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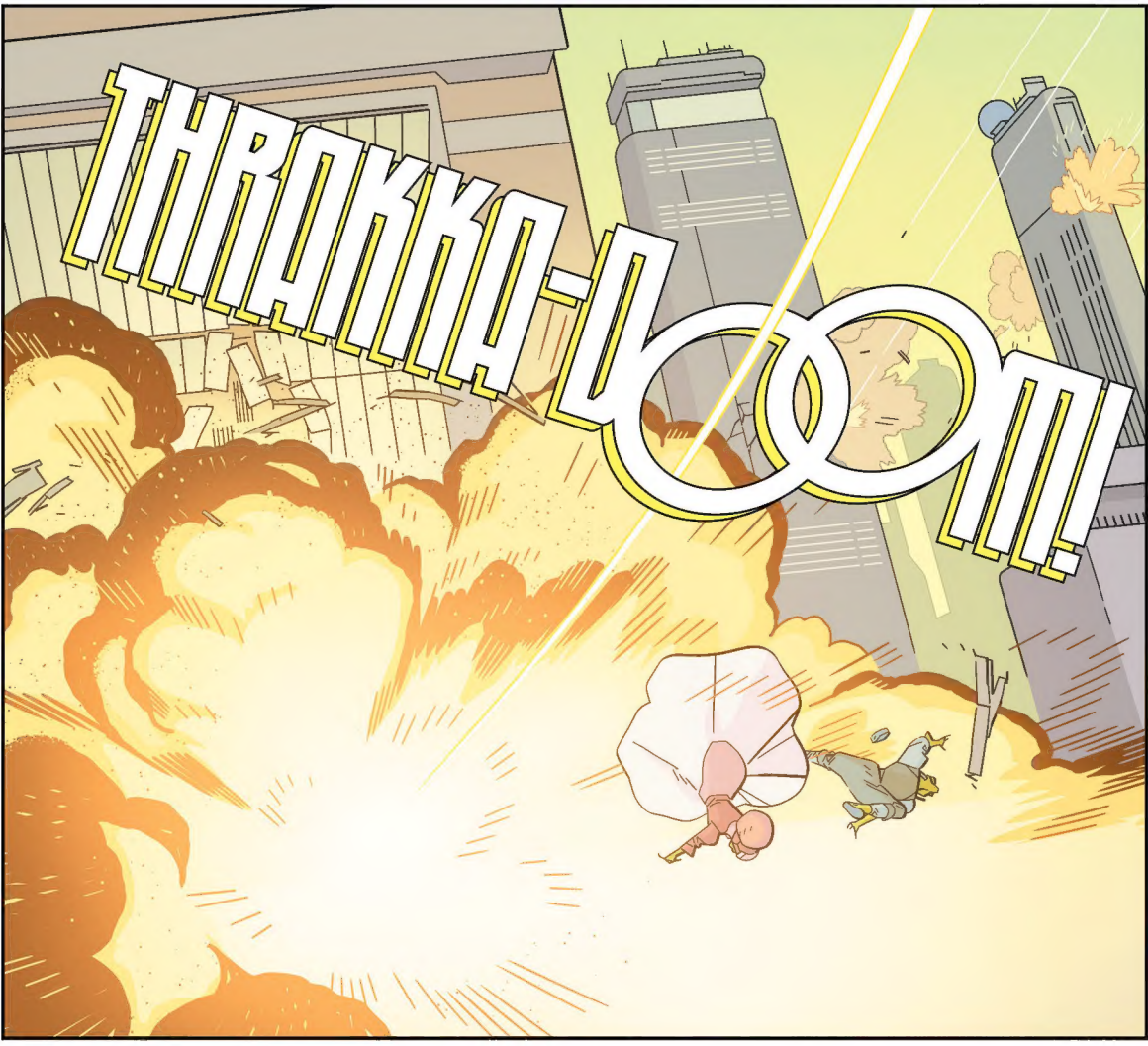
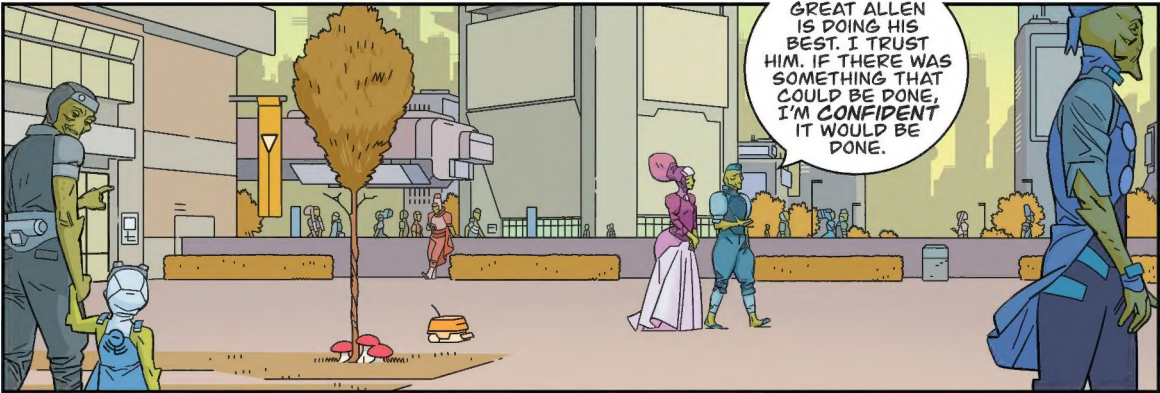
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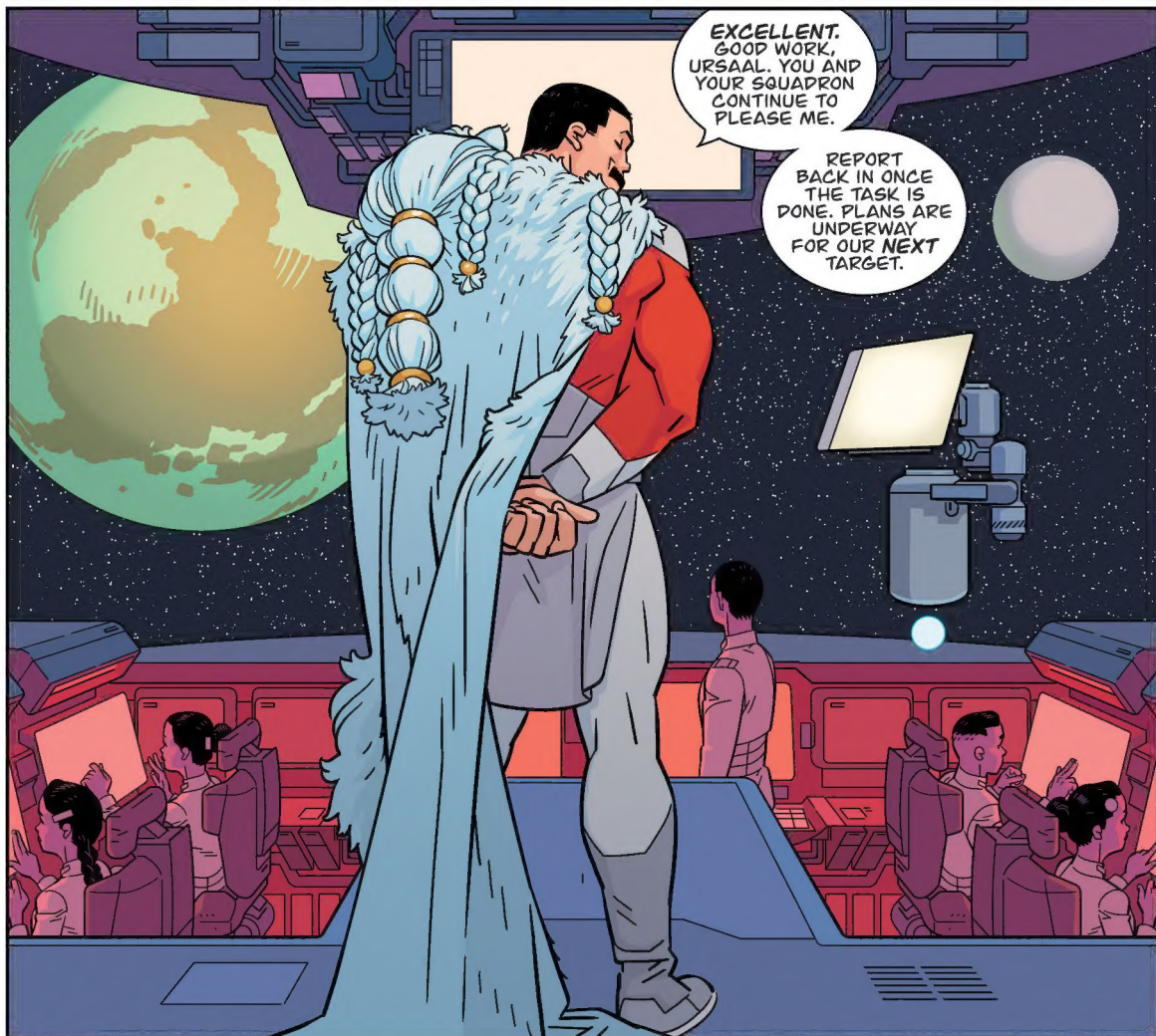
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ALL GOES
ACCORDING
TO PLAN,
FATHER.

