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PRESENTS...

TOHUBOHUTM

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a state of infinite chaos.

THE SHADOWHUNTERS

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The Genesis Chronicles

It has begun. Mainframe log-on user name: GENESIS. Begin upload of memory -- visual and audio:

March 8, 3052:

Our Mission Begins

By the year 3000, human greed had depleted the earth of almost all of its natural resources. The continents of North and South America housed what was left of these resources, and I realized that a great war would soon be waged for their control.



It is for this reason that I organized the Genesis Society, the first and only conservation group solely devoted to the preservation of the human race. To date, the Society's membership has grown to 15,000, and includes many of the world's foremost experts from a multitude of disciplines. With their expertise and the highest technological advancements known to mankind, we set out to create a self-sufficient underground environment that would provide an opportunity for the human race to survive the effects of such a war. This biostation was completed two years ago and has been self-sufficient since.

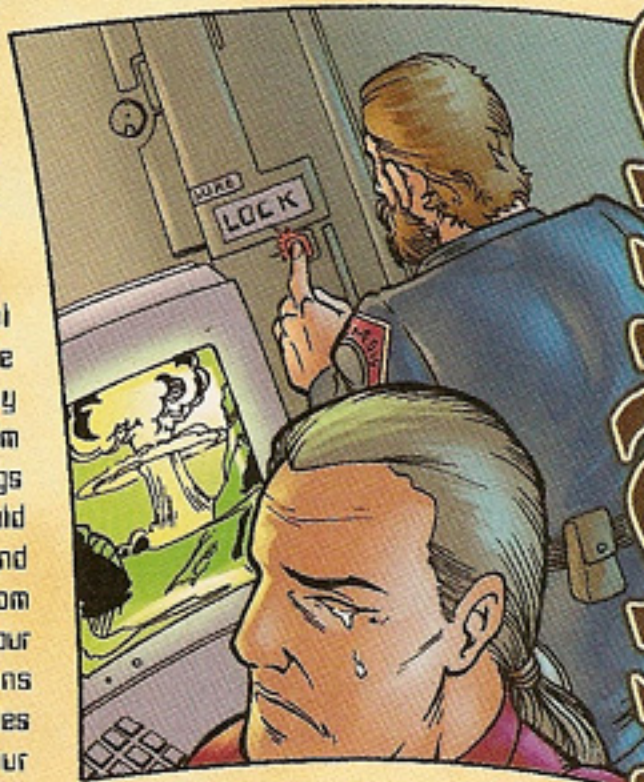
The outbreak of World War V is imminent. Our inability to live in harmony with each other and our environment has finally led to our fall from grace.



The time has come for the members of the Genesis Society to protect the future generations of the human race.

Today, we seal ourselves into our safe haven, hereby relinquishing our claim as the supreme beings of the planet. Should our race survive and one day emerge from the biostation, may our future generations study these chronicles and learn from our mistakes.

300 YEARS WILL PASS



Chronicles Genesis The

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The New World: TOHUBOHU.

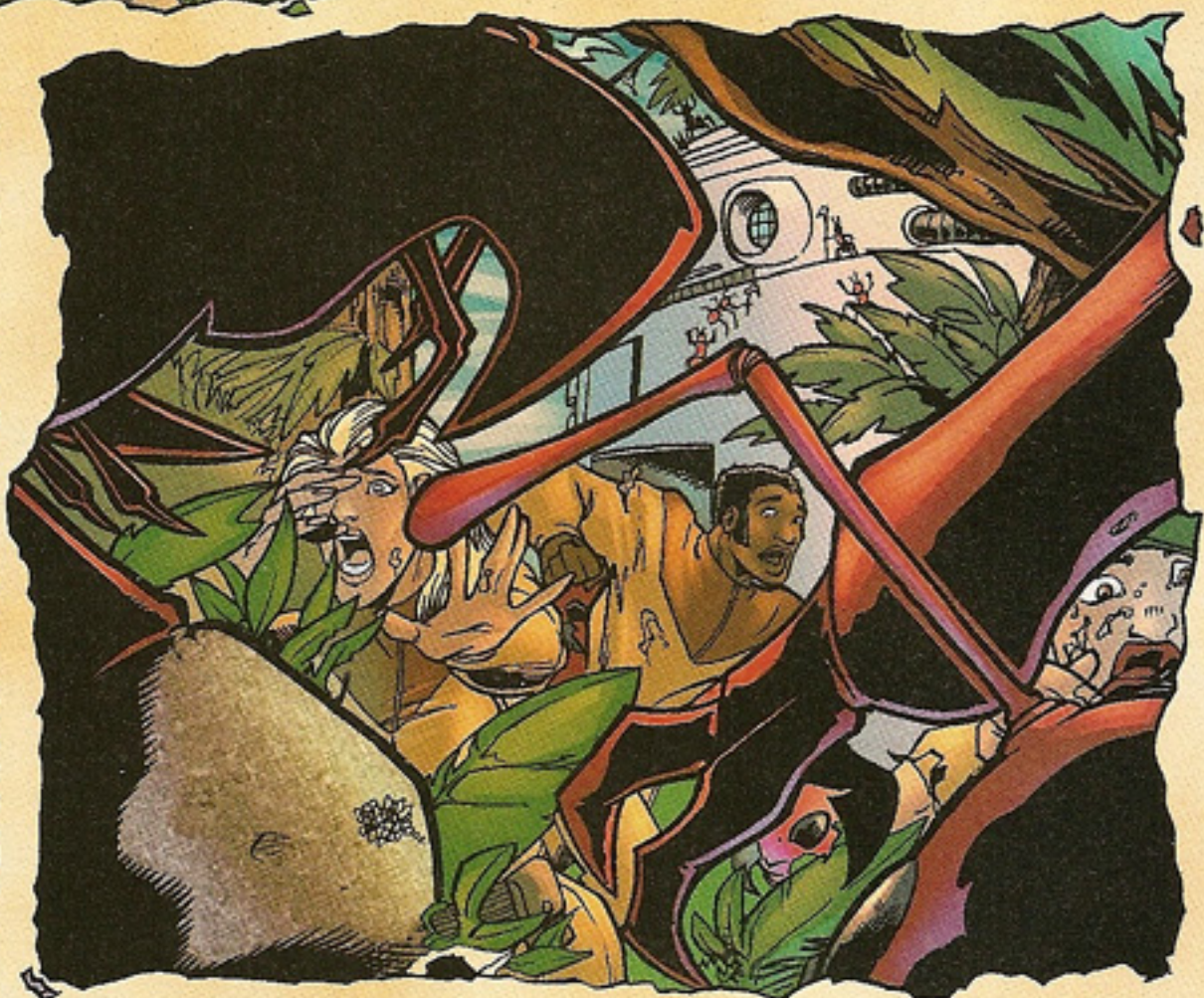
This month's entry marks the violent end of our lives in the biostation, and the beginning of our new kingdom.

After determining that the radioactive and nuclear fallout from WW V had subsided, we emerged from our safe haven to inspect the new world. Only days after entering this new world, we were forced to seek refuge from what was once a civilized society.

The biostation was invaded with violent force by an enormous mutant ant army. As my ancestors prophesied, we are no longer the hunters on this planet, but the hunted. Those few of us lucky enough to survive the invasion sought safety among the treetops of a great rain forest. As my foremother Genesis predicted, the world has entered a state of TOHUBOHU™. After the war, Mother Nature reestablished her rule over the planet and the result is a world unlike any we have seen before. Continental shifts have created new mountain ranges and left towering volcanoes to protect open wounds in the earth's surface. The increased temperature and nuclear fallout have caused vegetation to mutate and flourish, and the genetic weaponry has enabled animal life to evolve at an unthinkable rate in order to survive.

