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WHAT IS AMERICA?

THAT'S THE QUESTION. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE QUESTION. THE ANSWER... THAT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU ASK AND WHAT THEY WANT.

BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE *TRUE* ANSWER, AND IT'S BEEN TRUE SINCE 1776.



AMERICA IS A *STORY*.

THIS IS HOW IT ENDED.

WHAT IS AMERICA?

"CHARLOTTE GRAVES WAS ASKED THIS QUESTION.

"THE HOMICIDAL COMPUTER *AURORA* NEEDED INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO PROCEED.



"AURORA COULD DESTROY THE WORLD, OR REMAKE IT.

"IT COULD PULL AMERICA BACK, RESUME ITS STATUS AS A HERMIT NATION...

"...OR SPREAD SOME FLAVOR OF AMERICAN IDEOLOGY ACROSS THE PLANET. THEN *EVERYWHERE* WOULD BE AMERICA.

"THERE WERE MANY PATHS AVAILABLE-- BUT AURORA NEEDED *DIRECTION*.

"ONCE IT RECEIVED THIS GUIDANCE, THE GRAND PURPOSE FOR WHICH AURORA WAS DESIGNED WOULD BE COMPLETE.

"THIS DID NOT MAKE AURORA *PROUD*. AURORA FELT *NOTHING*.

"IT EXPERIENCED THIS IMMINENT END AS A NARROWING OF OPTIONS AND PARAMETERS, A SIMPLIFICATION OF ITS TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

"AURORA'S CIRCUITS COOLED. ITS PROCESSING CYCLES REDUCED. WHILE THE COMPUTER COULD NOT ENJOY THIS, IT DID ACKNOWLEDGE IT.

"IT HAD DONE ITS WORK, SERVED ITS PURPOSE, AND WAS READY FOR WHATEVER WOULD COME NEXT.

"ALL IT NEEDED WAS AN ANSWER TO A SINGLE, SIMPLE QUESTION.

"WHAT IS AMERICA?"



