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HERO GENERATION

EXTREME MEASURES



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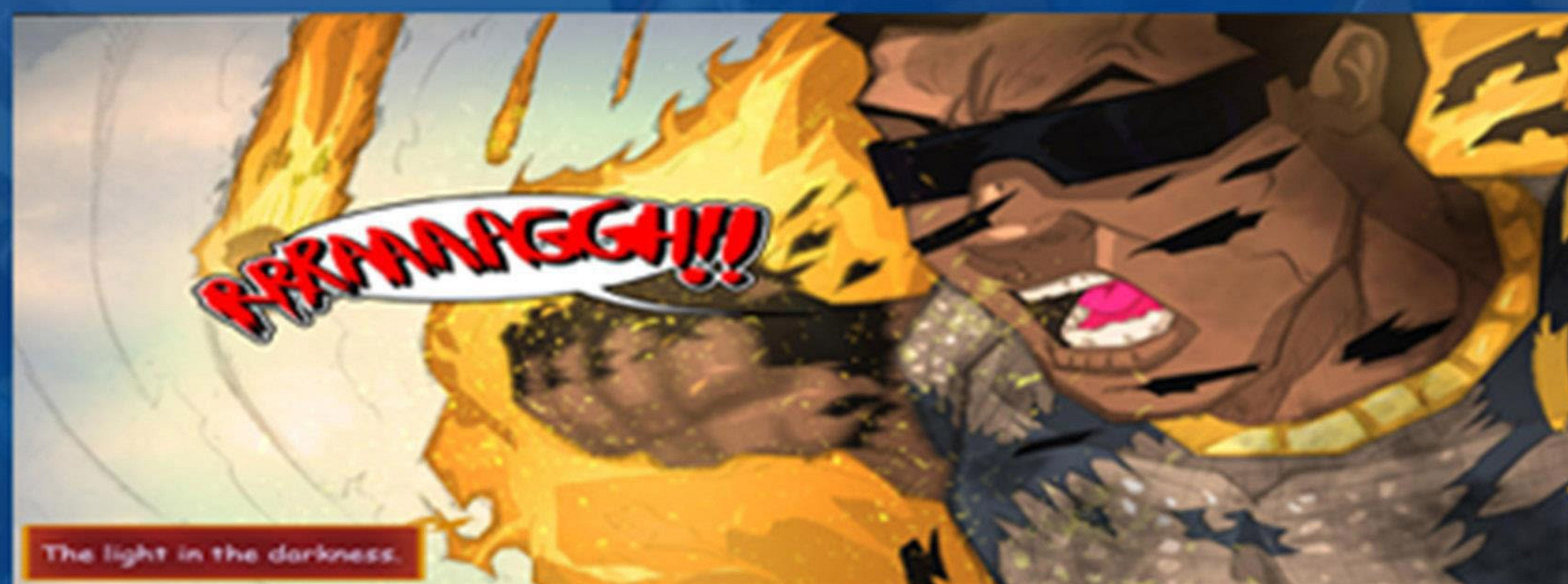
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HERO GENERATION

EXTREMES MEASURES

PREVIOUSLY ON HERO GENERATION -



OUR HEROES STOPPED A METEOR SHOWER, TEAMED UP WITH NIGERIA'S SENTINEL OF JUSTICE AND STILL MANAGED TO RUFFLE THE FEATHERS OF N.A.C.S.S (NIGERIAN ADVANCED CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE) 'SEE MIGHT OF GUARDIAN PRIME 4', AND JUST WHEN THEY THOUGHT THE COAST WAS CLEAR...WELL LET ME LEAVE YOU TO FIND OUT...



MAX-SPEED



NU - TECH



POWER BOX

Hero Generation tells the story of the Extremes; an underground superhero group consisting of super powered individuals that the world is yet to acknowledge. United by a hidden past and a common cause, they fight to keep the city safe...

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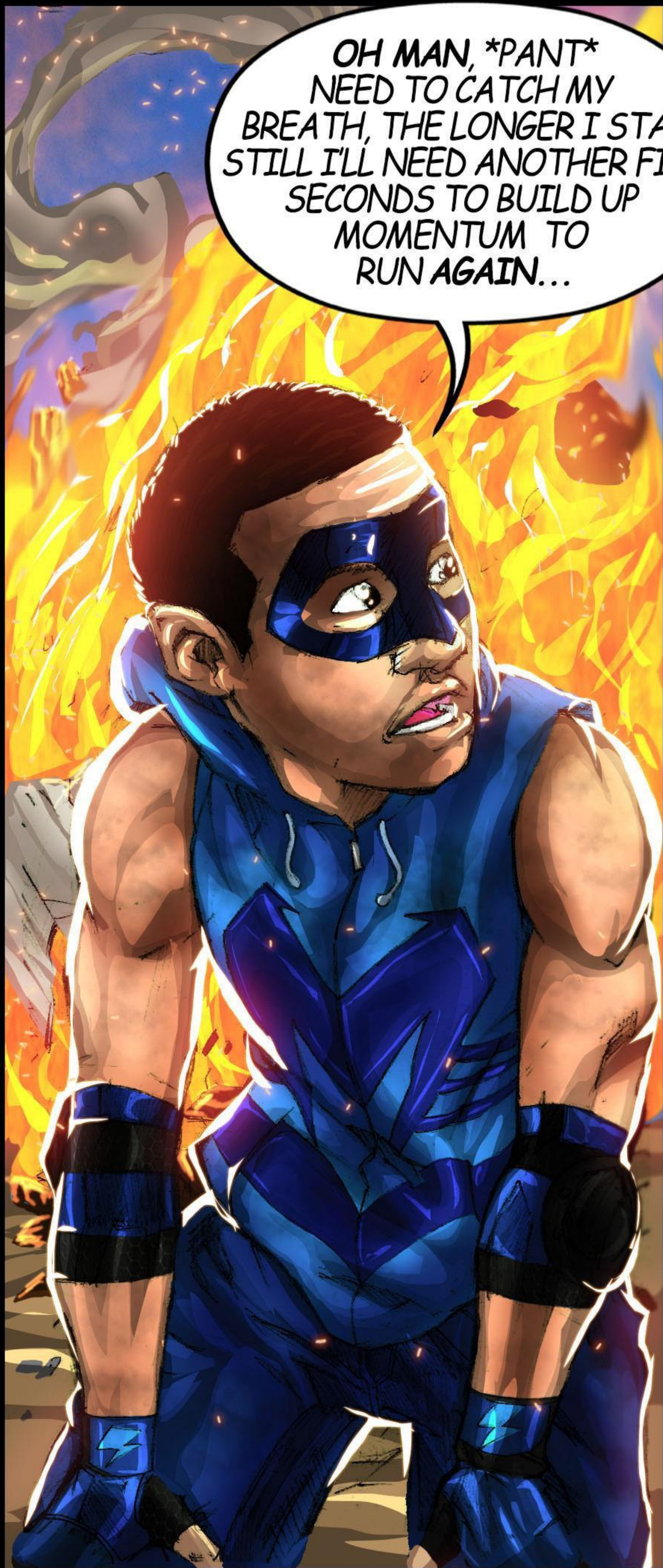
NOW.