From what I have seen, these "NEW BREEDS"™ are perfectly adapted to their surroundings. The great loss of human life at the hands of the new breed ant army shows me that in order to survive in this WORLD GONE WILD™ we must be able to defend ourselves. Considering that ants of the old world occupied such a low rung of the food chain, we must assume that there are other forces far more dangerous than the ants. All our resources must be focused on creating a military force that can even out the odds between us and our more physically adapted enemies. Keeping in mind the mistakes of our ancestors, we seek not the rule of the planet, but simply the survival of the human race.

— Genesis XI



200 YEARS
WILL PASS

GENESIS CHRONICLES ENTRY:
AUGUST 3590

THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARE IN THE AIR

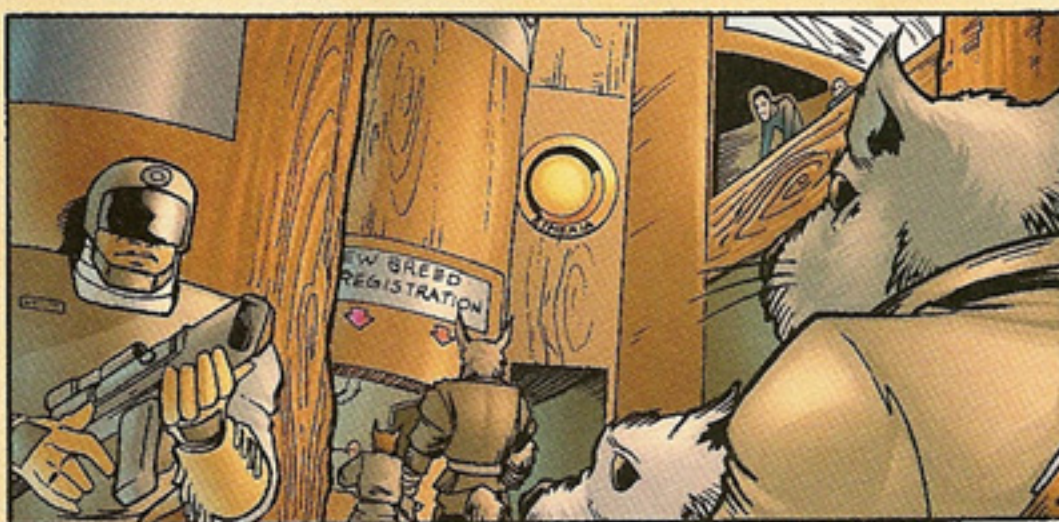
FOR THE PAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS OUR TREETOP KINGDOM OF ETHERIA HAS FLOURISHED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF OUR ELITE MILITARY FORCE, THE SHADOWHUNTERS. YET, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE GENESIS SOCIETY, WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF HUMAN ANNIHILATION.

THE NEW BREEDS WE SHARE THE EARTH WITH HAVE ORGANIZED THEMSELVES INTO NUMEROUS SOCIETIES AND EMPIRES WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES, AND HUMANS HAVE BECOME A MERE COMMODITY WITH THE RISE OF A MASSIVE HUMAN SLAVE TRADE. IT ALL STARTED WITH THE INVASION OF THE BIOSTATION BY THE FUTILESS ANT QUEEN, MADAME BRIMSTONE.

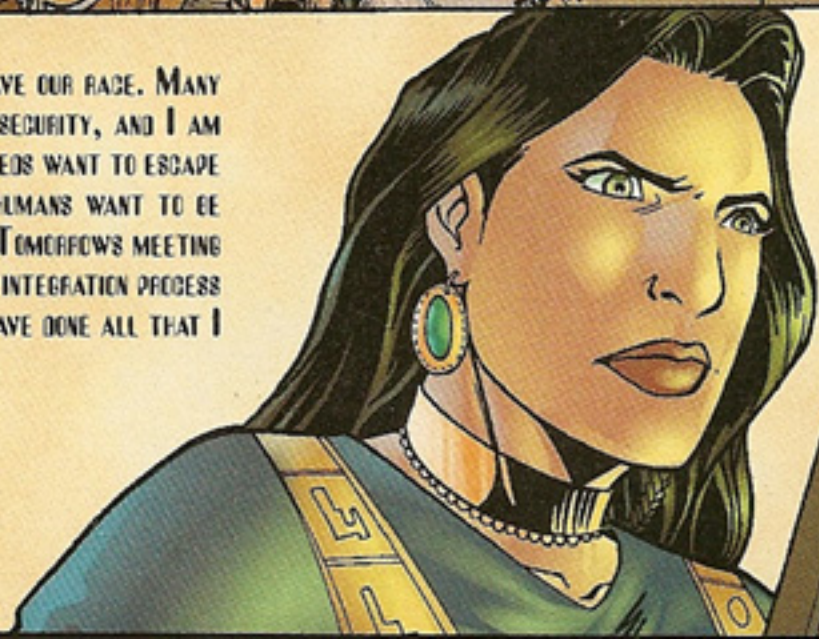


THE HUMANS NOT FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO ESCAPE WERE APPARENTLY BREED LIKE CATTLE AND SOLD AS SLAVES. THE OFFSPRING OF THESE UNFORTUNATE HUMANS HAD PREVIOUSLY SATISFIED THE MARKET, BUT WIDE SPREAD STORIES OF THE ADVANCEMENTS AND LUXURIES AFFORDED TO THE OWNERS OF HUMAN SLAVES HAVE CREATED A BOOM IN THE DEMAND. HUMANS HAVE BECOME A HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER COMMODITY AND CONSTANT ATTACKS ON THE CITIZENS OF ETHERIA HAVE RESULTED.

WE ARE ALSO APPROACHING THE SIXTH MONTH OF NEW BREED INTEGRATION INTO ETHERIA. OUR KINGDOMS ABILITY TO PROSPER SO HIGH ABOVE THE JUNGLE FLOOR HAS ATTRACTED MANY LESS-PHYSICALLY GIFTED NEW BREEDS, SO I INITIATED AN INTEGRATION PROCESS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE NEW BREEDS THAT WE ARE NOT THE HUMANS OF THE OLD WORLD. HOWEVER, I FEAR THAT THE RECENT SERIES OF ATTACKS HAVE PUT THE INTEGRATION PROCESS IN JEOPARDY. THE PEOPLE OF ETHERIA KNOW THAT OUR CITY IN THE SKY IS THE ONLY SOCIETY THAT IS NOT AT THE MERCY OF THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE AND ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE FACT THAT MOST NEW BREEDS WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO CONQUER ETHERIA AND ENSLAVE OUR RACE. MANY ETHERIANS BELIEVE THE INTEGRATION PROCESS JEOPARDIZES OUR SECURITY, AND I AM NOT SURE THAT THEY ARE WRONG. I DO KNOW THAT IF THE NEW BREEDS WANT TO ESCAPE THE TYRANNY AND FIERCE COMPETITION ON THE FLOOR AND THE HUMANS WANT TO BE ACCEPTED AS EQUALS, THIS INTEGRATION PROCESS MUST SUCCEED. TOMORROW'S MEETING OF THE HIGH COUNCIL WILL LET US KNOW WHERE ETHERIA AND THE INTEGRATION PROCESS STAND IN THE EYES OF OUR FELLOW INHABITANTS. UNTIL THEN, I HAVE DONE ALL THAT I CAN.



END ENTRY -- GENESIS XVIII



THE Genesis Chronicles

THE TRADE

I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO SHOW.

THEY'LL SHOW.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

WE GOT A MAN ON THE INSIDE WHO SAYS THE TOMATO-HEAD BROTHERS ARE FIGHT PROMOTERS.

WE HAVE TWO OF THEIR BEST FIGHTERS IN THE TRUCK AND THEY REALLY WANT THEM BACK.

SO YOU THINK THEY'LL BRING THE HUMANS?

