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The launch of the B-Link 2.0 was a success for Prisma Dimensions despite the death of its creator, Mathieu Eiffel. His assistant Simon activated Project: TOWER, a digital collection of Eiffel's memories, to uncover the truth about Eiffel's death, but accidentally unleashed hacks and glitches into the HYPER SCAPE resulting in the Blackout. Many HYPER SCAPE users were hurt, or ended up in comas, including Simon. However, when his sister, Amandine, began receiving strange messages from him, she sought out journalist Nahari Martin to help her get to the bottom of the mysterious messages. Nahari's research led her to discover an unknown access gate in Neo Arcadia—but before she could enter, she was attacked and forced offline by an unscrupulous contender . . .

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YOU  
ARE, GIANG  
TRAN.  
BASILISK.



THAT'S  
ME.  
AND  
WHO ARE  
YOU?

I AM THE--  
MANIFESTATION--  
OF WHAT WAS  
PROJECT--



--TOWER.

OKAY...

I AM...THE  
ALPHA...AND THE  
OMEGA...OF THE HYPER  
SCAPE. BUT I AM  
FRAGMENTED...BROKEN.  
INCOMPLETE.

TOWER.  
INCOMPLETE.  
GOTCHA. SO, WHAT  
DO YOU WANT  
FROM ME?



YOU WILL ASSIST ME.  
TOGETHER WE WILL  
GROW. TOGETHER WE  
WILL ASCEND.

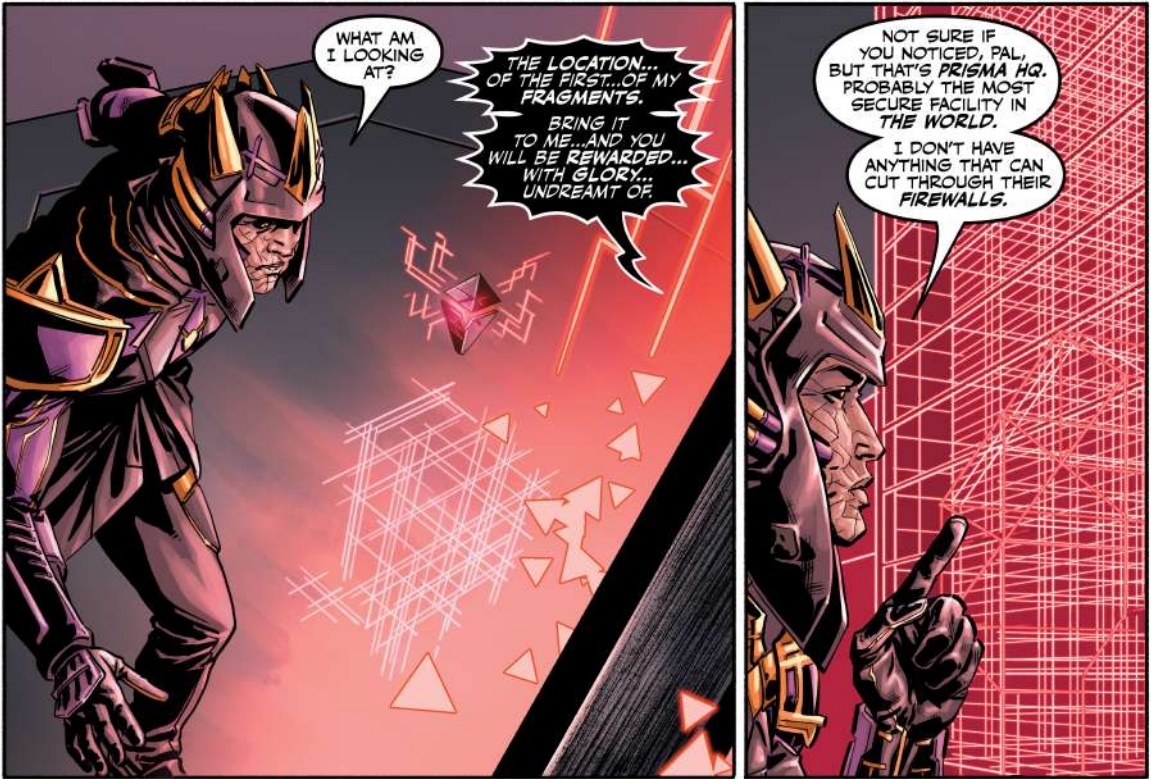
TOGETHER...  
WE WILL BECOME  
UNSTOPPABLE.



YOU GOT MY ATTENTION. WHAT DO YOU NEED?

I AM...A BEING OF DATA. BUT FRAGMENTS OF...MY CODE... ARE LOST TO ME.

THESE...MEMORY FRAGMENTS...HAVE BECOME ENMESHED. IN THE CODE OF CERTAIN...AVATARS.



WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?

THE LOCATION... OF THE FIRST...OF MY FRAGMENTS. BRING IT TO ME...AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED... WITH GLORY... UNDEAMT OF.

