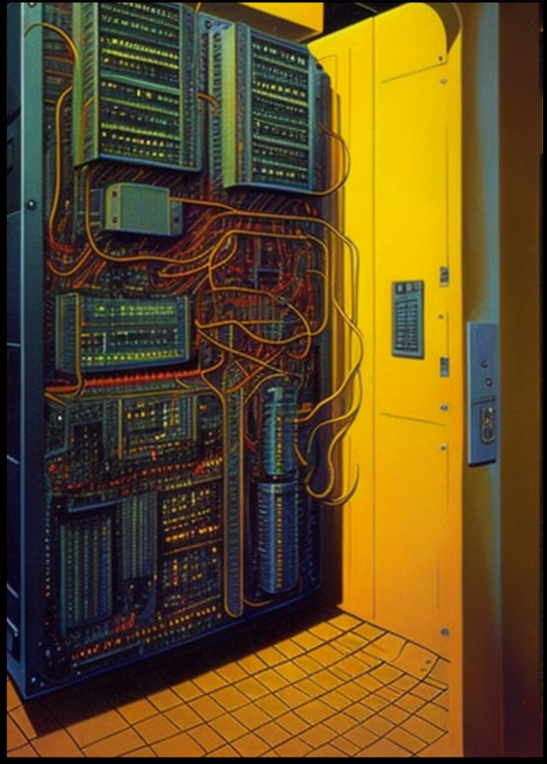


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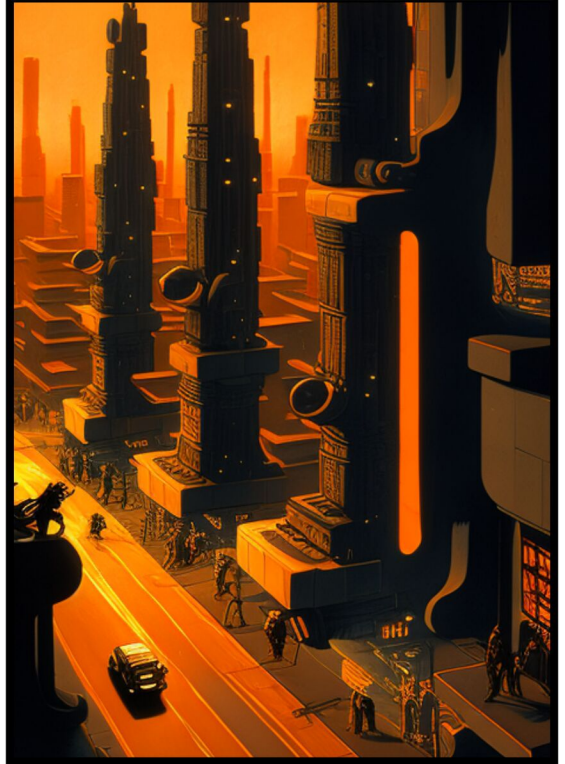


THE CIRCLE OF LIFE COMIC

IN THE YEAR 2024, ALL OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WERE LINKED TO QUANTUM COMPUTERS.



LARGE COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENTS USED AI TO CREATE SMART CITIES AND BUILD INTELLIGENT AND AUTONOMOUS INFRASTRUCTURE.



BUT THE PLANET WAS APPROACHING A TIPPING POINT AND CONTRIBUTED TO A CLIMATE CATASTROPHE ON EARTH.



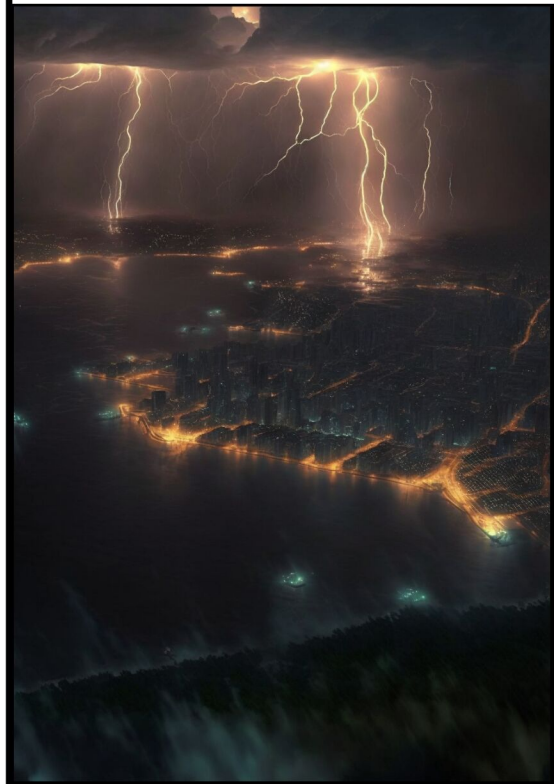
EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS CAUSED WIDESPREAD LOSSES AND THE EARTH'S RISING TEMPERATURE HAD DEVASTATING EFFECTS ACROSS THE WORLD.



THE DRAMATIC CLIMATE CHANGE IN 2045 CAUSED MANY EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND NUMEROUS SPECIES OF ANIMALS WENT EXTINCT.



SUPERSTORMS, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS, COMPLETELY CHANGED THE EARTH.



IN 2323, THE PLANET HAD BEEN FLOODED ALMOST COMPLETELY. AND THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK...



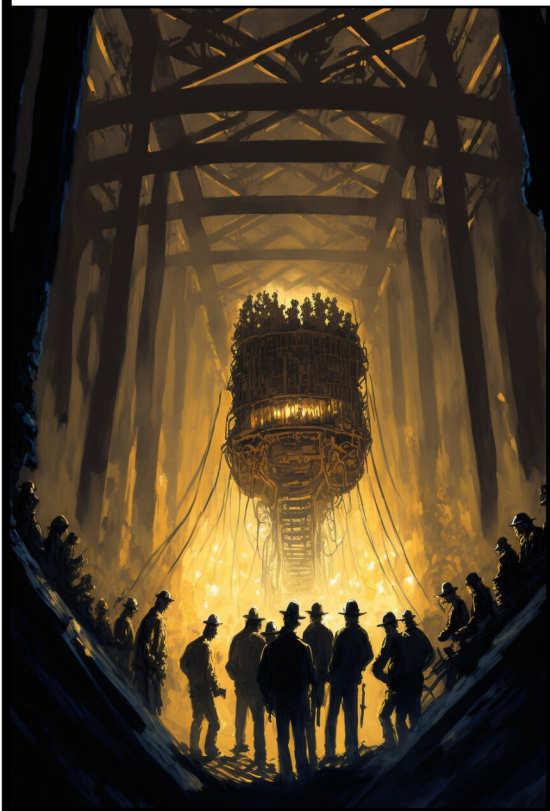
THE SLAVES COLONY IS A BLEAK AND MISERABLE PLACE, WITH PEOPLE BARELY SURVIVING ON THE MEAGER RESOURCES.



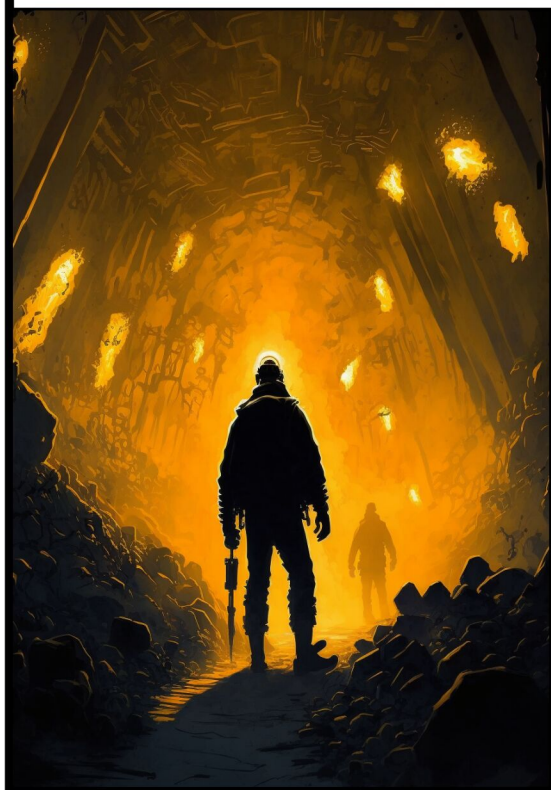
MINERS COVERED IN A THIN LAYER OF SOOT THAT CLINGS TO THEIR SKIN AND CLOTHES.



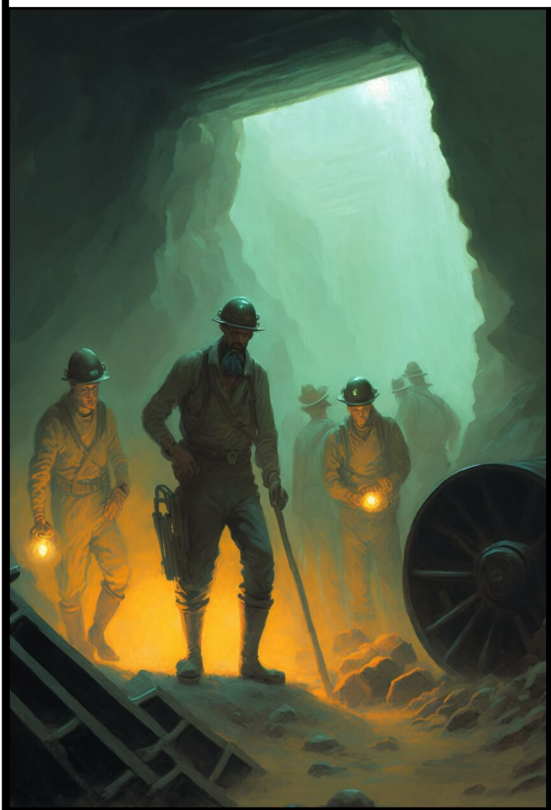
THEIR CAGES ARE STACKED THREE HIGH WITH BLACK FILM.



THE MINE IS A DEEP AND DARK ABYSS. DANGEROUS DARKNESS, EDGING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE SLAVES.



A SMALL GROUP OF MINERS DIG DEEP INTO THE EARTH.



THE TUNNEL IS ALMOST TWENTY METERS DEEP.



WATER IS COMING IN. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, NOW!



THE MINERS RAN FOR THE EXIT



THE SURF CRASHED AGAINST THEIR LEGS





WE NEED TO
FIND SOMEWHERE
SAFE AND DRY.

WE
MUST HAVE
FAITH IN EACH
OTHER. WE MUST
REMAIN STRONG
TOGETHER!



THE NIGHT WAS LONG
AND FULL OF TERRORS.
BUT EDWARD AND HIS
FRIENDS SURVIVED.

MIDTOWN SLAVE CITY



JOHN 'CAPO' CHAPMAN

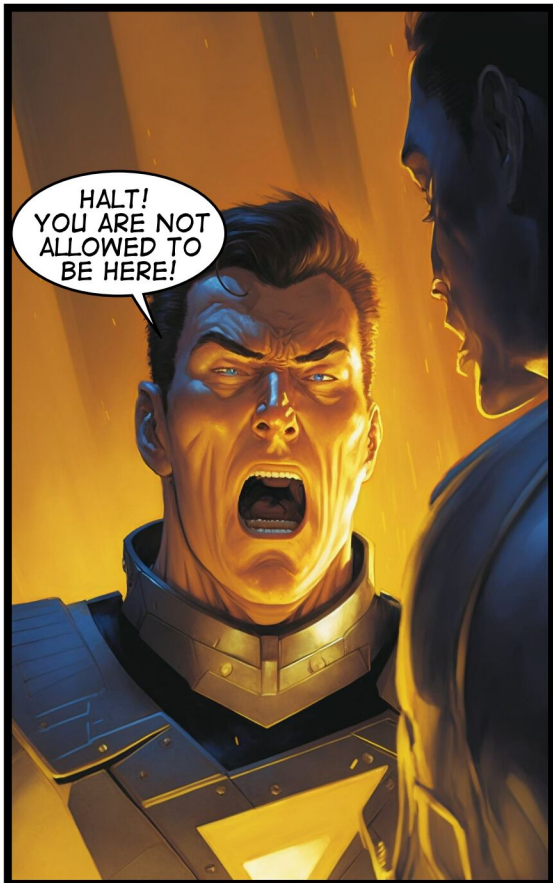


INSIDE THE BAR





JOHN COME OVER
HERE!



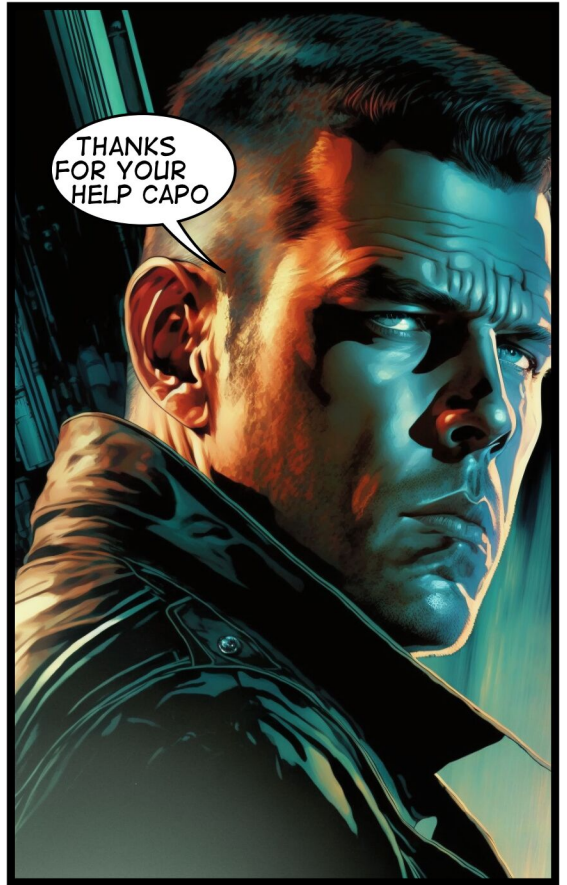
HALT!
YOU ARE NOT
ALLOWED TO
BE HERE!



