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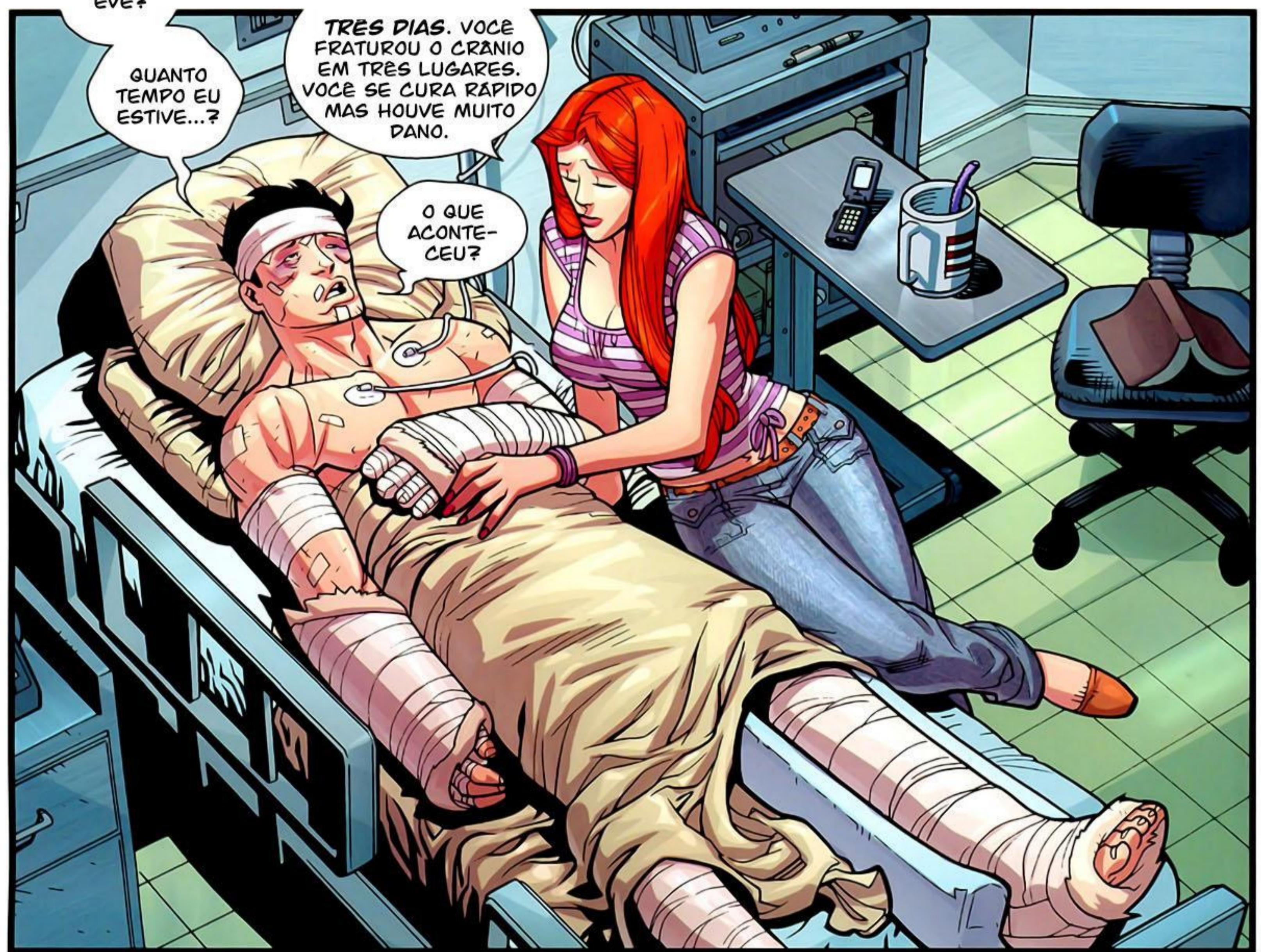
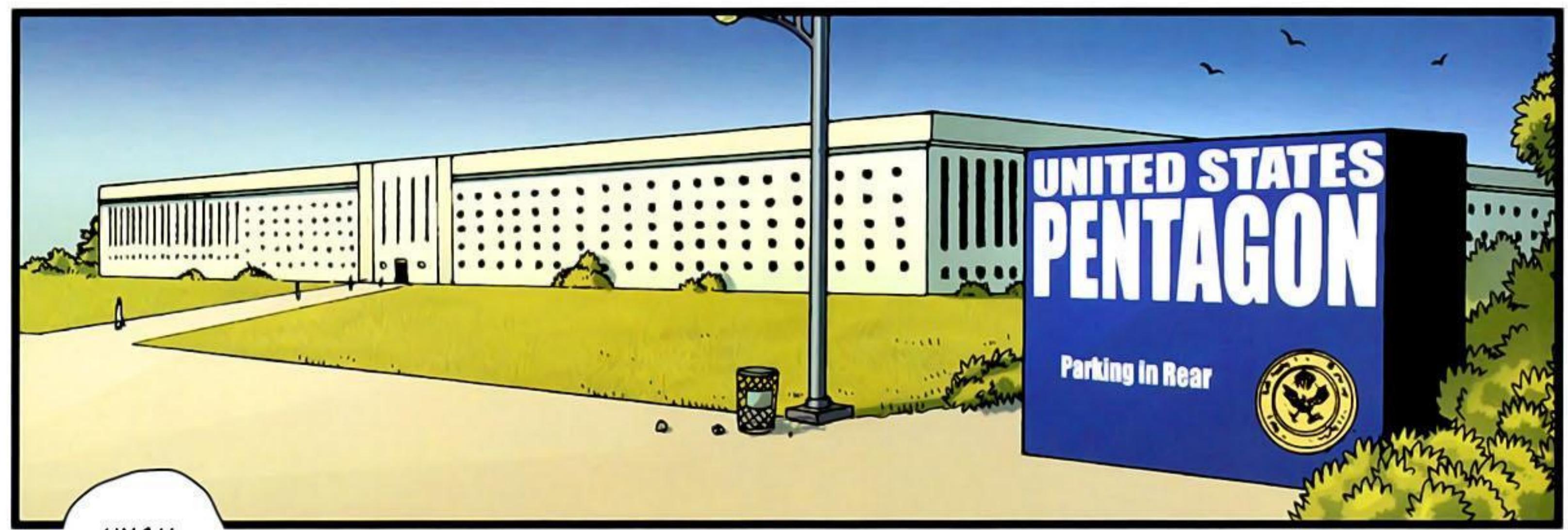
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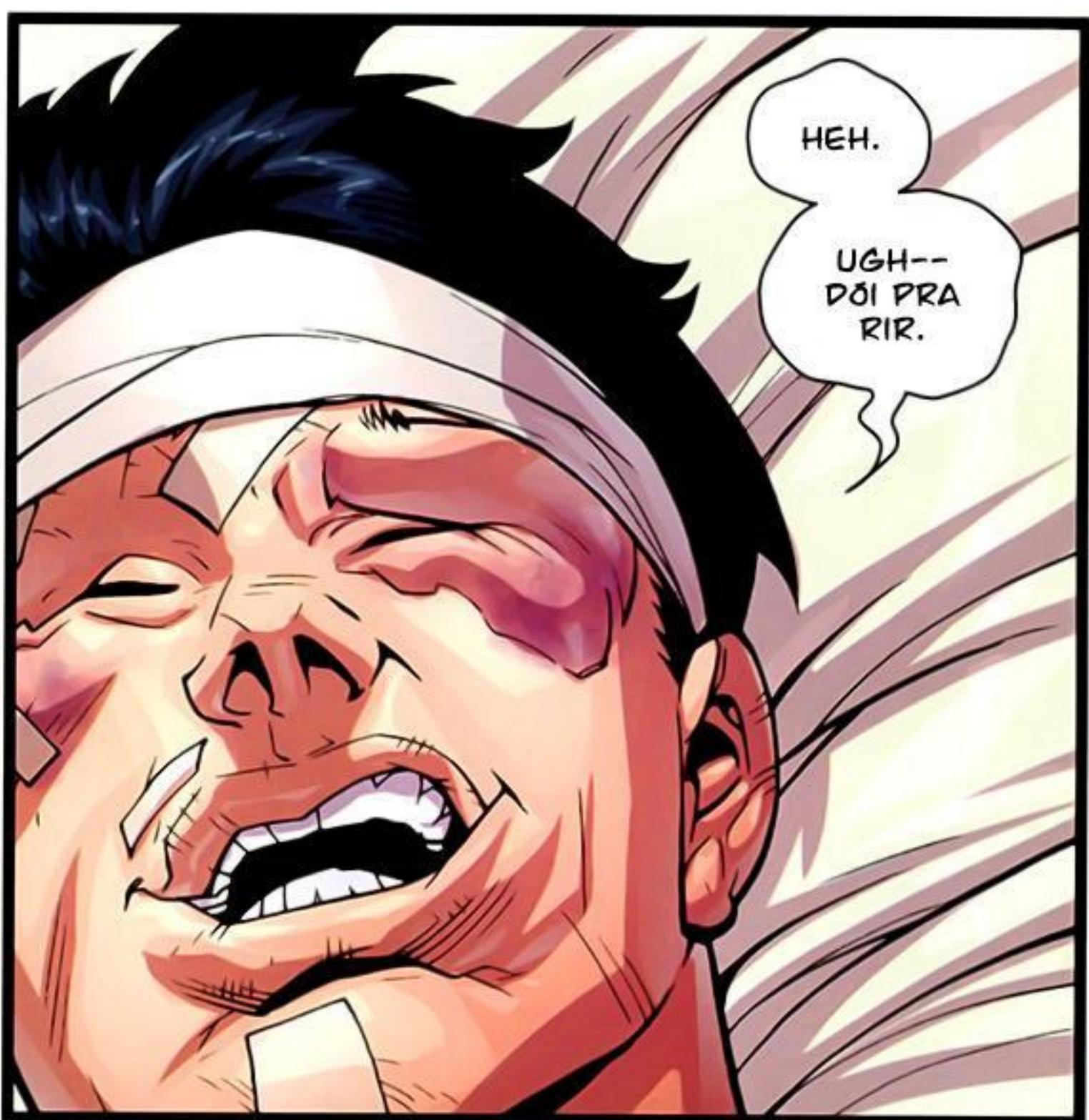
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