

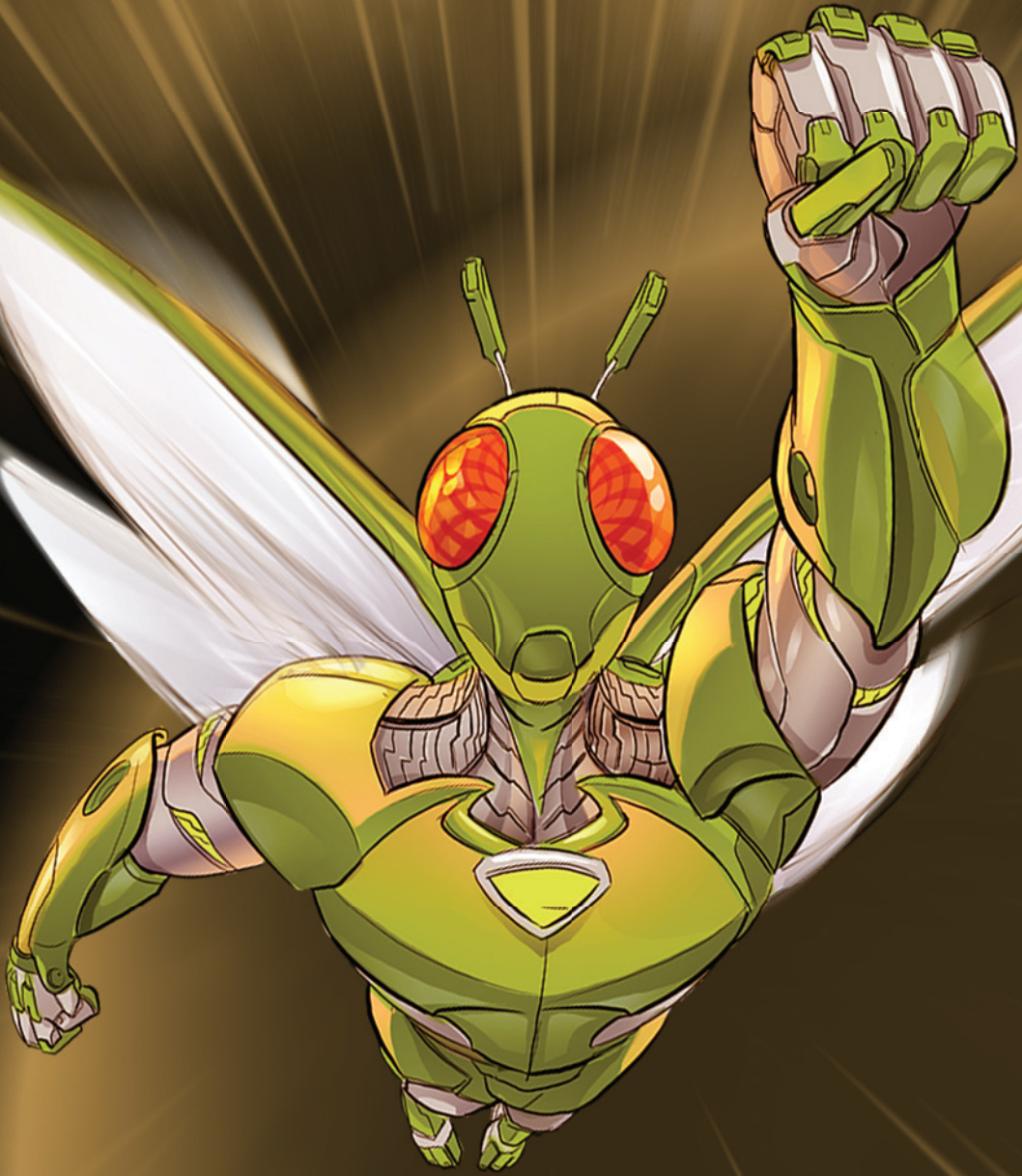
# PTERYGOTE



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**Revelations 9: 3a:**  
...Then out of the smoke, locusts  
came upon the earth




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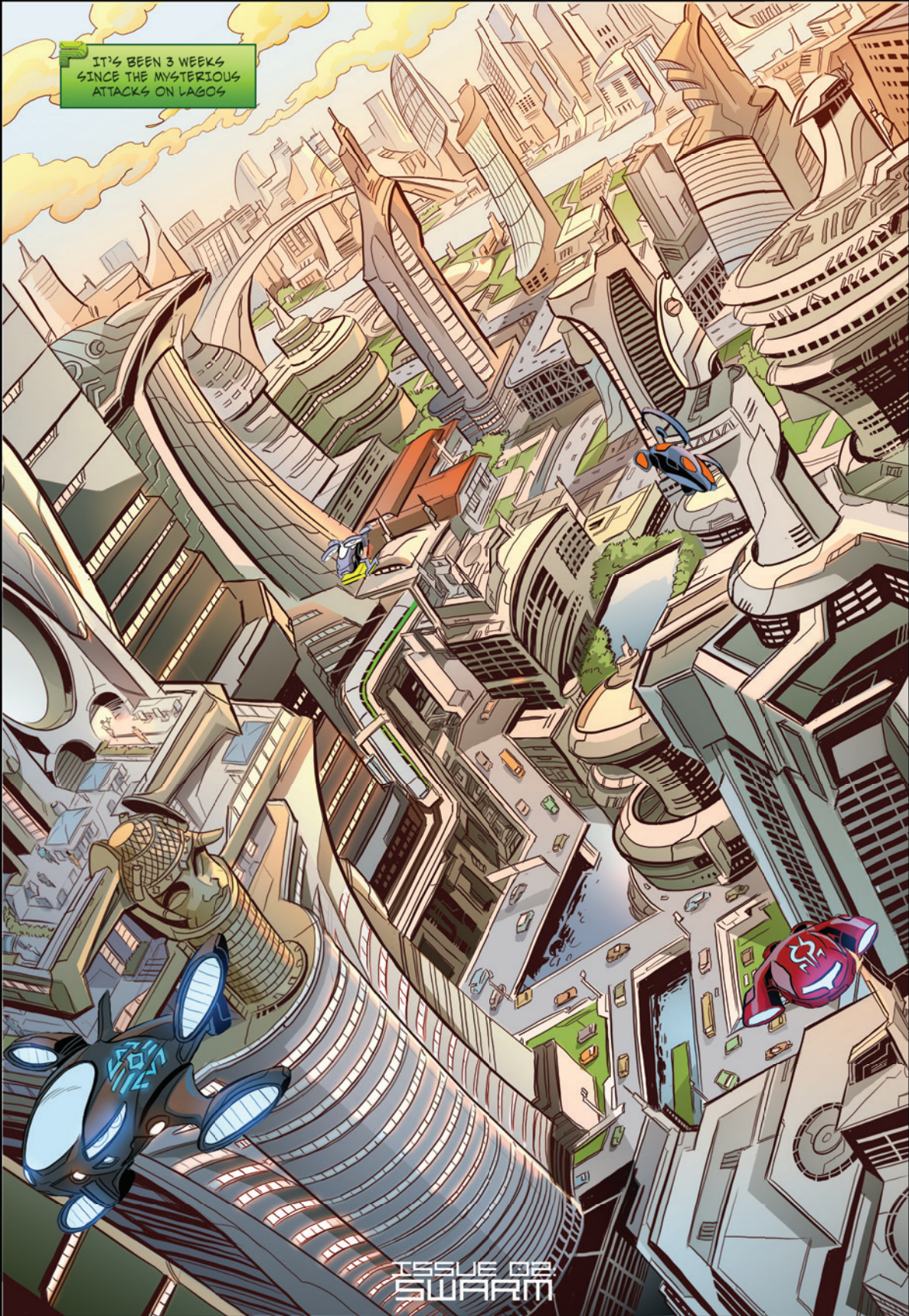
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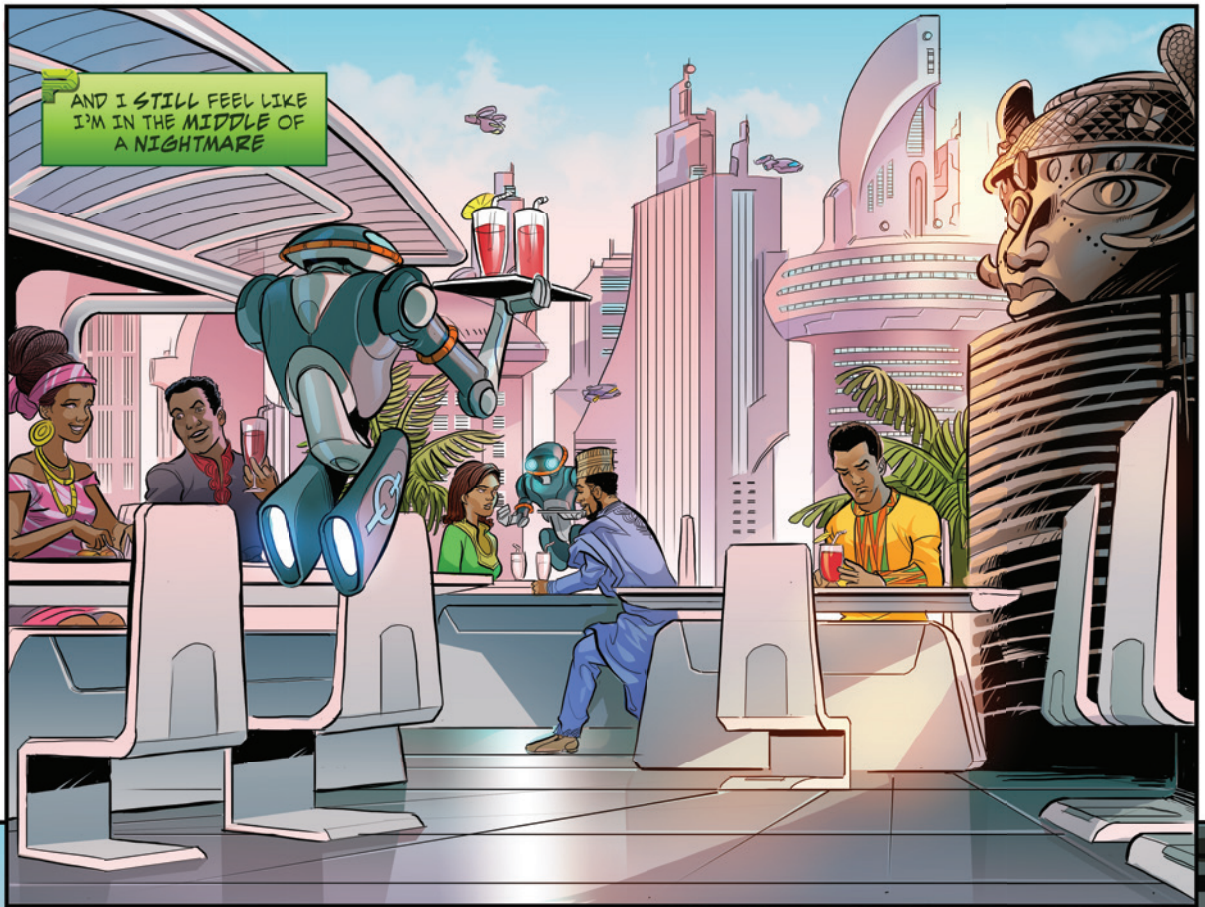
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IT'S BEEN 3 WEEKS  
SINCE THE MYSTERIOUS  
ATTACKS ON LAGOS



