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The Aphrodite Protocol was initiated in the late 20th Century in an attempt to save humanity from a predicted extinction level event that became reality in the year 2102 AD.

The Protocol successfully engineered and evolved humans into new species that survived in this new world via technological singularity and genetic enhancement.

The architect of the Protocol created nine heirs to rule over this new world. They were placed in hibernation for seven-hundred years to be activated in what became known as the ASCENSION; the year 2802, when the self-proclaimed Gods of the IXth Generation took control.

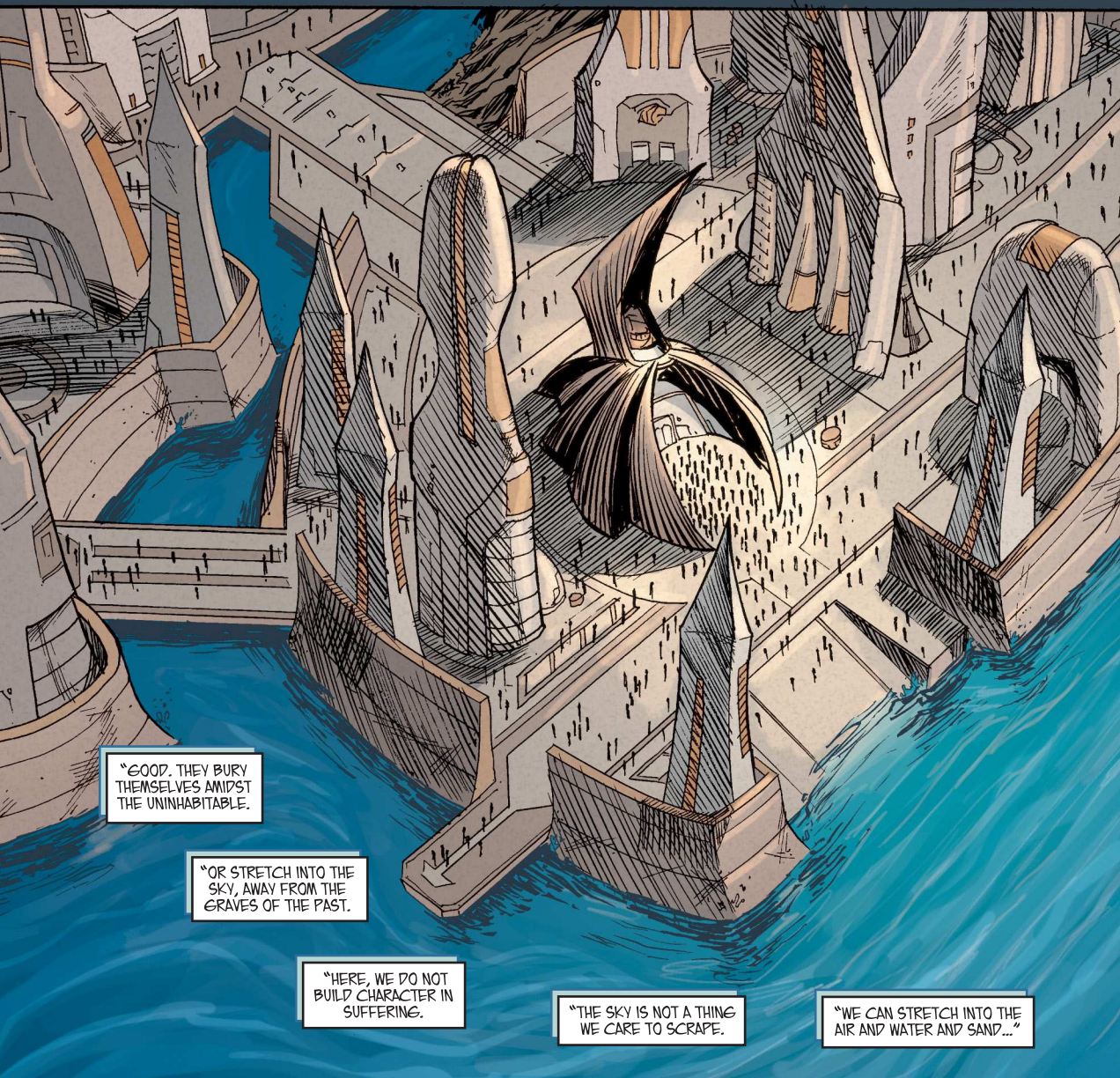


"WHAT ARE THE OTHER  
CITY-STATES LIKE?"



"ARE YOU  
LEAVING?"

"NEVER."



"GOOD. THEY BURY  
THEMSELVES AMIDST  
THE UNINHABITABLE.

"OR STRETCH INTO THE  
SKY, AWAY FROM THE  
GRAVES OF THE PAST.

"HERE, WE DO NOT  
BUILD CHARACTER IN  
SUFFERING.

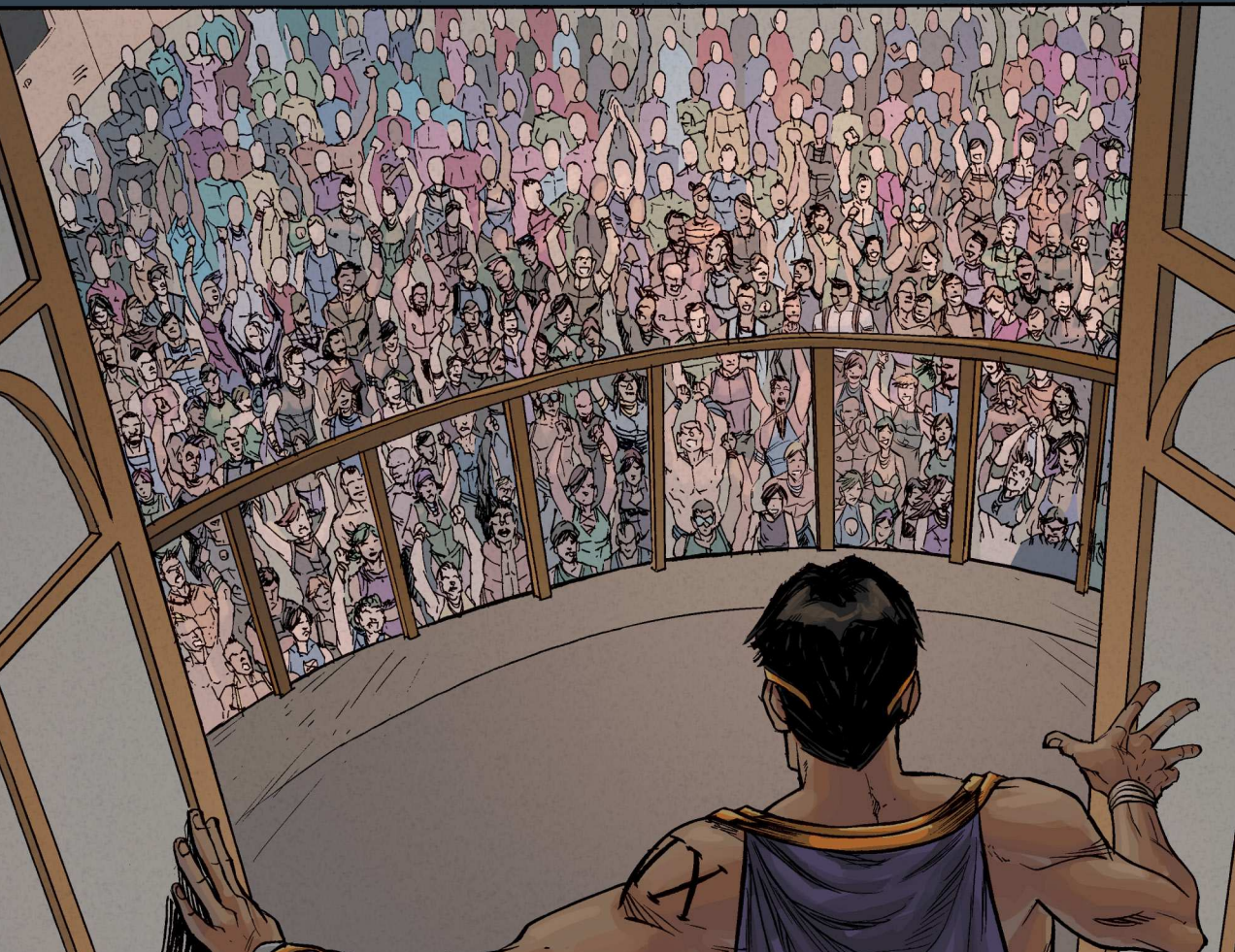
"THE SKY IS NOT A THING  
WE CARE TO SCRAPE.

