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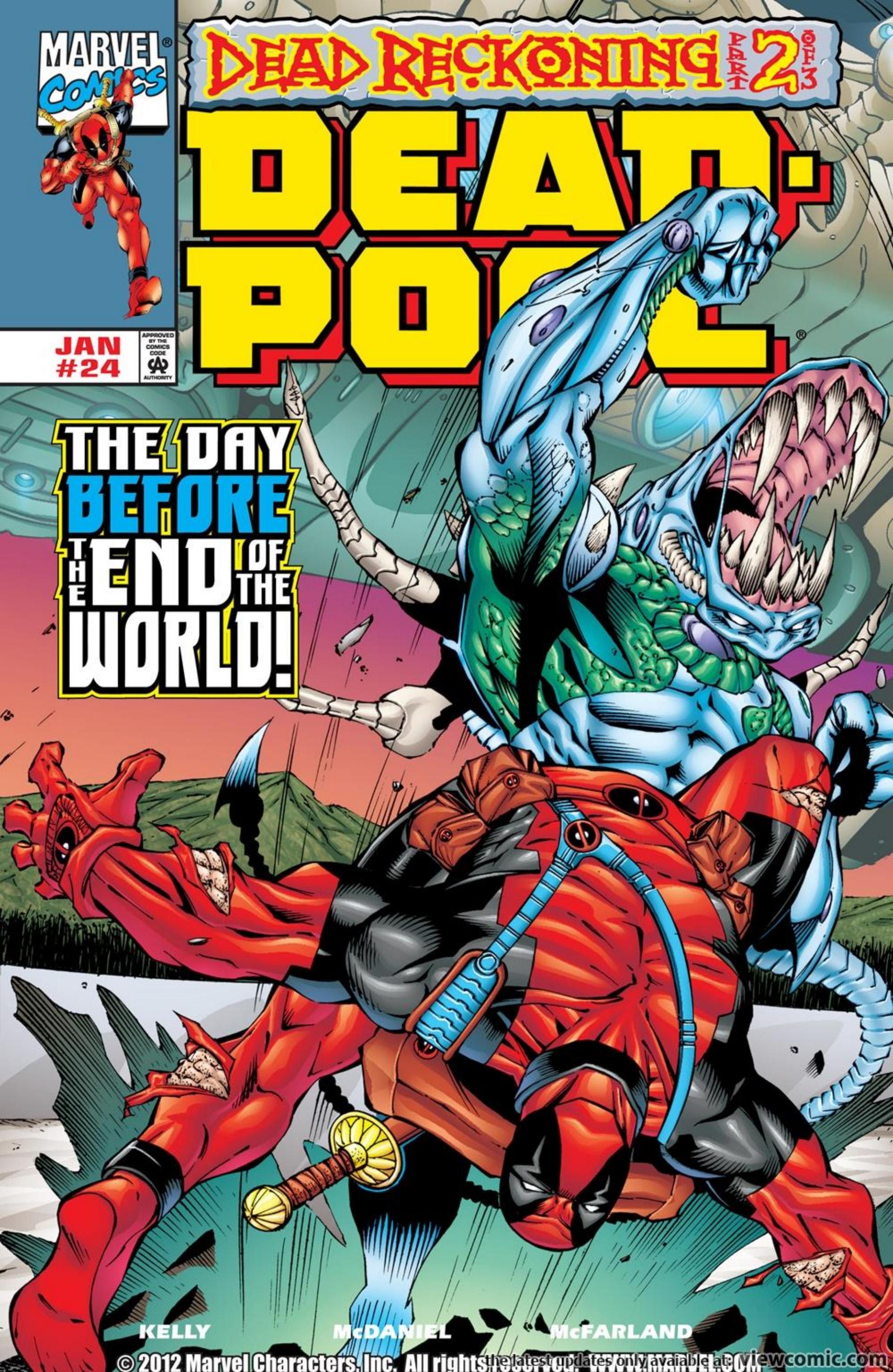
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DEAD RECKONING PART 2 OF 3

# DEADPOOL

THE DAY  
BEFORE  
THE END OF THE  
WORLD!



