


THE ANNOUNCEMENT


CHAPTER 2

THE NEXT DAY...






DID YOU HEAR
FROM YOUR
BROTHER YET?




NOT YET. HE'S
ON A CAMPING TRIP
WITH HIS FRIENDS.
THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED
TO BE BACK UNTIL
TOMORROW.

THEY'VE BEEN CUT
OFF FROM EVERYTHING.
BOY, WAIT UNTIL THEY
HEAR WHAT THEY'VE
MISSED!



YEAH, I
HOPE THEY
MISSED IT!

WHO
KNOWS IF
PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO START
DISAPPEARING
AGAIN?!



DID YOU TELL PAUL
WE WERE MEETING
HERE?!


YUP, SURE DID.

AT ONE O'CLOCK?!




I TOLD HIM, SAPPHIE.
YOUR PLACE, ONE
O'CLOCK.





HE'S AN IDIOT! HE
PROBABLY DECIDED TO ROB
A LIQUOR STORE ON THE
WAY OVER!



I WOULD HAVE
GIVEN HIM MONEY FOR
BEER.

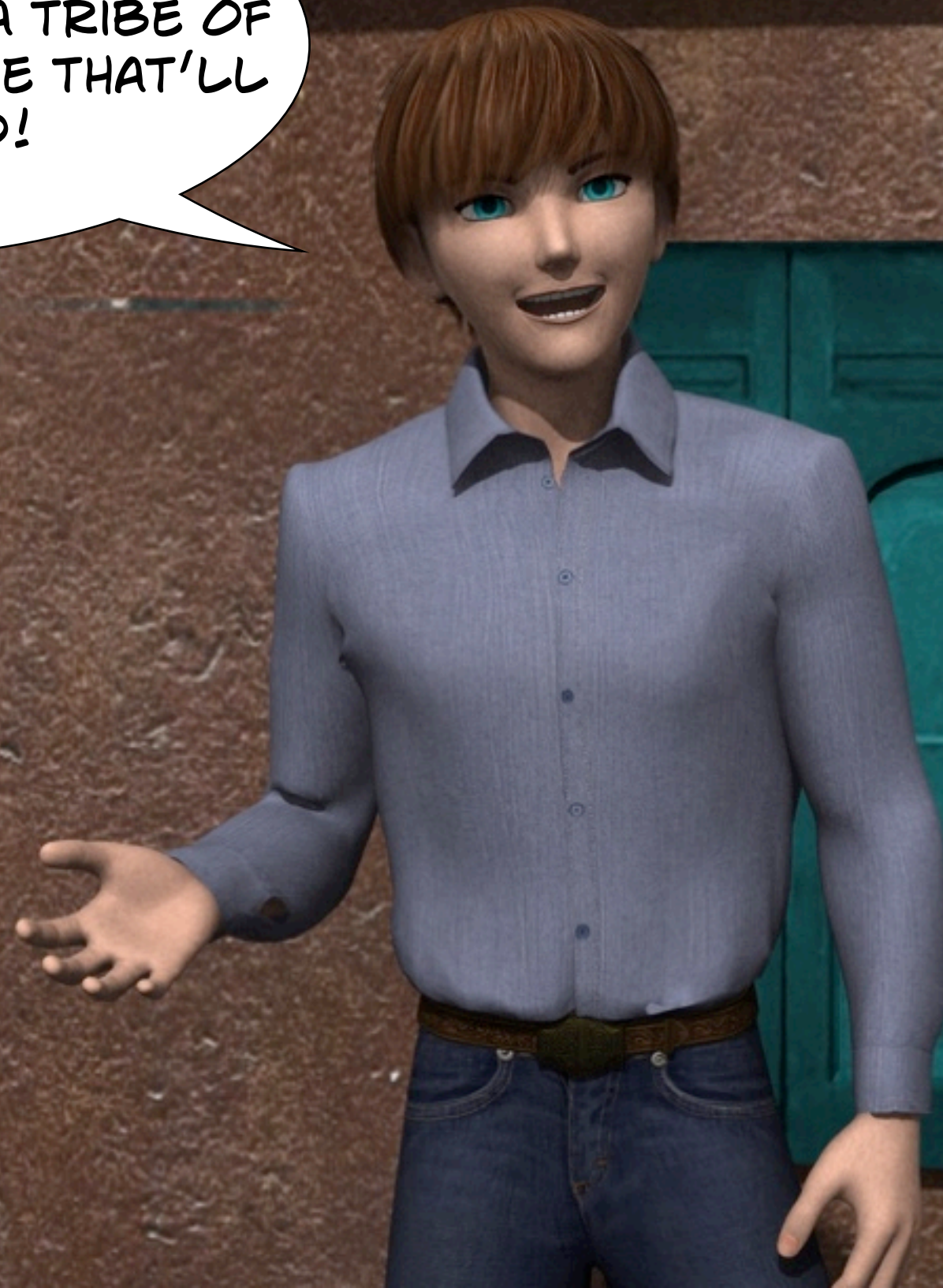



**DON'T
START!**

**THE
WHOLE
WORLD IS GOING
TO BE WATCHING THIS
SPEECH AND MY
JUVENILE BOYFRIEND
WILL BE THE ONLY
PERSON ON THE
PLANET TO
MISS IT!**

INCREDIBLE!

DON'T WORRY SAPPHIE,
THERE'S PROBABLY A TRIBE OF
PYGMIES SOMEWHERE THAT'LL
MISS IT TOO!





**ARGH!
I'M SURROUNDED
BY CHILDREN!**

IF WE HAD A
DOG, IT WOULD
BE PERFECT!






HAHA
HA!

FINE! YOU
TWO MAKE
JOKES!

THE
WORLD IS
