

— THE ADVENTURES OF THE —
BERTALORIAN
— VOL. 1 —

**SEARCH FOR THE
FIRE CRYSTAL**



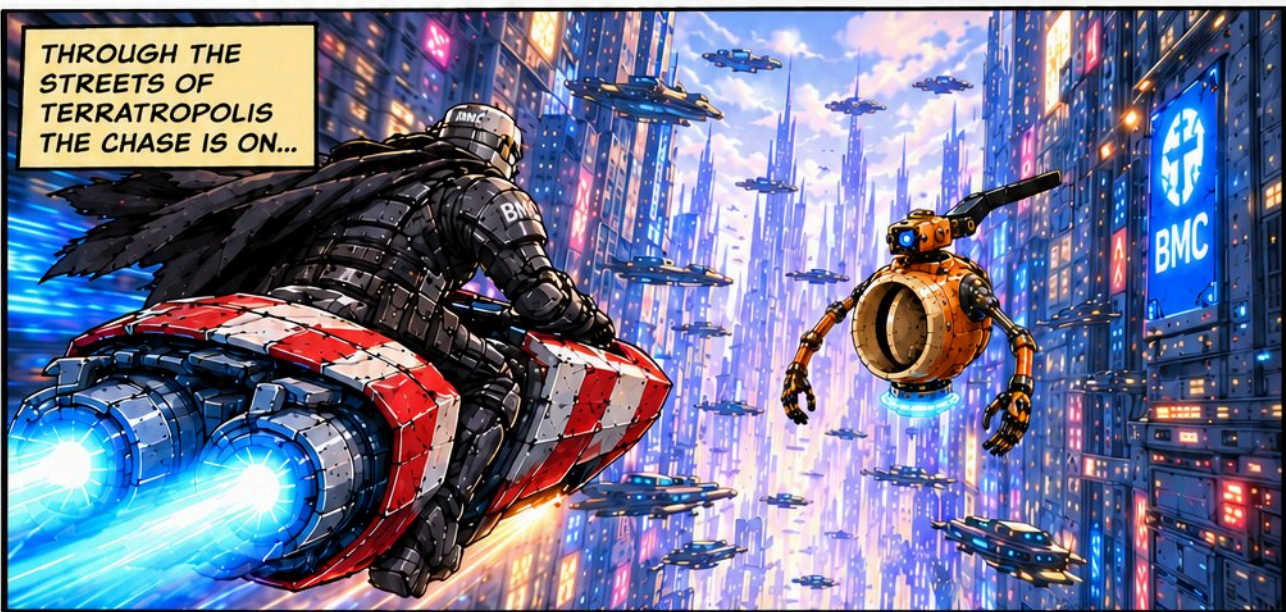
In the fiery outskirts of a distant galaxy, an ancient danger has awakened.

Meanwhile, a Bertalorian Bounty Hunter scans the streets of Terratropolis at daybreak.



Completely unaware of this new threat, he focuses on his mission; To recover a rogue Butterfly Droid and claim his payment...

