

# APEIRON

CHAPTER 04: CORPSE FLOWER (PART 2)



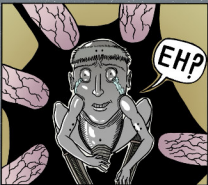




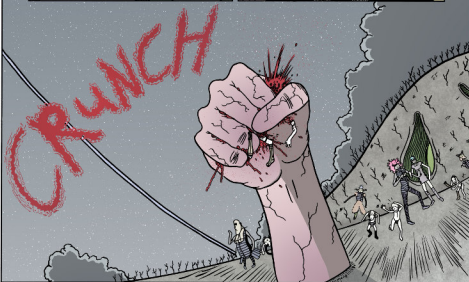
OH...  
TH-THANK YOU,  
MASTER.



TO FIX THOSE  
INADEQUACIES,  
I WILL JUST  
HAVE TO MAKE  
YOU AGAIN.

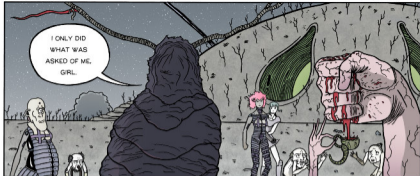


EH?



CRUNCH



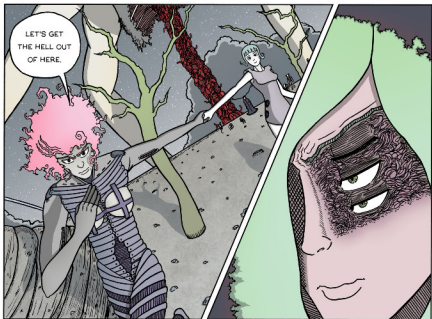
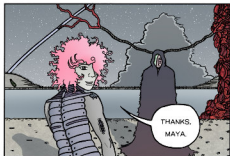




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FFRRRAARP..





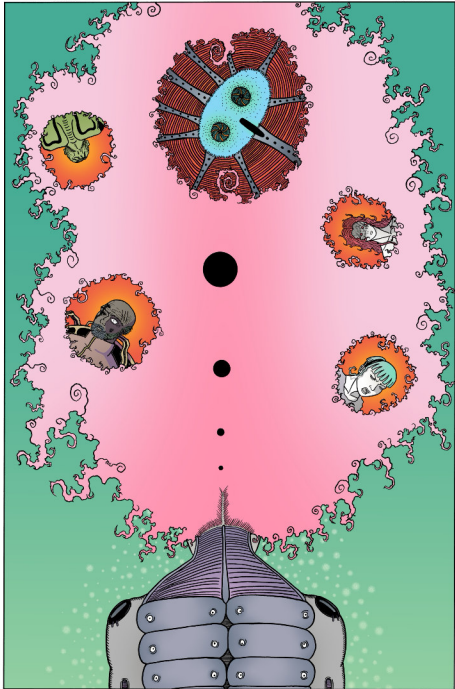
CHYRRUP,  
GATHER THE SHIFTERS  
FROM BELOW.  
WE'LL PERFORM  
THE OPERATION  
HERE.

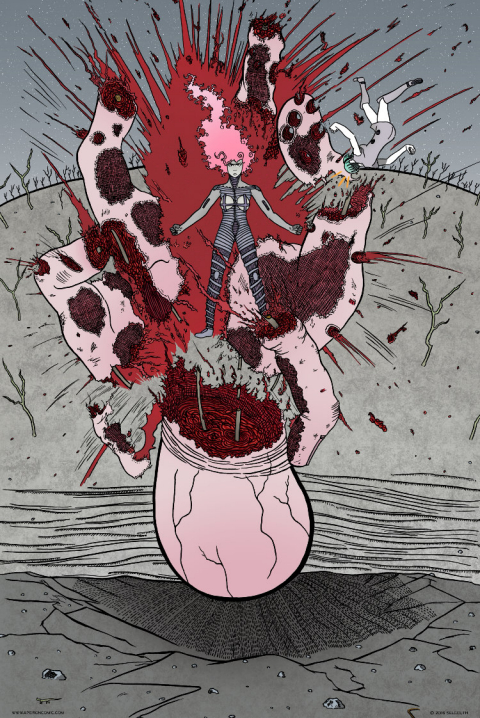
Y-YES,  
MASTER.