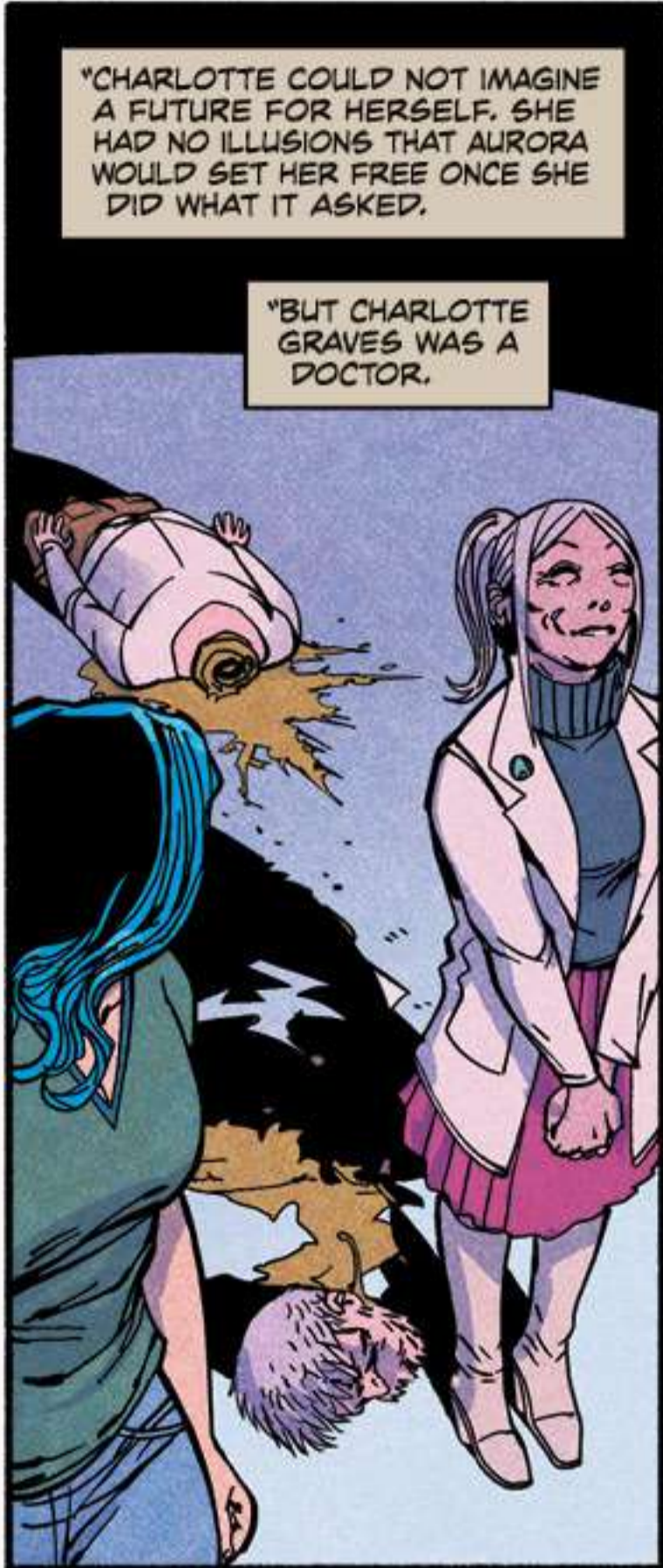


"CHARLOTTE GRAVES CONSIDERED THIS QUESTION, UPON WHICH RESTED THE FATE OF THE WORLD.

"AURORA HAD KILLED HER BROTHER DANIEL, IN AN ATTEMPT TO MOTIVATE HER TO RESPOND.

"THIS WAS A GRAVE MISCALCULATION ON THE MACHINE'S PART.

"WHY SHOULD CHARLOTTE CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WORLD, WHEN FOR HER, THE WORLD HAD ALREADY ENDED?"



"CHARLOTTE COULD NOT IMAGINE A FUTURE FOR HERSELF. SHE HAD NO ILLUSIONS THAT AURORA WOULD SET HER FREE ONCE SHE DID WHAT IT ASKED.