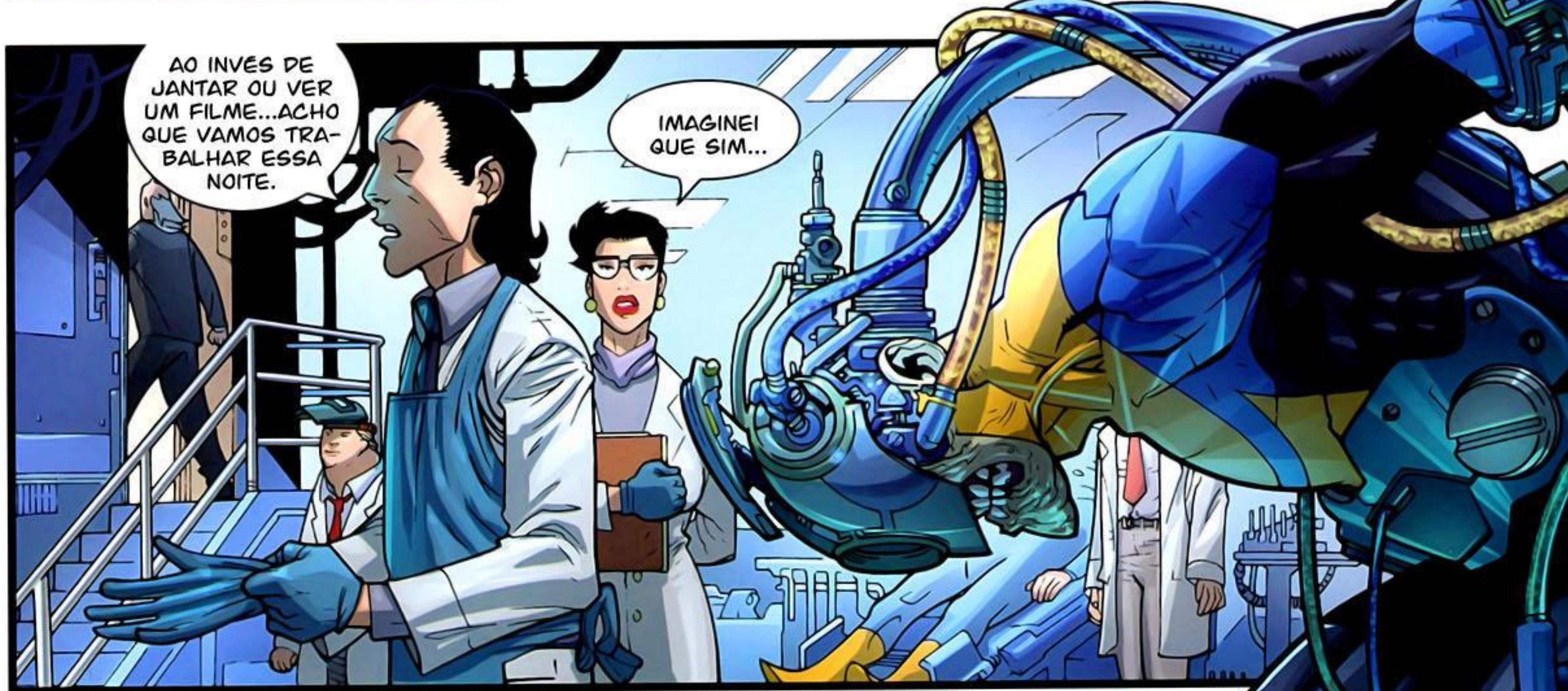
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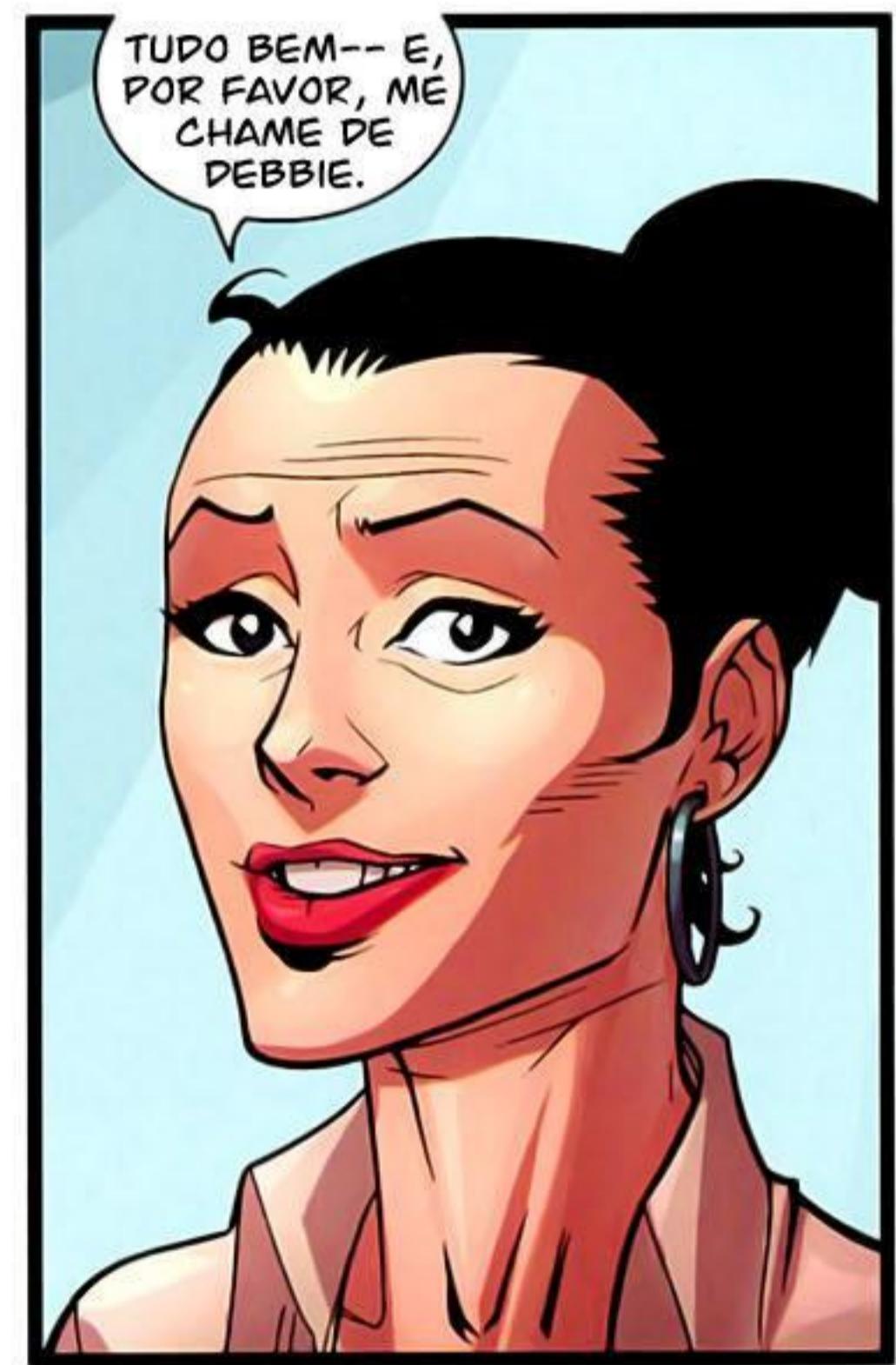
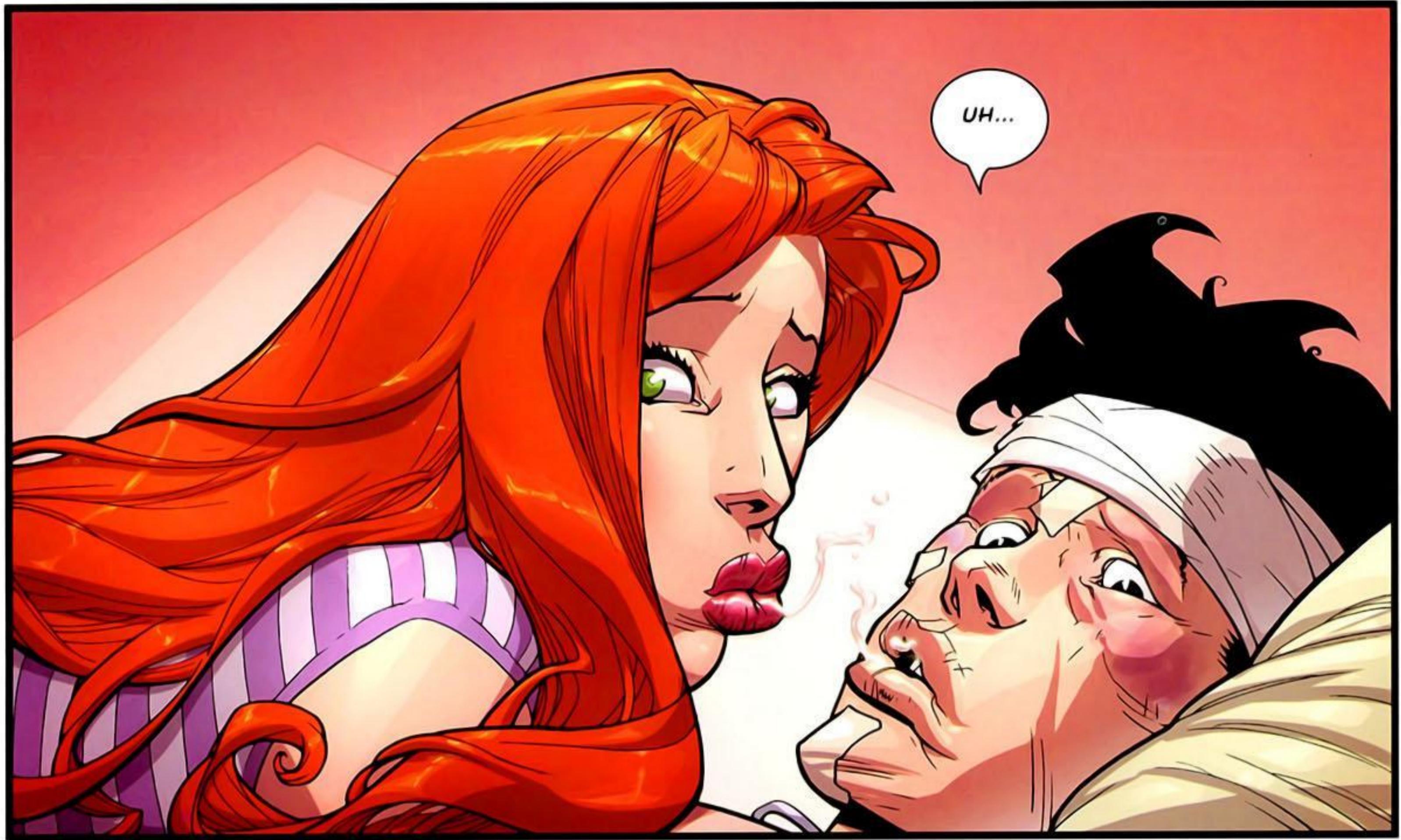
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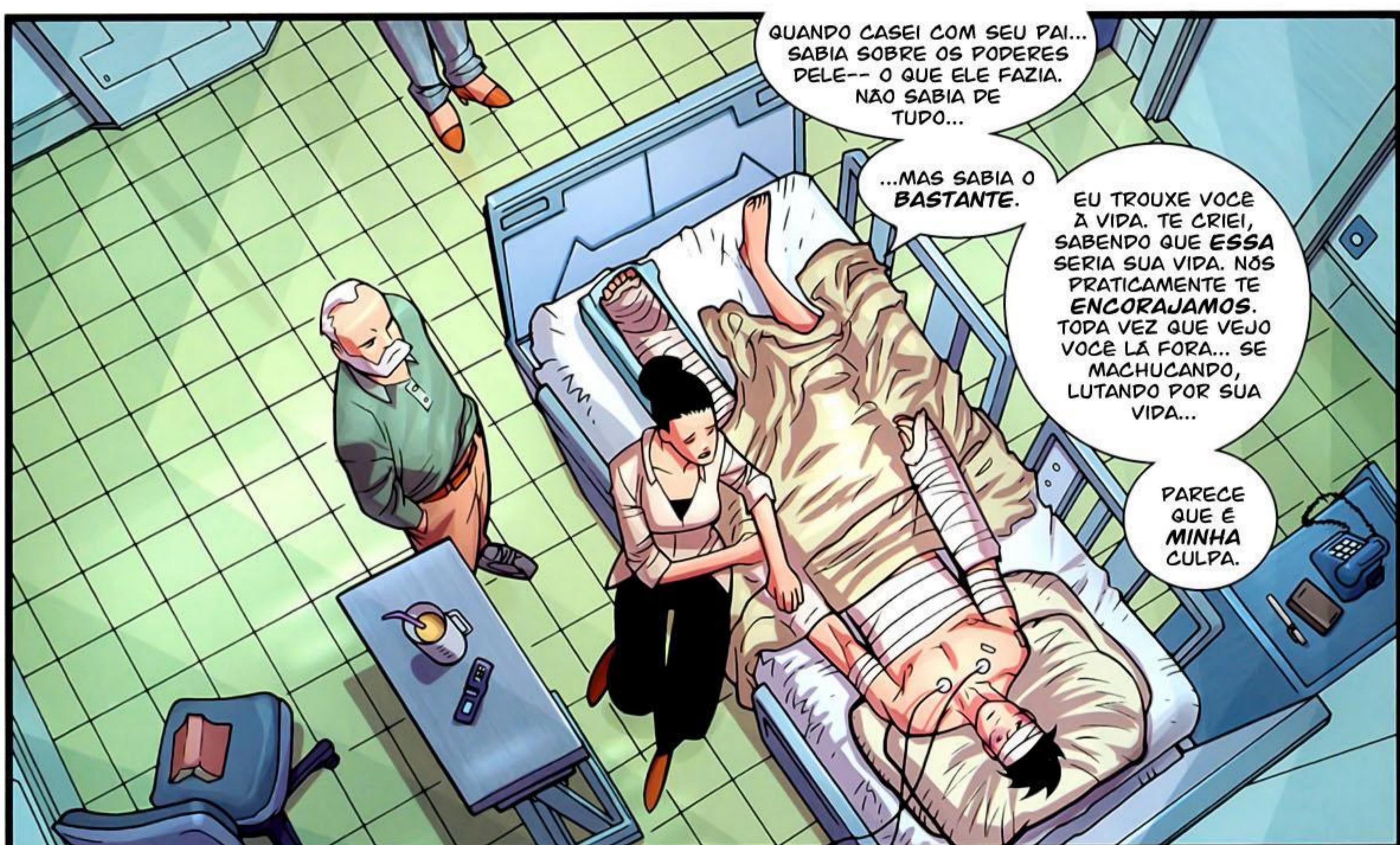


