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AFTER THE PRIVATE JET, THE HELICOPTER WAS STILL A SURPRISE...

I WAS GETTING THE MESSAGE, ALL RIGHT. I HAD SUDDENLY BECOME VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PEOPLE AT LW...

WHAT I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WAS, WHY?



AND WHY DID THEY ASK ME TO BRING THE WATCH I'D BOUGHT FROM THEM A FEW MONTHS AGO?



IT WAS A COSY LITTLE PUZZLE. ... ONE THAT KEPT MY MIND OFF A REMARKABLE INCIDENT THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE RELATED TO THIS INVITATION...



... EXCEPT FOR OUR TEAM, NOBODY KNEW WHAT I HAD FOUND AT THE BASE OF A DRIFTING ICEBERG, LAST WEEK, IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN...

A  
WHAT ???  
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE,  
XUE! THE SPECIES  
DISAPPEARED MORE  
THAN ONE HUNDRED  
MILLION YEARS AGO!



I SWEAR, HARRY...

NO, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY OXYGEN SUPPLY. JUST COME DOWN HERE AND YOU'LL...



I WAS SO TAKEN BY MY DISCOVERY AND BY HARRY'S SCEPTICISM THAT I DIDN'T HEAR THE RUMBLE...



... DIDN'T SEE THE LIGHTS OF THE PHANTOM SUBMARINE BEFORE IT WAS ON ME...



CRASHING THROUGH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND EARTH-SHATTERING DISCOVERY A YOUNG MARINE BIOLOGIST COULD POSSIBLY MAKE....

AT THE START OF HER VERY SHORT AND DRAMATIC CAREER...



SHE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE, NOW...

IT'S ABOUT TIME. I GUESS SHE IS AS IMPATIENT AS I AM TO FIND OUT THE REASON BEHIND THIS MEETING...



LET'S HOPE SHE DIDN'T FORGET TO BRING HER WATCH...



MISS CHENG, HOW ARE YOU?

TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, MR LINDE? I'M EXHAUSTED. I JUST CAME BACK FROM A VERY EXACTING MISSION IN THE ARCTIC...



SO I HOPE YOU'LL TELL ME RIGHT AWAY WHY YOU ASKED ME TO BRING BACK MY WATCH.



GOOD, I SEE YOU BROUGHT THE INSTRUMENT WITH IT. WE SHALL DO OUR LITTLE EXPERIMENT RIGHT AWAY.



WHAT EXPERIMENT, MR LINDE?





YOU'RE TELLING ME THIS ANOMALY AT THE FACTORY WAS ACTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR THESE CHIPS?

MIRACULOUS WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE, MISS CHENG ...



ACCORDING TO OUR EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS, THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE FIVE CHIPS, WHILE THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE, DEFIES ALL REASONABLE EXPLANATION...

AH, HELLO, MR LEE. WE HAVE TWO OF THE PERFECT CHIPS HERE...LET'S DO THE TEST RIGHT AWAY..



YOU SEE, IF THE THEORY IS CORRECT, THESE CHIPS WOULD BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL WHEN WORKING IN COMBINATION.