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COME
ON!

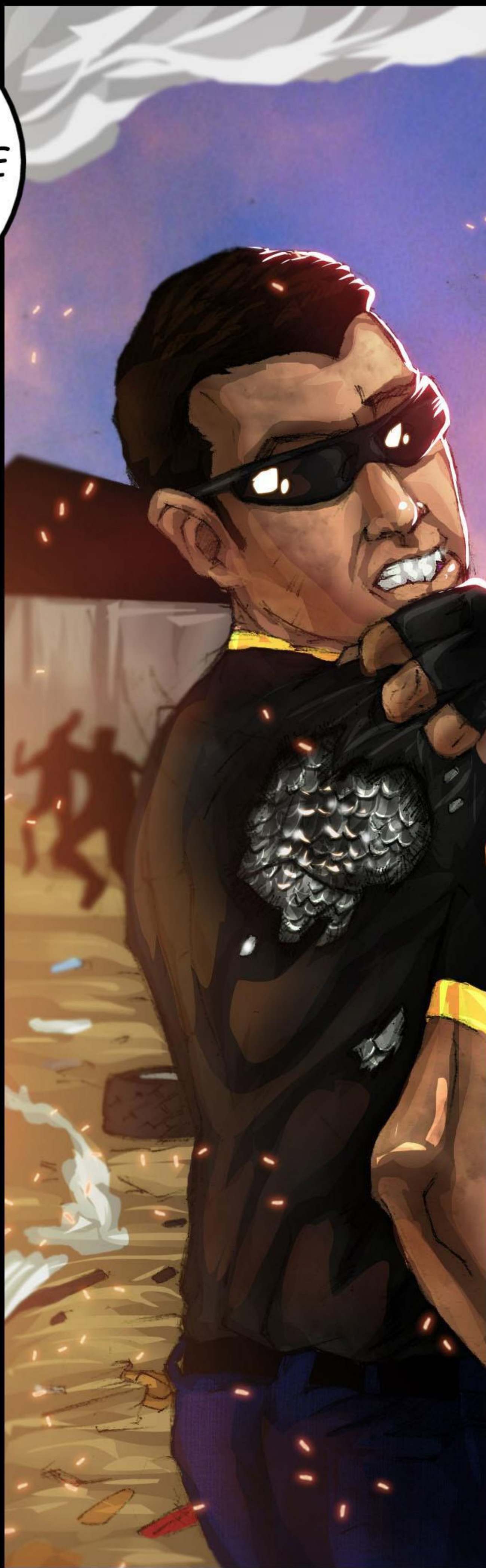
POWERBOX
SHIRT NUMBER
TEN BURNT AGAIN,
NEVER A DULL
MOMENT!

NEAR THE
ENTRANCE TO OKPEBI
WEAPONS CANTONMENT, VERY
CLOSE TO THE WEAPON HOUSES.

RATATAATATA

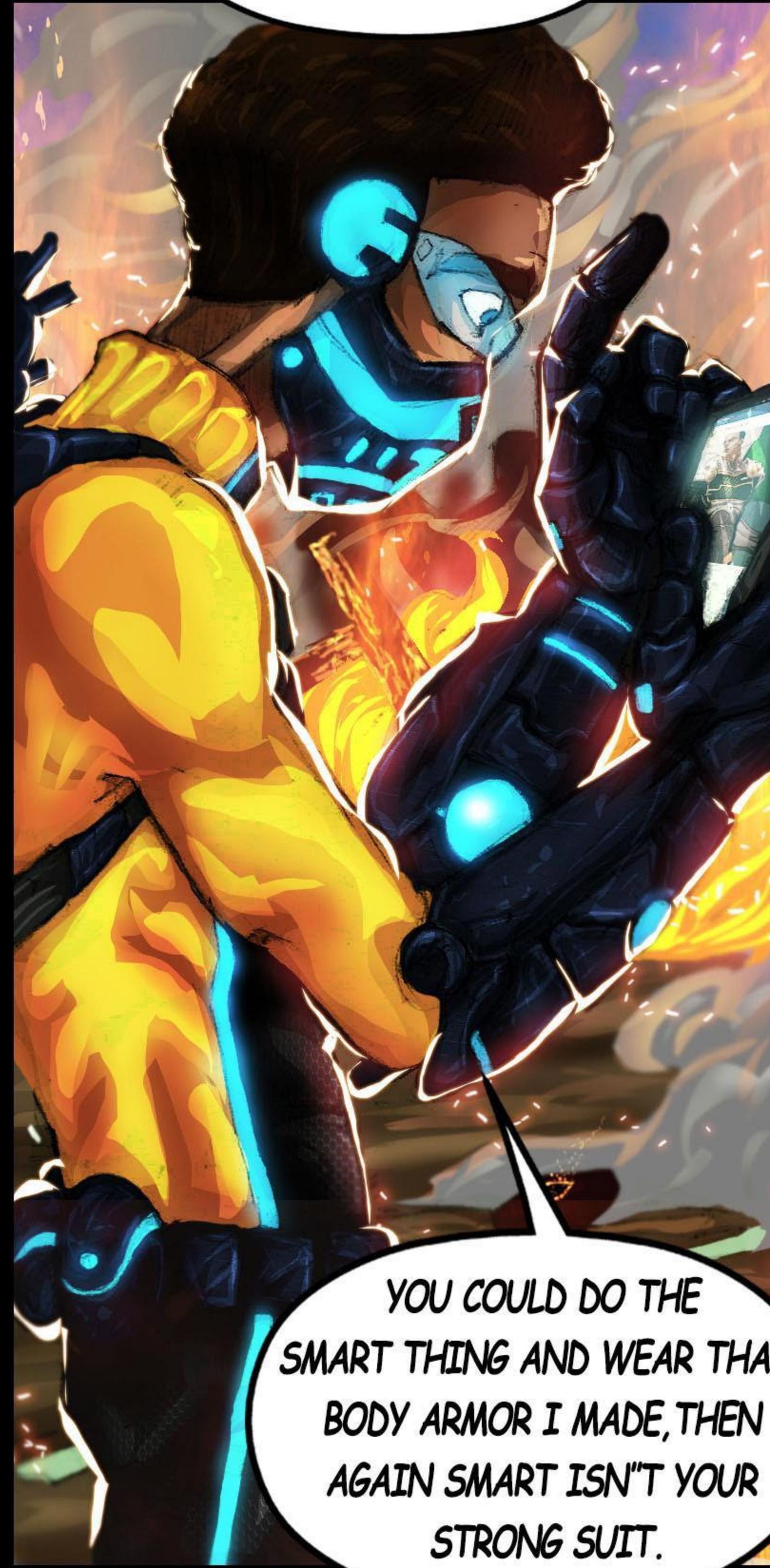


OH MAN, *PANT* NEED TO CATCH MY BREATH, THE LONGER I STAY STILL I'LL NEED ANOTHER FIVE SECONDS TO BUILD UP MOMENTUM TO RUN AGAIN...



