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With all the acclaim for HYPERSCAPE, CEO Dr. Ivy Tan hid a dark secret from her partner, the genius inventor Mathieu Eiffel: their new tech, the *B-Link 2.0*, leaves a certain percentage of users in comas, their minds scattered across the virtual world. When Eiffel learned of this, he was shocked. Tan at first tried to assuage Eiffel's fears and guilt, saying they'd research a fix. When he could not be dissuaded, she coldly told him the fortunes of their company were dependent on a successful launch. Eiffel stormed off, planning to go public, regardless of the damage it would do to Prisma Dimensions. But before he could speak out, Eiffel died tragically in an accident.

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INVENTOR MATHIEU EIFFEL KILLED IN CRASH





AND THAT WAS DR. IVY TAN, CEO OF PRISMA...

CONNECT TO REMOTE WORKSPACE--

ACCESS DENIED.



WHAT? RETRY CONNECTION--

REMOTE WORKSPACE ACCESS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED, PENDING A FULL SECURITY AUDIT.
A MOBILE SECURITY OPERATOR HAS BEEN DISPATCHED. PLEASE HOLD IN PLACE.



SECURITY AUDIT? ARE THEY COMING AFTER ME?!

I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO MATHIEU.

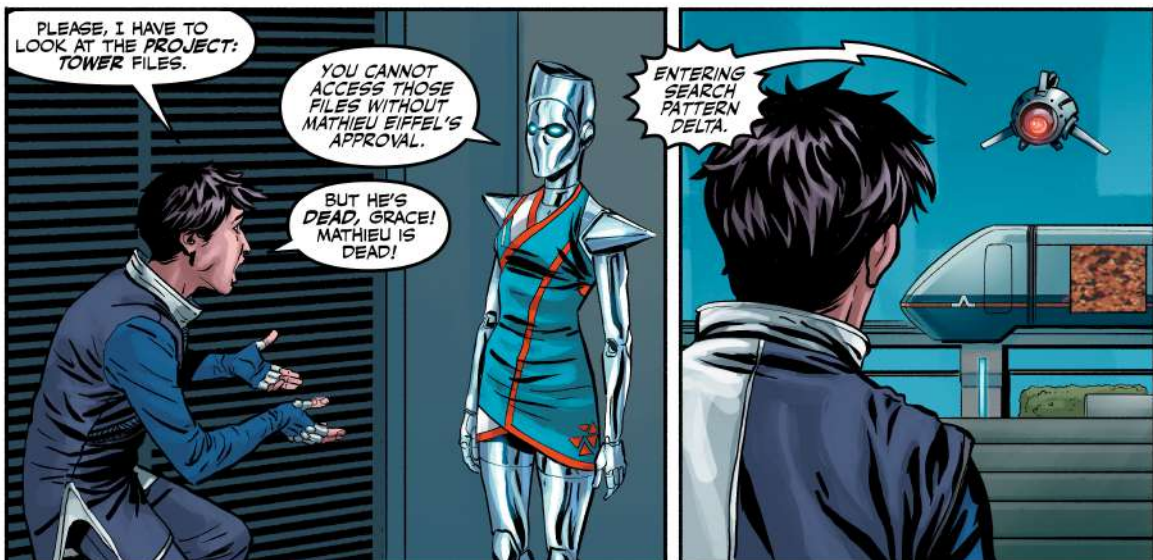
I NEED TO ACCESS PROJECT: TOWER...



THE SECURITY OPERATOR WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY. PLEASE HOLD IN PLACE.







PLEASE, I HAVE TO LOOK AT THE **PROJECT: TOWER** FILES.

YOU CANNOT ACCESS THOSE FILES WITHOUT **MATHIEU EIFFEL'S** APPROVAL.

BUT HE'S DEAD, GRACE! **MATHIEU IS DEAD!**

ENTERING **SEARCH PATTERN DELTA.**



LOOK, I THINK SOMEONE **MURDERED** HIM AND THOSE FILES COULD HOLD THE ANSWER TO **WHAT HAPPENED!**

I'M SORRY, SIMON. ACCESS IS RESTRICTED.

BUT **EIFFEL** CREATED YOU! HE GAVE YOU SENTIENCE!

