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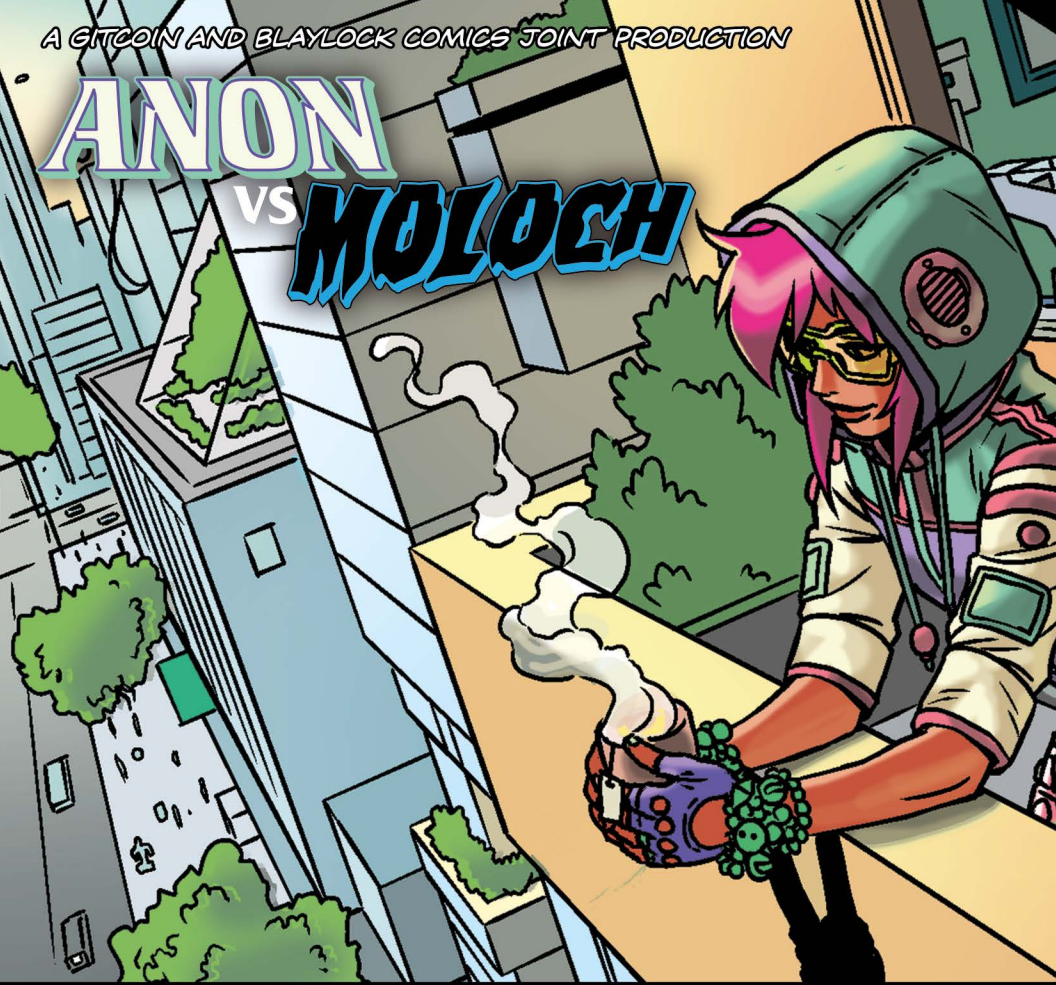
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*THE GREATEST LARP HAS BEGUN*

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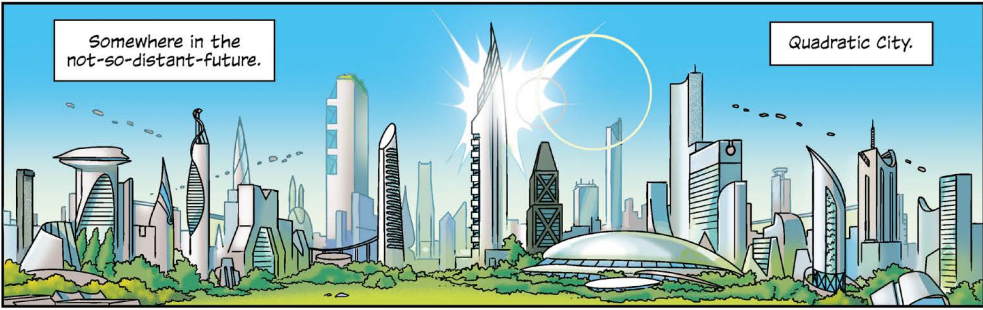
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Somewhere in the not-so-distant-future.

Quadratic City.

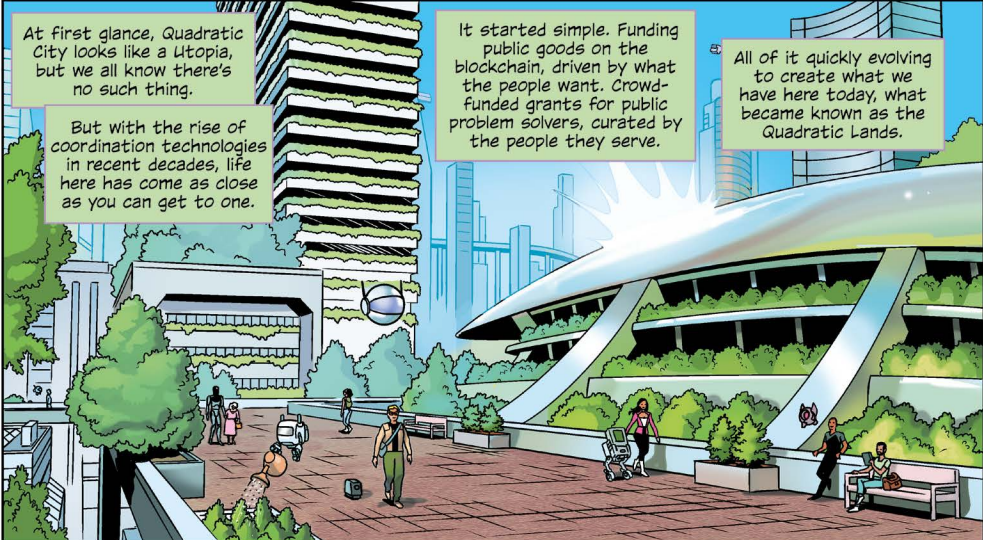


At first glance, Quadratic City looks like a Utopia, but we all know there's no such thing.

