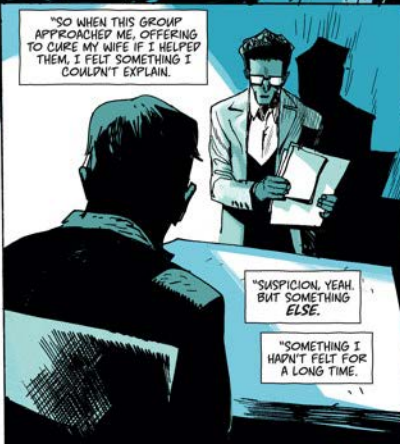




"THERE IS NO HOPE WHERE I COME FROM.

"WHEN I COME FROM, I SHOULD SAY.



"SO WHEN THIS GROUP APPROACHED ME, OFFERING TO CURE MY WIFE IF I HELPED THEM, I FELT SOMETHING I COULDN'T EXPLAIN.

"SUSPICION, YEAH. BUT SOMETHING ELSE.

"SOMETHING I HADN'T FELT FOR A LONG TIME.

"IT WAS HOPE.

"WAITING FOR ME TO REACH OUT AND GRAB IT.



"ALL I HAD TO DO WAS AGREE TO KILL A MAN I'D NEVER MET."



I HAD  
TO KILL  
YOU.



HOW  
FLATTERING--  
TO THINK  
THAT MY  
DEATH WILL  
CHANGE THE  
FUTURE  
OF THE  
WORLD.

I SUPPOSE  
THAT MEANS THAT  
SOME DAY...PERHAPS  
SOON, PERHAPS NOT...  
I WILL LEAVE THE  
MELD AND RETURN  
TO MY OWN  
TIME.

I WILL  
BRING ABOUT  
THE VERY FUTURE  
YOU HOPED TO  
ESCAPE FROM.



I WASN'T  
ESCAPING  
FROM  
ANYTHING!

I JUST  
WANTED  
TO SAVE MY  
WIFE!

AND I  
WILL!



WHAT IS IT  
ABOUT CHAINING  
A MAN THAT ALWAYS  
SEEMS TO BRING  
OUT THE BOLD  
TALK?

YOU'LL  
SPEND THE REST  
OF YOUR LIFE  
SHACKLED TO  
THIS WALL,  
TRAVELER!

AS FOR  
YOUR LITTLE  
FRIEND WHO  
ESCAPED IN MY  
SHIP, SHE'S MOST  
LIKELY LOST  
IN TIME.

ALONE.  
AFRAID...

"...IF NOT DEAD  
ALREADY."

DON'T  
KILL ME!

I'M NOT GONNA  
KILL YOU. NOT  
BEFORE I GET MY  
ANSWERS.

WHO ARE  
YOU? WHERE'D  
YOU COME  
FROM?

MY NAME IS NILA!  
I COME FROM A  
PLACE CALLED  
THE MELP!

I ESCAPED  
IN THAT SHIP AND  
SOMEHOW I ENDED  
UP HERE!

THE MELP? GO  
FIGURE. OLD DR.  
HAMM WAS  
RIGHT...

SGT.  
COLLINS!  
STOP!

THIS IS  
INCREDIBLE!  
THIS  
GIRL...

SHE'S  
BROUGHT  
US A WAY  
HOME!



MY DEAR!  
YOU'VE SEEN  
IT? YOU'VE  
REALLY BEEN  
TO THE  
MELP?

BEEN  
THERE? I  
WAS BORN  
THERE!



EXTRAORDINARY!

AND YOUR  
SHIP! WHO BUILT  
IT? WHERE WERE  
YOU TRYING  
TO GO?



WAIT. YOUR  
SHIP...

THIS  
CAN'T  
BE...



IT  
CAN'T BE...  
BUT IT IS!  
I'M SURE  
OF IT!

WHAT IS  
IT, POC?



YOUR  
SHIP! WHERE  
DID YOU  
FIND IT?

I NEVER SAID  
IT WAS MY SHIP.  
IT BELONGS TO  
THE SPEAR!



THE  
SPEAR...  
...OF  
COURSE...