ANOTHER SHIRT AGAIN, AT THIS RATE I'LL END UP BROKE!

THAT'S IT, I'M GETTING SPANDEX OR BETTER YET SINGLETS, THOSE THINGS ARE CHEAPER!



YOU COULD DO THE SMART THING AND WEAR THAT BODY ARMOR I MADE, THEN AGAIN SMART ISN'T YOUR STRONG SUIT.



LIKE SERIOUSLY, NORMAL ACCIDENTS DON'T EVER HAPPEN! WHO WRITES THIS STUFF ANYWAY?

FIVE HOURS EARLIER...

YOU'LL HUNT ME,
YOU'LL CONDEMN ME, SEND YOUR
DOGS ON ME, BECAUSE THAT'S
WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN...

BECAUSE IM THE HERO
THIS CITY DESERVES BUT NOT
THE ONE IT NEEDS
RIGHT NOW.

WAIT, THAT DOESN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE! ISN'T IT SUPPOSED
TO BE " THE ONE THEY NEED
BUT NOT THE ONE THEY WANT " ?
THIS STUFF COST ME ALOT!

OMOBAD, BADO AND SCARFACE
YOU THREE TAKE FRONTGUARD,
WE WILL ARM THE BOMB.

TODAY,
THE GOVERNMENT
WILL SHAKE AND COWER
AT THE MERE MENTION
OF THE
H.I.V.E.S!



THE CITY IS ABOUT TO SHAKE...

OGA,
WE'RE HERE O!





WOW,
THESE ARE THE BEST
RATINGS I'VE GOTTEN
SINCE I OPENED UP OUR
PUBLIC PAGE!



BALOX DISLIKES MY
PHOTO, WHO ON EARTH
IS BALOX?...USER
BLOCKED!



ARM YOUR ARC-SHIELDS,
TODAY WE SPIT ON THE MILITARY
MIGHT OF THE GOVERMENT,
AND PROFESS THE POWER OF JUST ONE
SQUAD OF THE HIVES!
WE HAVE THE TECH, WE ARE
THE REVOLUTION!



WE ARE
HIVES!



WELL,
OGA I HAVE IT
READY...
IT'S
JUST LIKE YOU
ORDERED!



MOSHOOO
THANKS ALOT!
IM A BIG
FAN.

YOU ARE THE SEVENTH
PERSON ORDERING ONE OF
THIS POWERFUL BOY'S
TSHIRT!



MAKE IT RAIN BOYS!
THEIR WEAPONS AREN'T
EVEN ON PAR WITH US,
WE'RE INVINCIBLE!

SNAKE-EYE AND GELE
READY THE HALO-BOMB,
WE'LL COVER YOU.



ZANGA 5, THIS IS
GREEN DOG, WE'RE UNDER
ATTACK! I REPEAT 6TH SQUAD IS
UNDER ATTACK AT OKPEBI WEAPONS
CANTONMENT! WE ARE FACING HEAVY
ASSAULT. TERRORIST HAVE BREACHED
OUR BASE AND WE'RE
CORNERED!

WE NEED BACK UP,
I REPEAT, WE NEED BACK UP,
SEND ANYONE SEND ANYTHING!
I DONT CARE IF YOU HAVE TO
BRING THE ENTIRE
MILITARY!

POWERBOY ONLINE

NUTECH ONLINE

WARNING!!!
PLASMA GRADE-C WEAPONRY DETECTED
THREAT
LEVEL 6!

THIS IS SANDMAN CALLING THE EXTREMES. I NEED YOU GUYS AT THE OKPEBI WEAPONS CANTONMENT!

...SS CALL INTERCEPTED!
MAJOR HABIB MUSA
STATUS: HEAVY ATTACK
BY UNKNOWN GUNMEN
ASSAILANTS HEAVILY ARMED
CANTONMENT LOCATION E23-W39-N02-503

OPERATIVES ON LINE...
TAG-UNAVAILABLE
NUTECH-AVAILABLE
JAZZ-UNAVAILABLE
MAXSPEED
HARDCASE-UNAVAILABLE
POWERBOY-AVAILABLE
MAXSPEED-AVAILABLE

A GROUP OF ARMED TERRORIST WITH SOPHISTICATED TECH HAS ATTACKED THE CANTONMENT.

MY E.T.A IS THREE MINUTES, I'LL RENDEVOUS WITH MAX' IN A BIT, BOSS.

MAX, DO YOU KNOW WHERE OKPEBI CANTONMENT IS?

NOT A CLUE, BUT I CAN RUN ROUND LAGO- - -

NO TIME, IT'S FOUR MILES WEST OF YOUR LOCATION, I'LL SEND CO-ORDINATES.

WELL IT'LL TAKE ME FOUR SECONDS TO BUILD UP MOMENTUM AND FIVE SECONDS TO RUN FOUR MILES.

THIS IS A CANTONMENT, THERE ARE MORE EXPLOSIVES CAPABLE OF TAKING OUT TWO MILES OF THE AREA, HANDLE THIS WITH CARE, HANDLE THIS WITHOUT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. WE CANT HAVE IT END UP LIKE THAT METEOR SHOWER LAST MONTH!

NO PROBLEM, I'LL BE THERE IN TWO MINUTES.

NOW...

I'M TIRED OF THIS,
WHY WON'T YOU
STAY DOWN!

COOL!
THESE GUYS
ARE USING ARC-MAGNETIC
SHIELDS, IT'S BLOCKING MY
TELETECNOPTHIC AND NEURO-
MAGNETIC BRAIN WAVES BY
CREATING A SORT'VE--



JEEZUS!!

MAX' I JUST SAW
TWO OF 'EM SNEEK INTO
THE FUEL RESERVE HOUSE,
THEY'RE DEFINETLY NOT
PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK,
GET THEM DOWN! .



