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TRUST NO ONE – EVEN YOURSELF

# BLOODSHOT

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AUGUST

ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA.  
BEFORE THE GREAT CATAKLISM.  
(It's Tuesday.)

GILAD  
WOULD NOT  
WANT THIS,  
BROTHER.

HE WAS  
ALWAYS THE  
MOST NOBLE OF  
WE THREE.

SO HE WAS,  
ARAM.

HE WAS  
YOUNGEST.  
THAT WAS HIS  
PREROGATIVE.

AND LOOK  
WHERE IT  
GOT HIM.

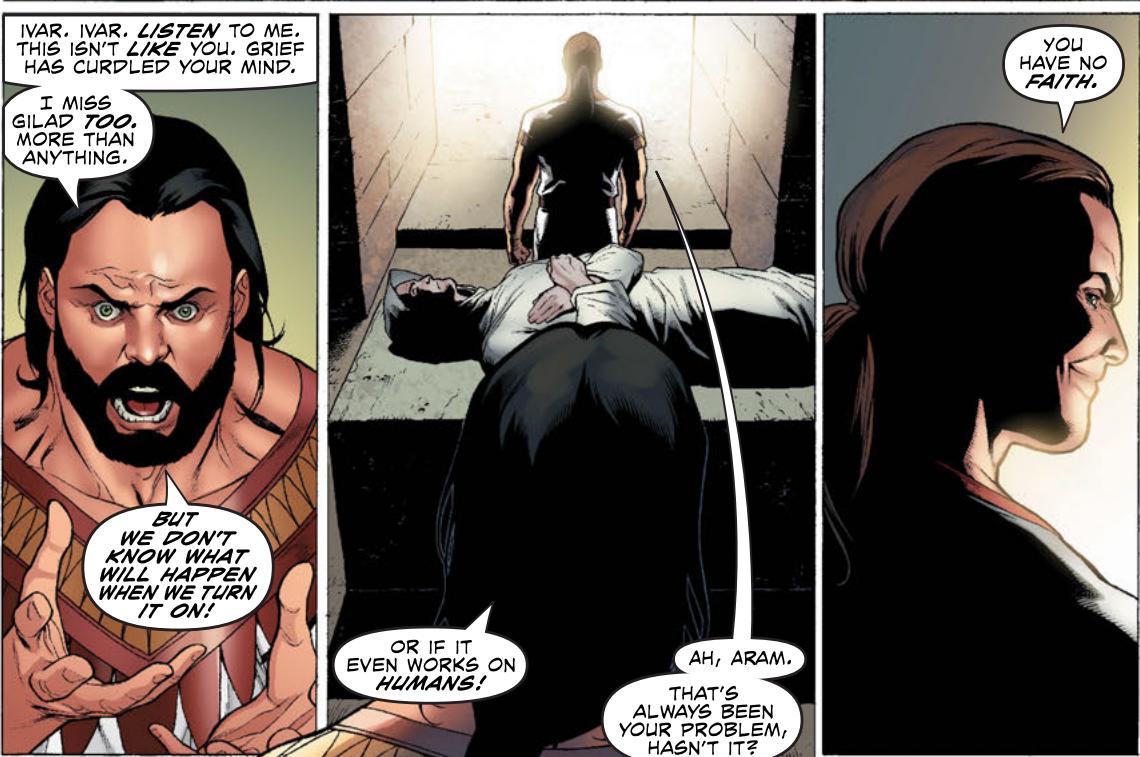
I AM  
ELDEST.  
I MUST MAKE  
THE DIFFICULT  
CHOICES.

AND I HAVE  
DECIDED.

