

FIRST EPIC ISSUE!

THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL

GRIDIRON GREEN

DEFENDER OF THE EARTH!™

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OBASI, THE NEWLY MANTLED GRIDIRON GREEN, IS ASSISTING WITH THE INSTALLMENT OF GREEN ENERGY POWERED SENSORS FOR A TRIBE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. HE'S BROUGHT ALONG HIS DAUGHTER, TEJIRI, AND HIS FRIEND SUJAN, FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. BEFORE THEY'RE ABLE TO FINISH THE PROJECT, OBASI GETS HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO USE HIS RECENTLY GIFTED POWERS AGAINST A FOE THAT MIGHT BE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR EARTH'S NEW GUARDIAN!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



17 GOALS TO ACHIEVE 3 EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN THE NEXT 15 YEARS...

1. End extreme poverty
2. Fight inequality and injustice
3. Fix climate change

To realize these goals, everyone, however young they are needs to take part. So join the movement, share the news about the Goals and encourage others to become the generation that changes the world!

GOAL 15: LIFE ON LAND

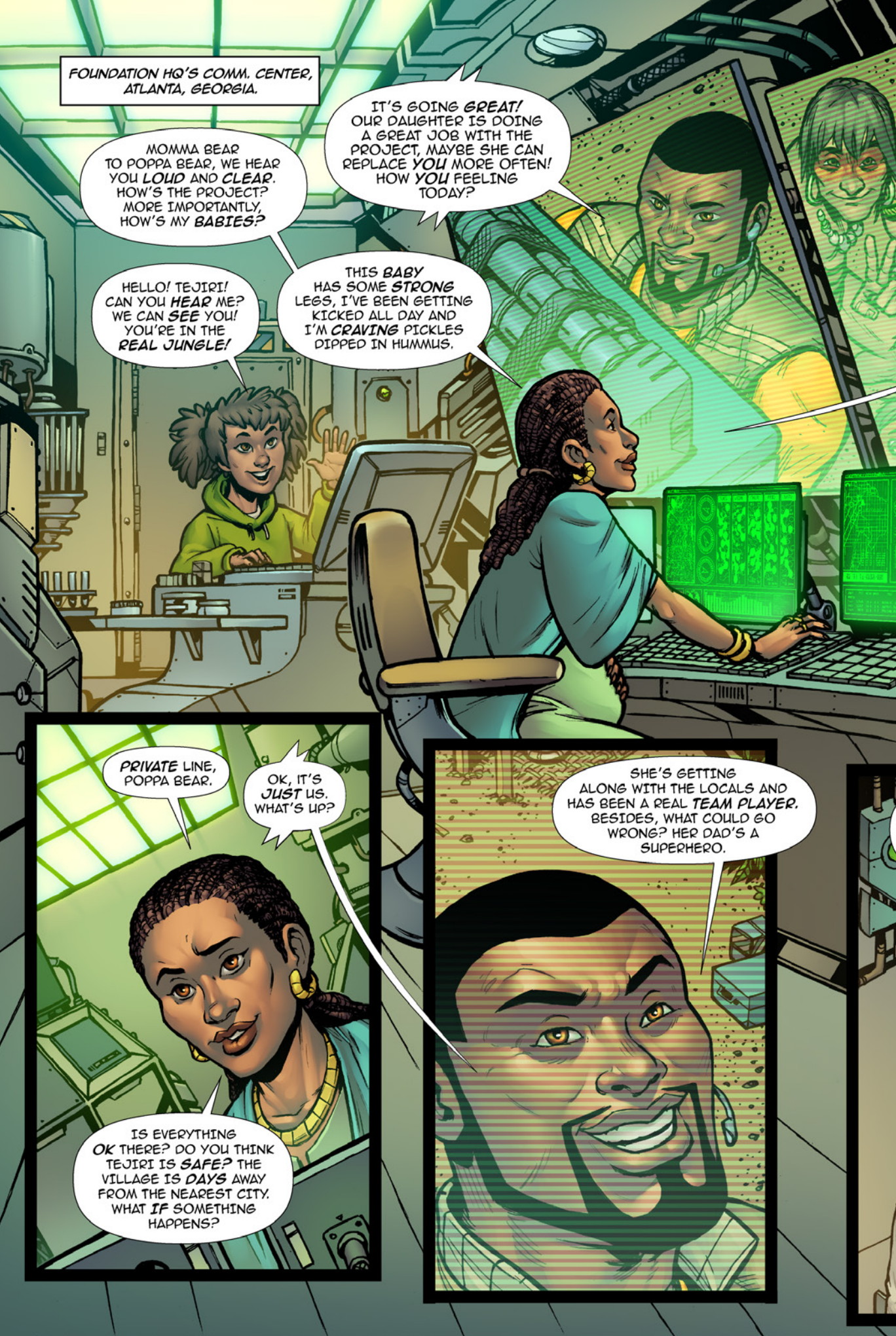


"Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss"

Progress in preserving and sustainably using the Earth's terrestrial species and ecosystems is uneven. The pace of forest loss has slowed and improvements continue to be made in managing forests sustainably and protecting areas important for biodiversity. However, declining trends in land productivity, biodiversity loss and poaching and trafficking of wildlife remain serious concerns.

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THERE'S A NEED TO PROTECT THESE LANDS...
REMOTE LOCATION IN THE AMAZON FOREST
...FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME AFTER US.
AS MAN EVOLVED AND PROGRESSED, HIS HUNGER FOR RESOURCES HAS GROWN. IT HAS GROWN AND REACHED US HERE...
HAVING YOU HERE TO WORK WITH US TO ESTABLISH OUR LAND RIGHTS WILL BE HELPFUL TO US WHEN PROTECTING OUR LANDS, SUJAN.
THE GPS TECHNOLOGY WE'RE INSTALLING RUNS OFF CLEAN ENERGY AND IS NON-INVASIVE.
THERE IS TALK OF CHANGE COMING ON THE WIND AND ABOUT YOU, OBASI.
THE WIND? AND ME?
WE'LL UTILIZE THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR CHILDRENS' FUTURE.
IT WILL MAP OUT AND HELP IN PREVENTING ILLEGAL DEFORESTATION. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ALERTS TO POACHING AND ILLEGAL HUNTING OF THE LOCAL WILDLIFE
WE'RE HERE TO HELP.
WE THANK YOU, SUJAN.
HA! WELL, THIS NEW TECH HAS EARLY WARNING ON PERIMETER BREACHES AND PROVIDES CLIMATE DATA.
IT LINKS BACK TO OUR HEADQUARTERS SO THAT WE CAN COLLECT THE DATA AND STRENGTHEN THE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTIVE CAPACITY.
SPEAKING OF LINKS, HOW'S IT GOING, TEJIRI?
JUST FINISHED RUNNING THE SOFTWARE MOM WROTE FOR US. DONE! WE GOT A STABLE LINK WITH HOME...
TRY IT OUT, DADDY-O!
POPPA BEAR TO MOMMA BEAR. WE COMING THROUGH?


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MOMMA BEAR TO POPPA BEAR, WE HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR. HOW'S THE PROJECT? MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW'S MY BABIES?
IT'S GOING GREAT! OUR DAUGHTER IS DOING A GREAT JOB WITH THE PROJECT, MAYBE SHE CAN REPLACE YOU MORE OFTEN! HOW YOU FEELING TODAY?
HELLO! TEJIRI! CAN YOU HEAR ME? WE CAN SEE YOU! YOU'RE IN THE REAL JUNGLE!
THIS BABY HAS SOME STRONG LEGS, I'VE BEEN GETTING KICKED ALL DAY AND I'M CRAVING PICKLES DIPPED IN HUMMUS.
PRIVATE LINE, POPPA BEAR.
OK, IT'S JUST US. WHAT'S UP?
IS EVERYTHING OK THERE? DO YOU THINK TEJIRI IS SAFE? THE VILLAGE IS DAYS AWAY FROM THE NEAREST CITY. WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS?
SHE'S GETTING ALONG WITH THE LOCALS AND HAS BEEN A REAL TEAM PLAYER. BESIDES, WHAT COULD GO WRONG? HER DAD'S A SUPERHERO.