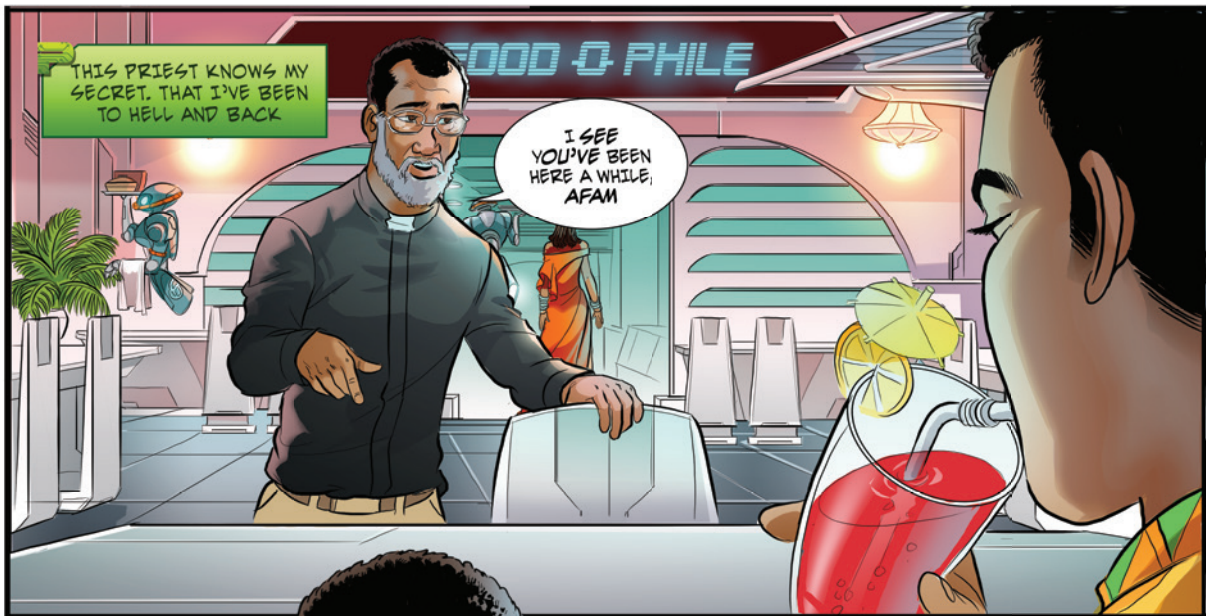
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AND I STILL FEEL LIKE  
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF  
A NIGHTMARE



A NIGHTMARE I'M  
FORCED TO SHARE  
WITH A PRIEST



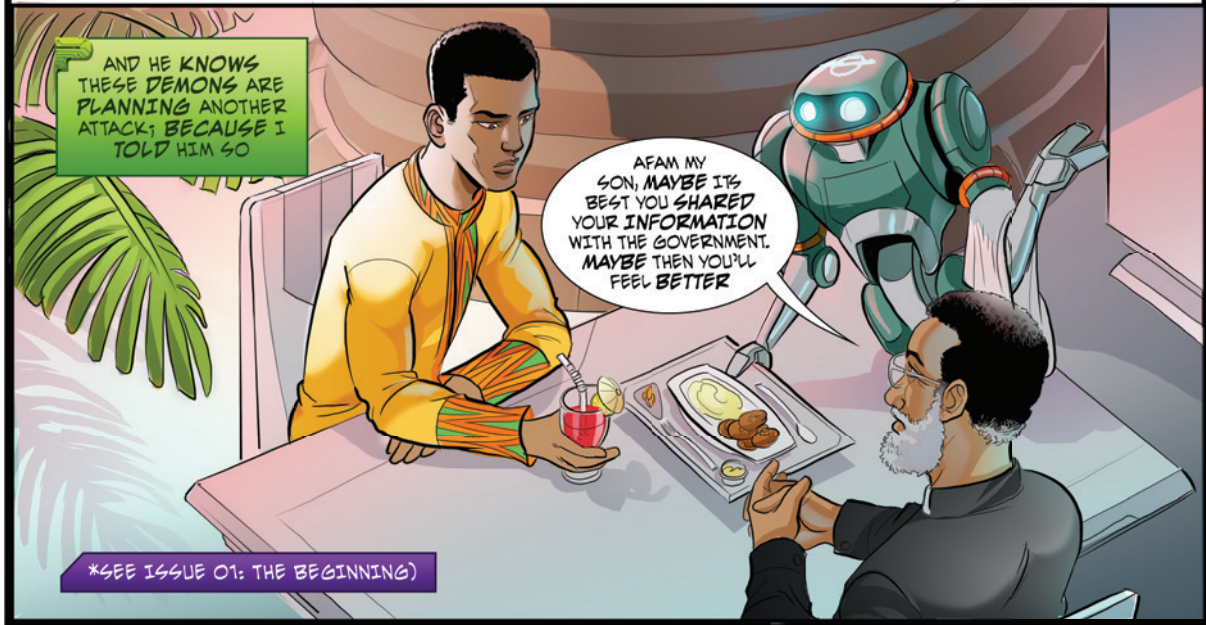
THIS PRIEST KNOWS MY SECRET. THAT I'VE BEEN TO HELL AND BACK