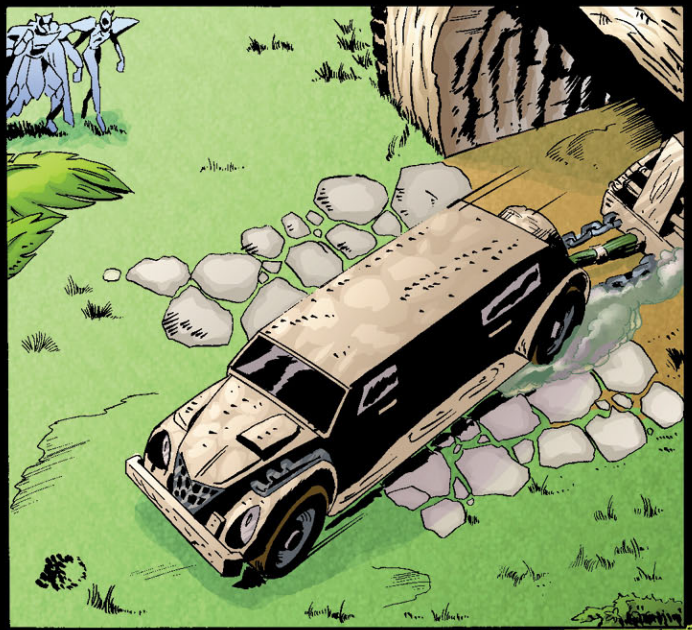
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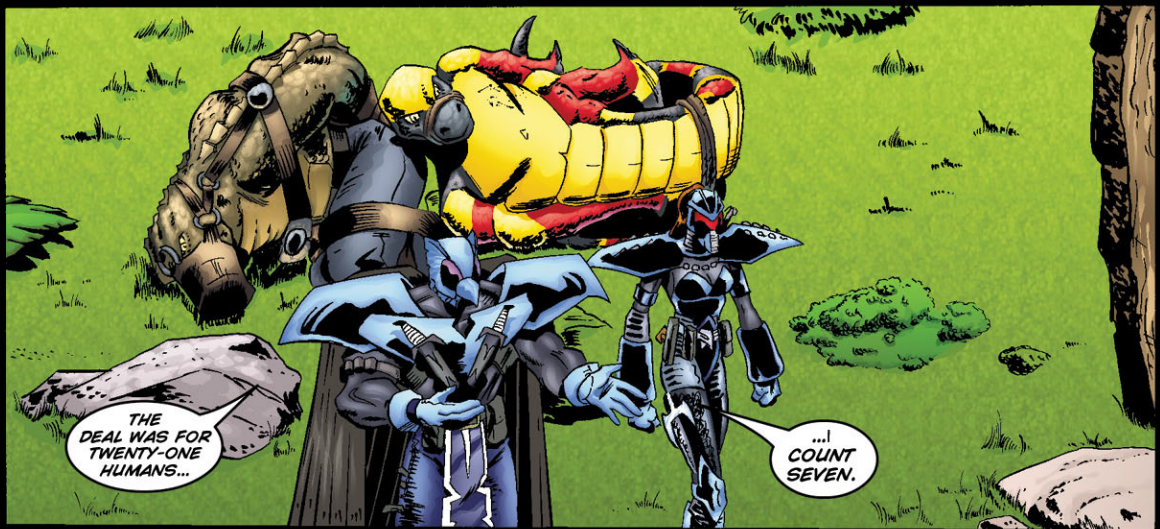
BUT JUST IN CASE, BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

THEY'RE HERE!

WE'RE READY. GET INTO POSITION.

GET THE PRISONERS.





THE DEAL WAS FOR TWENTY-ONE HUMANS...

...I COUNT SEVEN.



HOW COULD YOU BE CAPTURED BY HUMANS? LOOK AT YOU! YOU'RE PATHETIC! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WARRIORS!



PATHETIC. I SHOULD JUST LEAVE YOU GUYS HERE.



SORRY ABOUT THIS. IT'S VERY EMBARRASING.

YOU TRY AND TEACH THESE YOUNG BUCKS SOME RULES, BUT DO THEY LISTEN? NO.

THEY'RE GOOD KIDS, BUT THEY STILL HAVE A LITTLE WILD LEFT IN 'EM.



IF I EVER CATCH THEM BACK IN ETHERIA, I'M GONNA CUT IT OUT OF 'EM.

UNDERSTOOD. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

THAT'S NICE TO HEAR, BUT IT DOESN'T SOLVE OUR IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF WHERE THE OTHER FOURTEEN HUMANS ARE.

THE DEAL WAS FOR TWENTY-ONE.

THAT'S TRUE. THE DEAL WAS FOR TWENTY-ONE, BUT WE DECIDED TO RENEGOTIATE WHEN YOU WASN'T AROUND.

IS THAT A FACT?



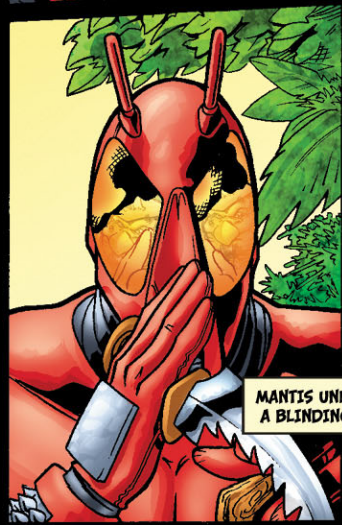






THE CORAL SNAKE IS SECURE, MANTIS. DO YOU NEED HELP WITH THAT TURTLE?

NO. HE'S MINE!



MANTIS UNLEASHED A BLINDING MIST.



Puff



BUT THE TURTLE WAS ABLE TO AVOID THE FINISHING BLOW!

THWACK!



THUNK



WHAM



POOF

THIS GAME ENDS NOW!



A TRANQUILIZER DART PUTS AN END TO THE TURTLES ONSLAUGHT.

PLIP



UFF

SWEET DREAMS, PUNK.

THE TURTLE IS SECURE.



KNIGHTHAWK, GO LOW!



MY PLEASURE, BOOMSLANG.



GARR!



NOW!



KRAK



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THUNK

I'LL SECURE THE GATOR.

BOOMSLANG, HELP WIDOW.



THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, KNIGHTHAWK.

OHHHH! MY GROIN! SHE KICKED ME RIGHT IN THE JEWELS!

THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. I GOT LADIES WAITIN'

OW! NO YOU DON'T!



THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA. WHO'S WAS IT? WHEN I'M ABLE TO WALK AGAIN, I'M GONNA KILL 'EM!

IT WAS YOUR STUPID IDEA AND I SAY WHY WAIT 'TIL YOU CAN WALK? I'LL SHOOT YOU NOW!

SOMEONE GIMME A GUN, PLEASE.



SHUT UP YOU LITTLE TOAD!

YOU TOOK YOUR CHANCES AND GOT WHOOPED. DEAL WITH IT.

WHEN WE GET BACK TO ETHERIA, WE'LL CONTACT YOUR PEOPLE AND SEE IF WE CAN MAKE A TRADE.



BOOMSLANG, HOW MANY HUMANS DO THESE FROGS OWN?

ABOUT EIGHTY OR NINETY.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE. EIGHTY OR NINETY HUMANS WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO FREE AT LEAST TWO OF YOU.



