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When one of Earth's greatest heroes, **Commander Shepard**, is lost in a surprise attack on the *Normandy*, Shepard's friends demand answers. Chief among Shepard's allies: the intrepid—and deadly—asari, **Liara T'Soni**.

Liara travels to the seedy space station **Omega**, where the drell informant **Feron** promises to lead her to Shepard's remains. When agents of the mysterious **Shadow Broker** attack, Liara and Feron are rescued by members of **Cerberus**, a fanatical prohuman front.

But their aid comes at a price. Cerberus's oracular leader, the **Illusive Man**, reveals to Liara that the Shadow Broker seeks to trade Shepard's body with an enigmatic and feared species of vagabonds: the **Collectors**. Cerberus wants Shepard found first—and only Liara and Feron can do it . . .

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IN SPACE, EVERY MOMENT IS
THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT --

--AND EVERY ATTACK
IS AN AMBLUSH.

LIFE ON A PLANET
WITH SEAS PREPARED
HUMANITY FOR THE
IDEA THAT SHIPS
COULD BE LOST TO
MYSTERY ATTACKERS.

SPACE TRAVEL MEANT
OCEANS WITHOUT HORIZONS
-- WITH POTENTIAL DANGERS
IN EVERY DIRECTION.
HUMANITY UNDERSTOOD --
AND PREPARED.

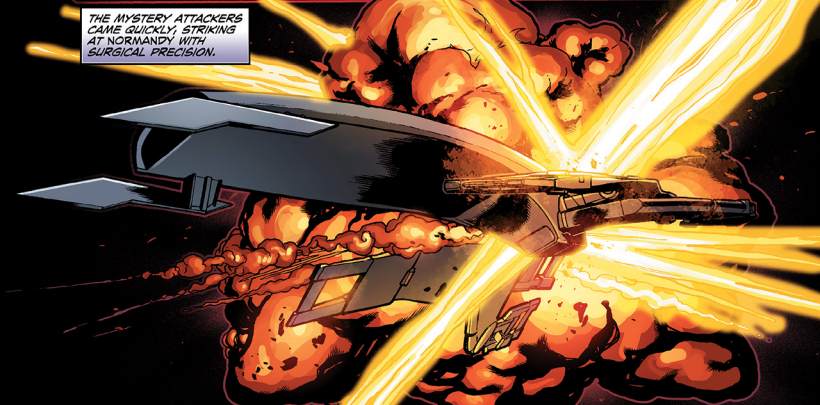
AMONG ALL SHIPS,
NORMANDY SHOULD
HAVE BEEN SAFE. THE
MOST ADVANCED SHIP
OF THE ALLIANCE --

-- AND THE VESSEL OF COMMANDER
SHEPARD, HERO OF THE CITADEL.
NORMANDY CARRIED THE HOPES OF
HUMANITY -- AND MORE -- THROUGH
THE DARKNESS.





BUT SPACE IS STILL SPACE -- AND AMBUSH STILL WAITS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, EVEN FOR THE VIGILANT.



THE MYSTERY ATTACKERS CAME QUICKLY, STRIKING AT NORMANDY WITH SURGICAL PRECISION.




DEFENSIVE MEASURES TURNED QUICKLY TO CREW SURVIVAL OPERATIONS. SOME LUCKY FEW ESCAPED --

-- OTHERS DIDN'T, INCLUDING COMMANDER SHEPARD.



FOR THOSE WHO SURVIVED, THERE WERE ONLY QUESTIONS. WHO DID IT? AND WHY?



WHO HAD ACCESS TO SUCH TREMENDOUS, DEADLY ACCURATE FIREPOWER? AND WHY, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED--

-- WOULD SHADLOWY AND POWERFUL FORCES TAKE A SUDDEN, PERVERSE INTEREST IN OBTAINING, OF ALL THINGS--



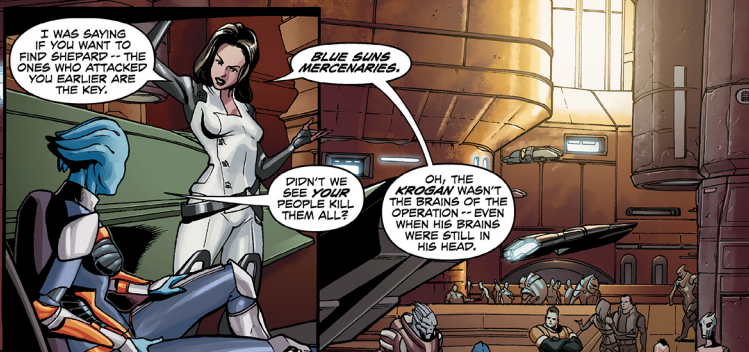
-- COMMANDER SHEPARD'S BODY?

