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--I APOLOGIZE FOR THE SUDDEN DROP IN. HOWEVER, THERE'S SOMETHING RATHER *URGENT* YOU ALL NEED TO KNOW ABOUT.

AND, SINCE I JUST SO HAPPENED TO BE IN DUBAI WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE HIT, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO DO THIS IN *PERSON*.

OKAY...



A MONTH AGO, A TWO-PERSON PROMETHEA PLANE DISAPPEARED OVER THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS.

I HEARD ABOUT THAT.

THE NEWS SAID ALL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS JUST SUDDENLY WENT DEAD. AND THERE'S BEEN NO SIGHT OF ANY SORT OF CRASH OR ANYTHING?

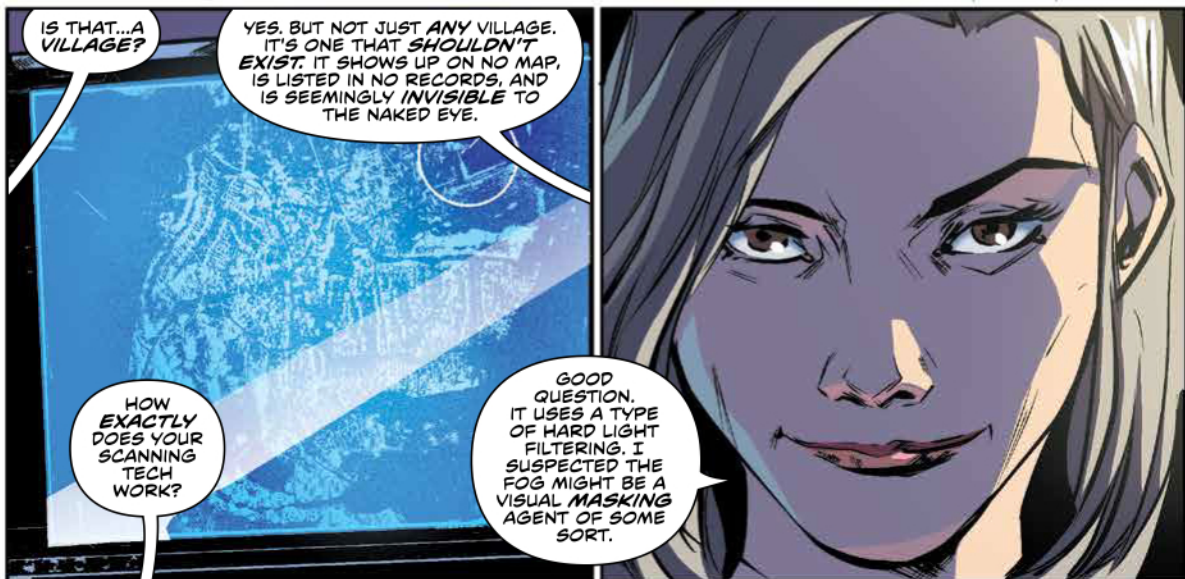
RIGHT. THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DONE FLYBYS AND THEY'VE MOUNTED LOCAL SEARCHES, BUT IT'S ALL COME BACK WITH *NOTHING*.



WHAT WERE THE PILOTS DOING OUT THERE?

WE'VE BEEN VISUALLY SURVEYING THE REGION, TAKING SCORES OF HI-RES PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FUTURE V.R. PURPOSES. NOW, BEFORE THE PLANE DISAPPEARED, THEY REPORTED SOME PRETTY STRANGE... VISUAL ACTIVITY. ALMOST LIKE, A *DENSE PURPLE FOG*.

SO, WE POINTED A SATELLITE AT THE AREA, AND USING A NEW PROPRIETARY SCANNING SYSTEM...STARTED TAKING A DEEPER LOOK. AND WHAT CAME BACK IS *VERY UNSETTLING*.

