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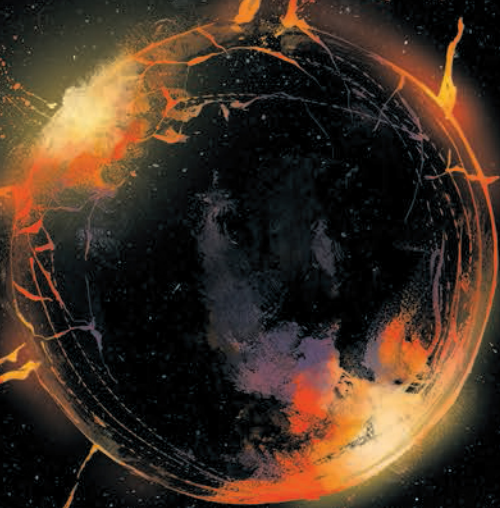
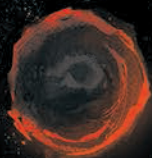




ONCE UPON A TIME  
WE WERE ALONE.  
BEFORE THE EARTH  
WAS THE EARTH.

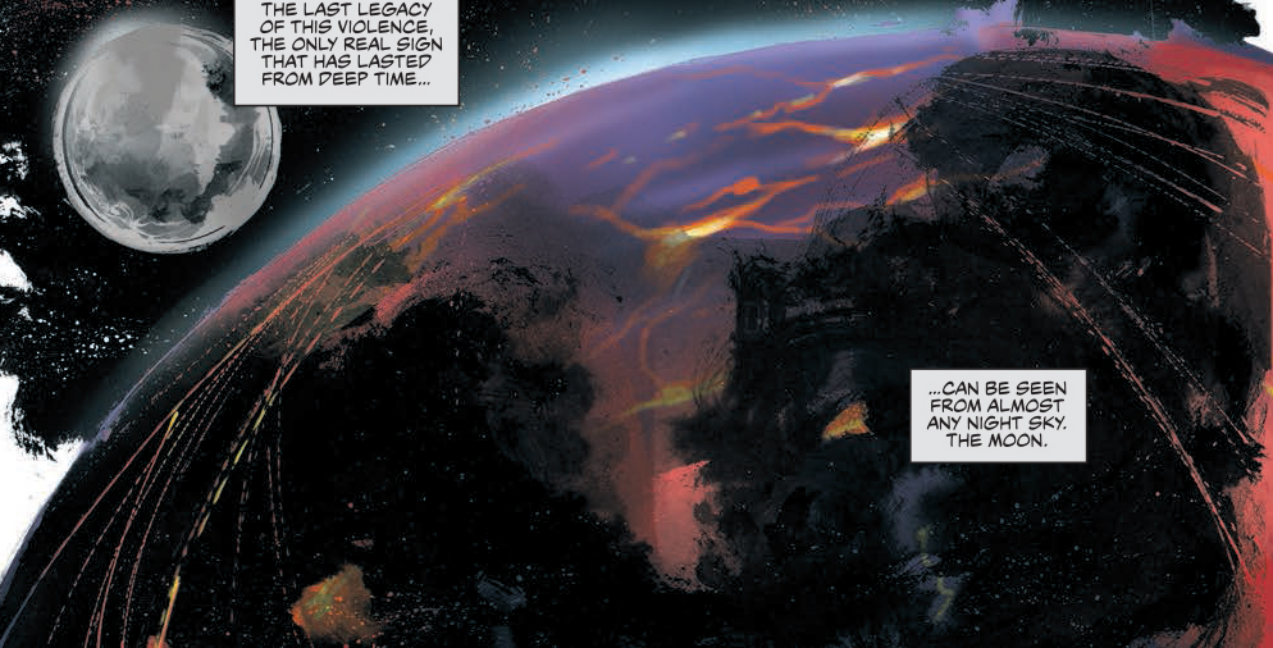


WHAT WOULD BECOME  
THE WORLD WE LIVE ON  
WAS STRUCK BY A  
NAMELESS PLANET.



