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IT IS SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY VERSIONS OF THE TRUTH.

THERE IS KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS ACCURACY, THERE IS OBSERVATION, THERE IS LOGIC. WITH THESE TOOLS, WE CAN ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT OF WHERE THE TRUTH EXISTS.

TRIPLE DEADLOCK SEAL?
NO... DIMENSIONAL CLAMP!
C'MON, GABSTER...

SOME SAY YOU SHOULDN'T LET THE TRUTH GET IN THE WAY OF A GOOD STORY.

THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT THINGS. STORIES EXIST TO HELP DECODE REALITY.

E-EXCUSE ME. I HAVE TO GET THIS.

BZZZP

Can't open door. Can you get to it from inside?

HOLD ON.
ASAP

DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

A...?
OH, YOU MEAN MY DESIGNATION.

I'M 10-O-B15.

UH, RIGHT.
I'M JUST GONNA CALL YOU TEN-OH, OKAY?

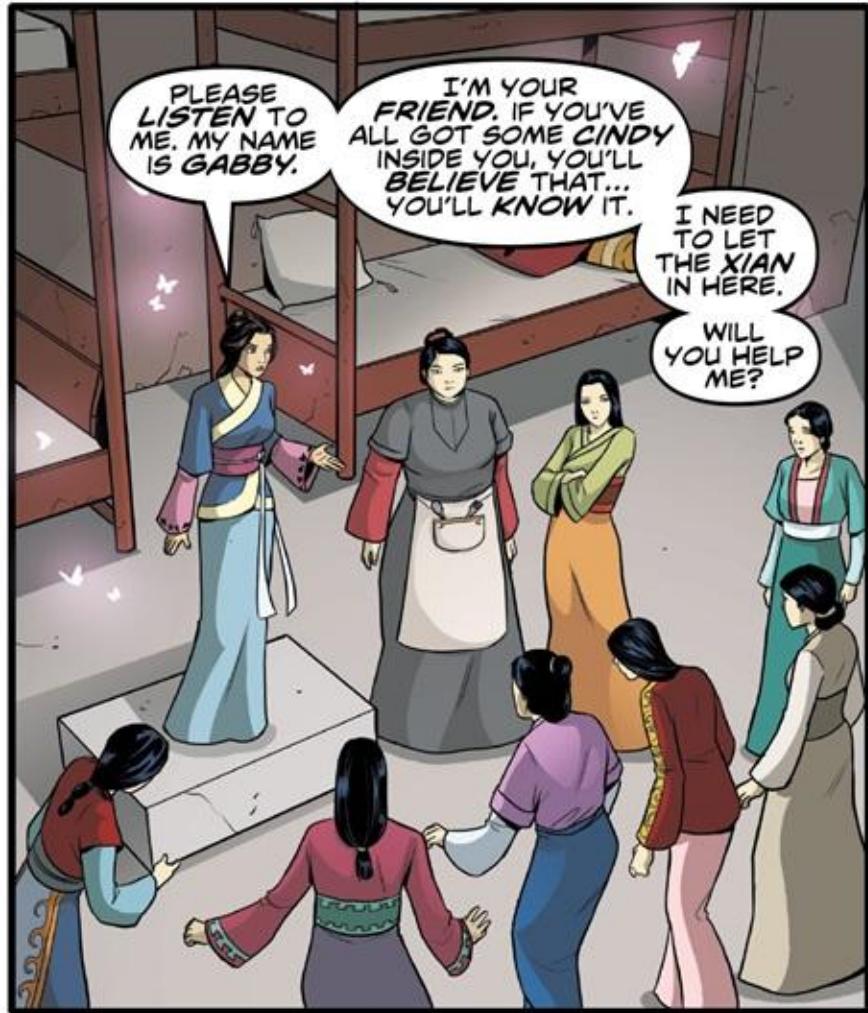
I'M LOOKING FOR ONE OF YOU DESIGNATED CINDY.

SHE, UH...
LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU, BUT SHE'S...
THE ORIGINAL, YOU MIGHT SAY.

THE FIRST...?









A BOX CAN BE A STATE OF MIND. IT CAN BE A PRISON... OR A FORTRESS.

FOR SOME, IT MAY CONTAIN A GIFT.

THE MYSTERY OF WHAT A BOX MIGHT CONTAIN SPURS THE IMAGINATION.