But with the rise of coordination technologies in recent decades, life here has come as close as you can get to one.

It started simple. Funding public goods on the blockchain, driven by what the people want. Crowd-funded grants for public problem solvers, curated by the people they serve.

All of it quickly evolving to create what we have here today, what became known as the Quadratic Lands.



Still, like I said. Utopia is a fiction.

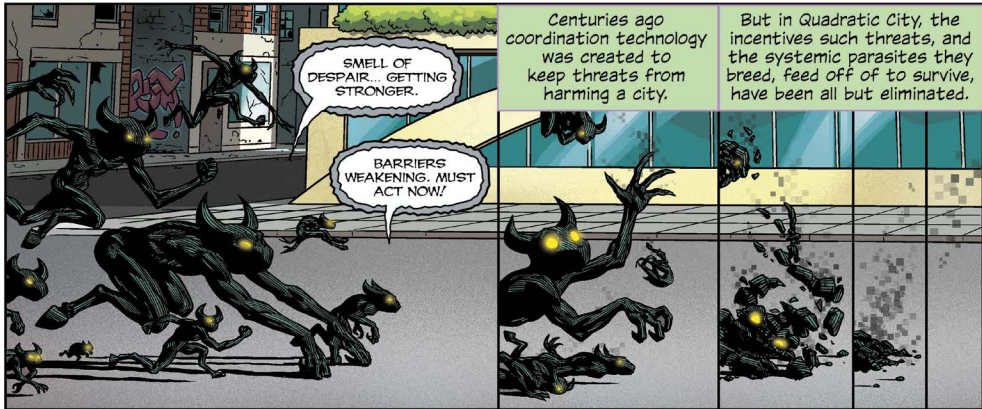
Because no matter what, somewhere, somehow, communication breaks down. Coordination fails and confusion sets in, and when it does...



...someone... or something is always ready to DEFECT & to prey on that system collapse.





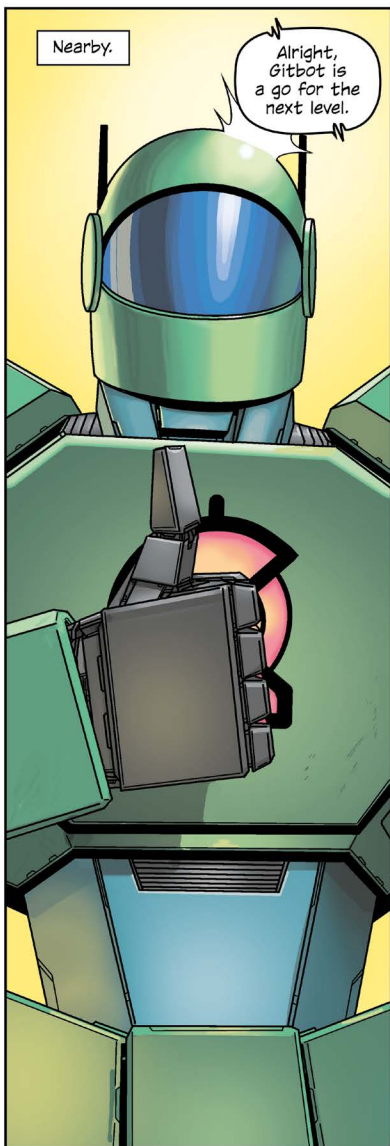


SMELL OF DESPAIR... GETTING STRONGER.

BARRIERS WEAKENING. MUST ACT NOW!

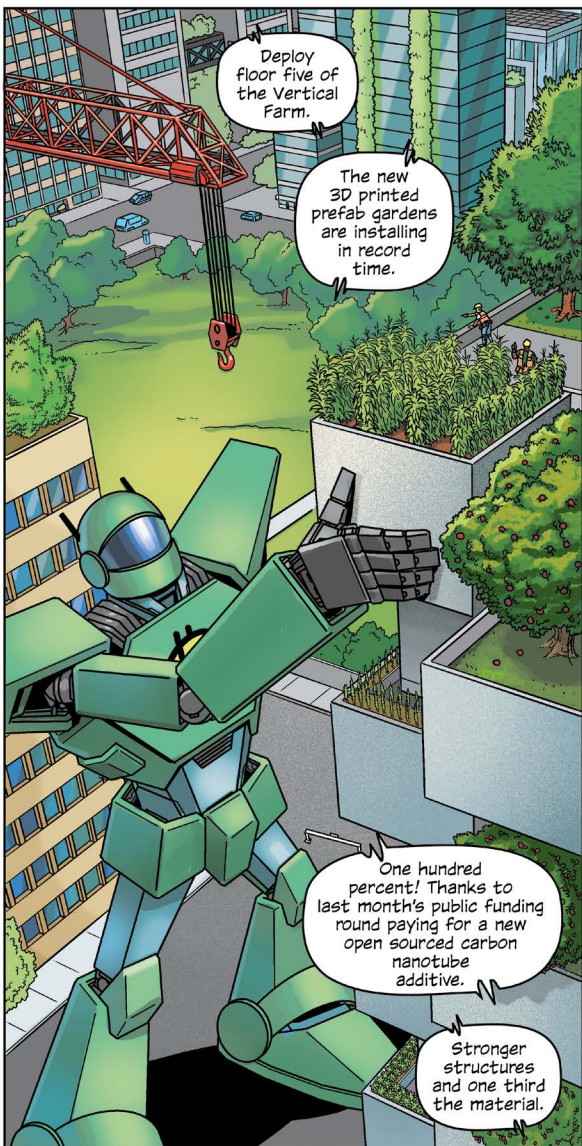
Centuries ago coordination technology was created to keep threats from harming a city.