I SEE YOU'VE BEEN HERE A WHILE, AFAM



I COULDN'T SLEEP FATHER AND I DIDN'T WANT TO BE ALONE

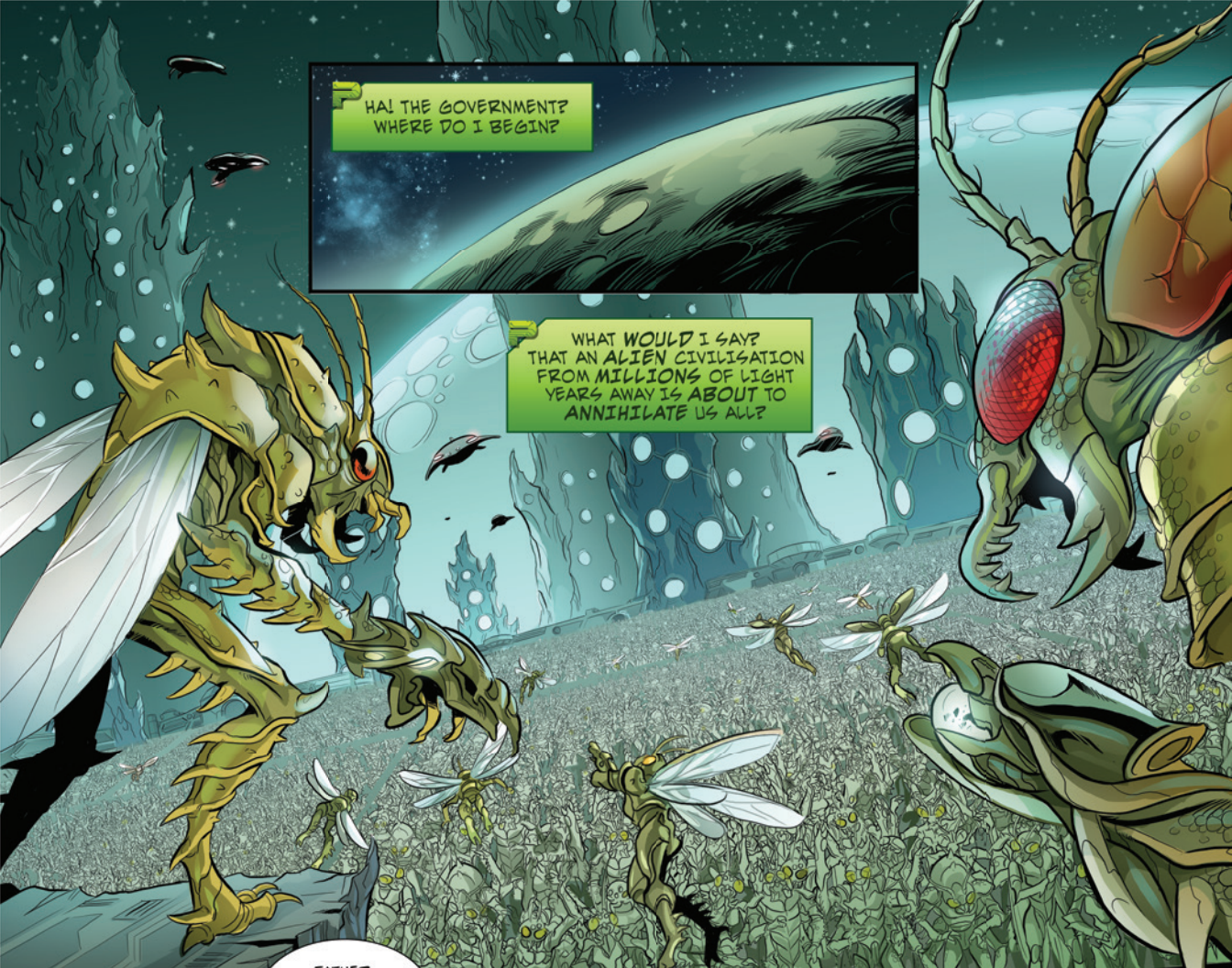
HE WAS ONE OF THE FEW THAT SAW THE DEMONS THAT TOOK ME THERE\*



AND HE KNOWS THESE DEMONS ARE PLANNING ANOTHER ATTACK; BECAUSE I TOLD HIM SO

AFAM MY SON, MAYBE IT'S BEST YOU SHARED YOUR INFORMATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. MAYBE THEN YOU'LL FEEL BETTER

\*SEE ISSUE 01: THE BEGINNING\*




**F** HA! THE GOVERNMENT?  
WHERE DO I BEGIN?


WHAT WOULD I SAY  
THAT AN ALIEN CIVILISATION  
FROM MILLIONS OF LIGHT  
YEARS AWAY IS ABOUT TO  
ANNIHILATE US ALL?



FATHER,  
HYMENOPTERA  
IS NOT LIKE  
EARTH



AND THEY HAVE  
ONLY ONE GOAL  
-CONQUEST

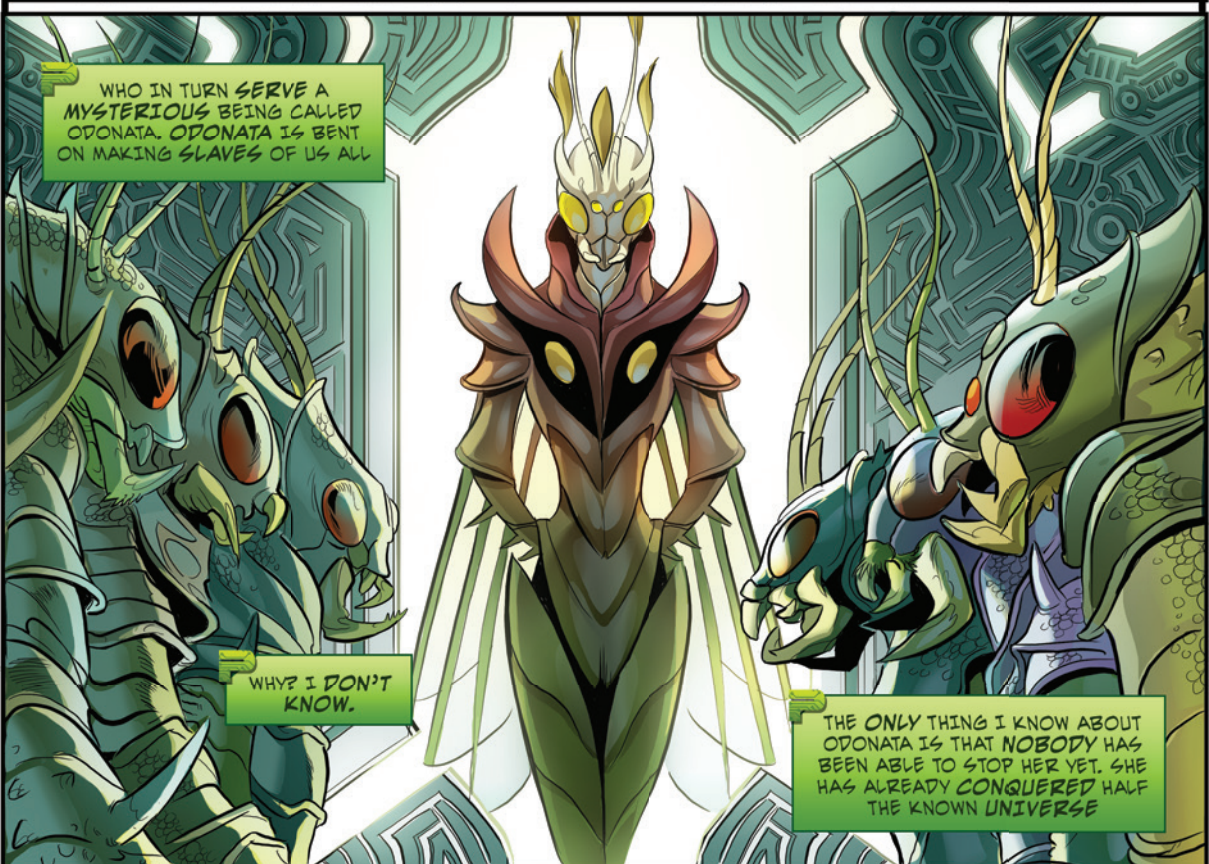


**F** THERE ARE NO  
CIVILIANS. EVERYONE  
IS CONSCRIPTED INTO  
THE MILITARY AT BIRTH





THEY ARE RULED BY A COUNCIL OF PRINCES CALLED PTERAZOIR.



