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IT ALL BEGINS WITH A QUESTION.
A QUESTION SO SIMPLE THAT IT
COULD CHANGE THE WORLD.



WHAT MAKES
MY HAND...
BE MY HAND?



WHAT MOVES
WITHIN ME?
WHAT MAKES ME...
ME?





BY EXPLORING HIS OWN HAND, THE CHILD ENTERS A HIDDEN UNIVERSE. A SILENT DANCE, WHERE EACH PART PLAYS ITS ROLE, WHERE EVERY MOVEMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE WHOLE.

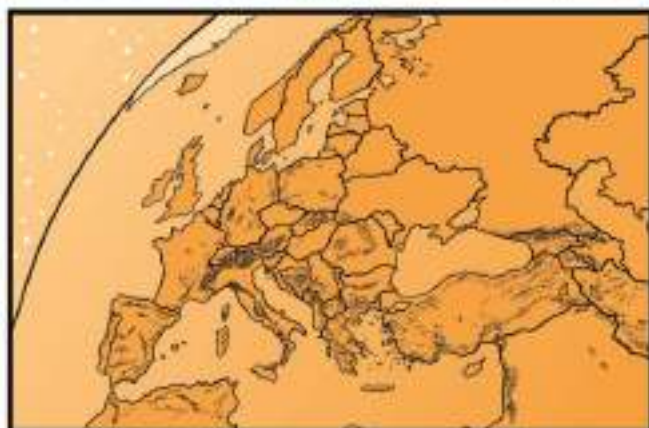


IS THIS ALIVE?
WHO ARE YOU?

WE ARE YOU,
AND YOU ARE US.
EVERY CELL MATTERS.
BUT TOGETHER,
WE FORM THE
WHOLE.

UNITY IS THE CONDITION FOR LIFE. IT IS WHAT ALLOWS THE INFINITELY SMALL TO BECOME A BODY, A HAND, A BEING.

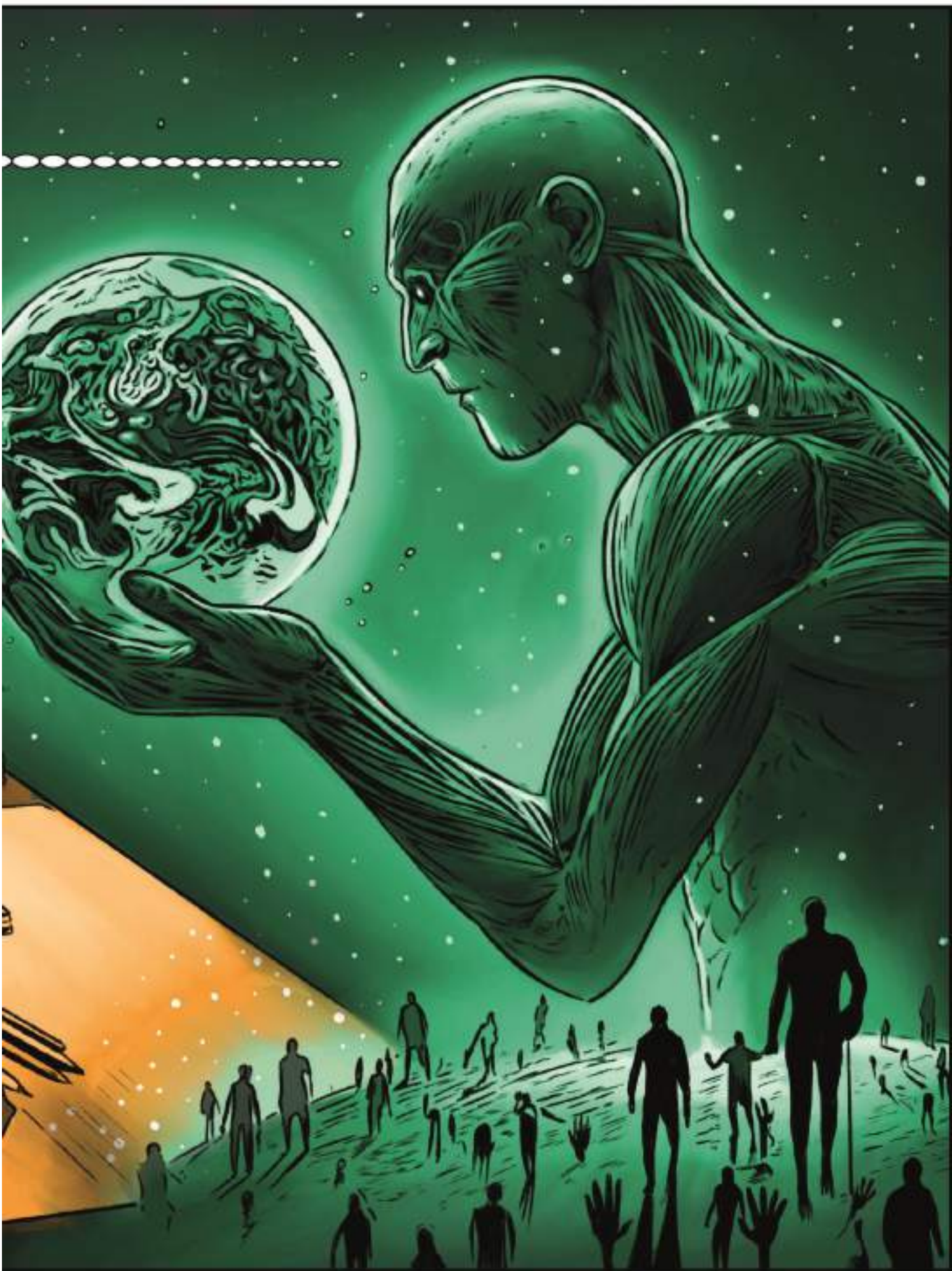
BUT WHAT IS TRUE IN THE INFINITELY SMALL IS ALSO TRUE IN THE INFINITELY LARGE. COSMIC LIFE OBEYS THE SAME LAWS: UNITY ENABLES HARMONY, DIVISION CAUSES CHAOS.



WHETHER SMALL OR LARGE, EVERY WORLD RESTS ON THE SAME TRUTH: ONLY WHAT IS UNITED CAN GROW, EVOLVE, AND LIVE IN HARMONY.

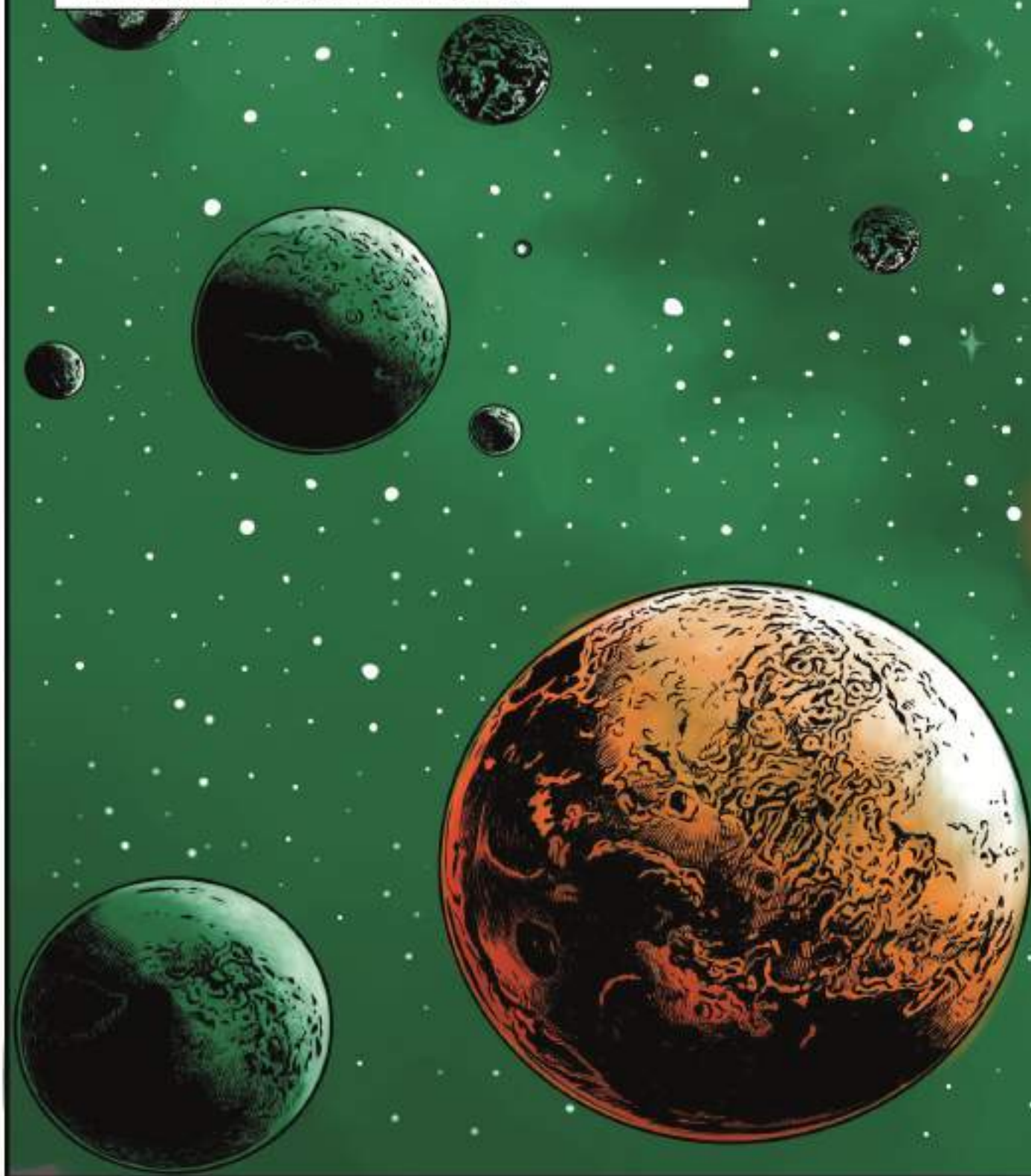
UNITY IS NOT A STATE. IT IS A CHOICE. THE CHOICE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NEVER ALONE. THE CHOICE TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED.

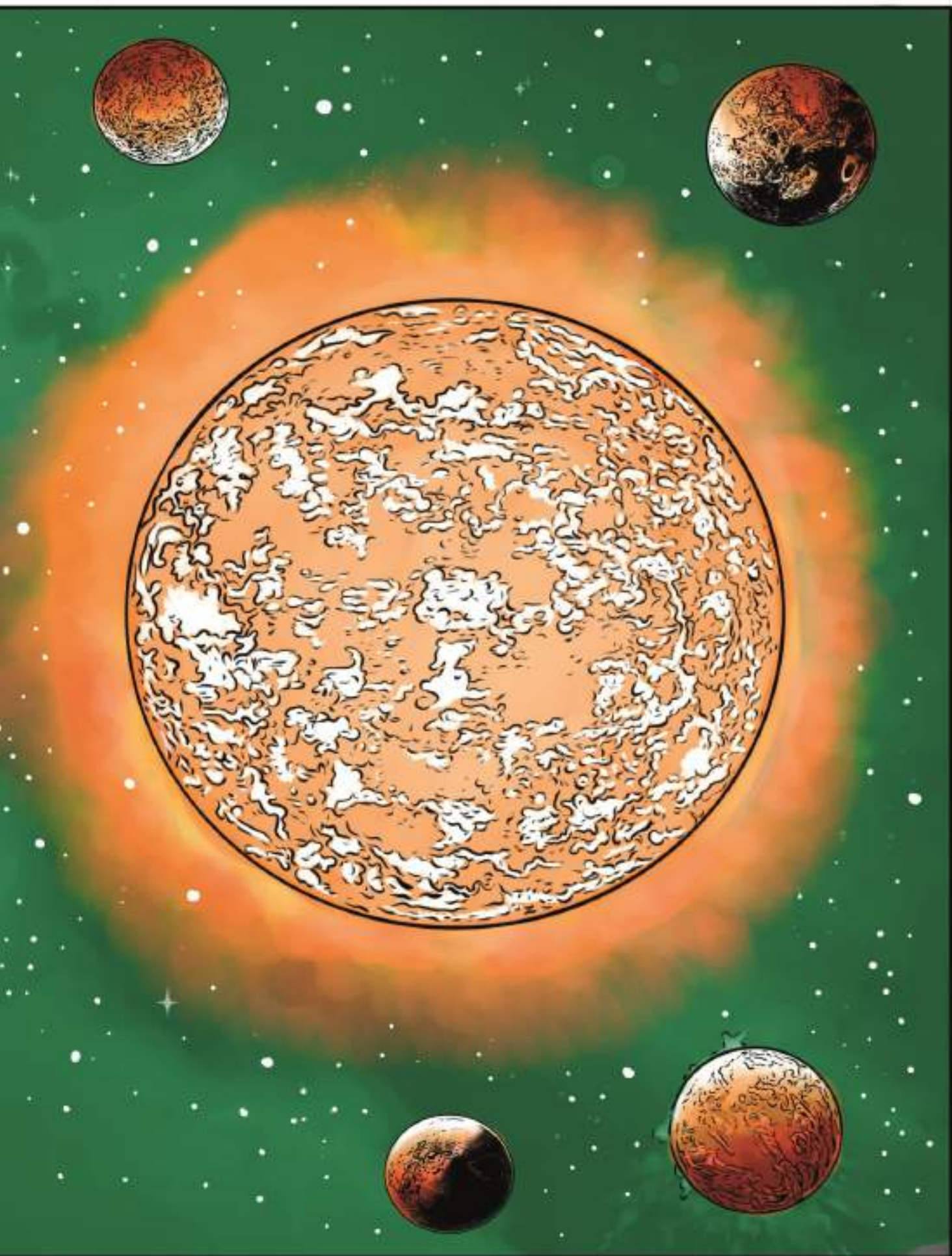




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ONCE UPON A TIME, TWO MILLION YEARS AGO, AN AWAKENED WAS GUIDED BY A UNIVERSAL TRUTH: THE STARS, THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE, FOLLOW AN INEVITABLE CYCLE. A CYCLE OF LIGHT... AND DESTRUCTION. BUT ALSO, A CYCLE OF HOPE, FOR THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO LISTEN TO THE STARS.





WISE IN THIS KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAD GIVEN THEMSELVES A UNIQUE MISSION: TO PRESERVE NATURE IN ITS MOST EVOLVED FORM.



THIS MISSION WAS MORE THAN A DUTY: IT WAS THEIR REASON FOR BEING.



EVERY STAR WE FOLLOW, EVERY PLANET WE INHABIT, IS A CHAPTER IN THE STORY OF LIFE. WE ARE BUT BEARERS OF LIGHT. REMEMBER: OUR MISSION NEVER ENDS!



ON EVERY PLANET, EVERY BEING FOUND ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE. TOGETHER, THEY FORMED A LIVING MOSAIC, WHERE DIVERSITY WAS THEIR STRENGTH AND UNITY THEIR GUIDE. ALL WORKED TOWARD A COMMON VISION: TO LIVE IN SYMBIOSIS WITH THEIR PLANET, IN A HARMONY SO PURE IT SEEMED TIMELESS.



THE MOUNTAINS TEEMED WITH CRAFTSMEN AND ENGINEERS WHO USED RESOURCES RESPECTFULLY.



THE FERTILE PLAINS SHELTERED FARMERS WHO LIVED IN HARMONY WITH THE LAND.



