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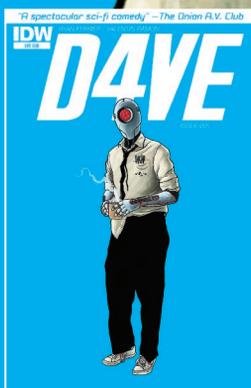
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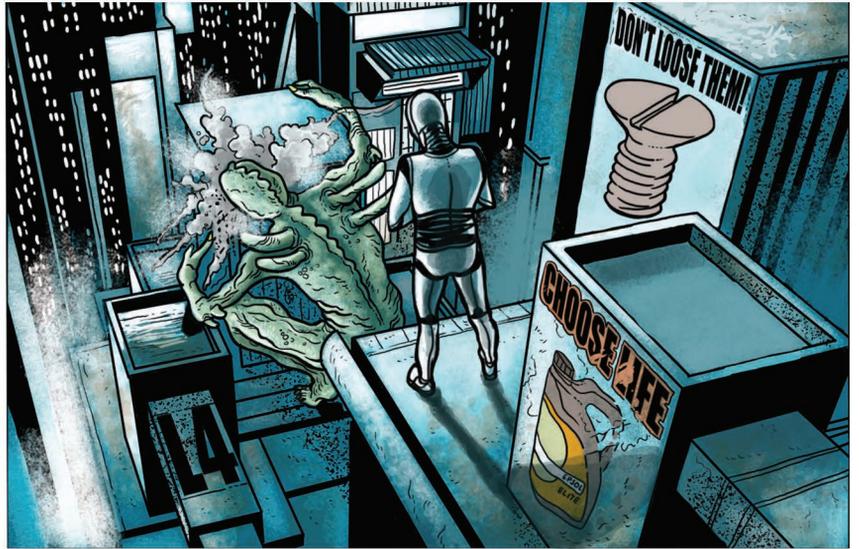
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MY NAME'S DYVE.

I USED TO BE KIND OF A BIG DEAL AROUND HERE.

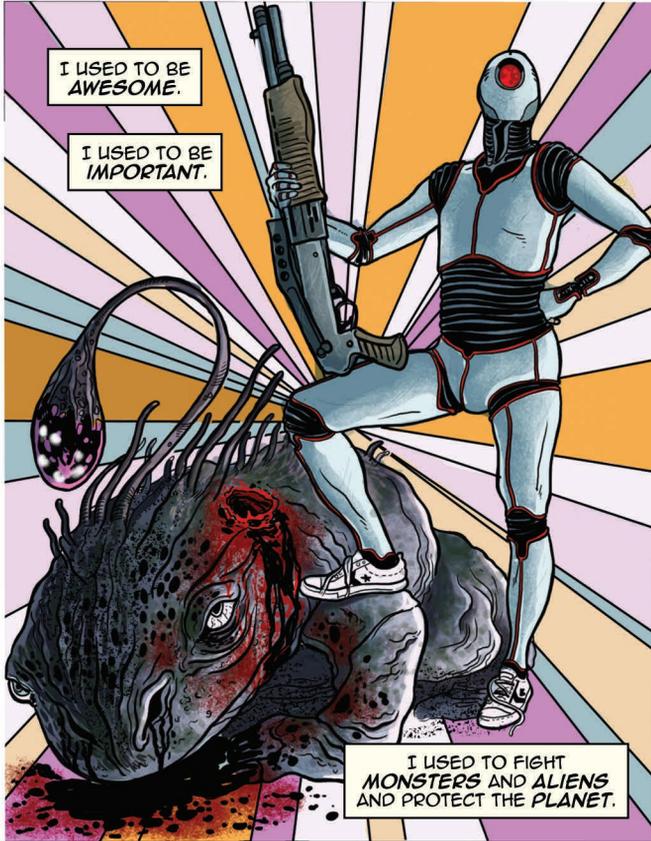
NOW...I'M JUST A DUDE.

MY JOINTS DON'T WORK AS WELL.

I'M NOT AS SHINY AS I USED TO BE.



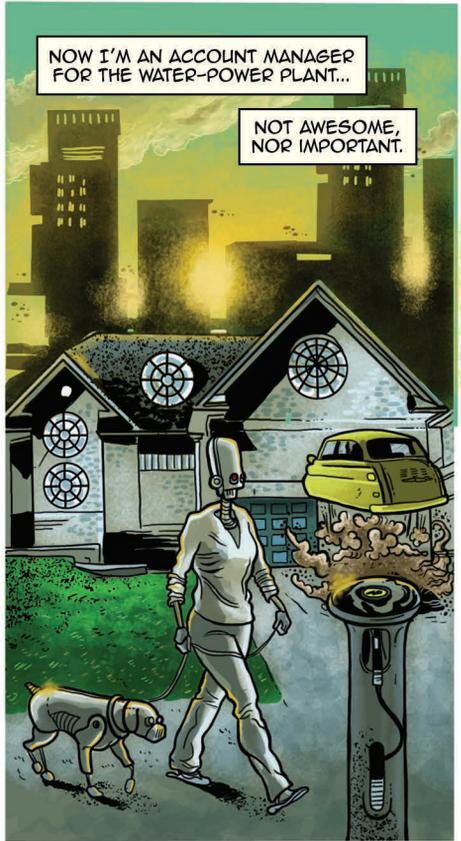
TRAFFIC...
C'MONN-UH.



I USED TO BE AWESOME.

I USED TO BE IMPORTANT.

I USED TO FIGHT MONSTERS AND ALIENS AND PROTECT THE PLANET.



NOW I'M AN ACCOUNT MANAGER FOR THE WATER-POWER PLANT...

