



The noble Visigoth warrior Aric of Dacia was kidnapped by the alien race known as the Vine and thrust into slavery. He rebelled and captured the sentient power suit Shanhara, worshipped as a deity by the Vine, and returned to Earth – only to discover centuries had passed and the world he knew was gone. Bonded to Shanhara, Aric had lost his home but found a new purpose as the protector of Earth...

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## Who was Shanhara?

### GENERATIONS

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**THE PLANET GENNIN.**

**LONG AGO.**





QUICKLY,  
CHILD! THERE  
ISN'T MUCH  
TIME!

I'M...I'M  
FRIGHTENED,  
FATHER! WHERE  
ARE WE  
GOING?

SOMEWHERE  
YOU WILL NEVER  
BE FOUND.

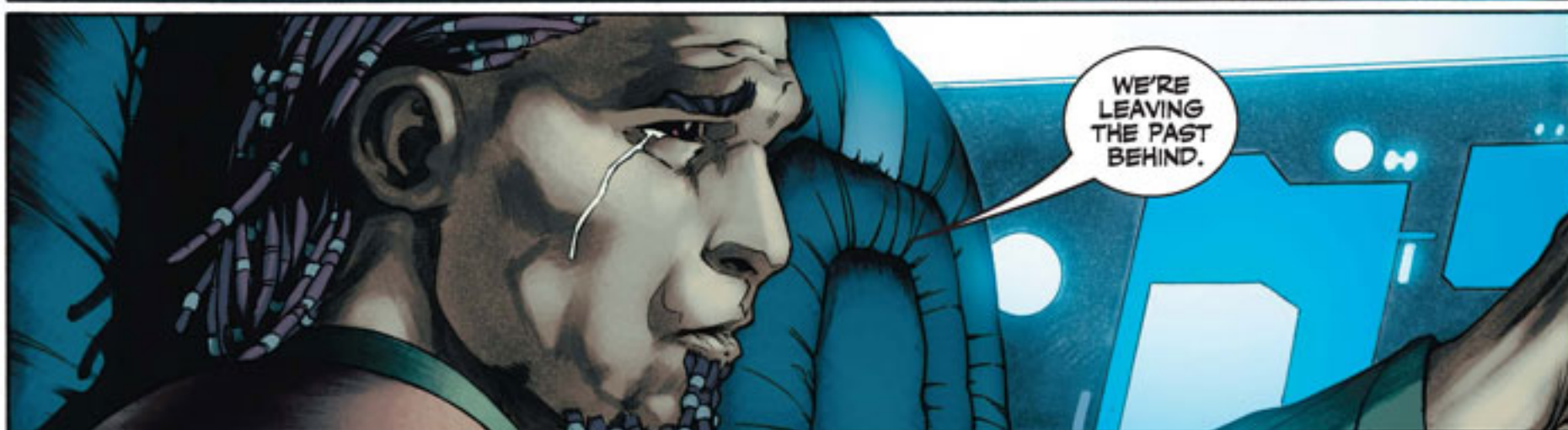


...AND  
MOTHER?

WHERE'S  
MOTHER?



SHE ALWAYS  
LOVED TO WATCH  
YOU SLEEP. SLEEP  
FOR HER, SHANHARA.  
*DREAM.*



WE'RE  
LEAVING  
THE PAST  
BEHIND.

"IT'S A *FAR*  
JOURNEY."

**DAYS LATER.**



**MONTHS LATER.**



**YEARS LATER.**



**DECADES LATER.**







FATHER!  
WHY DIDN'T YOU  
SLEEP, TOO?!

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT,  
DAUGHTER.  
I NEEDED  
THE TIME.

I NEEDED  
TO FIND THE  
ANSWER.



BUT  
YOU...  
YOU'RE  
SO...

HUSH.  
YOU HAVE TO  
LISTEN. I HAVE  
FEW MOMENTS  
LEFT, AND *EACH*  
IS PRECIOUS.

ALL THE  
YEARS YOU SLEPT,  
I *STUDIED* YOU AND  
THE PLANT. I UNDER-  
STAND WHAT  
HAPPENED NOW.



IT TOOK SO  
LONG FOR ME  
TO CREATE THE  
ARMORS...A PERFECT  
BLEND OF *PLANT*  
AND *MACHINE*. I  
WANTED TO HELP  
ALL THOSE LIKE  
YOU, SUFFERING  
FROM THE *BONE*  
*PLAGUE*.

THE  
ARMORS  
WERE ALIVE,  
BUT THEY  
LACKED CONSCIOUS-  
NESS.

THE BONDMA-  
TE GAVE THE ARMOR  
THE ONE THING  
IT WAS WITHOUT:  
*THOUGHT*.  
IN RETURN, THE  
ARMOR GAVE  
ITS BONDMA-  
TE EVERYTHING.



BUT THE ARMORS...  
EVOLVED. THEY  
DISCOVERED A  
WAY TO BECOME  
*CONSCIOUS* ON  
THEIR OWN.

DON'T  
YOU  
SEE?



THE METAL...YOUR ARMOR...  
IT'S COMBINING WITH YOU TO  
CREATE A NEW *SPECIES*.

YOU ARE  
*BECOMING* AN  
ARMOR. AND WHEN THE  
PROCESS IS COMPLETE,  
YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS  
WILL BE FOREVER  
A PART OF IT.

I...

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
BE A  
*THING*!



WHAT  
DID YOU  
DO TO  
ME?!