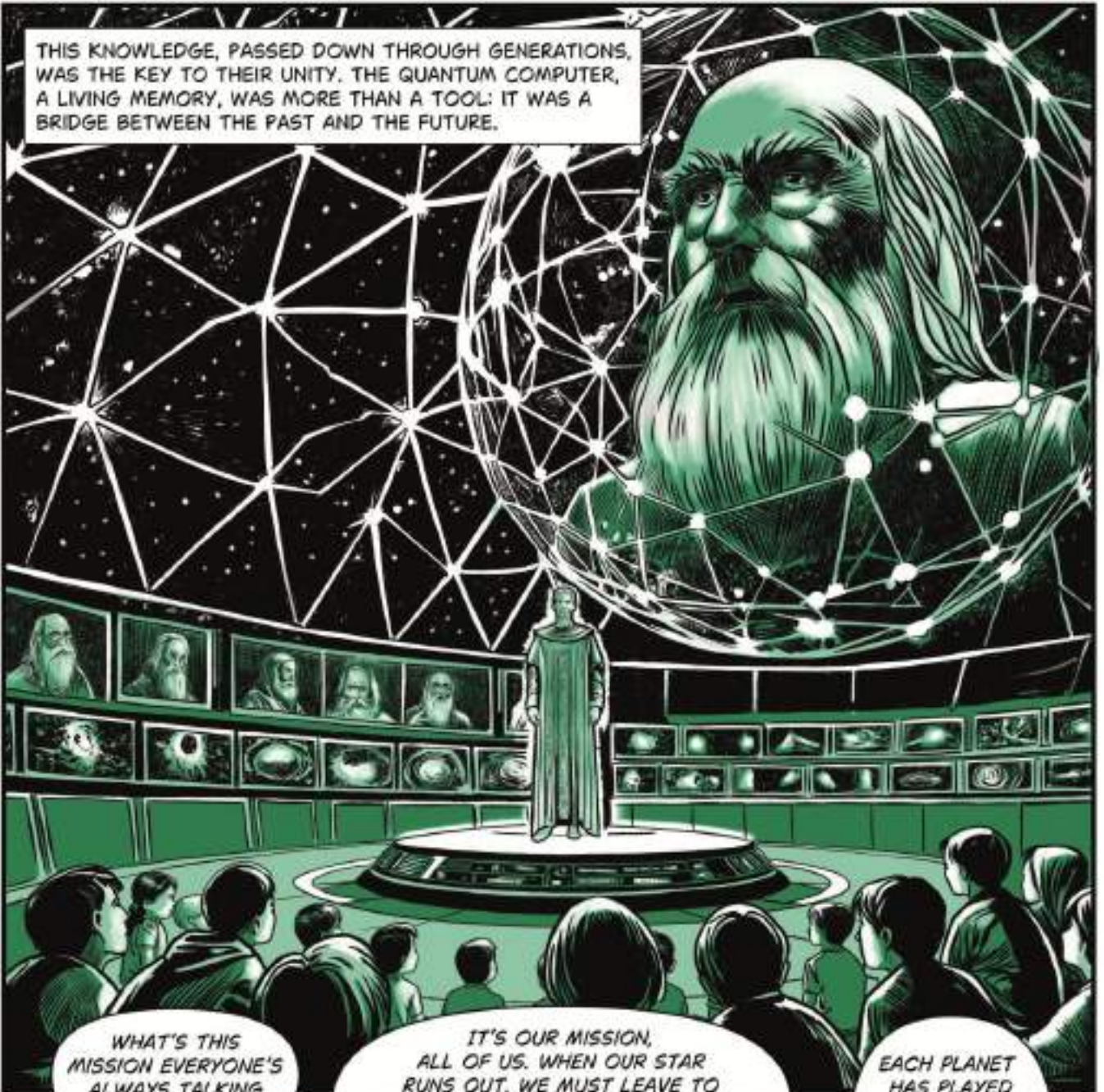
THE PEACEFUL VALLEYS WELCOMED RESEARCHERS WHO SHARED THEIR DISCOVERIES FREELY.



AT THE WILD FRONTIERS, GUARDIANS WATCHED OVER THE FORESTS, THE OCEANS, AND THE SKIES.



THIS KNOWLEDGE, PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS, WAS THE KEY TO THEIR UNITY. THE QUANTUM COMPUTER, A LIVING MEMORY, WAS MORE THAN A TOOL: IT WAS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.



WHAT'S THIS MISSION EVERYONE'S ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT?

IT'S OUR MISSION, ALL OF US. WHEN OUR STAR RUNS OUT, WE MUST LEAVE TO FIND A NEW HOME. WHAT WE DO TODAY WILL ECHO THROUGH THE STARS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

EACH PLANET HAS PLAYED ITS PART. EVERY RESOURCE USED WITH CARE HAS ALLOWED US TO PREPARE FOR THIS.



UNITED BY A COMMON MISSION, THEY FOLLOWED THE LIGHT OF THE STARS. FOR BEYOND THEIR SYSTEM, OTHER STARS AWAITED TO BE HONORED, AND OTHER LIVES, PRESERVED.

THE STAR GIVES US LIFE, BUT IT ALSO ASKS US TO LEAVE. IT IS NOT AN END, BUT A NEW BEGINNING.

THEN IT IS OUR DUTY, WITH PATIENCE AND LOVE, TO REMIND THEM THAT THEY ARE PART OF THAT LIGHT. FOR ALONE, THEY CAN NEVER SHINE.

AND WHAT IF SOMEONE REFUSES TO FOLLOW THE LIGHT?

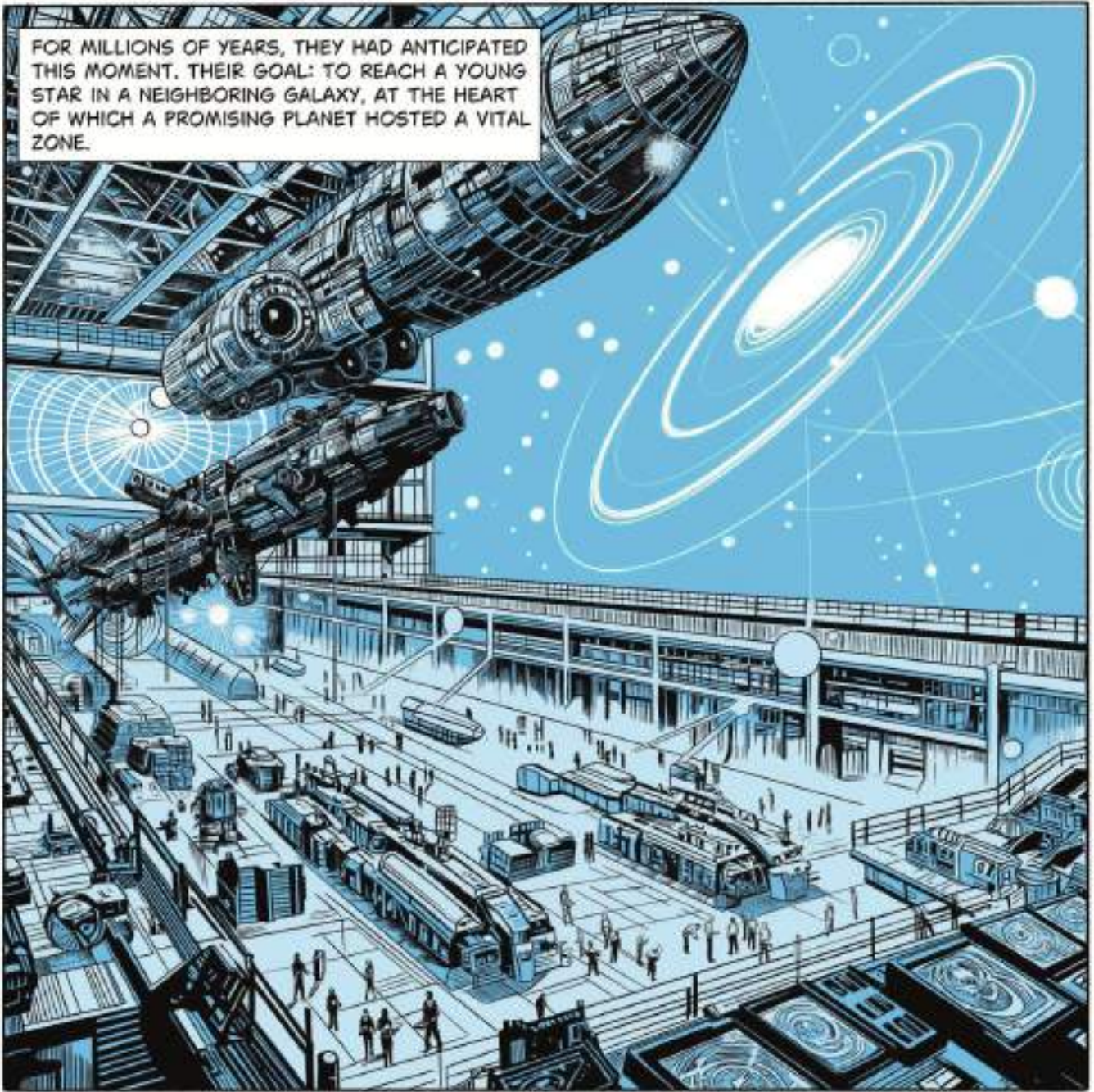
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THE GREAT CYCLE OF THEIR SOLAR SYSTEM WAS COMING TO AN END. THEIR STAR, IN ITS FINAL BURST, HAD ALREADY DEVoured FOUR PLANETS. THEY WERE AT THE LAST STAGE OF THEIR JOURNEY THROUGH THIS SYSTEM, AND TIME WAS RUNNING OUT.





FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS, THEY HAD ANTICIPATED THIS MOMENT. THEIR GOAL: TO REACH A YOUNG STAR IN A NEIGHBORING GALAXY, AT THE HEART OF WHICH A PROMISING PLANET HOSTED A VITAL ZONE.




THE SURVEY SHIPS HAD, FOR MILLENNIA,
SOWN EVOLVED NATURE ON THIS NEW
PLANET.



THE PIONEERS ALREADY LIVED THERE, READY
TO WELCOME THE REST OF THEIR CIVILIZATION.






THE TIME HAD COME. THEY WERE PREPARING FOR THEIR GREATEST LEAP: A JOURNEY BEYOND THEIR GALAXY, TOWARD A NEW CHANCE TO PRESERVE EVOLVED NATURE



WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE CYCLE OF THE STARS THROUGH TIME. TODAY, WE TAKE A STEP BEYOND ALL WE HAVE KNOWN. TOGETHER, WE WILL CARRY LIFE INTO A NEW WORLD.



THE SHIPS ARE READY. THE CALCULATIONS ARE PRECISE. IT'S NOW OR NEVER.

THE SURVEY MODULES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT EVOLVED NATURE THRIVES ON THE TARGET PLANET.

THE INTERGALACTIC LEAP WAS NOT JUST A CROSSING. IT WAS A BREAK FROM EVERYTHING THEY KNEW, A JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNKNOWN WHERE THE LAW OF PHYSICS THEMSELVES SEEMED TO BEND.



COURSE STEADY. THE DISTORTION IS STABLE.

THE FORCES AT PLAY ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING WE'VE EVER KNOWN. EVERY SECOND HERE EQUALS CENTURIES OVER THERE.


THEN WE BEAR THE WEIGHT OF ETERNITY. OUR MISSION MUST SURVIVE THIS PASSAGE.




THROUGH THE PORTHOLES, THE COSMOS TOLD ITS STORY. EVERY STAR, EVERY NEBULA, WAS A REMINDER OF THE UNIVERSAL HARMONY THEY SOUGHT TO PRESERVE.

WE ARE SO SMALL, AND YET WE CARRY SUCH A GREAT MISSION. AND IF WE FAIL... WHAT WILL REMAIN OF US IN THIS OCEAN OF STARS?





THE PATH WAS NOT WITHOUT DANGER. UNPREDICTABLE AND RELENTLESS COSMIC FORCES TESTED THEIR UNITY AND DETERMINATION.



THE GRAVITATIONAL VORTEX IS STRENGTHENING. WE NEED TO ADJUST THE SHIELDS IMMEDIATELY.

NO SHIP MUST BE LEFT BEHIND. WE MUST STAY UNITED.



SHIELDS ADJUSTED. PREPARE FOR THE CROSSING!

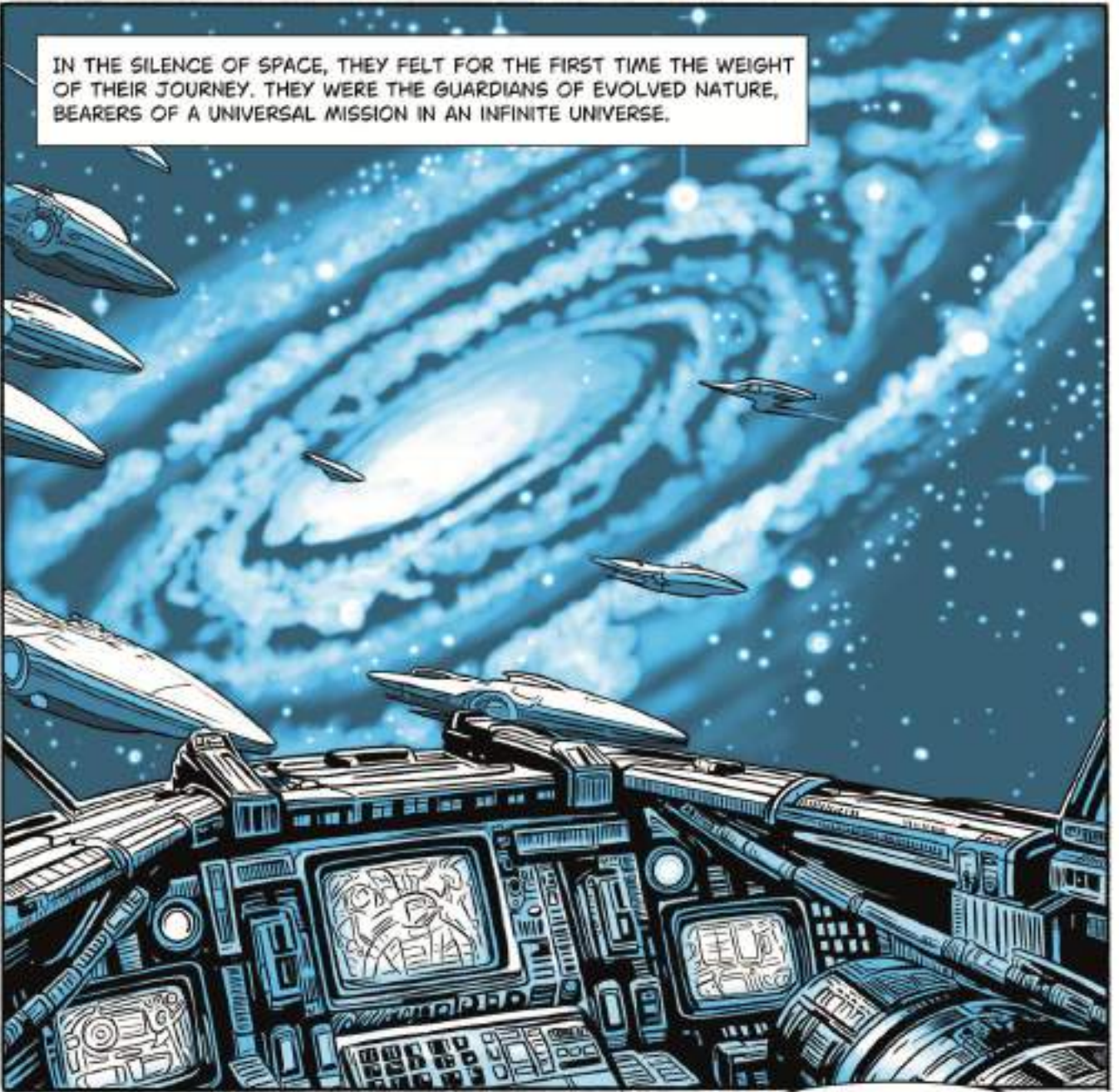
AT LAST, THEY CROSSED THE BORDER. THEIR OLD GALAXY, WITNESS TO THEIR BIRTH, BECAME A DISTANT MEMORY. BEFORE THEM, A NEW STAR SHONE, A PROMISE OF A BRIGHT FUTURE.



WE'VE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD. WHAT WE FIND THERE WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WE ARE HERE.



IN THE SILENCE OF SPACE, THEY FELT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE WEIGHT OF THEIR JOURNEY. THEY WERE THE GUARDIANS OF EVOLVED NATURE, BEARERS OF A UNIVERSAL MISSION IN AN INFINITE UNIVERSE.



WHAT WE PRESERVE HERE, WE PRESERVE FOR ALL. WE ARE BOTH WITNESSES AND ACTORS OF A UNIQUE MOMENT: THE LEAP BEYOND THE STARS.