QUESTIONS UPON QUESTIONS -- WELL WORTH CROSSING THE GALAXY TO ANSWER. SORROW COULD WAIT--



-- FINDING SHEPARD COULDN'T.

-- LIARA, ARE YOU LISTENING?



I WAS SAYING IF YOU WANT TO FIND SHEPARD -- THE ONES WHO ATTACKED YOU EARLIER ARE THE KEY.

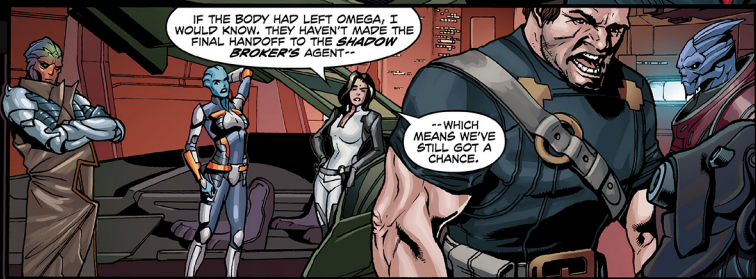
BLUE SUNS MERCENARIES.

DIDN'T WE SEE YOUR PEOPLE KILL THEM ALL?

OH, THE KROBAN WASN'T THE BRAINS OF THE OPERATION -- EVEN WHEN HIS BRAINS WERE STILL IN HIS HEAD.

FROM WHAT YOU TOLD US, THEIR BIG IDIOT BRIGADE WAS JUST TRYING TO KEEP YOU FROM FINDING SHEPARD --

-- WHICH MEANS THE DRELL MAY ACTUALLY BE RIGHT. THE BODY'S HERE, ON OMEGA, AND THE BLUE SUNS HAVE IT.



IF THE BODY HAD LEFT OMEGA, I WOULD KNOW, THEY HAVEN'T MADE THE FINAL HANDOFF TO THE SHADOW BROKER'S AGENT --

-- WHICH MEANS WE'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE.



FIND THE BODY. BRING IT *HERE*. WE'LL PAY YOUR EXPENSES.

I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH OMEGA. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHERE TO START LOOKING.



LIKE THE BOSS SAID, LIARA-- ASK THE DRELL.



PUT YOUR BUMPY HEADS TOGETHER. I'M SURE YOU'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING!



SHE'S A BIGGER FOOL THAN I THOUGHT IF SHE THINKS I'D HELP THEM. AND, BESIDES--

--YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME I TRIED TO LEAD YOU ANYWHERE. WHAT DO THEY THINK I CAN GIVE YOU?



QUITE A LOT, I SHOULD THINK, YOU'RE AN AGENT OF THE *SHADOW BROKER*--AND THEY KNOW IT.

WHAT?



AND THOSE MERCS
COULD HAVE KILLED ME,
FERON! YOU WERE THE ONLY
PERSON WHO KNEW I WAS
COMING TO SEARCH FOR
SHEPARD--

-- BUT THOSE
MERCS FOUND ME
ANYWAY, SO EITHER
THEY KNEW EXACTLY
WHAT YOU WERE UP
TO -- OR YOU SOLD
ME OUT!





SOON.

THIS
--THIS IS
WHERE WE
STARTED!



WEREN'T YOU
LISTENING? I WAS
SUPPOSED TO LEAD
YOU AWAY.

SHEPARD
IS HERE?

NOT UNLESS
CORPSES CAN DANCE.
NO, WE'RE HERE FOR
ARIA.



THIS DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE THE KIND
OF PLACE FOR HUMAN
OPERA.

ARIA
T'LOAK IS ONE
OF YOUR KIND,
AN ASARI.

IF
ANYTHING'S
GOING DOWN ON
THIS STATION,
SHE KNOWS
ABOUT IT.

QUEEN
OF OMEGA,
HUNT SOME
PALACE.

OH,
I DON'T KNOW,
PRINCESS --



-- I
CAN FIND A
THRONE FOR
YOU.

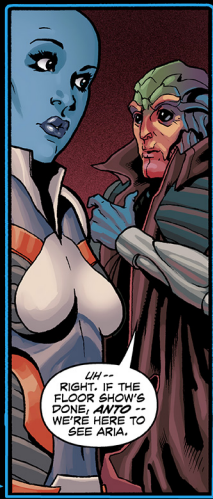
MOVE IT,
VOLUS. WE'RE
GONNA NEED US
SOME ROOM.



