

# THOSE WHO KNOW



ISSUE #3

SOON TED  
WILL BE HERE



I FEAR  
THERE IS NO  
ESCAPE FOR  
THIS BODY



I HAVE GROWN  
TO LOVE IT OVER THE  
YEARS

ALL  
IT'S SECRET  
DELIGHTS

BUT EVERYTHING  
MUST PASS INTO ITS  
NEXT THING  
SOMETIME



AND THIS  
REMAINING  
TIME IS BEST  
SPENT TELLING  
YOU THE  
STORY



AND PLANNING  
AN ESCAPE FOR  
YOU



THIS IS THE STORY THE POLYS TELL  
ABOUT EXISTANCE

AS THINGS STARTED TO EXIST, THE FIRST BEINGS CAME INTO BEING



THEY WERE THE OMNI'S AND THEY WERE NUMERIOUS



THEY WERE ABLE TO PERCEIVE ALL THE KINDS OF TIME WHICH EXIST,



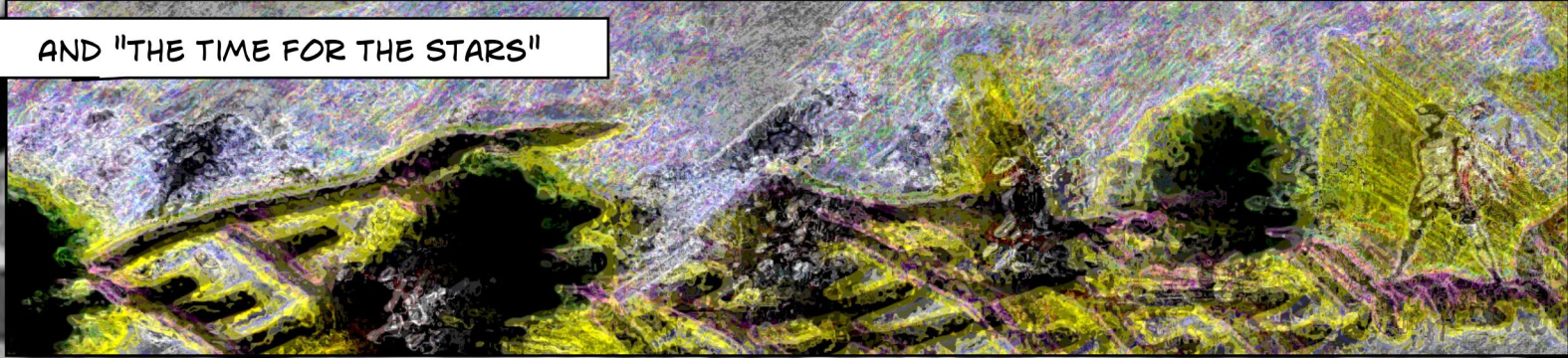
THE COMBINED, THE "ALL TIME", AS THE POLYS CALL IT



BEFORE IT SEPARATED INTO "THE TIME FOR THE LIVING"



AND "THE TIME FOR THE STARS"



AS NEW BEINGS CAME INTO BEING THEY CAME TO BE IN ONE OF THESE TIMES



AND THE OMNIS BEGAN TO VANISH INTO EACH OTHER



SO THAT, BY THE TIME THE HUMANS CAME TO BE

THERE WAS ONLY ONE OMNI WHO REMAINED



THE OVERMIND

AS THE POLYS CALL THEM



MORE TIME PASSED AND INCREASINGLY BEINGS CAME TO EXIST

IN "THE TIME FOR THE LIVING"