PROBABLY ENDING
AND ALL YOU TWO
CAN DO IS MESS
AROUND!




IF THE
BEAMS COME
BACK I HOPE THEY
TAKE YOU!



ZZZZT!
SCOTTY, NO!
DON'T BEAM ME
UP!






I SHOULD
BE SO
LUCKY!

WHERE HAVE YOU
BEEN?!

THIS IS THE BIGGEST EVENT
IN THE HISTORY OF THE
WORLD AND YOU CAN'T
EVEN MAKE IT ON
TIME!




WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?! IT
HASN'T STARTED
YET. I'M
EARLY!



DON'T
HELP HIM!

HE'S GOT A
POINT. HE'S 20
SECONDS
EARLY.



YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE
TO COMFORT ME! WEREN'T YOU
WORRIED THAT THOSE BEAMS
COULD HAVE TAKEN ME?!



I WAS TOO BUSY
ENJOYING THE WILD
COLORS!

HA HA
HA!

OK! OK!
IT'S ON! QUIET
DOWN!

THE
SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS IS
COMING TO ORDER.
THE PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE
AN EXPLANATION FOR THE EVENTS
THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY IS
TAKING THE PODIUM.



WE'VE
BEEN TOLD THAT HE'S ALREADY
MET WITH A NUMBER OF WORLD LEADERS
AND THAT THEY SEEM TO BELIEVE HIS
STORY.


HE'S
BEING GIVEN THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS
THE WORLD TODAY. HE'S
ABOUT TO SPEAK!

