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THE FALL OF X-O MANOWAR

X-O Manowar is Aric of Dacia, a Visigoth warrior abducted by aliens and then returned to an Earth centuries after the time he left behind.

A slave to the alien race known as the Vine, Aric led a slave uprising and captured the sentient armor Shanhara, a being worshipped as a deity by the Vine. Bonded to Shanhara, Aric freed his fellow slaves and returned to his home planet - only to discover centuries had passed and the world he knew was gone. He lost his home but found a new purpose as the protector of Earth.

The Book of the Geomancer was brought to the present by a young girl named Tama. The tome foretells a dark future for the Valiant Universe and speaks to the fates of many of its heroes.

This is the story of the fall of X-O Manowar...

EARTH.

<FINALLY,
BROTHERS. AT
LONG LAST.>

A SECRET TEMPLE.

<THIS
POWERFUL
RELIC IS NOW
WITHIN OUR
HANDS.>

<I WAS NOT
ALWAYS PIOUS.
I SINNED AGAINST
OUR FAITH...>

<...I DIVIDED
OUR PEOPLE WHEN
THEY NEEDED ME
MOST, AND
CALAMITY FELL
UPON US.>

<BUT NO
MORE.>


<CARIC OF DACIA WAS THE WORTHY ONE. HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE SACRED ARMOR OF SHANHARA TO BE A BEACON FOR OUR PEOPLE.>

<NOW HE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM US. A FALSE ONE THINKS TO REPLACE HIM?>