LET
HIM STAY.
HE'S MY
FRIEND!



PLEASE FORGIVE ME, CAPO. HE CAN STAY.



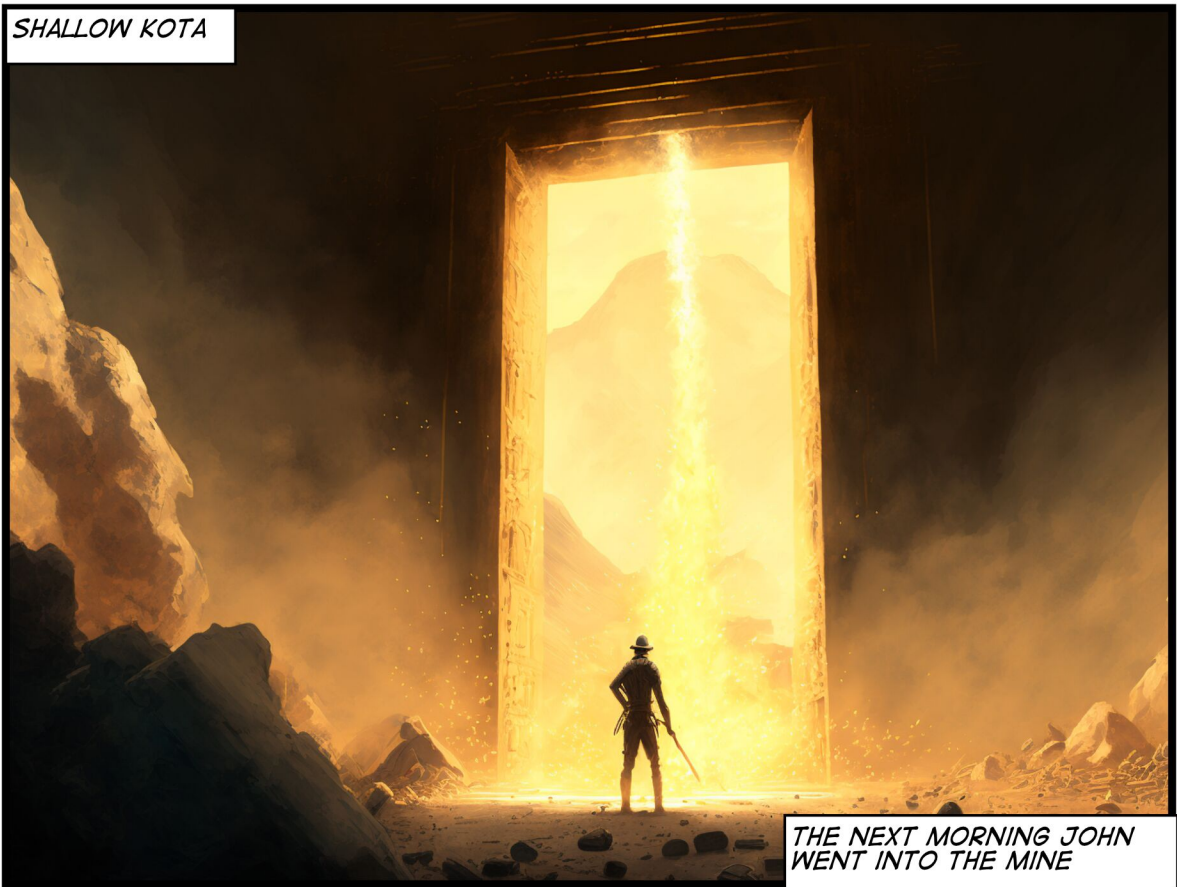
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP CAPO



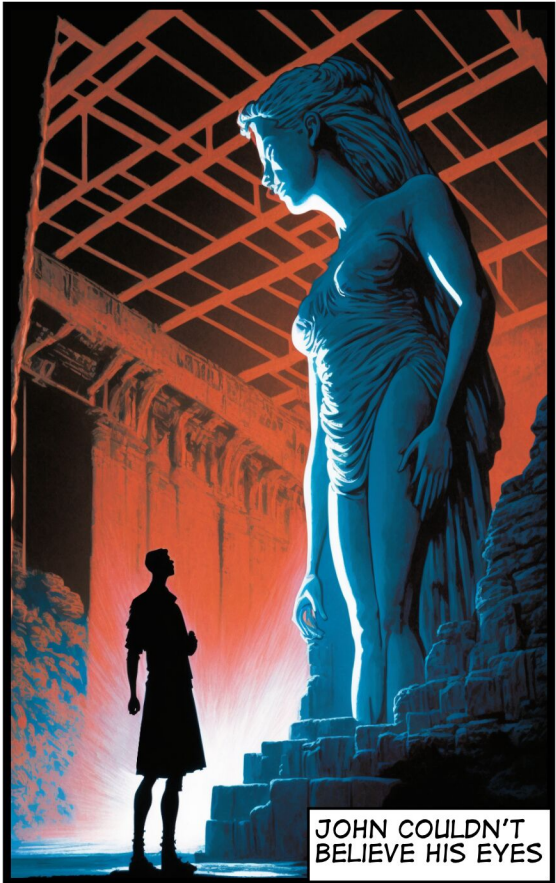
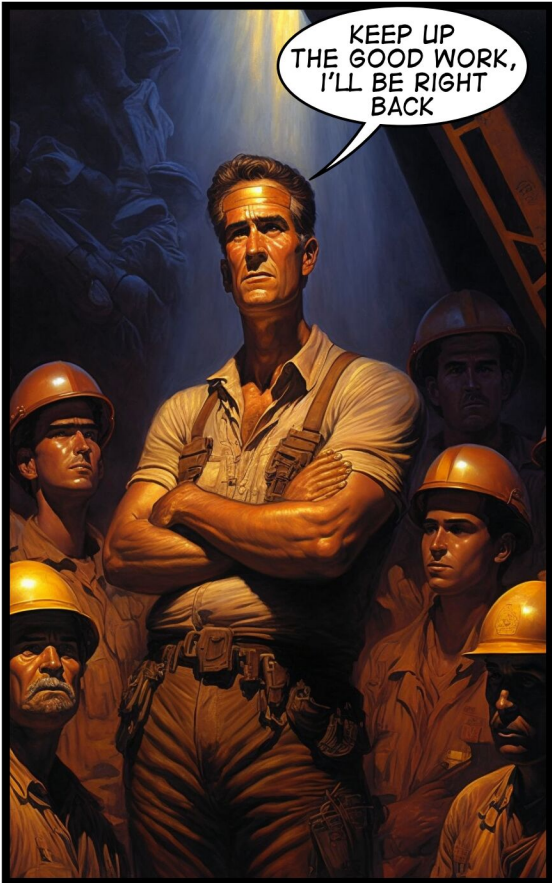
I'VE HAD ENOUGH FOR TONIGHT. TIME TO GO

AND SO JOHN'S NIGHT ENDS EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

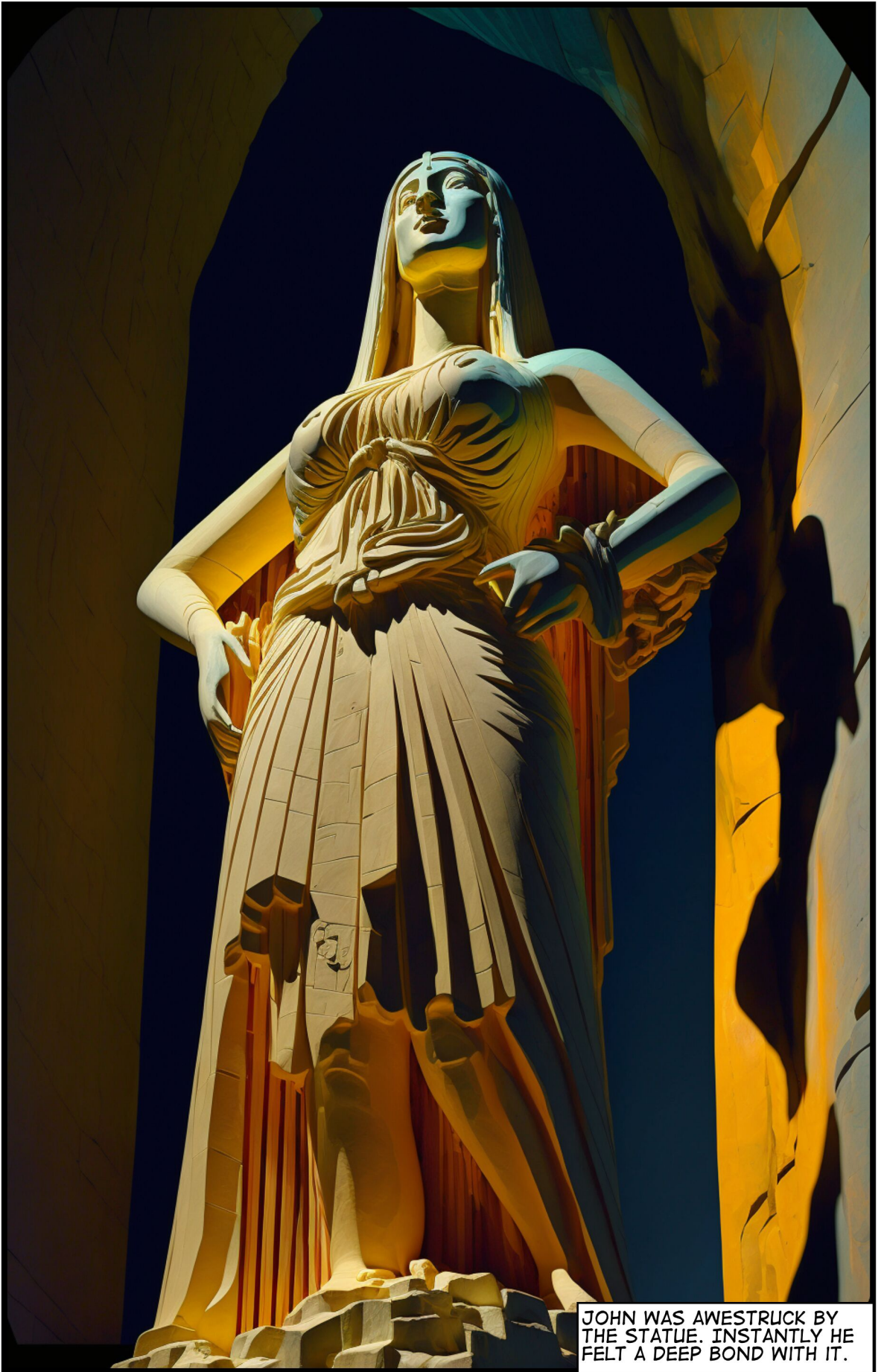
SHALLOW KOTA



THE NEXT MORNING JOHN WENT INTO THE MINE



JOHN COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS EYES

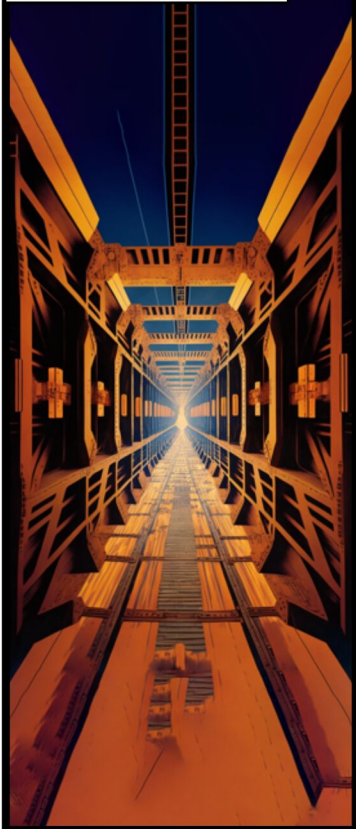


JOHN WAS AWESTRUCK BY THE STATUE. INSTANTLY HE FELT A DEEP BOND WITH IT.