IS THE GIRL FOR
SALE, TRADER? THE
MARKET'S OVERFLOWING
WITH ASARI CONSORTS
SINCE THE ATTACK ON
THE CITADEL.

BUT MY
ASSOCIATE AND I
CAN ALWAYS FIND A
PLACE FOR EXCESS
INVENTORY --

KRAKX



SOON, UPSTAIRS...

YOUR FRIEND IS BETTER-LOOKING THAN YOUR USUAL COMPANY, FERON --



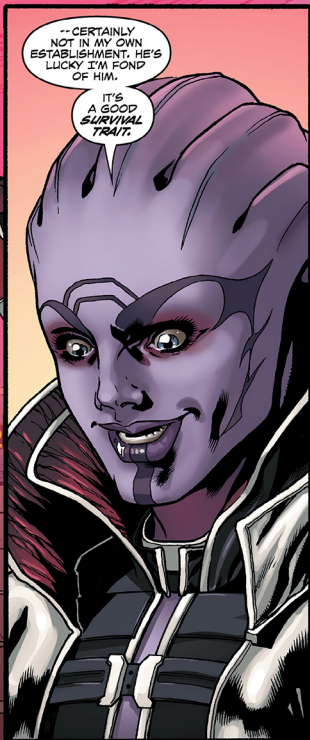
-- WHICH MEANS SHE CAN'T BE YOUR FRIEND, I LIKE HOW SHE DEALT WITH THE ...GENTLEMEN DOWNSTAIRS.

BUT YOU REALLY MUST LEAVE POOR ANTO ALONE, SO MANY YEARS AND HE STILL HASN'T LEARNED THAT **NOTHING** IS SECRET FROM ME --



-- CERTAINLY NOT IN MY OWN ESTABLISHMENT, HE'S LUCKY I'M FOND OF HIM.

IT'S A GOOD SURVIVAL TRAIT.







BECAUSE THE SHADOW BROKER IS WORKING WITH THE COLLECTORS! THEY'RE THE ONES THAT WANT SHEPARD'S BODY!



THE COLLECTORS?!

NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE COLLECTORS!

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED ON--




OUT OF HERE, BOTH OF YOU! ANTO, GET IN HERE-- AND GET THEM OUT, NOW!

WAIT! I TOLD YOU WHAT YOU WANTED TO KNOW, WHERE ARE THEY TAKING SHEPARD?



THE LOWER LEVELS OF OMEGA-- THE OLD MINING PROCESSING PLANT, THE BLUE SLUGS WERE TAKING YOUR FRIEND THERE.

THIS MEETING IS OVER.



UNLIKE THE CITADEL WITH ITS UNIFORM BEAUTY, OMEGA HAD BEEN BUILT AND REBUILT OVER GENERATIONS.

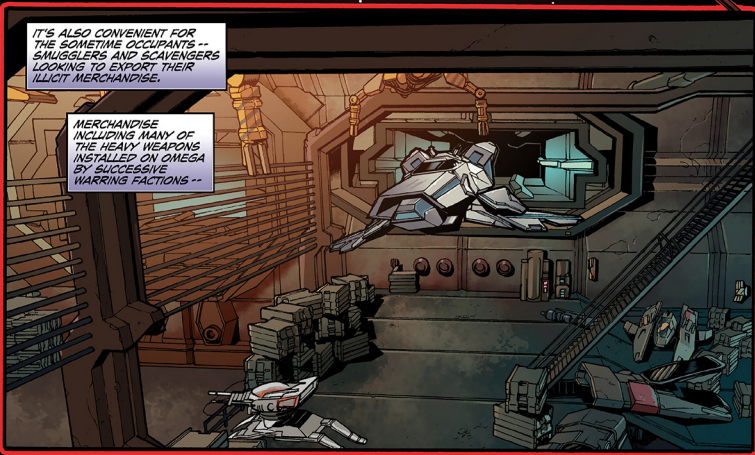
IT BECAME, LITERALLY, THE STATION THAT ATE THE ASTEROID, ONCE PROCESSED, RICH METALS INSIDE ROSE AS TOWERS ON THE EXTERIOR.

BUT DEEP BENEATH THE SNARL OF STRUCTURES BUILT BY LATER OCCUPANTS, THE MINING LEVELS REMAIN --

-- THEIR HANGAR BAYS MAKING THEM MORE ACCESSIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE, BY SHIP, THAN FROM THE LABYRINTH WITHIN.

IT'S ALSO CONVENIENT FOR THE SOMETIME OCCUPANTS -- SMUGGLERS AND SCAVENGERS LOOKING TO EXPORT THEIR ILLICIT MERCHANDISE.