ALLISON! I CAN HEAR YOU CRYSTAL CLEAR! CAN YOU SEE THE COOL ARMBANDS THE VILLAGERS MADE US? COOL, RIGHT? I'LL BRING YOU ONE! HOW'S OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS?
BEFORE YOU TWO GIRLS START TALKING ABOUT IMPORTANT STUFF LIKE FASHION, RECYCLING, AND ENERGY AUDITS AT SCHOOLS. CAN YOU UPDATE ME ON YOUR STATUS... AND IF YOU ARE EATING HEALTHY? I WISH I COULD BE THERE ONSITE WITH YOU.
THIS HAS BEEN AN AMAZING TRIP SO FAR, MOM. I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU BOTH FOR LETTING ME GO. SUJAN, DAD, AND I ATE WITH THE VILLAGERS THIS MORNING, IT WAS AWESOME!
HOW ABOUT YOU, DEREK?
YOU READY TO COME ALONG ON OUR NEXT TRIP? WANT TO SEE ALL THE GOOD YOUR TECH IS DOING IN THE REAL WORLD? ITS ALL FITTING TOGETHER PERFECTLY. MAYBE A FEW SNAKES AND SPIDERS.
THAT'S A JOKE, RIGHT? THOUGH I APPRECIATE KNOWING MY DESIGNS AND ENGINEERING GENIUS IS HELPING THE GREATER GOOD AND THE PLANET ITSELF...
I'M GOING TO PASS ON ACTUALLY GOING INTO THE JUNGLE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. I'M STILL WORKING ON A 4TH GENERATION TRAVELING WAVE REACTOR, I CAN'T LEAVE IT NOW. TOO SENSITIVE.
SORRY TO CUT IN GUYS, BUT IS THERE A TESTING OF THE ALARM SYSTEM HAPPENING NOW?
NO, DEREK, THAT'S A REAL ALARM!
TEJIRI, ARE YOU PICKING THIS UP THERE, TOO?
WE'RE READING IT TOO, MOM. CAN'T GET FIRM READINGS THOUGH. DAD...
I KNOW. IT'S HEADING RIGHT TOWARDS THE VILLAGE.



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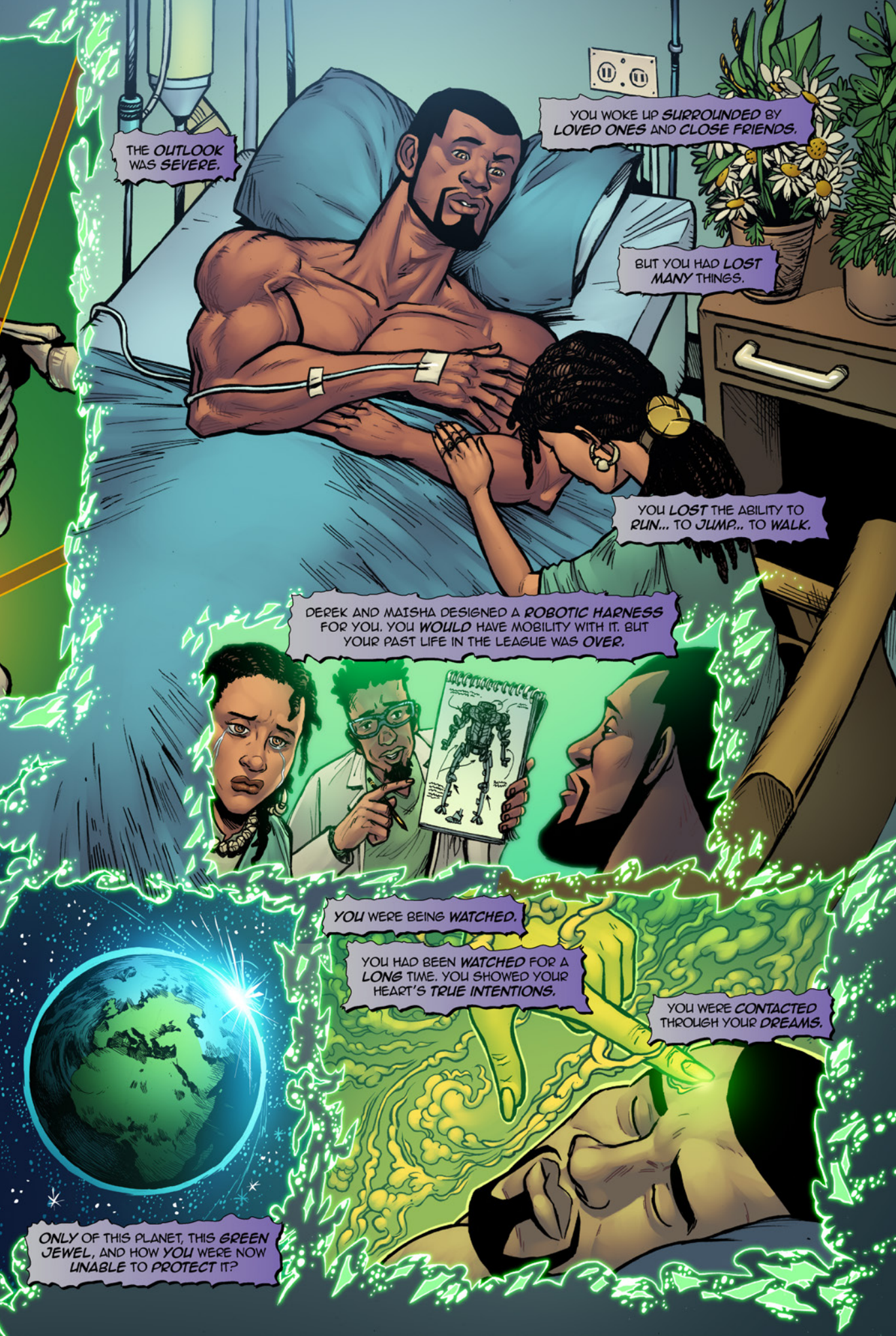
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AND NOW THIS!? WHERE DID THIS VILLAGE COME FROM!? IT'S RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF GPS COORDINATES I BOUGHT!
WHERE WOULD THOSE RESOURCES BE? HIDDEN? ALL I SEE ARE HUTS AND VILLAGERS RUNNING AROUND LIKE SCURRYING ANTS! MAYBE THEIR HIDING IT SOMEWHERE!
CHu-CHUNG!
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BEFORE THIS GETS ANY WORSE, I'LL ACTIVATE MY SIGNAL SCRAMBLER. IT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO LOOK AROUND... THE RADAR CLOAKING PROGRAM IS WORKING BEAUTIFULLY TOO.
TAP TAP TIK
I'M A BLUR TO ANY PRYING EYES.
BLINZZT!
WOAH! WE JUST LOST EVERYTHING! HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
YOU'RE RIGHT, DEREK. LOSE ONE SATELLITE? MAYBE. BUT WE LOST CONTACT WITH ALL SIX.
OUR FAMILY'S DOWN THERE! WE NEED TO GET BACK IN CONTACT WITH THEM. YOU DESIGNED THIS WHOLE SYSTEM, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT! WE HAVE TOO MANY REDUNDANCIES BUILT INTO THE SYSTEM.
I DID AND I'M ALREADY ON IT. THERE...
IT'S JUST A VIDEO FEED BOUNCED OFF THREE SATELLITES. NOT BRAGGING OVER HERE, BUT YOU CAN'T SCRAMBLE THE GUY THAT DESIGNED THE WHOLE SYSTEM FOR VERY LONG. AUDIO IS MY NEXT TASK.
I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST AND RECHECK THE ROUTERS, WE NEED TO FIND THE CAUSE.
WE ALSO NEED TO CALL THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL OFFICE...
SEE IF THEY CAN CONTACT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR HELP.


GET OUT OF THE WAY!
I KEEP SCANNING AND THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
I NEED TO FIND SOMETHING SOON BESIDES MORE ANNOYING LOCALS! MOVE!
AAHHH!
ARRHH!
AGH HUF!
CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG! CHu-CHUNG!
I CAN'T WASTE ANYMORE TIME! HOLD ON... WHAT'S THIS?
THERE'S SOME TECHNOLOGY I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE ON MY RADAR, MIGHT BE WORTH CHECKING IT OUT AND GRABBING TOO...
UGH! THESE BUGS ARE THE WORST!
HOW DO PEOPLE LIVE HERE ALL THE TIME?
IF I DON'T FIND SOMETHING WORTH MY TRIP, I'LL START SMASHING SOMETHING OTHER THAN THESE HUTS!
I'M ALSO PICKING UP AN ODD GREEN BLIP SHAPED LIKE...
A PERSON?
OBASI, I'M CLEARING THE WEST SIDE OF THE VILLAGE AND THEN TOWARDS THE RIVERBOATS!
SUFAN, NO! TAKE TEJIRI TO THE BOATS FOR ME! I'M FASTER, I'LL CLEAR THE WHOLE VILLAGE AND MEET YOU BOTH AT THE BOATS.
DAD, WAIT! WHO IS THIS GUY? WHERE ARE YOU GOING? HE'S GOING TO SMASH EVERYTHING, INCLUDING YOU!
I'VE NO IDEA WHO IT IS, BUT HUTS CAN BE REPLACED AND PEOPLE CAN'T.
FOLLOW SUJAN. I'LL SEE YOU SOON.


