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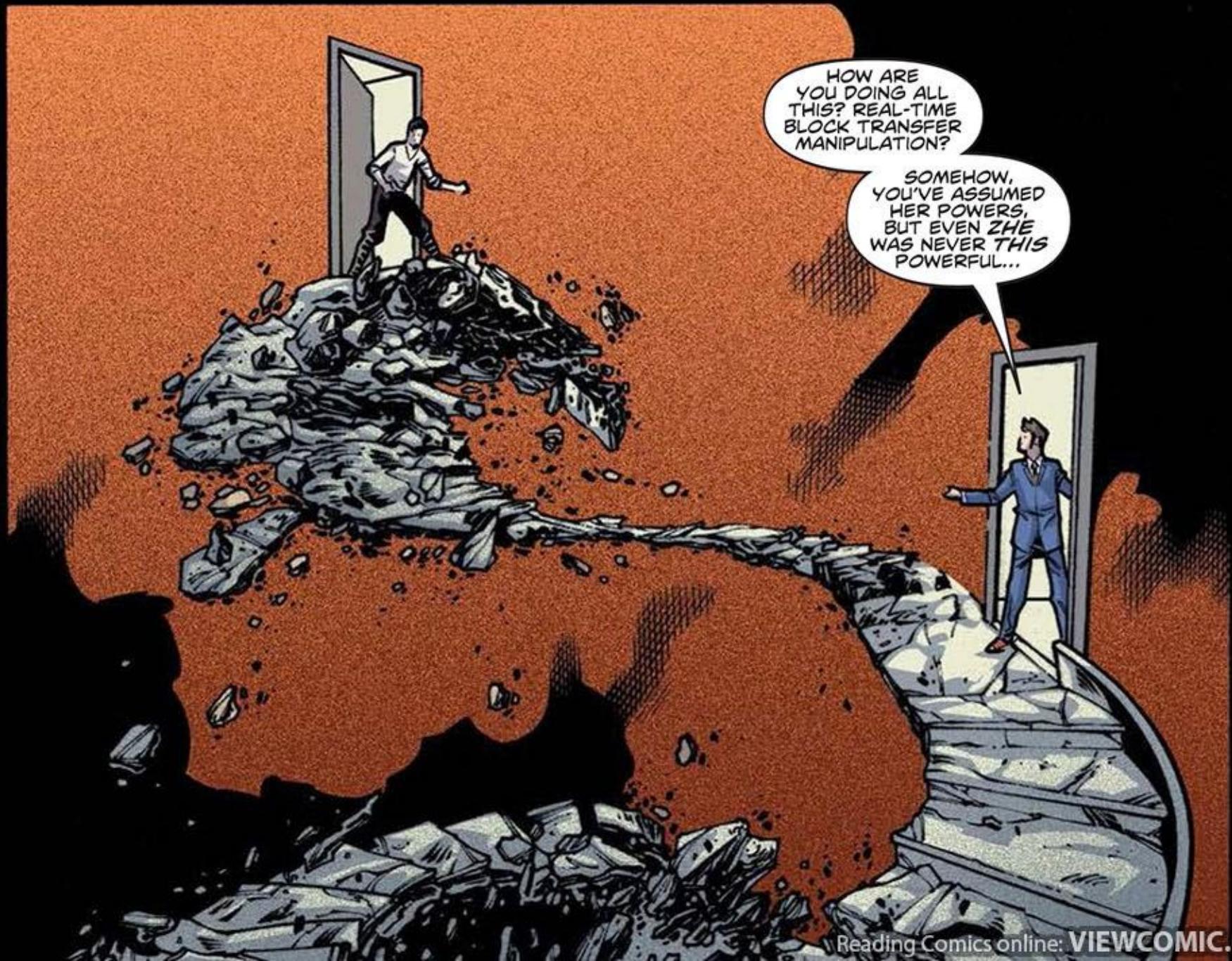
