

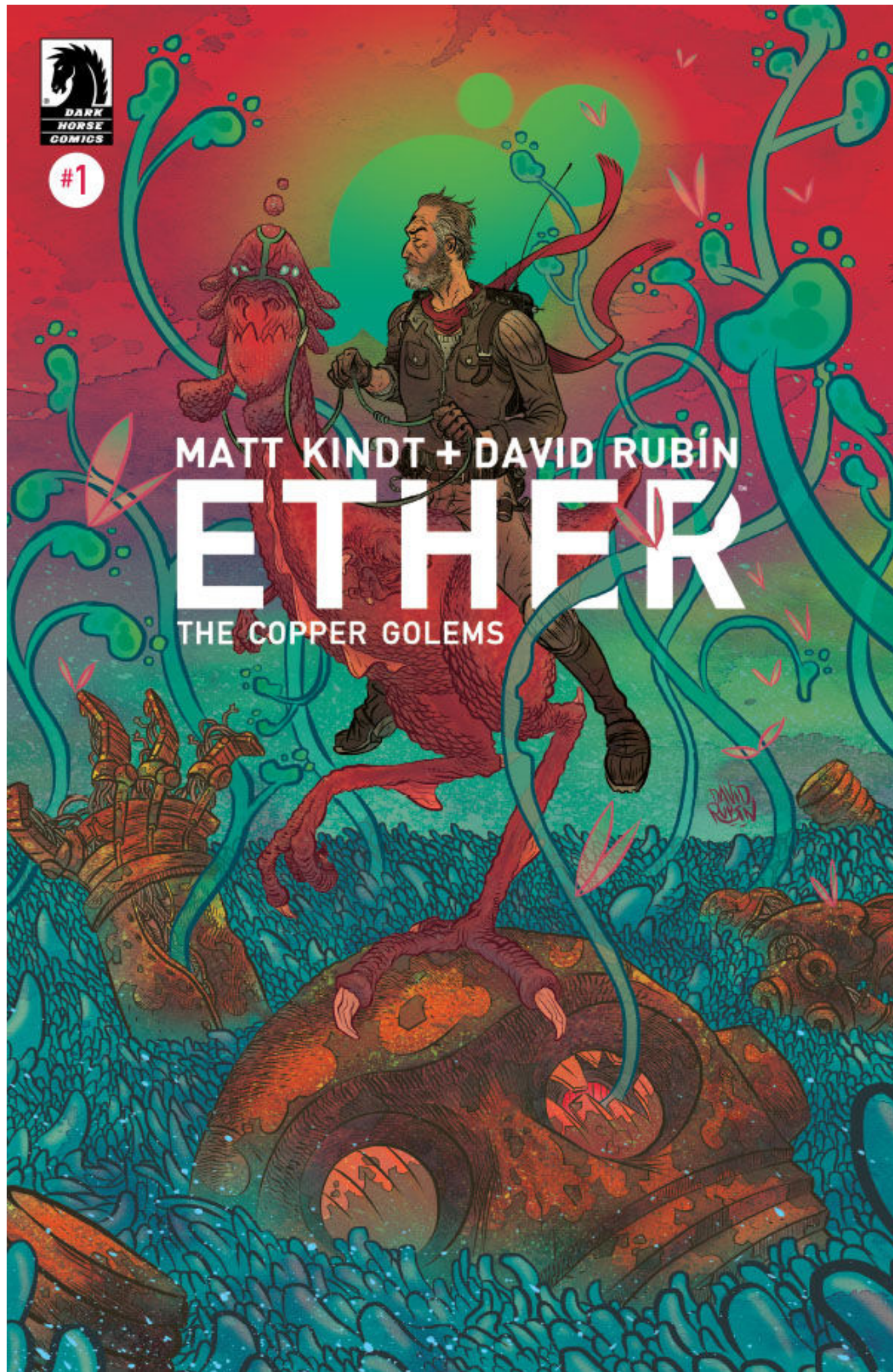


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# ETHER

THE COPPER GOLEMS





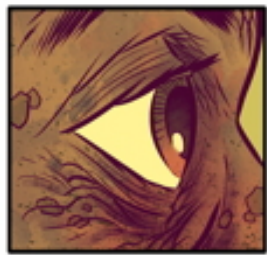
VENICE, ITALY.

NOW.

K-CLACK!

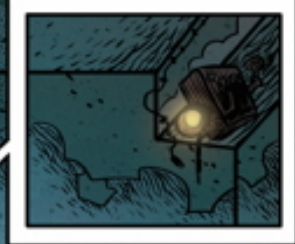
BOONE.  
COME ON.  
YOU BEEN  
BAILED  
OUT.





AGENT BOONE.  
MY NAME IS  
PERDUA.

I'M NOT  
AN AGENT  
ANYMORE.



WELL.

THE AGENCY  
CONSIDERS  
YOU ONE.

ANYWAY.

YOU  
SHOULD BE  
GRATEFUL.



THE POLIZIA  
HAD NO INTENTION  
OF RELEASING YOU  
ANY TIME SOON.

APPARENTLY  
YOU'VE BEEN  
STEALING FOOD  
FROM LOCAL  
RESTAURANTS  
FOR YEARS.







REGARDLESS.

THAT'S BEHIND YOU NOW.



THE AGENCY WILL BE FUNDING YOU FROM HERE ON OUT, SO YOU ARE NO LONGER DESTITUTE.

WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL OF THE RESOURCES YOU NEED, AND THEN SOME.



IN EXCHANGE, WE NEED YOU TO GO BACK. TO THE ETHER. THERE HAVE BEEN DANGEROUS BREACHES IN REALITY.

WE'VE FOUND EVIDENCE OF COPPER GOLEMS PUNCHING HOLES INTO OUR DIMENSION.



WE'RE AFRAID THAT TOXIC ELEMENTS OR... SOMETHING WORSE...MIGHT BE LEAKING AFTER THEM, AND WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO IT.

WE HAVE A MAP WHICH DETAILS WHERE THESE UNPRECEDENTED BREACHES HAVE OCCURRED.



I KNOW THIS ALREADY. WHAT DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN DOING THIS ENTIRE TIME? BUT THE ETHER... IT'S NOT A WALK IN THE PARK.

IT TAKES A TOLL. TIME FLOWS DIFFERENTLY THERE. EVERY DAY THERE IS MONTHS HERE. MONTHS TURN INTO YEARS.



IT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO DRIVE A LESSER MAN INSANE.



WE...KNOW THIS, MR. DIAS. TRUST ME...



OVER THE YEARS, THE AGENCY HAS LOST  
MANY VALUABLE AGENTS AND VOLUNTEERS.



#4: Jacques Balboa



#17: Valentine Dareburger



#32: Juan Zane



#36: Izzy Bird







