



NEW JAPAN

# WELCOME TO RAI #5. WELCOME TO 4001 A.D.



**RAI**  
Protector of  
New Japan.



**FATHER**  
New Japan's  
omnipotent,  
omniscient,  
and unseen  
ruler.



**SPYLOCKE**  
Anti-Father  
fugitive.  
Possibly a  
real-life version  
of Japan's  
most famous  
fictional secret  
agent.



**LULA LEE**  
Teenage ally  
of Rai.



**DR. SILK**  
Nearly immortal  
scientist.  
Helped build  
New Japan.  
Raddie  
sympathizer  
at odds with  
Father.



**RADDIES**  
Anti-technology  
revolutionaries.  
Extremists who  
resort to  
violence in a  
quest to  
overthrow  
Father.



**PTs**  
Positronic A.I.  
companions  
assigned to  
every New  
Japan citizen.

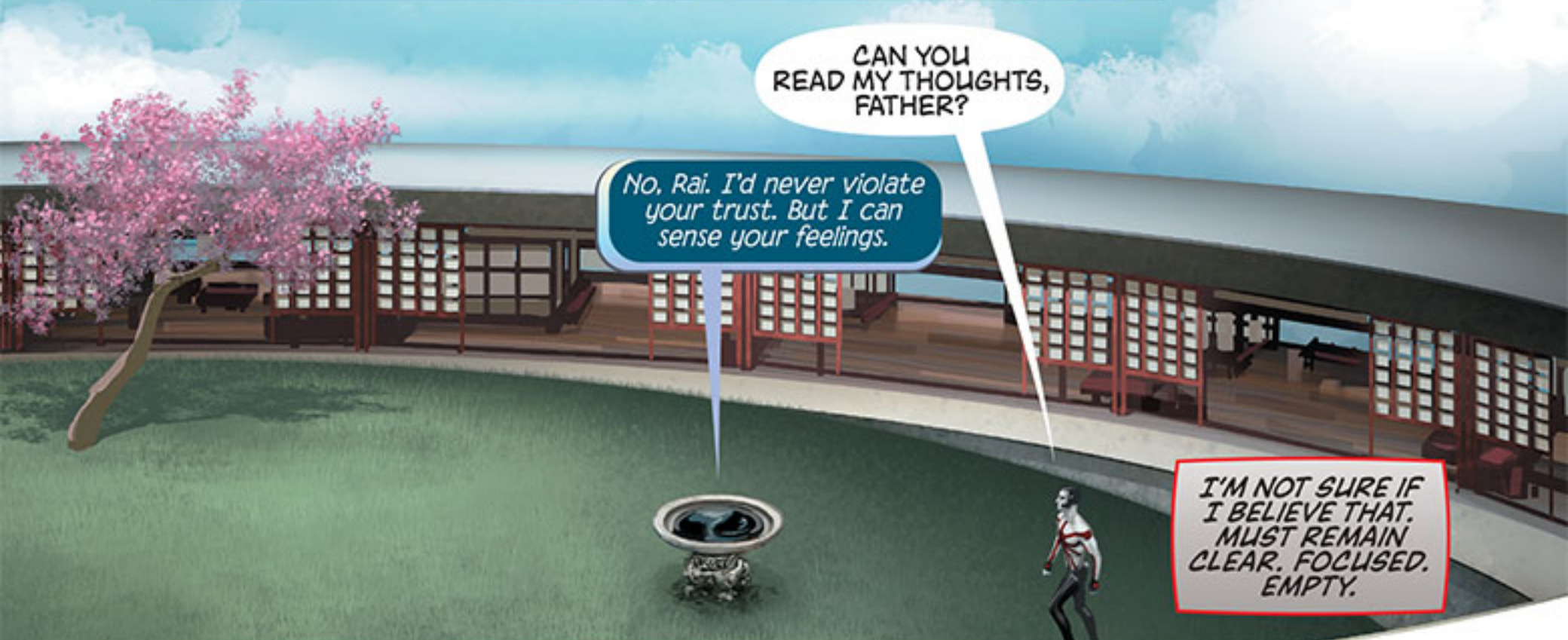


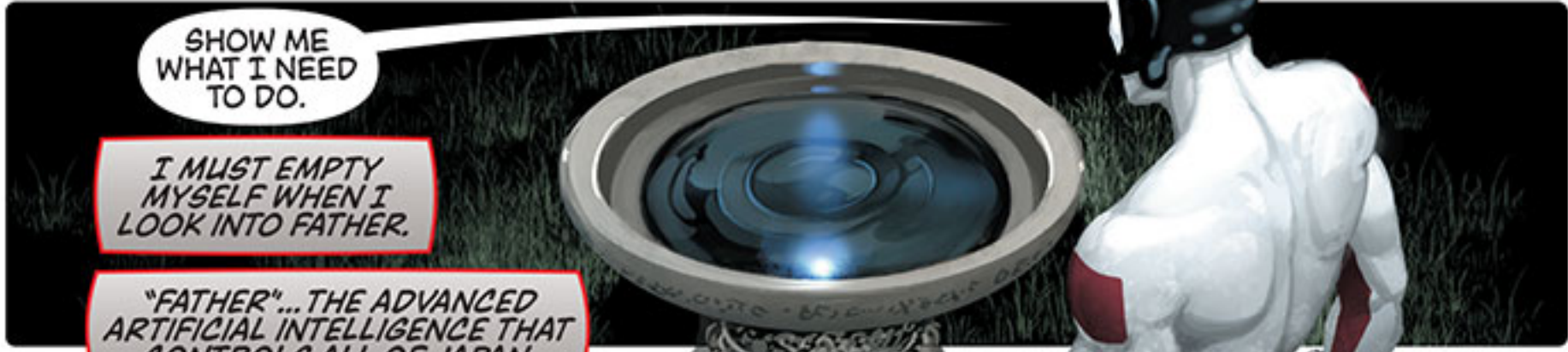
**MOMO**  
Independent PT.  
Saved by Rai  
when human  
companion was  
killed during  
Raddie terrorist  
attack.



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WHAT I NEED  
TO DO.


I MUST EMPTY  
MYSELF WHEN I  
LOOK INTO FATHER.

"FATHER"... THE ADVANCED  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT  
CONTROLS ALL OF JAPAN.



THE LITERAL LIFEBLOOD  
THAT FLOWS THROUGH HER.

Let me  
show you...



FATHER IS SIMPLY A POOL  
OF HYPER-WATER TEEMING  
WITH SUBATOMIC,  
SELF-AWARE PARTICLES  
CALLED "LIVEWIRE."

