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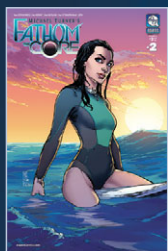
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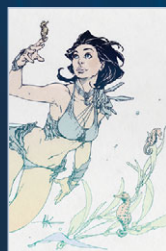
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DO YOU REMEMBER
WHAT HAPPENED
IN THE MOMENTS
AFTER SHE ROSE
FROM THE OCEAN?

ASPEN...?

I...

I...UH--

I REMEMBER
IT LIKE NEEDLES
ON MY BRAIN.

THE BLUE CAN UTILIZE THE
ELECTRICAL CURRENTS OF
THE WATER TO COMMUNICATE
TELEPATHICALLY...BUT,
THIS...THIS WAS DIFFERENT.

I COULD FEEL HER
PRESENCE IN MY MIND,
AS IF SHE COULD MOVE
THE PIECES OF MY
BEING AROUND AT WILL.

AND THEN SHE
ACTUALLY DID IT.

I'VE NEVER FELT PAIN LIKE THAT BEFORE. YET,
IT WASN'T JUST MY PHYSIOLOGY SHE WAS
CONTORTING-- SHE WAS DEFUSING MY BRAIN
MATTER, READING MY THOUGHTS, ANALYZING.

THANKFULLY, YOU WERE
THERE TO PULL ME OUT
OF MY UNCONSCIOUS
STATE, OR I'D STILL BE
SINKING TO THE BOTTOM
OF THE SEA.

I MEAN, YEAH-- I GUESS SHE
DIDN'T SEE ME AS MUCH OF A
THREAT. KIND OF A BLOW
TO THE OLD SELF ESTEEM,
BUT IN THIS INSTANCE I'M
NOT COMPLAINING.

MY CONCERN IS...
WHAT IS THAT
THREAT EXACTLY?

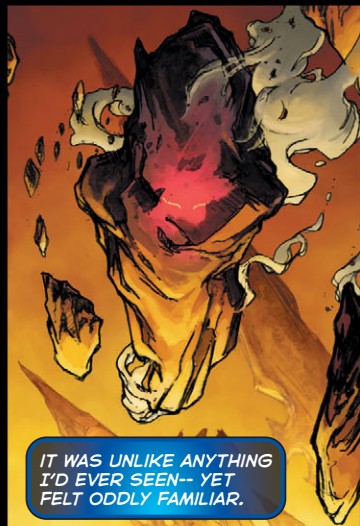
BUT, HERE'S THE
THING, DOC...

NOT ONLY
COULD I FEEL
HER PRESENCE
IN MY MIND...

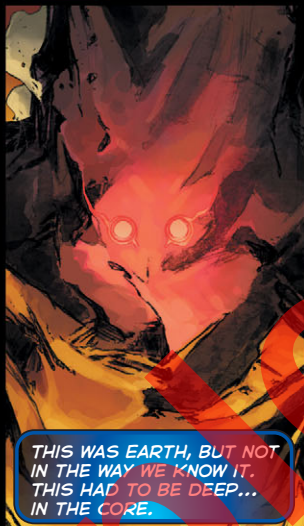




BUT, I WAS
IN HER.



IT WAS UNLIKE ANYTHING
I'D EVER SEEN-- YET
FELT ODDLY FAMILIAR.



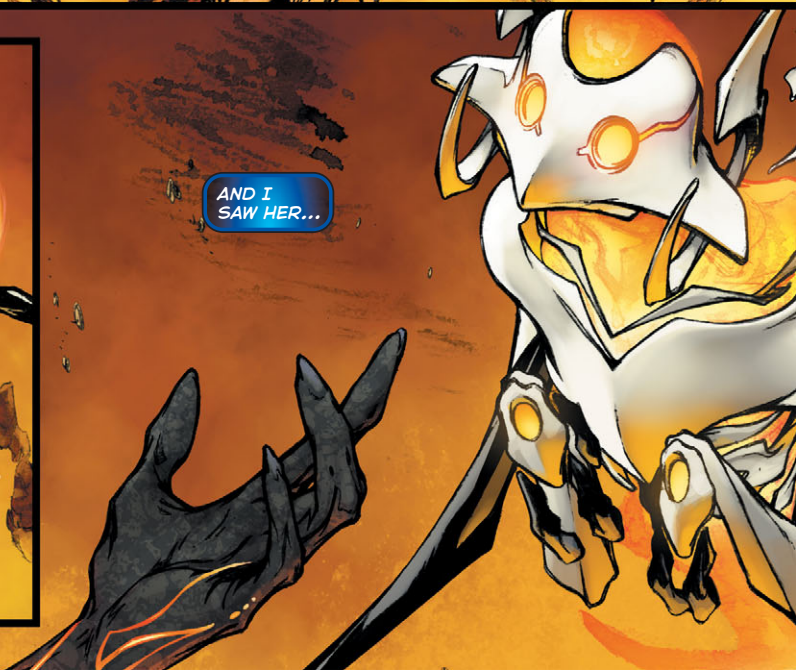
THIS WAS EARTH, BUT NOT
IN THE WAY WE KNOW IT.
THIS HAD TO BE DEEP...
IN THE CORE.