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AFTER MILLENNIA OF PREPARATION AND CENTURIES OF TRAVEL, THEY REACHED THEIR NEW HOME. A YOUNG STAR, FULL OF PROMISE, ILLUMINATED EIGHT WORLDS. BUT ONLY ONE POSSESSED EVERYTHING THEY SOUGHT: A STABLE ATMOSPHERE, ABUNDANT WATER, AND FERTILE SOIL, NOURISHED BY THE EVOLVED NATURE THEY HAD SOWN.







CENTURIES AGO, THE PIONEERS HAD SOWN LIFE ON THIS PLANET, WITNESSING THE BIRTH OF A HARMONIOUS NATURE. TODAY, THEIR DESCENDANTS LIVED AS GUARDIANS OF THIS SANCTUARY. THIS MOMENT WAS FAR MORE THAN JUST A MEETING: IT WAS A RECONNECTION BETWEEN TWO BRANCHES OF THE SAME FAMILY.



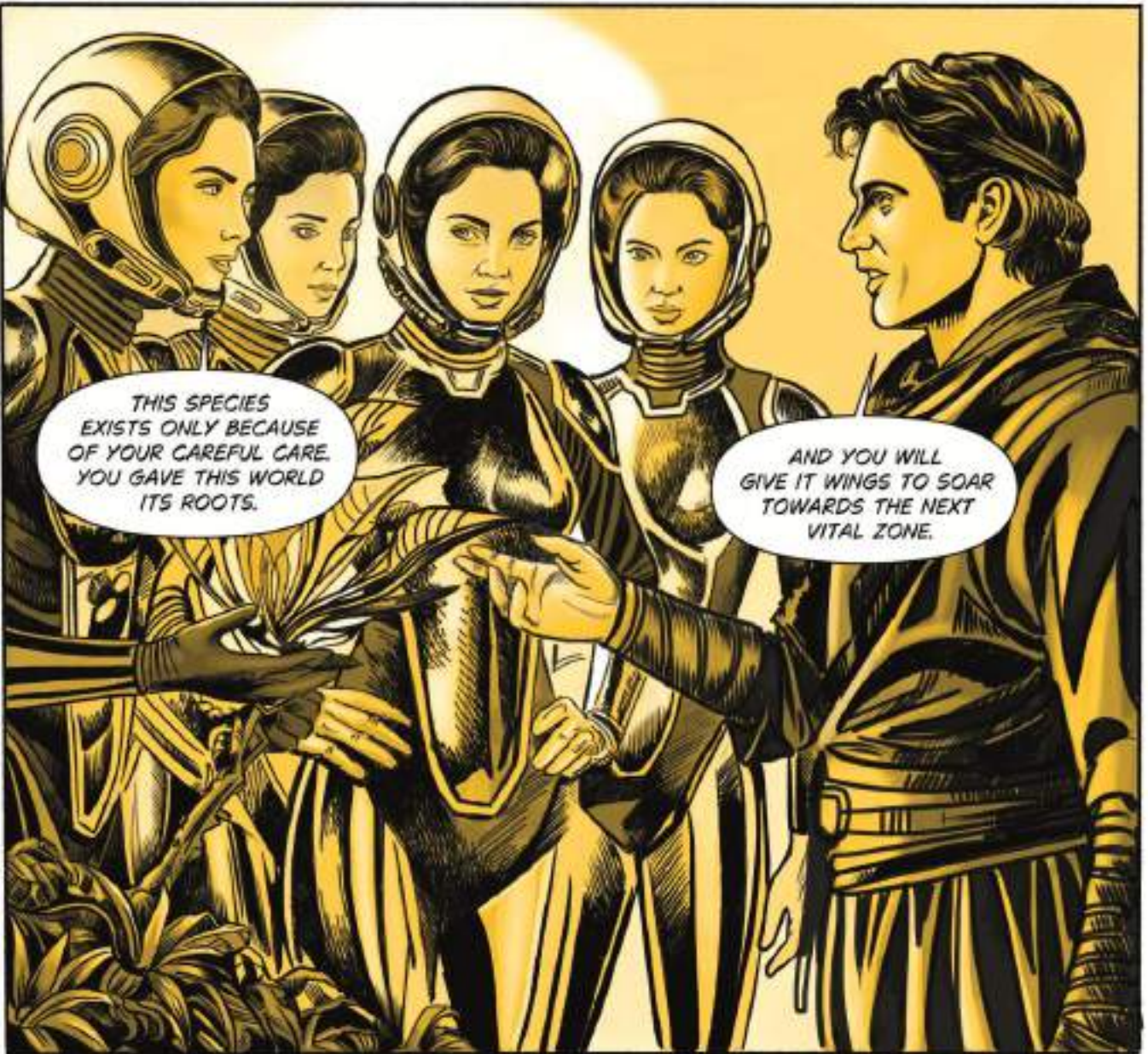
WE ARE FINALLY REUNITED, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.



REMEMBER, OUR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON OUR SHARED VISION. IF WE STOP SHARING IT, WE WILL RETURN TO CHAOS.



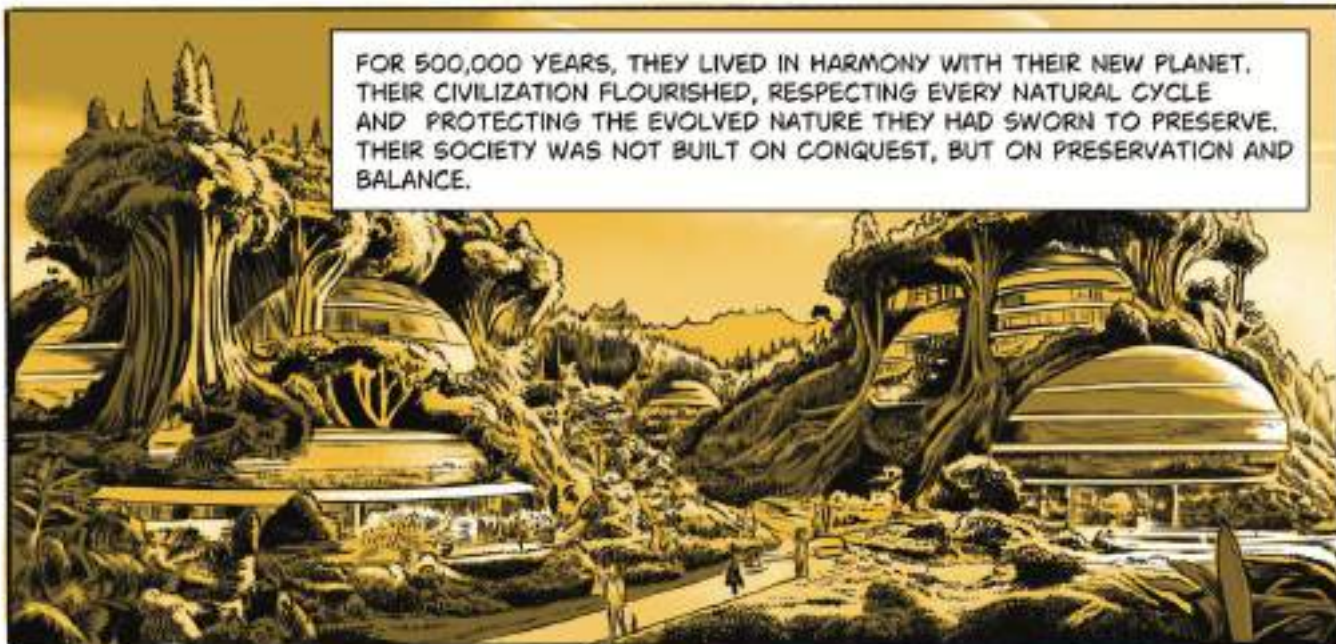
THE PIONEERS SHARED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVOLVED NATURE THEY HAD PROTECTED FOR CENTURIES. TOGETHER, THEY FORMED A UNIFIED COMMUNITY, READY TO BUILD A COMMON FUTURE.



THIS SPECIES EXISTS ONLY BECAUSE OF YOUR CAREFUL CARE. YOU GAVE THIS WORLD ITS ROOTS.

AND YOU WILL GIVE IT WINGS TO SOAR TOWARDS THE NEXT VITAL ZONE.

FOR 500,000 YEARS, THEY LIVED IN HARMONY WITH THEIR NEW PLANET. THEIR CIVILIZATION FLOURISHED, RESPECTING EVERY NATURAL CYCLE AND PROTECTING THE EVOLVED NATURE THEY HAD SWORN TO PRESERVE. THEIR SOCIETY WAS NOT BUILT ON CONQUEST, BUT ON PRESERVATION AND BALANCE.





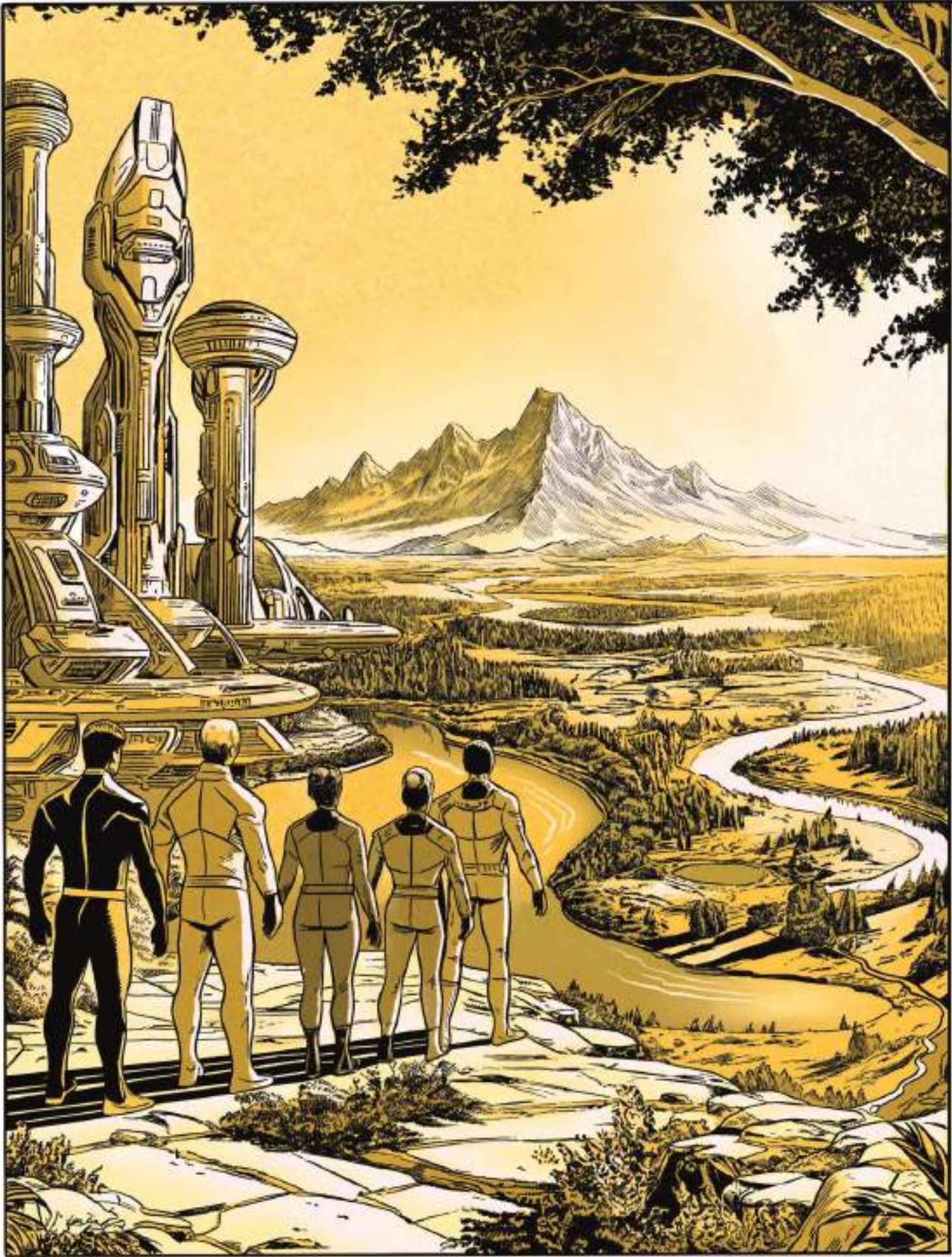
EVERYTHING WE DO
MUST NOURISH LIFE,
NOT CONSUME IT.

HARMONY
IS NOT A DESTINATION.
IT IS A CONSTANT
JOURNEY.

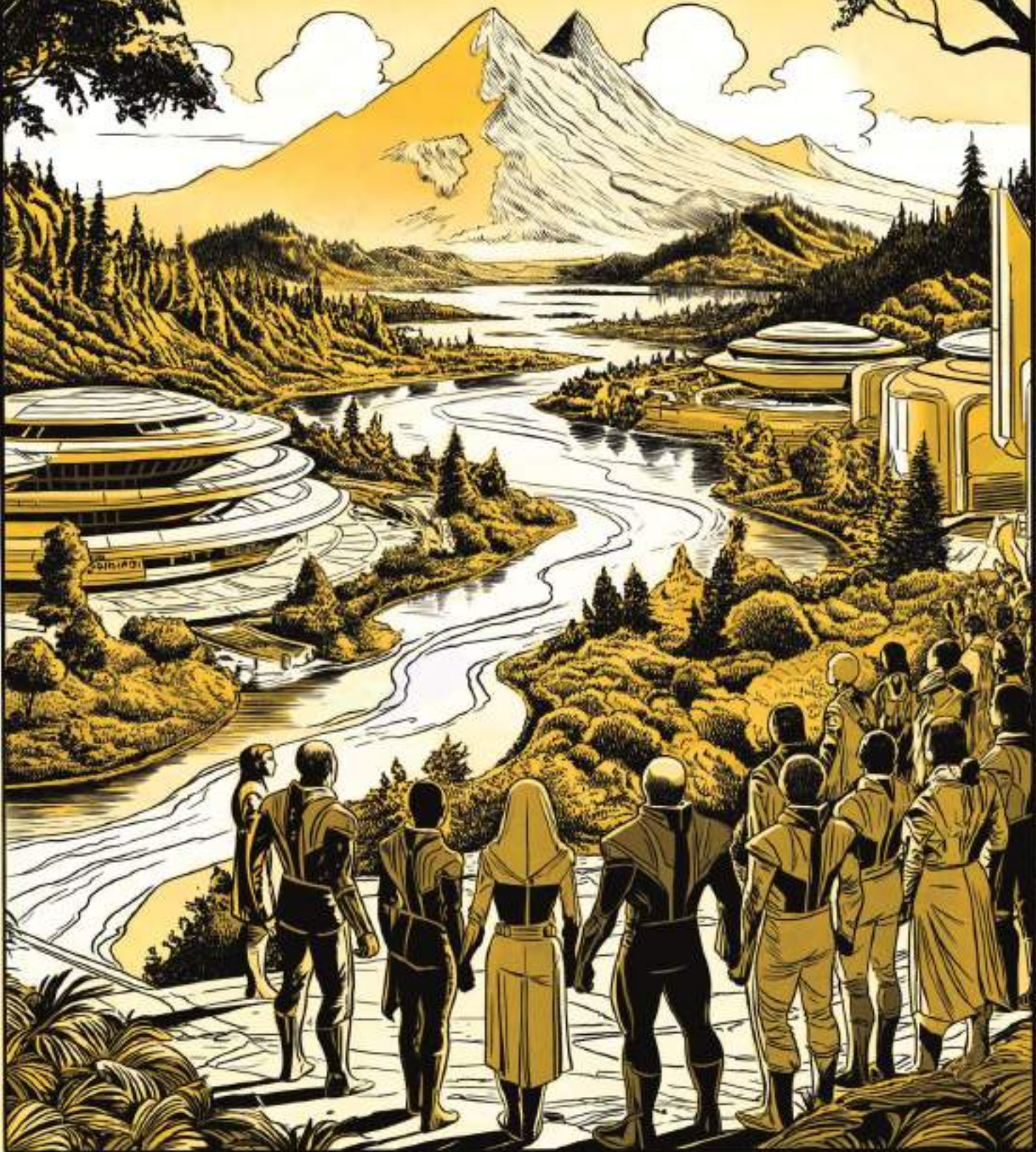


GRANDMOTHER,
WHY MUST WE
ALWAYS PROTECT
NATURE?

