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THIS ISN'T GOOD.

THE DARKNESS IS ABOUT TO TAKE OVER THE WHOLE TOWN!
BUT IF THE SPIRIT ISN'T IN CONTROL OF THIS...

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING... ANYTHING!



THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. I'VE MESSED EVERYTHING UP AGAIN.



WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

IT'S RANEIGH.

I LIKE THAT NAME! WE WANT TO HELP YOU, RANEIGH, BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHAT HAPPENED. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE HAVE A REAL CHANCE AT SAVING MARETIME BAY.

I... I CAN'T...



PLEASE, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND.

I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

GIVE YOURSELF MORE CREDIT. WE'RE STRONGER THAN WE LET OURSELVES BELIEVE.

SUNNY AND MISTY ARE RIGHT. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.



I ONCE HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS LIKE YOU ALL.

AND I... I LET MY INSECURITY, IMPATIENCE, AND ULTIMATELY, MY JEALOUSY GET IN THE WAY...

LONG AGO.

THE SUNSHINE CAFÉ.

"...KYREN AND I HAD BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE TOOK OUR FIRST TROT. HE AND I BONDED OVER OUR SHARED LOVED OF BOARD GAMES. WE WERE KNOWN AS THE POWER PAIR."



GREAT MOVE, RANEIGH.

THANKS, KYREN!
GOTTA MAKE SURE
WE STAY ON OUR
A GAME.



YOU KNOW,
I HEARD THERE
MAY BE ANOTHER
TOURNAMENT
SOON.

I DID, TOO.
WE'VE GOT IT
IN THE BAG!

WE JUST NEED TO
REFINE OUR STRATEGIES
A BIT MORE SO WE CAN
BE PREPARED FOR
ANYTHING.





"LITTLE DID I KNOW THOSE FEELINGS WOULD CONTINUE TO MORPH INTO SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY."



THIS GAME IS SO CONFUSING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT.



HEY, RANEIGH. WHAT'S GOT YOU SO WORKED UP?



I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GRASP THESE RULES. I FEEL ALL TOPSY-TURVY AND BACKWARD TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THEM.



DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT. I BELIEVE IN YOU!

LOOK, I'VE GOT A GOOD HOOF ON IT. SO LET'S PLAY A FEW ROUNDS TOGETHER.

SEVERAL HOURS LATER.

THAT'S THE SEVENTH GAME KYREN'S WON!

HE'S SO GOOD AT IT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. I'M NEVER GOING TO LEARN THIS GAME.

DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF. YOU'RE GETTING BETTER.



HOW CAN YOU SERIOUSLY SAY THAT, KYREN?? I HAVEN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO BEATING YOU.

I THINK IT'S TIME TO CALL IT A DAY. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY TIRED, AND SO AM I.

NO, I WANT TO PLAY ONE MORE TIME.

RANEIGH, WE CAN PLAY TOMORROW.



KYREN, YOU'RE A MARETIME BAY MYSTERIES MASTER! YOU'RE GOING TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT FOR SURE.

I'LL TRY MY BEST.



GET REAL, KYREN. YOU KNOW YOU'RE GONNA WIN.

WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE? THIS IS ONLY A GAME.

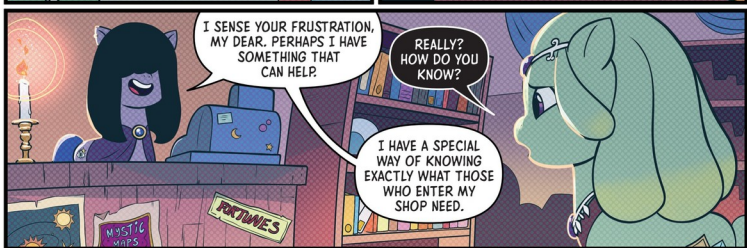
MAYBE FOR YOU.



≡SIGH≡ ALL RIGHT, RANEIGH. I GUESS I'LL SEE YOU LATER, THEN.

WHATEVER.







"I DID EXACTLY AS THE SHOPKEEPER TOLD ME. I WAS SO DRIVEN BY MY FRUSTRATIONS, ENVY, AND IMPATIENCE, IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME I WAS DABBLING IN SOMETHING DARK."



