

I CAME.
I SAW.
I FELT.

I LIVED.
I LOVED.
I LEFT.

KRAK

I GO.
I GROW.
I'M GONE.

THE BU TTER FLY EXCHA NGE

PART ONE I FEEL IT ALL

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FIVE YEARS LATER.



AGAIN?
ARE YOU
ALWAYS HERE?
DO YOU EVER
LEAVE?

A
LITTLE HELP,
PLEASE?



IS THIS THE BEFORE OR THE AFTER?

I CAN NEVER TELL WITH MADNESS. TIME IS SO NOW AND THEN.

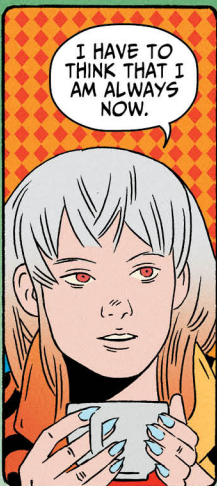


IT'S THE COAT, YOU KNOW. MUCH MORE POTENT NOW THAT YOU HAVE IT WITH YOU.

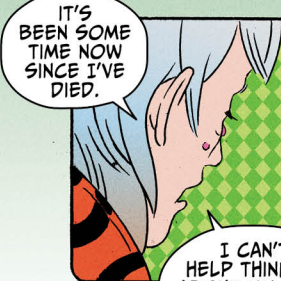


TELL ME WHAT IT WAS THAT HAPPENED THIS TIME?

WAS IT THE EXPLORATION? THE SEVEN SINS? AS THOUGH THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN!



I HAVE TO THINK THAT I AM ALWAYS NOW.



IT'S BEEN SOME TIME NOW SINCE I'VE DIED.



I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT MY AVIAN BODY. ALL OF A SUDDEN, I MISS EVERYONE.



THAT'S ALL? EASILY FIXED!

NO HARM IN A PEEK.



THEY LOOK SO DIFFERENT.

THAT'S WHAT TIME DOES. YOU'RE A WOMAN NOW.

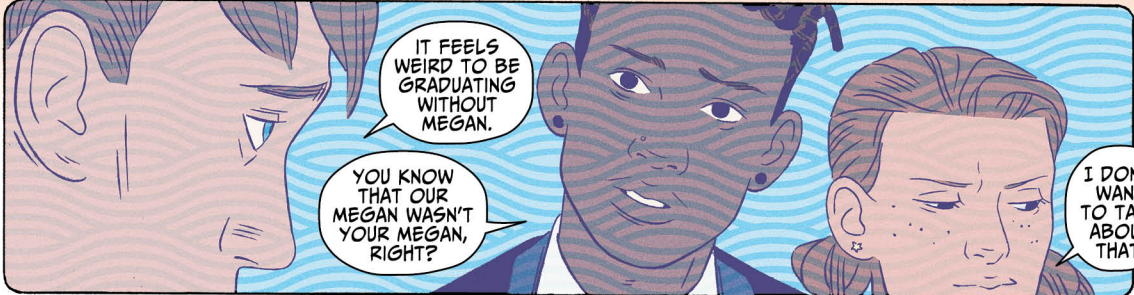
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS. HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HER?

SOMETIMES I GET WEIRD FLASHES OF MADNESS. LITTLE CRIES OR EXCITEMENTS. LIKE AN OUT-OF-BODY TEXT.



ME, TOO. I'M JUST GLAD SHE'S OUT THERE. SOMEWHERE. I SEE THINGS ON THE NEWS AND I KNOW IT'S HER.

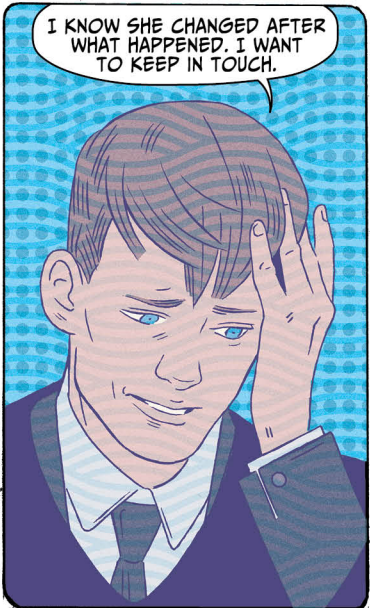
I KNOW YOU WERE CLOSE WITH HER IN THE END.



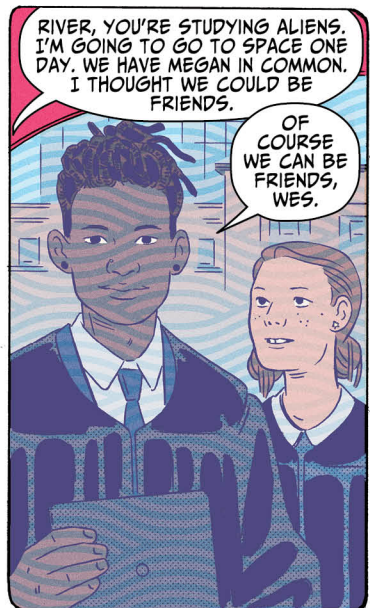
IT FEELS WEIRD TO BE GRADUATING WITHOUT MEGAN.

YOU KNOW THAT OUR MEGAN WASN'T YOUR MEGAN, RIGHT?

