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ZENN-LA. YEARS AGO.

"...SO FOR CHOOSING DAY, I DECLARE I WILL EXPLORE THE STARS... LIKE ANDREL, THE GREATEST OF ALL HEROES!"

"BY THE OLD GODS, NORRIN, I WOULD SEND YOU THERE TODAY IF I COULD!"

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE DIFFERENT? IT'S BEEN CENTURIES SINCE ANDREL. OUR PEOPLE HAVE EXPLORED ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE EXPLORED ALREADY!

BUT, PRECEPTOR JORRAX, THERE ARE ALIEN WORLDS TO--

--SIGH-- WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE HIM?

I WANT TO GROW UP TO TEACH JUST LIKE PRECEPTOR JORRAX!

A NOBLE CALLING, MY CHILD!

NOW, NORRIN, I GET NO JOY FROM CRUSHING YOUR DREAMS...

...BUT THOSE ARE DREAMS THAT NEED TO BE CRUSHED.

BUT, BUT...

GO SIT DOWN AND CONTEMPLATE THE WONDERS RIGHT HERE ON ZENN-LA.

HONESTLY, IT'S NOT EVEN FUN BEATING YOU UP ANYMORE, YOU'RE SO PATHETIC--

--SO I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THE EFFORT I'M PUTTING INTO IT.

I BELIEVE IN YOU, NORRIN...

THANK YOU, SHALLA! ONE DAY, I'LL SHOW THEM ALL! THEY'LL BE SINGING MY PRAISES ACROSS THE GALAXIES.

ONCE I WAS KNOWN AS NORRIN RADD, BUT THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS I HAVE COME TO BE KNOWN BY A DIFFERENT NAME...

THE SILVER SURFER!

IT IS A NAME THAT DOESN'T INSPIRE MUCH SINGING OF PRAISES.

THAT'S BECAUSE I GAVE UP MY PREVIOUS LIFE IN A BARGAIN TO SAVE MY PLANET ZENN-LA AND MY BELOVED SHALLA-BAL FROM OBLIVION...

...AND IN DOING SO, I WAS GRANTED THE POWER COSMIC BY THE ARCHITECT OF MY WORLD'S PERIL, GALACTUS.

TASKED WITH FINDING NEW WORLDS FOR MY MASTER TO CONSUME, I HAVE VOYAGED THROUGH THE UNIVERSE...

...GIFTED WITH THE ABILITIES TO VIEW SIGHTS NORRIN NEVER DREAMED HE WOULD BE BLESSED TO SEE...

...BUT I AM ALWAYS EVENTUALLY REMINDED...

...THAT THIS
EXISTENCE IS
NOT MEANT TO
BE A BLESSING.



I...HUNGER...

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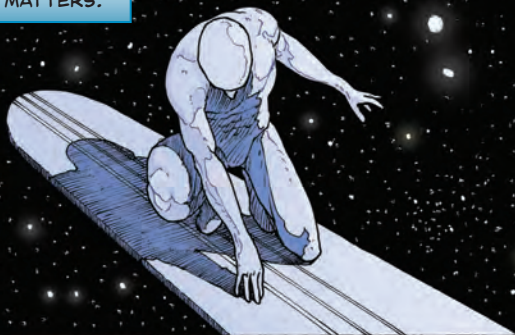
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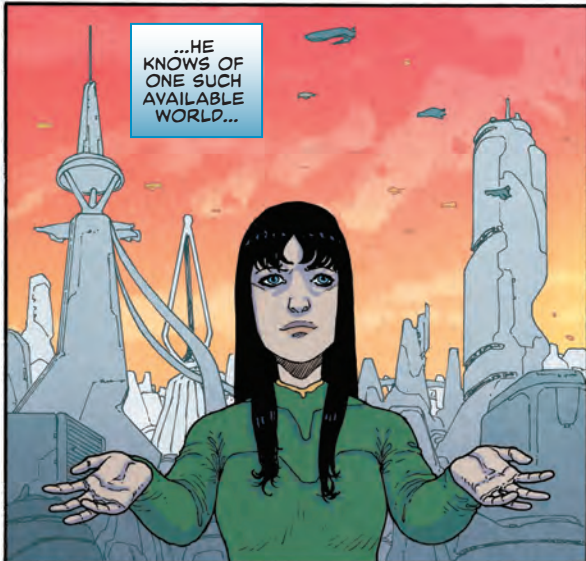
WHEN GALACTUS HUNGERS...NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.



