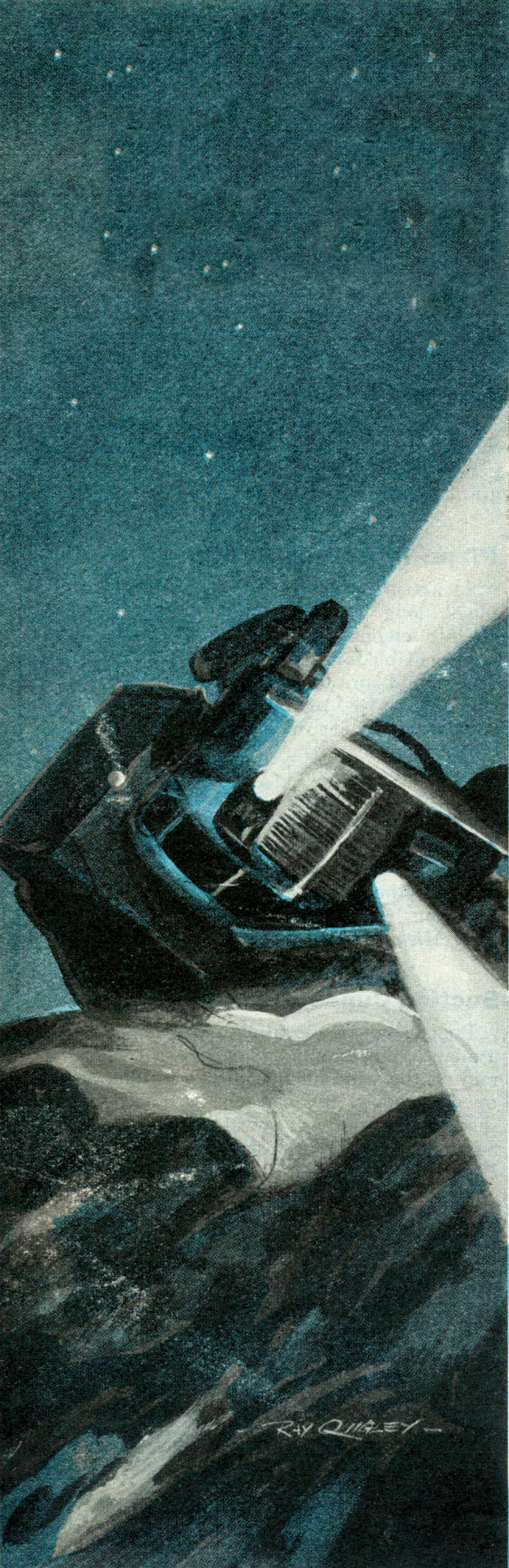


"Wait here, Gus" Ryan said. "I'll go look things over."



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