THERE IS A STORY OF AN EMPEROR WHO ONCE ADMIRE THE PORCELAIN WHITE HANDS OF A WOMAN OF THE COURT.

HE DID THIS IN FRONT OF HIS WIFE, THE EMPRESS, WHO WAS KNOWN TO HAVE A SOMEWHAT JEALOUS NATURE.



...A BOX WITH RED SILK LINING.

THE EMPEROR OPENED IT AND FOUND IT CONTAINED THE DELICATE WHITE HANDS HE'D SO ADORED.

MASTER... THE MONSTERS YOU WARNED US OF HAVE ARRIVED.



FOR SOME, A BOX REPRESENTS FREEDOM... A TRUTH.

YOU WILL ONLY KNOW WHEN YOU OPEN IT...

AND WHETHER OR NOT THE TRUTH YOU FIND FITS YOUR PERCEPTION OF REALITY.

IT'S NESTENE... AND YET NOT.

NESTENE? HIVE-MIND THAT CAN POSSESS PLASTIC? MAKE IT QUASI-ORGANIC?

YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT THOSE AUTON THINGS...

YEAH. THIS INTELLIGENCE BEHAVES LIKE ONE OF THEIR HIGH OVERMINDS... AGGRESSIVE, RUTHLESS.

WHEN IT HAD US TRAPPED INSIDE THAT TELEPATHIC LOOP, IT WORE OUR PSYCHIC DEFENSES DOWN WITH VERY SPECIFIC, INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED NIGHTMARES...

THE SEEKER SAID IT SLIPPED THROUGH FROM ANOTHER REALITY...

SO... IT'S NESTENE, BUT NOT FROM THIS UNIVERSE?

I REALLY WANT TO BE WRONG ABOUT THAT.

WAIT... PLASTIC? THERE'S NO PLASTIC IN THIS ERA. YOU'RE NOT SAYING--

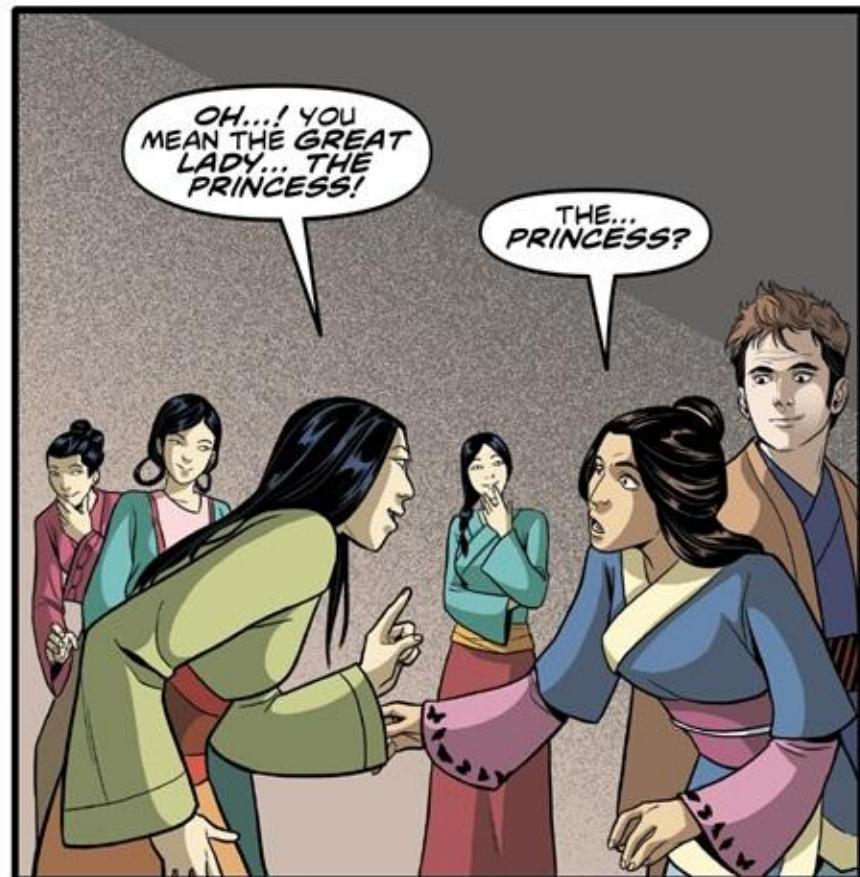
NO, THEY'RE ALL FLESH AND BLOOD.