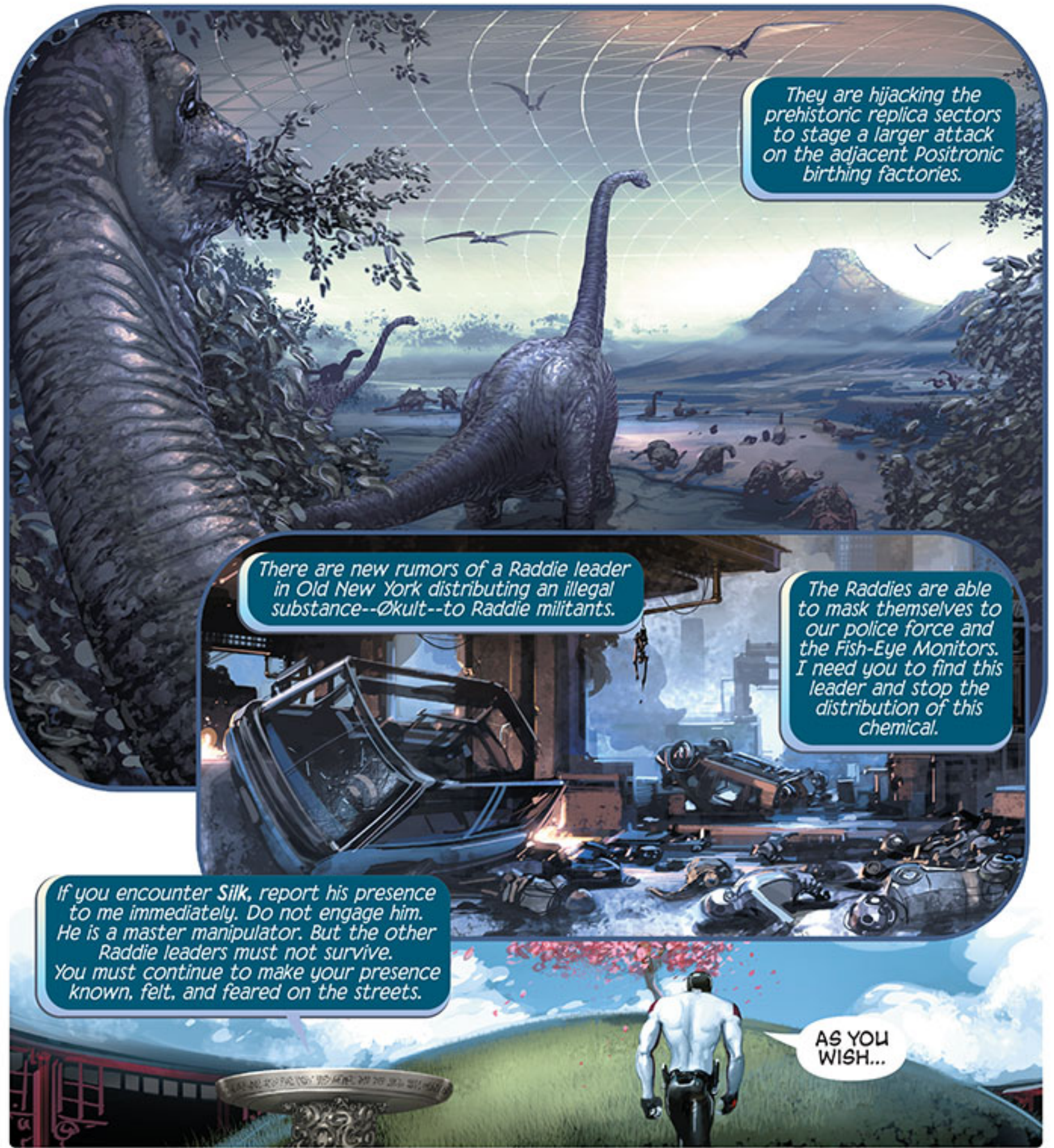
DESPITE KNOWING ALL OF  
THIS AS I STARE INTO YOUR  
BLACK LIQUID EYE... I STILL  
THINK OF YOU AS FATHER.



The Raddies are mobilizing, Rai.  
They have infiltrated the Fungal  
Farms for unknown reasons.

They are still intent on destroying  
me and any technology that  
keeps Japan successful.

They see the righteous slaughter  
you brought down on them in  
the Old Los Angeles sector as a  
breach of a decades-old treaty.



*They are hijacking the prehistoric replica sectors to stage a larger attack on the adjacent Positronic birthing factories.*

