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THE DEADLY TRAIL OF THE
IMMORTALISTS!



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THE UNIVERSE!
IT'S TURNING
INTO A WHIRL--

--AND I'M
HELPLESSLY
SPINNING WITH IT!
THE SPEED...
NO!!!!



Chapter
One

REALITY WARP!

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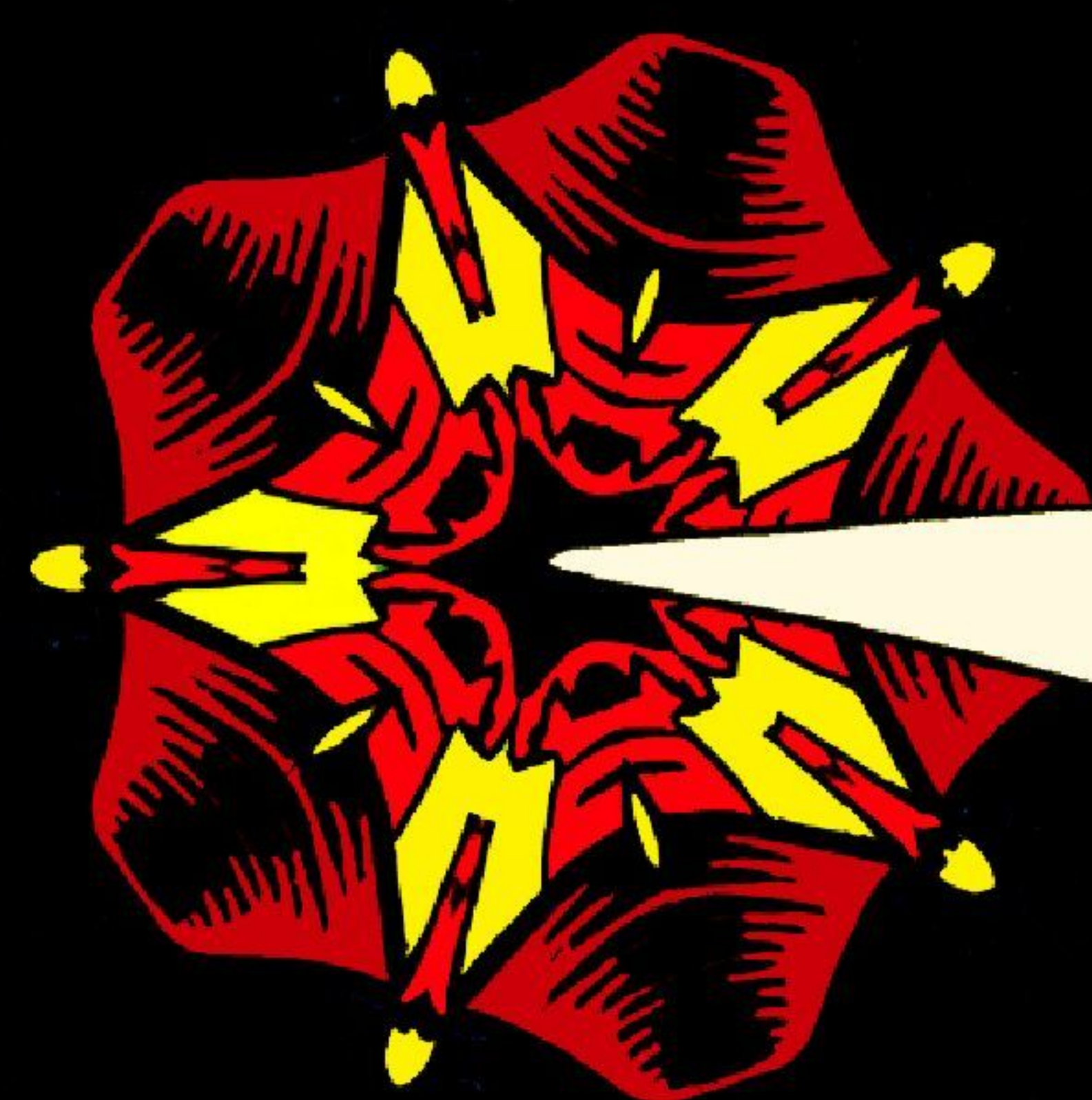
METAPHYSICAL
VISIONS NOW!

HAS MY HEAD EXPLODED
YET? OR HAS THE VERY
FABRIC OF *REALITY* GONE
AWRY? AT LEAST I'M NO
LONGER SPIRALING...



STILL NOT A PLEASANT RIDE,
THOUGH. I CAN'T STOP OR
CONTROL MY FLIGHT. FEELS
LIKE SOMETHING IS *LEADING*
ME SOMEWHERE...

THERE! A KIND OF *GATE*!
AM I GONNA BE OUT OF THIS
MADNESS AT LAST?



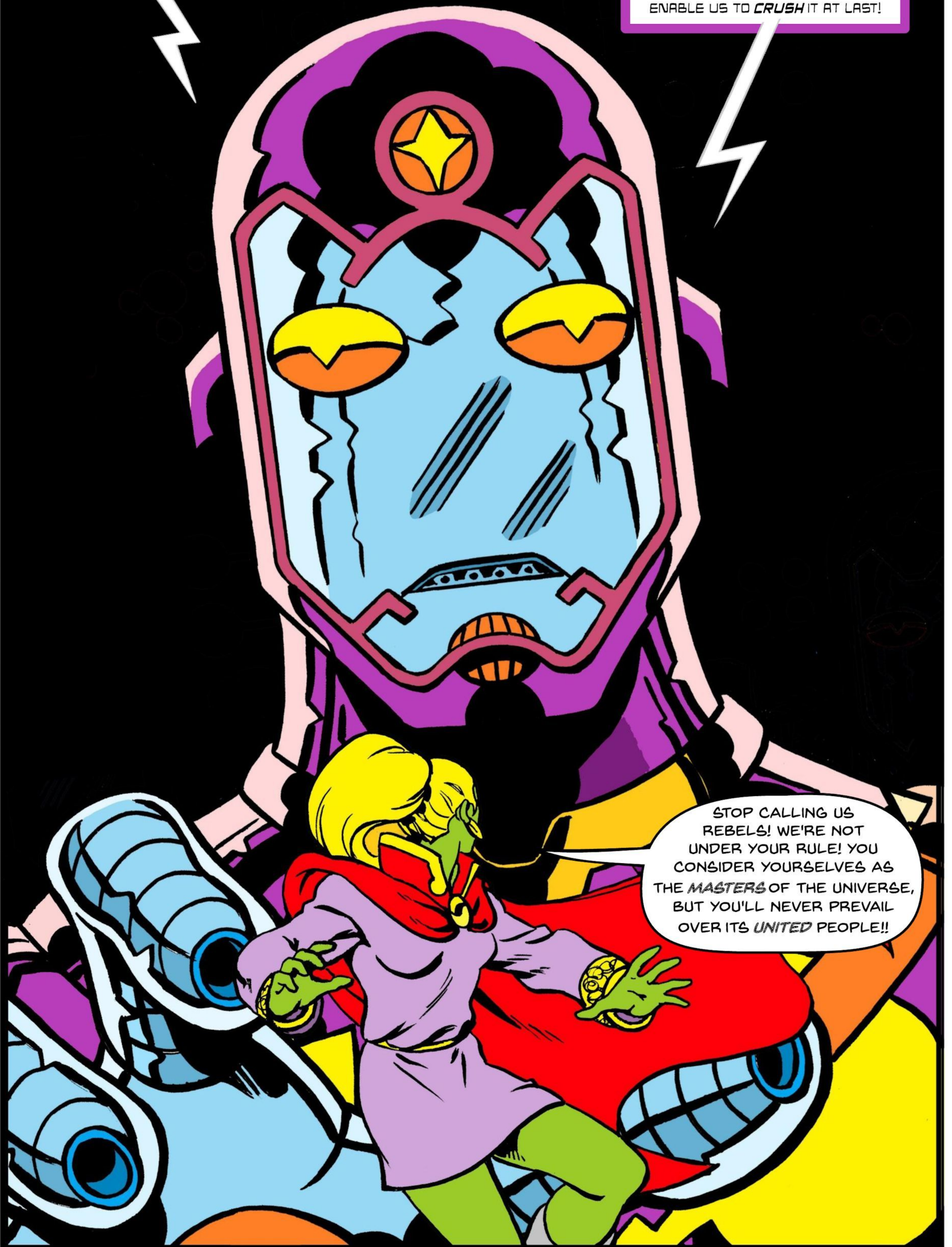
NO! THERE'S
NOTHING HERE, JUST
A DARK VOID!

AND I'M SLOWING
DOWN... I'M GONNA
BE TRAPPED HERE
ON MY OWN TILL
I DIE!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE, BUT
YES, YOU ARE TRAPPED,
AND YOU ARE GOING TO
DIE, FILTHY BIO-SCUM!

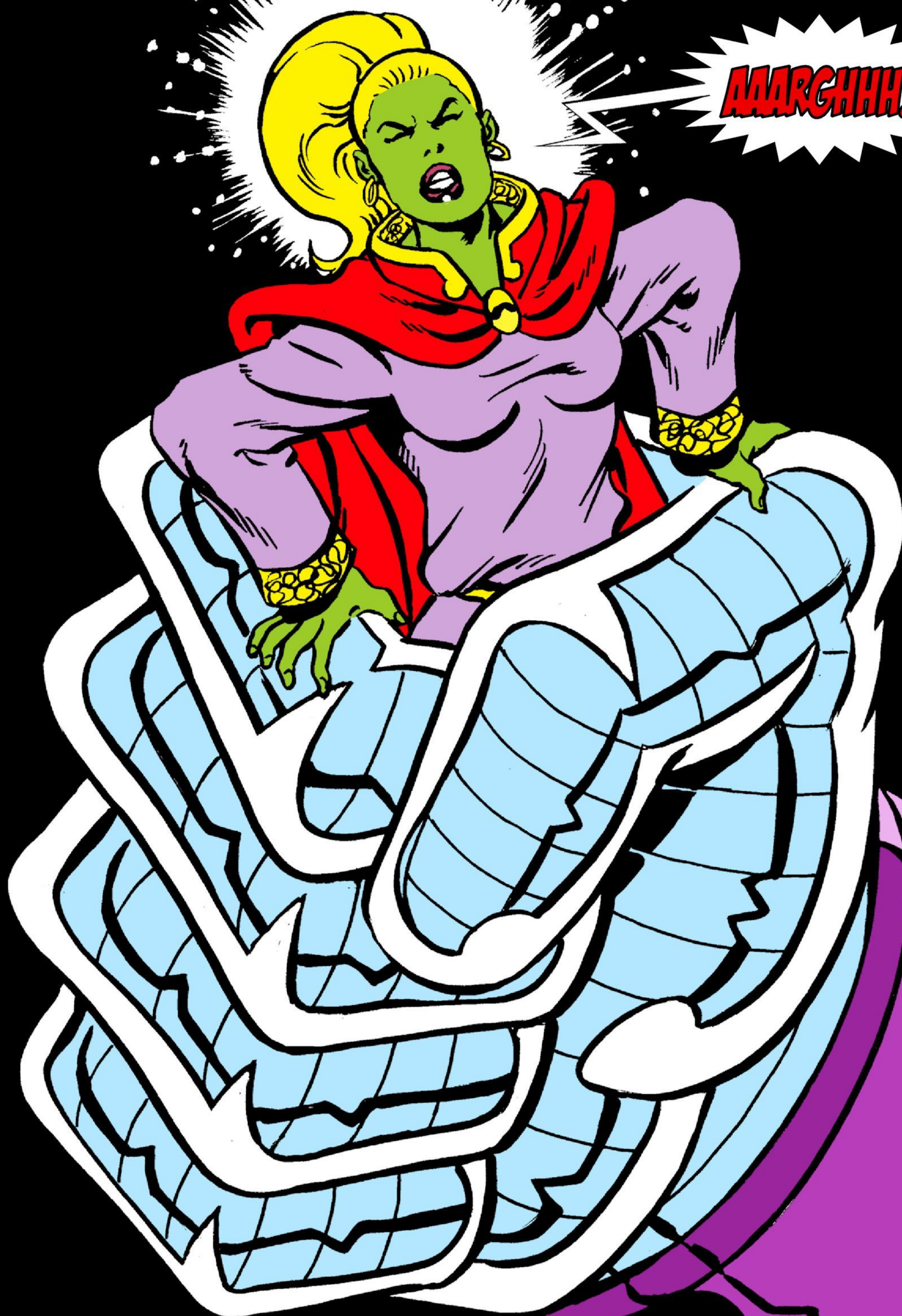
YOU HAVE EVADED US FOR
TOO LONG, BUT YOUR
TERMINATION WILL BE A MAJOR
BLOW TO YOUR REPUGNANT
REBELLIOUS MOVEMENT AND WILL
ENABLE US TO *CRUSH* IT AT LAST!