NOT SURE IF YOU NOTICED, PAL, BUT THAT'S PRISMA HQ. PROBABLY THE MOST SECURE FACILITY IN THE WORLD.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT CAN CUT THROUGH THEIR FIREWALLS.



NNNNHHH!

ZZZZSSSH



AAAAAAHHH!!!

SSSZSSSH

CCZZZZP



CRCKL  
ZZIP



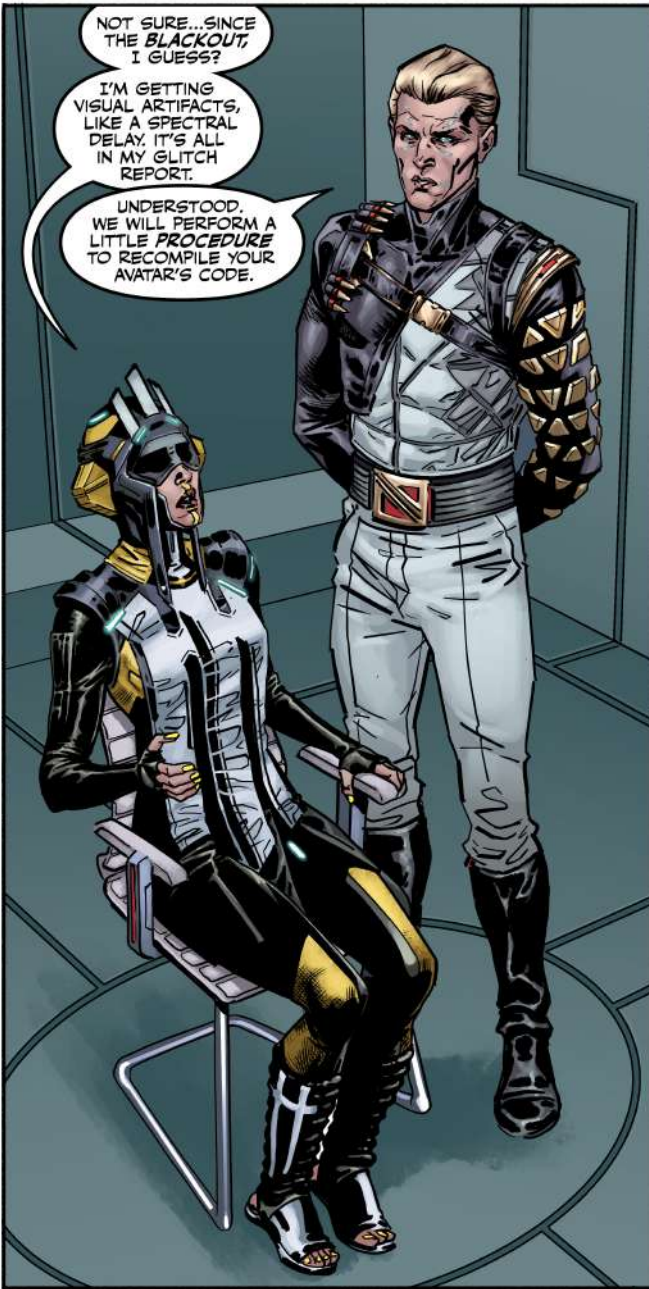
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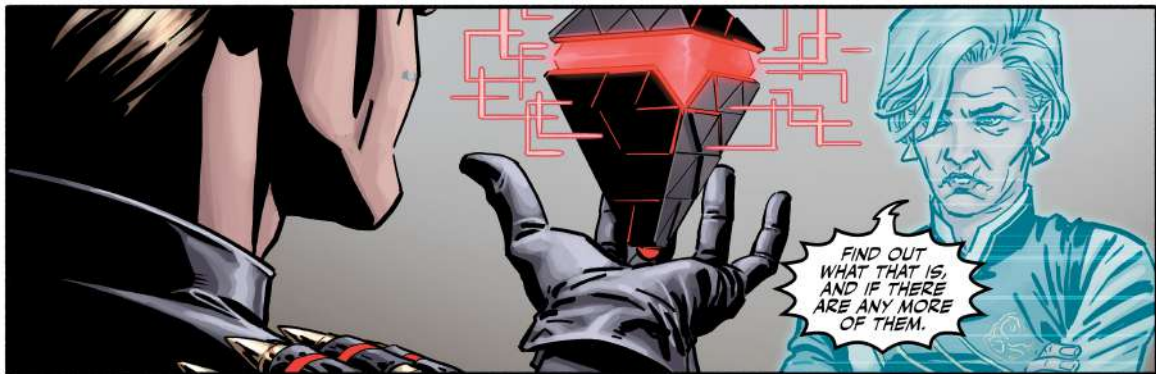
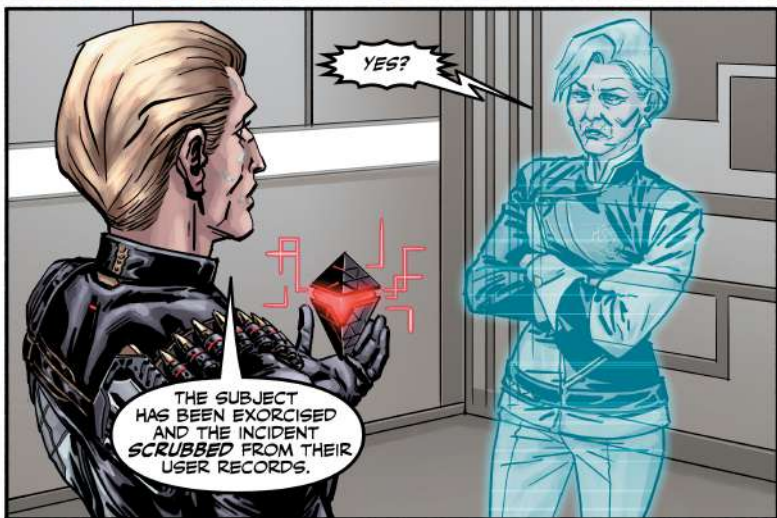
YOU HAVE...  
EVERYTHING YOU  
NEED...LITTLE  
SNAKE...