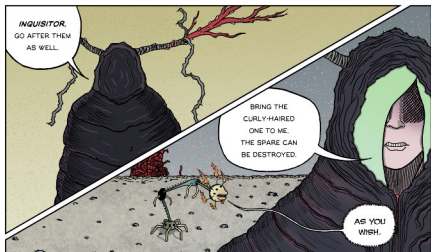


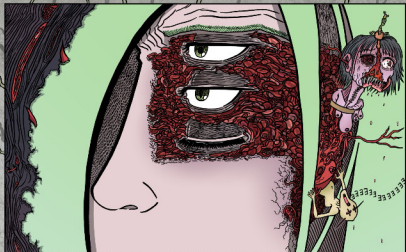
**DARSHANA!**











WHERE DO WE  
GO NOW?

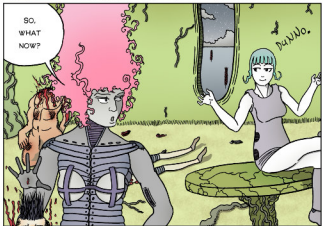
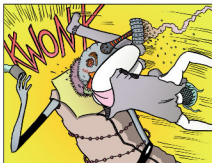
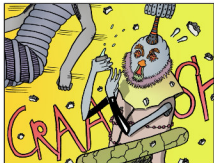


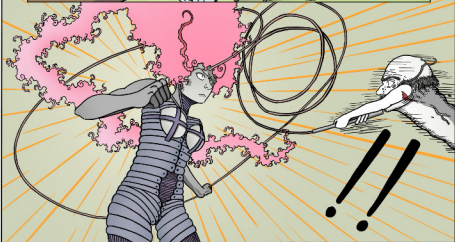
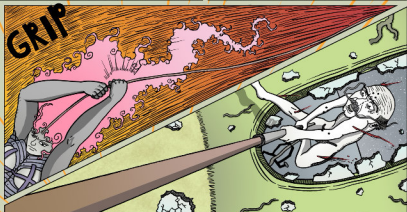
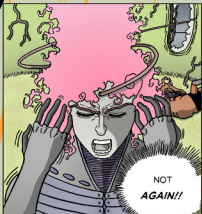
SNAP!

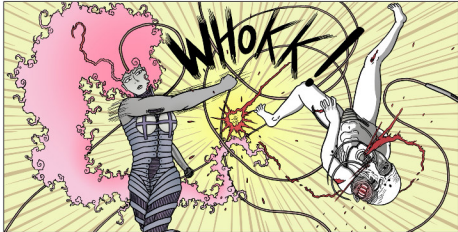
HOW SHOULD  
I KNOW?!

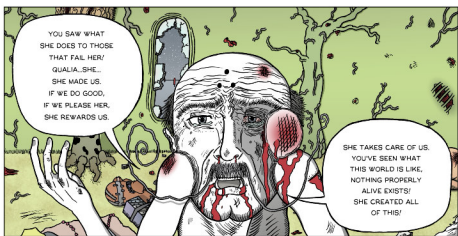










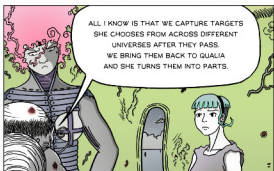


YOU SAW WHAT SHE DOES TO THOSE THAT FAIL HER/ QUALIA...SHE... SHE MADE US. IF WE DO GOOD, IF WE PLEASE HER, SHE REWARDS US.

SHE TAKES CARE OF US. YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THIS WORLD IS LIKE, NOTHING PROPERLY ALIVE EXISTS! SHE CREATED ALL OF THIS!



THE FUCK DOES SHE NEED US FOR?



ALL I KNOW IS THAT WE CAPTURE TARGETS SHE CHOOSES FROM ACROSS DIFFERENT UNIVERSES AFTER THEY PASS. WE BRING THEM BACK TO QUALIA AND SHE TURNS THEM INTO PARTS.



**PARTS?**



Y-YES, FOR THIS SHIP. I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S BUILDING IT, BUT THE MORE POTENTIAL KARMA A PERSON HAS, THE MORE POWERFUL A PART THEY MAKE.

THE ONLY ESCAPE IS TO JUMP INTO THE OCEAN, GET EATEN BY A WORM AND BE REINCARNATED. EVEN THEN, QUALIA WILL EVENTUALLY FIND YOU.

IF NOT ME, SOME OTHER OPHANIM WILL COLLECT YOU THE NEXT TIME YOU DIE. LET HER TAKE YOU BOTH NOW, YOUR MINDS WILL BE JOINED WITH THE SHIP. YOU'LL STILL BE TOGETHER.