STOP CALLING US
REBELS! WE'RE NOT
UNDER YOUR RULE! YOU
CONSIDER YOURSELVES AS
THE *MASTERS* OF THE UNIVERSE,
BUT YOU'LL NEVER PREVAIL
OVER ITS *UNITED* PEOPLE!!



YOUR BRAVADO IS
LUDICROUS! *DIE NOW!*

AAARGHHH!





SHE'S NOT DYING
ANYTIME SOON,
METALLIC CREEP,
ESPECIALLY NOT WHILE
I'M ALIVE!

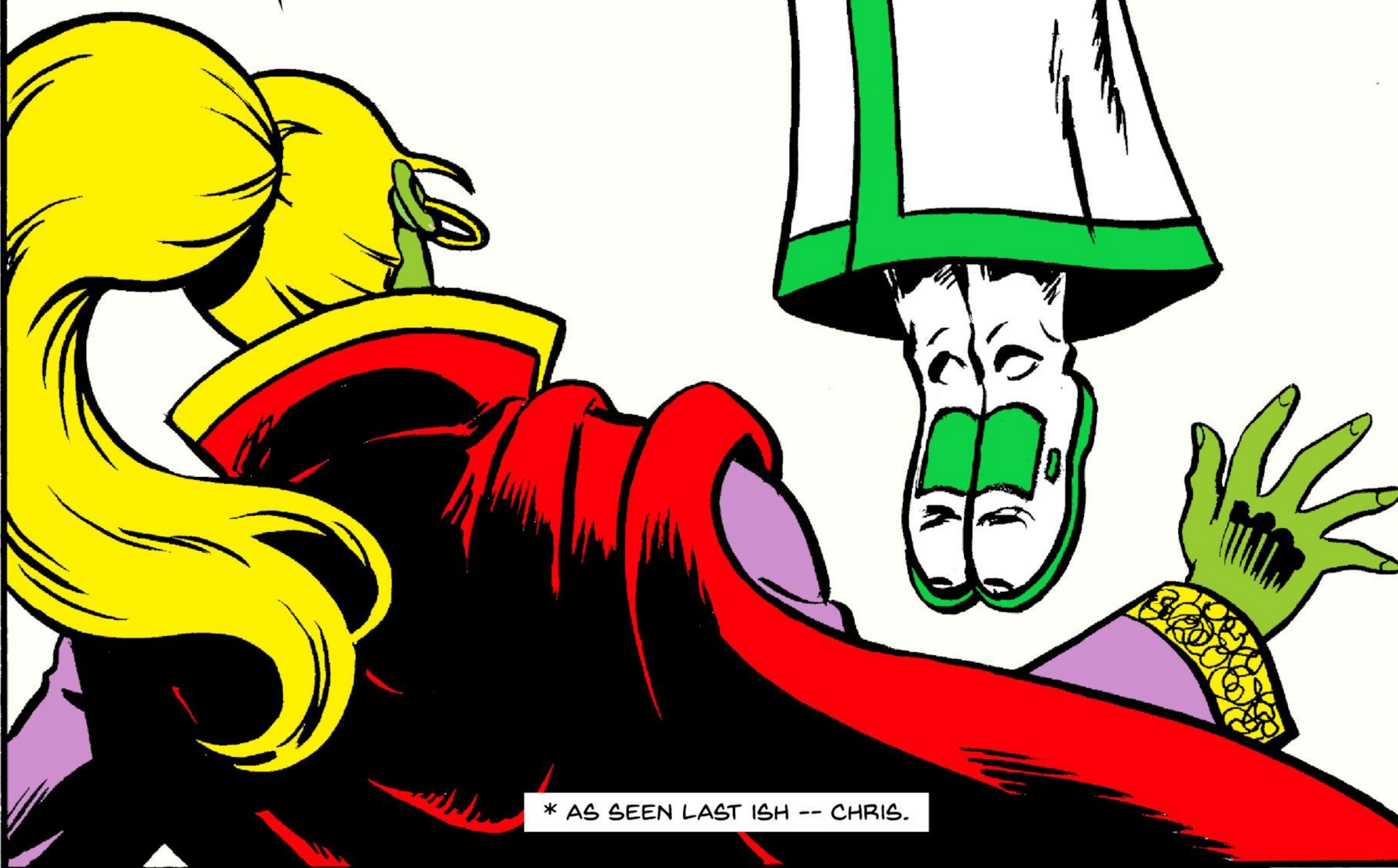
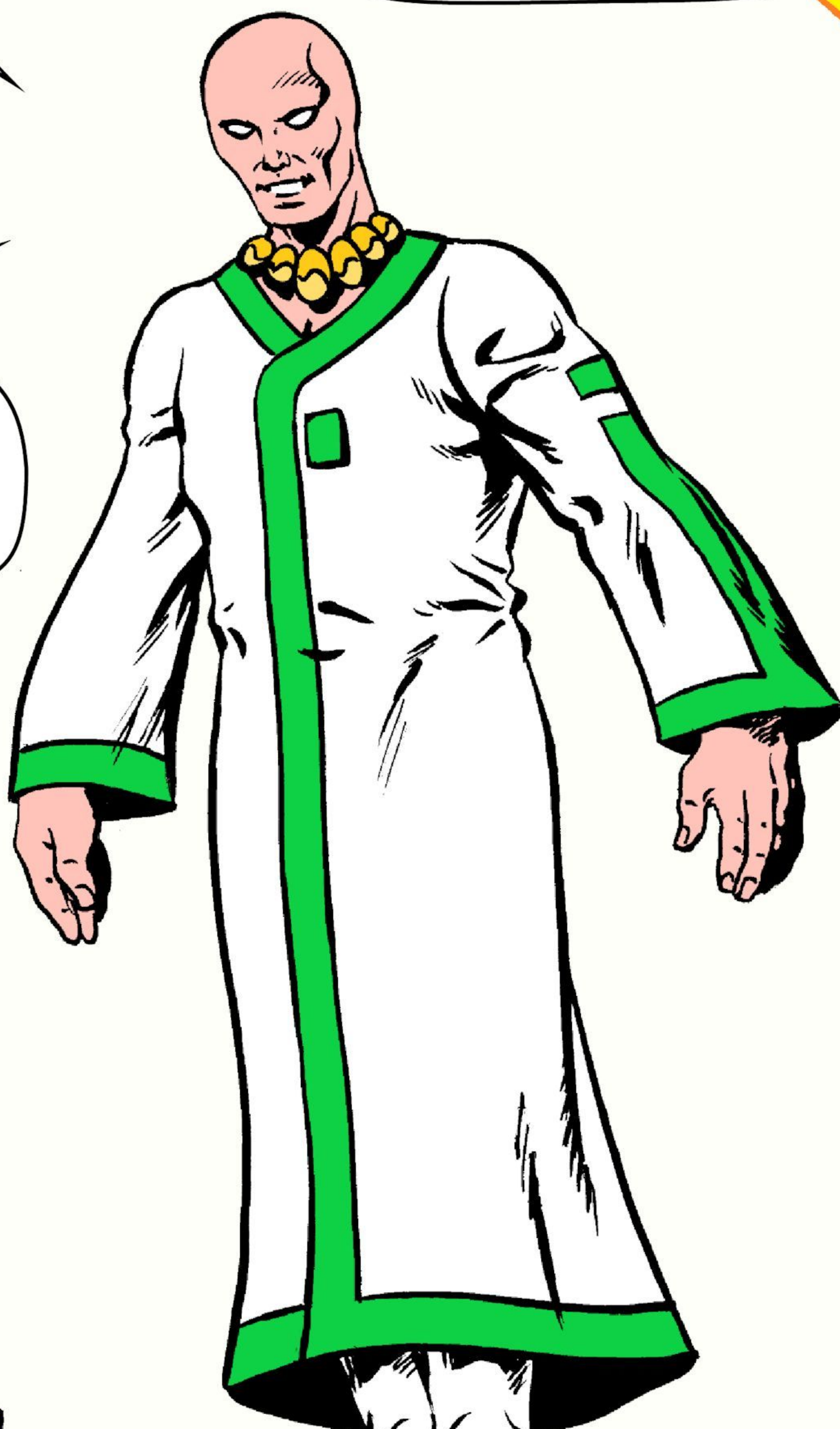
STRANGER? IS THAT
YOU? I RECOGNIZE
YOUR VOICE, BUT YOU
LOOK SO DIFFERENT!

SEE THIS WHITE
GARB AS A
SYMBOL OF LIGHT
AND *HOPE* WHEN
YOU'RE LOST IN
THE DARKNESS
OF *DESPAIR*.