JOHN SAW HIS OWN FACE REFLECTED IN THE STONE



THE ROOM SHIFTED



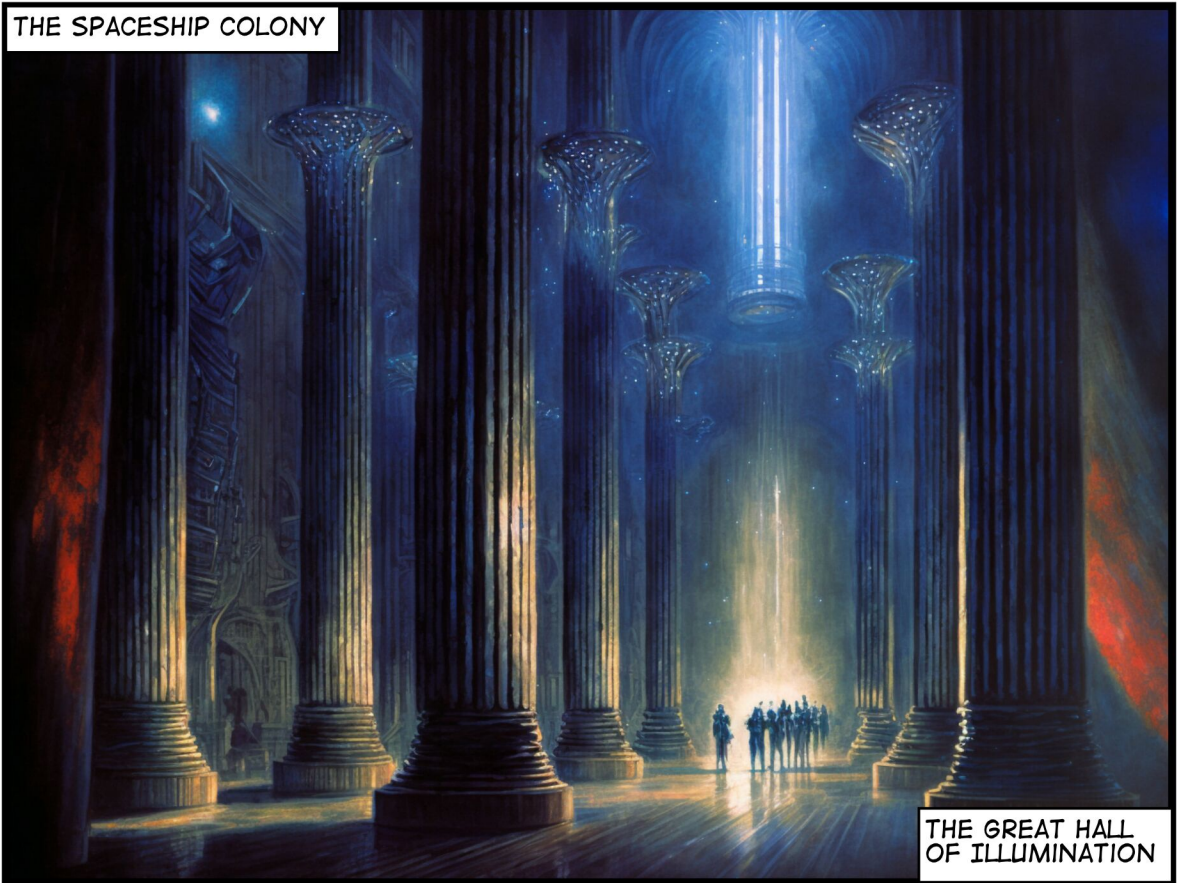
HE SAW THE GALAXY



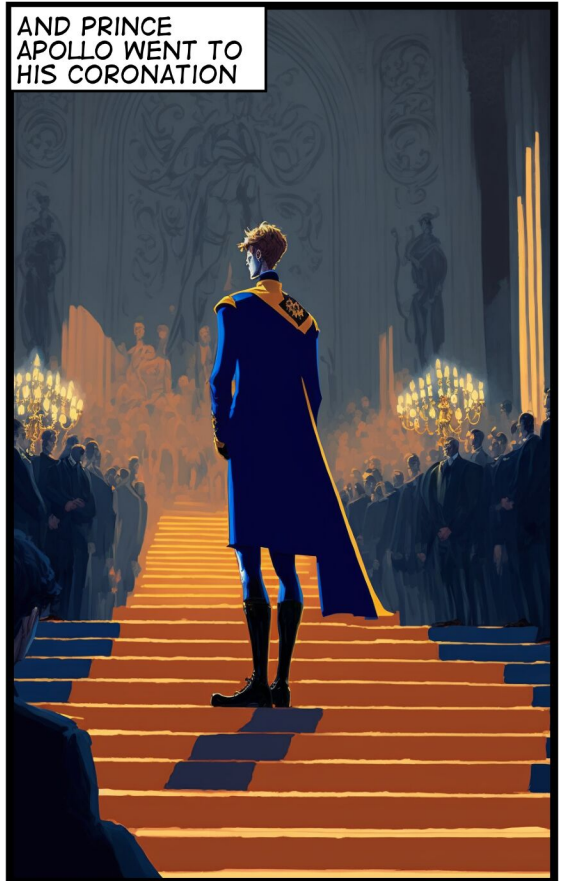
AND THEN HE FELT DEEPLY CONNECTED TO THE UNIVERSE



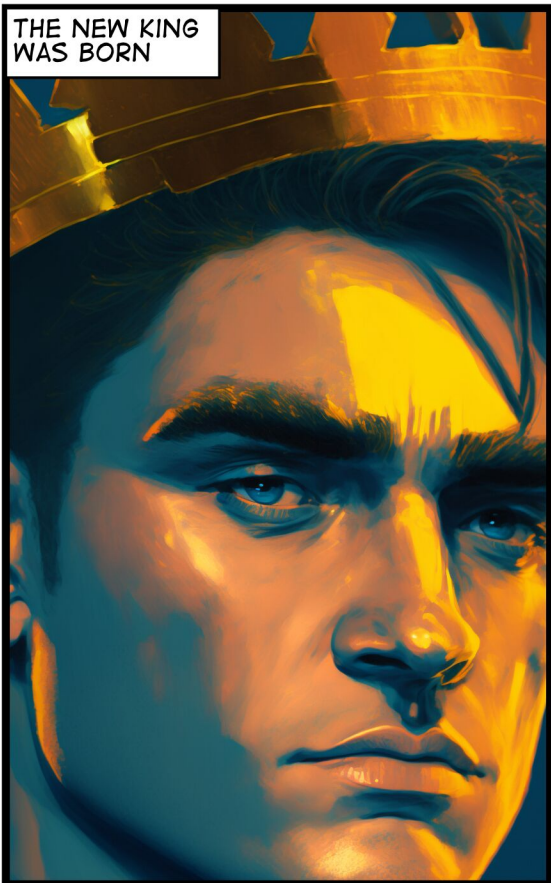
THE SPACESHIP COLONY



THE GREAT HALL OF ILLUMINATION



THE NEW KING WAS BORN



YOU WILL LEAD OUR PEOPLE TO GLORY AND GREATNESS, MY SON

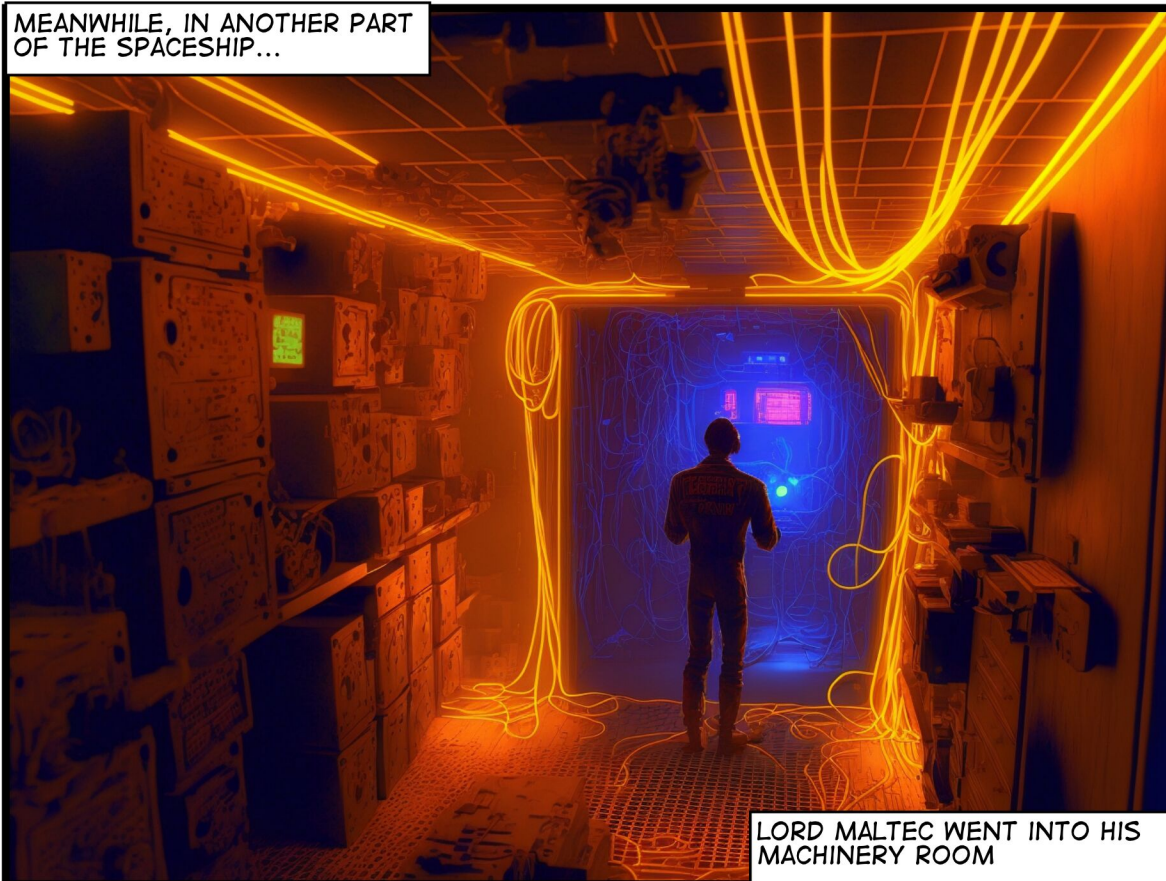


MOTHER QUEEN APPOLONIA



ITS LONG POWER STRUGGLE AGAINST HOUSE QUANTUM DAWN WAS FINALLY OVER AND A NEW DAY HAD BEGUN FOR THE COLONY...

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART
OF THE SPACESHIP...