THE LAST LEGACY  
OF THIS VIOLENCE,  
THE ONLY REAL SIGN  
THAT HAS LASTED  
FROM DEEP TIME...

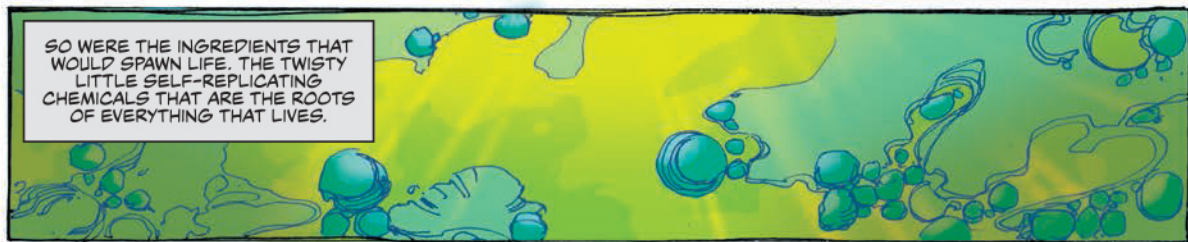
...CAN BE SEEN  
FROM ALMOST  
ANY NIGHT SKY.  
THE MOON.







THE MOON WASN'T THE ONLY THING THAT WAS LIFTED INTO SPACE.



SO WERE THE INGREDIENTS THAT WOULD SPAWN LIFE. THE TWISTY LITTLE SELF-REPLICATING CHEMICALS THAT ARE THE ROOTS OF EVERYTHING THAT LIVES.



BOTH ON EARTH AND ABOVE IT.



AND JUST LIKE HERE, LIFE FOUND A WAY.

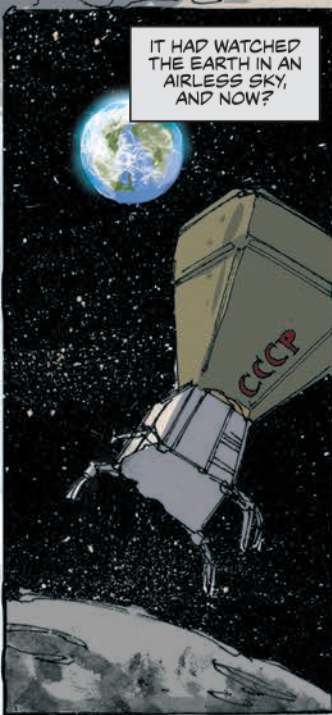
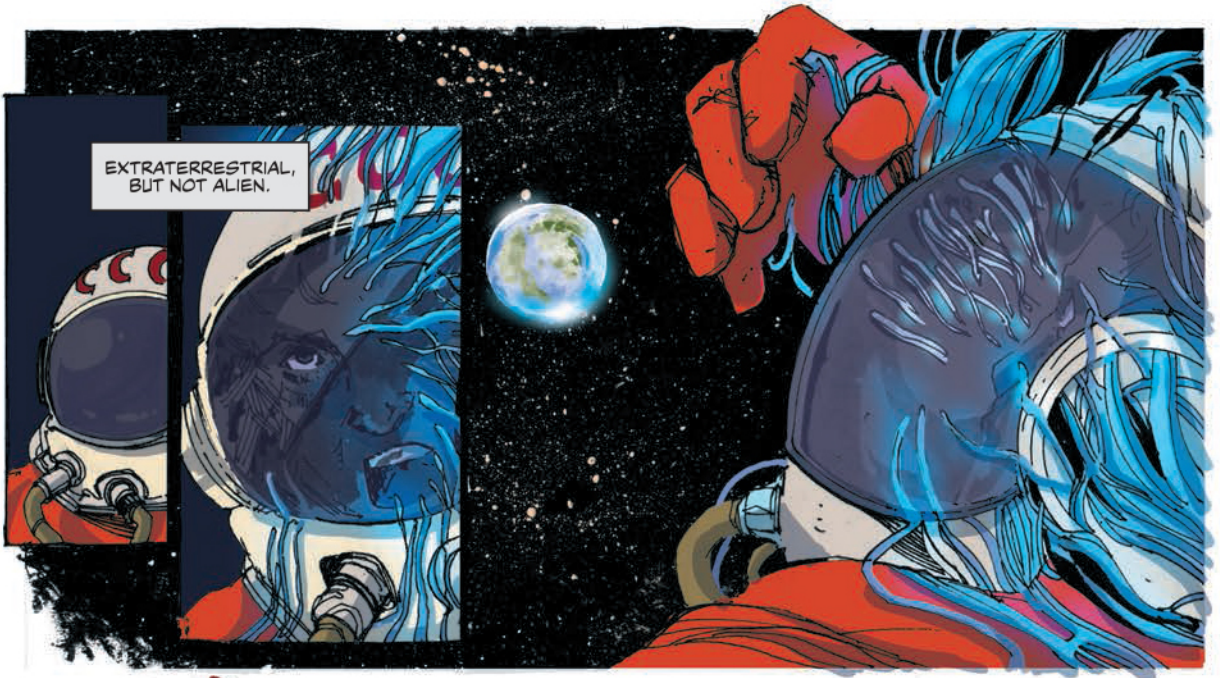


