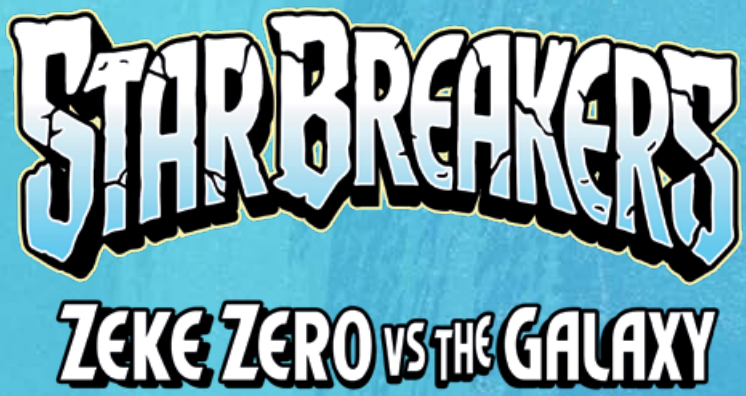
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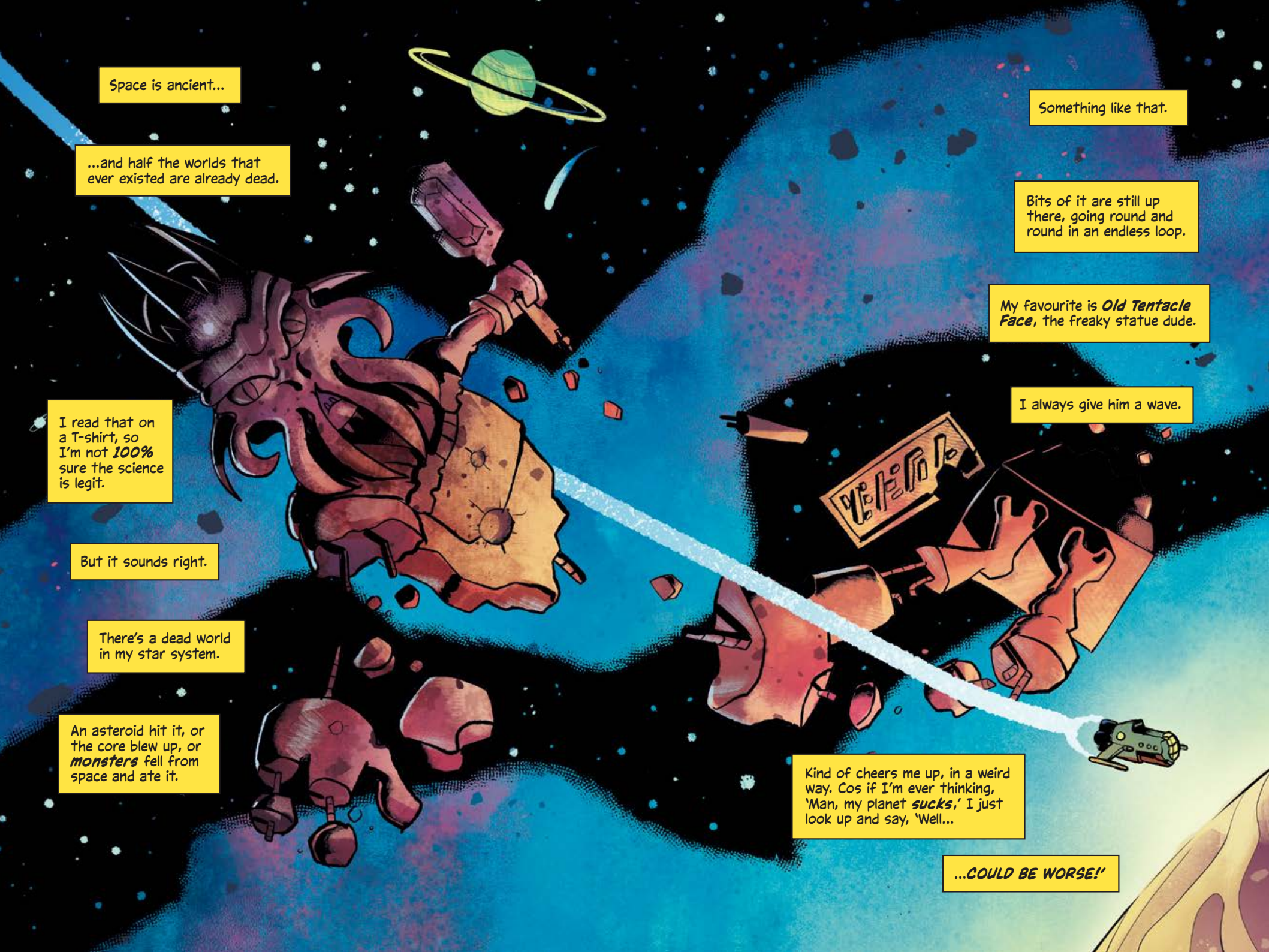