WHO IN TURN SERVE A MYSTERIOUS BEING CALLED ODONATA. ODONATA IS BENT ON MAKING SLAVES OF US ALL

WHY? I DON'T KNOW.

THE ONLY THING I KNOW ABOUT ODONATA IS THAT NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO STOP HER YET. SHE HAS ALREADY CONQUERED HALF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE

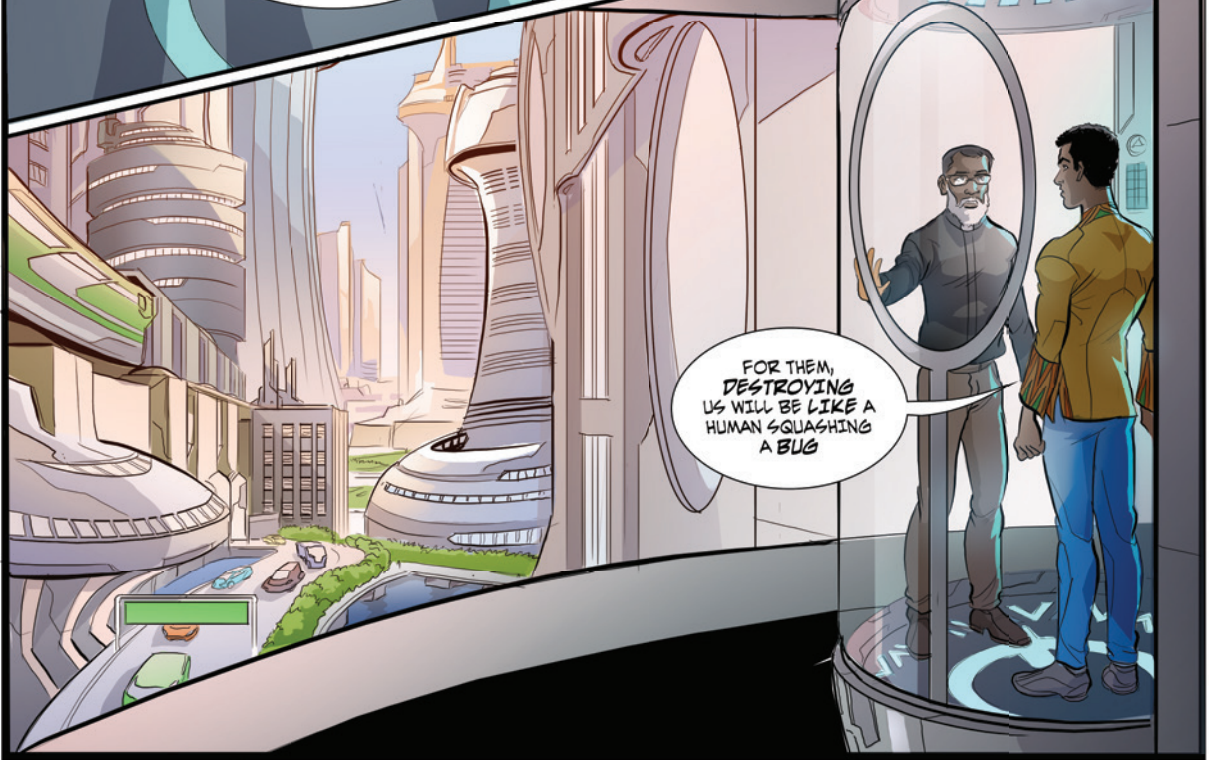


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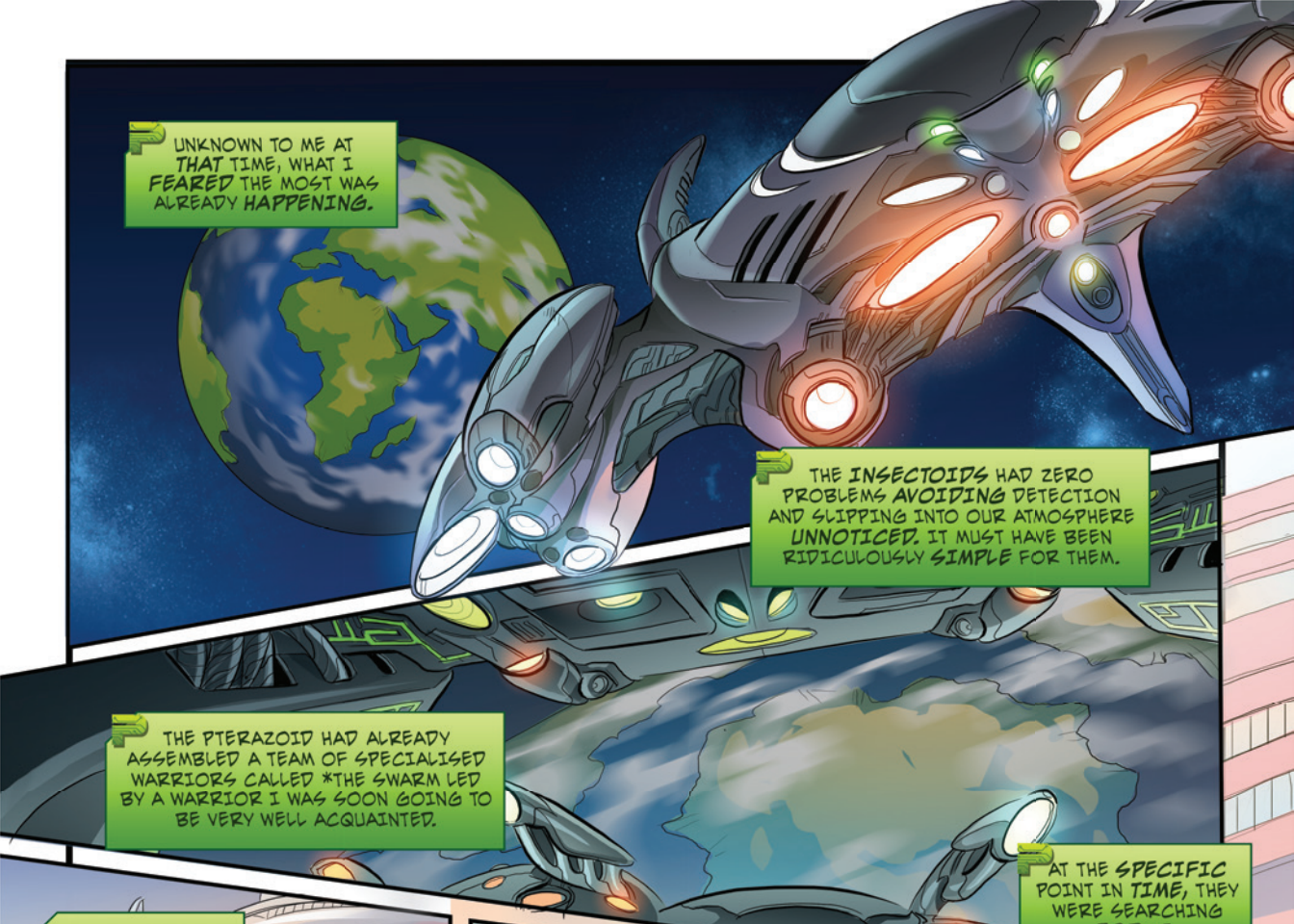
BUT WHAT FATHER?