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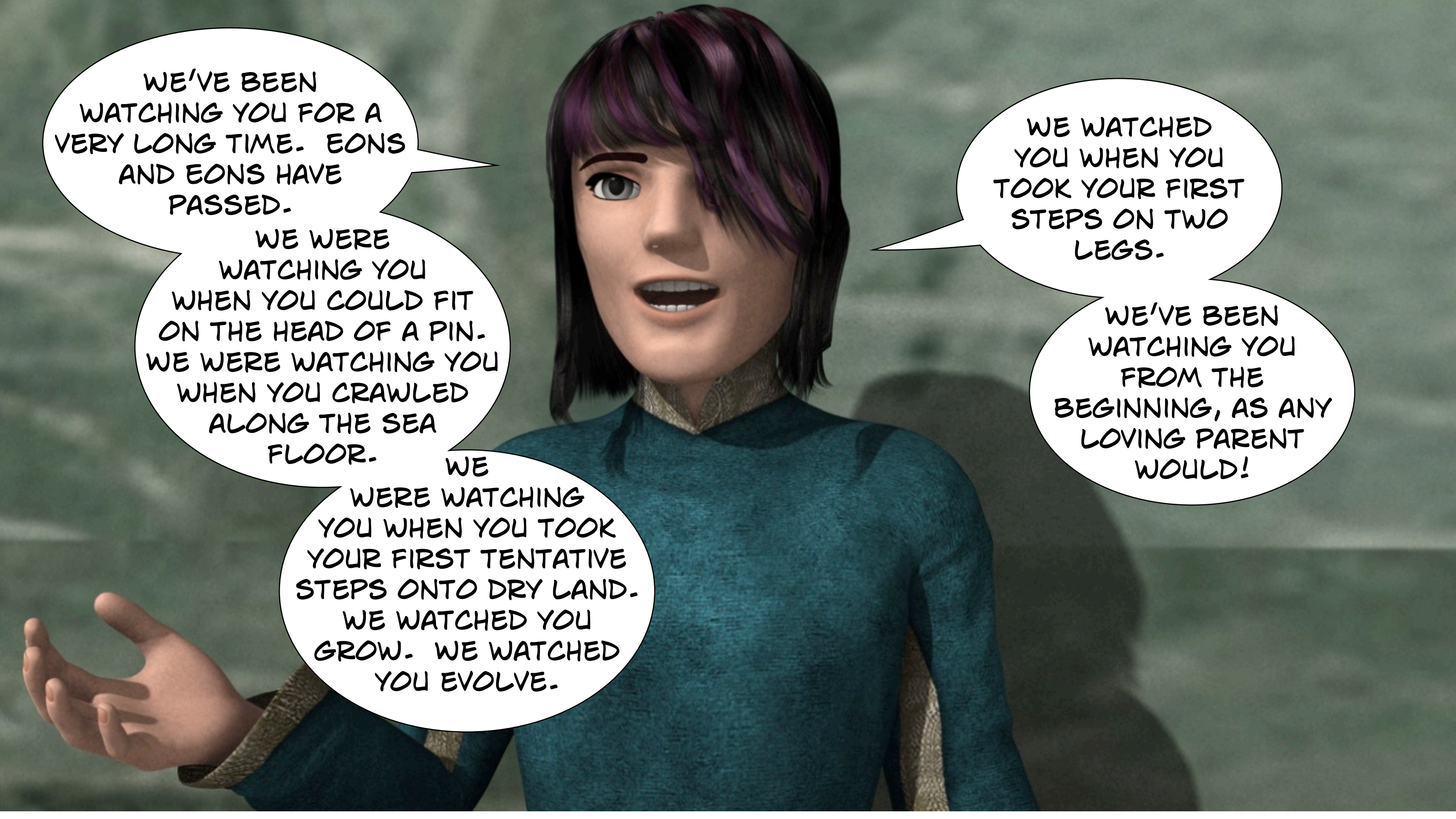
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN...FRIENDS.
I'M SURE YOU'RE WONDERING
ABOUT THE DRAMATIC EVENTS
THAT TOOK PLACE AROUND
THE WORLD YESTERDAY.





CERTAINLY
THERE'S BEEN
NOTHING LIKE IT IN
HUMAN HISTORY.

BUT I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
WORRY. THIS IS A
NECESSARY STEP IN THE
EVOLUTION OF THE
HUMAN RACE AND OF
THIS PLANET.

A woman with shoulder-length purple hair and bangs, wearing a blue long-sleeved top, is shown from the chest up. She has a surprised or excited expression with her mouth open. Her right hand is raised in a gesture. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

WE'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A VERY LONG TIME. EONS AND EONS HAVE PASSED.

WE WERE WATCHING YOU WHEN YOU COULD FIT ON THE HEAD OF A PIN. WE WERE WATCHING YOU WHEN YOU CRAWLED ALONG THE SEA FLOOR.

WE WERE WATCHING YOU WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR FIRST TENTATIVE STEPS ONTO DRY LAND. WE WATCHED YOU GROW. WE WATCHED YOU EVOLVE.

WE WATCHED YOU WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR FIRST STEPS ON TWO LEGS.

WE'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FROM THE BEGINNING, AS ANY LOVING PARENT WOULD!



WE'VE
WATCHED YOU DO
GREAT THINGS.
ACHIEVE GREAT
THINGS!

WE'VE ALSO
WATCHED SOME OF YOU
MISBEHAVE AND DO
GREAT HARMS TO
OTHERS.

