

WE ALL LABEL  
OURSELVES.

FOCUS ON ONE THING  
WE IDENTIFY AS ABOVE  
ALL OTHERS.

I'M ABOUT TO SEE WHAT  
HAPPENS WHEN YOU STRIP  
THAT THING AWAY.

WHAT  
A MESS  
YOU'VE  
MADE IN  
HERE.





HOW DOES AN ARTIST  
GO ON WITHOUT ARMS?

YOU'VE TAKEN  
THIS BEAUTIFUL  
MACHINE AND  
LITTERED IT WITH  
CONFUSION,  
DOUBT, AND  
MADNESS.



HOW WILL I SURVIVE WITHOUT THE  
ONE THING THAT MADE ME ME?

PERHAPS  
IT IS THE  
MADNESS  
THAT CREATES  
THE GIFT?

OR WAS  
THE GIFT  
YOUR BURDENT  
EITHER WAY--



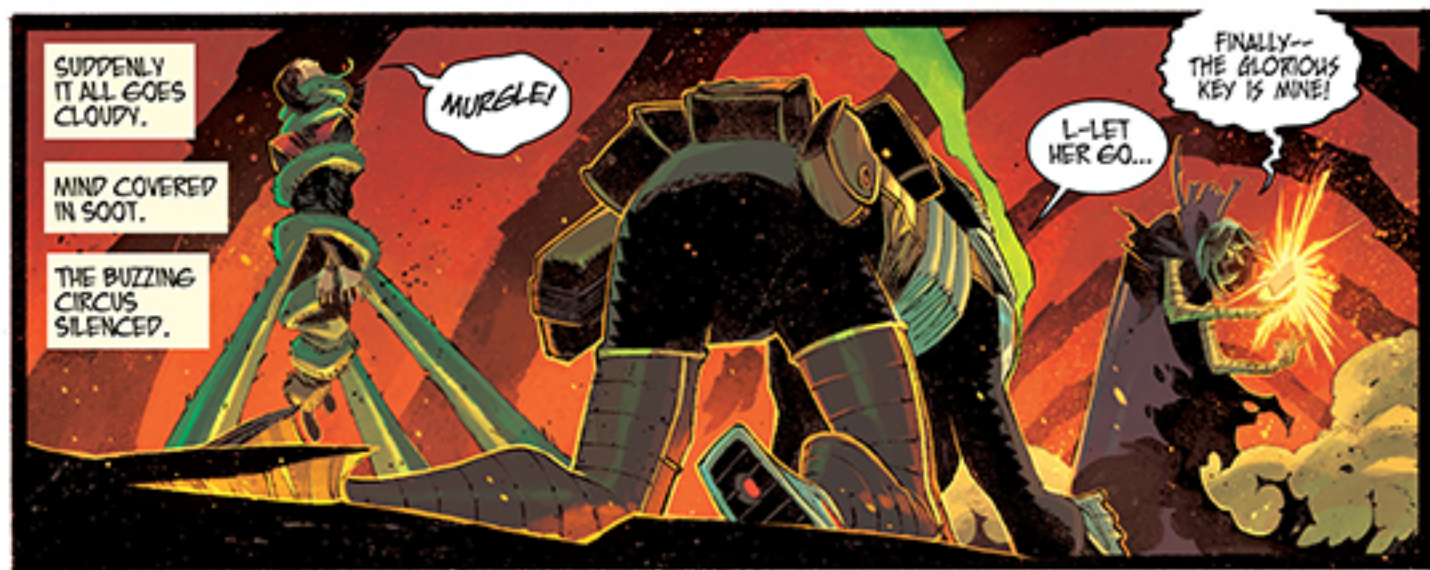
YOU'RE  
FREE OF  
IT!

THE WINDING  
PATHWAYS  
OF FATE, SUCH  
SEEMINGLY STRANGE  
OCCURRENCES--  
BUT NOT THIS!



I DREW  
YOU TO  
ME!

TO TRAVEL  
ALL THIS  
WAY TO GIVE  
ME YOUR  
SECRETS!



SUDDENLY  
IT ALL GOES  
CLOUDY.

MIND COVERED  
IN SOOT.

THE BUZZING  
CIRCUS  
SILENCED.

MURGLE!

