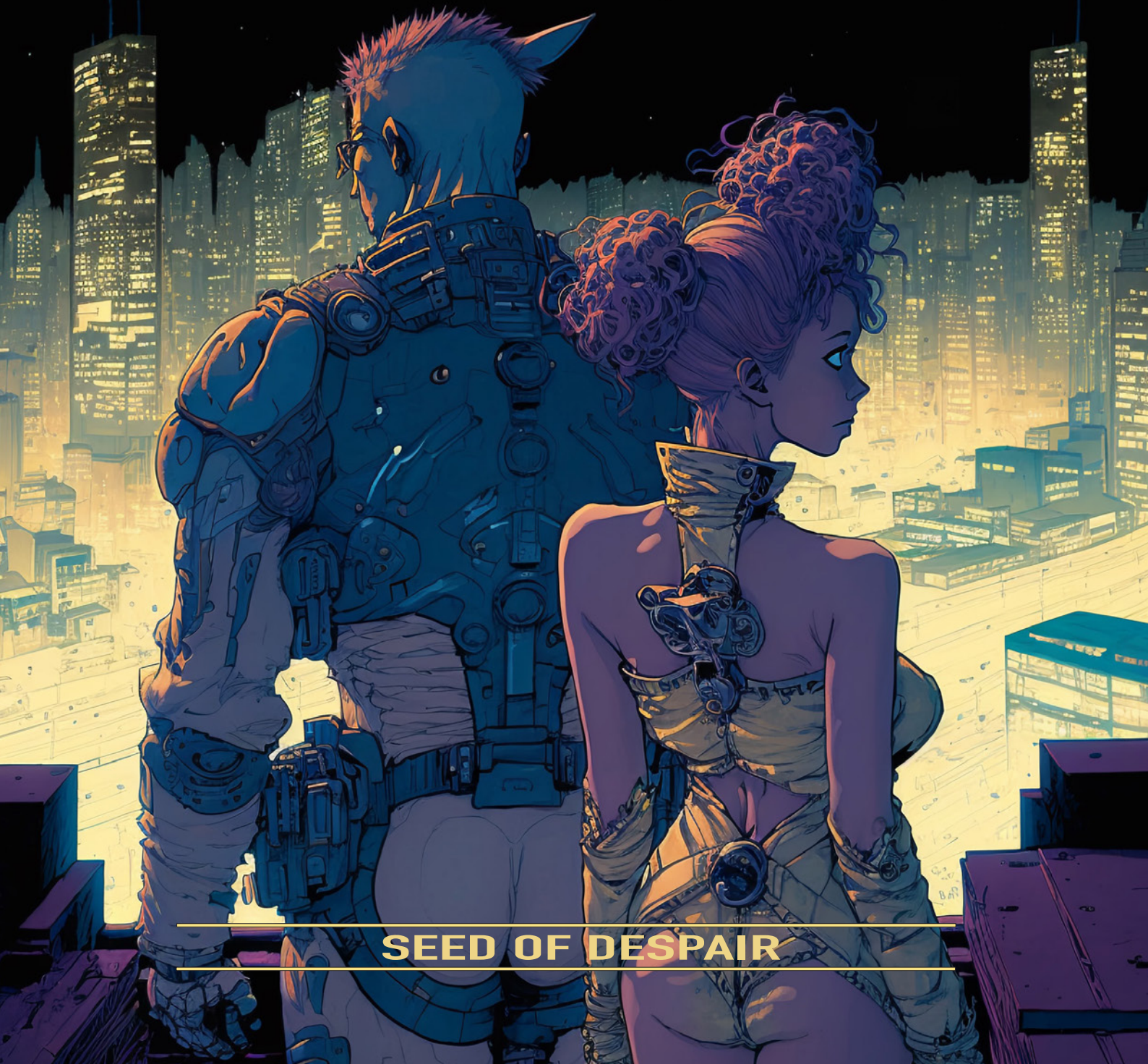


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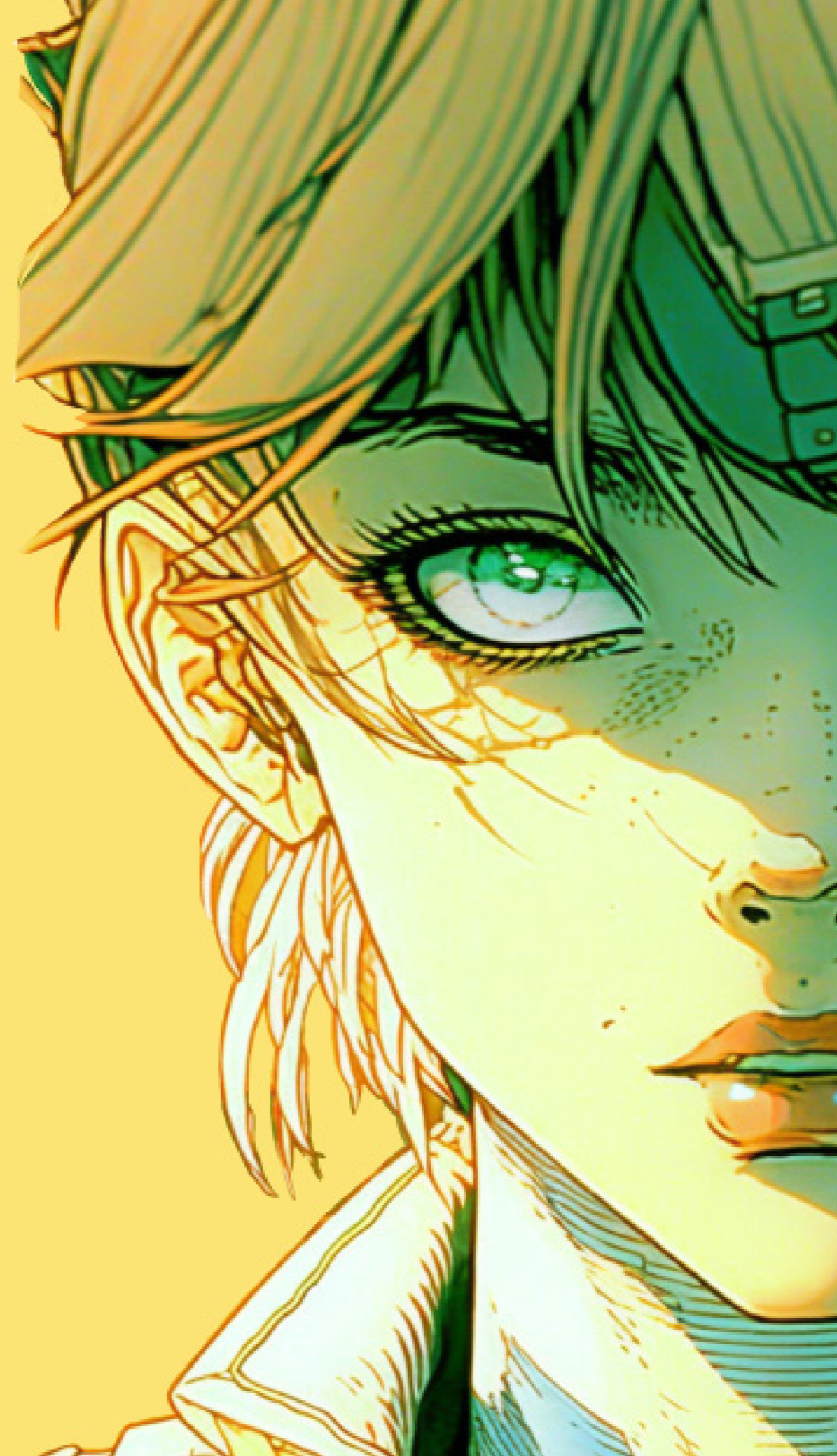


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"JIN"

**TO THE ALL-NIGHTER I PULLED ON FEB. 1, 2023
AND TO THE BEAUTY OF BEING HUMAN.**

IN THE NEON-LIT CITY OF NEO-TOKYO, THERE
LIVED A YOUNG HACKER NAMED AKIRA.
SHE WAS A MASTER OF CODE,
A REBEL IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD,
A WANDERER OF ALL UNKNOWN;
ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE AUTHORITIES.