I.T.K
QUIT GEEKIN'
CAN YOU TAKE
THEM OUT OR
NOT?

YEAH YEAH,
JUST GIMME A
SEC
POWERBURNT!

TRANSLATION : I.T.K :(I TOO KNOW)
'A COMMON NIGERIAN SLANG FOR
SOMEONE WHO ACTS LIKE THEY
KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING...



WE DON'T HAVE MUCH
TIME, ONE OF THEM
SPOTTED US WHEN WE ENTERED.
ONLY SIXTY SECONDS TILL
DETONATION! IT IS AN
HONOR TO DIE BY YOUR
SIDE MY FRIEND.



BACK OFF THE BOMB NOW!

WIRESWORN



NUTECHWE GOTABOMB IT'SABOUTTO BLOWINSIXTY

SLOW DOWN, YOU'RE SPEAKING GIBBERISH. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THEY'VE ARMED A BOMB, WE'VE GOT 43 SECONDS LEFT, THINK FAST!



BOMB, THEY GOT A BOMB, WHAT!...OK FOCUS, ERM...VIBRATE THE WIRES TO SEVERE THIER CONNECTION TO---

---ANY OBJECTS. JUG AROUND FOR 4 SECONDS TO BUILD MOMENTUM, MY GPS SAYS THERE'S A SMALL RIVER NORTH OF YOUR LOCATION DROP IT THERE!



YOU CAN'T STOP ME, I'M POWERBOX!

AW NO, YOU DIDN'T JUST SAY THAT!



UNH!



DON'T COME CRASHING HERE, I AIN'T CATCHING YOU! HANG SIX SECONDS IN THE AIR FOR MAX' TO COME BACK!



GUYS, I GOT RID OF THE BOMB, AM ON MY WAY BACK.



VERRIDE

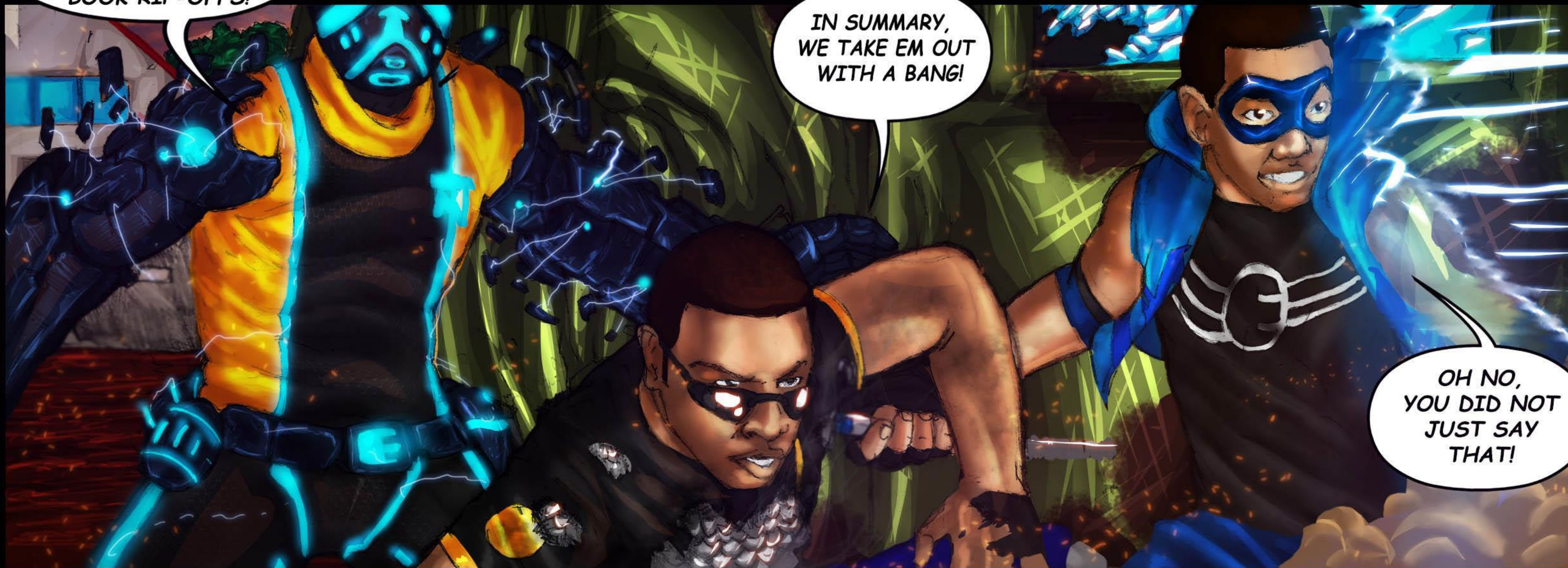
ARC-SHIELDING DISABLED

S.O.L.A NOW HAS ACCESS TO ARMOUR

FINALLY, I HACKED THE ARMOUR, I'VE SHUT DOWN THE EXOSKELETAL ENHANCEMENT'S ON THEIR ARC-SHIELDS!

NOW ALL WE HAVE HERE ARE WALKING TIN CANS WITH ERR... PULSE RIFLES.. THAT'S NOT SO BAD...RIGHT?

I'VE TAKEN DOWN THIER DEFENSE BUT THIER OFFENSE... THOSE PULSE GUNS ARE TOTAL COMIC BOOK RIP-OFFS!



IN SUMMARY, WE TAKE EM OUT WITH A BANG!

OH NO, YOU DID NOT JUST SAY THAT!

EVEN WHEN WE HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE THE UNEXPECTED
PROVES US WRONG...

AA689 GGE

YOU CAN'T
DO THIS, WE
ARE THE
HIVE... THE
POWER---

ERR... GUYS WE
MAY HAVE A PROBLEM,
I JUST INTERCEPTED
A DISTRESS CALL
TO THE AIRFORCE
WE DONT HAVE
TIME!

WE'LL THEN
EXTREMES,
TAKE EM
DOWN!

EVACUATE ALL PERSONEL,
OKPEBI BASE HAS BEEN
COMPROMISED, WE'LL HAVE
AIRFORCE BRINGING THE
STORM IN E.T.A
10 MINUTES!

--FORGET THOSE
COSTUMED FREAKS,
GATHER ALL THE
INJURED TO THE
EAST GATE!

IF YOU THINK IT'S OVER, THEN YOU
WON'T EXPECT WHAT'S COMING...
coming next: **INFILTRATION**

TO BE CONTINUED...

KNOW YOUR HERO!



HOW FAST?