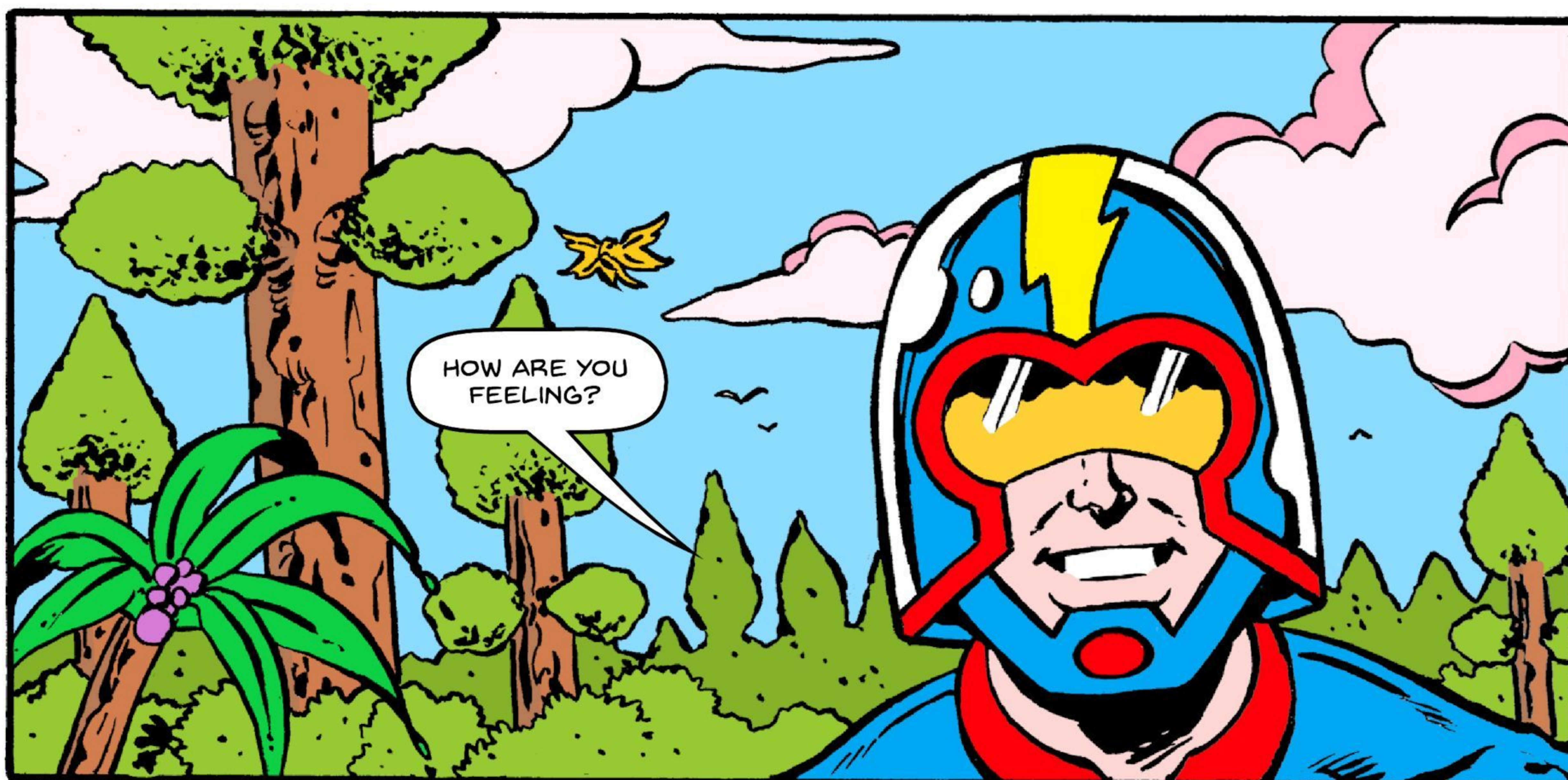
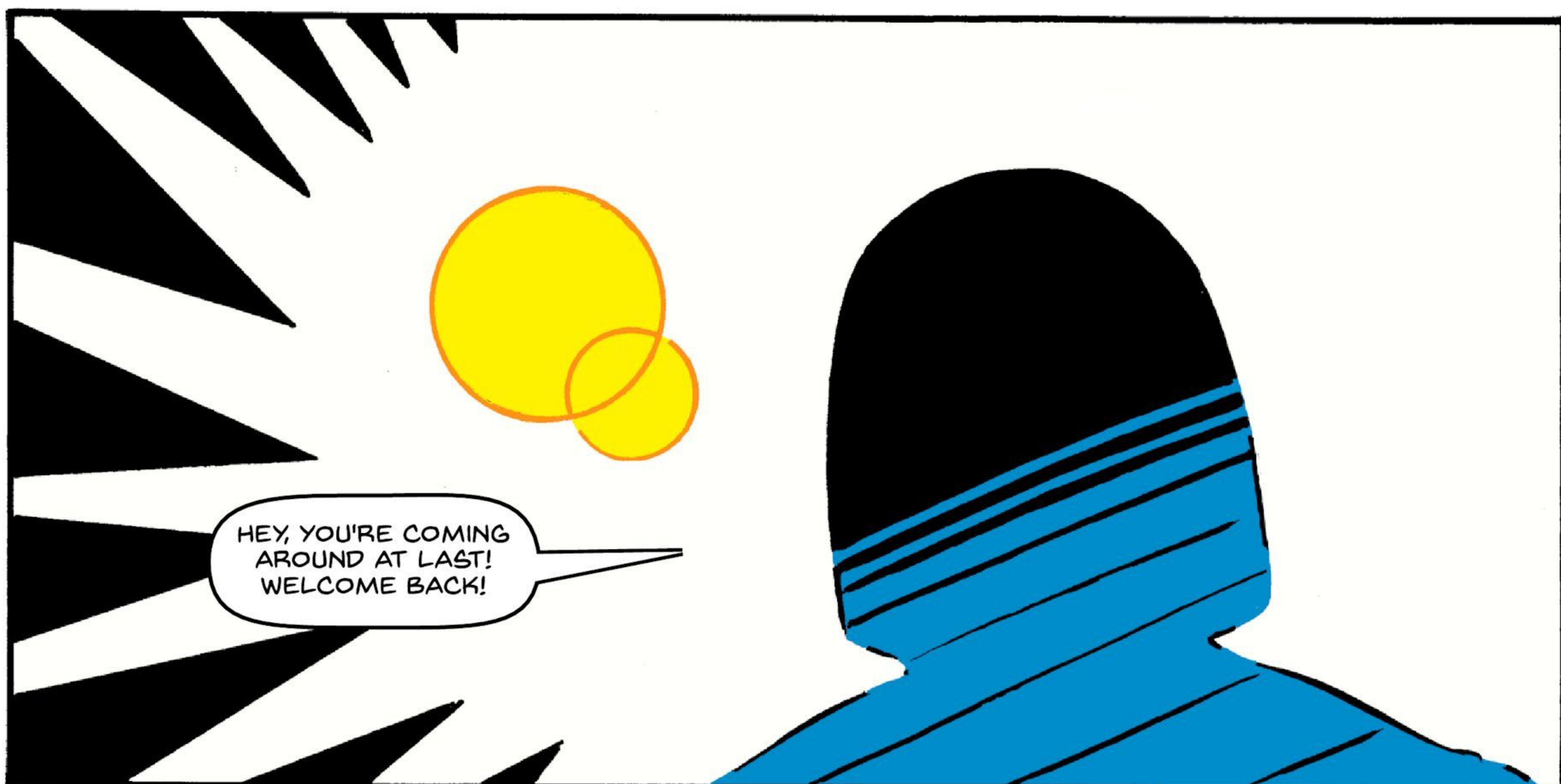
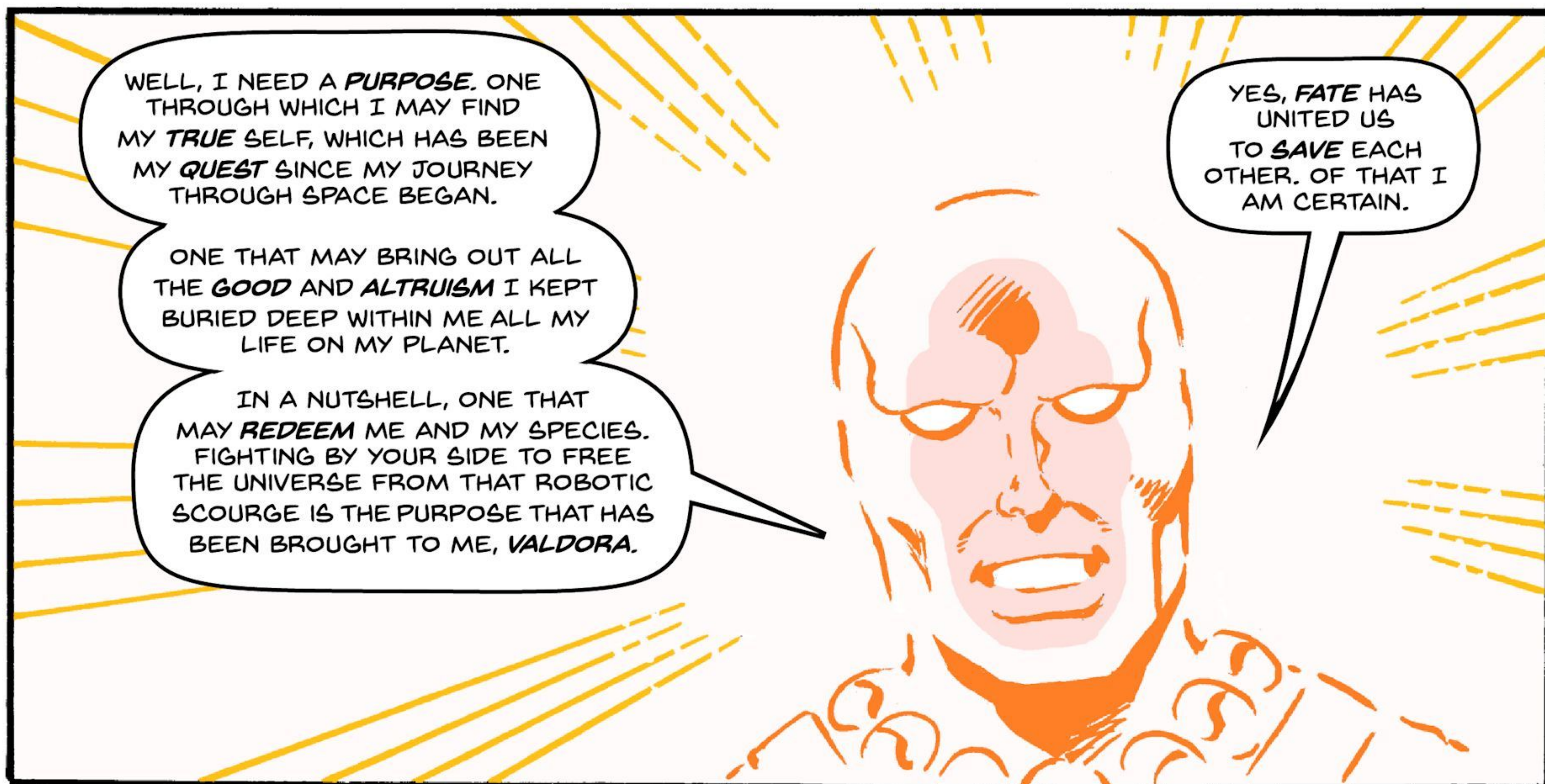
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T
PREVENT THE DEATHS OF YOUR
TWO BROTHERS IN ARMS*.
YOU'RE BOUND TO SUFFER EVEN
MORE LOSSES IN THIS WAR
AGAINST THE BOTS, BUT FROM
NOW ON, YOU HAVE A NEW *ALLY*.

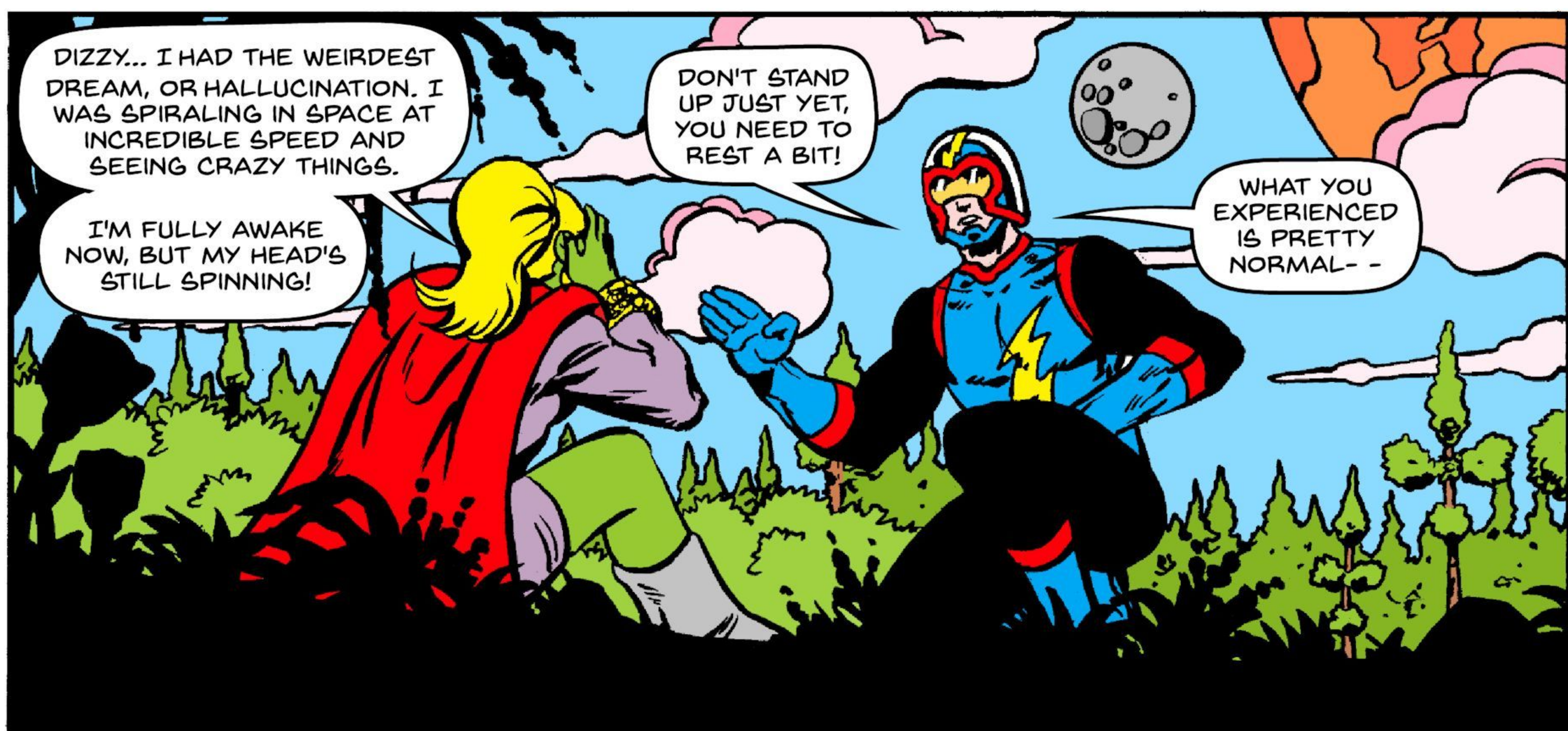
I DON'T KNOW IF MY POWERS
ARE ENOUGH TO MAKE A
DECISIVE DIFFERENCE, BUT
I *PROMISE* TO FIGHT TO THE
END FOR YOU AND VICTORY.
YOU MUST HAVE *FAITH* IN THIS.

THIS IS SO GREAT,
BUT ALSO SO
ASTOUNDING! WHY
WOULD YOU DO
THAT? YOU DON'T
KNOW ME.