L-LET  
HER GO...

FINALLY--  
THE GLORIOUS  
KEY IS MINE!



A BARGAIN  
STRUCK,  
AND SO  
FULFILLED!

~GASP!~



THANK YOU FOR  
ENDING THE CYCLE,  
SOJOURNER!

FEAR NOT--  
MY LOVE  
SHALL GRACE  
YOU AGAIN--



--FOR  
THE GREAT  
BARTER  
YET TO  
COME!



THAT LAST  
BIT DIDN'T  
SOUND  
GOOD.

D-DID  
SHE...

SHE DID.  
BUT HEY, LOOK  
ON THE BRIGHT  
SIDE...

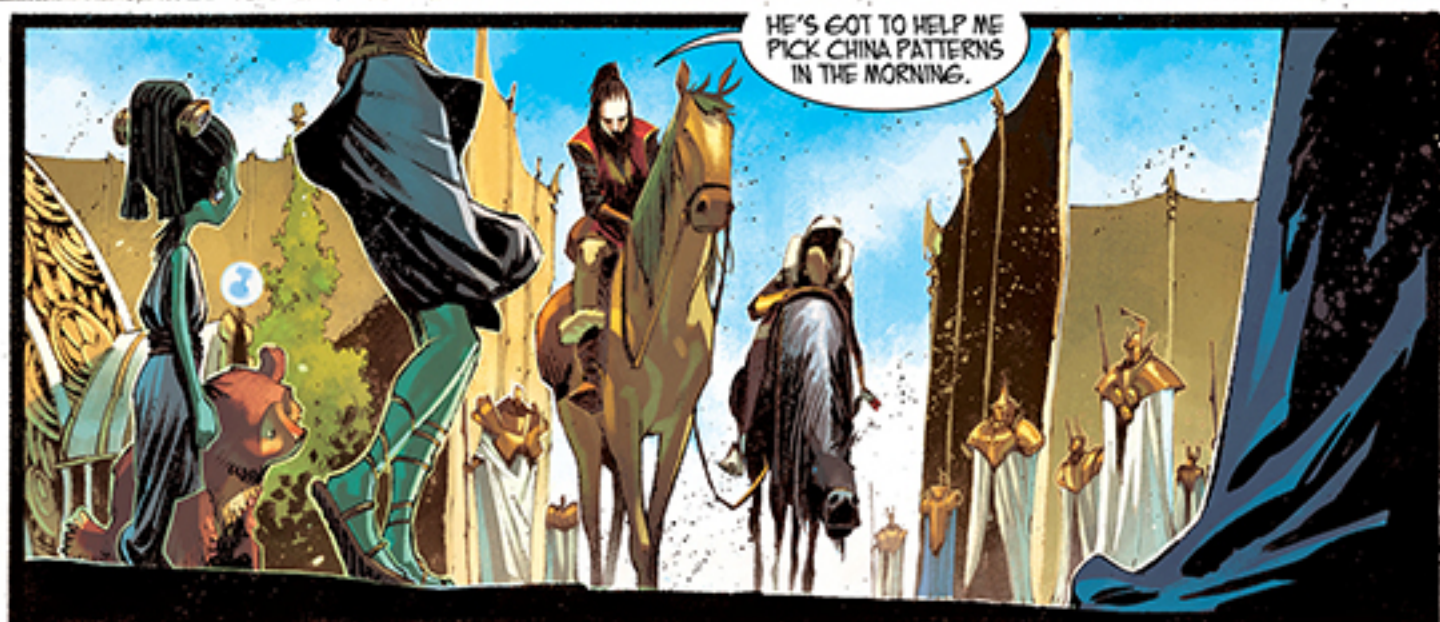
"...I JUST HELPED AN EVIL MIND-  
WITCH WITH HER ROTTEN PLANS."

...AND WE MUST  
STILL CONSIDER  
THE OPTION OF A  
DIPLOMATIC  
MARRIAGE TO  
THE SKYWARD  
REACHES.

FATHER,  
PLEASE. I  
HAVEN'T GIVEN  
UP HOPE THAT  
PIA WILL  
RETURN.

OF COURSE,  
KOR. BUT GIVEN  
WHERE SHE WENT...  
IT IS PRUDENT TO  
DISCUSS OPTIONS  
SHE SHOULD SHE  
NOT—

DON'T GO  
PAWNING OFF  
MY MAN JUST  
YET.



