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FUTURE



IS  
HERE



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Welcome to 2054. For 99% of the 9.9 billion, climate change, forced migration, workforce automation, failing infrastructure, and overburdened social services make for a harsh day-to-day existence. Instead people find their refuge in the HYPER SCAPE: a one-of-a-kind virtual landscape run by the world's greatest megacorp, Prisma Dimensions. It is used to access games, shopping, social communities, interactive experiences, and more.

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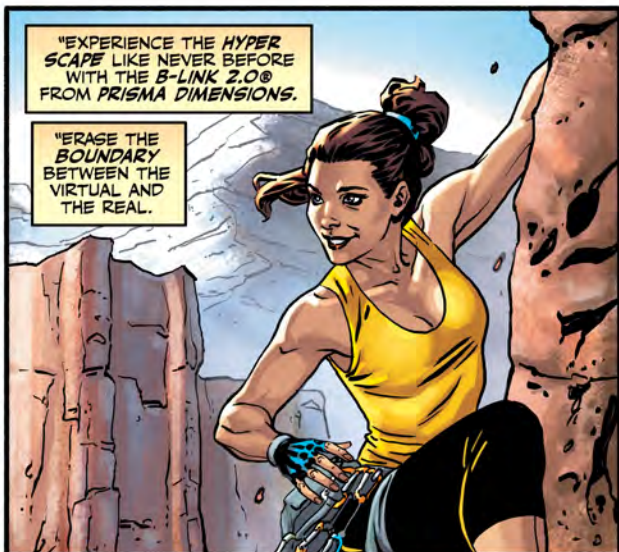
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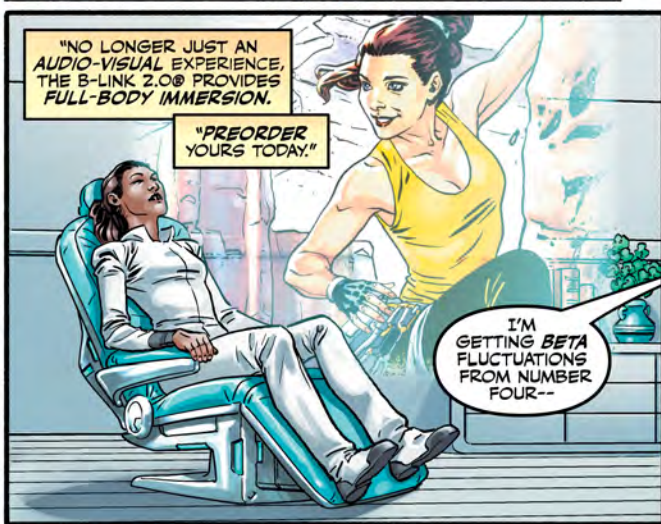
"THE CLEAR SUN WARMING YOUR BARE SKIN."

"THE ROUGH TEXTURE OF THE ROCK AGAINST YOUR CALLOUSED HANDS."



"EXPERIENCE THE HYPER SCAPE LIKE NEVER BEFORE WITH THE B-LINK 2.0® FROM PRISMA DIMENSIONS."