I WISH FOR THE CLARITY OF MIND TO SEE BEYOND CONFUSION, THE INTUITION TO NAVIGATE THE BOARD WITH EASE, AND THE ABILITY TO BECOME THE ONLY MASTER OF THIS GAME.



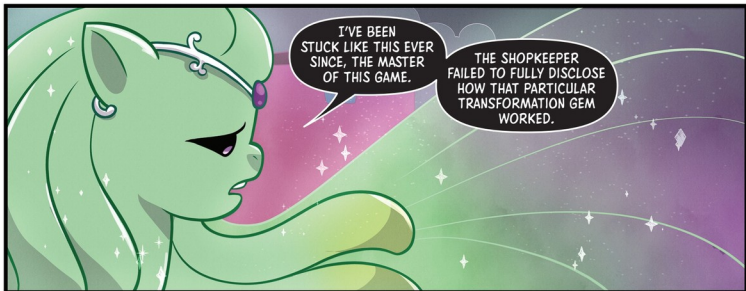
"BUT IN MY PURSUIT OF VICTORY, I WAS IGNORANT TO THE CONSEQUENCES."



"AND IN AN INSTANT, EVERYTHING CHANGED."



"AS QUICKLY AS IT BEGAN, THE DAMAGE WAS DONE."



I'VE BEEN STUCK LIKE THIS EVER SINCE THE MASTER OF THIS GAME.

THE SHOPKEEPER FAILED TO FULLY DISCLOSE HOW THAT PARTICULAR TRANSFORMATION GEM WORKED.



OH NO.

THAT'S AWFUL.



EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES, RANEIGH.

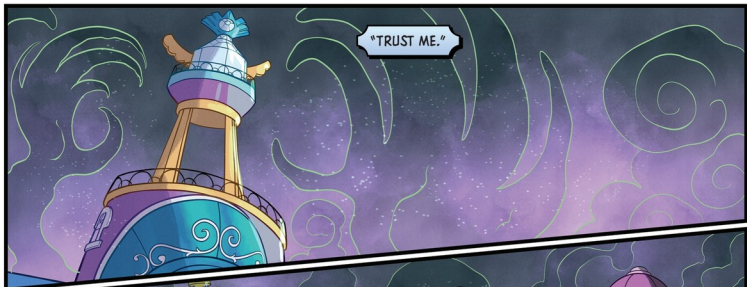
WE'RE OFFICIALLY IN THIS TOGETHER. WE'LL FIND A WAY TO FIX THINGS.

I DON'T DESERVE YOUR HELP AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED.

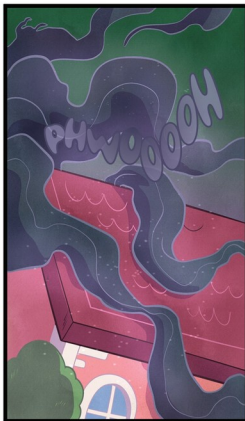


SPEAKING FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCES, YOU DO. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL LOST IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.



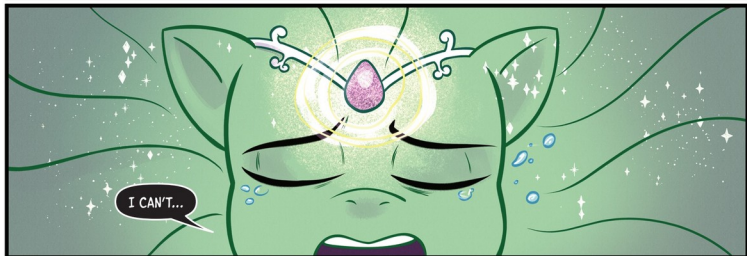
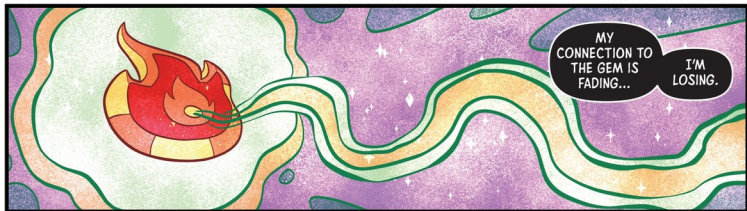










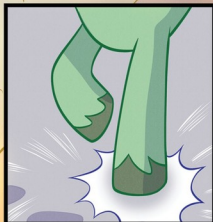






THE CURSE IS BROKEN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



WELCOME BACK!