KELLY

McDANIEL

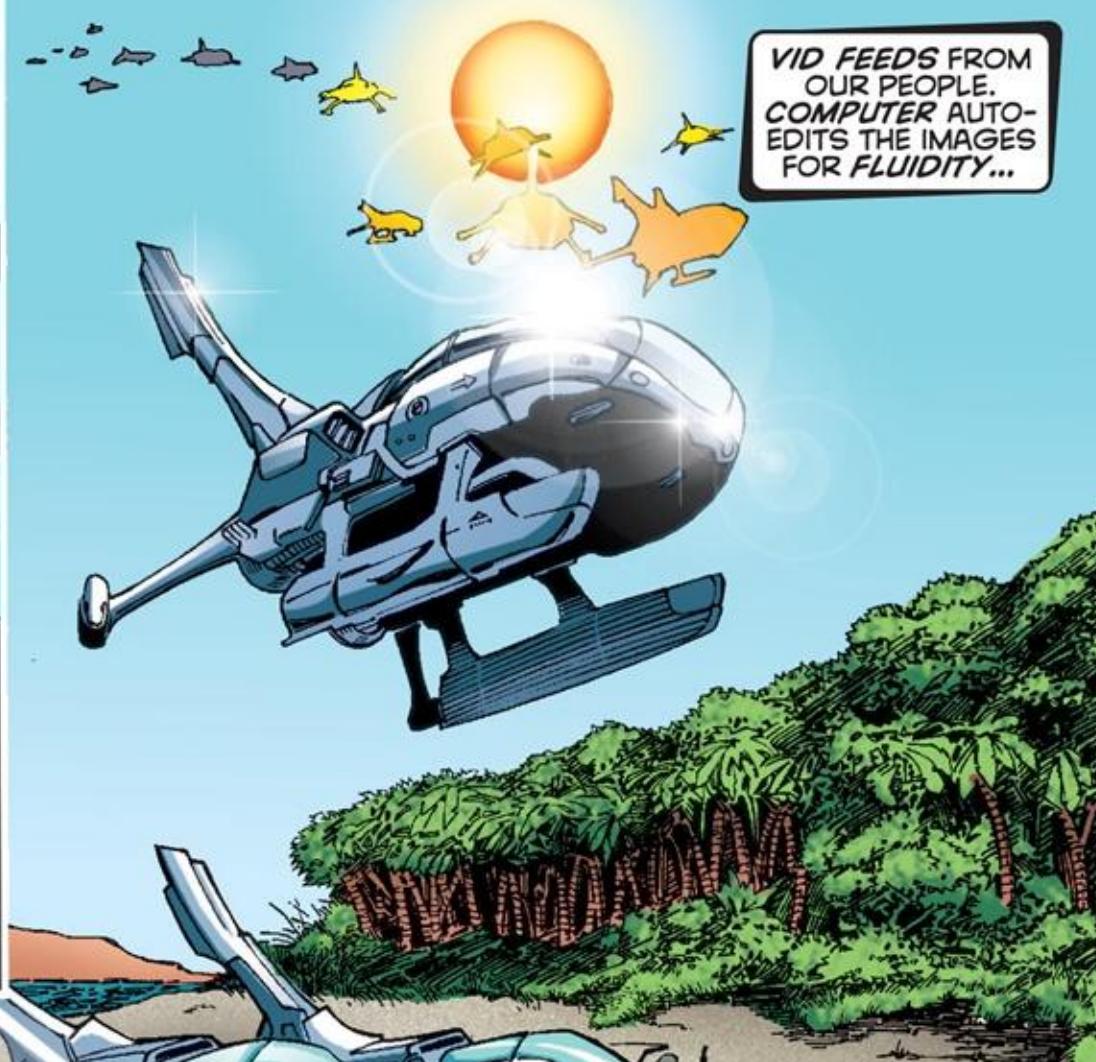
McFARLAND

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THIS IS THE  
COAST OF  
PUERTO RICO...



JUST OUTSIDE  
OF ARECIBO.



VID FEEDS FROM  
OUR PEOPLE.  
COMPUTER AUTO-  
EDITS THE IMAGES  
FOR FLUIDITY...



# DEAD RECKONING PART 2 OF 3

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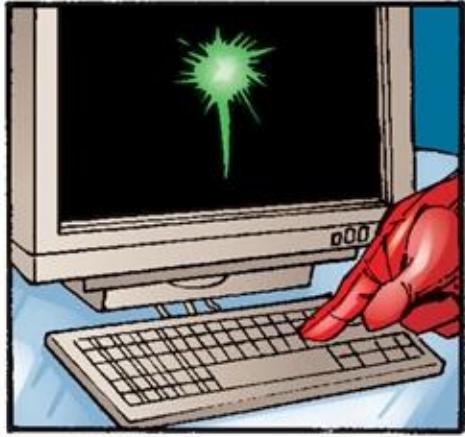
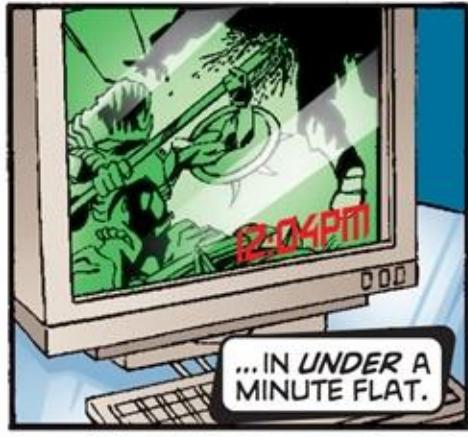
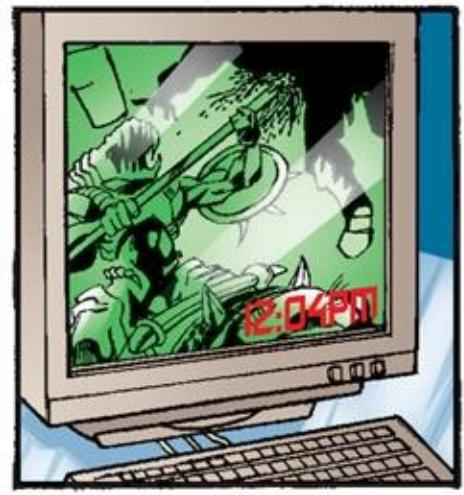
I'M NOT GOING TO LIST THE NAMES, THOUGH I KNOW THEM...

# Stan Lee presents 2nd Stringers & Dead Ringers

JOE KELLY script WALTER McDANIEL pencils WHITNEY McFARLAND inks  
MATT HICKS colors RS & COMICRAFT's Emerson Miranda letters  
MATT IDELSON editor BOB HARRAS editor in chief

...I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU THAT THEY WERE ALL GOOD MEN WITH PRETTY FAMILIES AND PICKET FENCES, BECAUSE MOST OF THEM WEREN'T...

THEY WERE JUST MEN. MY MEN...