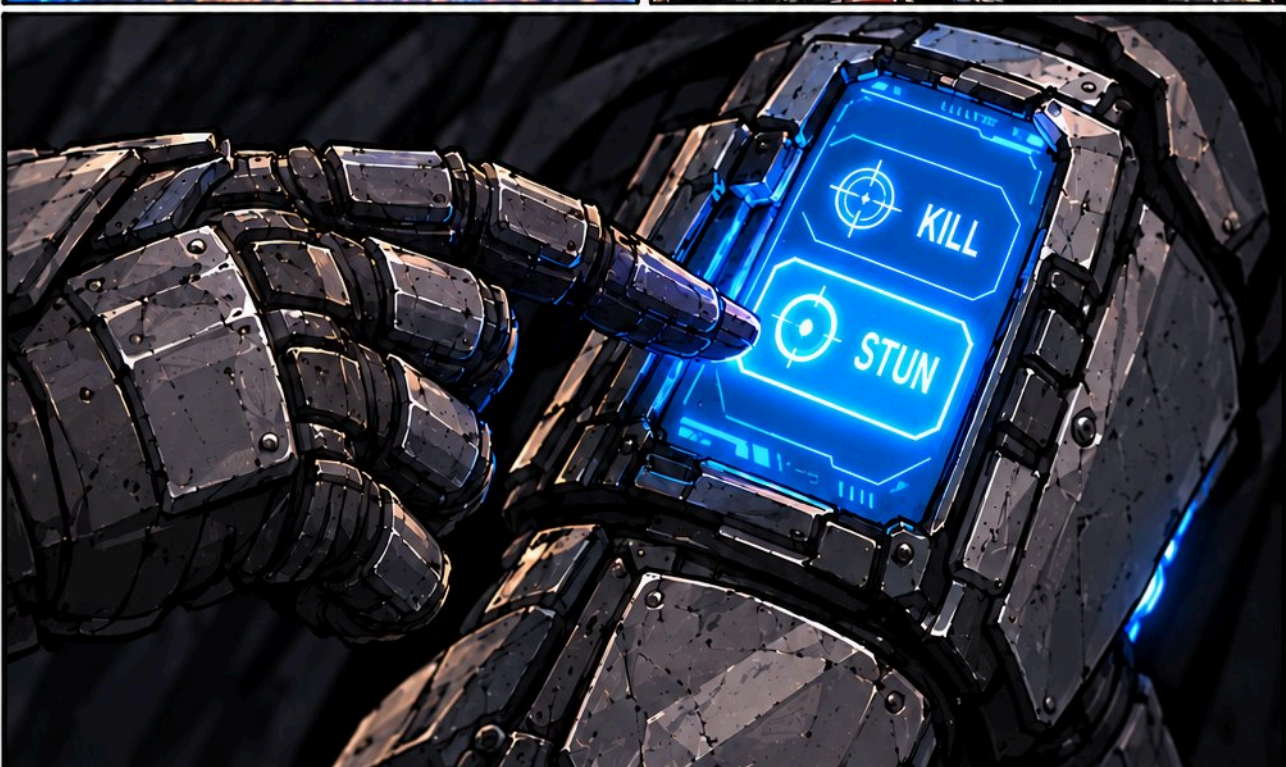
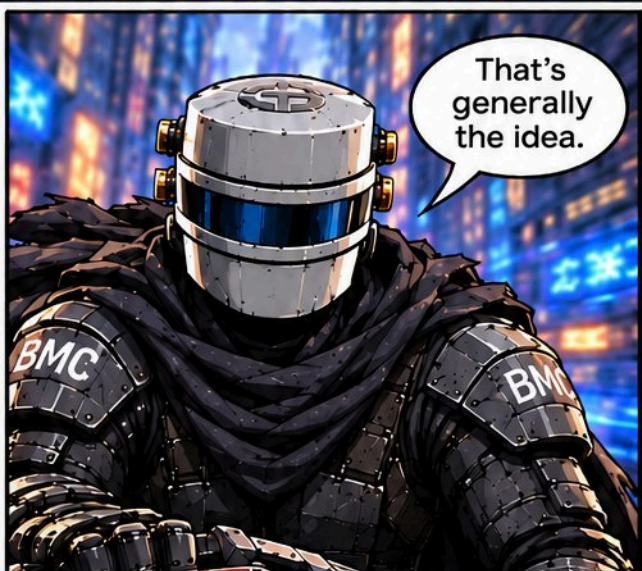
THROUGH THE
STREETS OF
TERRATROPOLIS
THE CHASE IS ON...



YOU WILL
NEVER TAKE
ME ALIVE!