WE'LL
HAVE COMPLETE
CONTROL OF THIS
PLANET IN A
MATTER OF
MINUTES.

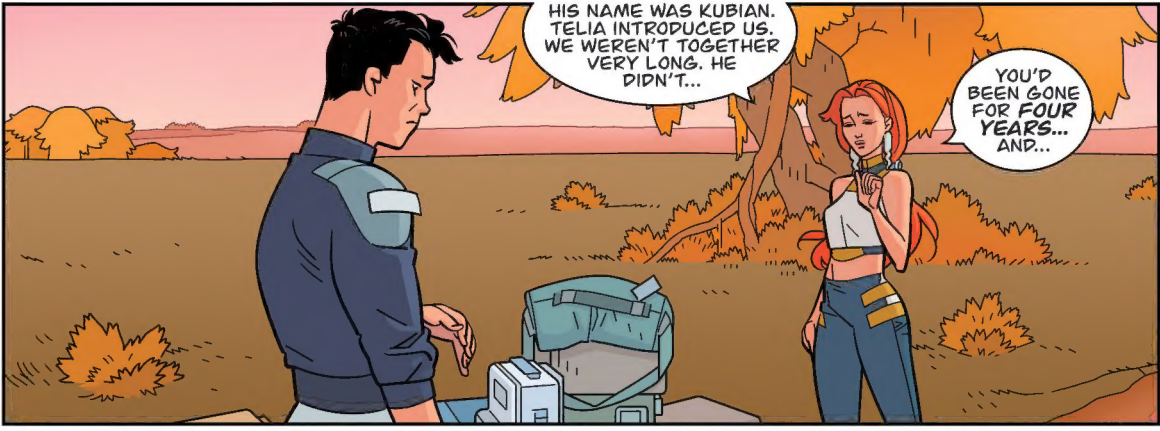


EXCELLENT.
GOOD WORK,
URSAAL. YOU AND
YOUR SQUADRON
CONTINUE TO
PLEASE ME.

REPORT
BACK IN ONCE
THE TASK IS
DONE. PLANS ARE
UNDERWAY
FOR OUR NEXT
TARGET.



THIS WILL
GET THEIR
ATTENTION...

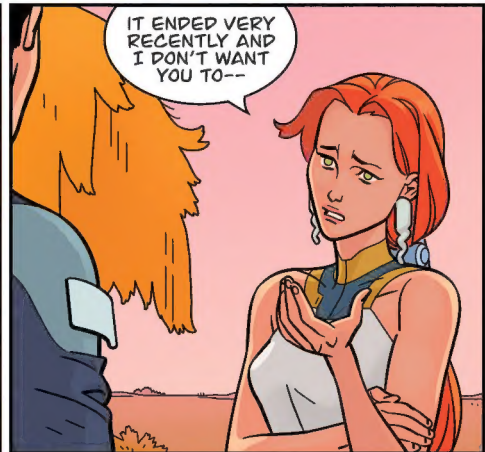


HIS NAME WAS KUBIAN.
TELIA INTRODUCED US.
WE WEREN'T TOGETHER
VERY LONG. HE
DIDN'T...

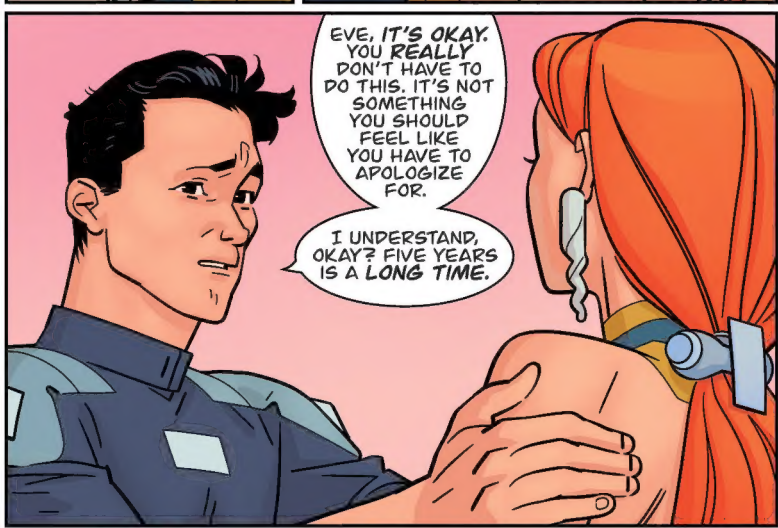
YOU'D
BEEN GONE
FOR **FOUR**
YEARS...
AND...



YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO...