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

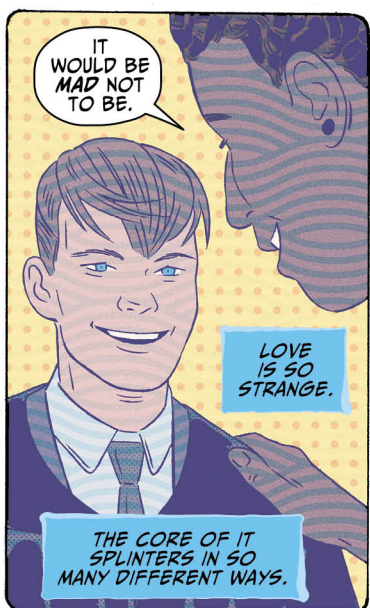


I KNOW SHE CHANGED AFTER WHAT HAPPENED. I WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH.



RIVER, YOU'RE STUDYING ALIENS. I'M GOING TO GO TO SPACE ONE DAY. WE HAVE MEGAN IN COMMON. I THOUGHT WE COULD BE FRIENDS.

OF COURSE WE CAN BE FRIENDS, WES.



IT WOULD BE MAD NOT TO BE.

LOVE IS SO STRANGE.

THE CORE OF IT SPLINTERS IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS.

META.
LAST YEAR.

I HOPE
YOU UNDERSTAND
THAT I WAS UNDER
ORDERS FROM
MELLU LORAN.

I'LL TAKE
YOUR HUSH MONEY,
BUT I DON'T BUY
YOUR BULLSHIT,
MRS. DEEPS.

YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT NOW. WE
STILL HAVE THE BAND.
YOU'LL GET OVER
LOMA.

OURSIANS
DON'T LOVE EASILY
AND WHEN WE DO WE
FALL HARD. I HAVE
STUFF TO WORK
OUT.

LOVE IS ONE SMALL
WORD THAT DESCRIBES
A MILLION DIFFERENT
STATES OF BEING. NONE
OF WHICH MEAN THE
SAME TO ANYONE.

WHAT
THE HELL IS
THIS?

YOU
HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN.

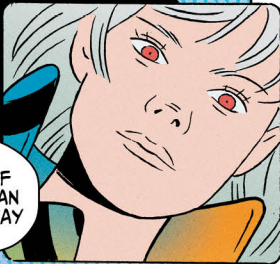
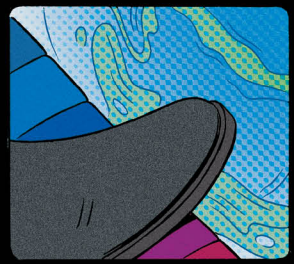
ARE
THEY GOING
TO BE ALL
RIGHT?

LOOK AT
ME. LOOK AT
YOU. DO YOU
THINK LOVE
SOOTHED
US?

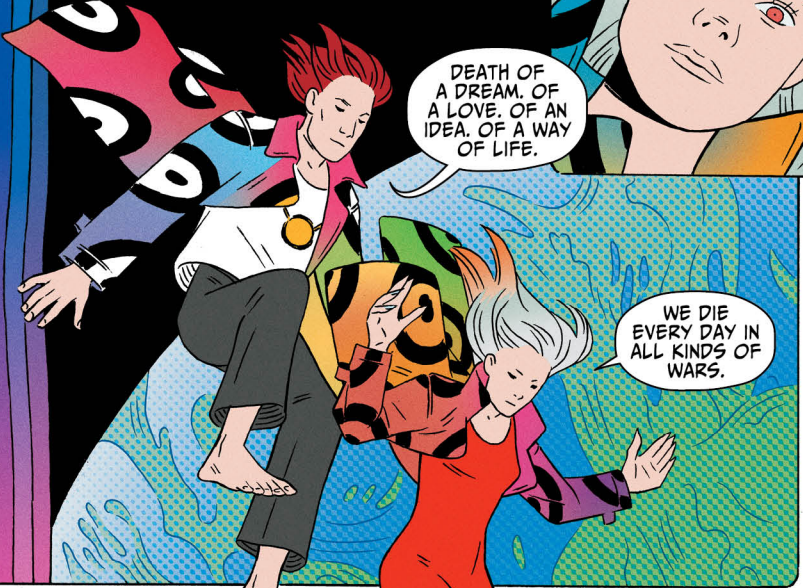
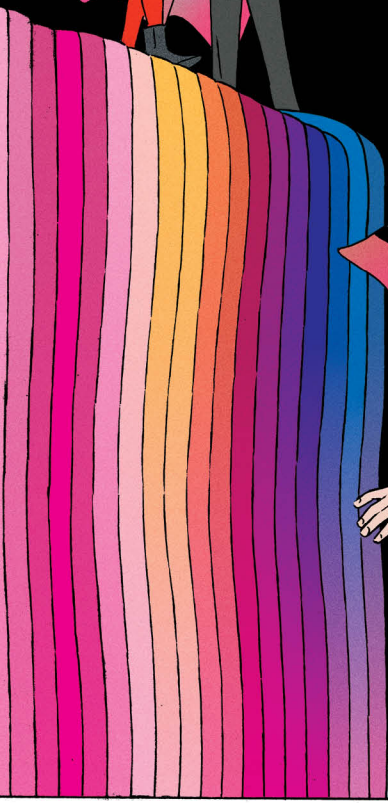


I THINK ABOUT HOW I AM ABOUT TO DIE AND HAVE ALREADY DIED.

SO MANY KINDS OF DEATH OUT THERE. I SAW IT.



DEATH OF A DREAM. OF A LOVE. OF AN IDEA. OF A WAY OF LIFE.



WE DIE EVERY DAY IN ALL KINDS OF WARS.



OH YES. THOSE. SO MANY KINDS OF WARS. I BATTLE MYSELF NOW.

