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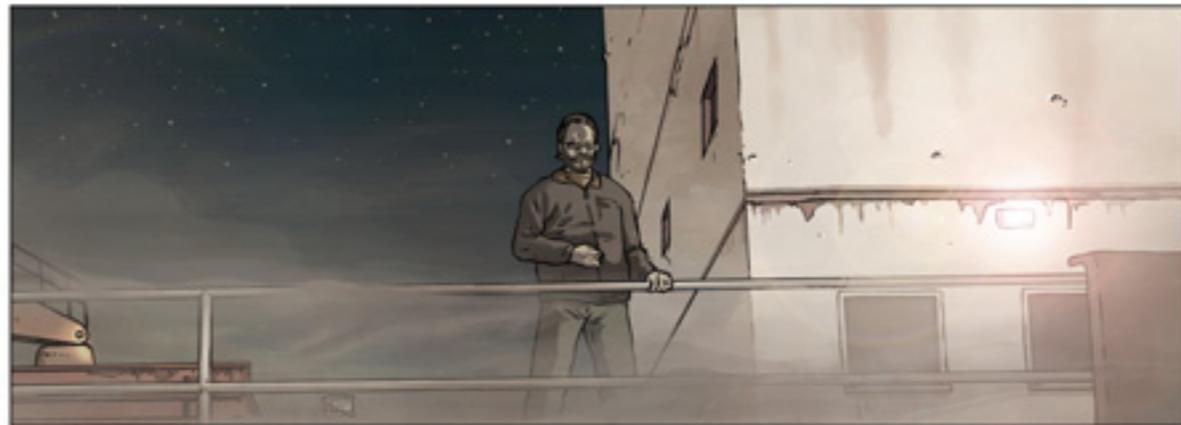
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JEEZ, BOSUN!

SHUT UP, LISTEN...



THIS AINT A NORMAL POS.

NO, IT AINT.



HEY, BOSUN -



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT GUN?

THIS AINT PIRATES.

DONT LOOK IN HIS EYES.

WHAT EYES? WHOSE EYES?



YOU MUSTNT LOOK IN HIS EYES, WHATEVER YOU DO.

WHY?

WHO?



WHAT YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT EYES?

THEY SAY YOU BE DEAD IN A MONTH IF YOU LOOK IN HIS EYES!



I DONT WANT TO HEAR NO MORE 'BOUT IT.

I DONT BLAME YOU.

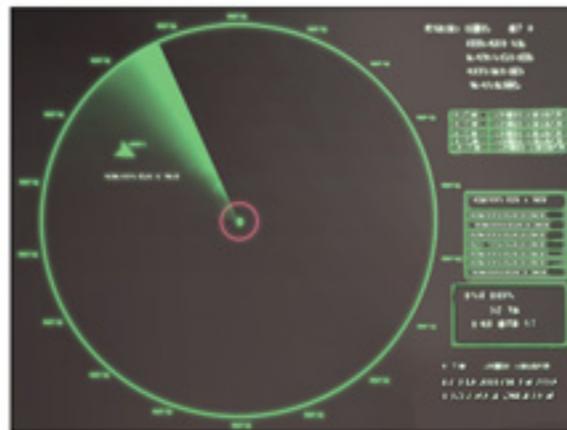
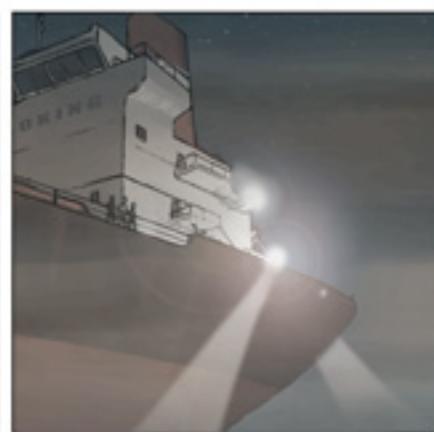
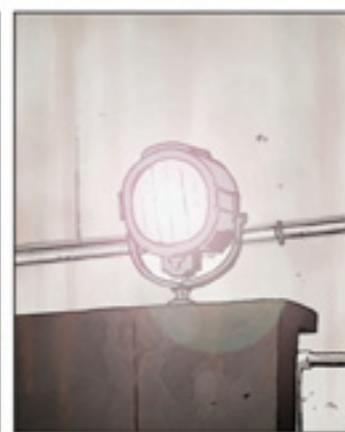


WHAT'S THAT?



IT'S A SHIP.

PORT QUARTER! ON THE PORT QUARTER!



GOT IT, SIR! ABOUT A HUNDRED METRES...