<NEVER. WITH THIS SPEARHEAD, THE FALSE ONE WILL BE STRUCK DOWN.>

<WE WILL RECLAIM THE LEGACY OF OUR PEOPLE. BY MY FAITH...I SWEAR IT.>

<WE ARE WITH YOU, BROTHER TRILL.>



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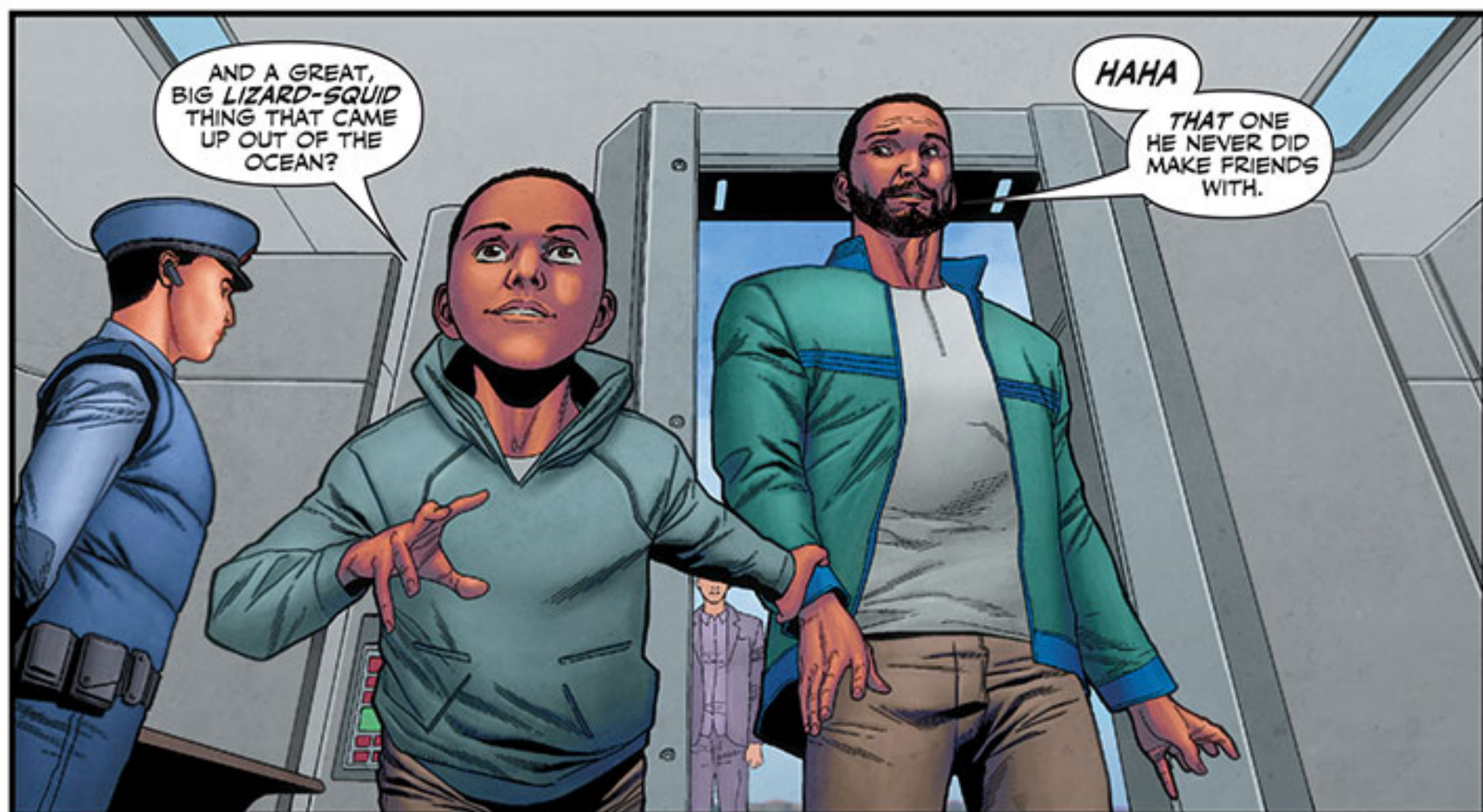
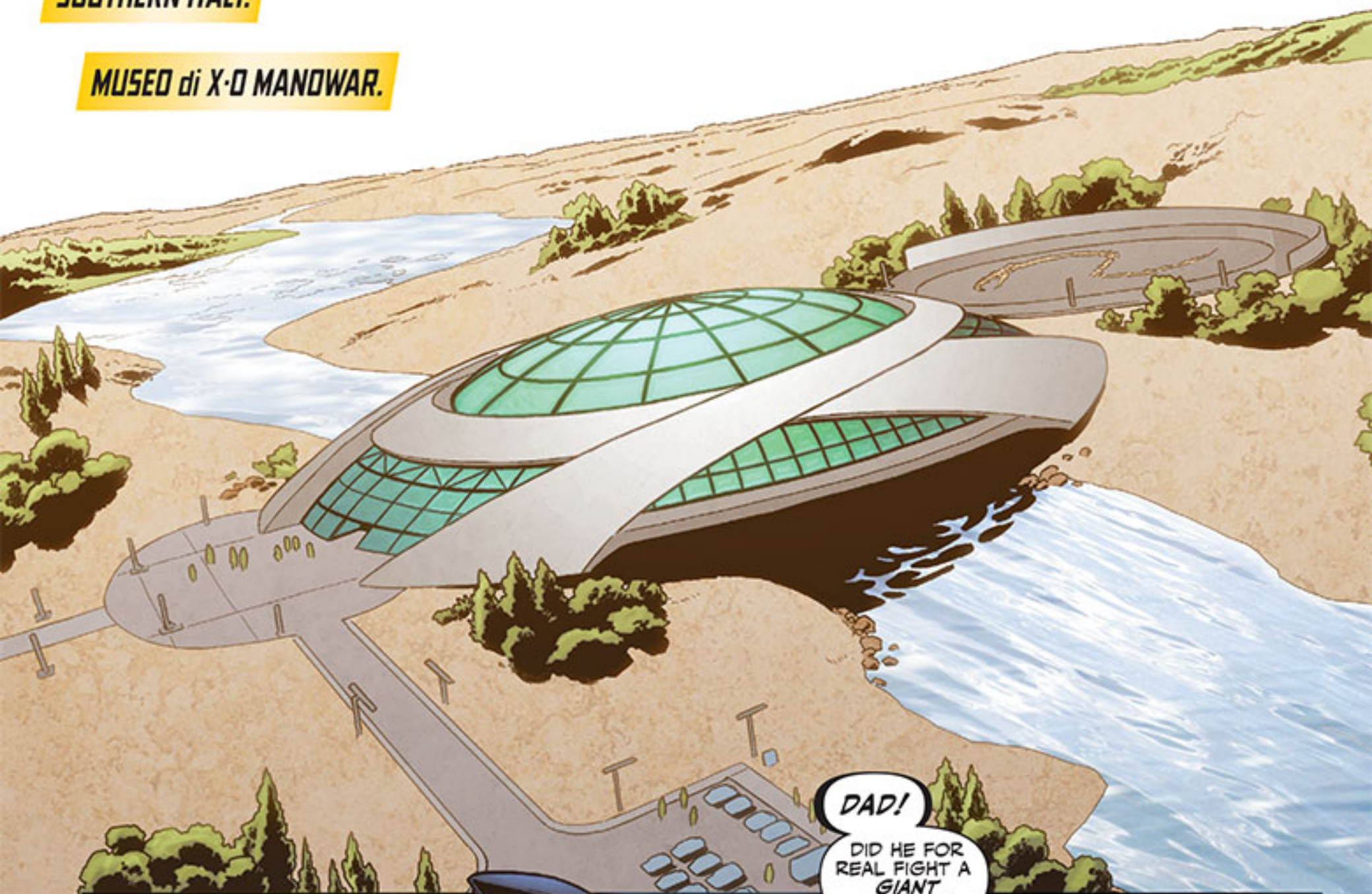