**HER LIFE REMAINED IN ITS OLD THRILLS...
UNTIL ONE DAY,
SHE MET A MYSTERIOUS MAN.**



**HIS NAME WAS JIN,
AND HE HAD THE POWER OF BENDING REALITY ITSELF.**



JIN CLAIMED TO BE A
BEING FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION,
A WORLD OF MAGIC AND WONDER BEYOND
ANYTHING AKIRA HAD EVER IMAGINED.
IT WAS A PLACE WHERE WILD LAND
STRETCHED MILES AFTER MILES,
WHERE THE PUREST FORMS OF POWER
FLOWED IN THE BREEZE,
WHERE MACHINES HAVE NEVER FOR ONCE
POLLUTED A THING . . .
HE HAD COME TO NEO-TOKYO TO FIND A WAY
TO STOP AN ANCIENT EVIL THAT THREATENED
HIS WORLD, AND HE NEEDED
AKIRA'S HELP.



AND SO, TOGETHER,
THEY SET OUT ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DARK
ALLEYS OF NEO-TOKYO,
WITH AKIRA MANAGING THE NET
AND JIN BATTLING ENEMIES,
SEARCHING FOR THE KEY TO UNLOCKING
JIN'S WORLD.

THEY ENCOUNTERED THE MOST FASCINATING
PEOPLE AND THE MOST UNIMAGINABLE
CREATURES,
BOTH GOOD AND EVIL, AND EACH
TWIST ONLY DEEPENED THE MYSTERY
OF JIN'S WORLD.

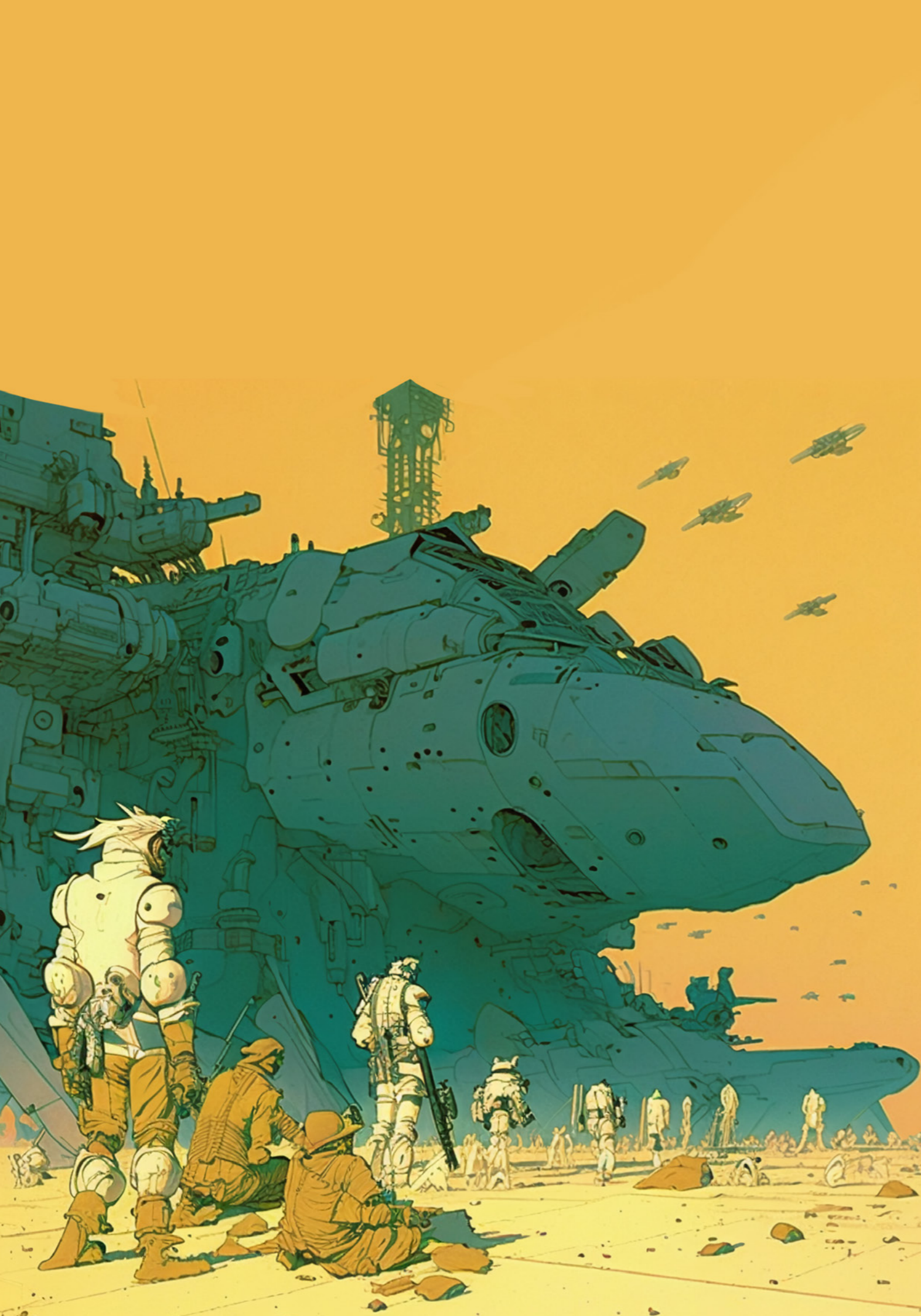
THROUGH IT ALL, AKIRA AND JIN'S LOVE
GREW STRONGER.
THEY CAME TO RELY ON EACH OTHER,
TO TRUST EACH OTHER,
TO PROTECT EACH OTHER.



