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THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS



HUMAN POPULATION: 7,202,953,440
GENIE POPULATION: 6,504,344,519

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

<THIS CANNOT BE REAL.
A HALLUCINATION.>*

<YOU
THINK WE'RE BOTH
HALLUCINATING? THE
EXACT SAME
THING?>

<I DON'T
KNOW! BUT
GENIES? AND
WE EACH GET
A WISH?>

<THAT'S
ABOUT THE
SIZE OF IT,
MARTA!>

<BUT
THERE'S NO RUSH.
TAKE YOUR TIME.
IT'S ONLY BEEN EIGHT
MINUTES, AFTER ALL.
A LOT TO TAKE IN,
AND YOU ONLY
GET THE ONE
WISH.>

*TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH.

<YOU GOT IT,
DADDY-O. EVERY
LAST PERSON,
FROM INFANTS TO
FOLKS ON THEIR
DEATHBED.>

<OH
GOD.>

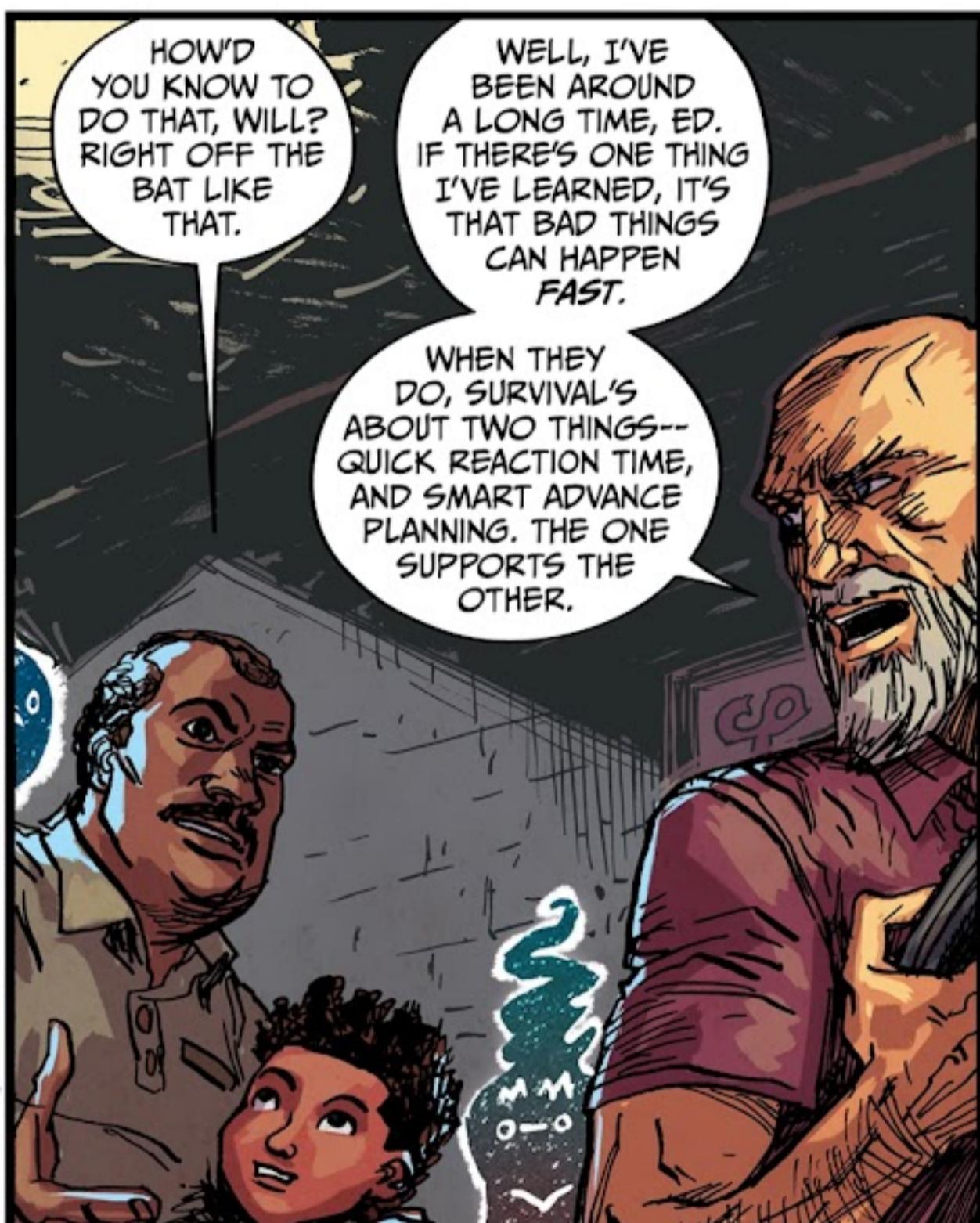


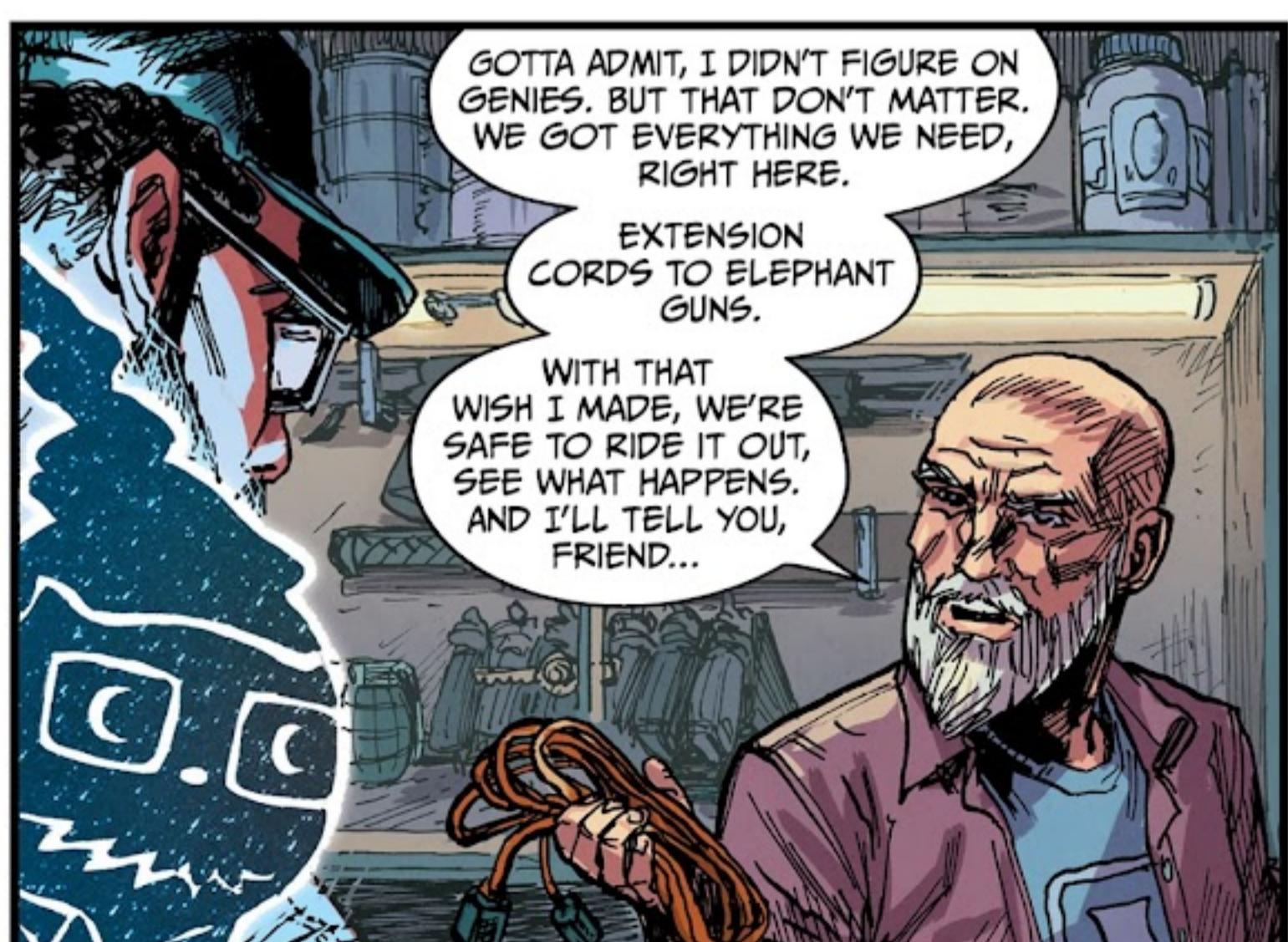
St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

The Lampwick Bar and Grill.