MY FIRST CHANCE TO USE THESE POWERS. THIS IS IT. THE MOMENT OF TRUTH.
MOMENT OF TRUTH, OBASI?
YOU THINK YOURSELF PREPARED?
YOU WERE A PRO-BALLER IN THE WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE.
A GLOBAL EVENT, FAST-PACED AND AS DANGEROUS AS ANY ANCIENT BATTLEFIELD.
ON THE FIELD, THERE WAS NO EQUAL TO YOUR SPEED AND STRENGTH.
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YOU THRIVED IN THIS NEW AGE ARENA. GLORY AND FAME WAS HEAPED UPON YOUR NAME.
OFF THE FIELD, YOU AND YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND, DEREK, SHARED A LOVE OF NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM.
WITH YOUR WIFE, MAISHA, THE THREE OF YOU CREATED THE ECO CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION. FOCUSING ON OUR PLANET AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.
YOU SHARED IN YOUR GLORY AND BECAME A LEADER OF CHAMPIONS. YOU BECAME FAMOUS GLOBALLY, AND RESPECTED BY OTHER PLAYERS.
YOU USED THIS FAME AND YOUR FORTUNE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF CONSERVATION
YOU WANTED TO PROTECT THE EARTH'S PRECIOUS RESOURCES WITH CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC ENDEAVOURS.

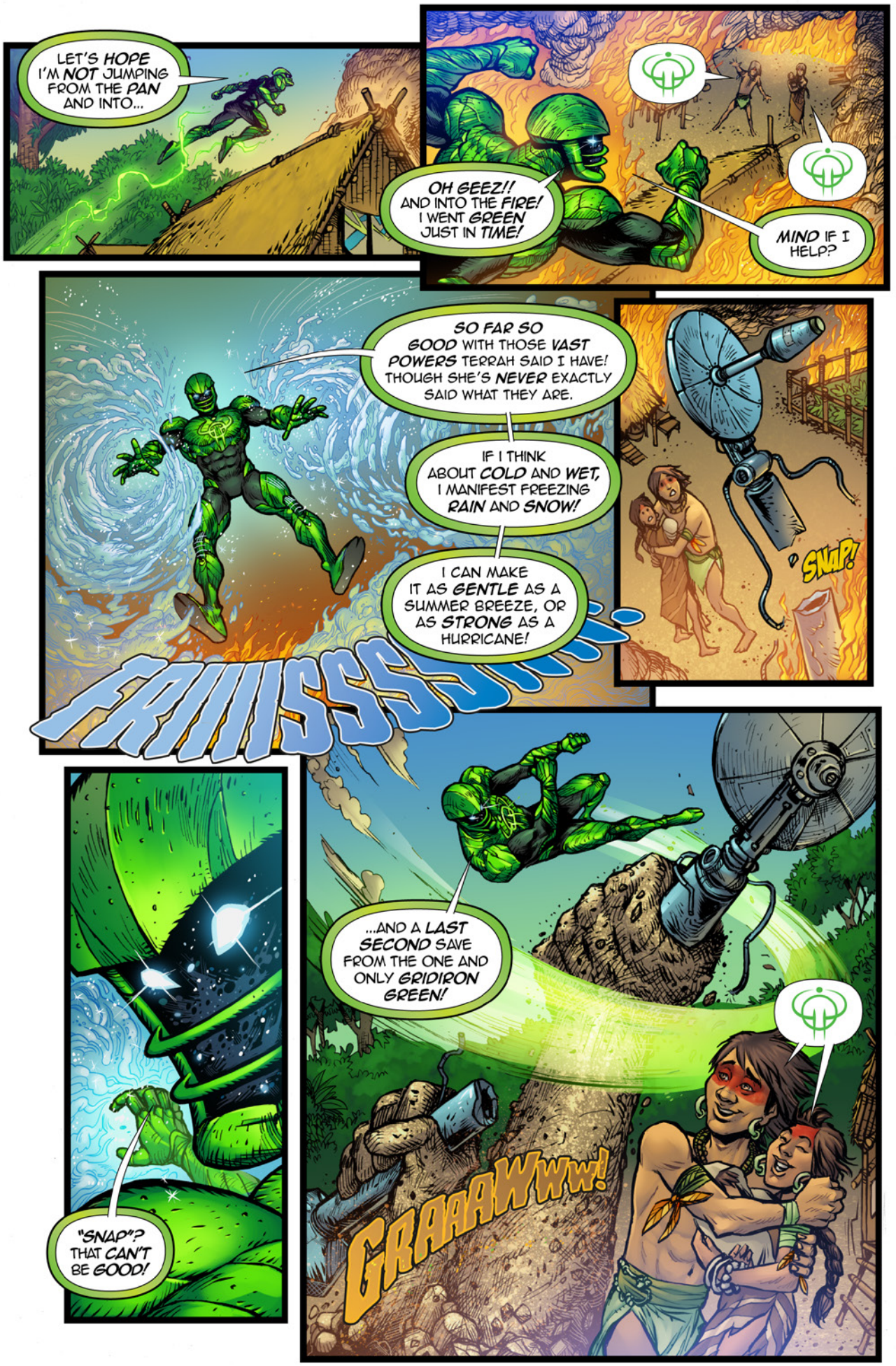

IN THE LEAGUE, THERE WERE RUMOURS OF BRIBES, BODY AUGMENTATIONS AND BOOSTING IN NEW PLAYERS.
DURING THE WORLD ULTRABOWL, THE STAKES WERE HIGH.
THE INJURY WAS TRAUMATIC.
MEN MOTIVATED BY GREED WILL DO ANYTHING.
YOU TOOK A HIT TO YOUR SPINE FROM A BOOSTED PLAYER.
THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE THAT COULD BE DONE WITH MODERN MEDICINE.
IN THAT MOMENT YOU DID NOT THINK OF YOUR LOST FAME...

