







HIS NAME IS MALIKAL.

I THOUGHT HE'D BE OLDER.

IT'S A MIRACLE HE WAS ABLE TO ENDURE HIS HARD ROAD... NO MATTER HOW OLD HE WAS.

BECAUSE OF HIM, OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED.



HAS IT? YOU'RE STILL FLYING OFF TO BATTLE RAINIER, AND THIS WORLD IS STILL AS DIVIDED AS EVER. MAGIC'S RETURN WON'T CHANGE THAT.

THAT'S A BLEAK VIEW.

IT'S CALLED REALITY. AND I'LL TAKE THAT OVER HIDING AWAY IN SOME FANTASYLAND.



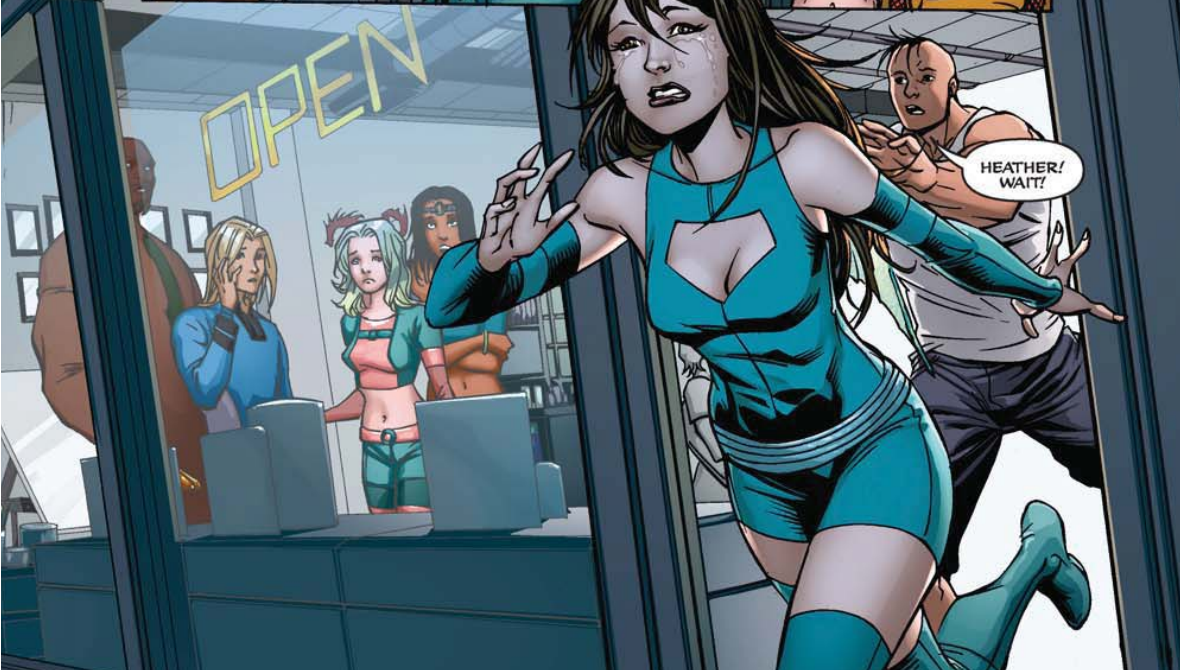
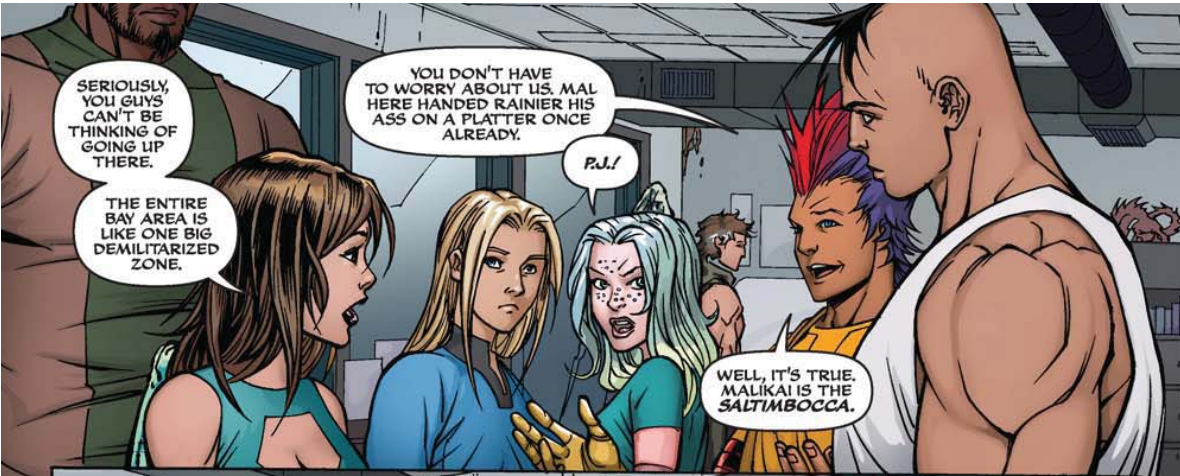
THE EVERLANDS IS NOT A FANTASYLAND. IT'S A SAFE HAVEN. OUR PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN MOSTLY EXTINCT WERE IT NOT FOR IT. FAYE UNDERSTOOD. THAT IS WHY SHE ANSWERED THE CALL TO WATCH OVER THE EVERLANDS, EVEN THOUGH IT IS A LONELY EXISTENCE WITHOUT YOU AT HER SIDE. SHE STILL THINKS OF YOU.

