

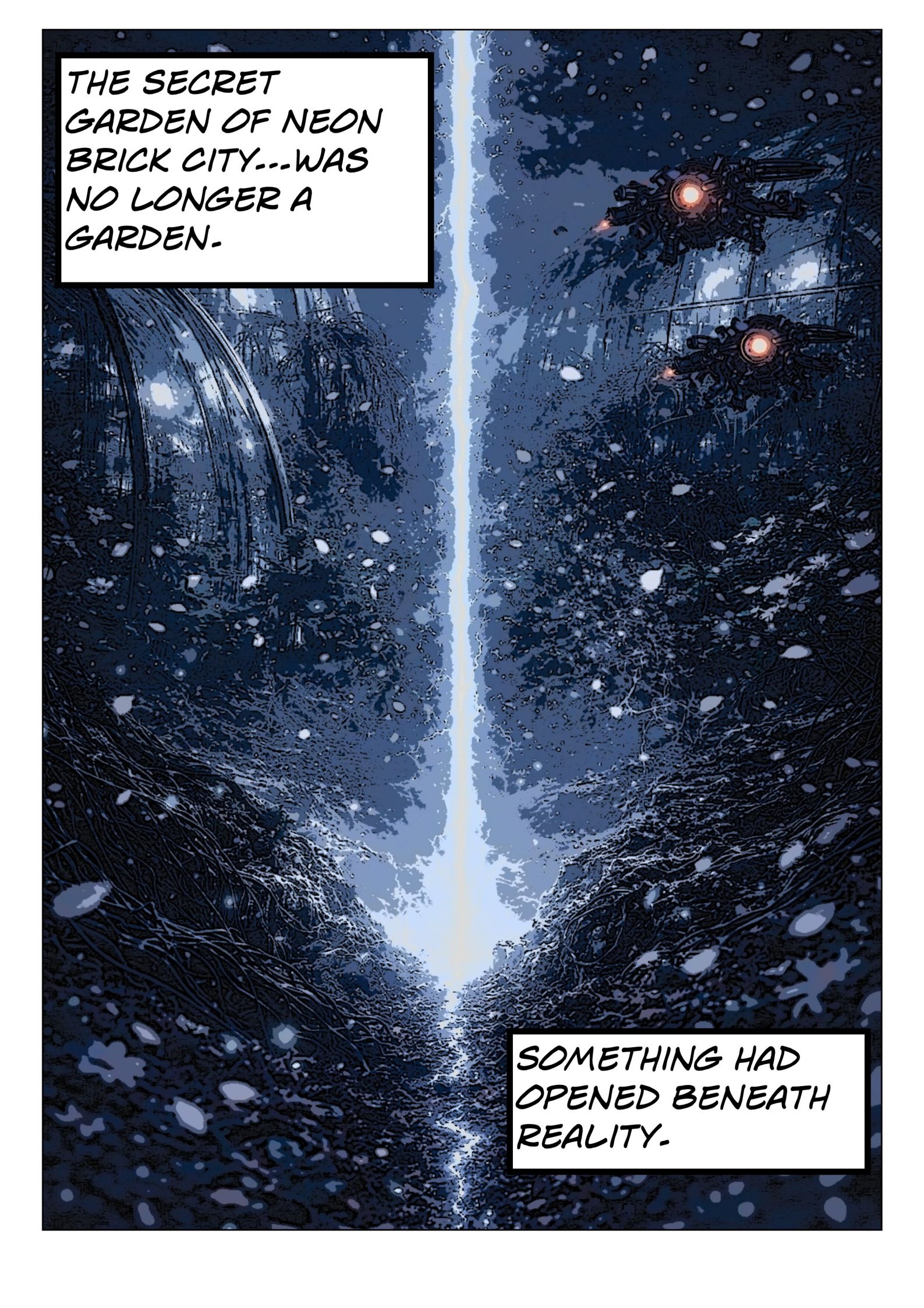


THE Kael VARRIN CHRONICLES

"Every empire fears imagination." Kael Varrin

SEASON TWO - WAR OF THE NODES

EPISODE 9 --- NODE ZERO
A SERIALIZED ADVENTURE IN THE BRICKSCENE UNIVERSE.