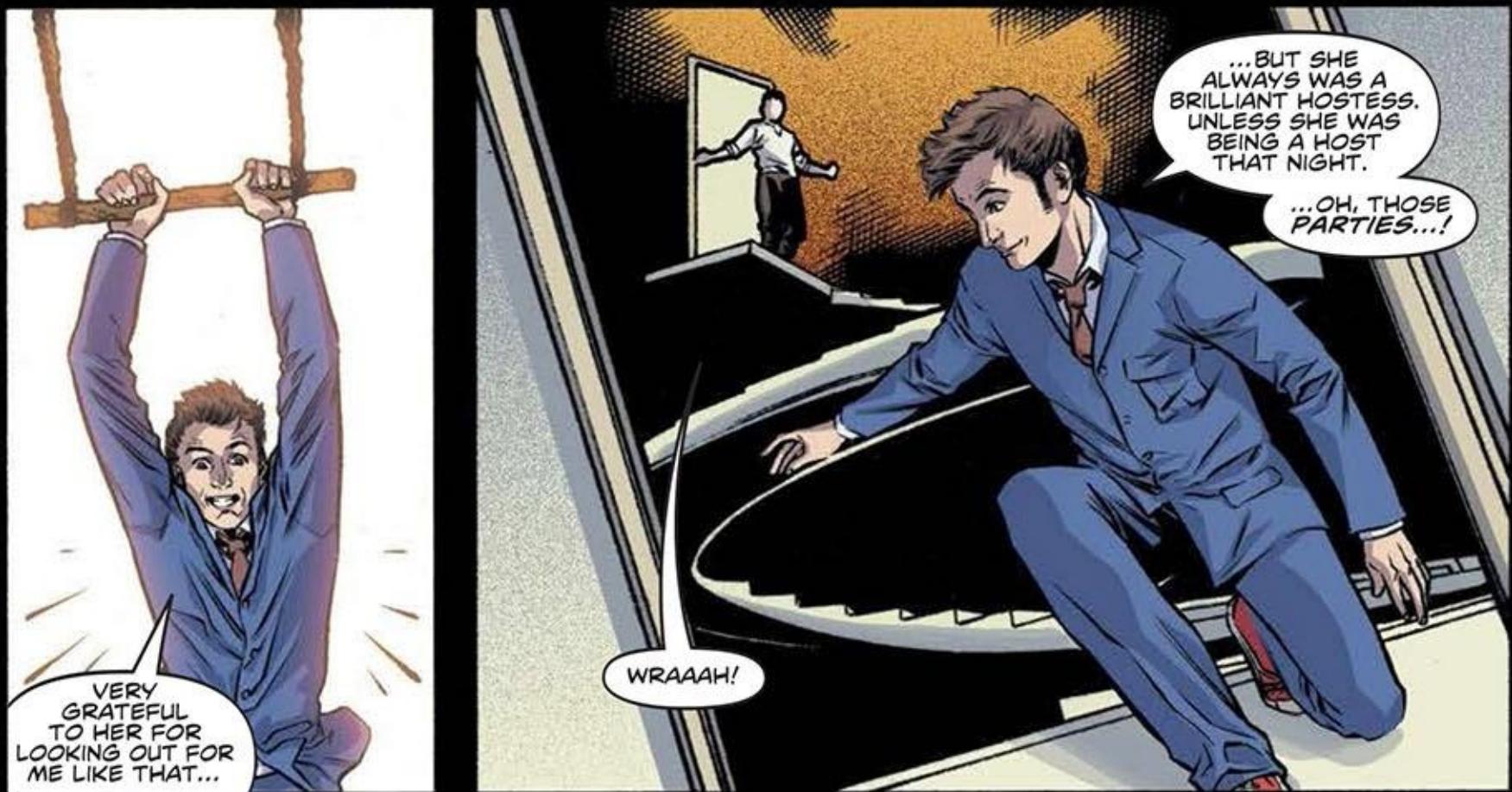