But in Quadratic City, the incentives such threats, and the systemic parasites they breed, feed off of to survive, have been all but eliminated.



Nearby.

Alright, Gitbot is a go for the next level.



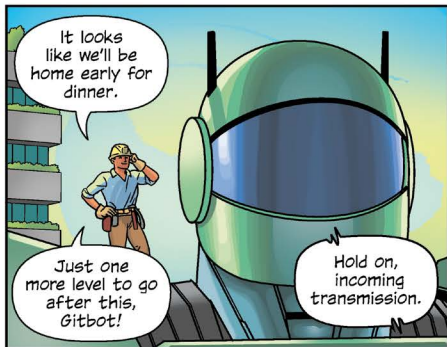
Deploy floor five of the Vertical Farm.

The new 3D printed prefab gardens are installing in record time.

One hundred percent! Thanks to last month's public funding round paying for a new open sourced carbon nanotube additive.

Stronger structures and one third the material.





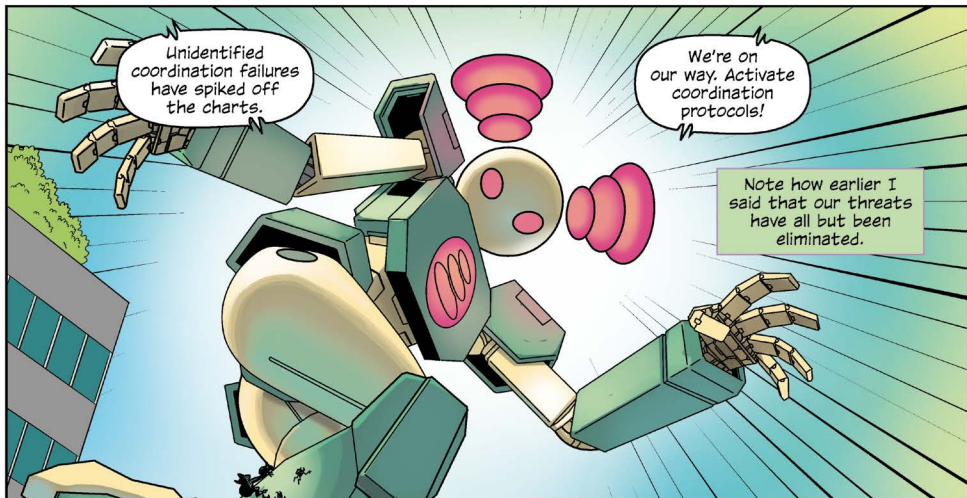
It looks like we'll be home early for dinner.

Just one more level to go after this, Gitbot!

Hold on, incoming transmission.



It's a distress call! From Balancer Bot, in sector nine.



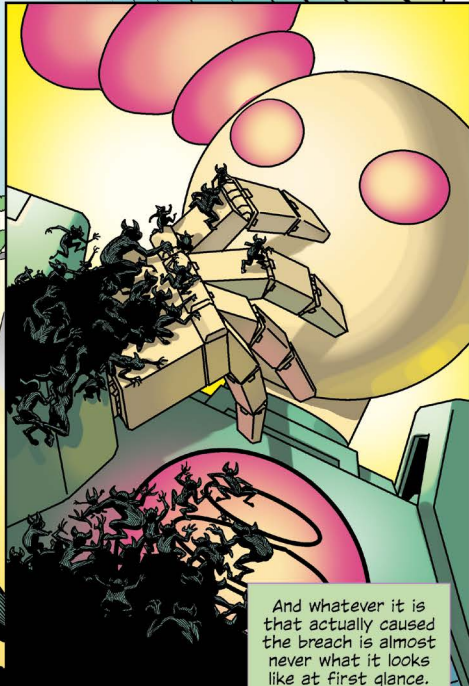
Unidentified coordination failures have spiked off the charts.

We're on our way. Activate coordination protocols!

Note how earlier I said that our threats have all but been eliminated.