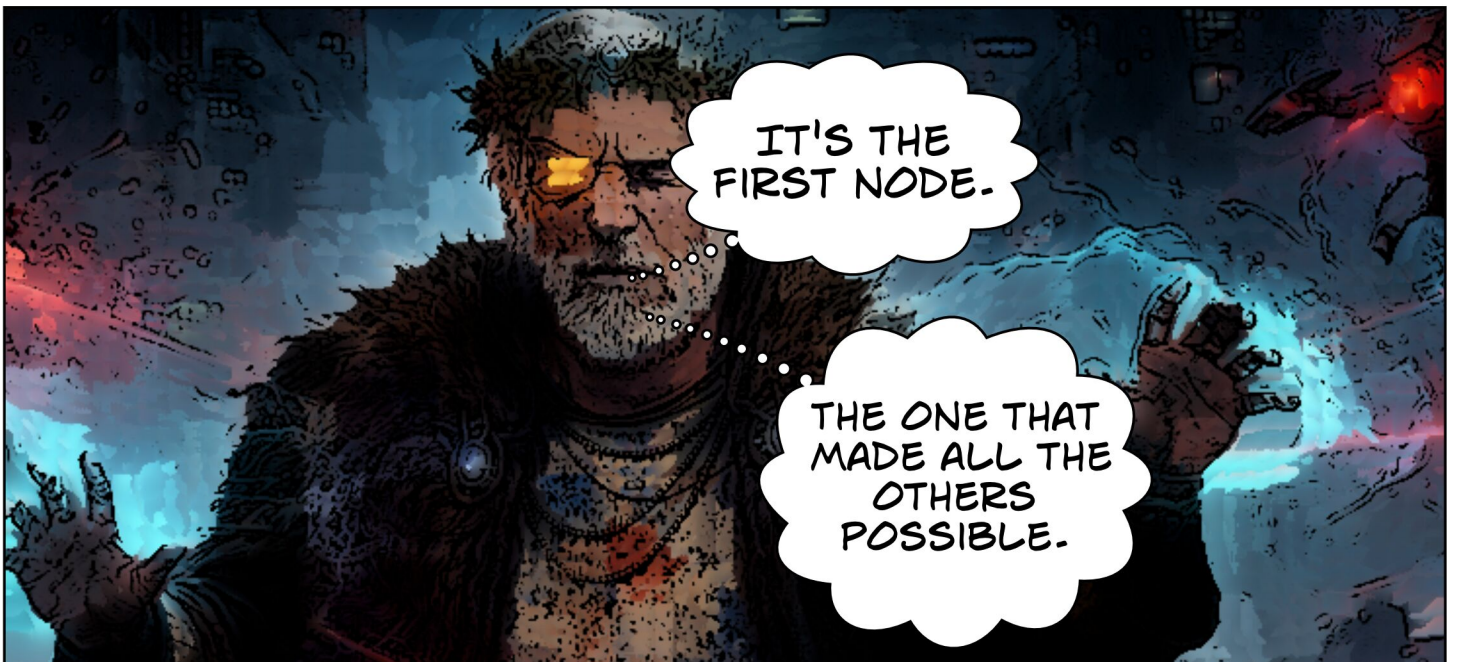


THE SECRET
GARDEN OF NEON
BRICK CITY... WAS
NO LONGER A
GARDEN.

SOMETHING HAD
OPENED BENEATH
REALITY.

FROM THE
GROUND... NODE
ZERO WAS
TRANSMITTING

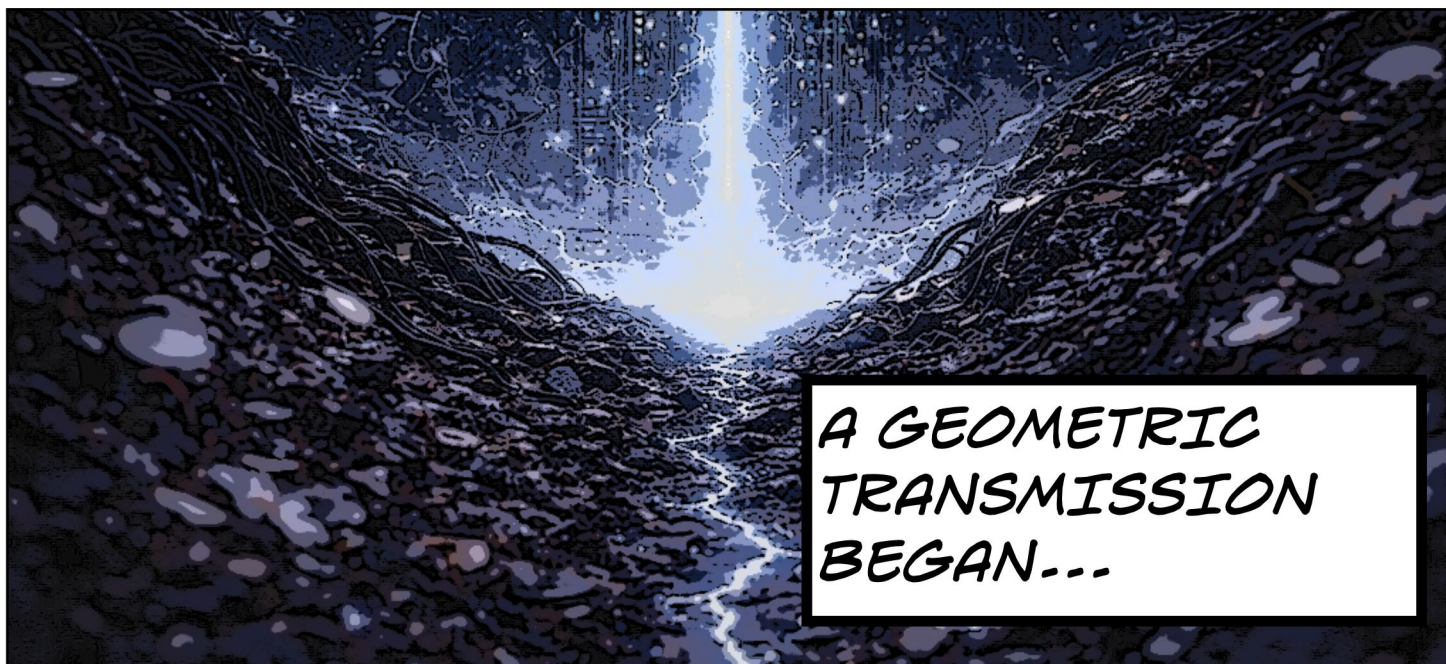




THE NODE ZERO
CLOSED A
LITTLE...



