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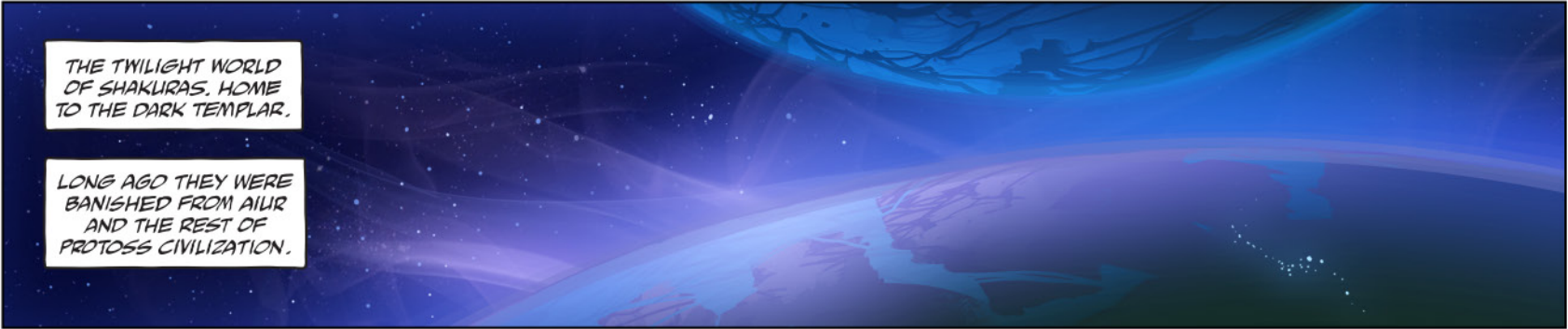
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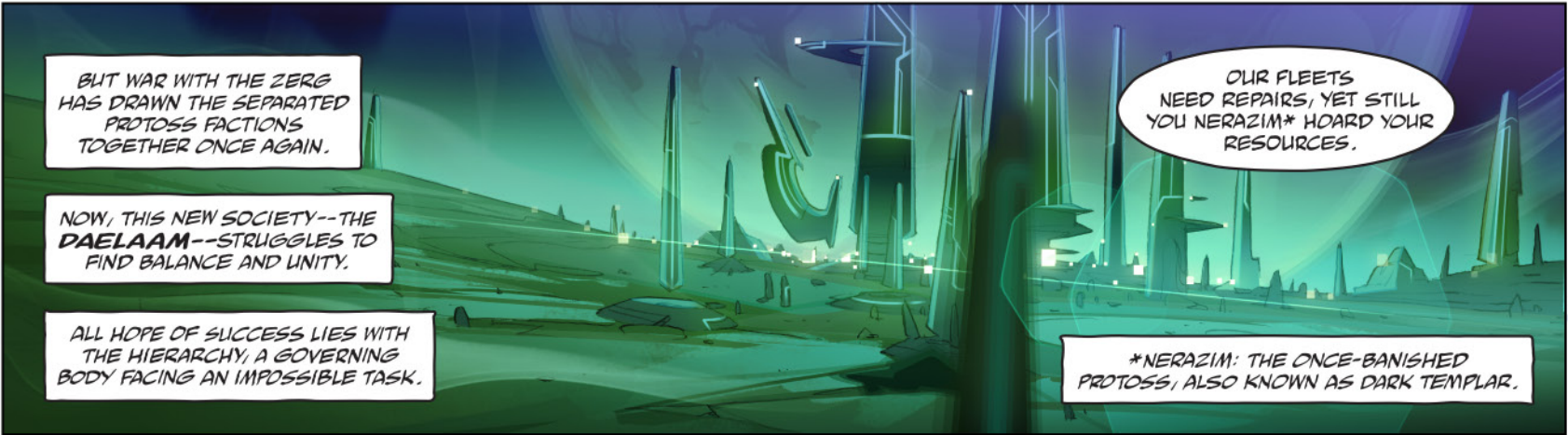
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THE TWILIGHT WORLD OF SHAKURAS. HOME TO THE DARK TEMPLAR.

LONG AGO THEY WERE BANISHED FROM AIUR AND THE REST OF PROTOSS CIVILIZATION.