MERCHANDISE INCLUDING MANY OF THE HEAVY WEAPONS INSTALLED ON OMEGA BY SUCCESSIVE WARRING FACTIONS --



-- AND MUCH STRANGER
ITEMS, COVED BY
THOSE IN THE PRESENT...

THAT'S
THEM, ALL
RIGHT--



-- LOOKS LIKE
WE EVEN GOT HERE
FIRST, EVEN GOT HERE
EASY. DID I TELL
YOU ARIA KNOWS
HER STATION?

SHE
SEEMS TO
KNOW THE
POPULAR
PLACES,
ANYWAY--



-- LOOK
THERE!



DAMN!

DID I
SAY EASY?
FORGET
IT--

"--THAT'S
TAZZIK!"



THEY GROW
'EM LARGE IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD,
PONT THEY?

AND
THEY GROW
THEM STUPID IN
YOURS. *WHERE*
IS IT?



THE BROKER WOULD SEND TAZ TO MAKE THE PICK-UP. THIS DAY JUST GETS BRIGHTER ALL THE TIME.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHO IS THAT?



TAZ IS THE SHADOW BROKER'S ONE AND ONLY HIT MAN -- FOR THE RARE TIMES WHEN HE WANTS SOMETHING --

--OR SOMEONE-- TAKEN CARE OF. THE MERC'S ARE JUST HIRED MUSCLE. TAZ, HE CALLS FOR RESULTS --



"-- RESULTS HE USUALLY GETS!"

IDENTIFICATION LOOKS RIGHT. IS THIS EVERYTHING YOU FOUND?

YEP. SURPRISED THERE WAS THAT MUCH -- HUMAN BODY MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE SOME REAL PUNISHMENT.



I'VE KNOWN A FEW THAT COULDN'T.

YOUR CREDITS ARE HERE. IF THIS ISN'T LEGIT, I'LL BE BACK FOR THEM -- AND YOU GO IN THE BOX!



THAT'S IT! IT'S SHEPARD!

WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IT'S TOO RISKY, LIARA! THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY!



I'VE CROSSED THE GALAXY FOR THIS, FERON! I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOU TIME TO CHANGE YOUR MIND!

YOU'RE -- YOU'RE AFRAID I'M GOING TO *RUN*?



I'M MORE AFRAID YOU'LL SWITCH SIDES AGAIN. I HAVEN'T LET YOU OUT OF MY EIGHT, FOR FEAR YOU'LL GET A BETTER OFFER!

HMM, NO, I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA --

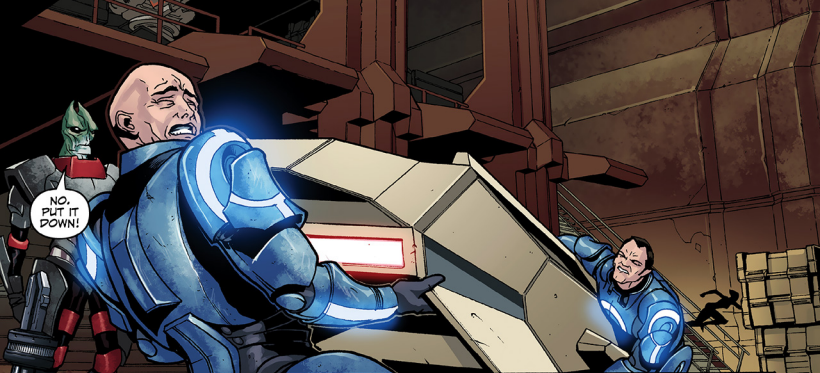


-- CHECK OUT THE OLD DEFENSE GUNS UP THERE. I THINK THEY'RE STILL FUNCTIONAL.



ONE SHOT'LL DISABLE TAZZIK'S SHIP BEFORE THEY CAN GO ANYWHERE!

DO IT -- THEY'RE STARTING TO MOVE SHEPARD, I NEED TO GET CLOSER!



NO.
PUT IT
DOWN!