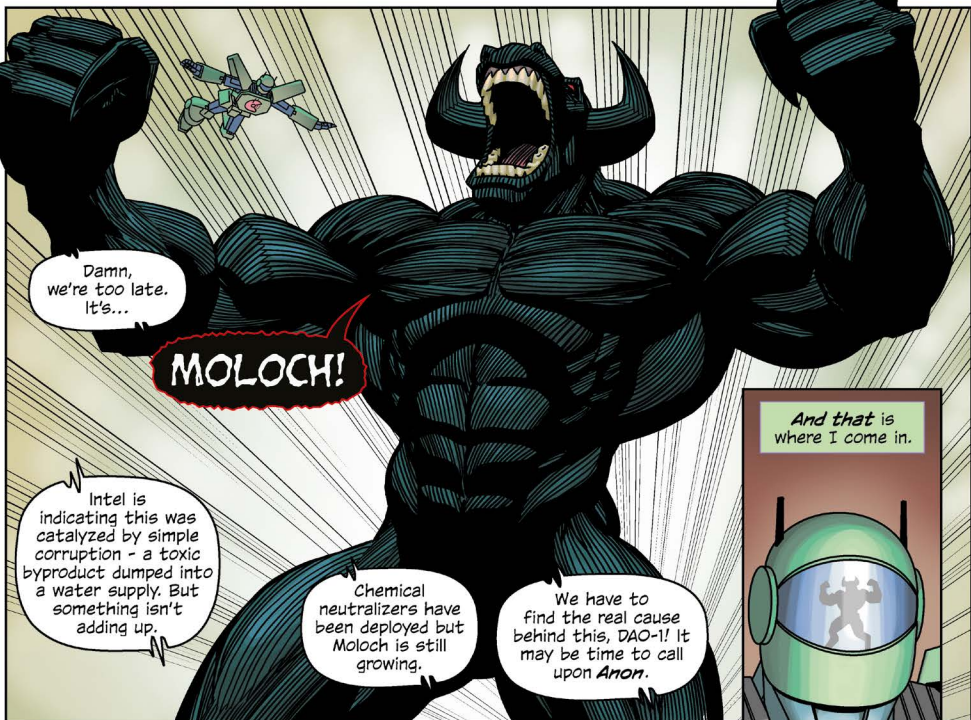
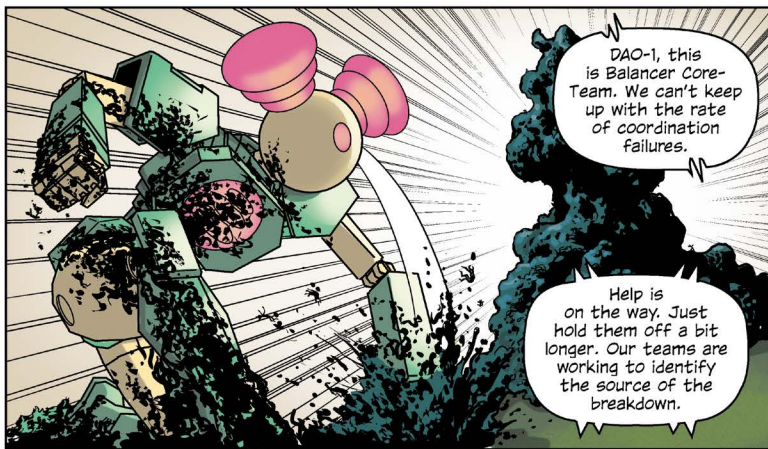
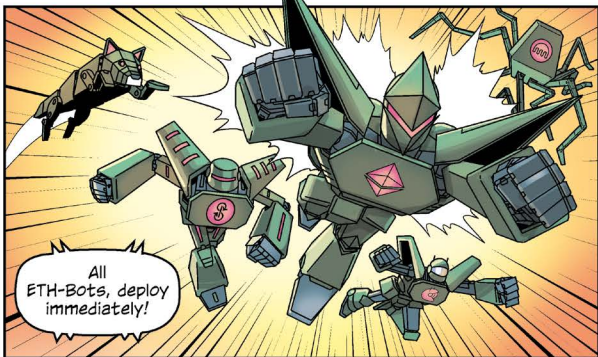
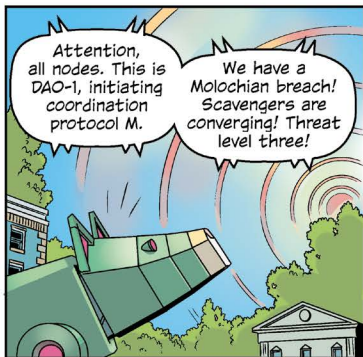


That still leaves room for some resourceful parasites to find holes in our little paradise's systems.

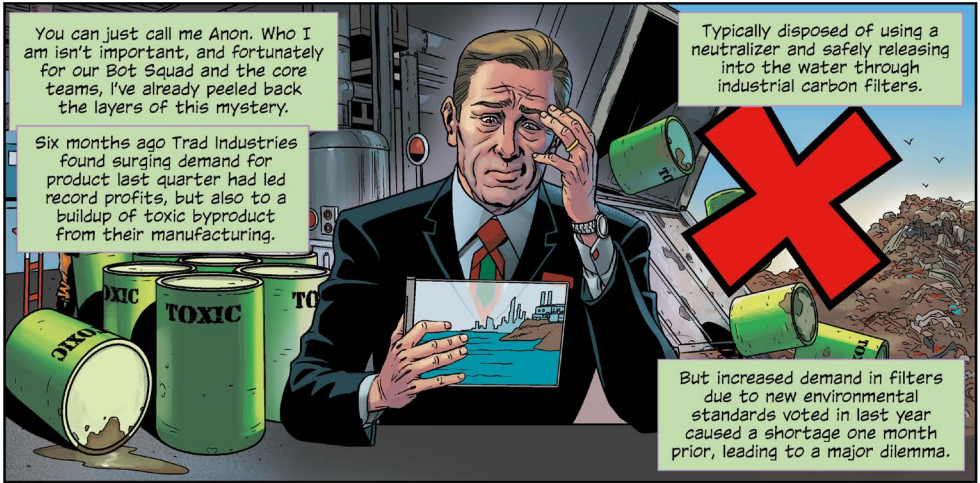


And whatever it is that actually caused the breach is almost never what it looks like at first glance.









You can just call me Anon. Who I am isn't important, and fortunately for our Bot Squad and the core teams, I've already peeled back the layers of this mystery.

Six months ago Trad Industries found surging demand for product last quarter had led record profits, but also to a buildup of toxic byproduct from their manufacturing.

Typically disposed of using a neutralizer and safely releasing into the water through industrial carbon filters.

But increased demand in filters due to new environmental standards voted in last year caused a shortage one month prior, leading to a major dilemma.