I MIGHT BE WRONG. BUT WHAT IF I'M **NOT?**

PLEASE, GRACE, I NEED YOUR HELP. FOR **EIFFEL.**





PROJECT: TOWER IS INCOMPLETE. YOU CAN ACCESS MATHIEU'S BACKED-UP MEMORIES, BUT HIS PERSONALITY MATRIX WAS NEVER FULLY INCORPORATED.

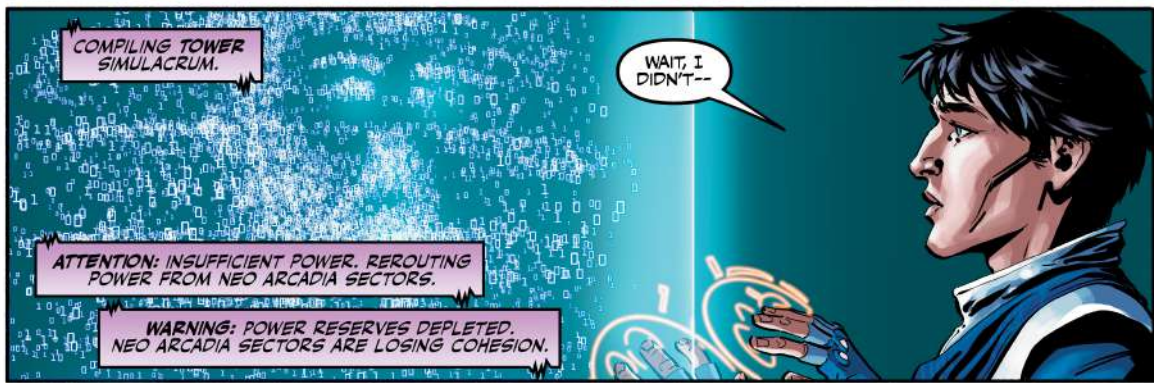
IT WILL NOT BE AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF HIM.

I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.



ACCESS PROJECT FILES... THERE.

AND COMPILE FOR SEARCH...



COMPILING TOWER SIMULACRUM.

ATTENTION: INSUFFICIENT POWER. REROUTING POWER FROM NEO ARCADIA SECTORS.

WARNING: POWER RESERVES DEPLETED. NEO ARCADIA SECTORS ARE LOSING COHESION.

WAIT, I DIDN'T--



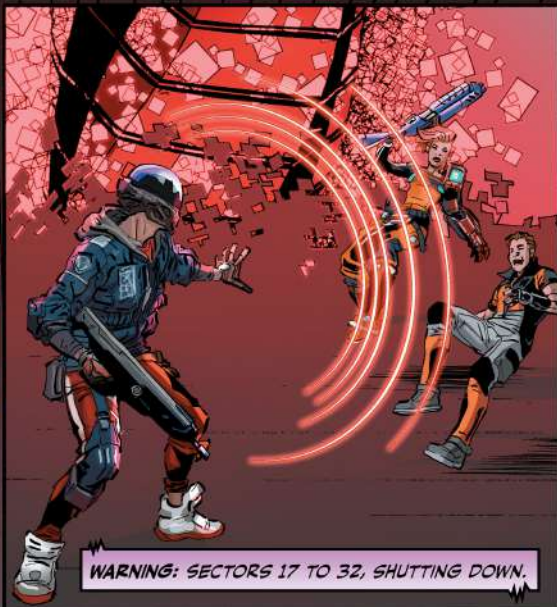
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

SIMON, LOOK.



OH, NO...