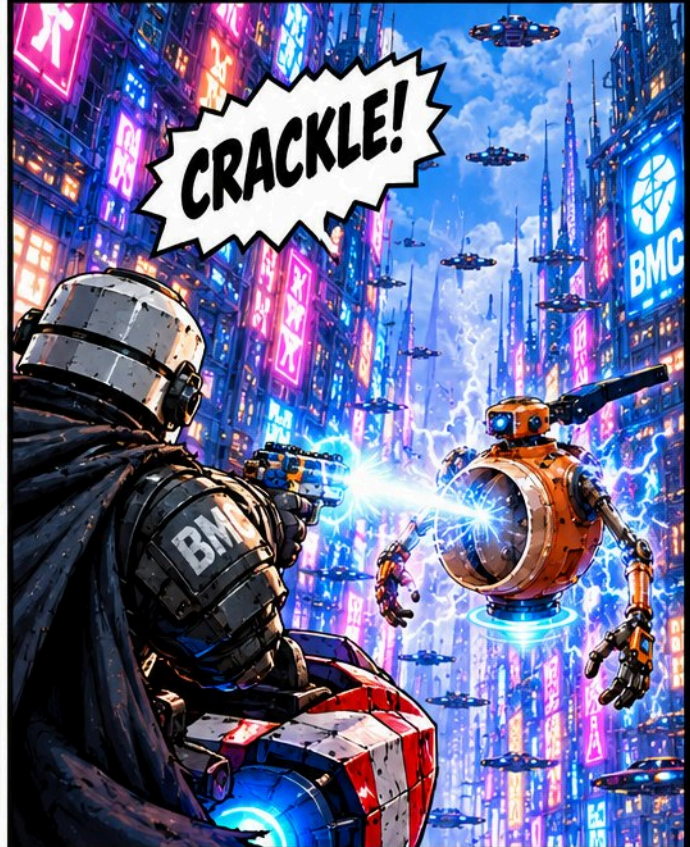
That's
generally
the idea.



BUT TODAY I'M
FEELING MERCIFUL...



CRACKLE!



THUD

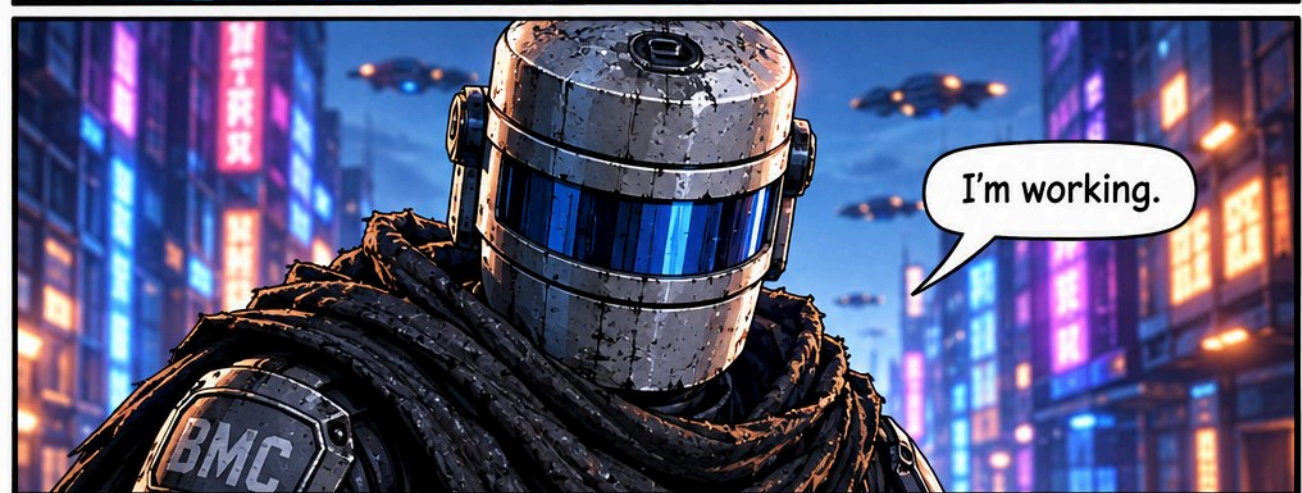
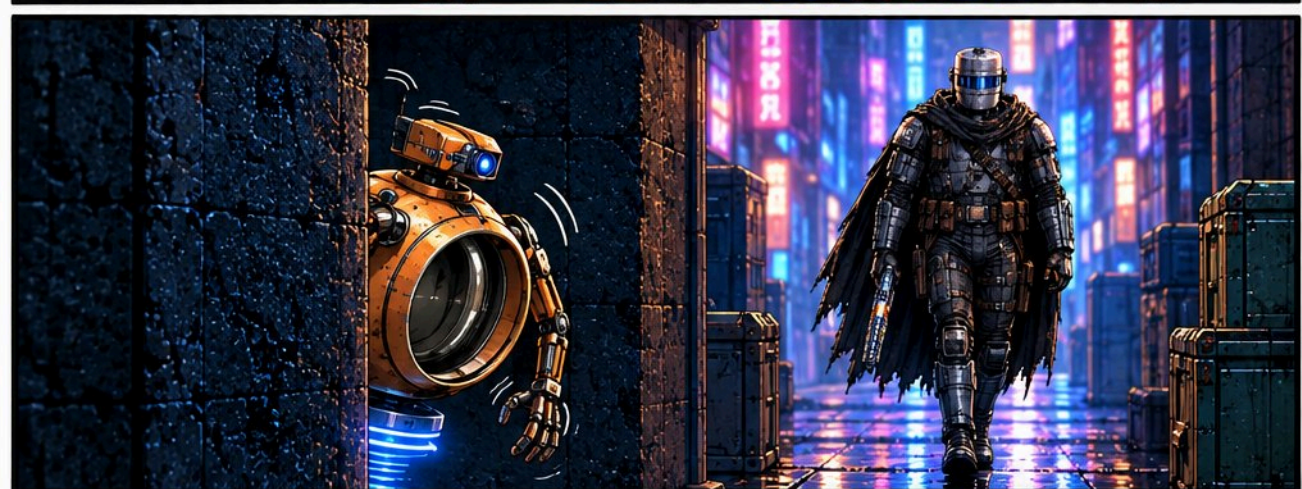