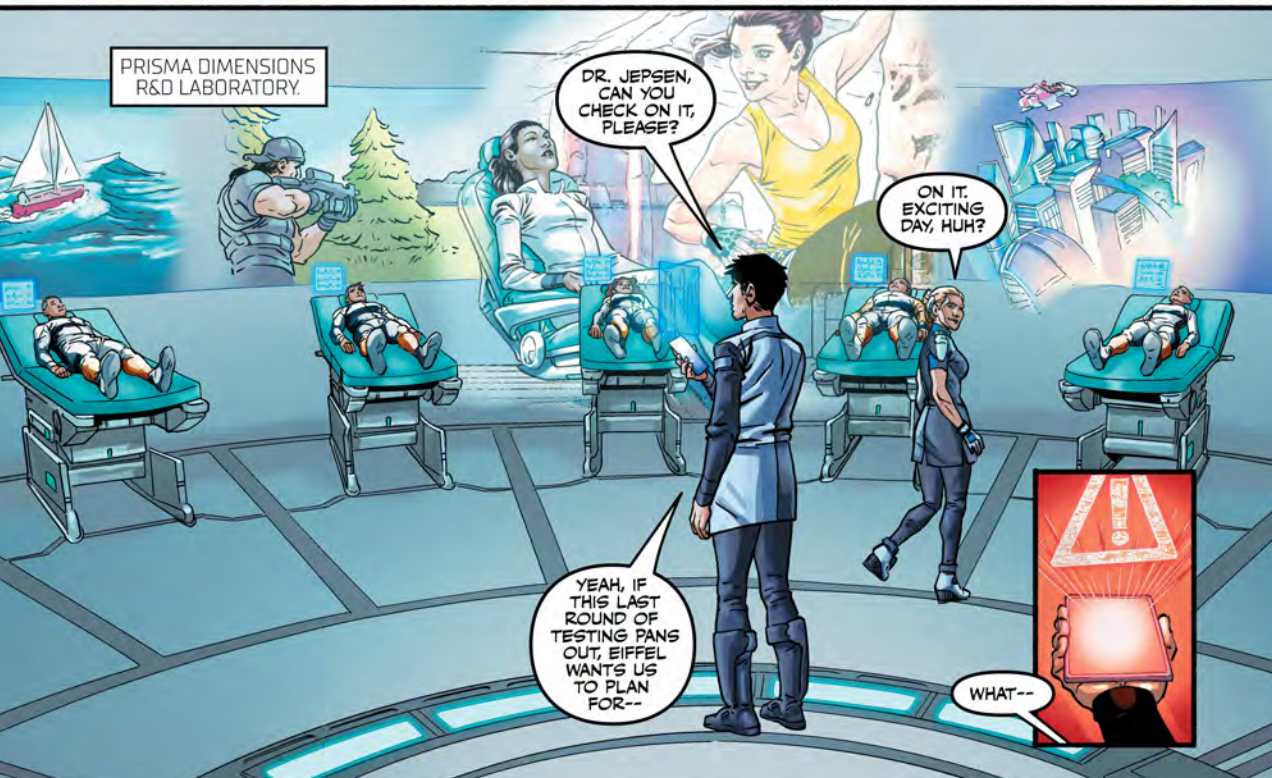
"ERASE THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE VIRTUAL AND THE REAL."



"NO LONGER JUST AN AUDIO-VISUAL EXPERIENCE, THE B-LINK 2.0® PROVIDES FULL-BODY IMMERSION."

"PREORDER YOURS TODAY."

"I'M GETTING BETA FLUCTUATIONS FROM NUMBER FOUR--"