WE'VE INTERVENED IN THE
PAST TO SPEED UP YOUR
EVOLUTION. AN EVOLUTION INTO THE
KIND OF SPECIES AND SOCIETY THAT
WE KNOW YOU CAN BE!

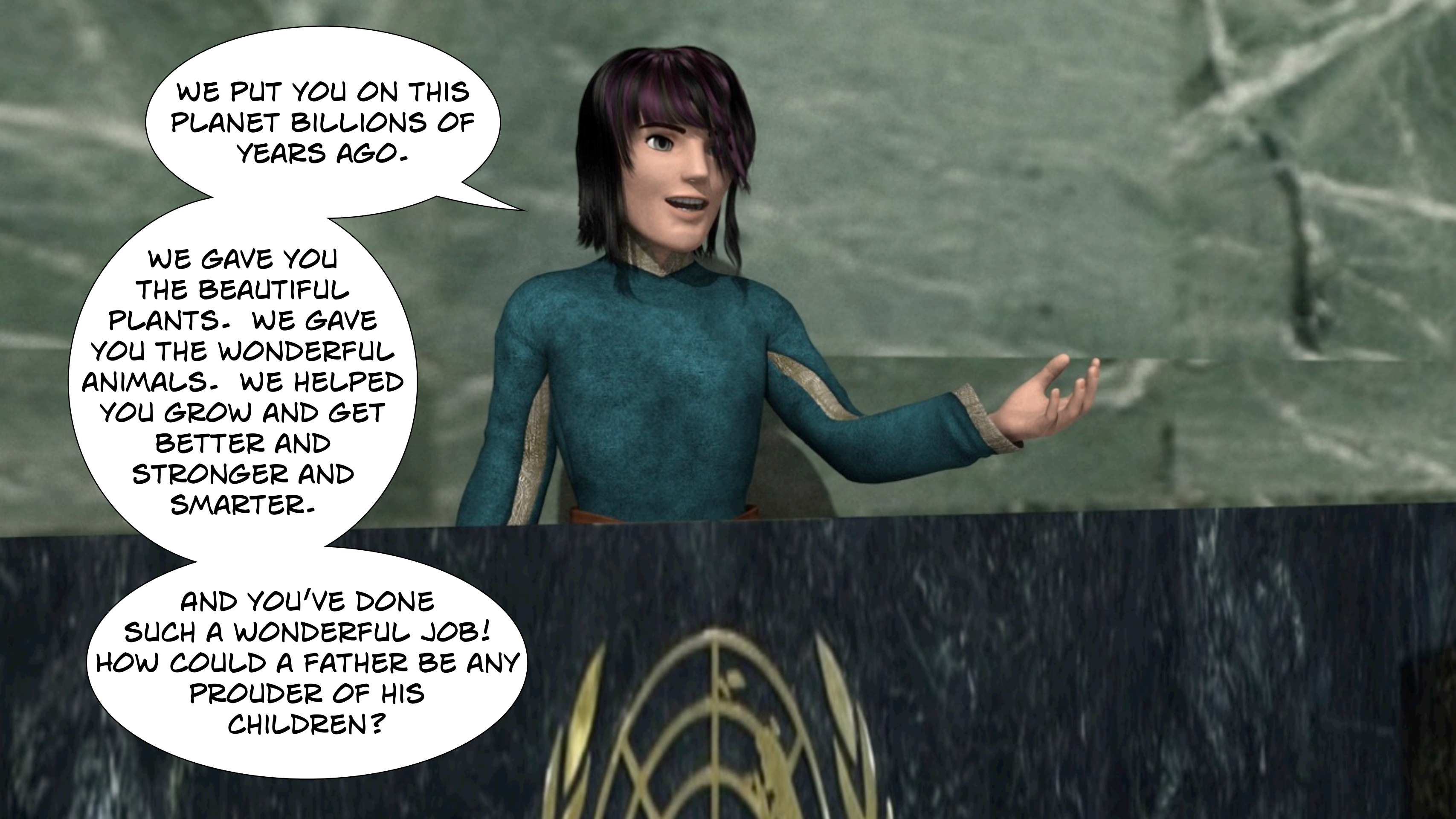


MY NAME IS
BELIA.
I AM YOUR
FATHER!