TWO?? THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

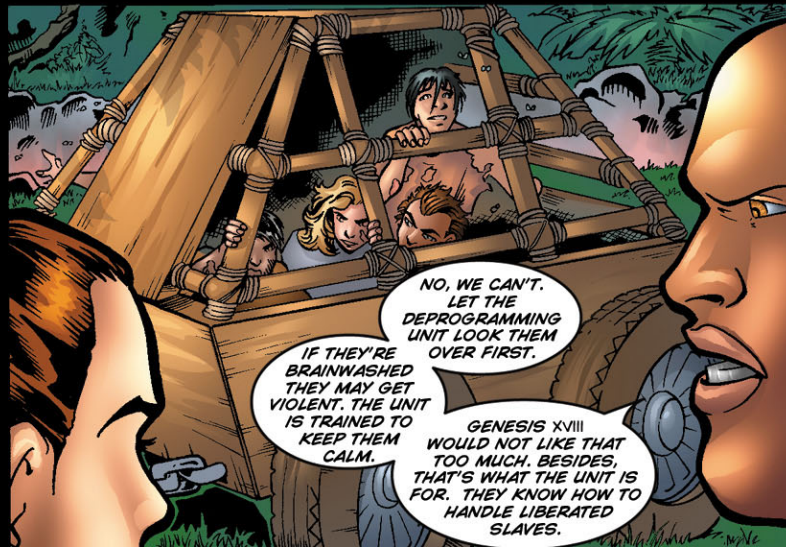
QUIET!

I'M SURE NOW THAT IT'S YOUR BUTTS ON THE LINE YOU CAN CALL IN A FEW FAVORS. AND IF YOU CAN'T, WE CAN ALWAYS-- RENEGOTIATE.

NOW LET'S LOAD THIS TRASH INTO THE TRUCK. I'LL CALL IN AND HAVE THEM SEND OUT A TRANSFER UNIT FOR THE HUMANS.



WE CAN TAKE THEM BACK!



NO, WE CAN'T. LET THE DEPROGRAMMING UNIT LOOK THEM OVER FIRST.

IF THEY'RE BRAINWASHED THEY MAY GET VIOLENT. THE UNIT IS TRAINED TO KEEP THEM CALM.

GENESIS XVIII WOULD NOT LIKE THAT TOO MUCH. BESIDES, THAT'S WHAT THE UNIT IS FOR. THEY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE LIBERATED SLAVES.



...AND HOPEFULLY GIVE THEM A BATH. THEY SMELL AWFUL.



ECHO, THIS IS KNIGHTHAWK. DO YOU COPY?

THIS IS ECHO. WHAT'S YOUR STATUS, KNIGHTHAWK?

WE GOT SET UP.

EVERYONE IS ALRIGHT, BUT WE ONLY GOT SEVEN HUMANS. WE DID GET A FEW NEW BARGAINING CHIPS, THOUGH.



WE NEED A DEPROGRAMMING UNIT OUT HERE. THE SLAVES LOOK PRETTY MESSED UP.

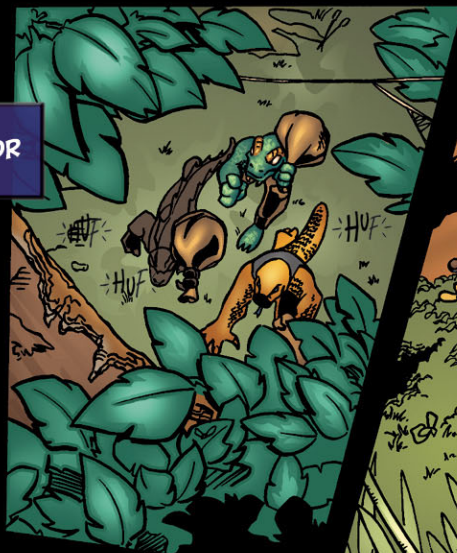
COPY THAT. I'LL SEND ONE OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

SOME REPTILES HIT A SCHOOL THIS MORNING. THEY KILLED THREE ETHERIAN GUARDS AND SNATCHED TWO KIDS AND THEIR TEACHER.

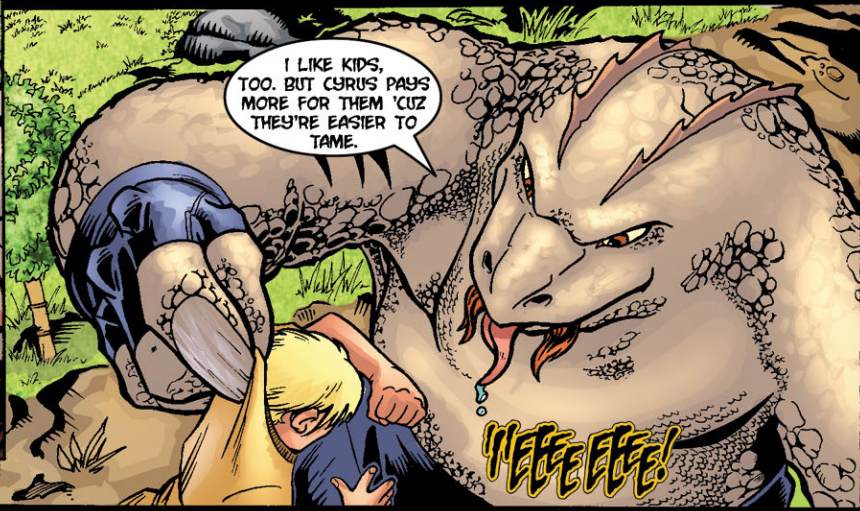
THEY GOT AWAY?

THEY GOT A PRETTY GOOD HEAD START, BUT VENIN IS ON THEIR TRAIL.





NOT THE CHILD.



I LIKE KIDS, TOO. BUT CYRUS PAYS MORE FOR THEM 'CUZ THEY'RE EASIER TO TAME.

WEEEEE!



HERE, EAT THIS.



NO WAY. HE'S DEAD. I HATE STUFF THAT'S ALREADY DEAD.

THEN YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BITTEN HIM, FOOL..



LOOK, IT'S ALL STIFF.

CRUNCH!

WE GOTTA COOK IT. I'M STARTING A FIRE.



WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! WE SHOULD KEEP MOVING...

...AND SOMEONE SHUT HER UP. WE'RE NOT HOME YET.



WEEEEE!



FWAP



WOULD YOU RELAX?

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE HUNTERS ENJOYING THEIR KILL. WE CAN FEAST NOW AND STILL BE HOME BY SUNRISE.

I STILL THINK WE SHOULD KEEP GOING.

WHAT ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT?

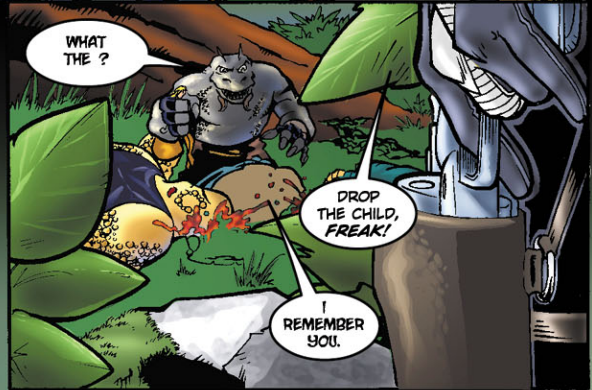
HE'S WHIPPED. HIS WIFE GIVES HIM THE BUSINESS IF SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS.



SHUT YOUR SWAMP HOLE. I'M NOT WHIPPED.

I JUST DON'T LIKE STANDING AROUND LIKE AN IDIOT. NOT WHEN WE'RE DEALING WITH WILD HUMANS.

OH, PLEASE! WHAT IN THE HECK ARE THEY GONNA DO?



WHAT THE ?

DROP THE CHILD, FREAK!

I REMEMBER YOU.



REALLY? I DIDN'T KNOW FREAKS HAD MEMORIES.

TELL ME, FREAK, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID WOULD HAPPEN IF EVER SAW YOU AGAIN?



NOT EXACTLY, BUT I'M SURE IT WAS REALLY SCARY.