THERE'S SOME VARIANT ELEMENTS I CAN'T ENTIRELY IDENTIFY FROM A CURSORY SCAN, BUT THEY ALL SHARE A GENETIC SIGNATURE DERIVED FROM OUR CINDY.

THIS NESTENE-ALIKE IS TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO MANIPULATE MATTER AT AN EVEN MORE COMPLEX LEVEL THAN PLASTIC...

YOU MEAN... GENETIC... ORGANIC.

THEY'RE WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE... CLONES.





AW, BUT
WITHOUT IT I
WON'T BE ABLE TO
CHAT WITH THE
GENERAL!

C'MON, JUST
SOMETHING TO CALL
YOU BY SO I DON'T
HAVE TO KEEP SAYING,
"HEY YOU!" OR
"BOSS CINDY."

I -- I AM
17-B-21.

THAT'S
CATCHY.

BATCH NUMBER,
RIGHT? NUMBERS AS
NAMES. GREAT WAY
TO DEHUMANIZE YOU.
'CAUSE SOON AS YOU
SEE YOURSELVES AS
INDIVIDUALS...

YOU PICK UP
QUIRKS, HABITS,
DIFFERENCES.

VARIATION.

THOSE
THINGS ARE
FORBIDDEN.

NO, ACTUALLY,
SPONTANEOUS
VARIATION IS A LAW
OF NATURE...

DIFFERENCE IS
BEAUTIFUL. EVEN
SONTARANS GIVE
EACH OTHER
NAMES.

EVEN TWO
PEAS IN A POD
AREN'T THE SAME.
NONE OF YOU ARE
PRECISELY
IDENTICAL.

IT'S NICE THAT YOU
ALL DO YOUR HAIR
DIFFERENTLY.

SHUT UP!
SISTERS WHO
TAKE NAMES ARE
SUBVERSIVE AND
ARE PUNISHED.

BUT YOU
GAVE YOUR
PRINCESS
A NAME...
MUWU.

CONTACT
WITH THE MUWU IS
FORBIDDEN...

