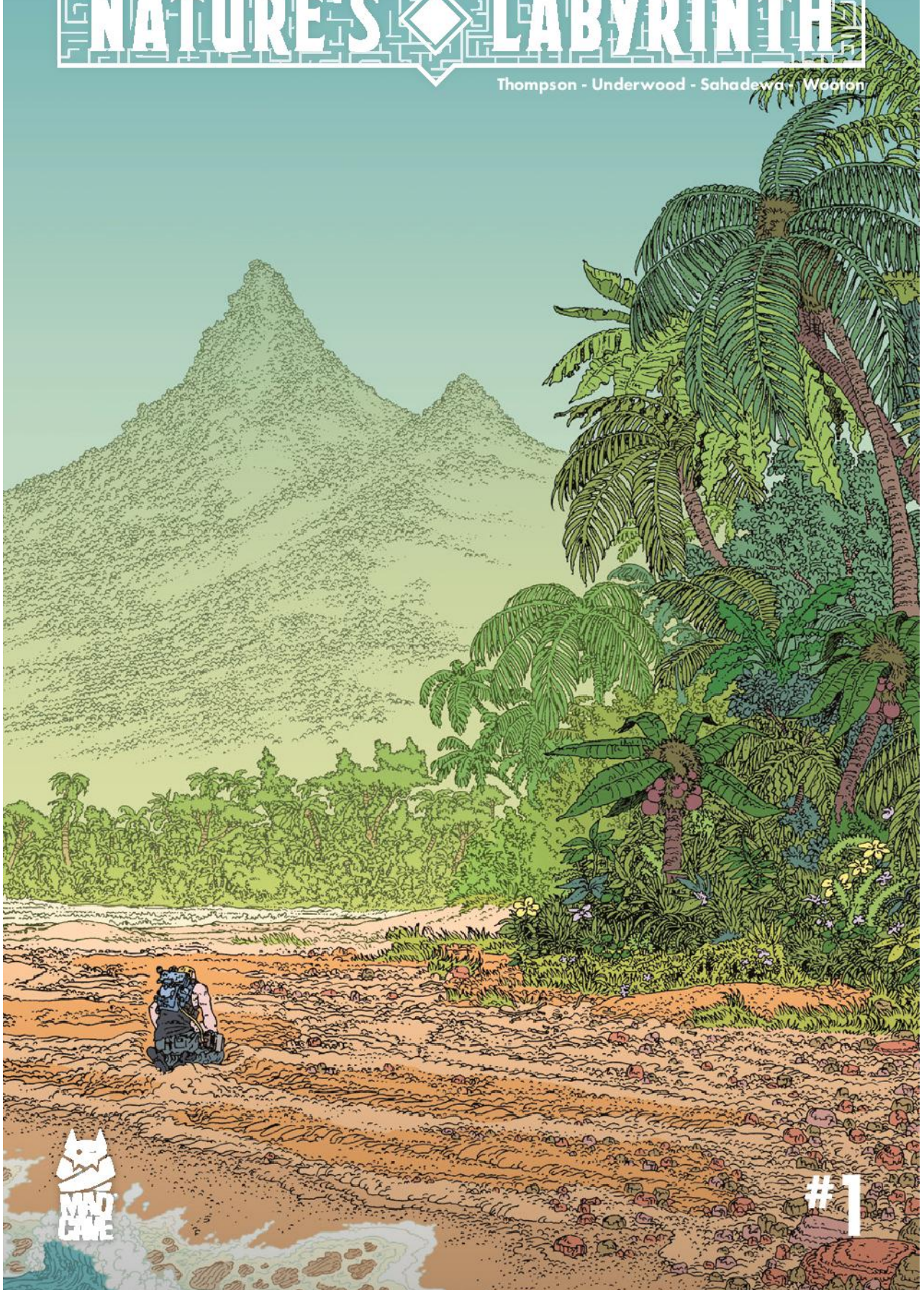


NATURE'S LABYRINTH™

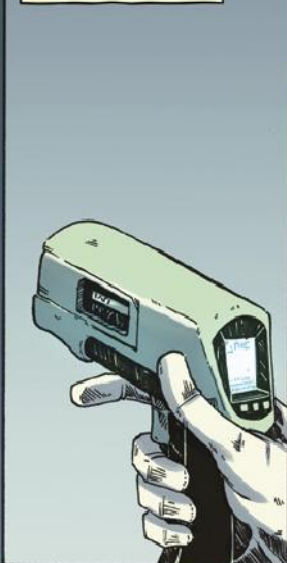
Thompson - Underwood - Sahadewar - Wooten