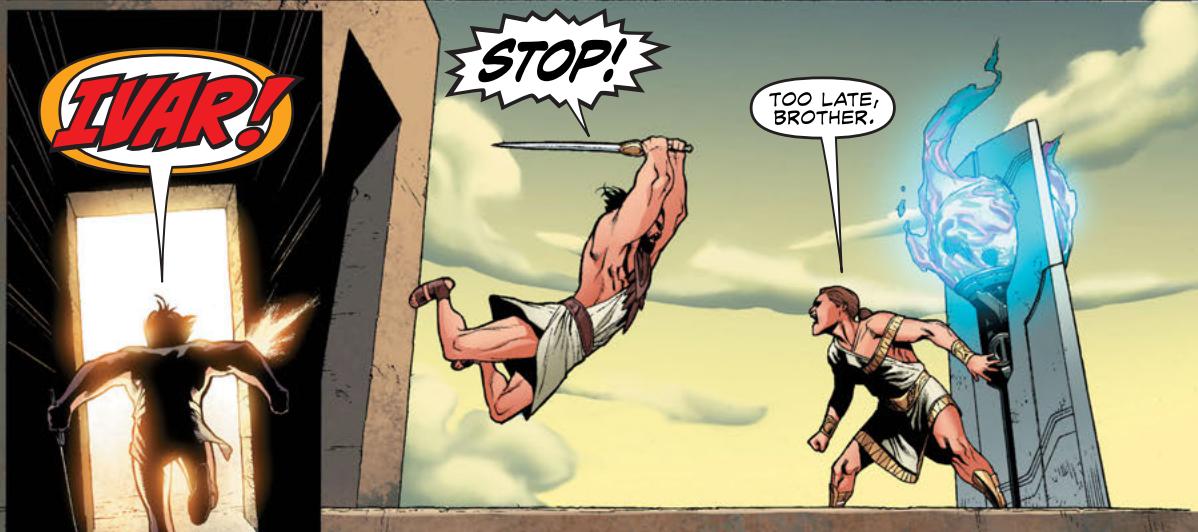
WE WILL  
USE THE BOON  
TO REVIVE HIM.

AND  
KILL--  
GET  
YOUR DAMN  
HANDS OFF  
ME--

--KILL  
HOW MANY  
MORE IN THE  
PROCESS?!