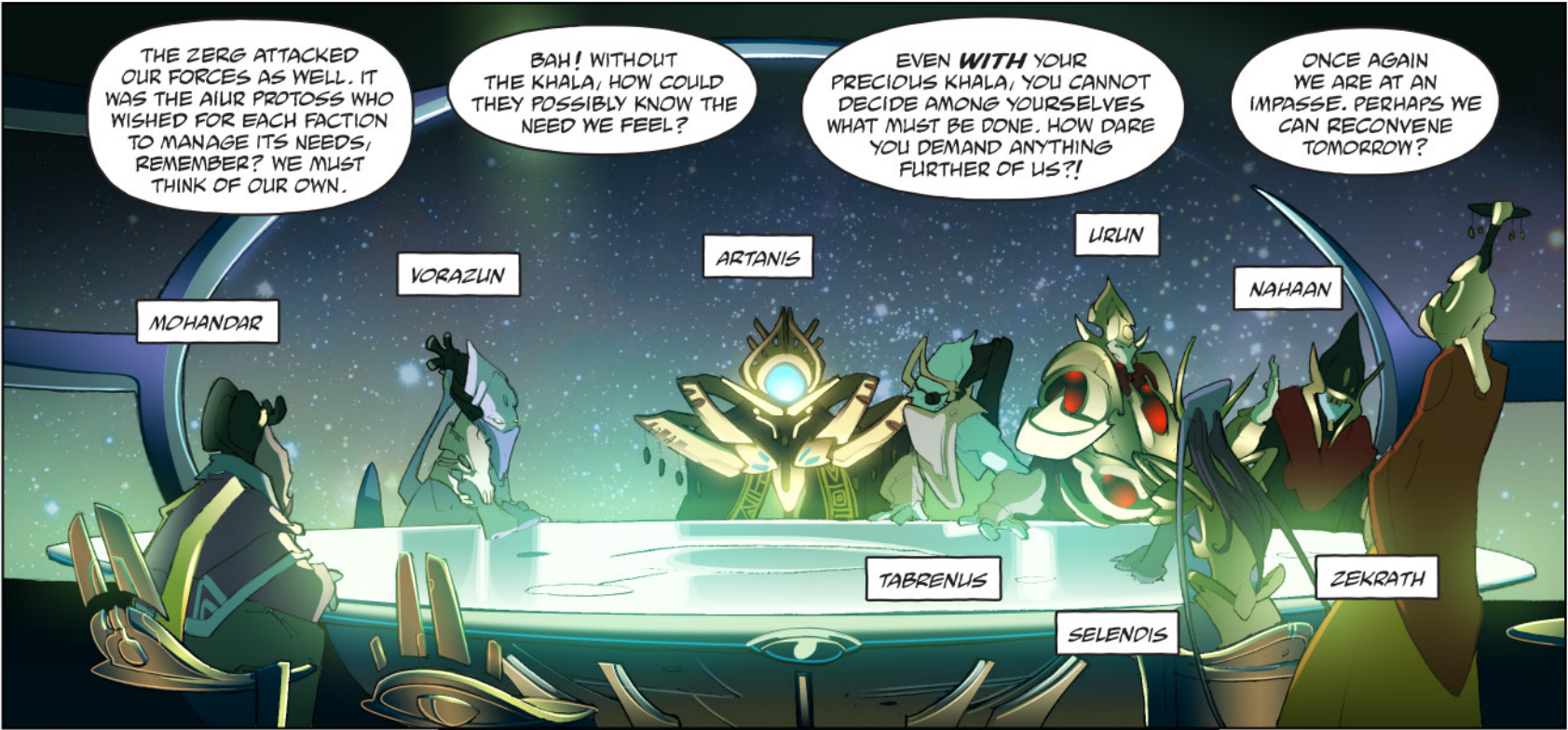
BUT WAR WITH THE ZERG HAS DRAWN THE SEPARATED PROTOSS FACTIONS TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN.

NOW, THIS NEW SOCIETY--THE **DAELAAM**--STRUGGLES TO FIND BALANCE AND UNITY.

ALL HOPE OF SUCCESS LIES WITH THE HIERARCHY, A GOVERNING BODY FACING AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK.

OUR FLEETS NEED REPAIRS, YET STILL YOU NERAZIM\* HOARD YOUR RESOURCES.

\*NERAZIM: THE ONCE-BANISHED PROTOSS, ALSO KNOWN AS DARK TEMPLAR.



THE ZERG ATTACKED OUR FORCES AS WELL. IT WAS THE AIUR PROTOSS WHO WISHED FOR EACH FACTION TO MANAGE ITS NEEDS, REMEMBER? WE MUST THINK OF OUR OWN.

BAH! WITHOUT THE KHALAI, HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY KNOW THE NEED WE FEEL?

EVEN *WITH* YOUR PRECIOUS KHALAI, YOU CANNOT DECIDE AMONG YOURSELVES WHAT MUST BE DONE. HOW DARE YOU DEMAND ANYTHING FURTHER OF US?!

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE AT AN IMPASSE. PERHAPS WE CAN RECONVENE TOMORROW?

