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LOVE**

(and
Doombots!)

**IN THE
SAVAGE
LAND!!!**

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Doreen Green isn't just a second-year computer science student: she secretly also has all the powers of both squirrel and girl! She uses her amazing abilities to fight crime and be as awesome as possible. You know her as...*The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl!* Find out what she's been up to, with...

Squirrel Girl *in a nutshell*



Spider-Man @aspidercan
squirrel girl! you won't guess what sort of super-bonkers Hydra stuff is going on right now!! it's super-bonkers lol



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Yep!



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g ...I'm sorry?



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan You're right: I won't guess!



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Kinda got my hands full here with DINOSAURS, Spider-Man. I gotta save an entire DINOSAUR ISLAND!!!



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan A bunch of CS students from all over the world entered a programming contest and won trips here to the Savage Land (!!!)



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan But it turns out the trip here wasn't JUST a prize: It was to gather us all together because THE SAVAGE LAND IS DYING!!



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan I'm not sure what precisely the deets are yet though since they just dropped that il' bombshell



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan But I'm pretty sure it'll involve programming since they gathered all these now PRIZE-WINNING PROGRAMMERS here



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan So I'm here in Antarctica for a bit and I'll tell you this much, my dude: I'MMA DEFINITELY SAVE SOME DINOSAURS!!!!



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g you know Hydra's trying to take over the world, right?? i'd like to avoid a fight but i think HERO-ON-HERO BATTLES are coming!



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g HERO-ON-HERO BATTLES, squirrel girl!!! maybe even some bad-guys-on-bad-guys fights too, i dunno



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g will we stand united???? will we fall divided??? it's all up in the air as a SECRET EMPIRE falls!



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Spider-Man. If I leave here, DINOSAURS DIE. I'm not gonna let DINOSAURS GO EXTINCT, okay?



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan There is this much chance of me letting that happen: LITERALLY ZERO



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Can I ASSUME this little dustup is safe in your hands?



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Can I furthermore assume that at the end of this conflict, things will be back to normal with maybe some changes but nothing too big???



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g i mean



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g this time it might be different maybe



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Look, just do your best and if Hydra takes over the world I'll fix it AFTER I'm back from Antarctica and dinosaurs. Okay?



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Can you stop Hydra from taking over the world for just a bit?



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g uh yeah obviously it's no big deal for me, spider-man, to handle all the problems and i'm not worried at all!!!



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Terrific!!!



Spider-Man @aspidercan
@unbeatable5g that was sarcasm!!!!!!!



Squirrel Girl @unbeatable5g
@aspidercan Too late I'm already programming hard to save dinosaurs byeeeeeeee

search!



#poachmastergeneral

#doombot

#savageland

#donniewhodoesmachines

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THE SAVAGE LAND: SECRET ORIGIN

A PRESENTATION BY DR. G

As you may already know, or had a friend briefly summarize to you earlier, the Savage Land was built by aliens 70 million years ago.

We don't know which aliens did it, and we've never been able to contact them. But we do know one thing:

The hardware they left behind is amazing--self-administering *and* self-repairing.

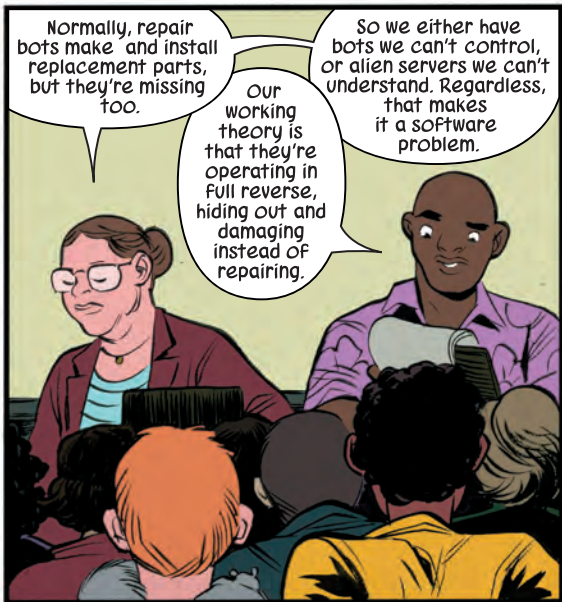
It's what sustains this artificial environment, keeping heat in and cold out.

And while we've tried to understand how it works, we never made much progress. Donnie here does machines, and even *he's* gotten nowhere.

Yo. That wasn't a problem until earlier this year...

...When without warning, it all just started to fail.