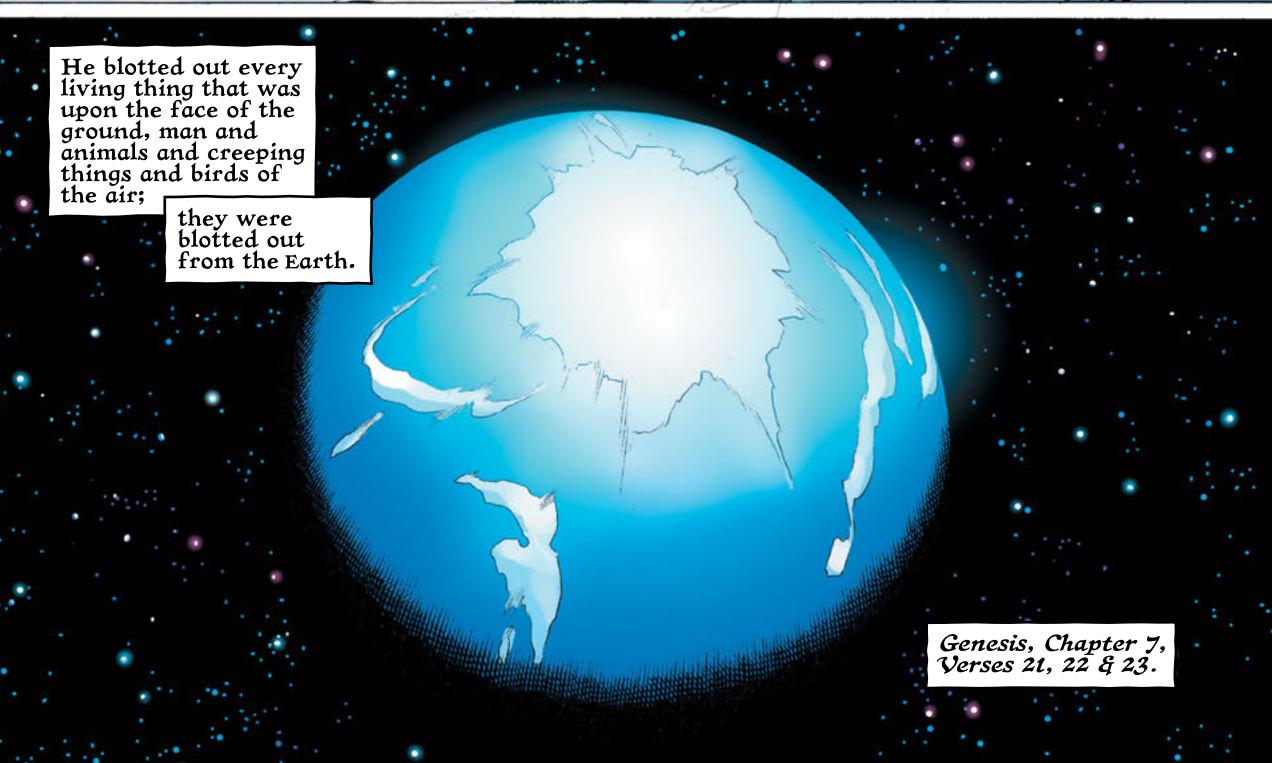


And all flesh died that moved upon the Earth,



birds, cattle, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm upon the Earth, and every man;

everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.



He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the air;

they were blotted out from the Earth.

Genesis, Chapter 7,  
Verses 21, 22 & 23.

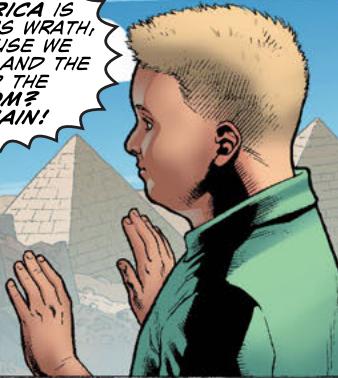
TODAY.

...AND SO THE  
LORD DESTROYED  
THE WICKED, SINNING  
CULTURES OF ANCIENT  
TIMES--UR! EGYPT!  
THE MAYANS!--WHO  
REFUSED TO HEAR  
HIS HOLY WORD.

DO YOU  
THINK AMERICA IS  
SAFE FROM HIS WRATH,  
JUST BECAUSE WE  
HAVE THE HD AND THE  
IPAD AND THE  
DOT-COM?  
THINK AGAIN!

## HEATHEN CULTURES

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RUSH!  
C'MON!

MOVE  
YOUR  
FANNY!

NOOOO--  
I WANNA RIDE  
DINOSAURS  
LIKE THEY DID  
IN CAVEMAN  
TIMES!

I SAID  
WE'RE GOIN' TO  
THE FOOD COURT  
AND THAT'S FINAL!  
YOUR DADDY'S GOTTA  
RAISE HIS BLOOD  
SUGAR!

ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO.  
TEN THOUSAND YEARS LATER.  
(Still Tuesday.)

YOU  
CAN DO THE  
EDUCATIONAL  
RIDES AFTER  
SECOND  
LUNCH!

REVEREND AND  
MRS. CONGRESSWOMAN  
ARCHER WISH EVERYONE A  
BLESSED DAY AND WELCOME  
YOU TO THE PROMISED  
LAND SUPERVISED FUN  
CENTER AND LEARNING  
PARK!

THREE O'CLOCK  
IN THE GOOD NEWS  
THEATER...

...DARWIN  
THE CHIMP STARS  
IN JUNK SCIENCE  
FOLLIES...

YOU  
READY,  
SON?

I AM,  
FATHER.

GOOD.

THIS IS  
YOUR FINAL  
TEST.

CHANK

CHANK

RRRAAAHHHH

YOU'RE  
GOING DOWN,  
OBADIAH!