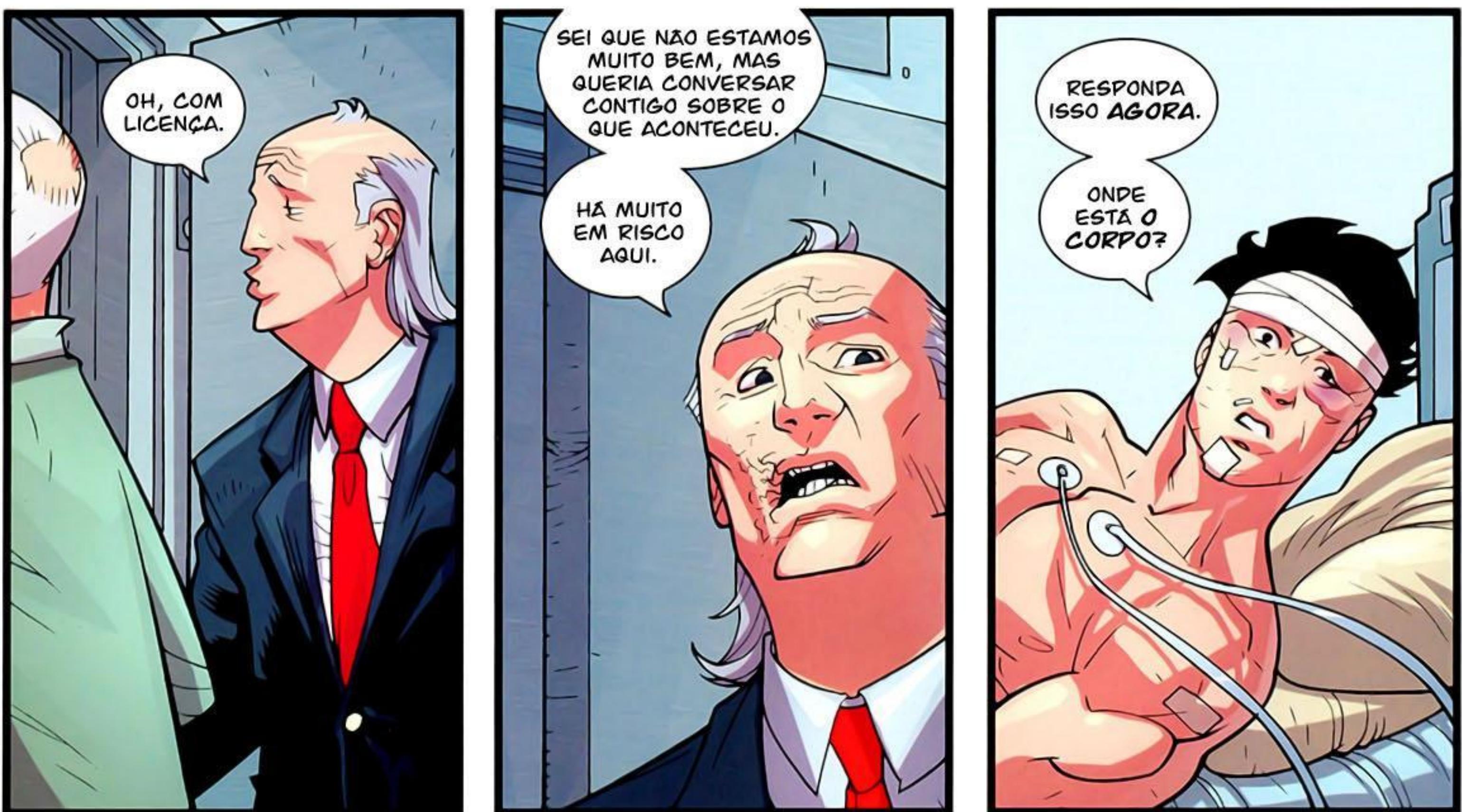


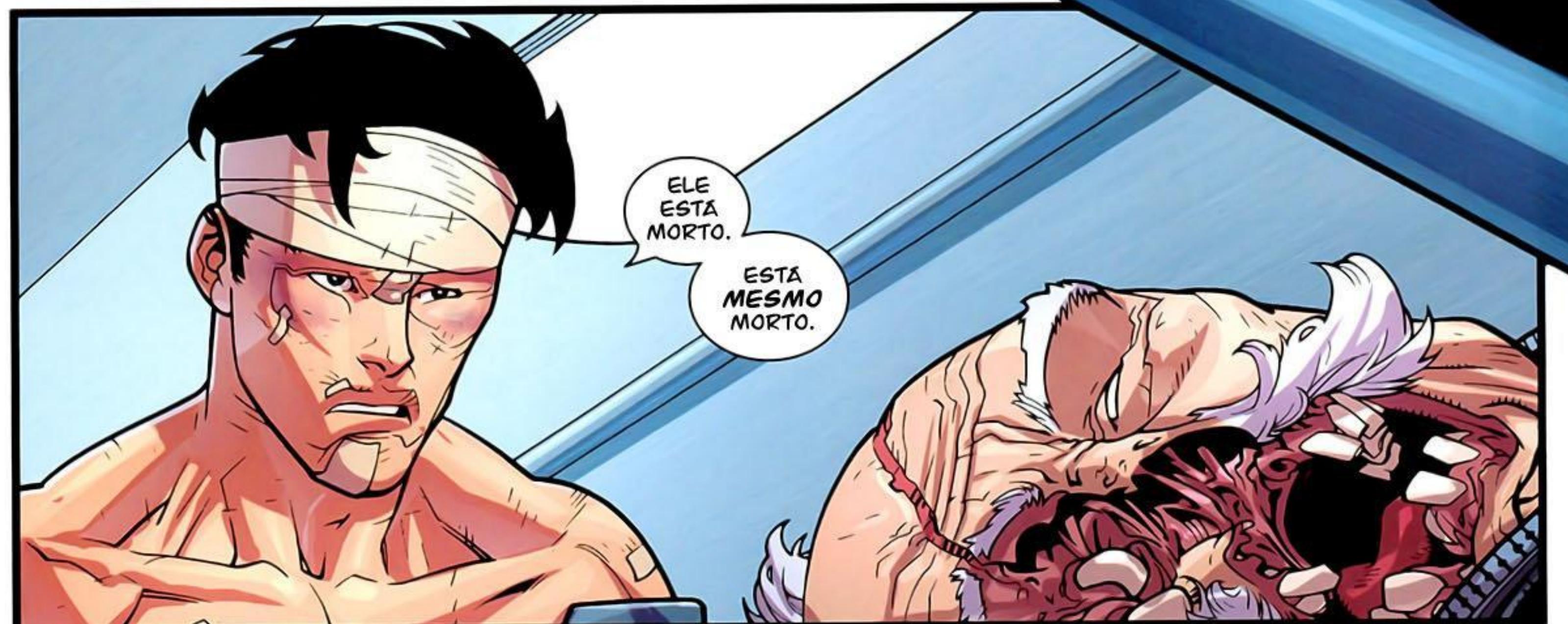
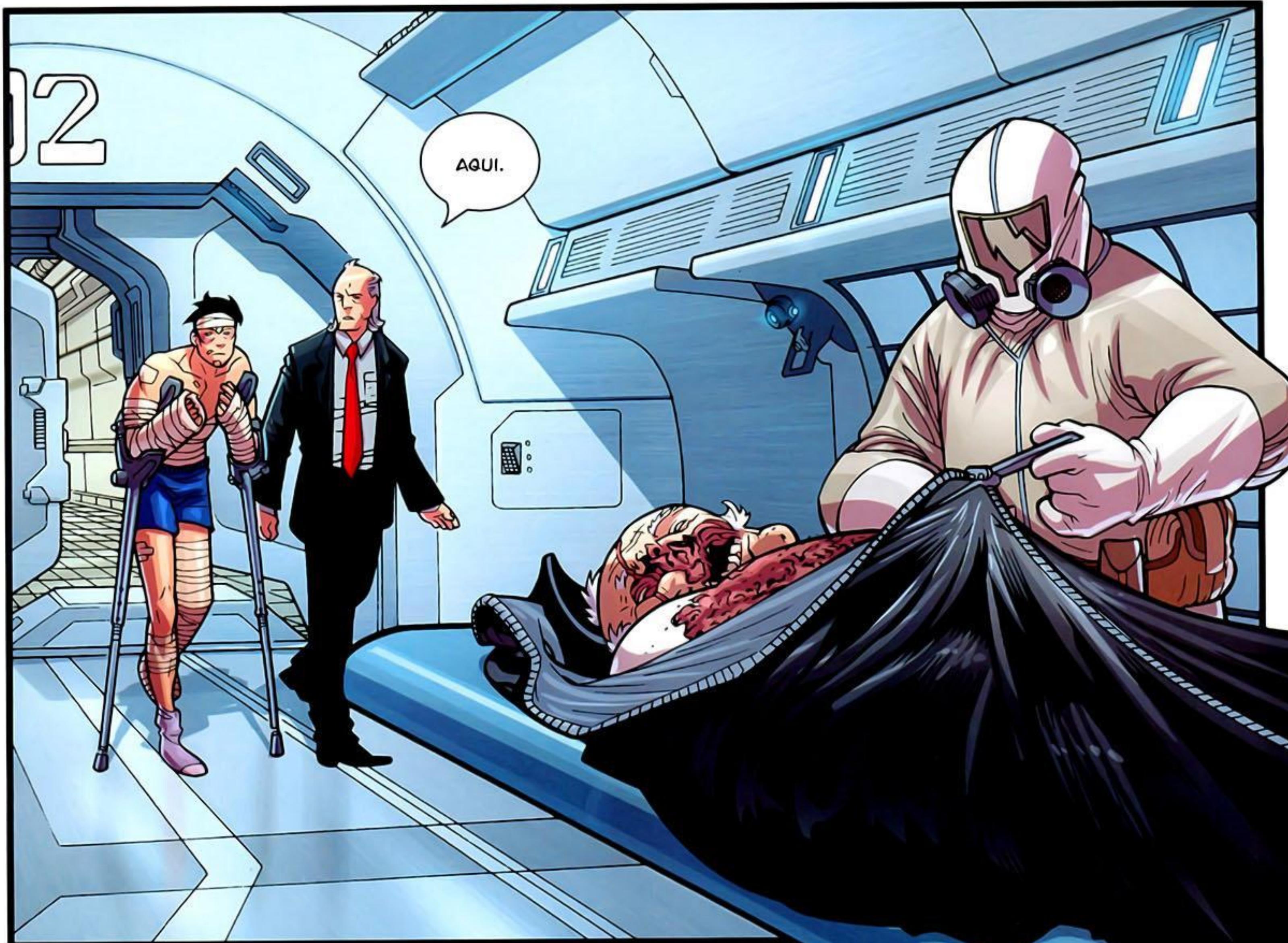