WE KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!

YOU DID GREAT!



I'M PROUD OF YOU.



HEY, RANEIGH. LOOK.

I FOUND THIS BOOK IN THE LIBRARY BASEMENT.



KYREN...



...I KNOW YOU'RE LONG GONE, BUT I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH OUR FRIENDSHIP.

As we look back
we are
our





HOW ARE THINGS COMING ALONG FOR YOU THESE DAYS IN MARETIME BAY, KIDDO?

MUCH BETTER, DAD. I'M EMBRACING THE ADVENTURE OF IT ALL.

I'M GLAD. I KNEW YOU WOULD.



WHEN YOU VISIT, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU TO THE BAKERY. THEY HAVE THE BEST CUPCAKES.

OH, THOSE LOOK SCRUMPTIOUS!



HEY, DAD, I GOTTA GO! A NEW FRIEND IS MEETING US FOR GAME NIGHT!

ENJOY! I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.



HEY, RANEIGH! I'M GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT.



ME TOO! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INVITE.



HEY PIPP, ZIPP, AND IZZY! I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET RANEIGH.

HELLO!

HEY!

HI!

IT'S GREAT TO MEET YOU ALL! HEY, SUNNY, HITCH, AND SPARKY!





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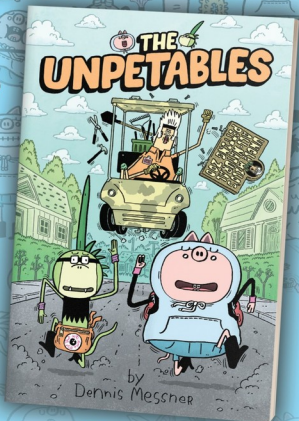
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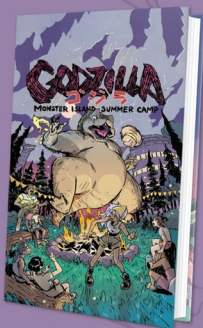
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"How low can you go?"

It's a question most frequently asked at limbo competitions and presidential debates, to be sure.

But this month we're celebrating a significant high for IDW's *Star Trek* titles...specifically our 500th issue in our historic 17-year partnership with Paramount.

Sending a single comic to print is a feat in and of itself. To hit a landmark like 500 issues with any franchise is a true accomplishment to be celebrated. This *Star Trek* Day IDW is excited to present not only a look back at some of our favorite characters and series from over the years but a look forward to what is to come for our Eisner-nominated *Star Trek* and *Star Trek: Defiant* series in next year's big crossover event! If you're only getting one *Star Trek* book this year, *Star Trek #500* is not one to miss out on!

And speaking of lows... We have not just one but two brand-new *Lower Decks* books that will be hitting shelves in mere weeks!

First up is the super ambitious *Lower Decks: Warp Your Own Way*, a 200-page interactive graphic novel adventure where your choices determine the story. That's right, folks, this October, find yourself alongside Mariner, Boimler, Rutherford, Tendi, and the whole of the *Cerritos* crew as they take on their wildest mission yet! There's never been another graphic novel like it...and certainly not a *Star Trek* one. We're moving at full warp on this one!

And in case you missed it, earlier this summer, we announced the first-ever *Lower Decks* ongoing series written by Eisner-winning writer Ryan North and drawn by a rotating crew of comedic talents such as Derek Charm, Jack Lawrence, Chris Fenoglio, and more! Continuing the story from Paramount+'s hit TV show, Mariner is bored out of her mind with the lack of thrills aboard the *Cerritos* when the U.S.S. *Bonadventure* shows up suddenly from the Delta Triangle (it's like the Bermuda Triangle...of space!). Did anyone call for a ghost ship adventure?!?

Oh, yeah, and the team also must battle evil versions of Starfleet's most beloved captains. It's totally normal and all in a good day's fun.

But don't just take my word for it; check out some of the incredible work below!

Heather Antos

Editor of some comics, reader of other comics

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