

IN THE YEAR 4001, New Japan sits high above the Earth. After centuries of peace, the first murder in a thousand years sets off a chain of events that threatens to topple the absolute rule of the omnipotent, omniscient Father, who dispatches his half-human, half-robot champion Rai to quell the uprisings.



During the course of his mission, Rai comes to doubt Father's benevolence when he meets Spylocke, an anti-Father fugitive seemingly based on Japan's most famous fictional secret agent, and Lula Lee, a teenage girl with a secret map of New Japan. Together, they convince Rai to help end Father's totalitarian rule.



Their only hope to usurp Father is to unite New Japan's two warring populations—the Raddies, violent anti-technology revolutionaries, and PTs, Positronic AIs assigned to all citizens. With the help of Momo, a PT that Rai saved and fell in love with, the group stages an all-out assault on Father. However, the duplicitous and nearly immortal Dr. Silk betrays Rai and his allies in an attempt to curry Father's favor.



With knowledge of his usurpers' plans, Father builds a replacement—Rai XI, or X-Eye, as New Japan comes to know him. X-Eye brutally and swiftly defeats Rai, casting him out of New Japan to suffer a slow and painful death in the wasteland of Earth. Without Rai to lead them, the rebellion crumbles. The rest of the team are either captured or on the run, left to wonder what happened to their champion...



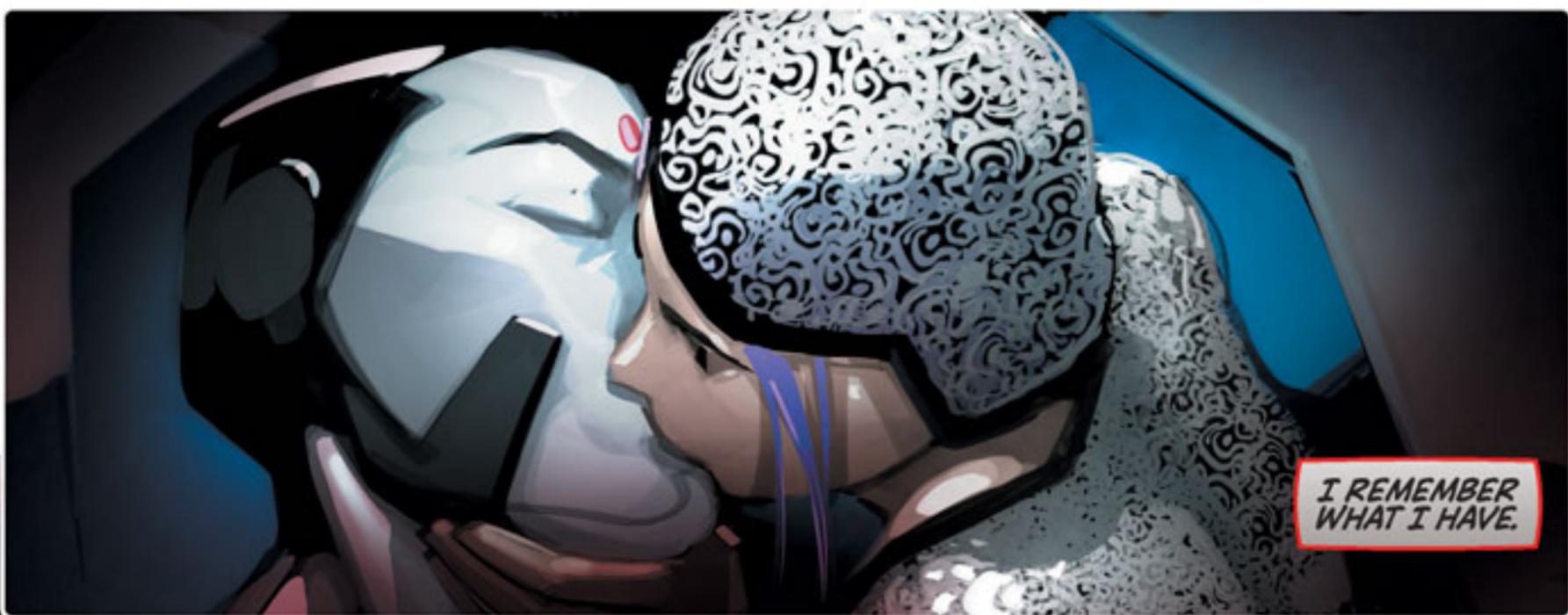
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THEN.

