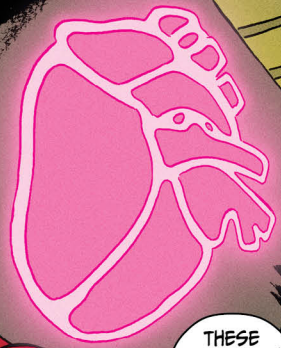


KILL YOUR DARLINGS

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THESE
ARE MINE!
GET OUT!
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OUT

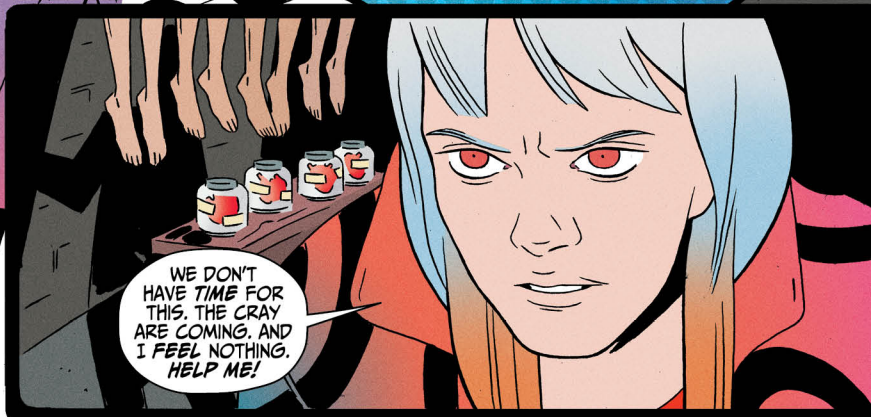
WHEN WE ARE
REVEALED, WE
LASH OUT.

THE TRUTH OF
OUR UGLINESS
CANNOT BEAR A
SHINING LIGHT.

NO LONGER
ABLE TO
HIDE BEHIND
THE MASK.

WE GATHER THE
CRUMBS OF OUR
LOST DIGNITY LIKE
FALLEN FEATHERS.

WE ARE ALL
MONSTERS.



WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
THIS. THE CRAY
ARE COMING. AND
I FEEL NOTHING.
HELP ME!



I HAVE BEEN HELPING YOU.

YOU HAVEN'T HELPED ME.

ALL THINKING CREATURES ENABLE ANOTHER'S HORROR TO FEEL LESS ALONE WITH THE AWFUL THAT LURKS.



YOU HURT ME.

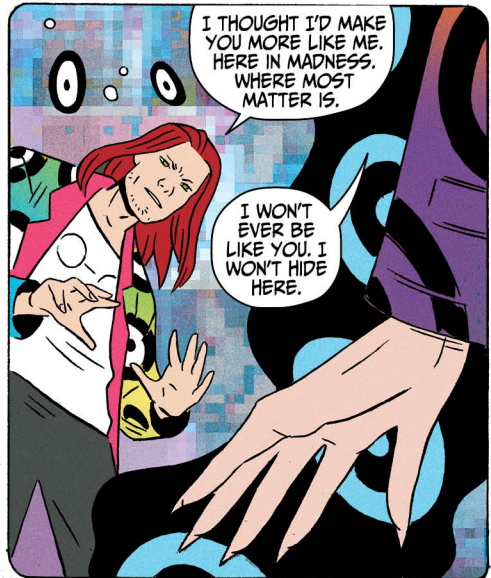
WHAT EXACTLY IS THE DIFFERENCE? I PREPARED YOU FOR THE TRUTH OF WHAT THE UNIVERSE MOSTLY HOLDS. NOTHING.



I WORSHIPPED YOU.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE I COULD STAND. THEY DIDN'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE MAD. BUT I LIKE TO KEEP THEM AROUND.

WE KEEP MISERABLE COMPANY FOR COMFORT.



I THOUGHT I'D MAKE YOU MORE LIKE ME. HERE IN MADNESS. WHERE MOST MATTER IS.

I WON'T EVER BE LIKE YOU. I WON'T HIDE HERE.



VIBRANT WITH THE COAT. YOU BLIND ME.



LOVE ALWAYS DISAPPOINTS, DOESN'T IT. WHEN THE BLUSH RUBS OFF.

I'M FADING. I'LL WINK OUT SOON.



ONCE YOUR HEART IS GONE, YOU CAN'T GET IT BACK. IT'S A DEAD, COLD THING. AND AFTER LONG ENOUGH OTHER THINGS TAKE ITS PLACE.