HE'S GOT TO HELP ME  
PICK CHINA PATTERNS  
IN THE MORNING.

BELOVED!

A TRUE  
MIRACLE THAT  
YOU FOUND YOUR  
FATHER BEFORE  
HE REACHED  
DOXTA'S  
DEN!



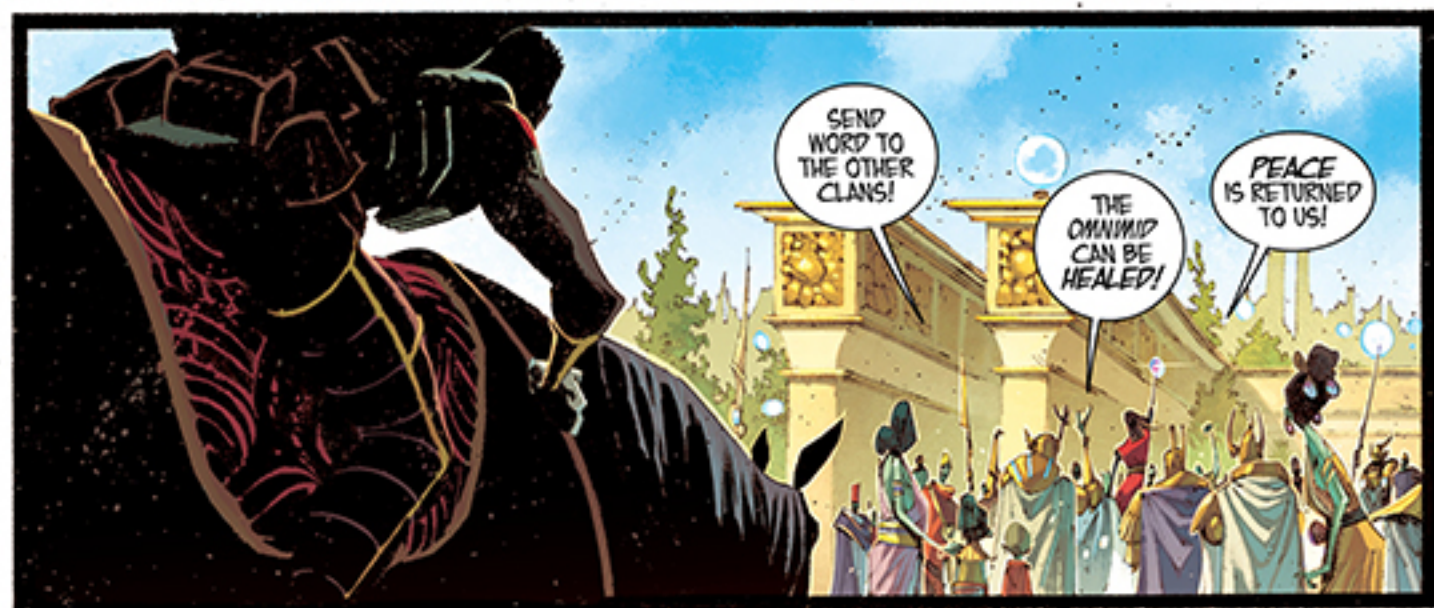
I DIDN'T.

WE'LL  
TALK ABOUT  
DOXTA, BUT  
TAKE THIS  
FOR NOW.