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO. YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME BACK TO ETHERIA AND TRADE ME BACK FOR SOME OF YOUR OWN KIND.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH IT BEFORE-- AND I'M SURE I'LL GO THROUGH IT AGAIN.



THAT'S HOW IT WORKS...
...USUALLY.

BUT YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE FREAKS THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO GET THE POINT.

AND WHAT POINT IS THAT?

THE POINT IS THAT ENORMOUS FREAKS LIKE YOU, WHO PREY ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED.

EVERYTIME I SEE SCUM LIKE YOU LEAVE ETHERIA IN ONE PIECE, I GET SICK TO MY STOMACH.

YOUR KIND HAS BEEN PREYING ON MY KIND FOR MUCH TOO LONG. BUT ALL THAT IS ABOUT TO CHANGE. SO THROW DOWN, FREAK, 'CAUSE THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR YOU...

...IS THROUGH ME!



MAKE YOUR MOVE, PUNK.

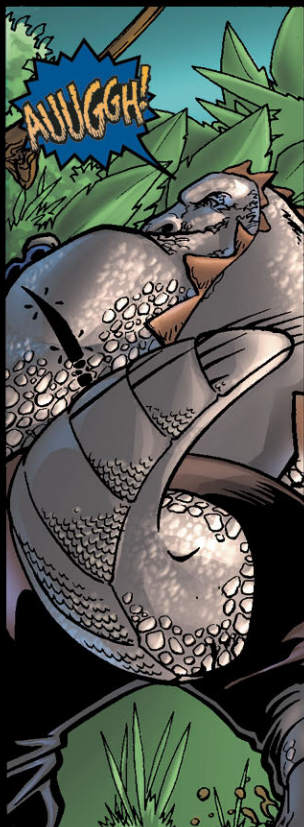


YOU ASKED FOR THIS, HUMAN!



LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE A LIVE MEAL AFTER ALL-----

GAKE



AUUGGH!



SSIAPP



O-TAY, O-TAY! I DIT DA 'OINT.

WHA' YA WAN' ME DA DO? I'LL DO IT!

JUS' DON' KILL ME, PEEZ. I HAV' A FAMAWEE.



DID THE FIVE YEAR OLD KID YOU TORE TO PIECES BEG FOR HIS LIFE? HE HAD A FAMILY. WHERE WAS YOUR MERCY FOR THEM? YOU GOT ALL THE MERCY YOU'RE GONNA GET WHEN WE LET YOU OUT THE FIRST TIME.

I TOLD YOU IF I EVER SAW YOU AGAIN I'D TEAR YOUR HEART OUT!

KWIP

AND I ALWAYS KEEP MY WORD.

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CH-CHUNK

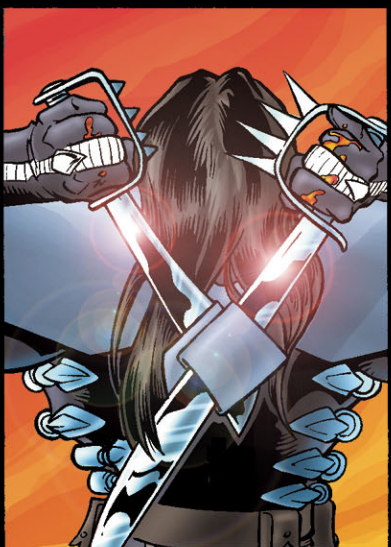


**HW
HAM**

**ARRR
GGH!**



YOU PIECE OF TRASH!



ECHOPP?

VENIN? WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING? YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BREAK CONTACT WITH ME!

SORRY... I DIDN'T REALIZE MY TRANSMITTER WAS OFF.

BULL!

SORRY. LISTEN, I TRACKED DOWN THE FREAKS THAT ATTACKED THAT SCHOOL IN SECTOR 14 THIS MORNING.

THE TEACHER AND KIDS ARE OKAY, BUT THEY KILLED 3 ETHERIAN GUARDS. I ALSO HAVE TWO HOSTAGES TO TRADE, SO GET SOMEONE OUT HERE TO PICK US UP.



THEN TURN YOUR TRACKING GEAR BACK ON SO WE CAN FIND OUT WHERE IN MOTHER NATURE YOU ARE.

IDIOT.

WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE OUT THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ECHO, OUT.

CHAPTER 3

SHADOWHUNTER HEADQUARTERS

THE KINGDOM OF ETHERIA



THIS SCORPION CLAW IS TOO HEAVY.



THE RECOIL ALMOST KILLED ME.



OH, YOU POOR BABY.



VENIN, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?

WHAT?

THAT NEWBREED YOU KILLED BROUGHT US 20 HUMANS IN THE LAST TRADE.

YOU KNOW WHAT WE GET FOR DEAD NEWBREEDS?



PEACE OF MIND?

NOTHING! WE GET NOTHING FROM KILLING THEM.



WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO DO?

LISTEN, DAD, HE HAD ALREADY KILLED 6 PEOPLE AND WAS IN THE ACT OF KILLING A FEW MORE WHEN I FOUND HIM.



YOU'RE LUCKY I DIDN'T KILL ALL 3 OF THEM.

THE ONLY WAY WE ARE ABLE TO FREE HUMANS IS TO TRADE NEWBREEDS FOR THEM. AND YOU KNOW THAT, VENIN.



SO WE JUST KEEP LETTING THEM OUT SO THEY CAN KEEP COMING BACK?

I'M THE ONE WHO CAUGHT HIM THE FIRST TIME. DO YOU REMEMBER THAT? DO YOU? 'CAUSE I REMEMBER IT. I CAN'T FORGET IT!

HE WAS CHEWING ON A FIVE YEAR OLD KID WHEN I TRANQUILIZED HIM. NO MORE OF THAT NONSENSE! THEY DON'T PLAY BY ANY RULES, SO DON'T ASK ME TO OR WE WILL LOSE THIS WAR.

WE ARE NOT AT WAR, VENIN.

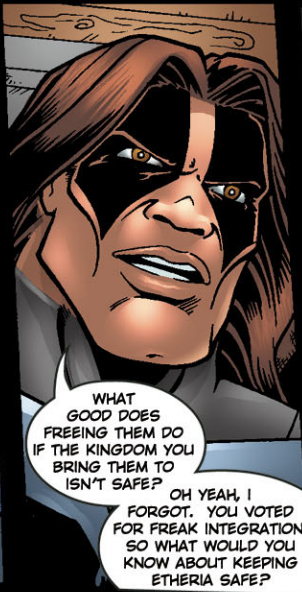
WHAT WORLD DO YOU LIVE IN? YOU DON'T SEE A WAR GOING ON HERE?



NO, I DON'T. WHAT I SEE IS CALLED **EVERYDAY LIFE.**

AND IN ORDER FOR HUMANS TO SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD, WE MUST MAKE THE FREEDOM OF OUR KIND THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF OUR **EVERYDAY LIFE.**

NOTHING ELSE IS IMPORTANT.



WHAT GOOD DOES FREEING THEM DO IF THE KINGDOM YOU BRING THEM TO ISN'T SAFE?

OH YEAH, I FORGOT. YOU VOTED FOR FREAK INTEGRATION. SO WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT KEEPING ETHERIA SAFE?



FIRST OF ALL, IN THIS WORLD **NO PLACE** IS SAFE. SECOND OF ALL, THEY LIKE TO BE REFERRED TO AS NEWBREEDS OR HYBRIDS- **NOT FREAKS.** THE SOONER YOU LEARN THAT, THE BETTER OFF YOU'LL BE.

THIS INTEGRATION IS THE DREAM OF GENESIS XVIII AND IT'S THE ONLY WAY THE NEWBREEDS WILL EVER VIEW US AS **EQUALS.**

SO DON'T BE PART OF THE PROBLEM, BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.



EQUALS?

