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# **ZARYA OF THE DAWN**

IS IT MORNING?  
DID I FALL ASLEEP IN CENTRAL  
PARK?



AN OLD POSTCARD FELL OUT OF MY POCKET



AM I ZARYA? WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER MY OWN NAME? I'LL TRY TO FIND THIS RUSTY



"MY DEAREST ZARYA, LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT ADVENTURE, RUSTY"



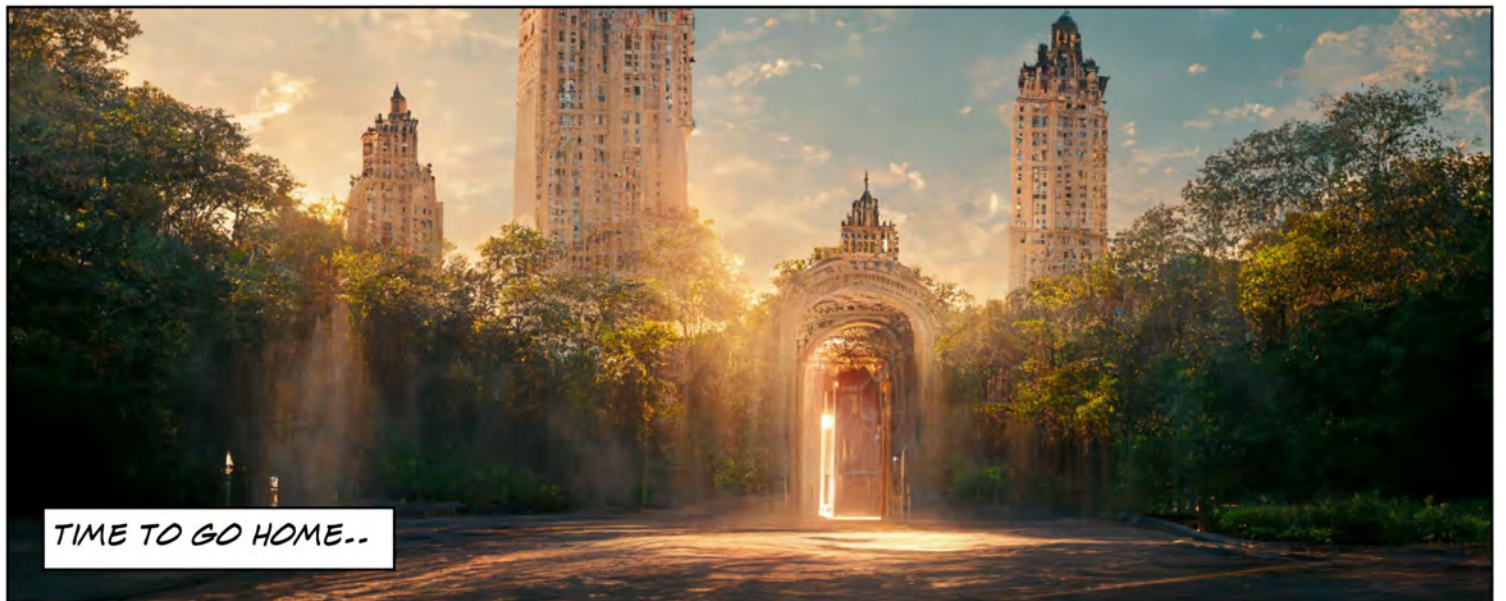
THERE'S AN ADDRESS ON  
THE POSTCARD..

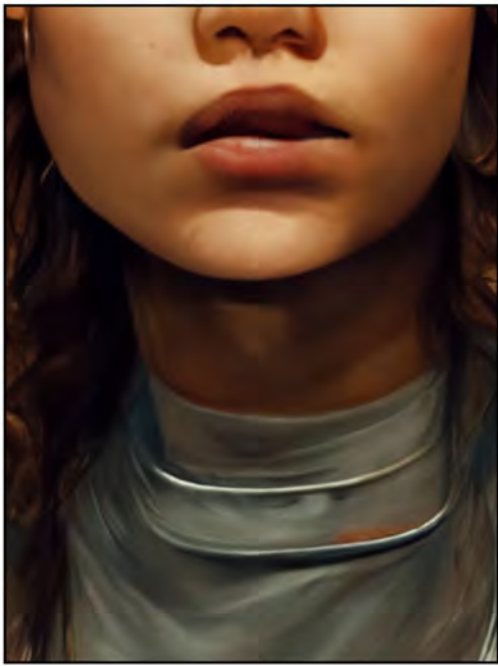


IT MUST BE WHERE I LIVE



TIME TO GO HOME..