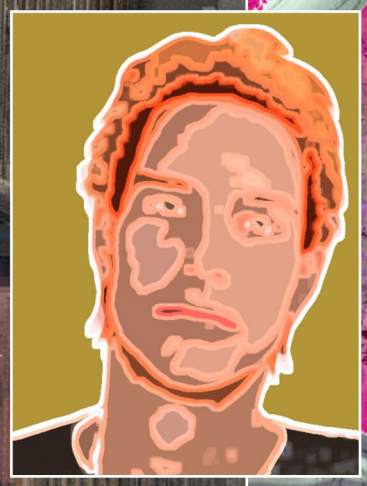
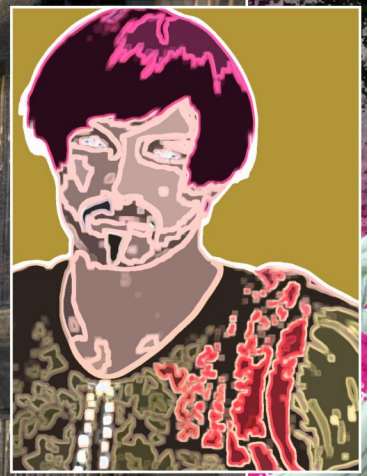
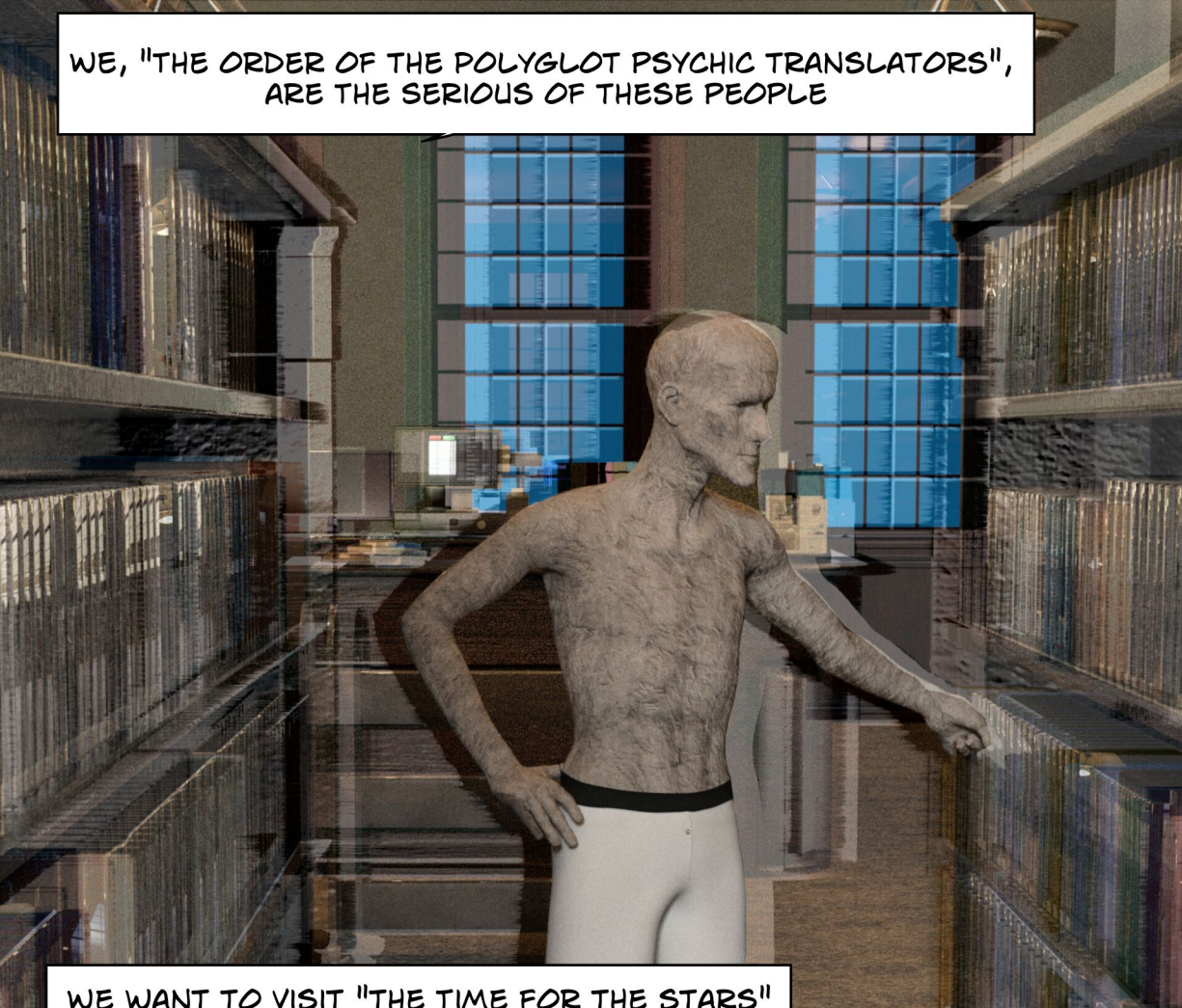


