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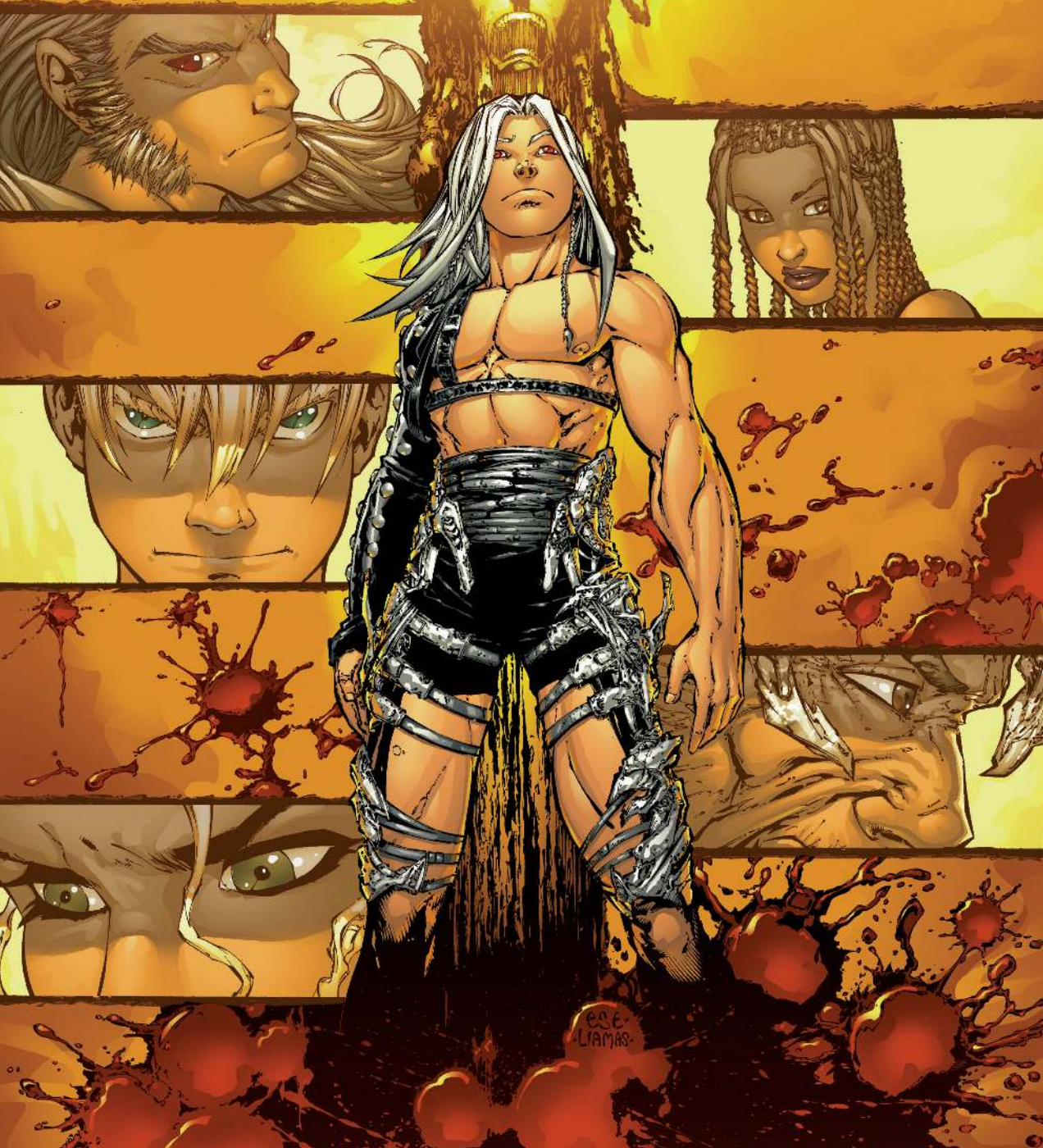
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"THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS SESSION IS TO DETERMINE WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, NEED TO BE MADE TO OUR POLICY REGARDING HUMAN BEINGS.

"FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR ASSEMBLED CITIZENS, MOST OF WHOM HAVE NEVER HAD CONTACT WITH HUMANS, I BELIEVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIES AND A SUMMARY OF OUR POLICY IS IN ORDER BEFORE WE GET TO SPECIFICS.

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OCTOBER, 1952.



"FIRST, THE SPECIES, HUMAN BEINGS, CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS A SIMPLER VERSION OF OURSELVES. THEY USE LANGUAGE AND DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY. THEY HAVE CREATED A SOCIETY THAT BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO OUR OWN."

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"UNLIKE US, THEIR SOCIETY IS FRACTURED INTO MANY HUNDREDS OF CULTURES AND LANGUAGES, AS OPPOSED TO THE HANDFUL WE DISTINGUISH AMONGST OURSELVES."

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"THESE DIFFERENCES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE YOUTH OF THEIR SPECIES. THEIR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS SEVERAL THOUSAND YEARS BEHIND OURS."


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"REMEMBER THAT WE, TOO, WERE ONCE SADDLED WITH HUNDREDS OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES. TIME WILL HOMOGENIZE THEM AS IT DID US."

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"IN THE MEANTIME, THEY ARE MUCH SMARTER THAN MOST ANIMALS AND SO WE MUST TREAT THEM WITH SPECIAL CARE. HENCE, THE POLICY."



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"IT IS, SIMPLY PUT: OBSERVATION WITHOUT INTERVENTION."



"IN PRACTICE, THIS MEANS WE INSERT AGENTS INTO THEIR SOCIETY WHILE HIDING OUR EXISTENCE FROM THEM.

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"IN PRINCIPLE, THE POLICY EXISTS BECAUSE HUMANS REACT WITH VIOLENCE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE UNKNOWN.

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"AND SINCE WE'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO GAIN FROM AN ARMED CONFLICT WITH HUMANS...

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"...WELL, TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO NEED TO AMEND THE POLICY.

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"SHOULD WE NOW? THAT IS WHAT WE MUST DECIDE.

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