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Lunella Lafayette is a nine-year-old prodigy living with her mom and dad in Manhattan's Lower East Side. Devil Dinosaur is a bright red time-displaced *Tyrannosaurus rex*. They are shunned and ignored by most, but for better or worse, they have each other! After undergoing Terrigenesis, Lunella discovered that during the full moon lunar phase, she and Devil will randomly switch brains.

After picking up a weak distress signal from deep space, Lunella and Devil built a spacecraft powered by the Omni-Wave Projector (the space-time manipulating device that brought D.D. to the present) and tracked down the being in need of assistance: Illa the Living Moon! Discovering a sentient moon who needs friends and misses her father, Lunella pledged to solve Illa's problems, but she needed some time on Earth to think. A malfunction in the Omni-Wave Projector sent Lunella and Devil to a mirror-Manhattan occupied by their evil counterparts, Devil Girl and Moon Dinosaur. Although initially clashing, Lunella and Devil Girl resolved their differences and Lunella returned to Illa with a plan!

Meanwhile on Earth, a reprogrammed Doombot (affectionately called Doom-Head) was left in charge of a squad of Moonbots constructed to cover for Lunella at home and school. Moonbot-7, however, is having second thoughts about her purpose...



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"There's always a demand for anyone who can do a good piece of work." -- Edith Clarke

ILLA THE GIRL-MOON.

I CAN EXPLAIN!

They say it takes all kinds.

She's out of orbit with her dad-- Ego the Living Planet. Talk about separation anxiety!

Take Girl-Moon here...or leave her... I have no idea what I should do.

NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME...

...I WAITED MY WHOLE LIFE...

...THAT'S LIKE A MILLION OF YOUR LIFETIMES, SO YOU KNOW...

...TO FIND SOMEONE...

...ANYONE...

...LIKE ME...

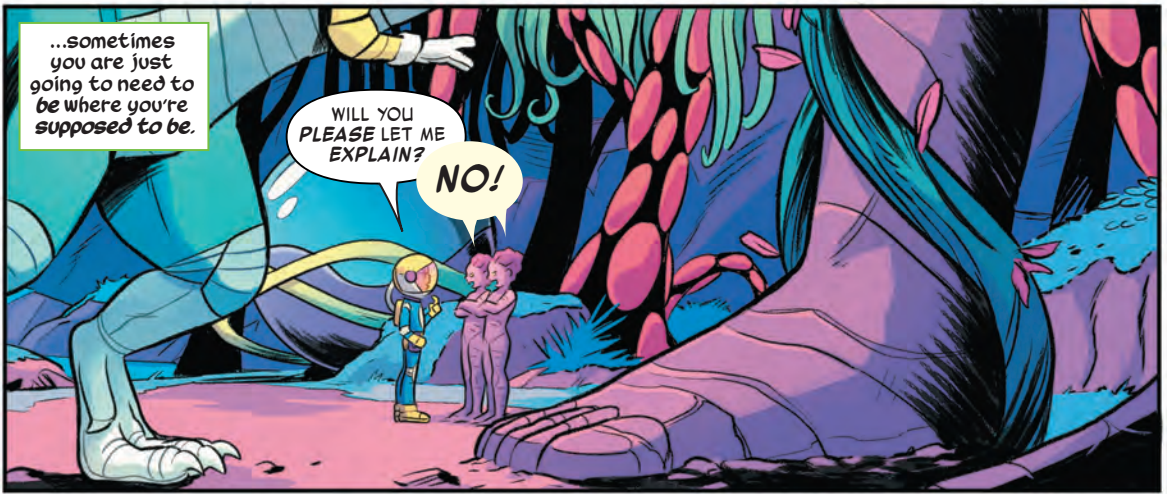
...TO...WELL... LIKE ME!

Illa can control every molecule of this planetoid--it's all her. But there's always something that can't be controlled.

GRRRRR...

AND I DON'T TRUST YOUR DEVIL DINOSAUR ONE LITTLE BIT!

Sometimes you can't choose who you're going to be with...



...sometimes you are just going to need to be where you're supposed to be.

WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN?
NO!



WHEN YOU TRY TO "EXPLAIN" THINGS THAT MEANS YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME!