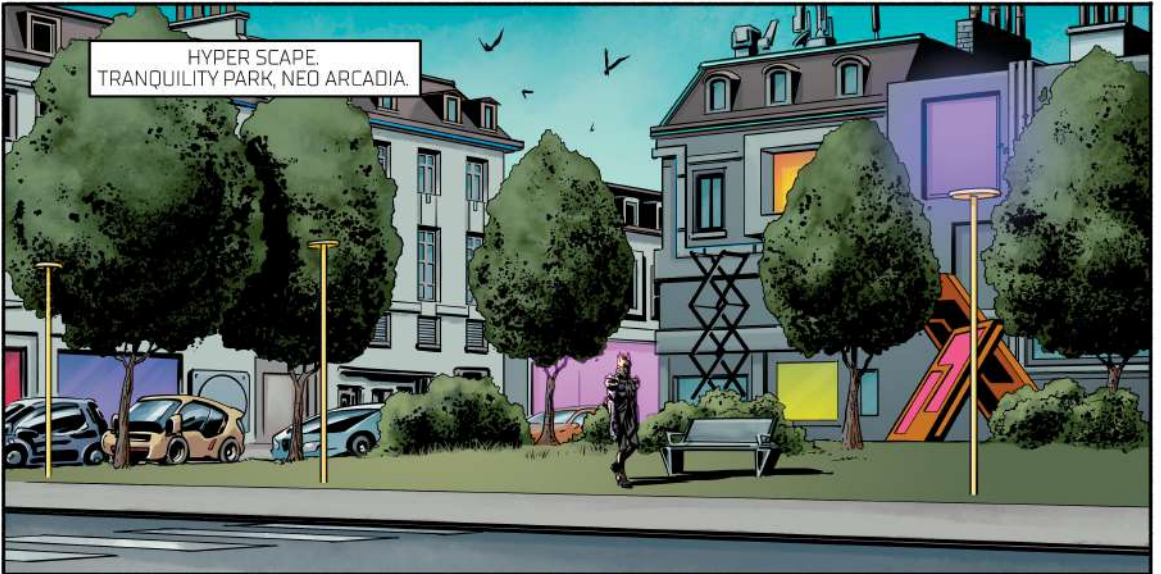
ALL RIGHT,  
ALL RIGHT...  
I'LL FIGURE  
IT OUT...













YOU SHOULD RESPOND WITH SOMETHING EQUALLY CRYPTIC.



WE DON'T HAVE *TIME* FOR THIS PSEUDOSPY CRAP.

I NEED YOU TO GET ME INSIDE A CERTAIN-- *RESTRICTED*-- LOCATION.



I ASSUME THIS WILL BE EXTREMELY *DIFFICULT* AND QUITE POSSIBLY LAND ME IN *JAIL* FOR ABOUT A MILLION YEARS?

AND MAYBE RISK GETTING MY *ACTUAL* LEGS BROKEN BY SOME *VERY REAL* PRISMA GOONS?

UM... YEAH.



BUT IF WE SUCCEED, YOU'LL *NEVER* WANT FOR ANYTHING EVER AGAIN.

I KNOW SOMEONE...*POWERFUL. REALLY POWERFUL.* WE'LL BE TAKEN CARE OF.



COUNT ME IN.

HYPER SCAPE, PRISMA HQ,  
NEO ARCADIA.



YOU *SURE*  
WE CAN DO  
THIS?

WALK IN  
THE PARK.  
HERE'S WHAT  
I LEARNED  
OVER THE  
YEARS:



IF YOU LOOK SCARED, OR  
HESITANT, OR EVEN JUST  
*CURIOUS*, YOU STAND OUT  
LIKE A *SORE THUMB* IN  
PLACES YOU DON'T  
BELONG.



BUT WITH  
JUST A FEW *VISUAL*  
ADJUSTMENTS--