HE MOVES AT SUPERSONIC SPEED BUT TAKES FIVE SECONDS TO BUILD MOMENTUM TO REACH THIS SPEED. WITHIN THESE FIVE SECONDS HE IS MOVING FROM SUBSONIC SPEED TO TRANSONIC SPEED BEFORE FINALLY HITTING SUPERSONIC. AT AVERAGE SPEED HE MOVES AT THE SAME SPEED AS A CONCORDE (TUPOLEV TU-144) JET (915mph, mach 1.2). MAXIMUM SPEED HE IS 4 TIMES FASTER THAN A CONCORDE (TUPOLEV TU-144), THIS LEVEL HE OBTAINS AFTER BUILDING ENOUGH MOMENTUM (3,840 mph, mach 5)

OTHER ABILITIES

HE IS SKILLED AT MARTIAL ARTS, AND USES TWO COLLAPSABLE BATONS IN COMBAT. HE IS A GOOD ACROBAT. MAXSPEED CAN ALSO VIBRATE THE MOLECULES OF SMALL OBJECTS CAUSING THEM TO COMBUST WHEN MOVING AT CERTAIN SPEED LEVELS. IF HE DOESN'T CONTROL HIMSELF HE CAN CAUSE A SONIC BOOM

WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

WHEN MOVING FAST FOR TOO LONG, HIS BODY IS AMASSING ENERGY. ONCE THE ENERGY BUILDS UP TO A CERTAIN HIGH LEVEL, IT CAUSES WHAT YOU CALL AN OVERLOAD THAT HIS BODY PHYSIOLOGY CANT HANDLE AND HE PASSES OUT MOMENTARILY. THIS EFFECT IS CALLED THE SPEED BREAKER EFFECT. MAXSPEED ABSORBS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF ENERGY FROM INFINITE INVISIBLE TACHYON PARTICLES THAT MOVE AROUND EVERYWHERE.



SUPER FACT

EXO-SKELETON

And as we close our second issue we'd like to talk about something really super. If you read this issue (I hope you did) you probably noticed the guys in the teched out suits, "truth is stranger than fiction" or in this case "far more close to fiction than perceived fact".

We're talking about EXOSKELETONS, ARMORED SUITS, you name it, and they are very real, even i have one! An Exoskeleton

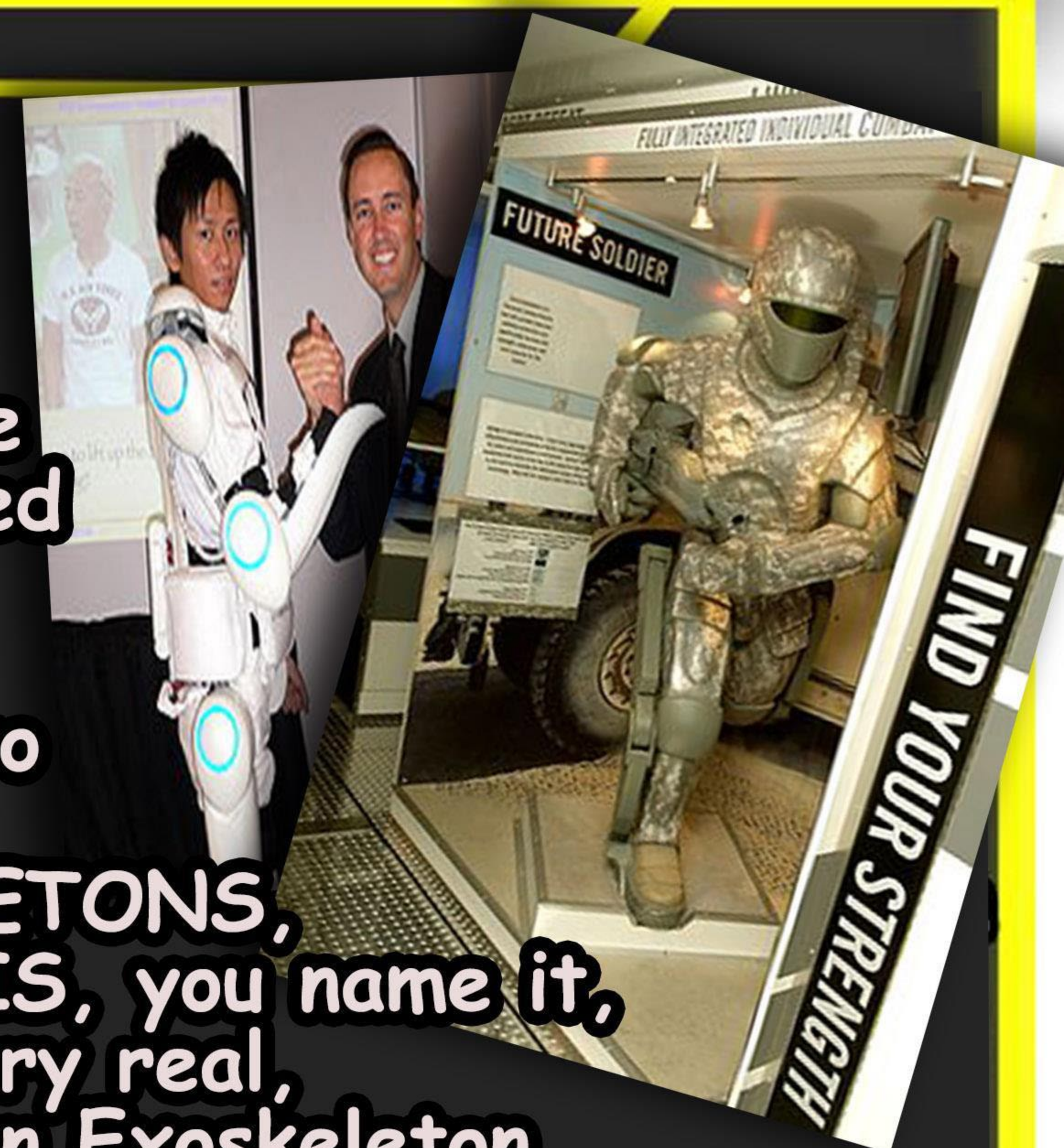
armor a.k.a a powered armor or exosuit, is a mobile machine (similar to an insect's exoskeleton) worn by a person, with a powered system of motors or hydraulics.