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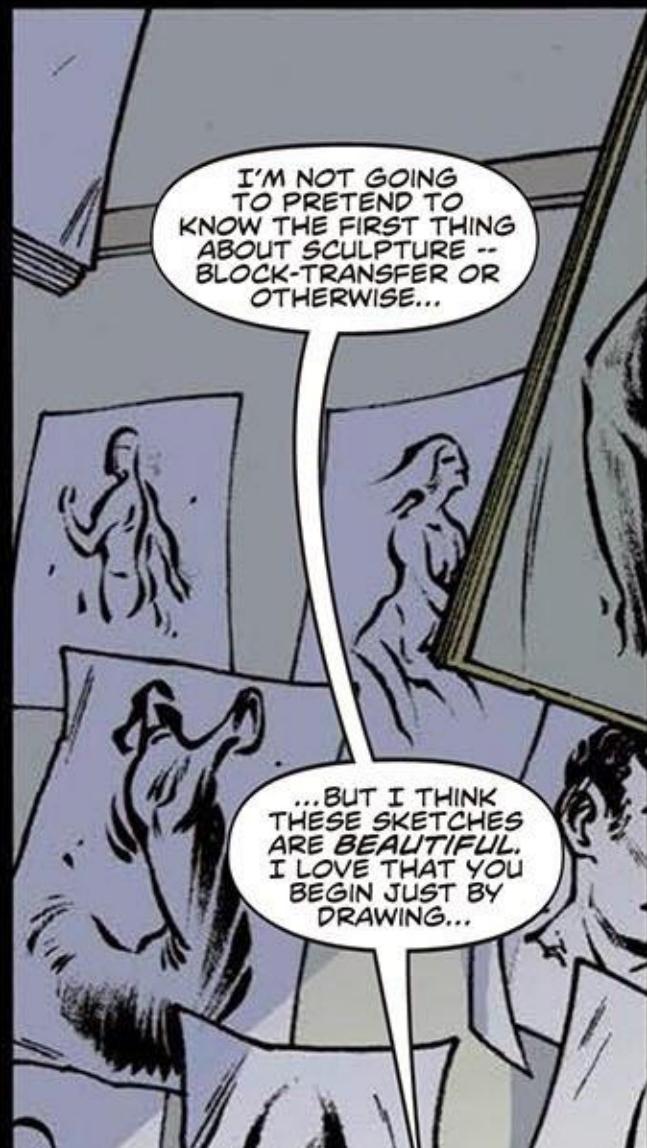










