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YEARS LATER

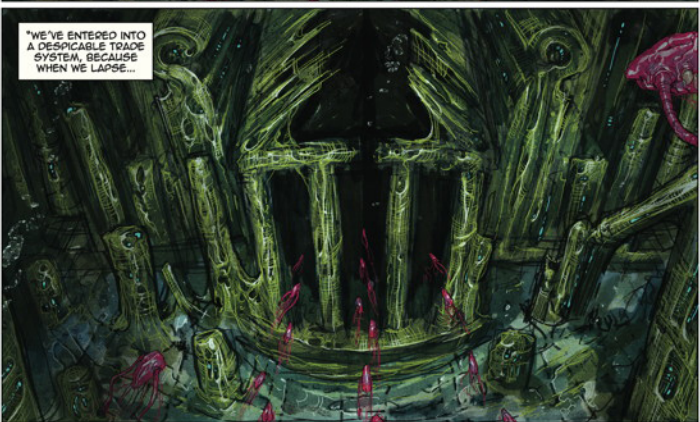


"THE EVORAH DISCOVERED
MAN, AS BEST WE CAN CHART IT,
MILLENNIA AGO. THEY FOUND
OUR WORST, AND DEVELOPED
A TASTE FOR IT.



"OUR TRAGEDY
BECAME
WORSHIPED.

"SYSTEMS WERE PUT IN
PLACE. THE TRAFFICKING
OF OUR EMOTIONS
BECAME BIG BUSINESS.



"WE'VE ENTERED INTO
A DESPICABLE TRADE
SYSTEM, BECAUSE
WHEN WE LAPSE...

*...THE EVORAH
BECOME HOSTILE.



"A TEAM-UP MADE SENSE. THE
WORST OF US JOINING FORCES
WITH THOSE WHO FED OFF THE
WORST OF US. THE AGREEMENT WAS
KEPT A SECRET, AND THE EVORAH
WERE KEPT UNDER WRAPS."



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"KINDRED CORP.
MONETIZED AND PERFECTED THE
AGREEMENT.

"THEY HAVE OPERATIONAL
BASES ON ALL CONTINENTS.
THEY'VE BEEN THE SPARK
BEHIND PLAGUES OF
SADNESS FOR DECADES.



"FROM CLEOPATRA TO KURT
COBAIN ALL THE WAY DOWN TO
BABIES LEFT IN STORMWATER
DRAINS AND THE VIRAL VIDEO OF
THAT TODDLER BEING PUNCHED,
KINDRED IS BEHIND IT ALL.

"THEY MAKE THE WORLD
A TERRIBLE PLACE TO
BE AND PROFIT WILDLY
FROM THE RESULTS.

"CONTAINERS OF ARTIFACTS
STOLEN FROM THE WORST TIMES
AND PLACES ARE SENT DOWN TO
THE EVORAH TO BE EXHIBITED IN
AN UNDERWATER MUSEUM.

"SO, TONIGHT, WE'VE
FOUND SOMETHING
THAT CAME UP..."







THE EVORAH ARE A SPONGE. THEY SOAK UP AND FEED OFF OUR FEELINGS, BUT THEY'RE ALSO A CONDUIT.

IN A WAY, EMOTIONS ARE TO THEM AS OXYGEN IS TO US. THEY NEED THEM TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE, AND THEY TAKE SOME FORMS IN AND EXPEL OTHER FORMS OUT.

IT'S A LITTLE TRICKIER THAN THAT, BUT I DOUBT YOU WANT A SCIENCE LESSON AFTER A HISTORY LESSON.



YOU CALL THIS SCIENCE?

SCIENCE FICTION IS ONLY A STORY UNTIL IT HAPPENS.

WE ARE JUST GETTING INTO A POSITION TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER.



THE EVORAH ARE ABSOLUTE BRUISERS. MEAN BASTARDS WITH POWER WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. BUT HUMANS ARE GREAT AT WIELDING POWER WE CAN'T CONTROL.

WE'VE BEEN BUILDING A HAPPINESS BOMB, TO BE POWERED BY THIS BRAIN. WE'RE GOING TO HIT THEM RIGHT WHERE IT HURTS.



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS WILL WORK?

WE HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY.





HUMAN,
HOW YOU
FEELIN'?

SORRY, THAT
WAS INSENSITIVE.
I CAN FEEL YOUR
DEPRESSION FROM
OVER HERE. IT FEELS BAD,
HORRIFIC. I CAN'T IMAGINE
YOUR BLOOD IS
ANYTHING BUT
BROKEN.

THAT--
THAT WAS A JOKE.
SORRY AGAIN. MY
TRANSLATIONS ARE
OFTEN POOR.



BETA HERE HAS
BROUGHT OUR GAME PLAN
FORWARD BY YEARS. SHE WAS
WANDERING ALONE, SAMPLING
HAPPINESS, WHEN SHE
FOUND US.

HAPPINESS?

I'M
DIFFERENT. NOT
ALL EVORAH ARE
THE SAME. MOST LIKE
DEPRESSION, BUT I
FIND IT PRETTY
DAWN GROSS.

I'VE GIVEN
ALL I KNOW ABOUT
THE WORST OF MY KIND. I
STOPPED THIS ONE BECAUSE
IT'S FOR THE GREATER GOOD.
THIS BOMB IS GOING TO BEGIN
THE WAR, AND I TRULY
WANT HAPPINESS
TO WIN--



IF WE
LOSE I MIGHT
NEVER WATCH ANOTHER
EPISODE OF MIA'S'SH.
EVEN WHEN IT'S SAD, IT
MAKES ME HAPPY,
Y'KNOW?



BUT
HAPPY
EMOTIONS
ARE BEST.
EVEN--



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