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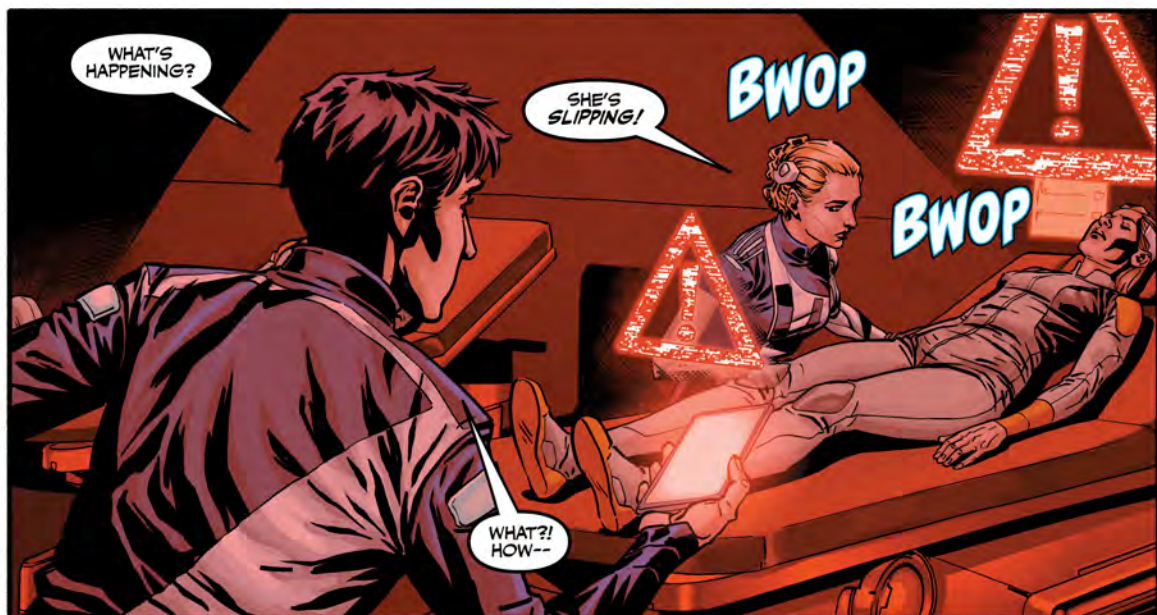
DR. JEPSSEN, CAN YOU CHECK ON IT, PLEASE?

ON IT. EXCITING DAY, HUH?

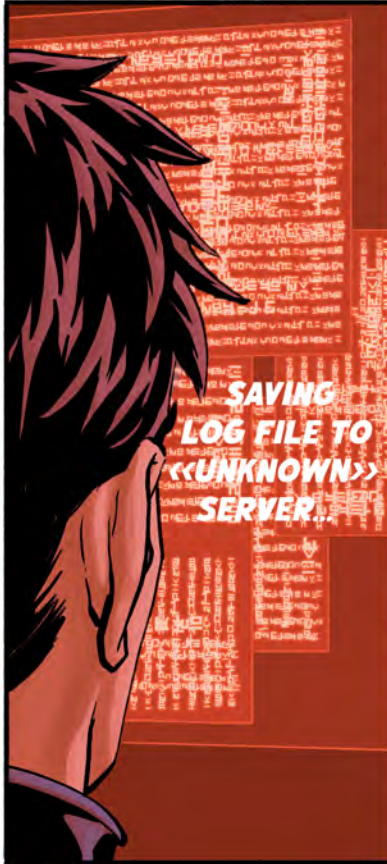
YEAH, IF THIS LAST ROUND OF TESTING PANS OUT, EIFFEL WANTS US TO PLAN FOR--

WHAT--









ACCESSING <<UNKNOWN>> SERVER...





SO MANY...  
WHO SET  
THIS UP?  
HMMM...  
OPEN LOG  
129-A.



THAT'S  
THE SAME  
ALERT WE GOT  
TODAY...



SO, SHE  
WASN'T THE  
FIRST...  
OPEN LOGS  
130-C THROUGH  
142-A.



ALL OF  
THEM?

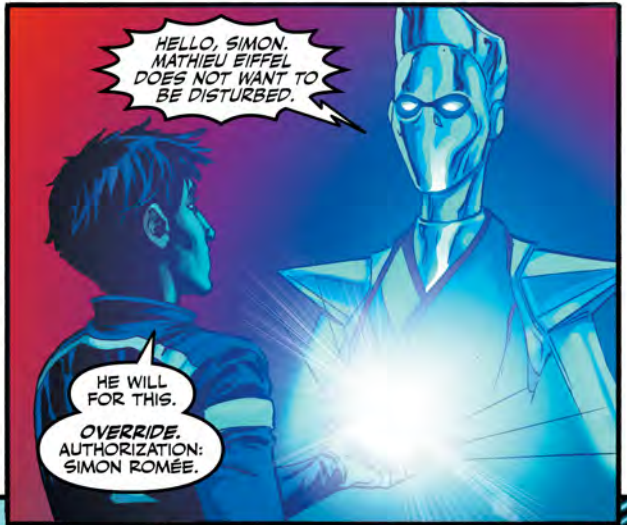


DID THE  
B-LINK 2.0  
DO THIS?  
DID  
WE DO  
THIS?!