I REMEMBER
SOMETHING...



I REMEMBER
WHAT I HAVE.

NOW.



A PURPOSE.



I REMEMBER
DYING.

I WAS...
THROWN FROM
NEW JAPAN.

I FELL TO
EARTH.

SKRTCHHH

STRIPPED OF
MY POWER.

ABANDONED.

LEFT FOR
DEAD.

KRNCH

*BUT STRANGELY,
I FIND MYSELF...
NOT DEAD.*

*AND NOT
POWERLESS.*

*BUT I FEEL PAIN...
MORE PAIN THAN
I'VE EVER FELT.*

*AND AN ACHE...
I NEED AIR...*

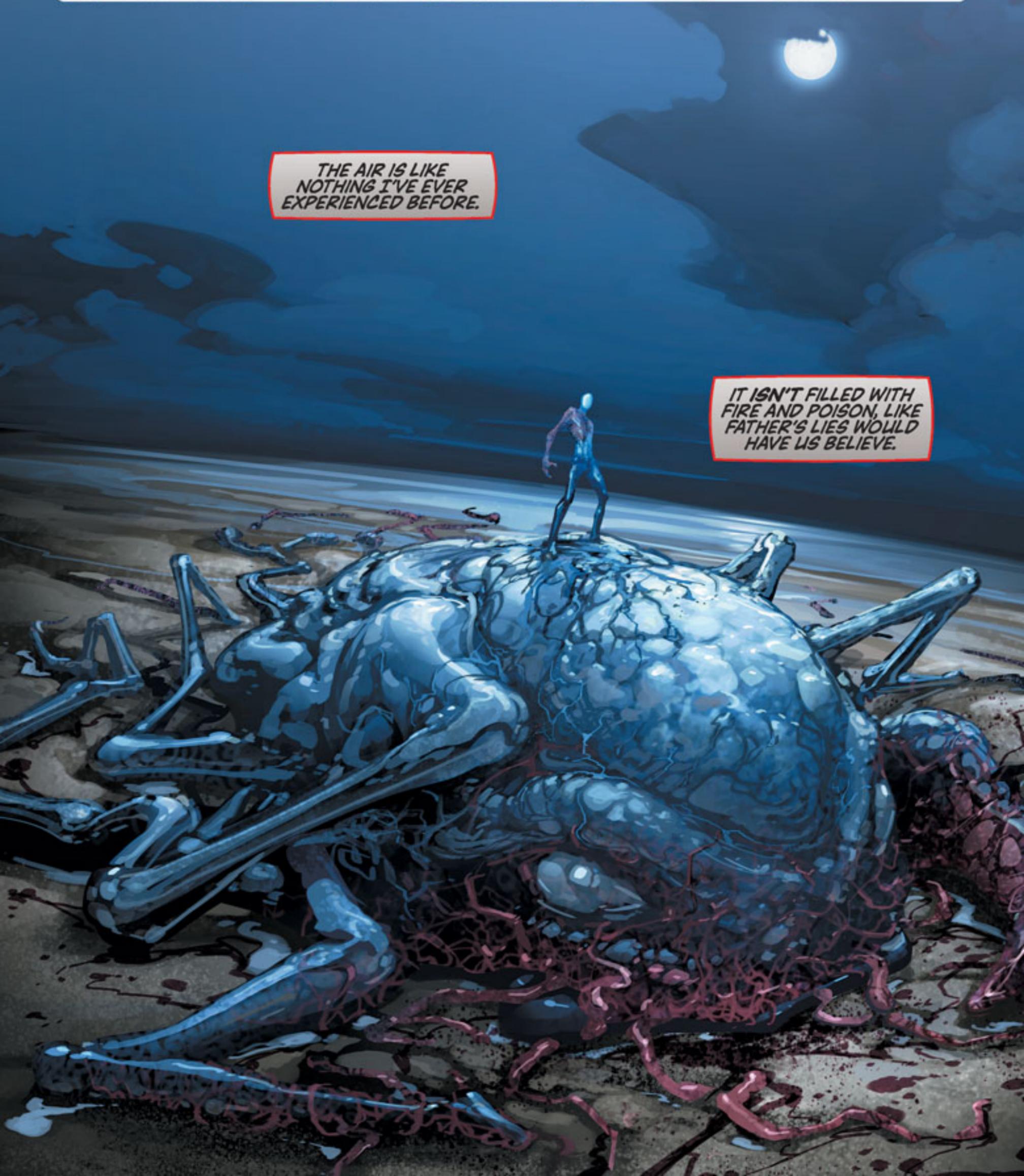
SPLRTCH

*I NEED TO
BREATHE...*

*I NEED
TO GET...*



...OUT.