MIND
GAME

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THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT TOOK PLACE IN JUNE THAT YEAR.



CONTESTANTS WERE FLOWN IN FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE.



THEY WERE ALL TOLD THE SAME THING.



"CONGRATULATIONS YOU'RE FLOURISHING!"



ALL CLEAR. WELCOME TO GREECE, MRS. GRANN.



"YOU'VE WON A TWO WEEK, ALL EXPENSES PAID STAY ON A PRIVATE CRUISE."



OF THE 230 POSSIBLE CANDIDATES...



...ONLY EIGHT WERE CALLOUS ENOUGH TO ANSWER THE CALL.

LINE UP JUST OVER THERE.



THEY WILL PAY FOR THEIR INDISCRETION AND LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO EARN THEIR FREEDOM...



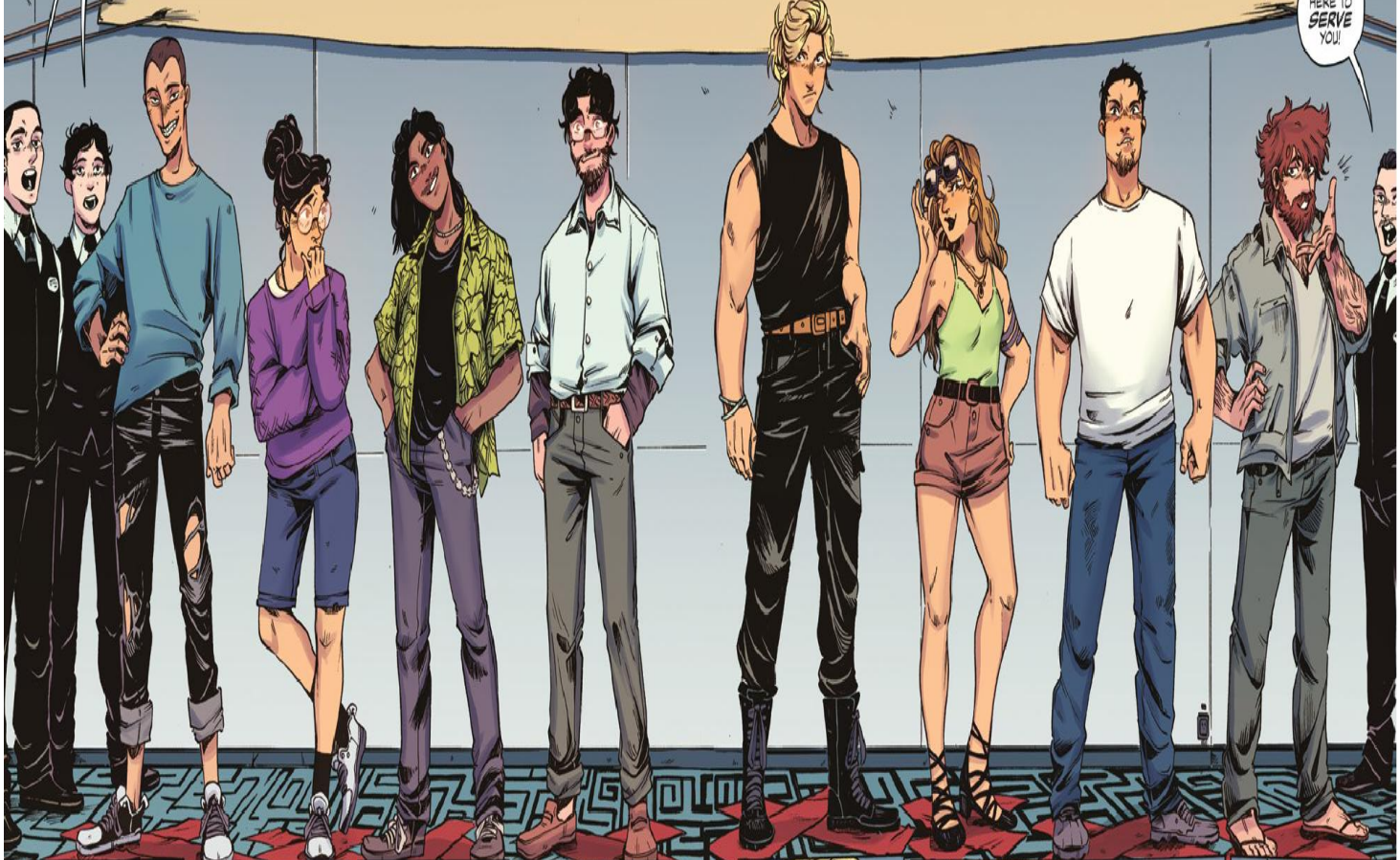
"STRIKE A MEMORABLE POSE!"

