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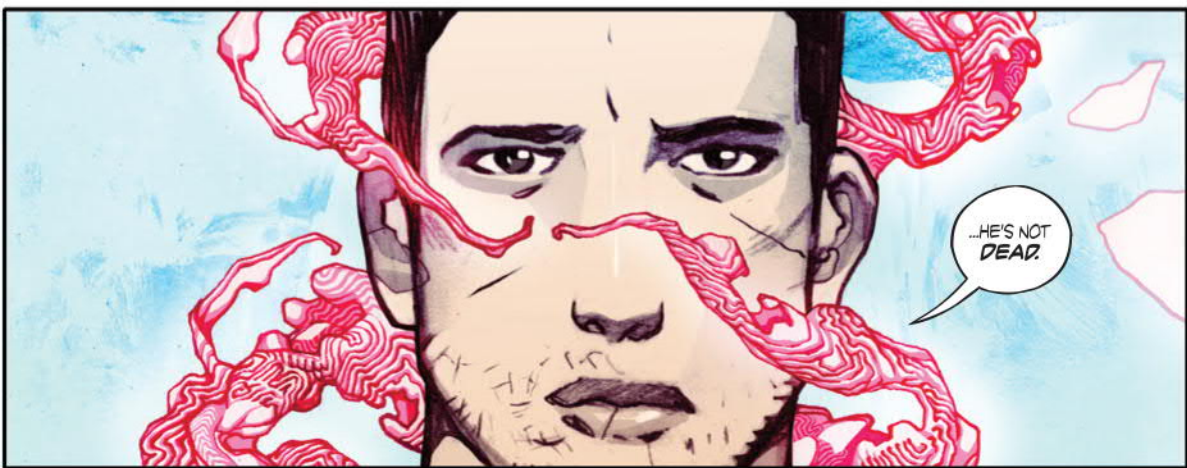
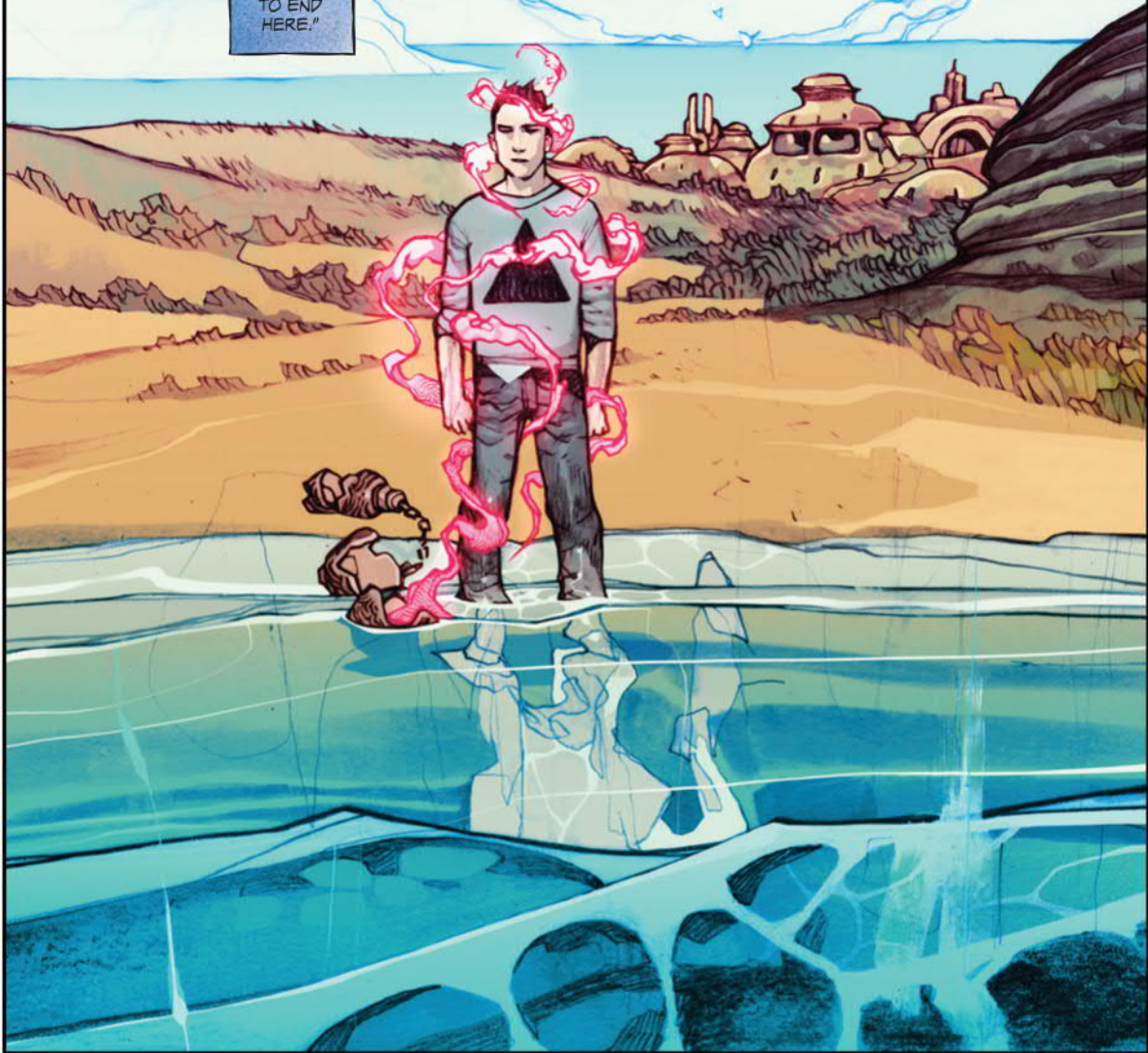


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EKTAE.  
THE SHORES  
OF TARN  
SMITHSEAT.