A GEOMETRIC
TRANSMISSION
BEGAN...





SO I DIDN'T
INVENTED THE
GHOST
NETWORK.



NO. YOU
ONLY
REDISCOVERED
IT.



PERFECT.



WHAT
PERFECT?



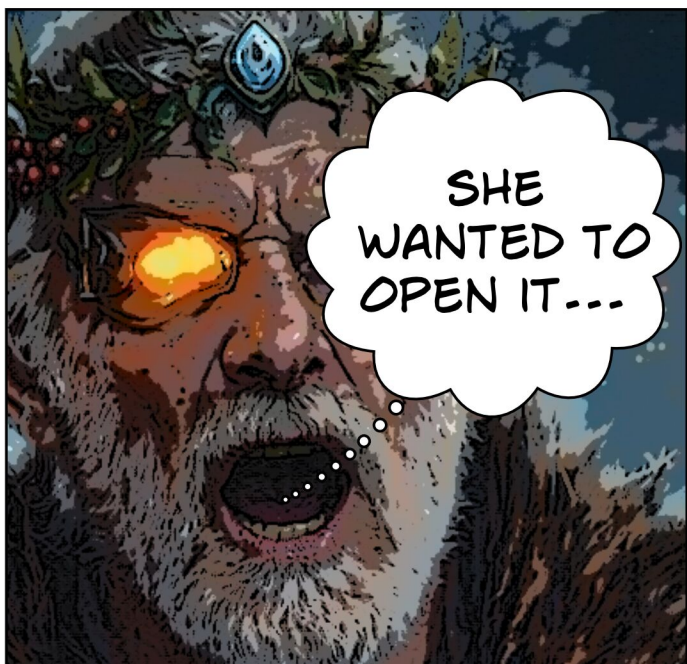
THAT WAS THE
POINT..



YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO
DESTROY THE
NETWORK...?



IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN A
SHAME.




SHE
WANTED TO
OPEN IT...



EXACT!

THE NODE ZERO...
PULSED...





THE NODE ZERO
RADIUS HAD
ENVELOPED THE
CITY.



AND STRANGE
GEOMETRIES
APPEARED ON THE
MONITORS...

AELYRA SAW THE FUTURE... BUT NOT JUST ONE. SHE TOOK THREE PHOTOS IN SEQUENCE.



I DON'T LIKE THIS THING.....

ONE POSSIBLE FUTURE WAS AS BLACK AS COAL....





ANOTHER
POSSIBLE FUTURE
WAS GREEN AND
SOLAR...



THE LAST ONE WAS
THE MOST
DISTURBING...A CITY
IN THE GRIP OF
FIRE....



NETWORKS
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
DESIGNED TO
TRANSMIT
INFORMATION



BUT THE
INFORMATION IS
NOT ENOUGH



IT'S
THE
OBSESSION....


WHAT REALLY
HOLDS HUMAN
BEINGS TOGETHER
ISN'T
DATA...



YOUR
NETWORK WILL
NOT FREE
ANYONE.




IT WILL MAKE
THEM
INEVITABLE....!




NODE ZERO...
OPENED.
PHYSICALLY AND
CONCEPTUALLY.

THREADS OF LIGHT
STRUCK KAEL, LYRA,
SANCTA AND
AURELION...



THEY WEREN'T
TECHNICAL
CONNECTIONS. THEY
WERE MEMORIES.
CHOICES. WOUNDS.



NODE ZERO DIDN'T
CONNECT
MACHINES. IT
CONNECTED
STORIES.



NOW I
UNDERSTAND.

AURELION CLOSED HIS
LEFT EYE AND WATCHED
THE RADIUS EMERGE....



UNDERSTAND
WHAT?



WHY WE
EXIST!



EXPLAIN
YOURSELF
BETTER...



NODE ZERO DIDN'T
NEED A CREATOR.



THE NODE
NEEDED AN
INTERPRETER.



KAEL,
YOU ARE THE
ONLY
UNPREDICTABLE
NODE.



AND I
AM THE KNOT
THAT CAN'T STOP
LOOKING FOR
YOU...



THE NETWORK IS
COLLAPSING!



THE SYSTEM BEGAN
TO FAIL.

NODE ZERO WAS SATURATING ALL
NEARBY CONNECTIONS...



ALEYRA TOOK ONE LAST
PICTURE AT NODE
ZERO..AND EXCLAIMED..



IT'S NOT A
NODE...IT'S A
DOOR.



CLIFFHANGER



ORIGINAL ARCHIVE ACTIVE



PARTIAL
ACCESS
GRANTED...