...WITHIN THE ALL-CONSUMING LABYRINTH.

WELCOME TO THE FLOURISHING CRUISE!

WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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THE FLAME
ALEXI BABIN.
29. HE/HIM.
FRANCE.

THE SILENCE
SOFIA RICCI.
22. SHE/HER.
ITALY.

THE SWORD
SUNNY KHAN.
19. THEY/HIM.
JAPAN.

THE TERROR
NASIR SARAFIN.
31. HE/HIM.
IRAQ.

THE SHIELD
J. ROE.
34. SHE/THEY/THEM.
UNITED STATES.

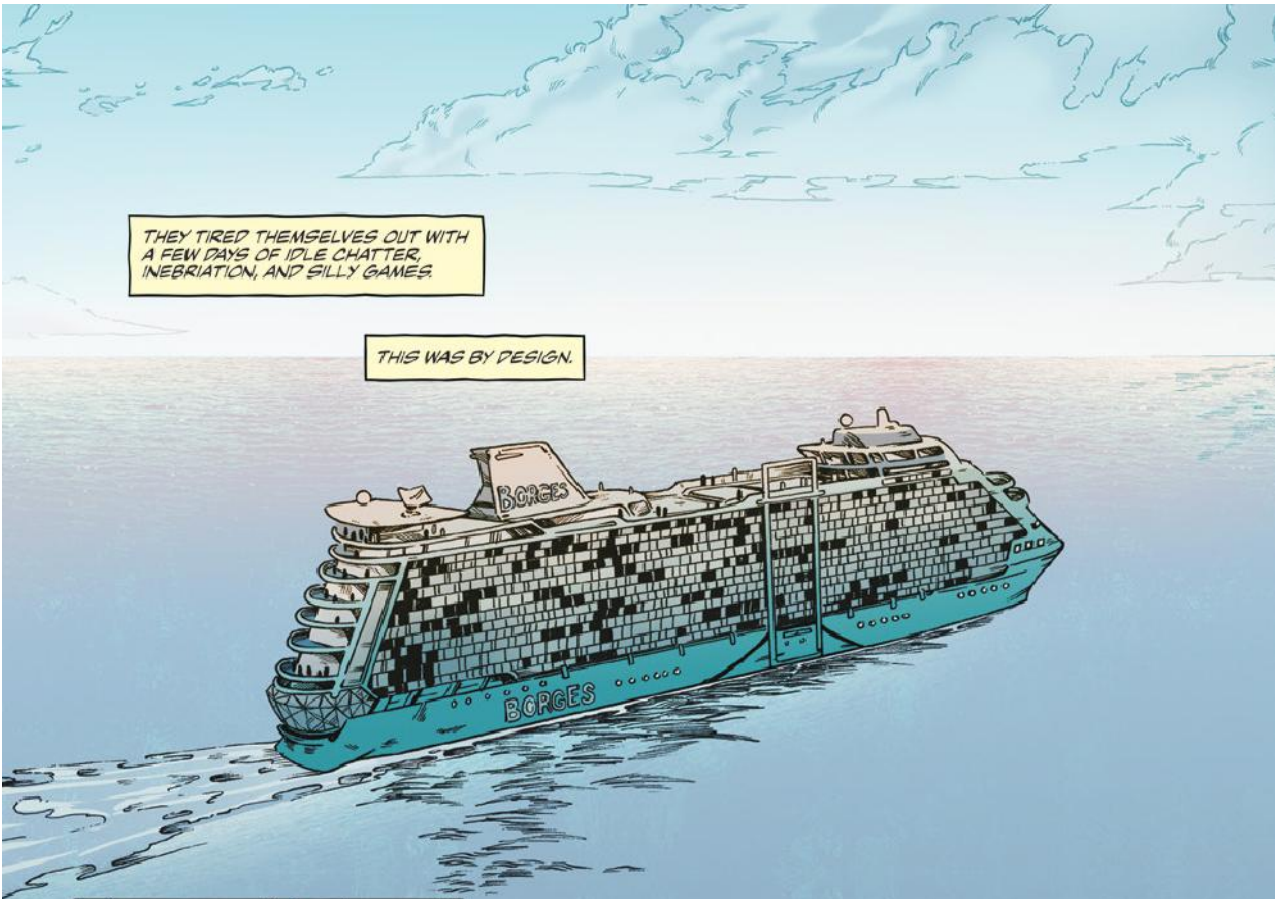
THE KISS
JULIE PETRAKIN.
27. SHE/THEY.
GREECE.