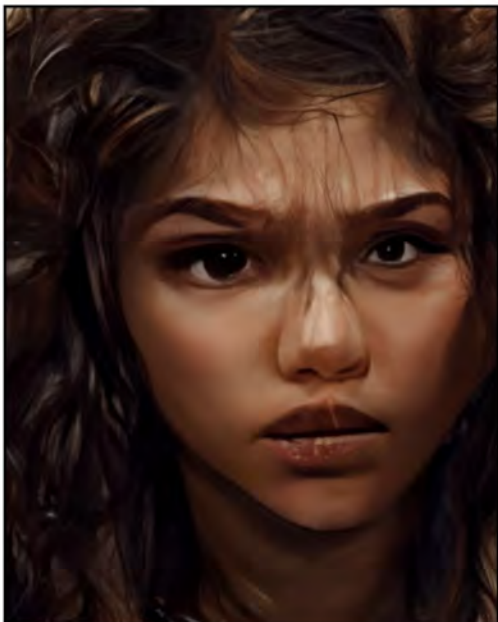
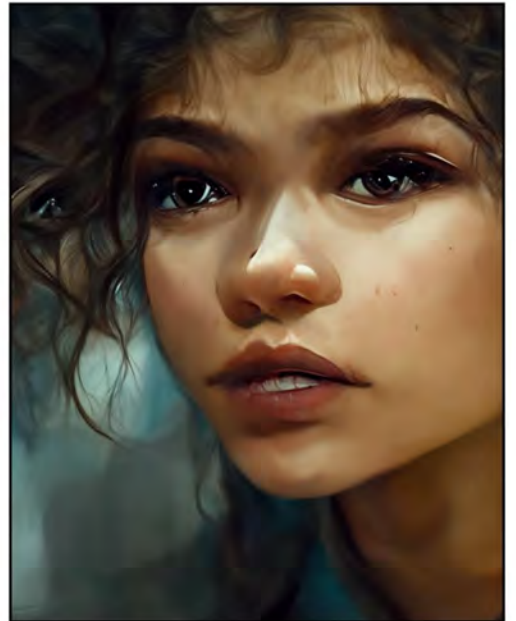




GRAND CENTRAL STATION



TIMES SQUARE



WHERE IS EVERYONE?..





IT FEELS EERIE WITHOUT OTHER PEOPLE. IT'S LIKE IT WAS COMPLETELY ABANDONED.



I GUESS I'LL WALK HOME..



WELCOME HOME..



26 AUGUST, 2023: "IT IS GETTING HARDER TO BREATHE. I'LL STAY IN CENTRAL PARK AND WAIT FOR THE SHUTTLE"



HOW CAN I REMEMBER MY WAY AROUND THE CITY, BUT NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MYSELF?



WELL, THESE ARE NICER THAN THE TATTY  
OLD CLOTHES I'M WEARING



NOBODY IS HERE TO PAY. I'LL  
WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER.

