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WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL SARAH? SHE NEEDS TO KNOW!



I THINK I HEAR HER COMING NOW...



HI DAD...

DAD! ARE YOU OK? ARE YOU HURT?

SARAH, THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU...





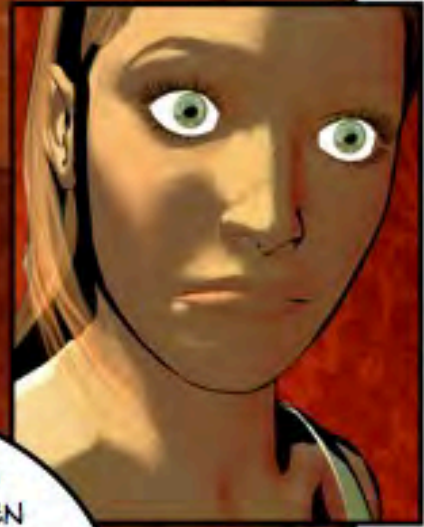
WHAT IS IT?!
IS EVERYTHING
ALRIGHT? I TOLD YOU IT
WASN'T A BRIGHT IDEA TO
EXPERIMENT WITH THOSE
RADIOACTIVE
ISOTOPES!



SARAH,
THIS IS DIFFERENT.
THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME,
OR US. THIS IS ABOUT
THE FATE OF OUR
WORLD.



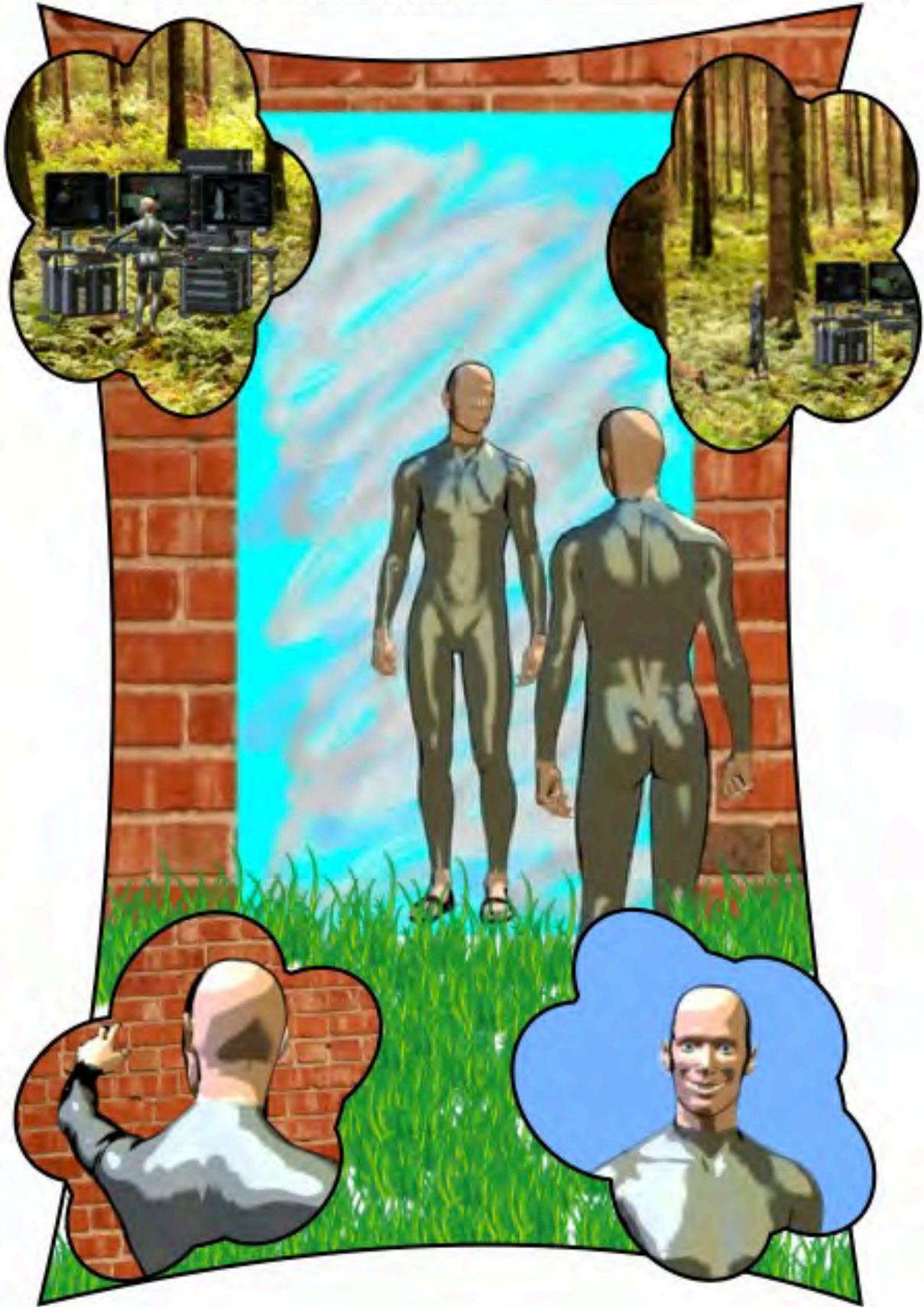
I'M
LISTENING....