THE DOSE
ARMANDO MARTINEZ.
24. HE/HIM.
MEXICO.

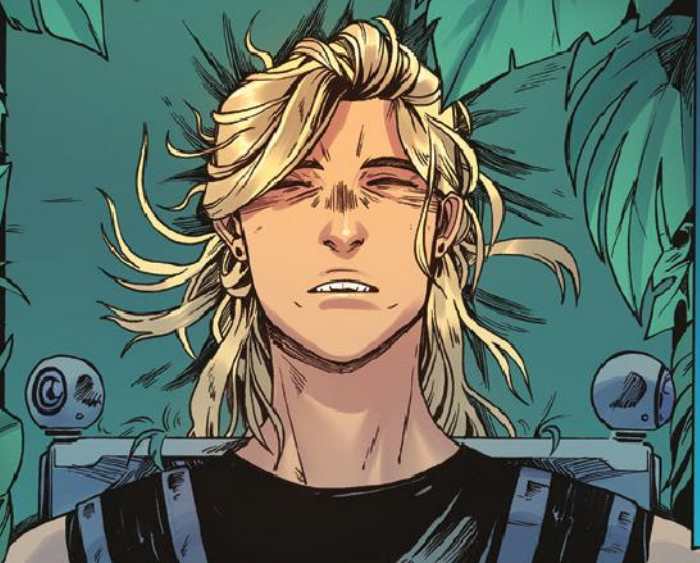
THE LURE
CHET FISHER.
29. HE/HIM.
CANADA.

THEY TIRED THEMSELVES OUT WITH A FEW DAYS OF IDLE CHATTER, INEBRIATION, AND SILLY GAMES.

THIS WAS BY DESIGN.



NIGHT 1. 60 HOURS REMAIN.





HOODARK!



HEY, MAN. GLAD YOU'RE OKAY. I'M NASIR.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

...WHAT?

HOWDY!

HOWDY!

BOTH OF YOU, SHUT UP FOR A SECOND.



LOOK AT THE PHONE THING ON YOUR HIP.

WHAT'S UP GAMERS? I'M PANCHO, THE INSTRUCTIONS CAT.

I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE THROUGH THIS HERE TOURNAMENT.

Y'ALL ARE PARTICIPANTS IN A GAME WE CALL THE NATURE'S LABYRINTH.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.

YOU HAVE 60 HOURS TO ESCAPE.