G-day, nine minutes in.







I CANNOT BELIEVE I WASTED MY WISH. THAT BARTENDER, SAYING PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DO A LOT OF STUPID SHIT IN THE FIRST COUPLE MINUTES... THAT'S ME.

USING UP MY ONE WISH, A REAL WISH, ON TRYING TO GET A GUY.

YEAH. PRETTY STUPID, DAISY.



GOOD NEWS IS, IT MEANT I DIDN'T WASTE MY TIME TRYING TO DATE SOMEONE WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

ALEX... I GET IT, BUT THAT'S PRETTY MEAN.

MHHMM. CURED MY CRUSH ON YOU REAL FAST.



WHAT?

TAKE IT EASY, PAL, I'M ON YOUR SIDE.



FINE... BUT DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE AT MY SIDE?

LIKE... WILL I NEVER GET ANY PRIVACY UNTIL I MAKE MY WISH? YOU GONNA FOLLOW ME INTO THE BATHROOM?

ONLY IF YOU WANT ME TO.







WASHINGTON, DC. THE WHITE HOUSE.

TWELVE MINUTES AGO.

"JUST AFTER WE SHOWED UP, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHED FOR HIS COUNTRY'S SUPREMACY ON EARTH."

I WISH THAT
THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA WOULD,
NOW AND FOREVER, BE
THE FOREMOST POWER ON
THE PLANET IN ALL THINGS,
FOR THE BENEFIT
OF ITS PEOPLE AND
PEOPLE ALL OVER
THE WORLD.

"WELL, HE DIDN'T MAKE THE WISH--
HE HAD ONE OF HIS PEOPLE DO
IT, THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF."

"THE PRESIDENT'S
NO DUMMY."

THANK
YOU, EDGAR.
YOUR SACRIFICE
ON BEHALF OF
THIS NATION
WILL NEVER BE
FORGOTTEN.

MR. PRESIDENT, SIR,
IT IS MY GREAT HONOR. I
WOULD HAVE GIVEN MY LIFE IN
SERVICE OF THE SAME GOAL--
THIS SEEMS SMALL IN
COMPARISON.

WISH
ACKNOWLEDGED,
GENERAL!

IT'S
ALL I EVER
WANTED.

SHOULD WE,
AH, TEST IT OUT?
MAKE SURE IT
WORKED?

CALL NORTH KOREA.
TELL THEM TO STOP
BEING SUCH
JERKS.



"WE TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT SOMEONE FROM JUST ABOUT EVERY COUNTRY ON EARTH MADE THAT SAME WISH AT ABOUT THE SAME MOMENT."

"EXCEPT NEW ZEALAND. THEY SEEMED PRETTY CHILL ABOUT THE WHOLE THING."