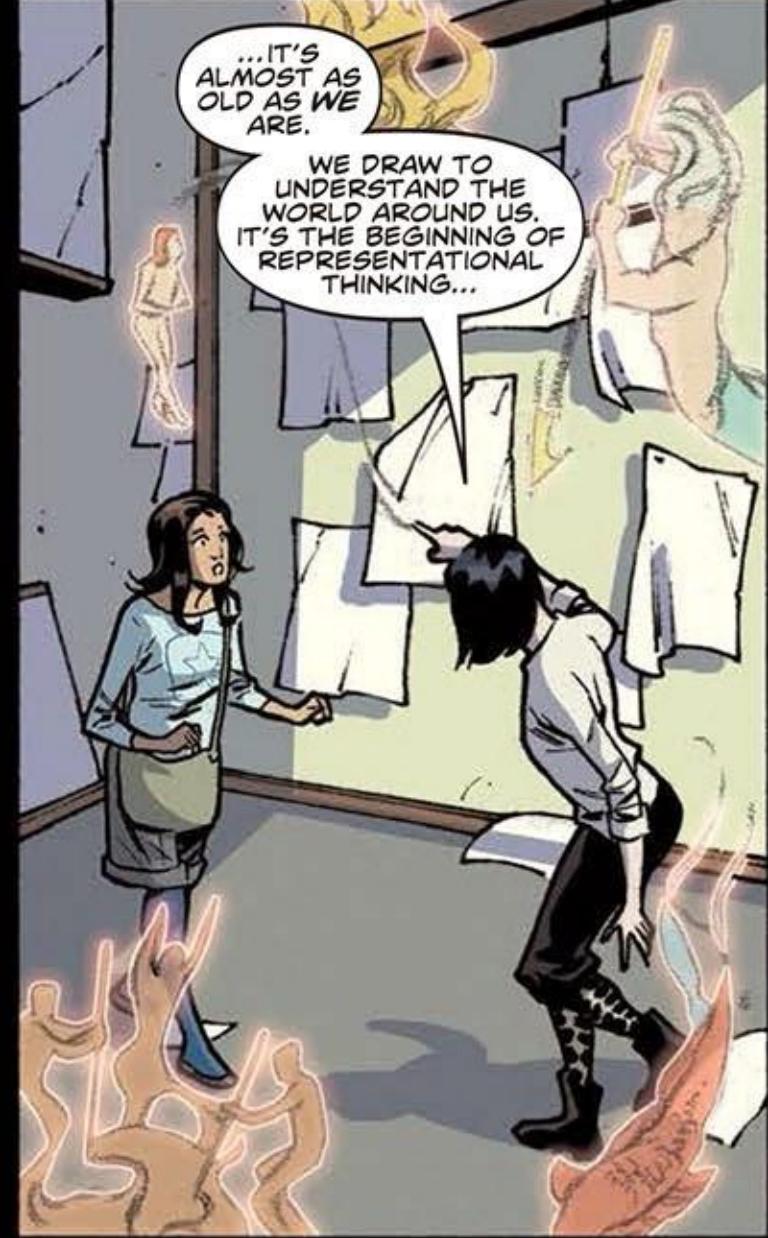


WE LEARN TO FORAGE, TO HUNT, TO COMMUNICATE, TO MAKE FIRE... THEN WE DRAW.

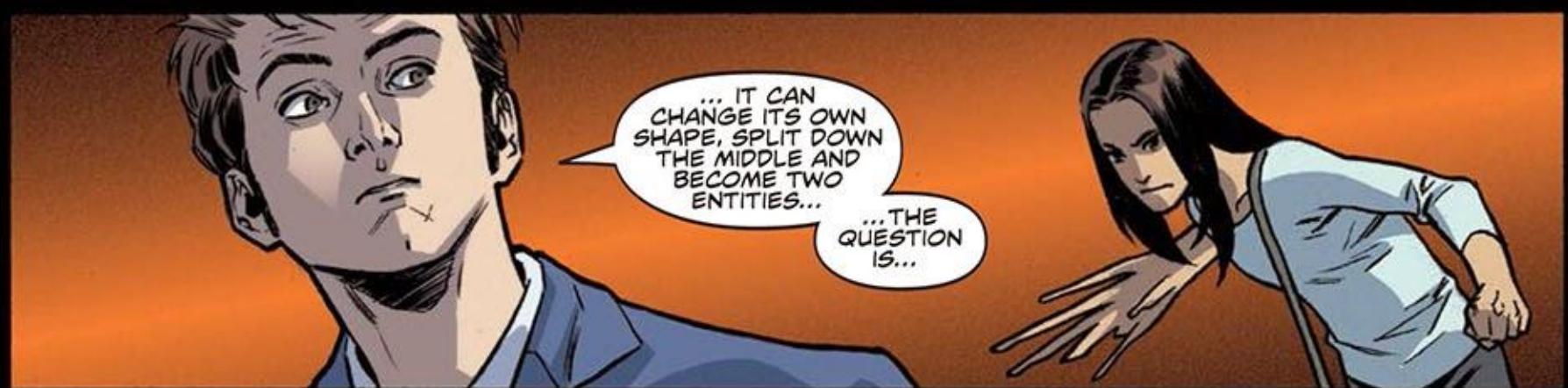
AS SOON AS OUR BASIC NEEDS ARE MET -- FOOD, SHELTER -- WE BEGIN TO MAKE THINGS. DRAWING IS THE VERY BEGINNING OF THAT IMPULSE...