YOU MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND THIS NOW, BUT YOU WILL WHEN YOU'RE OLDER. I DID SOMETHING TODAY - SOMETHING THAT HAS CHANGED THE WORLD AS WE KNEW IT. I DIVIDED GOOD FROM EVIL. I CONTROLLED THE CHAOS AND MADE ORDER.



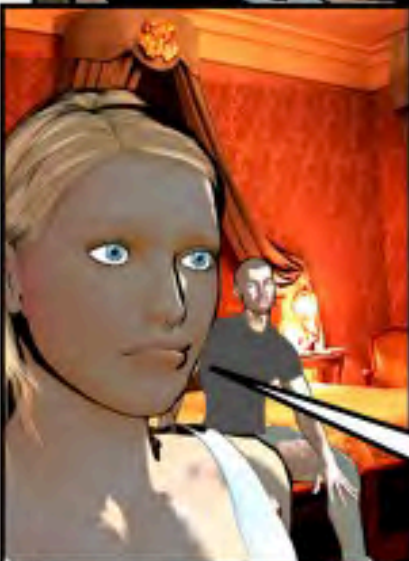
AND SO IT WAS... PROFESSOR DRAKE HAD FOREVER DIVIDED GOOD AND EVIL AND ONLY ONE PORTAL REMAINED BETWEEN THE TWO NOW SEPARATE WORLDS.





SARAH, IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENS TO ME - IF MY STRENGTH FAILS, IF I BECOME FRAIL, IF I DIE - I NEED YOU TO TAKE OVER AS CONTROLLER OF THE WORLDS. YOU WILL HAVE TO CONTROL THE DIVIDE. THE POWER OF THE DIVISION WILL BE IN YOUR HANDS.

BUT...H-HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?



YOU WILL NEED TO GO TO THE PORTAL IN THE FOREST. FORTIFY THE DIVISION! FIND A WAY TO DIVIDE THE WORLDS FOR GOOD!

I-I'LL TRY. I PROMISE.



GOODBYE
SARAH...

I HOPE I MADE
THE RIGHT
DECISION...



A FEW YEARS LATER...



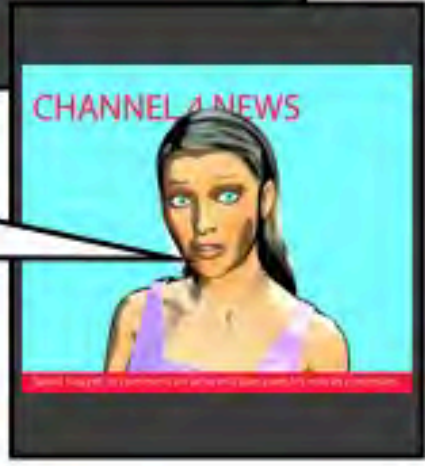
Breaking NEWS

PROFESSOR DRAKE, DIVIDER OF WORLDS, DIED TODAY.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, SARAH DRAKE, WHO HAS YET TO COMMENT AND SHINE SOME LIGHT ON WHO WILL INHERIT THE ROLE OF CONTROLLER...