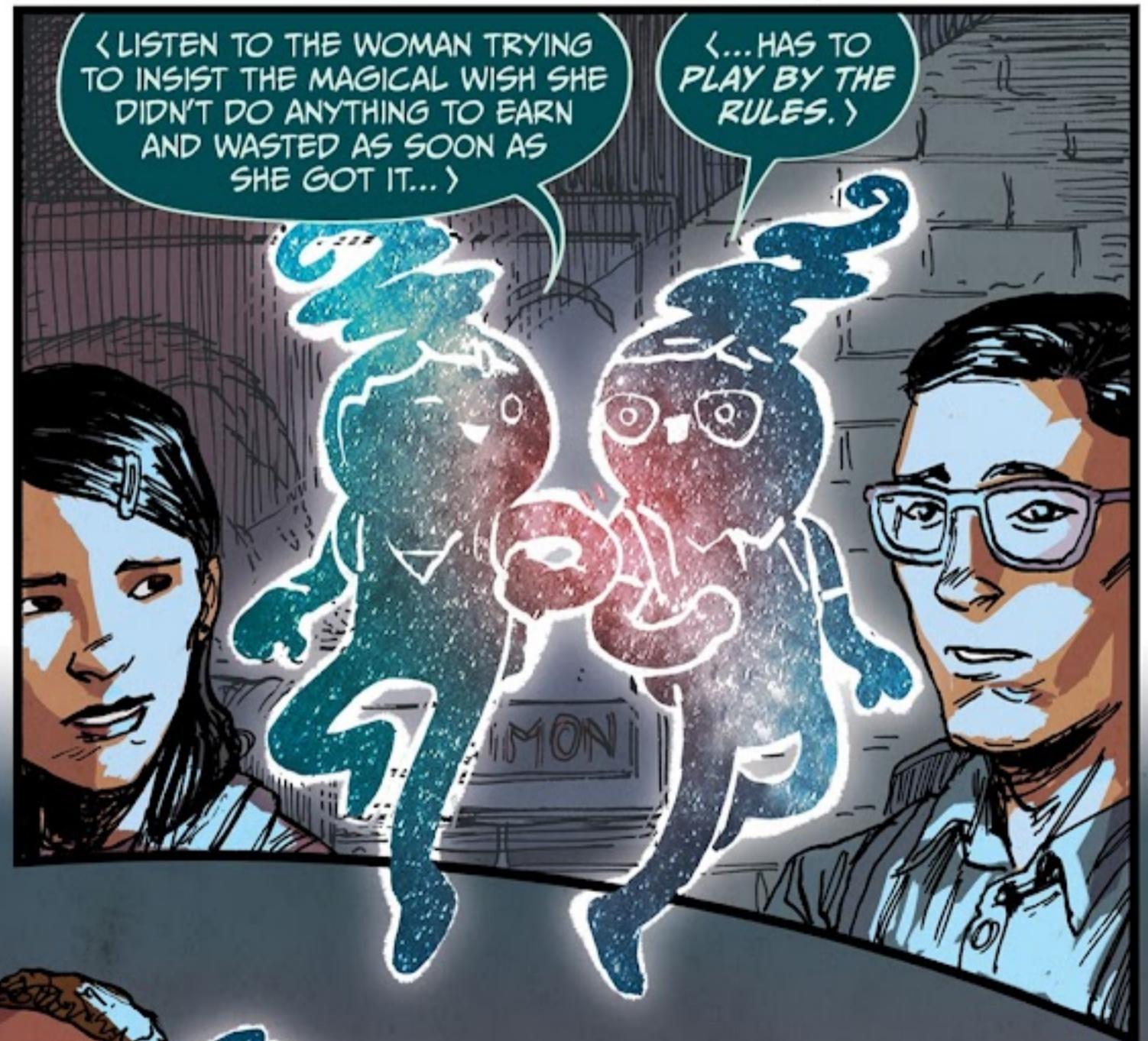
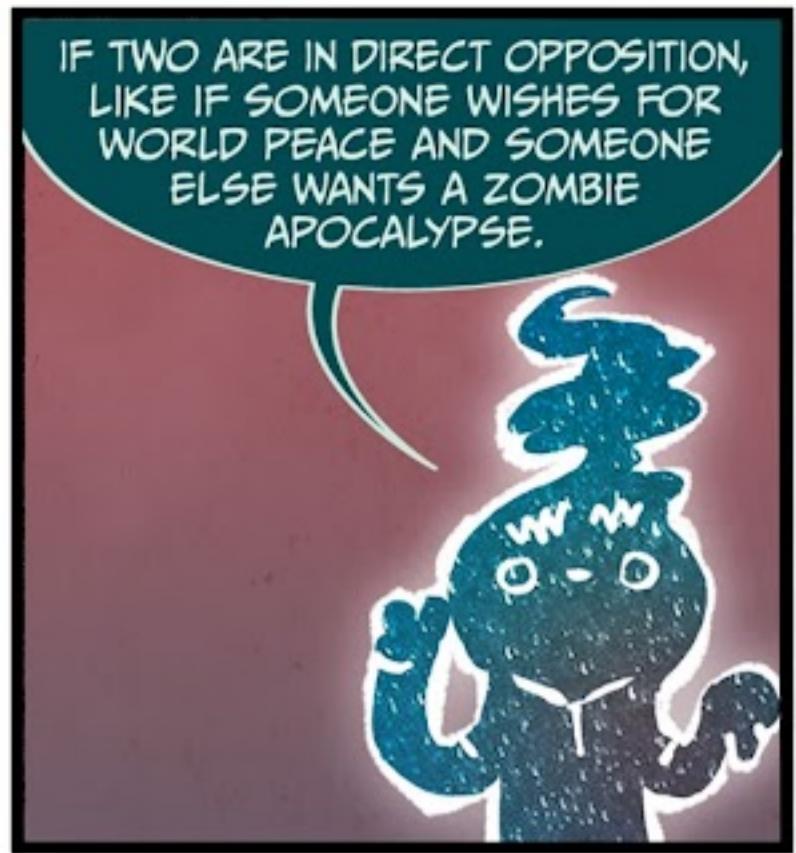