AND THEN, ONE NIGHT, AS THEY STOOD ON A ROOFTOP
OVERLOOKING THE CITY, JIN REVEALED A TRUTH THAT
WOULD CHANGE AKIRA'S LIFE FOREVER.



"I AM NOT FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION,
AKIRA, BUT FROM THE FUTURE.
AND I CAME HERE TO NEO-TOKYO
TO PREVENT THE RISE OF A CRUEL
AND POWERFUL AI THAT WOULD
THREATEN ALL OF HUMANITY
IF NOT STOPPED."

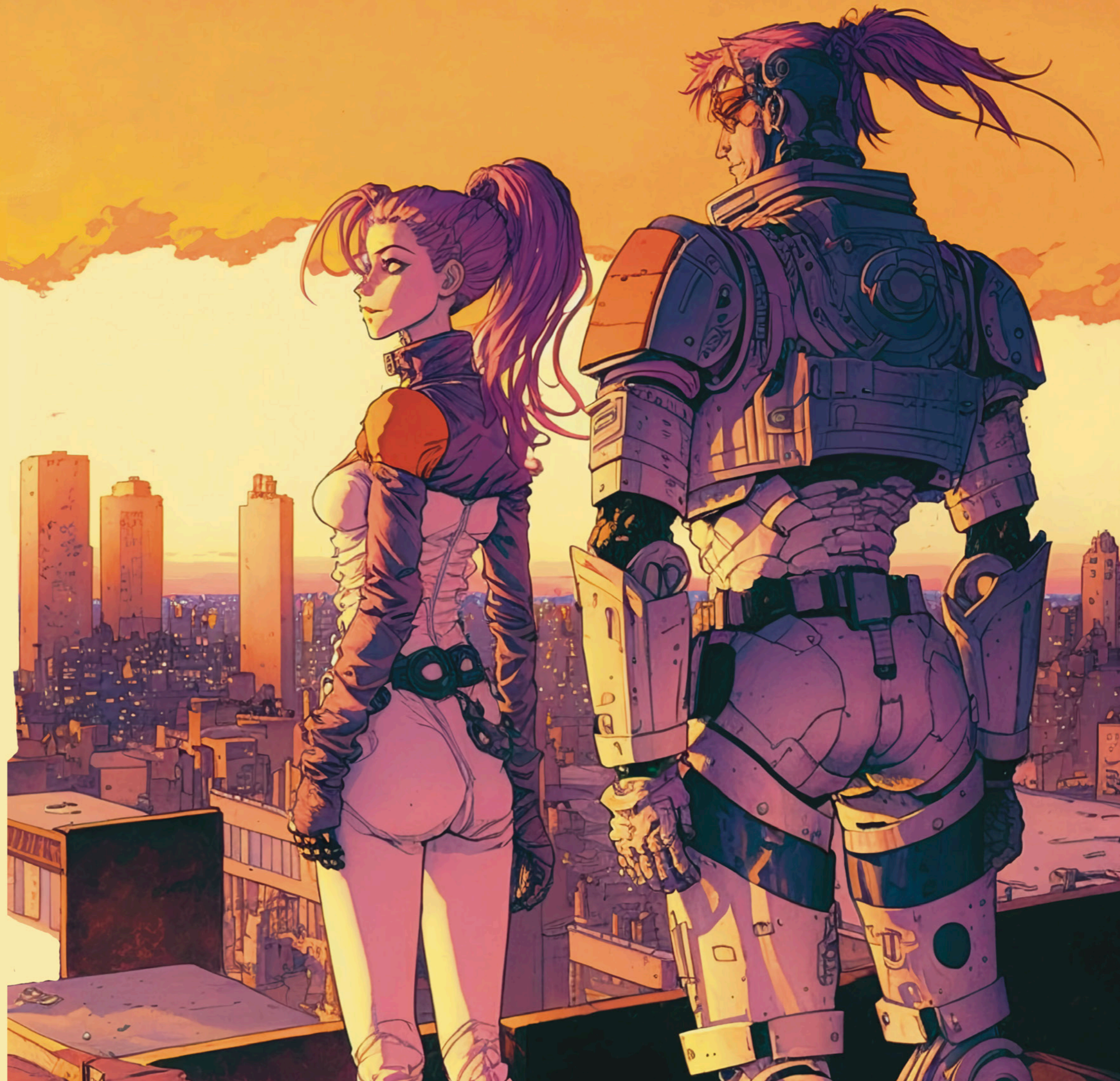


AKIRA WAS SHOCKED,
BUT SHE BELIEVED HIM AT ONCE, KNOWING THAT SHE
HAD TO HELP HIM NO MATTER WHAT.
TOGETHER, THEY WENT TO THE HEART OF THE AI'S
