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When Aric of Dacia first returned to Earth wearing the sentient bio-armor Shanhara, he was met by the full force of the world's militaries. But there was one Colonel who saw potential in Aric: Jamie Capshaw, who fostered a relationship with the time-displaced Visigoth prince. In the aftermath of a costly war, Colonel Capshaw called upon Aric to investigate a strange ship hovering in the Australian Outback. Its alien inhabitants, extra-dimensional beings known only as the Brothers of the Bomb, have already attacked Aric as Capshaw struggles to catch up...



ARIC OF DACIA

Aric of Dacia is X-O Manowar, Earth's most powerful warrior. He spent some time away on a distant planet called Gorin, where he ruled as its emperor before being deposed and exiled. Upon returning to Earth, Aric found himself instantly recruited into a war he had little stake in. Hoping to finally wash his hands of G.A.T.E.'s oversight, Aric was once again called into action at the behest of Colonel Capshaw.



SHANHARA

The source of Aric's incredible power. Shanhara is a sentient suit of living armor from an alien world, who has chosen Aric as her host.



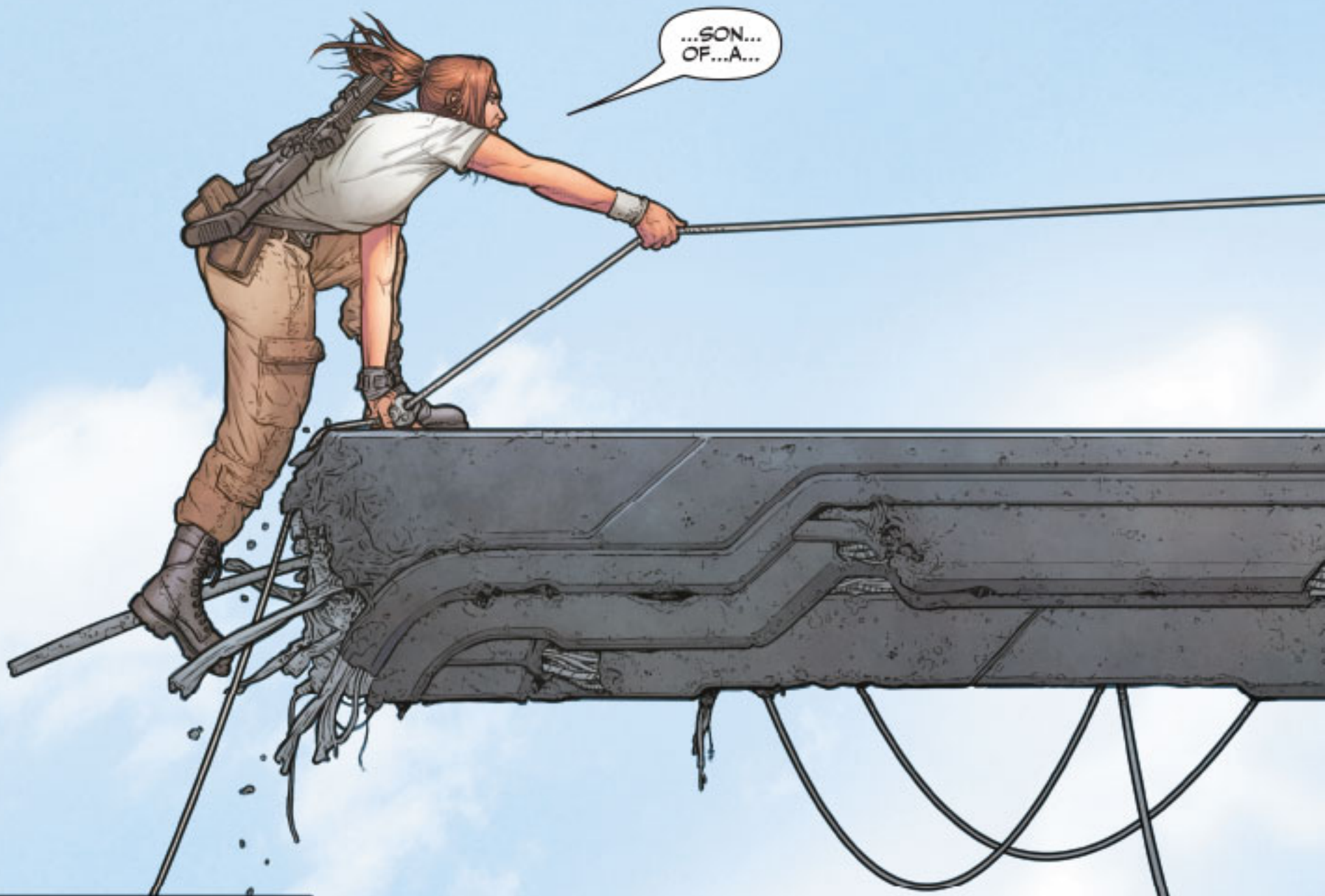
COLONEL JAMIE CAPSHAW

Colonel Jamie Capshaw is the leader of G.A.T.E., the Global Agency for Threat Excision. After the loss of a powerful asset, Colonel Capshaw is drawing upon the one asset she has left: her relationship with X-O Manowar.



ATOM-13

A freedom fighter from the extra-dimensional plane called the Unknown, Atom-13 is hailed as a hero on his world. Far away from home, Atom has come to Earth, but X-O Manowar is standing in his way...



