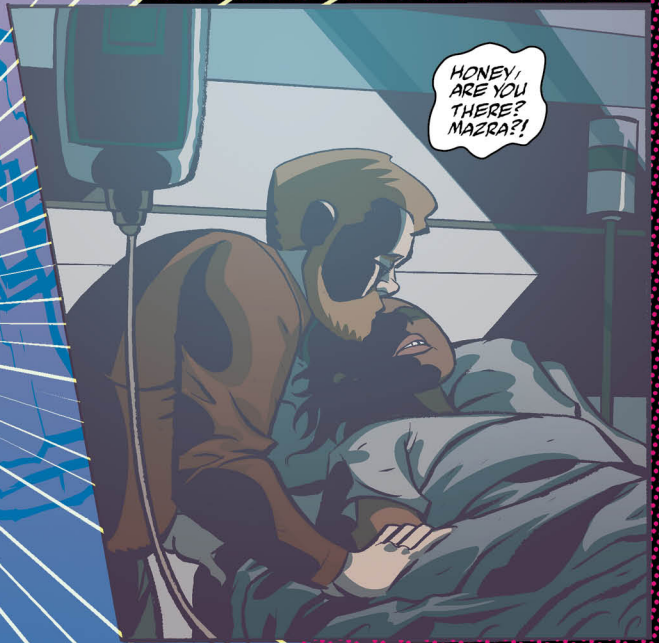


WAKE UP.



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HONEY, ARE YOU THERE? MAZRA?!

HOLD ON, MAZZY. ALMOST THERE.





»GASP!«

YOU'RE HERE?!

THANK GOD, I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU AGAIN.

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WHERE IS CHLOE?!

SHE'S SAFE WITH MAGNUS. I TOLD HER TO GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE.

I JUST HOPE THE METAL MEN CAN KEEP THE WHISPERER BUSY FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES.



THERE! THERE!

WE FOUND THE CRYSTAL!

CAVE, I'M SO TIRED.



C'MON, HONEY. THE STEM MINERALS IN YOUR BODY SHOULD ABSORB THE CRYSTAL'S PROPERTIES.

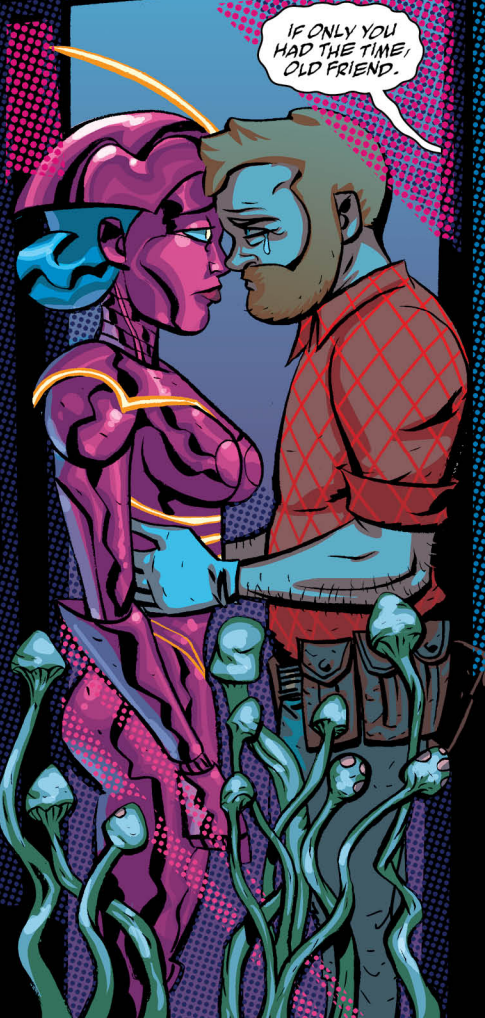
WE CAN KILL THIS DAMN THING AND GO HOME!

IT'S NOT WORKING. I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH.



I'M FADING, BELOVED. LIKE AN ECHO IN THIS CAVERNIOUS BODY.

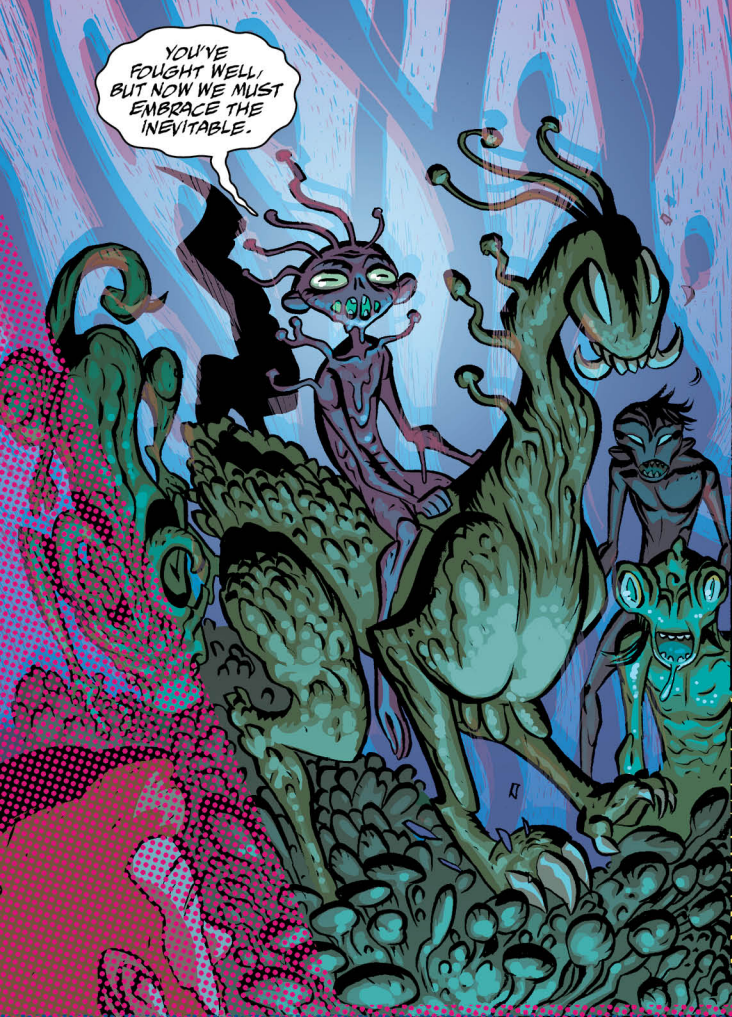
IT'S OKAY. WE TRIED.



IF ONLY YOU HAD THE TIME, OLD FRIEND.



YOU'VE FOUGHT WELL, BUT NOW WE MUST EMBRACE THE INEVITABLE.



FOR ONCE, I'M GOING TO AGREE WITH YOU, EDWARD.



HA! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?



THAT'S ME, EMBRACING THE INEVITABLE, THAT MY DAUGHTER WOULD IGNORE THE ONE SIMPLE THING I ASKED HER TO DO.





THERE HE IS! LIGHT 'EM UP!

AAUGH!