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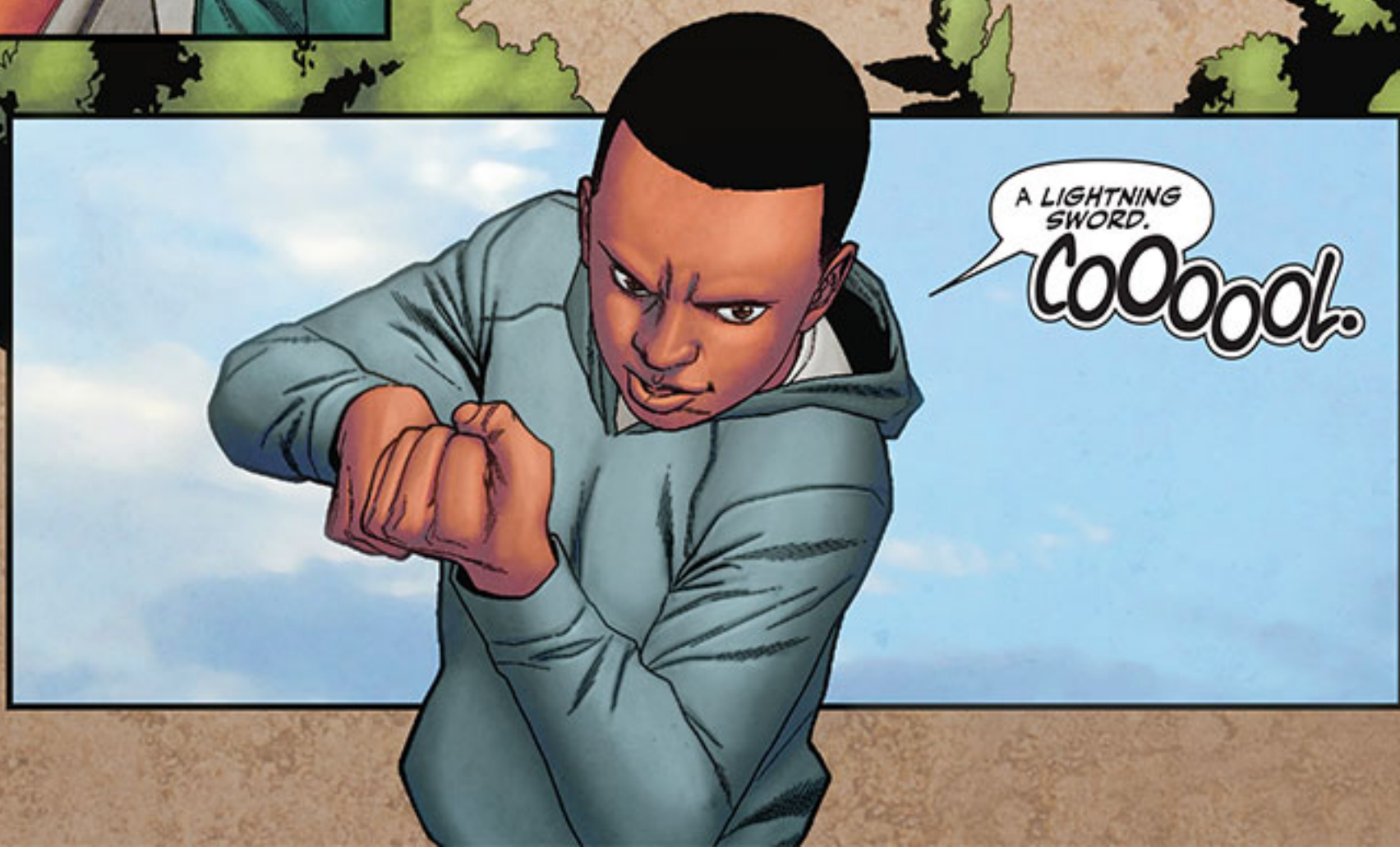
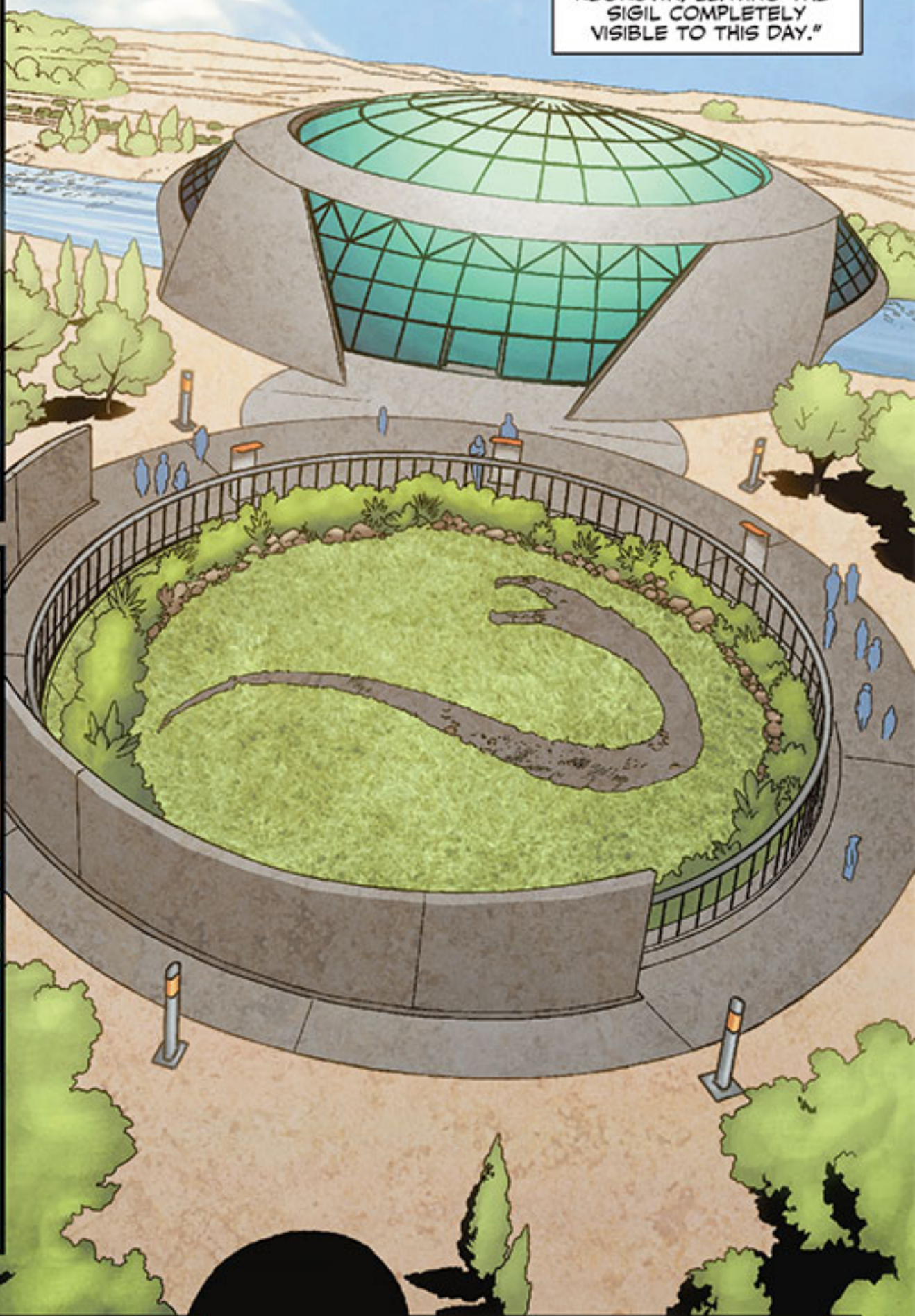
WHAT'S
THIS ONE
SAY?

LET'S SEE. "ARIC
OF DACIA, KNOWN TO THE
WORLD AS X-O MANOWAR,
VISITED THIS LOCATION NOT
LONG AFTER HE FIRST
RETURNED TO
EARTH."

"USING HIS SWORD MADE
FROM *LIGHT ENERGY*, HE
CARVED THE DRAGON SIGIL
INTO THE GROUND TO MARK
THE FINAL RESTING PLACE
OF HIS UNCLE, KING ALARIC
OF THE VISIGOTHS.

"THE SIGIL REPRESENTS
THE CREST OF ARIC'S ANCIENT
VISIGOTH FAMILY, FROM WHOM
HE WAS SEPARATED IN THE
EARLY FIFTH CENTURY.

"THE GRASS IN THE
SIGIL GARDEN HAS NEVER
REGROWN, LEAVING THE
SIGIL COMPLETELY
VISIBLE TO THIS DAY."



A LIGHTNING
SWORD.

CoOoool.

