

I ONCE THOUGHT, IN MY EARLIER YEARS,
THAT SCIENCE WAS STRICTLY THE PURSUIT
OF DISCOVERY, PUSHING BOUNDARIES
BEYOND TRUTH, BEYOND FACT.

BUT SCIENCE IS MUCH MORE THAN THAT. WHEN I SHIFTED MY
FOCUS FROM WHAT *WASN'T* THERE, I BECAME FASCINATED WITH
THE WORLD RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW
THAT WORLD, AND EVERYTHING IN IT, *CHANGED*.

SCIENCE IS THE STUDY OF
TRANSFORMATION.

THESE ARE THREE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT ROCHE LIMIT BECAME. "EXPLORERNAUTS," THE EARTH PRESS CALLED THEM, WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A HINT OF UNDERSTANDING WHO THEY WERE AND WHAT THEY WERE DOING.



I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE DEAD, OVERTAKEN BY THE HANDS OF A LAWLESS SOCIETY.



THOSE PEOPLE ARE WRONG.



ALL THREE OF THEM ARE STILL HERE, THOUGH THEY ARE NOT WHAT THEY ONCE WERE.


THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN VISION AND OBSESSION, I KNOW THAT NOW.



I WATCHED THEM CHANGE, MORPH INTO SOMETHING I CAN HARDLY COMPREHEND. THOUGH, TRUTH BE TOLD, THEY WERE MONSTERS THE ENTIRE TIME.




AND I WAS A FOOL FOR TRUSTING THEM.




AS BEINGS OF ENERGY AND LIFE, WE NEVER STOP CHANGING.

IT IS TRULY MAGNIFICENT.




EVEN DEATH IS SIMPLY AN ALTERATION OF STATES.



AS I RECORD THIS FAREWELL, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT WAS LOST. WE COULD HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH.


IF WE HAD COOPERATED, IF WE HAD PULLED TOGETHER FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, WE COULD HAVE REDEFINED WHAT OUR IDEA OF WHAT "THE WORLD" IS.

BUT FEAR AND GREED MAKES US WEAK.




OUR ONLY HAVEN IS THE WORLD WE MAKE.

WE ARE DEFINED BY OUR PASSION AND OUR LOVE, THE INTIMATE LIFE WE CULTIVATE WITHIN OURSELVES AND SHARE WITH THOSE CLOSE TO US.




I WAS NEVER FORTUNATE TO HAVE ANYONE CLOSE IN MY LIFE. ALL I CAN HOPE IS THIS RECORDING REACHES SOMEONE AND THAT PERSON LEARNS WHAT I NOW KNOW.

THE BEST WORLD TO DISCOVER IS YOUR OWN.



I ALWAYS LOVED THE COSMOS AND CRAVED THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF SCIENCE AND EXISTENCE. MY FOLLY WAS TRYING TO FORCE OTHERS TO FOLLOW MY DESIRE. IN THAT, I AM JUST AS GUILTY AS MY COUNTERPARTS.

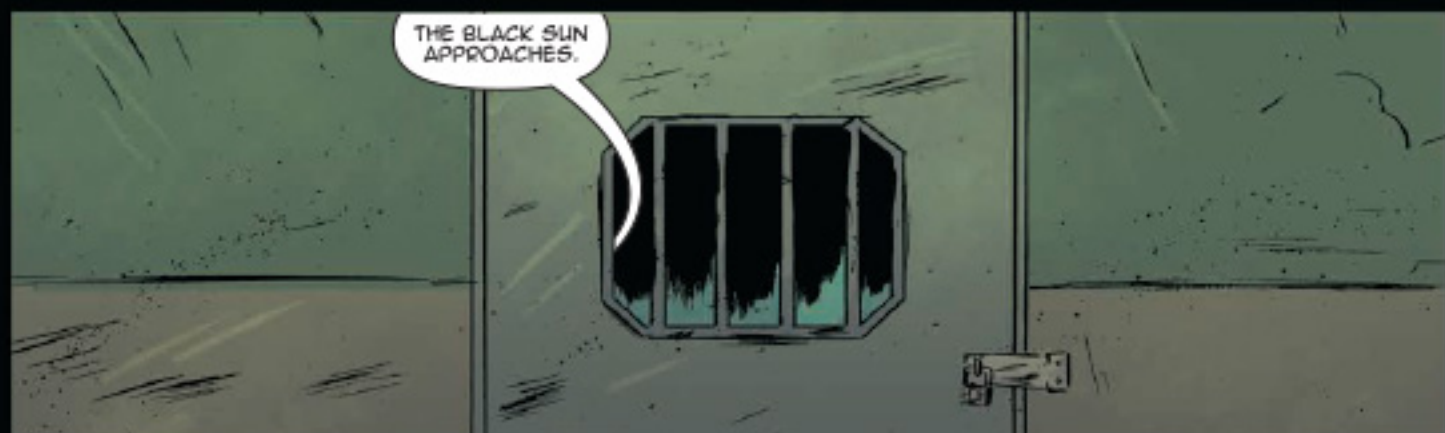


I URGE YOU TO EXPLORE YOUR WORLD. LOVE YOUR WORLD.

CHANGE YOUR WORLD.



DARKNESS APPROACHES..



THE BLACK SUN APPROACHES.