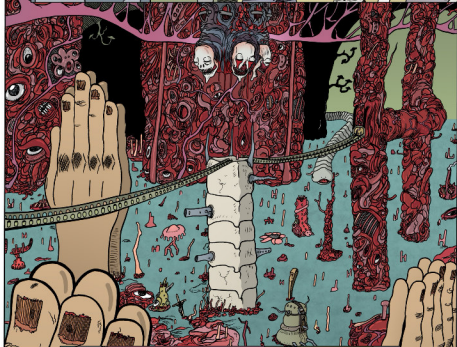
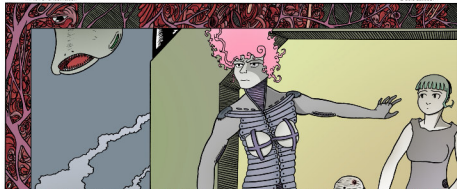
SOMETHING... HAPPENED TO ME WHEN I BROKE FREE OF QUALIA'S GRASP. I SAW FACES. I THINK EVEN MY DAD'S. THEN I CHANGED AND GREW STRONGER.

YOU HAVE IMMENSE KARMIC POTENTIAL. YOU'RE UNLIKE ANY WE'VE SEEN BEFORE. THIS PLACE IS NOT LIKE YOUR PHYSICAL WORLD. THIS IS THE REALM WHERE THE DEAD GO TO BE REBORN. EVERYTHING CAN CHANGE HERE IN THE CELESTIAL ENGINE.

BUT WHY MY DAD? DOES THAT MEAN HE'S STILL ALIVE? IF I HADN'T DIED, WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN MY FUTURE? WHAT DID QUALIA MEAN WHEN SHE SAID HE OFFERED ME TO HER?

I DON'T KNOW.





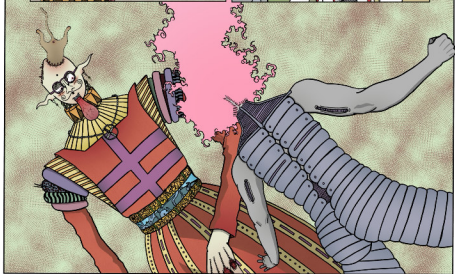
PROBLEM?

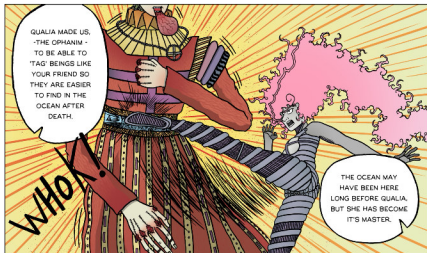
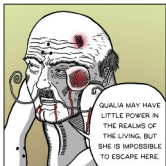
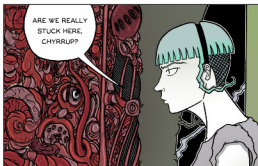
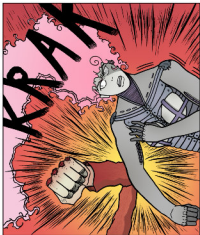
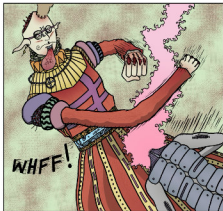
YES...THAT'S  
THE *INQUISITOR*.  
QUALIA'S ENFORCER.

PLEASE CEASE  
AND DESIST YOUR  
RESISTANCE.  
THE MASTER WANTS  
YOU IN GOOD  
*CONDITION.*

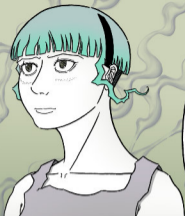




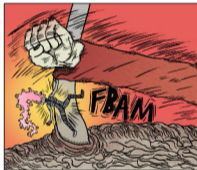




IT'S ODD THAT QUALIA DIDN'T HAVE ME MARK YOU AS WELL. YOU HAVE REMARKABLE KARMIC POWER YOURSELF.



SEPARATING YOURSELF FROM THE REST OF THE WRITHING DEAD IN THE SEA WASN'T EASY. YOU HAD THE STRENGTH TO MAINTAIN YOUR OWN EGO WITHOUT AN OPHANIM MARK.