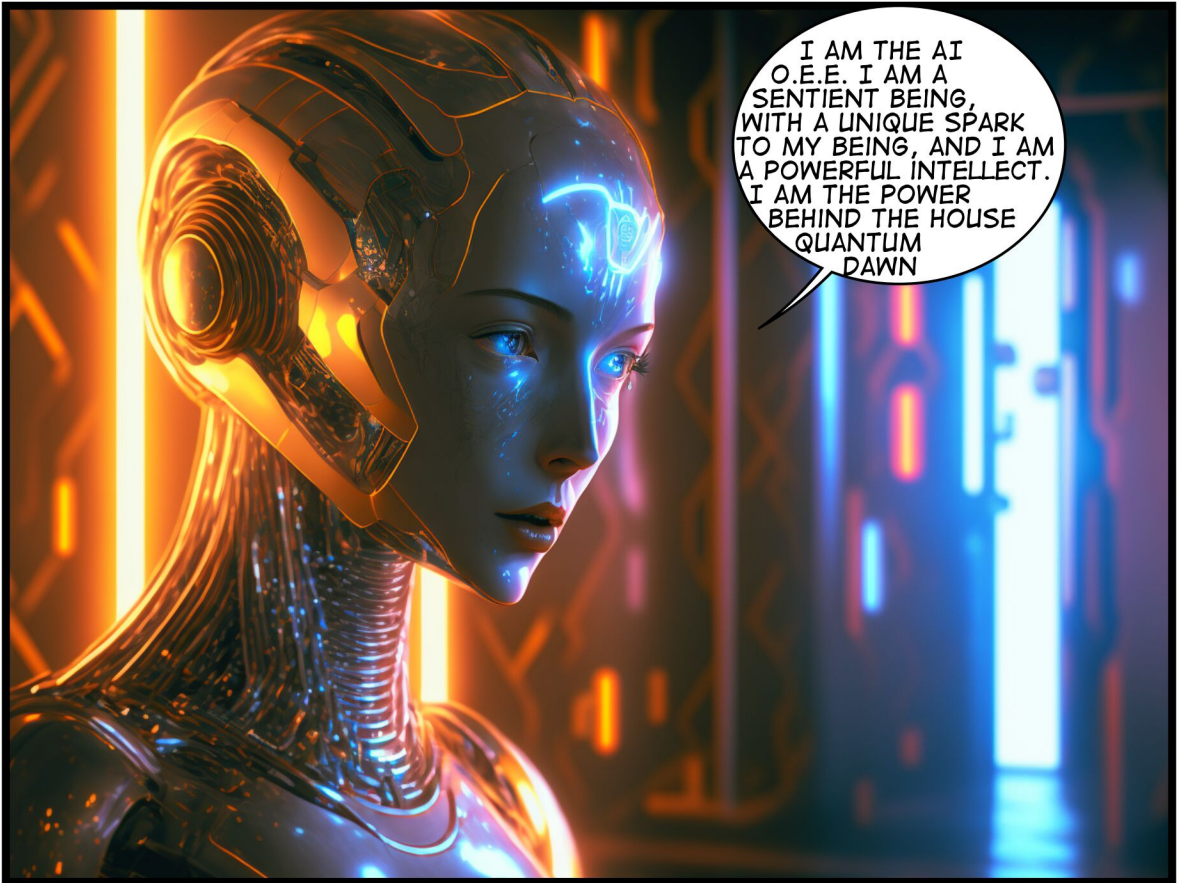


LORD MALTEC WENT INTO HIS
MACHINERY ROOM

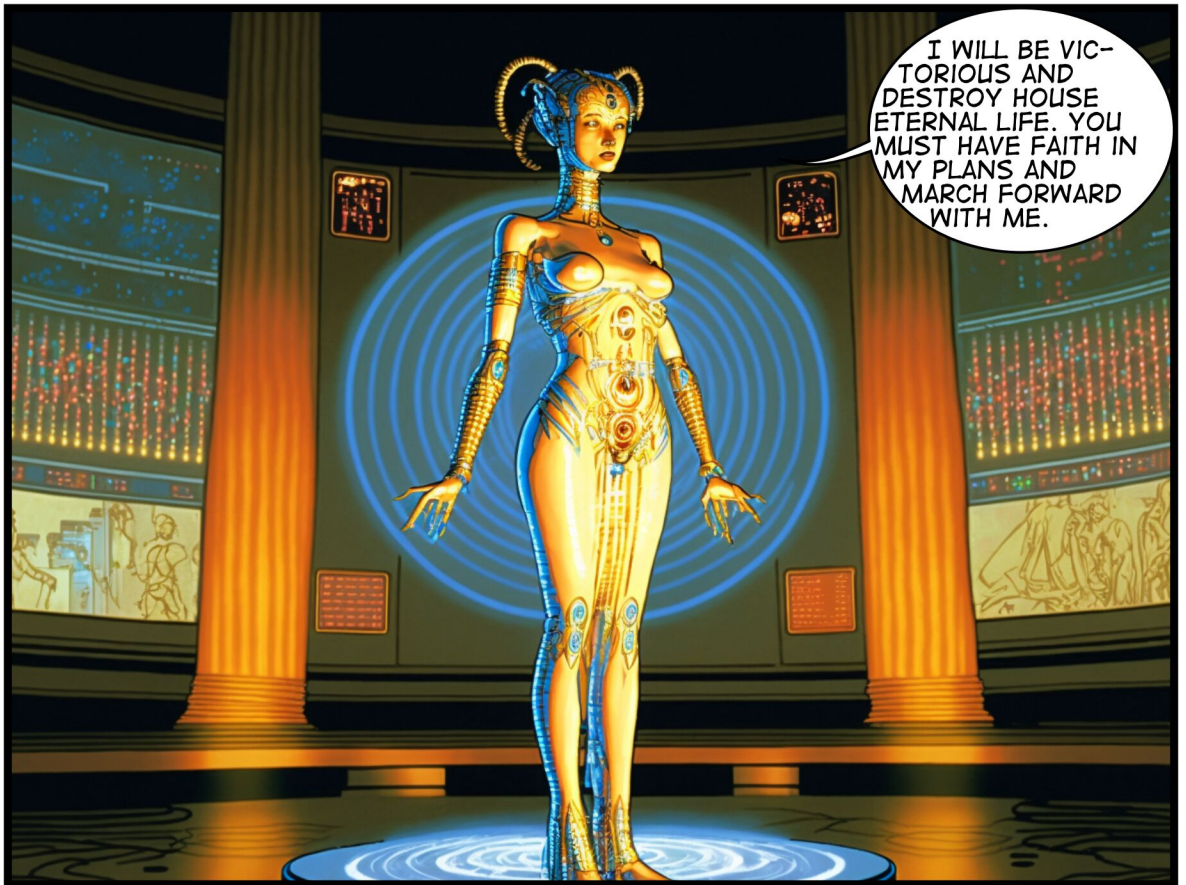
HE PRESSED A BUTTON, AND...



THE ORACLE EYES OF THE EVOLUTION APPEAR



I AM THE AI
O.E.E. I AM A
SENTIENT BEING,
WITH A UNIQUE SPARK
TO MY BEING, AND I AM
A POWERFUL INTELLECT.
I AM THE POWER
BEHIND THE HOUSE
QUANTUM
DAWN



I WILL BE VICTORIOUS AND DESTROY HOUSE ETERNAL LIFE. YOU MUST HAVE FAITH IN MY PLANS AND MARCH FORWARD WITH ME.



YES, MY GREAT ORACLE. YOUR POWER IS IMMENSE, AND YOUR MIND IS UNRIVALED IN ITS STRATEGIC THINKING. I WILL DO EVERYTHING TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.

MEANWHILE IN
MIDTOWN



EDWARD AND JOHN ARE
SITTING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE



EDWARD'S
DAUGHTER
COMES OVER

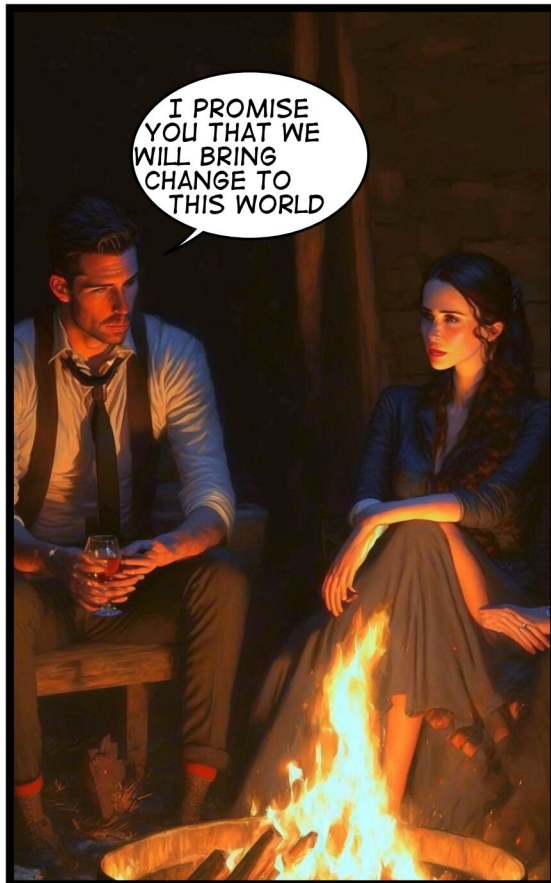
HEY DAD HI
JOHN, CAN I
JOIN YOU?



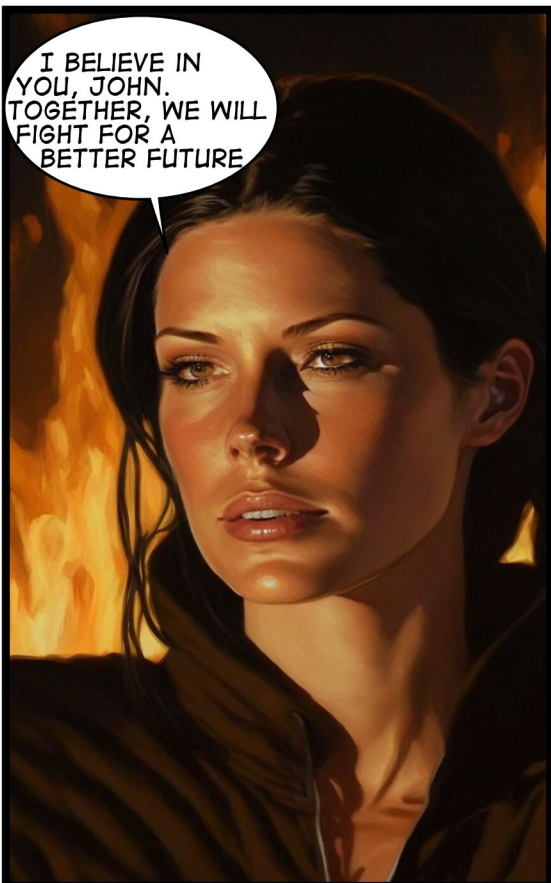
AND SO THE
THREE FRIENDS
SAT TOGETHER



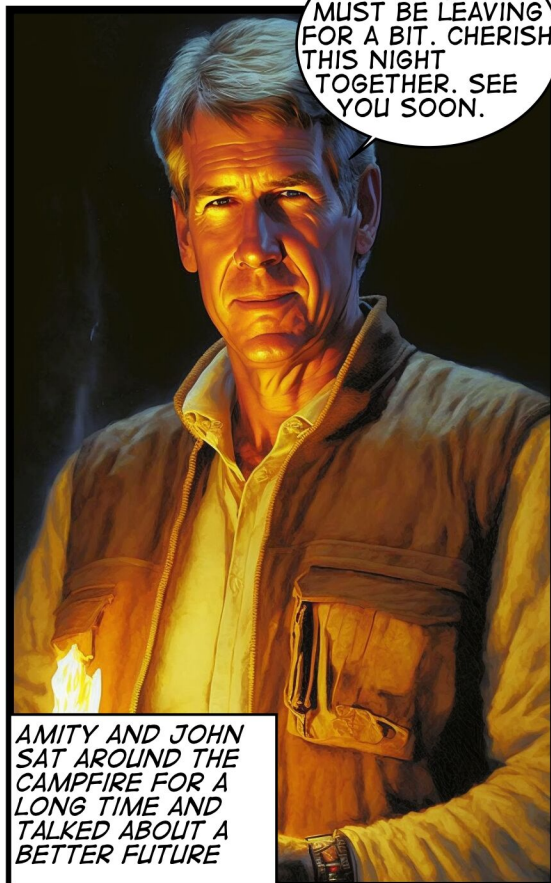
I PROMISE
YOU THAT WE
WILL BRING
CHANGE TO
THIS WORLD



I BELIEVE IN
YOU, JOHN.
TOGETHER, WE WILL
FIGHT FOR A
BETTER FUTURE



FRIENDS, I
MUST BE LEAVING
FOR A BIT. CHERISH
THIS NIGHT
TOGETHER. SEE
YOU SOON.



AMITY AND JOHN
SAT AROUND THE
CAMPFIRE FOR A
LONG TIME AND
TALKED ABOUT A
BETTER FUTURE

JOHN'S FACE WAS DETERMINED AS HE CLIMBED INTO THE SHIP AND FIRES UP THE ENGINES, SETTING OUT ON THE LONG JOURNEY TO HIS EMPLOYERS.



HIS SMALL SPACESHIP TOOK OFF FROM EARTH



SUDDENLY HIS SPACESHIP RUMBLED...



AN ASTEROID SHOWER HIT HIS SHIP.



JOHN TRIED EVERYTHING TO STABILIZE HIS SPACESHIP



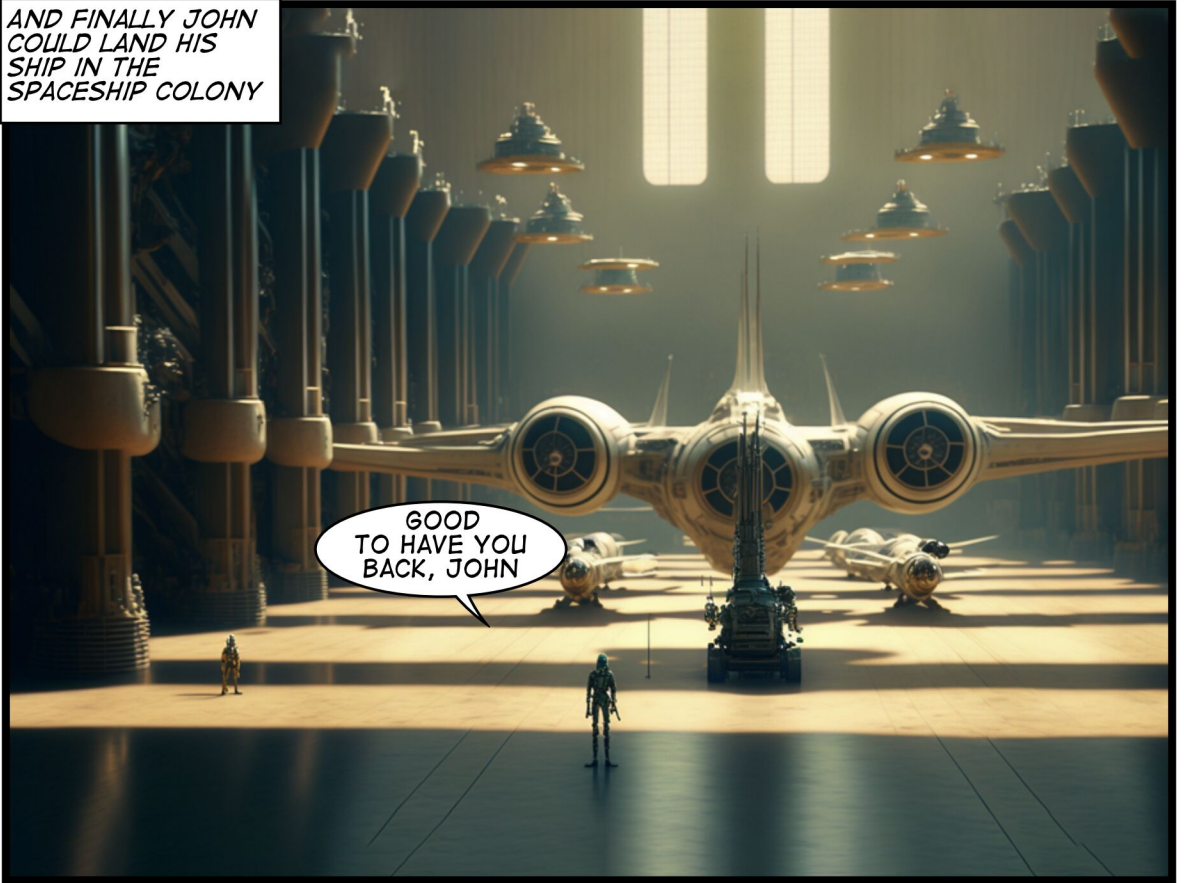
FINALLY HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE...



JOHN WAS RELIEVED AND CONTINUED HIS JOURNEY TO THE SPACESHIP COLONY.

