

"THE FIRST MULDROOG BELIEVED **THE WHISPERER** HAD ALWAYS BEEN HERE, EVEN BEFORE THERE WAS A WORLD.

"SOME SAY HE GUIDED OUR ANCESTORS THROUGH THE DARKNESS, AWAY FROM THE UPPER WORLD THEY SOUGHT TO ESCAPE.

"FOR MANY YEARS HE GUIDED US, HELPING US MASTER OUR NEW ENVIRONMENT, AND DISCOVERING TECHNOLOGY BEYOND WHAT WAS POSSIBLE IN THE WORLD ABOVE.

"HIS VERY PRESENCE POWERED THE **GOD STONES**, WHICH GAVE US WARMTH AND HELPED US THRIVE. AND ALL HE ASKED FOR IN RETURN, WAS **FREEDOM** FROM HIS CRYSTAL PRISON.

"**THIS** IS WHERE OUR TROUBLES BEGAN.

"IT WAS KIYEP A'KEN, A FARMER'S SON, WHO MANAGED TO CRACK THE CRYSTAL. HE WAS THE FIRST TO BECOME ENSLAVED."



THE WHISPERER REVEALED HIMSELF AS A MULL'D, A DEMON. MANY FELL UNDER HIS SPELL, BUT THERE WERE THOSE WHOSE MINDS COULD SEE THE TRUTH BEYOND HIS LIES.

IN THE END, KIYEP'S ELDEST DAUGHTER, SILDONNA, DEFEATED HER FATHER IN BATTLE, AND SAVED OUR PEOPLE FROM A LIFE OF DEMONIC SERVITUDE.

THE WHISPERER AND HIS FOLLOWERS WERE BURIED DEEP WITHIN OUR TEMPLE TO PALL'D, THE ONE TRUE GOD. IT IS THEN WE BECAME THE MULDROOD, OR "KEEPERS OF THE DEMON" IN THE ENGLISH TONGUE.



WHAT THE HELL IS IN THIS STUFF?

SOMETHING WITH BUGS IN IT, BUT I DON'T EVEN CARE. I FEEL LIKE MY BODY IS MADE OF SOUND.



IT'S CALLED NIGHT PUDDING. UNFORTUNATELY, MY CYBERNETIC EYE CREATES A SORT OF ANCHOR TO THE REAL WORLD, DIMINISHING ITS HALLUCINOGENIC EFFECTS.



ALAS, NO PRISON IS WITHOUT FLAWS. FOR GENERATIONS, THE WHISPERER HAS CALLED OUT THROUGH THE CRACKS AND FISSURES OF THE EARTH...

# Cave Carson Has a Cybernetic Eye

## NIGHT PUDDING

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"...IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOMEONE LISTENED."





AND NOW, MY YOUNG FRIEND, IT IS TIME I REPAID YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE TAUGHT US ABOUT THIS MAGNIFICENT CITY OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS.



I HAD PROMISED TO RETURN YOU TO YOUR FAMILY IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND I SHALL KEEP MY WORD.



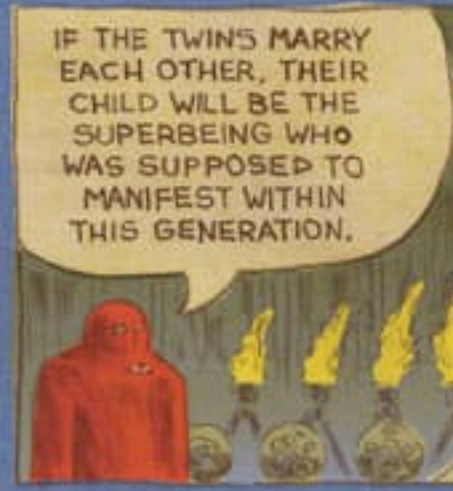
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, SPHINX?

THE TWINS MUST BE MARRIED.



TWINS? WHAT TWINS?

I THINK THEY MEAN US.



IF THE TWINS MARRY EACH OTHER, THEIR CHILD WILL BE THE SUPERBEING WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO MANIFEST WITHIN THIS GENERATION.



MARRY EACH OTHER?



IT'S NOT TOTALLY WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN THE ROYAL HOUSE OF EXXOR.

HMMM. HAS IT REALLY COME TO THAT?