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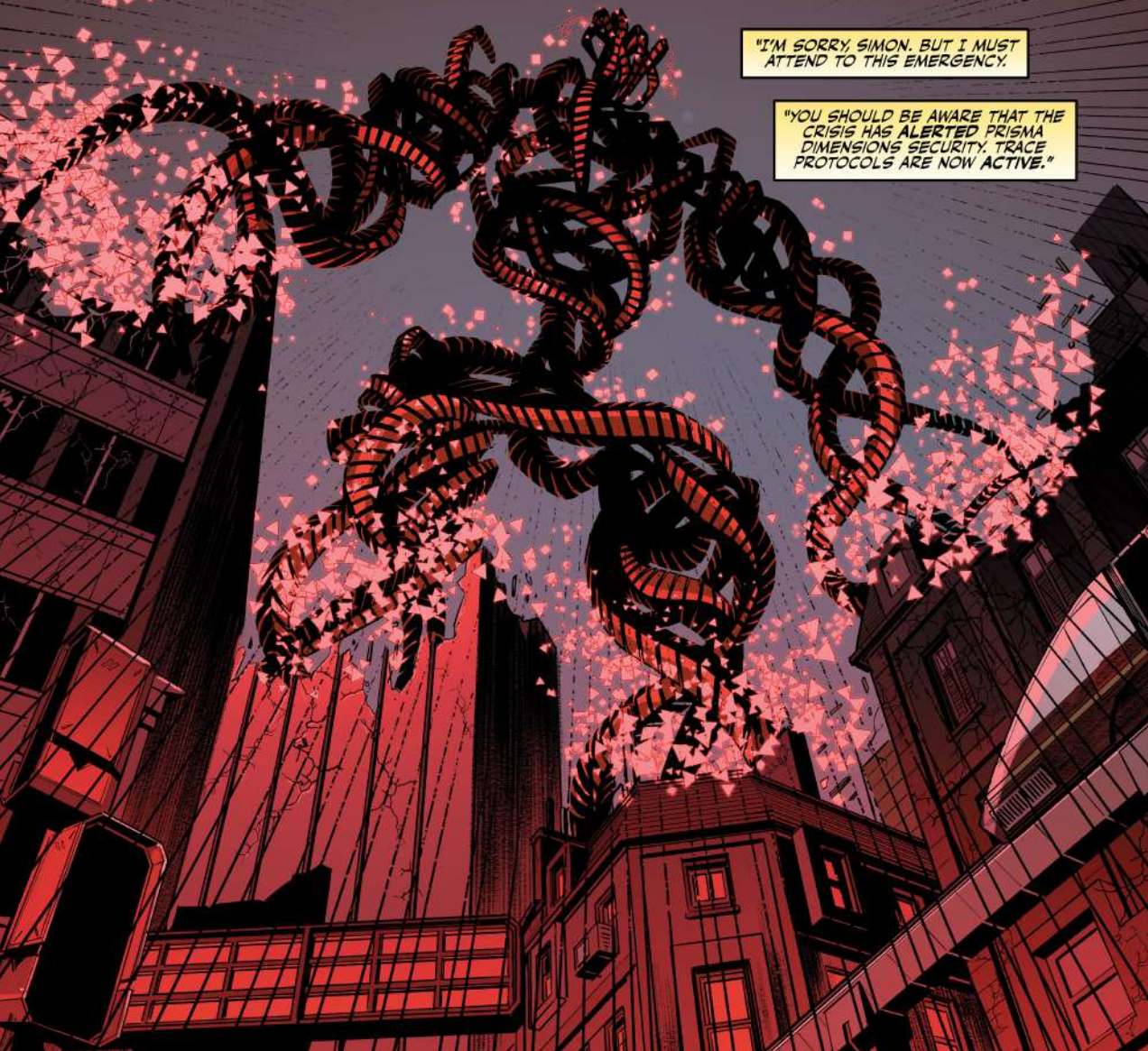


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"IT'S CANNIBALIZING NEO ARCADIA!"

"I'M SORRY, SIMON. BUT I MUST ATTEND TO THIS EMERGENCY."

"YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE CRISIS HAS ALERTED PRISMA DIMENSIONS SECURITY. TRACE PROTOCOLS ARE NOW ACTIVE."





GRACE, WAIT--

I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MATHIEU BEFORE SECURITY GETS HERE!



THERE'S TOO MUCH DATA... I CAN'T--

WHAT ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR?

WHAT?! UH, I WANT TO SEE THE LAST MEMORIES MATHIEU UPLOADED.

ACCESSING...



...EVERYTHING YOU ARE YOU OWE TO THIS CORPORATION. WITHOUT ME YOU'D STILL BE TINKERING AROUND IN YOUR BASEMENT.