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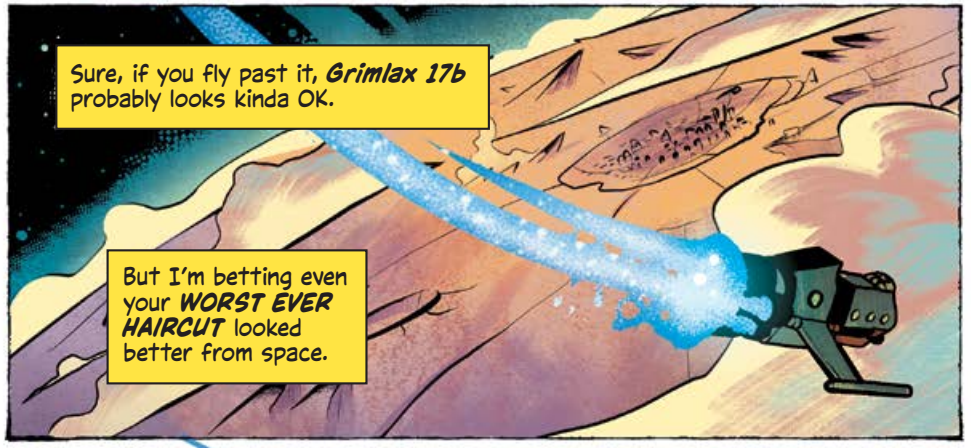
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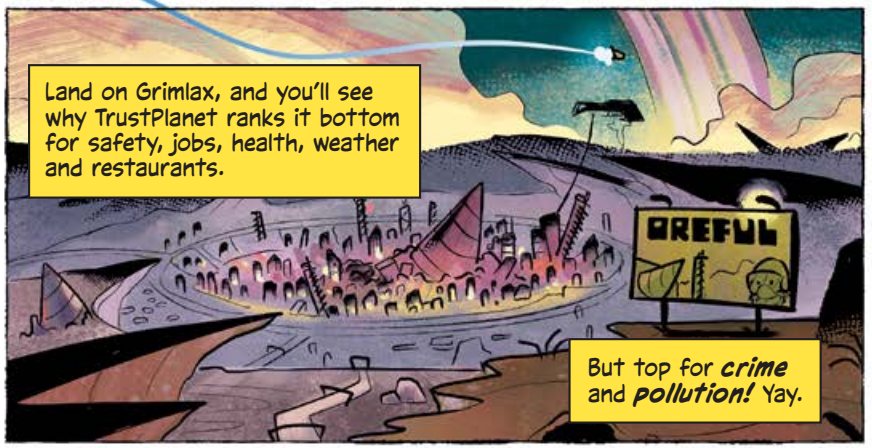
To my family: Mum – who would have bought ten copies.
Dad – who will buy ten copies. And my brother,
James – who will probably borrow a copy from me.

C.H.