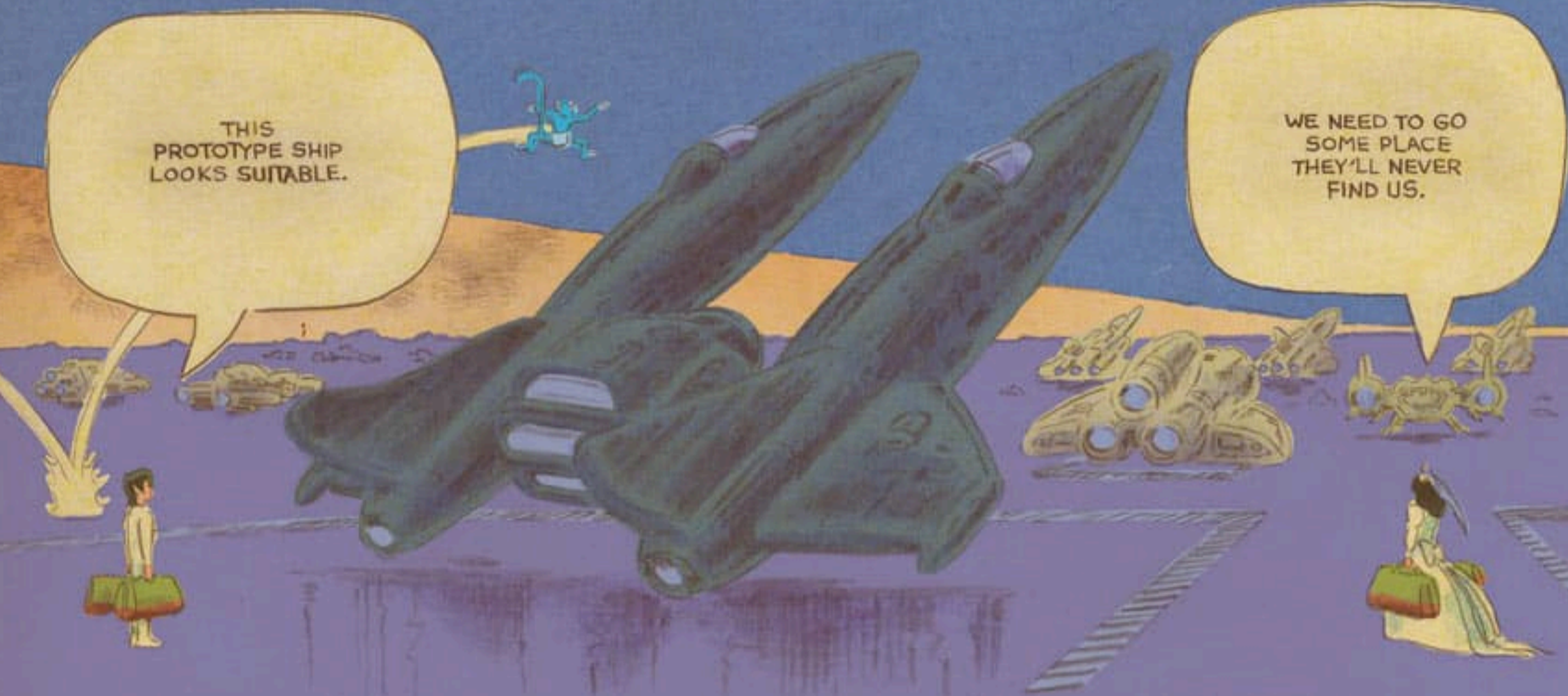


I WOULD NOT SUGGEST IT WERE IT NOT OF ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.



EWWWW. GROSS!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE.



THIS PROTOTYPE SHIP LOOKS SUITABLE.

WE NEED TO GO SOME PLACE THEY'LL NEVER FIND US.

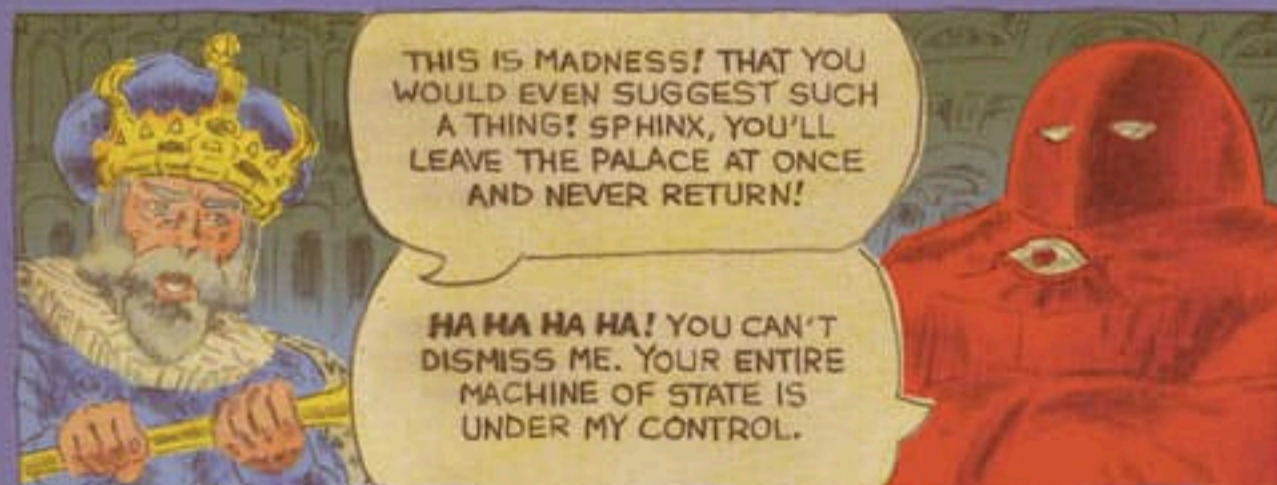


OOF! GLEEK!