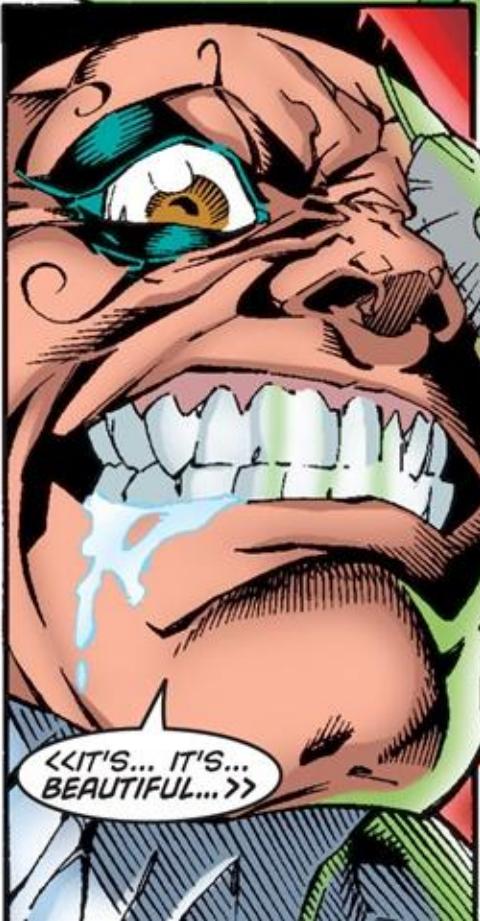




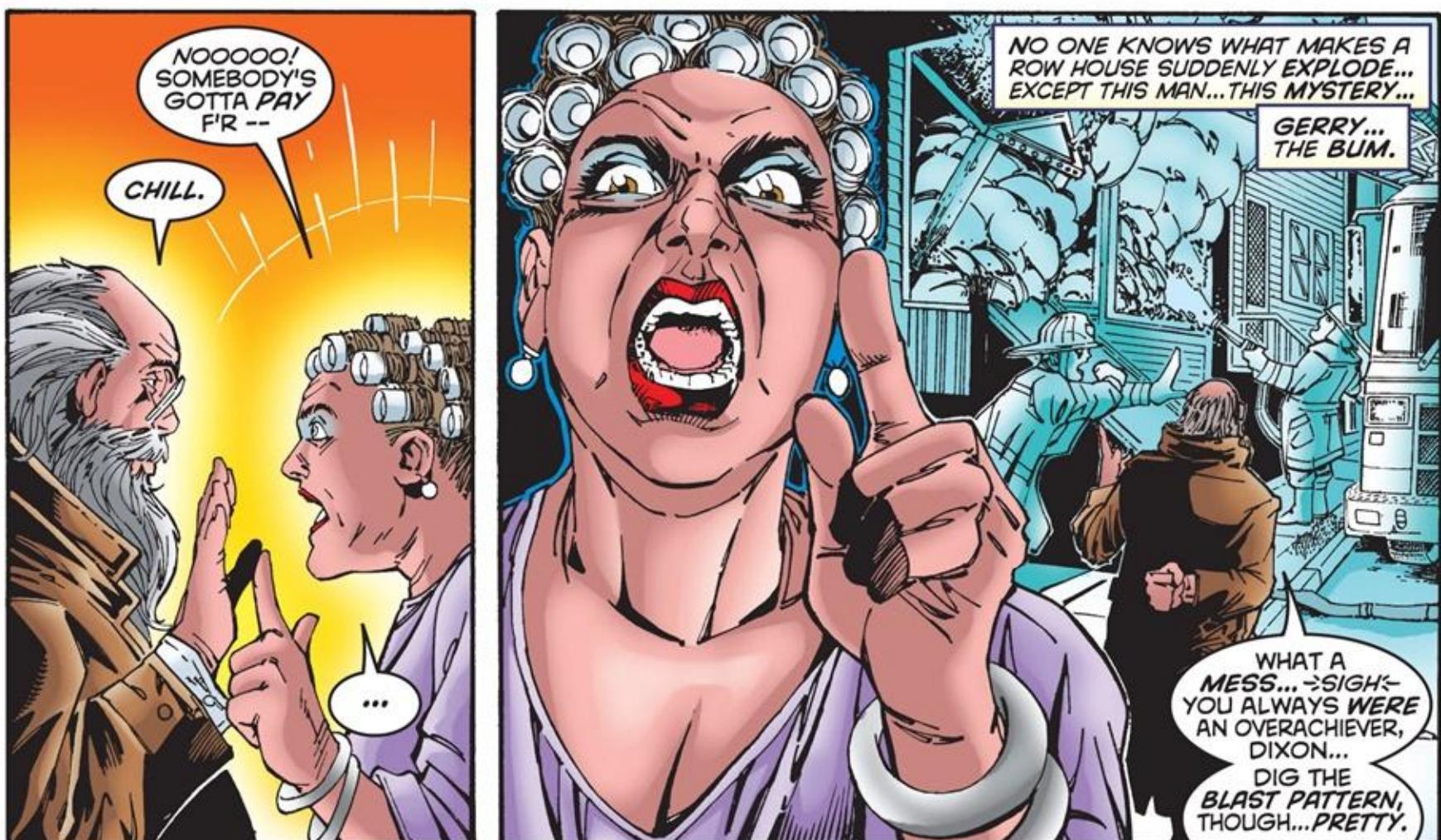