SHE'S MADE ALLIANCES WITH POWERFUL BEINGS ACROSS THE UNIVERSE. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW INSIGNIFICANT WE ARE COMPARED TO THEM. TAKE THEIR TECHNOLOGY FOR INSTANCE, THEY MAKE IT SEEM LIKE WE'RE STILL IN THE STONE AGE

THEIR WEAPONRY IS ACTIVATED BY THOUGHT. THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MINUTE, FATHER!



FOR THEM, DESTROYING US WILL BE LIKE A HUMAN SQUASHING A BUG



UNKNOWN TO ME AT THAT TIME, WHAT I FEARED THE MOST WAS ALREADY HAPPENING.

THE INSECTOIDS HAD ZERO PROBLEMS AVOIDING DETECTION AND SLIPPING INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE UNNOTICED. IT MUST HAVE BEEN RIDICULOUSLY SIMPLE FOR THEM.

THE PTERAZOID HAD ALREADY ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF SPECIALISED WARRIORS CALLED \*THE SWARM LED BY A WARRIOR I WAS SOON GOING TO BE VERY WELL ACQUAINTED.

AT THE SPECIFIC POINT IN TIME, THEY WERE SEARCHING FOR ME.

MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH

WHAT IF WE SEND AN ANONYMOUS MESSAGE?

HOW WILL THAT HELP?

ARE WE GOING TO DEVELOP WEAPONS ADVANCED ENOUGH TO STOP THEM ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I COULDN'T HELP FEELING NERVOUS.



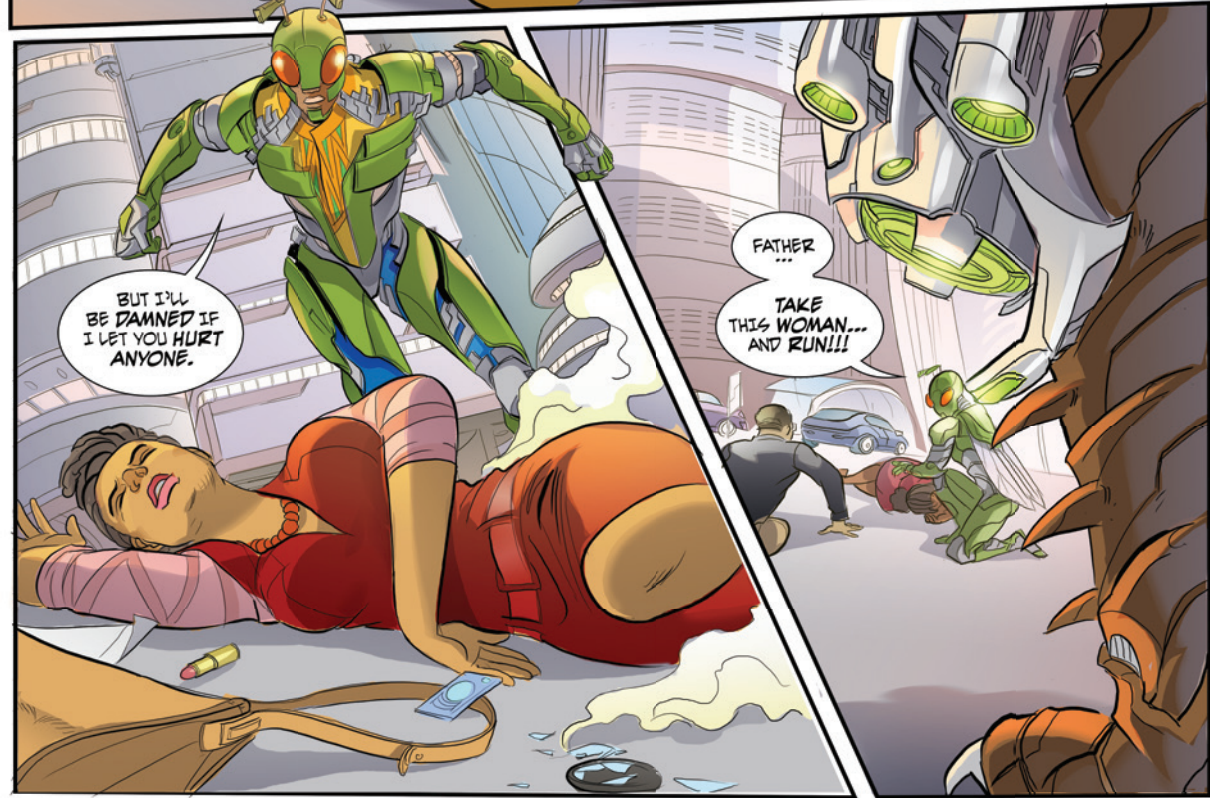
EVERYTHING MADE ME JUMPY. LIKE THIS PHONE CALL THE PRIEST WAS MAKING FOR INSTANCE.

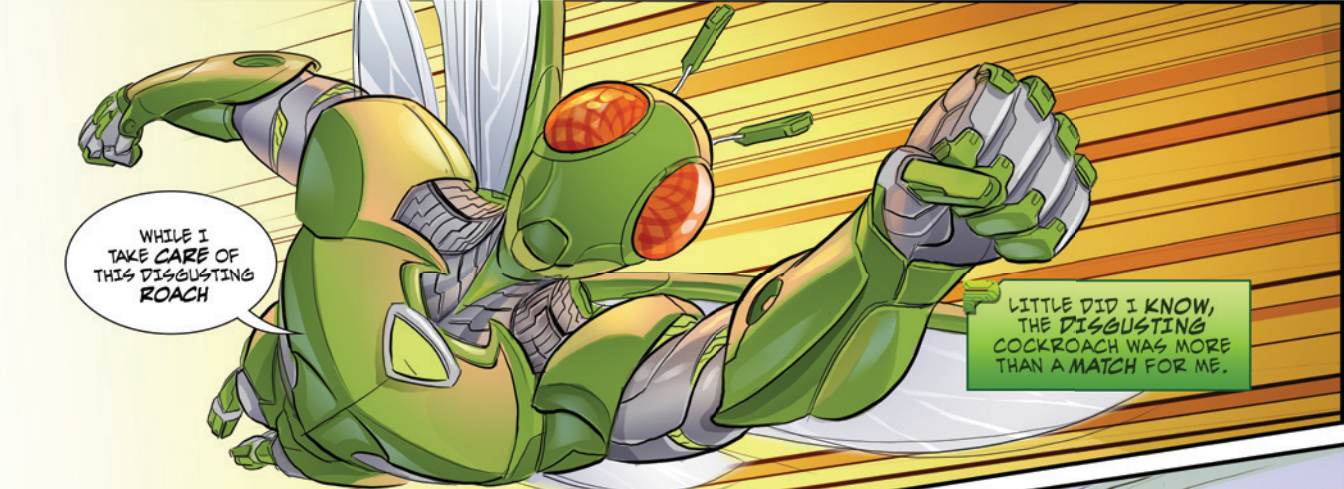
IT SEEMED ALMOST LIKE...





