

LET ME KNOW WHEN IT'S SAFE TO LOOK. I'M NOT GOOD WITH BLOOD.

THERE IS NO BLOOD. THIS IS A CLEAN **BLASTER BURN**.

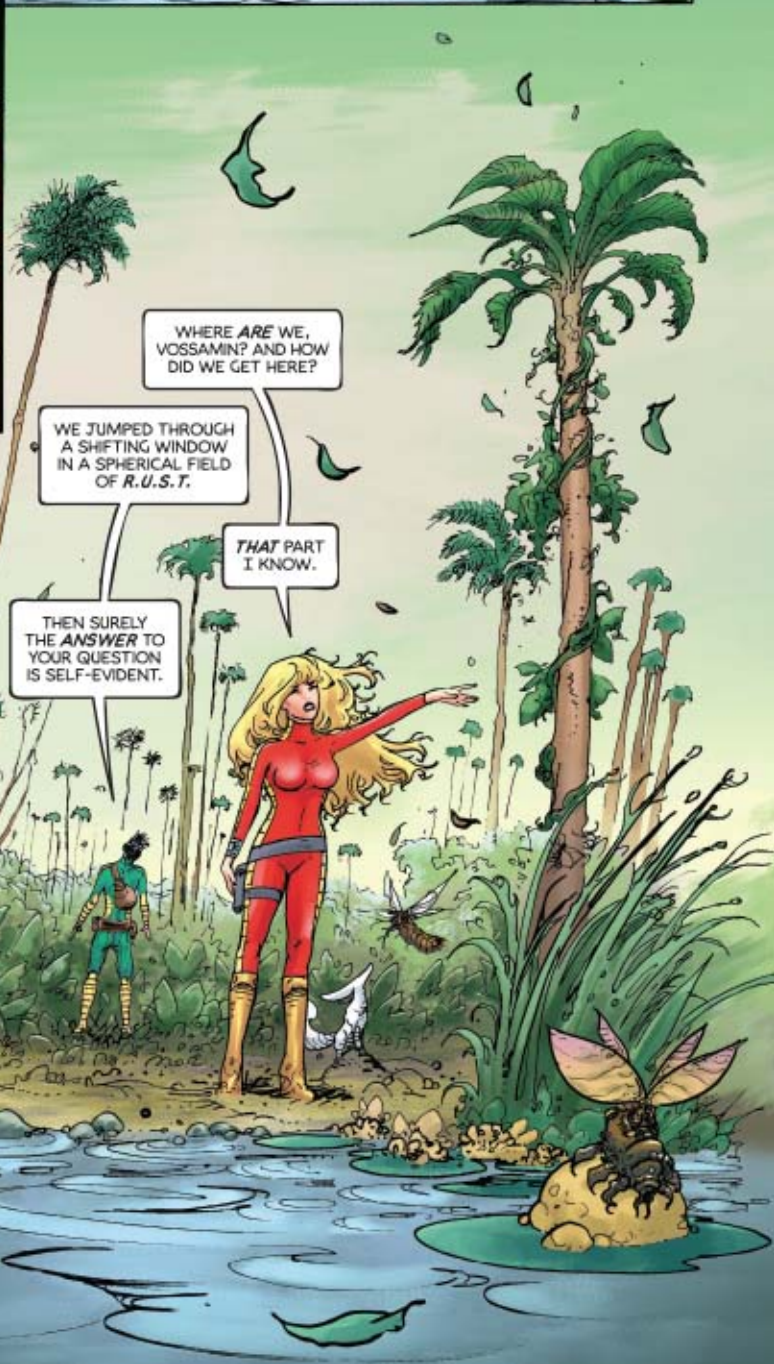
AND IT DIDN'T CUT INTO THE **MUSCLE**. I GOT AWAY LIGHTLY.

LIGHTLY.



BUT AS FOR "SAFE TO LOOK"...

...THAT'S ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY.