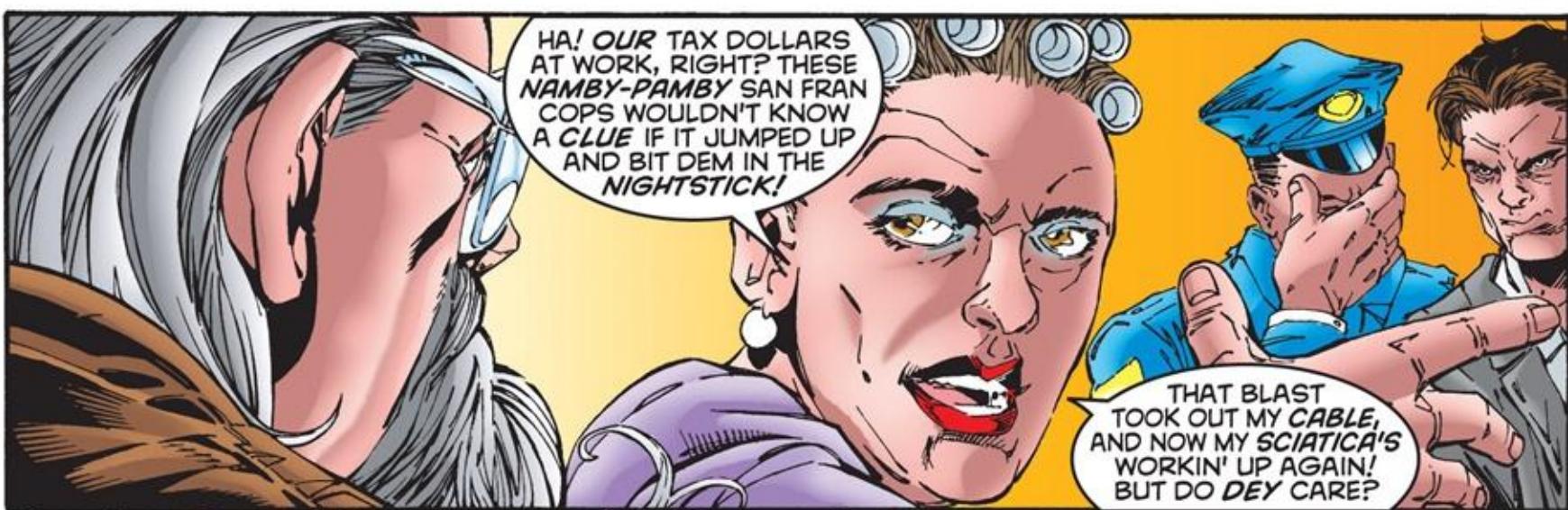
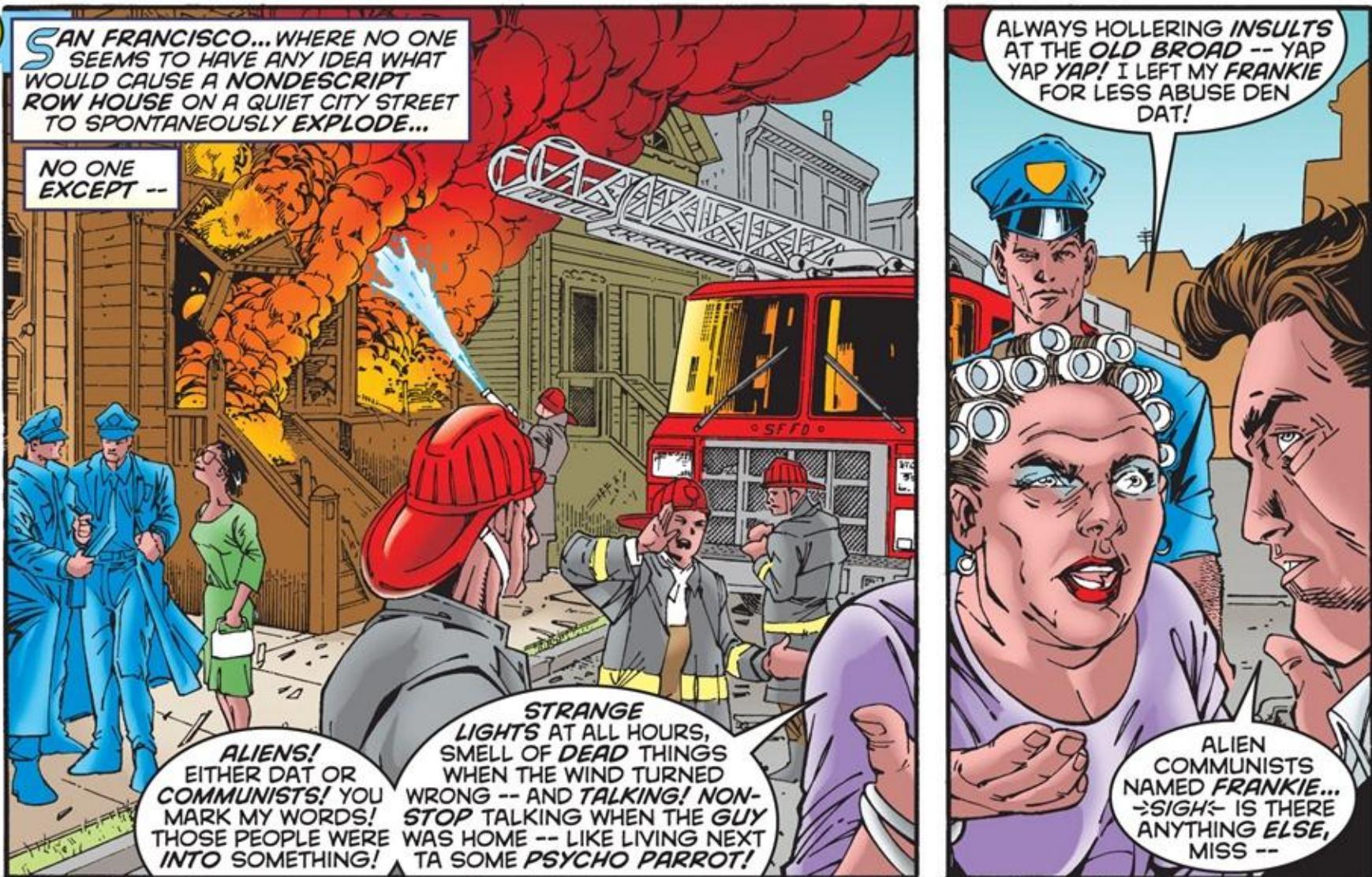


