

CONV//RGENCE

A LEAGUE OF LEGENDS STORY

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A PERFECT LIFE

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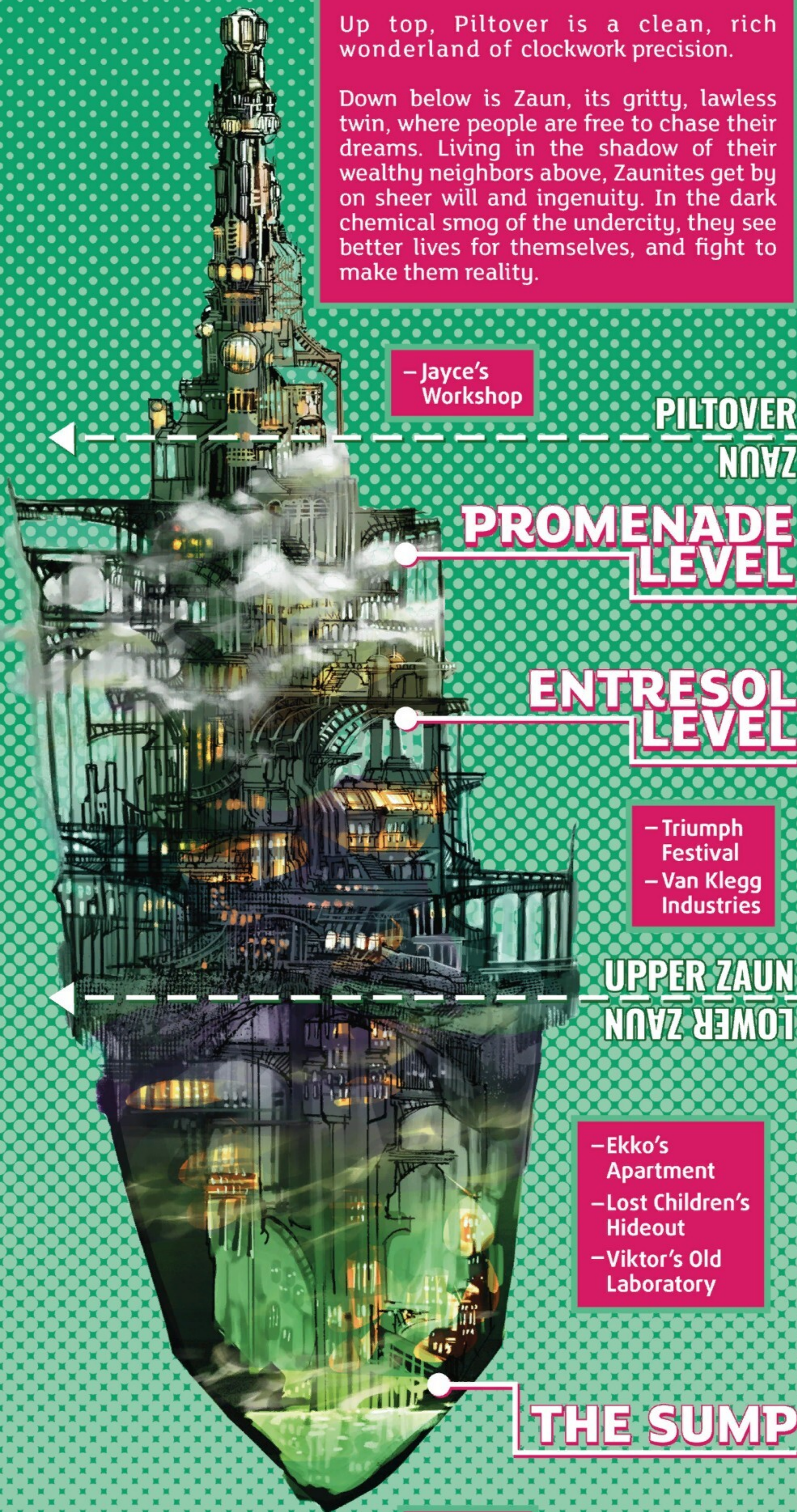
PILTOVER & ZAUN

ELEVATION
DIAGRAM

Piltover and Zaun—the two cities at the heart of the world's technological advancement.