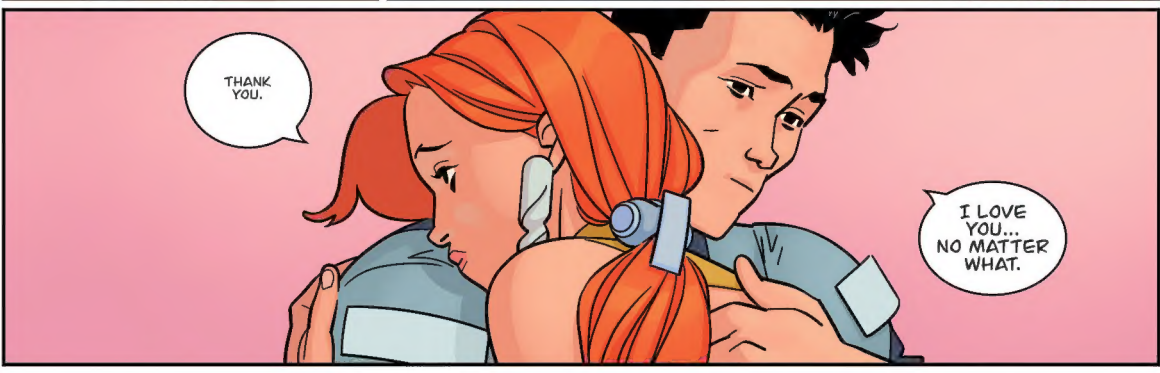


IT ENDED VERY
RECENTLY AND
I DON'T WANT
YOU TO--



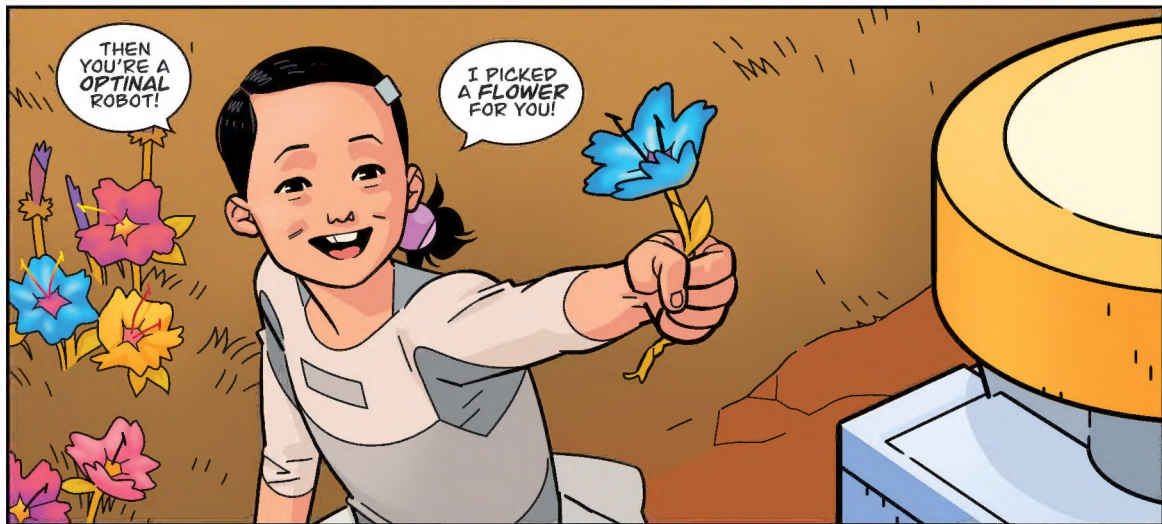
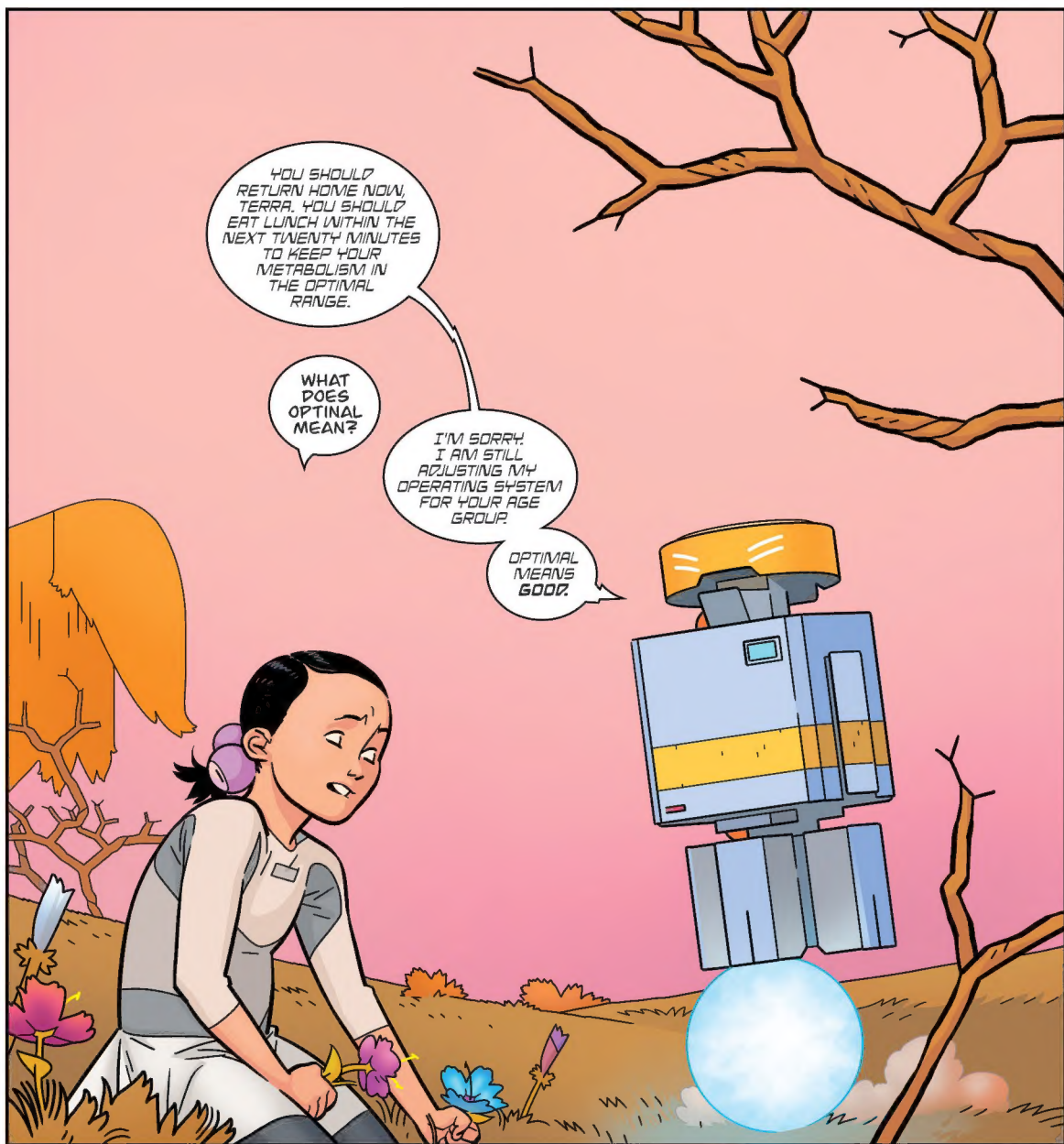
EVE, IT'S OKAY.
YOU REALLY
DON'T HAVE TO
DO THIS. IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
FEEL LIKE
YOU HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR.