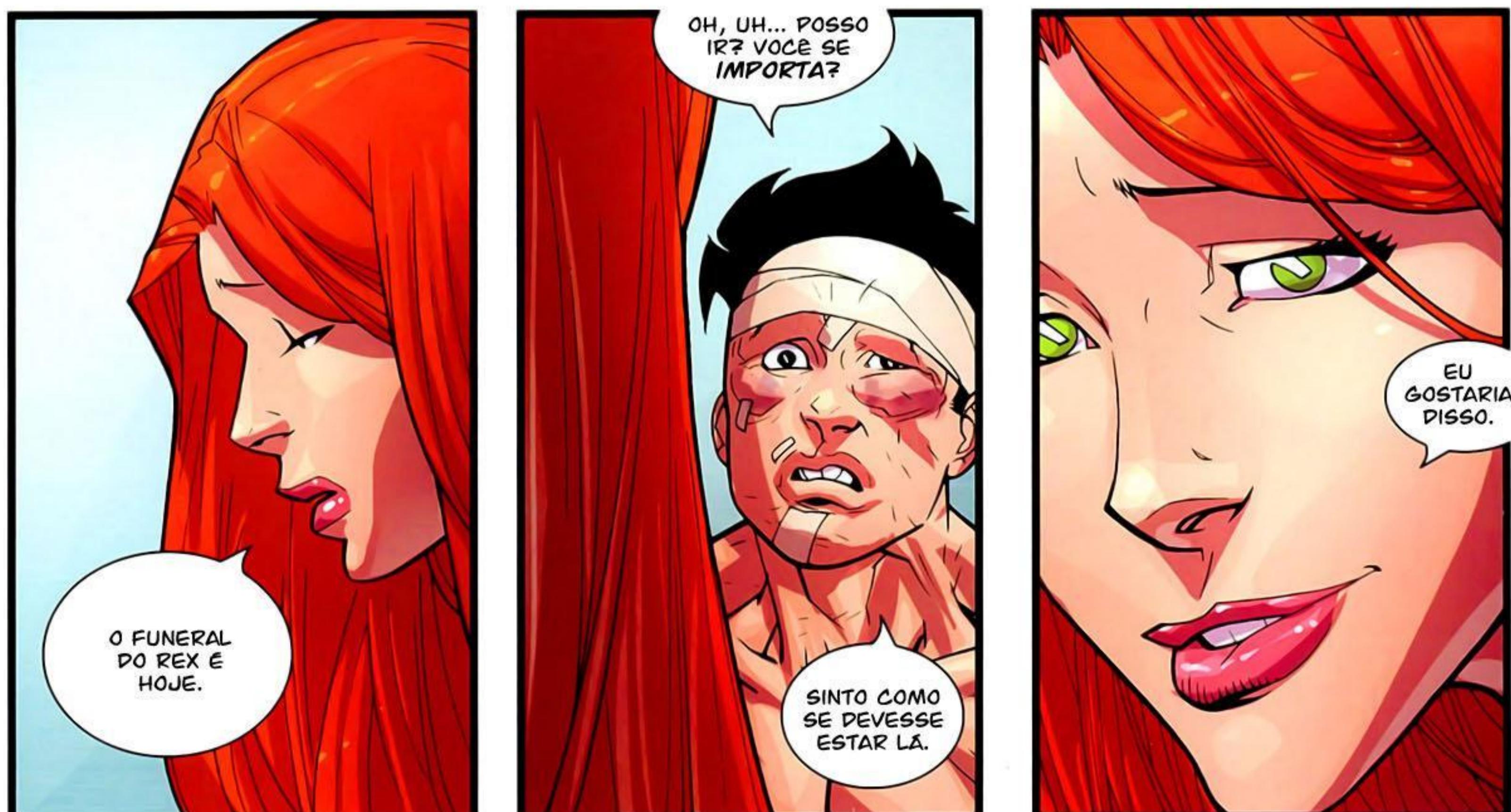
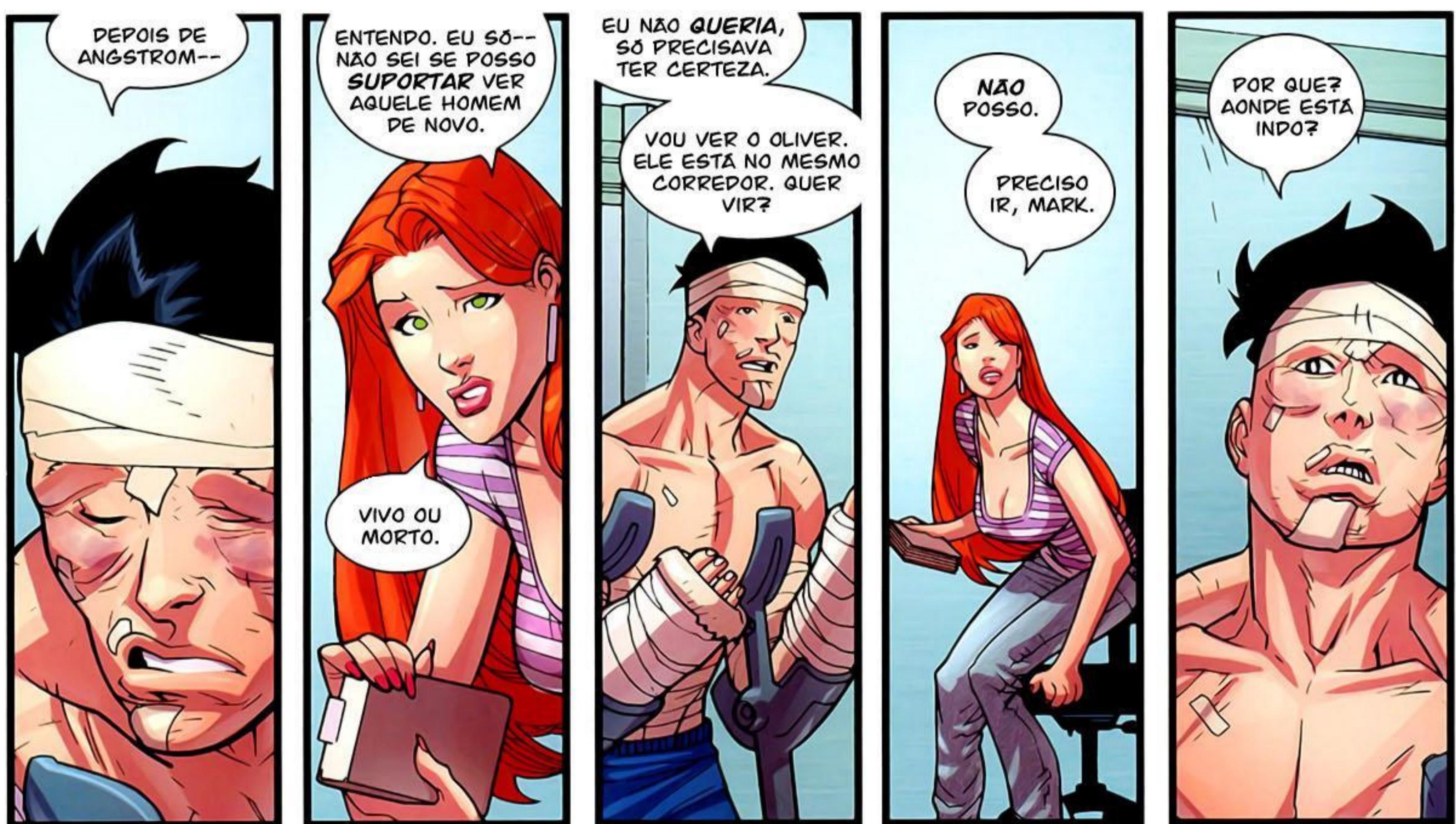


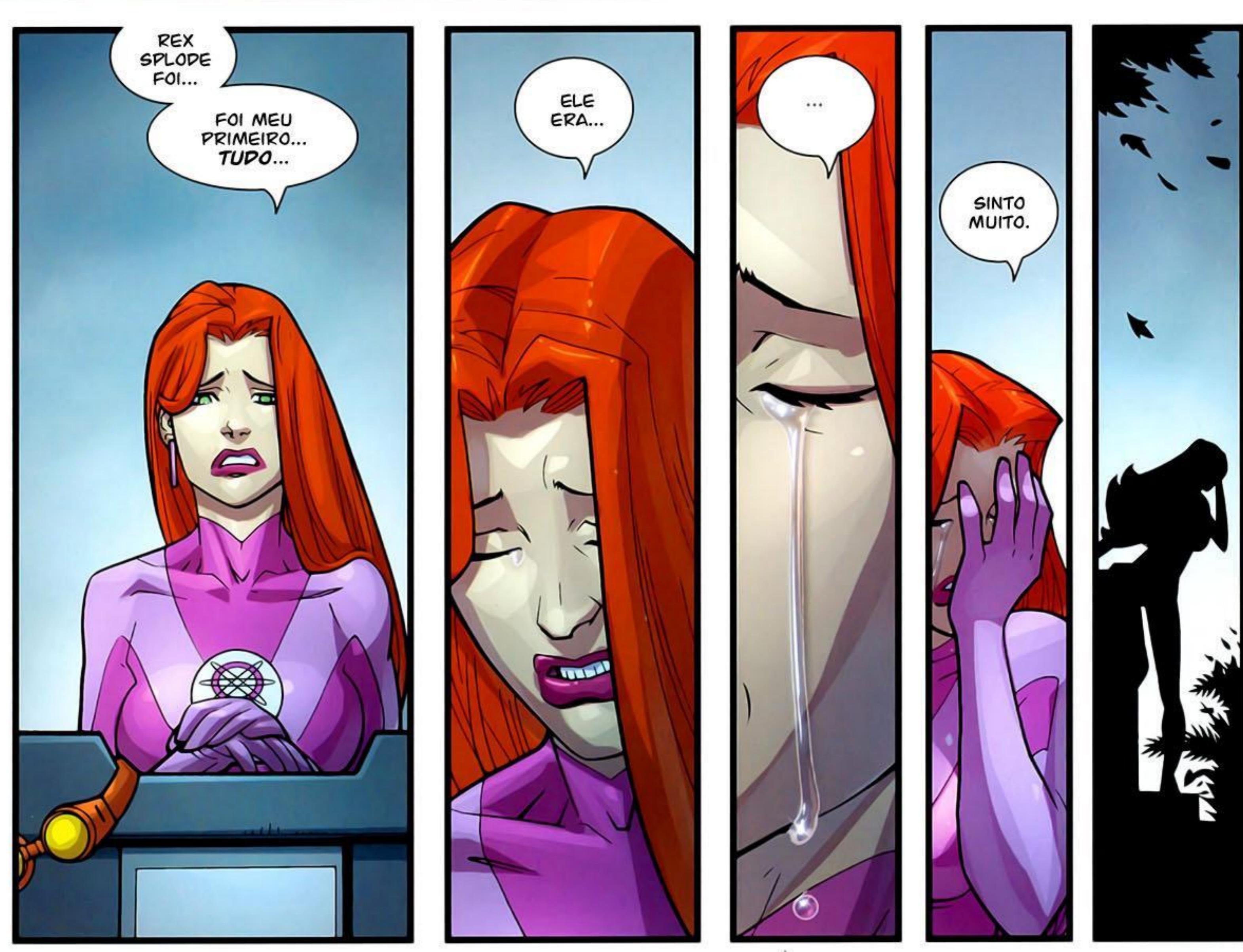
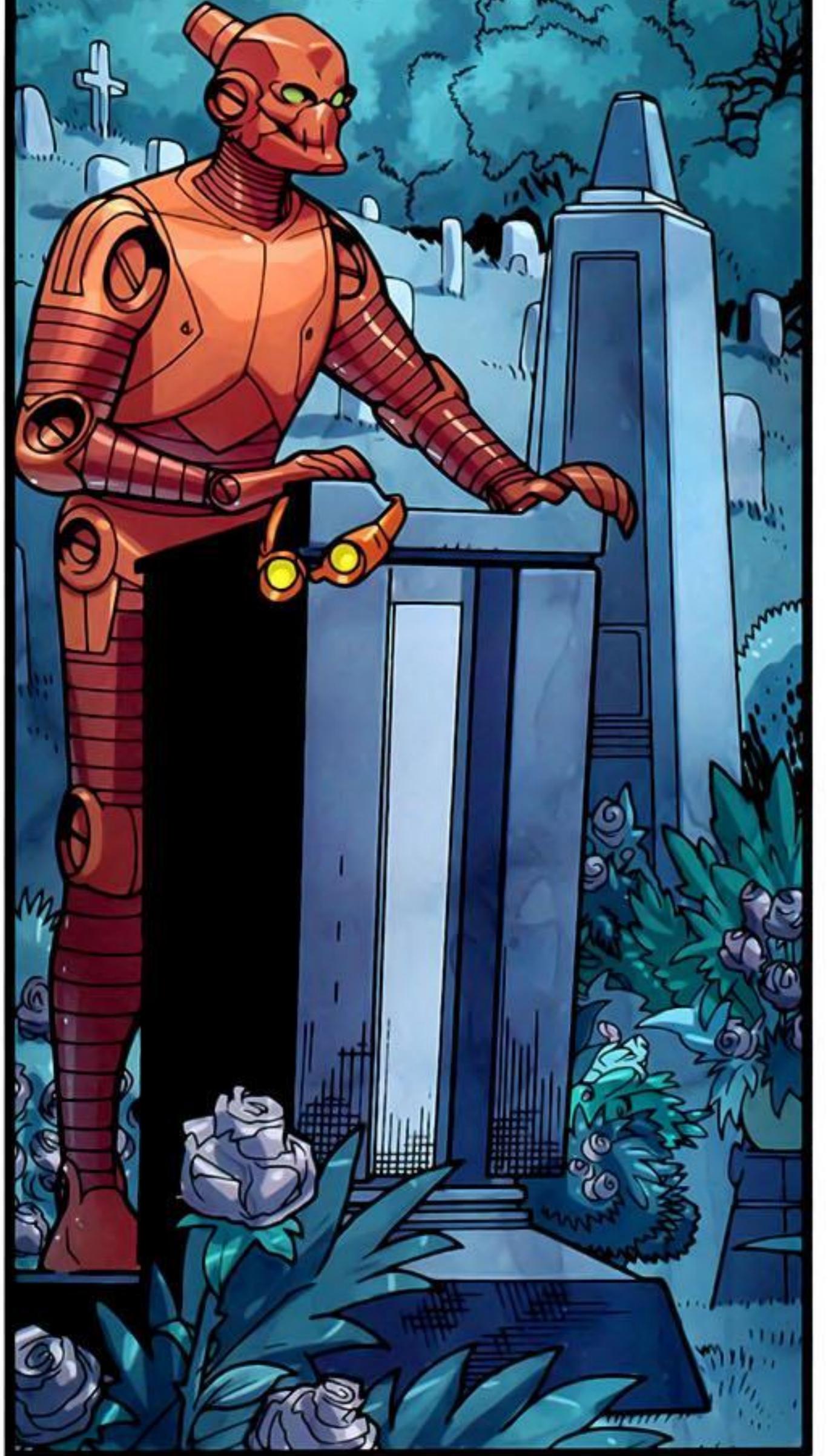


