

The cover art depicts a young man with short, spiky red hair and green markings on his face, looking intently towards the right. He is wearing a green jacket over a grey shirt. In his hands, he holds a swirling mass of bright yellow and orange energy. The background is a dark, stone-walled tunnel with an arched doorway in the distance, where a dark silhouette is visible. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and action-oriented.

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VOLUME TWO

ESCAPE FROM GREMON

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THINGS FLY APART

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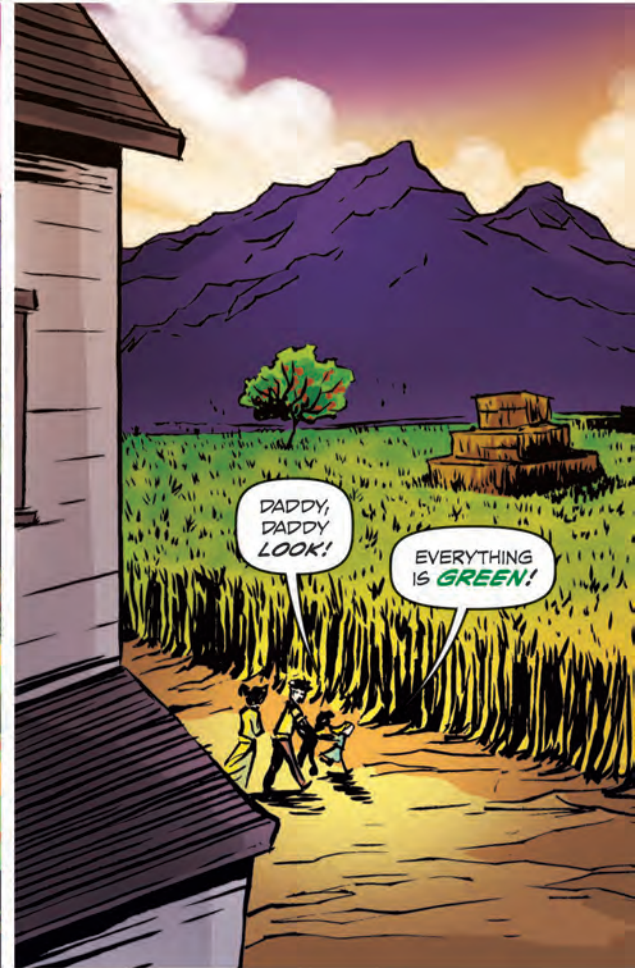
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FOR FIVE YEARS, THE PLANET GREMON WAS PLAGUED WITH CATASTROPHES. NOTHING GREW. NOTHING FLOURISHED.

UNTIL A YOUNG DOLA, REGN, CAME FROM FAR AWAY TO WAKE THE PLANET'S CONSCIOUSNESS.

REUNITING WITH HER BROTHER, PICAR, REGN HEALED THE PLANET BY BATHING IT IN A BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.







...OTHERS WERE NOT.

UNACCEPTABLE!
TREES AND
FLOWERS...
EVERYTHING SO...
SO... GREEN.



...CROPS HAVE
SUDDENLY SHOT
UP, DRIED LAKES HAVE
FILLED, STRONG WINDS
ARE CLEANSING
THE AIR--

THERE'S
NOTHING WRONG
WITH THE AIR!

NOT
ANYMORE.

KEEP
YOUR MOUTH
SHUT!



THIS IS
UNACCEPTABLE!

WHERE IS THE
OFF-WORLDER?



THE GUARDS
ARE SEARCHING
THE CAPITOL.

THEY
WON'T FIND
HIM.

I HAVE
CONFIDENCE IN
THE CAPTAIN. AFTER ALL,
HOW FAR COULD THE
XENO HAVE GONE?



TEAR THE
TOWN APART IF
YOU HAVE TO!



STAND
ASIDE!

OH!




HAVE
YOU SEEN THE
OFF-WORLDER?

NOTHING!

CRASH






HIS NAME IS PICAR. ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO HE APPEARED IN A NORTHERN TOWN. JUST AROUND THE TIME OF THE POLAR QUAKES.

HE HAS SOME LIGHT-BASED POWER. BUT IT IS *POWER* HE HESITATES TO USE.

HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK HE IS AS POWERFUL AS GURK HAS LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE.




HMMM.



LOOK AROUND MY KINGDOM. EVERYTHING IS GROWING AGAIN. THE RIVERS ARE FLOWING. THE SUN IS SHINING.

SO APPARENTLY THIS OFF-WORLDER IS VERY POWERFUL.

UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION.



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GIVEN WHAT I KNOW OF THIS... PICAR... THIS LEVEL OF POWER IS... SURPRISING.

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HE WOULD HAVE TO BE... HE WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY CLOSE TO THE SOURCE.



THAT'S IT!
CAPTAIN, PREPARE THE WINDSHIP.

I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE IS!



STEP QUICKLY, YOU MONGRELS! WE LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!



YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME CHASING HIM.

REALLY?

YES. WE HAVE HIS FRIEND, CHAY. PICAR WILL COME BACK FOR HIM.

I THINK YOU OVERESTIMATE HIS CAPACITY FOR LOYALTY.

TRUST ME, PICAR HAS NO QUALMS ABOUT LEAVING SOMEONE BEHIND.



HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT HIM?

...I HAVE MY SOURCES.

I THOUGHT I WAS YOUR SOURCE.

YOU WERE MY CONFIRMATION.



AHEM?

?

40,000 SHUNA.

THAT'S MY GEN. ALWAYS FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANT THINGS.



I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE LEAVING NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN PAID.

I THINK I'LL STICK AROUND FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

SEE HOW THIS WHOLE THING PANS OUT.