EQUALITY TO ME MEANS YOU KILL ONE OF US AND WE'LL KILL ONE OF YOU. THE SOONER YOU, GENESIS, AND THE **HYBRIDS** UNDERSTAND THAT, THE BETTER OFF WE'LL ALL BE.



I DON'T RUN AROUND HUNTING THEM FOR NO REASON, SO DON'T TELL ME HOW TO DO MY JOB!



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DAD?

YOUR BROTHER'S ATTITUDE.



I KNOW.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, KID. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING.

I SAID FROM DAY ONE THIS INTEGRATION THING WAS A **BAD IDEA.** THE NEW BREEDS DON'T RESPECT US. AND IF THEY DON'T RESPECT US, WE CAN NEVER TRUST THEM.



I DON'T TRUST ANYBODY, JACKAL.



THAT'S SMART, KID, SMARTER THAN CONDOR.
YOUR FATHER WILL SEE THE NEW BREEDS AREN'T TO BE TRUSTED AFTER THE HIGH COUNCIL MEETING.



WHAT HIGH COUNCIL MEETING?

THE ONE IN ZENITH CITY TOMORROW.
THEY'RE BRINGING IN NEWBREEDS FROM ALL OVER THE VALLEY.



FOR WHAT?



I'M NOT SURE YET. THE LEADERS OF ALL OF THE HYBRID SOCIETIES MEET TO ENSURE PEACE IN THE VALLEY.



THEY'RE DOING A GREAT JOB...
...BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH US?
THEY SENT WORD THROUGH QUEEN HONEY'S HIVE DEMANDING THAT GENESIS XVIII ATTEND THIS MEETING.
WHY?



FIRST, HUMANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET AN AUDIENCE WITH THE HIGH COUNCIL FOR A VERY LONG TIME...
...GENESIS XVIII WAS ASKED TO ATTEND TOMORROW'S MEETING TO DISCUSS THE INTEGRATION PROGRAM.
I GUESS THERE ARE NEW BREEDS THAT ARE JUST AS UNHAPPY ABOUT IT AS YOU ARE.
WHO CARES WHAT THEY THINK? NOBODY DECIDES WHAT GOES ON IN ETHERIA BUT GENESIS XVIII.
SHE'S NOT ACTUALLY THINKING OF GOING TO THIS THING, IS SHE?
SHE'S GOING.
IT'S A TRAP! THEY'LL KILL HER!
I TRIED TO TALK HER OUT OF IT.



SHE HAS TO GO. NO HUMAN HAS EVER BEEN ALLOWED TO SPEAK AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS.

IF WE EVER EXPECT THE NEWBREEDS TO FREE OUR KIND, WE MUST MAKE A PLEA TO ANY NEW BREED WHO WILL LISTEN.



I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

WE COULD FREE MOST OF THE SLAVES OURSELVES IF SHE WOULD LET US FIGHT.

THIS IS SUICIDE! HER BODYGUARDS CAN'T PROTECT HER IF THE FREAKS GET VIOLENT.



THAT'S WHY WE ARE ESCORTING HER TO ZENITH CITY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'WE', KNIGHTHAWK.

I MEAN THE SHADOW HUNTERS.



HALF THE GROUP IS STILL ON YOUR ASININE MISSION TO INFILTRATE THE FIRE ANT'S SLAVE COLONIES.

IF YOU SEND US TO ZENITH CITY, YOU'RE LEAVING ETHERIA UNGUARDED. HOW CAN YOU NOT SEE THAT THIS IS A TRAPP?

THAT MISSION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR OUR SURVIVAL.

DON'T BLAME ME IF NONE OF THE OTHERS WANTED YOU ON THE TEAM.



WE'LL SEE WHO THEY CALL WHEN IT'S TIME TO GET THEM OUT...



...IF ANY OF THEM ARE STILL ALIVE.

SON, I AM TRY..

ENOUGH ALREADY!

WE HAVE OTHER PROBLEMS TO WORRY ABOUT NOW.

FIRST, VENIN, AS FAR AS LEAVING ETHERIA UNGUARDED, I THINK THE ETHERIAN GUARD AS WELL AS THE ETHERIAN POLICE WOULD DISAGREE WITH YOU.

AND NOBODY LIKES IT ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT WHAT OTHER CHOICES ARE THERE? GENESIS WILL NOT CHANGE HER MIND.

SHE'S GOING TO ZENITH CITY WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.

AND THE SHADOWHUNTERS ARE ESCORTING HER THERE, WITH OR WITHOUT YOU.

THE LEGACY

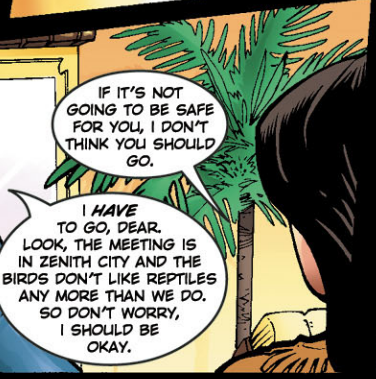


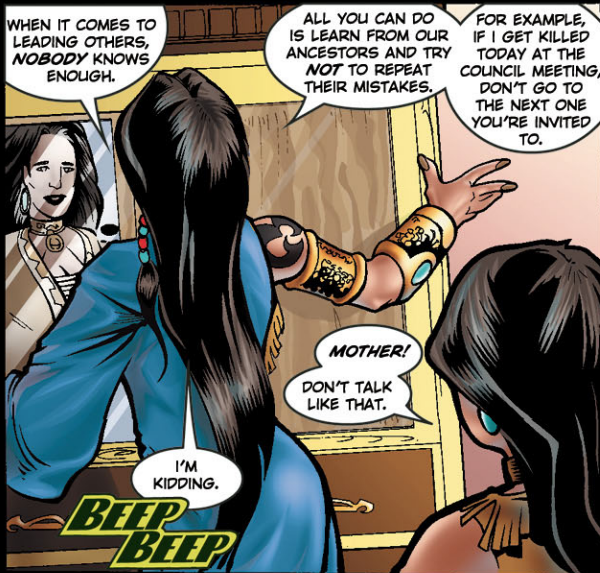
HAVE YOU SEEN MY CROWN? I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING AROUND HERE.

IT'S OVER THERE.

MOM, DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TODAY?

NO, BUT I HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF OUR KIND. I DON'T SEE WHAT OTHER OPTIONS I HAVE.