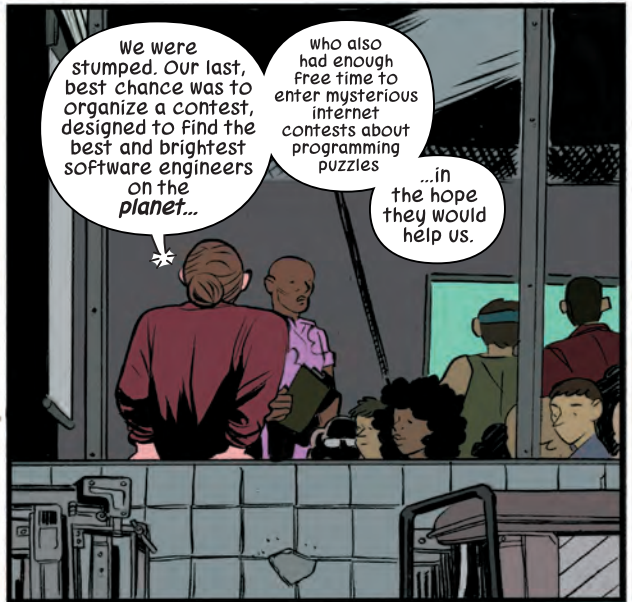
Pieces of hardware either disintegrated or disappeared.



Normally, repair bots make and install replacement parts, but they're missing too.

Our working theory is that they're operating in Full reverse, hiding out and damaging instead of repairing.

So we either have bots we can't control, or alien servers we can't understand. Regardless, that makes it a software problem.



We were stumped. Our last, best chance was to organize a contest, designed to find the best and brightest software engineers on the planet...

who also had enough free time to enter mysterious internet contests about programming puzzles

...in the hope they would help us.



And that brings us up to now. I'm afraid there's not much more that I can tell you. We haven't figured out the basics of the alien programming paradigm.

We don't know how the bots communicate.

We haven't even been able to reverse-engineer an instruction set.



The Savage Land, for all intents and purposes, runs on 70-million-year-old black-box legacy hardware constructed, without documentation, by actual aliens.

And figuring that out, ladies and gentlemen, is the last part of our contest. It's your final puzzle.



We've built a world-class lab here in the core for you to use, and if there's anything you need, just ask. We'll fly it in.

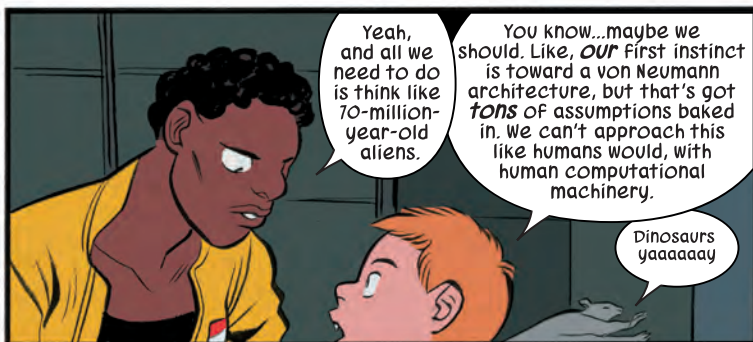
Succeed, and you save the lives of Earth's last dinosaurs. Fail, and every one of them will die.

Are there any questions?

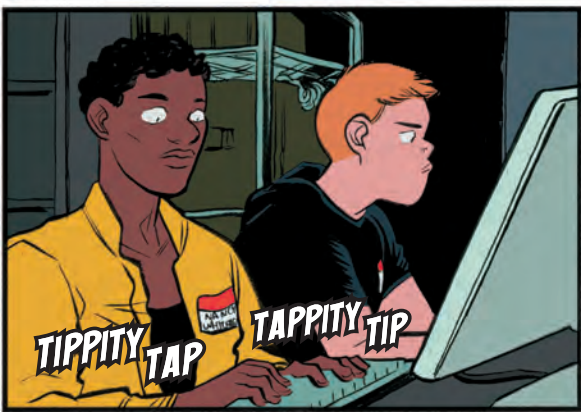


Well then...

Let's get to work.



AND SO DOREEN AND NANCY FORMED A TEAM AND GOT RIGHT TO WORK, WHICH WE WILL NOW ILLUSTRATE WITH...A PROGRAMMING MONTAGE!!



OKAY, IT TURNS OUT PROGRAMMING IS FUN TO DO BUT IT'S PRETTY DULL TO WATCH, SO LET'S SKIP AHEAD A BIT

SORRY TO WASTE HALF A PAGE ON THAT PROGRAMMING MONTAGE, BUT AT LEAST WE ALL LEARNED A REALLY VALUABLE LESSON ABOUT HOW BORING PROGRAMMING MONTAGES ARE IN COMIC BOOKS

All comic textbooks must now be updated with an addendum: "Comics are juxtaposed pictorial and other images in deliberate sequence, except for images of programming montages, because those are *hecka boring*."