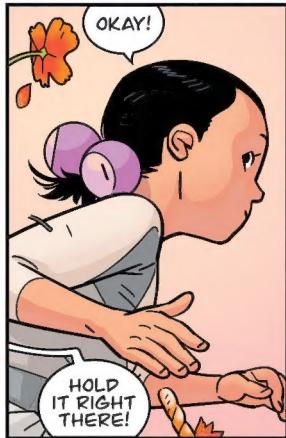
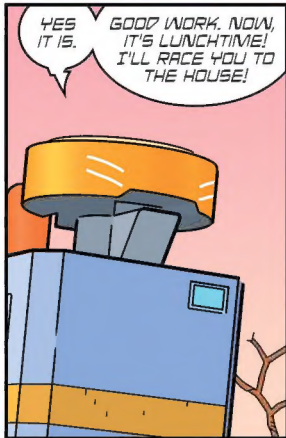
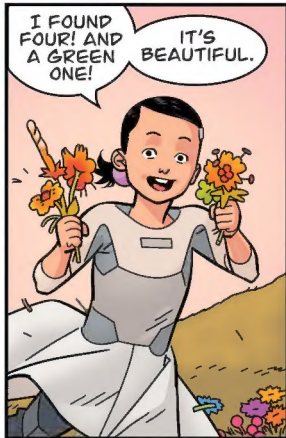
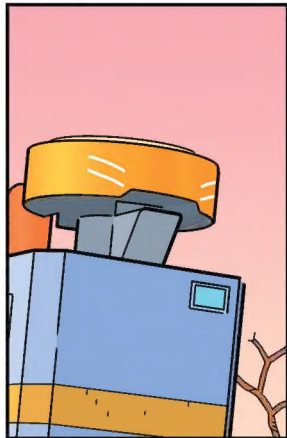
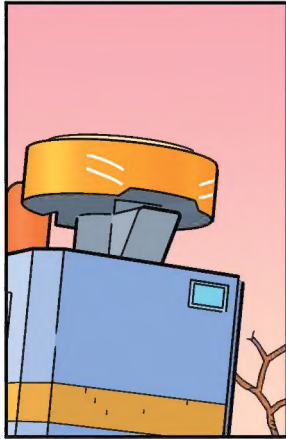
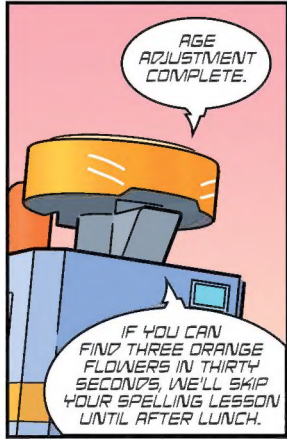
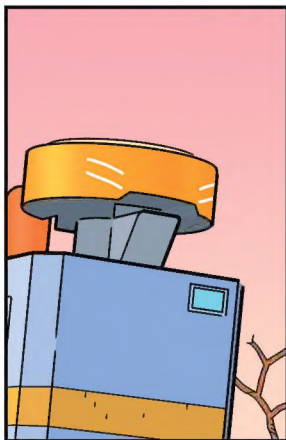
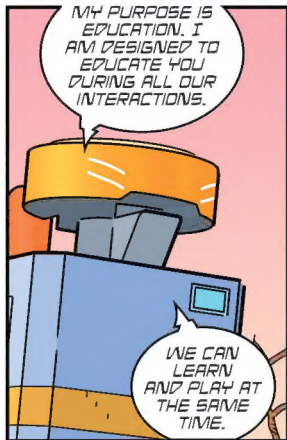
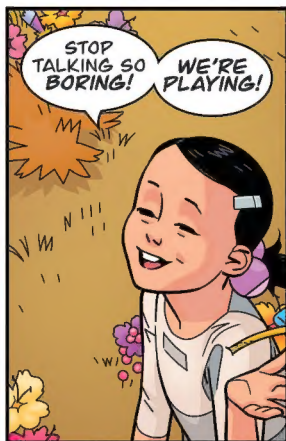
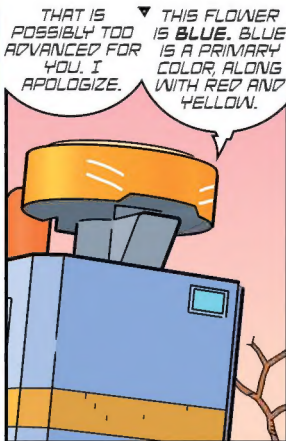
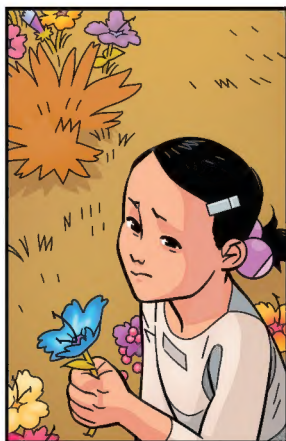
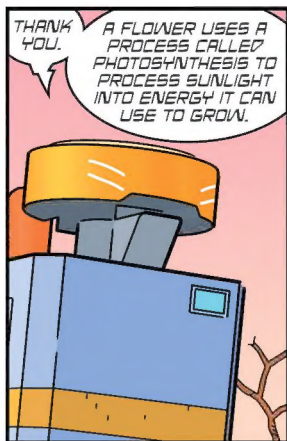
I UNDERSTAND.
OKAY? FIVE YEARS
IS A LONG TIME.

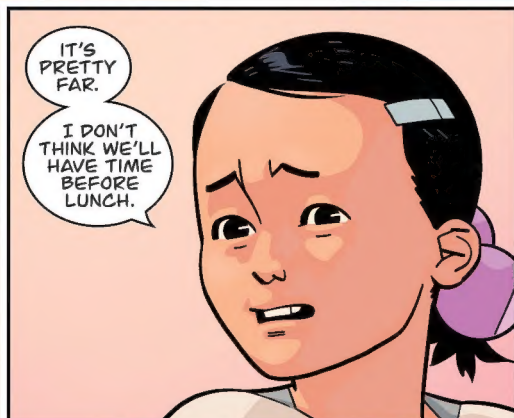
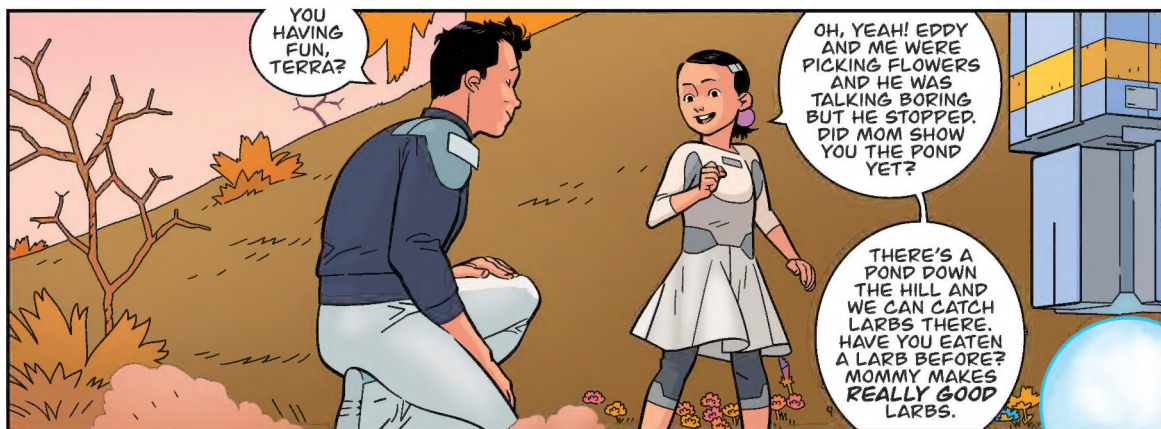