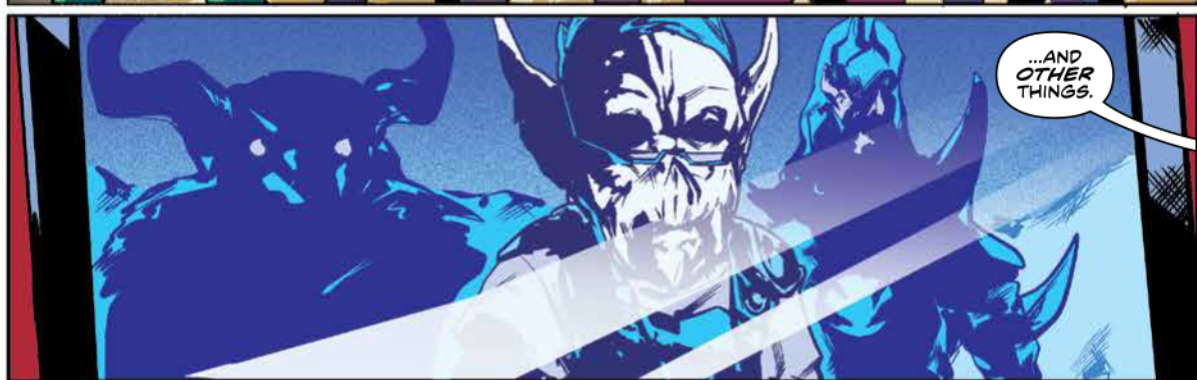


IS THAT...A *VILLAGE*?

YES, BUT NOT JUST *ANY* VILLAGE. IT'S ONE THAT *SHOULDN'T* EXIST. IT SHOWS UP ON NO MAP, IS LISTED IN NO RECORDS, AND IS SEEMINGLY *INVISIBLE* TO THE NAKED EYE.

HOW *EXACTLY* DOES YOUR SCANNING TECH WORK?

GOOD QUESTION. IT USES A TYPE OF HARD LIGHT FILTERING. I SUSPECTED THE FOG MIGHT BE A VISUAL *MASKING* AGENT OF SOME SORT.



"IT IS."

WHOA...

UH, YEAH.
THIS PLACE IS
INSANE. LIKE
SOMETHING
OUT OF
DRACULA.

THE ARCHITECTURE
IS *FASCINATING*.
A COMBINATION OF
LATE 18TH CENTURY
MIXED WITH...I
CAN'T PLACE IT.

THERE'S SOME
MEDIEVAL IN
HERE, TOO.

BUT ALL
IN *PRISTINE*
SHAPE. HOW IS
THAT *POSSIBLE*?

I THOUGHT GRACE SAID
THERE WERE PEOPLE
LIVING HERE? ALL OF
THESE BUILDINGS
LOOK EMPTY.

THE BIGGER
QUESTION I
HAVE IS, HOW
DID ANYONE
GET HERE IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?

OKAY, BUT
IF WE HAD PUT A
WAGER ON WHERE
FINSTER'S SETTING
UP SHOP...

...THAT'S
PROBABLY A
PRETTY SAFE
BET, RIGHT?



ARE YOU HERE TO SEE THE MASTER?



UH...WELL, THAT DEPENDS. WHO EXACTLY IS YOUR MASTER?

OH, THE MASTER IS WONDERFUL.

WE OWE OUR LIVES TO THE MASTER.

COME. WE WILL TAKE YOU TO HIM.



THIS IS CREEPY, RIGHT?

SUPER CREEPY.



HOW LONG, UH, HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN HERE?

OH, WE'RE BOTH NEW. WE WEREN'T LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE THE FIRST.



AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

THEY'RE NEAR. THERE'S A GATHERING TONIGHT...



...WHERE YOU ALL ARE INVITED.



VISITORS!

IN SO MANY COLORS! HERE TO SEE THE MASTER, NO DOUBT!



LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT FINSTER HAS DONE TO YOU ALL, BUT I PROMISE, WE'RE GOING TO HELP GET YOU--

OH, MY VILLAGERS DON'T NEED HELP, RANGERS!

THEY'RE ALREADY PERFECT!

FINSTER...

WELCOME TO MY NEW HOME. YOU'RE SOONER THAN I THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

HM, I SUPPOSE I HAVE MS. STERLING AND HER PESKY PROMETHEA PILOTS TO THANK FOR THAT, DON'T I?