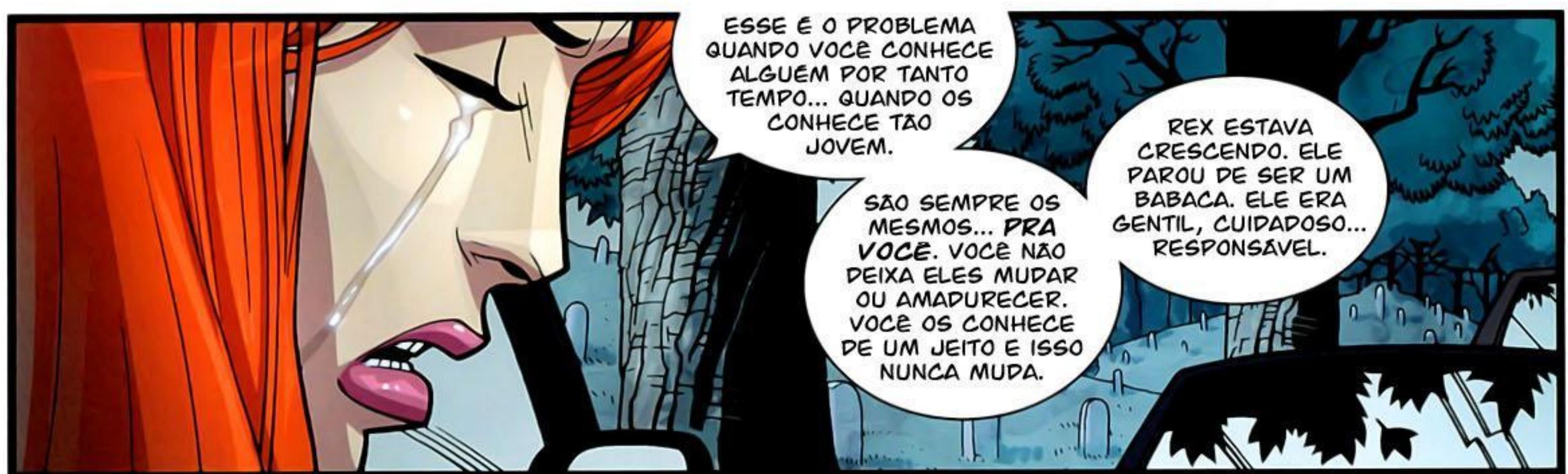


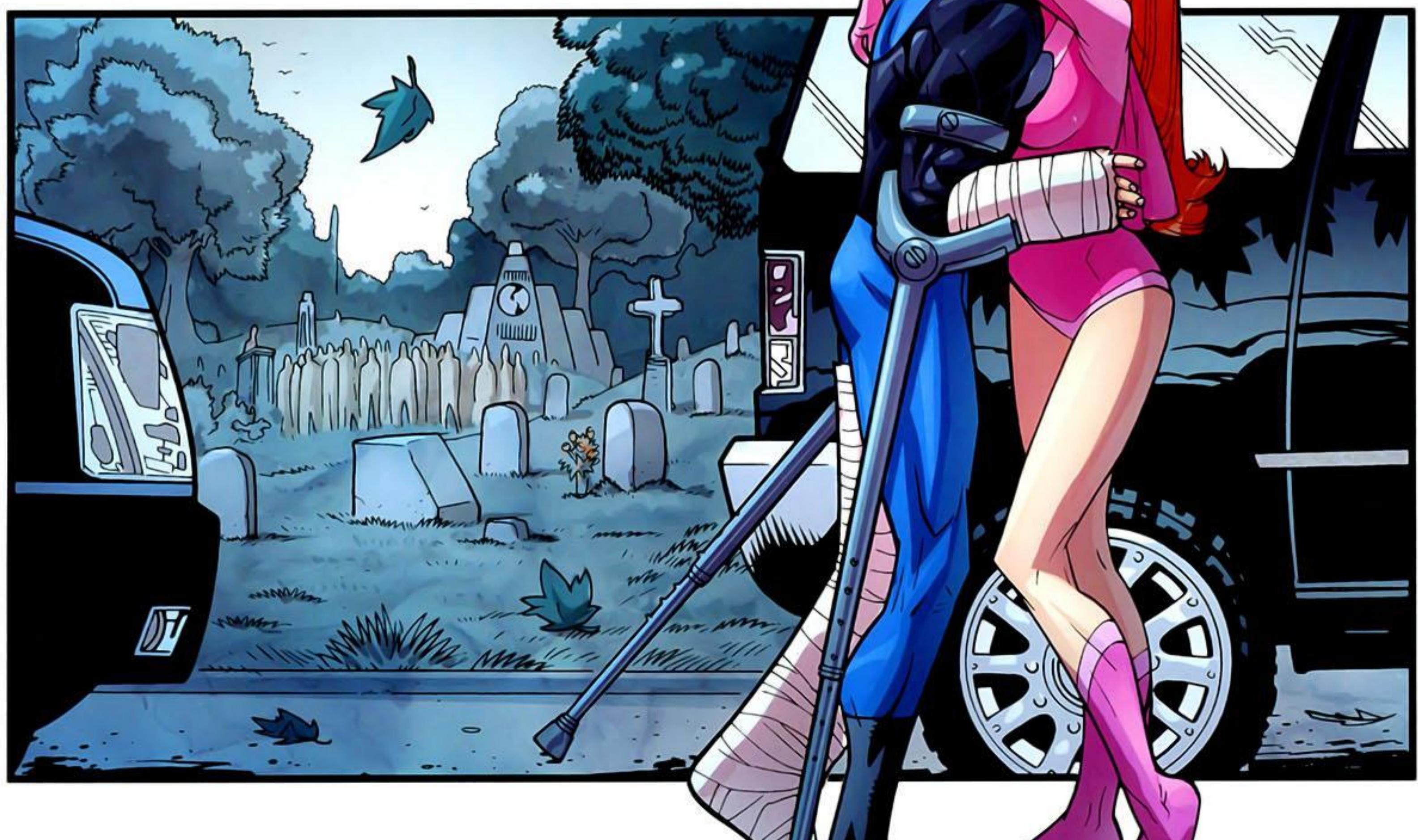
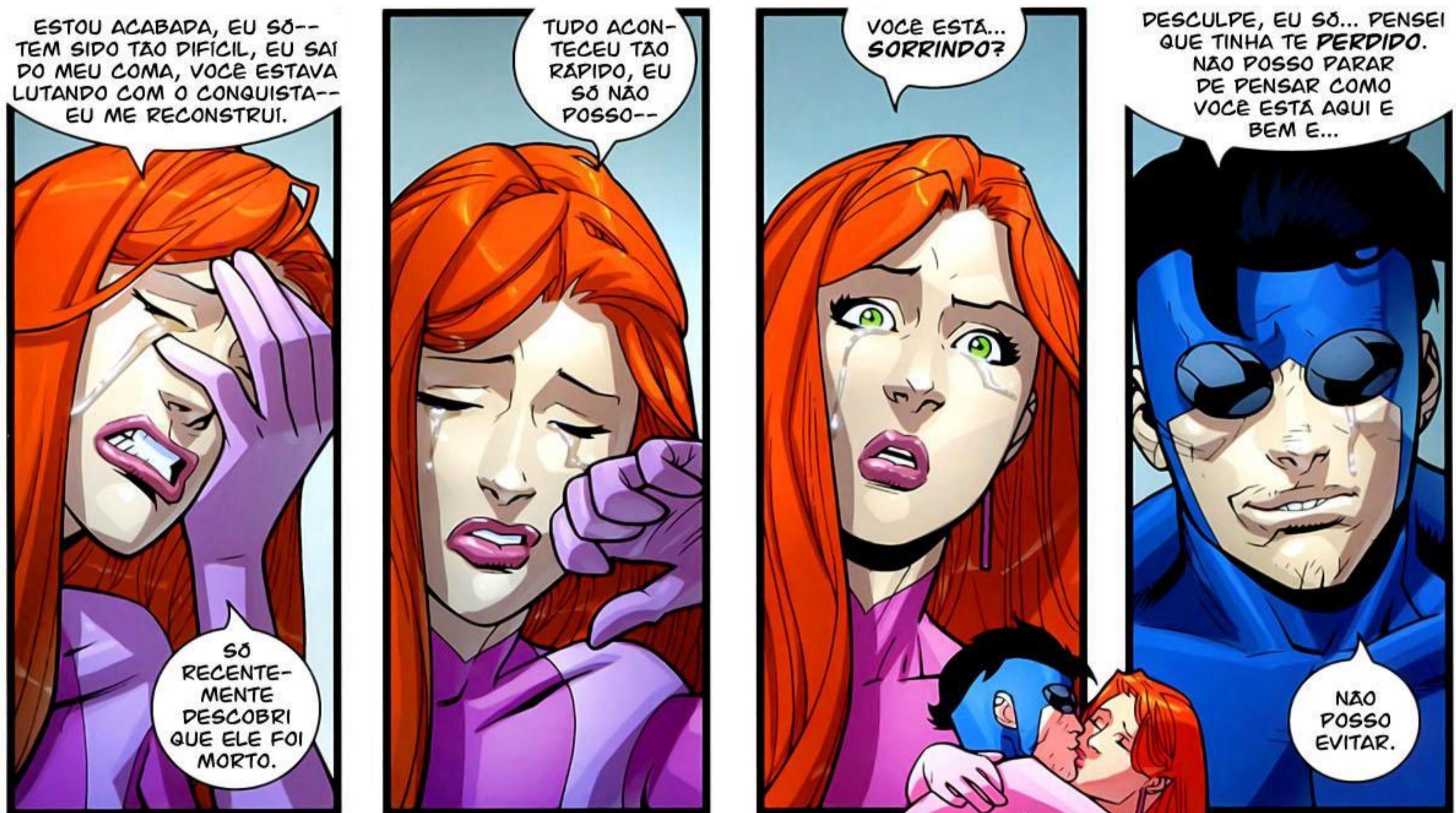


