

ECHOES FROM THE VOID

THE PERFECT DRUG
CHAPTER 0

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Greetings dear readers!

This is the story of Oddward and his unbelievable journey in search of his lost love Aurora, himself and answers to questions that he should not have asked in the first place.

How do I know all this? Well, from my outpost on space station # B-00-19 I see all kinds of things, which is why I am simply called the "observer". And one of my favorite pastimes is to watch the lively, mostly nonsensical hustle and bustle of primitive forms of life.

By the way, the humans are very well suited for this. Believe me, it is always fascinating to watch them move in their predetermined paths and destroy themselves and everything around them seemingly indiscriminately, only to rebuild it afterwards, and then everything starts all over again. A great, if eerie spectacle if you ask me, which despite all predictability is still entertaining.

But every now and then there are individual weirdos who break out of the familiar pattern or who just don't want to fit in and then it gets really exciting, I tell you. And so at some point I came across the good Oddward and his amazing odyssey. Truly a weird fellow, this Oddward, but it is fun to follow him and his mostly unpredictable wrong ways.

But for the sake of simplicity, let's start at the beginning of his great adventure journey. So make yourself comfortable, clear your head and open the first page of "THE BOOK OF ODDITY" with me.

WORLD COMING DOWN

Sometime in 2062, Oddward is on his way to his small but comfortable apartment in the middle of his hometown Skylightville after a long and bleak workday.

Suddenly, the daylight starts to flicker and the world around him seems to dissolve or break apart. At the same time a horrible, loud noise can be heard which sounds like innumerable screams at the same time, is getting louder and louder ...

It's time to get away from this monotonous job. If I have to go there until the end of my life, I will die or go crazy.

Wow! What's happening?



BZZZZZZZZZZ

Damn, what is that bright light and where the hell does that deafening sound suddenly come from?

THE INTOXICATION



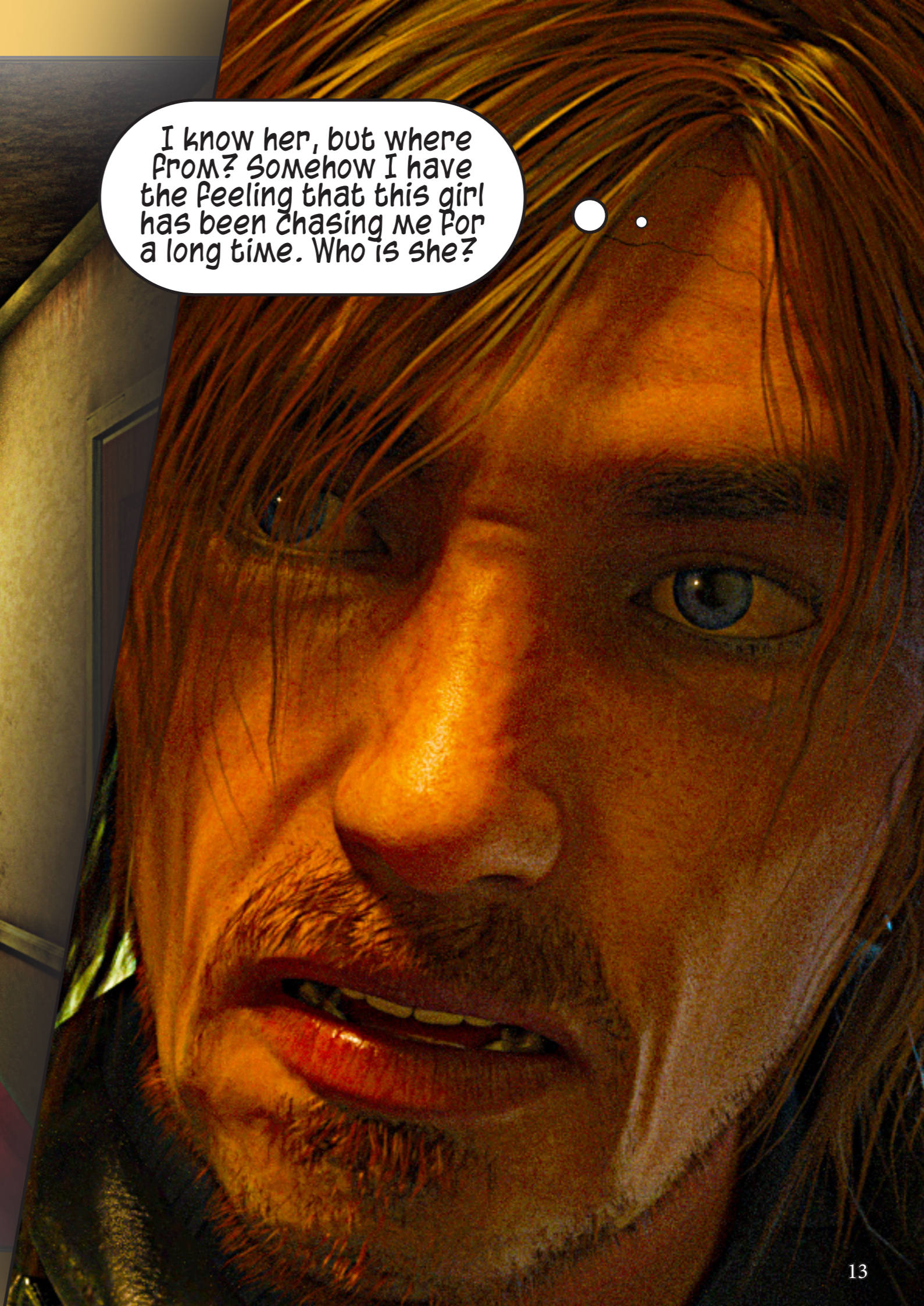
Suddenly Oddward finds himself in a dark corridor that somehow reminds him of an old hotel. He doesn't know how he got here and where exactly he is. He only knows that he is very, very worried about all of this.