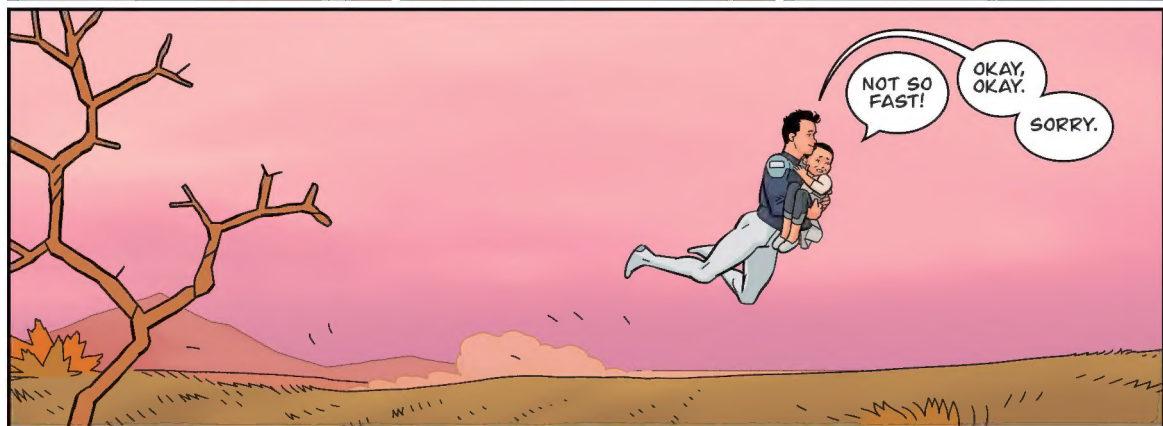
THANK
YOU.

I LOVE
YOU...
NO MATTER
WHAT.













TELIA, I'M
SORRY!

TOO
LATE,
NOW!



I'M SORRY,
BABE. I WAS
TRYING TO
FOCUS, I JUST
HAVE SO MUCH
GOING ON AT
WORK.



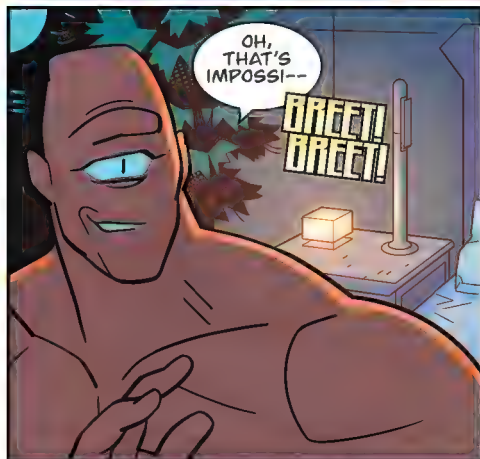
I KNOW, I KNOW. EVERYONE
IS TALKING ABOUT THRAGG
AND HIS ROGUE VILTRUMITES.
THE ATTACK ON KRALL IS
ALL OVER THE
NEWS.

THANKS
FOR BEING
UNDER-
STANDING...



I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING
CRAP! GET BACK IN BED
AND GET YOUR HEAD
IN THE GAME!

IF I CAN'T
GET YOUR MIND
OFF THIS
NONSENSE, I'VE
REALLY LOST
MY TOUCH!



OH,
THAT'S
IMPOSSI--

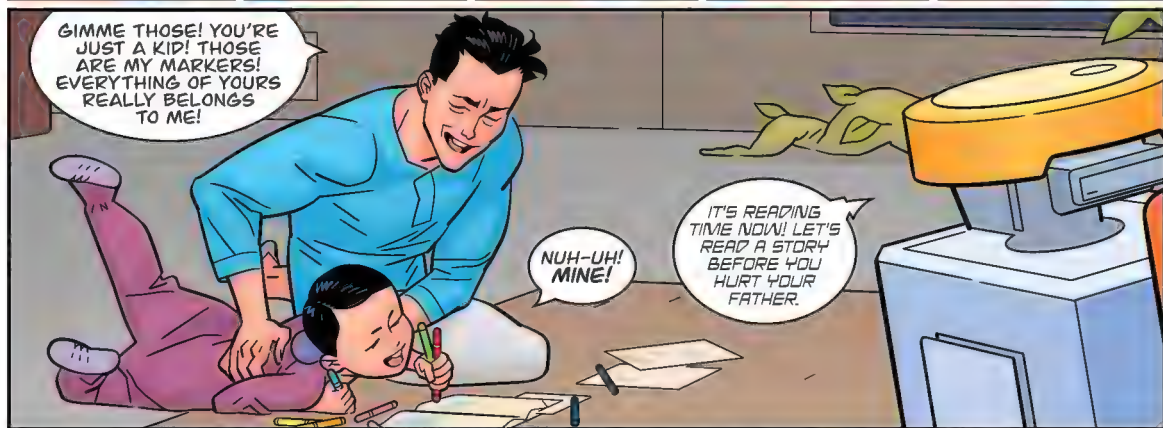
**BREEN!
BREEN!**

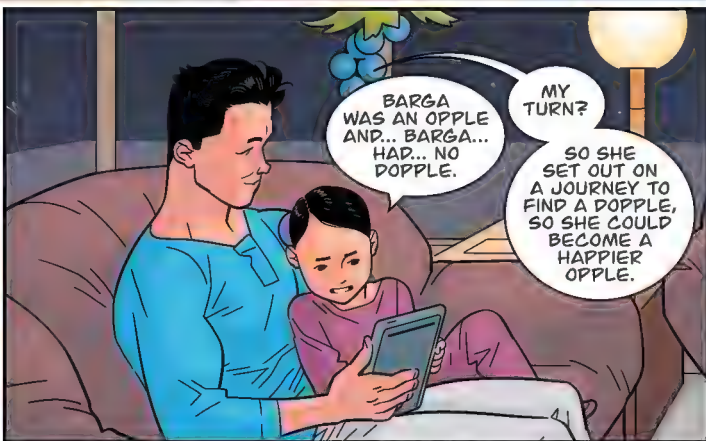
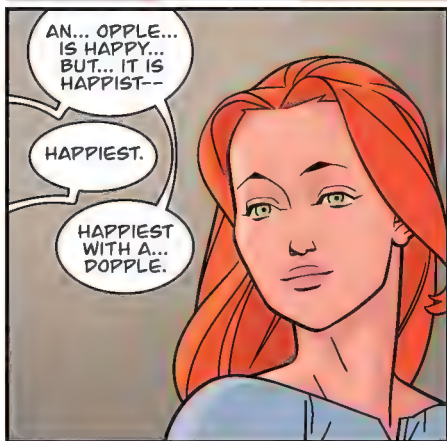
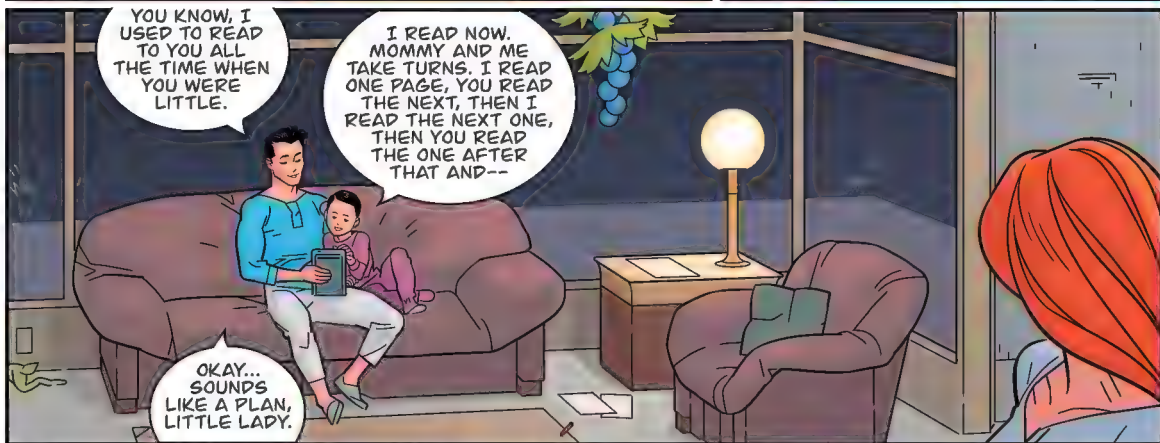
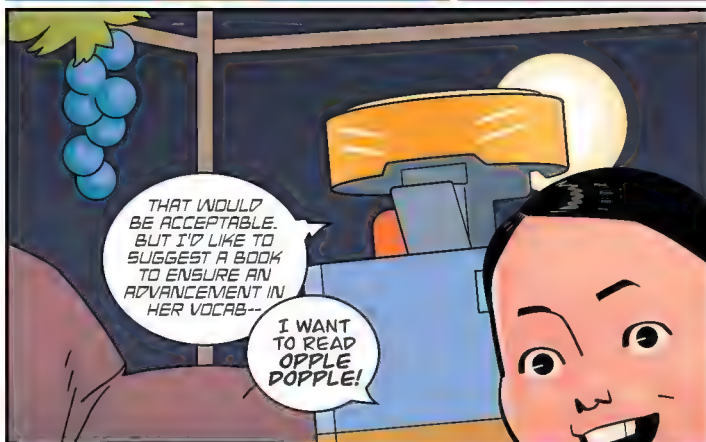