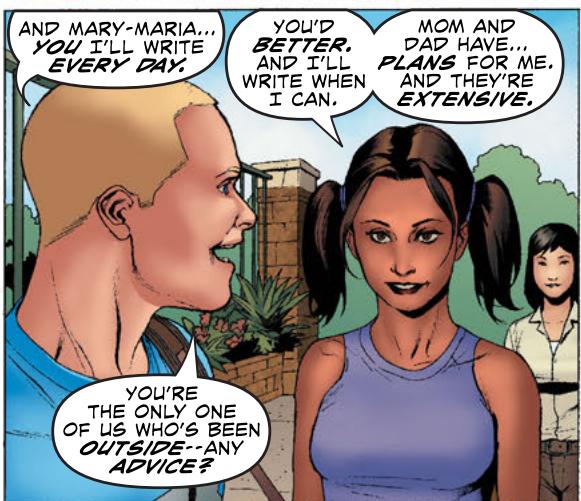
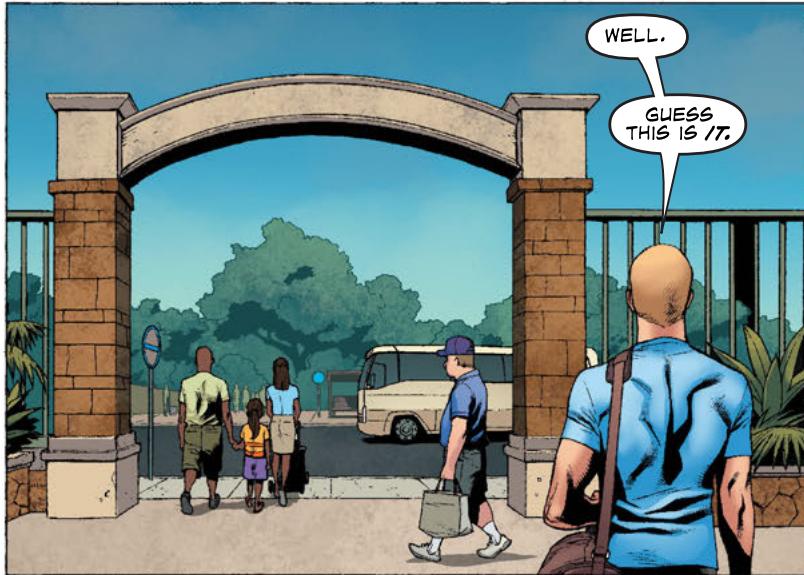
THE HOLY  
MISSION'S  
GONNA BE  
MINE!

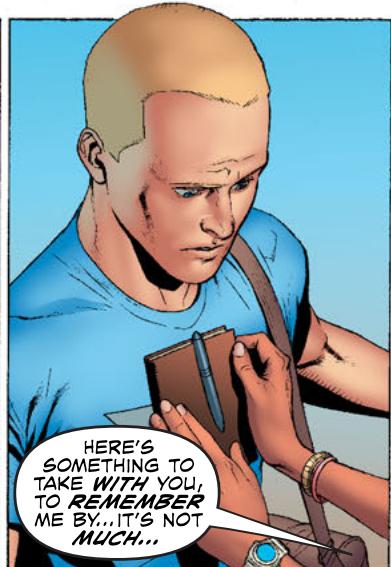
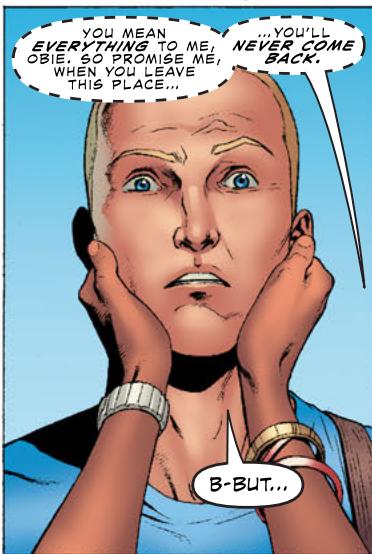
I WISH  
IT COULD,  
JEAN-PAUL.

sa•vate  
a/k/a *boxe française* is a traditional French martial art that mixes Western boxing techniques with powerful, graceful kicks









Dear Mary-Maria,

See? I'm already putting your journal to good use!

