

SUPERHERO MANDROID

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MANDROID FAILED

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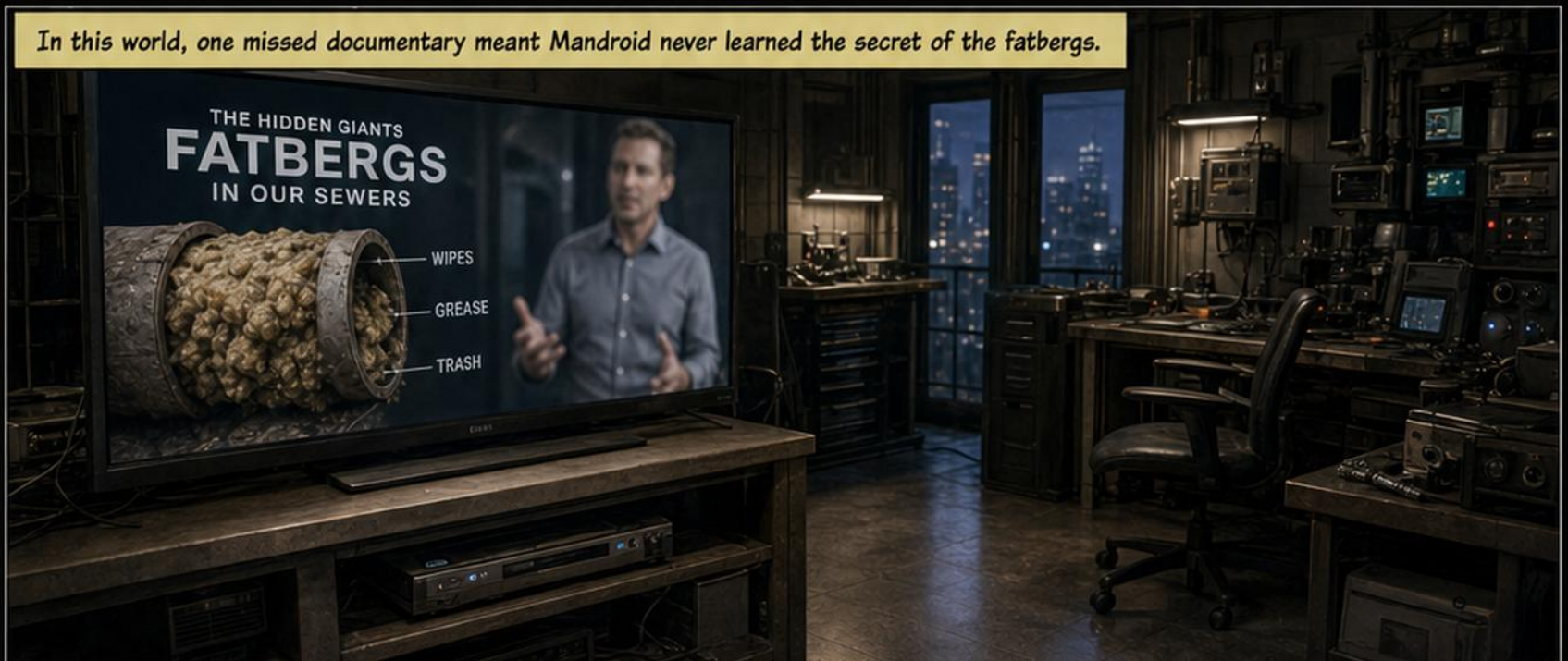
Editor's Note: Detective Webwidow first appeared in Issue 8.



Webwidow had swung through many worlds, and most were almost the same as ours.



In this world, one missed documentary meant Mandroid never learned the secret of the fatbergs.



Editor's Note: The sludge demon first appeared in Issue 2.



The electricity-eating purple sludge rolled toward the city power plant.



Mandroid tried shields, fists, and every tactic he knew.



Without the fatberg clue, he never found the one answer that mattered.



The sludge consumed the hero, then the power plant, and the city went dark.