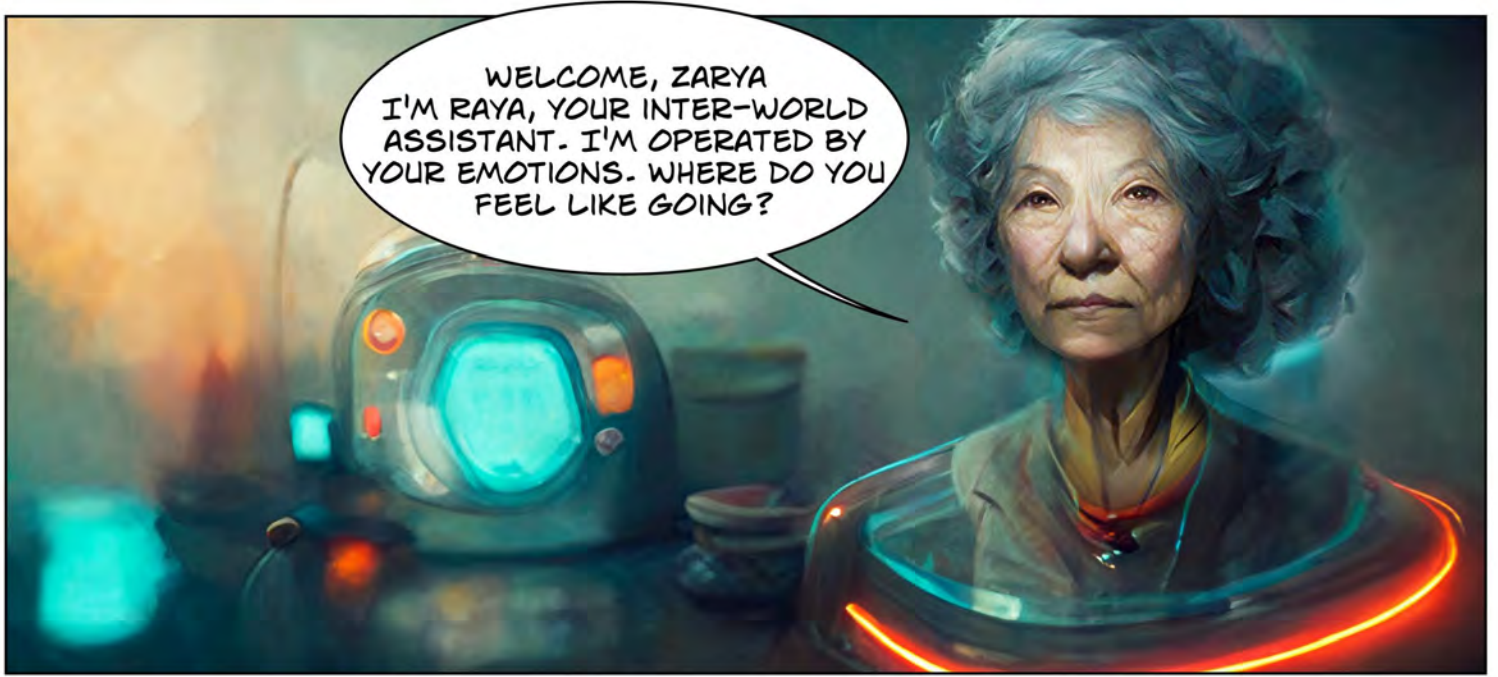






**THUD!**





WELCOME, ZARYA  
I'M RAYA, YOUR INTER-WORLD  
ASSISTANT. I'M OPERATED BY  
YOUR EMOTIONS. WHERE DO YOU  
FEEL LIKE GOING?



WHAT  
HAPPENED TO  
EVERYONE?

MENTAL HEALTH  
CRISIS IN 2023 LED TO  
ALMOST COMPLETE  
DESTRUCTION OF LIFE  
ON EARTH.



ZARYA  
IS FEELING  
FEAR, CURIOSITY  
AND LONGING.  
THE PERFECT WORLD  
TO VISIT TODAY IS--  
ZATURA WORLD



WHAT?!





