



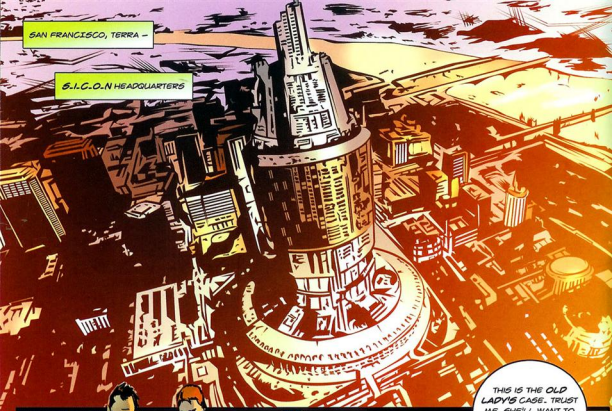
THE ROOKIES WILL TANNER AND SINGH PATEL HAVE BEEN SECONDED TO TAMARI'S TIGERS, A MOBILE INFANTRY UNIT.

DURING A MISSION TO ALAMAR BAY, TANNER ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE CORRUPT SERGEANT LOCK FROM KILLING A PRIVATE - THE RESULTING FIGHT ALMOST COSTS HIM HIS LIFE.

WHEN TAMARI AND SINGH ARRIVE AT THE LAST MOMENT, LOCK IS ARRESTED AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. TANNER THINKS THAT THE NIGHTMARE IS OVER - BUT FIRST THERE IS A TRIAL....

SAN FRANCISCO, TERRA -

S.I.C.O.-N HEADQUARTERS

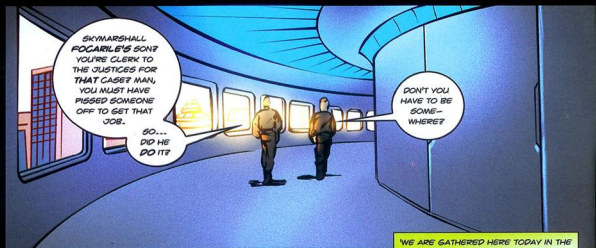


GODDAMMIT!
I'M RUNNING
LATE!

DON'T SWEAT IT.
WHEN WAS THE
LAST TIME ONE OF
THESE COURT
MARTIALS EVER
TOOK PLACE ON
TIME?



THIS IS THE OLD
LADY'S CASE. TRUST
ME, SHE'LL WANT TO
GET IT OVER WITH AS
QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.



SKYMARSHALL
FOGARILE'S SON?
YOU'RE CLERK FOR
THAT CASE? MAN,
YOU MUST HAVE
PISSED SOMEONE
OFF TO GET THAT
JOB.

SO...
DID HE
DO IT?

DON'T YOU
HAVE TO BE
SOME-
WHERE?


WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY IN THE
MOST SADDEST OF OCCASIONS!



ON OCCASIONS WHEN A TROOPER GOES BAD, BECOMES ROTTEN, WE RELY ON ADMINISTRATIVE PUNISHMENT TO RE-EDUCATE THEM BACK TO THE CORRECT PATH.




SOMETIMES A MORE STRINGENT PUNISHMENT IS CALLED FOR. AND IN THESE CASES A FULL COURT MARTIAL IS CALLED TO FORCE.



SUCH IS THE CASE TODAY. I, MAJOR GALLOP WILL BE PRESIDING, WITH COLONEL LASCELLES AND SKYMARSHALL FOCARILE AS MY WITNESSES AND SECONDS.



IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS? THEN WE SHALL BEGIN.



SERGEANT LOCK, YOU ARE ACCUSED OF THEFT, BODY LOOTING, ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION, INCLUDING BODILY HARM TO A SUBORDINATE -



YOU ARE ALSO ACCUSED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER, TO WHIT THE COLD BLOODED KILLING OF ONE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARTS.



HOW DO YOU PLEAD?



OH,
GUILTY AS
HELL
MA'AM.

AND YOU KNOW
WHAT? I RECKON
I'LL BE WALKING
FREE.