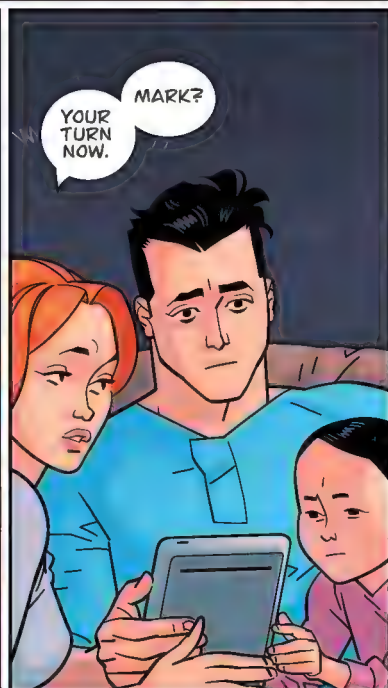
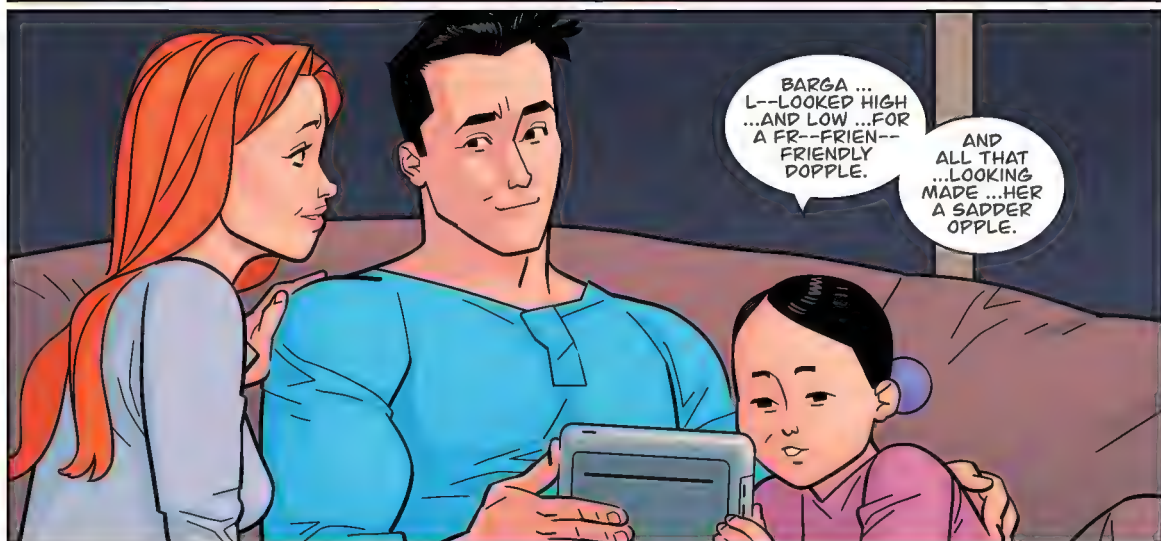
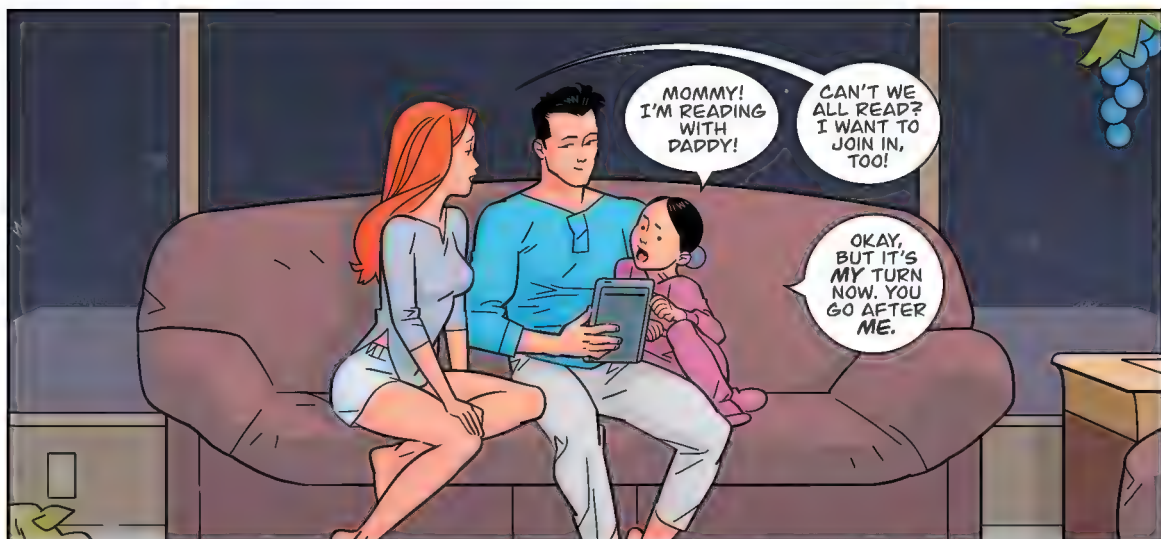
THEY'RE CALLING AN
EMERGENCY SESSION!
THERE MUST HAVE
BEEN ANOTHER
ATTACK!

HANDLE
IT QUICKLY
AND GET
BACK
HERE!

YOU
OWE
ME!







