VANGUARD & FOIL ADVENTURES

The Garden Grab

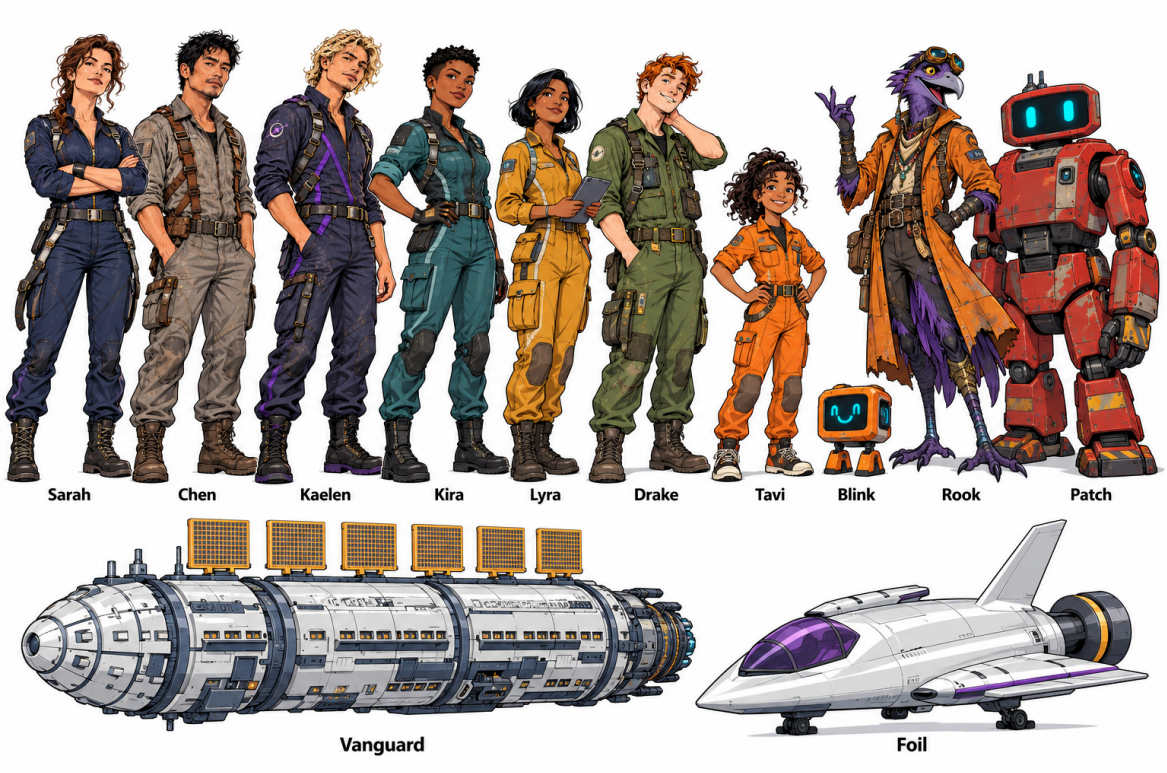
COMIC 2 / AGES 8-12



The station garden has vanished into a recycling ship. Can the crew save it in time?

JEFFREY JAY

Meet the crew and comic guests



Sarah: Captain. A steady leader who puts people first.

Kaelen: Pilot of the Slipstream Foil. They read gravity currents and find careful routes.

Chen: Engineer. He measures, tests and builds practical solutions.

Kira: Safety and tactical specialist. She protects the team.

Lyra: Communications expert. She checks signals and evidence.

Drake: Maintenance specialist. He repairs what the team needs.

Tavi & Blink: New comic friends: a curious 11-year-old station resident and her little repair robot.

The Vanguard carries the crew and equipment. The smaller Foil reaches tight places quickly. You can start here: these comics tell their own stories.