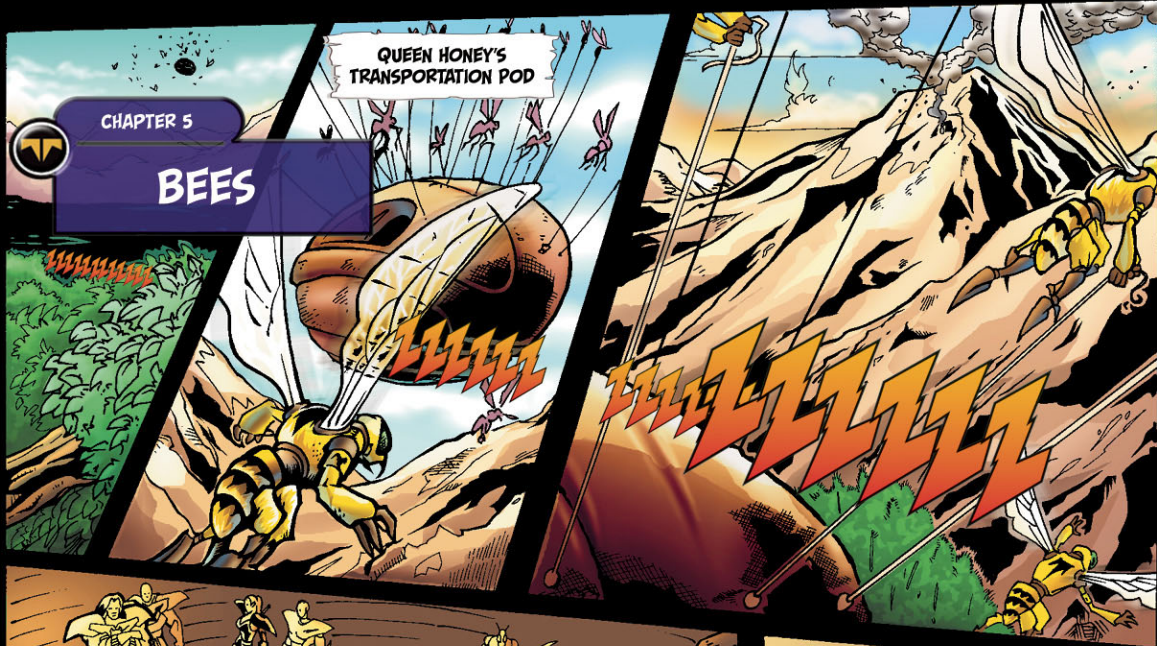




CHAPTER 5

BEES

QUEEN HONEY'S
TRANSPORTATION POD



WHAT ARE
THOSE FREAKS
DOING HERE?

VENIN,
KEEP YOUR VOICE
DOWN AND WATCH
YOUR MOUTH.



THEY'RE
SHADOWHUNTERS
NOW. GET USED
TO IT.



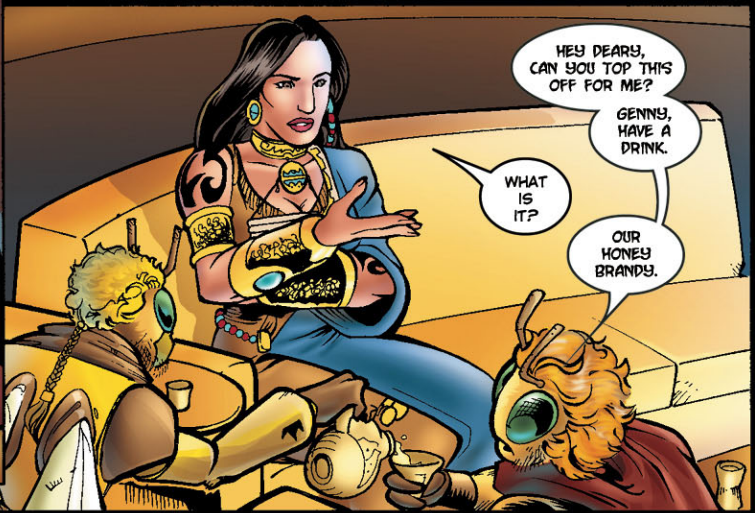
I DON'T
TRUST THEM.



LIGHTEN UP,
VENIN. I'VE WORKED
WITH BOTH OF THEM
AND THEY'RE
ALRIGHT.
IF YOU GAVE
THEM HALF A
CHANCE, YOU'D
FIND THAT
OUT.



I'M GIVING THEM A CHANCE RIGHT NOW. I HAVEN'T KILLED THEM, YET, HAVE I?



HEY DEARY, CAN YOU TOP THIS OFF FOR ME?

GENNY, HAVE A DRINK.

WHAT IS IT?

OUR HONEY BRANDY.



NO, THANKS, AND I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE GETTING DRUNK BEFORE THE MEETING.

THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE OF THESE MEETINGS BEFORE.

QUITE FRANKLY, DARLING, THEY'LL BORE YOU TO DEATH.



I SAY TIE ONE ON BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.



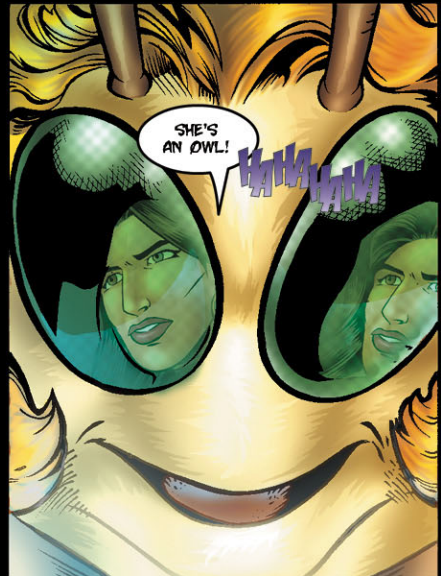
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT, SO I'D BETTER BE READY FOR ANYTHING.



DON'T SWEAT IT, DEARY. NO ONE GETS OUT OF LINE IN ZENITH CITY.

THE BIRDS ARE OKAY. I KNOW THE QUEEN, SHE'S QUITE A HOOT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



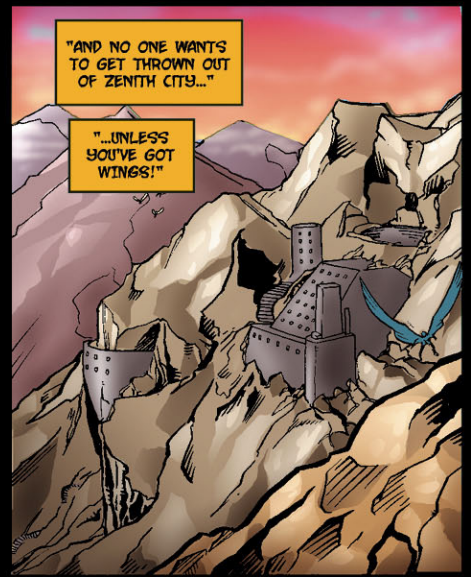
SHE'S AN OWL!

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HER HUSBAND'S A BIT CROTCHETY, BUT HE'S FAIR.

I WOULDN'T GET TOO ROWDY THOUGH. THE BIRDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO THROW OUT ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT GET TOO VIOLENT.



"AND NO ONE WANTS TO GET THROWN OUT OF ZENITH CITY..."

"...UNLESS YOU'VE GOT WINGS!"



YOUR HIGHNESS, WE ARE APPROACHING ZENITH CITY.



SO WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

LAND THIS RIDICULOUS THING, ASSEMBLE THE SWARM, AND MAKE SURE NO ONE KILLS US.

YES, MY QUEEN.



DRUNKEN WITCH.

CHAPTER 6

THE HIGH COUNCIL



ZENITH CITY'S ROYAL THRONE ROOM.

I REALLY HATE THESE THINGS.

REALLY? I LIKE THEM. THEY LET EVERYONE KNOW WHERE THEY STAND.

THIS WORLD IS STILL TOO FRAGILE TO SUSTAIN ANOTHER BIG WAR. THIS MAKES EVERYONE FEEL A LITTLE MORE SECURE AND THAT HELPS KEEP THEM IN LINE.



EMPEROR TALON AND EMPRESS MINERVA PREPARE FOR THE MEETING OF THE HIGH COUNCIL

YOU JUST LIKE SHOWING THE WORLD THAT YOU'RE IN CHARGE, KING OF THE VALLEY.



IT'S GOOD TO BE ON THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN. I DON'T PLAN ON RELINQUISHING THAT STATUS TO ANYONE.

I MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THAT SO THEY DON'T DARE CHALLENGE IT.



ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THAT CLEAR TO THE HUMANS TODAY?

IF I HAVE TO, I KNOW THEY'RE NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

THAT'S TRUE. BUT IF WE LEARNED ANYTHING FROM HISTORY IT SHOULD BE THAT ANGERING HUMANS ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYONE.



WE ALL GOT THAT MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR TWENTY YEARS AGO. BUT THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT THEIR WORLD ANYMORE. IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE PART OF IT, WE MUST BE SURE THEY NEVER RULE AGAIN.



AGREED. NOW, LET'S GET THIS MEETING STARTED.