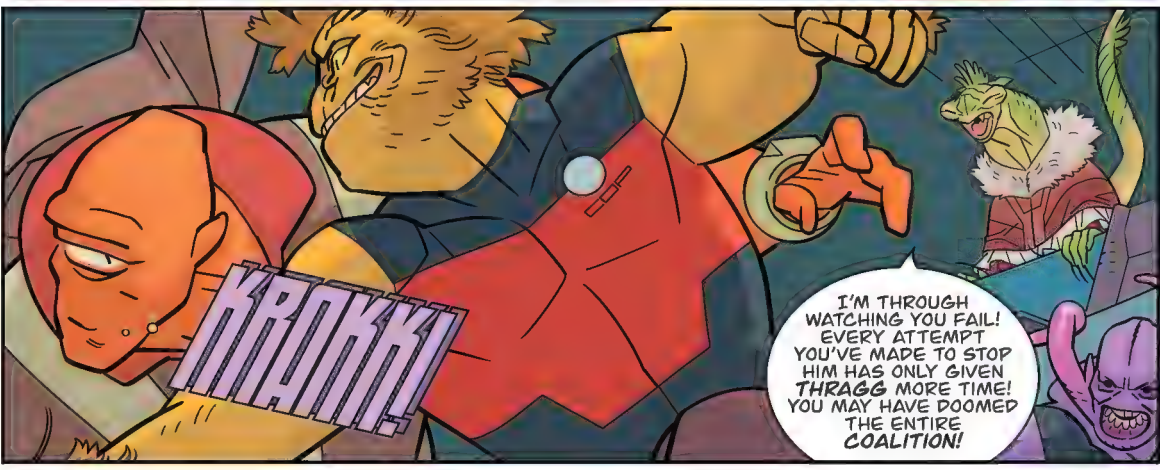




REPRESENTATIVE
ELIA? YOU FAKED AN
EMERGENCY
SESSION?! YOU'LL
BE EJECTED
FOR--?!

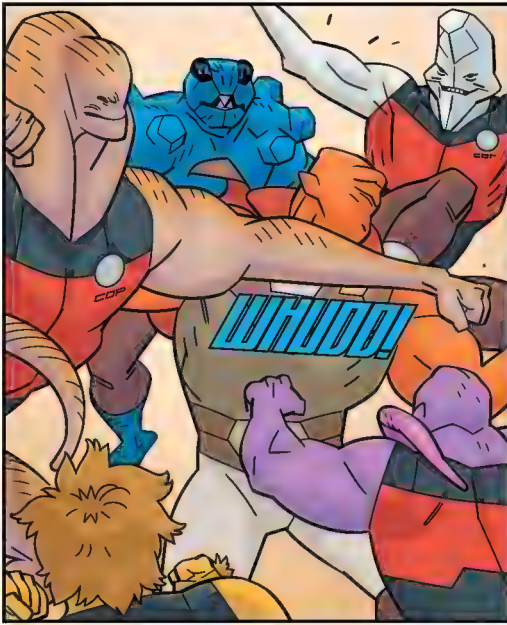
EJECTED?!
MORE LIKELY
YOU'LL SPEND
MONTHS TRYING TO
DECIDE WHAT MY
PUNISHMENT IS.

UPKK!



I'M THROUGH
WATCHING YOU FAIL!
EVERY ATTEMPT
YOU'VE MADE TO STOP
HIM HAS ONLY GIVEN
THRAGG MORE TIME!
YOU MAY HAVE DOOMED
THE ENTIRE
COALITION!

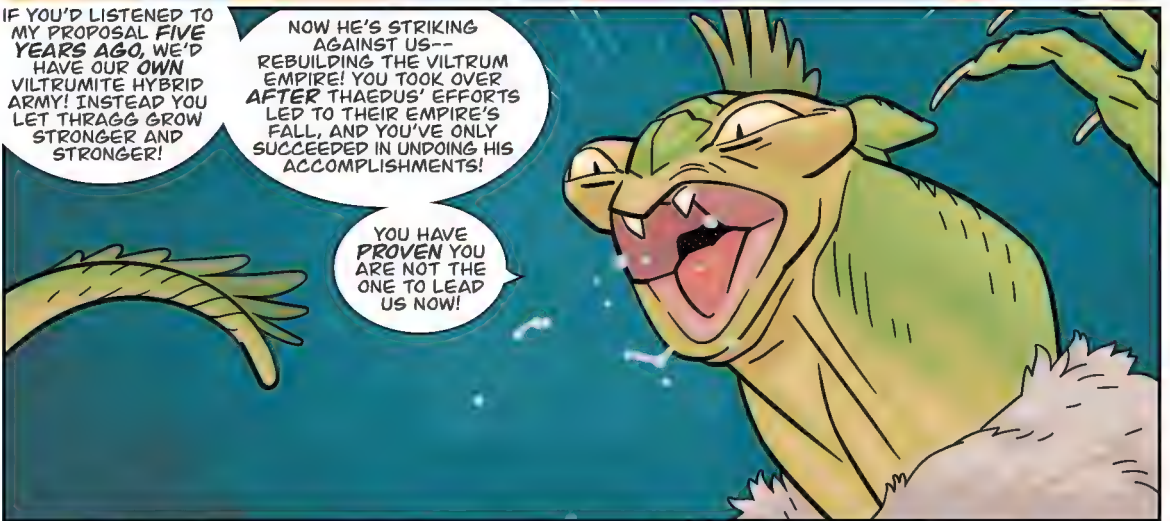
KROKK!



IF YOU'D LISTENED TO MY PROPOSAL FIVE YEARS AGO, WE'D HAVE OUR OWN VILTRUMITE HYBRID ARMY! INSTEAD YOU LET THRAGG GROW STRONGER AND STRONGER!

NOW HE'S STRIKING AGAINST US-- REBUILDING THE VILTRUM EMPIRE! YOU TOOK OVER AFTER THAEDUS' EFFORTS LED TO THEIR EMPIRE'S FALL, AND YOU'VE ONLY SUCCEEDED IN UNDOING HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

YOU HAVE PROVEN YOU ARE NOT THE ONE TO LEAD US NOW!



SO YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME?!

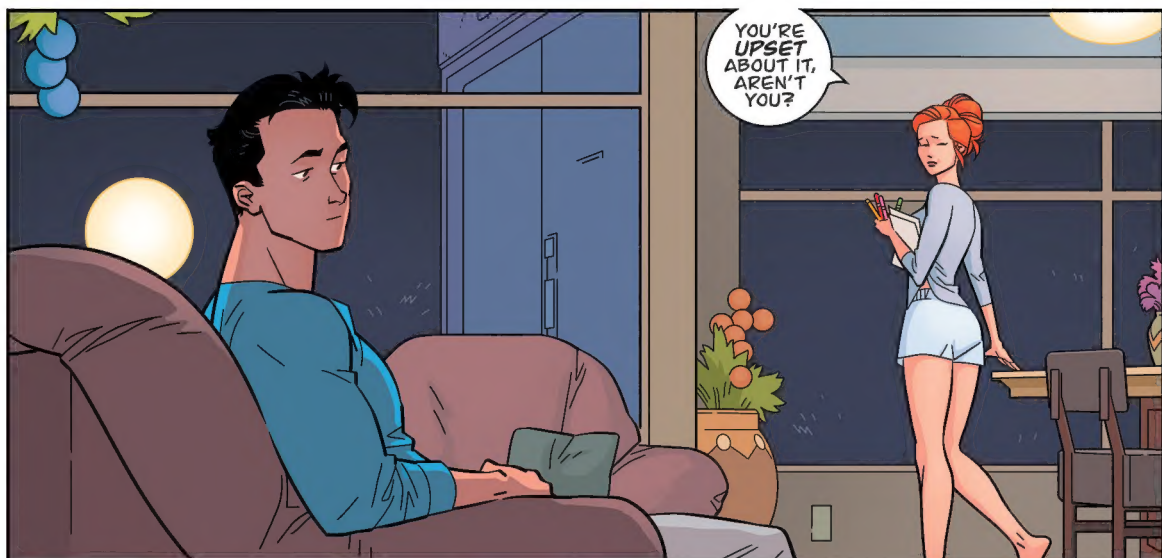


YOU GAVE ME NO CHOICE!