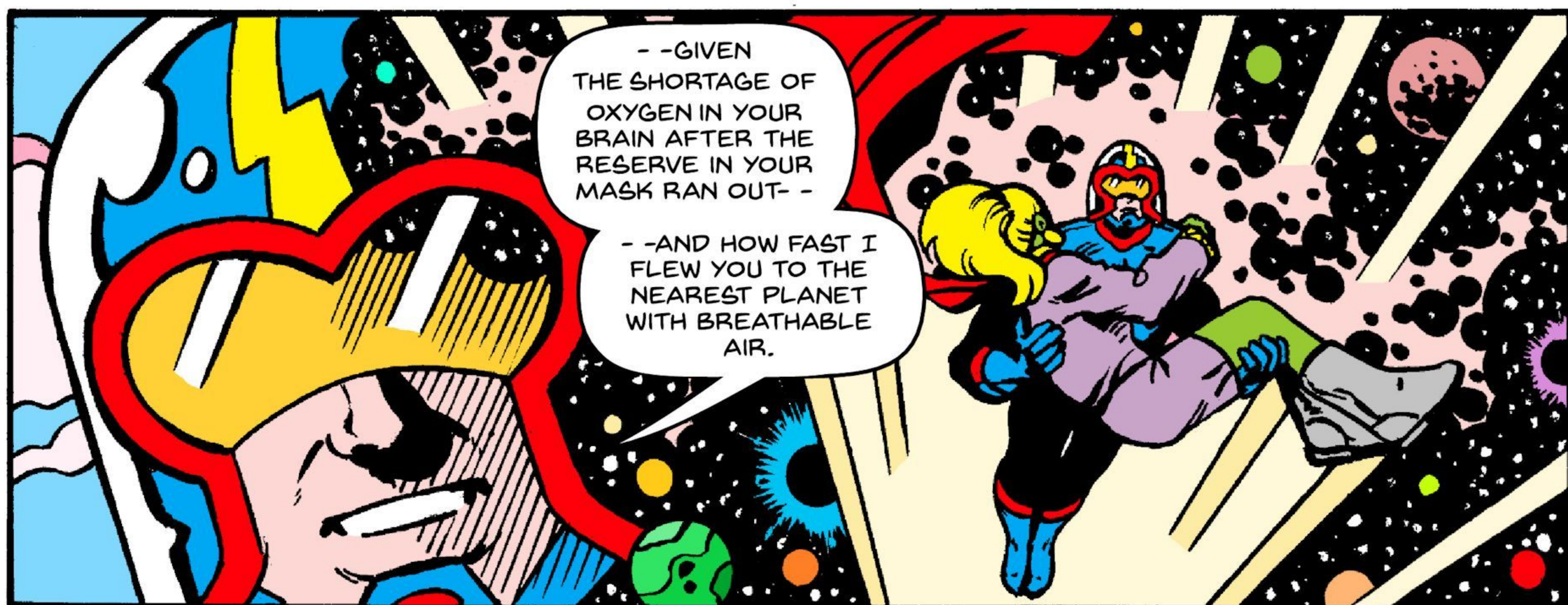
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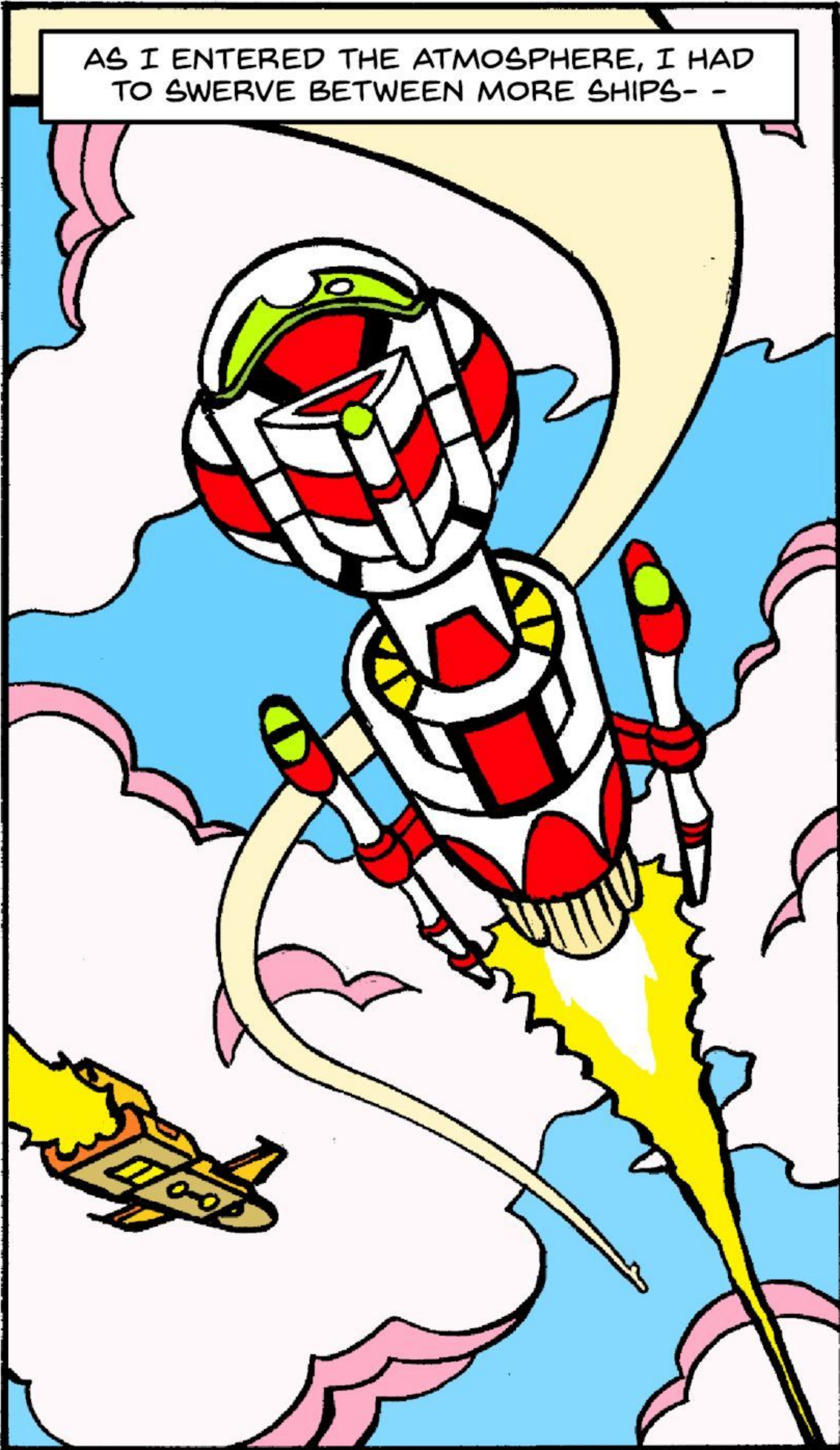




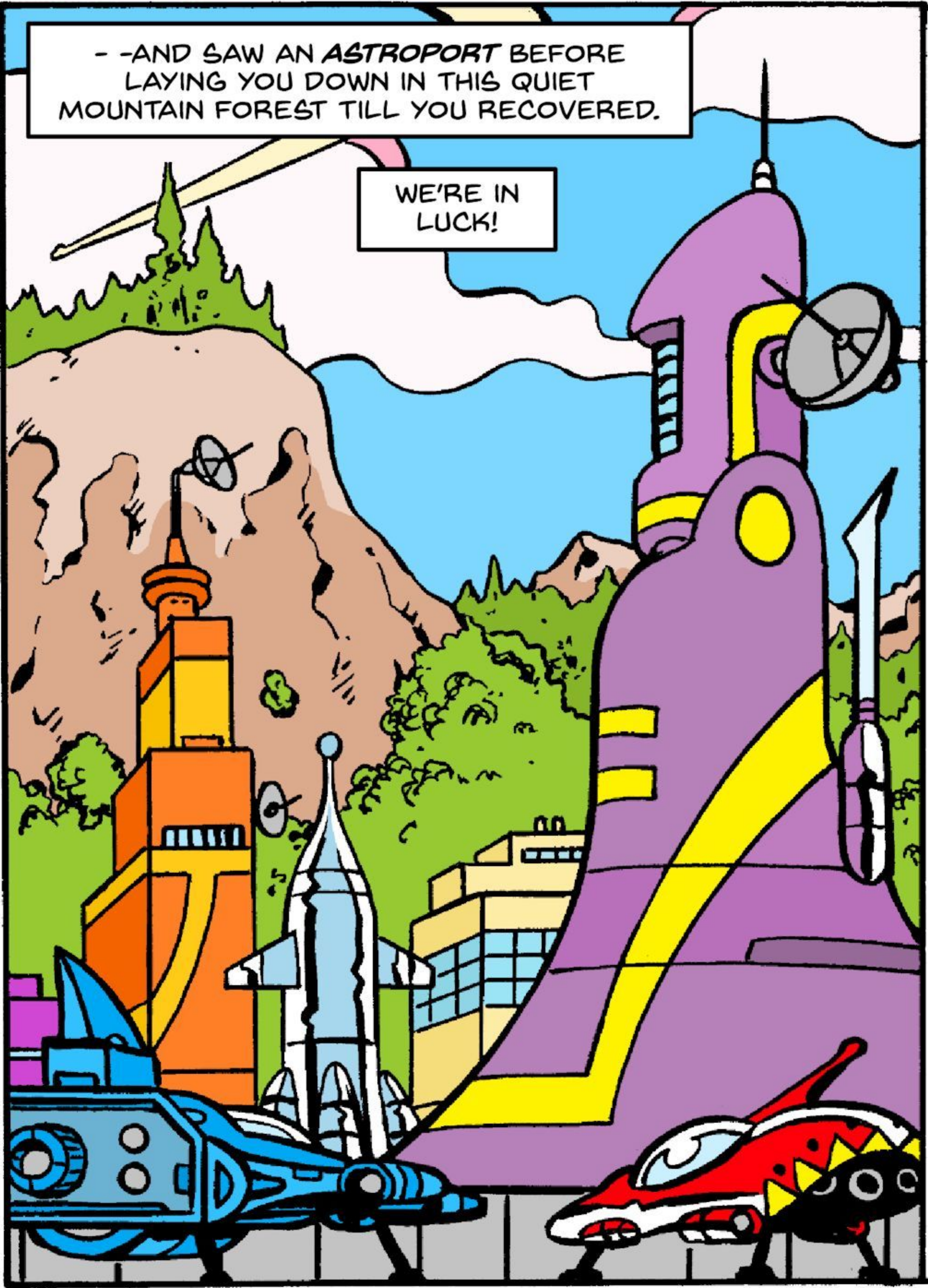
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BOGGLED MINDS



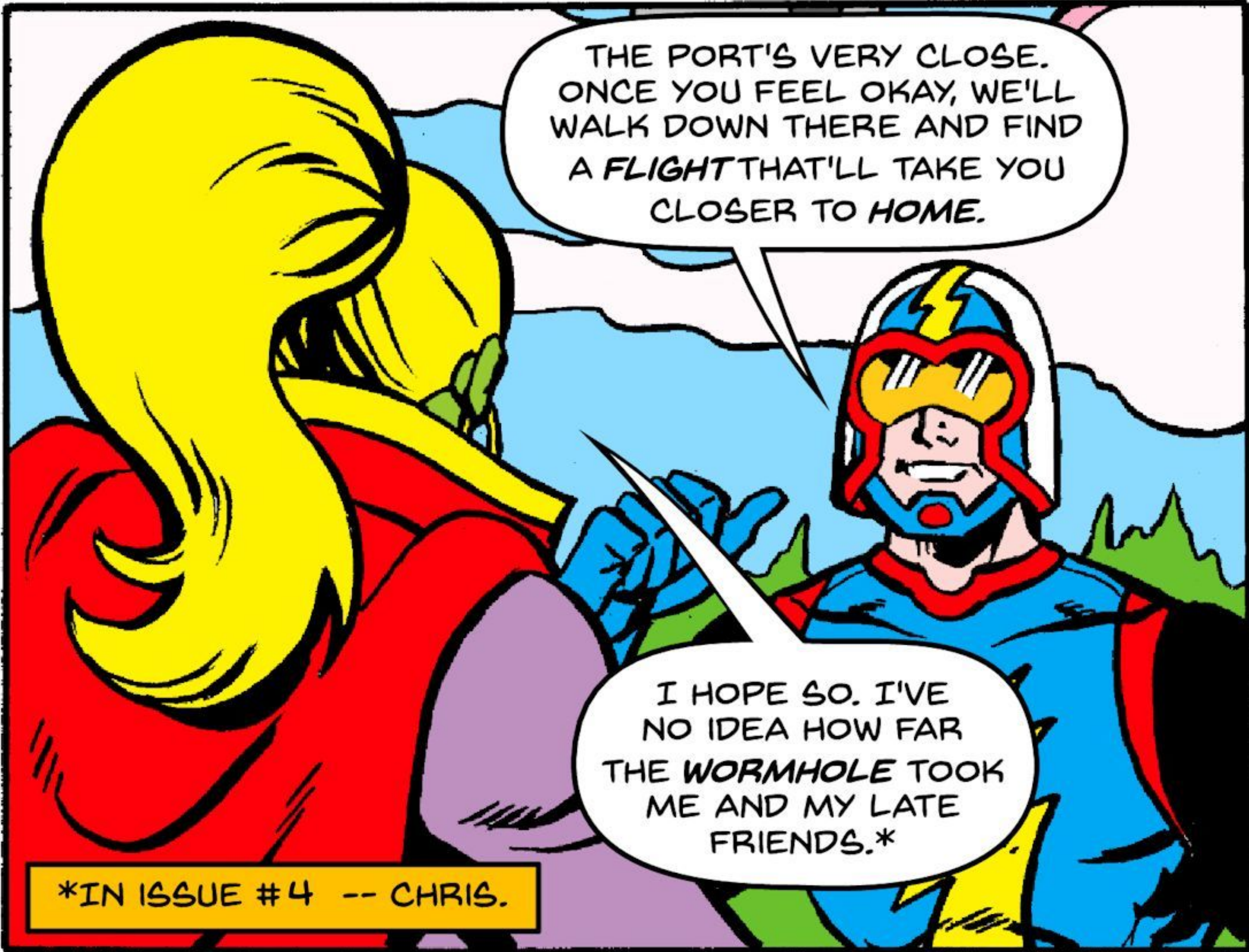


AS I ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE, I HAD TO SWERVE BETWEEN MORE SHIPS--



--AND SAW AN *ASTROPORT* BEFORE LAYING YOU DOWN IN THIS QUIET MOUNTAIN FOREST TILL YOU RECOVERED.