"WE CAN STRETCH INTO THE  
AIR AND WATER AND SAND..."

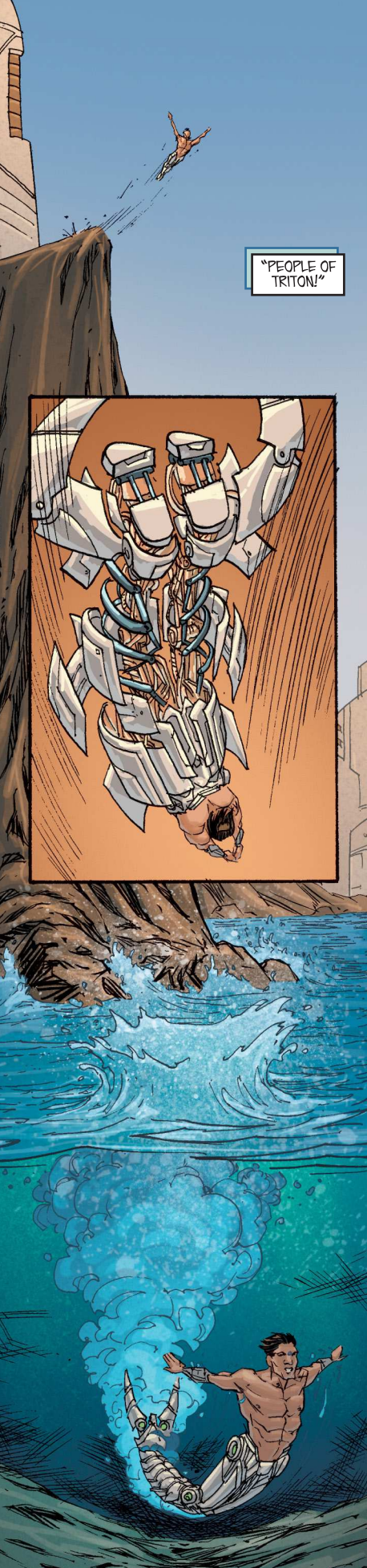




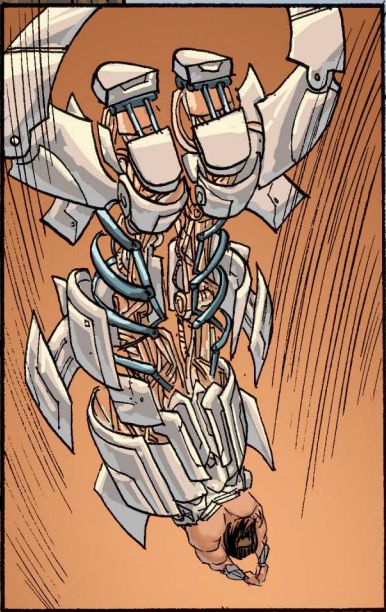






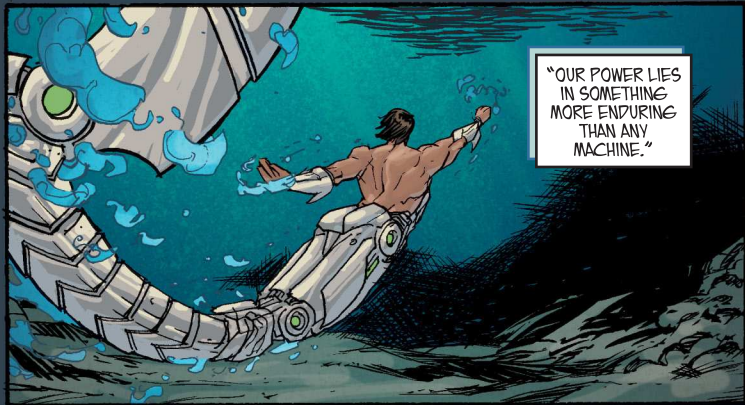


"PEOPLE OF TRITON!"

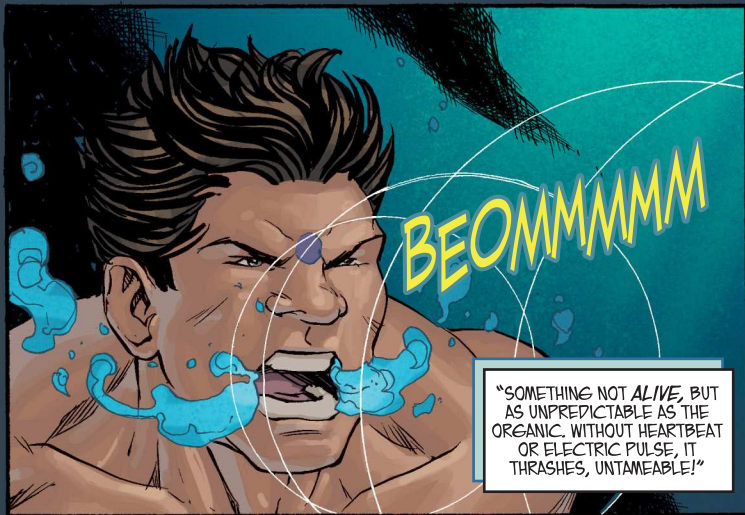


YOU WAKE TO THE DAY, AND YET LIVE WITHIN A DREAM.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET HAVE WARRIED OVER POWER-- THE GENERATIVE BLOOM OF THE LIVING OR THE CAREFUL PRECISION OF THE MECHANIZED.