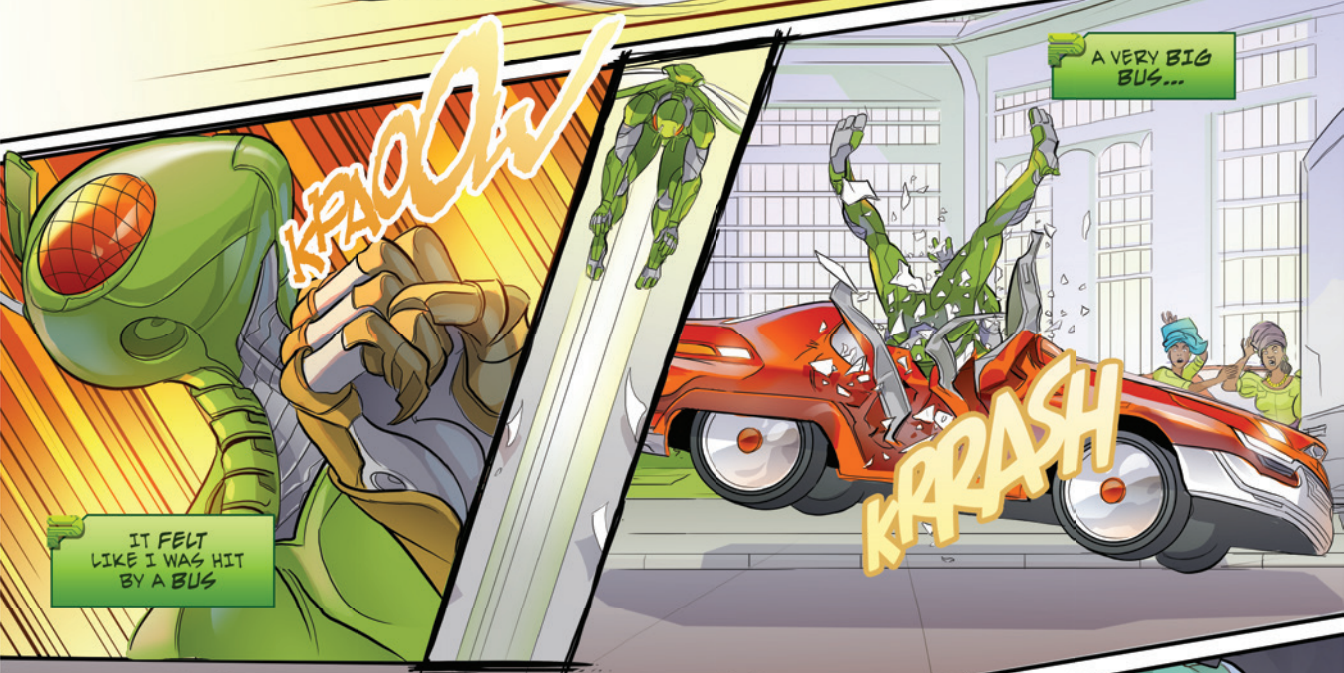
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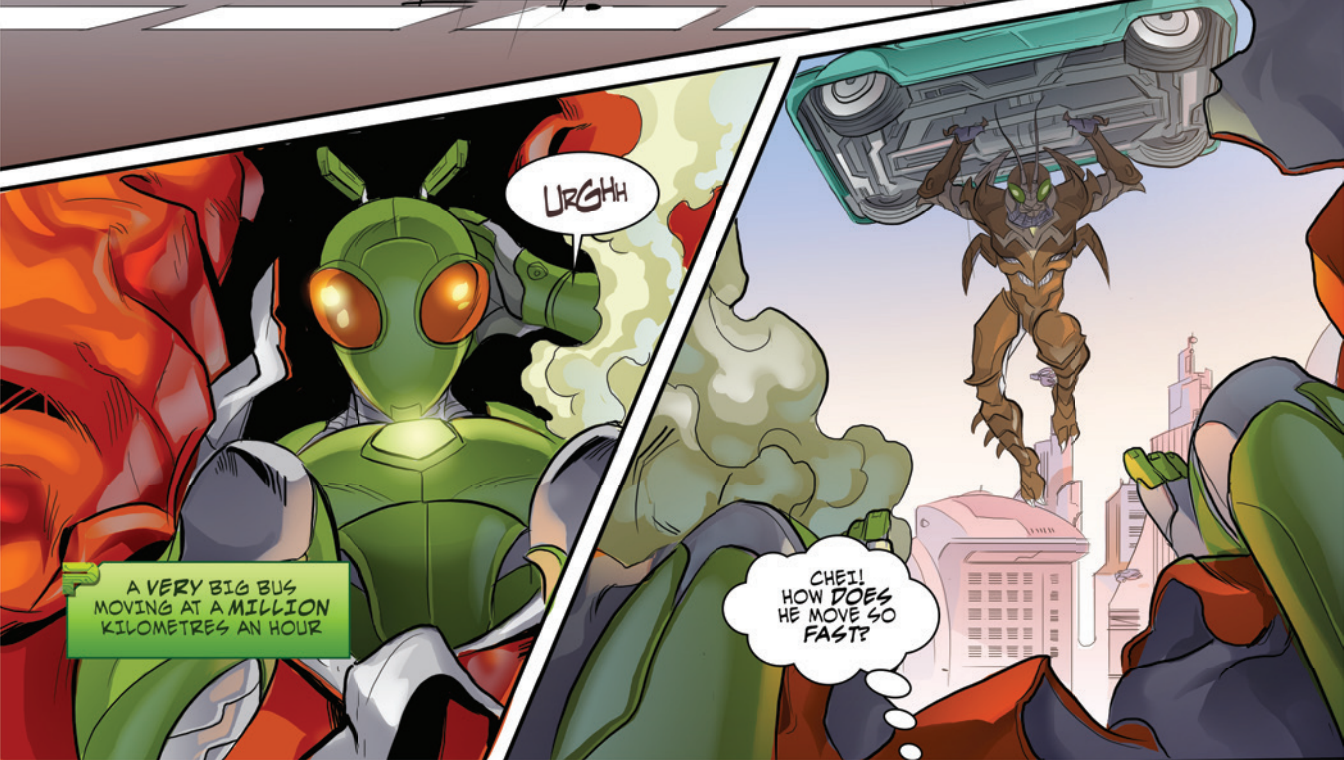
WHILE I TAKE CARE OF THIS DISGUSTING ROACH

LITTLE DID I KNOW, THE DISGUSTING COCKROACH WAS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR ME.



IT FELT LIKE I WAS HIT BY A BUS

A VERY BIG BUS...



URGHH

A VERY BIG BUS MOVING AT A MILLION KILOMETRES AN HOUR

CHEIL HOW DOES HE MOVE SO FAST?



BUT HIS SPEED WASN'T  
MY IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. IT WAS  
HOW TO SURVIVE A BATTLE WITH  
SUCH A POWERFUL BEING



I'M NOT  
GOING DOWN  
WITHOUT A FIGHT  
COCKROACH

THE INSECT MUST  
HAVE RAINED A MILLION  
PUNCHES ON ME.

Ooooff

AND EACH ONE HURT LIKE HELL. THIS BEAST WAS POWERFUL!

BOZZA

KRRASSSSHHH

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU WANT FROM ME







BUT THIS IS FAR FROM OVER...

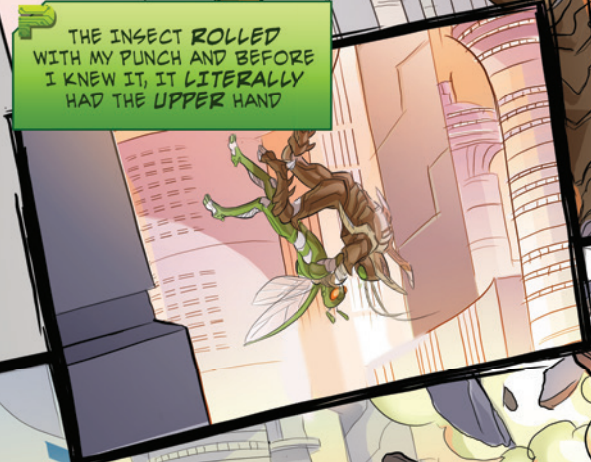
I HIT THAT SUCKER WITH ALL I HAD BUT I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN HITTING AIR

THIS IS MY PLANET AND I WILL PROTECT IT, COCKROACH!

