

FIVE STARS AND A KILO

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PAGE ONE (FOUR PANELS)

PANEL 1:

ON A BLACK BACKGROUND A COMPUTER FLICKERS.

PANEL 2:

ON THE BROWSER, ON THE SCREEN, WE SEE A ONE STAR RATING FOR "MOON MALL".

Panel 3. FARNEY, sitting in a chair, looks as if something is buzzing in his pocket.

Panel 4. WE see a text to Farney saying "Somebody has rated your facility."

FARNEY: SOMEBODY HAS RAIDED OUR FACILITY!

PAGE TWO (SIX PANELS)

PANEL 1. ON THIS PANEL WE SEE SARAR HIT A BIG RED BOTTON. ONLY HER HAND AND THE BUTTON ARE VISIBLE. EMPTY BACKGROUNDS WHEN OBJECTS ARE THE FOCAL POINT IS A CONSISTENT THEME FOR THIS SERIES.

Panel 2. We see two loudspeakers coupled together. Out of them:

Farney: "It's on TravelMaker.com! Look it up! They gave us one star!

SARAH: FARNEY, NOT DURING A RAID!

Farney: There is a raid?

Sarah: You said there was a raid!

FARNEY: YEAH, THEY RAIDED US ONE STAR! THAT'S THE LOWEST RATING YOU CAN GET!

Sarah looks down and exhales.

PAGE THREE (FOUR PANELS)

PANEL 1: FROM A VERY DARK AND OMINOUS ROOM, ATTICUS MENACINGLY SPEAKS TO HIMSELF.

ATTICUS: So... you want to rate me one star...

PANEL 2:

HE PUSHES A BUTTON ON HIS DESK. IT IS MARKED "INTERCOM".  
ATTICUS: GET ME... BUCK. GORDON...

PANEL 3:

SKINNY BOY: SHOULD I STOP BY THE STORE, OR GIVE HIM A RING, BOSS?"

PANEL 4: "Do whatever is necessary... And gather my "top security team".

PAGE 4 (SPLASH):

White boy, Farney, and Sarah sit in a back room, somewhere in the mall. They are surrounded by bare white walls. White boy looks eager. Farney looks uncharacteristically alert. Sarah looks guarded. Atticus looks puzzled.

ATTICUS: THIS IS MY TOP SECURITY TEAM?

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PANEL 1: ATTICUS IN HIS DOMAIN.

ATTICUS: WE HAVE A BREACH IN SECTOR SIX.

PANEL 2: WE DO NOT HAVE A SECTOR SIX.

ATTICUS: WE GOT A BAD RATING ON TRAVELMAKER

PANEL 3: FROM NOW ON, IF I SAY WE HAVE A BREACH IN SECTOR SIX, THAT IS WHAT I MEAN.

PANEL 4:

BACK ON EARTH, THE "BAD REVIEWER:" RECIEVES AN E-MAIL.

The e-mail contains Farney's occupational and contact information.

PANEL 5:

Farney, IN HIS OFFICE, receives a call from police on Earth.

Farney: Hello?

PAGE SIX (SIX PANELS)

PANEL 1:

OVER THE PHONE, AN OFFICER FROM EARTH SPEAKS TO FARNEY.

EARTH OFFICER: A young man saying you threatened to- and I quote... 'rip your balls off your person and shove them in your mouth where that shit belongs you dirty troll.' Did you send this message?

PANEL 2:

WITH FARNEY ON THE MOON MALL, HE SITS ON THE PHONE.

FARNEY: I think I was hacked.

PANEL 3:

BACK TO THE EARTH OFFICER.

EARTH OFFICER: You seemed to have included your contact info- and sir, do you work at the Moon Mall.

PANEL 4:

FARNEY: YES, YES I DO.

PANEL 5:

EARTH OFFICER: Then, if I may continue... at the bottom, after PS, it says 'And don't, for one minute think, that I am not serious. For this reason I have enclosed my cOntact information. Come see me, and die... motherfucker.' Did you write this?"

PANEL 6:

FARNEY: No! Of course not. I have trouble with the big words, sir. Sarah helped me write 'information'... and 'contact'... and with some of the punctuation, sir.

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PANEL 1:

Earth cop, at Earth cop headquarters walks into the central office. Scores of officers sit at desks. They all look bored.

EARTH OFFICER: We have to investigate a case on Moon Mall. It's a simple one. It just has to do-

PANEL 2:

Everybody raises their hands at once to volunteer for the assignment.

PANEL 3:

At Moon Mall, the "top security team" roams the mall together, looking a lot like a gang. Three Earth cops walk up to them.

LEAD EARTH OFFICER: We won't be having any more trouble on Earth, will we?

PANEL 4:

FARNEY: I don't know, are Kim and Kanye still there?

PANEL 5:

Farney looks to his cohorts for support, but nobody chuckles with him.

PAGE 8 (SIX PANELS)

PANEL 1:

Back in Atticus' office, he sits at his intimidating desk. He talks aloud to himself.

ATTICUS: They have foiled our plans for the last time. Next time, we shall prevail.

PANEL 2:

EARTH COP: No. There will be no next time! If you do this again, you go to jail- your guys go to jail, and I will personally see to it that you NEVER step foot in- let alone manage- ANY mall on ANY planet.

Atticus' usual menacing demeanor leaves for a moment as he says, with doughy anime eyes.

PANEL 3:

ATTICUS: YES SIR, I UNDERSTAND.

PANEL 4:

Earth cop leaves Atticus' domain. Atticus continues, menacing once more.

ATTICUS: MOON MALL WILL PREVAIL!

PANEL 5:

Sarah calls to Atticus over the walkie-talkie.

SARAH: We have had a lot of negative reviews coming in, since the incident with the police. I just wanted to let you know.

PANEL 6:

Atticus pushes the 'intercom' button on his desk.

ATTICUS: Gooooood. We have them right where they want us.