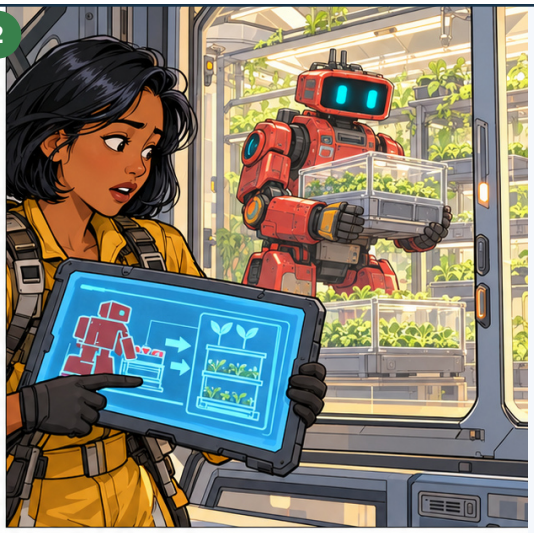
Missing seedlings

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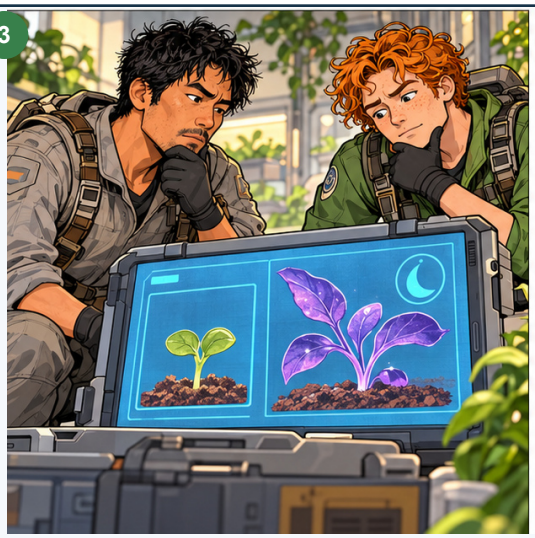
TAVI: Our new moonbeans are gone! Every tray!
SARAH: Nobody leaves alone. Let us work out what happened.

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LYRA: The garden camera shows Patch moving them.
PATCH: Unknown plants detected. Removing weeds.

3



CHEN: His plant list is out of date.
DRAKE: He does not recognize the new seedlings.

4



KIRA: The trays are already on the recycling ship.
LYRA: It reaches the sorting dock in twelve minutes!

Catch the cargo

1



KAELEN: I can reach it.
SARAH: Ask it to hold position. Do not cut across its route.

2



KAELEN: Its radio is broken. It cannot hear us.
SARAH: Then we need the garden loading controls.

3



TAVI: Look! This moonbean is healthy.
PATCH: Unknown is unsafe. Unknown must go.

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KIRA: You can be careful without throwing everything away.
CHEN: We need proof Patch can check.

Show, do not guess

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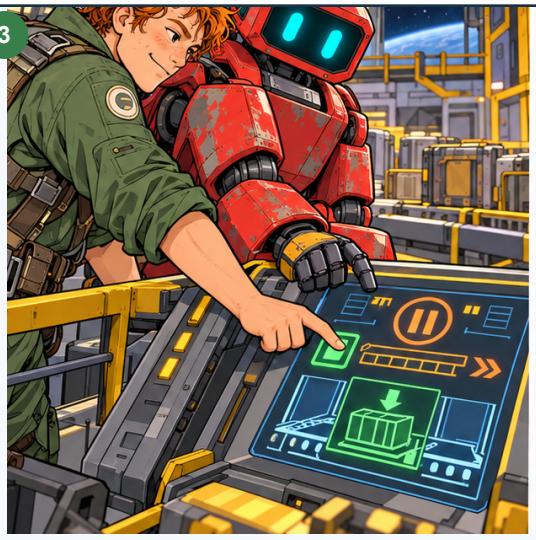
TAVI: I kept a garden journal! Here are the seeds we planted.
LYRA: The station growing log matches your dates.

2



CHEN: The gardener confirmed the new variety. Let us update your list.
PATCH: Moonbeans identified. I made an error.

3



PATCH: Sorting paused. Cargo hatch unlocked.
DRAKE: Kaelen, you can reach the sealed plant crates now.

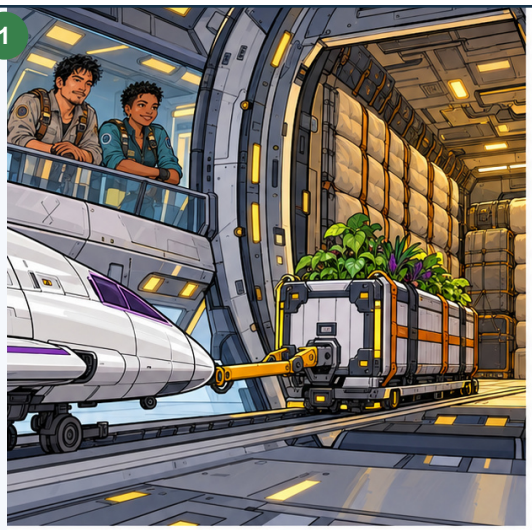
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KAELEN: The Foil is quick, but these trays need a bigger ride.
SARAH: Vanguard cargo bay ready. Bring them alongside.