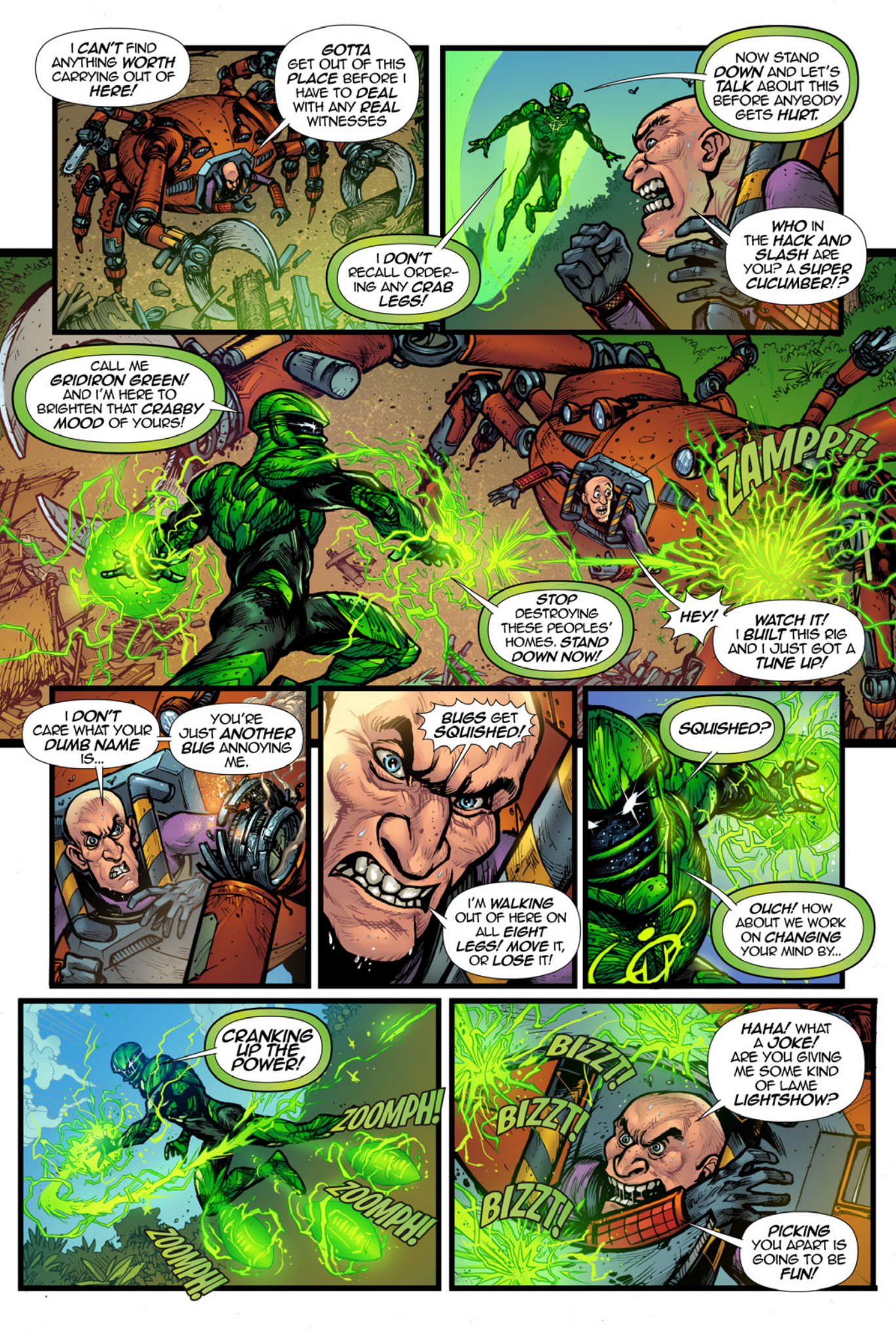

THE OUTLOOK WAS SEVERE.
YOU WOKE UP SURROUNDED BY LOVED ONES AND CLOSE FRIENDS.
BUT YOU HAD LOST MANY THINGS.
YOU LOST THE ABILITY TO RUN... TO JUMP... TO WALK.
DEREK AND MAISHA DESIGNED A ROBOTIC HARNESS FOR YOU. YOU WOULD HAVE MOBILITY WITH IT. BUT YOUR PAST LIFE IN THE LEAGUE WAS OVER.
YOU WERE BEING WATCHED.
YOU HAD BEEN WATCHED FOR A LONG TIME. YOU SHOWED YOUR HEART'S TRUE INTENTIONS.
YOU WERE CONTACTED THROUGH YOUR DREAMS.
ONLY OF THIS PLANET, THIS GREEN JEWEL, AND HOW YOU WERE NOW UNABLE TO PROTECT IT?


YOU WERE SHOWN FLIGHT. LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, YOU TOOK TO IT LIKE AN EAGLE ON THE WIND.
YOU WERE SHOWN WHERE TO GO. THE CENTER POINT TO ALL LIFE.
YOU WERE SHOWN AN ANCIENT CARVING. A SYMBOL. BOUND TO THE PLANET AND YOUR OWN DESTINY.
YOU AWOKE WITH NEW PURPOSE. IN YOUR HEART, YOU KNEW YOUR PATH.
YOUR TREK WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. THE PATH WAS LOST TO MANKIND BEFORE THE GIANT CONTINENT SPLIT INTO THE MANY.
THE PULL WAS STRONG AND YOU FOUND YOUR WAY. THE DREAMS OF THIS PLACE WERE REAL.
YOU ENTERED ALONE INTO THE CRYSTAL FILLED CAVERN.
WELCOME, OBASI MORANI...
AND YOU FOUND SOMEONE AT THE CENTER.
I AM THE SOURCE OF THE GREEN ENERGY THAT FLOWS THROUGH THIS PLANET AND ALL LIFE ON IT. I'VE BEEN CALLED MANY THINGS: ALA, IMANA, ARAYANI, KISHAR, OPS...
YOU MAY CALL ME TERRAH.


ENTER.
LEAVE YOUR BODY HARNESS AND COME FORWARD ON YOUR OWN.
TERRAH...
I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO PROTECT THIS PLANET
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT A "GREEN" IS AND I CAN'T WALK ANYMORE...
IT HAS BEEN MADE SAFE IN THE PAST BY THE DEFENDERS OF THE GREEN
ARE YOU HERE TO ACCEPT THE ROLE AS THE NEW GREEN?
OUR WORLD IS PRECIOUS. IT MUST BE GUARDED.
THE LINE OF DEFENDERS GOES BACK LONGER THAN CAN BE REMEMBERED. DEFENDING EARTH WHEN THE NEED AROSE. YOU ARE THE LATEST IN THIS HONOR, OBASI.
DO YOU ACCEPT THIS TASK, OBASI?
WOAH!
YES, TERRAH. I DO.
AS THE EARTH'S GREEN DEFENDER,
AHH!
YOU WILL BE GIVEN VAST POWERS AND STRENGTH TO AID YOU WITH THIS ANCIENT TASK.
YOUR BROKEN BODY WILL BE MENDED.
MMPH!
THE GREEN HEALS EVERY PAST DEFENDER AT THE START OF THEIR DUTIES.
YOU WILL HAVE ENEMIES. TO PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES, YOUR FACE AND VOICE WILL BE DISGUISED.
WHEN YOU NEED THE POWER, SIMPLY SAY MY NAME.


TERRAH!
HA! THIS WILL NEVER STOP BEING COOL! I CAN FEEL THE WORLD AROUND ME COME ALIVE!
THE TREES, THE ANIMALS, THE DIRT, THE AIR AND WATER... ALL OF IT.
IT WAS HARD EXPLAINING THIS TO MAISHA AND DEREK. SO FAR, THEY'RE THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE THAT KNOW ABOUT THESE POWERS. I COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT THEM.
ALRIGHT, SPORTS FANS...
YOU WILL BE CALLED...
GRIDIRON GREEN
DEFENDER OF THE EARTH!