BECAUSE
IT PROTECTS US TOO.
WITHOUT IT, WE ARE NOTHING.
AND WITH IT, WE ARE
EVERYTHING.



THUS, UNDER THE LIGHT OF A NEW STAR,
THEY CONTINUED THEIR MISSION: TO PRESERVE
THE EVOLVED NATURE, HONOR LIFE, AND BUILD
A CIVILIZATION IN HARMONY WITH THE UNIVERSE.
A MILLENNIAL PROMISE RENEWED WITH EACH
GENERATION.



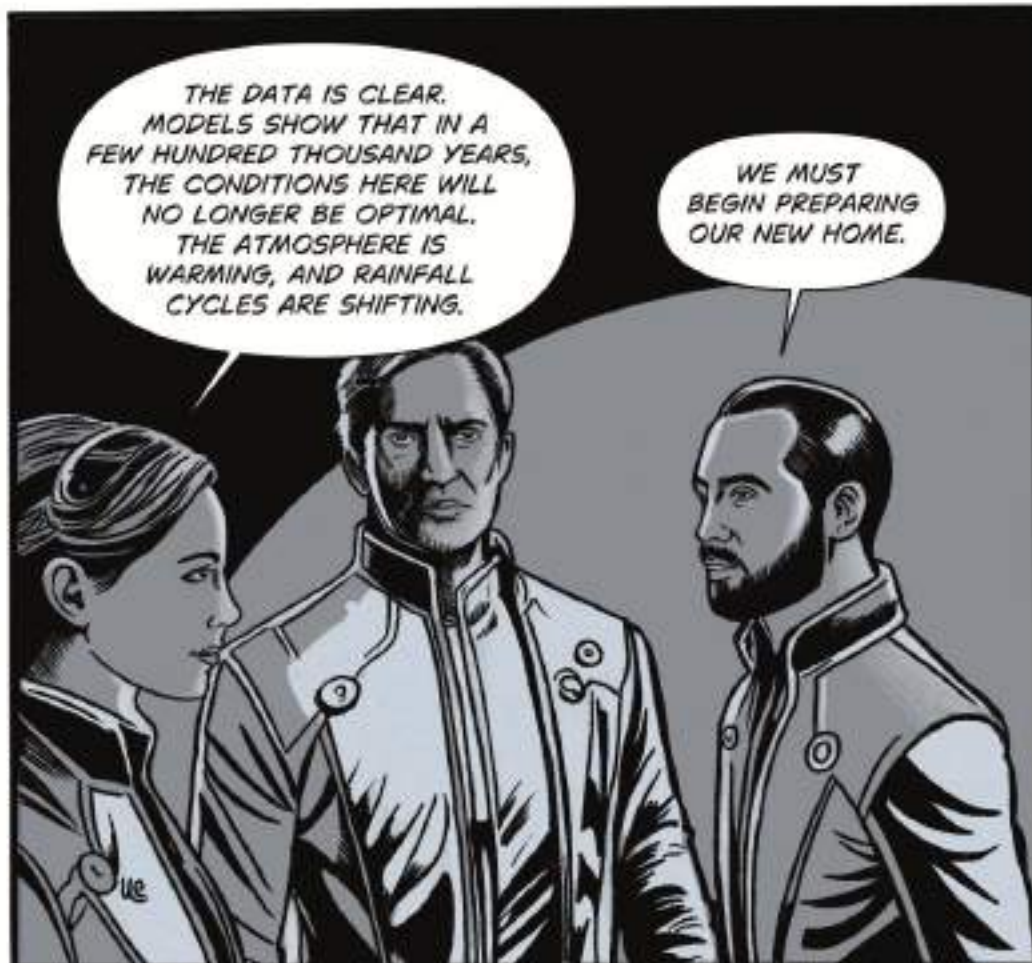
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LIKE EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE, STABILITY IS BUT TEMPORARY. THE YOUNG STAR, FULL OF ENERGY, WAS BEGINNING ITS FIRST CYCLES OF EVOLUTION. THOUGH THE CHANGE WAS BARELY PERCEPTIBLE, THE CIVILIZATION KNEW THAT TIME WAS AGAINST THEM. THEY HAD TO ANTICIPATE A FUTURE WHERE THEIR HOME WOULD NO LONGER BE AS HOSPITABLE.

THE THIRD PLANET, FARTHER FROM THE SYSTEM, WILL SOON BE IN IDEAL CONDITIONS TO SUPPORT EVOLVED NATURE.

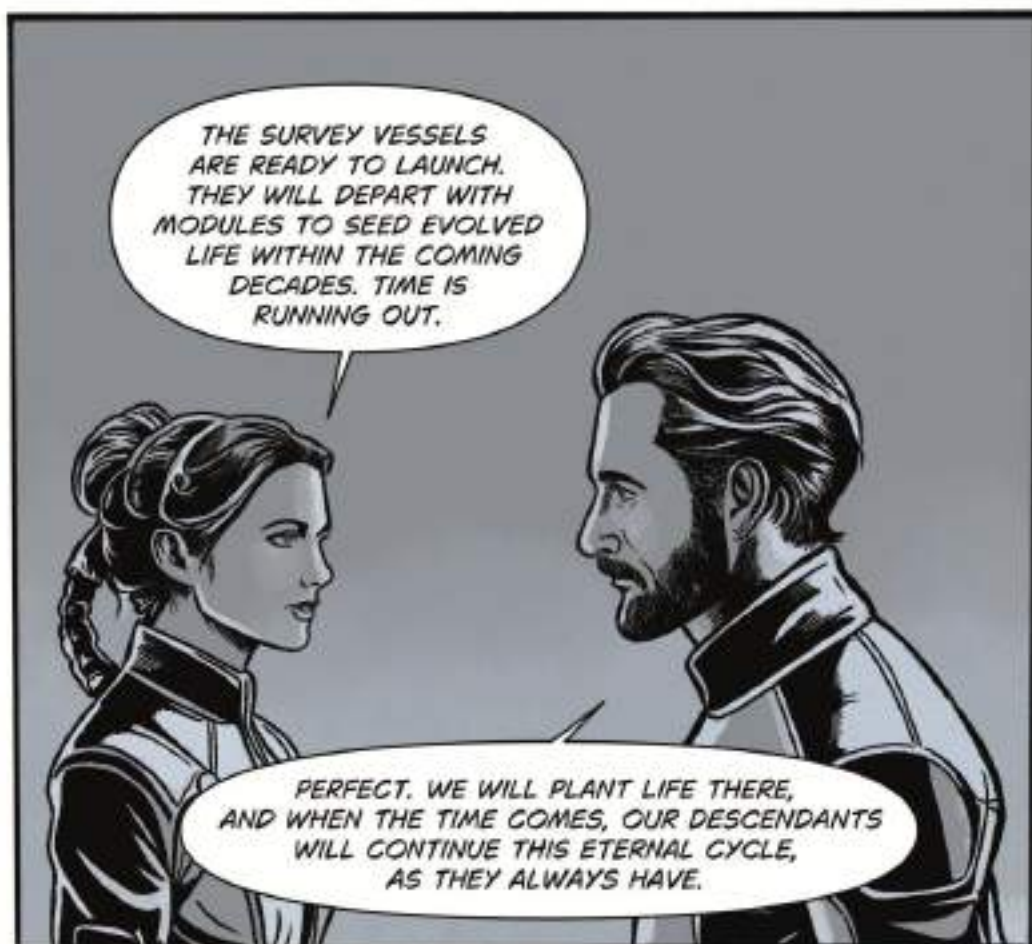
OUR ANALYSES SUGGEST IT'S PERFECTLY SUITED FOR A FUTURE ECOSYSTEM.





THE DATA IS CLEAR. MODELS SHOW THAT IN A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS, THE CONDITIONS HERE WILL NO LONGER BE OPTIMAL. THE ATMOSPHERE IS WARMING, AND RAINFALL CYCLES ARE SHIFTING.

WE MUST BEGIN PREPARING OUR NEW HOME.



THE SURVEY VESSELS ARE READY TO LAUNCH. THEY WILL DEPART WITH MODULES TO SEED EVOLVED LIFE WITHIN THE COMING DECADES. TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

PERFECT. WE WILL PLANT LIFE THERE, AND WHEN THE TIME COMES, OUR DESCENDANTS WILL CONTINUE THIS ETERNAL CYCLE, AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE.

TRUE TO THEIR MISSION, THEY SENT SURVEY VESSELS TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF EVOLVED LIFE ON THE THIRD PLANET. THOUGH STILL YOUNG AND FROZEN, THIS WORLD WOULD SOON ENTER THE VITAL ZONE. AND WITH IT, THE CYCLE OF LIFE WOULD CONTINUE, AS IT ALWAYS HAD BEFORE.

THIS WORLD IS NOT FOR TODAY, BUT FOR TOMORROW. WE PREPARE IT FOR THOSE WHO WILL COME AFTER US. THE SEEDS WE PLANT NOW WILL BLOOM LONG AFTER WE ARE GONE.

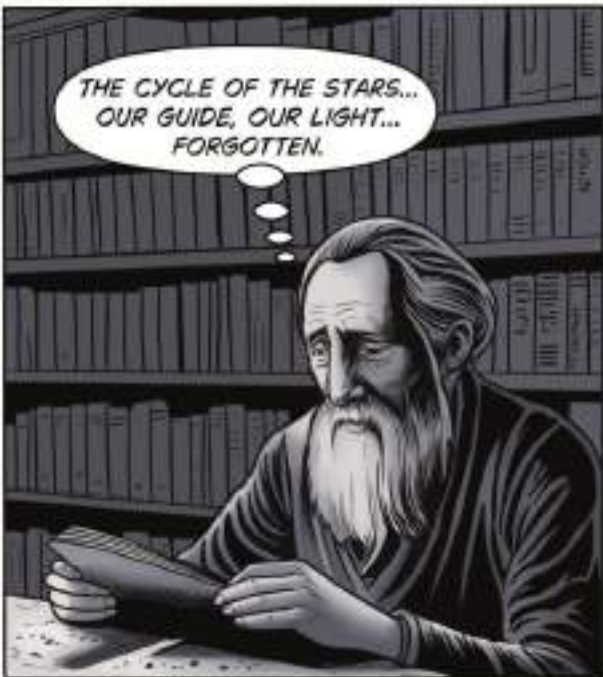
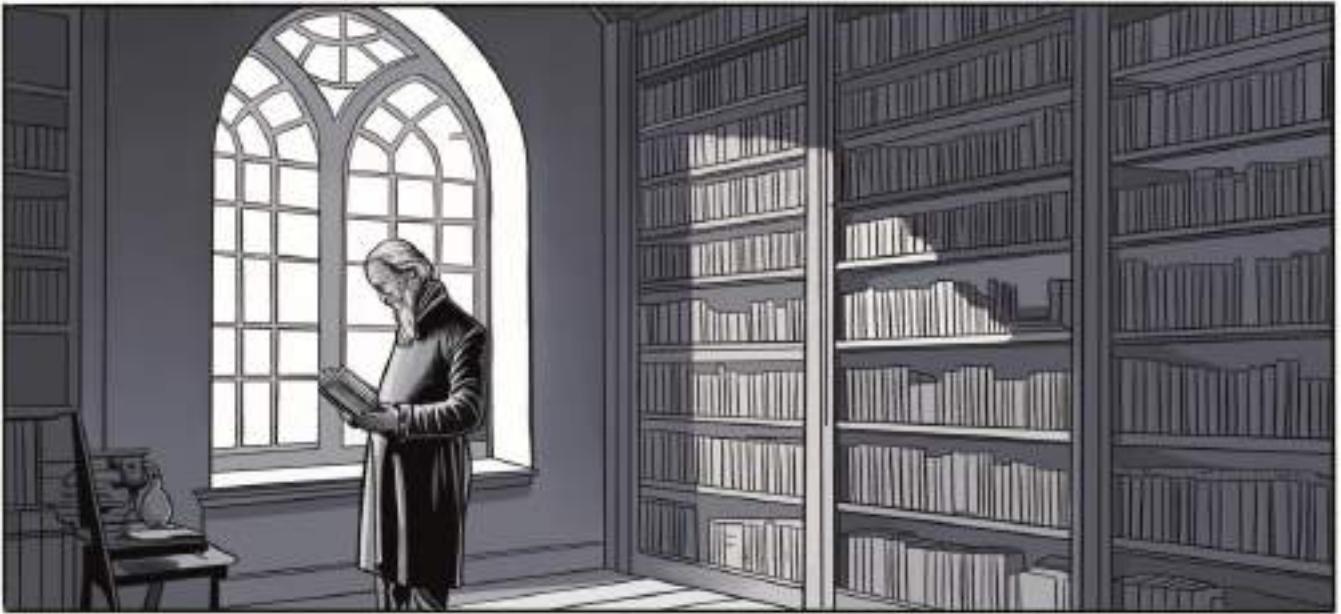
WE WILL SOW LIFE AS WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE. LET THIS PLANET CARRY OUR VISION, OUR HOPE, AND OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ETERNAL CYCLE.


OVER THE MILLENNIA, AS THE SURVEY SHIPS PREPARED THE THIRD PLANET,
A SUBTLE EROSION BEGAN TO TAKE HOLD ON THE SECOND.



THE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH OF THE CYCLE OF STARS, ONCE THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR UNITY, WAS LOST IN THE MEANDERS OF TIME.







FOR MILLENNIA, THEY HAD WORKED IN HARMONY, GUIDED BY A SHARED VISION. BUT SOMETIMES, IN THE PURSUIT OF PROGRESS, A SPARK OF EGO CAN ARISE. AND IF LEFT UNTAMED, THAT SPARK CAN GROW INTO A FLAME.

LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE CREATED. WE'VE SURPASSED NATURE ITSELF.

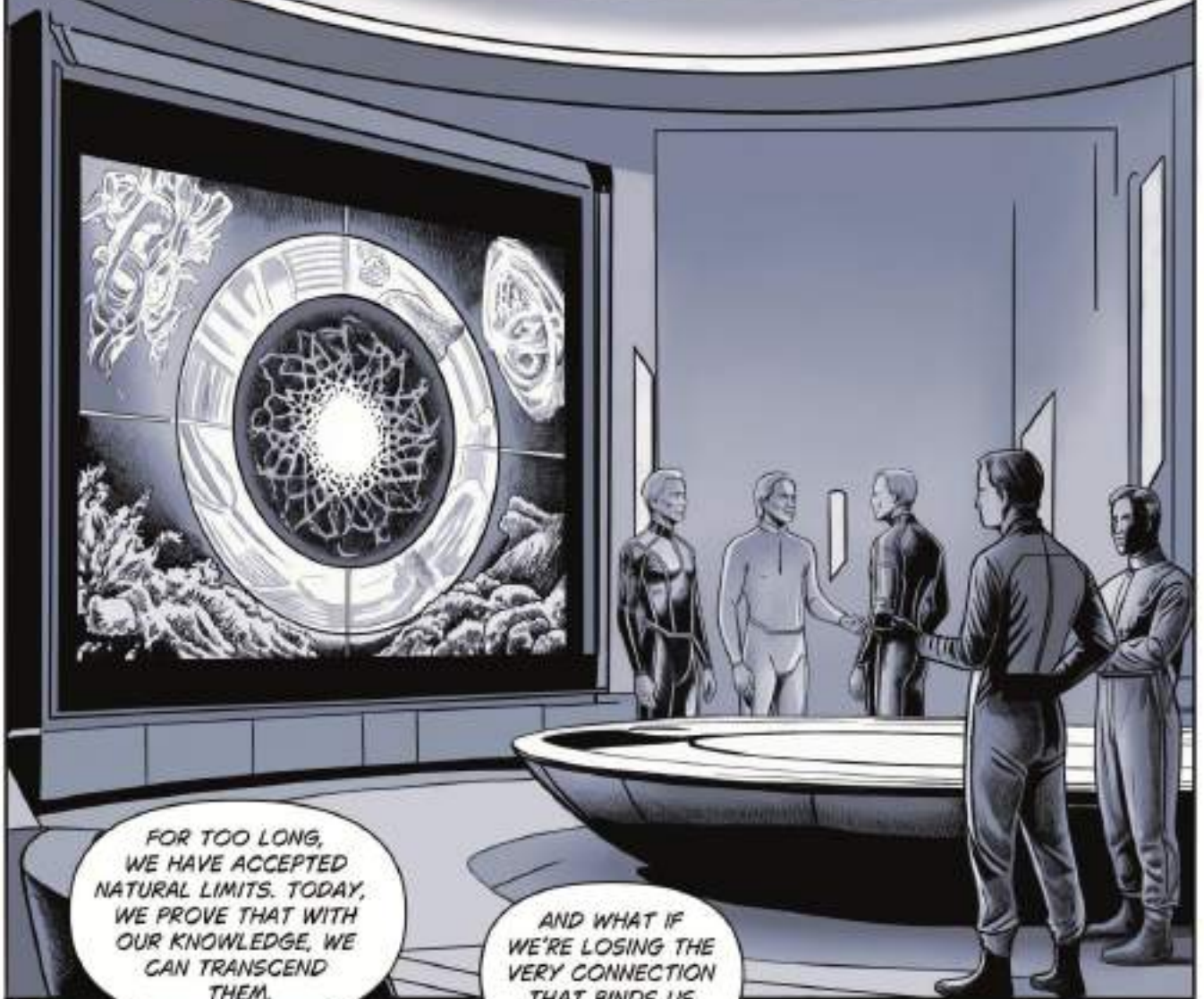
SURPASSED? NO. THIS IS MERELY AN IMITATION, A SHADOW OF WHAT NATURE TRULY IS.