"YOU CAN'T HAVE EVERY COUNTRY BE ON TOP AT THE SAME TIME. DOESN'T WORK."



"WE COULD HAVE CREATED HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT REALITIES WHERE EACH DIFFERENT NATION WAS RUNNING THINGS... BUT THAT'S A LOT OF WORK, AND WE'RE REALLY BUSY."

"SO, WE JUST... CANCELLED THEM ALL OUT."





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INFERNO CONSUMES DOWNTOWN DETROIT

A LOT
OF CRISES
START OUT
THIS WAY.

THESE
ARE THE BAD
TIMES.

THE
CHAOS
TIMES.

"WHEN THE SELFISH AND THE STUPID AND THE TERRIFIED RULE THE DAY, BEFORE BETTER SENSE PREVAILS AND SOME KIND OF NEW NORMAL SETS IN."

"THIS WON'T BE THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME, BUT IT'LL BE THE MOST UNPREDICTABLY DANGEROUS."

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED EVERYONE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR WISH? HOW DOES BURNING DOWN THE CITY HELP THAT?

IT WASN'T A WISH FOR A FIRE. IT WAS A WISH FOR A LIGHTSABER. IT'S NOT OUR FAULT THE YOUNG WOMAN DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT.

YOU COULD STOP IT RIGHT NOW, THOUGH, ALEX. JUST USE YOUR WISH TO PUT IT OUT.

UH... I MEAN...

UH HUH.

YOU'RE JUST AS SELFISH AS I AM, ALEX.

THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT, THE THING THEY'VE ALWAYS WANTED, NO MATTER THE COST OR CONSEQUENCE.

THEY FINALLY HAVE A WAY TO GET IT...









<WOW. >

<WELL, THAT WORKED. >

GZR!

B'WANG!

ZWZ

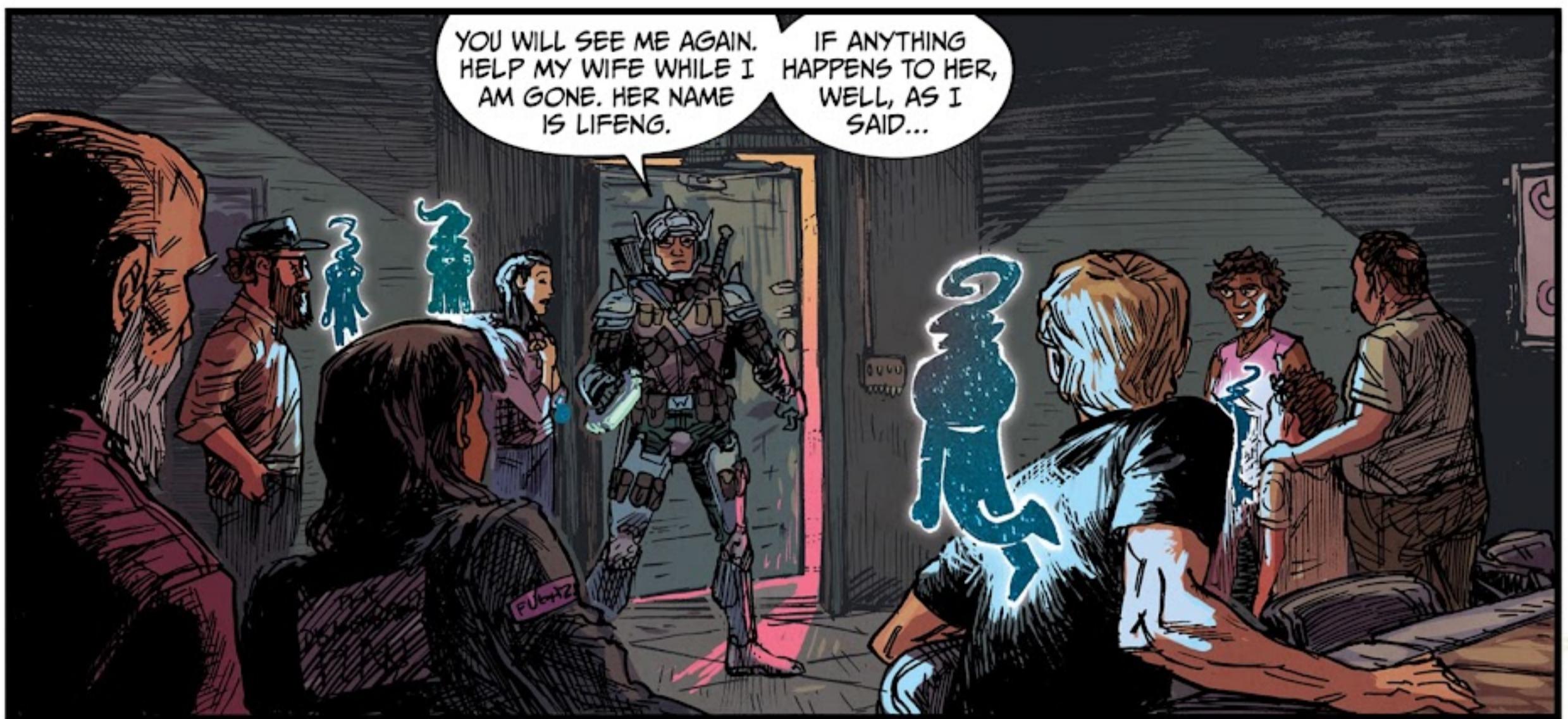
B'WANG!

