

THE FUTURE OF PM

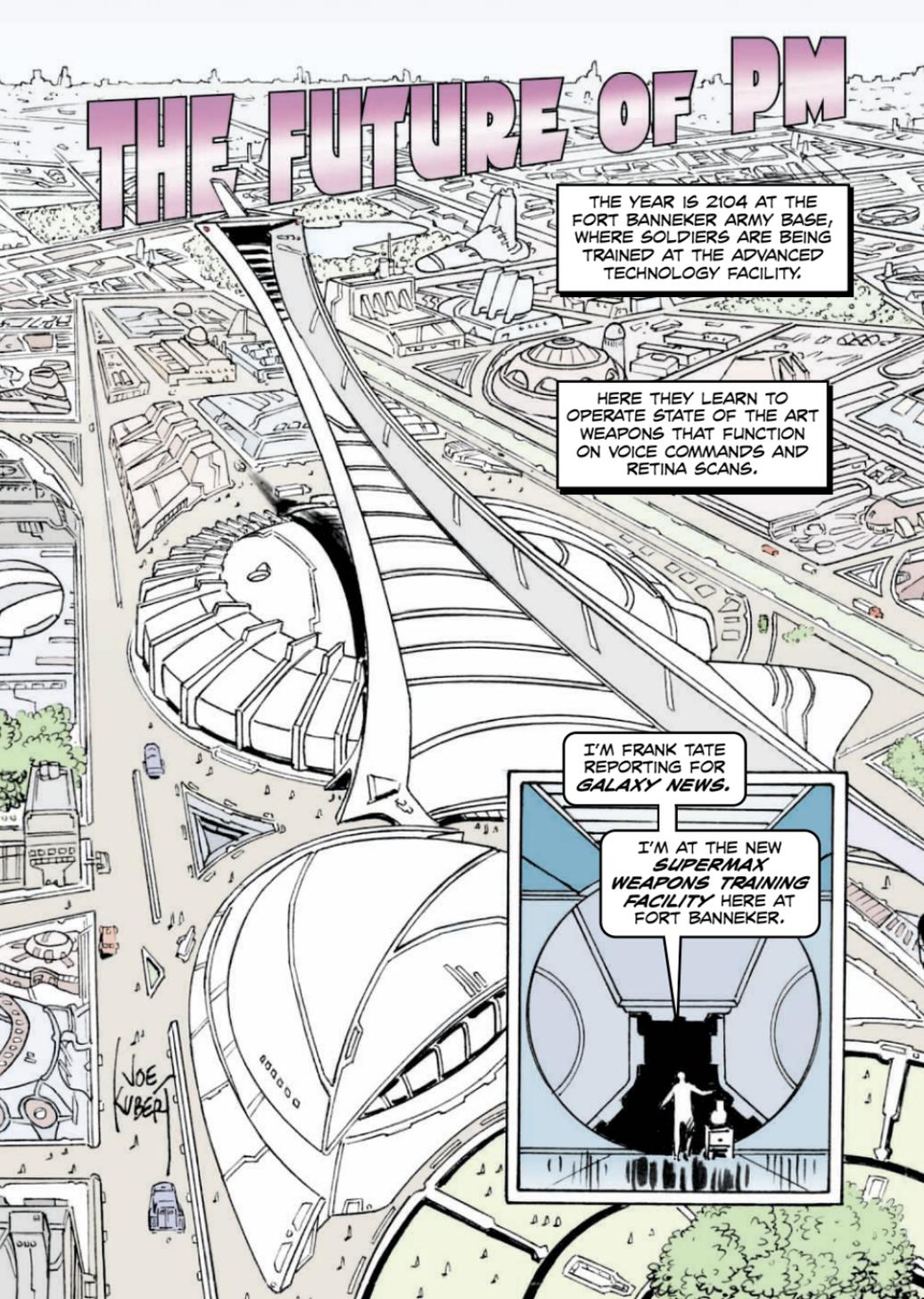
THE YEAR IS 2104 AT THE FORT BANNEKER ARMY BASE, WHERE SOLDIERS ARE BEING TRAINED AT THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FACILITY.