IF I Fail in my quest, and you -- or any of our other brothers and sisters must step up to replace me --

-- you will have the benefits of my experience, and will know beforehand the strange sights and sounds and smells of the outside world.

Particularly the smells.

For they are nasty.

Mom and Pop always taught us Manhattan is a rat's nest of Liberal Marxist Atheist Nazis who want to rob us of our freedom by making us dependent on government handouts.

And that is 100% true.

But in many ways it's also a lot like home.

After all, we did grow up in an amusement park.

The difference is the New Yorkers have no idea how to enjoy what they have.

Always rushing this way and that, only looking up from their screens long enough to avoid contact with another person.

Everything is drenched in sex. And I do mean everything.

But it's just another commodity to be acquired, drained, then discarded.

People here have forgotten how to open their eyes and see that God has already given them all they could desire.

They want to matter so badly. They wear their desperate neediness on their sleeves.

Even in this capital of earthly pride, where everything around me has been fashioned by the sinful hand of Man, I am confronted and astonished by beauty.

The world truly is a wonderful place.

And I give thanks for it every day.

The sacred artifact Mom & Dad gave me glowed ever brighter as I explored what the locals call "The Meat-Packing District."



I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.







CARL SANDBURG  
FIRST READ THAT TO  
ME IN A TAVERN ON NORTH  
HERMITAGE THE NIGHT  
THE RED SOX WON THE EIGHTH  
GAME OF THE WORLD SERIES  
AGAINST THE NEW YORK  
BASEBALL GIANTS.

KNOW WHAT  
I SHUPL'S SAID  
WHEN I HEARD  
IT?