*THE AIR IS LIKE
NOTHING I'VE EVER
EXPERIENCED BEFORE.*

*IT ISN'T FILLED WITH
FIRE AND POISON, LIKE
FATHER'S LIES WOULD
HAVE US BELIEVE.*



IT SMELLS GREEN
...FRESH...
IT SMELLS OF SALT...
AND DIRT...

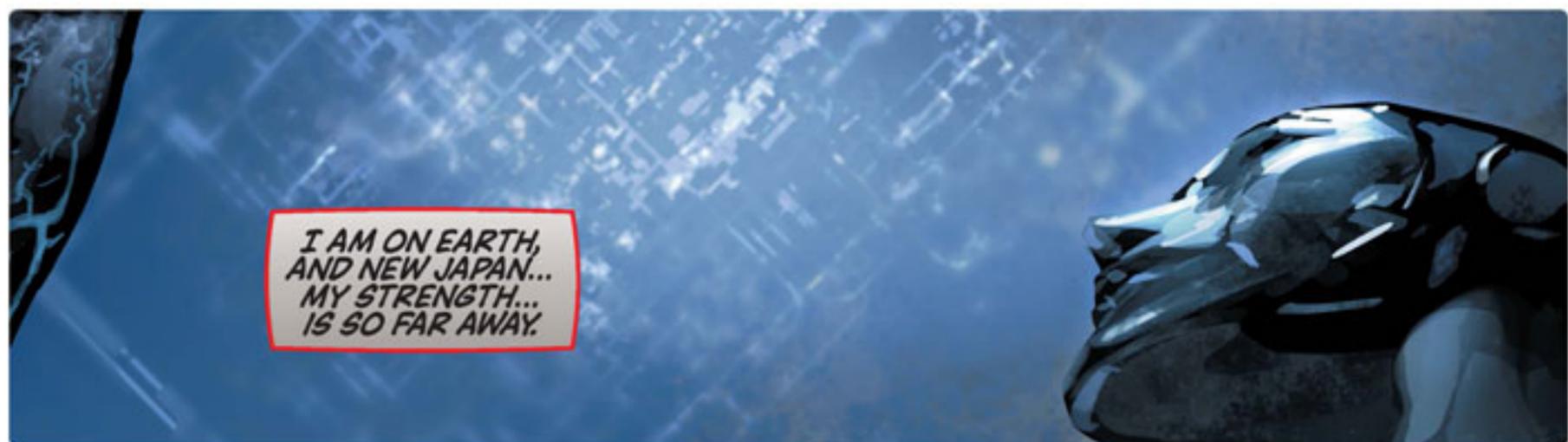


IT SMELLS
OF EARTH.

What's
happened to me...?
I'm not healing.



I'VE LOST MY
CONNECTION TO
NEW JAPAN. AS A
RESULT, MY
BODY IS WEAK,
LIKE THAT OF
A...HUMAN.



I AM ON EARTH,
AND NEW JAPAN...
MY STRENGTH...
IS SO FAR AWAY.



GRRZZZ!