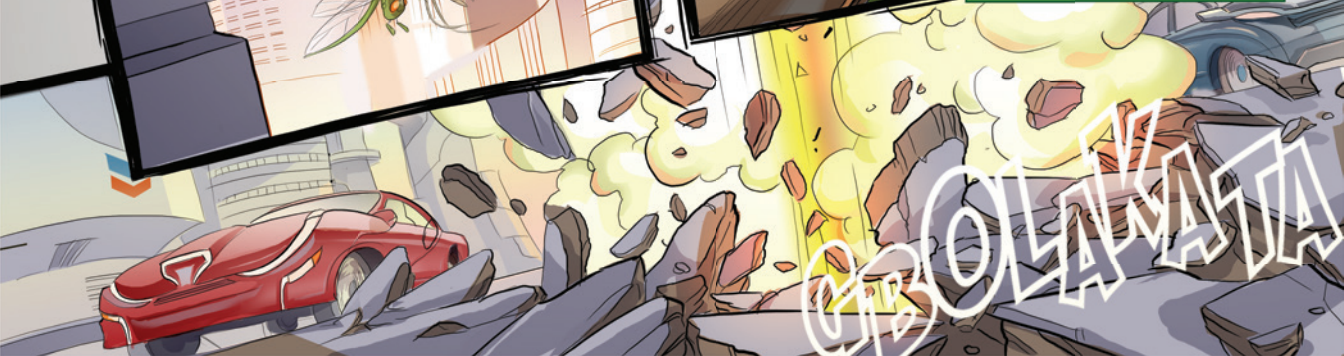


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THE INSECT ROLLED WITH MY PUNCH AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, IT LITERALLY HAD THE UPPER HAND

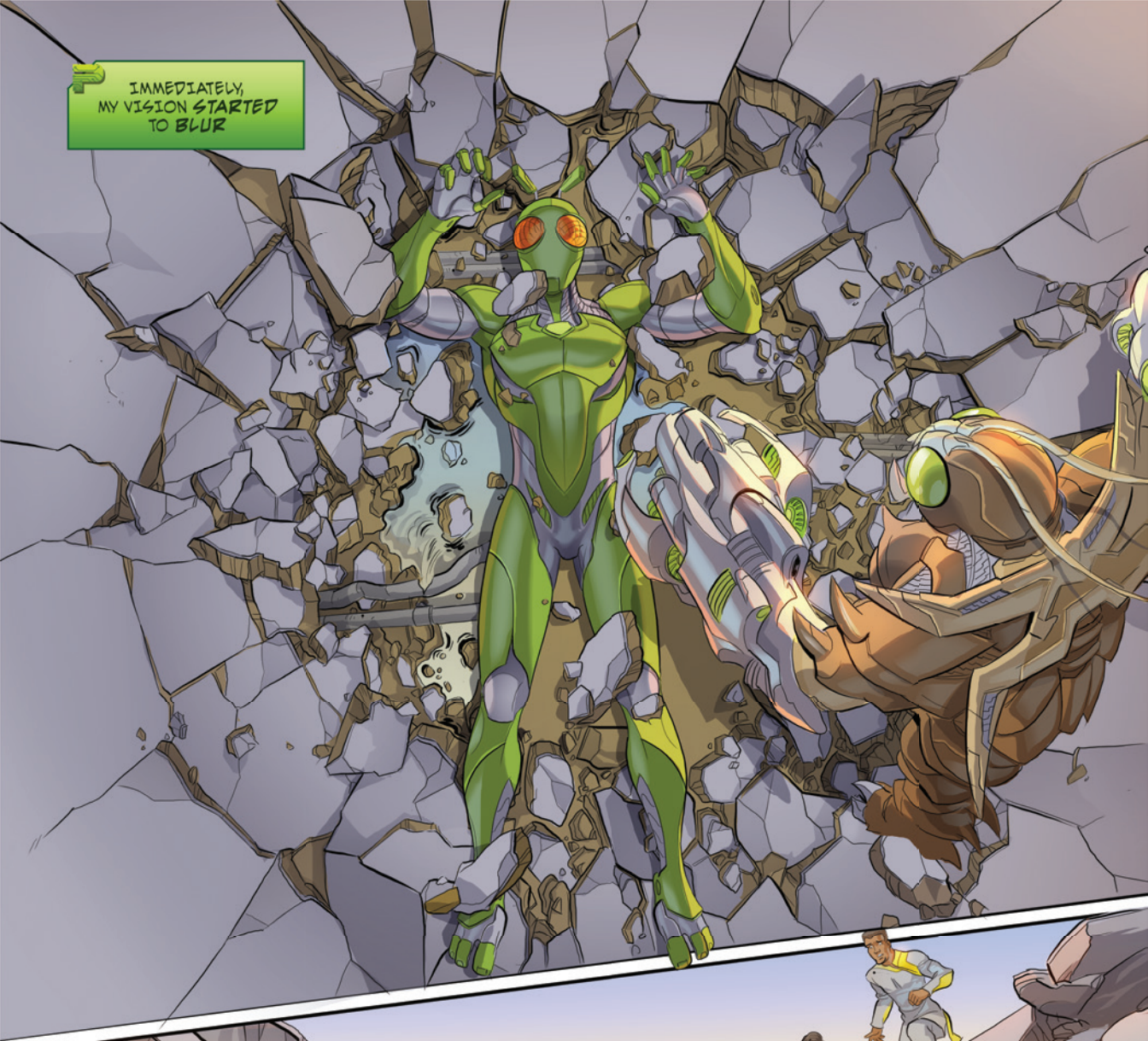


THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO. IT WAS TOO STRONG AND TOO FAST FOR ME



OLA WASTA

IMMEDIATELY,  
MY VISION STARTED  
TO BLUR



AND I  
BLACKED  
OUT.



I LATER FOUND OUT FROM  
EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS  
THAT HE CARRIED ME LIKE  
A BABY AND FLEW OFF





IT'S BEEN 24 HOURS SINCE THE PTERYGOTE WAS ABDUCTED BY A STRANGE BEING IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW.

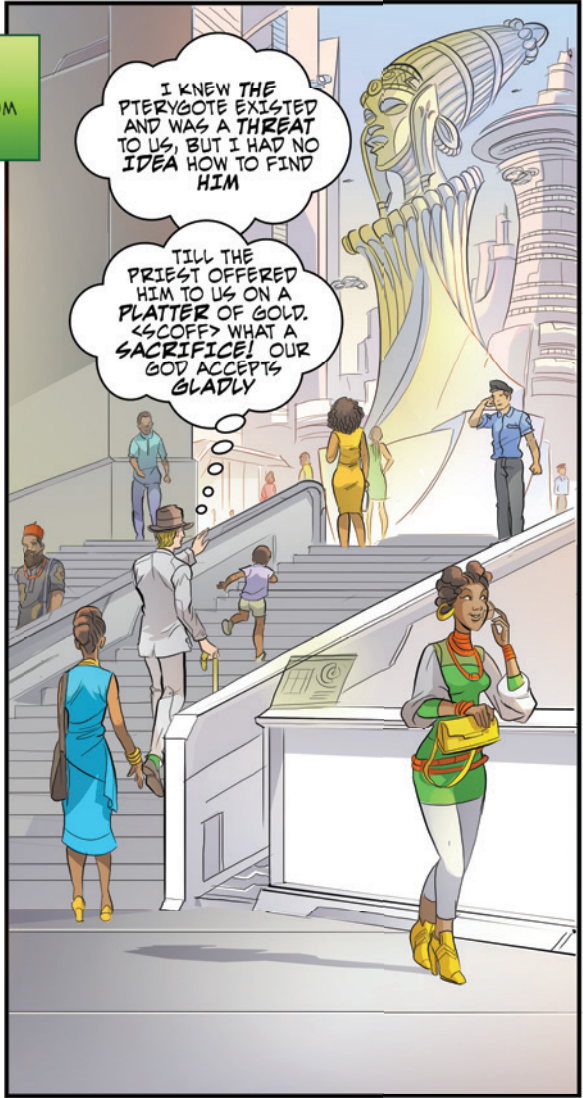
LAGOS IS TENSE, BUT AT PEACE



NO ONE PAYS ATTENTION TO A TALL, STRANGELY DRESSED WHITE MAN GETTING DOWN FROM THE TRAIN NEAR IKOYI.