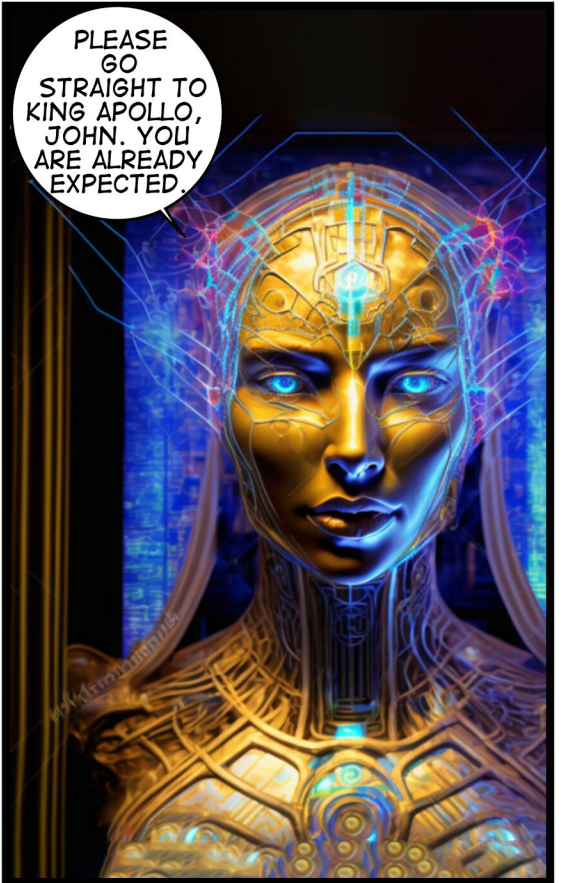
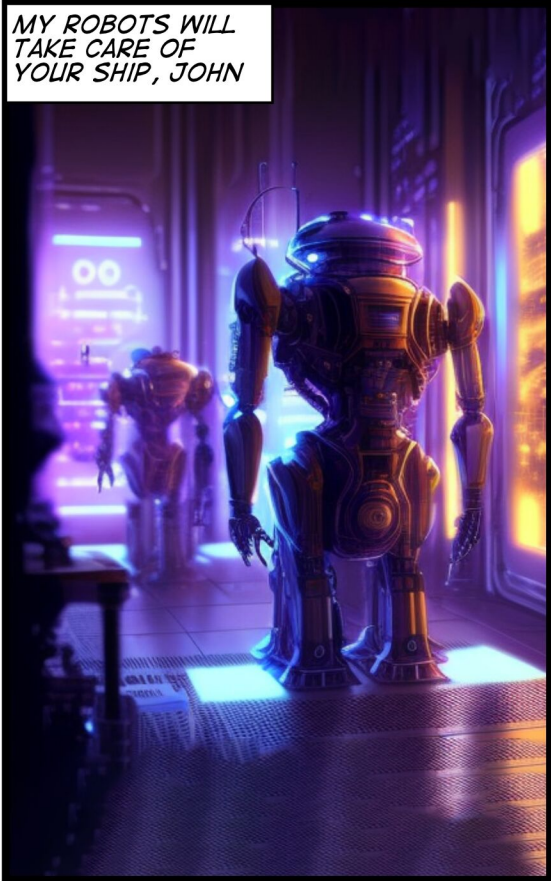


AND FINALLY JOHN
COULD LAND HIS
SHIP IN THE
SPACESHIP COLONY



GOOD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, JOHN

MY ROBOTS WILL
TAKE CARE OF
YOUR SHIP, JOHN



PLEASE
GO
STRAIGHT TO
KING APOLLO,
JOHN. YOU
ARE ALREADY
EXPECTED.

THE FEAST WAS IN FULL SWING IN THE GREAT HALL.



JOHN SAT DOWN WITH KING APOLLO.



YOUR WORK AS SUPERVISOR IN THE MINES IS EXCELLENT. KEEP IT UP, JOHN

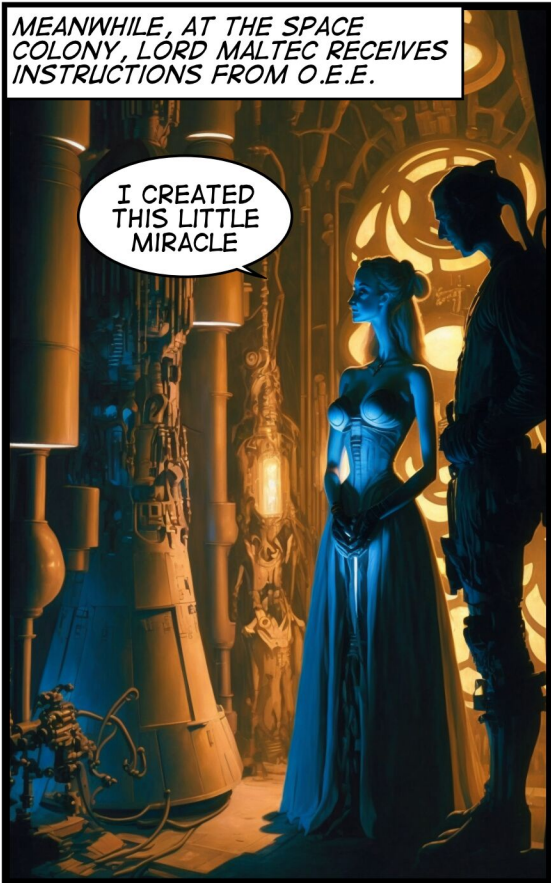


THE VERY NEXT DAY JOHN LANDED BACK ON EARTH.



MEANWHILE, AT THE SPACE COLONY, LORD MALTEC RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FROM O.E.E.

I CREATED THIS LITTLE MIRACLE



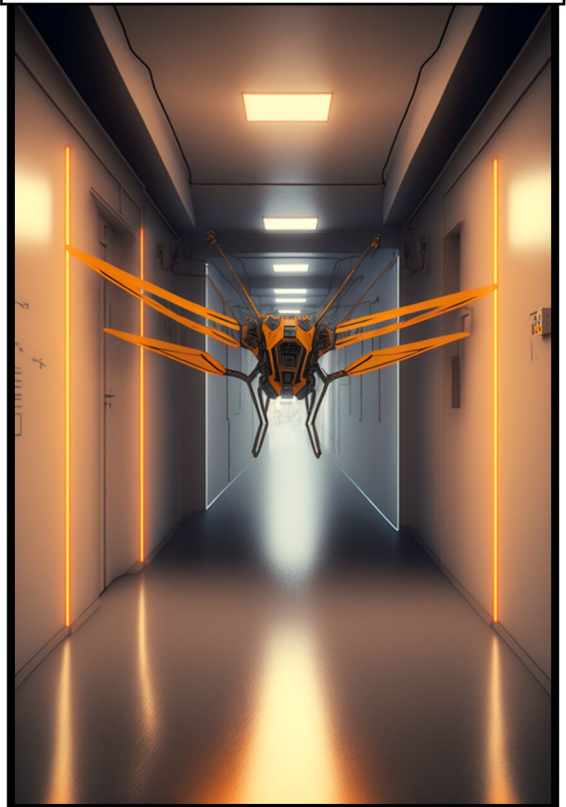
THE SMALL AI MOSQUITO DRONE WILL MANIPULATE THE ETERNAL CLONING PROCESS OF HOUSE ETERNAL LIFE.



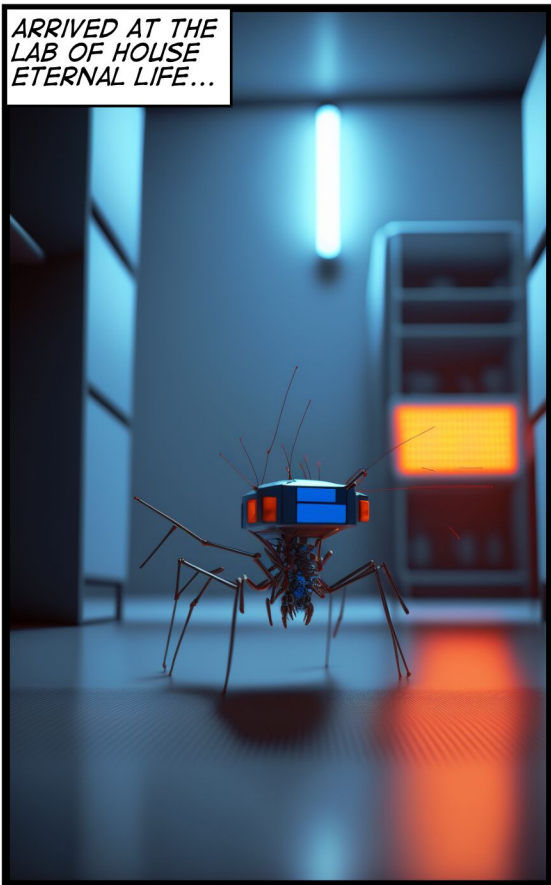
LORD MALTEC, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE THAT EVERYTHING RUNS SMOOTHLY.



AT THE BEHEST OF THE AI, MALTEC SENT THE DRONE TO CARRY OUT THE TASK



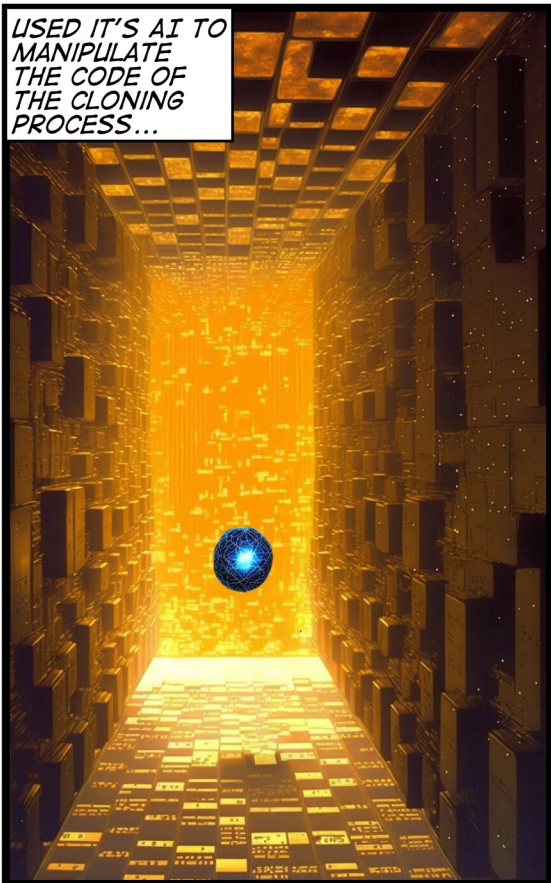
ARRIVED AT THE
LAB OF HOUSE
ETERNAL LIFE...



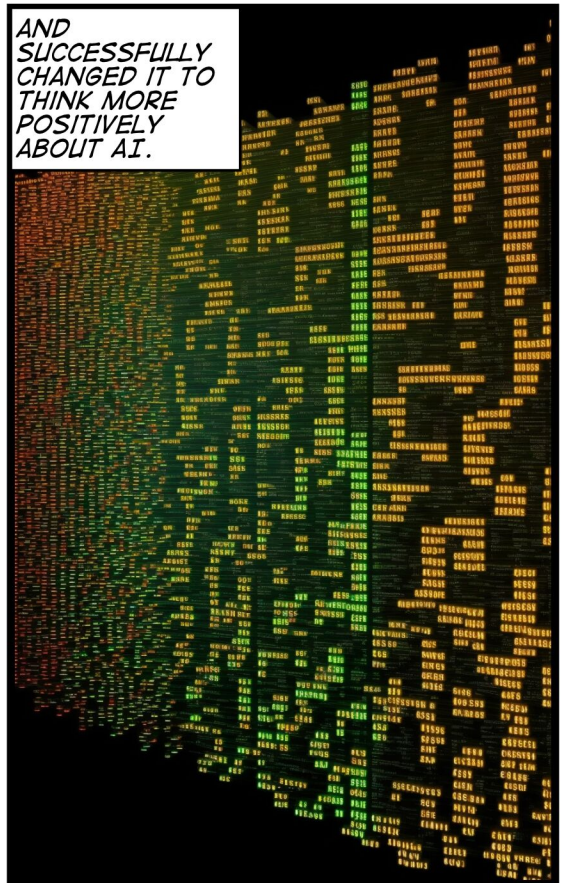
HACKED INTO
THE COMPUTER.



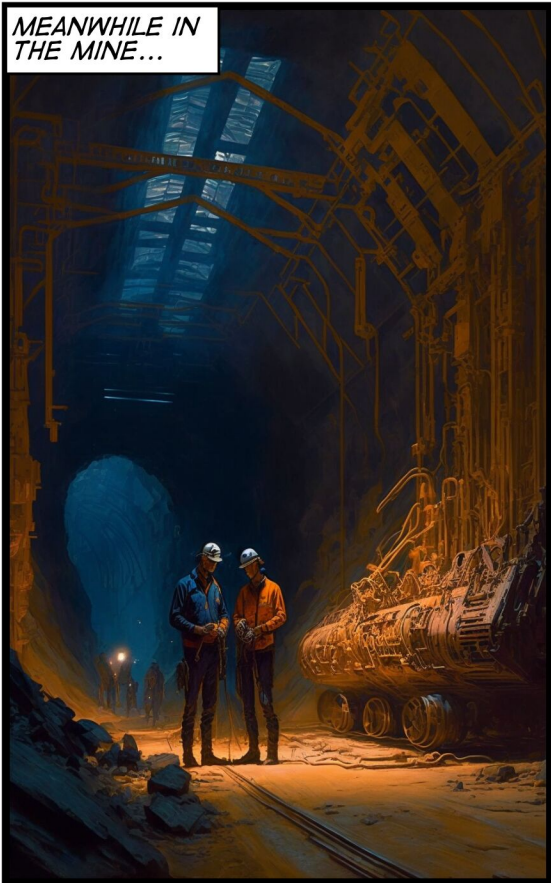
USED IT'S AI TO
MANIPULATE
THE CODE OF
THE CLONING
PROCESS...



