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ALIENS



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CARTER
BURKE
HAD LIVED?!**
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the actor himself,
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- ▶ In **2122**, the multinational corporation **Weyland-Yutani** diverted their commercial towing vehicle, the **Nostromo**, to the moon **LV-426**. Purporting to answer a possible distress call, WY secretly wished to secure specimens of a dangerous alien species known as **Xenomorphs** for study and profit. Tragedy struck the crew, leaving Lieutenant **Ellen Ripley** as the sole survivor. For decades, she drifted through space in cryosleep.
- In **2179**, Ripley was rescued and awoke to find that a terraforming colony known as **Hadley's Hope** had been built on LV-426, funded in part by WY. Ripley's warnings about the Xenomorphs went unheeded--until contact with the colony was suddenly lost. A junior WY executive, **Carter Burke**, enlisted Ripley to join him and a team being sent to investigate.
- After finding the colony overrun, Ripley and the others soon discovered that Burke's only purpose was to obtain a Xenomorph sample--and Burke was more than willing to sacrifice human lives to get it. When the aliens swarmed, Burke snuck away only to find himself face-to-face with one of the creatures.
- In the world as we know it, Burke and most of the others on Hadley's Hope died horribly that day. But what if...Carter Burke had **lived**?
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BURKE!

**IT WAS
BURKE!**

HADLEY'S HOPE COLONY.
MOON LV-426, YEAR 2179.



LT. FC
ELLEN
RIPLEY.

CPL.
DWAYNE
HICKS.

I SAY
WE GREASE THIS RAT-
F%%K SON OF A BITCH
RIGHT NOW!

LT. WILLIAM
GORMAN.

PFC WILLIAM
L. HUDSON.

PFC JENETTE
VASQUEZ.

WEYLAND-YUTANI
EXECUTIVE
CARTER BURKE.



IT JUST
DOESN'T MAKE
ANY %\$#@%&
SENSE.



HE FIGURED
THAT HE COULD
GET AN ALIEN BACK
THROUGH QUARANTINE IF
ONE OF US WAS IMPREGNATED...
WHATEVER YOU CALL IT...
AND THEN FROZEN FOR
THE TRIP HOME.

NOBODY WOULD
KNOW ABOUT THE
EMBRYOS WE WERE
CARRYING. ME AND NEWT.



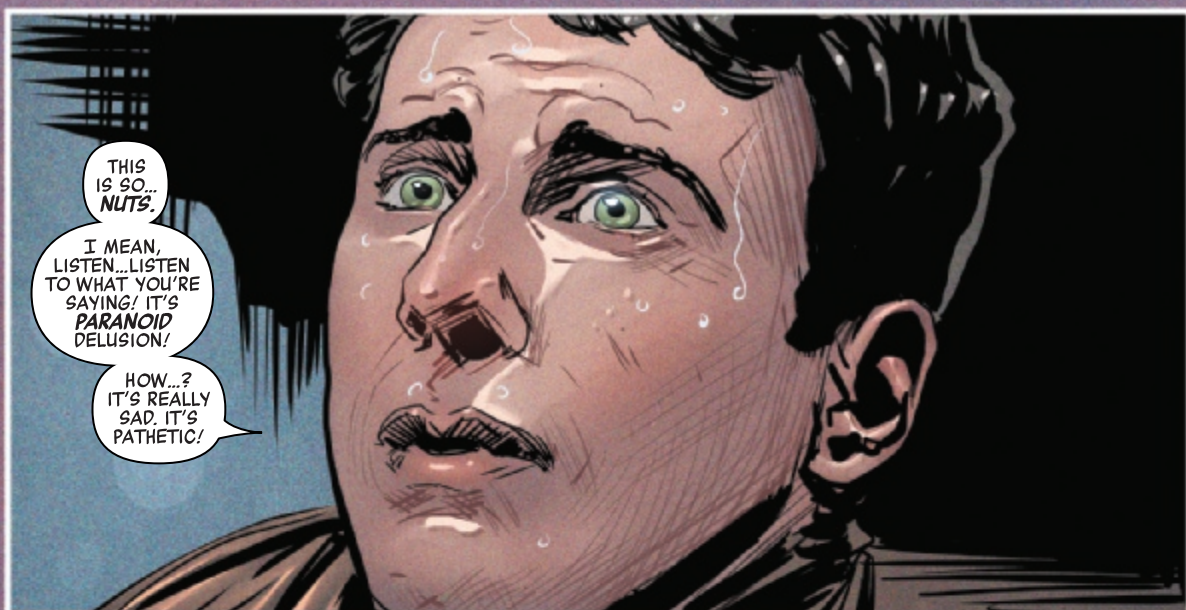
WAIT A
MINUTE NOW. WE'D
ALL KNOW.

YES, THE ONLY
WAY HE COULD DO IT IS IF
HE SABOTAGED CERTAIN FREEZERS
ON THE WAY HOME. NAMELY *YOURS*.
THEN HE COULD JETTISON THE BODIES
AND MAKE UP ANY STORY HE LIKED.



F%%K!
HE'S DEAD.

YOU'RE
DOG MEAT,
PAL.



THIS
IS SO...
NUTS.

I MEAN,
LISTEN...LISTEN
TO WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING! IT'S
PARANOID
DELUSION!

HOW...?
IT'S REALLY
SAD. IT'S
PATHETIC!



YOU KNOW,
BURKE, I DON'T
KNOW WHICH SPECIES
IS WORSE. YOU DON'T
SEE THEM F\$#KING
EACH OTHER OVER
FOR A %\$#%#@##
PERCENTAGE.



ALL RIGHT,
WE WASTE
HIM.

NO
OFFENSE.



THEY
CUT THE
POWER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *THEY* CUT
THE POWER? HOW COULD THEY
CUT THE POWER, MAN?

THEY'RE
ANIMALS!

I WANT
YOU TWO WITH
TRACKERS CHECKING
THE CORRIDORS!







GRAAAUUGH!

**BRRRRRAAKKK-
AKK-AKKK**



THERE THEY ARE!
OVER THERE!
GET 'EM!

**BRKRRRTT
BRRRAAK**



**BRRRAAAK-
BRRRAAAAAAKKK-
BRAAAK**



BLAM BLAM BLAM



DO
SOMETHING,
GORMAN!