"IT WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO END  
HERE!"



...HE'S NOT  
DEAD.

"HOW?"

WEST NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY.  
FIVE BLESSINGS AGO.





...HEY, YOU'RE...

YOU HERE FOR THE BLESSING?

I AM, YEAH. WORK.

...CROSS-PORTAL WORK? WHAT DO YOU DO?

I...MANAGE INVESTMENTS FOR AN **AUGURY** FIRM. HANDLE SEPTENNIAL EARNINGS REPORTS FOR OUR HUMAN CLIENTS.



AUGURY? LIKE TELLING THE FUTURE? THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING.



HA. IT'S MUNDANE ON EKTAE.

FANTASY? WE CALL THAT **HISTORY**. I'M **C. JDORN**. YOU...DON'T HAVE SOMEWHERE TO BE?

SORRY, I'VE NEVER MET A **SIDHAN** BEFORE. JUST MOVED TO A PORTAL CITY. LIKE IN THE **FANTASY** BOOKS.



MORGAN.

AND THIS IS **JUST** WHERE I WANT TO BE.



I'M LOOKING TO GET **BLESSED**.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

HOURS LATER.



DAYS LATER.  
DAY SEVEN OF  
THE BLESSING.



YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, MORGAN? SEVEN YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO SPEND WITH ANYONE.

IT FEELS RIGHT, C. THIS WEEK HAS BEEN SOMETHING I NEVER EXPECTED. IT COULD BE MORE.

I DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THAT. SO, YEAH. LET'S GO TO EKTAE. SOMEONE HAS TO KEEP YOU LIMBER.

YEARS LATER.



HEY! LATE APPOINTMENTS?

I SHOULD HAVE LET YOU KNOW. INVESTMENT AUGURY ISN'T KNOWN FOR CONSIDERATE CLIENTS. THEY HAD ME CASTING STONES FOR HOURS.

YOU LOOK EXCITED. IT'S NOT FROM GRADING PAPERS.

C--THEY CALLED TODAY...WE DID IT. FINALLY!

WE FOUND A SURROGATE!

WE FOUND...I DON'T BELIEVE IT.



I NEVER THOUGHT IT COULD REALLY HAPPEN. BUT WE'RE DOING IT. FINALLY.

WE ARE! WE'RE HAVING A BABY.

NOW COMES THE FUN PART.





"THAT'S HOW I MET YOUR FATHERS, JORDAN."

"TWO MEN IN LOVE FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS."



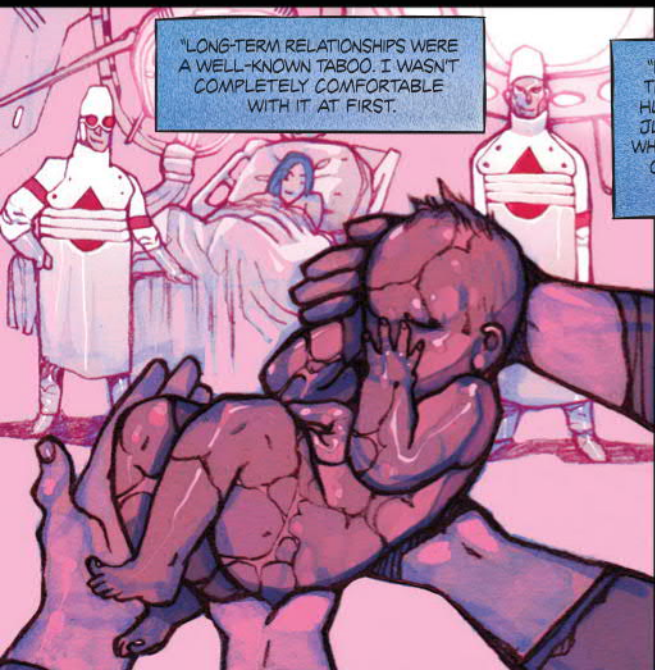
"LOOKING TO MAKE LIFE."

OH MY GOD, C.

LOOK AT HIM. I DON'T **DESERVE** SOMETHING THAT PERFECT.

YOU DO. **WE** DO.

"THEY STRUGGLED TO FIND A SURROGATE. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SIPHANS AND HUMANS WERENT AGAINST THE LAW, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM WERE FLINGS, HOOK-UPS, ONE NIGHT STANDS."



"LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS WERE A WELL-KNOWN TABOO. I WASN'T COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE WITH IT AT FIRST."

"BUT WHEN I MET THEM I DIDN'T SEE HUMAN AND SIPHAN. JUST TWO PEOPLE WHO WOULD WELCOME OUR CHILD INTO A LOVING HOME."