THEY LONGED FOR "THE TIME FOR THE STARS"

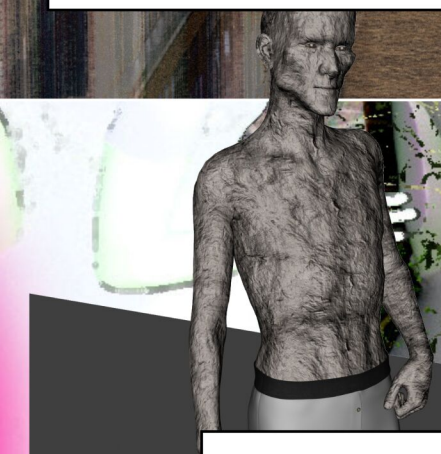


AND SEARCHED FOR WAYS TO REACH AND EXPERIENCE THIS TIME AS WELL

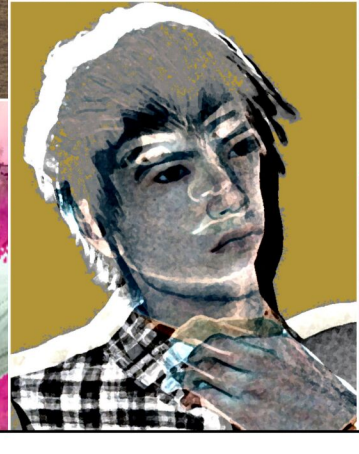
WE, "THE ORDER OF THE POLYGLOT PSYCHIC TRANSLATORS",  
ARE THE SERIOUS OF THESE PEOPLE



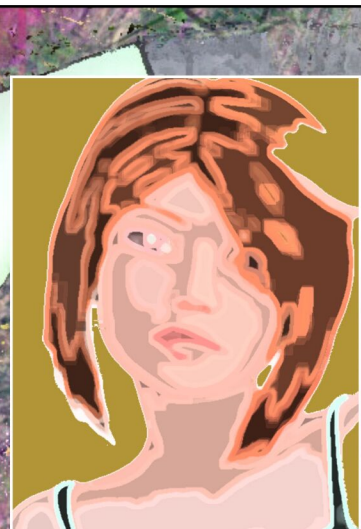
WE WANT TO VISIT "THE TIME FOR THE STARS"



BUT BELIEVE WE CAN  
NOT OR SHOULD NOT  
TRY TO STAY



NOR, LIKE THE OVERMIND, CAN WE LIVE IN BOTH TIMES AT THE SAME TIME

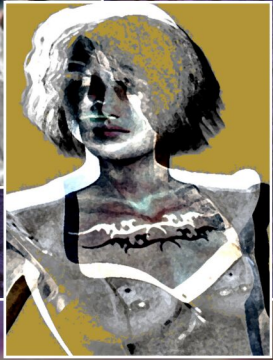
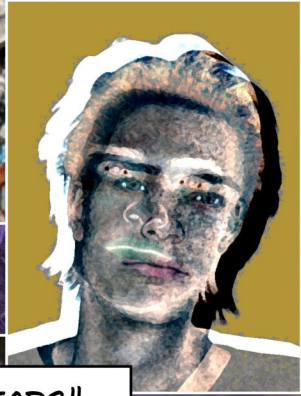




THE MONOS, LIKE YOUR TEACHER TED, BELIEVE OTHERWISE ...