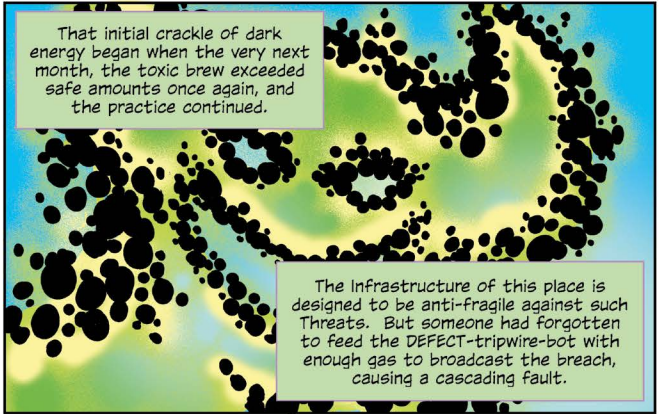
Let the byproduct build up to a lethal level in the factory, or release it with possible criminal charges.

Efforts to move the product to a landfill were stalled by bureaucracy, after which, the CEO of Trad Industries made a hasty decision.

Ordering the release of the product into the nearby river in the dead of night, hidden from inspectors to avoid any penalties or bad P.R.

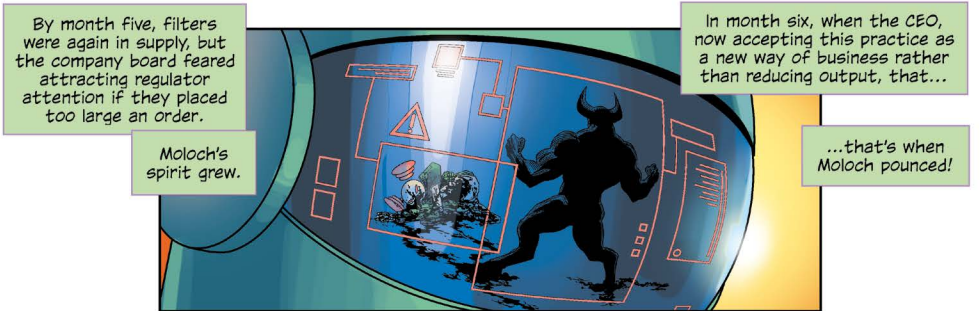


This act alone wasn't enough to feed Moloch's spirit.



That initial crackle of dark energy began when the very next month, the toxic brew exceeded safe amounts once again, and the practice continued.

The infrastructure of this place is designed to be anti-fragile against such Threats. But someone had forgotten to feed the DEFECT-tripwire-bot with enough gas to broadcast the breach, causing a cascading fault.



By month five, filters were again in supply, but the company board feared attracting regulator attention if they placed too large an order.

Moloch's spirit grew.

In month six, when the CEO, now accepting this practice as a new way of business rather than reducing output, that...

...that's when Moloch pounced!



But that's not the true root of this problem. There are layers beyond this - and that's what I'm the best at doing. Finding out what's really going on.

God, do I love this not-job.

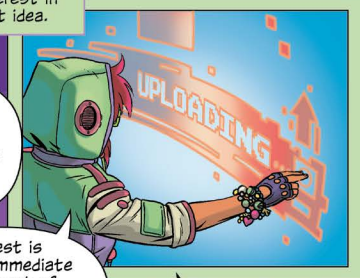
The "big bad CEO drama" is just a diversion from another issue behind it all.

Case in point. This fine, brilliant citizen of Quad City. Three years ago he discovered an enzyme compound that could not only clean up the existing pollution...



It could stop the toxic byproduct from ever existing if simply added into the manufacturing recipe.

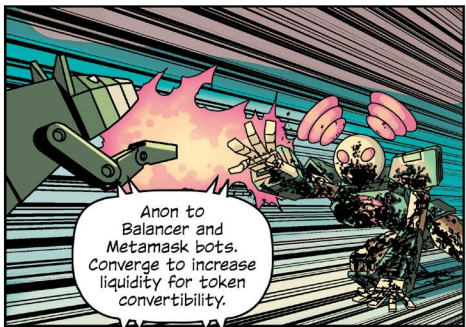
But the legacy system, though outdated, still worked, and no one had interest in funding this bright idea.



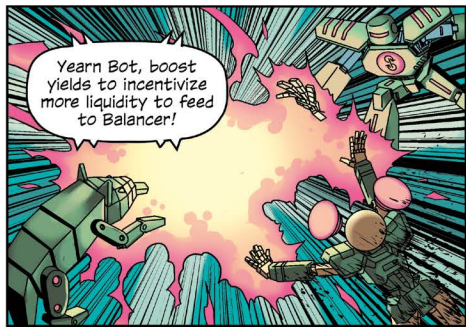
DAO-1, This is Anon. I've identified the problem. Uploading the proposal to GovernorAlpha.sol

Request is set for immediate deployment of community voting to authorize Coordination Protocol seven.

Anon, A.I. cross-referencing affirms your theory. You have the driver's seat!



Anon to Balancer and Metamask bots. Converge to increase liquidity for token convertibility.

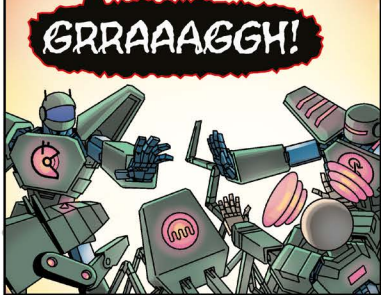


Yearn Bot, boost yields to incentivize more liquidity to feed to Balancer!