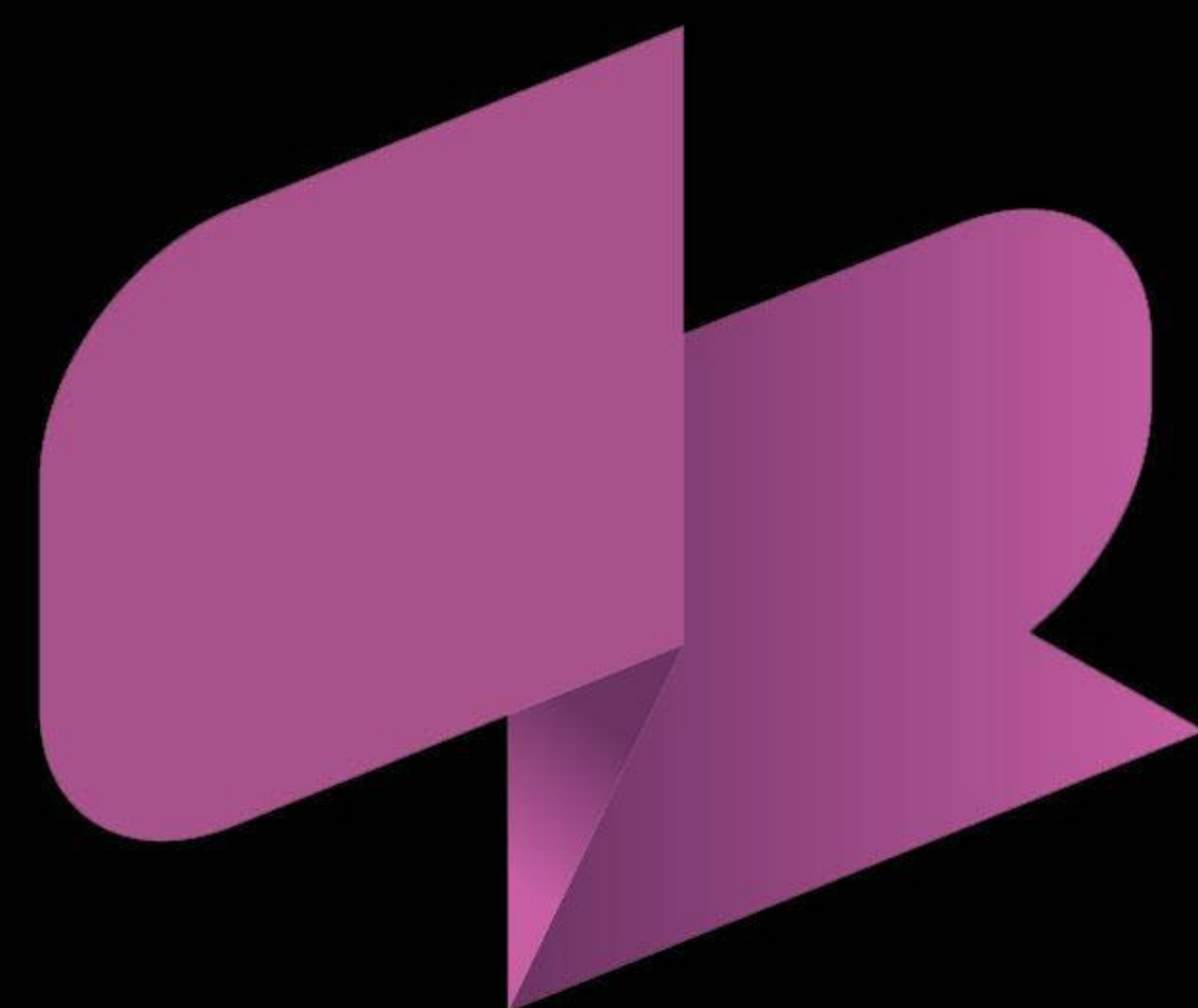
Working prototypes of powered exoskeletons in the world include: XOS by Sarcos, and HULC by Lockheed Martin (both meant for military use), have been constructed but have not yet been deployed in the field. Several companies have also created exosuits for medical use, including the HAL 5 by Cyberdyne Inc. (yes CYBERDYNE! did i hear someone say "ill be back!") .

FAST FACTS!

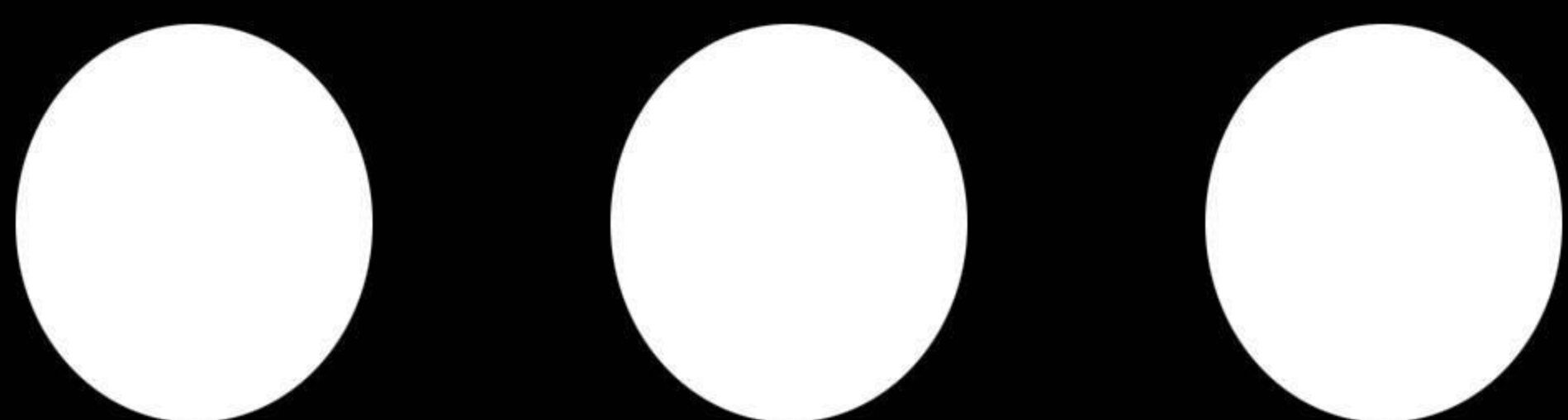
*The earliest exoskeleton-like device was a set of walking, jumping and running-assisted apparatus developed in 1890 by a Russian named Nicholas Yagin

*The first true exoskeleton in the senseco-developed by General Electric and the United States military in the 1960s. The suit was named "Hardiman" and made lifting 250 pounds (110 kg) feel like lifting 10 pounds (4.5 kg)! Lets just hope these exosuits don't end up in the hands of a bunch of terrorists... wait it just did! Seriously who on earth gave a bunch of terrorists an exosuit? That's it I'm suing the writer of this issue for negligence!