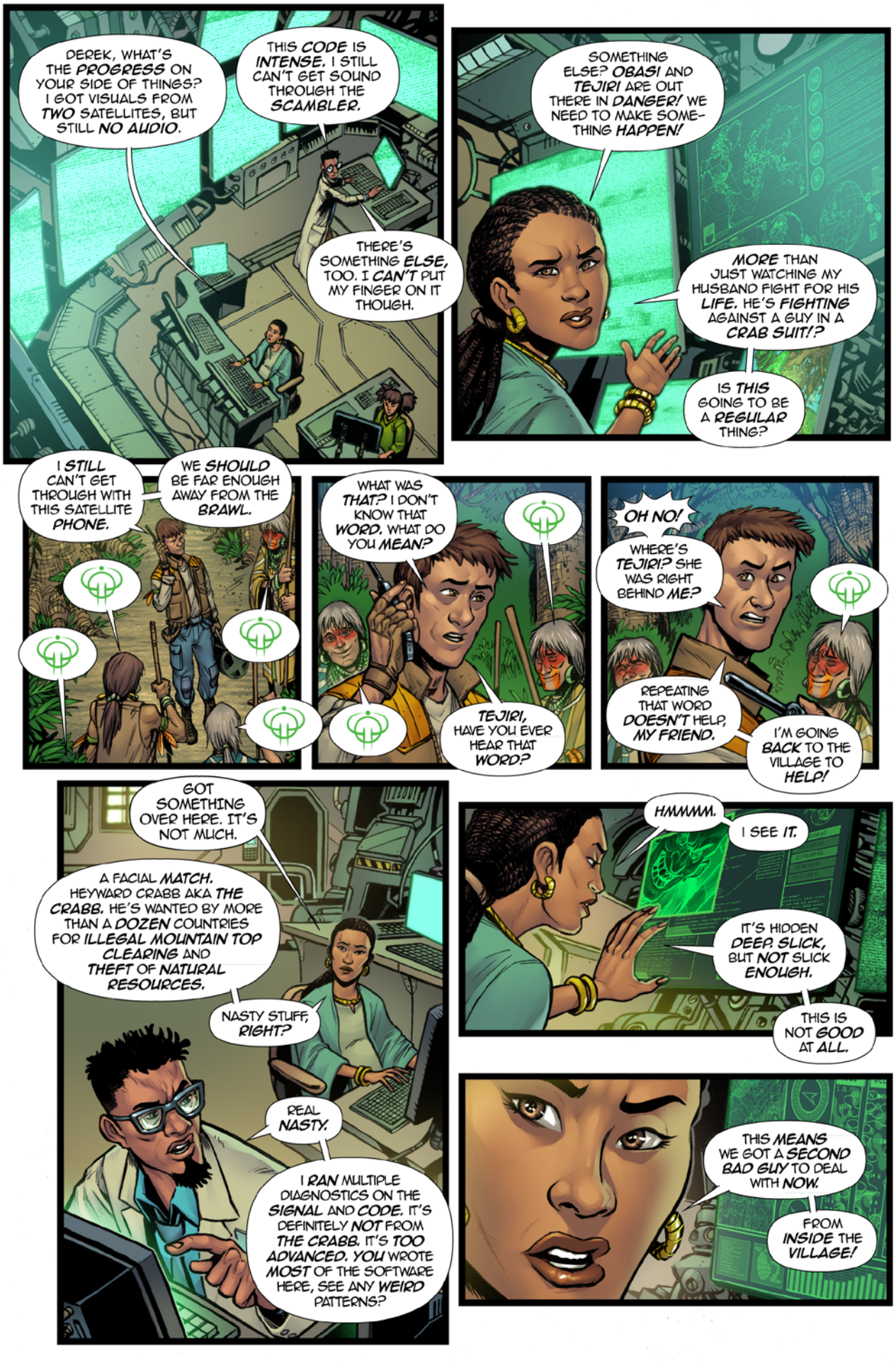

LET'S HOPE I'M NOT JUMPING FROM THE PAN AND INTO...
OH GEEZ!! AND INTO THE FIRE! I WENT GREEN JUST IN TIME!
MIND IF I HELP?
SO FAR SO GOOD WITH THOSE VAST POWERS TERRAH SAID I HAVE! THOUGH SHE'S NEVER EXACTLY SAID WHAT THEY ARE.
IF I THINK ABOUT COLD AND WET, I MANIFEST FREEZING RAIN AND SNOW!
I CAN MAKE IT AS GENTLE AS A SUMMER BREEZE, OR AS STRONG AS A HURRICANE!
FRIIISSSJJJ...
SNAP!
"SNAP"? THAT CAN'T BE GOOD!
...AND A LAST SECOND SAVE FROM THE ONE AND ONLY GRIDIRON GREEN!
GRAAAWWW!

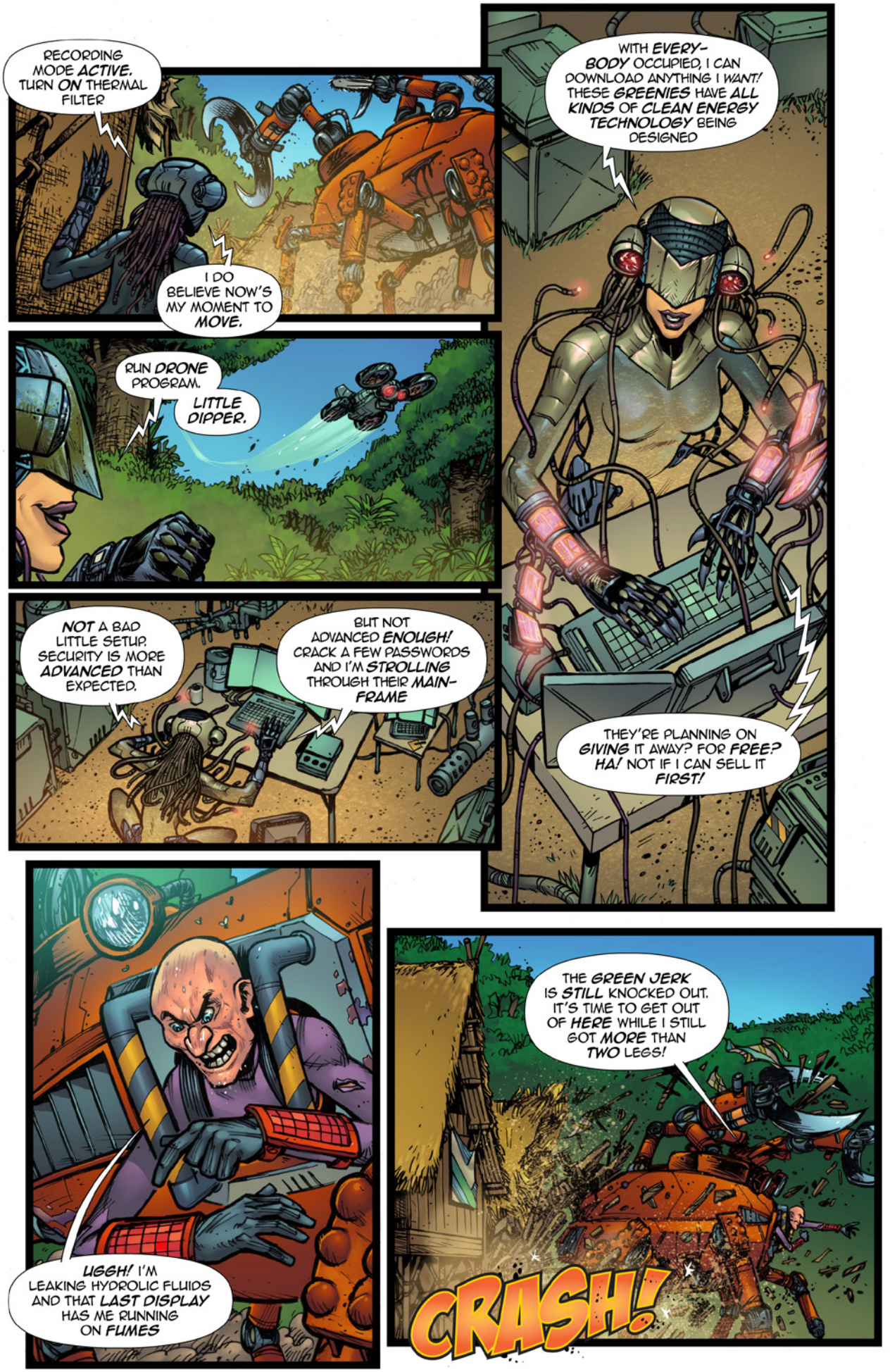

I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING WORTH CARRYING OUT OF HERE!
GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE BEFORE I HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANY REAL WITNESSES
I DON'T RECALL ORDERING ANY CRAB LEGS!
NOW STAND DOWN AND LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS BEFORE ANYBODY GETS HURT.
WHO IN THE HACK AND SLASH ARE YOU? A SUPER CUCUMBER!?
CALL ME GRIDIRON GREEN! AND I'M HERE TO BRIGHTEN THAT CRABBY MOOD OF YOURS!
ZAMPPT!
STOP DESTROYING THESE PEOPLES' HOMES. STAND DOWN NOW!
HEY!
WATCH IT! I BUILT THIS RIG AND I JUST GOT A TUNE UP!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR DUMB NAME IS...
YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER BUG ANNOYING ME.
BUGS GET SQUISHED!
I'M WALKING OUT OF HERE ON ALL EIGHT LEGS! MOVE IT, OR LOSE IT!
SQUISHED?
OUCH! HOW ABOUT WE WORK ON CHANGING YOUR MIND BY...
CRANKING UP THE POWER!
ZOOMPH!
ZOOMPH!
ZOOMPH!
BIZZT!
BIZZT!
BIZZT!
HAHA! WHAT A JOKE! ARE YOU GIVING ME SOME KIND OF LAME LIGHTSHOW?
PICKING YOU APART IS GOING TO BE FUN!