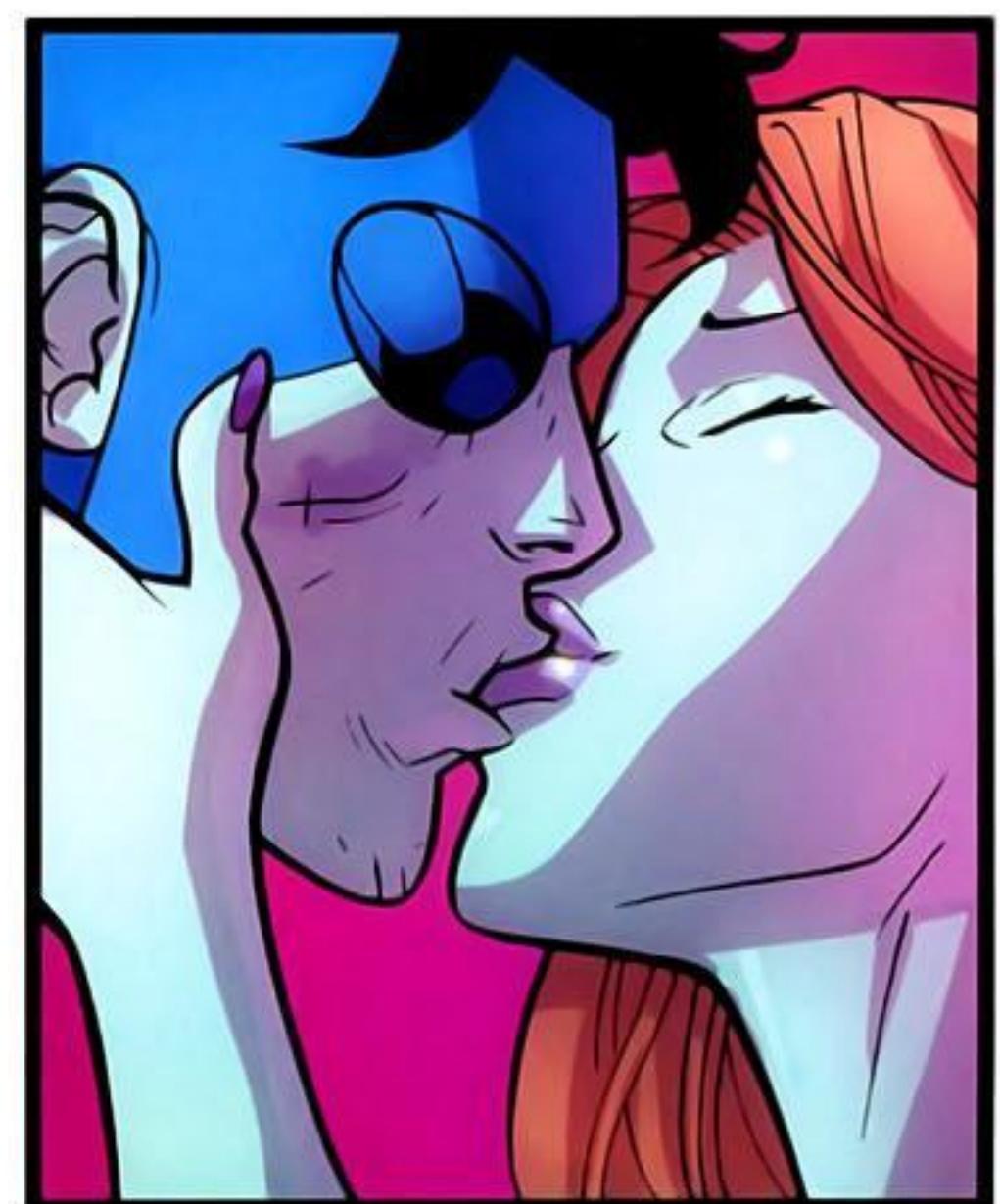


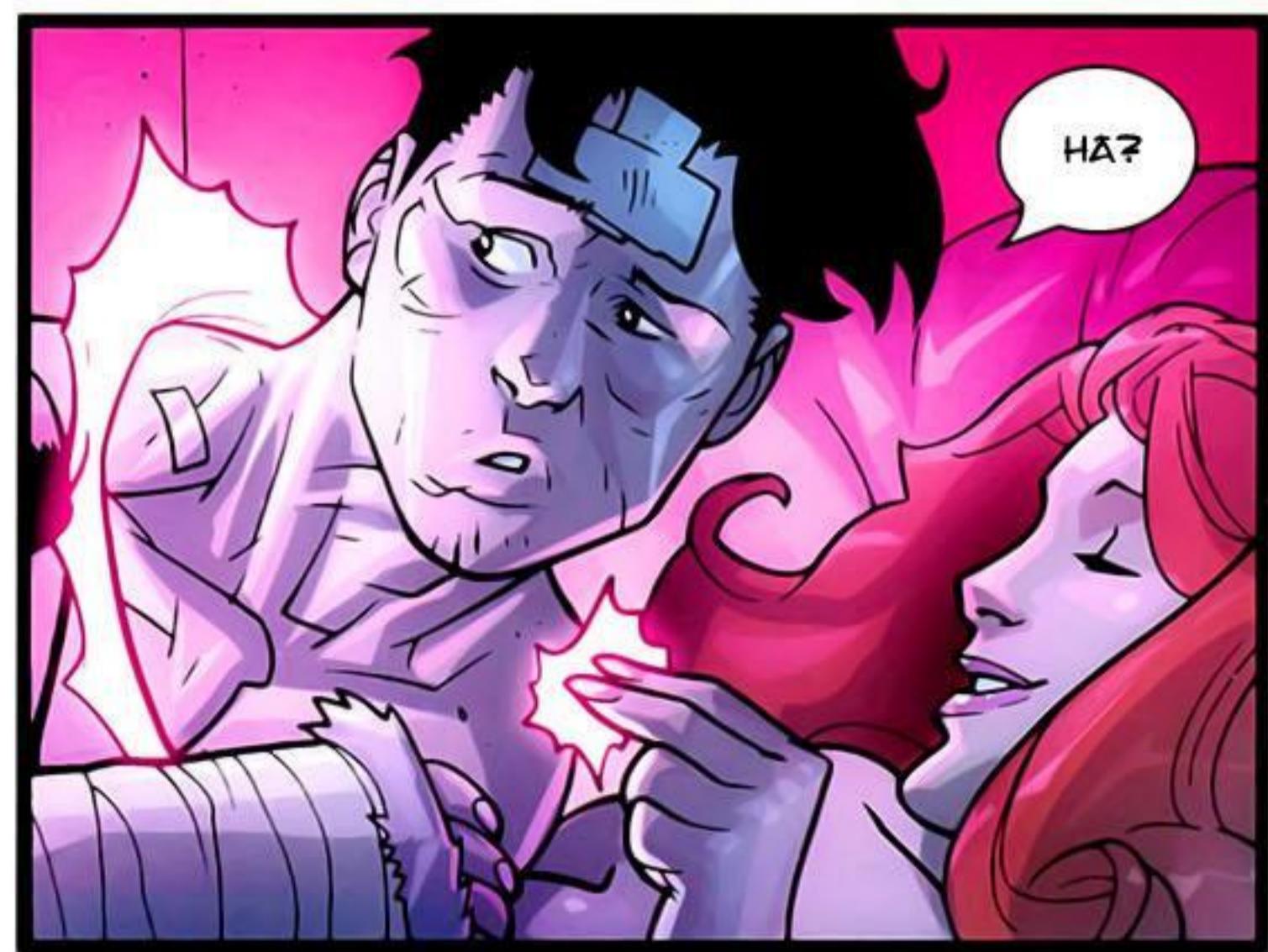


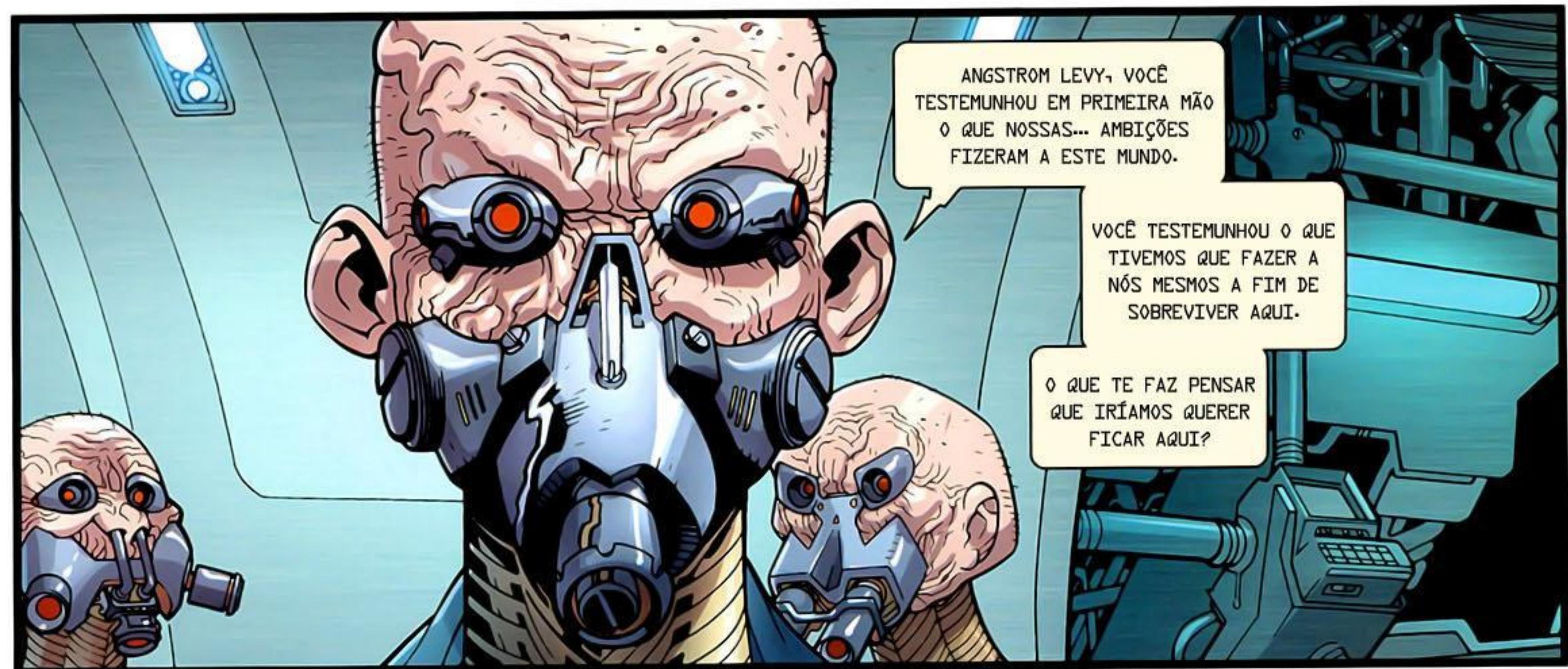






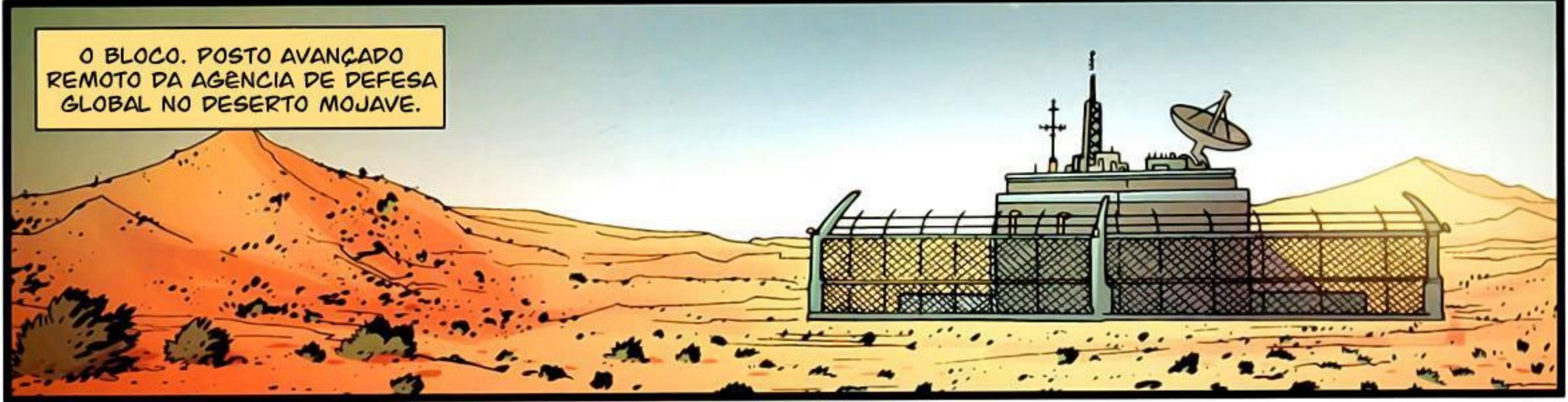


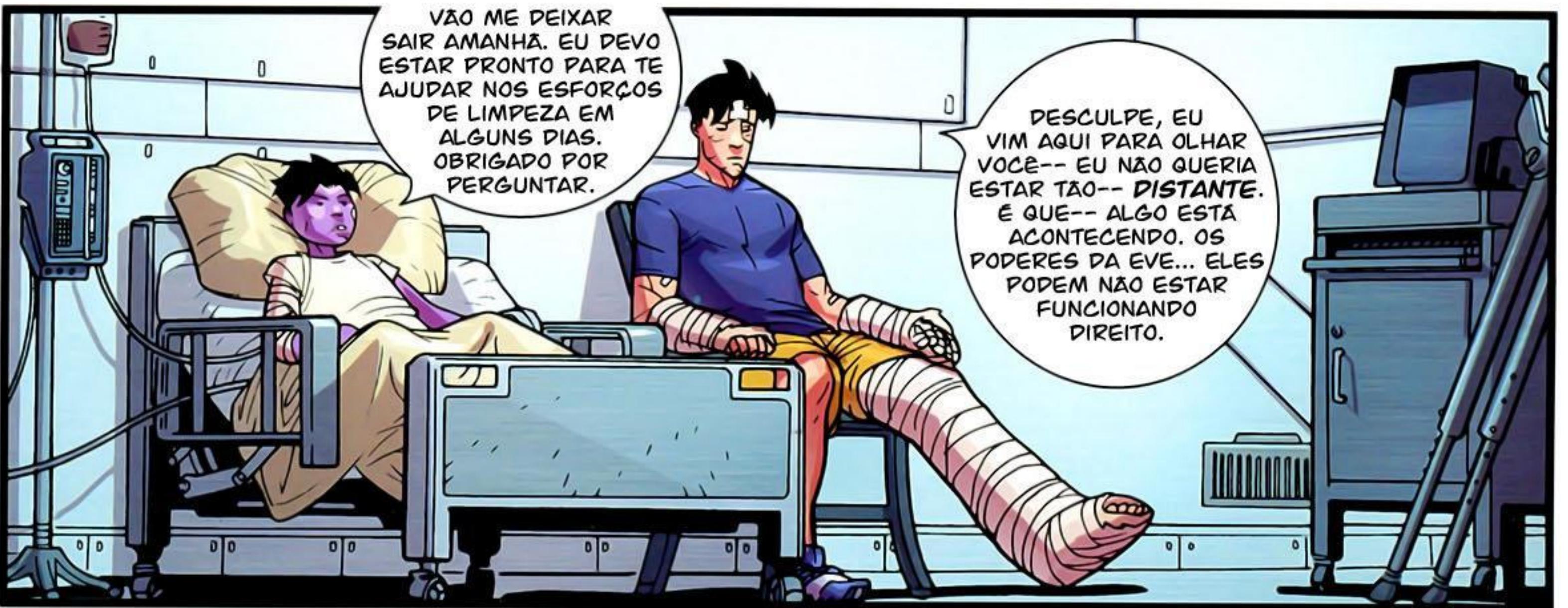
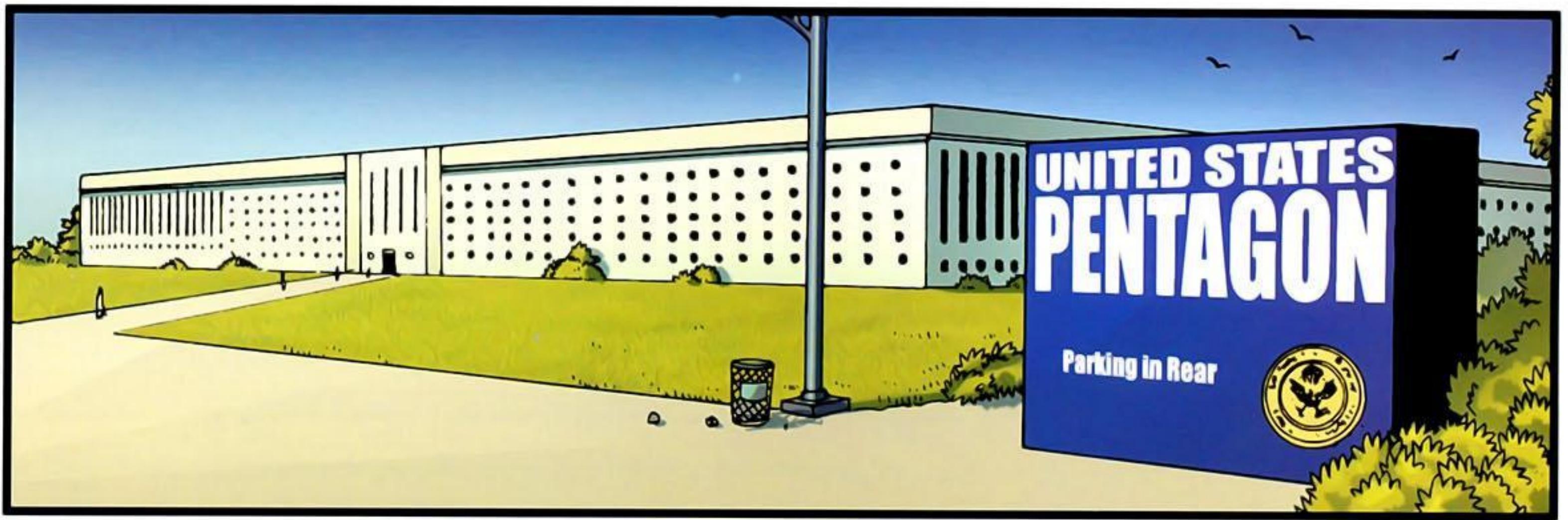






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PEN'VINCIPALS

And there you go... the real end of the whole CONQUEST EPIC!

Ryan, Cliff, FCO, Rus, Aubrey and I have had a blast bringing this story to you. I hope you've all enjoyed the rollercoaster of it all. Sorry about making you think I'd killed Atom Eve for a month. I promise that next time it'll be for real.

...

Anyway, lots of cool stuff going on here. We've got a cool couple issues coming up for you next but I'll talk about those a little more at the end of this letters column.

Let's dive into this mail.

Yo Penvincips,

The death of Atom Eve definitely had more emotional effect on me than any sort of literature. The second being when Tyrese gets the ax (I've got my eye on you Robert.). But honestly, thank you. I know you will be getting some hate mail and empty threats about quitting the book and what not, but I respect you tremendously, especially since we all know that this isn't as temporary or contrived as other hero deaths (this includes any bat-people or Patriots). I read this issue multiple times back-to-back to see if I missed anything, each time being overwhelmed by that terrible page. Conquest's own statement "Heh. So pretty..." is incredible. Also, Ryan Ottley, Cliff Rathburn, and FCO Plascencia are without a doubt my favorite team that has ever been on this book or any book I am currently reading – you guys are awesome. I cannot wait to see what happens next.

An everlasting and admiring fan,
Jefferson Ferguson (I know I have a funny name)

Heh, Eve's death was actually MORE temporary and contrived than most. Awesome, huh?

Kirkman,

I. Hate. You. (yeah, you know why)

I'll hold on to my anger one more issue, but seriously... you ruined my day. I expect to see this from Walking Dead. Invincible? Not so much.

Nick Lenz

Oh, I get it... so Invincible can't be as violent and dark as a zombie book? Why is that exactly?! Heh.

Hello Mr. Kirkman:

I really enjoy your comic. I have a comic collection of about 6,000 comics that I am trying to sell. I only buy one comic now. It is *Invincible*.

The economy has really forced me to cut back. I rarely go out anymore and I do not have much of a social life anymore. One of the few things I still enjoy is your comic.

Atom Eve was only a comic character but was probably most male comic readers' idea of the perfect girl. Today was one of those rare days that I was really enjoying myself until I read *Invincible* #63.

Oh, come on... you rarely enjoy yourself? You're laying it on a little thick, aren't you? Are you just TRYING to make me feel bad?

Yes, I understand that Samantha is not real and is only a comic character but you ruined my day. I understand it is a small thing in the scheme of things but it is a real disappointment when even your escapism is taken away.

I used to love this comic book. I am really disappointed.

Regards,
Steve Harris

And hopefully I won you over with issue 64 and you're reading this. Sorry to pull such a quick fake-out on the death of Eve. I thought it would be cool. I really didn't mean to torment all of you so much.

Kirkman,

Okay. You've got one issue.

But I'll tell you right now, a redux of *Amazing Spider-Man* #122 ain't gonna cut it.

Michael Pullmann

Crap--now I need to go back and find out what's in Spider-Man 122...

Kirkman,