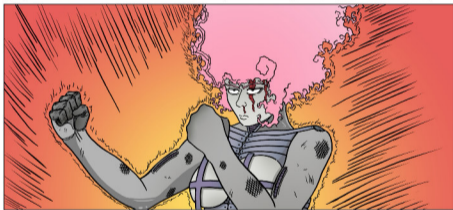


IF I HAD THE WILL, COULD I CHANGE MYSELF INTO ANYTHING? EVEN WITHOUT BEING EATEN BY A WORM?

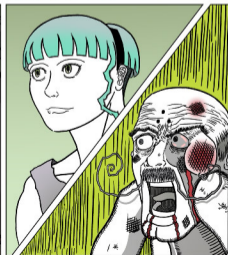


I'VE NEVER SEEN IT HAPPEN, BUT THIS IS A SPECIAL REALM. WHY?

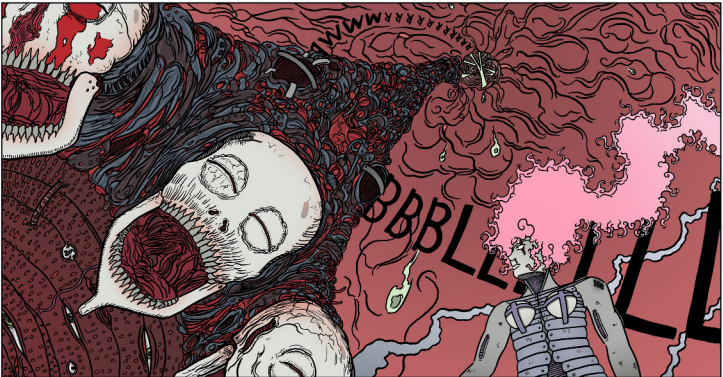
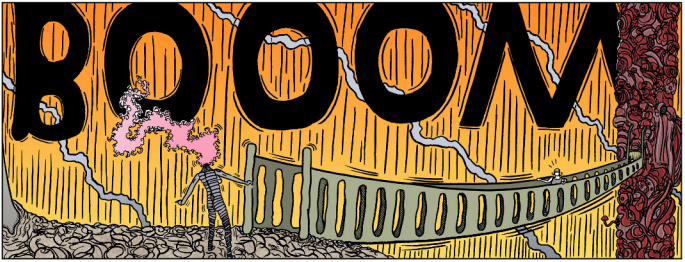
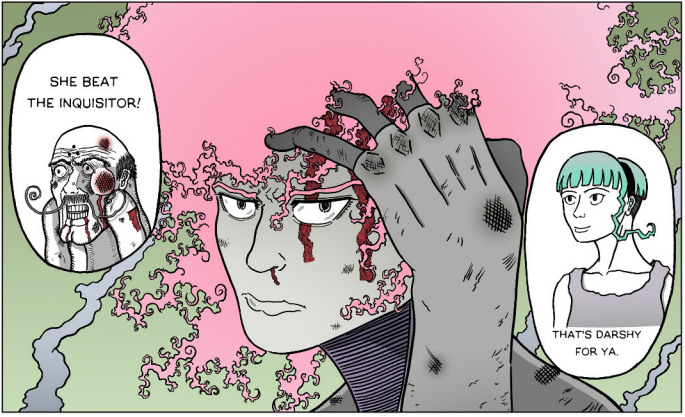


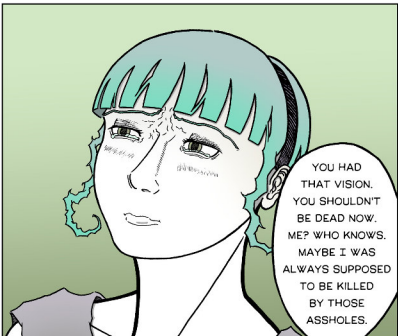
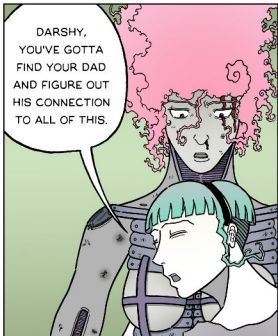
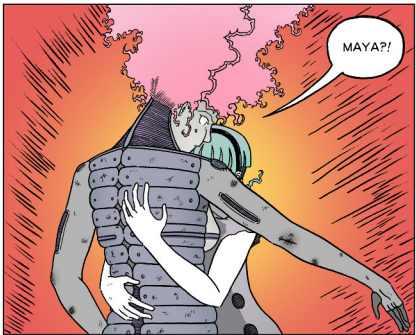
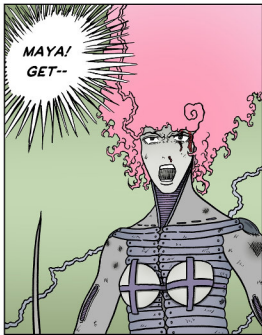