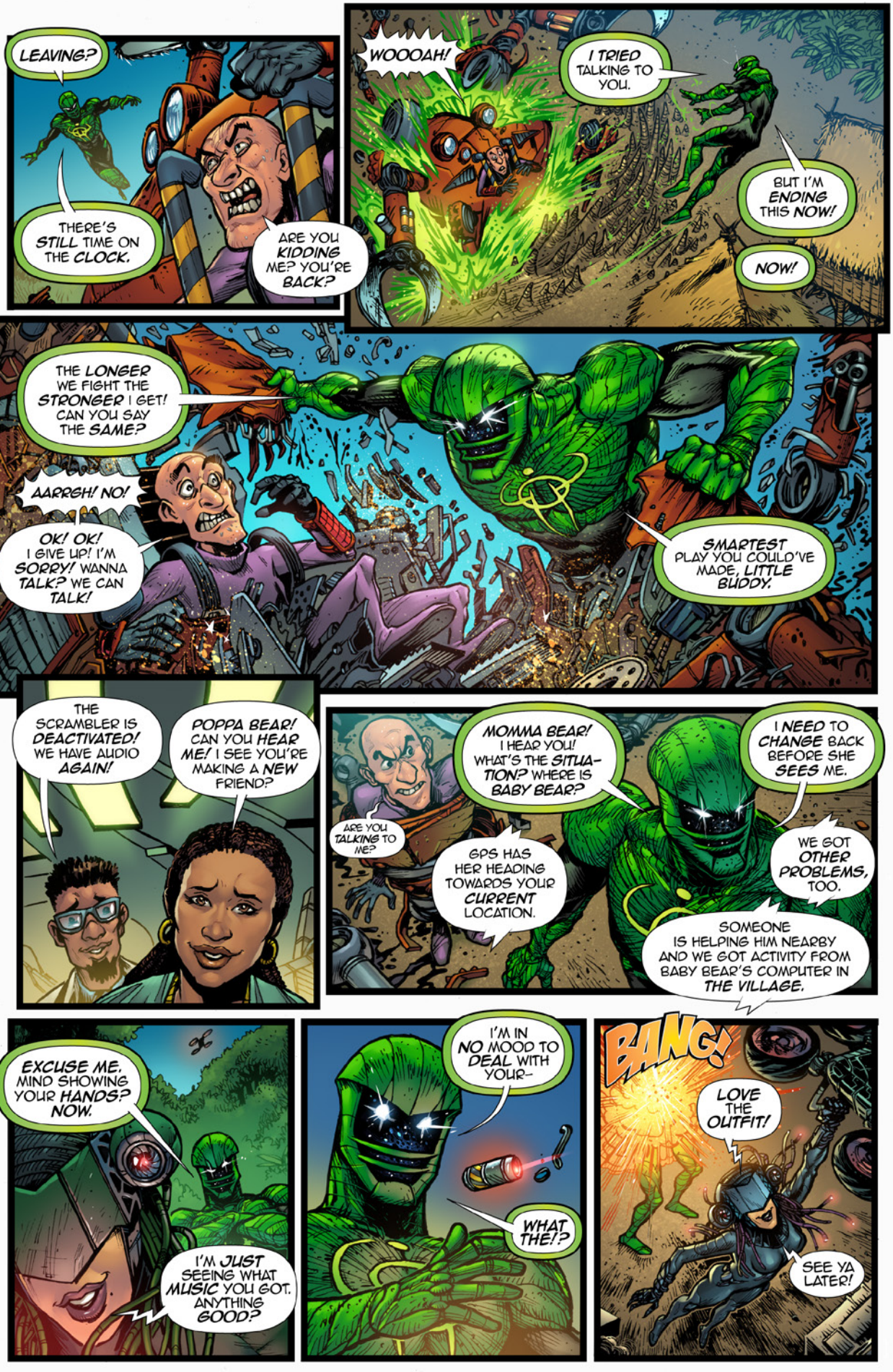

ZAMF!
ZAMF!
ZAMF!
I WAS HOLDING BACK, FOR YOUR SAKE! I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU. THE AUTHORITIES ARE ON THEIR WAY. I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU GIFT WRAPPED WHEN THEY GET HERE!
HA! WRONG! NOBODY'S ON THE WAY WITH MY SIGNAL. SCRAMBLER'S WORKING!
KRAK!
ARRGH!
SHAME YOU BUILT THIS MACHINE TO DESTROY AND NOT TO HELP THESE PEOPLE!
ALSO A SHAME YOU WON'T STOP AND I HAVE TO BREAK IT!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW WELL IT'S DESIGNED WHEN I CRAK YOU OPEN LIKE A NEON GREEN WALNUT!
I'VE SEEN BIGGER UGLIES!
AM I SEEING THIS RIGHT?
A GLOWING GREEN GUY FIGHTING A GIANT ROBOT CRAB? IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT SUPER POWERS AND CAN FLY!?
SURE. SNEAKING AWAY FROM SUJAN TO GET EVIDENCE WAS A BAD IDEA.
I'M GOING TO BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE... BUT LOOK WHAT I'M GETTING VIDEO OF!
I NEED TO FIND AND SHOW DAD ALL THIS! IT'S INCREDIBLE!
WAHWAAWWW!
HEY! IS THAT A BABY CRYING? IT SOUNDS CLOSE BY.
WWAAWWAAAA!
AAAWWAAA!
IF GREEN GUY IS BUSY WITH THAT CREEPY CRAB DUDE...
I'LL FIND THE BABY AND GET IT BACK WITH ITS FAMILY. I CAN DO THIS!
WAHHAAWWA!


THERE YOU ARE, LITTLE FELLA!
WWAAWWAAAA!
WAWWAAWWW!
ARE YOU OK? I'M HERE TO HELP YOU.
WHAT? I DON'T KNOW THAT WORD YET. I'M SORRY.
I DO KNOW I'M GETTING YOU BACK TO YOUR FAMILY.
REC
"AND TO MINE!"
RECORDING MODE ACTIVE...
LOOKS LIKE THE APPLE DOESNT FALL FAR FROM THE TREE IN THIS FAMILY
MISSION NOTE:
RESEARCH AND DEBRIEF FINDINGS ON FAMILY LINEAGE. COLLECT DNA SAMPLES OF ALL OFFSPRING.
LOOKS LIKE SOFT SHELL CRABS IS TODAYS SPECIAL!
THAT'S THREE LEGS DOWN. WANNA GO FOR A SECOND SERVING?
RIIIIP!
OR ARE YOU READY TO POWER DOWN LIKE A GOOD LITTLE SUPERVILLAIN?
YOUR JOKES ARE THE WORST! I COULD KEEP THIS RUMBLE GOING ALL DAY!
YOU WANT MORE? THE HARDER YOU PUSH, THE STRONGER I GET! GIVE UP BEFORE YOU GET HURT!
THERE'S A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS. YOU COULD DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH YOUR GENIUS!
A NEW WAY? YOU MEAN GO GREEN!?
I'VE BEEN DOING IT THIS WAY FOR TOO LONG! I AIN'T STOPPING NOW FOR A NEON NOBODY!
BZZZZZZZ!
BZZZZZZZ!
BZZZZZZZ!
I'VE MADE A FORTUNE WITH MY AXES AND CHAINSAWS! THEY'VE NEVER BEEN DULL! ALWAYS SHARP AND READY!
LET ME SHOW YOU JUST HOW SHARP THEY ALL ARE!