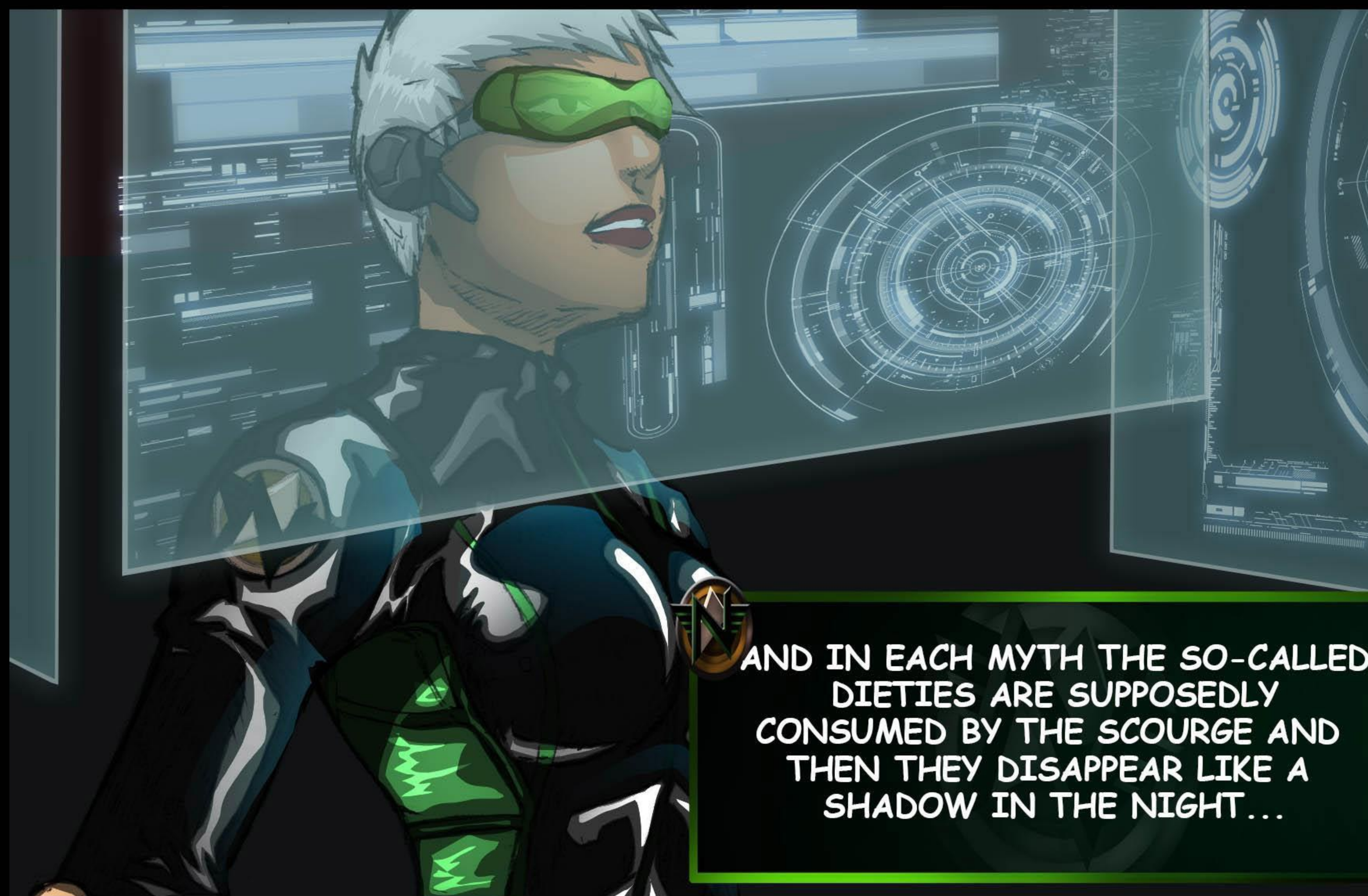
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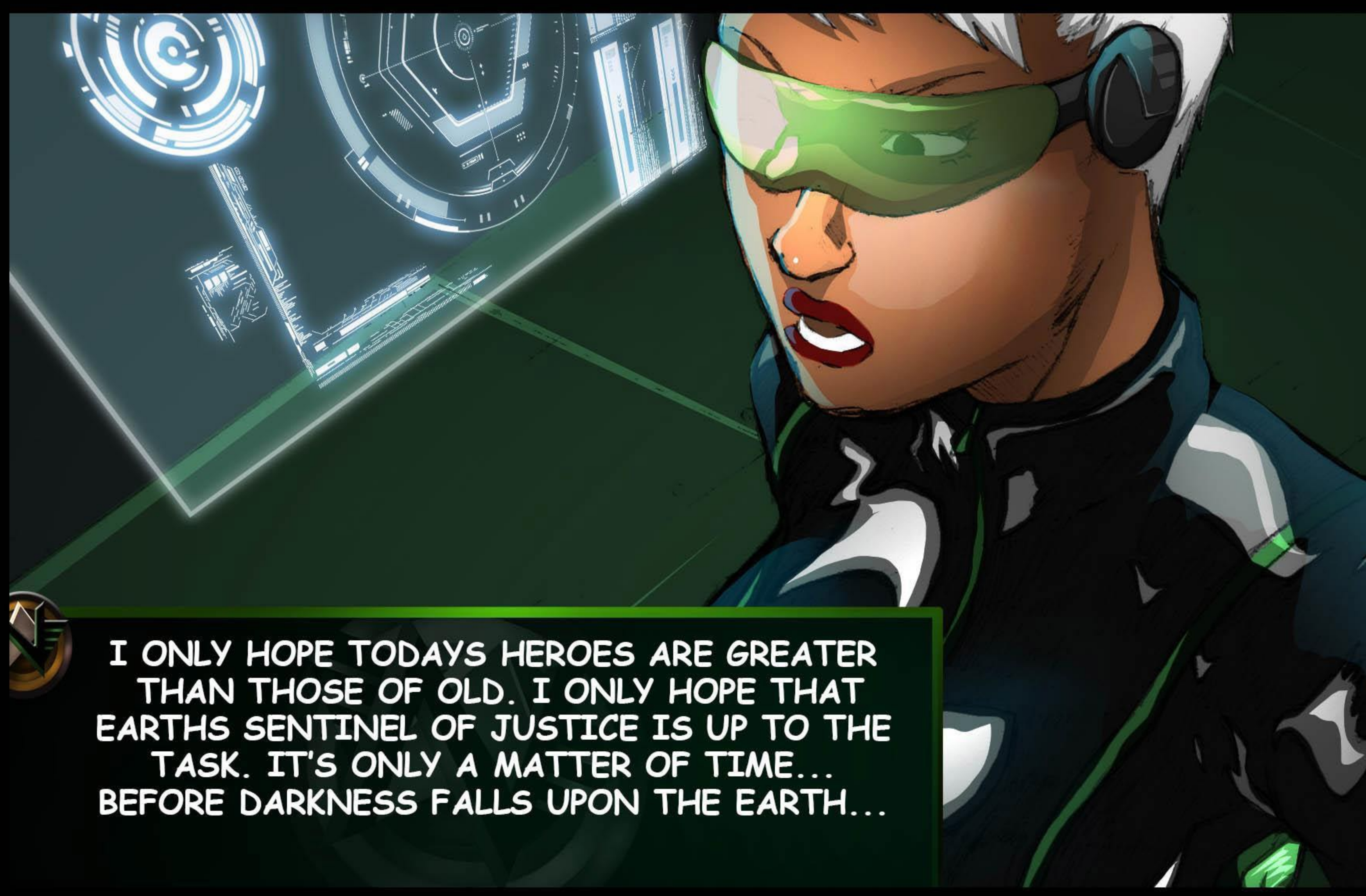