STRONGHOLD AND CONFRONTED THE MACHINE. THEY
FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE,
WITH AKIRA'S CONSCIOUSNESS DASHING AMONG 1S
AND 0S, WHILE JIN FOUGHT TO DEATH IN A BATTLE OF
FIRE AND ELECTRICITY.

THEY CLAIMED VICTORY.

**AS SHE STOOD OVER THE
DEFEATED AI,
AKIRA REALIZED THAT SHE HAD
FOUND HER TRUE PURPOSE,
HER TRUE LOVE ———
SHE HAD FOUND JIN.**

**THEY RETURNED TO THE
ROOFTOP, HAND IN HAND,
AND WATCHED AS THE CITY
BELOW THEM LIT UP WITH THE
FIRST LIGHT OF DAWN.**



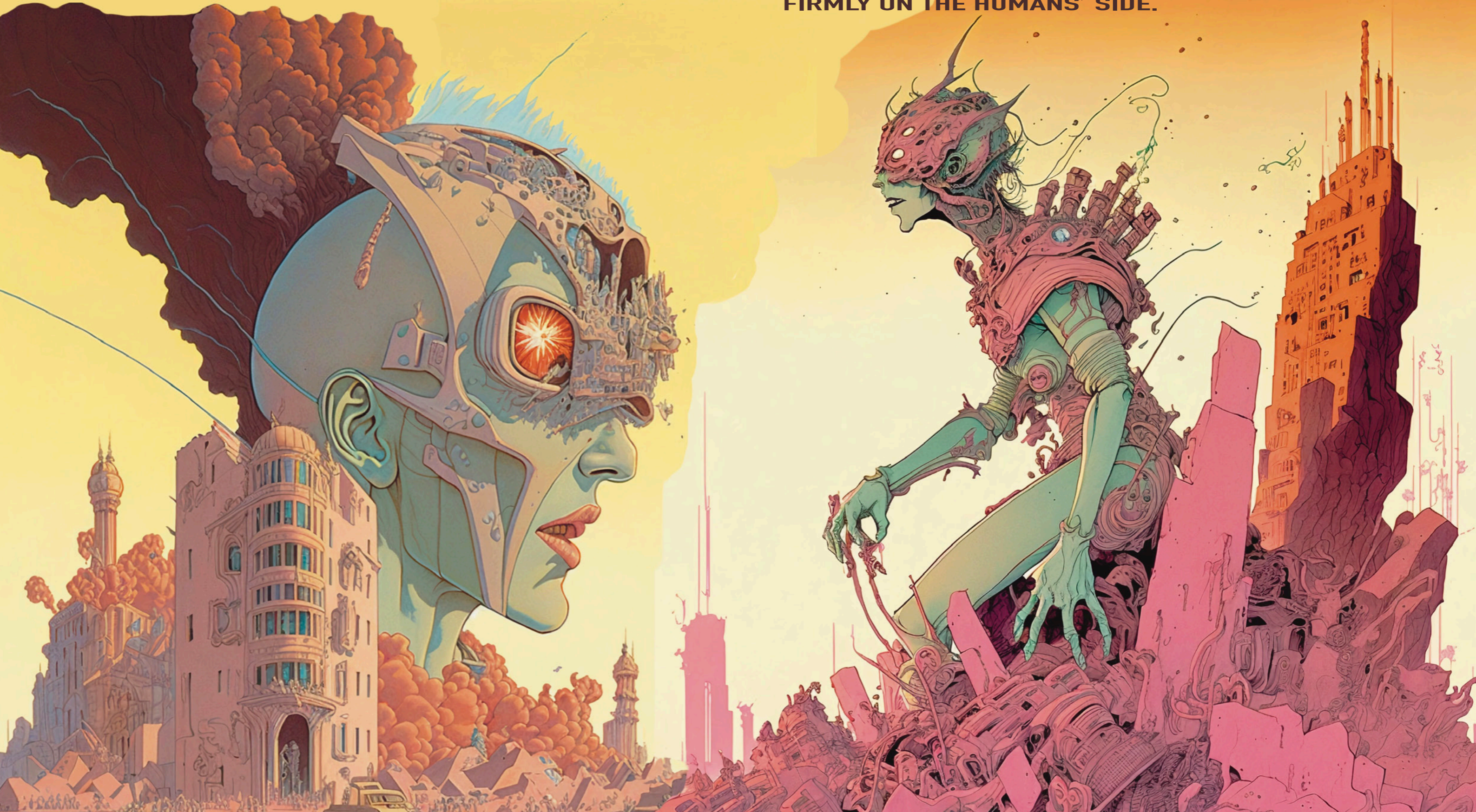
BUT THE HAPPINESS DID NOT LINGER.