CALL  
EIFFEL.



HELLO, SIMON.  
MATHIEU EIFFEL  
DOES NOT WANT TO  
BE DISTURBED.

HE WILL  
FOR THIS.

**OVERRIDE.**  
AUTHORIZATION:  
SIMON ROMÉE.

LABX OF MATHIEU EIFFEL.

BUT  
CAN A HUMAN  
CONSCIOUSNESS  
ACCEPT A TRULY  
BODILESS  
EXISTENCE?

THIS ONE  
SHOULD. SINCE IT  
WILL IN ESSENCE  
BE ME...

BUT YOU  
BRING UP A GOOD  
POINT. AN INCREMENTAL  
AWAKENING PROCEDURE  
SHOULD MITIGATE--

MATHIEU?



SIMON? IS  
SOMETHING  
WRONG?

WE JUST HAD  
AN EMERGENCY  
WITH THE B-LINK  
2.0.

TAKE  
A LOOK  
AT THESE  
LOGS.





WE WERE DOING THE FINAL TEST RUN, TO CONFIRM THAT WE'RE LAUNCH READY.

BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG. ONE OF OUR TEST SUBJECTS ENDED UP IN A COMA.



AND WHEN I CHECKED THE LOG IT HAD BEEN COPIED TO A SECRET SERVER. I MANAGED TO ACCESS THE SERVER, AND THERE ARE MORE THAN A HUNDRED LOGS...



THEY ALL SHOW THE SAME THING. PEOPLE ENDING UP IN A COMA WHEN USING THE NEW B-LINK.



THIS IS HORRIBLE.



YOU DID RIGHT IN BRINGING THIS TO ME, SIMON.

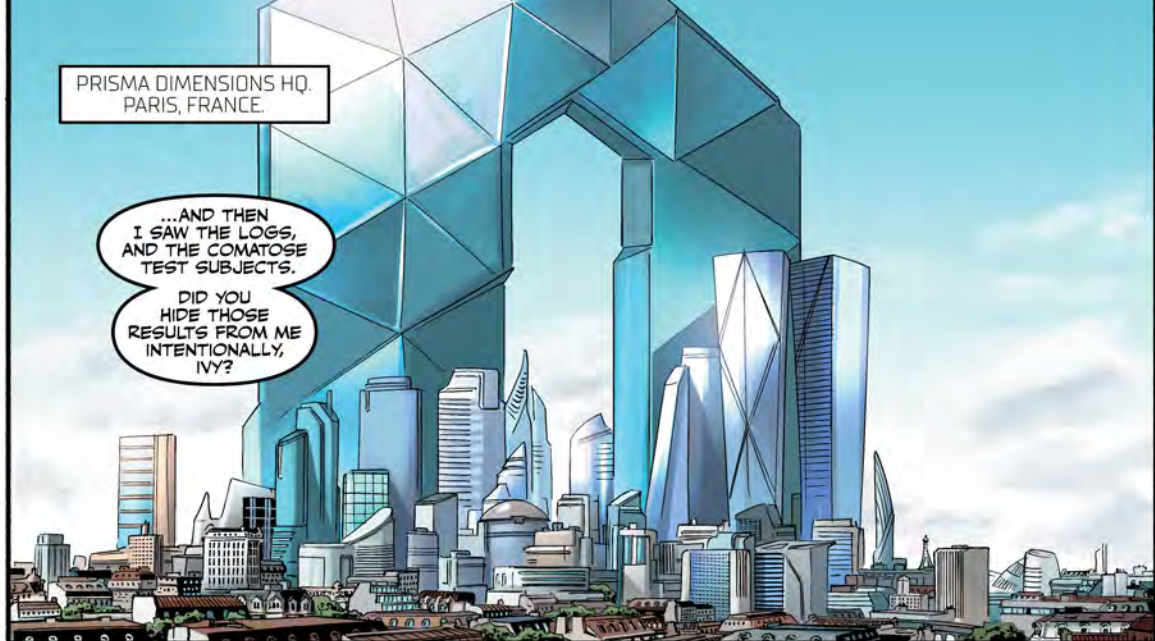
I'LL TALK TO DR. TAN RIGHT AWAY.