THAT YOU CAN AND SHOULD STAY

THAT "THE TIMES FOR THE LIVING" SHOULD BE ABANDONED



THAT ALL SHOULD BE MOVED INTO "THE TIMES FOR THE STARS"



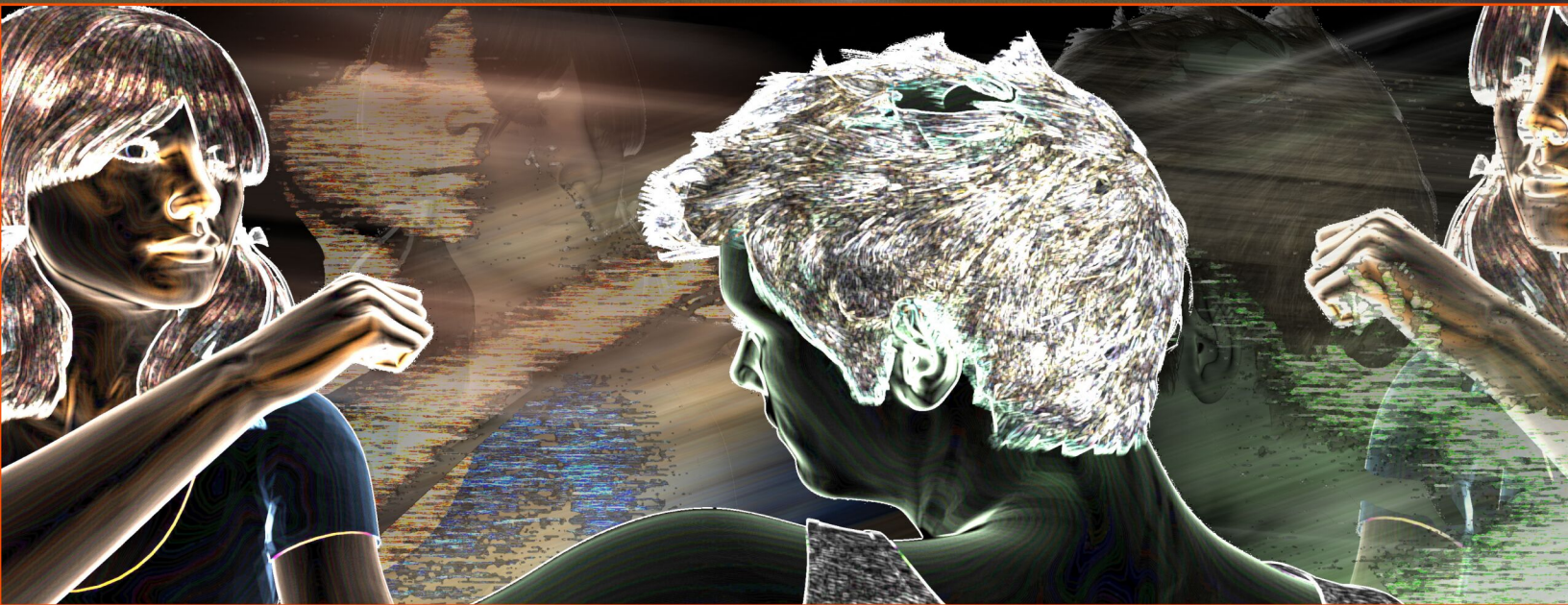


SO IT PLAYS OUT LIKE AN ENDLESS WAR, IN THE BACKGROUND OF HISTORY

AND WHO IS WINNING  
CHANGES TIME TO TIME,  
BUT NO ONE EVER WINS



IT IS PROBABLY THE CASE THAT NO  
ONE CAN WIN





BUT THE WEIGHT OF SUFFERING,  
SHOULD EITHER SIDE FEEL  
THEY ARE CLOSE TO WINNING  
HAS ALWAYS BEEN STAGGERING



SO TED MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FIND YOU




AND MURDER YOU



AND TAKE YOUR POWERS



... NOT YET...