AS THE STUNNED DROID SHAKILY COMES TO, THE BERTALORIAN CLOSES IN.

Uuugghh...
Gotta get up.
This guy means
business.



BUT AS THE BERTALORIAN
CLOSES IN ON HIS PRIZE,
A SUDDEN INTERRUPTION
HALTS HIM.



INCOMING TRANSMISSION

There have been tremors
on Kharos-7.

Something's happening
inside the volcano.

Ok, I'll finish
this later. Tell me
what you know, how
bad does it sound?

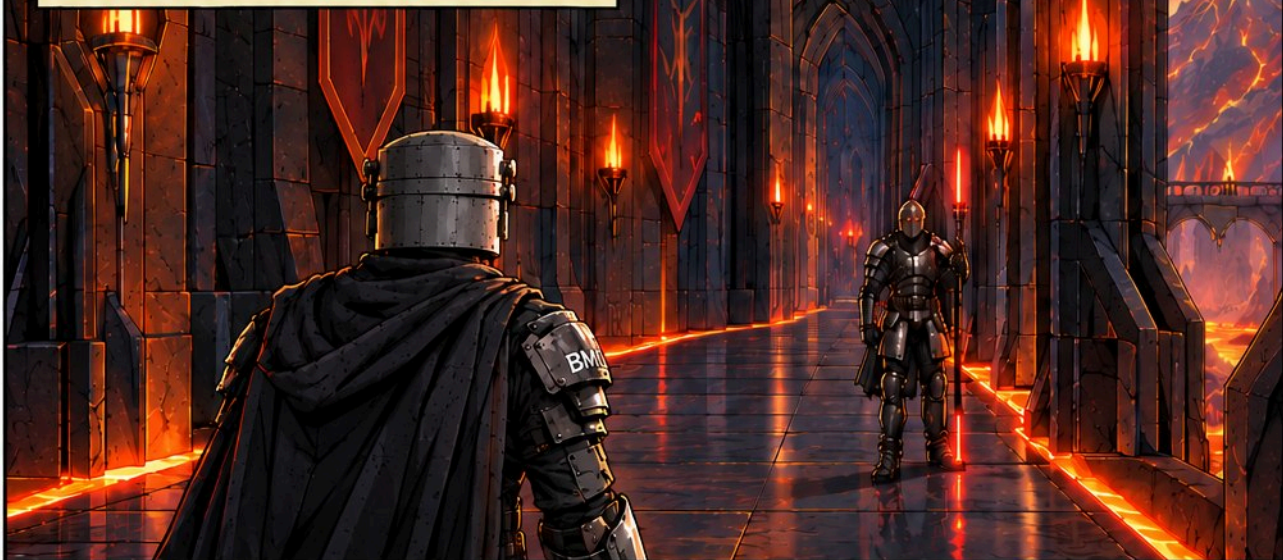
AS THE SUN SETS OVER TERRATROPOLIS,
THE BERTALORIAN PUNCHES IN COORDINATES
FOR KHAROS-7 THE LAVA PLANET.