MY SOLE PURPOSE IS TO FIND WORLDS RIPE FOR HIM TO FEED ON AND HE IS QUICK TO REMIND ME...



...HE KNOWS OF ONE SUCH AVAILABLE WORLD...



...AND THAT HE IS A BEING NOT KNOWN FOR HIS PATIENCE.

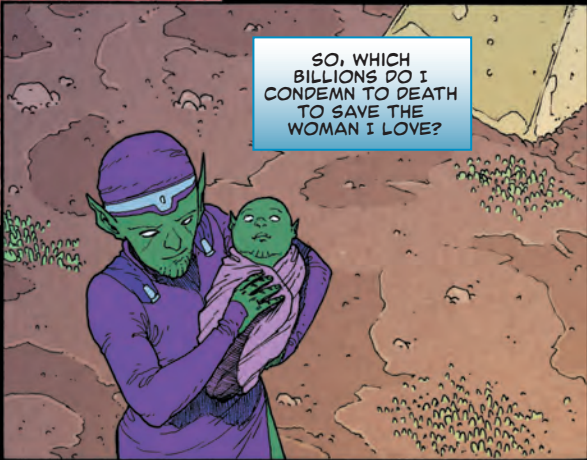


SO FAR, I HAVE MANAGED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH UNINHABITED WORLDS...



...BUT THOSE HAVE PROVED ONLY TO WHET HIS INSATIABLE APPETITE... HE CRAVES THE KIND OF ENERGY THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND ON WORLDS TEEMING WITH LIFE.

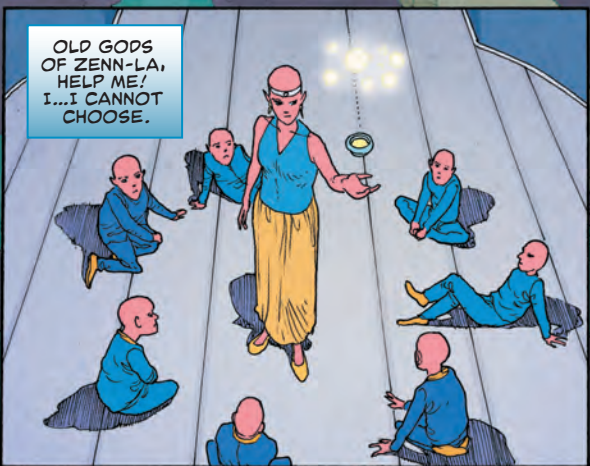
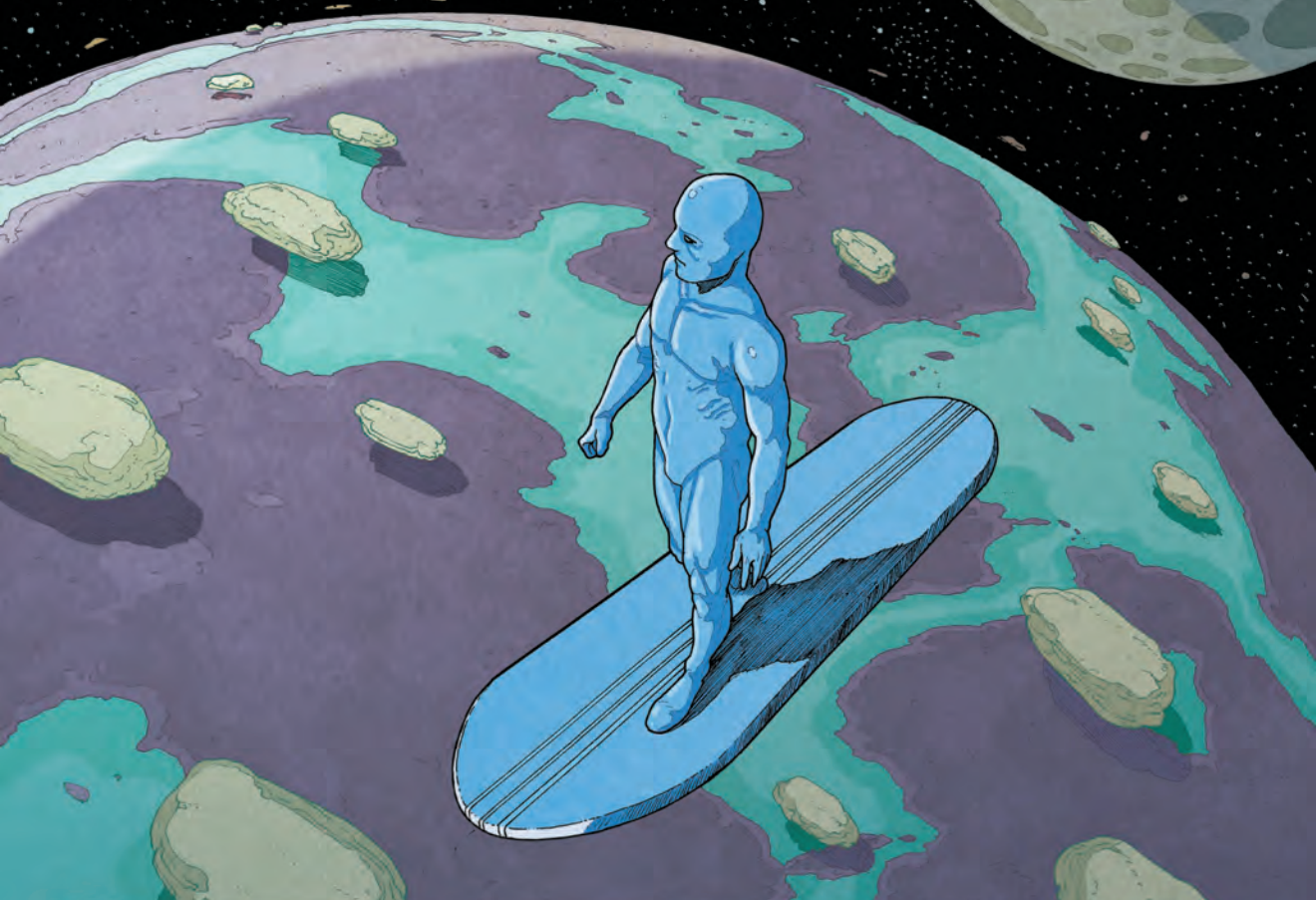