WE'RE IN LUCK!



THE PORT'S VERY CLOSE. ONCE YOU FEEL OKAY, WE'LL WALK DOWN THERE AND FIND A *FLIGHT* THAT'LL TAKE YOU CLOSER TO *HOME*.

I HOPE SO. I'VE NO IDEA HOW FAR THE *WORMHOLE* TOOK ME AND MY LATE FRIENDS.*

*IN ISSUE #4 -- CHRIS.



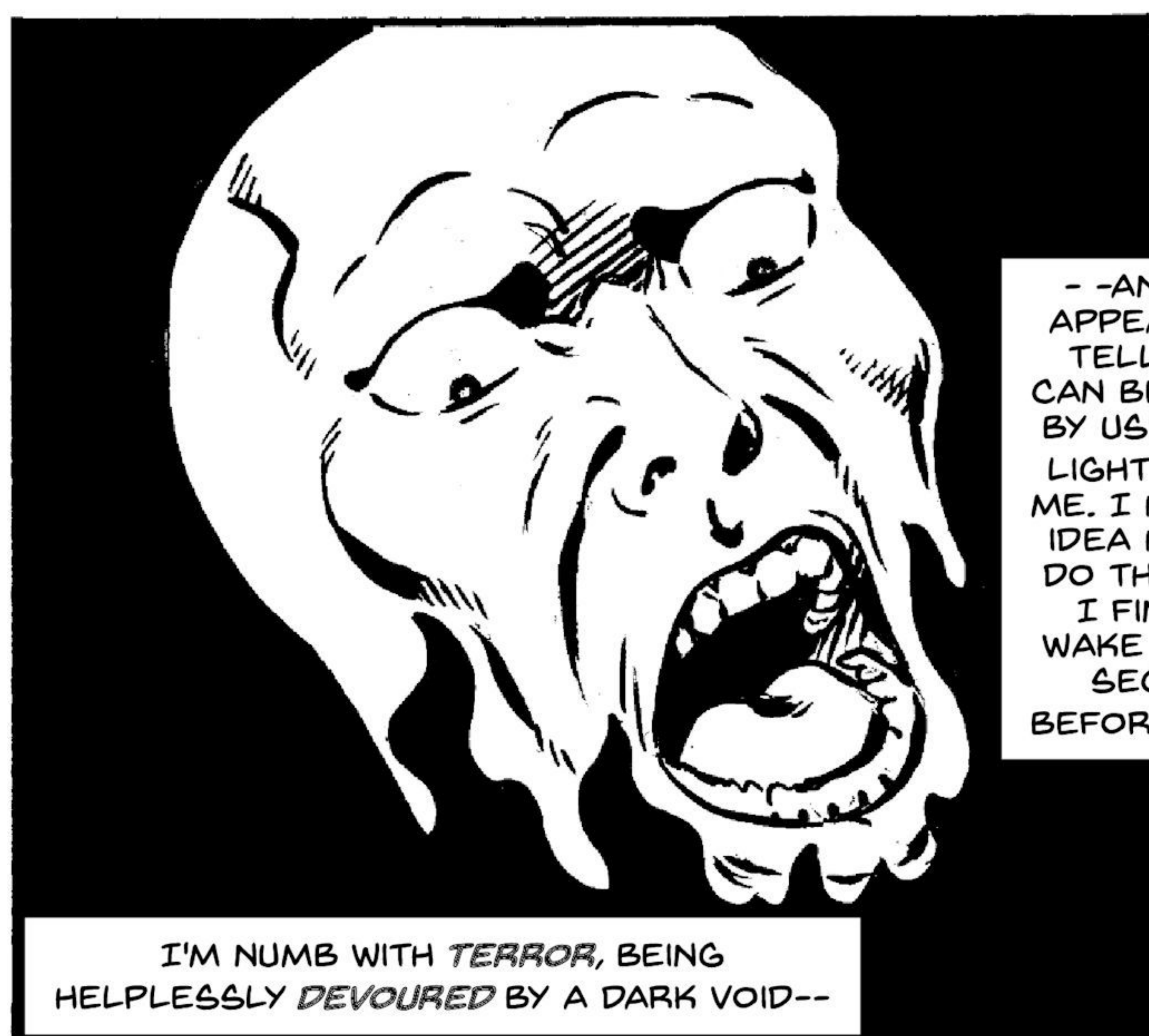
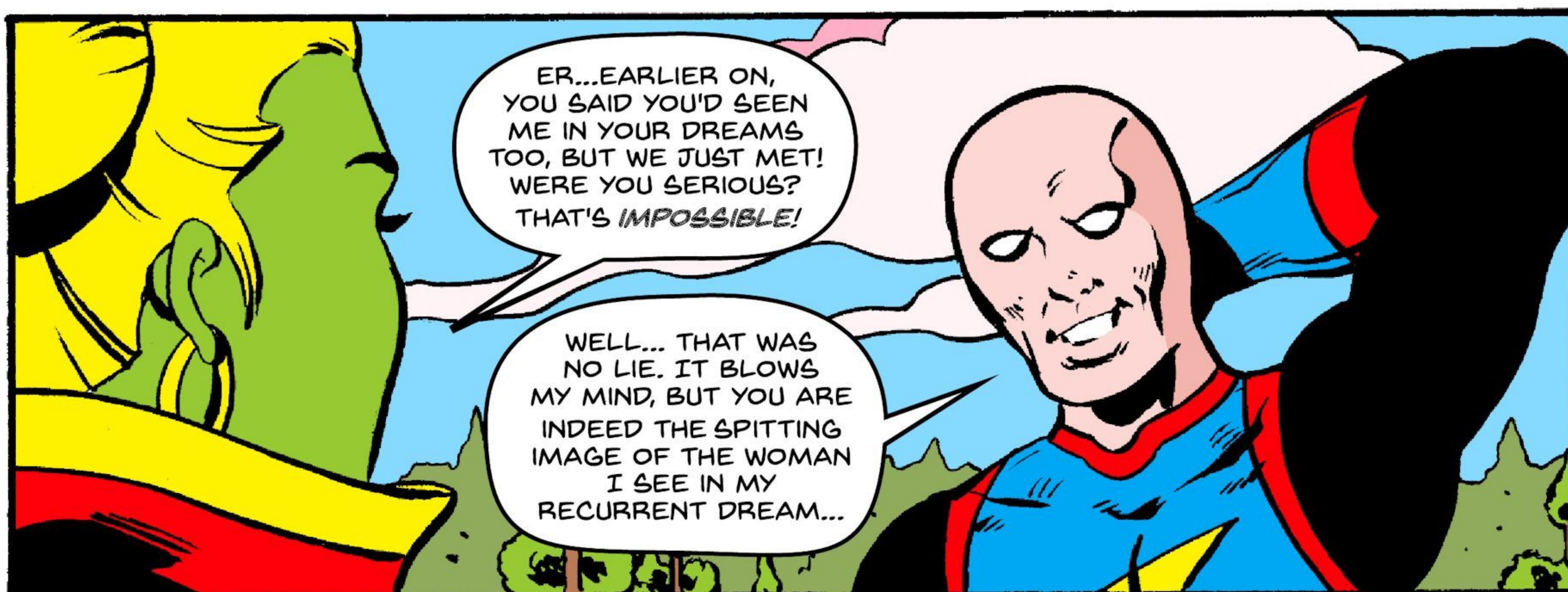
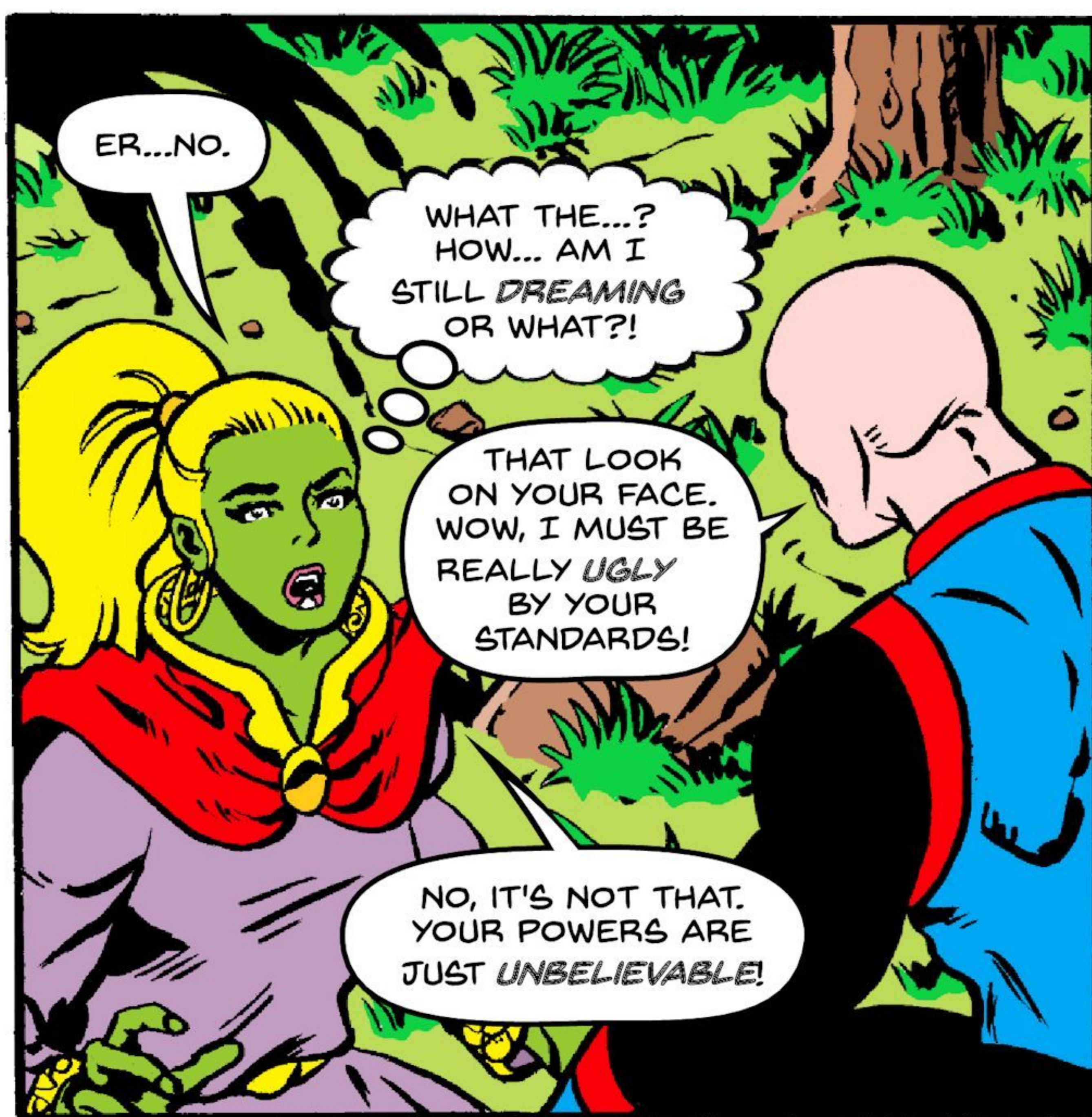
FUNNY. YOU WERE IN MY DREAM, BUT YOUR OUTFIT WAS DIFFERENT--