MEANWHILE...LIGHT YEARS ACROSS THE VOID THAT SEPARATES EARTH AND CHANDILAR, THE SHI'AR HOME PLANET...

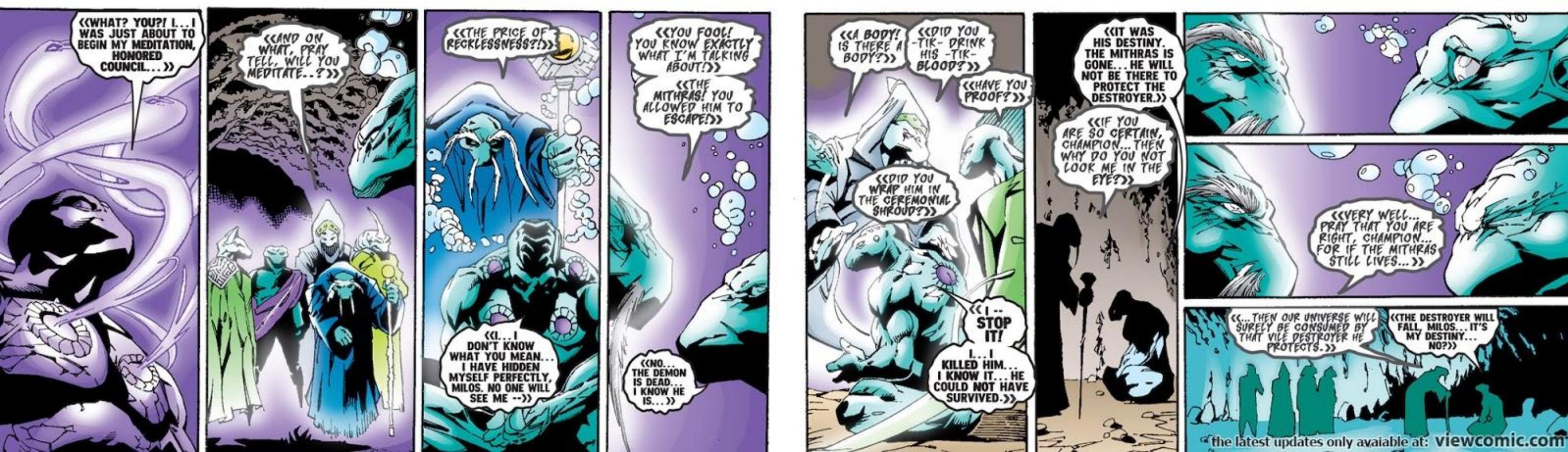
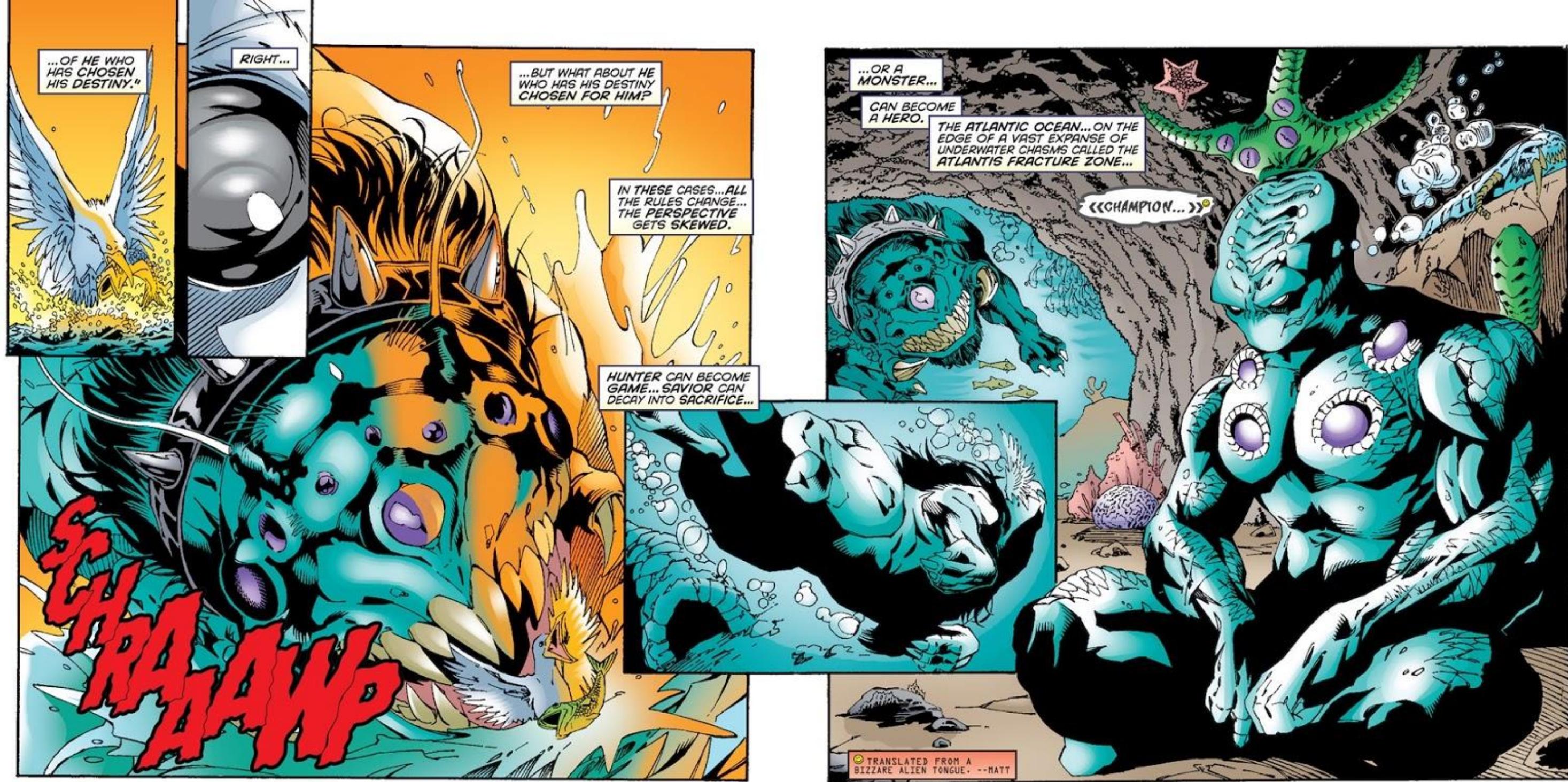
COMMANDER M'KELLEN AND HIS CREW KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR...