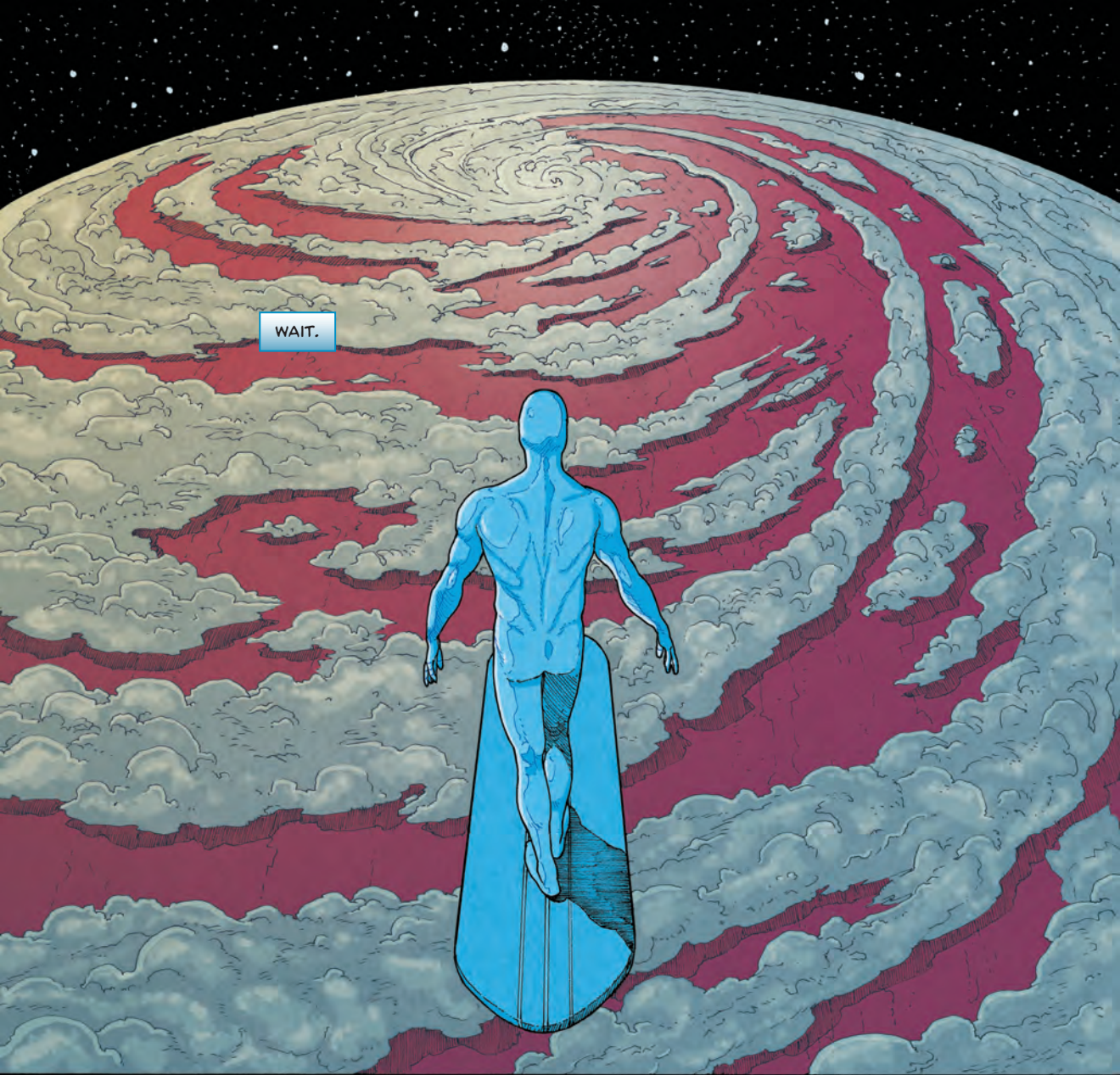


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BILLIONS DO I
CONDEMN TO DEATH
TO SAVE THE
WOMAN I LOVE?

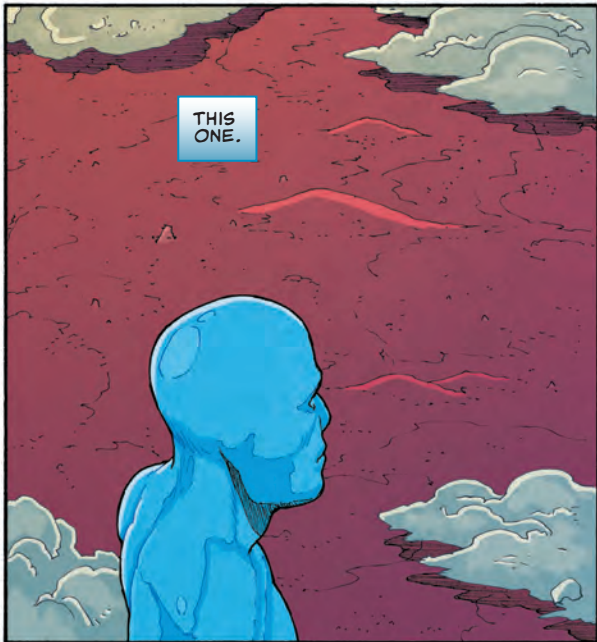


