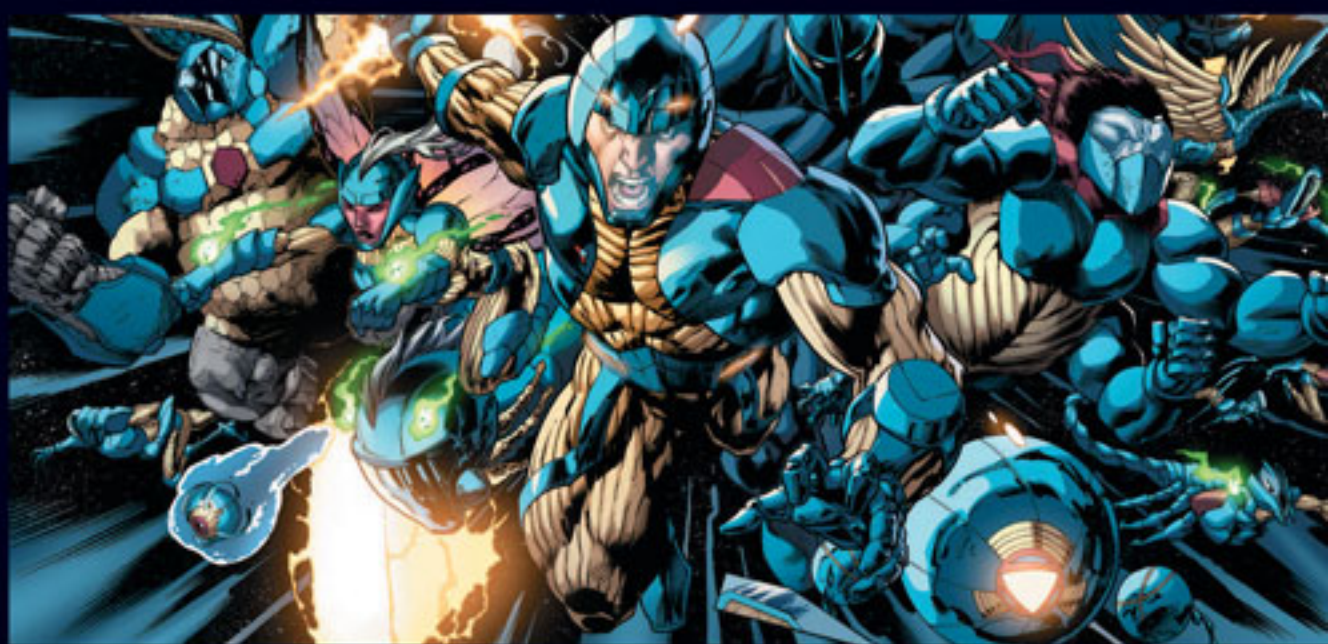




The noble Visigoth warrior Aric of Dacia was kidnapped by the alien race known as the Vine and thrust into slavery. He rebelled and captured the sentient power suit Shanbara, a being worshipped as a deity by the Vine, and returned to Earth - only to discover centuries had passed and the world he knew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

# X-O MANOWAR

## The story so far...



Aric of Dacia and an army of fellow X-O armor-wearers defeated Dead Hand, a space-faring robotic army that destroyed Loom, the Vine homeland, and was coming to destroy Earth.



After the battle, Aric married his beloved Saana, surrounded by friends, fellow heroes, the Visigoth people he'd rescued from Vine captivity, and Colonel Jamie Capshaw, director of the Global Agency for Threat Excision (G.A.T.E.).



But what of the Vine? The once proud and powerful alien empire - now reduced to a fraction of its size and forced to travel the galaxy as nomads - grew to become Aric's unlikely allies. Where will they go now?

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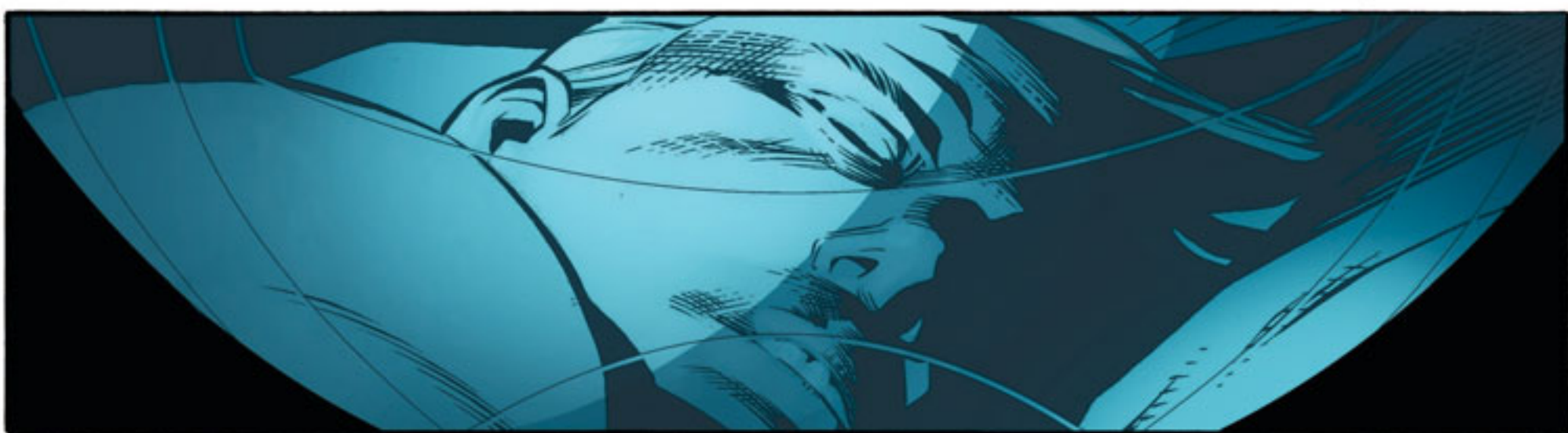
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--THIS?

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A VINE  
COLONY SHIP?  
HERE?

SECURE  
THE KING!

LET THE  
CREATURES  
COME. TIME  
TO *SPILL*  
BLOOD.

HOLD, VOLO.  
WHEN LAST I SAW  
THE CREATURES,  
WE PARTED AS  
ALLIES.



AND THE TIME  
BEFORE THAT, THEY  
MADE US THEIR *SLAVES*.  
WHICH *MOOD* DO YOU  
FIGURE THEM IN  
TONIGHT?

THEY DO NOT  
COME TO ATTACK, ELSE  
THEY WOULD HAVE DONE  
SO BEFORE WE FELT  
THE GROUND  
TREMBLE.

I  
AGREE.



ALL THE  
SAME, KEEP  
YOUR GRIPS  
*FIRM*.