KHAROS-7.





IN THE HALLS OF MOLTASSAR FIRE
CATHEDRAL, OUR HERO SEEKS ANSWERS...



WHO SEEKS TO PASS
THROUGH STONE AND FLAME,
AND WHAT IS YOUR QUEST?

I am Bertalorian.
And I seek the counsel
of Gari Ben Talini.



...You...
May Pass.





Gari, what sorcery
is this?!

Bertalorian, my friend...
Welcome. This is beef stew,
I was hungry. Come and eat-
we must speak.





*All is still, as the Bertalorian approaches
the mysterious and foreboding cave...*



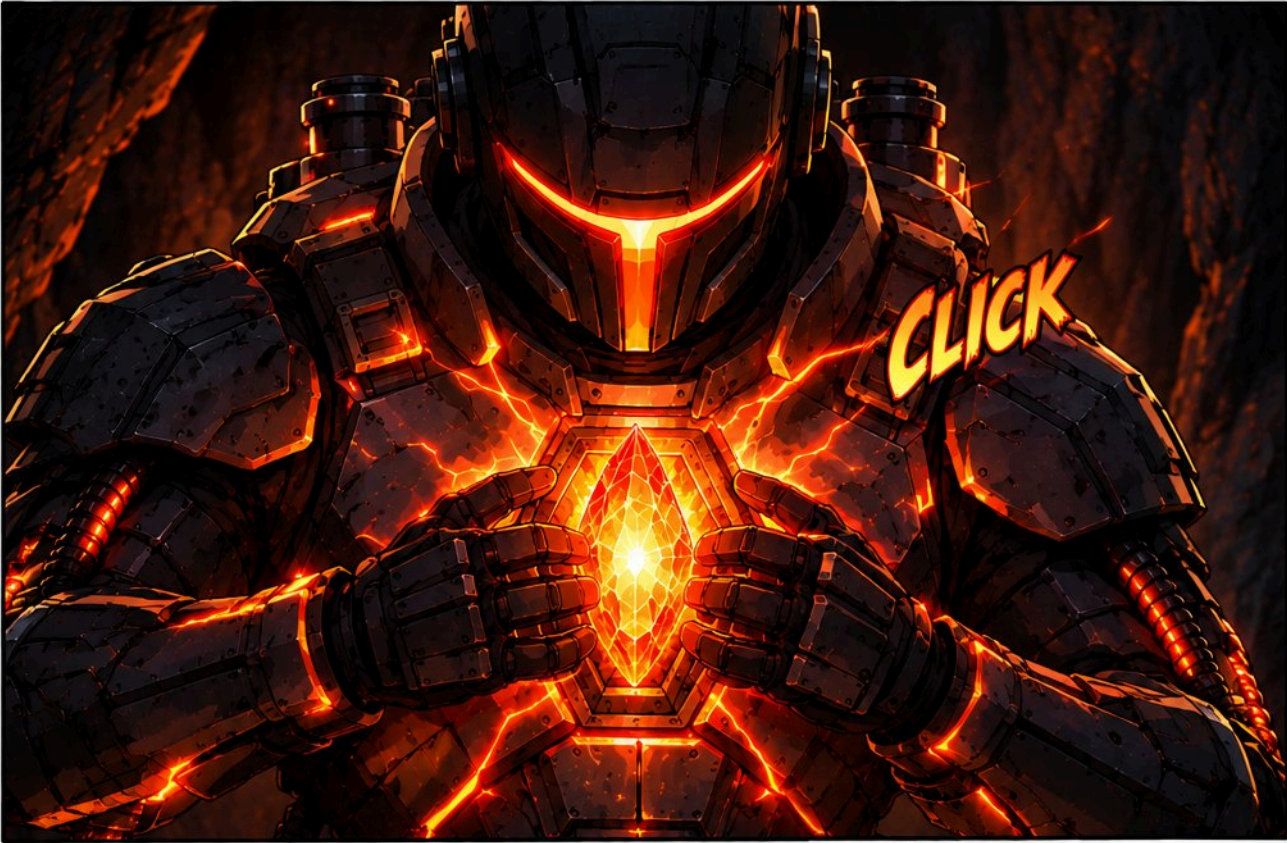
Deep in the cave, the Fire Crystal is almost in the Bertalorian's grasp, but a dark figure suddenly emerges from the shadows to lay hold of it...