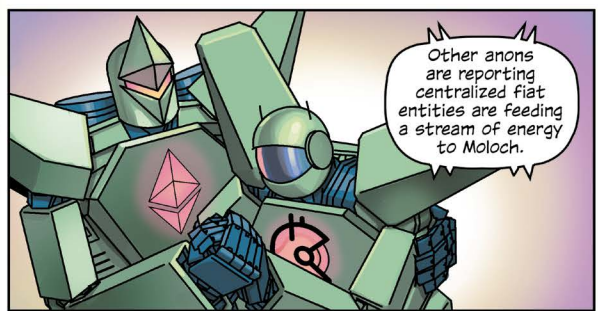
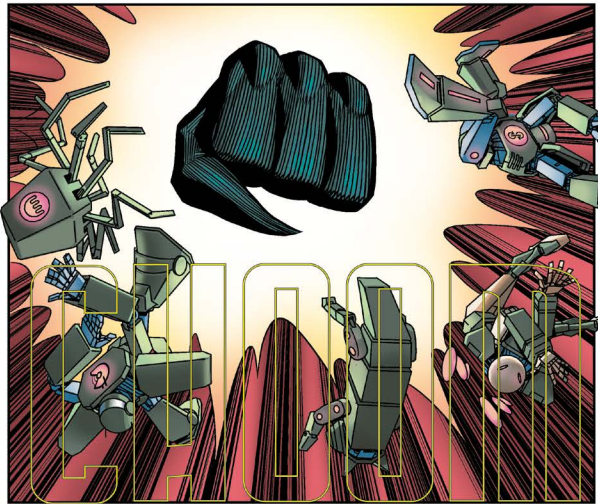




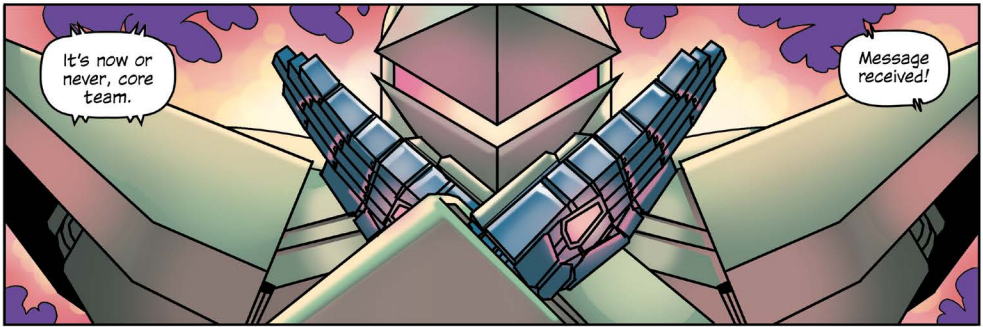
Once benchmarks are met, prepares for mega ETHBot formation in...



**GRRRAAGGH!**

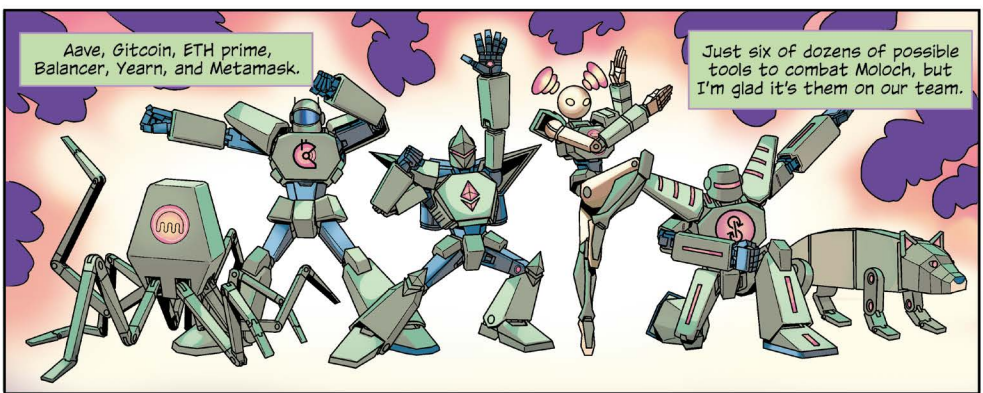


Other anons are reporting centralized fiat entities are feeding a stream of energy to Moloch.



It's now or never, core team.