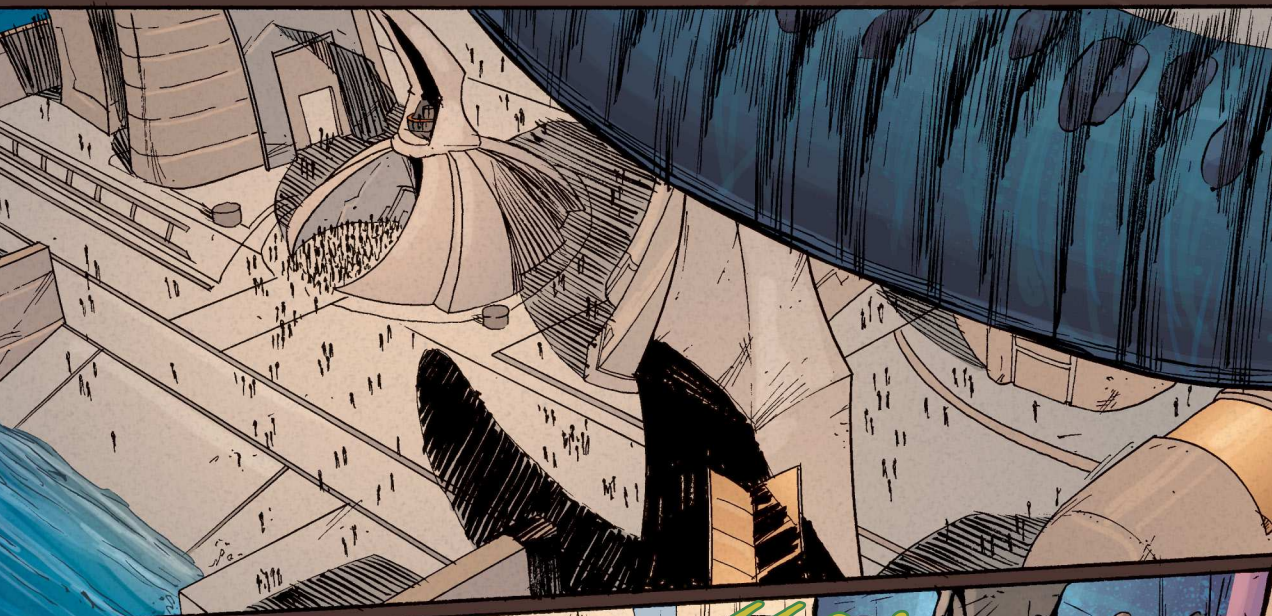
"OUR POWER LIES IN SOMETHING MORE ENDURING THAN ANY MACHINE."



BEOMMMMM

"SOMETHING NOT ALIVE, BUT AS UNPREDICTABLE AS THE ORGANIC. WITHOUT HEARTBEAT OR ELECTRIC PULSE, IT THRASHES, UNTAMEABLE!"

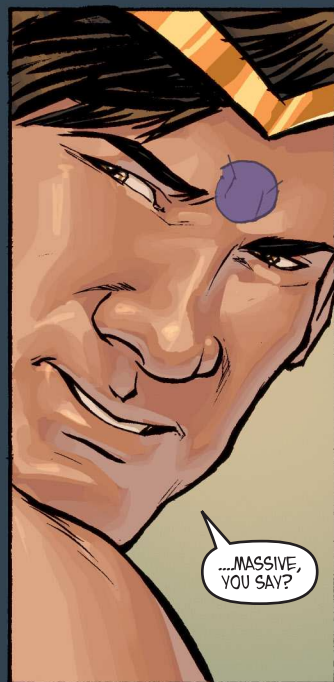
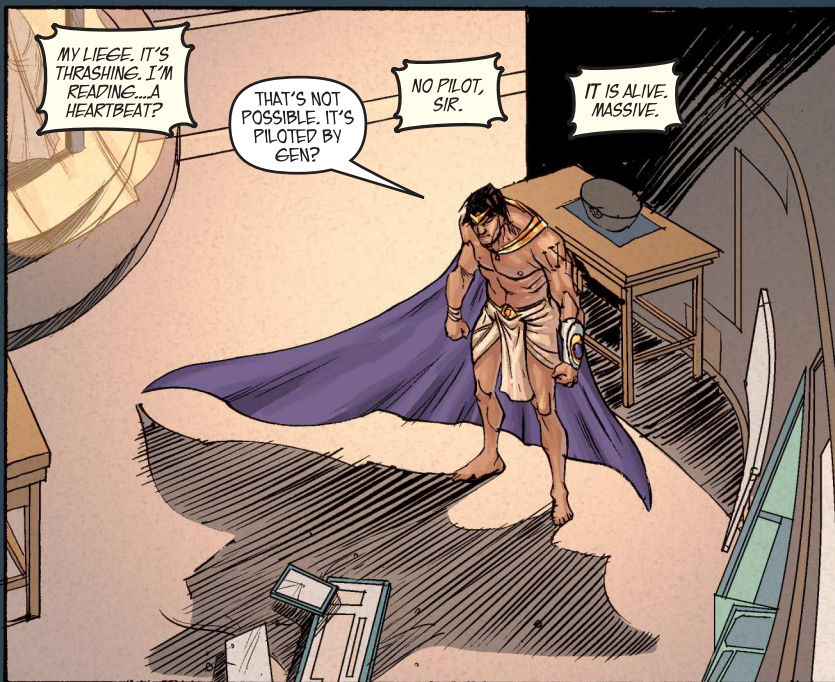




