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FROM THE
GUTS
OF THE
DRAGON

AFTER ACTION REPORT

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GUTS

# On how the five adventurers found each other inside the guts of the Dragon.

They all came from different Universes but decided to join forces to find a way out. They were:

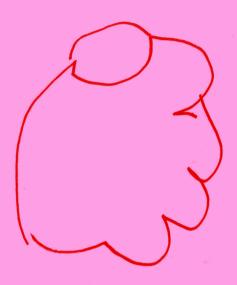
The Giant Barbarian: a moving landscape with the shape of a male humanoid inhabited by millions of little creatures.

The Pegasus Monk: isolated in a floating temple lives this unique flying horse, protected by a nanotechnological armor.

The Vampire Bard: neither dead nor alive, this mesmerizing chanteuse feeds on the energy of her audience and then sings to heal her allies.

The Cyborg Warlock: more synthetic than human, the bionic child uses his robotic prostheses to manipulate people's minds.

The Alien Druid: the foreigner on this planet, capable to take the form of any earthling animal she empathizes with.



#### TUMOR

## On how the Giant Barbarian hosted a revolution

The adventurers arrived at the Tumor, a dense mousse formed by rebellious draconian cells. The cells invaded the Giant's body leaving him immobile and overpopulated.

The Alien Druid shape-shifted into a mite and entered the Giant's body. As a mite she could see the inner life of the Giant: some of the little creature that inhabit the Giant were fighting the draconian cells but others were joining them and rebelling against the Giant. That's why his body was stiff ad swollen.

-If you kill the organism that contains you, you will die with it-said the Alien to both the draconian cells and the little creatures.

The cells decided to stop fighting and dissolved the rebellious tumor.

But for the Giant, it was too late. Among his inhabitants, the seed of revolution had been planted.

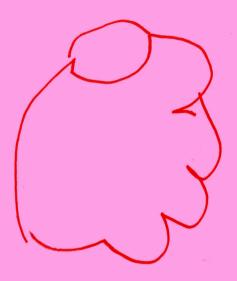


#### HEART

#### On how the Pegasus Monk met its equal

The adventurers entered the Heart, a fleshy chamber of sunset colors ruled by the Corolian Queen, warden of the Dragon's life force. Upon arrival, an explosive and harmful beam came out of the Pegasus' wound, reaching the Queen. Bonded by light, Pegasus and Queen recognized each other as equals: two bearers of life.

The Giant went into defensive mode, protecting the group from the light explosion, while the Vampire Bard healed everyone with her songs. — There cannot be two queens in the Heart of a Dragon — said the Corolian Queen —. You must leave or the Dragon will die.



### LUNGS

# On how the Vampire Bard learned to shape the Primordial Sound

After leaving the heart of the Dragon, the five adventurers entered the lungs. The lungs of the Dragon are a cavity of crystal and lava structures.

Suddenly, a painful sound stunned everyone except the Vampire Bard. The sonic sensors of the Cyborg Warlock managed to analyze the noise: it was the Primordial Sound, an aural mass containing every possible overtone.

As the other adventurers recovered their hearing, the Vampire Bard deafened. She could not hear anything. The Primordial Sound had not affected her at first, but soon made her hearing fade.

This loss brought with it a great learning: the Vampire Bard learnt she could give shape to that brutal aural mass. She could either mould it as lava to turn it into a healing song or she could cut it like crystal to create a weakening song. Both shapes had their origin in the one Primordial Sound.



### SPINAL CORD

# On how the Cyborg Warlock joined the draconian network

Touching the dark, electrified walls of the spinal cord, the Cyborg Warlock connected to the Dragon's mind. It was the biggest network he had ever sensed.

The Pegasus Monk used its nanotechnology to link the rest of the group to the Cyborg's interface. That's how they all learnt that the Dragon was not a mere Dragon. In fact, there were many dragons, one for each Universe. But on the inside all the dragons were connected: their guts were the portal of the Multiverse. That's why the five adventurers had been swallowed by different dragons but they all met in the bowels.



### EYE

# On how the Alien Druid became the Dragon

After wandering through the guts, the Alien Druid was at last capable of empathizing with the suffering of the Dragon. Now she could become the Dragon and carry out her long-awaited plan.

As the adventures entered the Eye of the Dragon, it flooded with a bitter liquid that formed a thick tear. The Pegasus, the Vampire, the Cyborg and the Giant were swept away by the current while the Alien began to grow and change her shape.

The four adventures managed to escape. They left the Eye in the last tear of the dying Dragon, who was being eaten by the Alien Druid, from within.