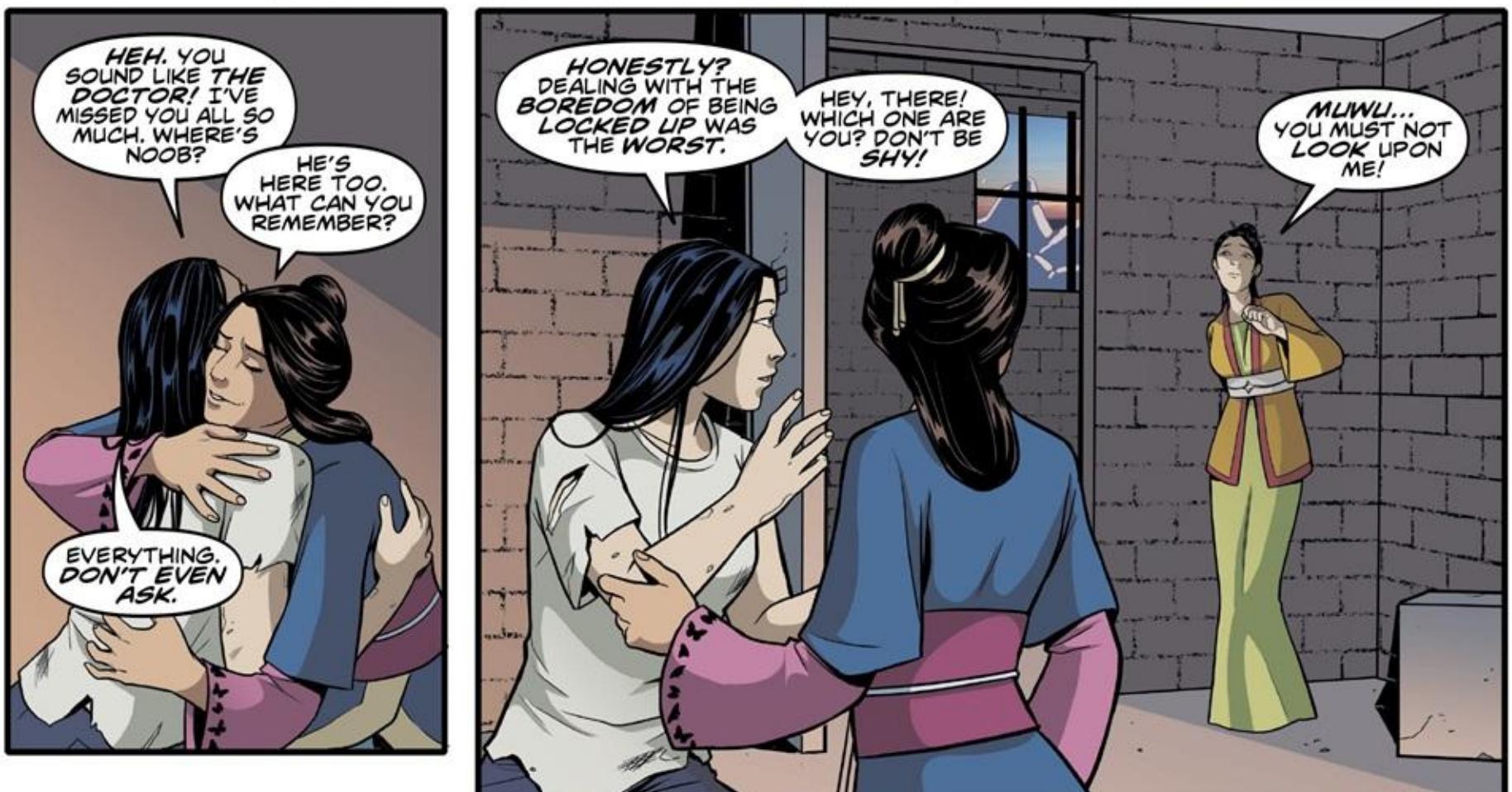
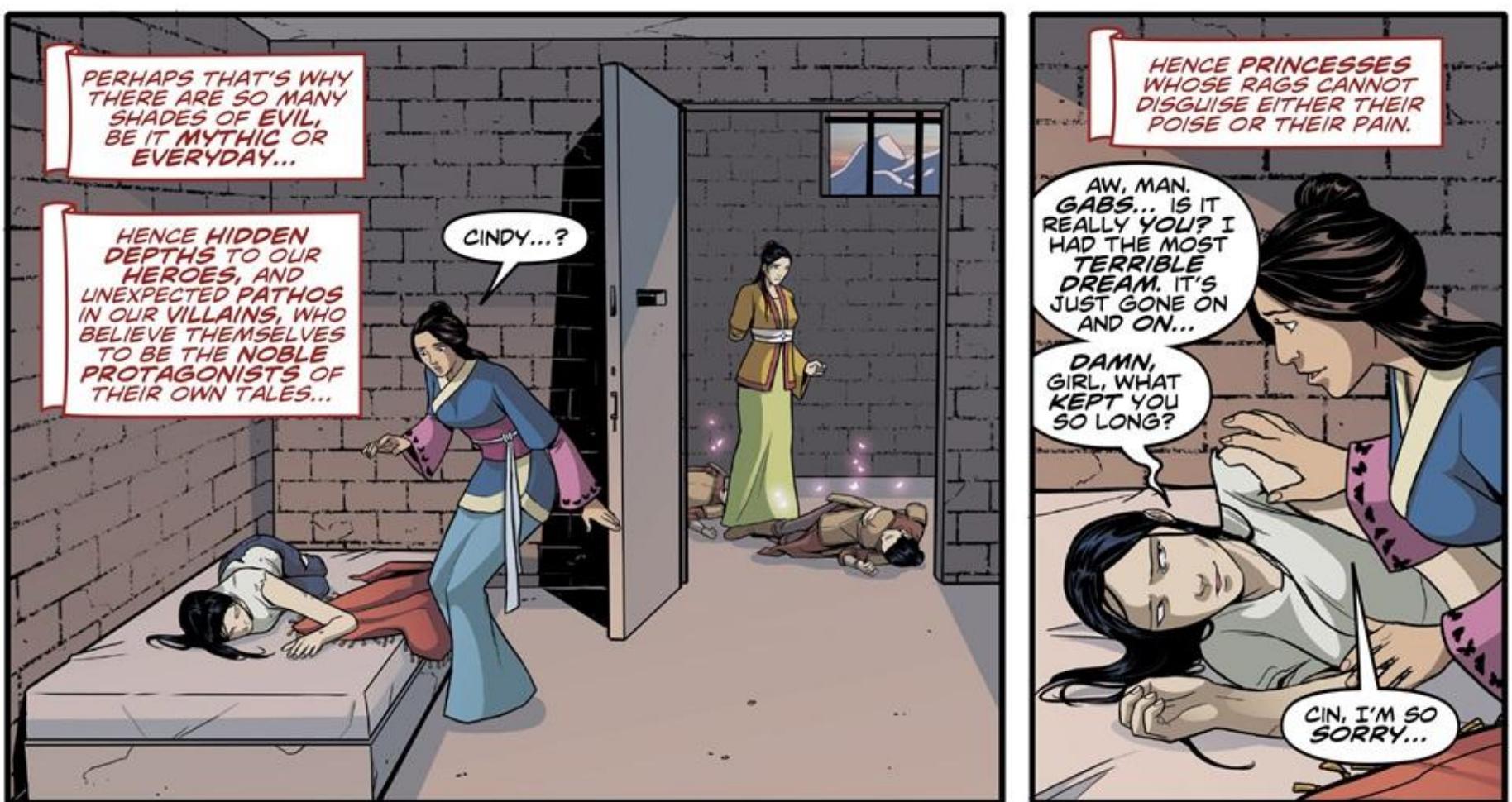
UN-
SURPRISING,
BUT BESIDE THE
POINT. I'M SURE
SHE'D WANT YOU
TO HAVE A
NAME.