HERE THEY LEARN TO OPERATE STATE OF THE ART WEAPONS THAT FUNCTION ON VOICE COMMANDS AND RETINA SCANS.

I'M FRANK TATE REPORTING FOR *GALAXY NEWS*.

I'M AT THE NEW *SUPERMAX* WEAPONS TRAINING FACILITY HERE AT FORT BANNEKER.

VOE
UBER





THIS PLACE IS A **MARVEL** OF ENGINEERING, FOLKS.

HERE INSIDE, SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN PREPARING THEIR NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS FOR **MONTHS**.



SERGEANT CHUNG, WHAT NEW EQUIPMENT ARE YOU GOING TO BE TRAINED ON?

MY UNIT'S BEEN WAITIN' TO GET OUR HANDS ON THOSE **PHOTON CANNONS** AND **SONIC RIFLES** WE'VE HEARD ABOUT.

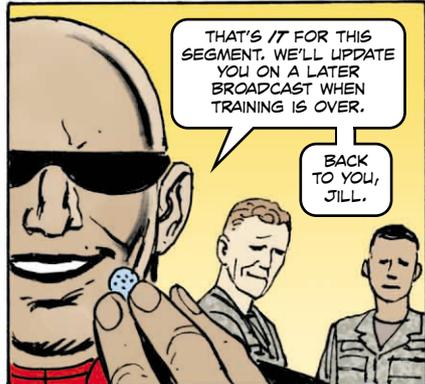


SERGEANT JONES, THE EQUIPMENT ENGINEERS SAY THAT THE NEW WEAPONS ARE VIRTUALLY **MAINTENANCE FREE**.

YES, SIR!

THAT'S WHY THEY SAY NO MORE **PMCS**, NO MORE **OIL CHANGES**, NO MORE **INSPECTIONS**.

AND NO MORE **HARD WORK!** NICE, HUH?



THAT'S **IT** FOR THIS SEGMENT. WE'LL UPDATE YOU ON A LATER BROADCAST WHEN TRAINING IS OVER.

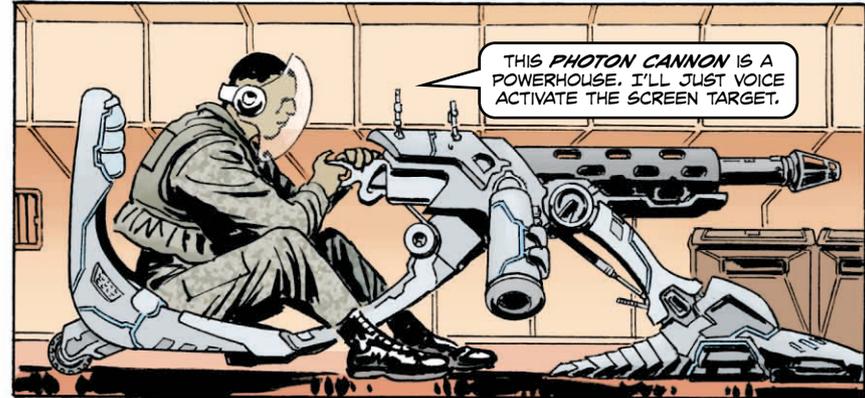
BACK TO YOU, JILL.



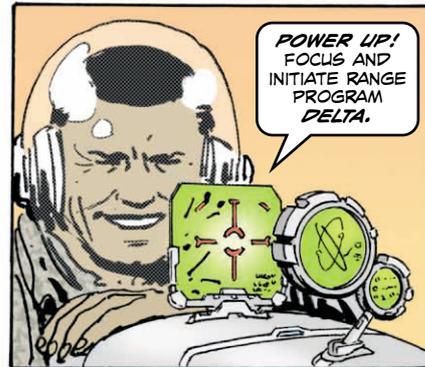
NOW THAT THAT REPORTER HAS LEFT, I THINK I'LL CHECK THE FIRING RANGE.