...SON...
OF...A...



ARIC...?

...ANYBODY?



HERE
WE...



GO--MY
GOD!

NO ONE
MOVE.





LET HIM GO NOW, HALF-MAN, AND I MAY LET YOU LIVE. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF.



I KNOW THAT YOU ATTACKED ME. I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T BELONG HERE. AND I KNOW MY JOB IS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

SO TELL ME...WHAT MORE DO I NEED TO KNOW?



LET ME TELL YOU, HALF-MAN, AS SOMEONE THAT WEARS ARMOR THAT THINKS IT'S ALIVE. I WILL EDUCATE YOU...




...OF MY HOME IN THE UNKNOWN, AND A LAND THAT WAS ONCE RULED BY SIMULACRUM.



"I WAS RAISED A SLAVE
TO THESE ARTIFICIAL
BEINGS.

"THE SIMULACRUM SAW ONLY ONES AND
ZEROS...REACTED ONLY TO THE BOTTOM LINE.
THE SUM OF THE PARTS WAS ALL-IMPORTANT.



"HUMANS WERE
INEFFICIENT. OUTDATED.
FIT ONLY TO SERVE.

"AND WE SERVED THEIR EVERY
WHIM. UNTIL THE DAY I ROSE UP
WITH OTHERS LIKE ME...



"AND WE
STRUCK BACK.



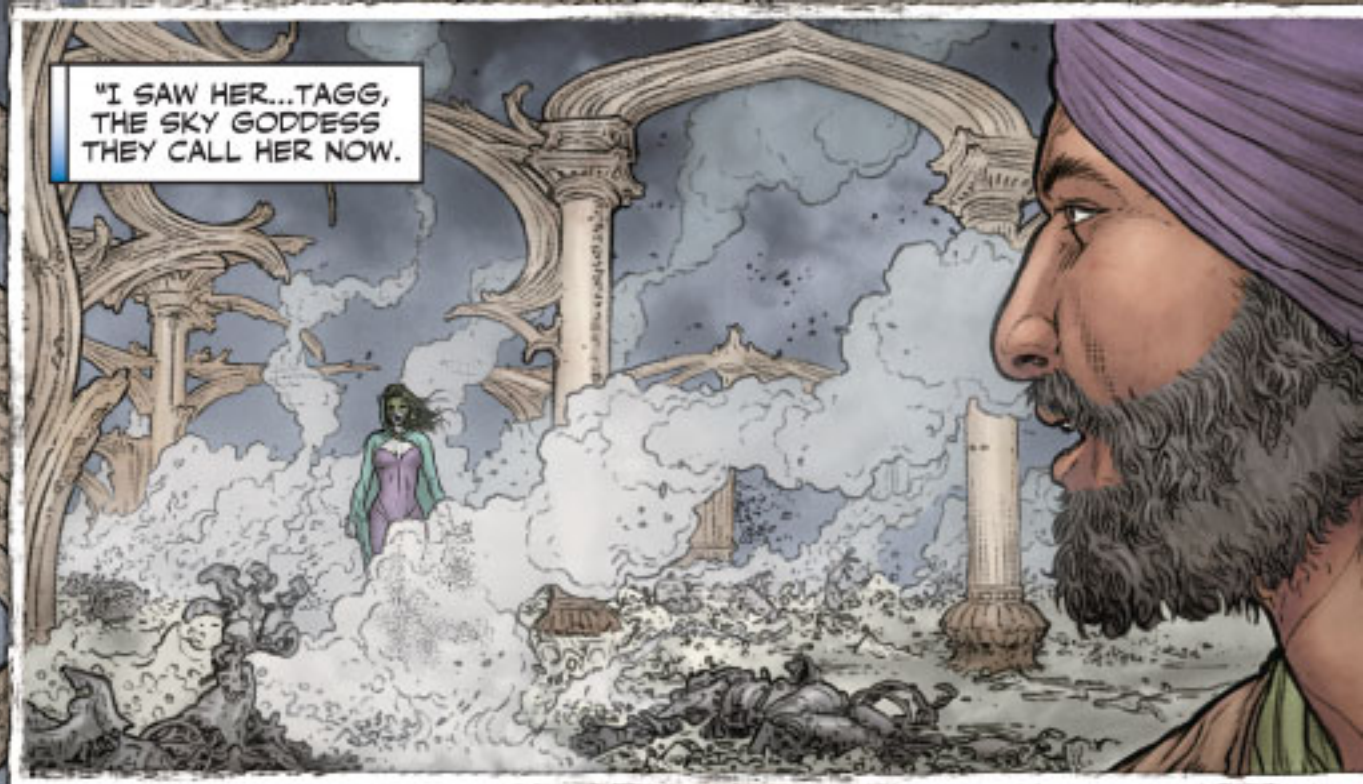
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THOSE EARLY DAYS AT THE
COLD HANDS OF OUR
UNFEELING OPPRESSORS.



"IT WAS IN THAT
VERY AFTERMATH...

"...THAT MY LIFE WAS
TRULY CHANGED FOREVER.

"I SAW HER...TAGG,
THE SKY GODDESS
THEY CALL HER NOW."



"BUT THEN...I SIMPLY
KNEW HER AS THE
LOVE OF MY LIFE."