YOU'D DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT, BEFORE YOU GO AND DO SOMETHING RASH.

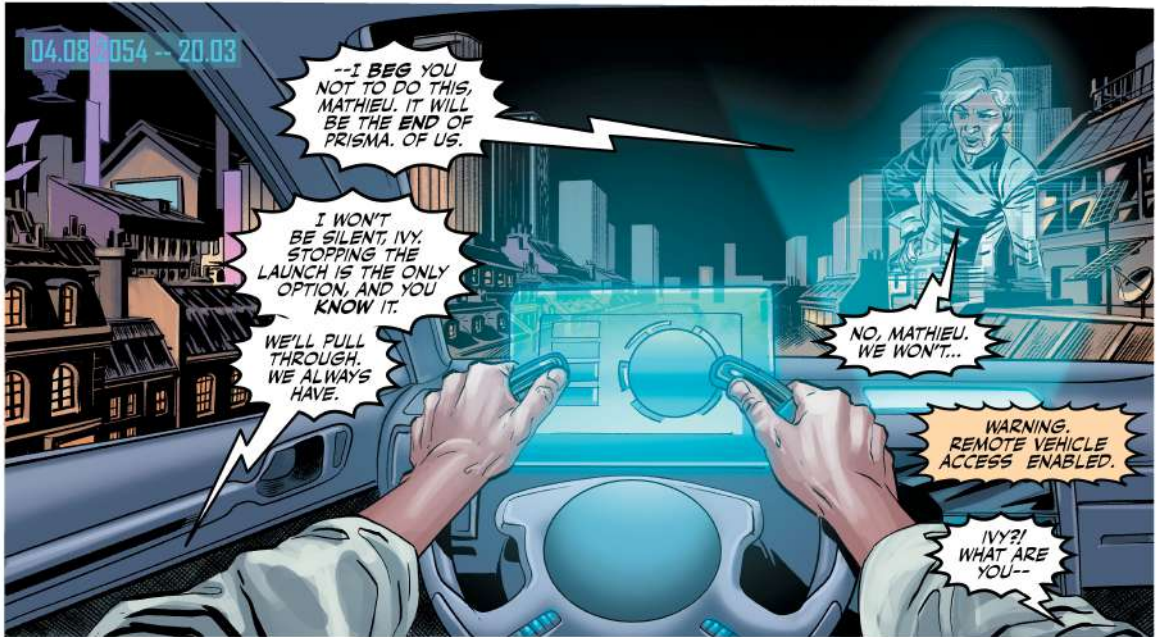
WHAT I REMEMBER, IVY, IS THAT I'M STILL HUMAN.

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WAS THAT A THREAT? I HAVE TO SEE THE CRASH...

ACCESSING...



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--I BEG YOU NOT TO DO THIS, MATHIEU. IT WILL BE THE END OF PRISMA. OF US.

I WON'T BE SILENT, IVY. STOPPING THE LAUNCH IS THE ONLY OPTION, AND YOU KNOW IT.

WE'LL PULL THROUGH. WE ALWAYS HAVE.

NO, MATHIEU. WE WON'T...

WARNING. REMOTE VEHICLE ACCESS ENABLED.

IVY?! WHAT ARE YOU--





I HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THE HYPER SCAPE.

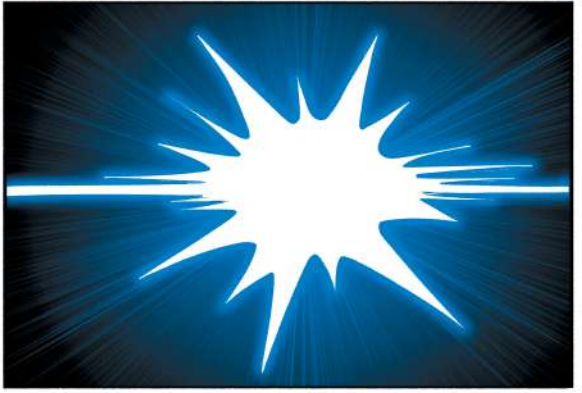


THE SYSTEM MUST BE PURGED.

NO!
WAIT--

CLICK

EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN INITIATED.



EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN COMPLETE.

TO BE CONTINUED...