*<I SHOULD GO.
I'LL HOTWIRE
A CAR, IF I CAN
FIND ONE. OR A
HELICOPTER. >*

*<YOU
DON'T KNOW
HOW TO DO
THAT! >*

*<I DO NOW,
LIFENG. STAY
HERE, STAY
SAFE. >*

SOB!

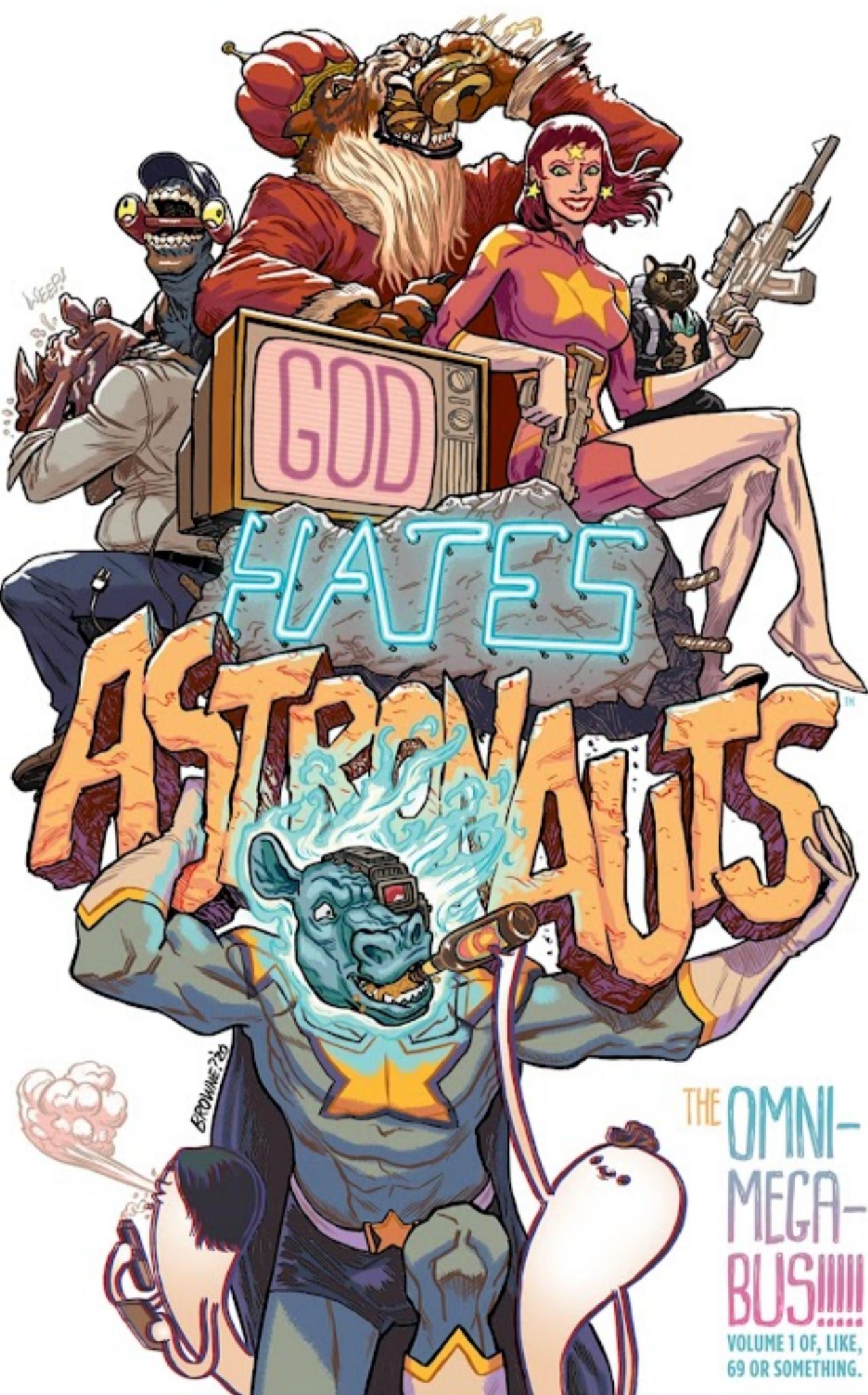




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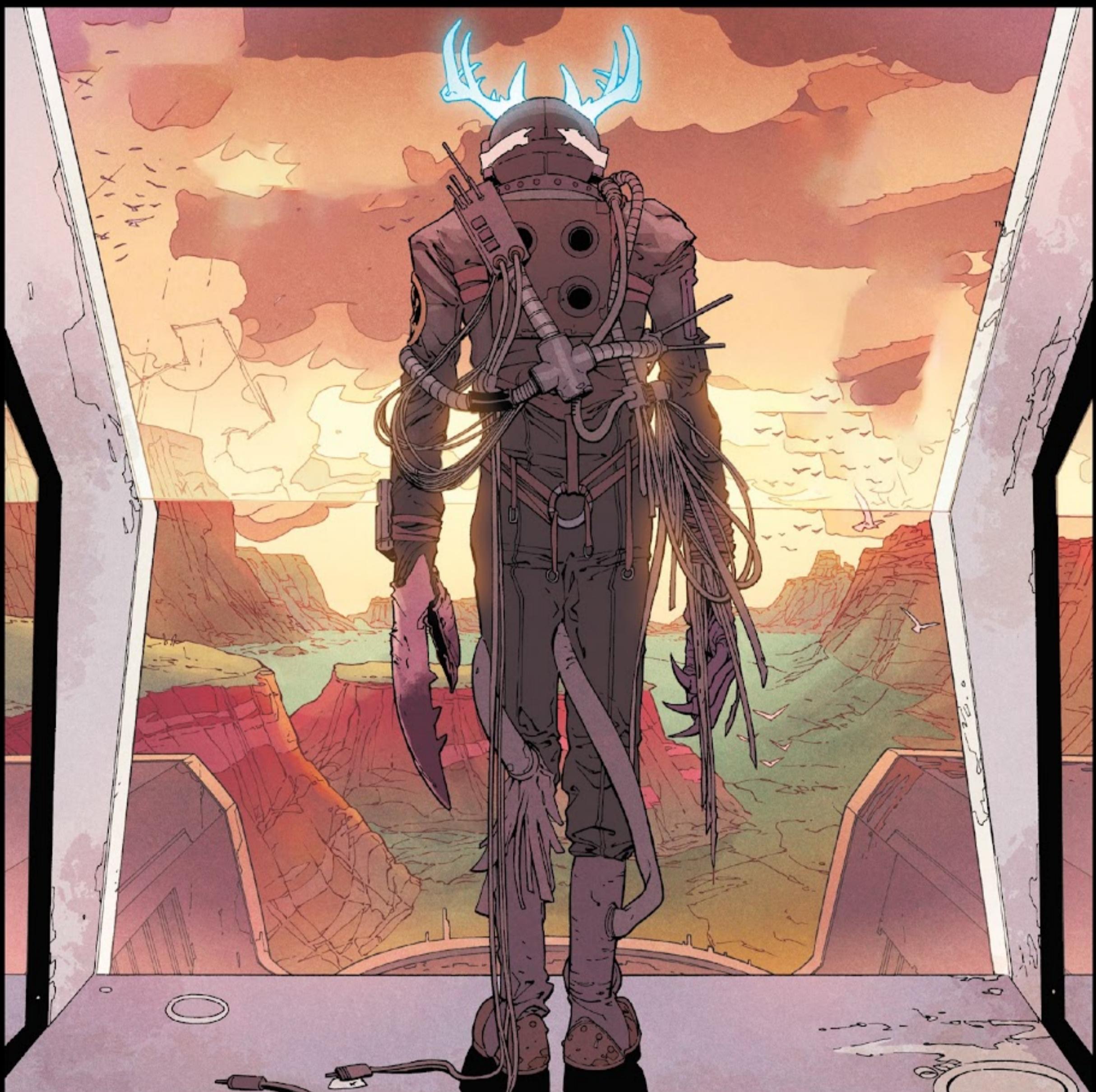
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