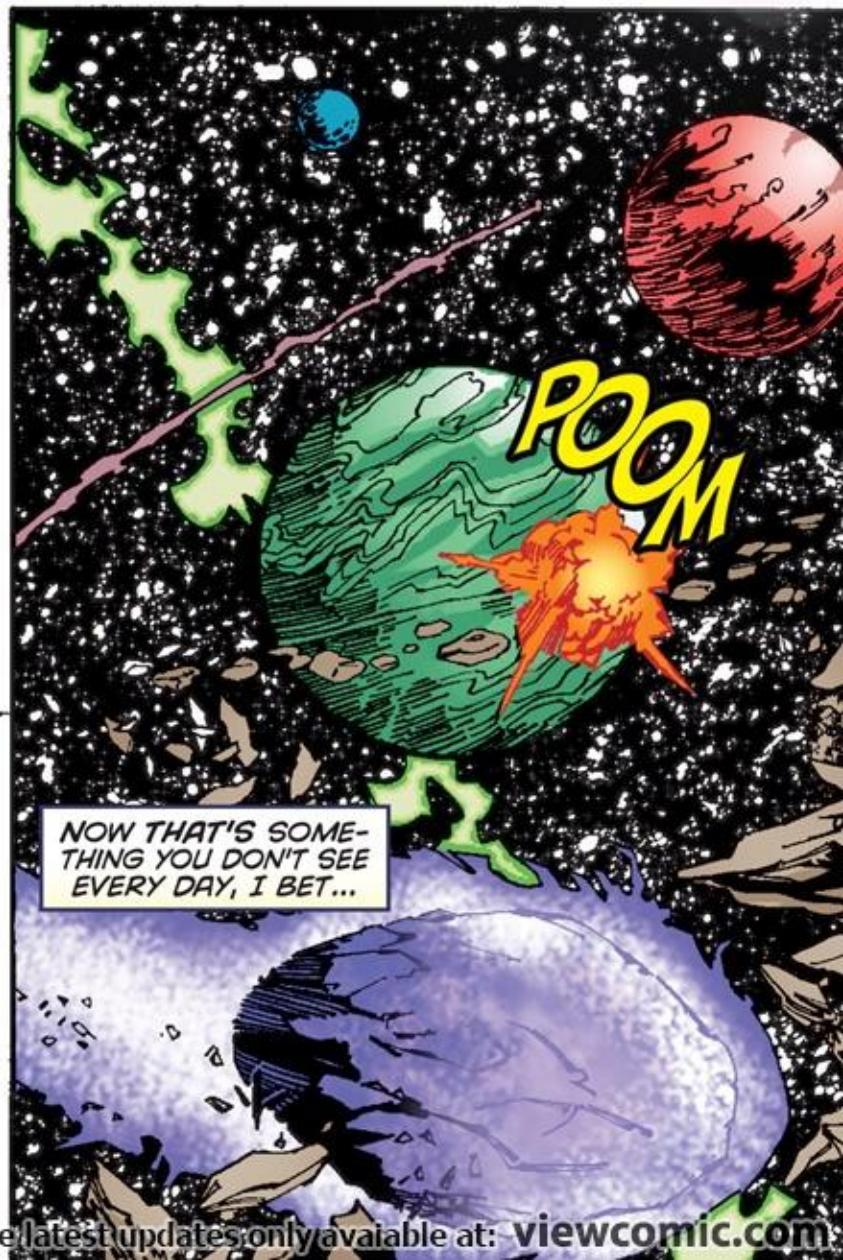
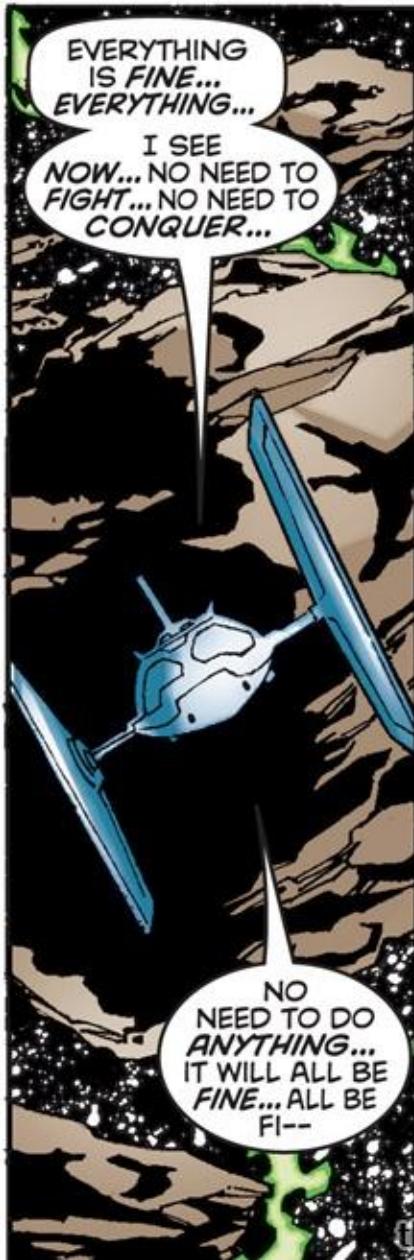
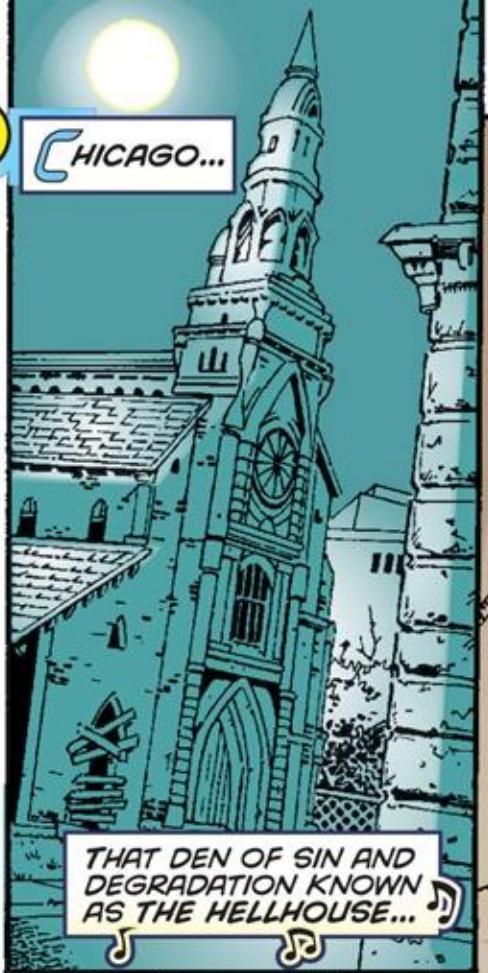






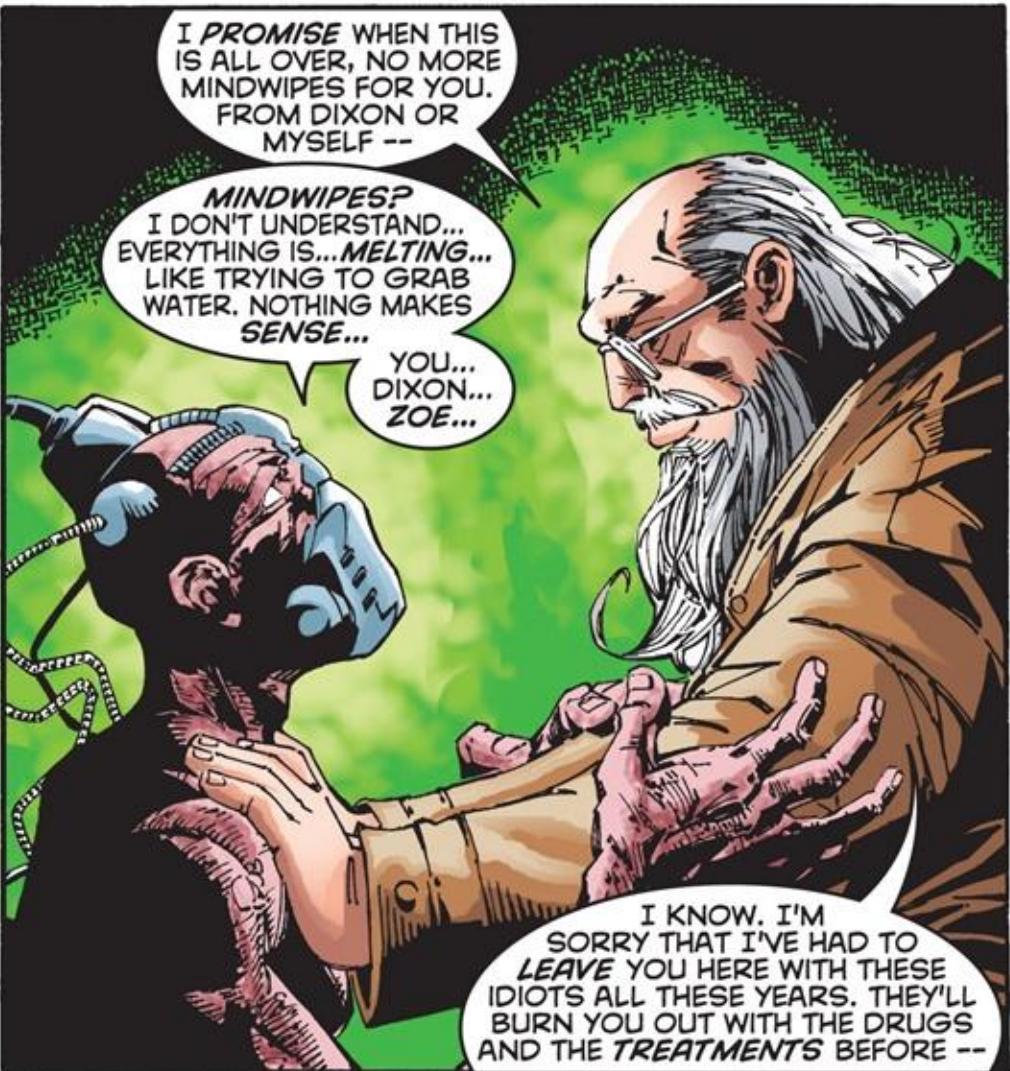














«CAN I THE CHAMPION?» «COUNSEL, I BEG YOUR WISDOM AND VISION...»