I am writing this because I care about your characters. I should have known you would do this – you have killed so many already and will probably kill everyone else before you are done. But I was hoping that Eve would make it, she has had so little time with Mark and theirs is one of the only romances in comics that I care about. You did so much to just make her seem like a decent, likable person, and she was good for Mark after all the ridiculous drama he has been through. 62 issues of relationship-building groundwork only to take it away, just to make the bad guy a REAL BAD GUY...when we could already tell that he was the meanest, toughest opponent we have ever seen in *Invincible*. I think it's cheap. If you felt like you had to kill somebody that Mark cared about, it should have been Oliver or Mark's mom. You don't need your character going through perpetual soul-crushing dark times to keep your book interesting – it gets old after a while – Eve was one of the things that kept the book balanced and really had me rooting for Mark. I had really hoped that they would have one of the longest, most enduring romances in comics, right up there with Peter Parker and Mary Jane. Guess not. I hope I never hear the "Well, I was trying to get a strong reaction" attitude or the "None of this would matter if you didn't care about my characters, so I am doing a good job" point of view come from you in regards to killing Eve, that would be so incredibly lame. I will buy the next issue of *Invincible* to see how it all ends. It had better be the best superhero comic I have ever read or I will stop buying your comic. I'm sure you were hoping for our guts to be wrenched and our hearts to be broken along with Mark's. Well, it worked, the moment is passed and now I'm just mad. Hope it was worth it.

Tony

Well, I was trying to get a strong reaction, Tony. The thing is, if you didn't care about my characters this wouldn't matter. So I'm doing a good job, right? It was S0000000 worth it.

Anyway, I made it all right in the end right? I never even considered for a minute actually killing Eve. I have far too many plans for her before I kill her. It's going to be really hard to squeeze these plans into 12 issues.

Dear All-Awesome Kirkman,

You have no need to apologize for killing Eve. That was a perfectly well-done death of a beloved character. You hit all the right notes and I just can't believe this battle with Conquest is still going! This is the most epic fight ever! I also want to thank you for informing me of how groundbreaking and popular issue #63 would be on your website. You were absolutely dead-on. This is the most popular issue of our time. I knew it before I even read the thing. Thank you for giving us the single greatest comic of all time. No event will ever top this.

Sincerely,
Magic Mike

Pssh... just wait until you see the VILTRUMITE WAR! This is NOTHING.

Kirkman,

F**king lame.

Pathetic.

Hack.

Emily Martin

Is it sexist of me to be tickled to death that this email came from a woman? Here's the thing. I didn't kill Eve, but if I had, I certainly wouldn't agree that it was done in a hackish way. But whatever.

Also, if I've entertained you for over 60 issues, at what point do I get your trust? Does killing Eve really mean that you'd never enjoy this series again? Like I would suddenly be incapable of writing something good here?

You guys scare me sometimes.

Kirkman, Ottley,

Invincible #63 made me cry. A grown, 23-year-old man(child). I think it's amazing that *Invincible* can do that. It's a testament to the whole team's talent. I don't have a whirlwind of questions to throw at you and I'm not going to critique your work. I just want to say "Thank you" to the whole Invinci-team. You guys made superheroes super again. So, thanks.

Ross Zombie.

No, thank you. I hope the impact wasn't ruined by the fact that she lived. And as you can see from this issue... this whole ordeal does have impact on the future of the series... we are going somewhere with this dead Eve stuff.

Dear Kirkman,

RE: Atom Eve
You Bastard.

Sincerely,
Jake Marquart

Awesome.

Hey Kirkman, you freakin rock!

