

PLANET-MAN: NO THANKS TO YOU

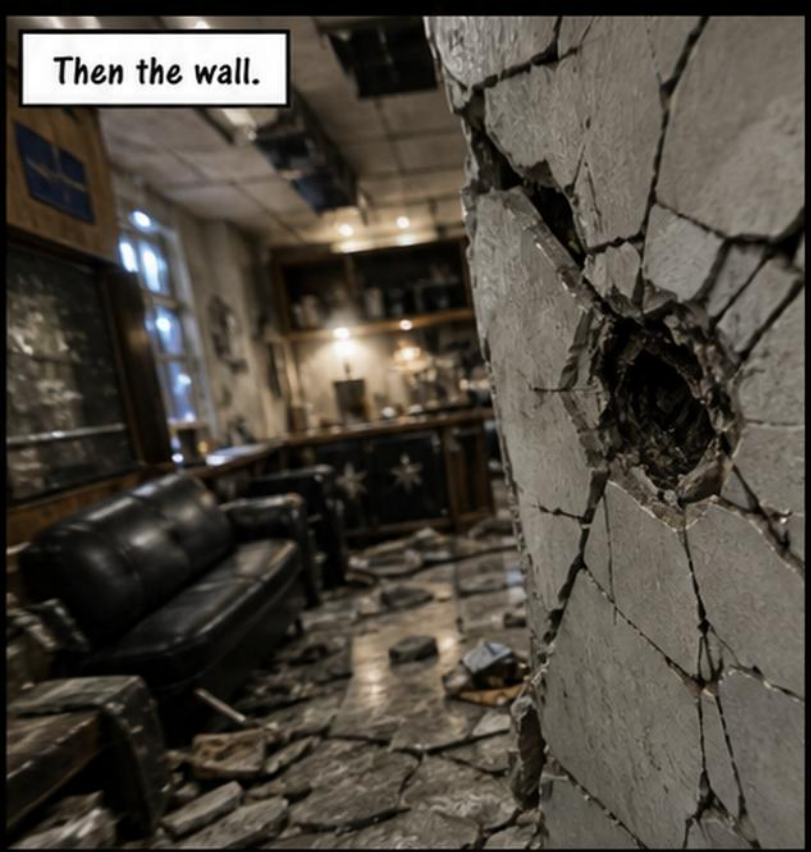


After the strongest
Hopper left, the
truth stayed behind.

The first thing Shrink-Scope saw was the room bending.



Then the wall.



Then Hoppette.



Then Planet-Man.



The blur did not matter anymore.



She ran.



Hoppette woke to the taste of smoke.



The room spun when she stood.



Is he..?!



He's alive. No thanks to you.



Shrink-Scope never looked away from him.



Hoppette held the burn and swallowed the answer.



Where's Bruiser?!



I didn't even get to see the guy, but I recognize the feel of a frog tongue after our sparring session!



Shrink-Scope turned like the pain had found a target.



Why did you bring him here?!



Hoppette stepped back.



Her hand stayed over the wound.



You and I both saw that our worlds were missing a god, but we both took different paths to fix that problem.



Long before you brought Planet-Man here, I created the hop suits on my world.



I've heard this before. You made the hop suits so that you could get Planet-Man to help other worlds than mine.



Hoppette's regret hardened into annoyance.



The broken room listened.



I only came for Planet-Man AFTER I knew he had returned. BEFORE I created them so that my people could fill-in as replacement gods.



So the one who attacked us did so to try and replace Planet-Man?



Yes, because the Hoppers believe themselves to be the true gods and label Planet-Man as the abandoner.



Shrink-Scope's anger bent into confusion.



Hoppette nodded like the word still hurt.



Abandoner.



So all your talk of wanting Planet-Man to save other worlds..



Was all true. I was once the greatest mind of my kind. Now I am labeled a blasphemer, and I am constantly on the run. I thought the others would be too afraid to face the abandoner head on.



But you were wrong.



Bruiser is the strongest of the Hoppers. I don't know why he didn't kill us all.



Hoppette looked down.



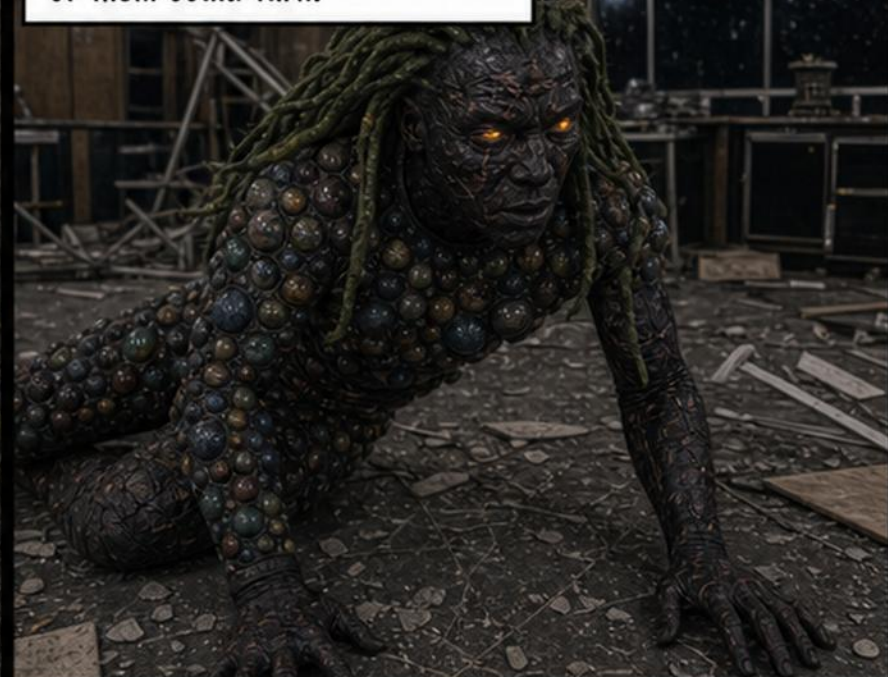
Shrink-Scope's fist stayed closed.



The floor shifted behind them.



Planet-Man stood before either of them could turn.



He was battered.



He was awake.



That is a mistake we will make sure he regrets.



Shrink-Scope went still under his hand.



Hoppette finally breathed.