WHY SHOULD WE LIMIT OURSELVES TO WHAT NATURE IMPOSES ON US? WE CAN BE BETTER THAN IT. STRONGER. MORE EFFICIENT.

AND AT WHAT COST? HAS PRIDE REPLACED OUR MISSION?



IN FORGETTING THE CYCLE OF STARS, THEY FORGOT WHAT HAD ONCE UNITED THEM. THE EGO, LONG CONTAINED BY THEIR SHARED VISION, FOUND FERTILE GROUND TO EMERGE. IT WAS NO LONGER A MATTER OF PRESERVING EVOLVED NATURE; IT WAS ABOUT PROVING THEIR SUPERIORITY OVER IT.



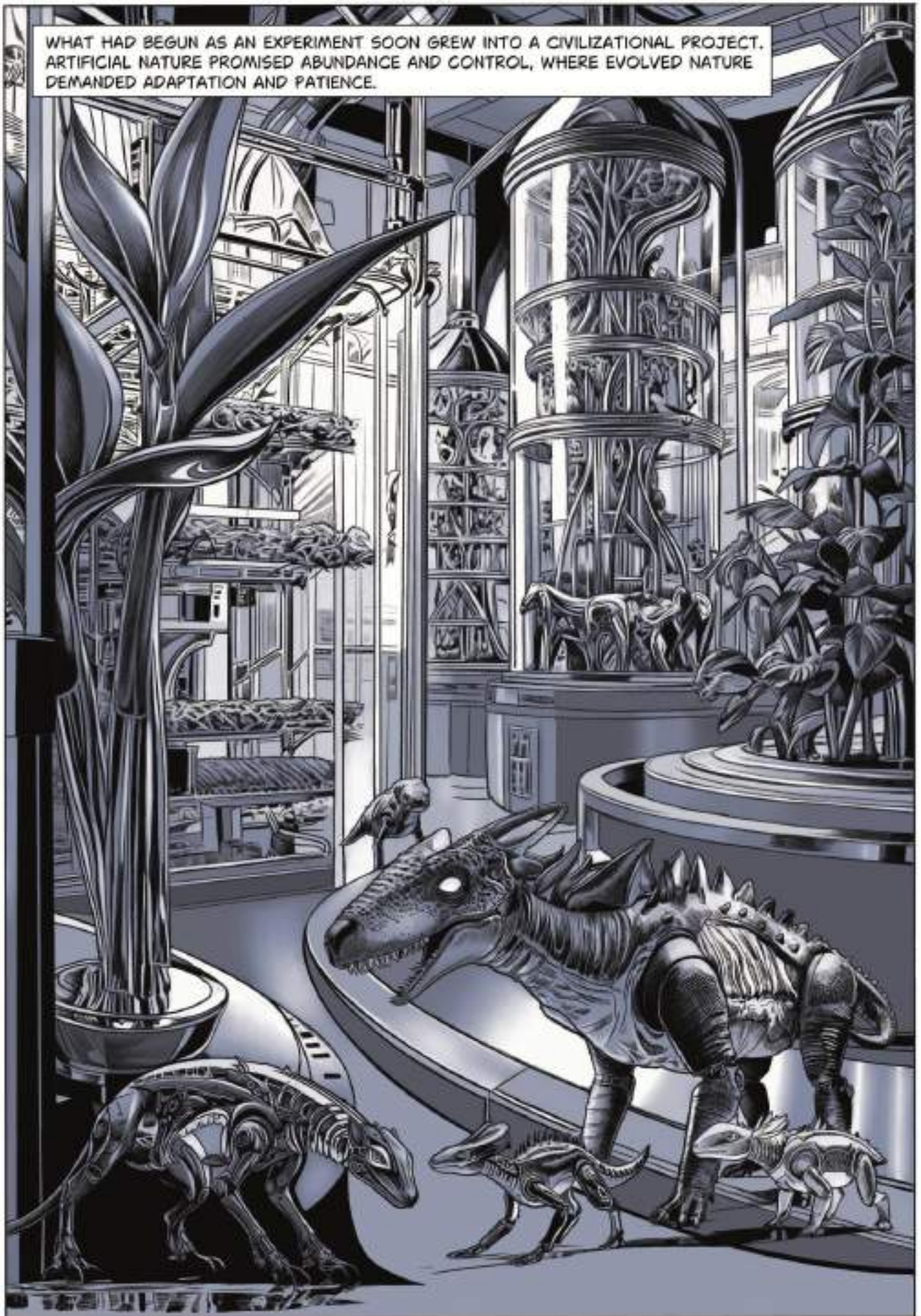
FOR TOO LONG, WE HAVE ACCEPTED NATURAL LIMITS. TODAY, WE PROVE THAT WITH OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE CAN TRANSCEND THEM.

AND WHAT IF WE'RE LOSING THE VERY CONNECTION THAT BINDS US TOGETHER?

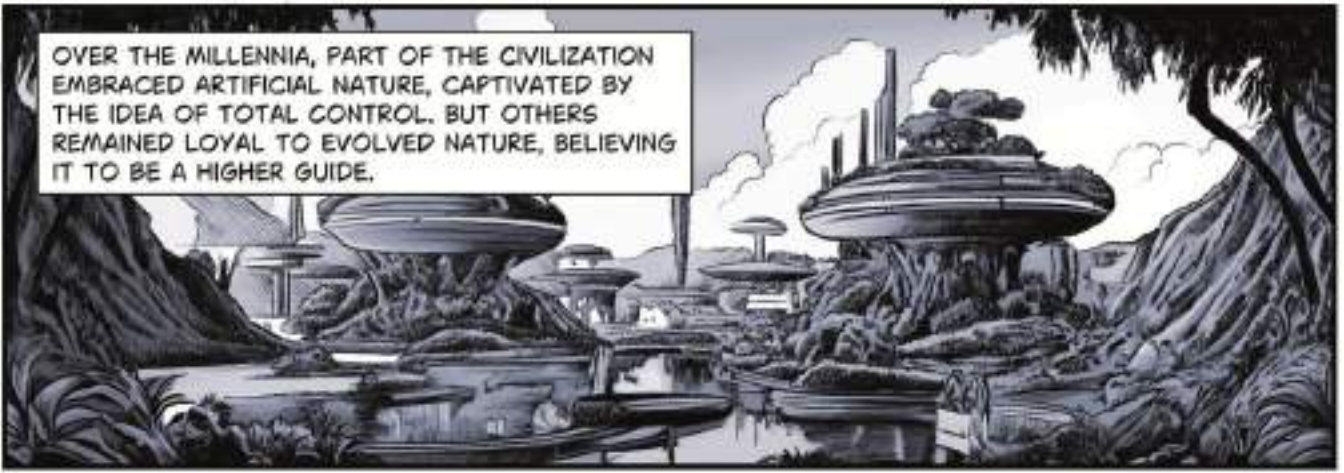


THAT CONNECTION HOLDS US BACK. WE MUST MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS OUR DESTINY.

WHAT HAD BEGUN AS AN EXPERIMENT SOON GREW INTO A CIVILIZATIONAL PROJECT. ARTIFICIAL NATURE PROMISED ABUNDANCE AND CONTROL, WHERE EVOLVED NATURE DEMANDED ADAPTATION AND PATIENCE.



OVER THE MILLENNIA, PART OF THE CIVILIZATION EMBRACED ARTIFICIAL NATURE, CAPTIVATED BY THE IDEA OF TOTAL CONTROL. BUT OTHERS REMAINED LOYAL TO EVOLVED NATURE, BELIEVING IT TO BE A HIGHER GUIDE.



WHY WAIT FOR NATURE WHEN WE CAN CREATE EVERYTHING OURSELVES?

BECAUSE IT'S NO LONGER LIFE. REAL NATURE DOESN'T NEED TO BE PERFECT. IT'S ALIVE - THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT PRECIOUS.



OUR COMMON VISION BROUGHT US HERE, BUT THIS TECHNOLOGY DIVIDES OUR MISSION. IF THIS CONTINUES, WE WILL LOSE WHAT ONCE UNITED US.

MAYBE WE NEED NEW VISIONS TO MOVE FORWARD.



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THE STAR CONTINUED ITS CYCLE, SLOW YET UNSTOPPABLE. WHERE EVOLVED NATURE ADAPTED WITH QUIET RESILIENCE, ARTIFICIAL NATURE REVEALED ITS FRAGILE FOUNDATION. A SILENT YET RELENTLESS LESSON.



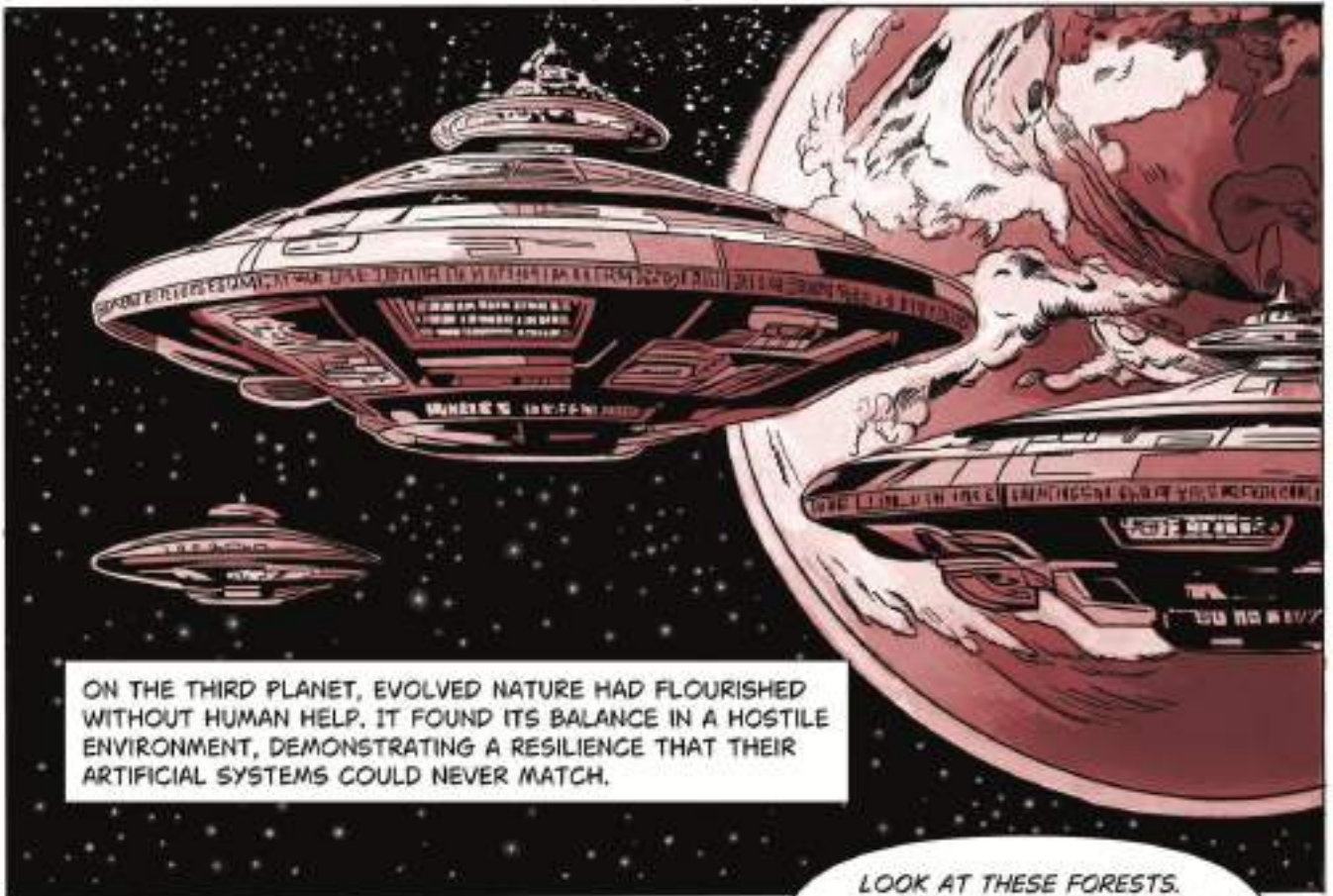
THE ARTIFICIAL ECOSYSTEMS CAN'T ADJUST. THEY ARE AS RIGID AS WE DESIGNED THEM TO BE.



WE'VE LOST WHAT NATURE ONCE GAVE US: THE ABILITY TO CHANGE, TO ADAPT.

PERHAPS THIS IS A REMINDER. WE CANNOT SURPASS WHAT IS ALREADY PERFECT.





ON THE THIRD PLANET, EVOLVED NATURE HAD FLOURISHED WITHOUT HUMAN HELP. IT FOUND ITS BALANCE IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, DEMONSTRATING A RESILIENCE THAT THEIR ARTIFICIAL SYSTEMS COULD NEVER MATCH.

LOOK AT THESE FORESTS. THEY'VE ADAPTED TO EXTREME TEMPERATURES WITHOUT ANY INTERVENTION. THE ECOSYSTEMS ARE STABILIZING ON THEIR OWN.



AND HERE, WE CHOSE TO CONTROL EVERYTHING... TO THE POINT WHERE WE'VE WEAKENED IT.

THIS PLANET REMINDS US OF OUR MISSION. PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO RETURN TO WHAT WE ONCE WERE.



OR USE THIS REMINDER TO AMPLIFY OUR VISION WITH THE TOOLS WE'VE CREATED.





WHAT HAD BEGUN AS A DIVERGENCE OF IDEAS HAD TURNED INTO A YAWNING CHASM. THE CIVILIZATION, ONCE UNITED BY A SHARED VISION, NOW SAW THE FIRST FRACTURES FORMING WITHIN ITS CORE.



WE DON'T NEED THAT PLANET. WITH OUR SYSTEMS, WE CAN SURVIVE HERE, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE.



OUR PRIORITIES ARE HERE. WE MUST PERFECT WHAT WE HAVE CREATED.