MOHNDAR

VORAZUN

ARTANIS

LURLIN

NAHAAN

TABRENUS

SELENDIS

ZEKRATH



STOP. ARE WE ONE PEOPLE, OR ARE WE NOT?

WE EACH FIGHT FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR OWN FACTION, BUT IN DOING SO, WE ACCOMPLISH NOTHING. WE NEED DECISIVE ACTION.



THIS HIERARCHY IS FAILING. IT NEEDS A LEADER TO SUCCEED. THIS STALEMATE IS BUT FURTHER PROOF OF THAT.

THEN I WILL BE THIS LEADER!

YOU WOULD RUIN US ALL, NAHAAN. I WOULD SUBMIT MYSELF FOR THIS POSITION.

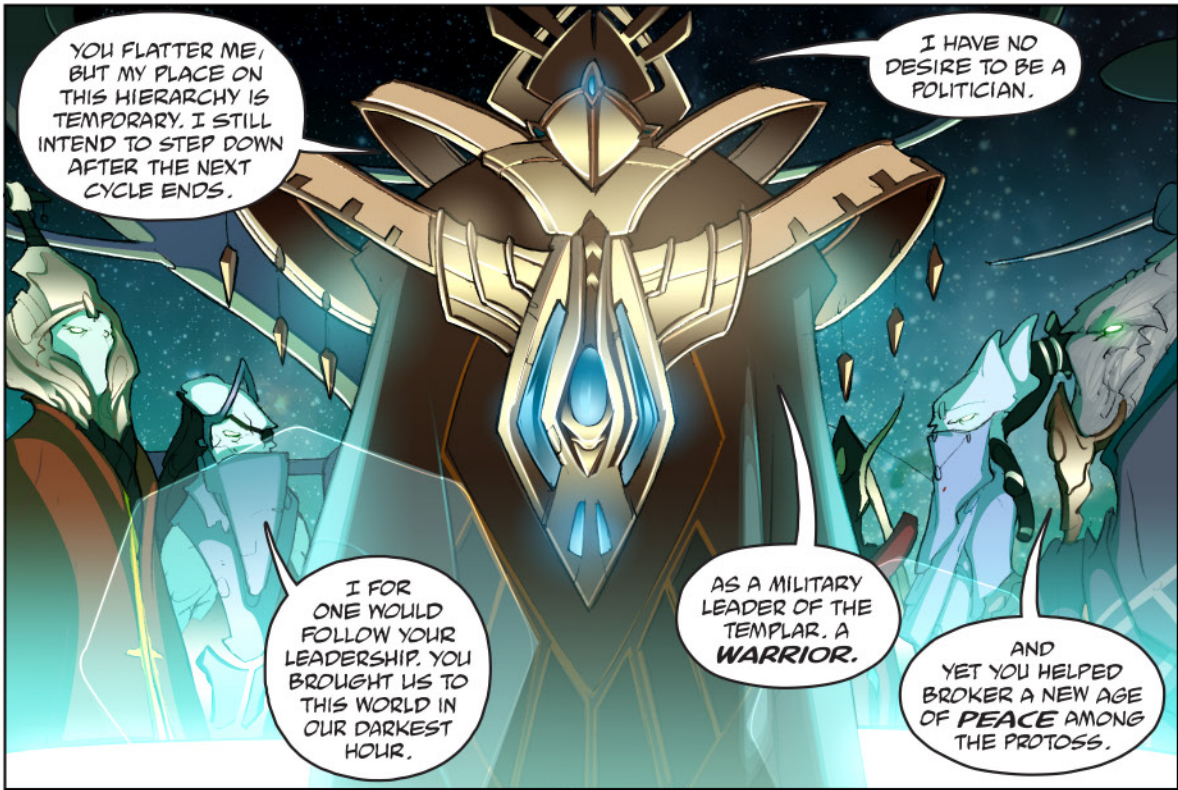


UNTHINKABLE. WE WELCOMED YOU KHALAI TO *OUR* WORLD. ALL THAT HAS COME OF IT IS MORE CONFLICT. A NERAZIM HIERARCH IS MORE JUSTIFIABLE.

CALM YOURSELVES. THE LEADER MUST BE SOMEONE WHO COMMANDS THE RESPECT OF NERAZIM AND KHALAI ALIKE. SOMEONE LIKE... ARTANIS.

ARTANIS IS THE WISEST CHOICE.





YOU FLATTER ME, BUT MY PLACE ON THIS HIERARCHY IS TEMPORARY. I STILL INTEND TO STEP DOWN AFTER THE NEXT CYCLE ENDS.

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE A POLITICIAN.