SEE YOU LATER, SERGEANT CHUNG.

COMPUTER... INITIATE **PRIMARY** AND **SECONDARY** DOORS.



THIS **PHOTON CANNON** IS A POWERHOUSE. I'LL JUST VOICE ACTIVATE THE SCREEN TARGET.



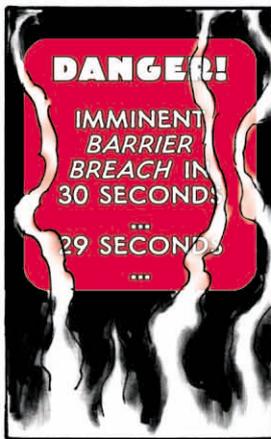
POWER UP! FOCUS AND INITIATE RANGE PROGRAM **DELTA**.



KBOOM
KBLAM
HSSSSSS



UH-OH... LOOKS LIKE IT'S **OVER-HEATED**. THE CANNON BARREL'S **WARPED**.



DANGER!
IMMINENT **BARRIER BREACH** IN **30 SECONDS**...
... **29 SECONDS** ...



WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO MY **PHOTON CANNON!**? SYSTEM SHUTDOWN **GAMMA ALPHA!**

MEANWHILE,
AT THE AVIATION
SECTOR...

ATTENTION, EAGLE
HAWK, THIS IS
SERGEANT JONES.

EAGLE HAWK...
INITIATE TURBONIC
ENGINE START UP!

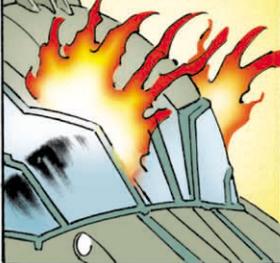


I CAN HEAR THE
ENGINE REVVING UP,
BUT THE ROTOR
BLADES AREN'T
TURNING!

VRRMMN! / UMM

**FIRE ALERT!
FIRE ALERT!!**

**AUTOMATIC HALON
EXTINGUISHING
PROTECTION
DEPLOYED!**

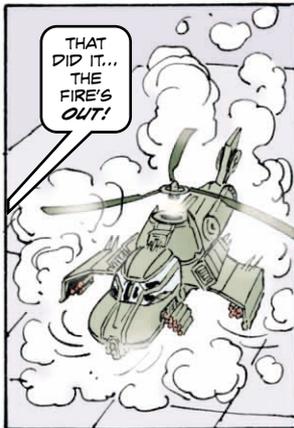


WHAT TH-? THIS
NEVER HAPPENED
BEFORE.

**EMERGENCY
ENGINE SHUTDOWN
GAMMA 3-2-1!!**



THAT
DID IT...
THE
FIRE'S
OUT!

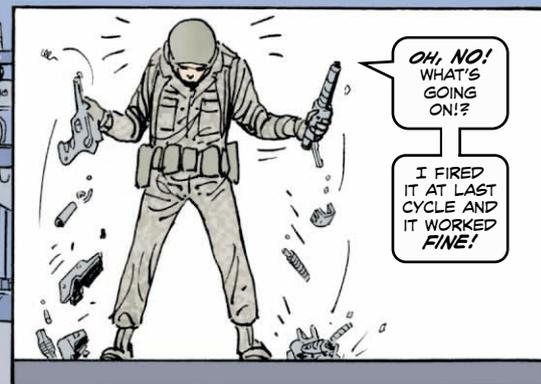


MEANWHILE,
AT THE RIFLE
RANGE,
PFC MEYERS
TAKES AIM...

THIS SONIC
RIFLE IS A
GREAT
WEAPON.



THIS WEAPON
IS REALLY
AUTOMATIC...
IT EVEN
CLEANS
ITSELF.