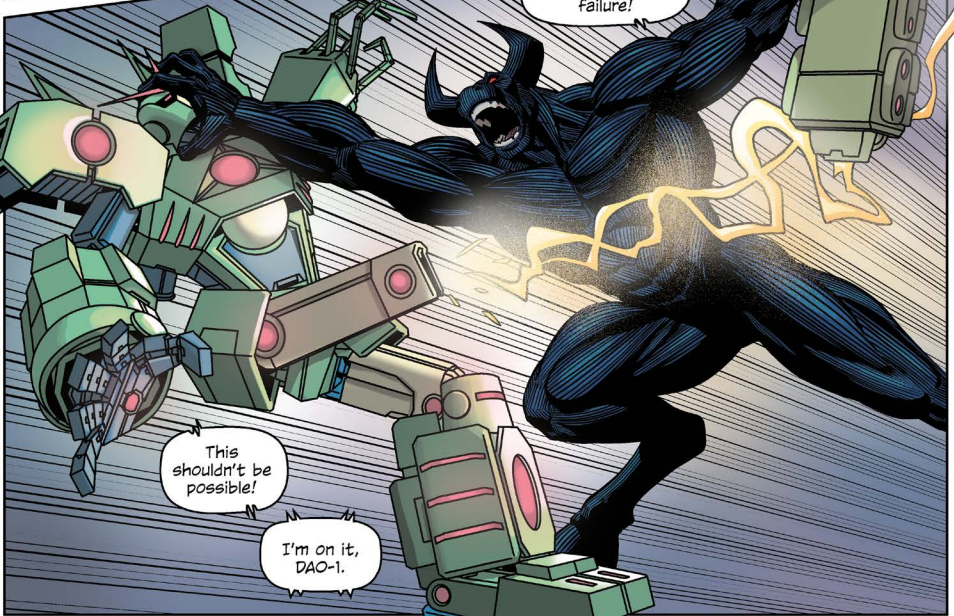
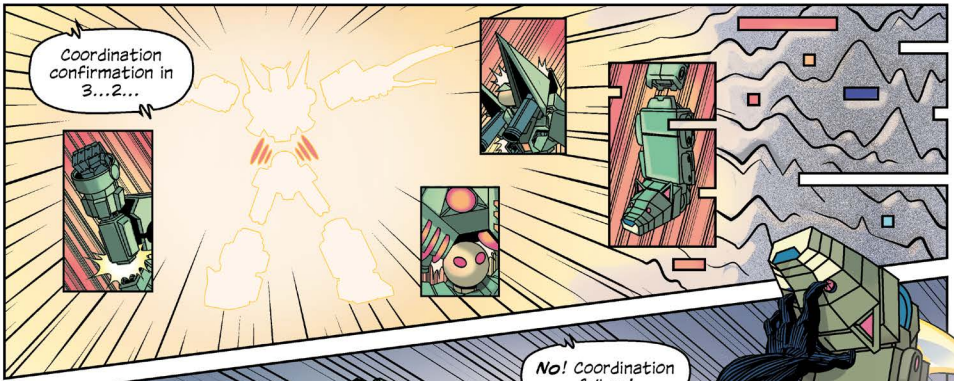
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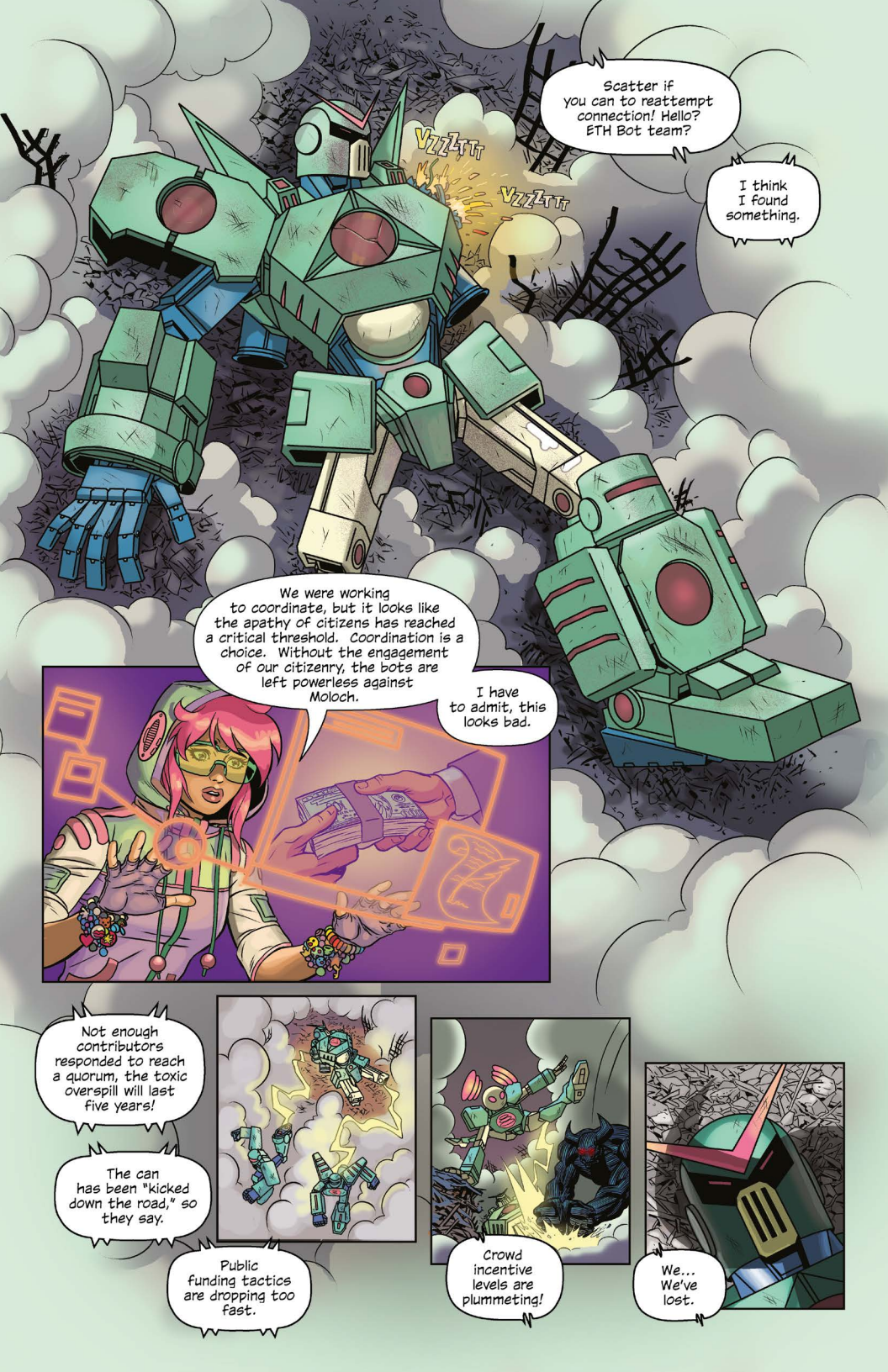
Aave, Gitcoin, ETH prime, Balancer, Yearn, and Metamask.

Just six of dozens of possible tools to combat Moloch, but I'm glad it's them on our team.









Scatter if you can to reattempt connection! Hello? ETH Bot team?

I think I found something.

Vzzt!

Vzzt!

We were working to coordinate, but it looks like the apathy of citizens has reached a critical threshold. Coordination is a choice. Without the engagement of our citizenry, the bots are left powerless against Moloch.

I have to admit, this looks bad.