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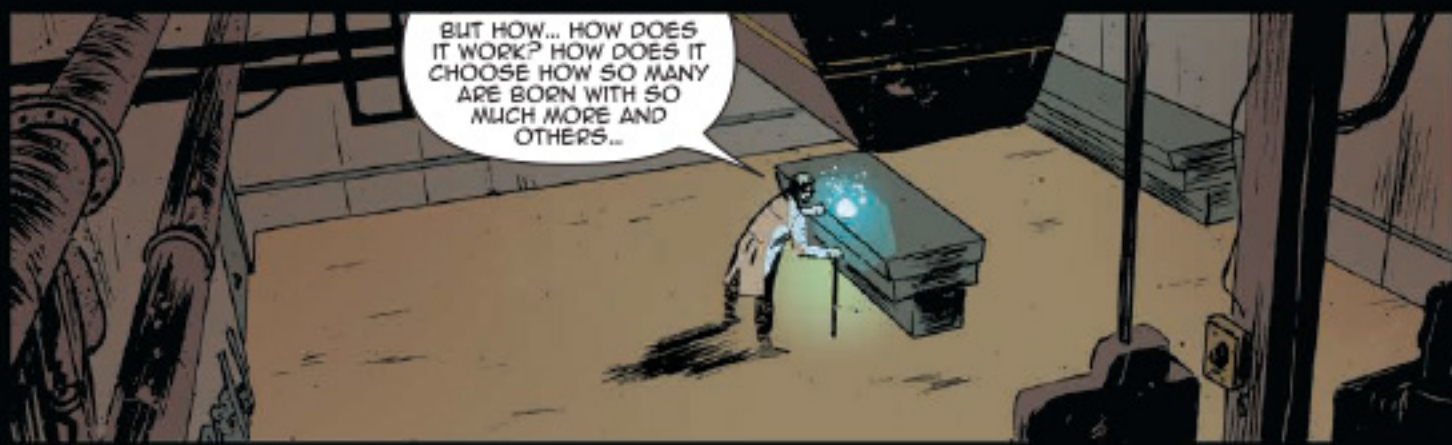
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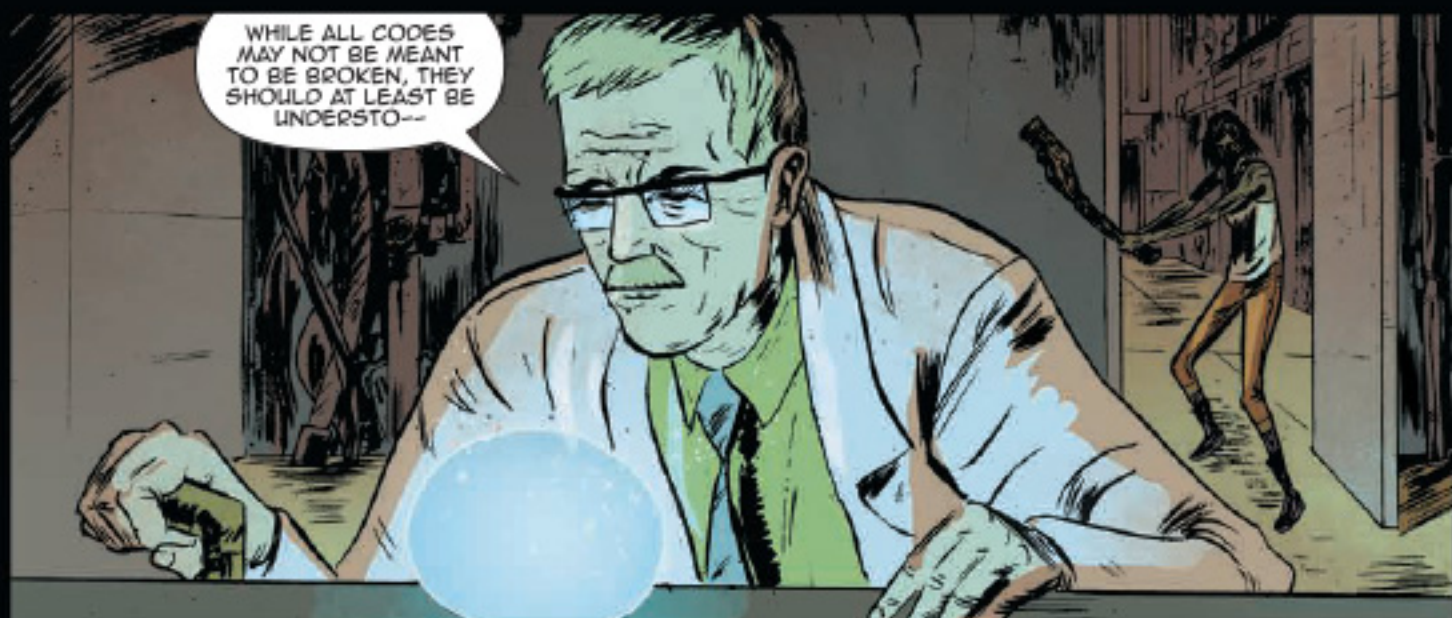
BUT HOW... HOW DOES IT WORK? HOW DOES IT CHOOSE HOW SO MANY ARE BORN WITH SO MUCH MORE AND OTHERS...



SO MUCH LESS.



OUR LIVES, OUR IDENTITY, OUR WORLD, CODED AND LOCKED IN THIS OBJECT.



WHILE ALL CODES MAY NOT BE MEANT TO BE BROKEN, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST BE UNDERSTO--