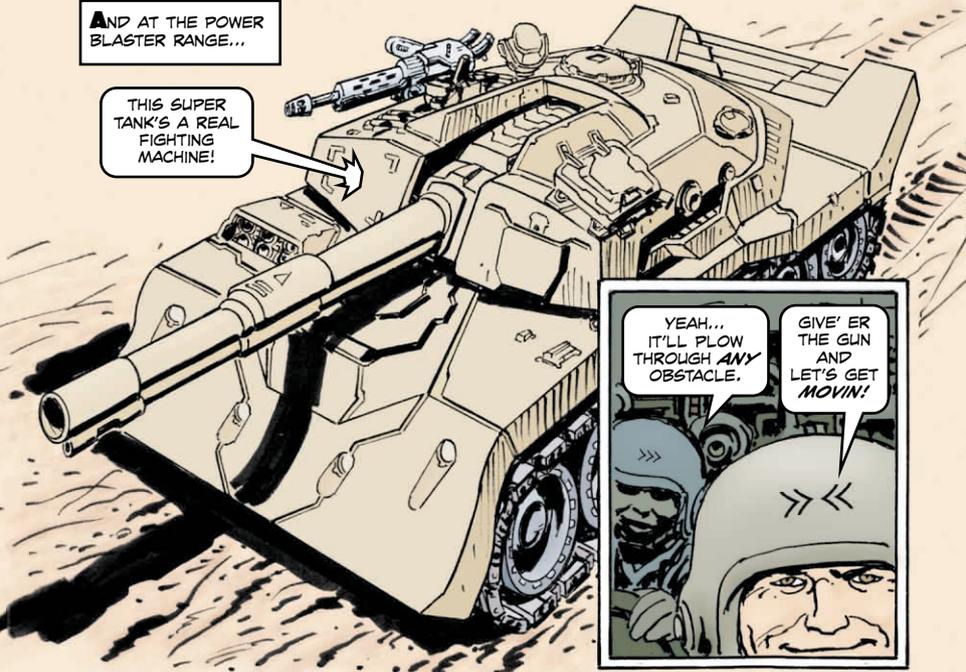


OH, NO!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?

I FIRED
IT AT LAST
CYCLE AND
IT WORKED
FINE!

AND AT THE POWER
BLASTER RANGE...

THIS SUPER
TANK'S A REAL
FIGHTING
MACHINE!



YEAH...
IT'LL PLOW
THROUGH **ANY**
OBSTACLE.

GIVE' ER
THE GUN
AND
LET'S GET
MOVIN'!

WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

IT'S
STOPPED
DEAD
IN IT'S
TRACKS!



WHAT
DO WE
DO
NOW?



LATER, IN THE
BREAK ROOM...

QUINCY, HAVE
YOU HEARD
ABOUT ALL
THE EQUIPMENT
FAILURES?

THIS EQUIPMENT
IS **SUPPOSED**
TO BE **MAINTENANCE**
FREE, ISN'T IT?

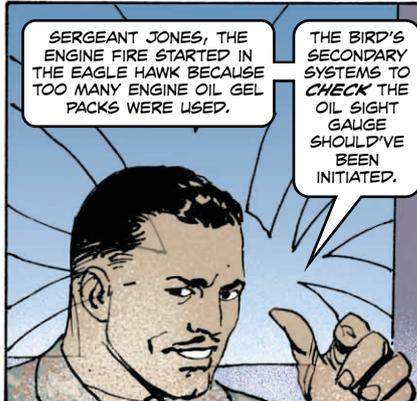
YEAH.

IN THE DATA BASE STORAGE CENTER, AFTER
THE OLD PROGRAM HAS BEEN FED NEW DATA...



LOOK... THOSE ARE
THE PEOPLE WHO WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR MAIN-
TENANCE INFORMATION
YEARS AGO.

MAYBE
THEY
CAN HELP
US **NOW**.



SERGEANT JONES, THE
ENGINE FIRE STARTED IN
THE EAGLE HAWK BECAUSE
TOO MANY ENGINE OIL GEL
PACKS WERE USED.