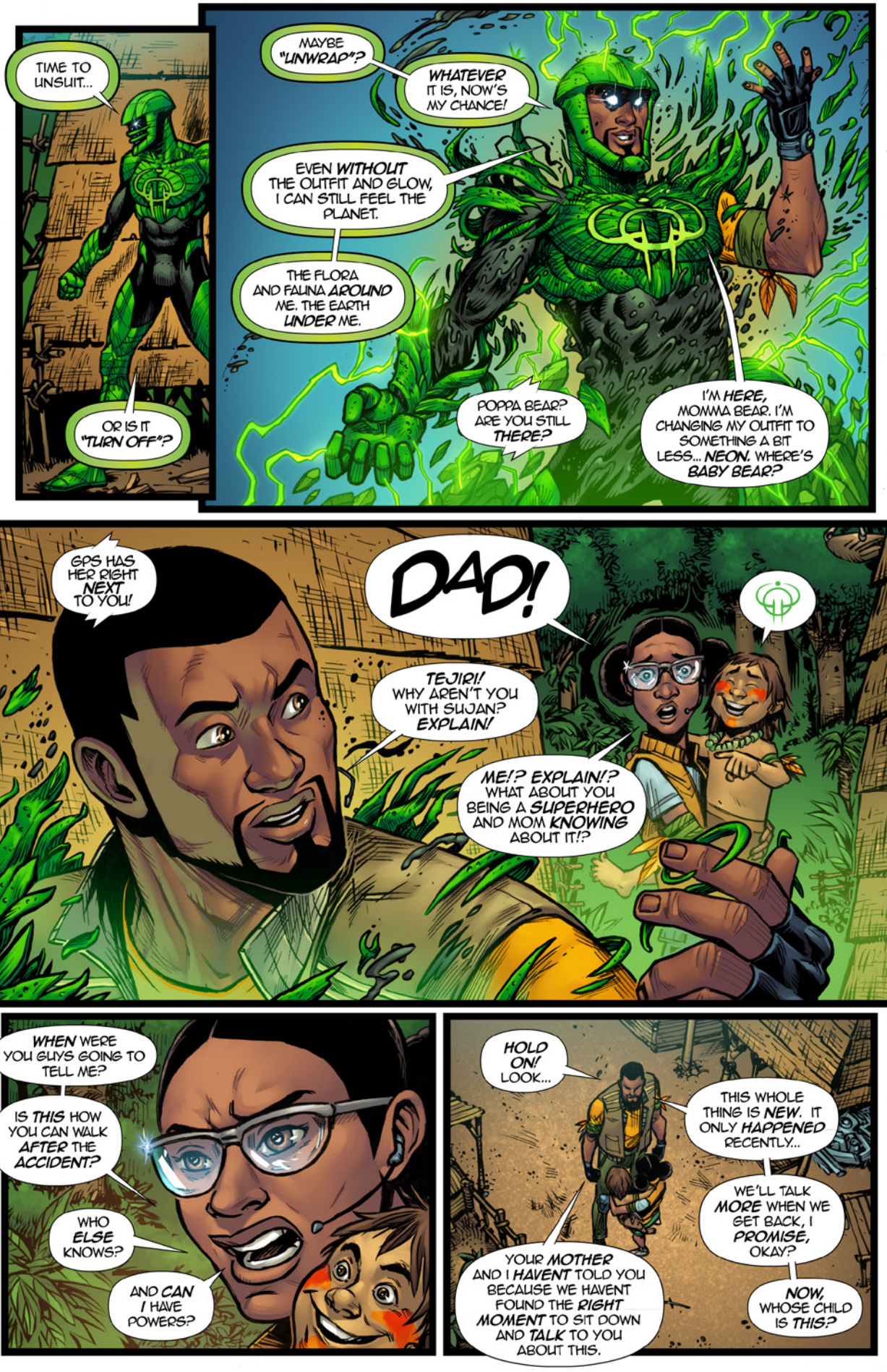

NEON NOBODY?
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO HURT MY FEELINGS!
I'M TRYING TO DO THIS THE EASY WAY AND TALK IT OUT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T LISTEN UNTIL I'VE TURNED YOUR SUIT INTO A PILE OF RECYCLED JUNK...
AND YOU'RE HANDED OVER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF HERE. IT'LL BE OK.
WHA?
TEJIRI!?
SHE'S CARRYING THAT CHILD TO SAFETY!
BUT I THOUGHT SHE WAS WITH SUJAN?
PILE OF JUNK!?
KAA-BOOOM!
UGH!
HOW'S THAT FOR HURT FEELINGS!
LOOKS LIKE YOU MIGHT HAVE FOUND YOUR TRUE PURPOSE! AS A PLOW! OR BETTER YET! SOME ORGANIC FERTILIZER!
YOU WON'T BE CHANGING ANY MINDS SLEEPING ON THE JOB!
ENJOY YOUR NAP!
I'M OUT OF HERE!

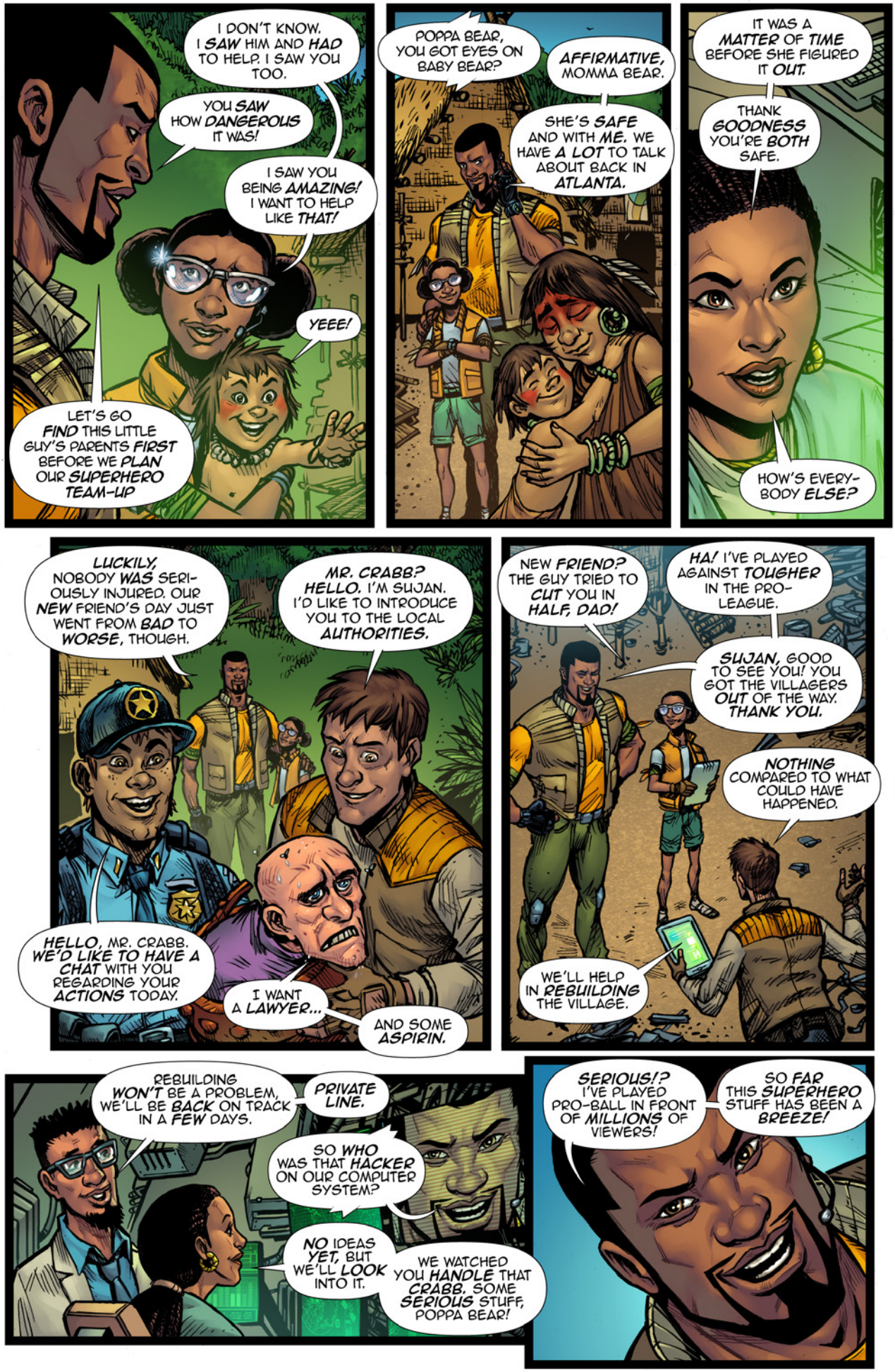

DEREK, WHAT'S THE PROGRESS ON YOUR SIDE OF THINGS? I GOT VISUALS FROM TWO SATELLITES, BUT STILL NO AUDIO.
THIS CODE IS INTENSE. I STILL CAN'T GET SOUND THROUGH THE SCAMBLER.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, TOO. I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT THOUGH.
SOMETHING ELSE? OBASI AND TEJIRI ARE OUT THERE IN DANGER! WE NEED TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN!
MORE THAN JUST WATCHING MY HUSBAND FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE. HE'S FIGHTING AGAINST A GUY IN A CRAB SUIT!?
IS THIS GOING TO BE A REGULAR THING?
I STILL CAN'T GET THROUGH WITH THIS SATELLITE PHONE.
WE SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE BRAWL.
WHAT WAS THAT? I DON'T KNOW THAT WORD. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TEJIRI, HAVE YOU EVER HEAR THAT WORD?
OH NO!
WHERE'S TEJIRI? SHE WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME?
REPEATING THAT WORD DOESN'T HELP, MY FRIEND.
I'M GOING BACK TO THE VILLAGE TO HELP!
GOT SOMETHING OVER HERE. IT'S NOT MUCH.
A FACIAL MATCH. HEYWARD CRABB AKA THE CRABB. HE'S WANTED BY MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTRIES FOR ILLEGAL MOUNTAIN TOP CLEARING AND THEFT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.
NASTY STUFF, RIGHT?
REAL NASTY.
I RAN MULTIPLE DIAGNOSTICS ON THE SIGNAL AND CODE. IT'S DEFINITELY NOT FROM THE CRABB. IT'S TOO ADVANCED. YOU WROTE MOST OF THE SOFTWARE HERE, SEE ANY WEIRD PATTERNS?
HMMMM.
I SEE IT.
IT'S HIDDEN DEEP. SLICK, BUT NOT SLICK ENOUGH.
THIS IS NOT GOOD AT ALL.
THIS MEANS WE GOT A SECOND BAD GUY TO DEAL WITH NOW.
FROM INSIDE THE VILLAGE!


RECORDING MODE ACTIVE. TURN ON THERMAL FILTER
I DO BELIEVE NOW'S MY MOMENT TO MOVE.
WITH EVERY-BODY OCCUPIED, I CAN DOWNLOAD ANYTHING I WANT! THESE GREENIES HAVE ALL KINDS OF CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY BEING DESIGNED
RUN DRONE PROGRAM. LITTLE DIPPER.
NOT A BAD LITTLE SETUP. SECURITY IS MORE ADVANCED THAN EXPECTED.
BUT NOT ADVANCED ENOUGH! CRACK A FEW PASSWORDS AND I'M STROLLING THROUGH THEIR MAIN-FRAME
THEY'RE PLANNING ON GIVING IT AWAY? FOR FREE? HA! NOT IF I CAN SELL IT FIRST!
UGGH! I'M LEAKING HYDROLIC FLUIDS AND THAT LAST DISPLAY HAS ME RUNNING ON FUMES
THE GREEN JERK IS STILL KNOCKED OUT. IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE WHILE I STILL GOT MORE THAN TWO LEGS!
CRASH!