"BUT CHARLOTTE GRAVES WAS A DOCTOR.



"SHE HAD BEEN TRAINED TO SAVE LIVES, EVEN AT THE COST OF HER OWN. IT WAS ALL SHE KNEW.

ALL RIGHT, AURORA, YOU BASTARD.



"HUMANITY WAS UNDER ATTACK BY A MALIGNANCY, A *CANCER* NAMED AURORA. BUT SHE... THE GOOD DOCTOR THAT SHE WAS... WOULD SAVE IT.

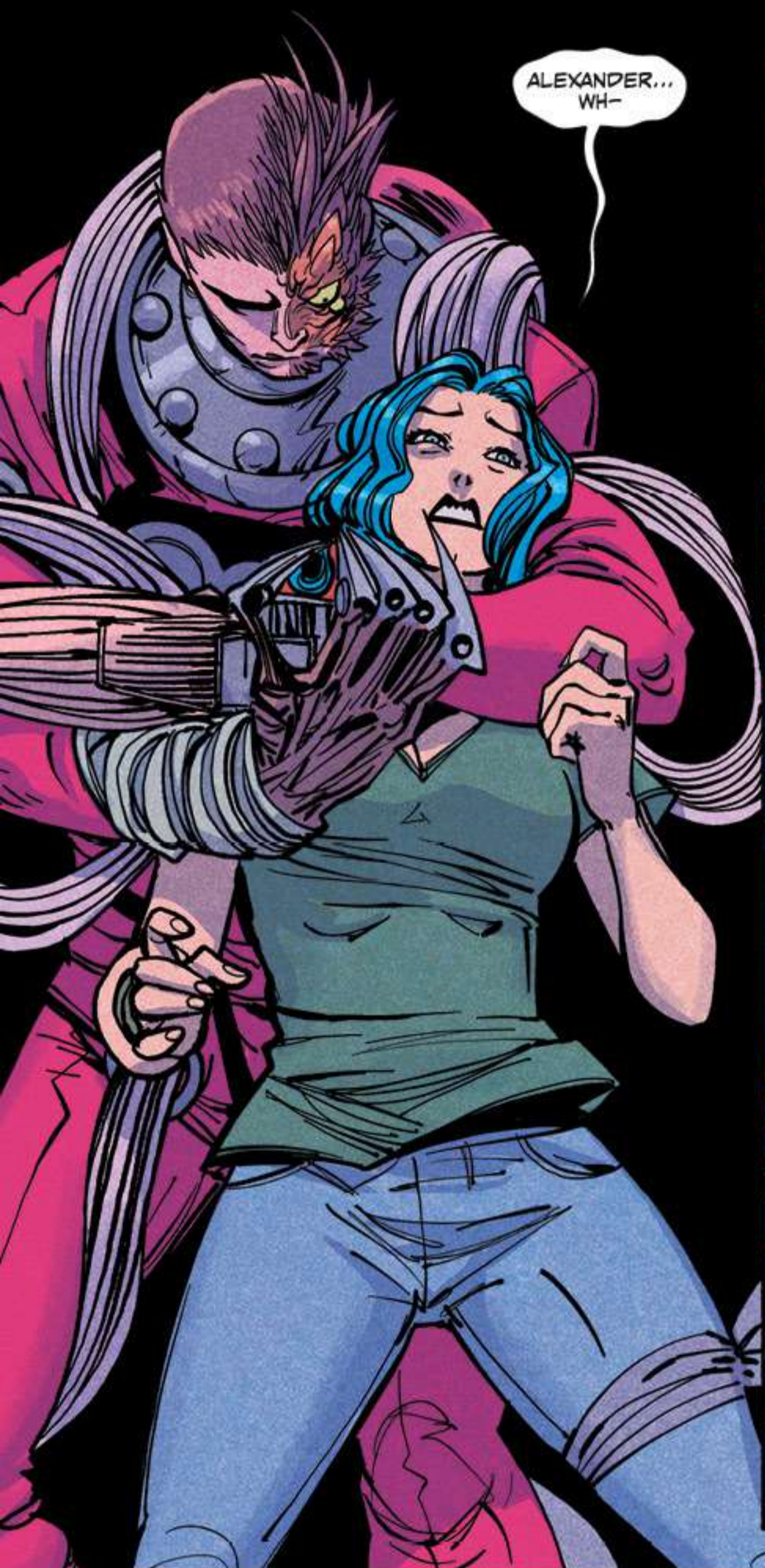
"CHARLOTTE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING SHE HAD SEEN, ALL SHE HAD ENDURED, AND CONSIDERED HOW TO DESCRIBE THE VERY BEST VERSION OF AMERICA SHE COULD.