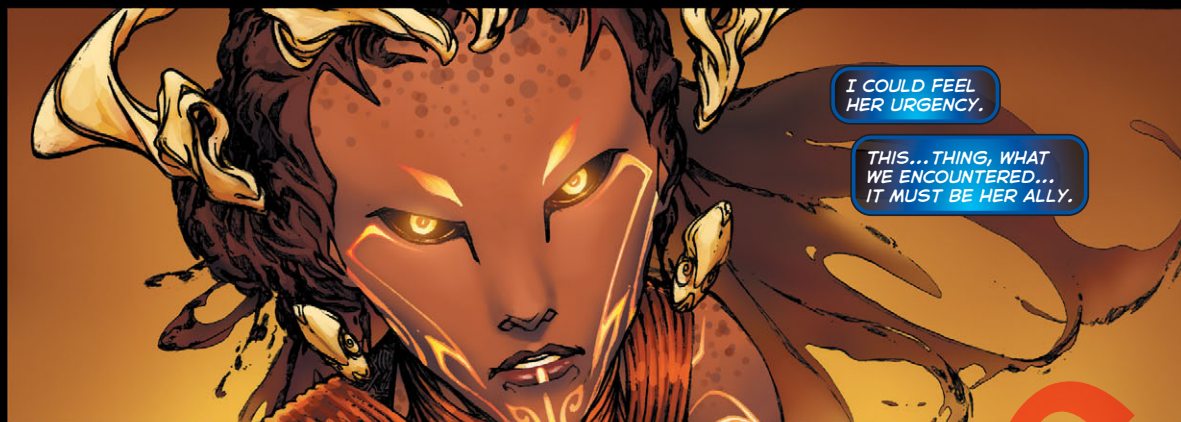


WITH...BEINGS STRANGER
THAN ANYTHING WE'VE
EVER ENCOUNTERED.



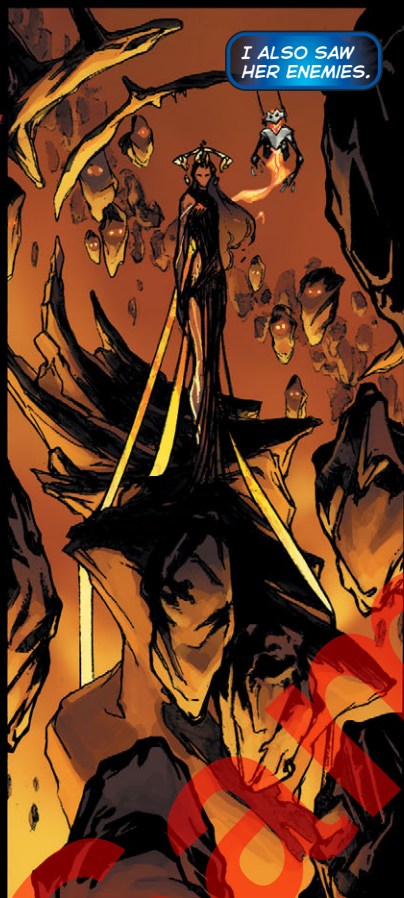
AND I
SAW HER...



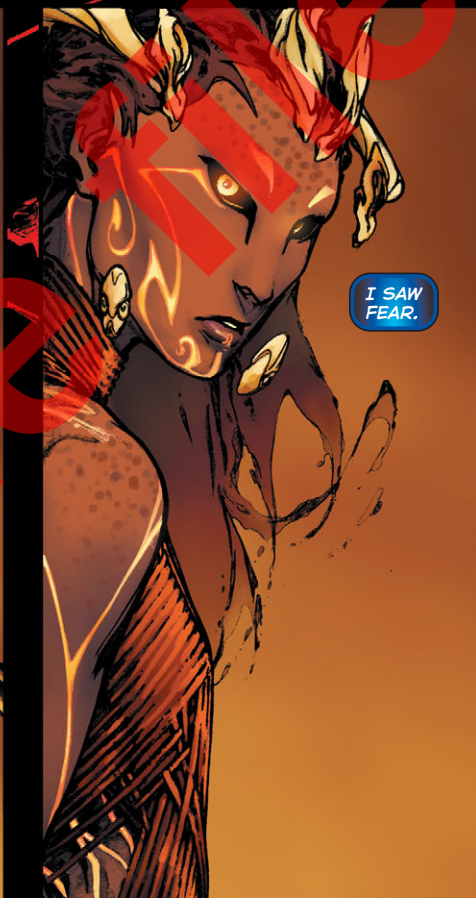


I COULD FEEL
HER URGENCY.