I have never written to a comic before but after reading issue #63 I felt compelled. A co-worker got me hooked on the trades of *Invincible* a while back and once I caught up I immediately added it to my buy-list at the comic shop. One of the main reasons why is that the book always takes me by surprise. So many other books hold ideals or characters so sacred that they never try to do anything new or exciting. I know that when I open the new issue of *Invincible* I can expect to not have a freakin' clue what to expect. When Atom Eve showed up to the fight I thought she would at least give Mark a fighting chance by distracting Conquest for a minute. But when Conquest blasted her in the face and ran his fist through her midsection my jaw literally dropped and it took me a minute to flip to the next page cause I had to digest what I just saw. It seemed that so much was put into their

relationship that they would be together for many issues to come.

Just me being trained by other books on what to expect out of a superhero relationship I guess. Don't worry, her death doesn't upset me. She was a great character that I will miss but unless you kill Invincible himself you have a reader for life! Just promise as the series goes along you don't get bogged down with worrying about whether or not you should kill a character or some other drastic change just because people will get upset. That's when things get boring. Keep it up my man!

Jerrett Bordwell

PS: Allen totally needs his own book!

You'll be very excited next month as Allen essentially takes over this book for two issues.

Now, I promise that I will never consider the repercussions of any idea I have past how they affect me personally. Meaning, if I like something, it gets in. If it doesn't excite me, it's out. When you write a book for other people, hoping they'll like it, and it's not something you're into... it's going to be crap.

I'll do my best to ensure this book is never crap.

Kirkman,

What the hell is wrong with you? You make us all fall in love with an awesome character like Atom Eve and then you make us watch her die a violent, horrible, grisly death. You're sick! Conquest better suffer... a lot.

Kirkman addict,
Emo

Sorry, this whole thing was probably worse for you... because of the whole Emo thing. I hope you made it to the other end just fine.

Robert Kirkman,

Was that really necessary? I doubt it.

Very necessary, as you'll see in upcoming issues.

You can argue that it was for storytelling, but there are ways and means to move a plotline forward. And the pointless (oh-so-pointless) death of a character is the worst possible method. The death of Atom Eve was done solely for shock value. So much for intelligent writing.

I've read comics for a bloody long while (29 years. Jesus...) and *Invincible* was one of my favorite books in quite some time. To have it ruined in a two issue stint of sloppy and lazy writing is disappointing. To say the least.

Also, what is it with every comic now having to show any death in the most grotesque way possible? I read (past tense) *Invincible* for heroic escapism, not to be grossed out! Did you really have to show Eve's death so graphically? I'm sure you will argue about showing the brutality of Conquest, but we got that about 10 pages and one issue ago. We get the fact he's a bastard. We don't have to be shown it with claret pouring from every panel.

I could also have done without the patronizing "apology" at the back of the issue. I want to insult you personally for that, but what's the point?

I would normally pick up the next measly issue, but you've actually managed to irritate me enough to not bother. Hopefully the sudden drop in sales I expect from this debacle may help improve your once excellent writing skills.

Respectfully,
Jason Wraight

Kind of being a jerk there, right? I don't know what in my "apology" set you off... but okay. I only hope you glanced at the issue on the racks and that maybe issue 64 got you back... but y'know, you win some you lose some.

At the very least, you do seem to be in the minority as sales have been jumping up quite a bit in recent history. Issue 64 is our highest selling issue of all time... until this issue ships. Good times.

The Sinister Mr. Kirkman,

As an avid reader of all that is Kirkman, I have noticed a disturbing pattern. First Lori, then Rebecca, now the beautiful Atom Eve.

You are really hard on the love interests of your heroes.

Does your wife get nervous when you come home?

Tim Allwein
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Yeah, that's a pretty disturbing pattern. I guess it's a story device I employ a bit TOO much. Thankfully, I didn't actually kill Eve. Of course... now I can't... or I'll be in some kind of love-interest-killing rut. Crap. I'm like Alan Moore with good guys turning out to be bad guys in everything he does.

Hey Robert!

Just finished reading Invincible #63. I know, I know, I'm running late this week, but I usually like to save the best comics for last and this was an especially large week so this book kind of got shoved to the end there. Finally having read it though... F**K YOU!! How could you kill off Eve? F**king hell, that was the one character in the entire book I actually looked forward to reading about! F**k Mark and his growing entourage, nobody cares. Eve was the heart and soul of the book. Eve was what made me continue reading when I bought the first trade, and Eve was the one who brought me back after I dropped the book for a while in the mid-40s. And now you've done it. You've killed her.

What, was a simple death too much for you? You had to have Conquest put a fist through her chest so we wouldn't even have any false hope that she could still be alive? I reiterate, F**k You!!

Heh, false hope... I bet you feel silly right now!

Honestly, was willing to drop the book right now, but having calmly read through this month's letters, I will give you one more issue. One. More. If there isn't closure, and I really hate to be one of those people, that's it. *Invincible* and I will be parting ways. I mean, who knows who you're going to kill next. Science Dog?!

Again...FU!!
Zeb Aslam

Uh, oh... now I need to change my plans for issue 75!

Kirkman,

For the record, I do hate you. Over the past year with all of your great titles (bring back Brit!), you've become my favorite comic writer, but I most definitely hate you for issue #63. I do feel obliged to send hate mail since you told us to.

That said, ain't no way I'm quitting the book. I understand from a story perspective why this had to be done, saw it coming for a couple of issues, and was totally prepared. You did a good job as writer to ease that pain and the idea in there with Eve getting injured in #60 and vowing to help in #62, with a small jab in the letters column that you couldn't promise to keep her alive.

Conquest is turning out to be one of the best comic stories I've read in a long time. It's very rare that you see an epic battle span a few issues and really whence not knowing how it's going to turn out. Thank you very much for the entertainment. That said...I'm sad. I guess I'll have to turn to Amazing Spider-Man for the happy ending marriage. Oh wait, they retconned that.

In shock literally 2 minutes after reading.

Jon D.

Yeah, Amazing Spider-Man sucks, huh? You can still get your red-head fix here in the pages of Invincible.

Hi Robert,

I really don't know what to say. In some ways I hated issue #63 as much as anything I've read. I can't say it's bad though, it's just not a direction I hoped the book would travel in. I'll be honest, I got to the last panel and thought, "I'm done." But then you asked for one more. So you've got it. I've read every issue so far and loved the series so I think I owe you that much. All I'll say is I don't want *Invincible* to be *The Walking Dead* and if that's the direction you've chosen, it's not for me.

Thanks for a fantastic book up until now,
John Brown.

Well, I hope this issue has further swayed any concerns about this book becoming *The Walking Dead*. There are some light-hearted moments in this issue and hopefully you can see that this book is the same book it's always been--and always has cool stuff going on.

So there, thanks for giving me that extra issue.

Kirkman,

WOW, I must have read issue #63 a dozen times. I'm practically speechless. This was the most brilliant art I have ever encountered from a comic, and is by far my favorite issue in the series. Please congratulate the team for me. Wow, just...wow.

Mitch Stevens

I should add that yes... the ART in issue 63 was amazing. No matter how much you hate what happened (or didn't happen) to Eve, you've gotta admit, it looks great!

Ryan, Cliff and FCO are doing a bang-up job on this series. Great stuff.

That said, these guys are taking a break on issues 66 and 67 and moving onto issue 68 right away.

Starting next issue, Cory Walker and Dave McCaig will be our creative team. It's a very special two-issue story that will be leading into our GIGANTIC storyline called VILTRUMITE WAR which will be beginning much sooner than you might think. So these two issues are super important and I'm thrilled to be working with young Cory Walker yet again (you are all reading DESTROYER, right?). This stuff is turning out fantastic and I can't wait for you all to see it. We've brought in Dave McCaig on these issues to give FCO a small break and holy-heck—what a great job this guy is doing.

Anyway, next issue folks... it's going to be a blast.

And our regular team moves on to November's issue 68, so we'll be getting further ahead to ensure more on-time shipping—which is always a good thing, right?

See you back here very soon!

—Robert Kirkman

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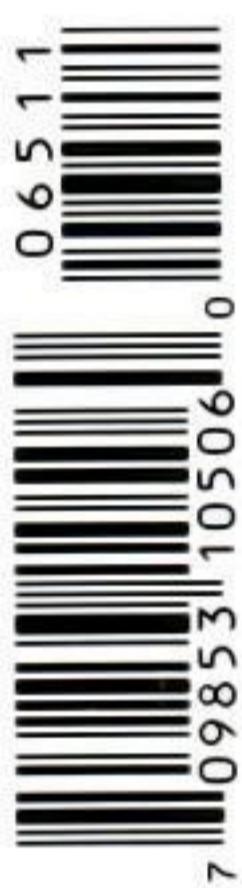
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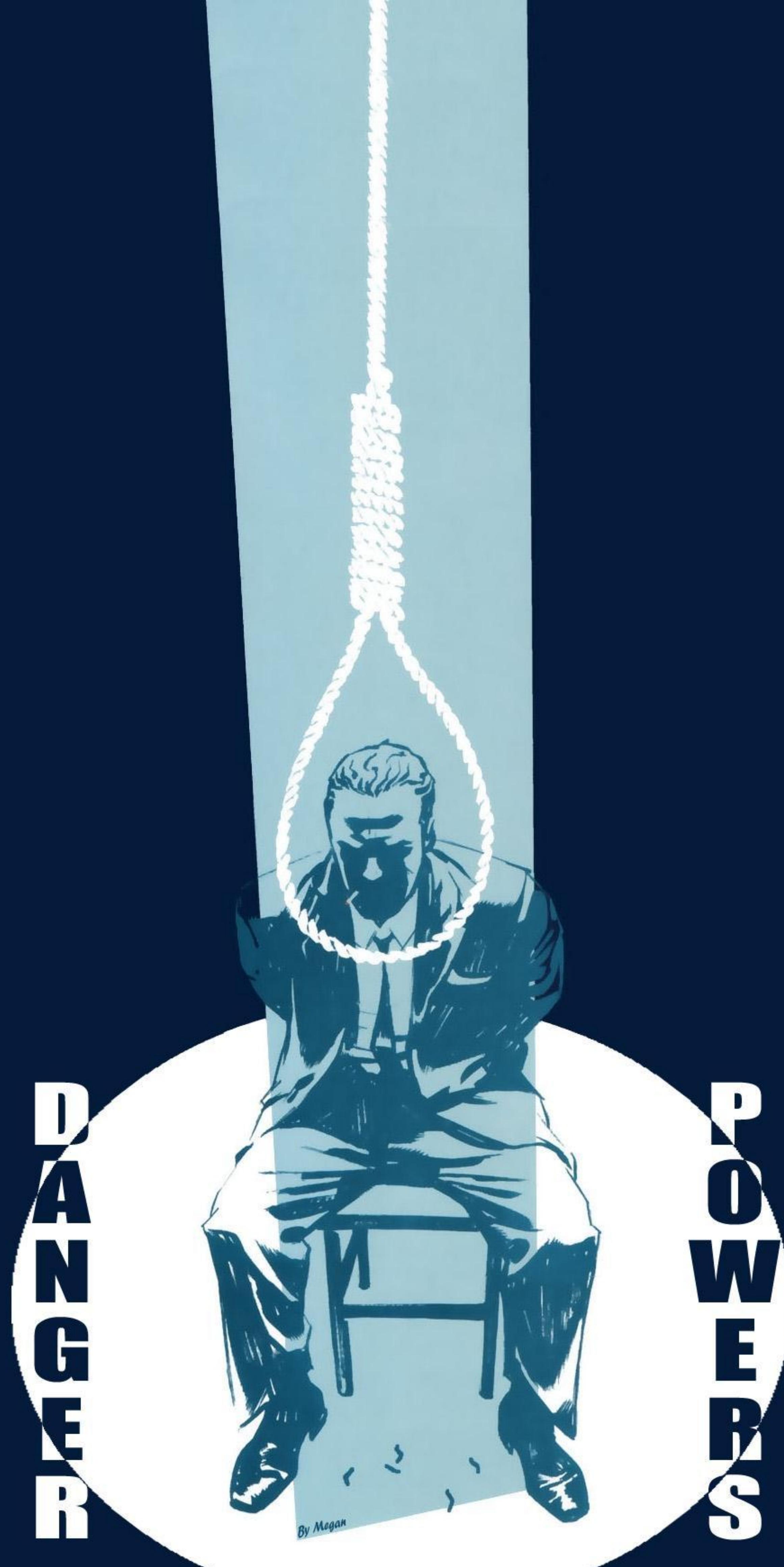
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