I HEARD ABOUT THE PTERYGOTE FROM A MOST UNEXPECTED SOURCE

A PRIEST



I KNEW THE PTERYGOTE EXISTED AND WAS A THREAT TO US, BUT I HAD NO IDEA HOW TO FIND HIM

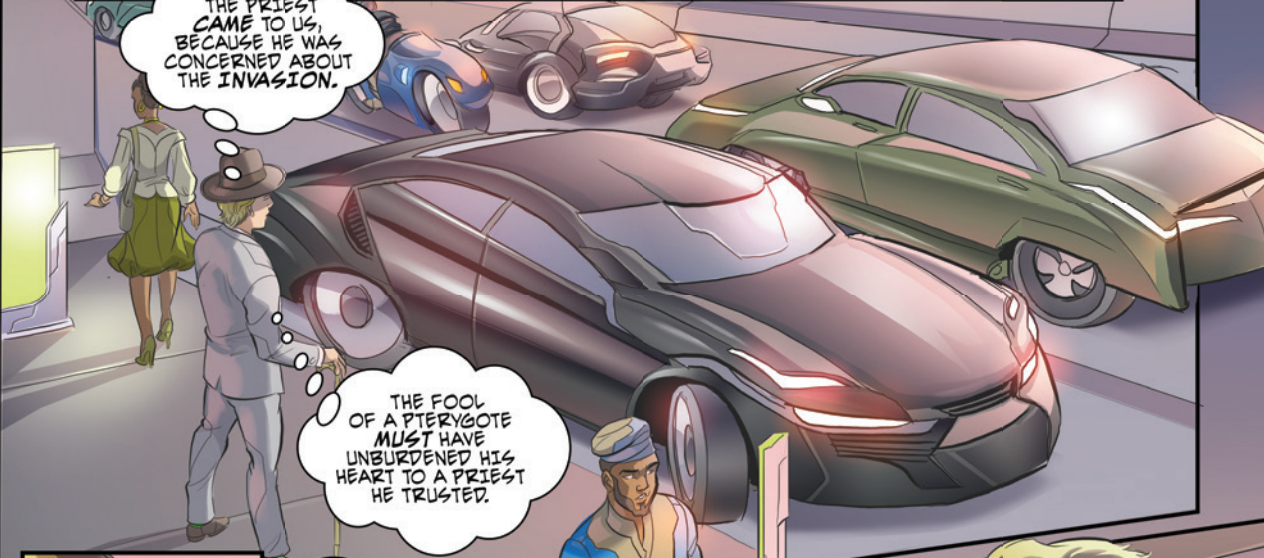
TILL THE PRIEST OFFERED HIM TO US ON A PLATTER OF GOLD. <<SCOFF>> WHAT A SACRIFICE! OUR GOD ACCEPTS GLADLY



PITY THEY ALL HAVE TO DIE. I DON'T REALLY HAVE THE STOMACH FOR KILLING DEFENCELESS PEOPLE

THE PTERYGOTE WILL BE A WASTE. HE HAS NO IDEA OF HIS TRUE CAPABILITIES. THE OTHERS ARE USELESS.

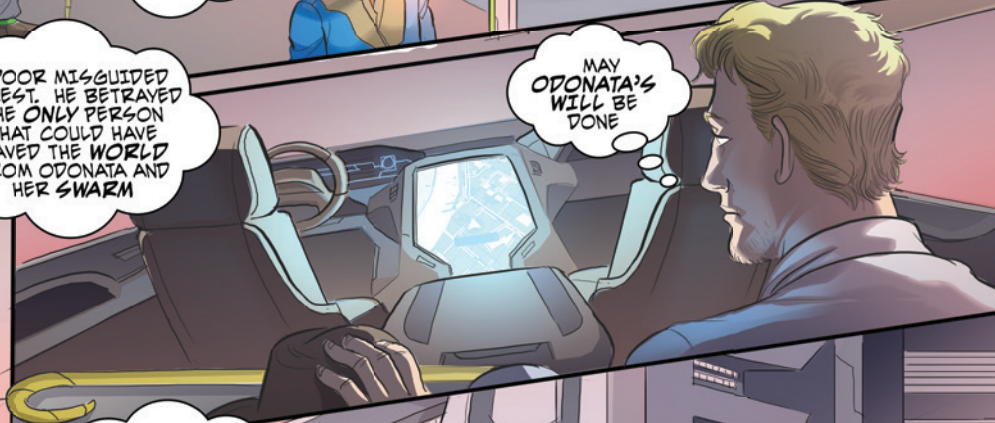
THE PRIEST CAME TO US, BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INVASION.



THE FOOL OF A PTERYGOTE MUST HAVE UNBURDENED HIS HEART TO A PRIEST HE TRUSTED.



POOR MISGUIDED PRIEST. HE BETRAYED THE ONLY PERSON THAT COULD HAVE SAVED THE WORLD FROM ODONATA AND HER SWARM



MAY ODONATA'S WILL BE DONE

IT WILL ALL BE OVER IN A MATTER OF WEEKS. THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT IT





IT IS TIME FOR THE END TO BEGIN

THE END IS NIGH MY FRIENDS. I HOPE YOU'RE READY

FOR EARTH WILL BE OVER RUN!

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# PTERY GOT MAIL



HOWDY!

We had to be stubborn about this one. It really looked like this sequel wasn't going to happen this year (2019) But we got down to it and did all it took to make sure it got into your hands before the beginning of the next decade (2020)

As usual it's just a great honour for us at Epoch Comics to finally bring to you the much awaited PTERYGOTE issue 02 #SWARM.

As you can already tell Pterygote is our action packed, Sci-Fi comic book that seeks to show that the African story can still be told successfully using that genre. Pterygote was created as far back as 1999, ( Yes we didnt have the resoures to bring him to you, but yet we didnt let the dream die). The first issue was released in August 2017 and it has an award to its credit. Today, issue 2 is here after the long wait ( Yeah we know, we would really love to get them out faster, but there are other titles that need our attention as well.) We will eventually get to the monthly release of every title...say Amen!

Martin handled virtually all the Art and Colours on this one, as I'm sure you've noticed. He's done a pretty decent job with the art details and the colours certainly pop!

We would love to hear your take on where you think the story is going so far...But be assured that it ties in with the rest of the Epoch Universe. Get ready to start seeing cross-overs from 2020. We're waiting to hear from you all. Send those mails, comments and messages.

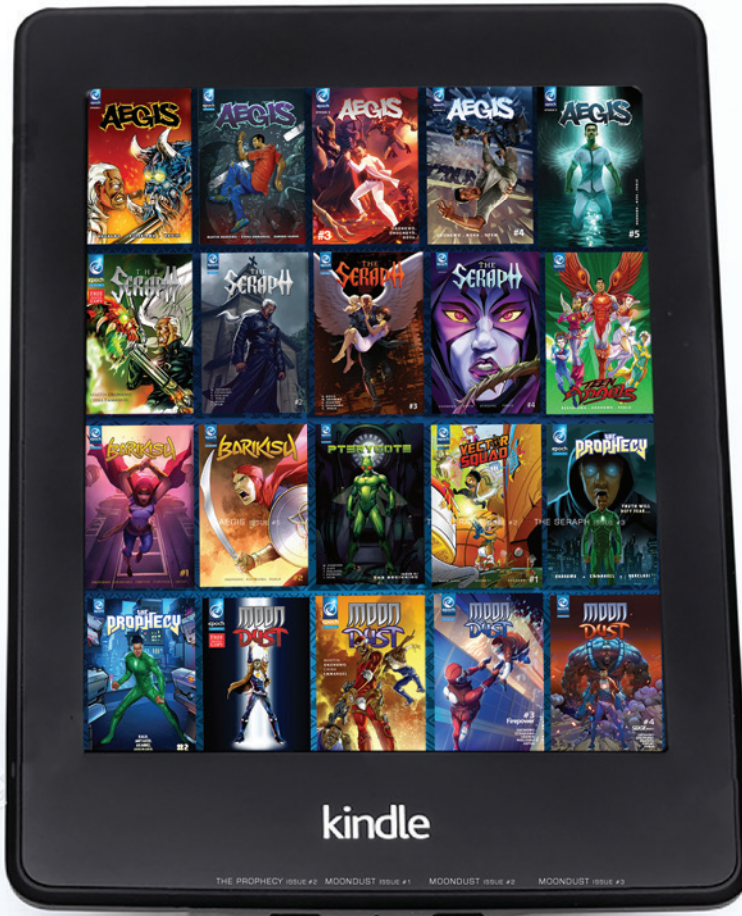
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