Where am I?

Who are you?



I know her, but where from? Somehow I have the feeling that this girl has been chasing me for a long time. Who is she?





Look here. I have something for you. I think you've been looking for it for a long time, right?



What does she want from me?




Who are you? Are you following me? I know you from somewhere.

Take it and everything will be fine! I promise it.




What will happen to me if I take the pill?

You will finally get your answers and you will also find **HER** again.



She can only mean Aurora. If this is a way to find her again, I'll be happy to go. My life is anything but enjoyable or exciting anyway.



What is happening now? I think the pill is starting to work somehow.



What happened to me? Everything feels so strange.

THE ENTRANCE

When he gets back on his feet, he sees an old lodge in the distance, which seems surprisingly familiar to him, although he cannot remember ever being here.

Why does this feel so familiar?



With a somewhat uncomfortable feeling in his stomach, Oddward heads for the lodge. After all, someone seems to be there, at least a light is on.



It almost looks like there is something in the air. What does it all remind me of?

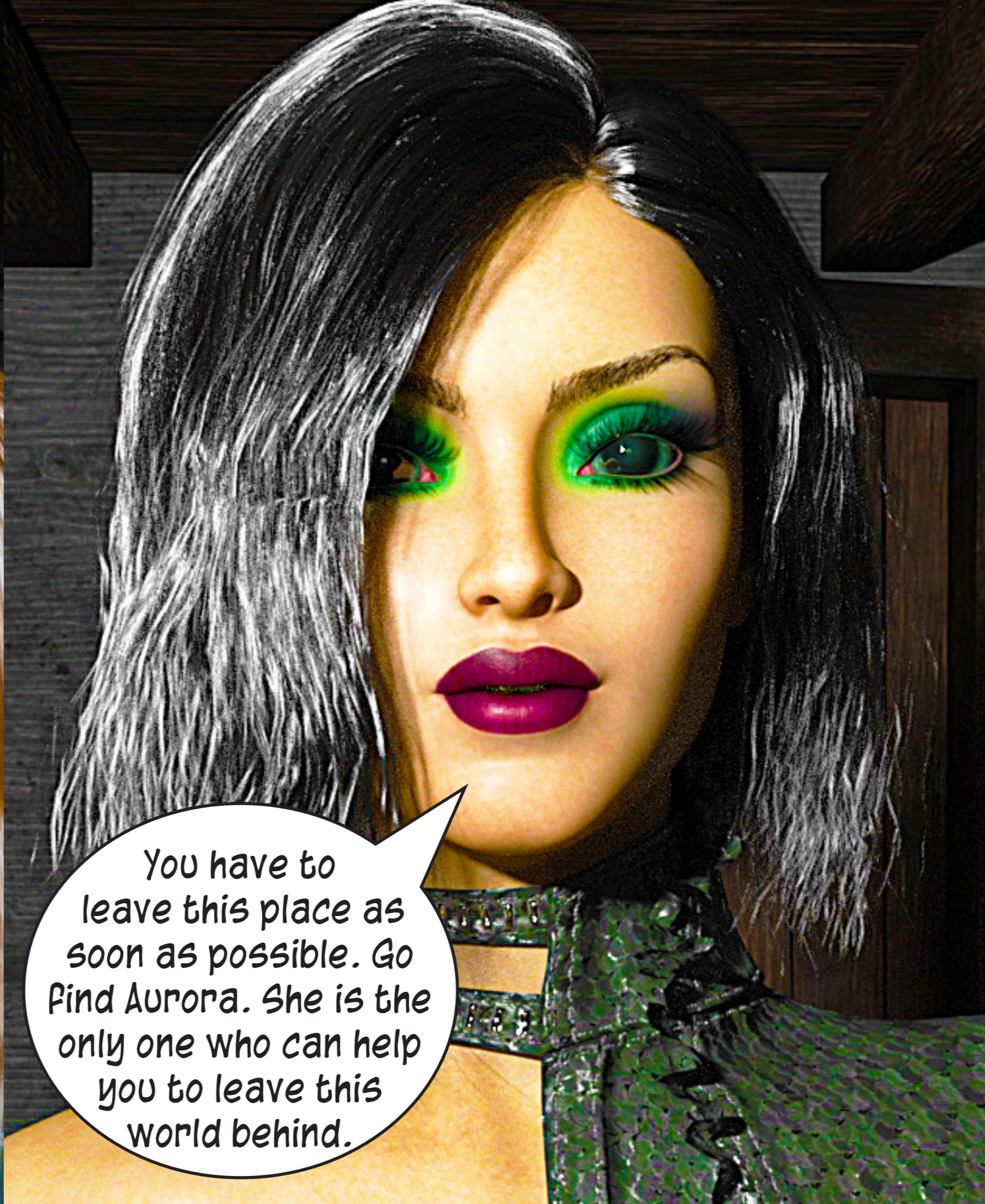


OK. There is no way back. I need to know what's inside. Maybe SHE'S there.

Although he has an insecure feeling, he thinks he hears an inner voice that prompts him to go inside.



Who are you?



You have to leave this place as soon as possible. Go find Aurora. She is the only one who can help you to leave this world behind.



Why should I want to leave this world? And what do you mean by "this" world?

You have to leave immediately or you will be trapped in this hut forever. Trust me, get out of here!