Up top, Piltover is a clean, rich wonderland of clockwork precision.

Down below is Zaun, its gritty, lawless twin, where people are free to chase their dreams. Living in the shadow of their wealthy neighbors above, Zaunites get by on sheer will and ingenuity. In the dark chemical smog of the undercity, they see better lives for themselves, and fight to make them reality.



– Jayce's
Workshop

PILTOVER
ZAUN

PROMENADE
LEVEL

ENTRESOL
LEVEL

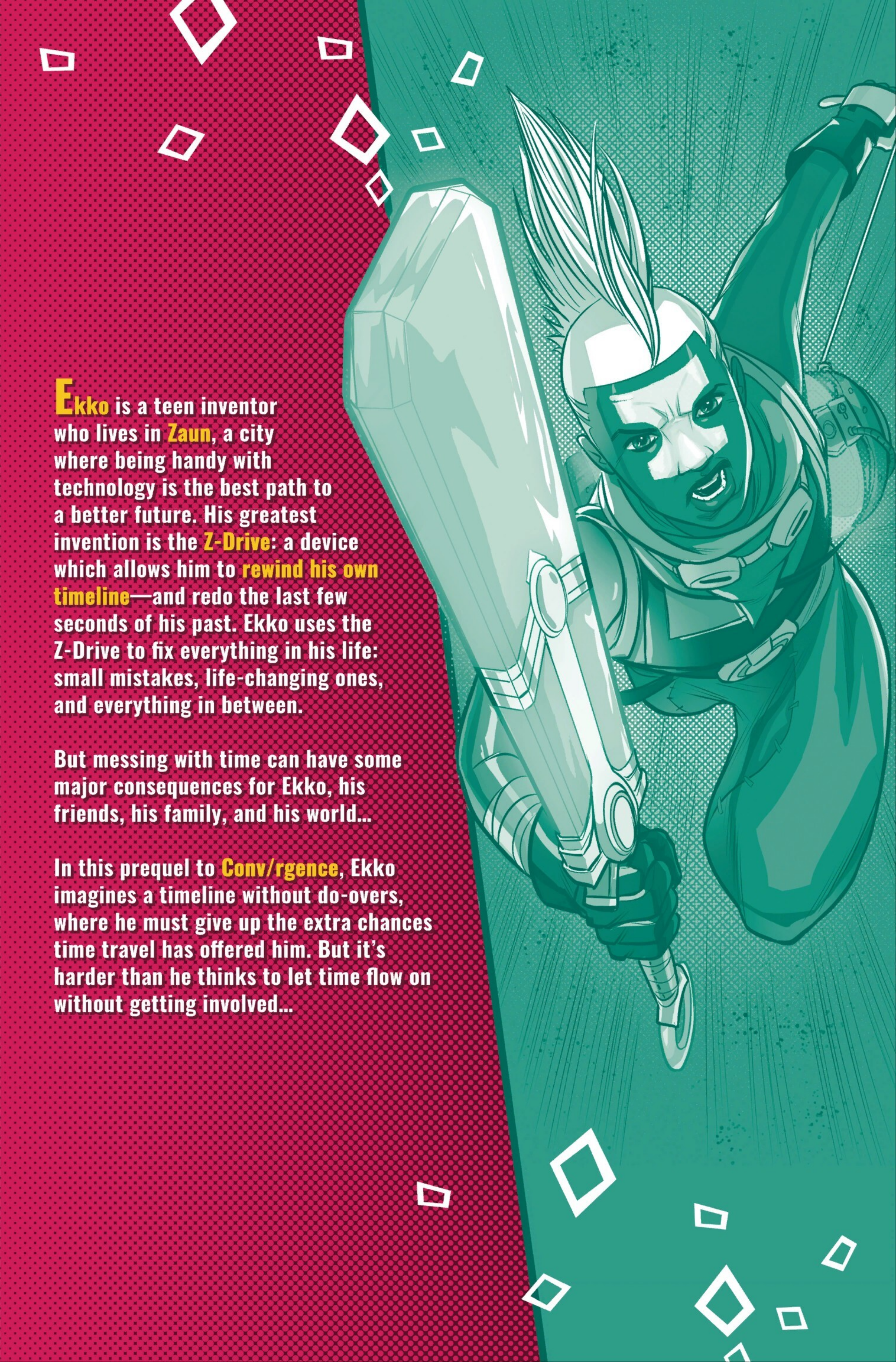
– Triumph
Festival
– Van Klegg
Industries