«YES... YOU WILL DELIVER US FROM THE DESTROYER...»

«YES... WE SEE THE CEREMONIAL SHROUD... THOUGH WE CANNOT SAY TO WHOM SHE CLINGS... PERHAPS TO YOUR NEXT FOE, A HUMAN GLAD IN STARS...»

«DOES UNCERTAINTY FRIGHTEN YOU?»

«WILL DEATH COME TO THE SAND THAT DAY?»

«I HAVE NO FEAR... DESTINY HAS CHOSEN ME --»

«BECAUSE YOU ARE THE JUST...»

«YOU -TIK- ARE THE RIGHTEOUS...»

«YOU ARE THE FEARLESS...»

«YOU ARE THE LAST HOPE OF ALL WHO WOULD LIVE FREE IN THE UNIVERSE...»

«AND DESTINY CALLS YOU AT LAST...»

«TO THE SAND...»

«TO THE SAND... THANK YOU, COUNSEL... WHEN NEXT WE SPEAK...»

«... MY ENEMIES WILL LIE IN ROT... AND THE DESTROYER WILL BE UNDONE. THIS I SWEAR.»





SAN FRANCISCO...  
GOLDEN GATE PARK.

IT'S OVER... IT'S ALL  
OVER... WE'RE DOOMED...  
EVERYTHING'S OVER...  
THE WORLD... HUMANITY...  
NO PROMOTION...  
NO NOTHING...  
DOOMED --

-WHEW-  
EXPLOSION...

CEASELESS  
WHINING FROM  
THE YUPPIE  
CHICK...

EXPLOSION...

WHINING...  
EXPLOSION...

IT'S NO  
CONTEST... I  
SHOULDA GOT  
BLOWN UP.

ENOUGH ALREADY  
WITH THE "WE'RE  
DOOMED"  
CLAPTRAP,  
CULLODEN!

**SWAK**

MY EARS  
FINALLY STOPPED  
RINGING... I DON'T  
WANT YOU TO MAKE  
'EM START AGAIN!

Oh, Al... YOU POOR  
WOMAN... NOT JUST  
SIGHTLESS, BUT BLIND  
TO THE TRUTH AS  
WELL...

DON'T  
YOU GET IT?  
DEADPOOL'S GONE...  
THE MITHRAS... THE  
HERALD OF THE  
MESSIAH...

WITHOUT HIM IT  
ALL FALLS APART. TIAMAT  
DESTROYS THE MESSIAH... THE  
WORLD FALLS TO RUIN --

IN CASE  
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE,  
ZOE, INSTEAD OF BEIN'  
GUESTS OF HONOR AT  
AN INSTANT BARBECUE,  
WE'RE STILL BREATHIN'  
ON A PARK BENCH!

WE'RE ALIVE! WASN'T NO ONE  
BACK HOME BUT THE THREE OF  
US WHEN IT BLEW, SO IF WE'RE  
STILL KICKIN', IT'S BECAUSE  
WADE DID SOMETHIN'!

TRUST ME, AS  
SOMEONE WHO LIVED  
WITH THE MAN FOR YEARS,  
WADE ISN'T THE SELFLESS  
TYPE. IF WE'RE ALIVE, HE'S  
ALREADY CAMPED OUT SOME-  
WHERE WATCHING WORLD'S  
WORST POLICE CHASES  
AND DROOLING INTO AN  
EMPTY SIX PACK --

**WHOA!**

WHAT ON  
EARTH --?

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING? IS THIS  
SOME STUPID CANDID  
CAMERA STUNT, 'CAUSE I  
SWEAR I'LL KILL THAT  
FUNKY KID --