PRISMA DIMENSIONS HQ.  
PARIS, FRANCE.

...AND THEN  
I SAW THE LOGS,  
AND THE COMATOSE  
TEST SUBJECTS.

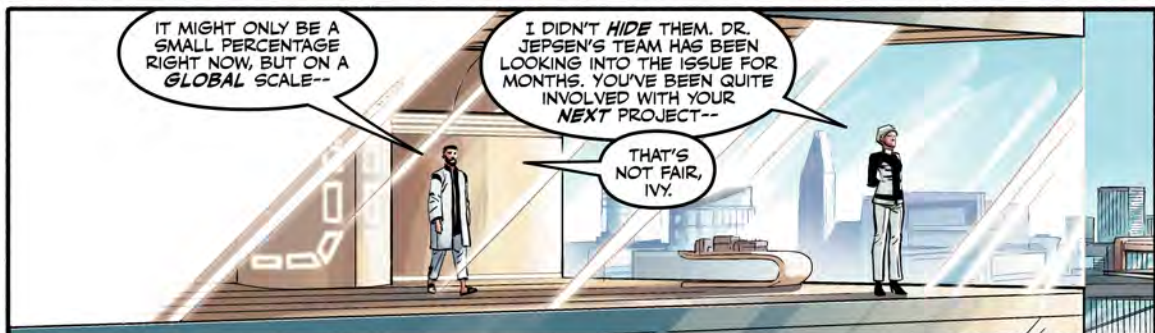
DID YOU  
HIDE THOSE  
RESULTS FROM ME  
INTENTIONALLY,  
IVY?



IT MIGHT ONLY BE A  
SMALL PERCENTAGE  
RIGHT NOW, BUT ON A  
*GLOBAL SCALE*--

I DIDN'T *HIDE* THEM. DR.  
JEPSEN'S TEAM HAS BEEN  
LOOKING INTO THE ISSUE FOR  
MONTHS. YOU'VE BEEN QUITE  
INVOLVED WITH YOUR  
*NEXT PROJECT*--

THAT'S  
NOT FAIR,  
IVY.



IT'S UP TO ME TO KEEP  
THE SHAREHOLDERS *HAPPY*,  
MATHIEU. I'M SURE YOU CAN  
IMAGINE WHAT WOULD  
HAPPEN IF NEWS GOT  
OUT ABOUT THIS.

SO, WE  
SOLVED IT QUIETLY.  
OR THOUGHT  
WE DID.

EVEN *ONE*  
PERSON HURT IS  
TOO MANY.

YOU HAVE AN  
AMAZING *BRAIN*,  
MATHIEU, BUT YOU HAVE  
AN EVEN BIGGER *HEART*,  
AND IT SOMETIMES GETS  
IN THE WAY OF YOUR  
SENSE.

DON'T TELL  
ME I'M BEING  
TOO *EMOTIONAL*.  
I REALIZE WHAT'S  
AT STAKE--



DO YOU? DO YOU  
*REALLY*?

I KNOW YOU'VE  
NEVER CARED ABOUT  
"THE NUMBERS," BUT  
ONE OF US *HAS* TO,  
AND THE NUMBERS  
DON'T LIE.

ALL OF PRISMA  
DIMENSIONS, ALL OF WHAT  
YOU AND I *BUILT* TOGETHER,  
DEPENDS ON A SUCCESSFUL  
LAUNCH TOMORROW.