I FOR ONE WOULD FOLLOW YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU BROUGHT US TO THIS WORLD IN OUR DARKEST HOUR.

AS A MILITARY LEADER OF THE TEMPLAR, A **WARRIOR**.

AND YET YOU HELPED BROKER A NEW AGE OF **PEACE** AMONG THE PROTOSS.



YES, WE ALL BELIEVE ARTANIS WOULD SERVE WELL AS HIERARCH. YET CLEARLY HE INTENDS A LIFE DEDICATED TO THE TEMPLAR ONLY...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MOHANDAR?

MY YOUNG MATRIARCH... ARTANIS ALONE COMMANDS THE TRUST OF BOTH FACTIONS. WE CAN AGREE ON NO ONE ELSE.



LET US ADJOURN FOR NOW. WE HAVE EXHAUSTED OUR OPTIONS, AND THE SITUATION IS MOST DIRE.

ARTANIS, WE WILL GIVE YOU UNTIL TOMORROW TO RECONSIDER.

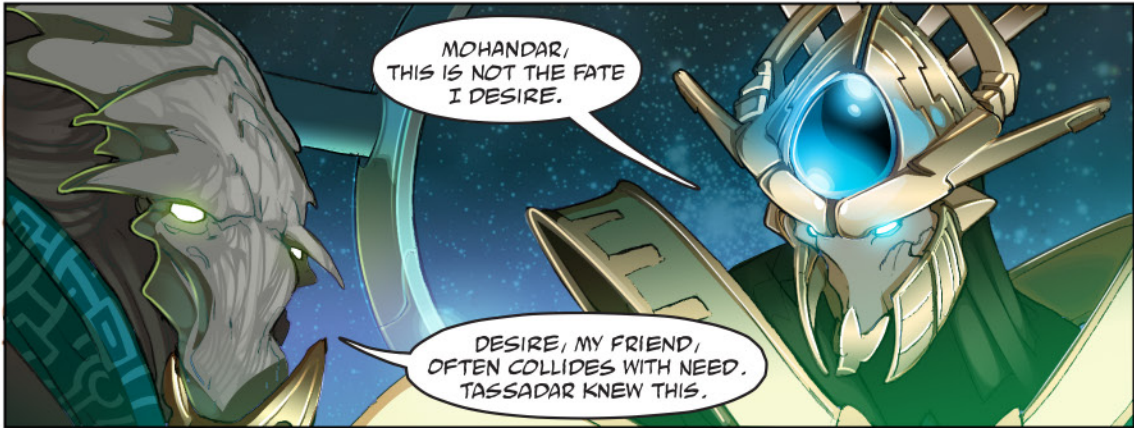
IF HE DECLINES, I WILL WITHDRAW MY SUPPORT FOR THIS UNION.

AS WILL I.

I WILL NOT MOURN YOUR DEPARTURE.

WHAT IS THE POINT OF THIS DAELAAM IF WE CANNOT WORK TOGETHER?

PLEASE COMMUNE WITH YOUR KHALA UNTIL WE RECONVENE. IF THE HIERARCHY HAS NO LEADER, IT HAS NO FUTURE.



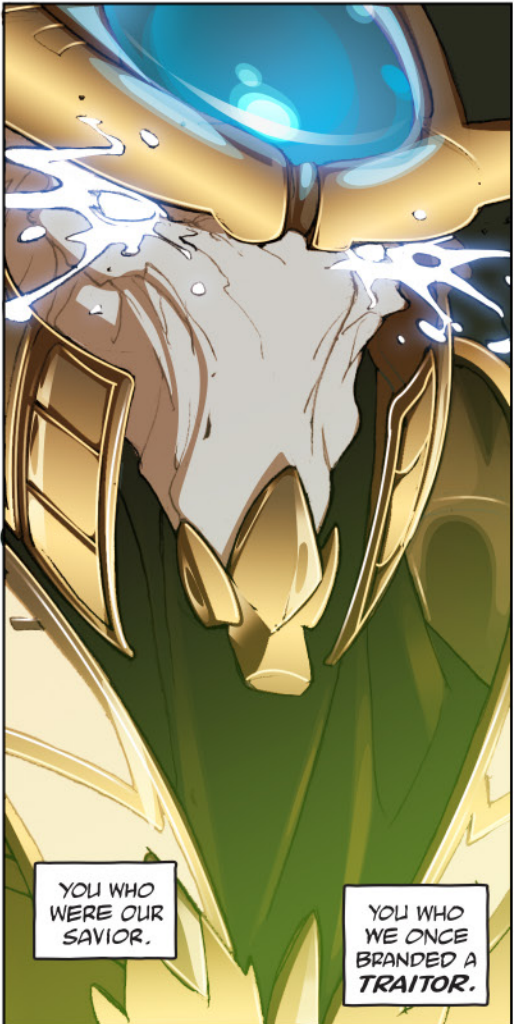
MOHANDAR, THIS IS NOT THE FATE I DESIRE.