UPPER ZAUN
LOWER ZAUN

– Ekko's
Apartment
– Lost Children's
Hideout
– Viktor's Old
Laboratory

THE SUMP

Art by
Eric Canete



Ekkko is a teen inventor who lives in **Zaun**, a city where being handy with technology is the best path to a better future. His greatest invention is the **Z-Drive**: a device which allows him to **rewind his own timeline**—and redo the last few seconds of his past. Ekko uses the Z-Drive to fix everything in his life: small mistakes, life-changing ones, and everything in between.

But messing with time can have some major consequences for Ekko, his friends, his family, and his world...

In this prequel to **Conv/rgence**, Ekko imagines a timeline without do-overs, where he must give up the extra chances time travel has offered him. But it's harder than he thinks to let time flow on without getting involved...



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EKKO'S APARTMENT.

I'M DONE MEDDLING WITH LIFE.

WHAT'S THAT? IT'S NOT GOING IN MY EYEBALLS, IS IT?

NO, SIR. THIS IS THE CONSULTATION VISIT. I'M JUST HERE TO TAKE MEASUREMENTS.

ESPECIALLY OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.

IT'S MY EYES THAT ARE BAD. WHY DO YOU NEED TO MEASURE MY NECK?

I COULD TELL HIM WHAT I DID. HOW I USED MY Z-DRIVE TO MANIPULATE HIM...

ALL VAN KLEGG AUGMENTATIONS PLUG DIRECTLY INTO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

IT'S HOW OUR PATIENTS ARE ABLE TO OPERATE THEM WITH SUCH MASTERY AND PRECISION.

WHOA!

...TELL HIM HOW I USED TIME-TRAVEL ON HIM, REWINDING UNTIL I FORCED HIM TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT. YOU SURE THIS IS SAFE?

...TELL HIM I DID HIM WRONG, EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONLY TRYING TO GET HIM TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

UHH... WELL... IT MAKES SENSE THAT IT WOULD NEED TO CONNECT TO, YOUR, UM...

YOU DON'T SOUND TOO CONFIDENT.

THE EKKO I KNOW ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING PERSUASIVE TO SAY.

...BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT ACTUALLY DO?

I DON'T SEE WHAT OTHER OPTION WE HAVE...

BUT IT'S YOUR DECISION TO MAKE, DAD. DO WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST.

THIS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE SCENARIO.

OKAY... LET'S GET ON WITH IT.

NO MORE MANIPULATING. NO MORE REWINDING.

TIME TO LIVE REAL LIFE.

AGH. THAT'S TIGHT.

SORRY. ALMOST DONE, I PROMISE.

SEE? NOW YOU'RE ALL READY FOR YOUR PROCEDURE.

I GOTTA RUN, DAD. I'LL BE THERE WITH YOU AT THE LAB, FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING.

FROM NOW ON, I DO EVERYTHING IN ONE SHOT.

AND TODAY, THAT ONE SHOT'S GONNA HAVE TO BE A GOOD ONE.

TODAY'S THE SCRAPTOWN RUN.

SCRAPTOWN. THE SUMP.

YOU DID WHAT?!

I GOT RID OF THE Z-DRIVE.

AGHH!
JUST--JUST...
WHY?!

ALL THAT GOING BACK AND TRYING TO GET EVERYTHING PERFECT... IT'S NO WAY TO LIVE. I JUST WANNA BE ME.

YEAH--YEAH, WELL, YOU PICKED A HELLUVA DAY TO BE YOU, EKKO.

COULDN'T YOU HAVE WAITED UNTIL AFTER THE SCRAPTOWN RUN?

EVERY GANG IN ZAUN IS IN THIS RACE. YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DO TO PEOPLE WHO LOOK WEAK. THEY OWN THEM.

I NORMALLY WOULDN'T SAY THIS, BUT SKIDS IS RIGHT.

WHEN I SAID YOU HAD A REWINDING PROBLEM, I DIDN'T MEAN YOU SHOULDN'T DO IT WHEN OUR SURVIVAL IS ON THE LINE.