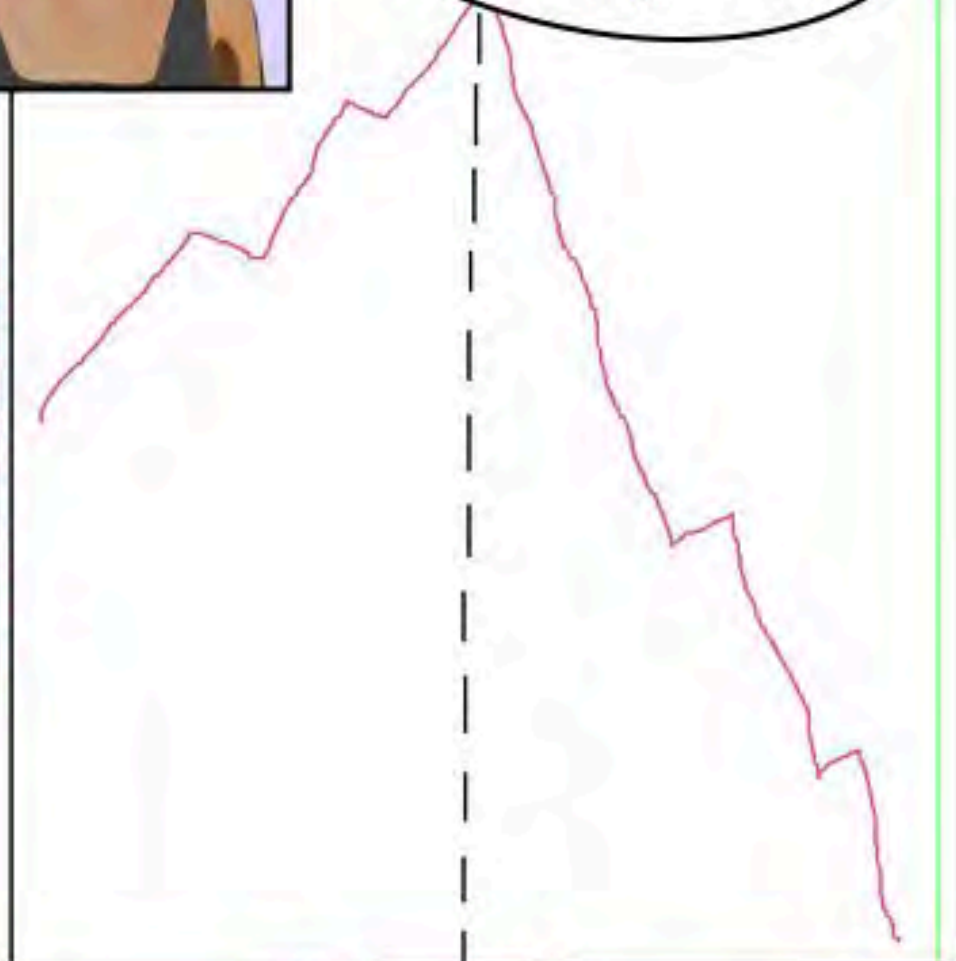
ALL OF US IN AMALIA ANXIOUSLY AWAIT HER ANNOUNCEMENT. NOW BACK TO ALLIE IN THE STUDIO.





THANKS, KAREN. IN OTHER NEWS, EMPLOYMENT AMONG THE HERO POPULATION HAS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY - FROM AN ALREADY LOW 17% DOWN TO 8%. IT SEEMS AS IF THE DEMAND FOR HEROES HAS PLUMMETED SINCE THE DIVISION.

EMPLOYMENT



YEAR OF THE DIVISION

BUT ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, VILLAINY HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ABOLISHED IN AMALIA.





I AM MIGHTY-MEGA MAN! OFF TO SAVE A KITTEN FROM A TREE!



WHY DOES HE ALWAYS GET THE JOBS! WE, OTHER HEROES NEED WORK TOO!

I DIDN'T KNOW HEROES WERE HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME SINCE MY DAD DIVIDED THE WORLDS.



WAIT FOR US!



"THINGS ARE GOING ON"

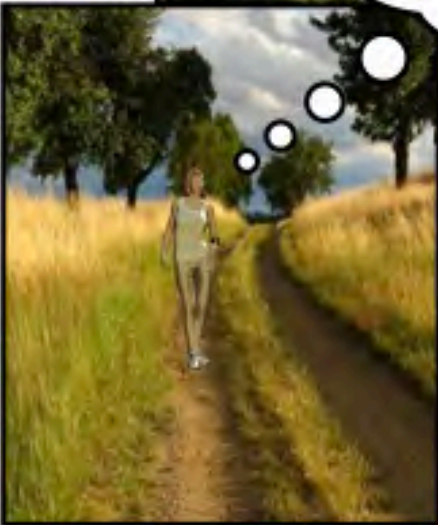
"CAT SAVED FROM TREE"

"MAYOR SEEMS PERFECTLY FINE"

MEANWHILE, SARAH CONTINUES ON HER QUEST TO THE PORTAL



IF AMALIA IS STUGGLING THIS MUCH, I WONDER WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE EVIL WORLD, DEMERTIA.