DESIRE, MY FRIEND, OFTEN COLLIDES WITH NEED. TASSADAR KNEW THIS.



**TASSADAR.**  
FRIEND. TEACHER.

EVEN LONG AFTER YOU ARE GONE, I STILL LOOK TO YOU FOR GUIDANCE.



YOU WHO WERE OUR SAVIOR.

YOU WHO WE ONCE BRANDED A **TRAITOR**.





HOW FOOLISH I WAS IN THOSE DAYS. EVEN AS THE ZERG BESIEGED AIUR, I OBEYED THE MAD RAYINGS OF THE CONCLAVE TO HUNT YOU DOWN.

WE ARE IN ORBIT ABOVE CHAR. OUR OBSERVERS HAVE DETECTED TASSADAR BELOW.

I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE **HE** WOULD DO THIS.



YOUR RESPECT FOR THE EXECUTOR CLOUDS YOUR THOUGHTS.

HE IS COLLUDING WITH THE DARK TEMPLAR, EVEN LEARNING THEIR WAYS. THIS IS HERESY!

I **KNOW** HIM. HE WOULD NOT BETRAY US.

THE TASSADAR YOU KNEW IS **GONE**. I SENSE HIS BETRAYAL IN THE KHALA. SEE FOR YOURSELF...



WITH MY EYES, I BEHELD AN ABOMINATION. A PROTOSS WIELDING THE POWERS OF THE TEMPLAR...



...AND THE DARK TEMPLAR.



BUT I SENSED NO EVIL IN YOUR THOUGHTS. ONLY... SOMETHING **NEW**.

YOU MIGHT THINK ME A HERETIC, BUT ALL THAT I HAVE DONE, I HAVE DONE FOR OUR PEOPLE.

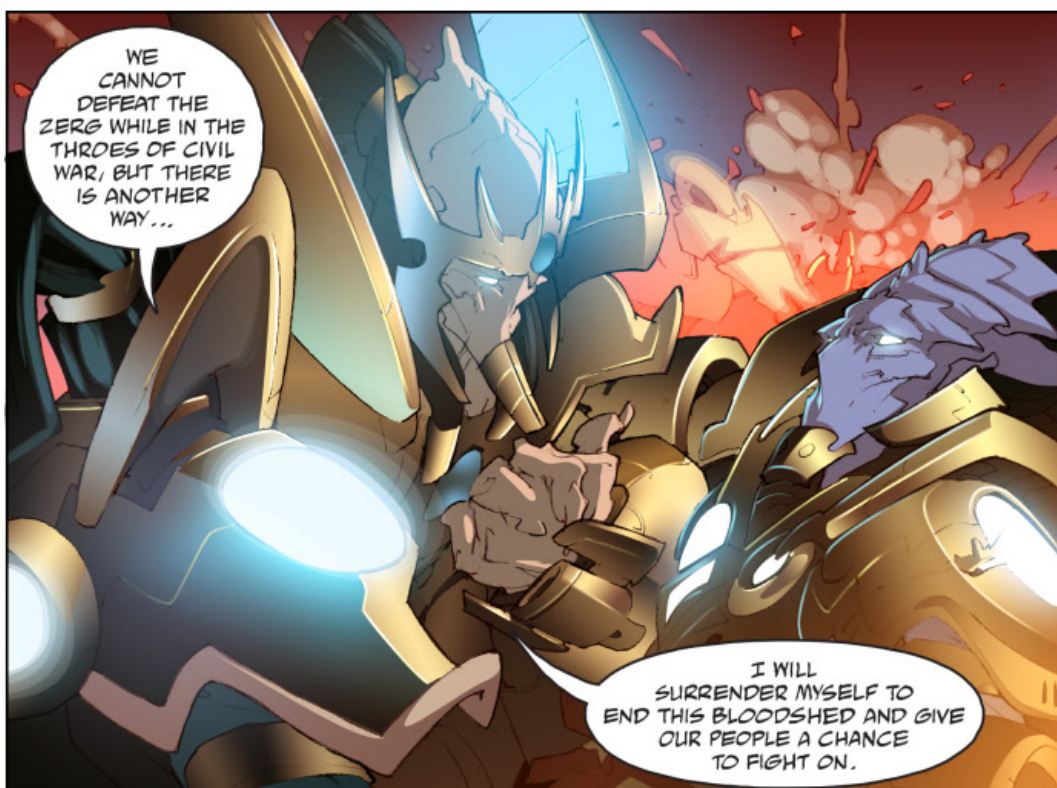
WE MUST MAKE PEACE WITH THOSE WE ONCE BANISHED AND LEARN FROM THEM HOW TO WIELD THE POWERS OF THE **VOID**.