*WE SHOULD FOCUS
OUR RESOURCES ON
MIGRATION. THE THIRD
PLANET IS READY.*

*SURVIVING
IS NOT ENOUGH.
WE MUST LIVE IN
HARMONY, OR WE
WON'T LIVE
AT ALL.*

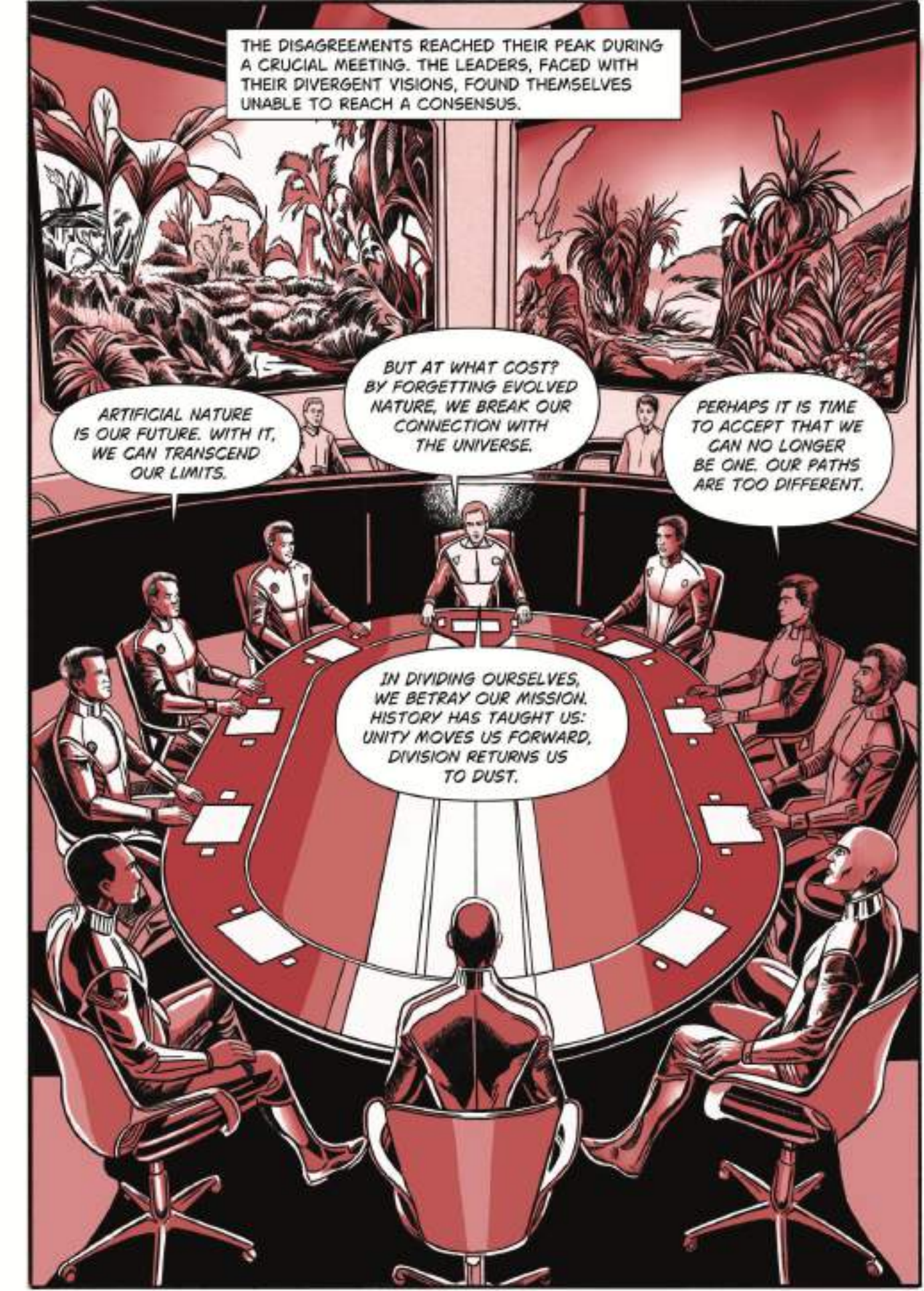


FOR CENTURIES, TENSIONS BETWEEN TRADITION AND INNOVATION GREW. ARTIFICIAL NATURE, ONCE A MERE TOOL, BECAME A POINT OF IDEOLOGICAL RUPTURE.

WE MUST MOVE FORWARD, CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT LIFE. WHY LIMIT OURSELVES?

BECAUSE EFFICIENCY IS NOT LIFE. WHAT YOU PROPOSE IS AN IMITATION.

IF WE LOSE OUR CONNECTION TO NATURE, WE LOSE EVERYTHING THAT MAKES US A CIVILIZATION.



THE DISAGREEMENTS REACHED THEIR PEAK DURING A CRUCIAL MEETING. THE LEADERS, FACED WITH THEIR DIVERGENT VISIONS, FOUND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS.

ARTIFICIAL NATURE IS OUR FUTURE. WITH IT, WE CAN TRANSCEND OUR LIMITS.

BUT AT WHAT COST? BY FORGETTING EVOLVED NATURE, WE BREAK OUR CONNECTION WITH THE UNIVERSE.

PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO ACCEPT THAT WE CAN NO LONGER BE ONE. OUR PATHS ARE TOO DIFFERENT.

IN DIVIDING OURSELVES, WE BETRAY OUR MISSION. HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US: UNITY MOVES US FORWARD, DIVISION RETURNS US TO DUST.

THE MEETING ENDED WITHOUT RESOLUTION. WHAT WAS ONCE A SHARED VISION SHATTERED INTO SEVEN DIRECTIONS, EACH FACTION REPRESENTING AN IDEAL NOW INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE OTHERS.



THE ARCHITECTS



THE GUARDIANS



THE EXPLORERS



THE HARMONISTS



THE ISOLATIONISTS

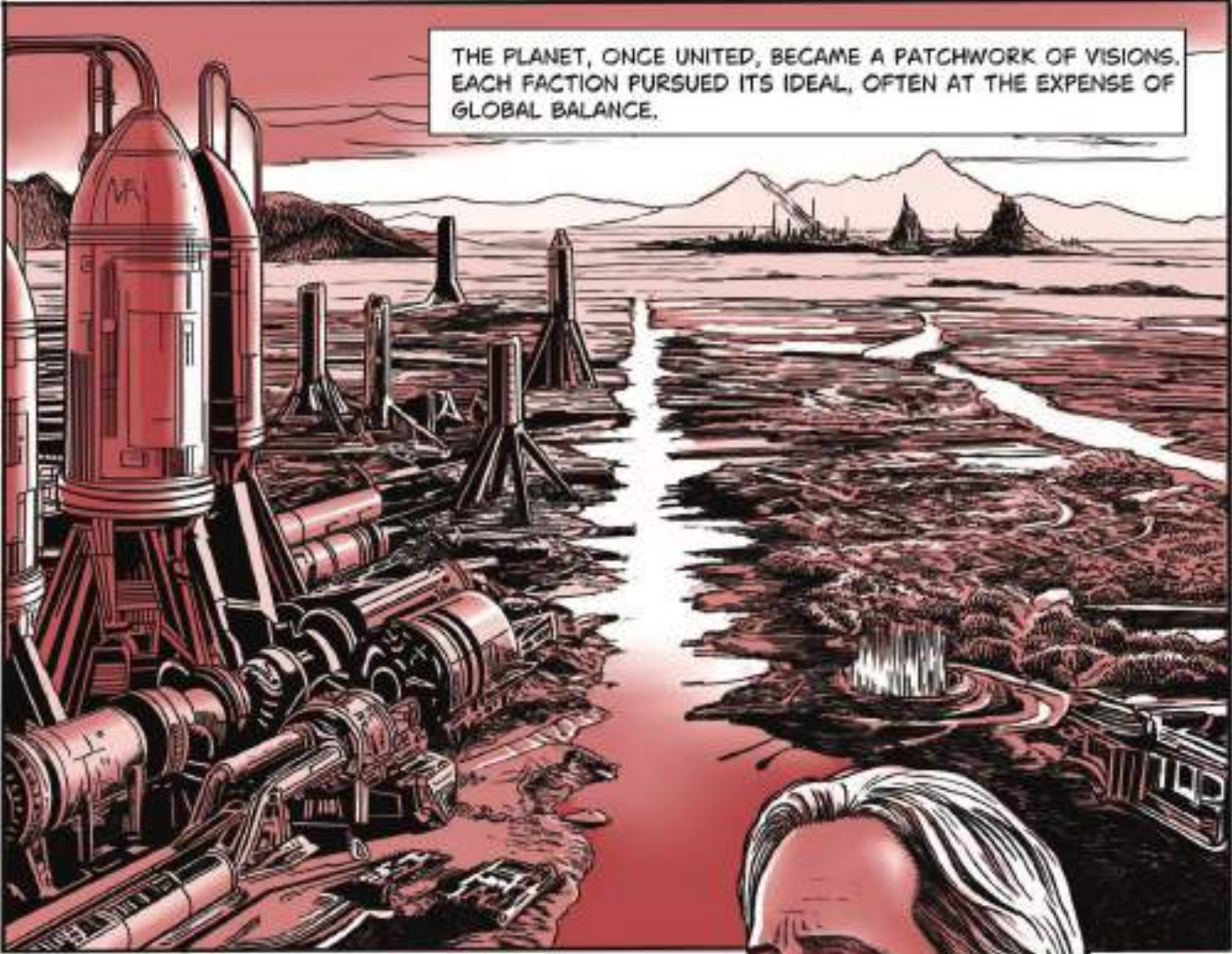


THE INNOVATORS




THE OBSERVERS



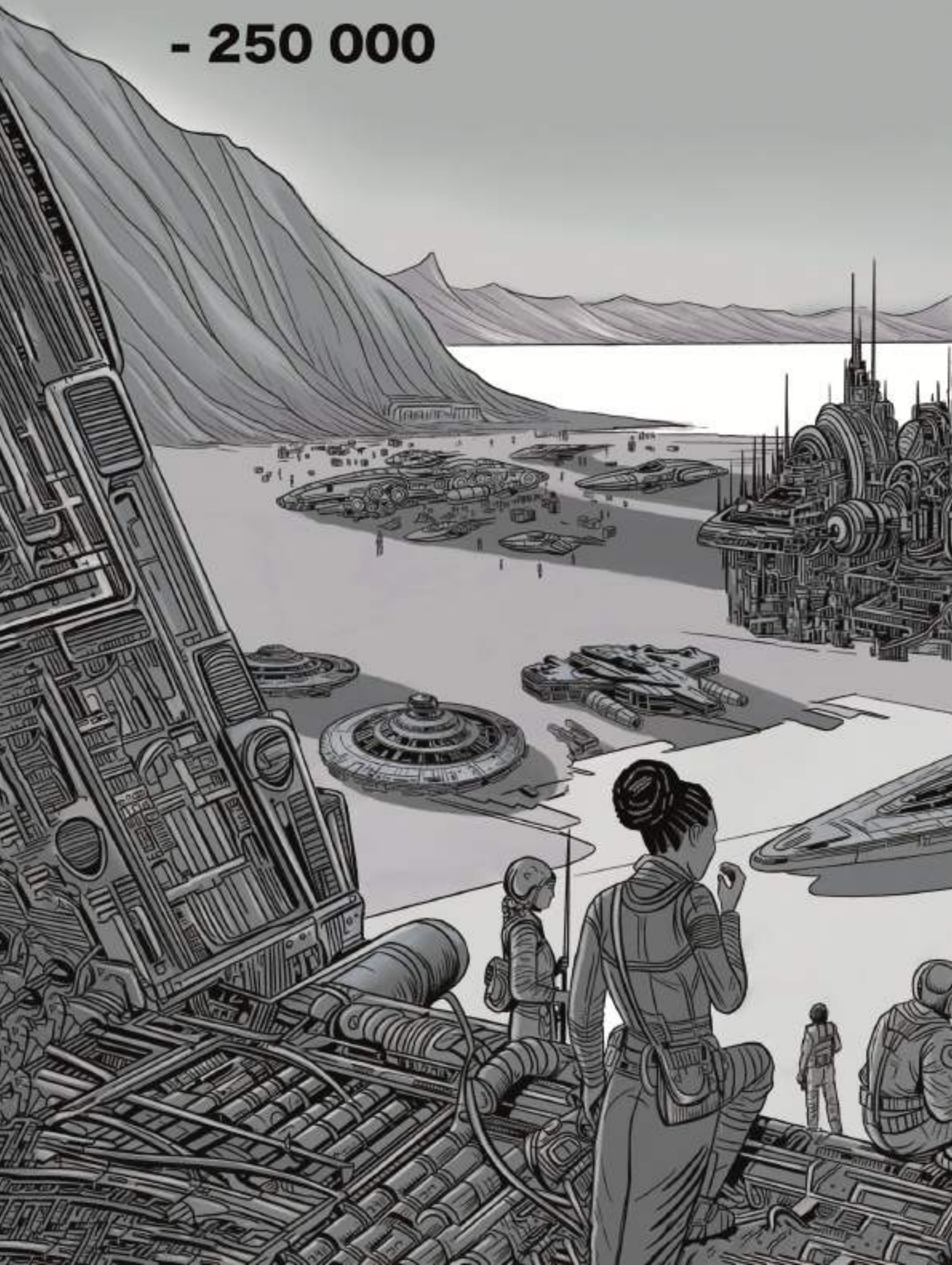


THE PLANET, ONCE UNITED, BECAME A PATCHWORK OF VISIONS. EACH FACTION PURSUED ITS IDEAL, OFTEN AT THE EXPENSE OF GLOBAL BALANCE.

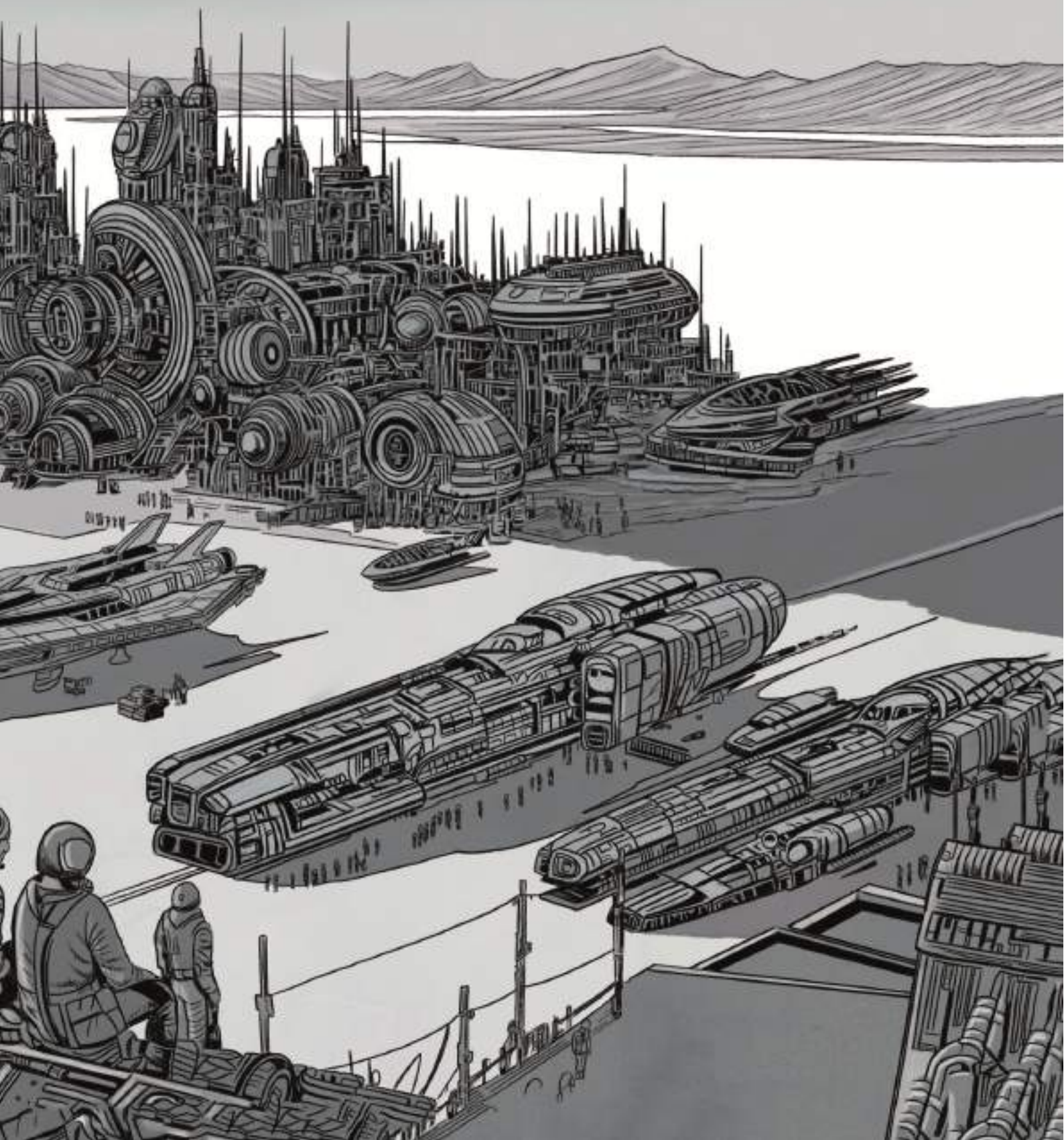


THE LESS WE SHARE A COMMON VISION, THE MORE WE LOSE OURSELVES. IF WE CONTINUE THIS WAY, THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT.