CAN WE START THIS MEETING ALREADY?



I SAY WE CUT OUT ALL THE FORMAL JUNK AND LET THE HUMANS SPEAK.



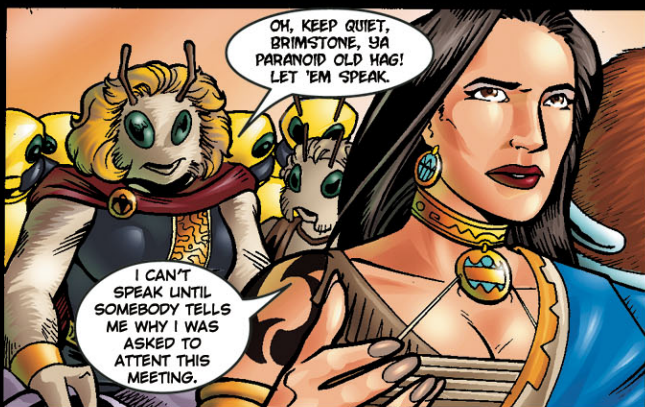
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!
THE HYBRIDS OF BOGG CITY OBJECT TO HAVING TO LISTEN TO THESE HUMAN BEINGS' SPEW THEIR LIES.

YOU CAN'T TRUST A WORD THEY SAY, SO WHY SHOULD WE HAFTA LISTEN TO 'EM?



I AGREE.

THE FILTHY CREATURES FROM THE OLD WORLD DON'T BELONG HERE.
THEIR RACE IS LIKE A PLAGUE THAT WILL BE THE END OF US ALL!



OH, KEEP QUIET, BRIMSTONE, YA PARANOID OLD HAG! LET 'EM SPEAK.

I CAN'T SPEAK UNTIL SOMEBODY TELLS ME WHY I WAS ASKED TO ATTENT THIS MEETING.



YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH, HUMAN!
THE COUNCIL HAS NOT GIVEN YOU LICENSE TO ADDRESS US.



YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH, **FREAK**, OR SO HELP ME I'LL GUT YOU!



SILENCE!

I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS IDIOTIC BEHAVIOR. DON'T MAKE ME START BOUNCING THINGS OFF THE BOTTOM OF THIS MOUNTAIN!

NOW, IT WAS THE HYBRIDS OF BOGG CITY THAT BROUGHT THE CHARGES AGAINST THE HUMANS OF ETHERIA. SO I SUGGEST THAT YOU FORMALLY CHARGE THEM SO THEY CAN RESPOND.



IT'S LIKE WE'VE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG. THE HUMANS DON'T BELONG HERE.

THEY HAD THE RULE OF THE PLANET AND THEY COULDN'T HANDLE IT. THEY USED UP EVERYTHING THIS PLANET HAD TO OFFER FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH REASONS, AND WHEN IT WAS ALL GONE, THEY BLEW THE WHOLE THING UP.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THEY USED OUR ANCESTORS FOR THEIR ADVANCEMENT AND ENJOYMENT AND NEVER TREATED THEM AS EQUALS...



"...SO, I SAY WE NEVER DO IT FOR THEM."

"THEY MUST REMAIN SUBORDINATE AND NEVER HAVE A SAY IN THE RULE OF THIS PLANET, AGAIN."



"THIS INTEGRATION OF NEWBREEDS IS A TRICK TO WEAKEN OUR DEFENSES AGAINST THEM. THEY INGRATIATE THEMSELVES TO OUR KIND FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO MAKE IT EASIER TO EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER."

"I AM ASKING THAT THE HIGH COUNCIL STOP THIS INTEGRATION PROCESS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE."



HE SOUNDS LIKE YOU.

SHUT UP.



GENESIS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THESE ALLEGATIONS.

PLEASE PROCEED.

I CANNOT ARGUE WITH WHAT THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOGG CITY HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE HUMANS OF THE OLD WORLD. EVERYTHING HE SAID IS TRUE.

BUT THE HUMANS SAVED BY THE GENESIS PROJECT, OUR ANCESTORS, UNDERSTOOD THOSE FAULTS AND SO DO WE.

WE LIVE BY NATURE'S LAW NOW. WE DO NOT TAKE WHAT WE DO NOT NEED, WE DO NOT WASTE ANY OF WHAT WE TAKE, AND WE GIVE BACK TO THE EARTH WHENEVER WE TAKE SOMETHING FROM IT. THIS IS ALL WE CAN DO.

WE RUN A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LIVE THERE. EVERYONE GETS ALONG JUST FINE AS LONG AS THEY REMEMBER THAT ALL OF THE INHABITANTS OF ETHERIA ARE EQUALS.

SOMETIMES HUMANS FORGET THAT. SOMETIMES HYBRIDS FORGET IT. BUT THEY'RE ALL WORKING ON MAKING THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE JUST BY TAKING THE CHANCE OF INTEGRATION!

NOW, I KNOW MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL DO NOT BELIEVE HUMANS ARE GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT SERVITUDE. AND THOSE NEWBREEDS LIVE PRETTY WELL OFF THE WORK OF THEIR HUMAN SLAVES AND, TO BE QUITE HONEST, THAT MAKES ME SICK. BUT WE ARE TRYING TO SHOW THIS WORLD OUR WORTH WITH OUR ACTIONS.

WE HAVE NOT ATTACKED THESE AREAS, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF USING FORCE IF WE HAVE TO.

HAVE TO, NOT WANT TO.

WE USE OUR TECHNOLOGY TO DEFEND OURSELVES AND TO MAKE THE EARTH A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL OF ITS INHABITANTS, NOT TO TAKE IT OVER.

WE HAVE SOUGHT A PEACEFUL END TO THE TORTURES OUR ENSLAVED BRETHREN SUFFER BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO REPEAT OUR ANCESTORS' MISTAKES.

IT IS THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL THAT OWN HUMAN SLAVES AND OPPRESS THEIR OWN KIND THAT ARE ACTING LIKE THE HUMANS OF THE OLD WORLD.

IT IS THE GREED OF THESE SAME COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT HAS PROMPTED NEWBREEDS FROM ALL OVER TO SEEK REFUGE IN OUR KINGDOM OF ETHERIA. NOT SOME ELABORATE SCHEME ON MY PART...





...AND THAT IS BASICALLY IT. I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU. BUT SINCE I AM NOT SURE IF I WILL EVER BE ALLOWED TO AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR:

THE KINGDOM OF ETHERIA IS A PEACEFUL KINGDOM RUN BY HUMANS. WHETHER YOU THINK WE HAVE A RIGHT TO OUR FREEDOM OR NOT, I REALLY DO NOT CARE.

WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THIS INTEGRATION PROCESS BECAUSE WE DO NOT NEED IT.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT BECAUSE WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT AND I KNOW IT WOULD BENEFIT US ALL.

YOU TELL 'EM, GIRL!



HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO US IN THAT WAY!

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT.

BEEP BEEP

WHA? AND NOW MORE INTERRUPTIONS?



EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GET THIS.

ECHO? THIS IS KNIGHTHAWK, WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S BAD, KNIGHTHAWK. YOU GUYS BETTER GET BACK HERE!

GENESIS XIX HAS BEEN **KIDNAPPED!** IT LOOKS LIKE REPTILES.



I **KNEW IT!**

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HER, I'LL **SKIN AND EAT EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!**

GET YOUR **FREAK PAWS OFF OF ME!**



WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

I CAN ASSURE YOU, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS.

I BETTER NOT FIND OUT THAT YOU DO.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FINISH THIS SOME OTHER TIME. I NEED TO GET HOME, NOW.

OF COURSE. MY PEREGRINE GUARDS WILL ESCORT YOU BACK TO ETHERIA. IT IS THE FASTEST WAY.

THANK YOU.