RIGHT, THEN. FIRST THROUGH FOURTH YEAR CADETS--
STANFORD!
〈STANFORD! COME ON! WE'RE GOING HOME!〉*
MA...
*TRANSLATED FROM CANTONESE.
〈ENOUGH!〉
〈YOU'RE JUST A KID! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WAR!〉
THIS WHOLE THING IS CRAZY!
HE'S QUITTING, OKAY?
DON'T WORRY, MRS. YU.
FIRST THROUGH FOURTH YEAR CADETS WHO FEEL UNABLE TO SERVE MAY ABSOLUTELY RESIGN THEIR COMMISSIONS...
...AND ENTER THE CONSTRUCTION OR SANITATION CORPS WITH THEIR MECHS.
HEH.
NO! NO WAY!


STANFORD!
FORGET IT! I'M A MECH CADET NOW! THIS IS WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR! I'M GONNA FIGHT!
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
YOUR MOTHER'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
YOU'RE A FIRST YEAR.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE FRONT.
ALL FIRST THROUGH FOURTH YEARS ARE LOCKED DOWN RIGHT HERE ON THE BASE.
WHEW.
HMP.
BUT EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THIS ROOM...
...IN THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY...
...IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS IN THIS WAR.

THESE FIFTH AND SIXTH YEARS WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND THE HONOR TO TAKE OUR FIGHT DIRECTLY TO THE SHARG.
THEY'VE TRAINED FOR IT. THEY'RE READY.
AND THEY'RE GONNA MAKE THOSE BUGS WISH THEY'D NEVER BEEN HATCHED!
DANG STRAIGHT!
YEAH!
...BUT EVERYONE ELSE HAS THEIR OWN JOB TO DO...
...AND WHETHER YOU'RE FIXING MECHS OR MOPPING FLOORS OR JUST KNUCKLING DOWN AND COMPLETING YOUR STUDIES, YOU'RE KEEPING US STRONG AND READY.
NOW, YOU FIRST THROUGH FOURTH YEARS...
...YOU'LL CONTINUE YOUR TRAINING IN MY ABSENCE.
WHEN I GET BACK, I WANNA SEE YOU WORKING TOGETHER LIKE A TEAM.
THAT'S HOW WE'RE GONNA WIN OUR FUTURE.