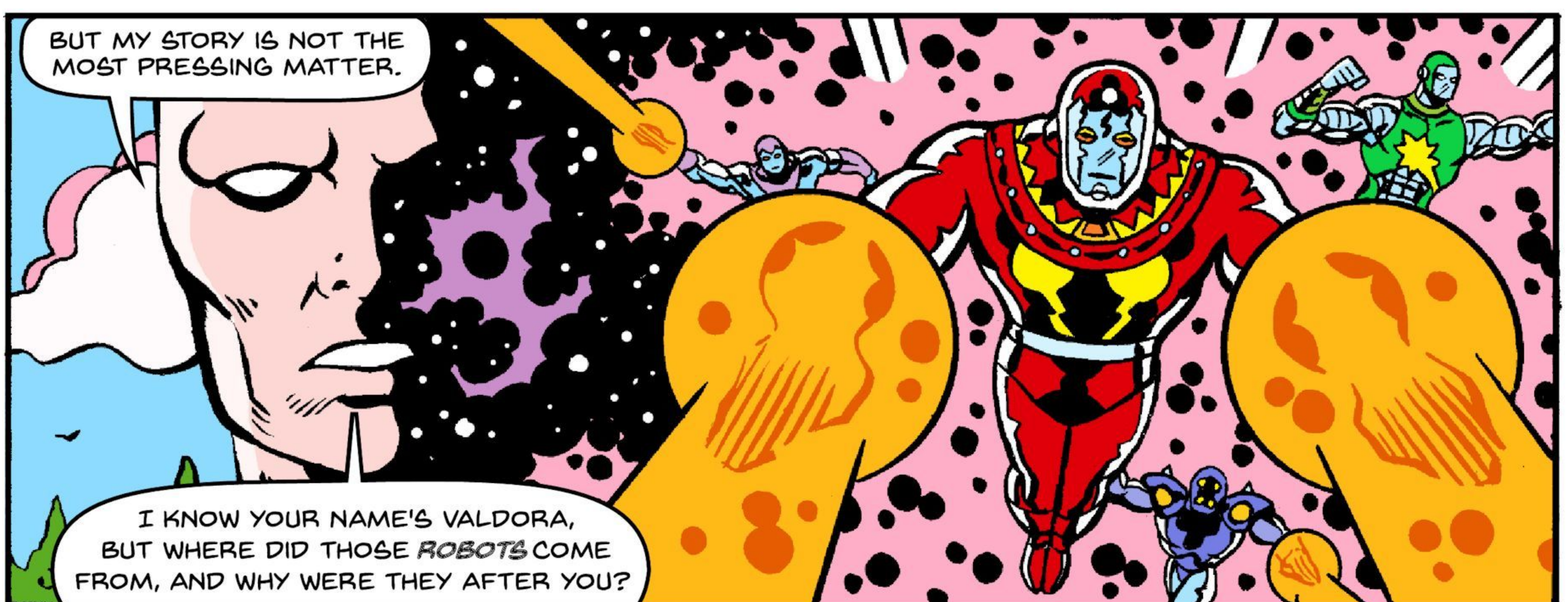
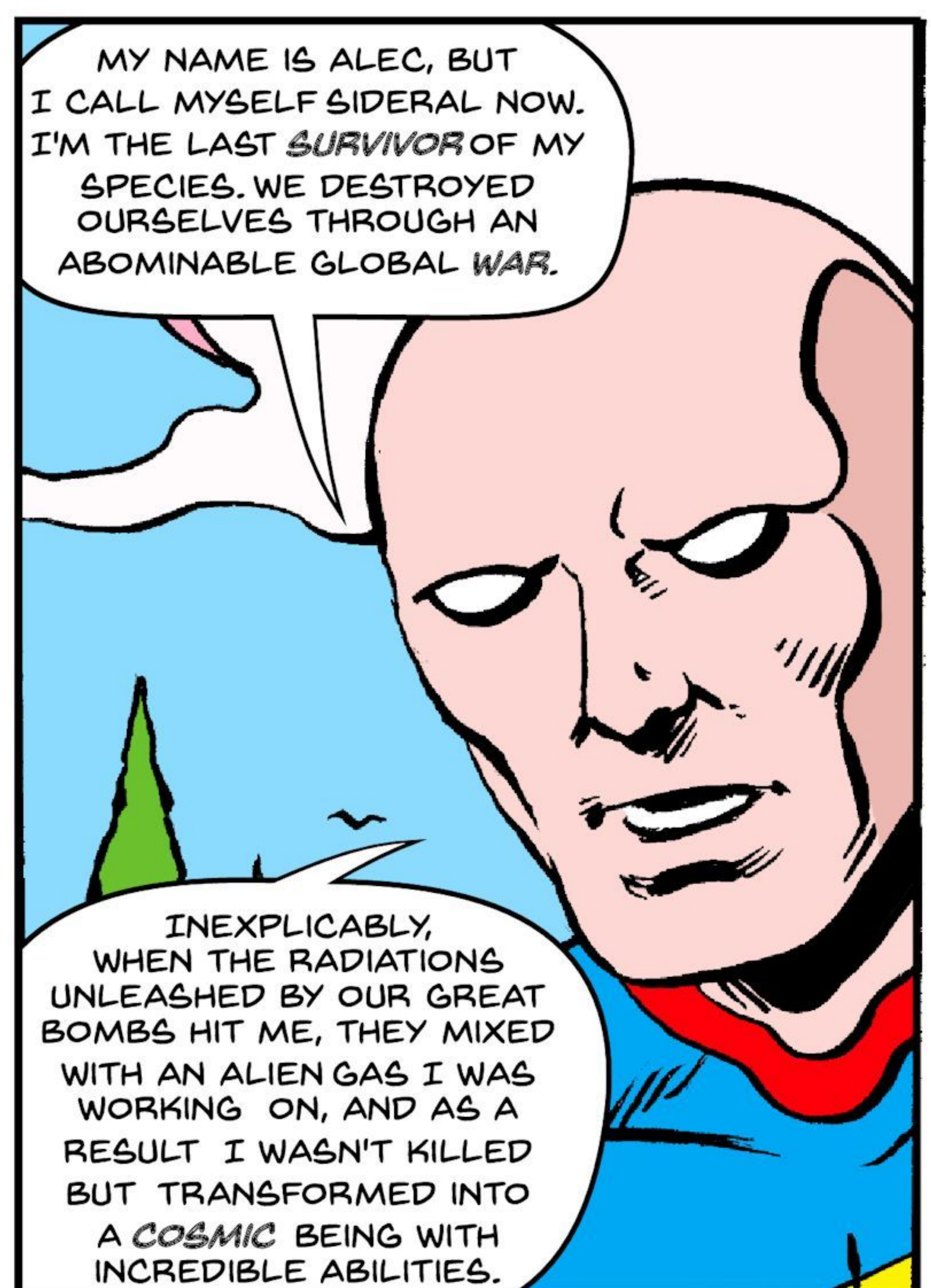
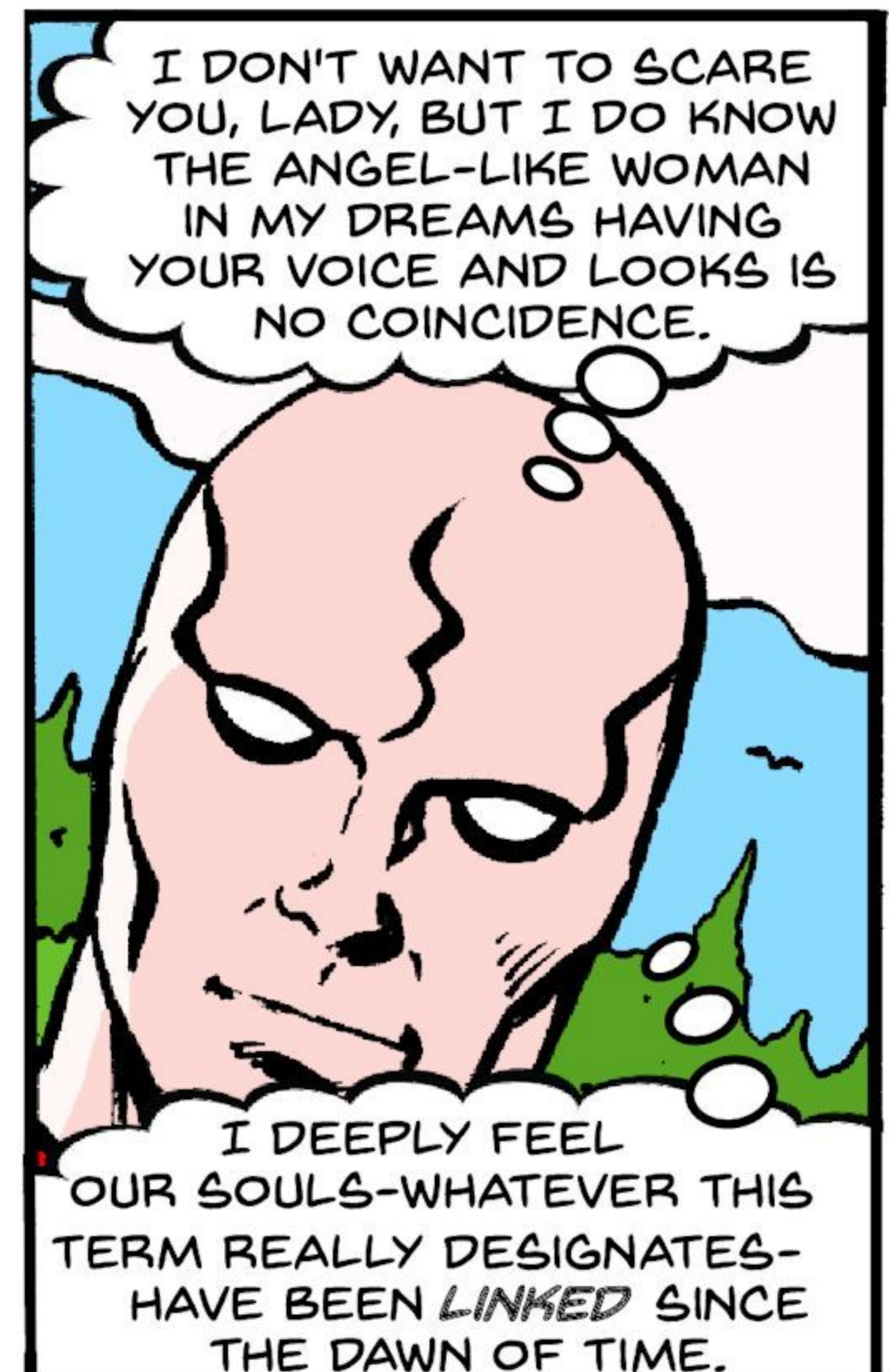
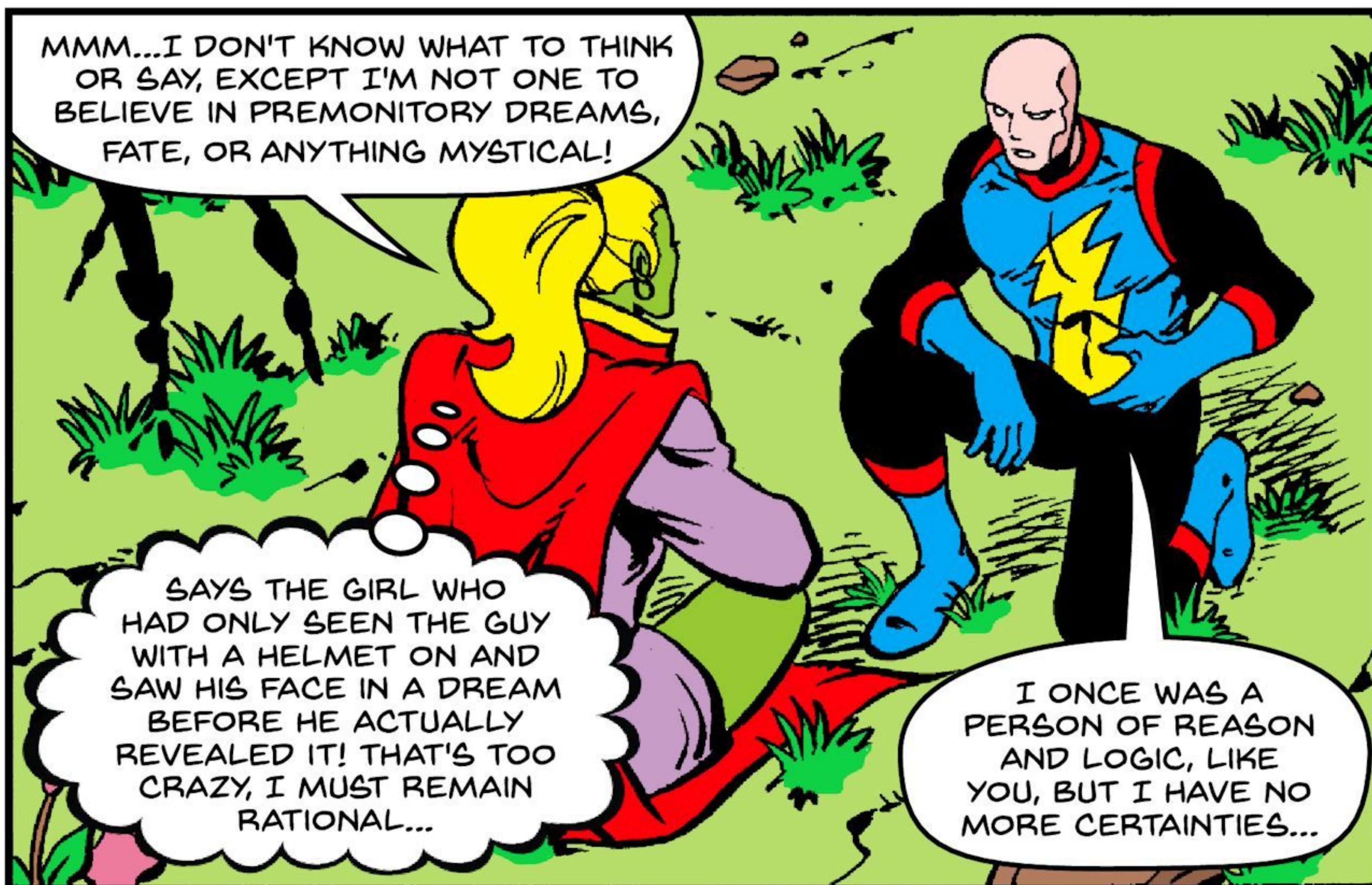
--AND YOU HAD NO HELMET ON!



WANT TO SEE MY FACE? HERE YOU GO!