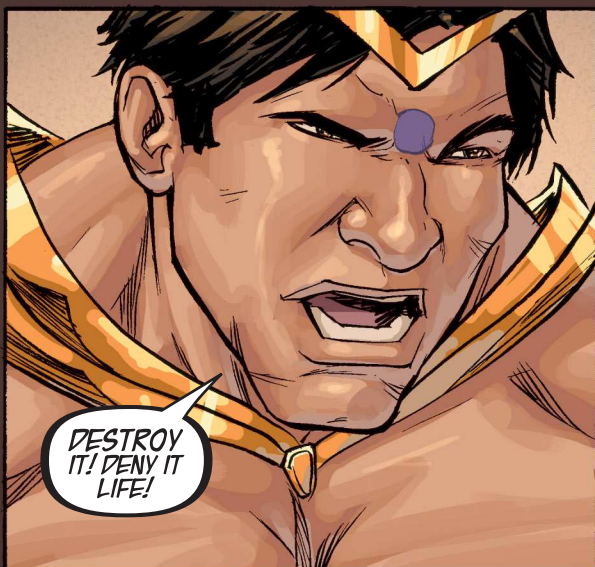
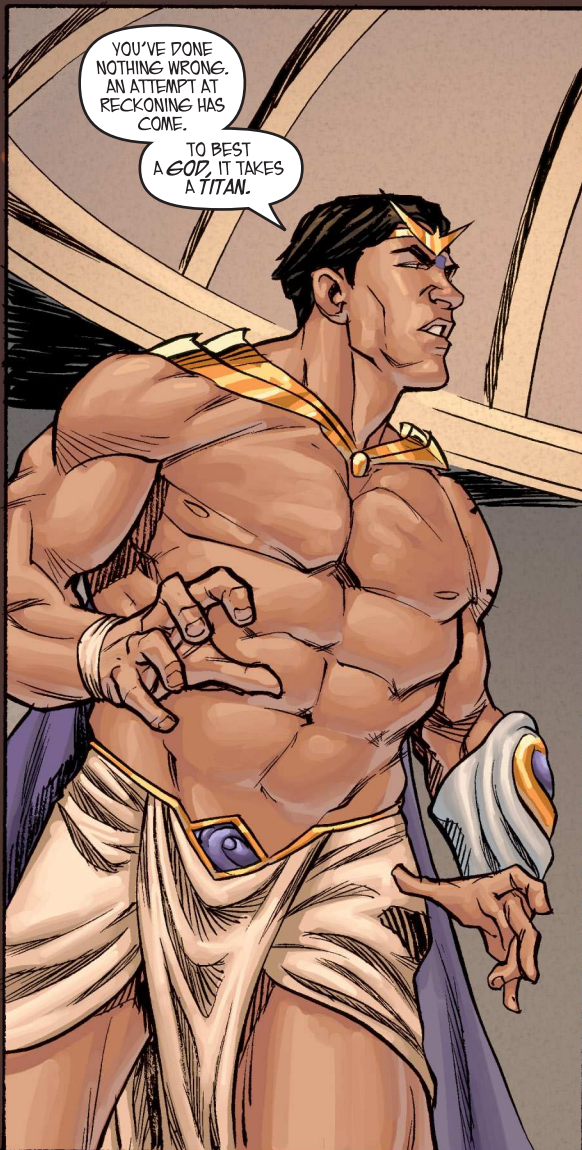














IT'S PULLING AWAY FROM THE INJURED APPENDAGE, SIR! IT'S RETREATING!

"ANY SIGNATURE FROM ANY CITY-STATE?"

NO, SIR. CONFIRMED, IT'S HEADED ELSEWHERE.

"EXCELLENT. SO SHALL I. PREPARE MY CRAFT..."

"...THERE'S RESEARCH TO BE DONE."

NEW APOLLONIA,  
THE LABORATORY  
OF APOLLO IX.

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU WERE RIGHT.

NOT LUCKY. JUST RIGHT.

WOULD SOMETHING THAT BLEEDS AND IT TENDS TO LIMP AWAY.

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR XV GOT RIGHT UP TO IT BEFORE IT WOKE UP. PERHAPS HIS SONAR IS WHAT STIRRED IT?





SEEMS  
SO.

AND AN  
ANDROID IS  
PROBABLY  
THE LAST  
THING SHE  
WANTED TO  
SEE.



EXCUSE  
YOU, I AM  
GORGEOUS.

BROTHER,  
SHE'S A LIVING,  
PRESUMABLY  
CARNIVOROUS  
THING, AND  
THERE'S NOTHING  
ALIVE FOR HER  
TO EAT.



OR IT IS A  
TITAN, A RECKONING  
FROM THE PLANET ITSELF  
SENT TO UNDO MY  
MAJESTY.

SHE'S  
AN ANIMAL,  
POSEIDON.



NOT AN  
INVADING ARMY  
WITH A GENERAL  
TO OUTWIT.

IT WANTS TO  
EAT, BREED,  
AND FEEL  
SAFE.



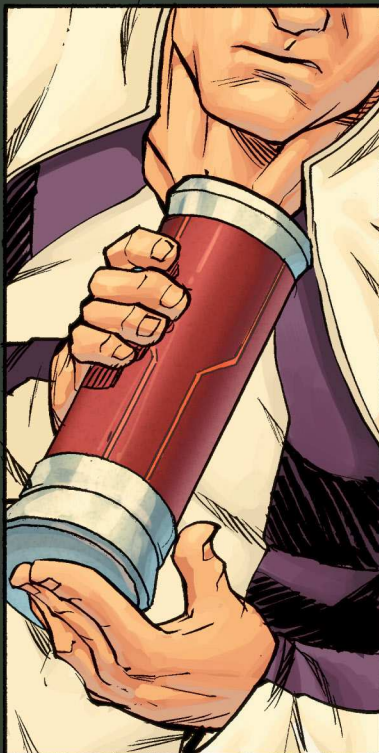
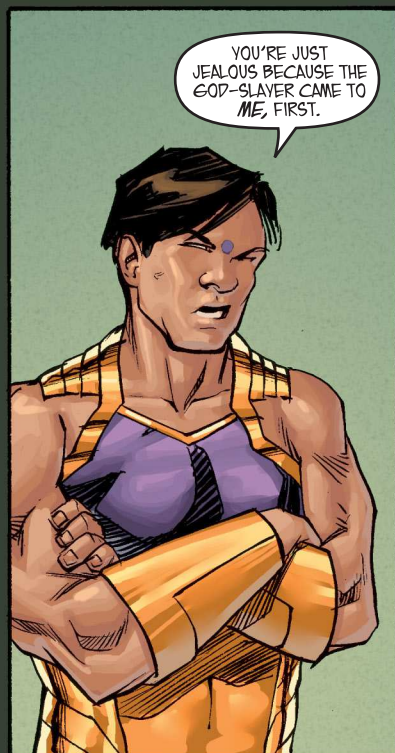
YOU DON'T  
BELIEVE IN  
TITANS?

NO.

IN  
VENGEANCE?

NOT LIKE  
THAT.

















FROM THERE, WE WILL PROCEED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE TITAN.

MUST YOU CALL IT THAT?

I'LL LURE IT TO THE EMPTY SANCTUARY. YOU ALL WILL TRAP IT WITHIN.



AFTER IT EATS, I SHOULD WAKE IN A PROPER BODY BACK AT TRITON. AND IT SHOULD GO DORMANT TO DIGEST.