I WILL STALL HIM  
HERE, WHILE YOU GO INTO  
THE VAULT

AND YOU  
WILL MOVE THE  
PORTAL INTO THE  
ROOM

AND AFTER  
EVERYONE HAS GONE  
THROUGH, YOU WILL GO  
THROUGH AND IT WILL  
CLOSE BEHIND YOU

I AM NOT SURE HOW LONG IT  
WILL TAKE TED TO  
FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET BACK  
TO EARTH AND FIND YOU

BUT WHO EVER KNOWS HOW  
MUCH TIME THERE IS



WHAT  
ARE OUR  
POWERS  
THEN



IT IS BEST YOU FIND OUT YOURSELF

THE EXPERIENCE WITH POWER TEACHES WISDOM,  
BUT JUST ALL THE POWER ALL AT ONCE  
INTOXICATES THE SOUL AWAY

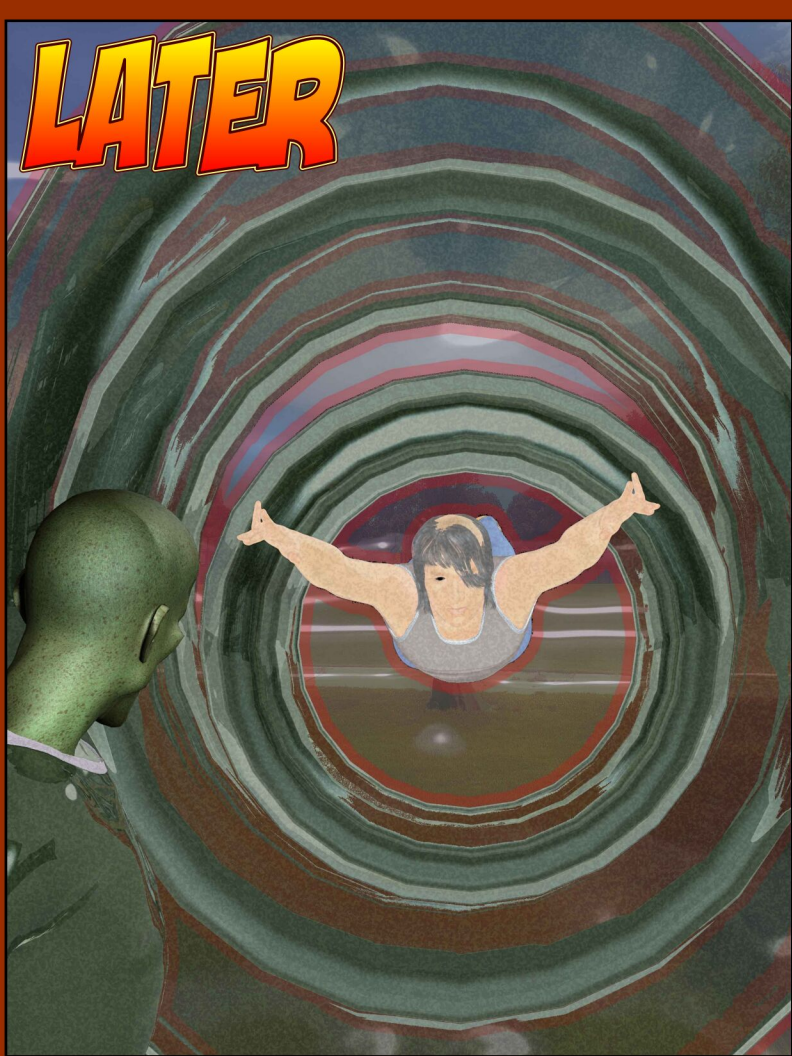


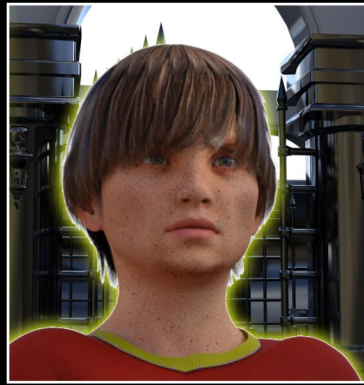
YOU SHOULD TAKE  
THIS BOOK

AND IF YOU  
COULD DESTROY  
ALL THE  
OTHERS..