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE WITHOUT SOME KIND OF TECH HELP.

BUT DON'T WORRY... WE GOT YA COVERED.



ME AND CHANCEE WORKED ALL NIGHT ON THESE SUPER-GADGETS!

MY WALL-GRIPPING PARKOUR BOOTS ARE NOW STICKY ENOUGH TO GRIP ANYTHING.

AND MY ROCKET KNEEPADS NOW HAVE ROCKETS!



LOTS MORE WHERE THOSE CAME FROM. YOU WANNA TRY OUT OUR NEW SLINGSHOT PANTS?

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, CHANCEE, BUT I DON'T NEED ANY GADGETS TO RUN THIS RACE. I--

SORRY WE'RE LATE!



FIRST DAY WITH MY NEW LEGS. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.

RED AND AXI! YOU GUYS GOT MODDED!

I--I'M GLAD SOMEONE IS TAKING THIS RACE SERIOUSLY! ME AND MY NEW HEAD CAN'T DO ALL THE WORK.



WOW. YOU GUYS...WENT ALL IN, HUH? WHAT IS THAT, AXIMANDER? A CLAW?



WHAT? ARE--ARE YOU GONNA GIVE THEM A SPEECH ABOUT HOW LIFE ISN'T A SMOOTH-RUNNING MACHINE OR WHATEVER?

I MEAN... WELL...



YOU GUYS DO YOUR THING. BUT I'M GOING TECH-FREE ON THIS ONE.

AND I'M GOING TO PROVE TO YOU THAT WE DON'T NEED IT.



YEAH. SURE. I GUESS WE CAN PICK UP YOUR SLACK.

I--I APPRECIATE YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP, BUT MAN, ARE YOU GONNA BE DEAD WEIGHT.

ALL RACERS, REPORT TO THE STARTING LINE!



YOU KNOW THE DEAL--GET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MAZE, BY ANY MEANS AVAILABLE!



FIRST TO FINISH TAKES HOME THE SCRAP CLIP, AND THE TITLE OF BADDEST IN ZAUN!



ON YOUR MARK...GET SET...

GO!



AND THEY'RE OFF!



THIS IS GOING TO BE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT. HAVING SERIOUS Z-DRIVE WITHDRAWAL.



EVERYWHERE I LOOK, I SEE THINGS I'D DO OVER.

WHAT'S WRONG, BRAT?



YOU RUN OUTTA FANCY MOVES?

HEY-EY, YOU TWO. WOULD EITHER OF YOU HAVE A TIME MACHINE I COULD BORROW? JUST FOR THIS RACE?



THAT'S "RED," WITH THE METAL LEGS, IN THE LEAD...

PANTS!



BUT IN A ONE-SHOT LIFE, IN ZAUN...

UHN. HEY!

...YOU GOTTA LEARN TO ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES.



...WITH THE SMALL OAFISH BOY AND SAUCY LITTLE GIRL TRAILING THE PACK...

WE GOTTA CATCH UP! ROCKET KNEES, ON!

PARKOUR SHOES, GRIP!



WHOOAA!

YUHH!

SQUESH



THUD

OOOF.

UGNN. I'M STUCK! I KNEW I MADE 'EM TOO GRIPPY.



GAHH!

KLACK



AND THE GUY WITH THE CLAW MAKES A WRONG TURN...



HEH. TURNS ARE FOR THOSE WHO LACK VISION.



NNNHH!



SPANT!



GOTCHA, RED!

NO YOU DON'T!



CRASH

YAHHHHHH!



AND THE WINNER--FROM THE "LOST CHILDREN" CREW...

THAT KID WITH THE STUFF ON HIS HEAD!



DID YOU GUYS SEE THAT?! I WAS LIKE, "WHAT WALLS?!"

I'M IMPRESSED.



WOW. SKIDS... WON?

SKIDS WON THE RACE... AND I CAME IN EIGHTH.



GO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU JUST SAW, LOSERS!

YOU CANNOT MESS WITH THE LOST CHILDREN... OR SKIDS'S NEW HEAD!



SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO NOT BE SPECIAL. I'VE NEVER FELT SO... USELESS.

HEY, IF YOU WANNA FEEL USEFUL, YOU CAN GO HELP LEM.