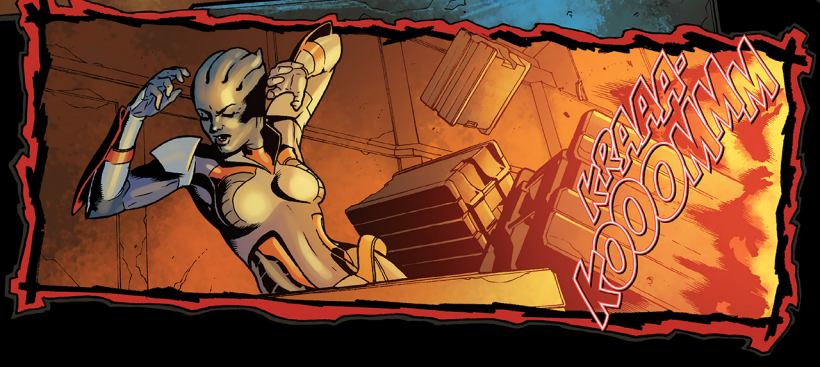


WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM? IT'S
NOT LIKE SHEPARD'S
GONNA GET **MORE**
DAMAGED!

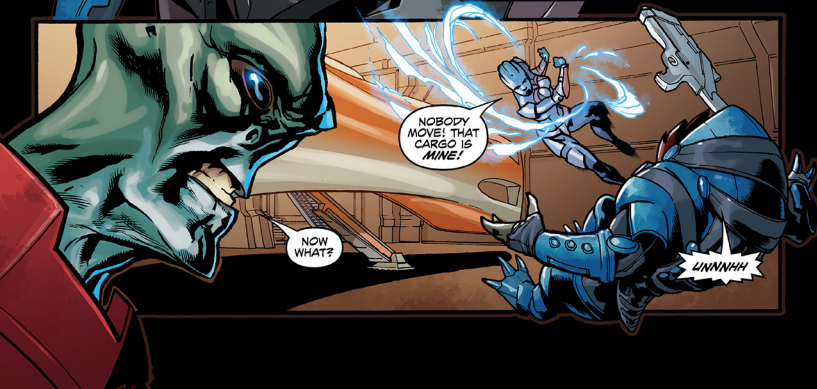
NO, BUT
YOU MIGHT!
I'LL TAKE
IT FROM
HERE --

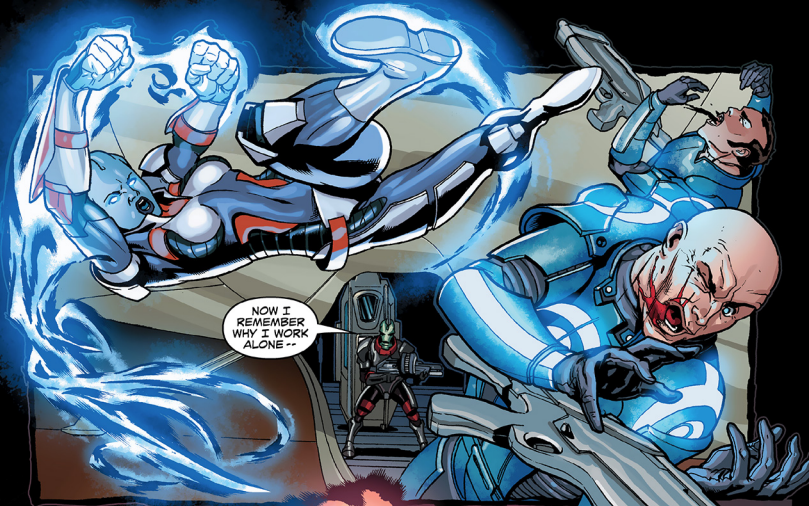


-- I'VE GOT
SOMEPLACE TO
BE. LET'S GET THIS
GOING BEFORE
SOMETHING
GOES --



KRAAAA
BOOOOMMM





NOW I
REMEMBER
WHY I WORK
ALONE--

--SCREW
'EM ALL!

GHOOM

BOOOOM

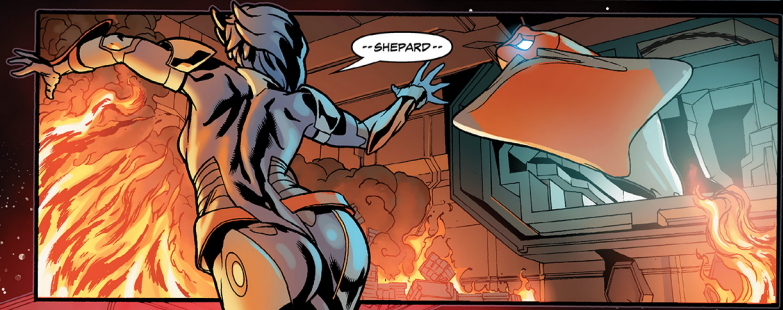
GRENADE!
DOWN!





GET OFF ME! I'VE GOT TO FIND--

OOOH...



-- SHEPARD --



"-- SHEPARD..."

TO BE CONTINUED!