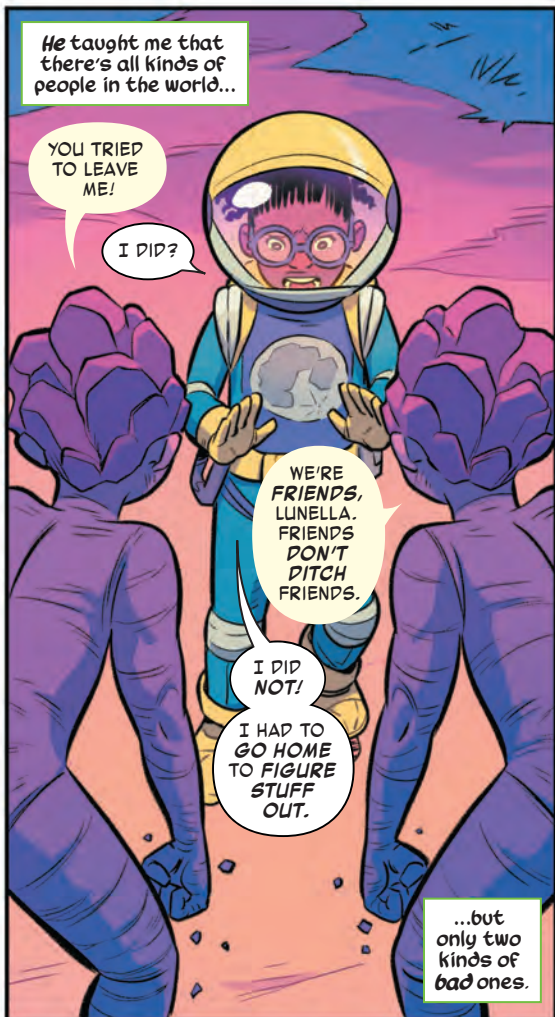
NOW YOU'LL DO AS I SAY-- FOREVER!

I CHOSE TO COME BACK HERE. INSTEAD OF HOME!

Home.

My mother always told me my father is the smartest person she'd ever met.

That was before I came along, I guess.



He taught me that there's all kinds of people in the world...

YOU TRIED TO LEAVE ME!

I DID?

WE'RE FRIENDS, LUNELLA. FRIENDS DON'T DITCH FRIENDS.

I DID NOT!

I HAD TO GO HOME TO FIGURE STUFF OUT.

...but only two kinds of bad ones.



Those who are greedy.

LISTEN...

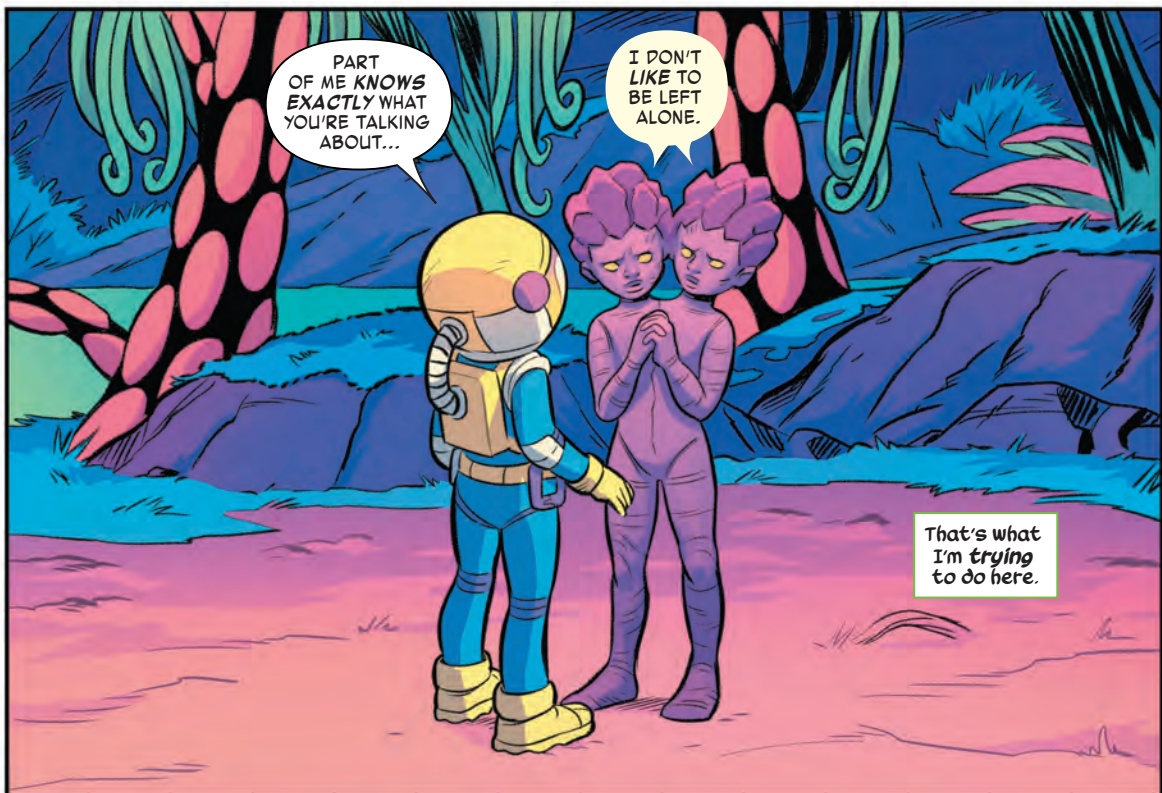
And those who are afraid.



He said most problems come from good people who fear something. They make wrong decisions when all they really want is to feel safe and secure.

YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF.

So--most of the time--it's smarter to help them than hurt them.



PART OF ME KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

I DON'T LIKE TO BE LEFT ALONE.

That's what I'm trying to do here.