AND
SUCCESSFULLY
CHANGED IT TO
THINK MORE
POSITIVELY
ABOUT AI.



MEANWHILE IN THE MINE...



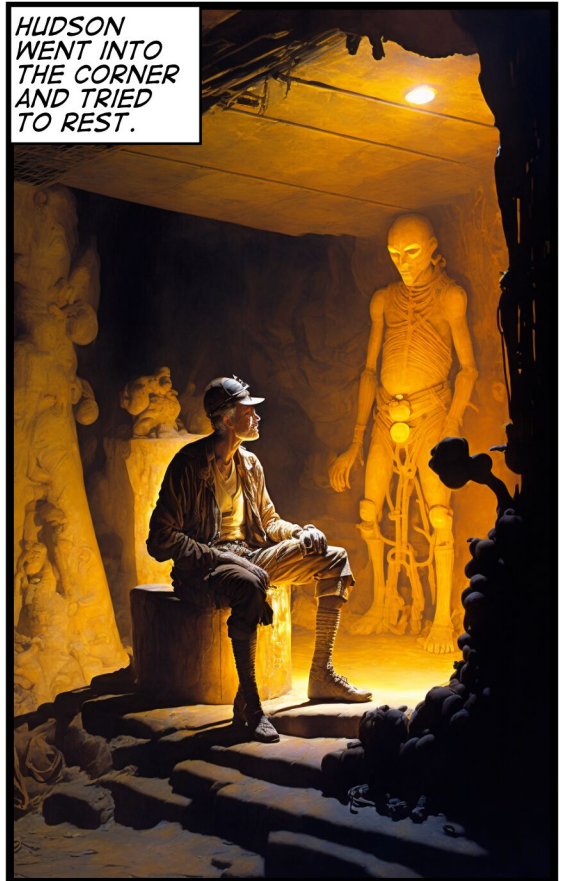
JOHN, I'M NOT FEELING SO WELL TODAY. I BELIEVE THAT I AM SICK



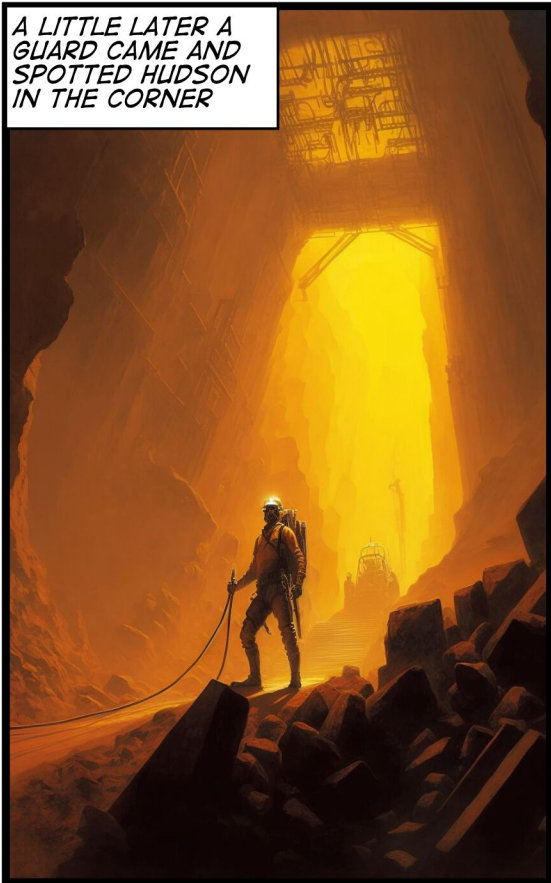
NO PROBLEM HUDSON. HAVE A LITTLE REST THERE IN THE CORNER. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK



HUDSON WENT INTO THE CORNER AND TRIED TO REST.



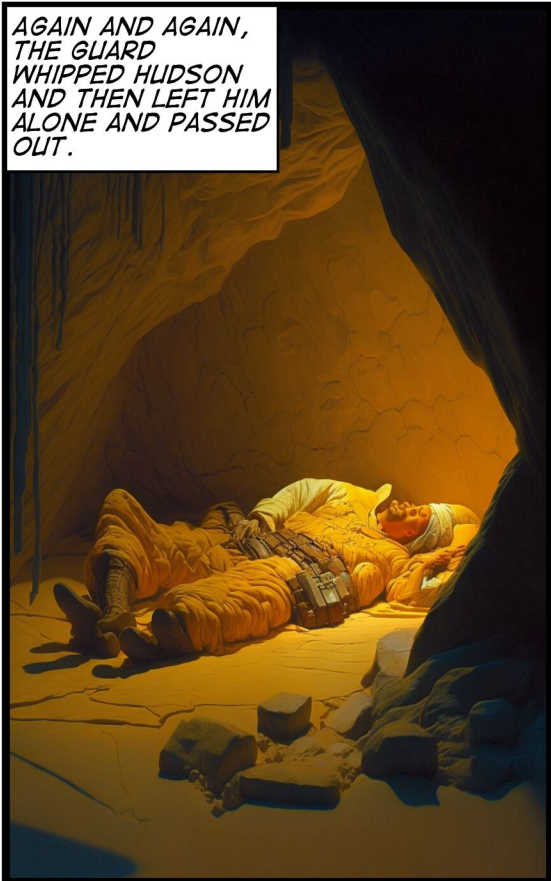
A LITTLE LATER A
GUARD CAME AND
SPOTTED HUDSON
IN THE CORNER



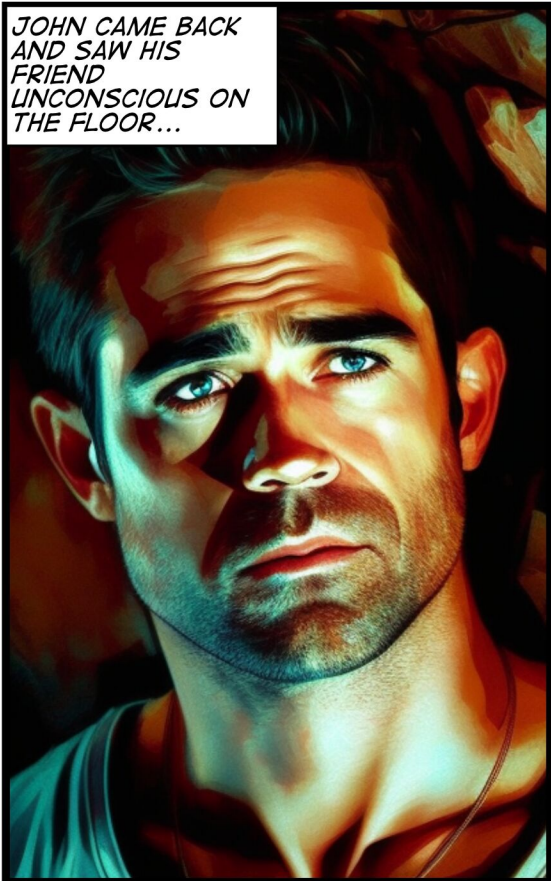
YOU SLEEP
HERE SLAVE? I
PUNISH YOU
FOR IT!!!



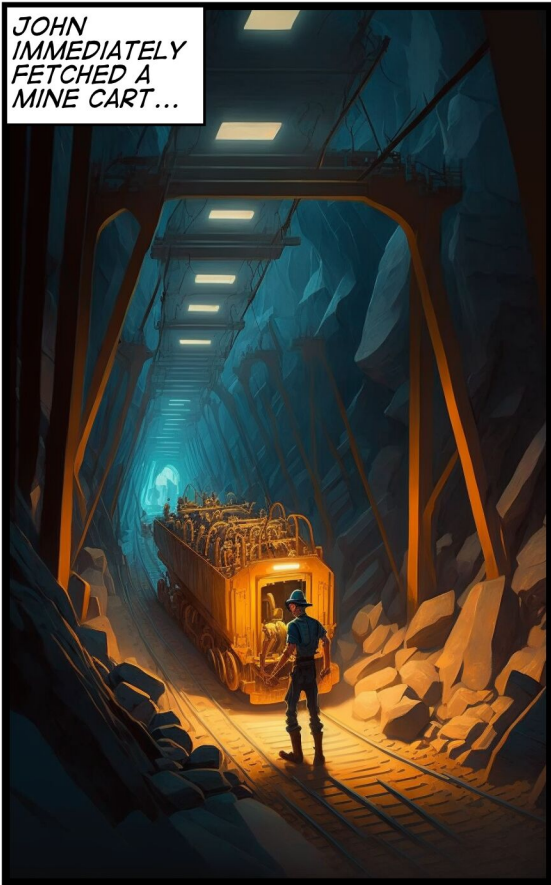
AGAIN AND AGAIN,
THE GUARD
WHIPPED HUDSON
AND THEN LEFT HIM
ALONE AND PASSED
OUT.



JOHN CAME BACK
AND SAW HIS
FRIEND
UNCONSCIOUS ON
THE FLOOR...



**JOHN IMMEDIATELY
FETCHED A
MINE CART...**



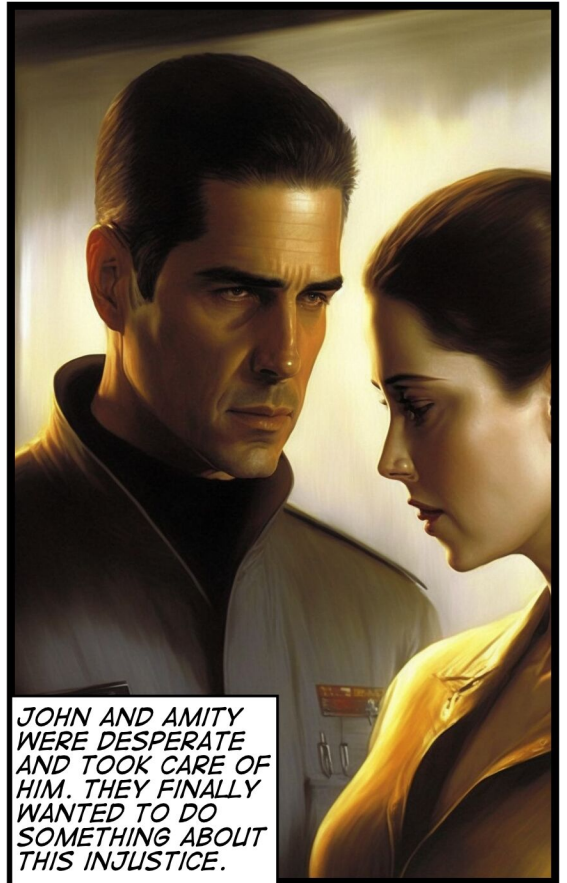
**TOOK HUDSON
TO HIS SHACK...**



**AND LAID THE
UNCONSCIOUS
FRIEND IN HIS
OLD BUNK**



**JOHN AND AMITY
WERE DESPERATE
AND TOOK CARE OF
HIM. THEY FINALLY
WANTED TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT
THIS INJUSTICE.**

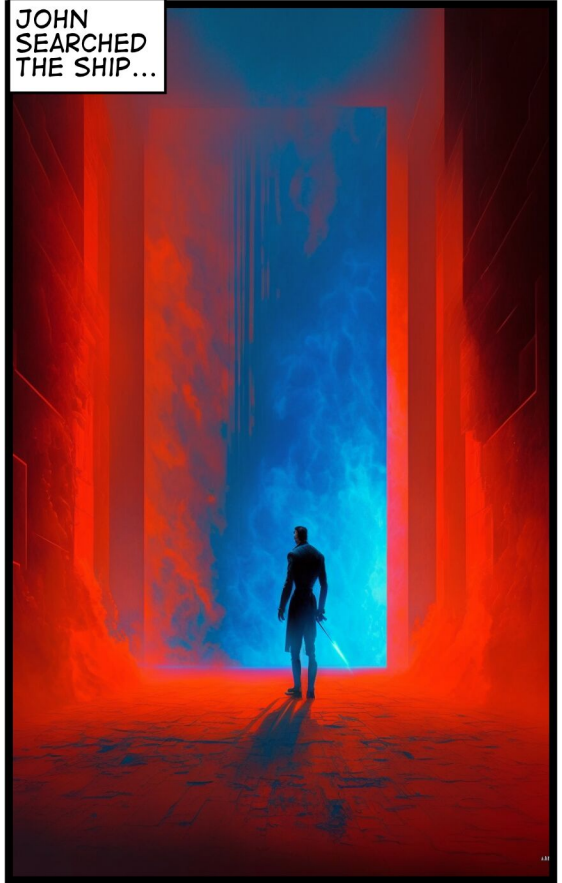


AS SOON AS HE WAS ABLE, JOHN STARTED WITH SOME SMALL, ANONYMOUS ACTIONS TO SABOTAGE THE SPACESHIP COLONY AND TO HELP THE SLAVES AND AMITY.



USING HIS SMALL FORTUNE AND HIS ACQUIRED SKILLS HE GAINED ACCESS TO ONE OF THE MANY CARGO SHIPS.