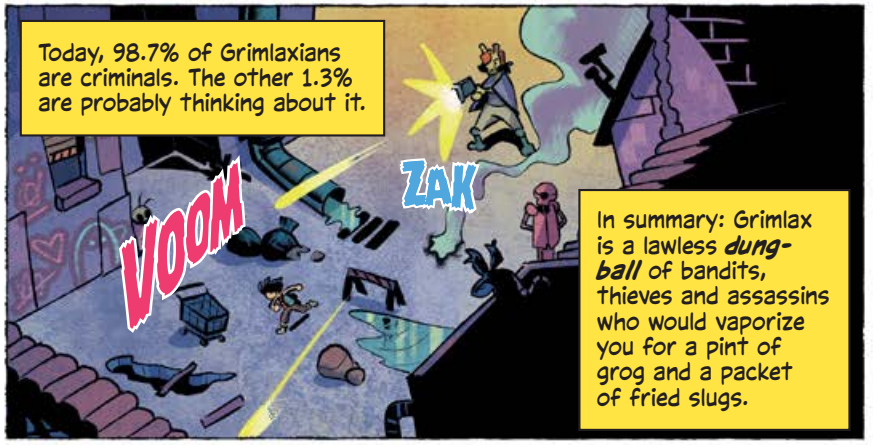

Space is ancient...
...and half the worlds that ever existed are already dead.
I read that on a T-shirt, so I'm not 100% sure the science is legit.
But it sounds right.
There's a dead world in my star system.
An asteroid hit it, or the core blew up, or monsters fell from space and ate it.
Something like that.
Bits of it are still up there, going round and round in an endless loop.
My favourite is Old Tentacle Face, the freaky statue dude.
I always give him a wave.
Kind of cheers me up, in a weird way. Cos if I'm ever thinking, 'Man, my planet sucks,' I just look up and say, 'Well...
...COULD BE WORSE!'


Not that an asteroid strike would make much difference to my planet.
Might even improve it.


Sure, if you fly past it, ***Grimlax 17b*** probably looks kinda OK.
But I'm betting even your ***WORST EVER HAIRCUT*** looked better from space.

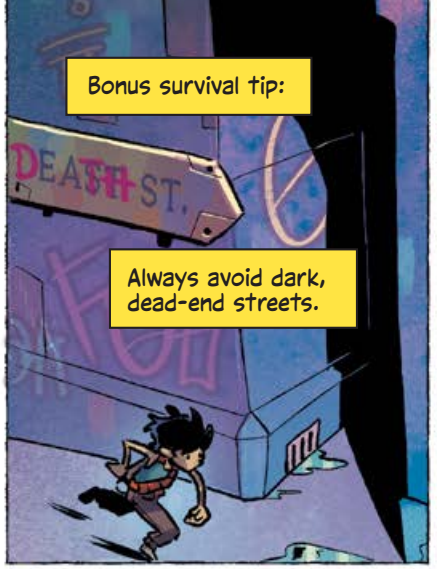

Land on Grimlax, and you'll see why TrustPlanet ranks it bottom for safety, jobs, health, weather and restaurants.
But top for ***crime*** and ***pollution!*** Yay.


Grimlax wasn't always so bad. It was a powerful mining world once, rich with valuable ore.
But the ore ran out, so the money ran out, and people turned to crime to survive.
ZAK
VOOM


Today, 98.7% of Grimlaxians are criminals. The other 1.3% are probably thinking about it.
VOOM
ZAK
In summary: Grimlax is a lawless ***dung-ball*** of bandits, thieves and assassins who would vaporize you for a pint of grog and a packet of fried slugs.


So, y'know, not recommended.
TRUST PLANET
'AVOID!' MoonCrush98
'Had my spaceship AND shoes stolen!' StarCat7
'WORST. WORLD. EVER!' ZekeZero
ZAK
ZAK
That last one was me...


I'm Zeke.
Welcome to an ordinary day on Grimlax 17b.
The sun isn't shining, the birds are extinct, and I'm being chased by a trigger-happy bounty hunter.
The current price on my head is a thousand credits. Kinda low, but the day is young!
You can *run* but you can't *hide*, fleabag!
Actually, I enjoy both.
Running for your life is a great cardio exercise!
And hiding? Well, who doesn't enjoy a bit of alone time?
Combine the two and you got yourself the Zeke Zero Survival Method: *run + hide = STAY ALIVE*.
ZAK
VOOM


Bonus survival tip:
Always avoid dark, dead-end streets.


Like *this one*.


What did I tell ya, fleabag?!
You can run but you *CAN'T HIDE!*


Uh huh...


What are those?
Special glasses.
They make me disappear.


Hahahaha! Well, they *ain't working*, lad!