**LATER**





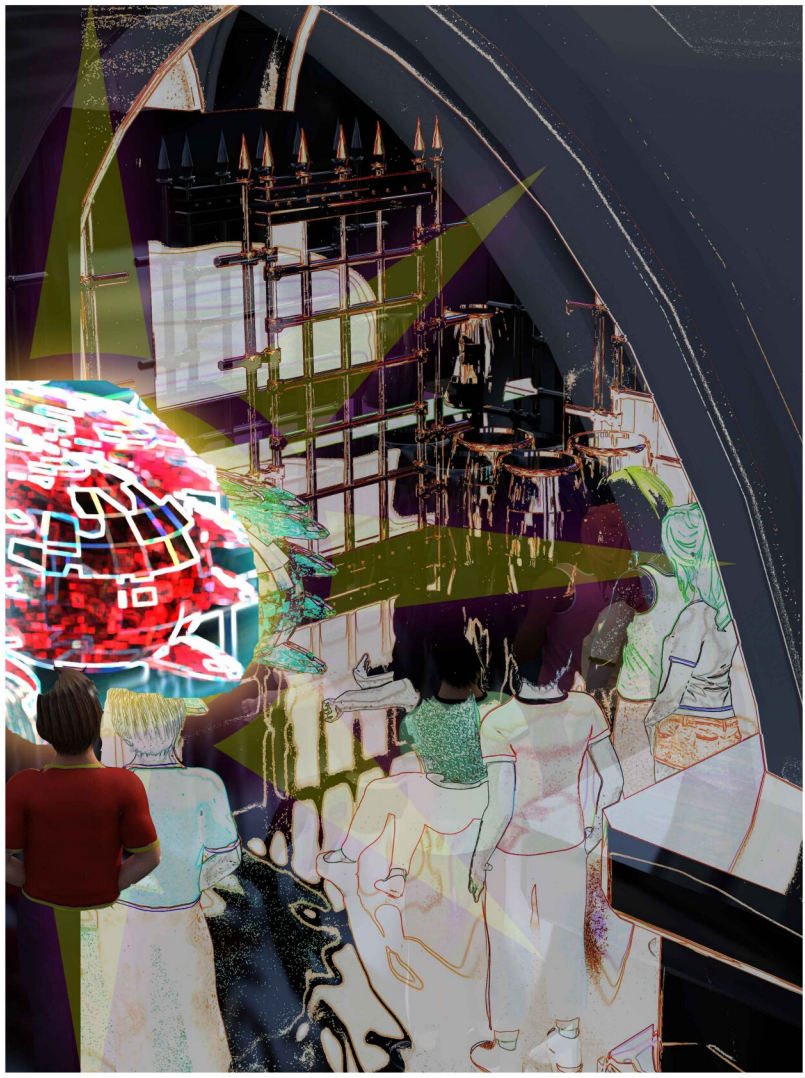
A man with a shaved head and a determined expression is shown from the waist up, wearing a grey and orange striped prison uniform. He is positioned in front of a metal prison cell door. His arms are outstretched, and his hands are pressed against the bars. A bright purple energy beam originates from his chest and radiates outwards in a starburst pattern, with multiple beams extending across the frame. The background is dark, with the metallic structure of the cell visible. The overall tone is dramatic and intense.

HE WAS NOT  
DOWN FOR LONG

BEFORE HE  
CAME BACK IN  
FULL FORCE

TO BUY US TIME  
TO ESCAPE


WITH EVERYTHING HE  
HAD



AND WE RAN AWAY

PRETENDING WE HAD SOLVED A PROBLEM

BUT KNOWING THAT WE HAD JUST RUN AWAY



EXPECTING WE HAD VERY LITTLE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WHEN TED RETURNED AND NO IDEA WHAT WAS COMING OUR WAY...