DID THAT VERSION OF ME IN YOUR DREAM LOOK ANYTHING LIKE--







THE ORIGINS OF THE *IMMORTALISTS* ARE OBSCURE. WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT AT ONE POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE PLANET WHERE THEY WERE BUILT, THEY BEGAN TO *REPLACE* EVERYTHING *NATURAL* WITH *METAL*.

Chapter
Three

THE DEADLY TRAIL OF THE IMMORTALISTS

ALL THINGS *BIOLOGICAL* AND *MINERAL* BEING BOUND TO *DISAPPEAR* IN TIME, THEY HAD TO BE *DESTROYED* SO THAT AN *ETERNAL* SELF-REPAIRING MECHANICAL SYSTEM COULD TAKE THEIR PLACE.

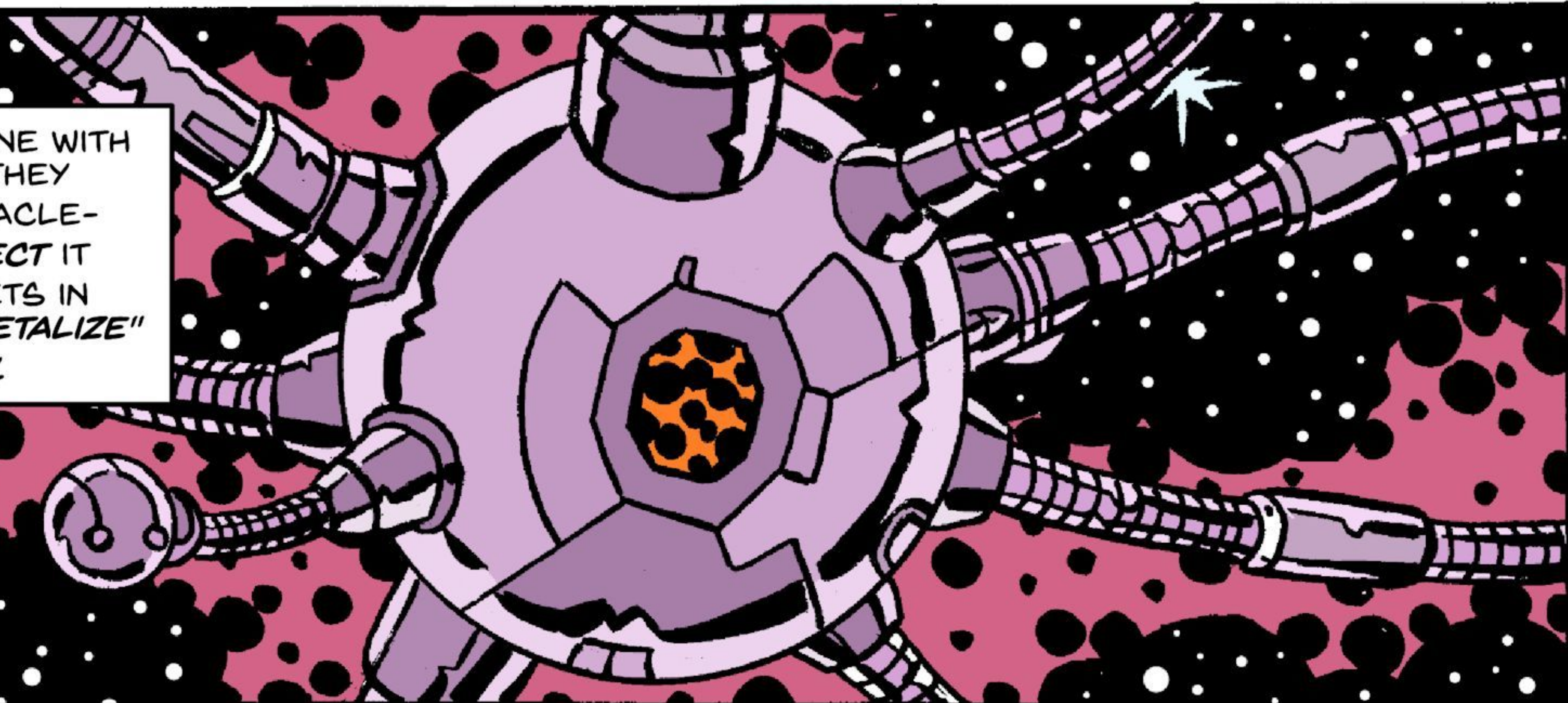


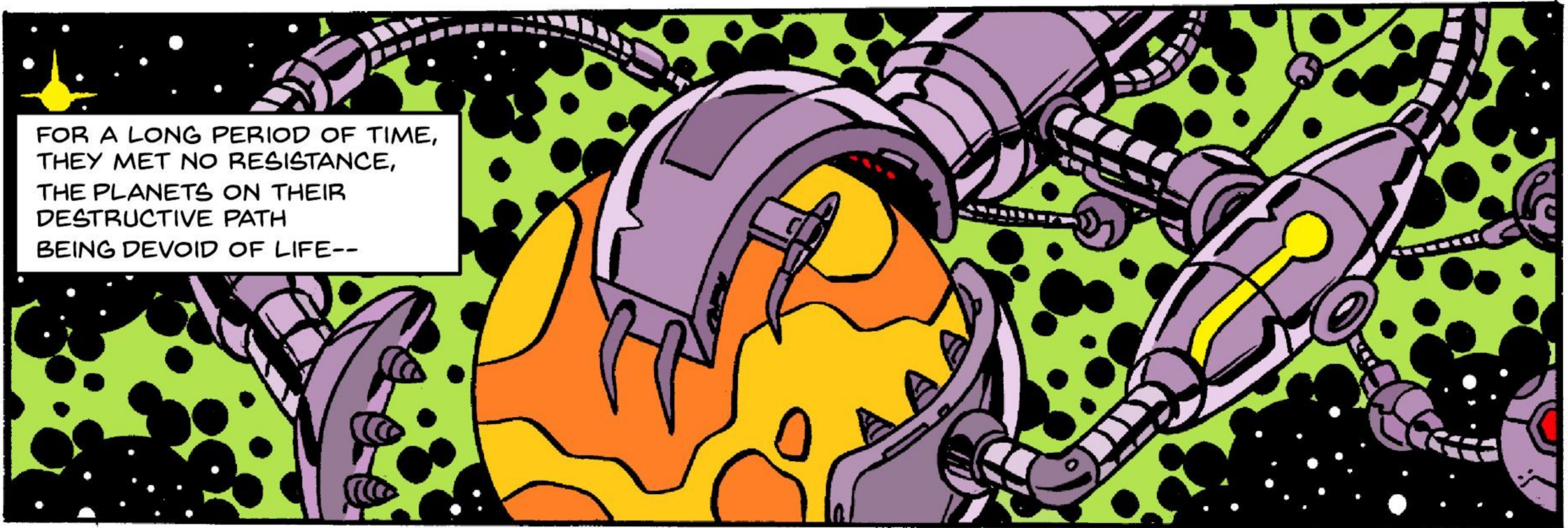
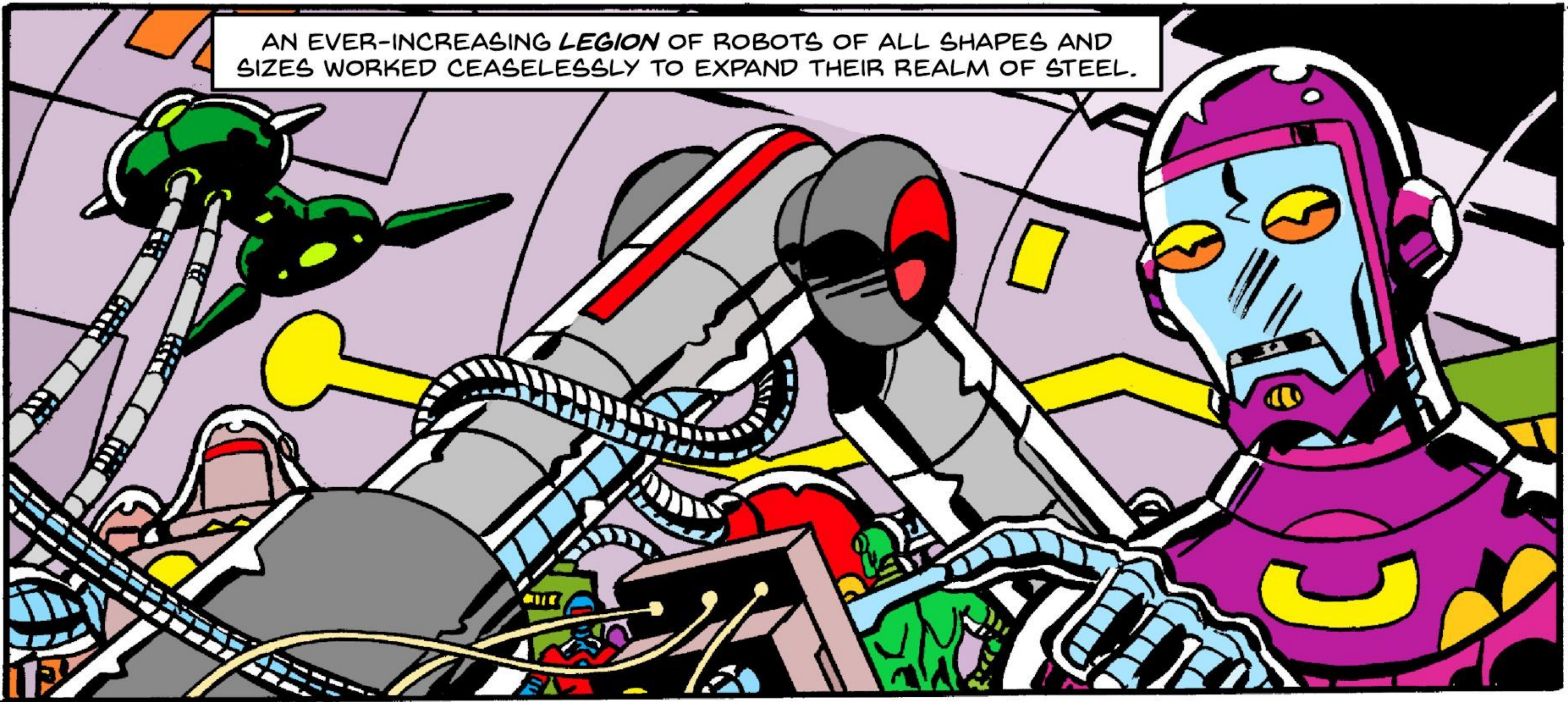
WE DON'T KNOW WHO BUILT THOSE ROBOTS, AND IF THIS CRAZY OBJECTIVE WAS PROGRAMMED INTO THEM BY THEIR MYSTERIOUS CREATORS--

--BUT THIS METALLIC ARMY HAS BEEN *ERADICATING* LIFE AND INORGANIC MATTER, THUS DEALING *DEATH* IN THE NAME OF *IMMORTALITY*. THIS MAKES NO SENSE, DOES IT?



WHEN THEY WERE DONE WITH THEIR HOMEWORLD, THEY BUILT GIGANTIC TENTACLE-LIKE PIPES TO *CONNECT* IT TO THE OTHER PLANETS IN THE VICINITY AND "*METALIZE*" THEM THE SAME WAY.





THIS INTERCONNECTED NETWORK OF DEAD PLANETS KEPT SPREADING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE LIKE A LETHAL *DISEASE* THROUGH A BODY.

THEN THE ROBOTS BEGAN TO FILL THE EMPTINESS BETWEEN THE ELEMENTS OF THAT NETWORK BY ENCASING THEM INTO A HUGE STRUCTURE THAT GROWS BIGGER EVERY DAY. WE ASSUME IT'S MEANT TO PROTECT THEIR *CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE*. IT'D INDEED BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A TRACE OF THEIR PLANET OF ORIGIN INSIDE IT.

THEY KNEW THEY'D MEET REAL OPPOSITION FROM *SPACE-AGE* CIVILIZATIONS ONE DAY.

THEY CRUSHED THE ARMIES OF SOME ISOLATED PLANETS, BUT THEIR ADVANCE HAS SLOWED DOWN SINCE THEY WERE NOTICED BY THE TELESCOPES OF AN *INTERGALACTIC FEDERATION* THAT FORMED A GREAT ARMY TO FIGHT THEM.

THEIR SPACESHIPS HAVE DEVASTATING POWER, AS YOU SAW, BUT OUR FEDERATION HAS A POWERFUL ARMY, TOO. WE WERE ABLE TO CONTAIN THE ENEMY OUTSIDE OUR TERRITORY UNTIL THEY RESORTED TO *CORRUPTION* TO GAIN GROUND.

THOSE METALLIC FREAKS PROMISED IMMORTALITY TO OUR FIGHTERS IF THEY JOINED THEM! EACH OF THEIR ACTS OF WAR AGAINST US WOULD BE REWARDED WITH CYBERNETIC IMPLANTS, AND THEY'D THUS GRADUALLY BECOME MACHINES.