HELLO?
IS ANYBODY STILL HERE?

GLORIOUS EVOLVED COMPOUND.

THESE
BRAVE BEINGS...

...WERE *MORE* THAN
THE SUM OF *FLESH*
AND *METAL*.

THEY GAVE
THEMSELVES TO
SOMETHING *LARGER*--
A *SINGLE* GREAT
CONSCIOUSNESS.

THEY SACRIFICED
THEIR BODIES FOR
THE GOOD OF THE
ONE MIND.

NOW WE WILL HONOR
THEM THROUGH
RECLAMATION.

BECOME
THE *ONE*.

BECOME
THE *ONE*.

MY FRIENDS--YOUR
DEVOTION HAS
MOVED ME. THE
THINGS I HAVE SEEN
HERE IN YOU...

BEFORE TODAY, I HAD
THOUGHT THEM THE DREAM
OF A *FOOL*. BUT NOW I SEE
THE *EVOLUTION* IS
POSSIBLE. WE CAN--

HEY,
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHEM FLOW? YOU GUYS BLOW OUT THE PIPE OR SOMETHING?



THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION. THESE WERE THE *SELFLESS HEROES* WHO EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. WE ARE HONORING THEM BY *REPURPOSING* THEIR REMAINS.

IS THAT RIGHT?



WELL, OUR *SELFLESS BOSSES* AT THE *CHEMTECH FACTORY* TOLD US TO SECURE THIS PIPELINE.

YOU *FREAKS*'LL HAVE TO SQUAT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

WE ARE NOT VAGRANTS. THIS COMPOUND IS OUR *BLUEPRINT* FOR A *SUPERIOR CIVILIZATION*.



SUPERIOR? HOW'S THAT?

PERHAPS IT'S BEST WE *SHOW* YOU. I SEE BY YOUR MODIFICATIONS THAT YOU'VE TAKEN THE *FIRST STEP* TOWARD *PERFECTION*. WOULDNT YOU LIKE TO SEE THE *NEXT*?

I DON'T THINK SO. I LIKE HAVING MY *OWN MIND*.



THE *ONE MIND* IS NOTHING TO *FEAR*. IT IS THE *ELIMINATION* OF *ERROR*.

JOIN US, AND YOU'LL NEVER AGAIN WORRY ABOUT *HUNGER*, OR *DISEASE*--





SUPERIOR...

LOOK--
THEY CAN'T
EVEN FEEL.

HSSSSS

SPLASH



INFERIOR
BEAST--WE ARE
PERFECTION!

BROTHERS,
PLEASE--WE ARE
AUGMENTED
LIKE YOU. WE
SHARE THE GOAL
OF PERFEC--

PLSHHH

VWOOM



ALL RIGHT,
SHUT 'EM
DOWN!

KWLAK KWLAK

THEY TURN
ON US...JUST
AS BEFORE.
CALL
US LESS
THAN.



PROVE
THEM
WRONG!



SHOW
THE WORLD
YOU ARE
MORE!

WUHW
WUHW

WUHW
WUHW



SHOW THEM THE ONE MIND!



AHHHH!

TZZZZT

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

VWOOOM

BLAM

UHNN...



PUUUUUUU



URGGGH...

SIZZLE



M-MY PROPHET...



BECOME THE ONE, MY FRIENDS. THOUGH YOU LOST YOUR LIVES...



->SPUTTER<-

YOU EXPOSED A TRUTH.



ZZZZT

YOU HAVE SHOWN ME THE EVOLUTION IS REAL.



AND THEY HAVE SHOWN ME THEY WILL NEVER ACCEPT IT.

>CHOKES<



IT WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN.



EVEN AS MORE BECOME AUGMENTED...



YOU GOT A PROBLEM, MAN?

YES. WE ARE DOOMED TO APPROACH PERFECTION, ONLY TO FALL TO THE PESTILENCE OF FREE WILL.



UH-HUH... THAT'S... THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.



THEY CHANGE THEIR BODIES, BUT THEIR MINDS REFUSE TO EVOLVE.



SO I MUST CHANGE THEM.



THE WILL OF THE INDIVIDUAL...

