

STAR SEEKERS

FARTHEST SPACE — THE YEAR 3091! AHEAD OF THE EXODUS FLEET CARRYING THE SURVIVORS FROM A DYING EARTH, SCOUT WARPER THREE HIT A SPACE STORM . . .



EMERGENCY! STORM OF SMALL METEOR PARTICLES.

The Warper's crew were Ensign Hod Sholto, Android AD964 and ship controller Vak Kline.

NO OUTSIDE VISIBILITY! THE SCANS ARE OBSCURED.



CLEAR THEM, GRANDAD. USE THE HOT-WATER JETS.

LENS CLEARING! THE HULL'S PLASTERED WITH BLACK DUST.



OUR GRAVITY KEEPS THE STUFF CLINGING TO US. A REVERSAL OF POLARITY AND A BIT OF JINKING SHOULD SHAKE IT LOOSE.



IT'S NOT WORKING. THE MESS IS STICKING TO US.

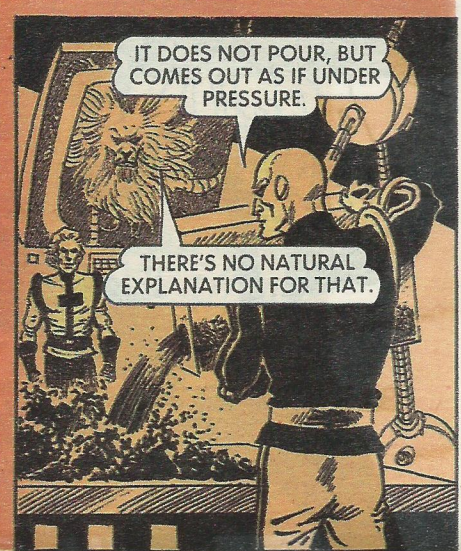


SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THAT DUST. ANDY, I NEED A SAMPLE!

VERY WELL, SIR.



I AM NOT HAVING TO DRAW IT IN! THE MATERIAL IS SPURTING IN DESPITE THE AIR PRESSURE ABOARD.



IT DOES NOT POUR, BUT COMES OUT AS IF UNDER PRESSURE.

THERE'S NO NATURAL EXPLANATION FOR THAT.