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After receiving a nocuous new code from Tower, which lets them trap someone inside the Hyper Scape indefinitely, Huo Shu and Basilisk are hell bent on using it to collect another Fragment—their target is Javi!

The duo track her down in a Crown Rush match just as she sets her eyes on the crown. As she grabs it, she glitches out! Javi comes to in the Kernel, the root of Hyper Scape, but Basilisk follows her there. He tries to reach into her avatar, searching for something, when silhouettes emerge from the digital landscape pleading with her not to let him take her Fragment. But who are these ghosts and what do they really want? When Javi escapes Basilisk's claws and returns to the Hyper Scape, she discovers that her log off feature has been disabled! She calls her *papito*, Mondragon, for help—but will he get there in time?

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LATER, IN THE LOCKER...

I'VE NEVER--
HER AVATAR HAS
BEEN LOCKED
INTO THE HYPER
SCAPE.

I CAN'T
SEE HOW THEY
DID IT...

YOU MEAN
YOU CAN'T FIX IT?
IDIOS MIO!

WHAT IF SHE CAN'T
LOG OFF ALL DAY? WHAT
IF SHE CAN'T LOG OFF
TOMORROW?!

I'M NOWHERE
CLOSE ENOUGH ON
THE OUTSIDE TO HELP
HER! SHE MIGHT DIE
OF DEHYDRATION,
OR--SOMETHING!

DAD--

I KNOW
SOMEONE WHO
CAN HELP.

WHO?

SOME...
ASSOCIATES
OF MINE.

YOU WANT "SOME
ASSOCIATES" TO
MESS AROUND WITH
MY DAUGHTER'S
AVATAR?! NO,
WE'LL CONTACT
PRISMA--

PRISMA SUPPORT
SUCKS, DAD!

IF THOSE GUYS COULD
HACK ME LIKE THIS, WHO
KNOWS WHAT ELSE
THEY CAN DO?!

IF THERE'S
TROUBLE, MY
ASSOCIATES
CAN HANDLE IT.
BELIEVE ME,
THEY'LL FIX
THIS.

HYPER SCAPE.
THE RED TIGER
RESTAURANT.



I HAVE TO
SEE HER. LET ME
THROUGH!



CHIAKO-SAN! MY
APOLOGIES FOR THE
INTRUSION--



CLOSE THE
DOOR. TAKE A
BREATH.

I'M SORRY,
CHIAKO-SAN, BUT
IT'S MY FRIEND
JAVI. SOMEONE
DISABLED
HER LOG-OFF
CODE.

SHE'S *STUCK*
IN THE HYPER
SCAPE AND THE
ONES WHO DID
IT ARE STILL
AFTER HER.

CAN YOU
HELP?







DAMN, HE'S BIG...IF IT WEREN'T SO FAR, I COULD *SHIFT* INTO THE KERNEL. GET PAST HIM THAT WAY.

BUT I GUESS WE GO *THROUGH* HIM...



NAH. "TOO MUCH HEAT," AS MINT WOULD SAY. THERE'S A THIRD OPTION.



AND HE DOES IT *AGAIN!* LET'S GO GET US A FRAGMENT!



CRAP! THEIR COUNTERMEASURES CAUGHT MY CHAMELEON APP!

