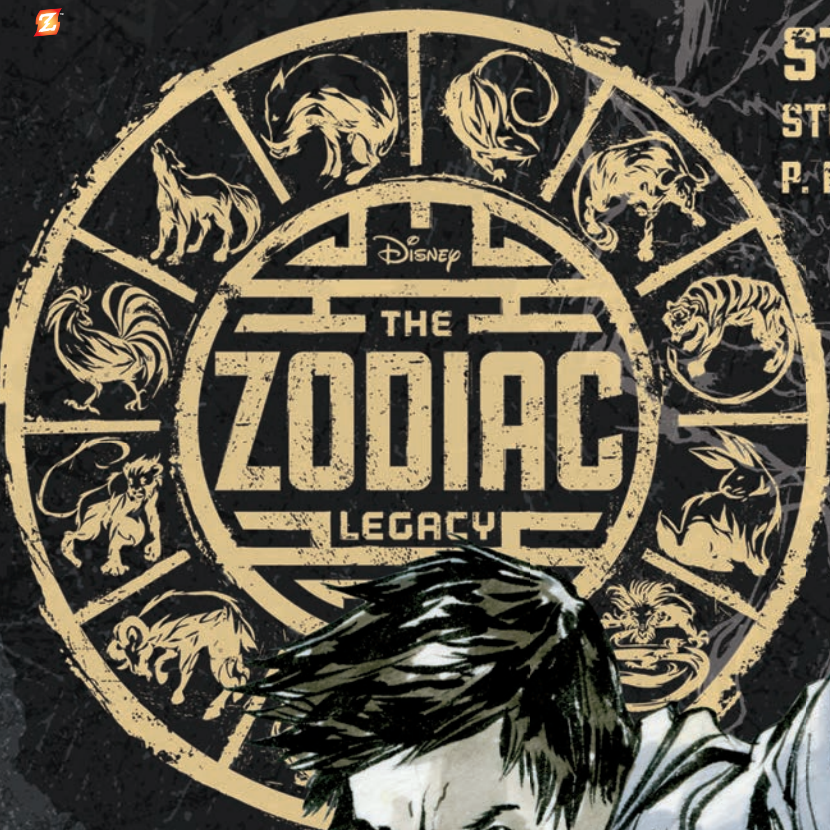


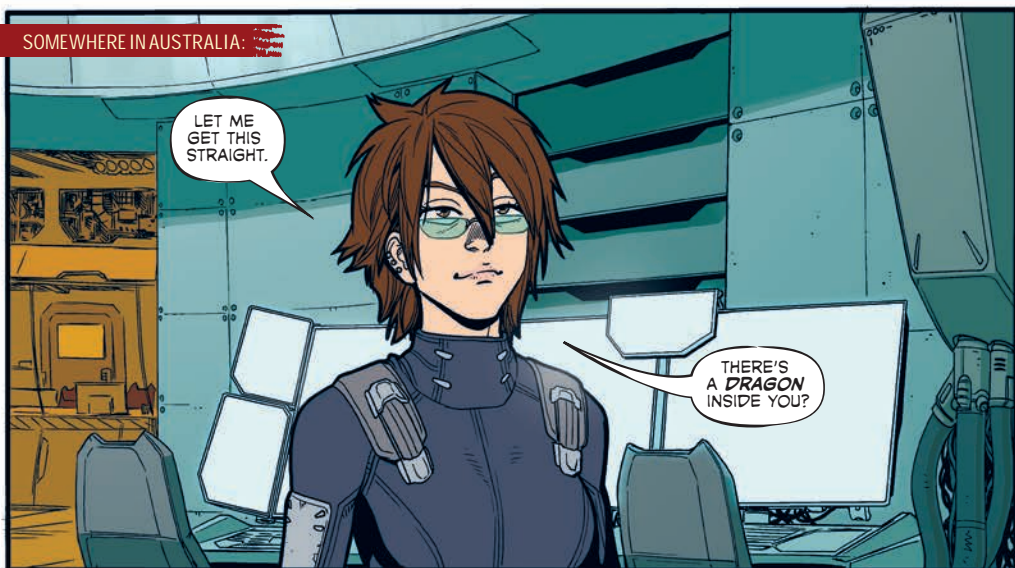


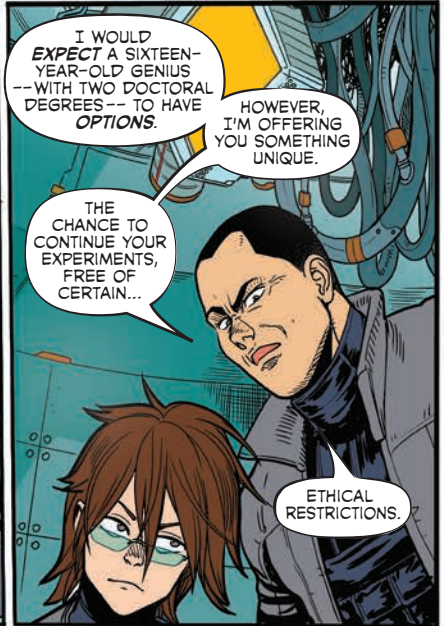
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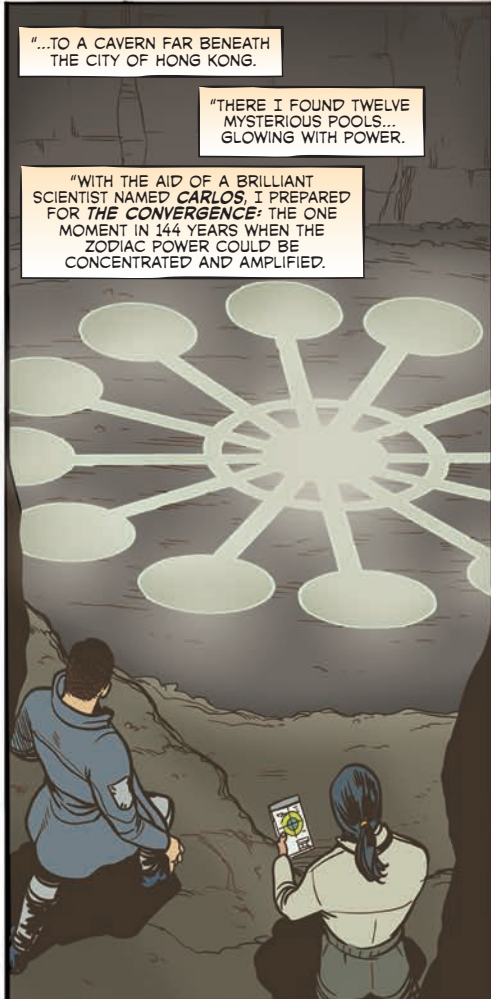






...ABOUT THE ZODIAC LEGACY.

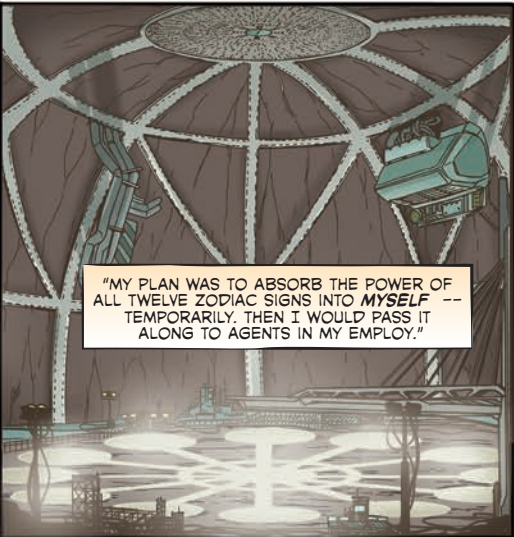
IT BEGAN ONE YEAR AGO. AFTER MANY YEARS OF SEARCHING, I FINALLY TRACKED A MASSIVE, ANCIENT ENERGY SOURCE...



"...TO A CAVERN FAR BENEATH THE CITY OF HONG KONG.

"THERE I FOUND TWELVE MYSTERIOUS POOLS... GLOWING WITH POWER.

"WITH THE AID OF A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST NAMED CARLOS, I PREPARED FOR THE CONVERGENCE: THE ONE MOMENT IN 144 YEARS WHEN THE ZODIAC POWER COULD BE CONCENTRATED AND AMPLIFIED.



"MY PLAN WAS TO ABSORB THE POWER OF ALL TWELVE ZODIAC SIGNS INTO MYSELF -- TEMPORARILY, THEN I WOULD PASS IT ALONG TO AGENTS IN MY EMPLOY."



EXCEPT FOR THE DRAGON-- THE MOST POWERFUL SIGN OF THEM ALL.

THAT WAS TO BE MINE.



"BUT I HADN'T FORESEEN CARLOS'S TREACHERY.