OK, but wait.....

Damn it! What's happening?

Where did she go?

To be continued...



ODDWARD

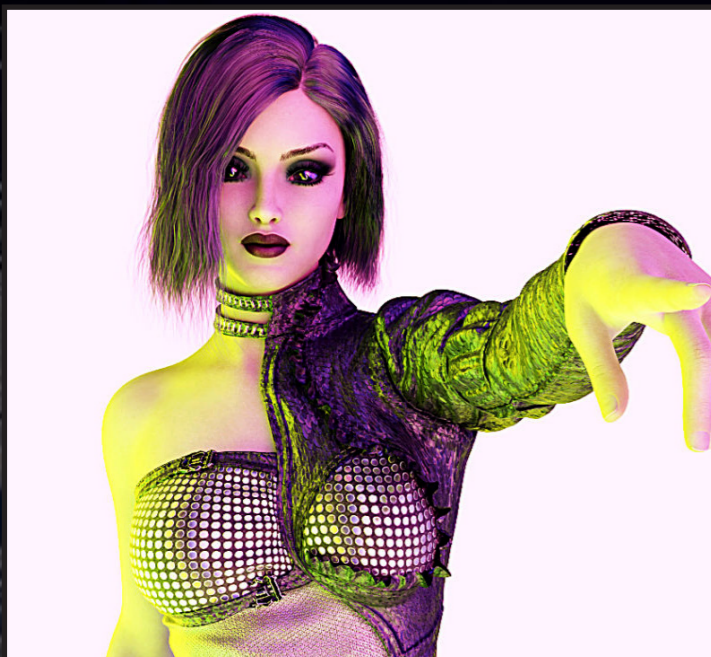
ODDWARD - You could call him a hero, but the many contrasts and dark sides in his life give him a tragic touch that shapes his entire being. Adventurous on the one hand, but on the other hand always doubting and always looking for his great love Aurora and the meaning of life. In his melancholy moments, he often indulges melancholy in his memories and at the same time worries about the future of humanity. A certain, inherent restlessness ensures that he always stays in motion and throws himself into every adventure that presents itself, during which he experiences many errors and confusions.



RAYNA

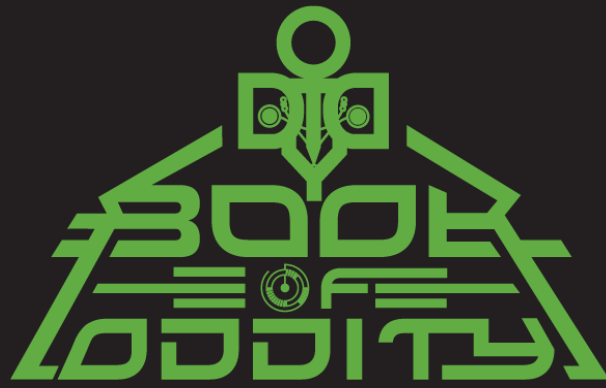


RAYNA - Suddenly the little girl in the red dress stands before him. But where does it come from? Who is she? On the one hand, its sudden appearance makes it kind of frightening, but on the other hand, it also seems oddly familiar to Oddward. Besides, it's just an innocent little girl. But why does she keep appearing in his dreams and what kind of strange pill she gave him and with which the whole journey has just started?



ANIMA

ANIMA - A kind of angel or ghost. In many cases, she acts as Oddward's conscience, in a good as well as a bad sense. There is something beguiling and at the same time uncanny about her. Again and again she appears in different forms in Oddward's surroundings, gives him hints or warns him of dangers. But he is still not sure whether she actually wants to help him or whether she is deliberately misleading him. She is a mystery.



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