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!



EARTH!



THIS IS MADNESS! THAT YOU WOULD EVEN SUGGEST SUCH A THING! SPHINX, YOU'LL LEAVE THE PALACE AT ONCE AND NEVER RETURN!

HA HA HA HA! YOU CAN'T DISMISS ME. YOUR ENTIRE MACHINE OF STATE IS UNDER MY CONTROL.



I COMMAND AN ARMY OF SUPERMEN YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED.

OOF



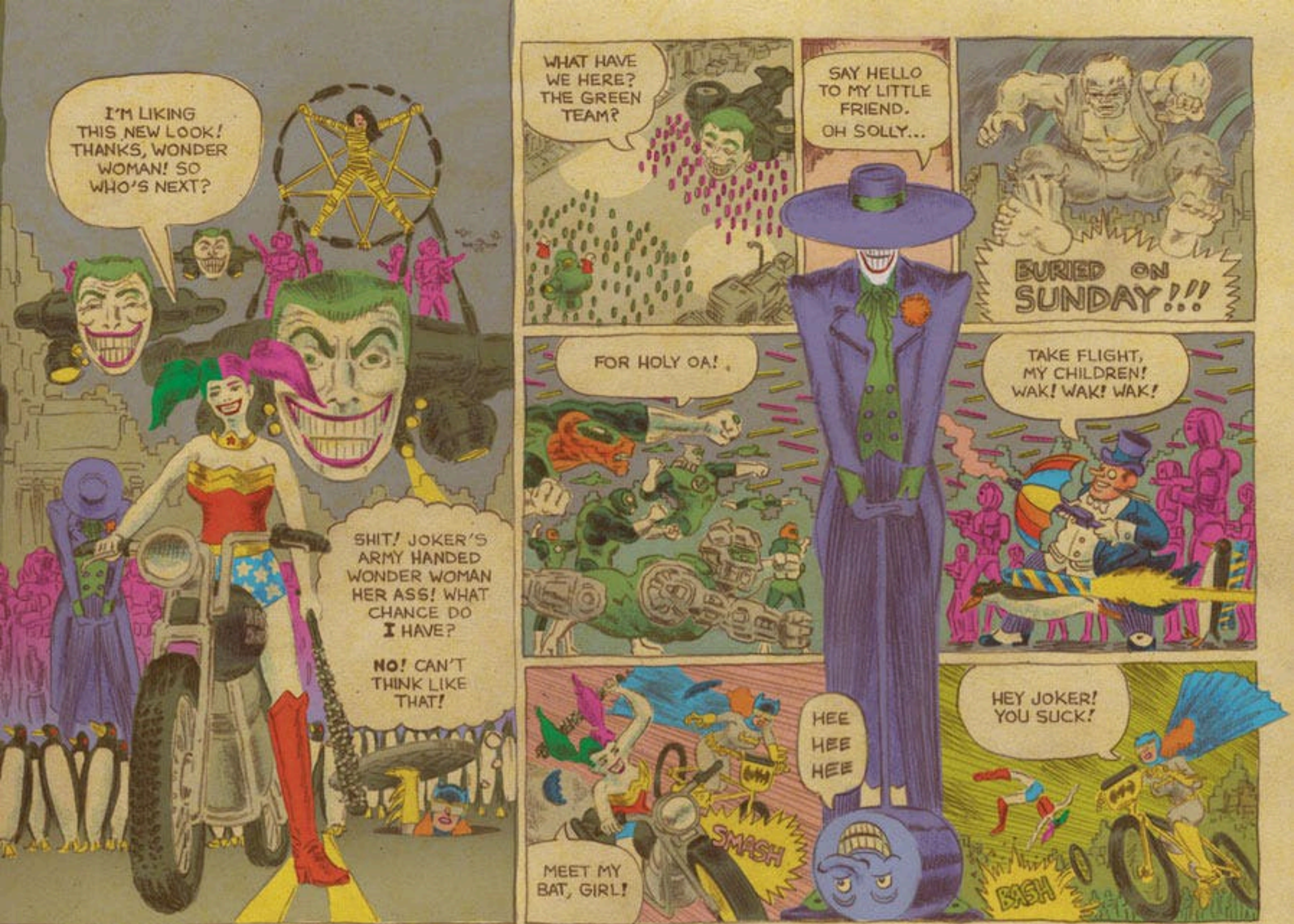
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?



LOOK OUT! UGH!

DARLING!





# SUPER POWERS BY TOM SCIOLI