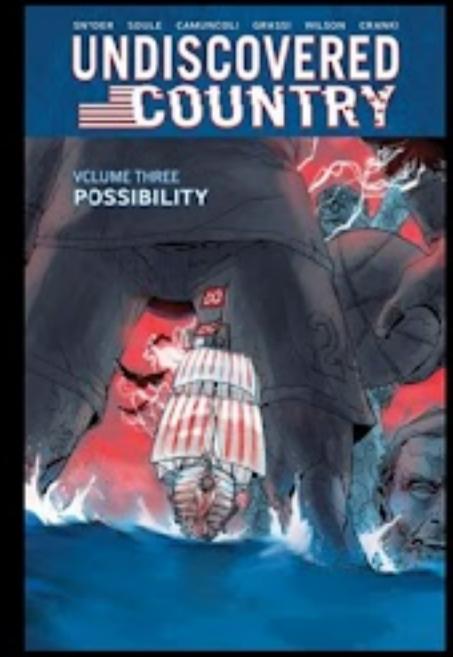
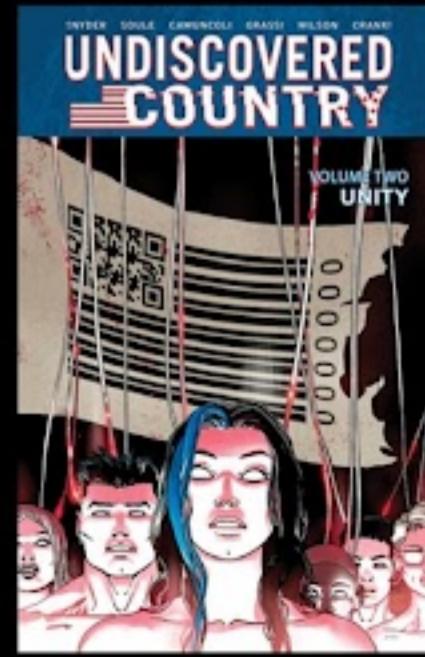
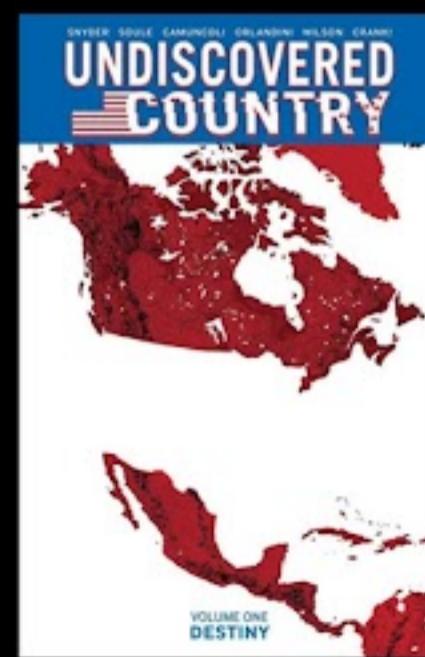


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