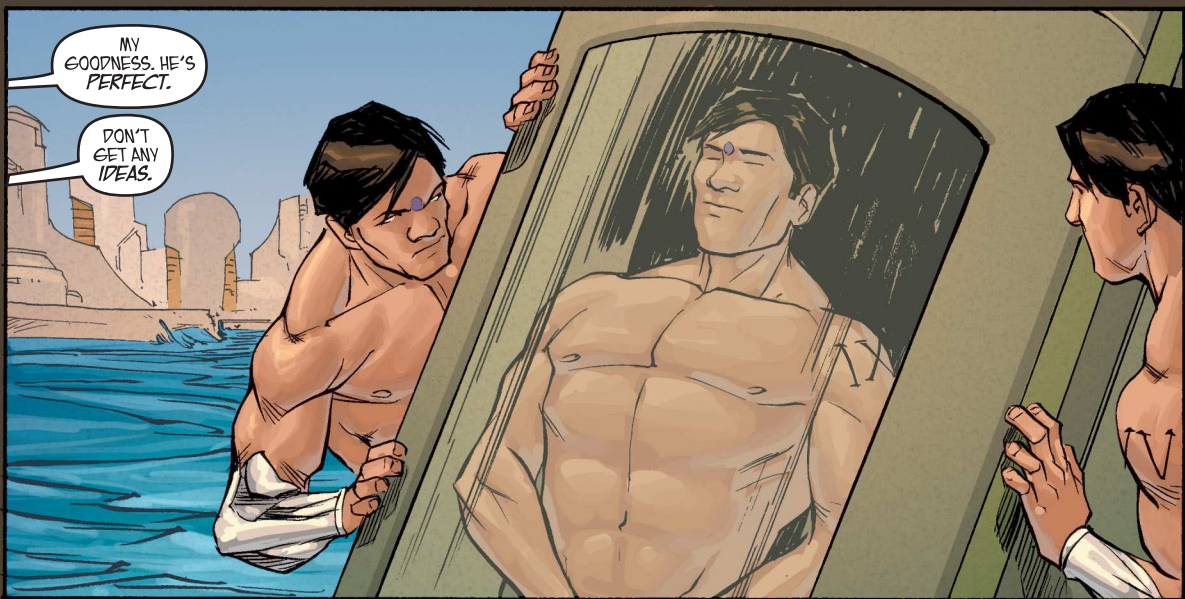


WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE THE COSMETIC CHANGES?

I WAS. IT LOOKS...AS YOU REQUESTED, NOW.



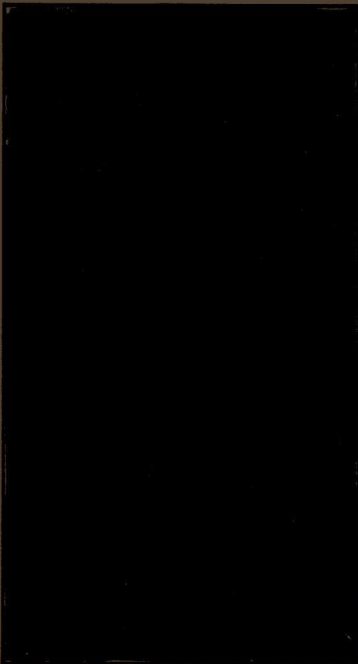
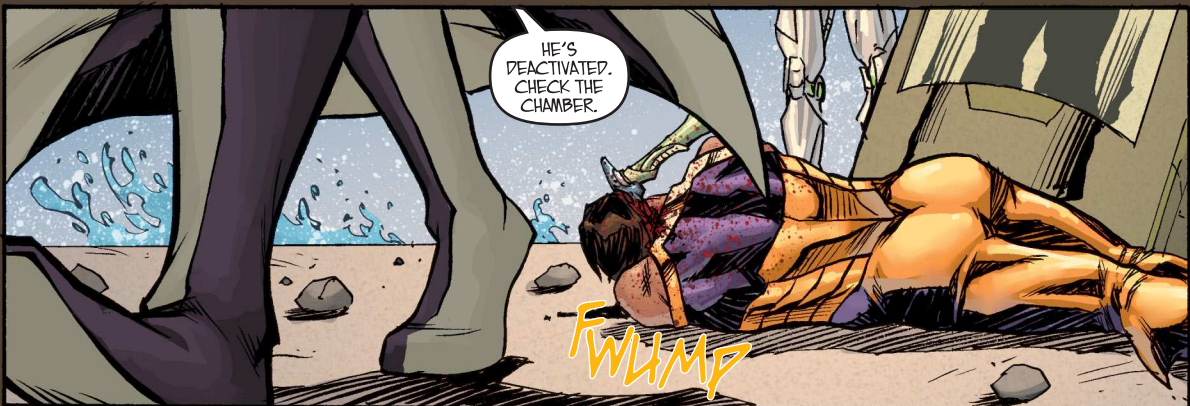
GENTLEMEN? MY CHAMBER, PLEASE.



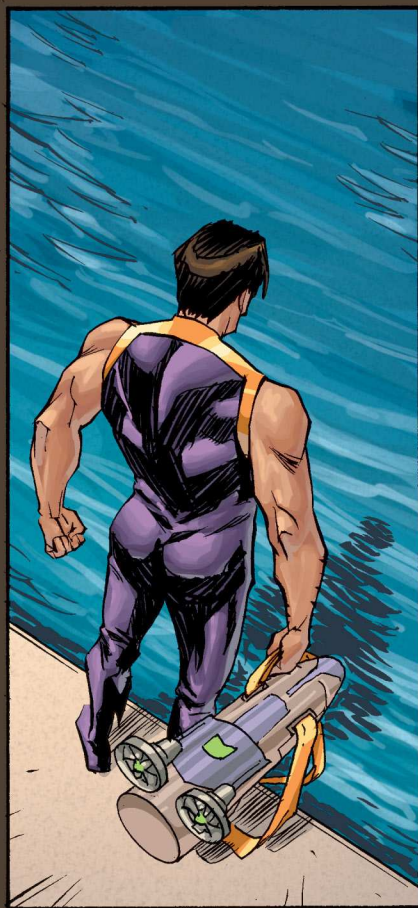
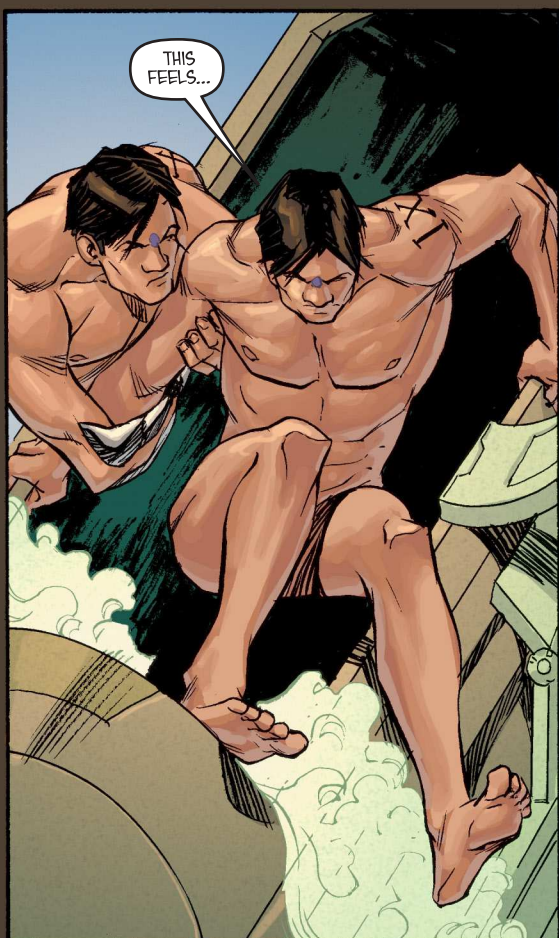
MY GOODNESS. HE'S PERFECT.