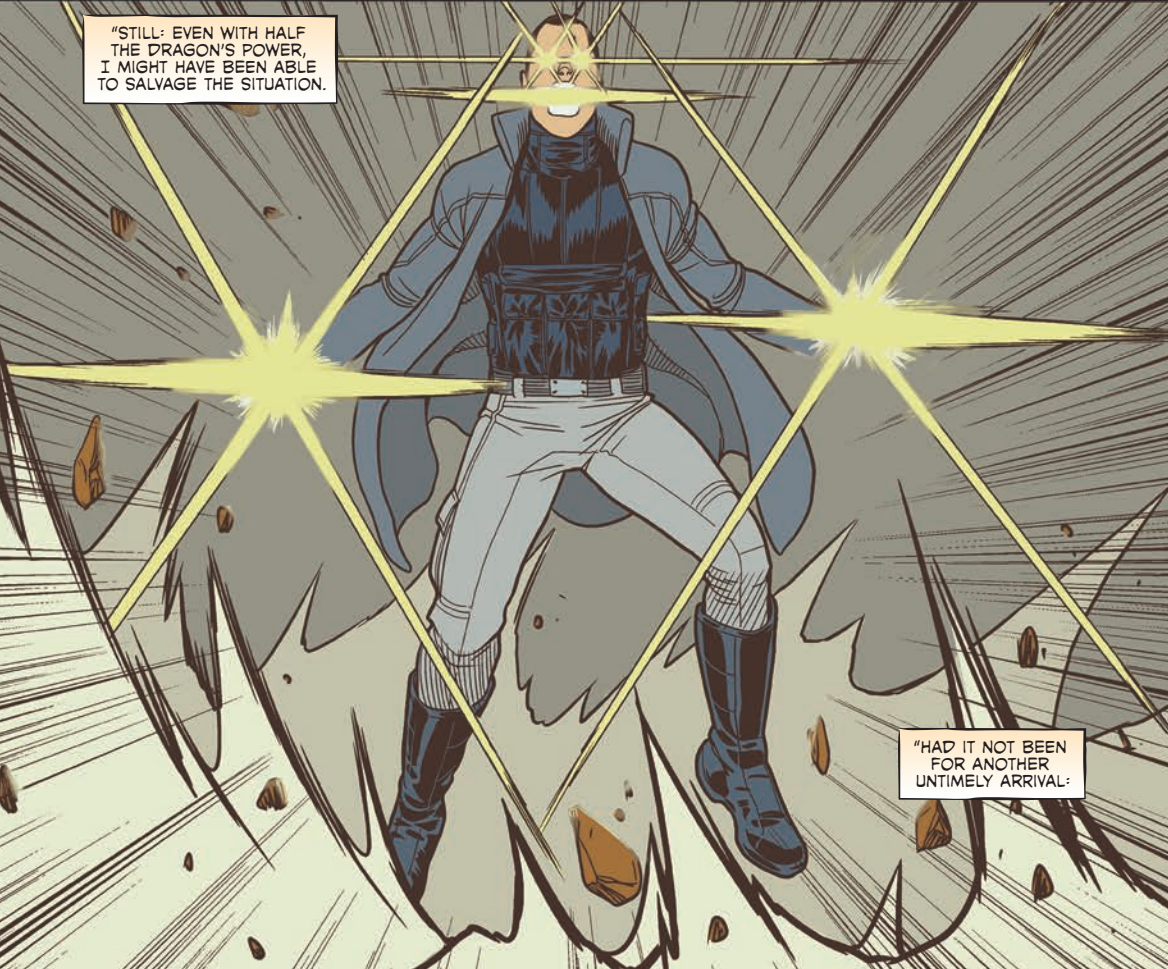
"AFTER I'D ABSORBED SEVERAL OF THE POWERS, CARLOS TURNED AGAINST ME.

HE SABOTAGED THE CONVERGENCE, CAUSING THE ZODIAC ENERGIES TO RUN WILD.



"CARLOS'S ACCOMPLICE WAS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF MINE: *JASMINE*.

"LIKE ME, SHE IS A DRAGON. AND AS THE CONVERGENCE CHAMBER EXPLODED INTO CHAOS, SHE MANAGED TO STEAL SOME OF THE DRAGON ENERGY FOR HERSELF.



"STILL: EVEN WITH HALF THE DRAGON'S POWER, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SALVAGE THE SITUATION.

"HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR ANOTHER UNTIMELY ARRIVAL:

"YOUNG STEVEN LEE.

"HE BECAME
THE TIGER."