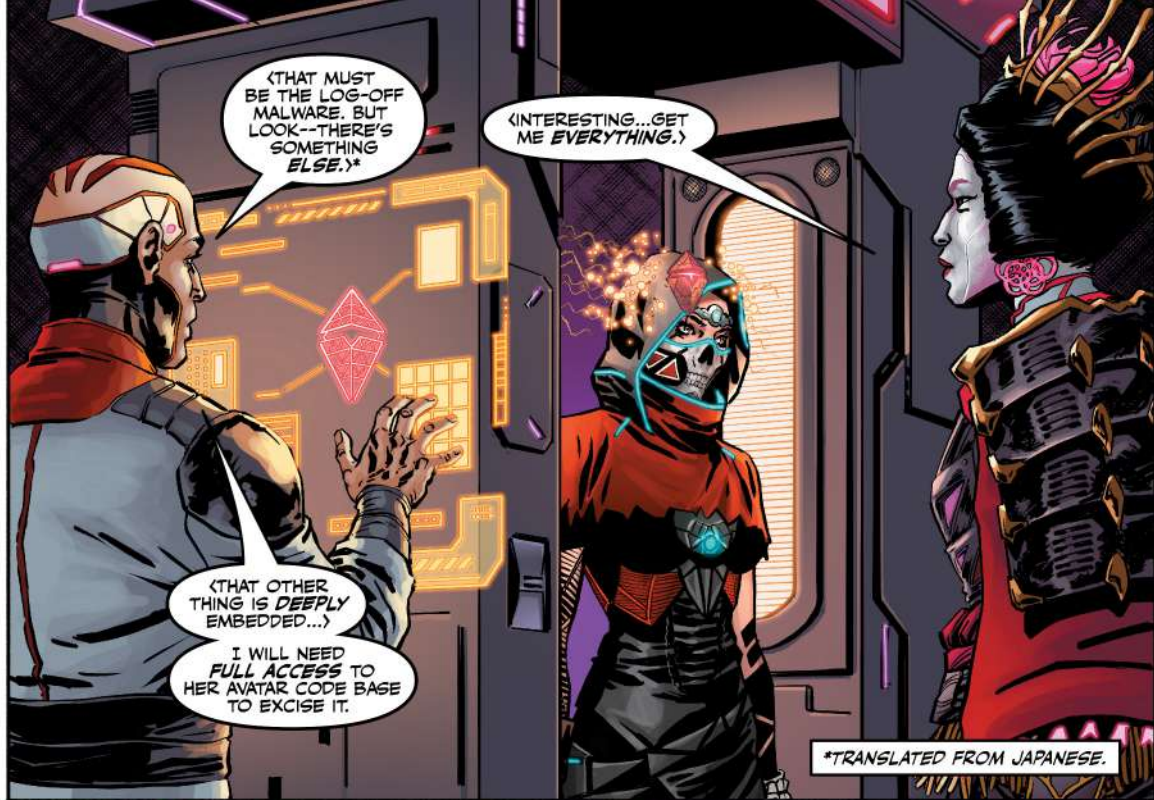
EXCUSE ME.

BWOP BWOP



HE'S EVEN *BIGGER* UP CLOSE.

THROUGH HIM, IT IS!



<THAT MUST BE THE LOG-OFF MALWARE. BUT LOOK--THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE.*>

<INTERESTING...GET ME EVERYTHING.>

<THAT OTHER THING IS DEEPLY EMBEDDED...>

I WILL NEED FULL ACCESS TO HER AVATAR CODE BASE TO EXCISE IT.

*TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE.



"EXCISE"?! WILL IT HURT?! CAN YOU FIX THIS?

YES...

YES. OF COURSE. FIX IT.

DON'T GIVE THEM ACCESS!



WHAT?!

THE LOG-OFF MALWARE WAS PUT IN YOU SO THAT THEY COULD TAKE OUT THE BIGGER PRIZE: THE FRAGMENT YOU CARRY.

DON'T LET THEM TAKE THE FRAGMENT. YOU'LL END UP IN A COMA.



THEN YOU'LL BECOME A GHOST LIKE ME. DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN. I NEED YOUR HELP.

FIND MY SISTER, AMANDINE ROMÉE. TELL HER ABOUT ME. TELL HER I'M STILL HERE.

AND GET READY TO FIGHT--THE OTHER HUNTERS WILL BE HERE SOON...



HE'S FAST, TOO!

NOT FAIR! I'M GOING HIGH.



OUCH.

BAD?

WINGED, BUT STILL HERE.



KEEP HIM BUSY. I HAVE AN IDEA.

ON IT.



WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, MR. RED?

NO TROUBLE, ANESAN.

OH, BUT THERE IS.



WHA--

TCHK



FRONT DOOR IS OPEN. GET OVER HERE.

BOO-YAH!



TRACKER SAYS SHE'S IN THERE. GET REA--

