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# THE GATHERING

BY CREATORS, FOR CREATORS

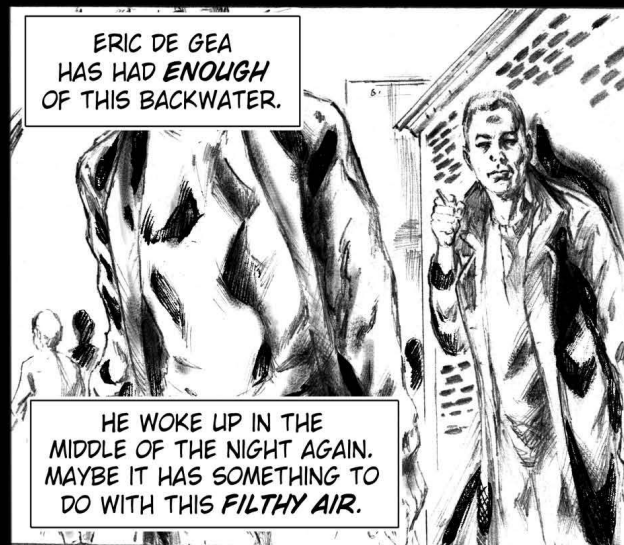






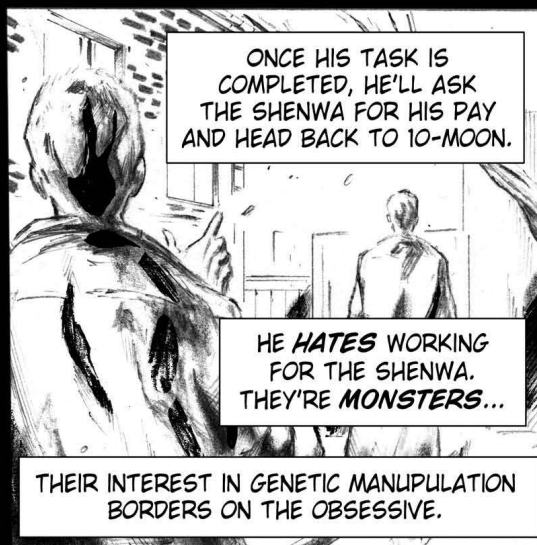
NUEVO ARENA.

A RATTY MIDDLE TOWN.



ERIC DE GEA  
HAS HAD **ENOUGH**  
OF THIS BACKWATER.

HE WOKE UP IN THE  
MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AGAIN.  
MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO  
DO WITH THIS **FILTHY AIR**.



ONCE HIS TASK IS  
COMPLETED, HE'LL ASK  
THE SHENWA FOR HIS PAY  
AND HEAD BACK TO 10-MOON.

HE **HATES** WORKING  
FOR THE SHENWA.  
THEY'RE **MONSTERS**...

THEIR INTEREST IN GENETIC MANIPULATION  
BORDERS ON THE OBSESSIVE.



IT HAS ITS USES, THOUGH.  
THE SHOT THEY GAVE HIM  
MAGNIFIED HIS SENSE OF SMELL.



THEY GAVE HIM A SCRAP  
OF CLOTH THAT BORE  
HIS MARK'S **SCENT**.



AND JUST LIKE THE  
ANCIENT **BLOODHOUNDS**  
OF EARTH, HE HAS FINALLY  
TRACKED DOWN HIS MARK.



DON'T MOVE.  
OR I'LL **SHOOT**.



THERE ARE  
VERY **FEW**  
THINGS IN THE  
MULTIVERSE  
THAT CAN  
**SHOCK** A  
TIME-AGENT.

HI THERE.

I'VE BEEN  
**EXPECTING**  
YOU.

ONE OF THEM  
IS SEEING **YOUR** FACE  
ON **ANOTHER** MAN'S FACE.



WHO THE  
**HELL** ARE  
YOU?!

WHAT ARE  
YOU **ON** ABOUT?

WHO'S  
**THEY**?



I'M **YOU**...  
OR RATHER, YOU  
ARE **ME**.

I **SEE**.  
THEY'VE GONE FOR  
FUNCTIONAL  
KNOWLEDGE THEN,  
RATHER THAN MY  
GOOD LOOKS.  
**CLEVER**.



YOUR  
CREATOR.

THE  
**SHENWA**.



CREATOR?!  
ARE YOU **MAD**?!

WHAT?

YOU MUST HAVE  
BEEN CREATED FROM  
MY **HAND**.



YOUR  
LEFT  
**HAND**.

THERE'S  
A **BIRTHMARK**  
ON THE PALM.







I'M A  
TIME-AGENT!

NO.