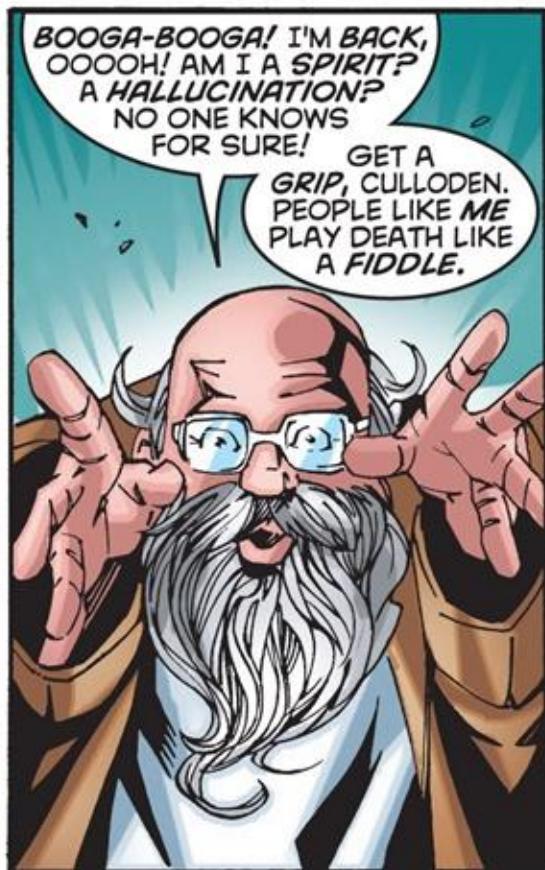
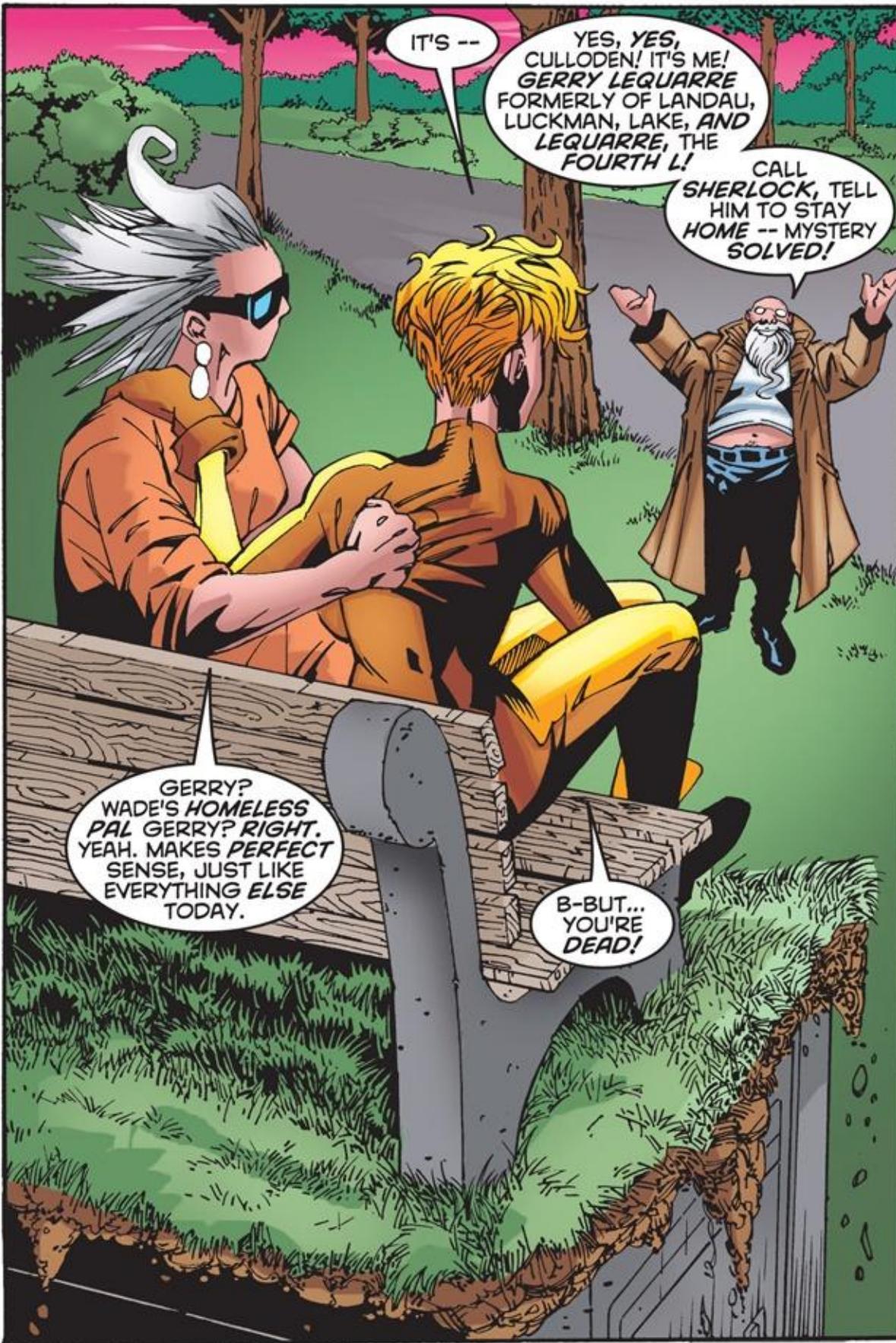
**SCHUNKOOM**

**VRRRRRRMM**

IT'S A DOOR!  
SOMEONE'S  
COMING --

OH... MY...  
GOD...

WHAT?  
WHAT?  
WHAAAT?



"FOR EONS... I HAVE BEEN HERE..."



"OBSERVING THE SAME BLUE-GREEN ORB... A SIMPLE PLANET THAT HAS COME TO MEAN SO MUCH MORE TO ME..."

"I HAVE SEEN EARTH AND HER INHABITANTS AT THEIR TIMES OF GREATEST SPLENDOR... AND THEIR AGES OF DARKEST DESPAIR... ALWAYS... HUMANITY PREVAILS..."

"...YET TODAY... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN GENERATIONS... I FEAR FOR THEIR FUTURE. FOR MY FUTURE."



"I CANNOT DIVINE THE PURPOSE OF THE CREATURE THAT HURTS TOWARDS EARTH..."

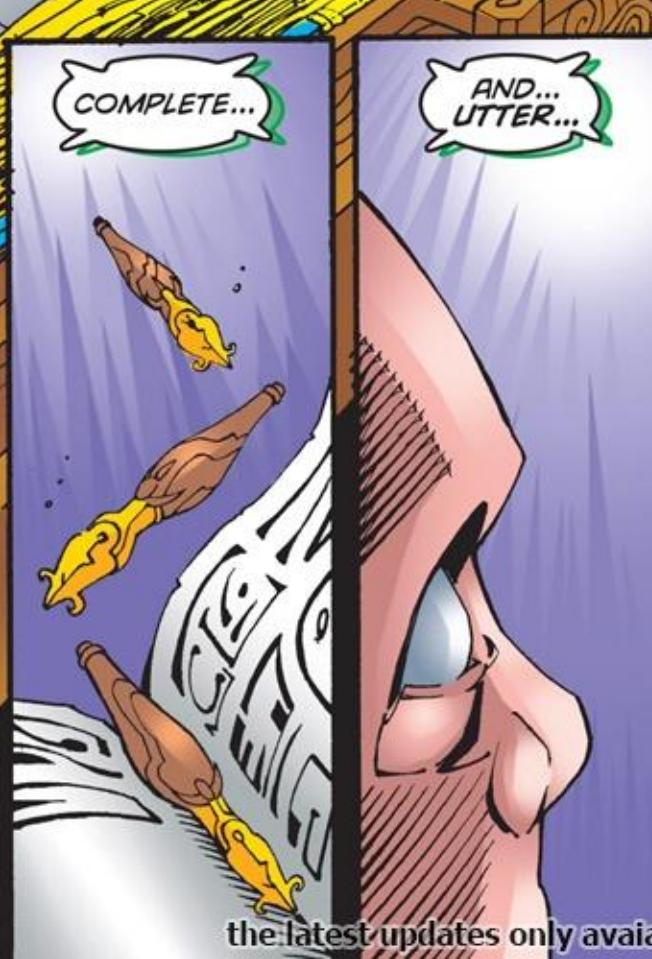


"...I KNOW ONLY THAT IT IS A BEING OF SUCH POWER AND MAGNIFICENCE AS TO RIVAL GALACTUS HIMSELF..."

"AND HAS ALREADY TOUCHED THOUSANDS OF PLANETS... LEAVING BEHIND IN ITS WAKE..."

"COMPLETE..."

"AND... UTTER..."





**Next: The Second Coming!**