...IT'S ALMOST AS OLD AS WE ARE.

WE DRAW TO UNDERSTAND THE WORLD AROUND US. IT'S THE BEGINNING OF REPRESENTATIONAL THINKING...







...hey, isn't that what art is for?
Paintings, Sculpture, books, comics,
music, film, TV... it isn't just product.

The best of it helps you perceive
the world in a different way, right?

And right now I am certainly
seeing things differently.

NOW,
THAT'S TALENT!
I WISH I COULD
DO THAT.

Talk about making
Something out of nothing...

DO YOU
HEAR IT? CAN
YOU HEAR THE
SONG?

I
SING...

...AND
WHAT I SEE
OR IMAGINE, I
CREATE.

IT'S
BEAUTIFUL.
NOT JUST THE
RESULT... BUT THE
WAY YOU MAKE
IT, TOO. THE
PROCESS.

THANK YOU.
I THINK I GOT YOU
WRONG -- LET'S
START OVER.

HERE, TAKE
MY HAND. I'LL TRY
AND IMPART SOME
OF IT TO YOU.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT.
I
WON'T BITE --
PROMISE.

My thoughts go back to something
the Doctor said about catching
"an alien lurgy" only if it bites me
bit, right now, I really don't know
what to do...

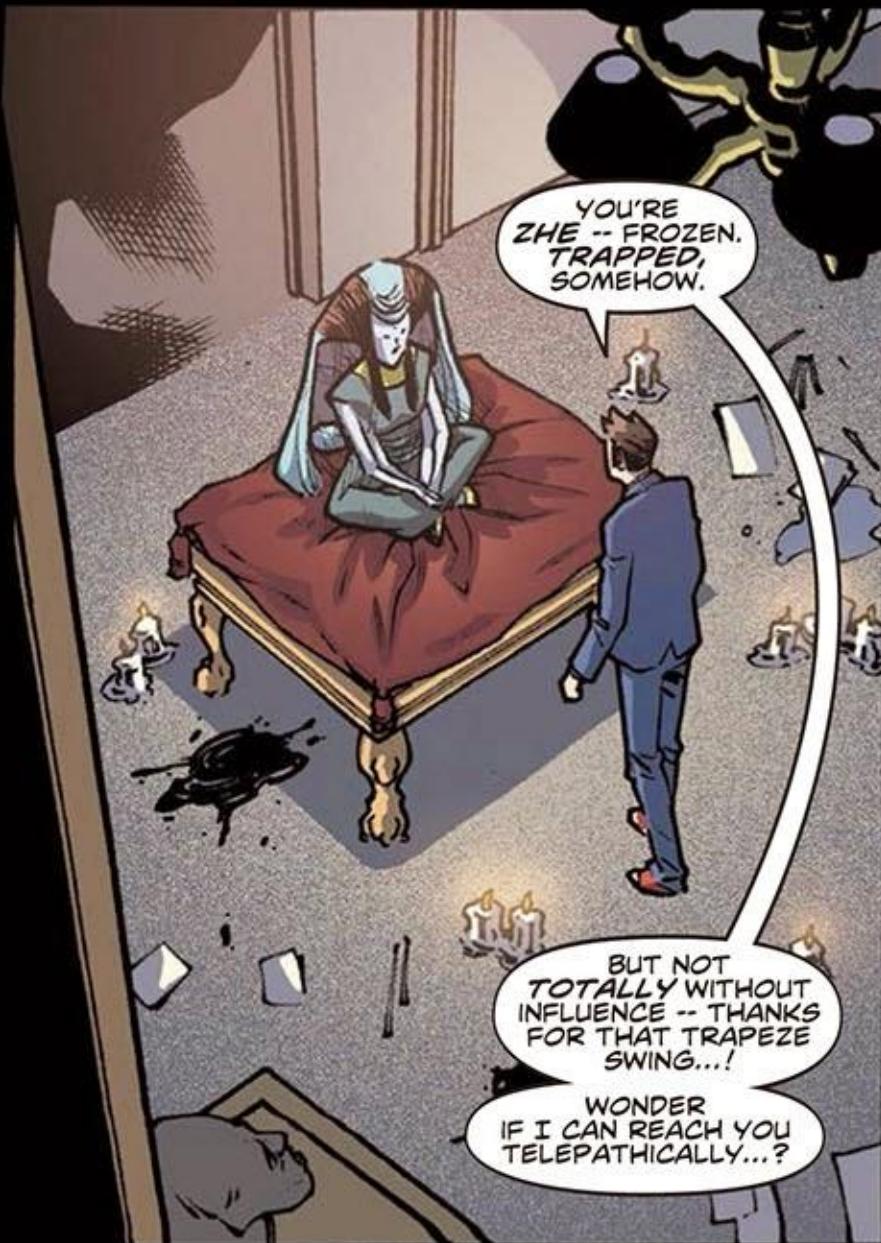
... and sometimes, no matter
how you try not to be, you are
a prisoner of the moment you're in.