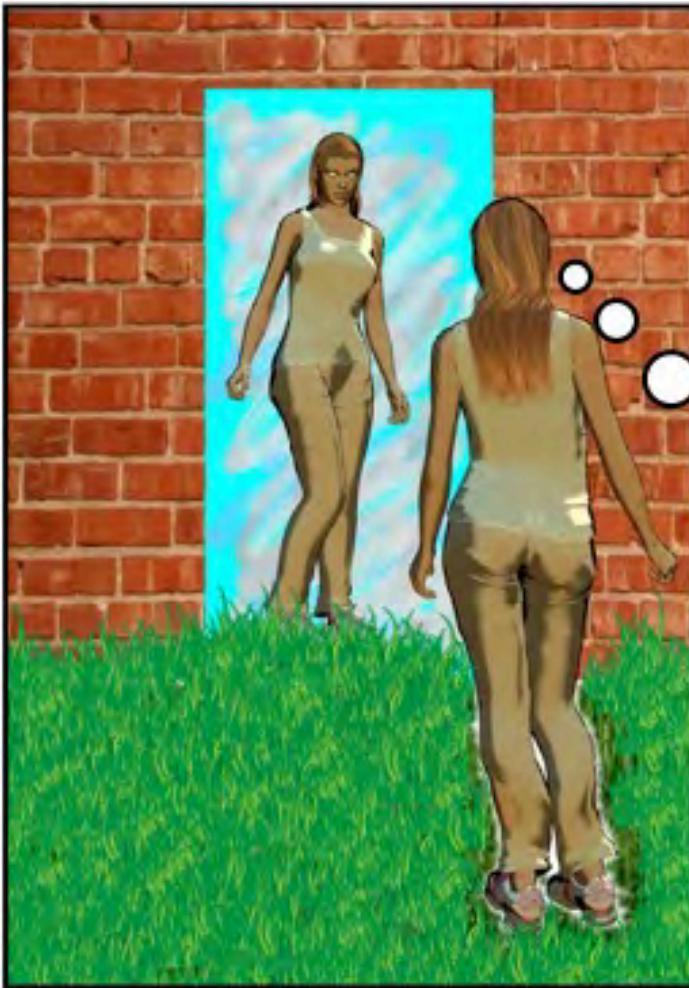


HOPEFULLY THE DIVISION IS AT LEAST HELPING KEEP DEMERTIA IN ORDER!









HMMM,
NOW WHAT? I
GUESS THE ONLY
WAY TO FIND OUT
HOW TO CONTROL
IT IS TO SEE
HOW IT
WORKS.



WHOA!!!





ROBBING
THAT BANK WAS
ALMOST TOO EASY!
MUWAHAHA!

HE'S
DELUSIONAL!

VILLAINY
ISN'T EVEN FUN ANY
MORE. WHAT'S THE POINT
IF THERE AREN'T ANY
HEROES TO OUT-
SMART?







I KNOW MY FATHER MEANT WELL BY DIVIDING THE WORLDS, BUT THE SITUATION LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW.

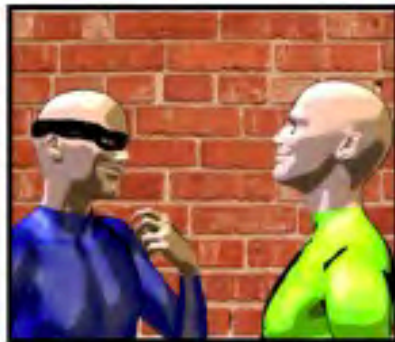




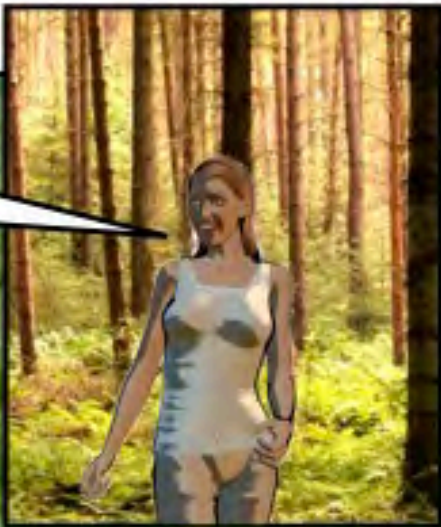
THE ANSWER IS
CLEAR NOW. I KNOW
WHAT I NEED TO
DO...







MY FATHER WAS
WRONG. WORLDS DIVIDED
ARE NOT MORE ORDERED AT
ALL. HIS ATTEMPT TO BANISH
CHAOS ONLY CREATED
MORE.



"TWO WORLDS REUNITE"

"A RETURN TO NORMALITY"



AND
SO CHAOS IS
RESTORED.

THE END.