



IN THE YEAR 4001, after a thousand years without a murder, New Japan finds itself in chaos. The half-human, half-robot warrior Rai rebelled against the totalitarian rule of the omniscient and omnipresent Father and picked up many allies along the way to aid in his cause: Spylocke, an anti-Father fugitive part of a thousands-year-old legacy; Lula Lee, a teenage girl with a secret map of New Japan; Grace, Lula's Positronic (PT) companion; Karana, the Geomancer of 4001; Izak, a space vampire from an alien race subjected to brutal experiments by Father; and Momo, a free-willed PT who fell in love with Rai.



Tipped off to Rai's plan, Father quickly crushed the rebellion, exiling Rai to Earth and declaring the rest of his allies to be fugitives. Momo and Izak hid in the sewers; Lula, Grace, and Karana kept moving between New Japan's hidden sector; and Spylocke was captured and sentenced to compete in the Murder Cycle, a series of gladiatorial robot games that no human had ever survived. Just as he was about to suffer the same fate, Lula managed to rescue Spylocke.

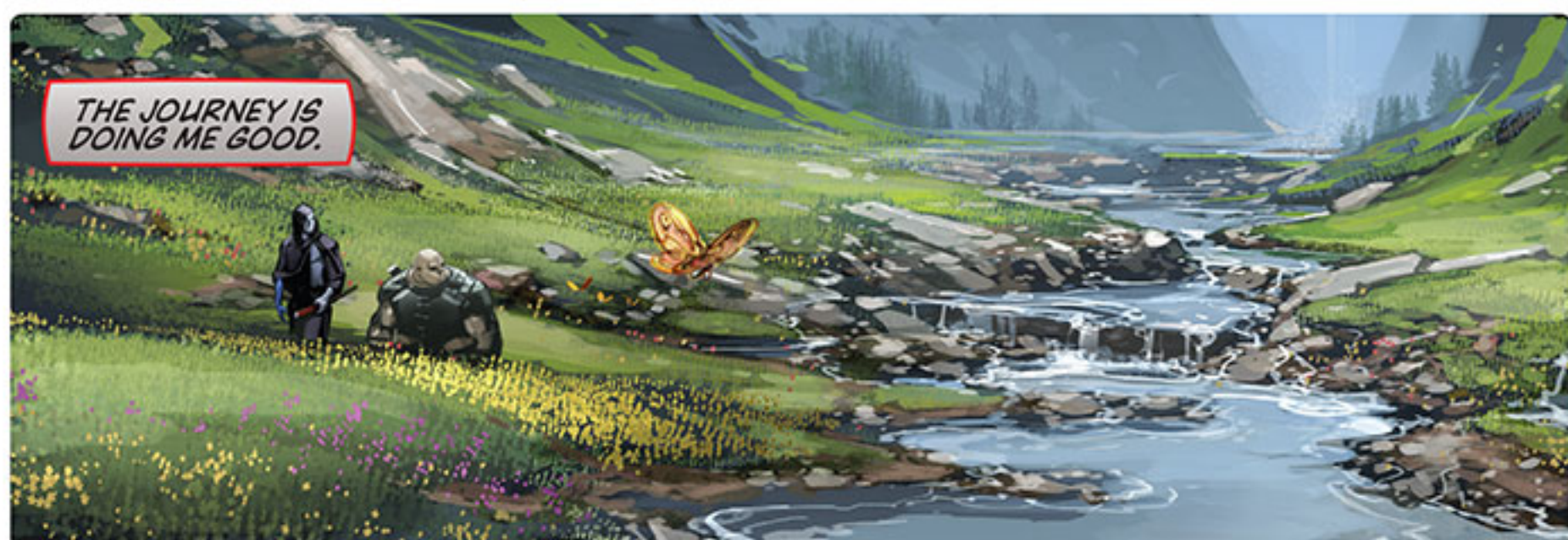


Meanwhile, a weak and powerless Rai crash-landed on Earth. Local natives took in Rai, helping him to heal and show him that Earth was nothing like the wasteland that Father claimed it to be. The natives also told Rai of a "warrior eternal" who may be able to help Rai return to New Japan and defeat Father once and for all. With the simple but kind tribesman Lemur by his side, Rai set out in search of this potential new ally, only to come across an explosive old enemy, @X...