HUH?!

WHAT?!?

GASP!



WE PUT YOU ON THIS
PLANET BILLIONS OF
YEARS AGO.

WE GAVE YOU
THE BEAUTIFUL
PLANTS. WE GAVE
YOU THE WONDERFUL
ANIMALS. WE HELPED
YOU GROW AND GET
BETTER AND
STRONGER AND
SMARTER.

AND YOU'VE DONE
SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB!
HOW COULD A FATHER BE ANY
PROUDER OF HIS
CHILDREN?



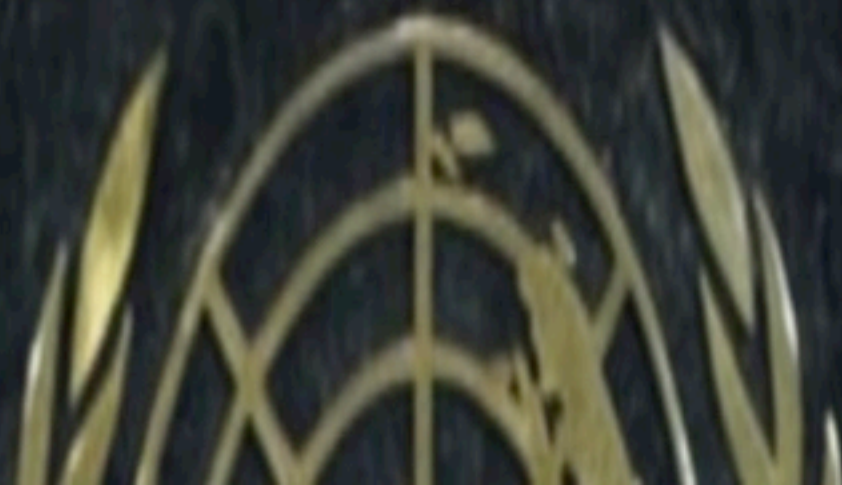
SHHHH!


FINALLY!
SOMEONE WHO
CAN APPRECIATE
ME!



BUT THIS ISN'T NEWS TO SOME OF YOU. YOU FIGURE THIS OUT ON YOUR OWN. YOU'RE SUCH SMART CHILDREN!

YOU REALIZED YOU WEREN'T FROM HERE; THAT YOU CAME HERE FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.







YOU COULD
FEEL INSIDE YOU THAT
THERE WAS SOMETHING
BIGGER...THAT YOU WERE
PART OF SOMETHING
BIGGER. AND SO YOU
ARE...

YOU ARE PART OF THE
UNIVERSAL
CONSCIOUSNESS! ONE
COLLECTIVE BEING...ONE
COLLECTIVE LIFE...

YET SPECIAL!



THIS IS WHY WE
LOVE YOU SO!
AND THIS IS WHY,
YESTERDAY, IT WAS TIME
FOR US TO INTERVENE
AGAIN.



YOU SEE, AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF YOUR EVOLUTION, WE'VE STEPPED IN AND HELPED YOU ALONG...

WHEN YOU WEREN'T PROGRESSING. WHEN SOME AMONG YOU WERE HOLDING THE REST BACK. WE'VE STEPPED IN AND HELPED...TO EASE YOUR FRUSTRATION SO YOU COULD JUMP FORWARD TO YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY!!!

YAAAAA!!!!!!

Wooo Hooo!!!!



YESTERDAY WAS
SUCH A DAY.

UNFORTUNATELY,
THERE ARE SOME AMONG YOU
THAT HAVE BEEN RESISTANT TO
PROGRESS. THEY WERE NOT
EVOLVING.

THEY HELD ON TO OLD
STORIES. STORIES THAT
WERE MEANT TO COMFORT YOU
IN EARLIER TIMES. TO HELP
YOU NOT BE AFRAID.

BUT THEY
REFUSED TO LET GO OF
THESE OLD STORIES. THEY
WERE LIKE A CRUTCH. A CRUTCH
FOR THEM AND...SADLY...A
CRUTCH FOR THE WHOLE
HUMAN RACE.

FOR YOU
ARE ONE, AND YET
UNIQUE. AND WHEN SOME
LIMIT THEMSELVES BY HOLDING
ON TO THESE CRUTCHES, THEY
KEEP THE REST FROM
RUNNING TOWARDS THEIR
DESTINY.