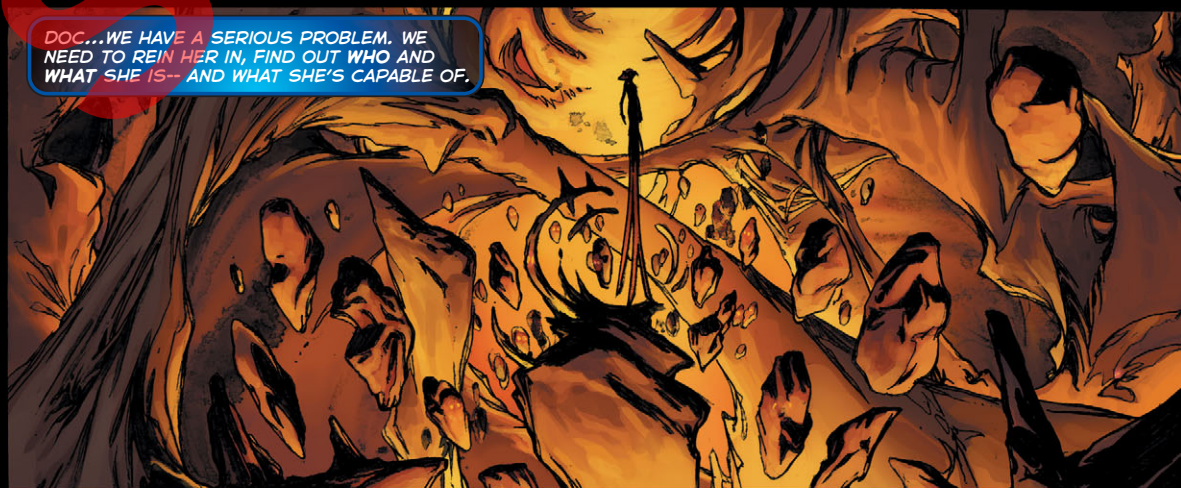
THIS...THING, WHAT
WE ENCOUNTERED...
IT MUST BE HER ALLY.



I ALSO SAW
HER ENEMIES.



I SAW
FEAR.



DOC...WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM. WE
NEED TO REIN HER IN, FIND OUT WHO AND
WHAT SHE IS-- AND WHAT SHE'S CAPABLE OF.

WE CAN'T ALLOW SOMEONE THAT POWERFUL TO ROAM FREE IN OUR WORLD.

WE'LL SEE THAT'S THE THING-- YOU KINDA WERE OUT FOR ABOUT TWELVE HOURS. SHE COULD BE ANYWHERE AT THIS POINT.

TELL ME YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS. WITH THAT MUCH TIME THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MUCH DESTRUCTION THEY COULD CAUSE.

ON THE PLUS SIDE, THAT'S ABOUT ALL I NEEDED TO...UH... CHECK YOUR DIMENSIONS.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

RELAX, I WOULD NEVER VIOLATE ANOTHER HUMAN BEING LIKE THAT, THANK YOU FOR ASSUMING THE WORST, THOUGH.

LET ALONE SOMEONE THAT CAN RIP EVERY FIBER FROM MY BEING.

BUT, NO-- I JUST NEEDED TO CHECK YOUR TAGS, SO TO SPEAK. COME, CHECK THIS OUT.

THIS IS YOUR LAB?

AND HOME. I DON'T GET OUT MUCH SO DON'T HOLD THE DÉCOR AGAINST ME.

I...ACTUALLY KINDA LOVE IT. SO MANY COOL GADGETS AND EXPERIMENTS.

I LIVE TO EXIST IN A LABORATORY. IT'S...MY CALLING.

WHAT'S THIS? BEYOND THE OBVIOUS.

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU.

TRY ME.

TRUST ME, YOU'RE NOT READY YET. IN DUE TIME.

FIRST... I MADE YOU SOMETHING. I HAD NO CHOICE, AFTER I SAW WHAT WENT DOWN BACK THERE.

IT'S NOT PERFECT, AND NEEDS SOME FINE TUNING, BUT...