THE BIRD'S
SECONDARY
SYSTEMS TO
CHECK THE
OIL SIGHT
GAUGE
SHOULD'VE
BEEN
INITIATED.

HEY, Y'KNOW, I
RECALL SOMETHING
ABOUT A HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL
PREVENTIVE
MAINTENANCE
PROGRAM DATA
BASE FROM YEARS
AGO.

PREVENTIVE
MAINTENANCE?
HUH. THAT'S A
GOOD IDEA.
LET'S SEE IF WE
CAN ACCESS THE
HOLOGRAPHIC
PROGRAMS. MAYBE
IT CAN
HELP US NOW.



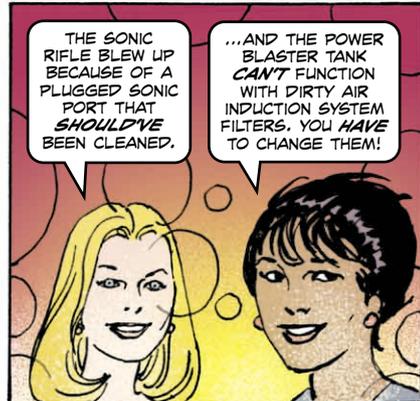
SERGEANT CHUNG,
YOU
TOOK VIRTUALLY
MAINTENANCE FREE
TECHNOLOGY...
AND **JUNKED** IT.

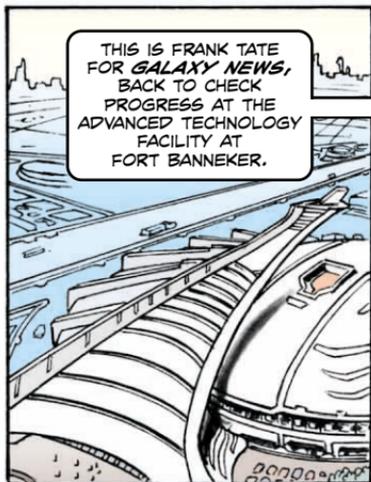
THAT **PHOTON**
CANNON BARREL
HAD TO BE
CHANGED EVERY
3,000 ROUNDS...
AND IT **WASN'T**.



THE SONIC
RIFLE BLEW UP
BECAUSE OF A
PLUGGED SONIC
PORT THAT
SHOULD'VE
BEEN CLEANED.

...AND THE POWER
BLASTER TANK
CAN'T FUNCTION
WITH DIRTY AIR
INDUCTION SYSTEM
FILTERS. YOU **HAVE**
TO CHANGE THEM!





THIS IS FRANK TATE FOR *GALAXY NEWS*, BACK TO CHECK PROGRESS AT THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FACILITY AT FORT BANNEKER.



SERGEANT CHUNG, YOUR UNIT'S BEEN TRAINING FOR ABOUT A WEEK. TELL THE AUDIENCE HOW IT WENT.

THE OLD SAYING THAT THOSE WHO *DON'T LEARN* FROM HISTORY ARE DOOMED TO *REPEAT* IT IS *TRUE*.

WE CAN *NEVER* ELIMINATE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. EVEN *ADVANCED* TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT NEED PM... OR THEY *WON'T WORK!*



"I SUSPECT THE ENGINEER-INVENTOR AFTER WHOM THIS BASE WAS NAMED WOULD AGREE."

"PM WILL *NEVER* BE AUTOMATIC. WE'VE GOT TO GET *IN* THERE AND *DO* IT."



THERE YOU HAVE IT... PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IS BACK ON LINE. WITH *SERGEANT HALF-MAST, SERGEANT BLADE, BONNIE, AND CONNIE* GIVING ADVICE, PM'S FUTURE LOOKS *BRIGHT*.

THIS IS FRANK TATE OF *GALAXY NEWS* SIGNING OFF... UNTIL NEXT TIME!