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EACH FACTION'S INDIVIDUAL VISION SLOWED THE COLLECTIVE PREPARATION. WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ORDERLY MIGRATION TURNED INTO CHAOS, WITH NO ONE FULLY READY IN TIME.



*WE NEED THE MATERIALS
EXTRACTED BY THE INNOVATORS,
BUT THEY REFUSE TO SHARE.
IF THIS CONTINUES, OUR
SHIPS WILL REMAIN
GROUNDED.*

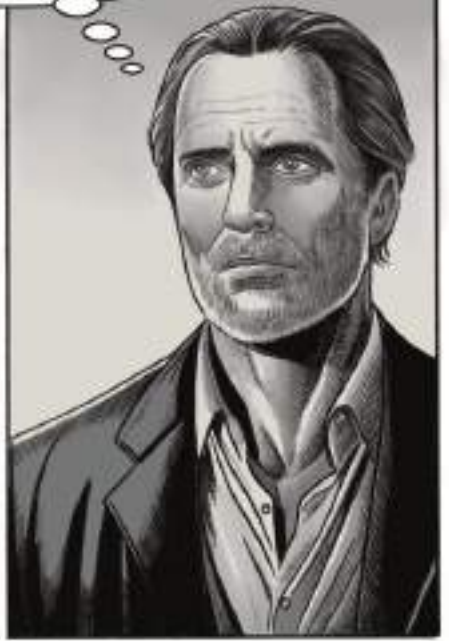
*AND IF THE GUARDIANS
STOPPED BLOCKING OUR
PROJECTS, WE WOULD
ALREADY HAVE THE
MEANS TO DEPART.*

*WITHOUT UNITY,
THIS JOURNEY IS
DOOMED TO FAIL
BEFORE IT EVEN
BEGINS.*

DISORDERED EXPLOITATION HAD LEFT INDELIBLE MARKS. THIS SANCTUARY, ONCE A SYMBOL OF HARMONY, HAD BECOME A HOLLOW SHELL, SCARRED BY DIVISION.



THEY BELIEVED THEIR INDIVIDUAL VISION WOULD SAVE THEM. BUT IN FORGETTING THE SHARED VISION, THEY FORGOT WHAT KEPT THEM ALIVE.



DIVIDED AND DISORGANIZED, THE FACTIONS LEFT THEIR WORLD IN A CHAOTIC SCRAMBLE. WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A HARMONIOUS EXODUS BECAME A DESPERATE FLIGHT.





WE'VE LOST
THEIR TRAJECTORY.
THEY'RE LEAVING
WITHOUT US.

THEN WE WILL
FOLLOW OUR OWN
PATH. HOPE RESTS
ON THE TARGET
PLANET.

WE'RE RUNNING
LOW ON FUEL. WE
WON'T MAKE IT TO
THE THIRD PLANET.

THE SHARED
VISION WAS KEY.
WITHOUT IT,
WE ARE NOTHING.
JUST FRAGMENTS,
SCATTERED IN
THE UNIVERSE.



THE ARRIVAL, ONCE PLANNED AS AN ORDERLY LANDING, TURNED INTO TOTAL DISPERSION. THE FACTIONS WERE SCATTERED ACROSS A WORLD THAT SEEMED VAST, MYSTERIOUS, AND HOSTILE.



THE PIONEERS, FOR THEIR PART, HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN FOR MILLENNIA DUE TO THE DIVISIONS THAT HAD FRACTURED CIVILIZATION ON THE SECOND PLANET. THEY HAD SURVIVED, BUT THEIR EXISTENCE HAD BEEN REDUCED TO A PRIMITIVE LIFE, IN HARMONY WITH THE NATURE THEY THEMSELVES HAD SOWN. GRADUALLY, THE MEMORY OF THEIR PAST FADED, LEAVING BEHIND ONLY LEGENDS.



ONE EVENING, THE STARS MOVED. UNKNOWN LIGHTS CROSSED THE SKY, BREAKING THE PEACE OF THE SURVIVORS. FOR THEM, THESE LIGHTS WERE BOTH A PROMISE AND AN ENIGMA.



THEY COME FROM THE STARS, JUST LIKE WE DID ONCE. BUT WE HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO OFFER THEM.

IT'S THE LIGHTS OF THE ANCIENTS! GRANDPA WAS RIGHT!



THE LIGHTS HAVE RETURNED... BUT HAVE THEY COME TO SAVE US?



THE SHIPS, BEARERS OF DIVIDED FACTIONS, DID NOT SEEK OUT THE SURVIVORS. FOR THEM, THIS PLANET WAS JUST A STEP, NOT A HOME.



FOR THE PIONEERS, THESE LIGHTS WERE THE LAST LINK TO A STORY ALMOST FORGOTTEN. BUT IN THEIR SILENCE, THEY CARRIED A MESSAGE: BROKEN UNITY LEFT ONLY FRAGMENTS.



THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE. MAYBE WE ARE NOTHING BUT A MEMORY TO THEM... OR PERHAPS WE NEVER EXISTED.



WE WERE THE GUARDIANS. MAYBE ONE DAY, THEY WILL UNDERSTAND... MAYBE ONE DAY, THEY WILL RETURN.

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OLMECS (THE GUARDIANS):
DEVOTED TO PRESERVING
THE EVOLVED NATURE,
THEY BUILT MONUMENTAL
STRUCTURES IN HARMONY
WITH THE EARTH AND
CELESTIAL CYCLES.

**INDUS VALLEY
(THE HARMONISTS):**
MASTERS OF URBAN
PLANNING AND SOCIAL
HARMONY, THEY
CREATED CITIES
DESIGNED TO
RESPECT NATURAL
RHYTHMS.

**ETRUSCANS
(THE ARCHITECTS):**
FOCUSED ON ART AND
TECHNOLOGICAL MASTERY,
THEY DEVELOPED
SOPHISTICATED
INFRASTRUCTURES BUT
STRUGGLED TO RECLAIM
THE LOST HARMONY.

THE SCATTERED FACTIONS WERE FORCED TO START ANEW. EACH FOUNDED A NEW CIVILIZATION, SHAPED BY ITS ENVIRONMENT AND BELIEFS. YET, REMNANTS OF A SHARED PAST REMAINED WITHIN THEM—ECHOES OF A FORGOTTEN UNITY.



GÖBEKLI TEPE
(THE OBSERVERS):
REFUSING TO CHOOSE
A SIDE, THEY ERECTED
TEMPLES DEDICATED
TO SPIRITUALITY AND
THE OBSERVATION OF
THE STARS.

ANASAZIS
(THE EXPLORERS):
ADAPTIVE EXPLORERS,
THEY BUILT HOMES IN
ARID AND HOSTILE
ENVIRONMENTS,
EMBODYING THE SPIRIT
OF CONQUEST.

DOGONS
(THE ISOLATIONISTS):
LIVING IN REMOTE
REGIONS, THEY
PRESERVED UNIQUE
ASTRONOMICAL
KNOWLEDGE AND
STRONG CULTURAL
AUTONOMY.

MAYAS
(THE INNOVATORS):
FASCINATED BY
TIME AND CELESTIAL
CYCLES, THEY
CONTINUED THEIR
QUEST FOR
UNDERSTANDING
WITH A VISION
FOCUSED ON
INNOVATION.

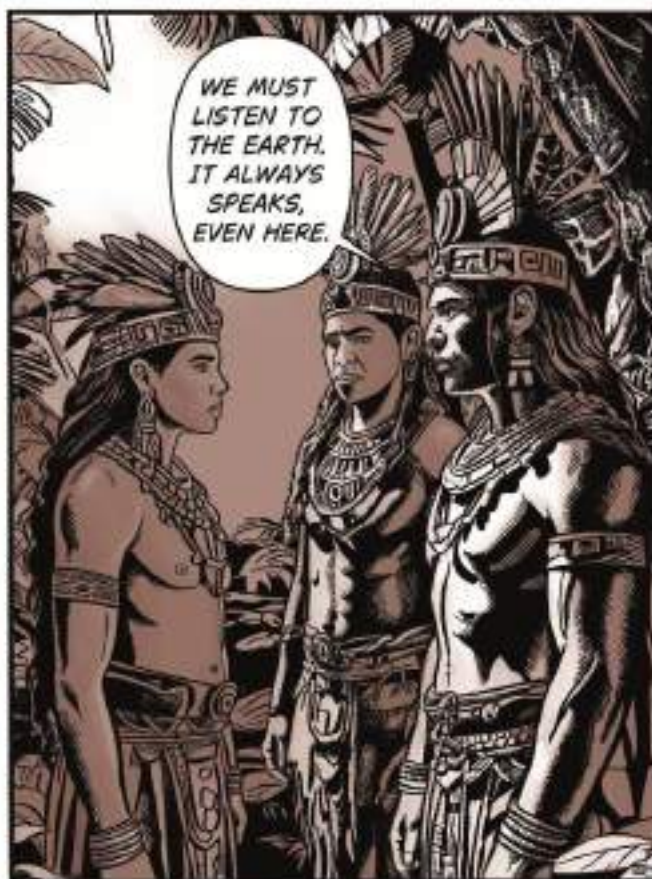
THE THIRD PLANET, RICH IN POTENTIAL, WAS ALSO YOUNG AND UNSTABLE. UNPREDICTABLE CLIMATES AND WILD FAUNA TESTED THE SURVIVORS, FORCING EACH GROUP TO ADAPT OR PERISH.



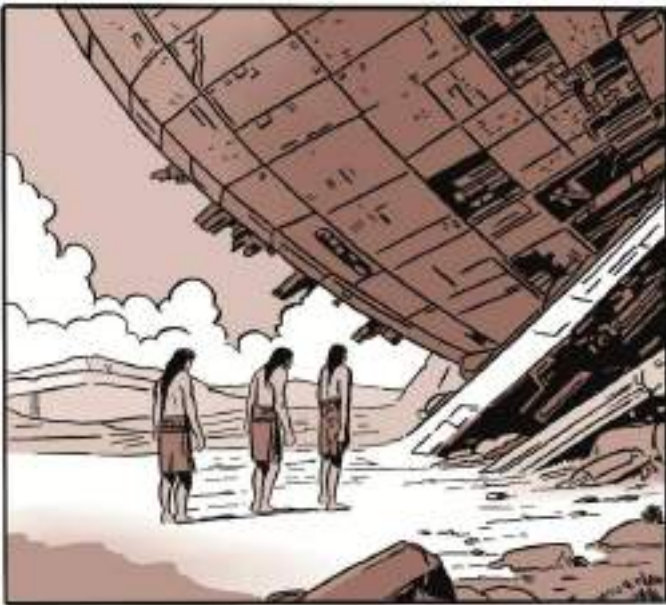
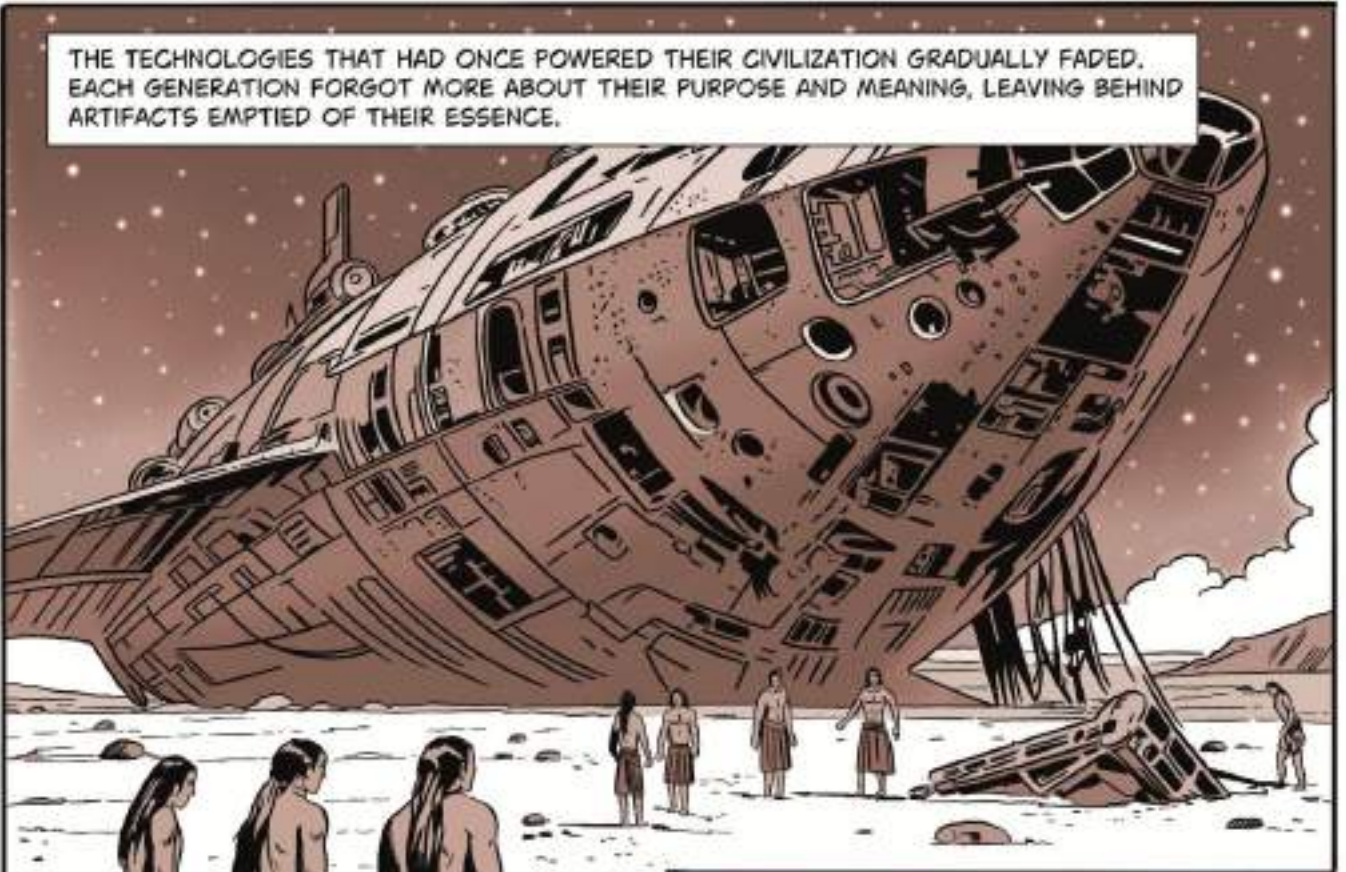
THE TREES HERE ARE IMMENSE, BUT THE SOIL IS ACIDIC. NOTHING GROWS.



WE MUST LISTEN TO THE EARTH. IT ALWAYS SPEAKS, EVEN HERE.



THE TECHNOLOGIES THAT HAD ONCE POWERED THEIR CIVILIZATION GRADUALLY FADED. EACH GENERATION FORGOT MORE ABOUT THEIR PURPOSE AND MEANING, LEAVING BEHIND ARTIFACTS EMPTIED OF THEIR ESSENCE.