Wait -
who are **YOU?**!

I have
searched long
for this.





Not on
my watch!



The world will
taste the fury
of my flames!





That ought
to teach you.

The thief turns from his flight,
blocking the mouth of the cave
with a fearsome wall of liquid fire.



No, unfortunately,
I learn rather
slowly.

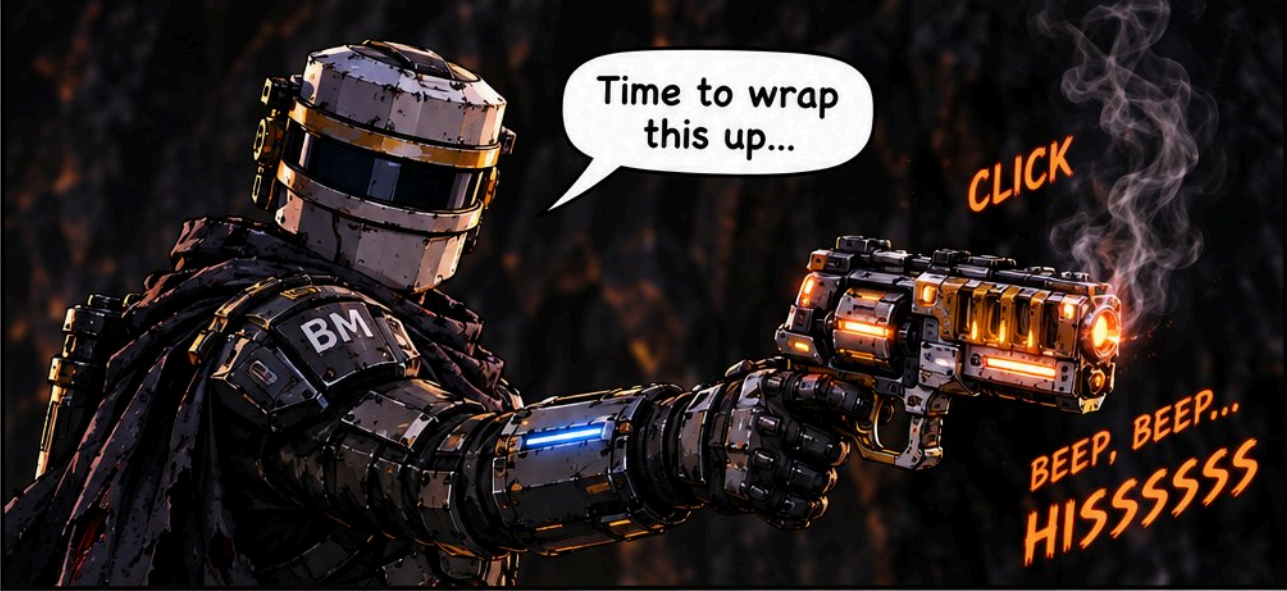


What?!









Time to wrap this up...

CLICK

BEEP, BEEP...
HISSSSSS



! SYSTEM TEMPERATURE CRITICAL
■■■■■

Overheated, Ugh!



Overheated, huh?
Guess you are out of tricks...
Hahaha.





Well... ***I AM INFERNO!***
MASTER OF FIRE!!!

Nice to meet you.
Any last words
before you die?



CLICK

Oh, no, you haven't
killed me yet,
you're just ruining
my day!









*His quest complete, the Bertalorian
returns to a galaxy made safe once again...*

*But what to do with his foe?
Fortunately he knows just the place
to take him...*

ONE WEEK LATER
ON THE ICE PLANET NORSIS

What a rare specimen!
Thanks for your contribution
to the Galactic Ice Museum!
Err... should we put up
a sign? What should
it say?

Yes...



...Write this...
Best opened by:
Never
Store in a cool,
dry place...



THE END