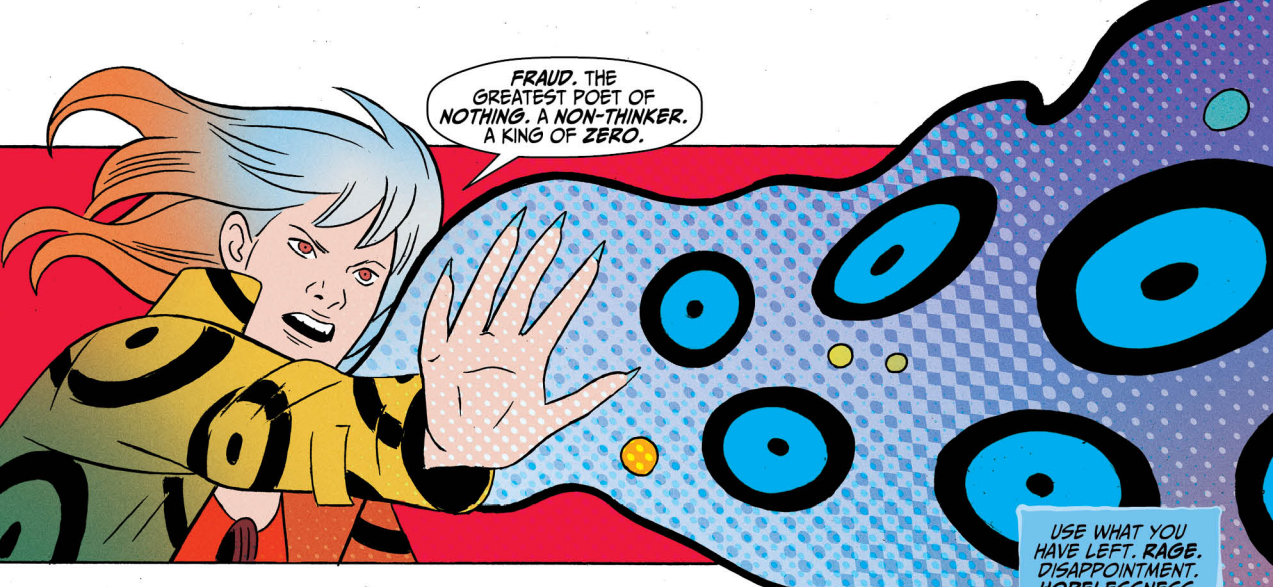


YOU'RE USELESS TO ME. A FAILURE. A DISAPPOINTMENT. NOW I'LL JUST ADD YOU TO MY COLLECTION.



OR GIVE ME THE COAT AND WE'LL BE SQUARE.

NEVER!



FRAUD. THE GREATEST POET OF NOTHING. A NON-THINKER. A KING OF ZERO.

USE WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT. RAGE. DISAPPOINTMENT. HOPELESSNESS.



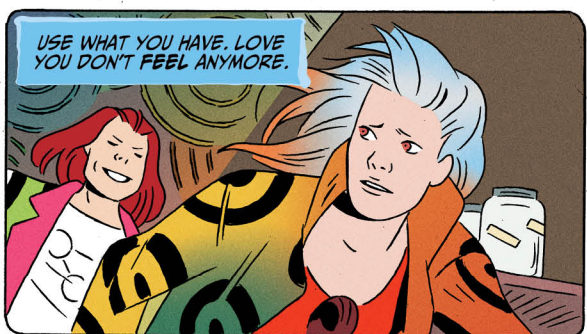
WHAT'S HAPPENING? I CAN'T WIN.



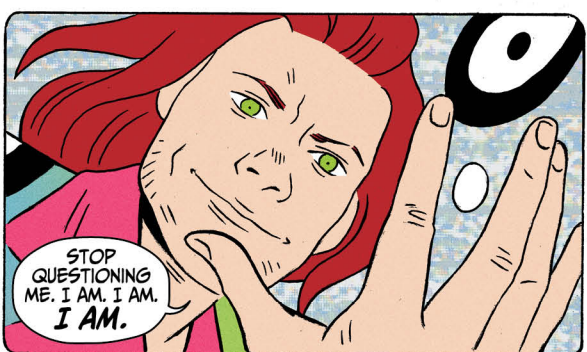
I AM LOVE. I AM MADNESS. I AM EVERYTHING.

SOMETIMES YOU WANT TO TEAR YOUR HEROES DOWN. BUT THEY GROW BIGGER.