THEIR CONSCIOUS EGOS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE DIGITIZED, AND ONCE THEIR BODIES WERE STRIPPED OF EVERYTHING ORGANIC, THOSE TRAITORS WOULD LIVE FOREVER, WITH THEIR MECHANICAL PARTS BEING REGULARLY RENEWED, LIKE ALL THEIR BOT MASTERS.

THE CAPTAIN ON THE SHIP THAT WAS AFTER ME WAS MY ACCURSED COUSIN, WHOSE TREASON LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR PLANET!

WOW...I'M SORRY TO HEAR THIS. I GATHER YOU'RE A MAJOR FIGURE OF YOUR ARMY? I SAW YOUR FIGHTING SKILLS AND YOUR SENSE OF LEADERSHIP.

I WAS AN ELITE PILOT IN THE ARMY BEFORE I RESIGNED FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

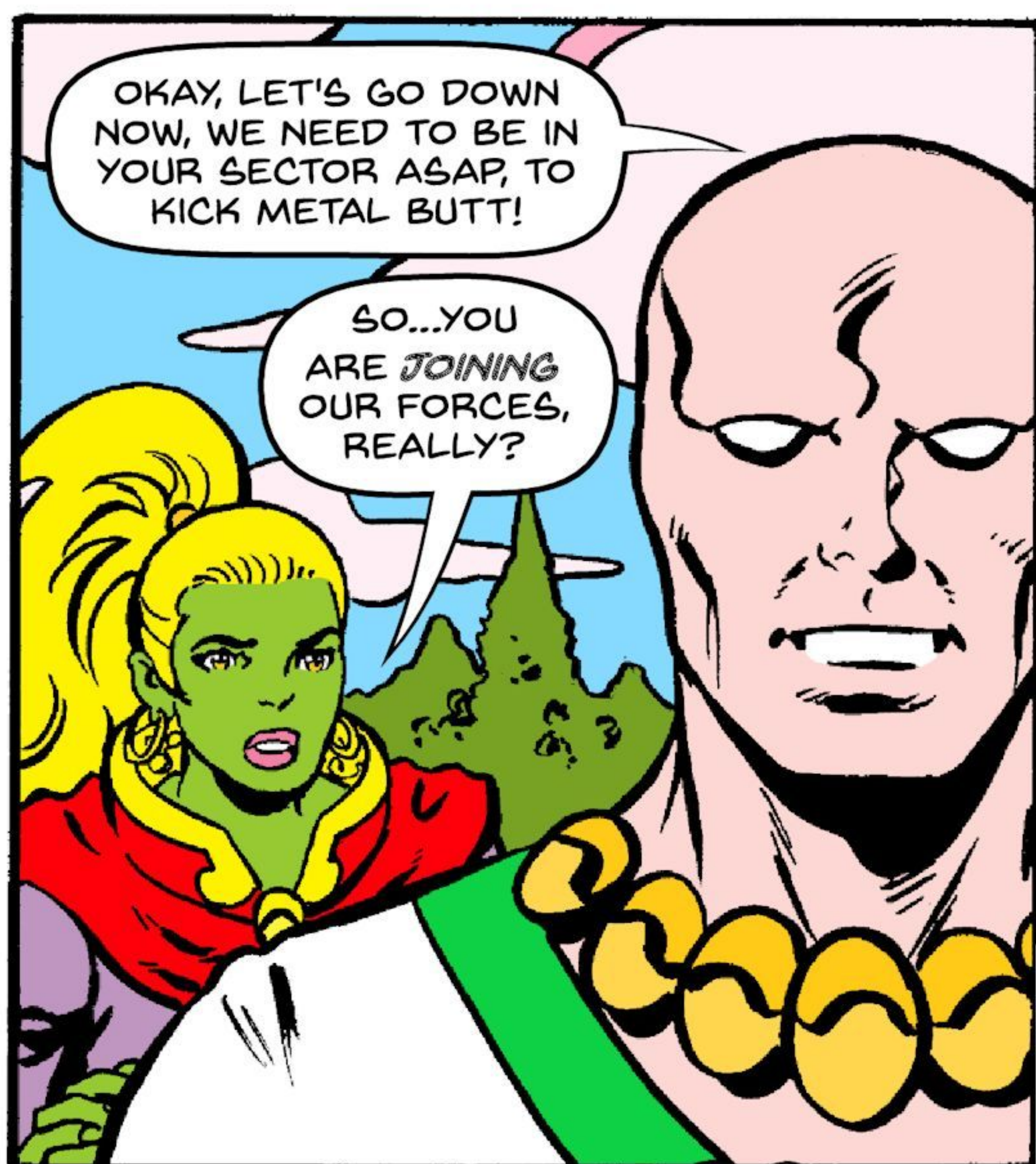
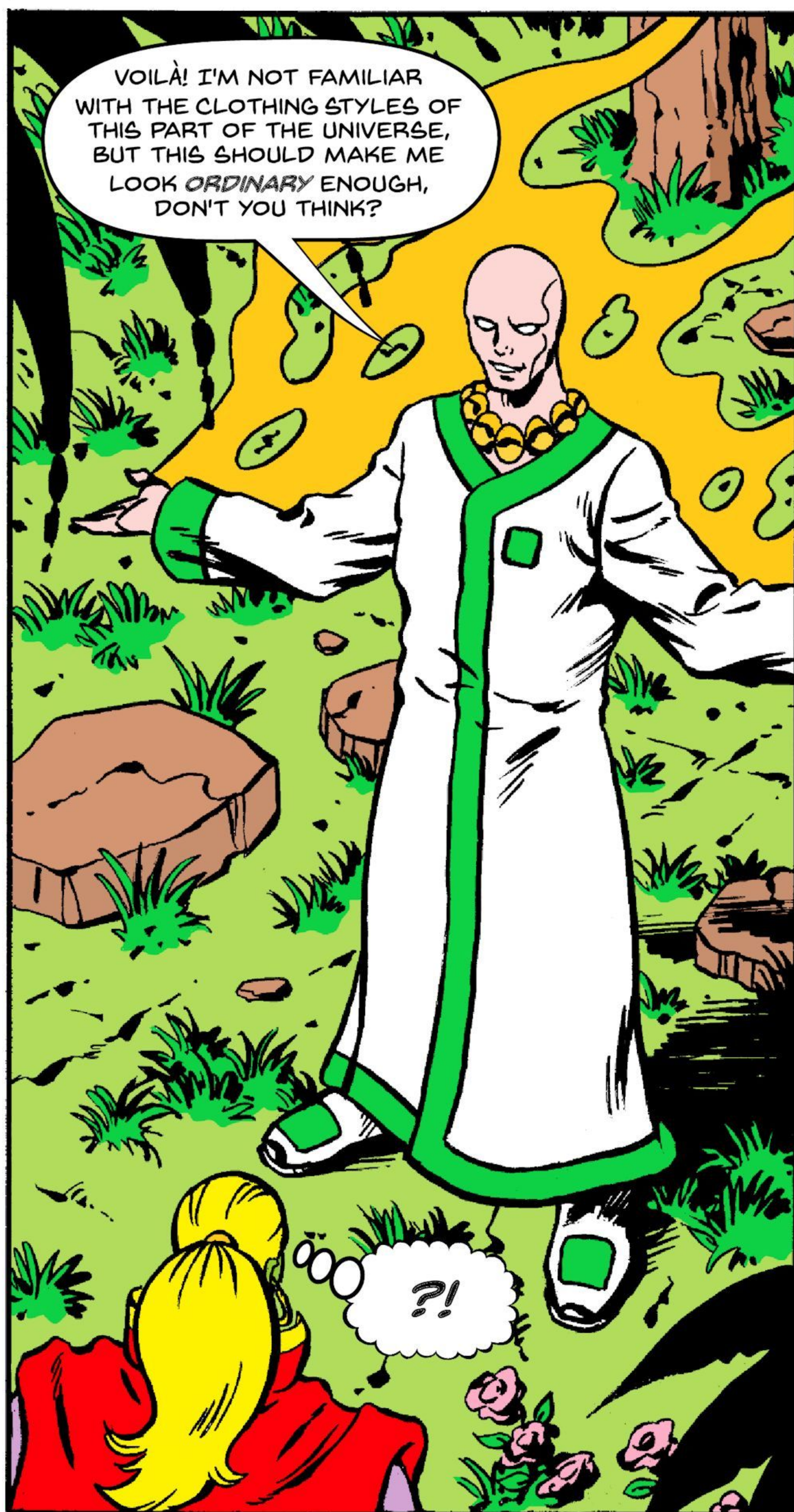
I BECAME A BOUNTY HUNTER WITH MY TWO FRIENDS, AND WHEN MY PLANET WAS DESTROYED, WE WENT TO WAR AS VOLUNTEERS. NOW THAT THE RISK OF TREASON WAS HIGH, EVERYBODY WILLING TO FIGHT WAS WELCOME TO DO SO.

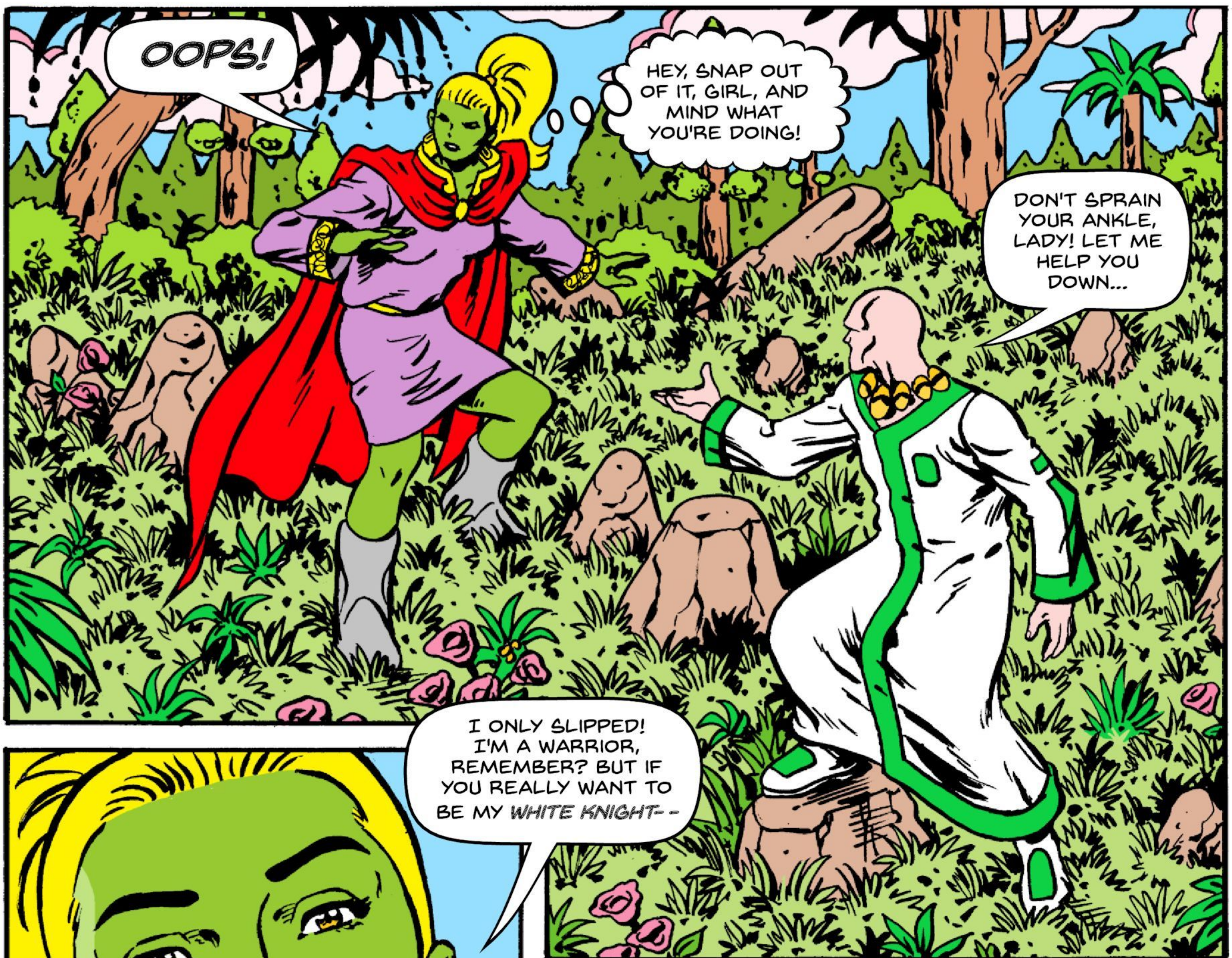
I'LL TELL YOU MORE ON OUR WAY. I'M OKAY NOW AND IT'S TIME TO GO!

I HOPE WE'RE NOT AT THE OTHER END OF THE UNIVERSE AND MY CREDITS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

DON'T WORRY. IF THEY AREN'T, I'M SURE MY COSMIC POWER CAN TURN A STONE INTO THE PUREST JEWEL!

MMM...I GUESS I SHOULD WEAR SOMETHING LESS CONSPICUOUS. WAIT A SECOND...





NEXT:
THE END!



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