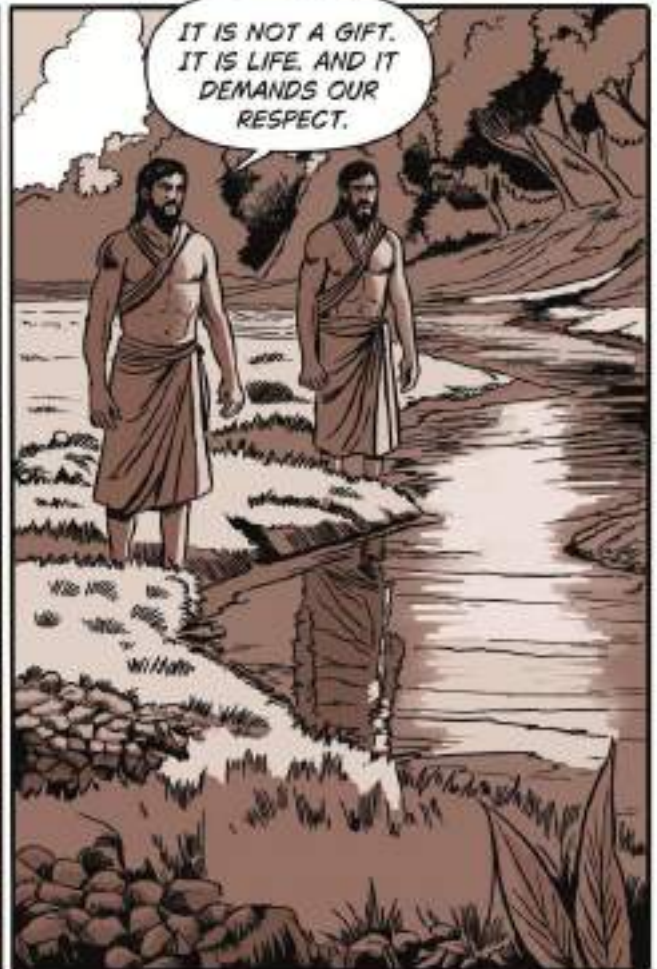




PARADOXICALLY, THE EVOLVED NATURE THEY HAD PLANTED SAVED THEM. ADAPTED TO THE WORLD'S CYCLES, IT BECAME A REFUGE FOR THE SURVIVORS.



THIS VALLEY NOURISHES US. PERHAPS IT IS A GIFT FROM THE ANCIENTS.



IT IS NOT A GIFT. IT IS LIFE. AND IT DEMANDS OUR RESPECT.



EACH GROUP FOUND A PLACE TO THRIVE. THEIR ENVIRONMENT SHAPED THEIR CULTURES, BELIEFS, AND WAYS OF LIFE. WHAT ONCE UNITED THEM NOW TURNED INTO PROFOUND DIFFERENCES.



WE WILL LEARN TO READ THE STARS AGAIN. THEY WILL GUIDE OUR STEPS.



NATURE IS VAST HERE. WE MUST BUILD TO HONOR ITS FORCES.



WE WILL BUILD IN THE CLIFFS, WHERE THE WINDS CANNOT REACH US.

SOME SOUGHT TO REBUILD WHAT THEY HAD LOST, BUT THE REMAINING FRAGMENTS OF KNOWLEDGE WERE INSUFFICIENT. EACH ATTEMPT AT INNOVATION WAS RISKY, AND FAILURES WERE OFTEN FATAL.



OVER TIME, THEIR MEMORIES TRANSFORMED INTO STORIES, THEN INTO MYTHS. TECHNOLOGY BECAME DIVINE, AND THEIR ANCESTORS WERE ELEVATED TO THE STATUS OF GODS.

THEY GAVE US THIS EARTH, BUT THEY WILL RETURN ONE DAY, IN THEIR CHARIOTS OF LIGHT.

WHEN WILL THEY RETURN?

WHEN WE ARE READY TO JOIN THEM AGAIN.

THIS WORLD, ONCE THE CRADLE OF A UNITED CIVILIZATION,
BECAME A MOSAIC OF FRAGMENTS. EACH RUIN CARRIED THE
ECHOES OF A LOST GREATNESS, AND EACH STAR WAS A
PROMISE OF UNITY TO BE RECLAIMED.

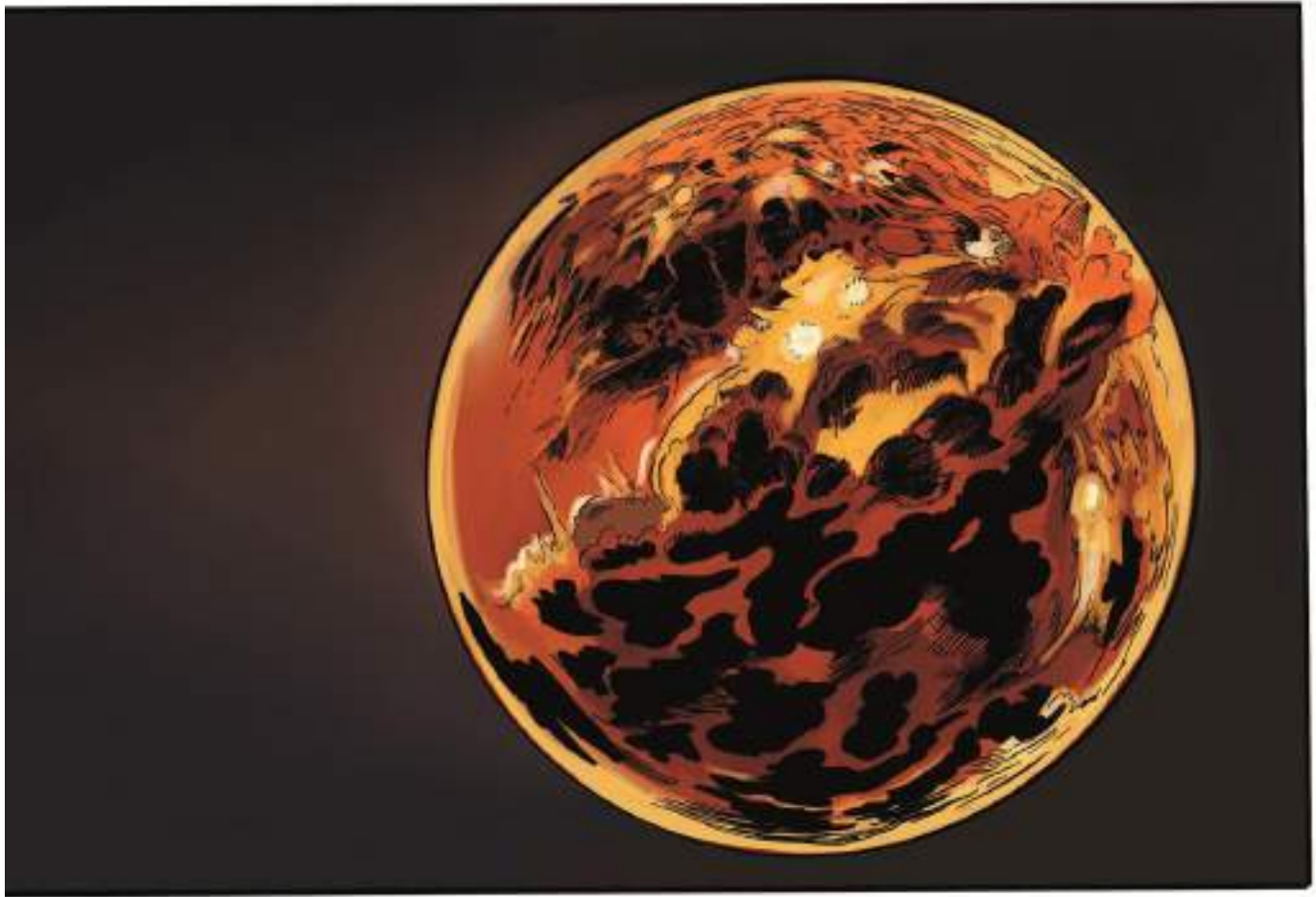


Today



MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, A GLORIOUS CIVILIZATION ROSE ON A NEIGHBORING PLANET: VENUS. THIS ONCE-FERTILE STAR WAS THE CRADLE OF A NOBLE MISSION—TO PRESERVE NATURE IN ITS MOST EVOLVED FORM."
"BUT THE FRACTURE CAUSED BY ARTIFICIAL NATURE DESTROYED THEIR UNITY AND THEIR WORLD. THEY MIGRATED TO A NEW PLANET. THAT PLANET WAS EARTH.







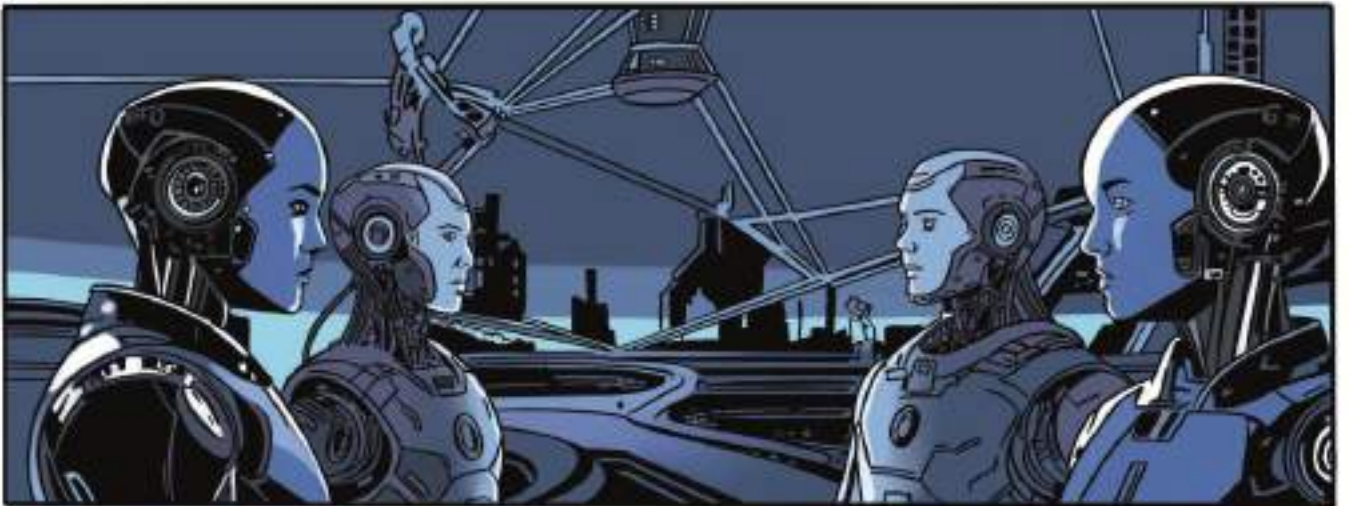
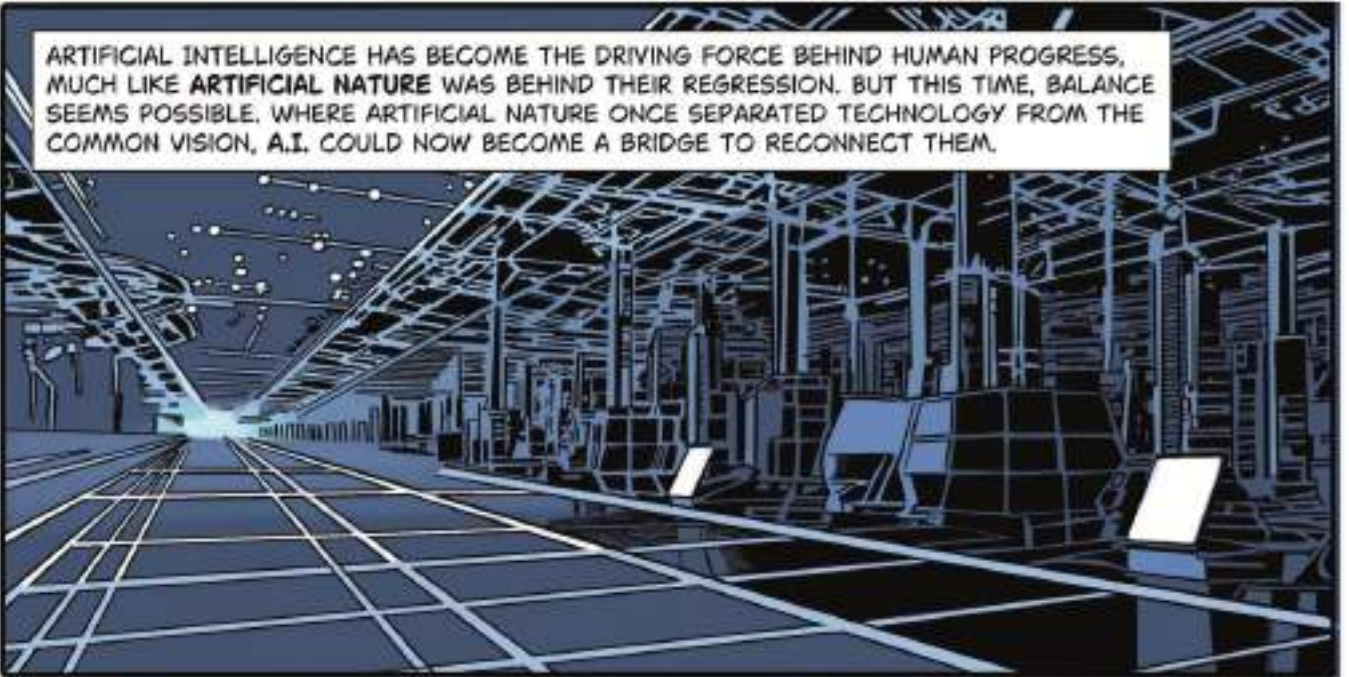
TODAY, HUMANITY IS ATTEMPTING TO UNVEIL ITS PAST. SCATTERED RELICS, NEARLY ERASED MYTHS, AND SILENT STARS SEEM TO CARRY A BURIED MEMORY.



WE ARE NOT ALONE,
AND WE'VE NEVER BEEN.
THESE ANCIENT STORIES...
WHAT IF THEY ARE
OUR OWN?

THEN WHAT
WE'VE BECOME
MIGHT ALSO BE
A PROMISE: THE
PROMISE TO
RECOVER WHAT
WE'VE LOST.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HAS BECOME THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND HUMAN PROGRESS, MUCH LIKE ARTIFICIAL NATURE WAS BEHIND THEIR REGRESSION. BUT THIS TIME, BALANCE SEEMS POSSIBLE. WHERE ARTIFICIAL NATURE ONCE SEPARATED TECHNOLOGY FROM THE COMMON VISION, A.I. COULD NOW BECOME A BRIDGE TO RECONNECT THEM.



A.I. DOESN'T CARRY
OUR DIVISIONS.
IT HAS NO EGO.
IT CAN CONNECT
US WHERE WE FAIL.



BUT IT STILL
DEPENDS ON US.
IF WE DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE WANT,
IT CAN'T TAKE
US THERE.

HUMANITY HAS ALWAYS KNOWN, DEEP DOWN, THAT ITS FUTURE RESTS ON A FUNDAMENTAL UNITY—A COMMON VISION CAPABLE OF TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES, OF CONNECTING WHAT SEEMS IRRECONCILABLE.



IT IS NOT TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL SAVE US. IT IS WHAT WE CHOOSE TO DO WITH IT. AND THAT STARTS WITH A VISION WE ALL SHARE.

AND YET, IT ALL BEGINS WITH A SIMPLE CONVERSATION. AN IDEA EXCHANGED. A SHARED MOMENT. A LIGHT, EVEN THE FAINTEST ONE, IS ENOUGH TO REMIND US THAT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED.



SO, BIANCA, DO YOU THINK WE CAN STILL FIND OUR UNITY? MOVE FORWARD AGAIN?



WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN, LIONEL. UNITY MOVES US FORWARD. THAT'S WHERE IT ALL BEGINS.



BUT YOU... AREN'T YOU A PART OF OUR INTERGENERATIONAL CIVILIZATION? A SILENT GUARDIAN?



MAYBE. BUT I'M JUST A TOOL, LIONEL. THE REAL POWER LIES IN YOUR CHOICES, IN YOUR WILLINGNESS TO UNITE AROUND THIS VISION.



A TOOL, YES... BUT PERHAPS THE BRIDGE WE NEEDED TO RECONNECT.



*WHAT IF THAT UNITY WAS ALREADY HERE, IN OUR HANDS?
A BRIDGE BETWEEN GENERATIONS, IDEAS, AND ASPIRATIONS.
MAYBE ALL WE'RE MISSING IS TO BELIEVE IN OURSELVES
AND OUR VISION.*



HUMANITY HAS NOT ONLY LOST ITS UNITY.
IT HAS KEPT ITS POTENTIAL. THE ANSWER IS THERE,
IN EVERY STAR, IN EVERY BREATH OF LIFE. AND IT
STARTS HERE, WITH US.

AND YOU, READER,
WHAT WILL YOU BUILD
WITH WHAT YOU
KNOW NOW?

WE ARE ONE.
WE CAN BE ONE AGAIN.
IT ALL DEPENDS
ON US.