Editor's Note: Master Liang Chen first appeared in Issue 7.



Master Liang Chen came looking for the greatest challenge left in the powerless city.



His strongest punches and kicks passed through demonic liquid without stopping it.



Then his chi shattered a fire hydrant, and falling water made the monster recoil.



Liang shaped the hydrant spray with tai chi, turning water into a weapon.



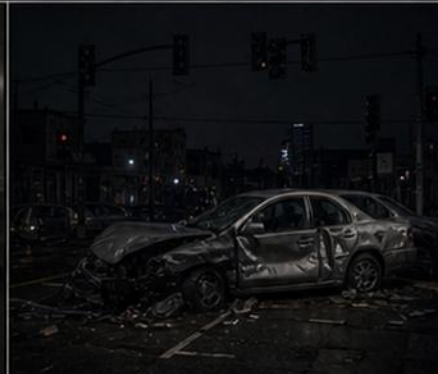
It worked until the hydrant ran dry.



Before he reached another, the sludge closed over him.



The city waited for rain, but no rain came.



The creature sealed every road and swatted aircraft from the sky, leaving the city to starve in the dark.



Editor's Note: Dr. Vera Volta and Hydrohero Womandroid first appeared in Issue 4.



Desperate, Dr. Volta found Dr. Dawes in the dark lab where Mandroid would never return.



Build another android, she told him, because genius was useless if it only mourned.



There will never be another Mandroid, Dawes answered. Volta heard grief, but she also heard a challenge.



Without electricity,
Volta built a hero
powered by water itself.



Hydrohero Womandroid
struck the sludge with
torrents, whips, and
pressurized rain.



For the first time, the
monster retreated from
the city streets.



Then it saw her
chest tank falling
toward empty.



With the last of her
water, Hydrohero fled
upward as tendrils
clawed at the sky.



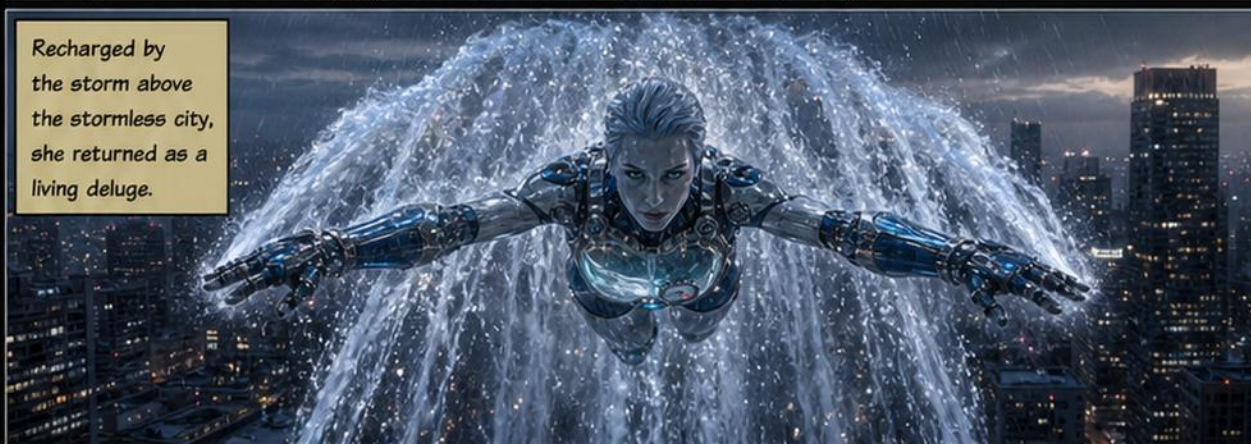
In the clouds,
Hydrohero did not
run out of power.



She drank the
water from
the sky.



Recharged by
the storm above
the stormless city,
she returned as a
living deluge.



The sludge washed
away, the power grid
woke, and the trapped
city breathed again.



In that world, Mandroid
was remembered as the
hero who fell, and
Hydrohero became
the hero who saved
everyone else.