DON'T GET ANY IDEAS.

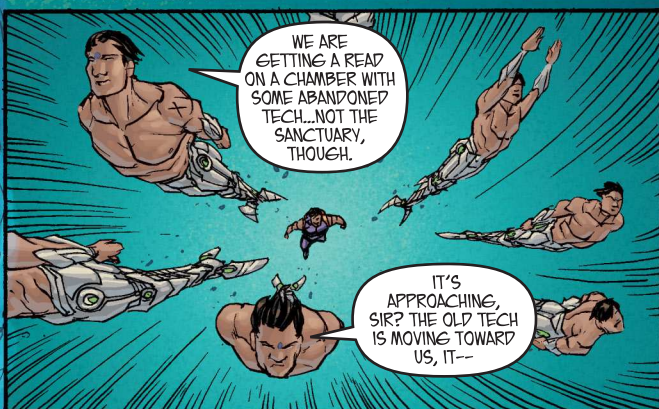
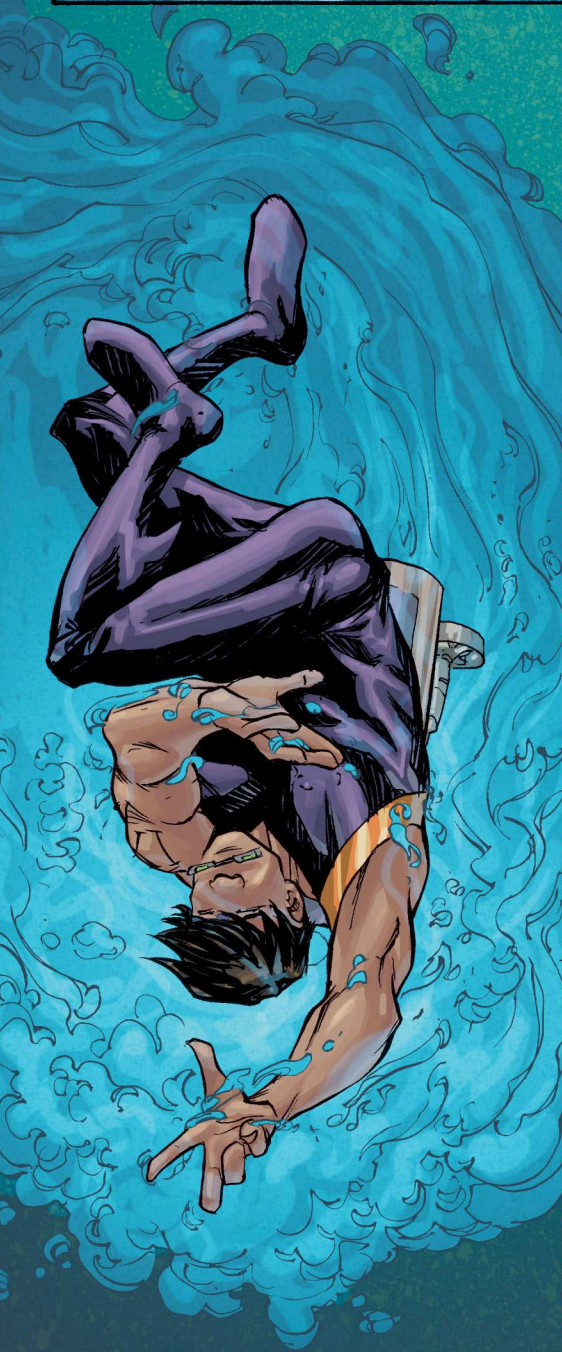
















BIO-READOUTS INDICATE  
IT RIGHT BENEATH US, SIR.



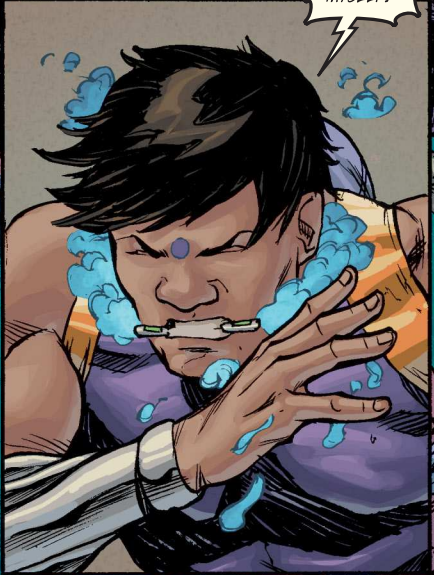


XVS. GET  
IT TO THE  
SANCTUARY  
BEFORE IT  
VANISHES  
AGAIN.

SIR. IN THE WATER, I  
DON'T EVEN THINK IT  
CAN FEEL OUR  
WEAPONS.

I HAVE LITTLE  
ENOUGH  
ENERGY AS IT  
IS...

AND EVEN  
LESS TO  
REPEAT  
MYSELF.







FFF OOOO FFF OOOO

FFF OOOO FFF OOOO

TO THE  
SANCTUARY,  
NOW!

COME ON,  
YOU MUST  
BE HUNGRY.

I'M  
STARVING.

THESE BODIES  
ARE THE  
WORST.