UH, THIS IS THE SERVICE TOWER. NO ONE BUT MR. VAN KLEGG HAS CLEARANCE TO--



...MUST BE ELIMINATED.

UHN...



THESE OLD IDEAS OF MINE...

NEED ONLY A SLIGHT UPDATE.

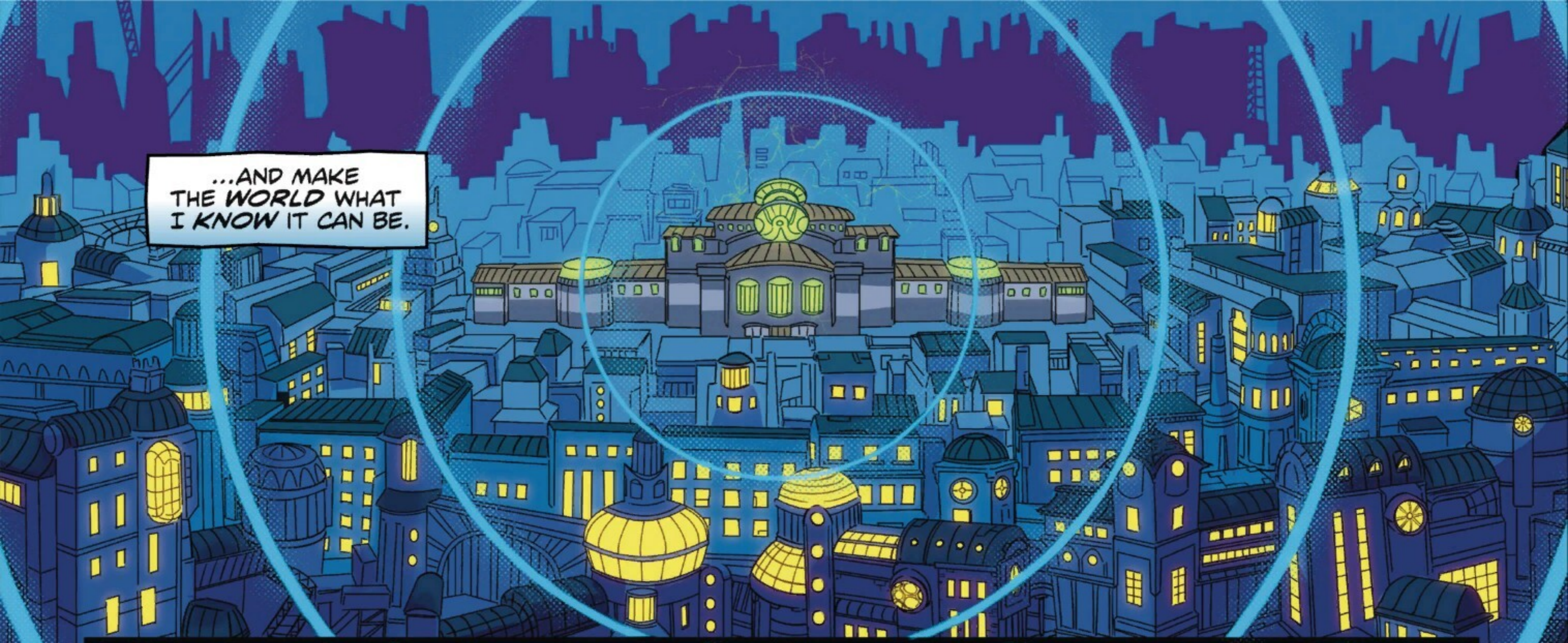


A SMALL BOOST IN POWER...



...TO REACH EVERYONE.

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...AND MAKE THE WORLD WHAT I KNOW IT CAN BE.



A NEW MODIFICATION, FOR ALL OF ZAUN.



CREW, I'M SORRY IF I WAS ACTING WEIRD YESTERDAY.