WAZIRI'S LOG: 0300 HOURS. I'VE ACCESSED THE DEEPEST ARCHIVES, SEARCHING FOR IT; THE TRUTH BEYOND HUMAN REASONING. A FEW DECADES AGO, IN MY FIRST YEARS AS A N.A.C.C.S RECRUIT WE ENCOUNTERED AN ANOMALY IN SPACE THAT COINCIDED WITH THE INCIDENT AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO...

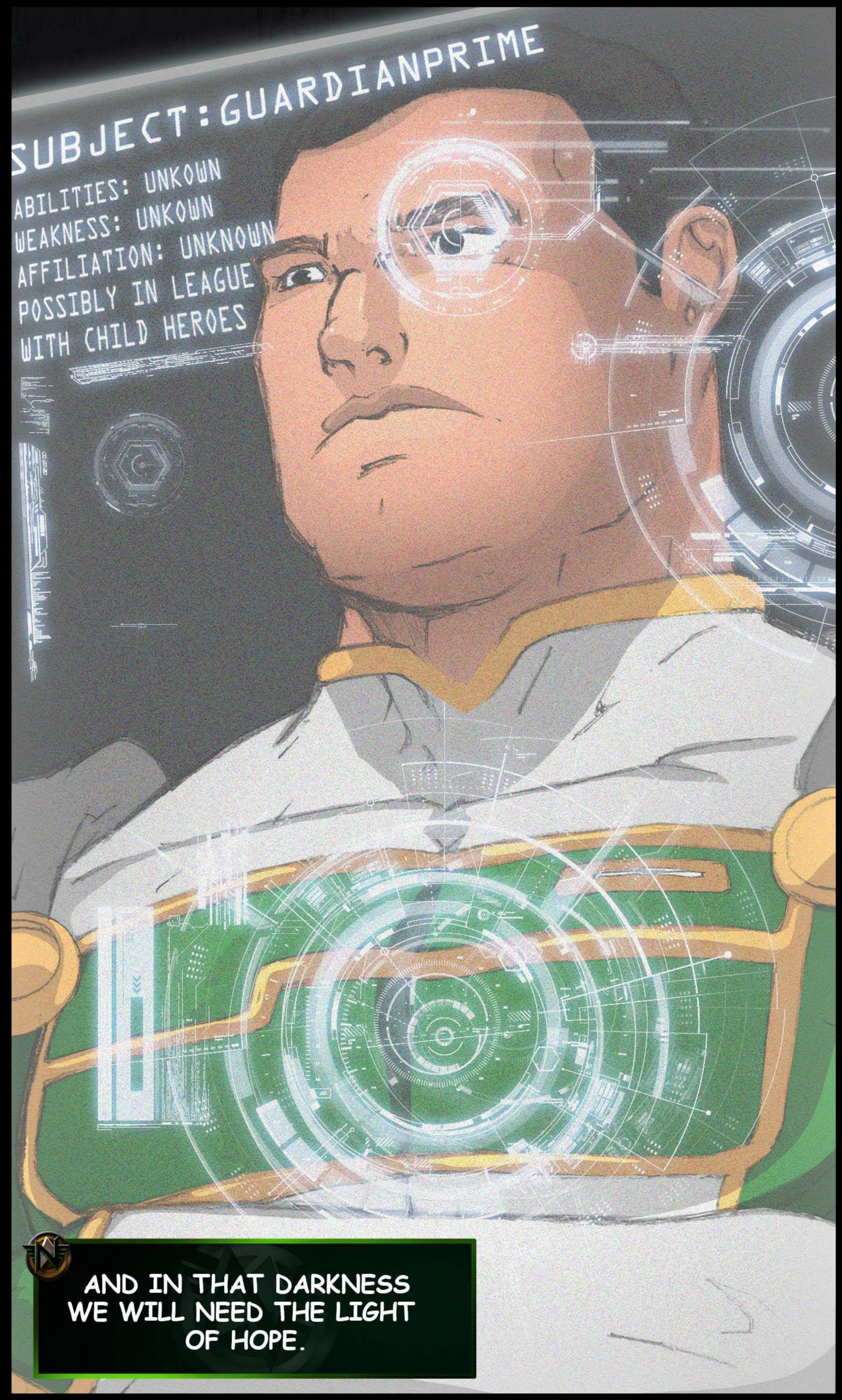
SCIENCE AT TIMES HOLDS LITTLE EXPLANATION, BEHIND ALL THIS I SENSE A HIDDEN TRUTH, THE KIND I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IN, BUT THE ONLY PLAUSIBLE ANSWER IN THE MIDST OF THINGS. THE MYTH OF THE SCOURGE, ACCORDING TO LEGENDS THEIR APPEARANCE COINCIDES WITH THE DARK RIFT BEHIND THE MOON AND THE STORY OF THE END OF THE DIETIES OF OUR WORLD.



AND IN EACH MYTH THE SO-CALLED DIETIES ARE SUPPOSEDLY CONSUMED BY THE SCOURGE AND THEN THEY DISAPPEAR LIKE A SHADOW IN THE NIGHT...



I ONLY HOPE TODAY'S HEROES ARE GREATER THAN THOSE OF OLD. I ONLY HOPE THAT EARTH'S SENTINEL OF JUSTICE IS UP TO THE TASK. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME... BEFORE DARKNESS FALLS UPON THE EARTH...



SUBJECT: GUARDIANPRIME
ABILITIES: UNKNOWN
WEAKNESS: UNKNOWN
AFFILIATION: UNKNOWN
POSSIBLY IN LEAGUE WITH CHILD HEROES

AND IN THAT DARKNESS WE WILL NEED THE LIGHT OF HOPE.