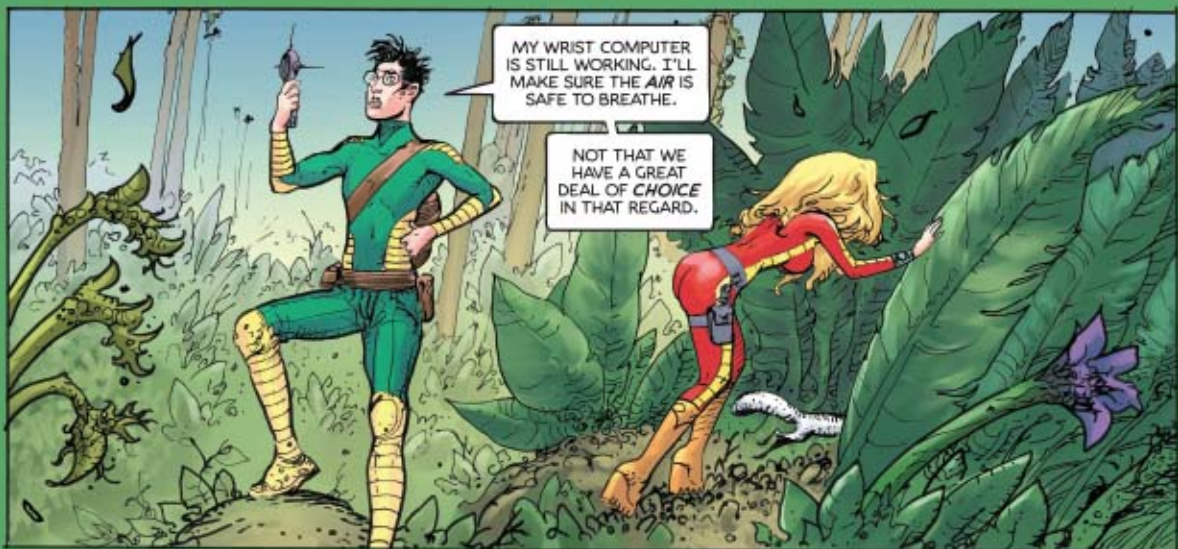
WHERE ARE WE, VOSSAMIN? AND HOW DID WE GET HERE?

WE JUMPED THROUGH A SHIFTING WINDOW IN A SPHERICAL FIELD OF **R.U.S.T.**

THAT PART I KNOW.

THEN SURELY THE **ANSWER** TO YOUR QUESTION IS SELF-EVIDENT.





MY WRIST COMPUTER IS STILL WORKING. I'LL MAKE SURE THE AIR IS SAFE TO BREATHE.

NOT THAT WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF CHOICE IN THAT REGARD.



HMM. ACTUALLY, THE AIR QUALITY IS EXCELLENT.

NO POLLUTANTS. NO AIRBORNE CONTAMINANTS.

LIFE FORMS.

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THERE IS ONE ORGANIC COMPOUND I CAN'T IDENTIFY, THOUGH.

POSSIBLY A HORMONE OR PHEROMONE OF SOME KIND.



VOSSAMIN.

YOU'D BETTER COME AND SEE THIS.

ELSEWHERE.

PA, THAT'S A FORTUNE
IN R.U.S.T. WE'RE
WALKING AWAY FROM.

WE AIN'T WALKING
AWAY FROM IT, UDI.
WE'RE WALKING
TOWARDS IT.

ONLY
SLANTWISE.



THAT BARBARELLA
LEFT ME HOLDING
MY PECKER TWICE
NOW. IT'S NOT
GONNA HAPPEN
A THIRD TIME.

ELSE YOU CAN
PAINT ME GREEN
AND FEED ME TO
A BLIBBERGAST.



ZENZ, WHAT'S A
BLIBBERGAST?

IF YOU DON'T KNOW
BY NOW, UDI, I AIN'T
GONNA SPOIL YOUR
INNOCENCE.

MEANING YOU
DON'T KNOW
YOUR OWN SELF.

MEANING IT AIN'T FOR
ME TO TEACH YOU
THE FACTS OF LIFE.



ENOUGH TALKING.
ZENZ, GO FIRE UP
THE BEHEMOTH. UDI,
BREAK OUT SOME
FIREPOWER.

HOW
MANY--?

ALL OF
THEM.



I'LL TELL
YOU FOR
FREE, PA.

THAT'S GONNA
TAKE A WHILE.



WHY, PULVER,
YOU'RE HOME
EARLY.

HOW DID YOU
AND THE BOYS
FARE TODAY?

SALLY-ANNE, WE
FOUND THE RICHEST
MOTHERLODE YOU
EVER DID SEE.



WELL THAT'S JUST
WONDERFUL!
HOW ABOUT I
PROGRAM UP A
BOWL OF STEW
AND A MUG OF
BEER?

OR WOULD
YOU PREFER
SOMETHING A
MITE STRONGER?



NO, SWEETHEART,
I'M NOT STICKING
AROUND FOR
THAT LONG.

BUT YOU GOT
TO PUT SOME
BALLAST IN YOUR
BELLY, PULVER.

I KNOW IT, I JUST
GOT TO TAKE
CARE OF SOME
BUSINESS FIRST.



ACTUALLY, I COME
TO ASK YOU IF YOU
WANT TO SIT ON
MY HIP TODAY.

YOU GOT A KEENER
EYE THAN I DO,
AND YOU'RE
SNEAKY WITH IT.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?



WELL WHAT CAN
I SAY? SINCE
YOU'RE ASKING
SO NICE AND ALL.

I KNEW
I COULD
COUNT ON
YOU, BABE.

YOU COME
RIGHT ON
IN NOW.