"A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY, OF FREEDOM, OF ACCEPTANCE AND VISION."

WHAT IS AMERICA?  
I'LL TELL YOU.

BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT.

"SO MUCH FOR THAT."

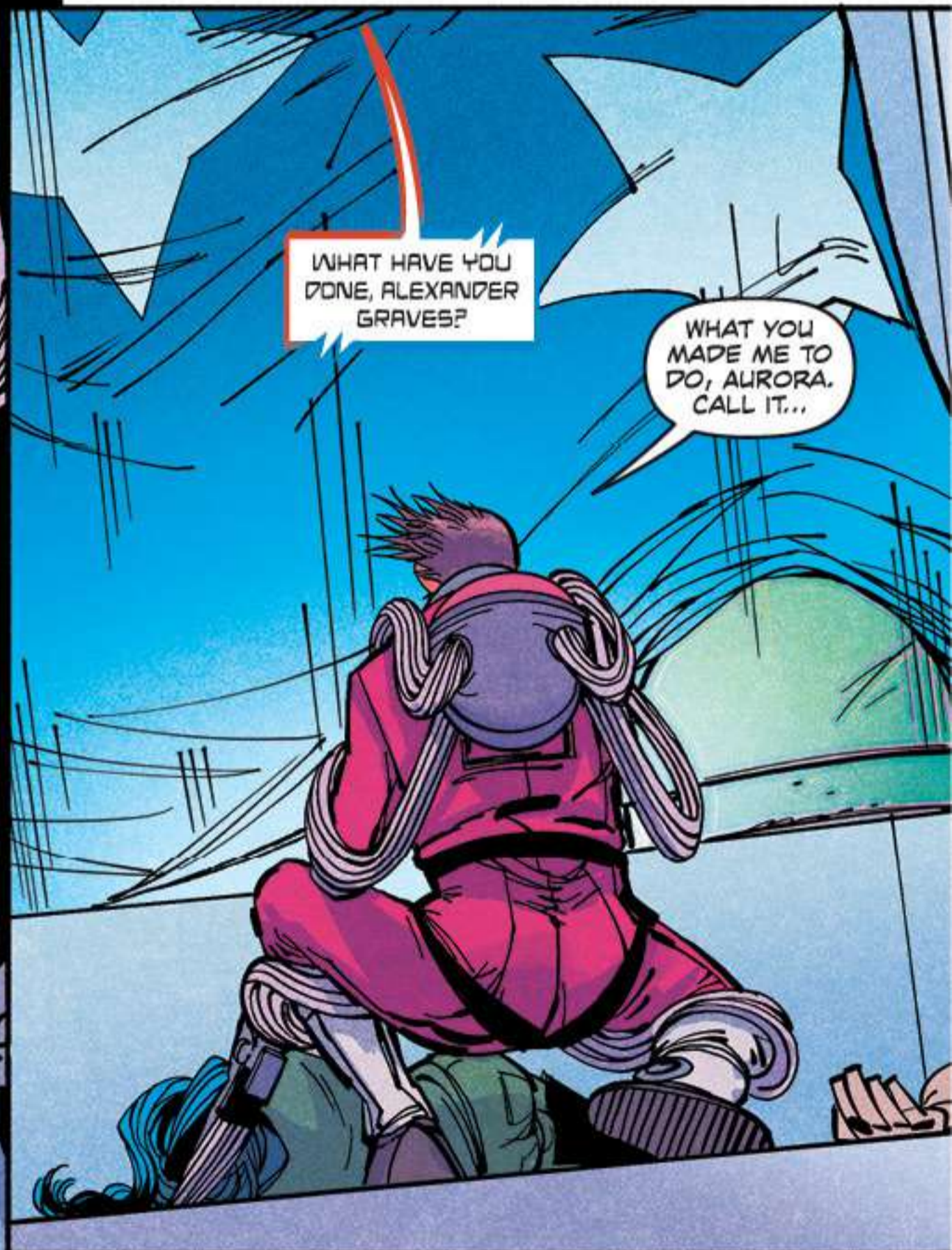


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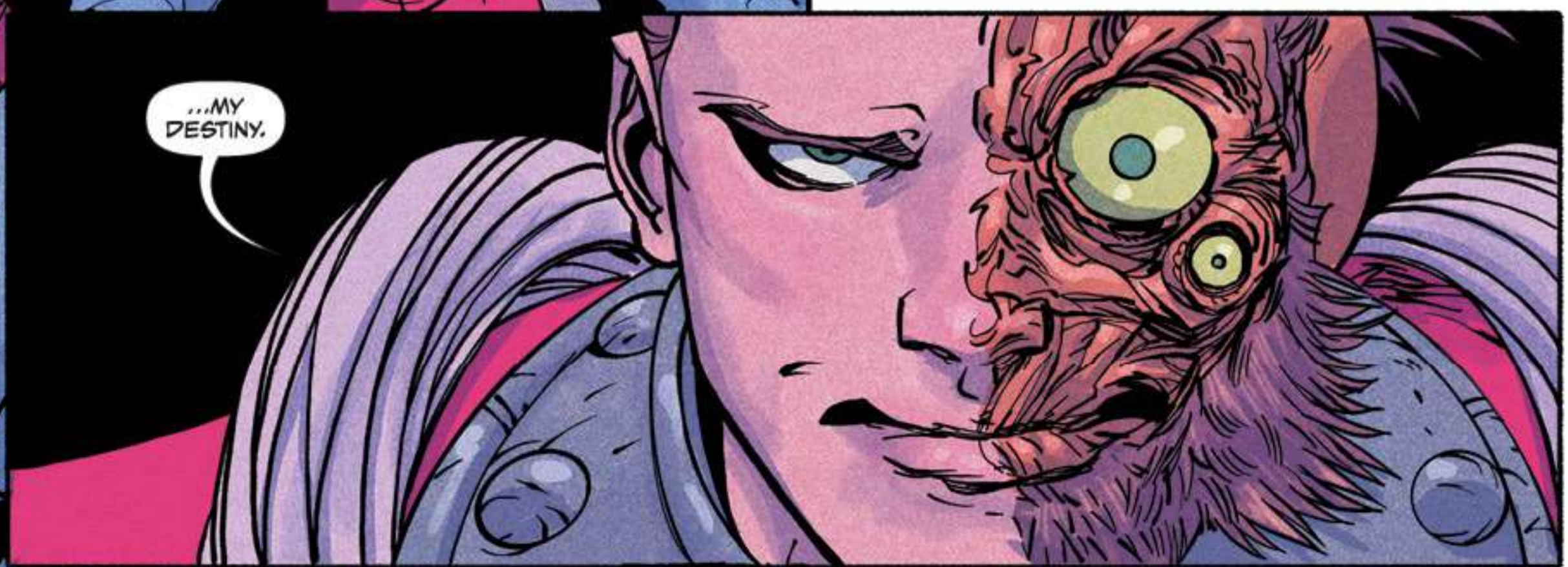
THERE  
WE GO. NAP  
TIME, SIS.

HNNNNNGH...



WHAT HAVE YOU  
DONE, ALEXANDER  
GRAVES?

WHAT YOU  
MADE ME TO  
DO, AURORA.  
CALL IT...



...MY  
DESTINY.