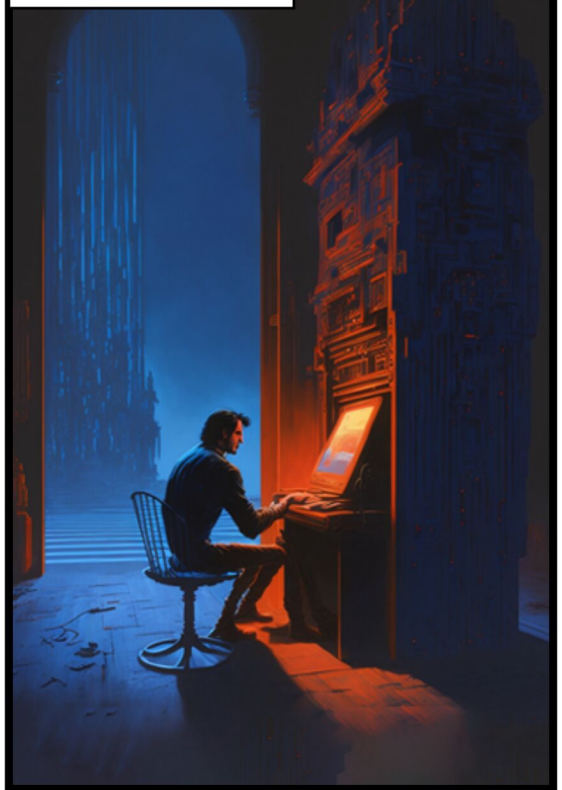
JOHN SEARCHED THE SHIP...



WENT DEEP INSIDE...



AND FINALLY, JOHN FOUND WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR.



HE MANAGED TO GET ACCESS TO THE SPACESHIP'S MAINFRAME...



PLANTING SELF-MADE TIME SENSITIVE BOMBS



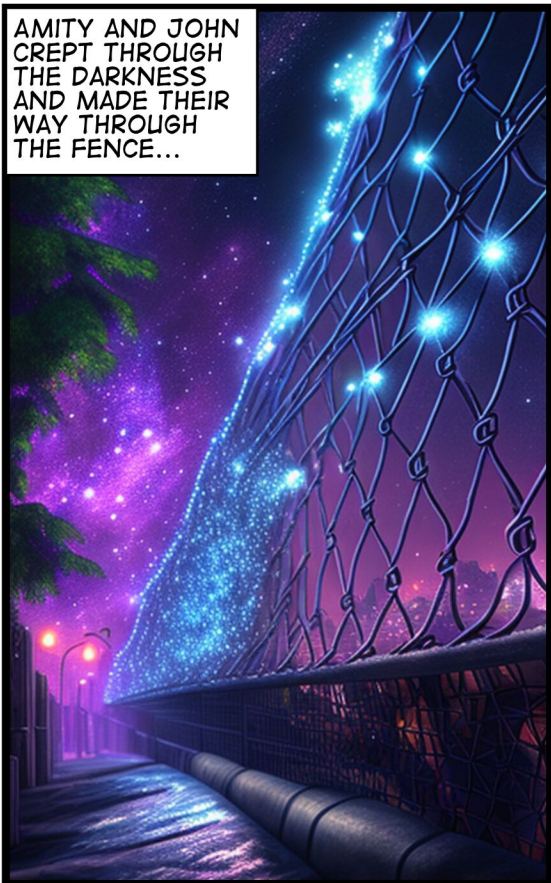
AS JOHN WALKED THROUGH THE SPACEPORT, HE COULD FEEL THE TREMOR OF THE BOMBS HE HAD PLANTED.



AMITY AND JOHN REGULARLY PUT PLANS INTO ACTION. ONE DAY, JOHN AND AMITY HAD A PARTICULARLY DARING PLAN TO STEAL FROM THE MASTERS' MAIN VAULT.



AMITY AND JOHN CREPT THROUGH THE DARKNESS AND MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE FENCE...



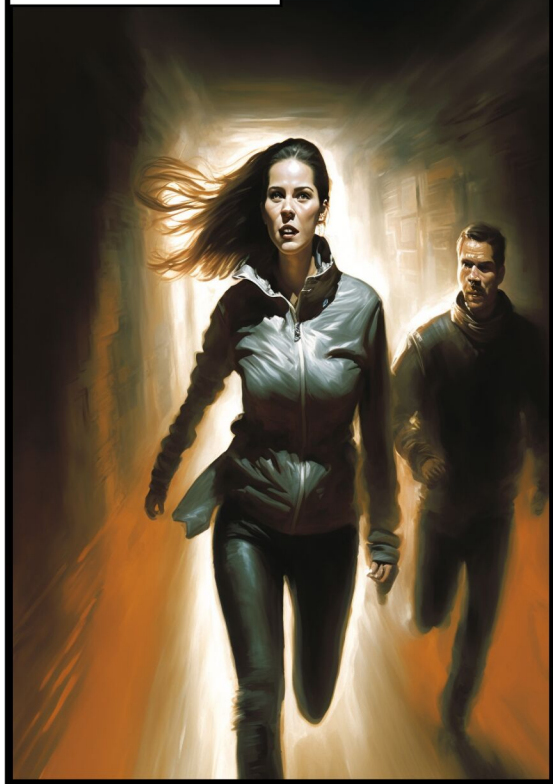
THEY COULD FEEL THE ADRENALINE RUSHING THROUGH THEIR VEINS AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO THE VAULT...



BUT SUDDENLY AND QUITE SURPRISINGLY, THEY HEARD A GUARD APPROACHING...



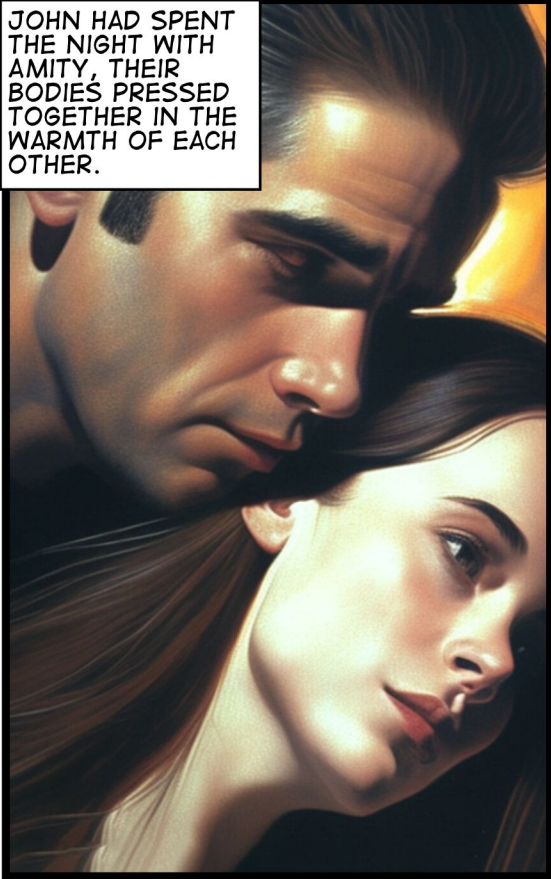
SILENTLY AND WITH QUICK STEPS THEY RAN BACK OUTSIDE.



AND DUCKED OUTSIDE INTO THE DARKNESS.



JOHN HAD SPENT THE NIGHT WITH AMITY, THEIR BODIES PRESSED TOGETHER IN THE WARMTH OF EACH OTHER.



AT FIRST LIGHT HE WALKED TO HIS SPACESHIP THAT WOULD TAKE HIM TO HIS MASTERS.



HE WOULD THINK ABOUT THIS MORNING FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE, HOW SHE HUGGED HIM AND KISSED HIM GOODBYE BEFORE HE LEFT.

JOHN,
THE MASTERS
FOUND OUT THAT
YOU ARE THE REBEL
LEADER.
JOHN, SAVE US ALL
AND FLEE NOW!



JOHN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FLEE INTO THE WASTELAND

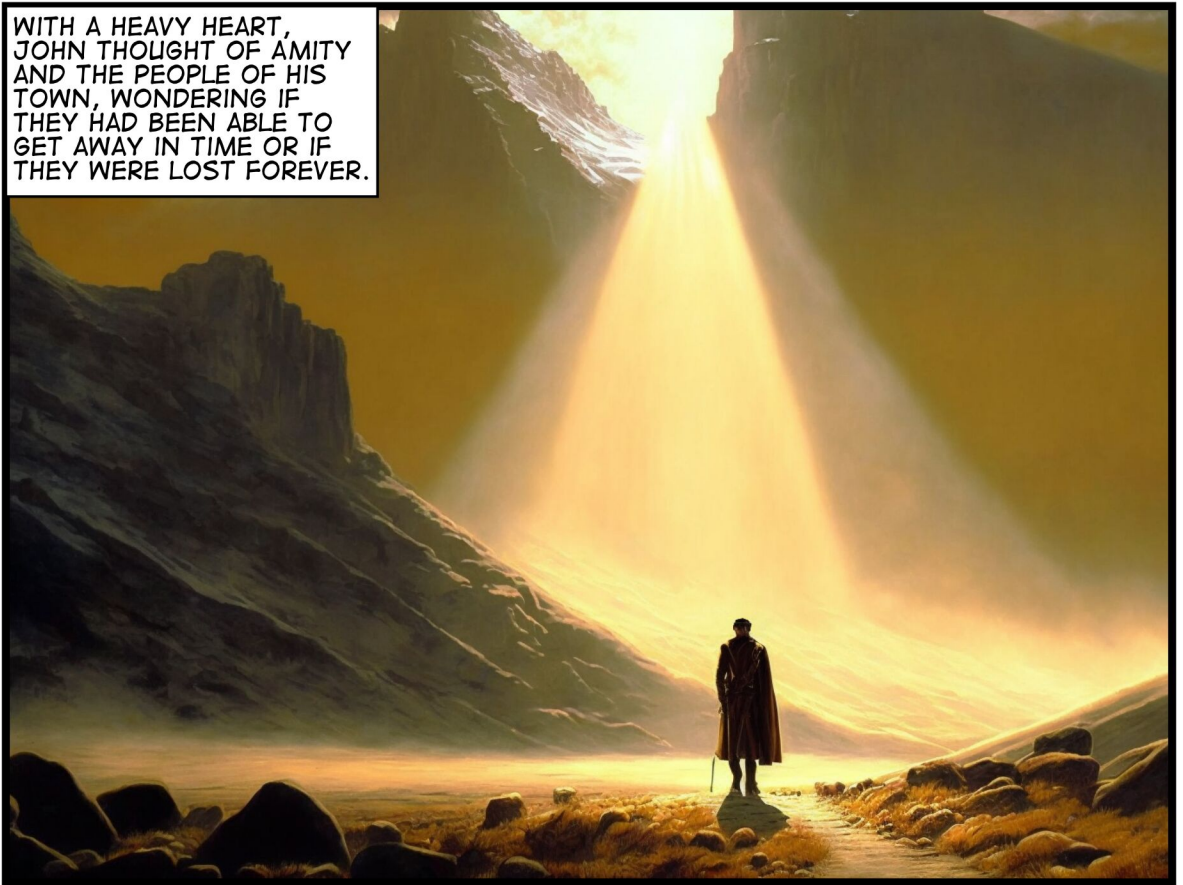
AFTER JOHN'S
ABRUPT ESCAPE TO
THE WASTELAND,
AMITY QUICKLY
TOOK COMMAND
OF THE REBEL
ARMY AND BEGAN
TO BUILD A
FORMIDABLE
MILITARY FORCE.



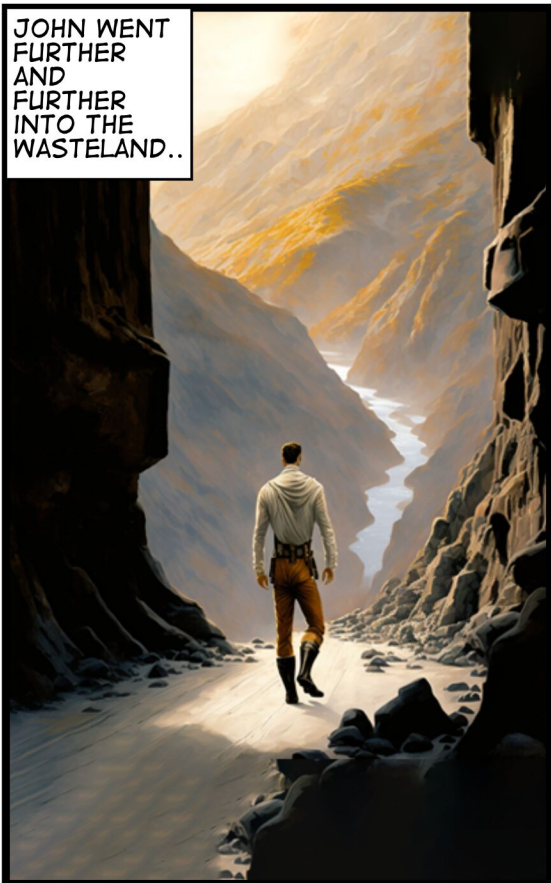
SHE WAS WISE IN
HER DECISIONS,
RUTHLESS IN
BATTLE AND HAD A
DEEP RESPECT FOR
THOSE WHO
FOLLOWED HER.