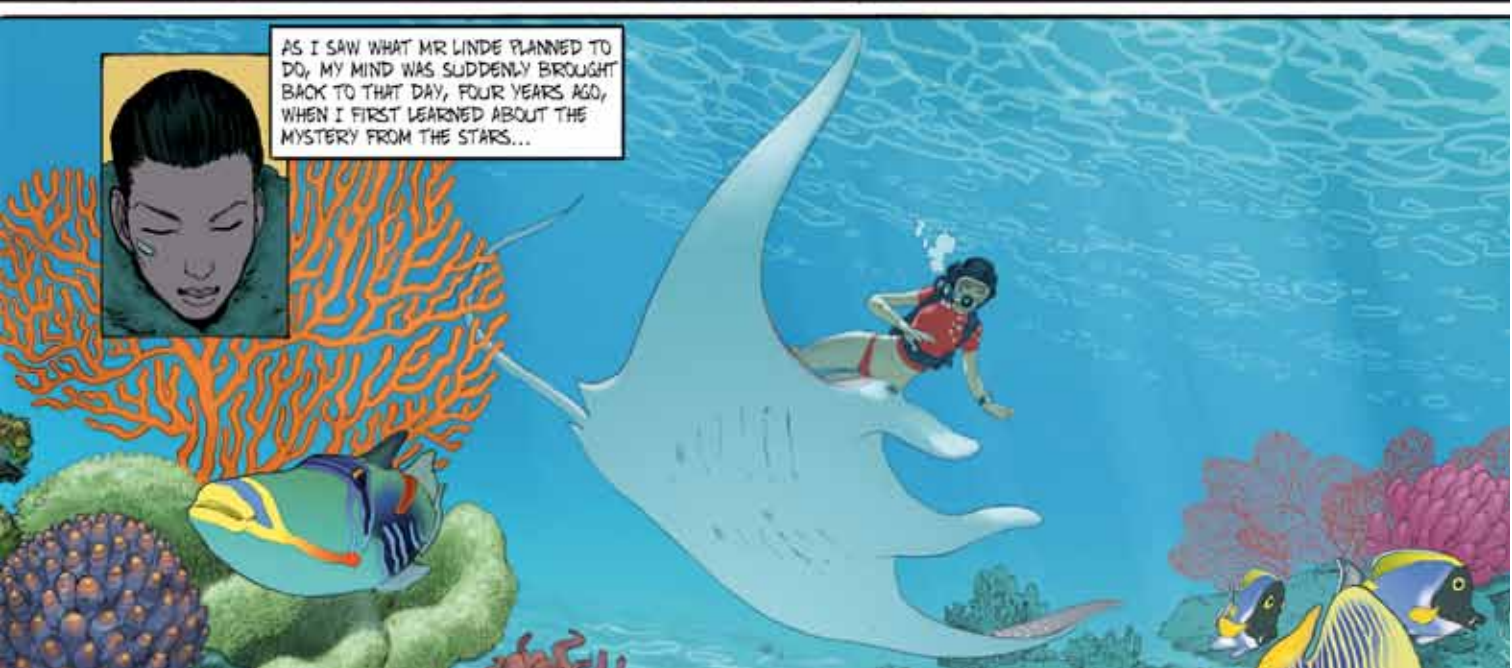


AND JUST HOW POWERFUL WOULD THAT BE, MR. LINDE?



WELL, WE BELIEVE THAT...

IF WE COULD BRING THE "PERFECT FIVE" TOGETHER... WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE TO SOLVE ONE OF THE MOST INTRIGUING SCIENTIFIC ENIGMAS OF ALL TIME...



AS I SAW WHAT MR LINDE PLANNED TO DO, MY MIND WAS SUDDENLY BROUGHT BACK TO THAT DAY, FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT THE MYSTERY FROM THE STARS...

EVERYBODY KNOWS WHERE HE OR SHE WAS WHEN THE NEWS ABOUT THE NGX 542P SIGNAL HIT THE GLOBAL MEDIA...

I VIVIDLY REMEMBER HOW THE SUN SPARKLED IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA, THAT MORNING, SHOWING ME THE WAY TO THE SURFACE...

...A SCINTILLATING ARROW OF LIGHT POINTING TO THAT FABULOUS MOMENT IN TIME, FOUR YEARS AGO...

XUE!  
COME QUICK!...  
YOU'VE GOT TO HEAR THIS!

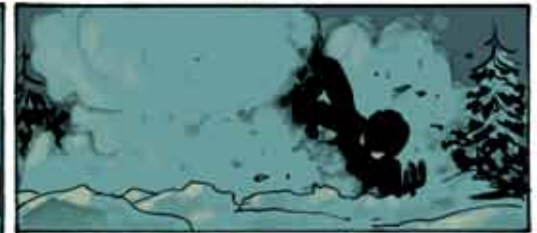


...WHEN WE FIRST LEARNED OF THE INTELLIGENT SIGNAL FROM ANOTHER GALAXY...

THE MESSAGE FROM THE STARS THAT NO COMPUTER ON EARTH IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DECIPHER...

THAT IS --UNLESS WE SUCCEEDED IN BUILDING SUCH A COMPUTER OURSELVES, BY CONNECTING THE FIVE PERFECT LW CHIPS...







DID YOU COME HERE ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHIPS?



I HAVE NUMBER THREE ON MY WRIST. WHAT DO YOU THINK?



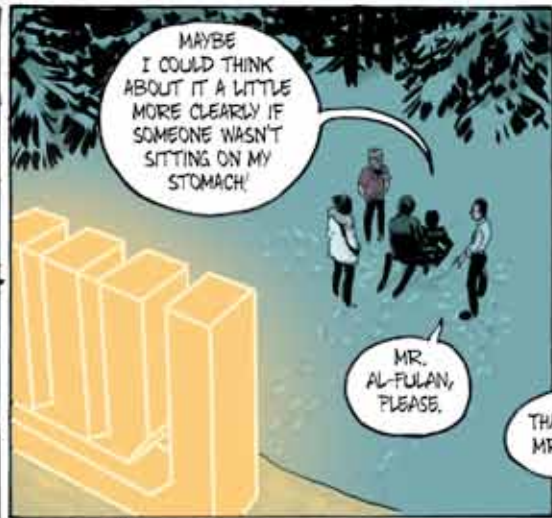
OH BUT THAT'S WONDERFUL! WE MUST WORK TOGETHER!



DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? THE BIG PRIZE IS SO HUGE!!



IT'S COSMIC! IT SUPER CEDES WHATEVER SHORT TERM, INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS YOU MAY HAVE IN MIND!



MAYBE I COULD THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY IF SOMEONE WASN'T SITTING ON MY STOMACH!

MR. AL-FULAN, PLEASE.



THANK YOU, MR. LINDE.

WELL, HERE'S WHERE I STAND. I NEED ONLY THREE OF THESE CHIPS...



...TO DO WHAT I PLAN TO DO...



GUESS I'LL HAVE TO FIND NUMBER FOUR AND NUMBER FIVE...



...BEFORE YOU DO!



WHEN PUT TOGETHER, THE FIVE PERFECT MICROCHIPS HAVE THE POWER TO SOLVE THE GREATEST OF ALL COSMIC ENIGMAS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR MIRACULOUS PERFORMANCES WERE ONLY NOTICED AFTER THEY WERE SOLD WITH LINDE WERDELIN WATCHES.

TWO LUCKY CUSTOMERS — CHENG XUE AND AL FULAN HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO JOIN FORCE WITH THE LW CREW.

# THE PERFECT FIVE



THE QUEST FOR THE THREE REMAINING PERFECT CHIPS HAS BEGUN...



YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MR MAGNIFICUS, MISS CHENG?

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M SELLING ENCYCLOPAEDIAS?



OK, JUST FOLLOW THE SCREAMING... YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY.

AS THE KING OF RULP PEPLUM DIDN'T ANSWER HIS MAILS OR RETURNED THEIR PHONE CALLS, A PERSONAL VISIT WAS THE ONLY CHANCE THEY HAD...



THEY ALL AGREED THAT XUE WAS THE PERSON MOST LIKELY TO GET TO THE GREAT DIRECTOR...



ARE YOU KIDDING ME??



THIS IS A DECAPITATION SCENE!



PUT A TRIPLE CHARGE IN THE CANON, I WANT A BIGGER SPLASH!



WHAT KIND OF ARTISTIC EFFECT ARE WE LOOKING FOR EXACTLY, PETRUS?



A BLOODY DRIPPING POLLOCK IS WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR, AMICUS/ CARICE?!

HMM...HMMM MR MAGNIFICUS?



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HEY, WATCH OUT, PETRUS!



I CAME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE LINDE WERDELIN INSTRUMENT YOU BOUGHT A FEW MONTHS AGO, MR MAGNIFICUS.

YOU HAVE A VERY SPECIAL WATCH.

HOLLYWOOD

A WATCH??? I'M NOT INTERESTED IN WATCHES.

ONE THAT COULD SOLVE THE BIGGEST SCIENTIFIC MYSTERY AND LEAD TO A TROVE OF TECHNICAL BREAKTHROUGHS...

WHAT ABOUT THE SHARES YOU'D GET IN EVERY PATENT RIGHTS?...

**SPLASH!**

NOOOO, THAT'S WHAT I CALL A BIGGER SPLASH!

?

NICE TATTOO, BY THE WAY...

EVER THOUGHT OF ACTING IN THE MOVIES, DARLING?

HEM...

...LEARN A FEW KUNG FU MOVES, KICK SOME GLADIATORS' ASS?

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS.





REMEMBER!  
YOU PROMISED!

STOP BITCHIN',  
DARLING! YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED TO LOOK  
TERRIFIED!

DAMN IT!  
I'M ANGRY AND  
TERRIFIED!

IF THIS  
BEAST COMES  
ANY CLOS...



EVERYTHING'S  
ALL RIGHT, MISS  
VANITY?

THAT DREAM  
AGAIN, HEH?

IAN,  
PLEASE, BRING ME  
MY WATCHES!



YOU'LL  
FEEL BETTER NEXT  
WEEK, AFTER THE  
HEARING...

I'M  
COUNTING  
THE HOURS.



I'LL DESTROY THAT  
NEFARIOUS GNOME!  
I'LL GET HIS HOUSES,  
HIS STUPID FILMS  
...



...EVERYTHING  
DOWN TO HIS VERY  
LAST DIRTY TOGA!





-BERTALLO-  
-SMOLBERG-

TO BE CONTINUED...







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