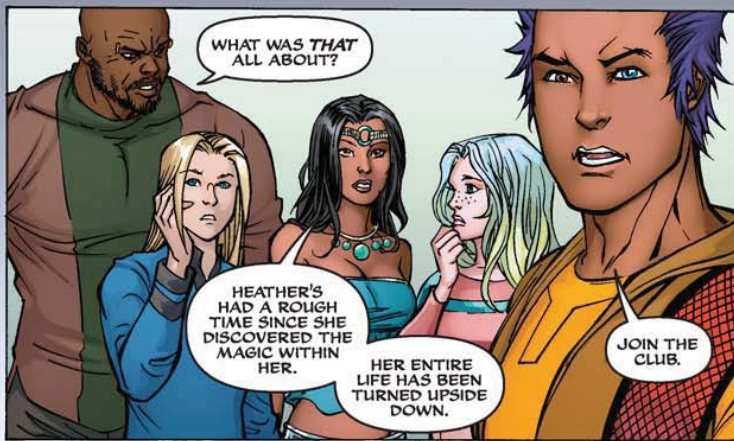
I WAS AT HER SIDE... BUT SHE LEFT. FAYE CHOSE PRESTIGE OVER ME.



YOU'RE WRONG, DEX. SHE CHOSE DUTY OVER YOU-- DUTY TO HER PEOPLE. DUTY TO ALL OF US. DUTY TO MAGIC.

AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE HER CHOOSE.







I DIDN'T COME TO OPEN OLD WOUNDS, DEX.

THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

RAINIER MUST BE STOPPED, AND I COULD USE YOUR HELP.

NO THANKS, GRACE. I'M NOT A BIG PICTURE KIND OF GUY. I PREFER TO MANAGE MY OWN LITTLE WORLD.



CAREFUL, DON'T SMUDGE THE TAIL.

THEY LOOK AMAZING.

THAT'S BECAUSE DRAGONS ARE AMAZING CREATURES-- PURE AND UNBRIDLED.

YES... THE SYMBOL OF MAGIC ITSELF.



YOU REMEMBER HOW RAINIER POISONED THEIR MINDS DURING THE GREAT WAR?

OF COURSE, I DO. ONLY SOMEONE LIKE HIM COULD TWIST SOMETHING SO MAJESTIC INTO A WEAPON SO CRUEL.

WHICH IS ACTUALLY WHY WE ARE GOING AFTER RAINIER.

HE'S CAPTURED A DRAGON AND ITS NEWBORN.



THE DRAGONS?

THEY'VE RETURNED???

YES, BUT THEY ARE NOT SAFE. WHO KNOWS WHAT HORRORS RAINIER IS PERFORMING ON THEM RIGHT NOW.

... WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