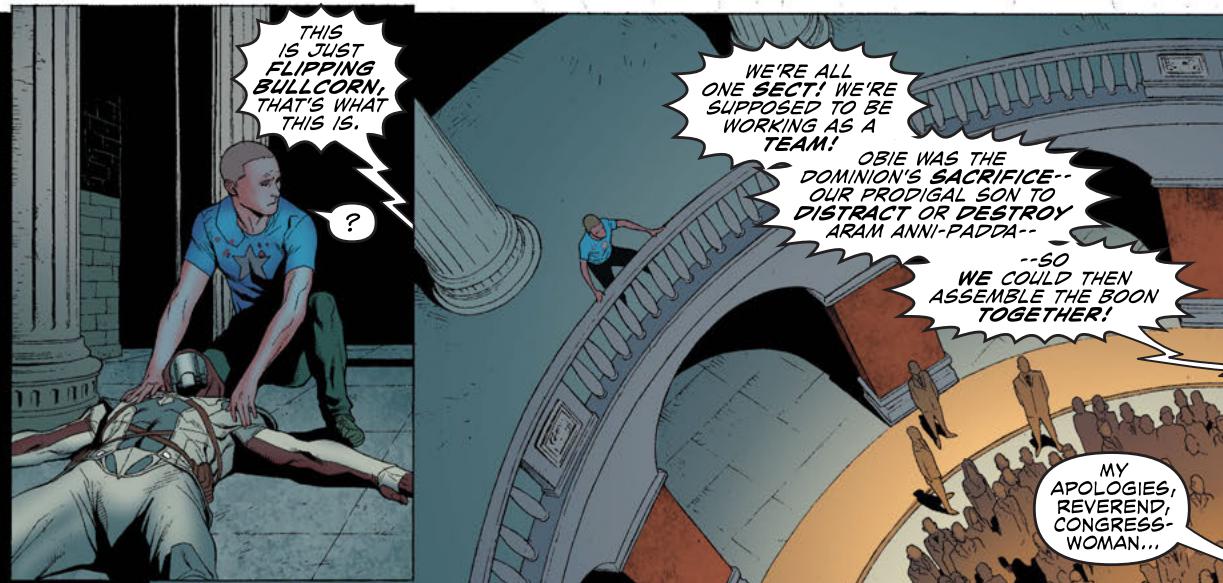
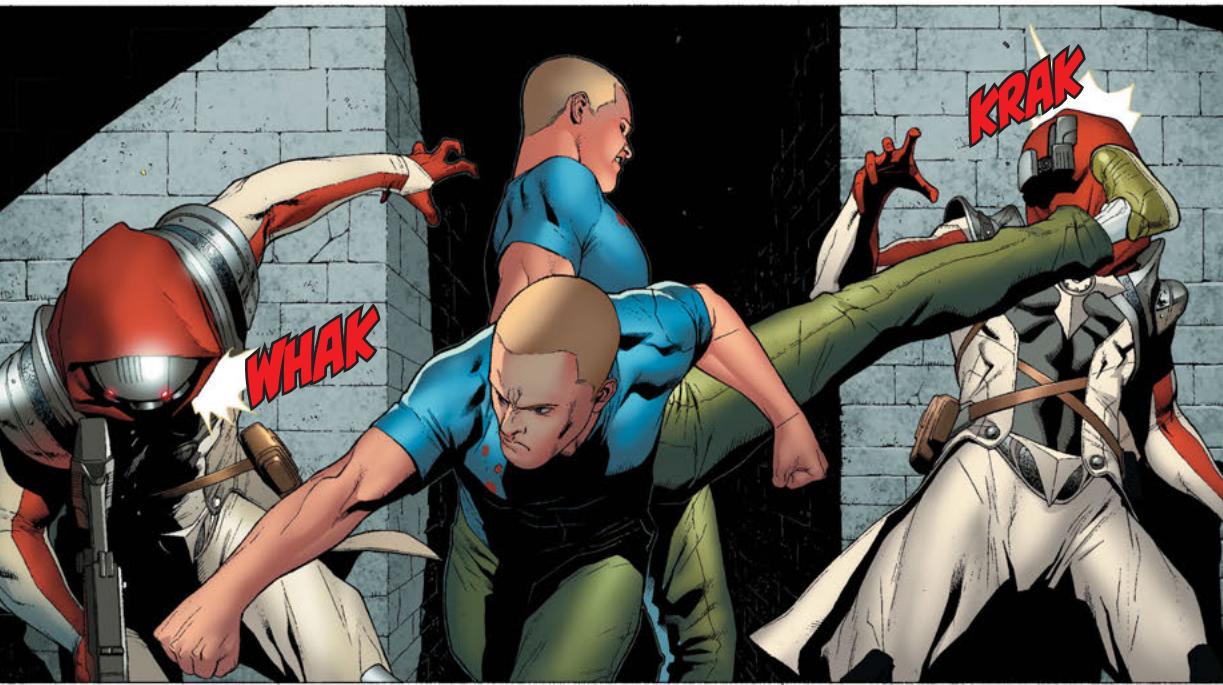
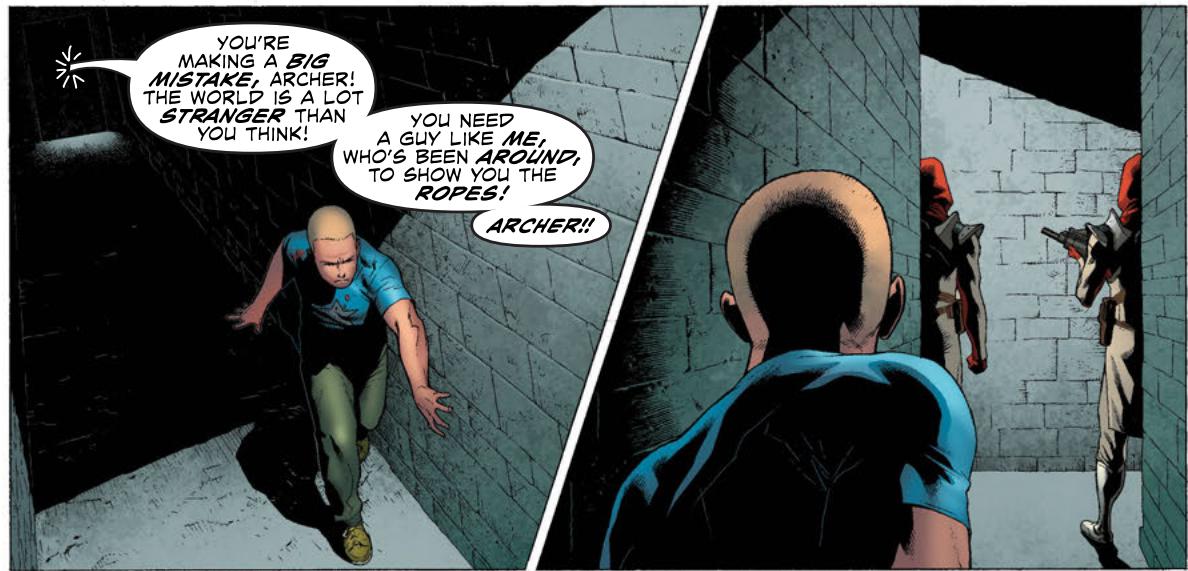