HEH. THAT
TICKLES.

And that is how I get
my first hands-on insight
into how block transfer
sculptures are created.

Somewhere else, the Doctor is narrowly avoiding all kinds of death, his claims that he's here on this private moon to find his friend Zhe falling on deaf ears.

He's figured that if he sticks to areas of the house where there are fewer block transfer objects, the boy apprentice doesn't seem able to track him as well.



WELL DONE,
GABBY! THE RESULTS
MIGHT LOOK CRUDE, BUT
YOU HAVE A NATURAL
RESONANCE WITH THE
LOCAL QUANTUM
HARMONICS...

THIS IS
INCREDIBLE!
I FEEL LIKE I'M
PLUGGED INTO...
INTO...
...I CAN HEAR
SINGING...

IT'S
EVERYWHERE...

...THE
SONG OF AGES.
THERE ARE MANY
VOICES...

HEY YOU, MY BRIGHTEST STAR...

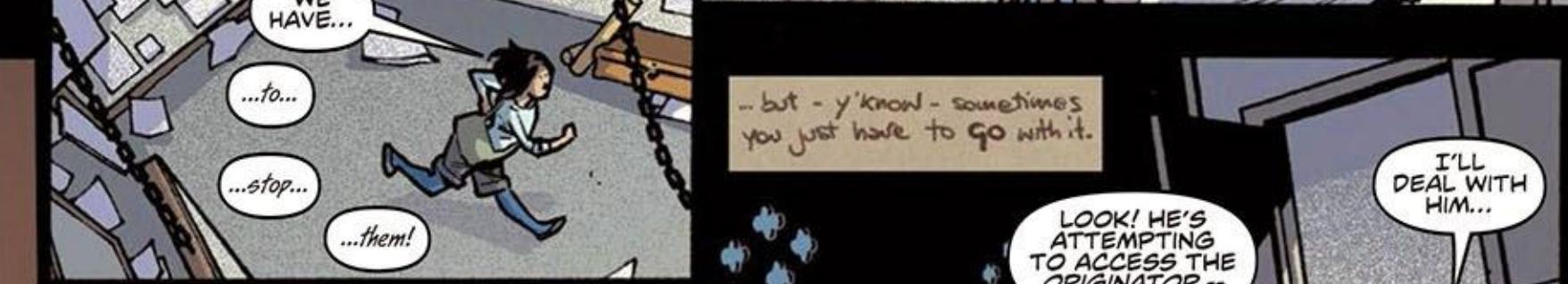
SH-III-NE ON ME...
IS IT ALL ETERNITY
THAT YOU'LL BURN FOR ME...

OOH,
HELLO! SORRY
TO BUTT IN ON
YOU. I'M NEW
AT THIS.