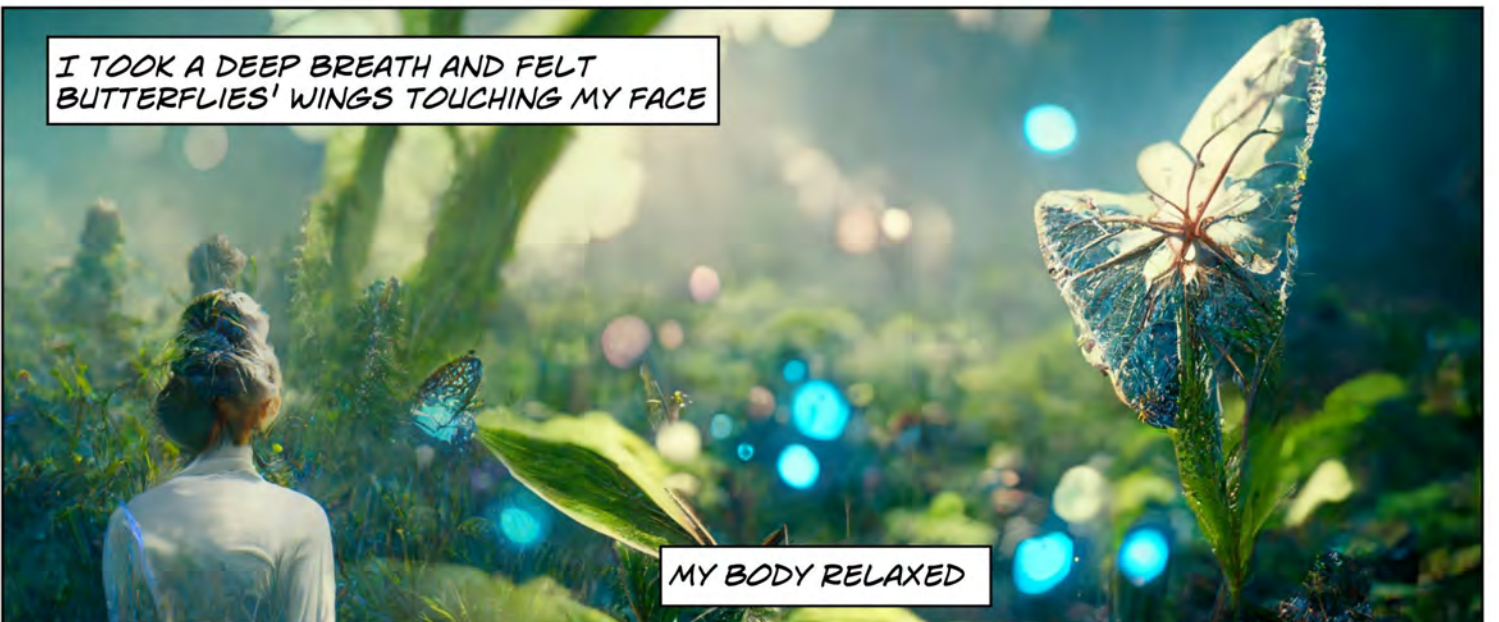
ZATURA IS THE WORLD OF ACCEPTANCE



ANOTHER PERSON? IS SHE REAL?



YOU ARE  
EXACTLY WHERE  
YOU NEED TO  
BE

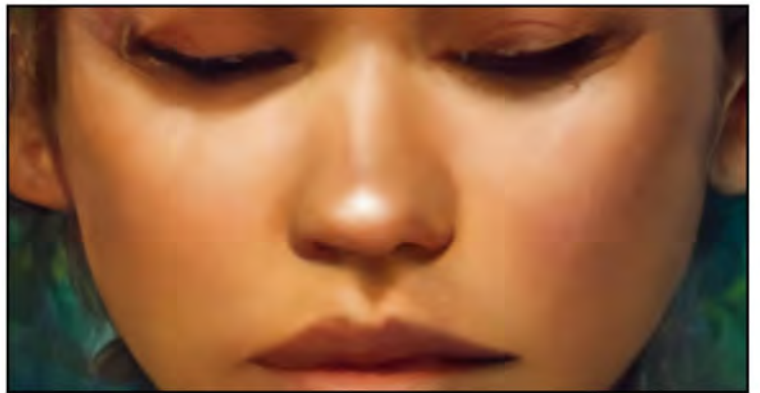


I TOOK A DEEP BREATH AND FELT  
BUTTERFLIES' WINGS TOUCHING MY FACE

MY BODY RELAXED



I WON'T FIGHT WITH MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS ANYMORE, I'LL LET THEM COME AND GO



SHE TAUGHT ME TO ACCEPT LIFE AS IS



SHE IS GONE BUT SHE LEFT ME A GIFT



ZARYA IS FEELING ACCEPTANCE

DESTINATION: CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK



I FOUND MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. BUT IF I NO LONGER SEEK TO BE IN CONTROL, I CAN FINALLY ENJOY THE RIDE.

CENTRAL PARK HAS CHANGED SINCE I WAS GONE



A FRESH START..



ACCEPTANCE IS THE FIRST STEP..



..OF LETTING GO