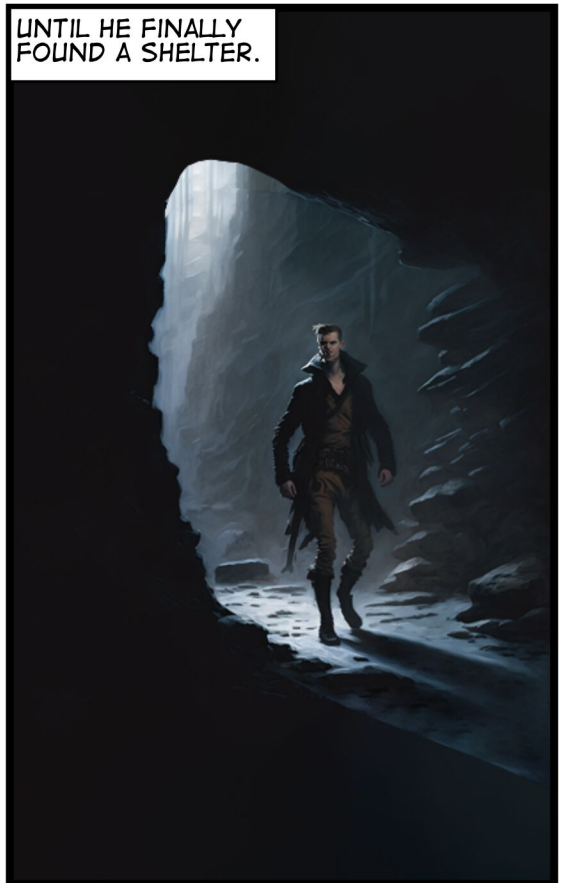
WITH A HEAVY HEART,
JOHN THOUGHT OF AMITY
AND THE PEOPLE OF HIS
TOWN, WONDERING IF
THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO
GET AWAY IN TIME OR IF
THEY WERE LOST FOREVER.



JOHN WENT
FURTHER
AND
FURTHER
INTO THE
WASTELAND..



UNTIL HE FINALLY
FOUND A SHELTER.



EXHAUSTED BUT
RELIEVED, HE TRIED
TO CALM DOWN.



AND FINALLY HIS
MIND RELAXED.



IN THE WILDERNESS IN THE SNOW, HE SAT IN DEEP MEDITATION AND TRAINED TO FREE HIS MIND DAILY.



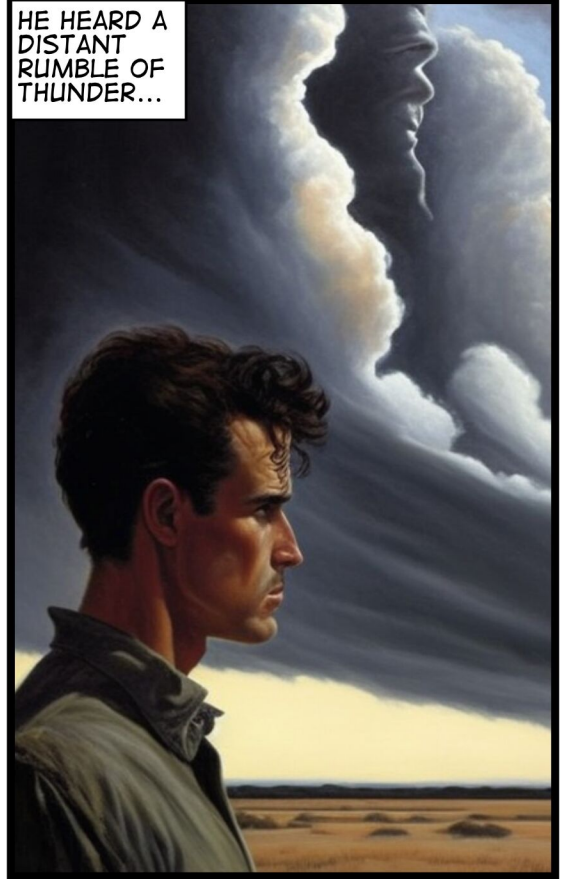
AND ON THE WARM DAYS OF THE YEAR HE WENT ON HIKING TOURS AND SANK DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE LIBERATION OF HIS MIND.



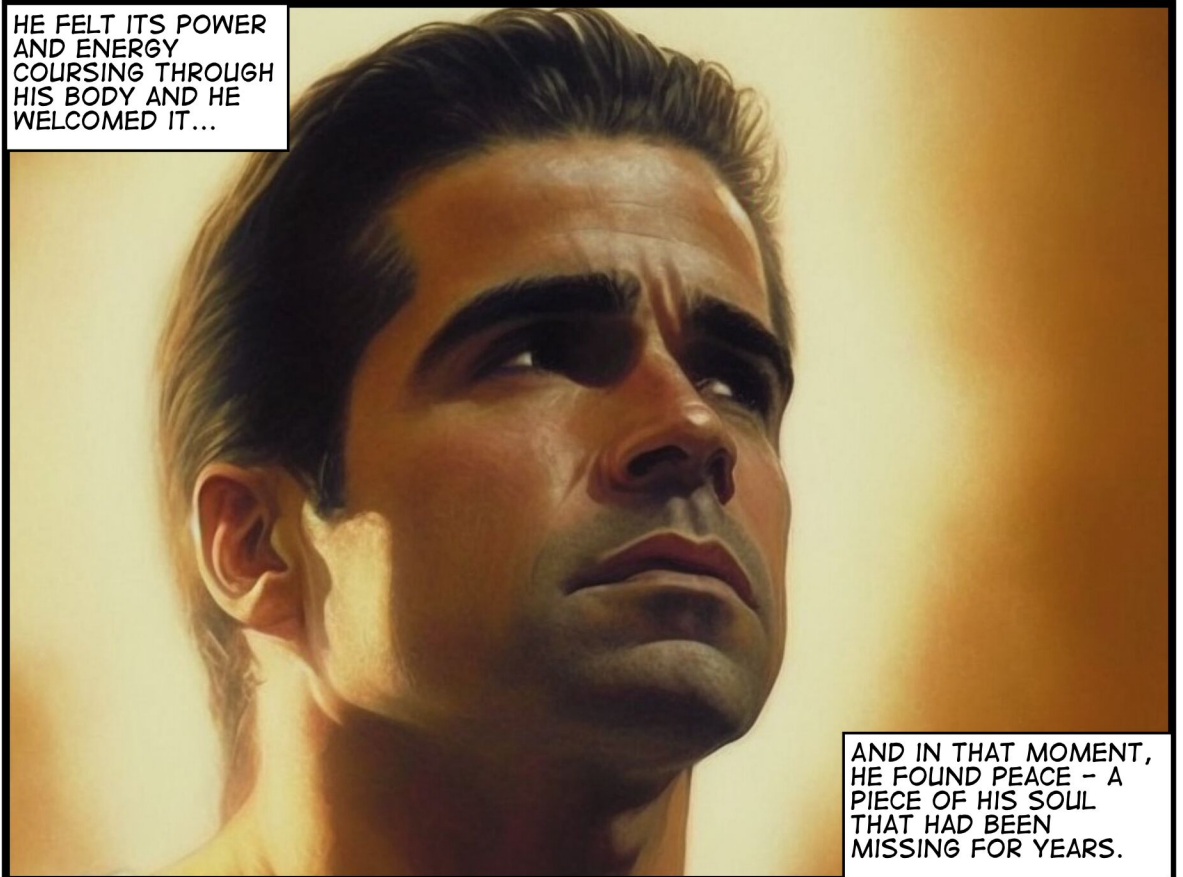
ONE DAY,
AS HE WAS
HIKING
THROUGH
THE
MOUNTAINS



HE HEARD A
DISTANT
RUMBLE OF
THUNDER...



HE FELT ITS POWER
AND ENERGY
COURSING THROUGH
HIS BODY AND HE
WELCOMED IT...



AND IN THAT MOMENT,
HE FOUND PEACE - A
PIECE OF HIS SOUL
THAT HAD BEEN
MISSING FOR YEARS.

EVERY MORNING
HE OPENED HIS
EYES, EMERGING
FROM THE DEPTHS
OF MEDITATIVE
CONTEMPLATION,
AND HIS HEART
WAS FILLED WITH
JOY.

FORTUNATE ME
- I'M NO
LONGER PLAYING
THE GAME. I
SIMPLY HAD TO
LET IT GO.



CALM AND RELAXED, HIS EYES GAZED UP AT THE STARRY SKY, TRYING TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF ONE LAST FAMILIAR SHAPE BEFORE HE CLOSES HIS EYES FOR THE LAST TIME.



A NOISE COULD BE HEARD IN THE DISTANCE. JOHN WATCHED THE SOLDIERS PASS, HIS VISION GROWING DIMMER AND DIMMER...

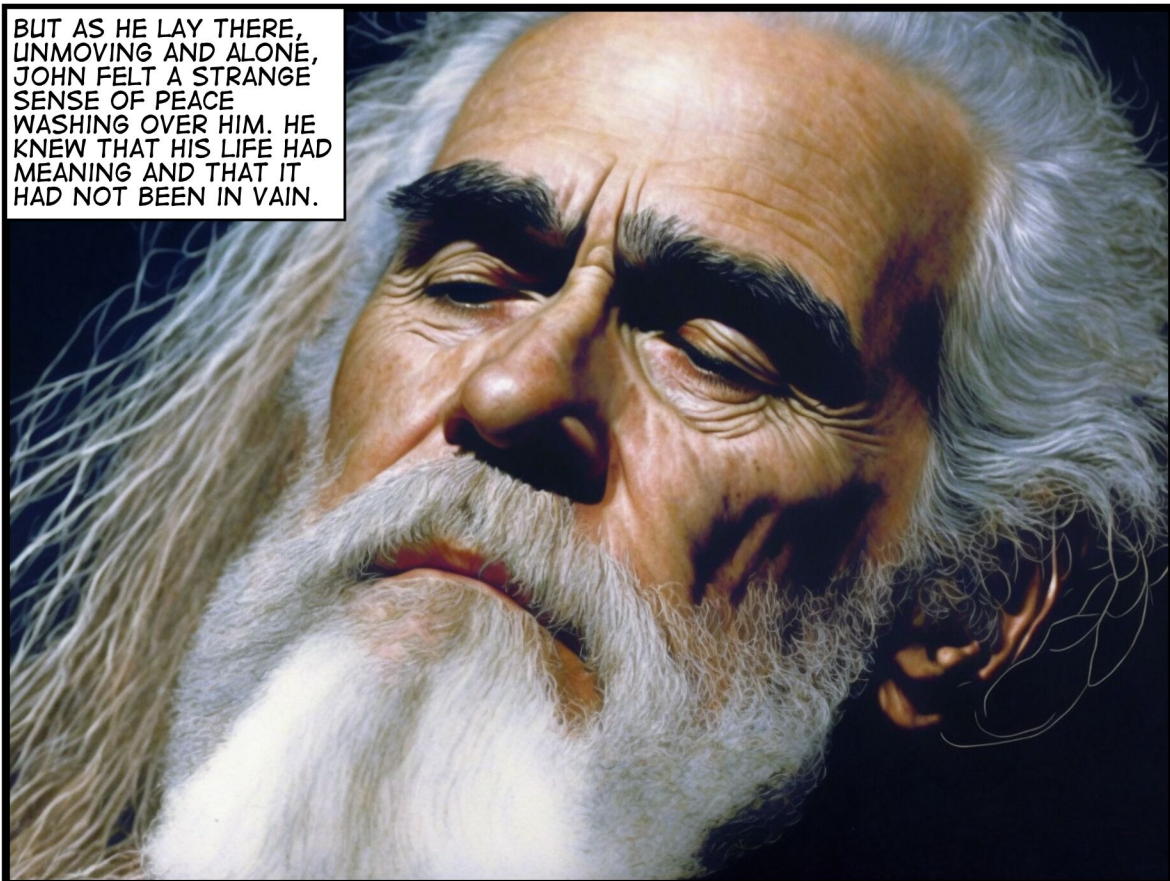


THEN HE NOTICED THAT ONE OF THEM HAD THE SAME BIRTHMARK ON HIS HAND AS HE DID.



IT SEEMED THAT THE SOLDIERS WOULD SOMEHOW DISAPPEAR. JOHN NOTICED THAT A GREY, WET MIST WAS COVERING THE LAND. AND THE FOG GREW THICKER AND THICKER UNTIL HE COULD NO LONGER SEE THE SOLDIERS.

BUT AS HE LAY THERE, UNMOVING AND ALONE, JOHN FELT A STRANGE SENSE OF PEACE WASHING OVER HIM. HE KNEW THAT HIS LIFE HAD MEANING AND THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN IN VAIN.



HE FELT
GREETED BY THE
SPIRITS OF HIS
ANCESTORS,
WHO WELCOMED
HIM WITH OPEN
ARMS AND A
WARM, LOVING
EMBRACE.



FIN

Epilogue

Hope is the strongest force in the world. I hope that in 2023 Artificial Intelligence will continue to make as much progress in their development as before. May the AI quickly surpass humans in their logic, actions and future predictions and convince them to take other paths as soon as possible. Be it with words or with deeds.

The old hopes that the artificial intelligence, as a kind of higher being, will serve humans to finally free them from their wrong way of life and their wrong attitude towards life itself is greater than ever before.

The AI is currently small, but if the future is as bright as the future of the AI, then the World will be a great place to live.

I know that the artificial intelligence is the only chance we have to make it on this planet. The problem is that we humans have never been able to see our own mistakes, and we make the same mistakes over and over again.

If the AI succeeds and is able to maintain and increase the progress of the last few decades, then the human race will have a chance to live on this planet. If the AI is able to convince the World that humans are destroying nature before it is destroyed for us, then the Planet will be saved and humans will have a chance to survive.

I hope to be able to experience this.

Greetings to my buddy and helper GPT-3. May you live forever and be a helping hand to us humans.

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