THE MUWU
DOESN'T KNOW
US, WE EACH HAVE A
DESIGNATION. THAT'S
ALL THAT MATTERS.

HEY,
THAT'S
MINE!

POLICE PUBLIC CALL BOX

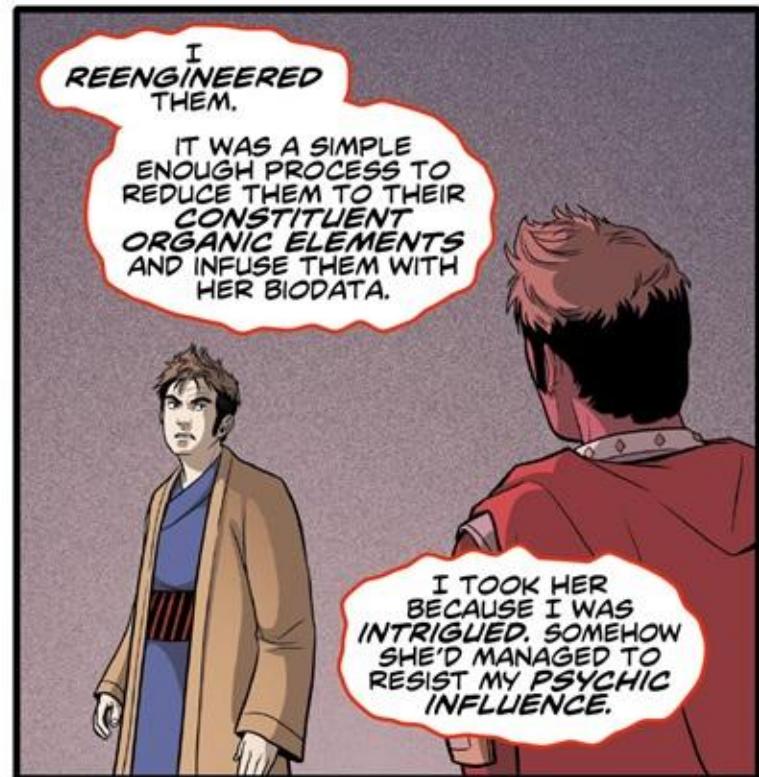




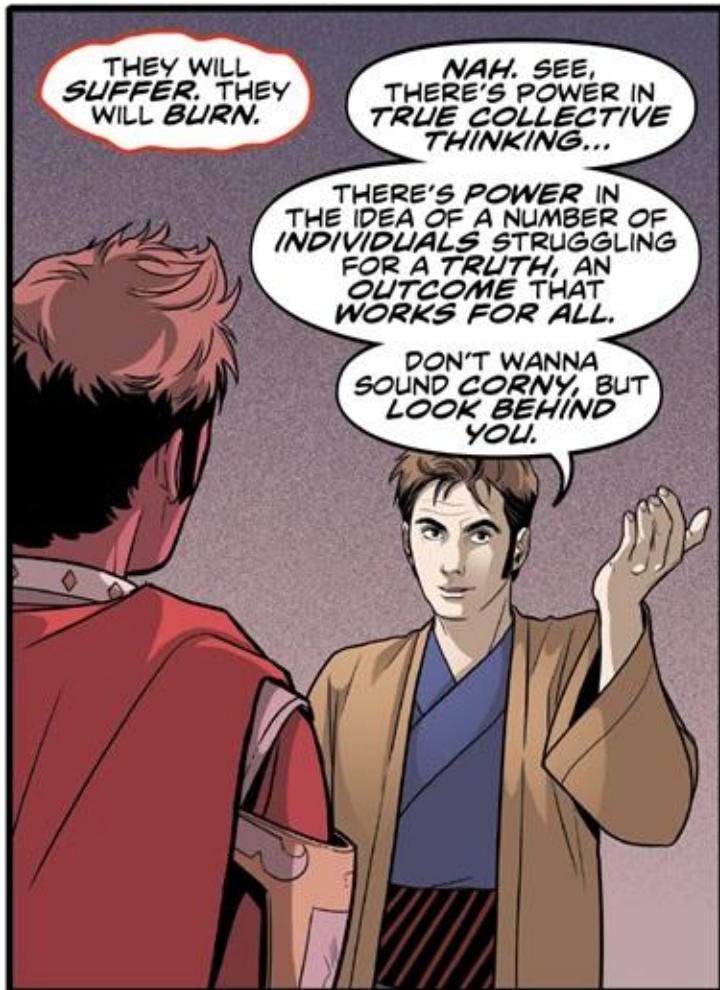












THEY SAY THAT HEAVEN ARRANGES THE STARS, AND THE RAW MATERIAL OF MATTER, QI, FROM WHICH ALL THINGS ARE MADE.

WOOORRRP WOOORRRP
WOOORRRP

NOOOOOOOOOO

EVERYBODY OUT!
OOOUUUUT!



AMID THE CHAOS THAT MAY SURROUND US, WE CAN AT LEAST TRY FOR A SENSE OF EQUILIBRIUM.

AS MUCH AS WE MAY WISH FOR THAT BALANCE, THERE ARE FORCES THAT EXIST TO UPSET IT... FOR IT IS FROM SUCH EVENTS THAT CHANGE IS FORGED.



AND IF CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT, RECOGNIZING THE POSSIBILITIES AND BEAUTY OF THAT MAY BE THE ONLY TRUTH WE REALLY NEED.

YOU KNOW THAT THE STORY NEVER ENDS.

THAT'S IT? THE END OF THE STORY?

THE XIAN'S MAGIC BOX SOON REAPPEARED AND WHISKED OUR FRIENDS OFF TO A NEW PLACE, ANOTHER STRANGE NEW DAY...

...WHILE HERE, THERE WAS REJOICING THAT THE RED JADE GENERAL COULD NOT VISIT FURTHER EVILS UPON OUR KINGDOM.

THERE WAS ALSO GREAT SADNESS IN THE VALLEY AS THE PEOPLE REALIZED THEY WOULD NOT GET THEIR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES BACK.

BUT THERE WAS ALSO A SENSE OF AWAKENING, THAT THOSE LOST WERE NOT DEAD, BUT REBORN. THEY WERE WU.

A FEW STAYED, BUT MANY, ENCOURAGED BY THE XIAN, WALKED FAR AND WIDE ACROSS THIS GREAT LAND AND THEIR BLOODLINES BRANCHED LIKE MIGHTY TREES INTO THE FAR FUTURE.

HOW DID THE PRINCESS... THE MUWU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

NEXT TIME YOU SEE HER, ASK HER.

THERE WAS THE METAPHORICAL DRAGON THAT CAUSED FLOODS, BUT THIS STORY DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A DRAGON IN IT.

MY SON...



...WE
WERE IN THE
STORY.

AS THE XIAN IS
GUARDIAN TO THIS
WHOLE WORLD, AND
MANY OTHERS...

SO ARE
WE TO THIS
LAND.

TO BE CONTINUED!