BUT WE HAVE SET
YOU FREE!!!

YAAAAA!!!!!!

ALL RIGHT!!!!

Wooo Hooo!!!!



YOUR OTHER
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS, THAT HAVE NOT
EVOLVED AS QUICKLY,
HAVE BEEN TAKEN
AWAY.

WE'VE SENT THEM
SOMEWHERE ELSE SO THAT
THEY CAN EVOLVE AT THEIR
SLOWER PACE. WE'LL HELP THEM
UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S NO NEED
TO FEAR AND NO NEED TO HOLD
ONTO ANCIENT MYTHS TO
PROTECT THEM AND SAVE
THEM.



AND NOW YOU...
YOU WHO HAVE BEEN
HELD BACK FOR SO
LONG...

YOU CAN NOW
LEAP FORWARD!
FORWARD TO YOUR
MAGNIFICENT
DESTINY!



AND WE WILL BE
HERE WITH YOU...TO
GUIDE YOU. YOU ARE NOT
ALONE! WE WILL TEACH
YOU.

THE STRIDES YOU
MAKE NOW WILL BE LIKE
NOTHING BEFORE IN
HUMAN EVOLUTION!

YOU WILL BE
LIKE GODS!
CAPABLE OF ALL YOU
DESIRE! AND ALL
THAT YOU ARE ABLE
TO ACHIEVE!!!



CHEER!!!!

YAAAAAAAAA!!!!!!

Wooo Hooo!!!!

УЕДАДААН!!!!

Wooo Hooo!!!!




WE RULE!

WE LOVE YOU BELIA!!!!



SEE, I'M NOT LAZY. I'VE JUST BEEN WAITING FOR MY TIME!



WOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?!

THIS IS INCURDIBLE! IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?!



I GUESS
YOU WON'T HAVE
TO GO TO CHURCH
ANymORE, ALEX.
TURNS OUT IT WAS
BELIA ALL
ALONG!


WOW,
YEAH!



IT MAKES
SENSE...

SOME SCIENTISTS
HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE
COULD HAVE COME FROM
SOMEWHERE ELSE AND
EVOLVED HERE.

AND YOU HEAR HOW
IMPOSSIBLE IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN TO BUILD THE PYRAMIDS WITH
THE TECHNOLOGY THEY HAD BACK
THEN WITHOUT HELP FROM
EXTRATERRESTRIALS



YEAH, AND HOW THE
PYRAMIDS LINE UP WITH
THE STARS ON
"ORION'S BELT".




SNICKER

CHUCKLE




WHAT?!
I WATCH THE
DISCOVERY
CHANNEL!




I'VE
ALWAYS FELT LIKE
I WAS PART OF
SOMETHING
BIGGER...

IT'S HARD TO
EXPLAIN, BUT I'VE
HAD THESE DESIRES...
THESE THINGS I'VE
WANTED TO DO.



THEY HAVE TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE. THE SENSE THAT I HAVE BIGGER THINGS TO DO THAN THE ORDINARY THINGS PEOPLE WASTE THEIR LIVES ON!

YA KNOW WHAT I MEAN?



YEAH, BUT
WEREN'T ALLOWED
TO DO THEM!
SOMEONE'S ALWAYS
BEEN THERE HOLDING
US BACK!

IT'D BE GREAT IF
SOMEONE FINALLY PUT
AN END TO IT! THERE'S
SO MUCH MORE I WANT
TO DO!!!



LEAD SINGER IN A PUNK BAND?

LYING IN A DRUNKEN STUPOR IN A HOTEL ROOM IN A SEEDY PART OF TOWN?



AHHHH!
HEAVEN!!!

A 3D-rendered scene featuring three anime-style characters. On the left, a woman with short purple hair and green eyes wears a red and black diamond-patterned sweater. In the center, a woman with short dark hair and yellow eyes wears a blue and white plaid shirt. On the right, a man with short brown hair and blue eyes wears a light blue button-down shirt. They are standing in front of a building with a red roof and teal shutters. A white speech bubble is positioned between the purple-haired woman and the man.

**I'VE DEFINITELY
EVOLVED BEYOND MY
FRIENDS!**