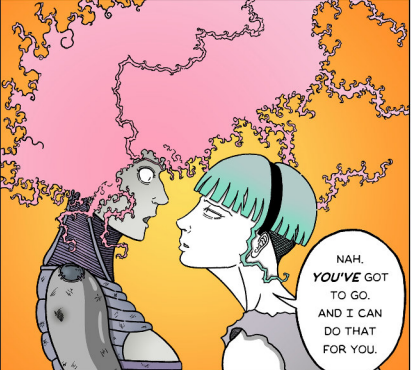






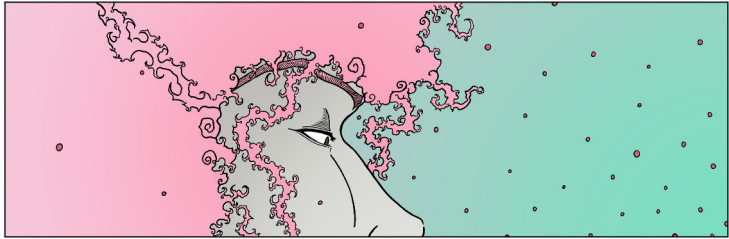
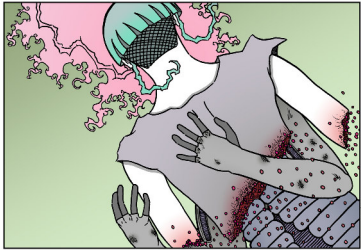
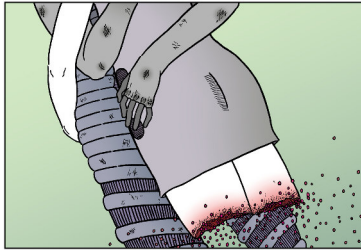


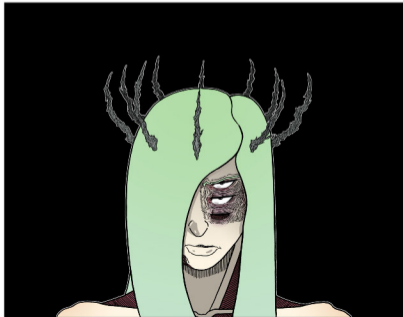
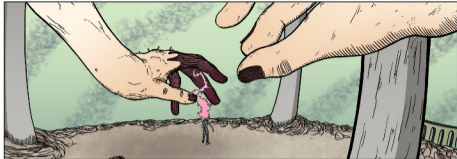
SHUT UP,  
MAYA!  
WE'VE GOTTA  
GO!  
NOW!!

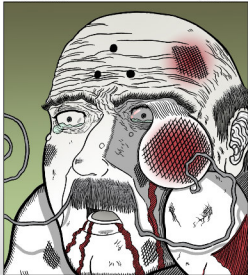
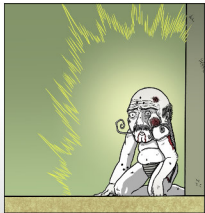


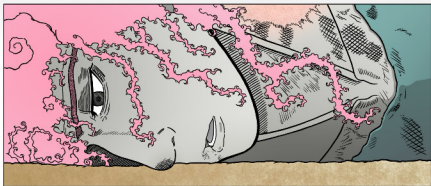
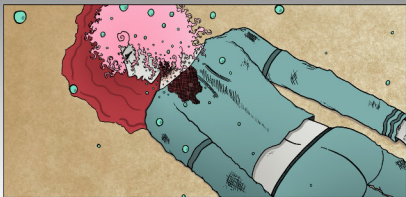
NAH,  
**YOU'VE GOT**  
TO GO.  
AND I CAN  
DO THAT  
FOR YOU.

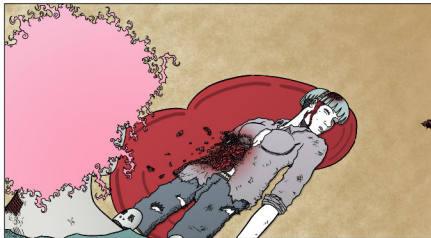














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