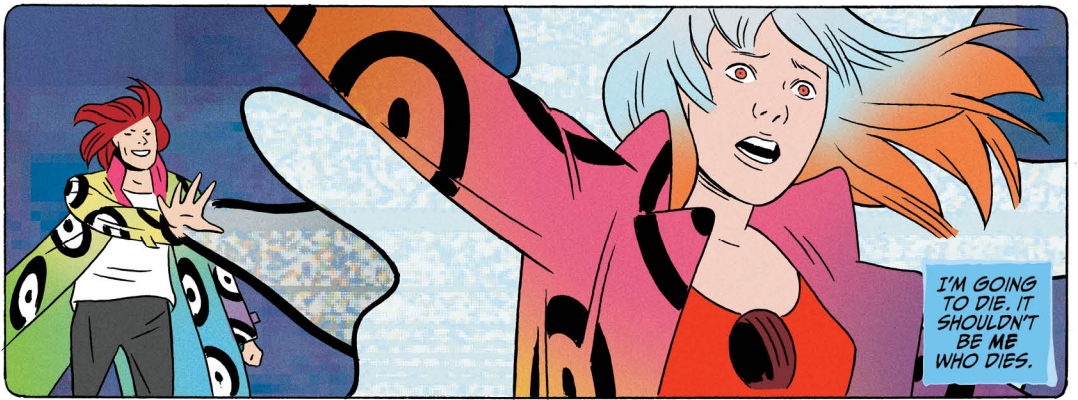
HOW CAN I FIGHT MY OWN GIANT?



USE WHAT YOU HAVE. LOVE YOU DON'T FEEL ANYMORE.



STOP QUESTIONING ME. I AM. I AM. I AM.



I'M GOING TO DIE. IT SHOULDN'T BE ME WHO DIES.



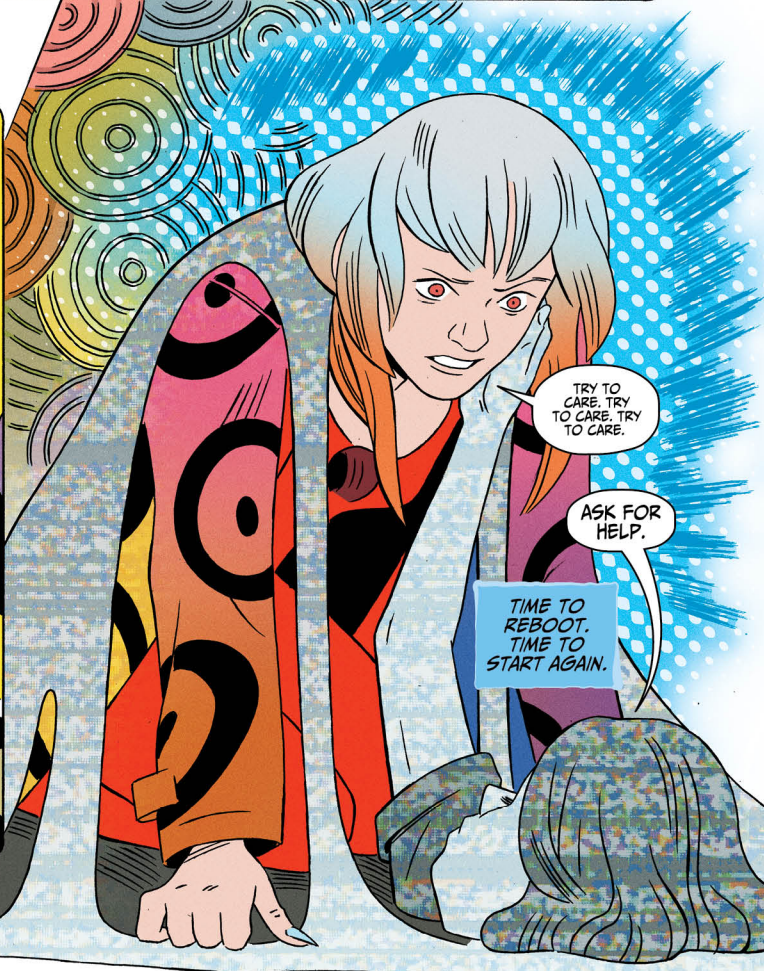
GET UP, SHADE. GET UP AND FIGHT.

HONEY! I CAME TO EARTH BECAUSE I WANTED TO FEEL. I'M HEARTLESS. THEY'RE ALL GOING TO DIE IF I DON'T CARE.



YOU HAVE PASSION. THE PUREST KIND OF MADNESS.

THIS EXQUISITE HURT AND WITH THE COAT HERE, IT'S LIKE FUEL.



TRY TO CARE. TRY TO CARE. TRY TO CARE.

ASK FOR HELP.

TIME TO REBOOT. TIME TO START AGAIN.