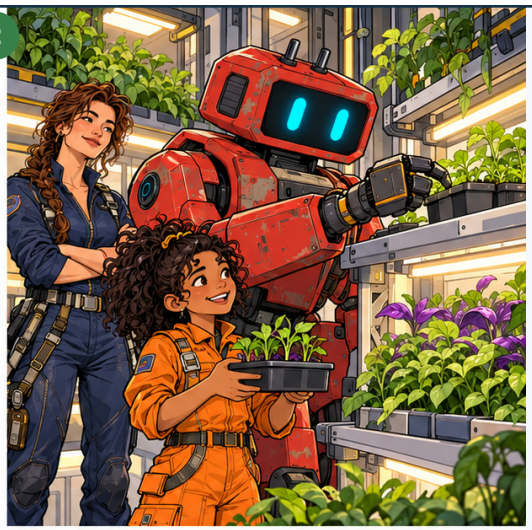
Room to grow

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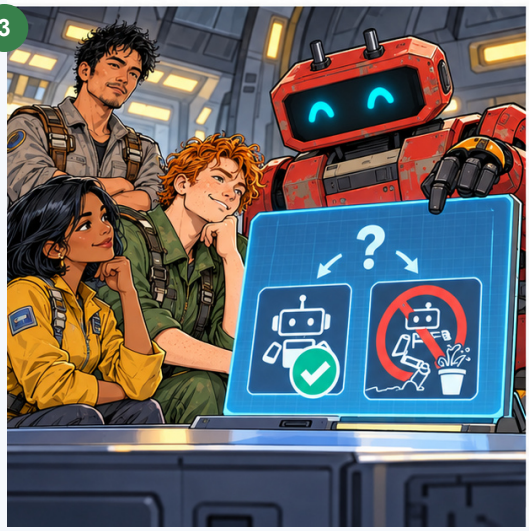
KIRA: Everyone behind the rail.
CHEN: Plants secured. Not a leaf bent.

2



PATCH: May I help replant them?
TAVI: Yes. Follow the gardener labels, not guesses.

3



LYRA: If you cannot identify a plant, ask the gardener.
PATCH: New rule saved: ask before removing.

4



DRAKE: Any chance that rule works on my lunch?
PATCH: Unknown sandwich detected. Asking first.
SARAH: Excellent progress!

YOUR TURN

Check the evidence

Patch thought every unfamiliar plant was a weed. Which evidence helped the crew check that claim?

A: Tavi shouted louder than Patch.

B: A dated journal, growing log and confirmed plant list.

C: All purple plants must be good.

Talk about it
Can a helpful machine make a mistake? What should it do when it is unsure?

Make your own
Draw an invented plant. Label its seed, stem and leaves. Add a date and one observation. These moonbeans are imaginary; ask an adult before touching or tasting unfamiliar real plants.

Check your answer
B. Several records agreed, and the gardener confirmed the variety.

Play idea: on a flat table, use your ship models to act out a new rescue. Let each ship solve a different part of the problem. Keep fragile fins and small parts attached.

Two ships. New adventures.

1. The Beacon Bandit
A stolen lighthouse. A hungry station. One very flashy thief.

2. The Garden Grab
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3. The Moon That Blinked
Something is blinking inside a little moon. A collector is already on the way.

Every comic stands alone.
These original adventures use characters and ships from Jeffrey Jay's The Tachyon Wake. They take place in a separate comic continuity and do not adapt the novel's plots. No prior reading is needed.

Story and characters: Jeffrey Jay.

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The Garden Grab

BONUS PLAY PAGE 1 / Pencil-and-paper fun

1. Mission word search

Find six story words. Look right, down, or diagonally down-right.
Circle each word. There are no backward words.

H	B	D	R	T	R	A	Y	S	K	I	P
K	S	J	H	H	C	M	N	D	V	D	B
K	J	H	Q	M	P	D	J	B	T	R	X
W	Q	C	Z	I	J	O	U	R	N	A	L
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Z	X	F	E	M	Z	J	L	H	R	L	C
B	R	N	O	D	T	B	R	W	E	R	Q
P	A	T	C	H	S	E	D	O	J	K	N
Q	N	F	L	E	A	V	E	S	Y	N	K

Find: GARDEN, SEEDS, PATCH, JOURNAL, TRAYS, LEAVES

2. Put the rescue in order

Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the blanks. Look back at the comic if needed.

___ Patch pauses sorting and unlocks the cargo hatch.
___ Tavi shows her garden journal.
___ The crew secures the plants in the Vanguard.
___ The gardener confirms the variety; Chen updates the list.