TO CLEANSE AIUR OF THE ZERG, WE MUST DEFY OUR OLD BELIEFS AND QUESTION **EVERYTHING**.

I KNOW I DEMAND MUCH. BUT ASK YOURSELF THIS: WHAT WOULD YOU STOP AT TO SAVE OUR RACE?







APOLOGIES FOR INTRUDING, EXECUTOR. MEMBERS OF THE HIERARCHY ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE SHAKURAS.

THEY BELIEVE YOU WILL REJECT LEADERSHIP. THEY KNOW THE SACRIFICES YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE BY TAKING ON SUCH A ROLE... AS DO I.

EXECUTOR SELENDIS. I FEAR ALL WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR WILL BE LOST IF I DO NOT ACCEPT.

IF THE HIERARCHY DISSOLVES, WE WILL TAKE OUR FLEETS TO A NEW WORLD. WE WILL CARRY ON.

NOT AS THE DAELAAM.

YOU SPEAK TRUTH. AND THOUGH MANY HAVE FOUGHT FOR ITS FORMATION, PERHAPS IT WAS NEVER FATED TO BE. I WILL RETURN TOMORROW.

HAVE WE COME TOGETHER MERELY TO BE TORN ASUNDER ONCE AGAIN? OR HAS FATE LEFT THE FUTURE OF THE DAELAAM IN MY HANDS?

TASSADAR...IF ONLY YOU WERE HERE NOW, INSTEAD OF ME.

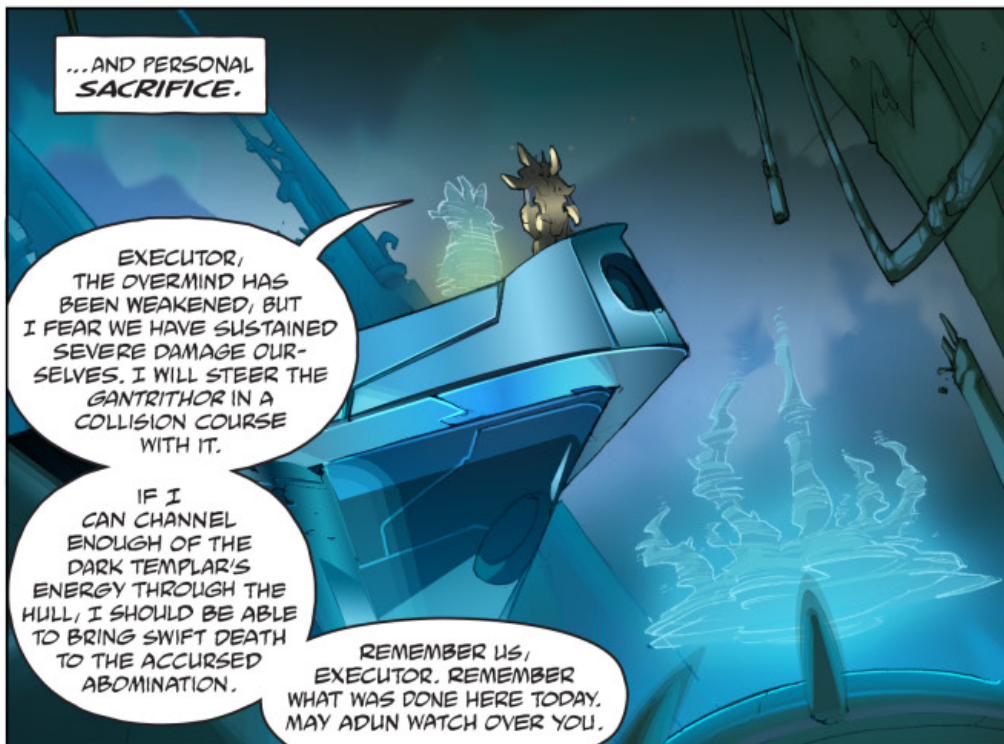
YOU WERE WILLING TO GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE'S UNITY. AND WE ALL BELIEVED IN YOU FOR THAT SACRIFICE.

YOU GAVE US THE COURAGE TO BREAK OUR ANCIENT LAWS, TO LIBERATE YOU...

...AND TO LAUNCH OUR DESPERATE ATTACK AGAINST THE ZERG AND THEIR RULER, THE OVERMIND.

THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS, I LEARNED THAT CHANGE IS POSSIBLE ONLY WITH CONVICTION...





...AND PERSONAL  
**SACRIFICE.**

EXECUTOR,  
THE OVERMIND HAS  
BEEN WEAKENED, BUT  
I FEAR WE HAVE SUSTAINED  
SEVERE DAMAGE OUR-  
SELVES. I WILL STEER THE  
GANTRITHOR IN A  
COLLISION COURSE  
WITH IT.

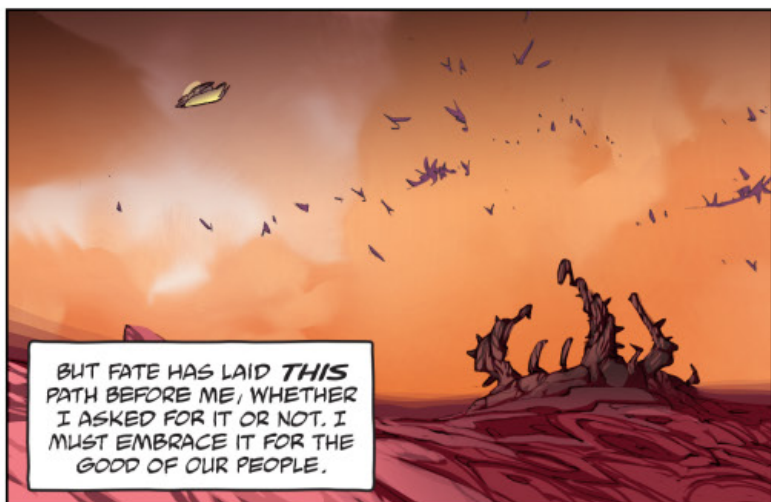
IF I  
CAN CHANNEL  
ENOUGH OF THE  
DARK TEMPLAR'S  
ENERGY THROUGH THE  
HULL, I SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO BRING SWIFT DEATH  
TO THE ACCURSED  
ABOMINATION.

REMEMBER US,  
EXECUTOR. REMEMBER  
WHAT WAS DONE HERE TODAY.  
MAY ADUN WATCH OVER YOU.



THERE  
MUST BE  
ANOTHER WAY.  
HOW CAN YOU  
SO READILY  
GIVE YOUR  
LIFE?

I DO NOT WISH FOR  
DEATH, MY FRIEND, NOR DID I  
WISH TO STAND AGAINST THE  
CONCLAVE I ONCE LOVED. I ONLY EVER  
WISHED TO ACT AS EXECUTOR OF THE  
TEMPLAR ARMIES, SERVING THE  
CONCLAVE'S WILL.



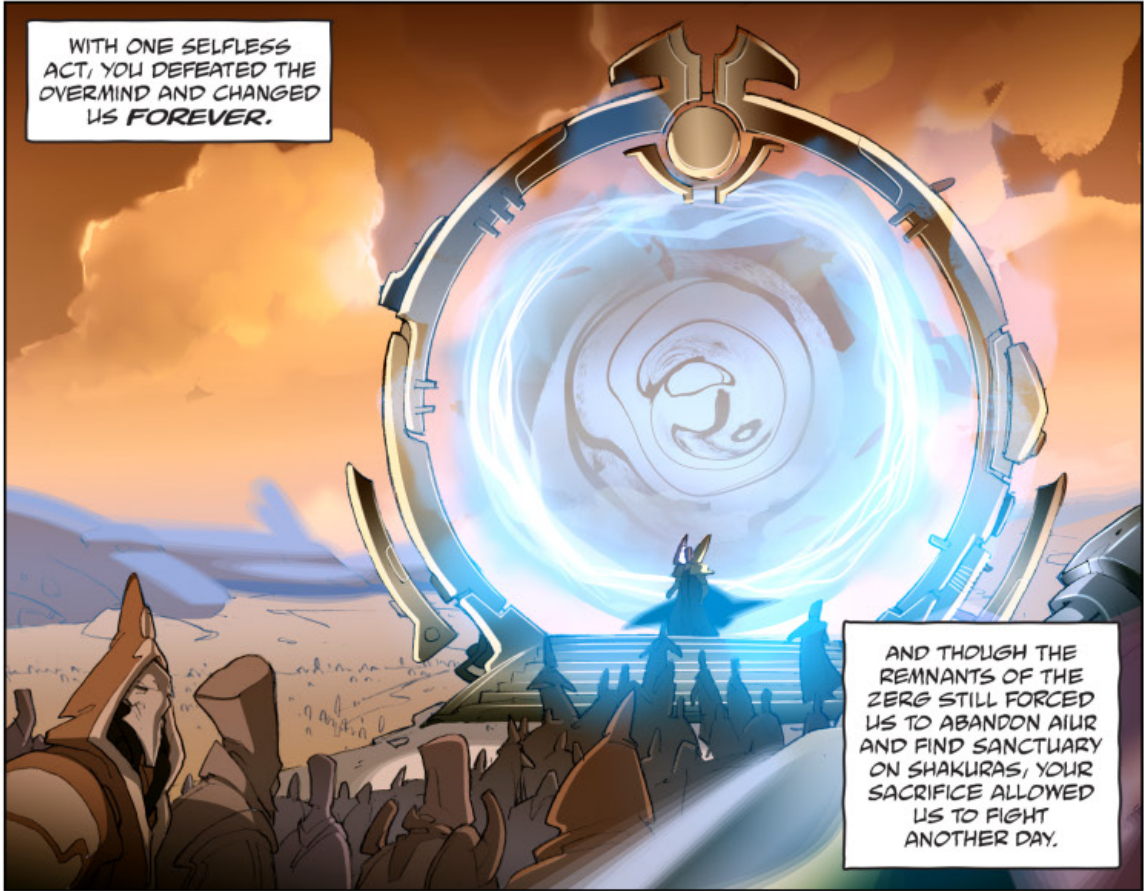
BUT FATE HAS LAID **THIS**  
PATH BEFORE ME, WHETHER  
I ASKED FOR IT OR NOT. I  
MUST EMBRACE IT FOR THE  
GOOD OF OUR PEOPLE.