### lock pick•ing

is the skill of manipulating the components of a lock device without the original key

YOU ARE  
THE PRINCE  
OF LIES.

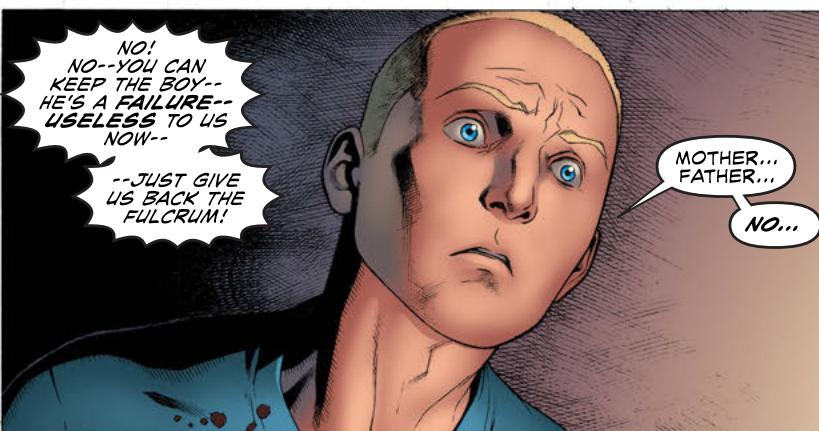
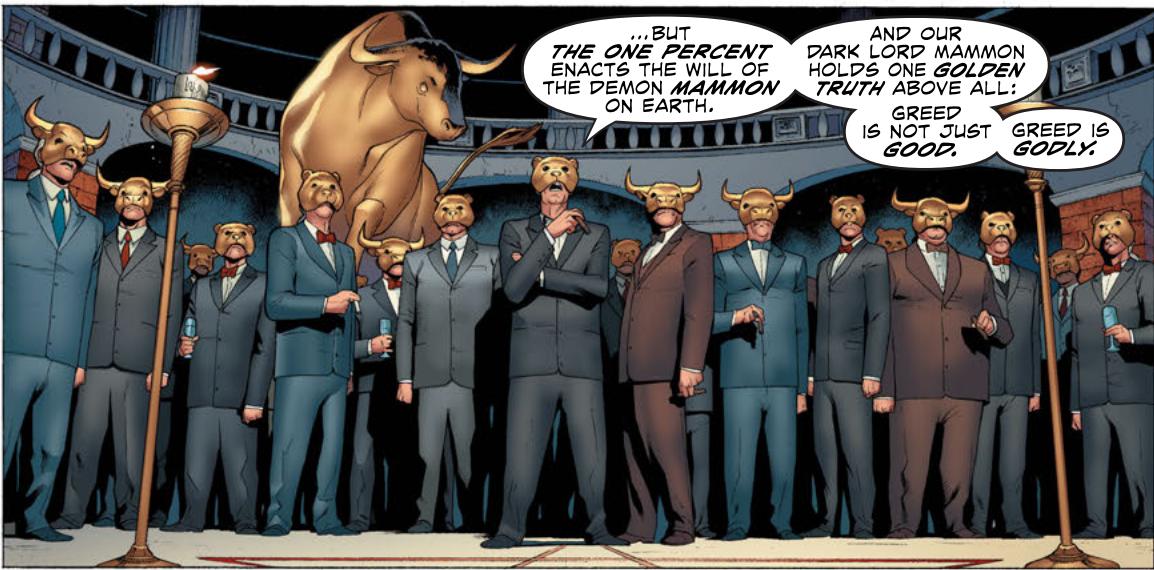