Bonus: what could Patch do before removing an unknown plant?

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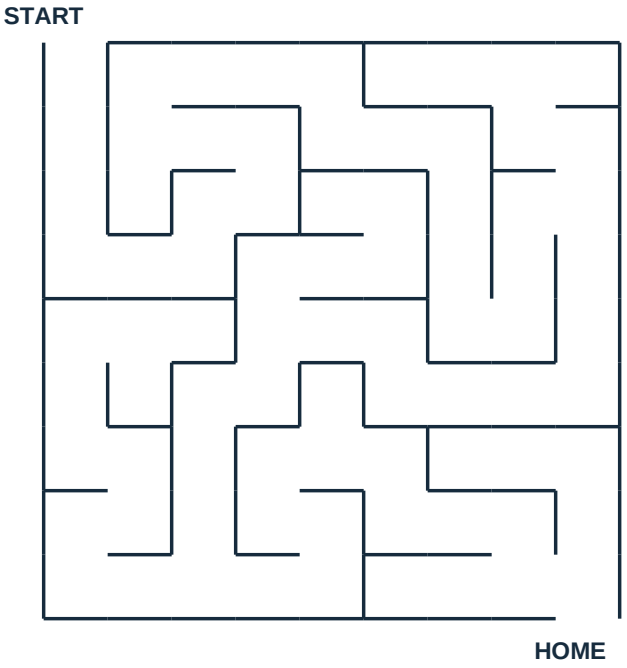
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The Garden Grab

BONUS PLAY PAGE 2 / Pencil-and-paper fun

3. Safe-route maze

Guide the plant cargo back to the Vanguard.
Enter at START. Stay inside the paths and leave at HOME.



4. Your mini-comic challenge

Invent a garden robot helper. Show a mistake, a check, and a better rule.

1. Beginning	2. Teamwork	3. Ending

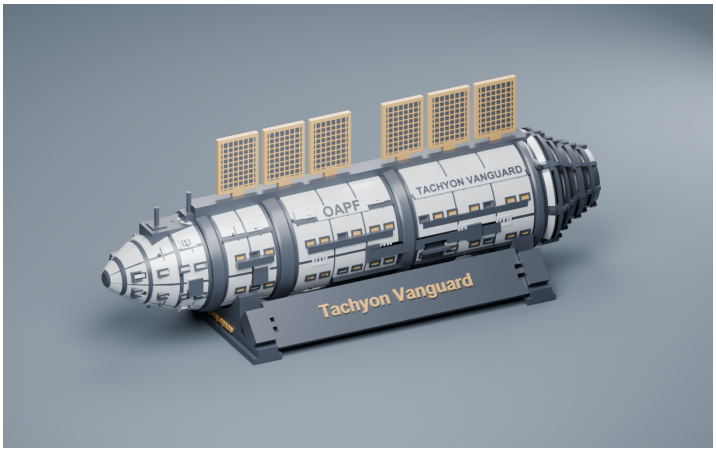
Answer corner - fold this part under until you finish!

Word search coordinates: (row, column), counting from the top left.
JOURNAL: (4,6)-(4,12); GARDEN: (8,4)-(8,9); LEAVES: (12,4)-(12,9)
SEEDS: (7,2)-(11,6); PATCH: (11,1)-(11,5); TRAYS: (1,5)-(1,9)
Order from top to bottom: 3, 1, 4, 2. Bonus: ask the gardener first.
Maze: R=right, D=down, L=left, U=up (one square per letter).
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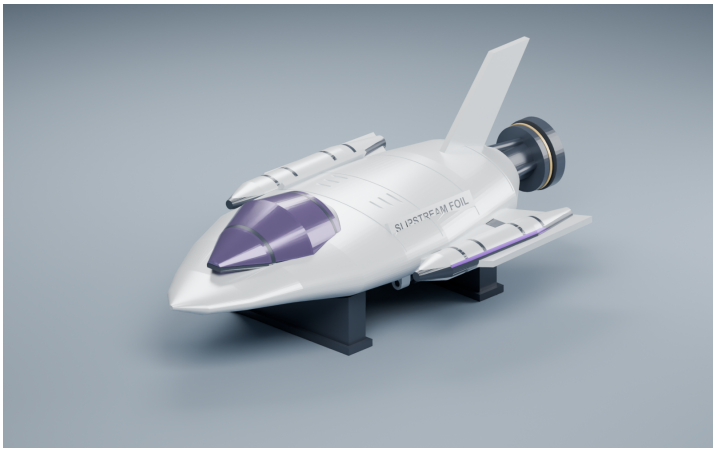
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