**STARSHIP
TROOPERS**TM
Dead Man's Hand

ISSUE ONE

WRITTEN BY TONY LEE
ART BY NEIL EDWARDS
INKS BY JOHN FEENEY
COLORS BY KIERAN OATS
LETTERS BY RICHARD EMMS
EIC - RICHARD EMMS



UH - WELL, WHILST WE APPRECIATE YOUR CANDOR, BEFORE THE COURT CAN PASS SENTENCE, WE MUST HEAR THE FULL DETAILS OF THE SITUATION.

TROOPER TANNER TO THE STAND.



SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT YOU'D BE THE ONE GRASSING ME UP, ROOKIE.



CAN YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND RANK FOR THE COURT?



PRIVATE WILLIAM TANNER, TAMARY'S TIGERS - FORMERLY OF THE NORMANDY BEACH.



PRIVATE TANNER, COULD PLEASE GIVE THE COURT YOUR VERSION OF THE EVENTS THAT LED TO THE DEATH OF PRIVATE MARTS?

SIR, I-

I DIDN'T ASK FOR A CONVERSATION, BOY - EITHER TELL US WHAT HAPPENED OR STAND DOWN IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.


YES, SIR.

I HAD JUST BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NORMANDY BEACH FROM CAMP CURRIE TRAINING CAMP -




'-AND SHORTLY AFTER OUR ARRIVAL, WE WERE DISPATCHED TO ALAMAR BAY RESEARCH BASE TO RESCUE SOME MISSING TROOPERS.'

'ONE OF THE TROOPERS WAS GIVING ME HIS SURVIVAL GUIDE WHEN SERGEANT LOCK ARRIVED.'



'AND WHAT WAS YOUR OPINION OF SERGEANT LOCK?'

'HARSH BUT FAIR. YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LIKE YOUR SARGE. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FEAR AND RESPECT HIM.'



'WE ARRIVED AT THE LOCATION AND MADE OUR WAY DOWN TO THE PLANET -'



AREN'T YOU MISSING SOMETHING, PRIVATE? ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT YOU MADE -



SORRY, YES I DID FORGET. BEFORE WE MADE THE DROP, I OVERHEARD LOCK TALKING TO PRIVATE MACKINNON.

WAS IT ABOUT THE WEATHER?



I WANT THIRTY PERCENT OF ANY BODY LOOT YOU FIND. IF I HEAR YOU'RE HOLDING OUT, I'LL KILL YOU.



NO, SIR. THEY WERE DISCUSSING PERCENTAGES OF BODY LOOT.




'ON ROUTE TO ALAMAR BAY,
WE LOST SEVERAL TROOPERS
TO BUG ATTACKS.'

'BY THE TIME WE ARRIVED AT
THE BASE, WE WERE HURT
AND SCARED.'



'SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, ROOKIE.
PERSONALLY, I RECKON YOU
SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN BED
WITH A SNIFFLE.'



'THE BASE SEEMED DESERTED - WE
DISCOVERED LATER THAT THIS WAS
BECAUSE MANY OF THE SOLDIERS
WERE ALREADY DEAD.'

'SERGEANT LOCK, IF WE
WANT ELUCIDATION TO
ANY STATEMENTS, WE
SHALL ASK FOR THEM.'

'WE SPLIT INTO SEVERAL TEAMS
- SOME TO CHECK FOR SURVI-
VORS WHILST OTHERS, INCLUDING
SERGEANT LOCK WENT TO THE
LOWER LEVELS TO ASSIST
AGAINST A BUG ATTACK.'



'AND IT WAS HERE THAT
SERGEANT LOCK MET WITH
PRIVATE MARTS?'

MISTER TANNER.
SURELY THIS IS
HEARSAY? AFTER
ALL, YOU WERE NOT
ACTUALLY AT THE
SCENE?

NO
MA'AM,
I WASN'T THERE
AT THAT
TIME -

MAJOR
GALLOP, THE COM-
MANDER OF THE
MISSION, LIEUTEN-
ANT TAMARI HAS
PROVIDED US WITH A
WITNESS STATEMENT
COVERING THAT FIRST
MEETING.

UNDER-
STOOD. PROCEED
...WHERE EXACTLY
WERE YOU AT
THIS POINT?

'YES SIR. I UNDERSTAND THEY
HAD A PAST HISTORY.'