I'M THE  
TIME-AGENT.  
YOU WERE  
CREATED IN  
A TANK.

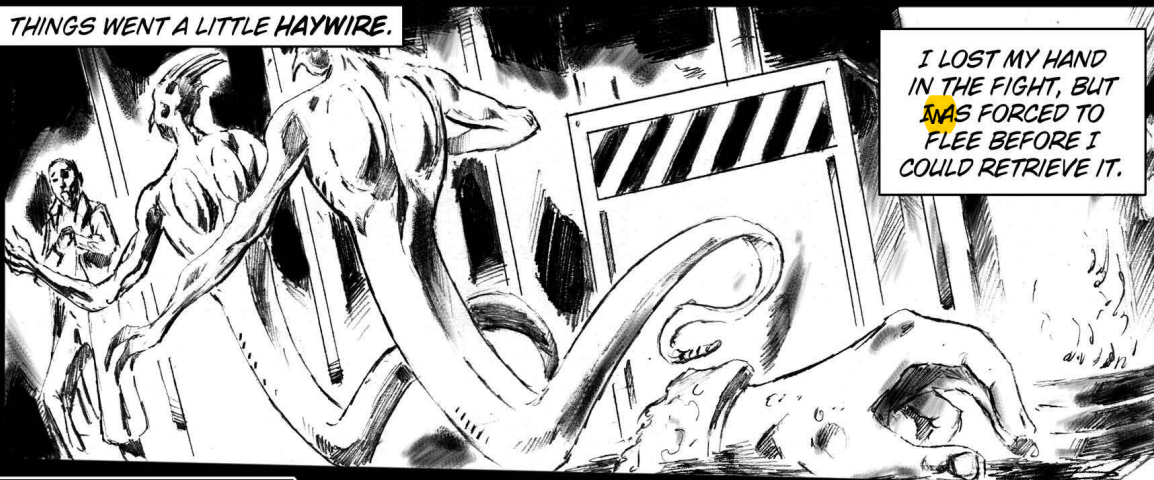
LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED.

3 DAYS AGO, I FINALLY FOUND THE SHENWA'S LAIR.



HQ LEARNED THAT A  
SMALL NUMBER OF THEM  
WERE HIDING IN NUEVO ARENA.

THINGS WENT A LITTLE HAYWIRE.



I LOST MY HAND  
IN THE FIGHT, BUT  
WAS FORCED TO  
FLEE BEFORE I  
COULD RETRIEVE IT.

NOT HARD TO GUESS  
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.



YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HAND.

I'M A **TIME-AGENT**. WE HAVE TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN REGENERATE A HAND.

YOU **SHOULD** HAVE THAT PIECE OF KNOWLEDGE **SOMEWHERE** INSIDE YOUR BRAIN BY NOW.

SO I'M A **CLONE** NOW, IS THAT IT?

NO. A **CLONE** IS A **UNIQUE** INDIVIDUAL CREATED FROM A SIMILAR GROSS MOLECULAR TEMPLATE. THAT'S **DEVELOPMENT**.

YOU? YOU'RE **RECAPITULATION**. THE WHOLE IS PRESENT IN THE REMNANT, THE REMNANT MAY OR MAY NOT EXPRESS THE WHOLE. IN TIME, YOU WILL **COLLAPSE** INTO THE FORM OF THE WHOLE.

BUT WHY? FOR WHAT **PURPOSE**?

YOU WERE GOING TO **SHOOT** ME A FEW MINUTES AGO. I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH **COVERS** THEIR **PURPOSE**.

YOU SEE, THE **SHENWA** THINK THAT SINCE WE HUMANS ARE SUCH VARIED INDIVIDUALS, WE WOULD FIND A **PERFECT** COPY OF OURSELVES **ABHORRENT**. THAT WE WOULD BE DRIVEN TO KILL OUR OWN COPY, FOR **SELF-PRESERVATION**.

SOMEWHERE INSIDE OF HIM, HE **KNOWS** IT IS THE **TRUTH**: ERIC DE GEA ISN'T THE **REAL** ERIC DE GEA.

NO.

HE IS LIKE THE **SHENWA**.

A **MONSTER**.

LISTEN.

YOU **MAY** BE A **COPY** OF ME.

YOU **MAY** HAVE MY **PAST**.

BUT NOW YOU KNOW THE **TRUTH**, YOUR **FUTURE** IS **YOURS** ALONE

YOU **COULD** JOIN ME IN MY FIGHT...

HE IS **NOTHING**.

HE IS **NOBODY**.

BUT HE IS **ALIVE**.

OKAY.

HEH.

THOSE **SHENWA** DON'T KNOW A **DAMN** THING ABOUT **HUMAN** NATURE.