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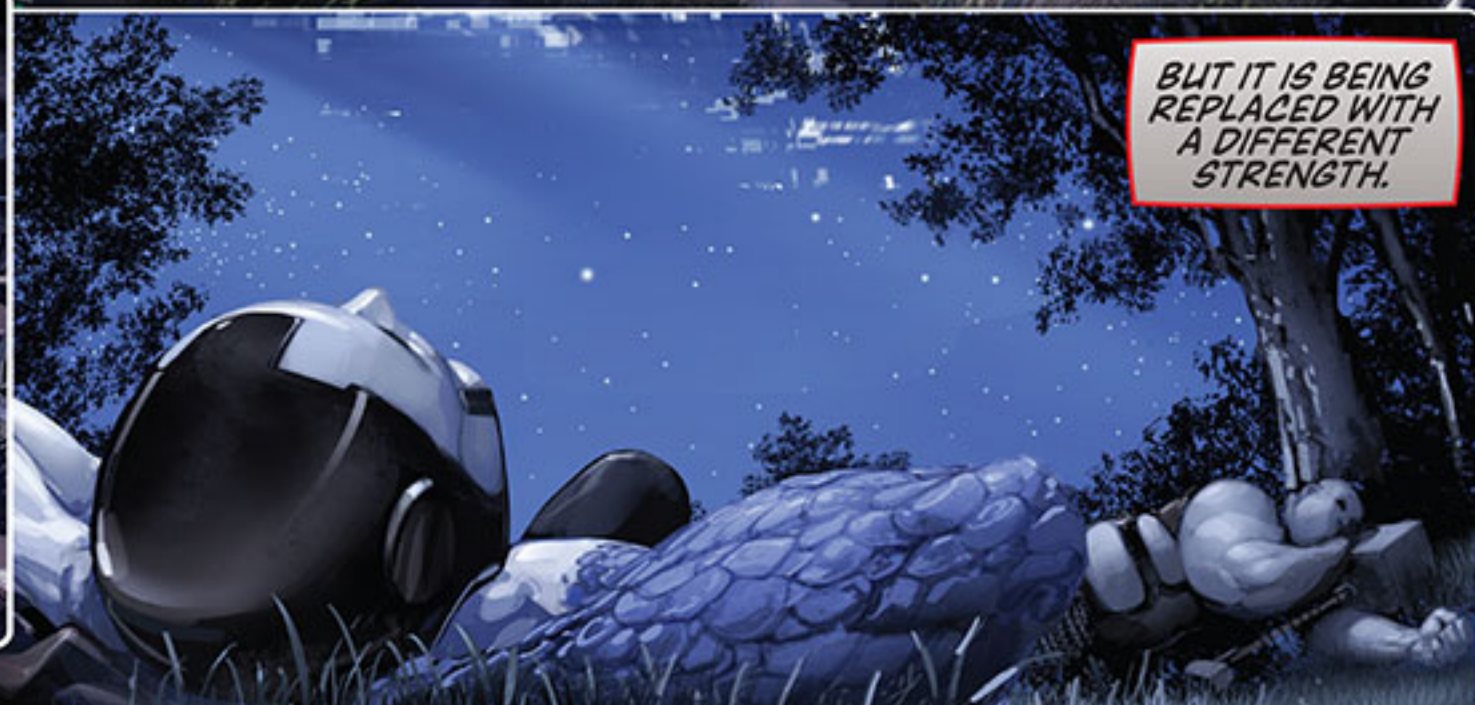
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