LEAVING?
THERE'S STILL TIME ON THE CLOCK.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? YOU'RE BACK?
WOOOAH!
I TRIED TALKING TO YOU.
BUT I'M ENDING THIS NOW!
NOW!
THE LONGER WE FIGHT THE STRONGER I GET! CAN YOU SAY THE SAME?
AARRGH! NO!
OK! OK! I GIVE UP! I'M SORRY! WANNA TALK? WE CAN TALK!
SMARTEST PLAY YOU COULD'VE MADE, LITTLE BUDDY.
THE SCRAMBLER IS DEACTIVATED! WE HAVE AUDIO AGAIN!
POPPA BEAR! CAN YOU HEAR ME! I SEE YOU'RE MAKING A NEW FRIEND?
MOMMA BEAR! I HEAR YOU! WHAT'S THE SITUATION? WHERE IS BABY BEAR?
I NEED TO CHANGE BACK BEFORE SHE SEES ME.
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
GPS HAS HER HEADING TOWARDS YOUR CURRENT LOCATION.
WE GOT OTHER PROBLEMS, TOO.
SOMEONE IS HELPING HIM NEARBY AND WE GOT ACTIVITY FROM BABY BEAR'S COMPUTER IN THE VILLAGE.
EXCUSE ME. MIND SHOWING YOUR HANDS? NOW.
I'M JUST SEEING WHAT MUSIC YOU GOT. ANYTHING GOOD?
I'M IN NO MOOD TO DEAL WITH YOUR-
WHAT THE!?
BANG!
LOVE THE OUTFIT!
SEE YA LATER!


IT WAS JUST A FLASHBANG! A DISTRACTION!
I'M GOING AFTER HER! WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT SHE WAS UP TO!
...AND...
JUMP!
GRRUMBBLE!
HOT ON THE TRAIL! YOU'VE GOT A CRUSH ON ME! HA!
THIS ISN'T A GAME! PEOPLE COULD HAVE BEEN HURT!
TSK!TSK! MR. GRIDIRON GREEN...
CLICK
IT'S ALL A GAME!
YOU'LL SEE!
WHAT? HOW?
NO!
BABOOOM!
HELP!
AAARRGH!
WAWAAW!
JUST A DECOY?
SHE RIGGED A SOUND SYSTEM AND SMOKE BOMBS!
MORE MIS-DIRECTION.
THIS COULD HAVE BEEN BAD BUT SHE'S SOME KIND OF PRANKSTER
HAHA!
BADDIES DON'T DANCE, WE BOOGIE!
3 OUT OF 5 STARS FOR THE NOOB SUPER-ZERO!
SEE YOU LATER, OR NOT!


TIME TO UNSUIT...
OR IS IT "TURN OFF"?
MAYBE "UNWRAP"?
WHATEVER IT IS, NOW'S MY CHANCE!
EVEN WITHOUT THE OUTFIT AND GLOW, I CAN STILL FEEL THE PLANET.
THE FLORA AND FAUNA AROUND ME. THE EARTH UNDER ME.
POPPA BEAR? ARE YOU STILL THERE?
I'M HERE, MOMMA BEAR. I'M CHANGING MY OUTFIT TO SOMETHING A BIT LESS... NEON. WHERE'S BABY BEAR?
GPS HAS HER RIGHT NEXT TO YOU!
DAD!
TEJIRI! WHY AREN'T YOU WITH SUJAN? EXPLAIN!
ME!? EXPLAIN!? WHAT ABOUT YOU BEING A SUPERHERO AND MOM KNOWING ABOUT IT!?
WHEN WERE YOU GUYS GOING TO TELL ME?
IS THIS HOW YOU CAN WALK AFTER THE ACCIDENT?
WHO ELSE KNOWS?
AND CAN I HAVE POWERS?
HOLD ON! LOOK...
THIS WHOLE THING IS NEW. IT ONLY HAPPENED RECENTLY...
WE'LL TALK MORE WHEN WE GET BACK, I PROMISE, OKAY?
NOW, WHOSE CHILD IS THIS?
YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVENT TOLD YOU BECAUSE WE HAVENT FOUND THE RIGHT MOMENT TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS.


I DON'T KNOW. I SAW HIM AND HAD TO HELP. I SAW YOU TOO.
YOU SAW HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS!
I SAW YOU BEING AMAZING! I WANT TO HELP LIKE THAT!
YEEE!
LET'S GO FIND THIS LITTLE GUY'S PARENTS FIRST BEFORE WE PLAN OUR SUPERHERO TEAM-UP
POPPA BEAR, YOU GOT EYES ON BABY BEAR?
AFFIRMATIVE, MOMMA BEAR.
SHE'S SAFE AND WITH ME. WE HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT BACK IN ATLANTA.
IT WAS A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SHE FIGURED IT OUT.
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE BOTH SAFE.
HOW'S EVERY-BODY ELSE?
LUCKILY, NOBODY WAS SERI-OUSLY INJURED. OUR NEW FRIEND'S DAY JUST WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE, THOUGH.
MR. CRABB? HELLO. I'M SUJAN. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
HELLO, MR. CRABB. WE'D LIKE TO HAVE A CHAT WITH YOU REGARDING YOUR ACTIONS TODAY.
I WANT A LAWYER...
AND SOME ASPIRIN.
NEW FRIEND? THE GUY TRIED TO CUT YOU IN HALF, DAD!
HA! I'VE PLAYED AGAINST TOUGHER IN THE PRO-LEAGUE.
SUJAN, GOOD TO SEE YOU! YOU GOT THE VILLAGERS OUT OF THE WAY. THANK YOU.
NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED.
WE'LL HELP IN REBUILDING THE VILLAGE.
REBUILDING WON'T BE A PROBLEM, WE'LL BE BACK ON TRACK IN A FEW DAYS.
PRIVATE LINE.
SO WHO WAS THAT HACKER ON OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM?
NO IDEAS YET, BUT WE'LL LOOK INTO IT.
WE WATCHED YOU HANDLE THAT CRABB. SOME SERIOUS STUFF, POPPA BEAR!
SERIOUS!? I'VE PLAYED PRO-BALL IN FRONT OF MILLIONS OF VIEWERS!
SO FAR THIS SUPERHERO STUFF HAS BEEN A BREEZE!


A BREEZE!?
HE ACTUALLY SAID THAT? HE'S WIELDING THE POWER OF THE GREEN, AND HE MAKES LIGHT OF IT?
HE THINKS PLAYING A GAME HAS PREPARED HIM TO BE THE NEXT GREEN? TERRAH'S NEXT DEFENDER OF THE EARTH? INDEED. HE'S LESS PREPARED THAN I SUSPECTED!
OOOH YEAH! HE HAD SOME SERIOUS CORNY JOKES.
I RECORDED THE WHOLE THING FOR YOU. SPECTRAL VISION. THE WORKS.
SO WHAT'S THE NEXT MOVE, BOSS?
THE NEXT MOVE? I AM SEVERAL MOVES PAST WHAT IS... NEXT.
THIS NEW GREEN KNIGHT IS JUST A PIECE TO BE MOVED WHERE I DECIDE.
WE'LL SOON SEE WHAT THIS GRIDIRON GREEN WILL DO WHEN HIS BREEZE TURNS...
INTO A STORM.
THE EPIC ADVENTURE CONTINUES!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

15 LIFE ON LAND

GOAL 15: LIFE ON LAND

TO REACH THE GOAL, A SERIES OF TARGET OBJECTIVES WERE DEVELOPED BY THE INTER-AGENCY AND EXPERT GROUP ON SDG INDICATORS (IAEG-SDGS) AND AGREED TO, AS A PRACTICAL STARTING POINT AT THE 47TH SESSION OF THE UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION HELD IN MARCH 2016.

15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements.

15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.

15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world.

15.4 By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development.

15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species.

15.6 Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed.

15.7 Take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products.

15.8 By 2020, introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate the priority species.

15.9 By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts.

15.A Mobilize and significantly increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems.

15.B Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation.

15.C Enhance global support for efforts to combat poaching and trafficking of protected species, including by increasing the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities.

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