FFF OOOO FFF OOOO



EEEOOOOEEEOOO

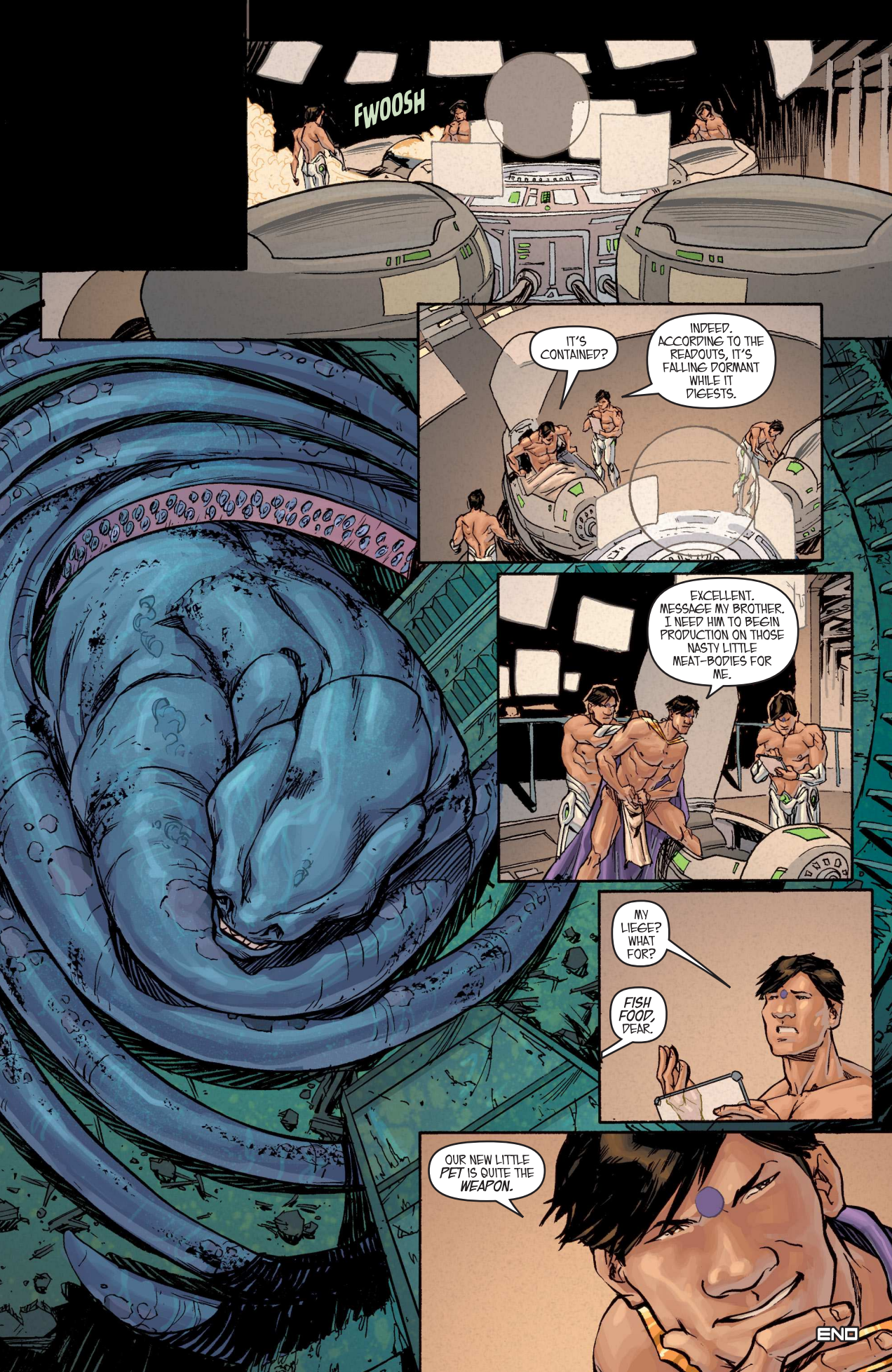


SU--ESS!

TI--N HAS BE-  
CON--AINED.

HAAAAA...





FWOOSH

IT'S CONTAINED?

INDEED. ACCORDING TO THE READOUTS, IT'S FALLING DORMANT WHILE IT DIGESTS.

EXCELLENT. MESSAGE MY BROTHER. I NEED HIM TO BEGIN PRODUCTION ON THOSE NASTY LITTLE MEAT-BODIES FOR ME.

MY LIEGE? WHAT FOR?

FISH FOOD, DEAR.

OUR NEW LITTLE PET IS QUITE THE WEAPON.