ONE DAY YOU WILL  
UNDERSTAND. ALL  
LEADERS MUST.







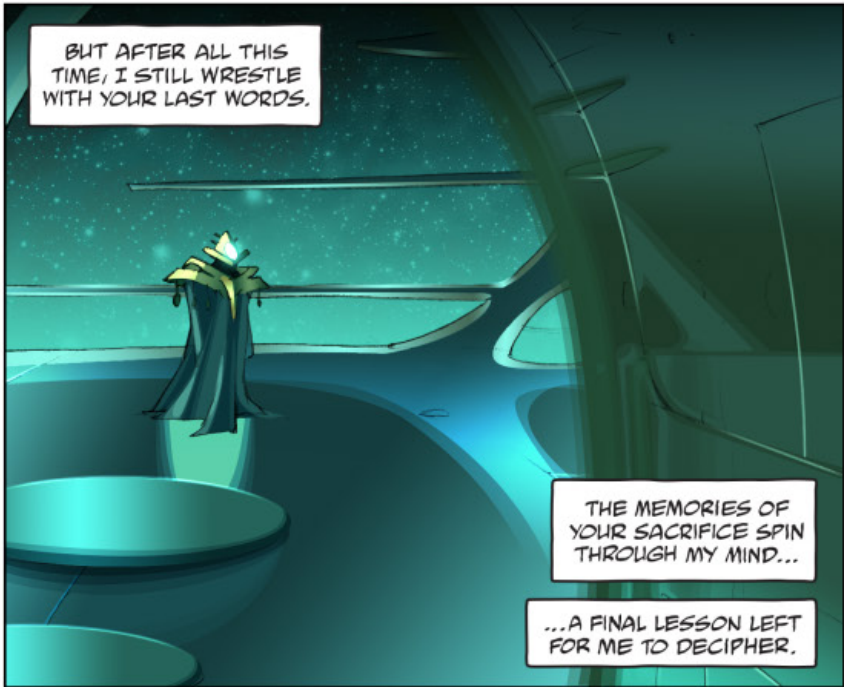
WITH ONE SELFLESS ACT, YOU DEFEATED THE OVERMIND AND CHANGED US FOREVER.

AND THOUGH THE REMNANTS OF THE ZERG STILL FORCED US TO ABANDON AIUR AND FIND SANCTUARY ON SHAKURAS, YOUR SACRIFICE ALLOWED US TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY.



IT GAVE US HOPE THAT WE COULD HEAL OLD SOCIETAL WOUNDS...

...AND FORGE A NEW DESTINY.



BUT AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I STILL WRESTLE WITH YOUR LAST WORDS.

THE MEMORIES OF YOUR SACRIFICE SPIN THROUGH MY MIND...

...A FINAL LESSON LEFT FOR ME TO DECIPHER.



THE TIME HAS COME. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION?

I AM NOT A LEADER. I AM A WARRIOR.



HIS SILENCE SHOWS HIS INTENT. HE HAS NO ANSWER. MY FLEETS WILL LEAVE AT ONCE!

THAT IS ALL I HAVE EVER WANTED TO BE.