UM, WHAT
ARE YOU?
IS THAT YOU
SINGING?

WE SEE AND
HEAR MUCH, BUT
YOURS IS A NEW
HARMONY...

...HAPPENING
SO MANY YEARS
AGO AND IN THE
FUTURE, CHANGING
THE NOW...











I guess when he first brought me here,
the Doctor was thinking he'd get me
to look at sculpture in a whole new way

Well ... it worked.





...WHICH, THANKS TO YOU AND THE DOCTOR, IS BACK IN BALANCE, NOW.

IN ENGLISH?

You made us from your connection with the girl apprentice...

...she's part of that blue sphere. You wanted so much to communicate -- so here we are!

YEAH, ABOUT THAT... CARE TO EXPLAIN?

"THE WORST ENEMY OF CREATIVITY IS SELF-DOUBT..."

...AS SYLVIA PLATH PUT IT, ALL THIS WAS BECAUSE OF A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE?

I NEEDED TO BE ALONE, BUT I WAS HEARTSICK FOR COMPANY TOO. I CREATED A NEW SCULPTURE, AND ENDOWED IT WITH AN AI PERSONA...

...IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD HELP REIGNITE MY MUSE, MY INSPIRATION.

LET'S HAVE A NICE CUP OF TEA AND I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING...

E-SIGHE

I THOUGHT IT WOULD WORK IF I USED AN ORGANIC MATRIX -- THE QUANTUM SPHERE -- TO CREATE IT.

TWO ASPECTS OF MY OWN PSYCHE, GIVEN A BLOCK-TRANSFER BODY AND AI LIFE..."

"WHEN IT SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE, BINARY ASPECTS, EACH AS POWERFUL AS ME, I KNEW I WAS IN BIG TROUBLE. THEY WERE INSANE..."

"THEY DREW THEIR STRENGTH AND CHARACTERISTICS DIRECTLY FROM ME, SHAPING THIS RETREAT INTO A PRISON."

"...SO I WENT INTO VOLUNTARY STASIS TO DRAIN IT OF POWER. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TEMPORARY STATE -- BUT IT LASTED NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS!"

...AND NOW YOU'VE GAINED A REPUTATION FOR BEING ONE OF THE GALAXY'S GREATEST RECLUSES!

LUCKY FOR YOU WE CAME ALONG WHEN WE DID.

YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE A HABIT OF SAVING ME FROM MY OWN WORST EXCESSES.

AND THE... AUGMENTATIONS TO GABBY'S... ABILITIES...?

SHE MIGHT ALWAYS HAVE A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS AND SOME FLASHES OF ABILITY, BUT THAT'LL FADE...

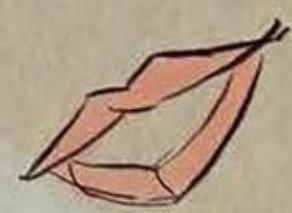
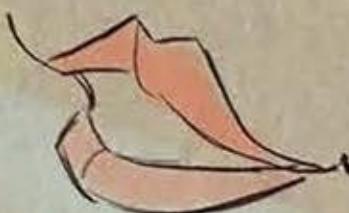
...ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU ALREADY THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS A LITTLE BIT SPECIAL, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT HER TO SEE ME.

Zhe taught me a lot.
For someone who looked
a bit like a fierce Indian
goddess, she was incredibly
generous and kind.



I could sort of see the numbers, the computation,
that made block transfer constructs possible, but
I didn't have the power to sustain them, so in time,
the little butterfly-marts faded.



Cindy, this is all crazy, isn't it?
But that's what traveling
with the Doctor is like.



Crazy, beautiful, sometimes terrifying,
but empowering. Yeah, it changes you.
It helps you become more "you"
than you've ever been.
And I have to say, I like that.

Okay. I guess I will show you this, someday...

More soon...

Love yo, miss ya

xxxx Gobby