BUT  
WHAT—

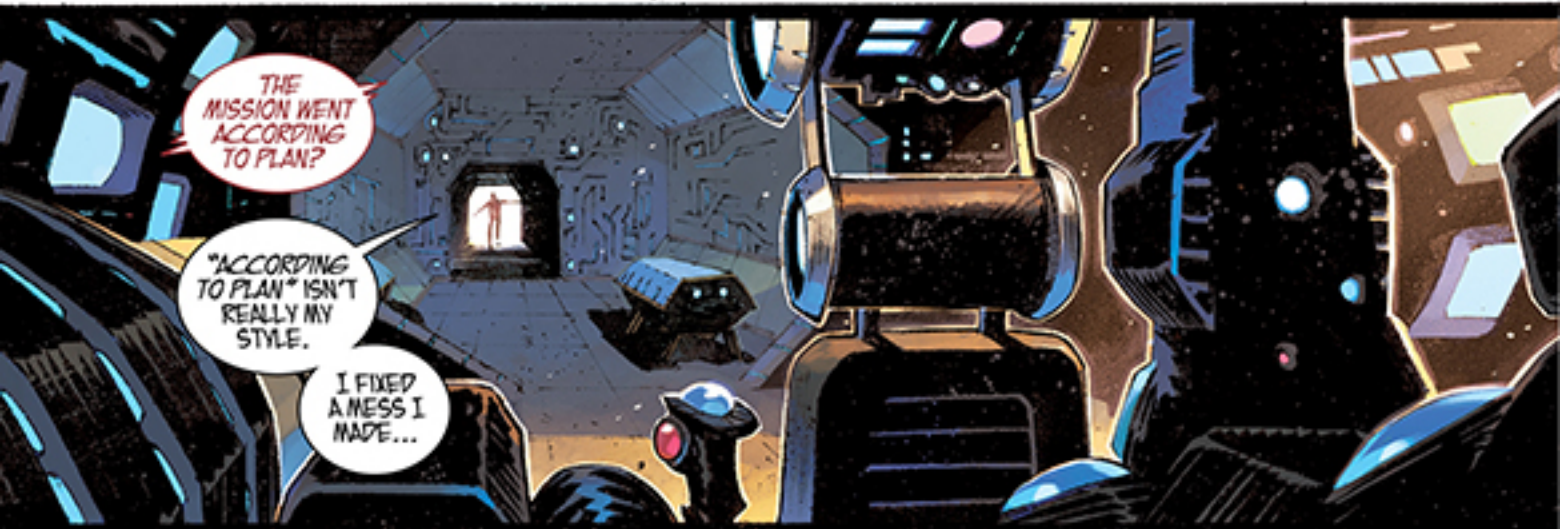


BY GOLDRA'S  
SOUL, SHE HAS  
FOUND IT!





THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF A CELEBRATION HAPPENING.



THE MISSION WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN?

"ACCORDING TO PLAN" ISN'T REALLY MY STYLE.

I FIXED A MESS I MADE...

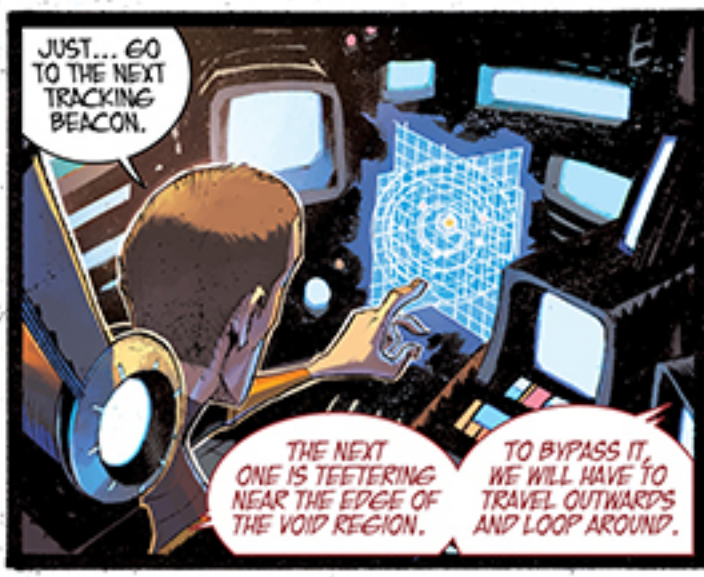


...TWO IF YOU COUNT KEEPING SPAGHETTI ALIVE.

SPAGHETTI?

A NEW FRIEND.

AND PUA?



JUST... GO TO THE NEXT TRACKING BEACON.

THE NEXT ONE IS TEETERING NEAR THE EDGE OF THE VOID REGION.

TO BYPASS IT, WE WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL OUTWARDS AND LOOP AROUND.



WHAT AXIS COORDINATES DO YOU RECOMMEND WE USE?

I... JUST USE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT, I DON'T KNOW. I JUST HAVE TO...



PLEASE JUST TAKE ME TO NATE.

BREAKING OUR DEAL ALREADY?