...BUT  
THE ONE PERCENT  
ENACTS THE WILL OF  
THE DEMON MAMMON  
ON EARTH.

AND OUR  
DARK LORD MAMMON  
HOLDS ONE GOLDEN  
TRUTH ABOVE ALL:

GREED  
IS NOT JUST GREED IS  
GODLY.



Next:  
**DOWN with the  
ONE PERCENT!**

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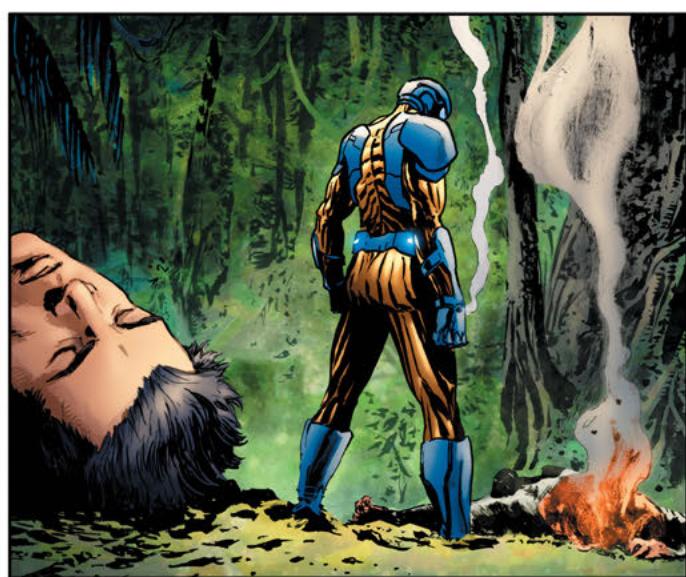
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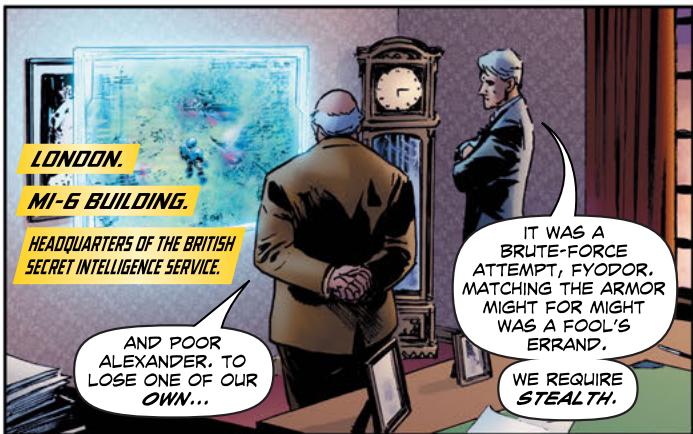


PERU.

HEADWATERS OF  
THE AMAZON RIVER.

BASTARD!  
I'LL KILL YOU!





"MAKE THE CALL."

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ring



ring  
ring  
ring  
ring



YES?



HER MAJESTY'S  
SECRET INTELLIGENCE  
SERVICE IS IN NEED OF  
YOUR TALENTS.



I'M JUST  
TYING THE BOW ON  
A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT.  
I CAN MEET THIS  
EVENING.

YES,  
I KNOW THE  
PLACE.



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