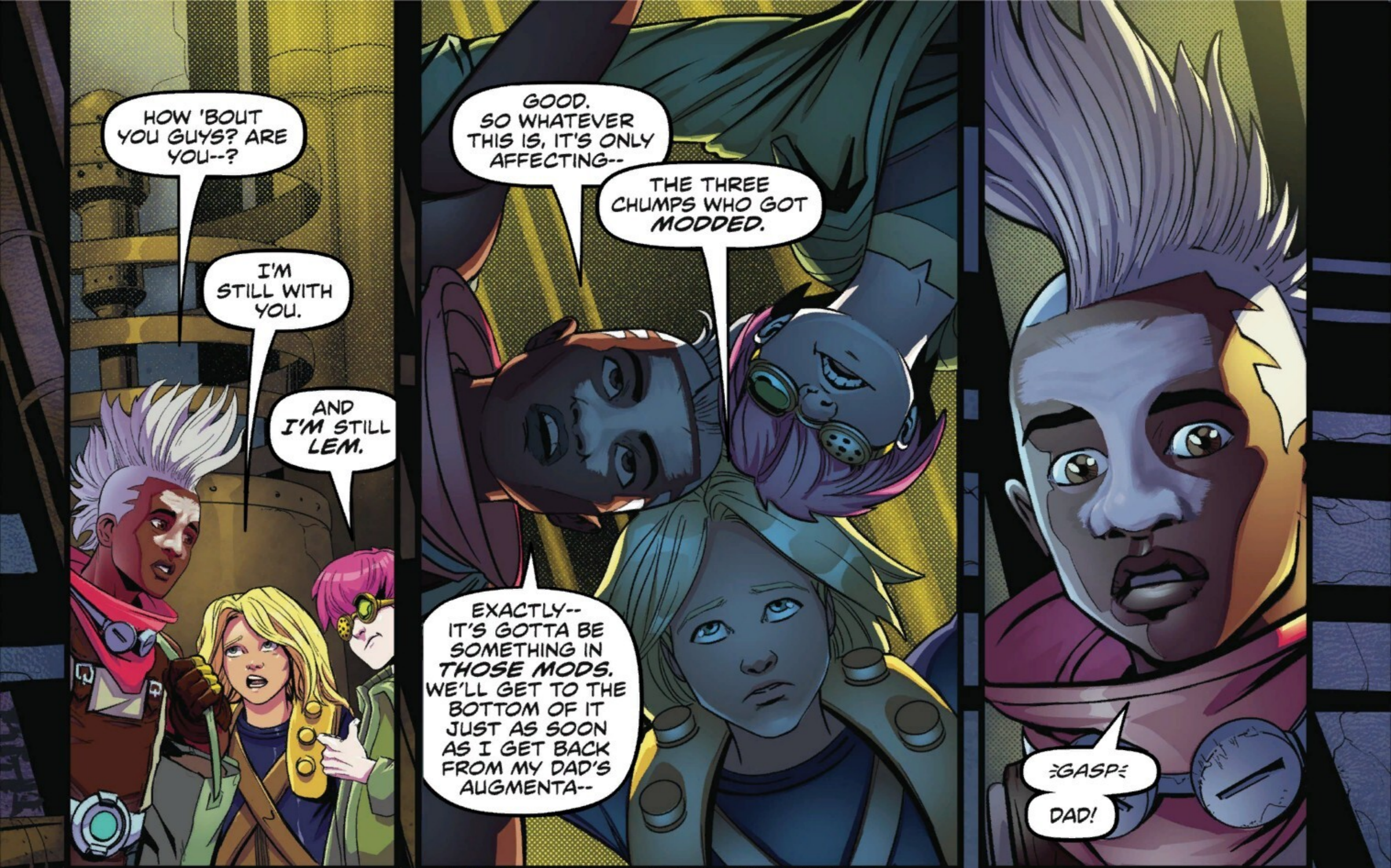
I THINK I'VE BEEN HATING ON YOUR MODS BECAUSE THEY MAKE ME FEEL LESS SPECIAL. DUMB, RIGHT?



SO AS A PEACE OFFERING, I BROUGHT BREAK--







HOW 'BOUT YOU GUYS? ARE YOU--?

I'M STILL WITH YOU.

AND I'M STILL LEM.

GOOD. SO WHATEVER THIS IS, IT'S ONLY AFFECTING--

THE THREE CHUMPS WHO GOT MODDED.

EXACTLY-- IT'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING IN THOSE MODS. WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT JUST AS SOON AS I GET BACK FROM MY DAD'S AUGMENTA--

≡GASP≡
DAD!



DAD'S GETTING MODDED THIS MORNING.

TO BE CONTINUED...