I SEE THE
GOODNESS
IN MANY
WORLDS...

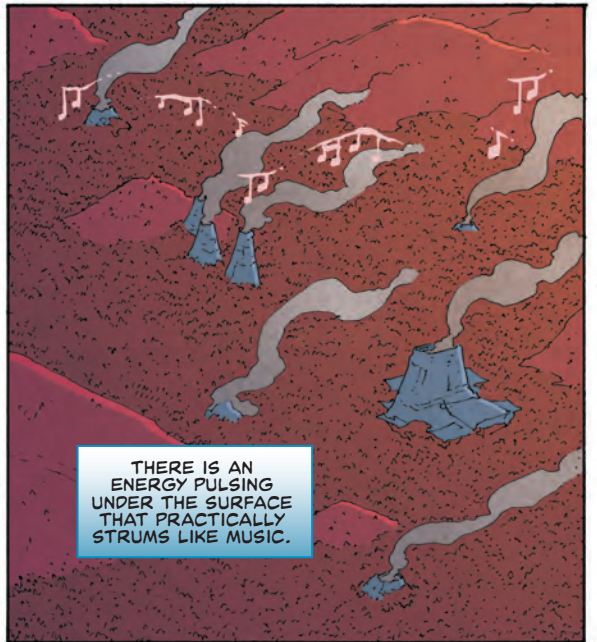




WAIT.



THIS ONE.



THERE IS AN ENERGY PULSING UNDER THE SURFACE THAT PRACTICALLY STRUMS LIKE MUSIC.