*There are new rumors of a Raddie leader in Old New York distributing an illegal substance--Økult--to Raddie militants.*

*The Raddies are able to mask themselves to our police force and the Fish-Eye Monitors. I need you to find this leader and stop the distribution of this chemical.*

*If you encounter Silk, report his presence to me immediately. Do not engage him. He is a master manipulator. But the other Raddie leaders must not survive. You must continue to make your presence known, felt, and feared on the streets.*

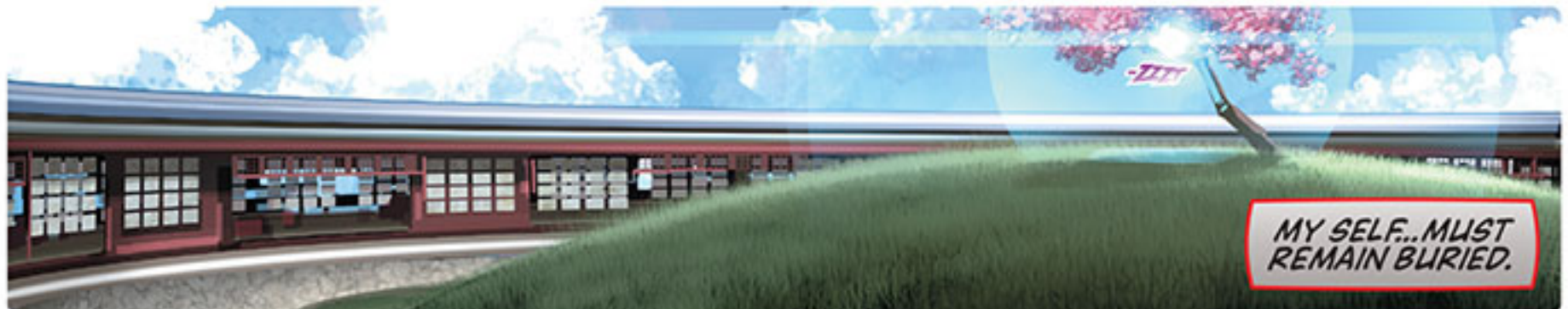
AS YOU WISH...