IN THE HARSHTEST CONDITIONS IMAGINABLE, SOMETHING GREW.



SOMETHING WAITED.













I'D GUESS THAT'S YOU SPEAKING, THEN? THE VOICE OF THE LEGION COME AROUND AT LAST.

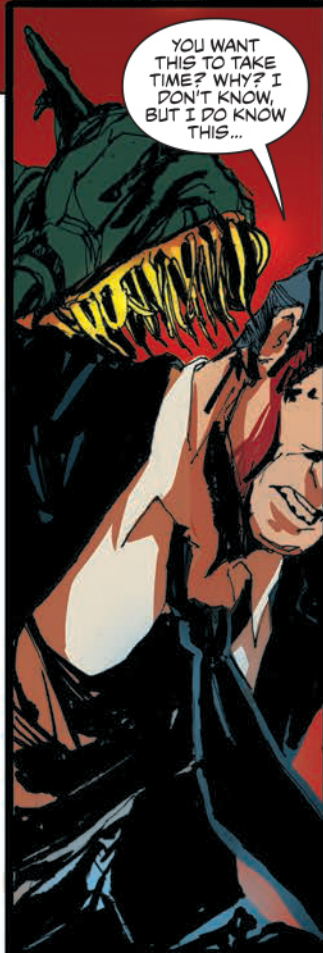
LET ME INFER. YOU DON'T HAVE VOCAL CORDS. WHY WOULD YOU? NO AIR. AND I GUESS NOT ENOUGH OF THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE SUIT TO USE?



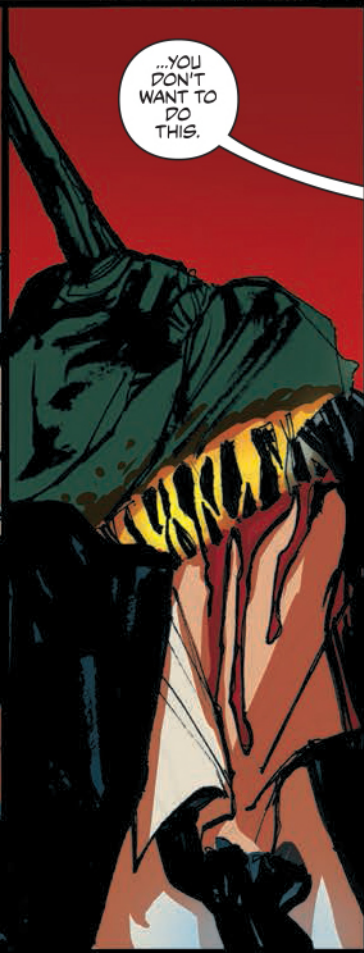
-ZZT- CHANCE OF SUCCESS OF DISSEMINATION 91%.

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YOU WANT THIS TO TAKE TIME? WHY? I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DO KNOW THIS...



...YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS.



-ZZT- YES.

YES.

YES. -ZZT-