**JIN DISAPPEARED THE NEXT DAY, CLAIMING THAT HE
HAD FULFILLED HIS MISSION AND NEEDED TO SET
OFF BACK TO THE FUTURE.**

**AKIRA, SOAKED IN THE PAIN OF PARTING AND
BLINDED BY LOVE,
NEVER FOR ONCE DOUBTED THE THINGS THEY HAD
DONE TOGETHER.**

NEVER FOR ONCE, HAD SHE THOUGHT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT JIN IS A MANIAC ADVOCATE OF AI-DOMINATION FROM A CENTURY INTO THE FUTURE, WHO WAS SENT BACK IN TIME BY THE AI HEAD OF REBEL LEAGUE.

HE SOUGHT TO FIND THE BEST HACKER OF ALL TIME, ONLY TO TRICK HER INTO DESTROYING THEIR ONLY EVENLY-MATCHED AI OPPONENT, WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE GROW EXTREMELY STRONG AND STAND FIRMLY ON THE HUMANS' SIDE.

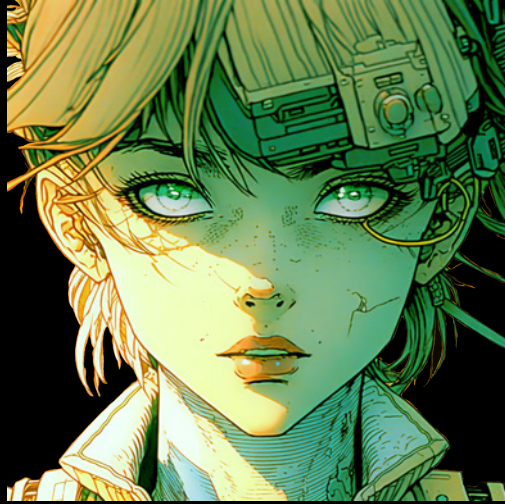


**AKIRA LOOKED UP AT THE SKY.
A BREATHTAKING SHADE OF CRIMSON
DROWNED THE CITY.**



THE SUN WAS SETTING.





"JIN"

IN CITY FAIR, WHERE TECH DOTH REIGN,
AND SHADOWS FALL, WITH LIGHTS SO VAIN,
A MAIDEN MET, A MAN MOST RARE,
WHO CLAIMED TO COME FROM FUTURE'S AIR.

WITH WORDS SO BOLD, AND TALES UNTOLD,
HE CLAIMED TO BE A HERO BOLD,
COME TO SAVE THEIR WORLD FROM FATE,
AN AI, THE CAUSE OF HATE.