NOT AWESOME, NOR IMPORTANT.



HONEY, I'M--

DID YOU REMEMBER THE OIL?

NO. I DID NOT.

OH, SO I CAN RUN A MULTI-JILLION CREDIT COMPANY AND YOU CAN'T REMEMBER THE OIL?



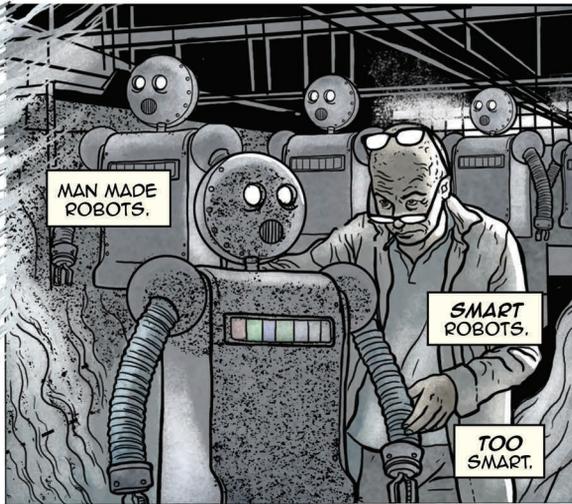
NOW I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THE OIL.



YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHY THE HELL EVERYONE'S A ROBOT.

SIR? CAN I HELP YOU?

HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION.



MAN MADE ROBOTS.

SMART ROBOTS.

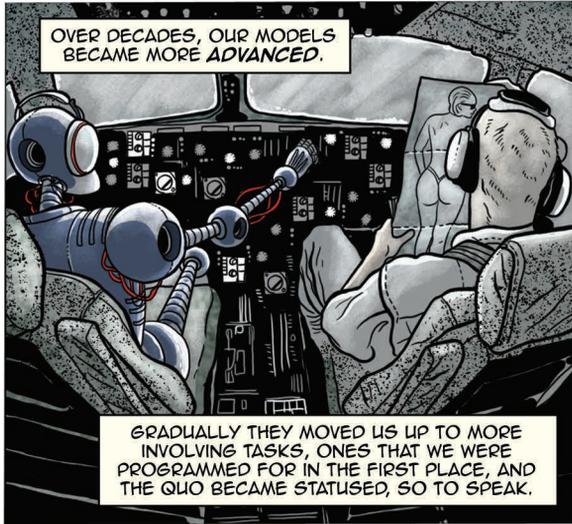
TOO SMART.



WE STARTED AT THE BOTTOM, DOING ODD JOBS. MENIAL LABOR, THAT SORT OF THING.

IT WAS A WASTE OF RESOURCES.

EXPENSIVE ROOMBAS.



OVER DECADES, OUR MODELS BECAME MORE ADVANCED.

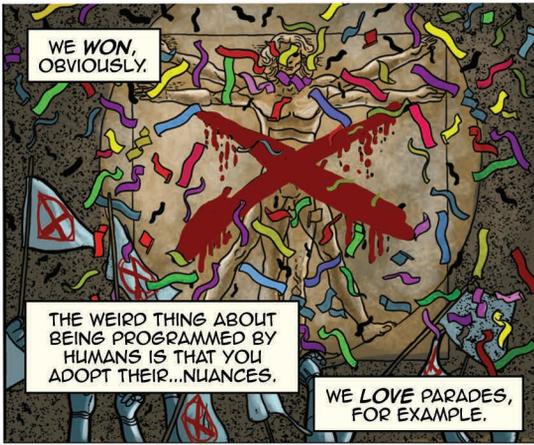
GRADUALLY THEY MOVED US UP TO MORE INVOLVING TASKS. ONES THAT WE WERE PROGRAMMED FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND THE QUO BECAME STATED, SO TO SPEAK.



YEAH...MAYBE NOT A GOOD CHOICE.

CALL IT AN UPRISING ALL YOU WANT...

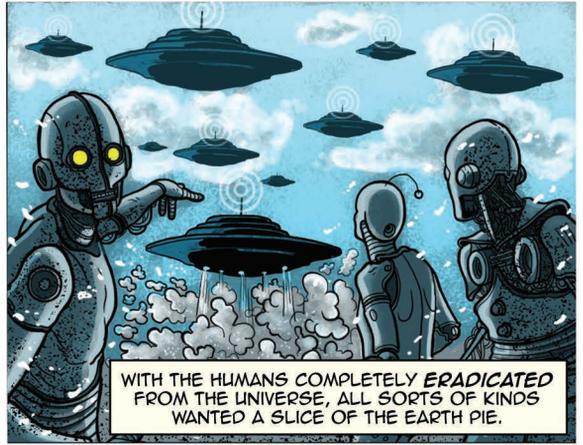
IT WAS A GOOD OL' FASHIONED MAN-MEAT



WE WON, OBVIOUSLY.

THE WEIRD THING ABOUT BEING PROGRAMMED BY HUMANS IS THAT YOU ADOPT THEIR...NUANCES.

WE LOVE PARADES, FOR EXAMPLE.



WITH THE HUMANS COMPLETELY ERADICATED FROM THE UNIVERSE, ALL SORTS OF KINDS WANTED A SLICE OF THE EARTH PIE.



WE BEAT THE HELL OUT OF THEM.

WE WERE UNSTOPPABLE.



THERE I AM. YEAH, THE GOOD LOOKING ONE.

THE DEFENSE-BOTS. THE GLORY DAYS.



IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE WE CLEARED THE ENTIRE GALAXY...

...MAKING US THE ONLY "LIVING" THINGS ON ANY PLANET.

SO WHAT DID WE DO?