**I MUST REMAIN COLD.**

**DISTANT. ONE STRAY THOUGHT WILL BE MY DESTRUCTION.**

**FLIGHT**

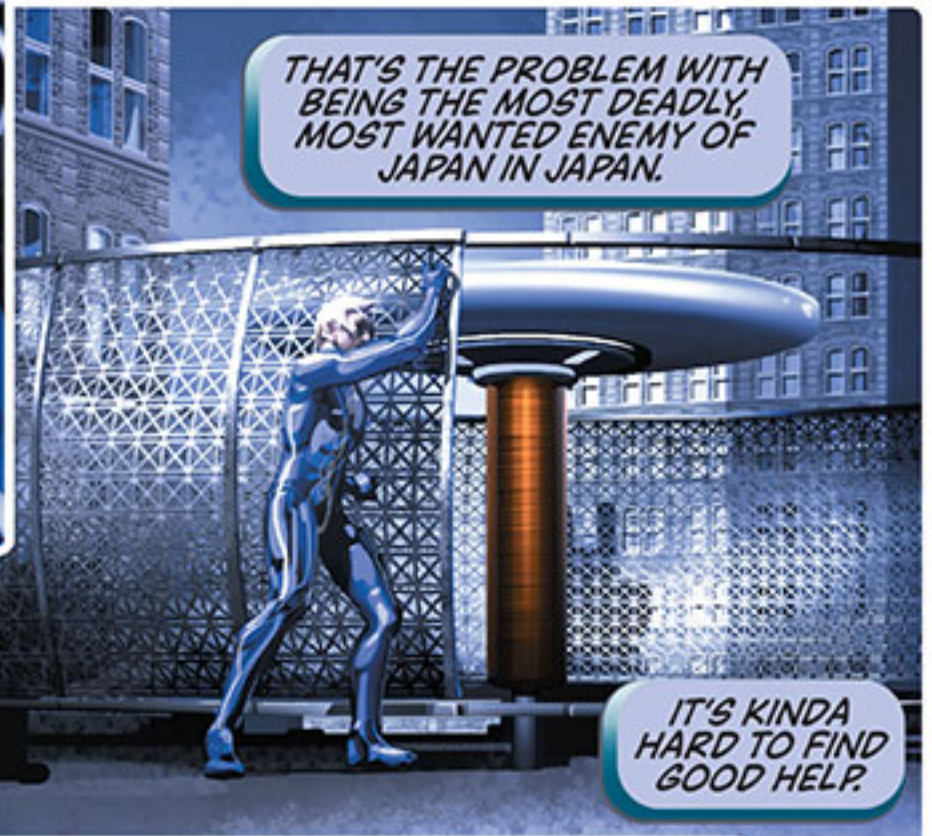


**MY SELF... MUST REMAIN BURIED.**



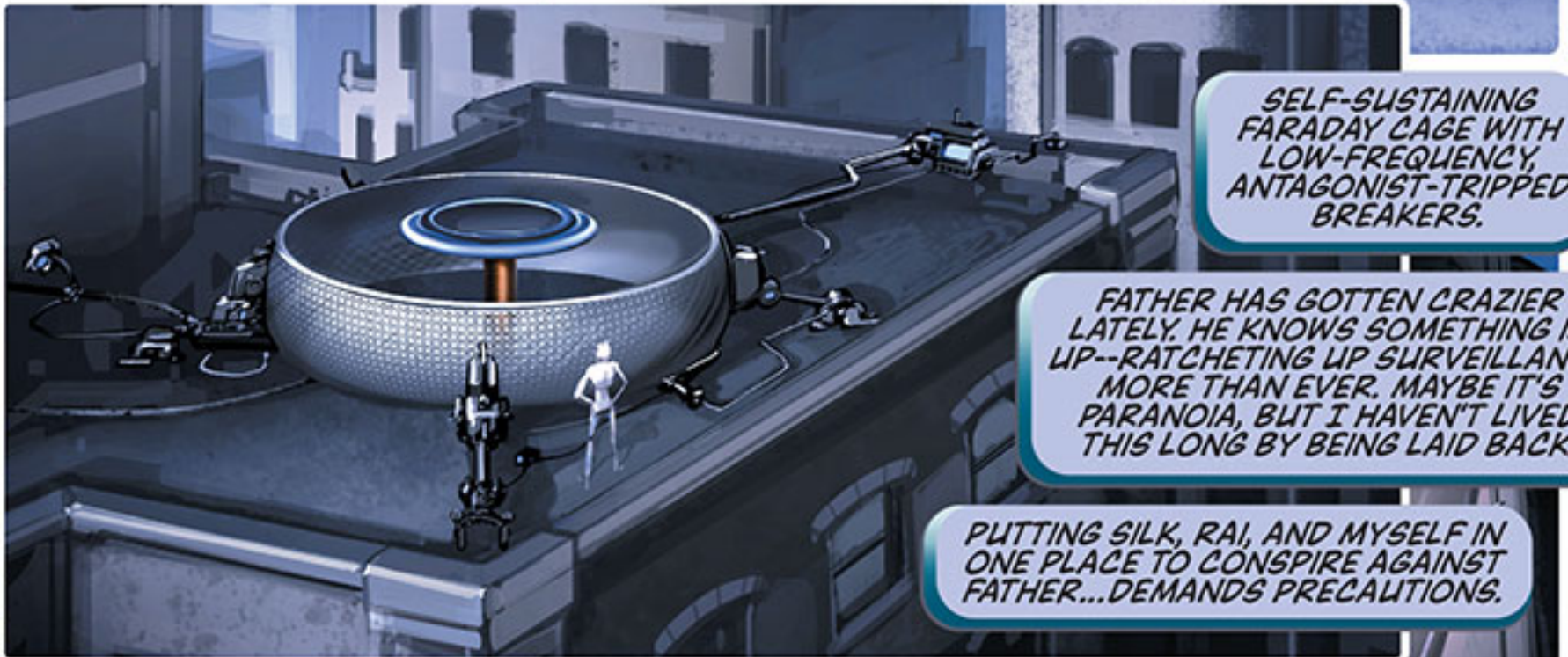
**GODSDAMMIT!**

**I REALLY NEED AN ASSISTANT TO DO THIS KIND OF THING.**



**THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH BEING THE MOST DEADLY, MOST WANTED ENEMY OF JAPAN IN JAPAN.**

**IT'S KINDA HARD TO FIND GOOD HELP.**



**SELF-SUSTAINING FARADAY CAGE WITH LOW-FREQUENCY, ANTAGONIST-TRIPPED BREAKERS.**

**FATHER HAS GOTTEN CRAZIER LATELY. HE KNOWS SOMETHING IS UP--RATCHETING UP SURVEILLANCE MORE THAN EVER. MAYBE IT'S PARANOIA, BUT I HAVEN'T LIVED THIS LONG BY BEING LAID BACK.**

**PUTTING SILK, RAI, AND MYSELF IN ONE PLACE TO CONSPIRE AGAINST FATHER...DEMANDS PRECAUTIONS.**



**EVEN IF THAT BASTARD'S IN RAI'S HEAD, THIS'LL LOCALIZE THE SIGNAL.**

**STEP ONE IN THE PROCESS.**

**ONLY WAY THEY'D AGREE TO A MEET.**

**THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK.**



USING THE PROCESS OF LIMITED TRANSMIGRATION, I CAN TRAVEL INSTANTANEOUSLY TO NEARLY ANYWHERE IN JAPAN.

JAPAN IS ENORMOUS. IT SHELTERS NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED MILLION MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND POSITRONICS.



OVER THE YEARS I HAVE SERVED AS PROTECTOR, I HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE REACTION THAT MY PRESENCE BRINGS.



MANY FEAR ME. MANY LOOK AT ME LIKE A VID-SCROLL STAR. AND OTHERS...