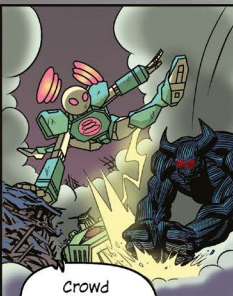


Not enough contributors responded to reach a quorum, the toxic overspill will last five years!

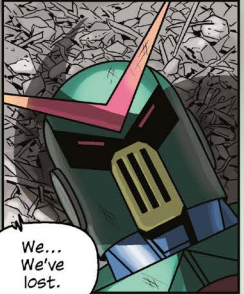


The can has been "kicked down the road," so they say.

Public funding tactics are dropping too fast.



Crowd incentive levels are plummeting!



We... We've lost.



ROOOAAAARR!

It's not easy to watch, is it? But that's how these battles go sometimes.

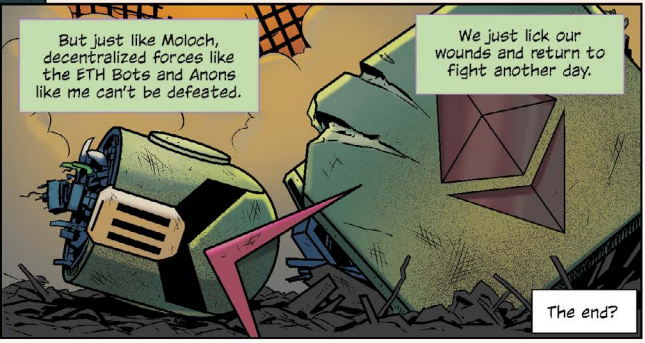
But today was extra hard. We were so close, but someone took the easy way out. One person taking a bribe here or there, pushing the old status quo forward.

And Moloch grows stronger.



But just like Moloch, decentralized forces like the ETH Bots and Anons like me can't be defeated.

We just lick our wounds and return to fight another day.



The end?





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# ETHEREUM FOR PUBLIC GOODS *ANON VS. MOLOCH*

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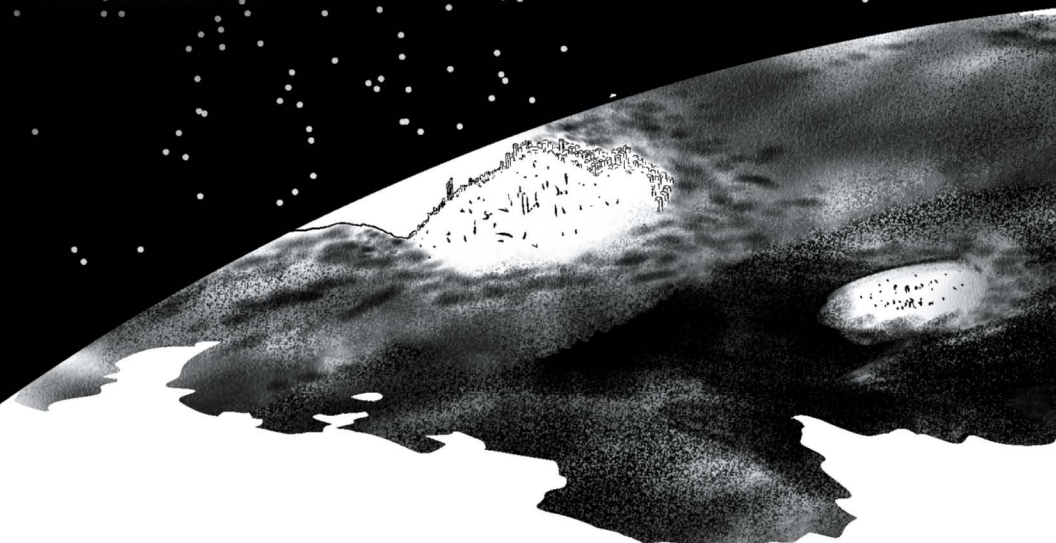
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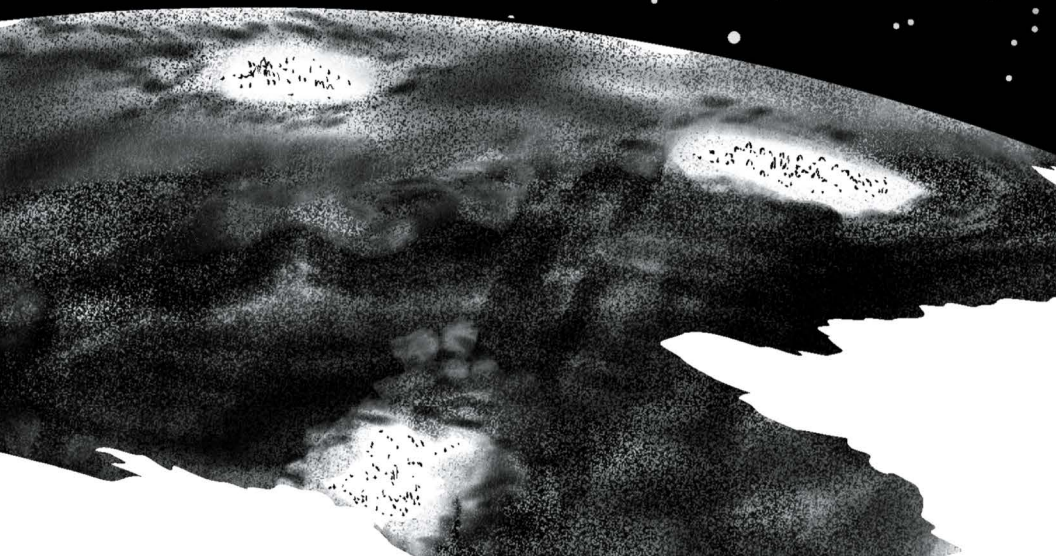
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