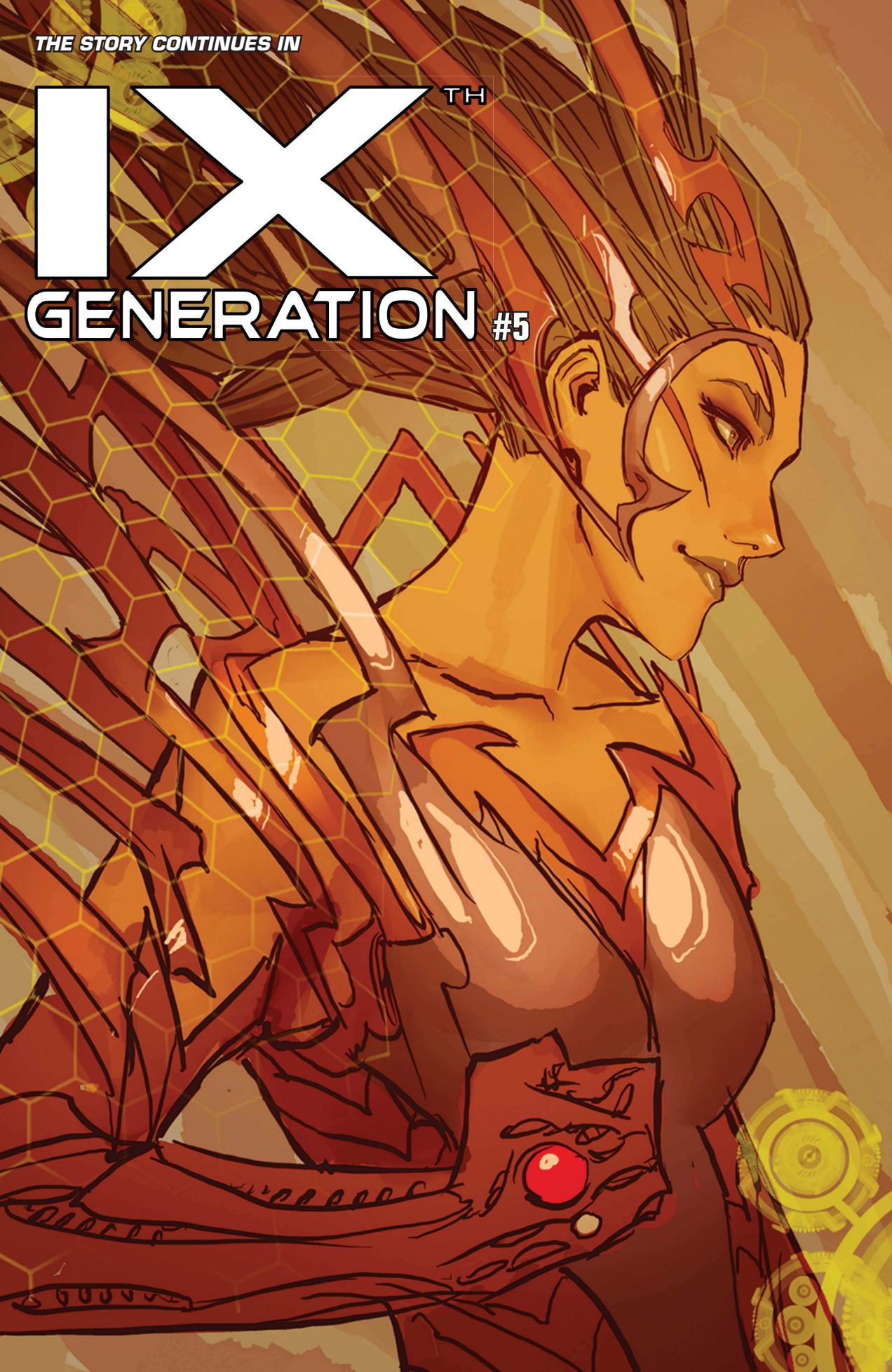
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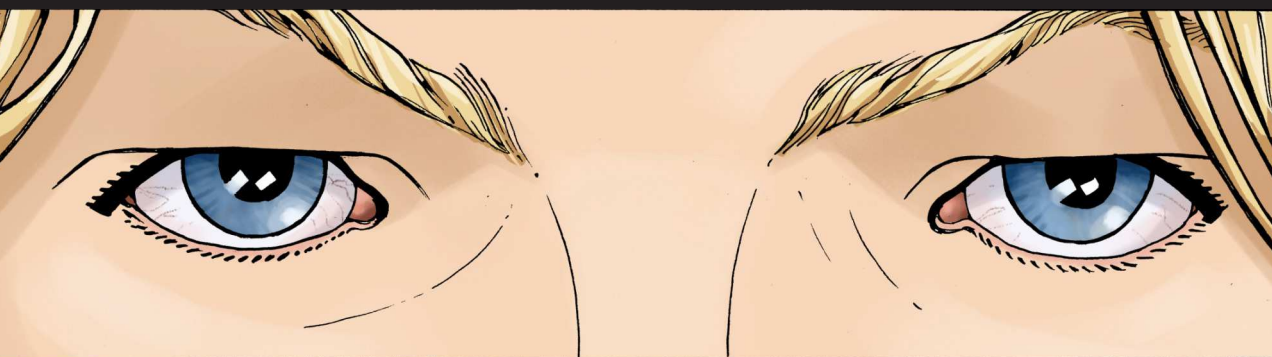
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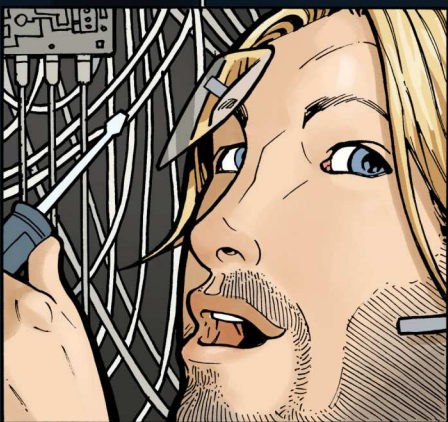
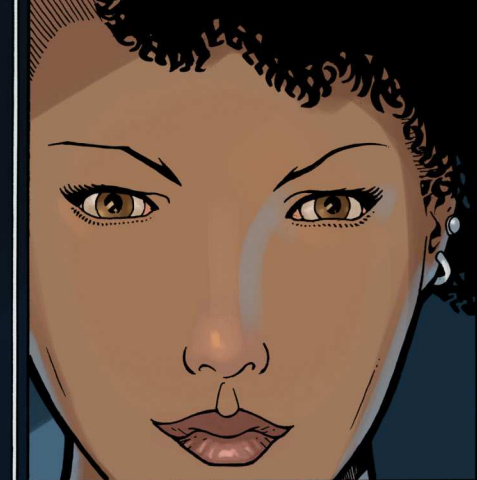
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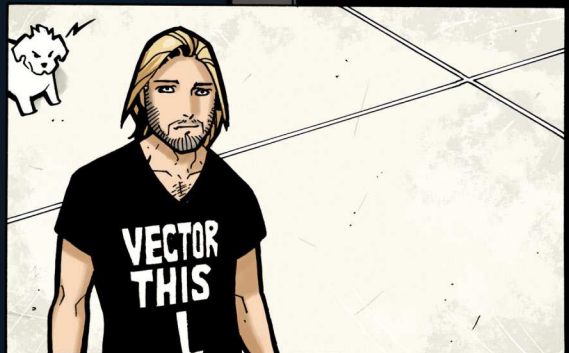
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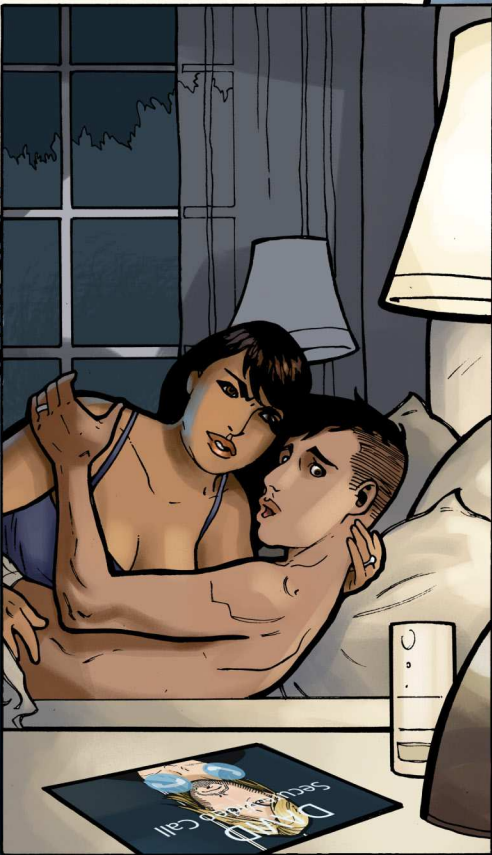
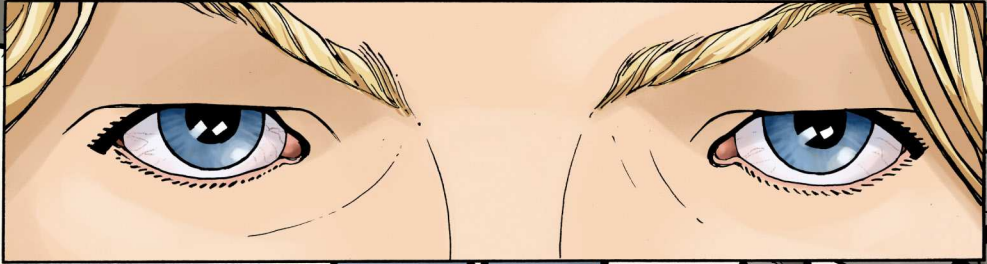














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