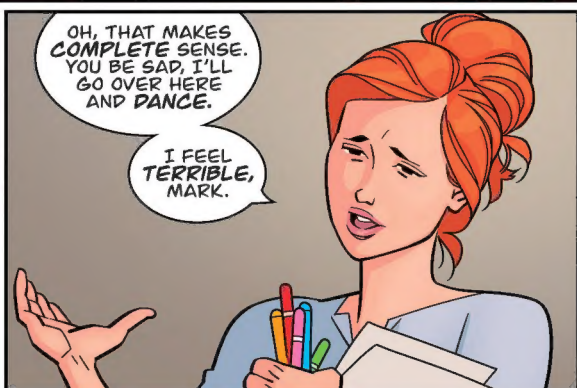


YOU'RE
UPSET
ABOUT IT,
AREN'T
YOU?



YEAH... OF COURSE
I AM. I CAN BE
UPSET ABOUT YOU
BEING WITH SOMEONE
ELSE AND STILL SEE
THAT YOU DID
NOTHING WRONG
AND SHOULDN'T
APOLOGIZE
FOR IT.

I FEEL
BAD, BUT
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO.



OH, THAT MAKES
COMPLETE SENSE.
YOU BE SAD, I'LL
GO OVER HERE
AND DANCE.

I FEEL
TERRIBLE,
MARK.



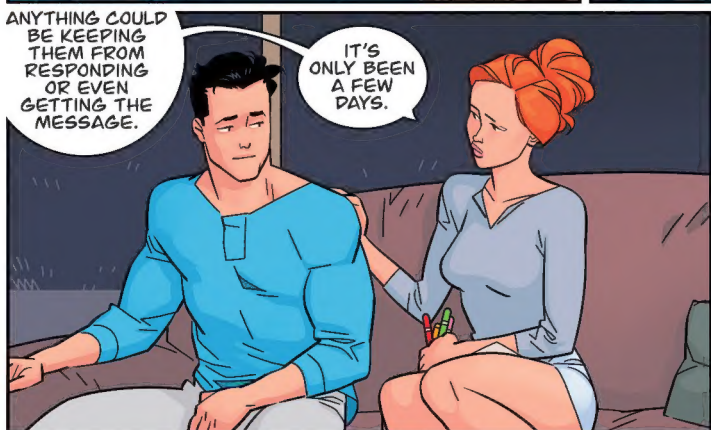
WELL, I WANT YOU TO
NOT DO THAT... SO I
HOPE THAT HELPS.
I MEAN, IT'S MEANT
TO, I DON'T WANT
YOU TO FEEL
BAD.

ALSO...
THAT'S NOT
EVEN WHAT
I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT.



WE HAVEN'T HEARD
ANYTHING FROM
EARTH SINCE I CAME
BACK. I KNOW ALLEN
SENT A TRANSMISSION
LETTING THEM KNOW
I WAS ALIVE.

IT'S
WEIRD THAT
THEY HAVEN'T
CONTACTED
US, RIGHT?



ANYTHING COULD
BE KEEPING
THEM FROM
RESPONDING
OR EVEN
GETTING THE
MESSAGE.

IT'S
ONLY BEEN
A FEW
DAYS.



YEAH...
YOU'RE
PROBABLY
RIGHT.

I'M
SURE IT'S
NOTHING.



REVENGE

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Where to start?! Terra on track to become my favorite character, Eddy, Mark and Eve, whatever the hell just happened to Allen, and this last page? We're kicking into a whole new gear! But first, let's get the final words on REBOOT?.

Word is coming in on issue 127, and it's great to hear how excited everyone is about what's going on in the book. Cory's return has been a big hit. It's been really great having him back these six issues. Also, it's giving Ryan plenty of time to work on issue 133 and beyond.

Lots of cool stuff cooking behind the scenes. So stay tuned!

Just read #126 and i am a lil upset.

Since the Skybound merger/take over[...or whatever it is] I have enjoyed the new regime. I didn't love everything, but i went along for the ride. However that changed with the 'reboot?'

To be clear, the formation of Skybound almost 6 (!) years ago had ZERO effect on the story. We just make more awesome comics than Robert could do by himself.

Yeah, all Skybound's formation has done is surround me with awesome support so i can focus more on writing and keep the comics coming out.

Strike 1 for me is the delayed resolution to Rex Robot 'taking over' storyline. That storyline is by far the most interesting storyline I've seen in comics...like EVER. I mean 'Heroes finally saving the world?' and the brutal way he did it kept me on the edge of my seat, and waiting for the next issue. There were great side stories of Mark being...forced to ...'get it on' with Anissa, Nolan becoming emperor. But all that got put on hold so that Mark can run away from the problem and hide out in space. I know you have to set up Thragg and his bug-kid army that he is building. But COME ON!

The Rex Robot take over started around issue # 109ish mostly 111(the big battles), we are now up to issue 126 and STILL NO RESOLUTION!?!?! Thats over 15 issues and now we have to wait til April?!? Are you serious? Thats strike 2!!

Don't get me wrong, i know you guys need a break and working on a monthly comic is grueling, trust me i get it. (Im an aspiring comic artist,writer, colorist myself, i know its tough) Im cool with you guys taking 6months off, but FINISH the Robot storyline before that.

Strike 3 is that pointless REBOOT? So...you mean to tell me...Mark gets zapped back in time, re-live important parts of his life, to make a decision on IF he should 'stay' in the past to save more people? As a hero i think he should do whatever it takes to save lives (even sacrificing his kids/family) i know some readers will have a different viewpoint, but WHY bring up that whole argument in the first place if he's just gonna get zapped back to his home timeline?!?!? What purpose did it serve...to make Mark disappear for like 5 years? the guy missed his daughter's toddler years FOR WHAT?? a cosmic question/debate about playing GOD??

Im shaking my head right now, cuz i'm getting this feeling of corporate greed here, stretching out a storyline for more comic sales. All the momentum that this comic had back around 109-116 has now slowed to a crawl. I have been collecting since #98, so i am still overall pleased with Invincible, but thats why i'm so pissed that the story has took a bad turn cuz i like the comic soo much.

Sincerely a FAN

Tim

I hear you, Tim. I'm sorry you're not a huge fan of the current direction, but sincerely, I do appreciate you sticking with it. As for the Robot storyline... I think the problem there, honestly, is a familiarity with how these stories TYPICALLY go in superhero comics. Yeah... if this were a standard Marvel or DC book... Invincible would stay on Earth and fight Robot and win and save the day. The thing everyone expects. But here at INVINCIBLE, we try to do things differently. Robot being in control of Earth is the story... it's over. He's running the place. The bad guy won. Mark left the planet to raise his family... he gave up.

Similarly, the Reboot storyline was about him realizing he's not really a hero.

Yes, a hero typically would sacrifice his family to save thousands. Mark loves his family more. He was selfish. Which, honestly, could make you like him less... but I hope it makes you see him as human. Because nobody is perfect. Except those other superheroes... but we're all tired of reading those same stories over and over again, right?

What you're seeing here couldn't be further from corporate greed. It's Team Invincible trying to flex our creative muscles to do something new. I hope that helps you enjoy this stuff more... if not, this is INVINCIBLE... the comic will be completely different in 6 issues anyway if you stick around!

wow.

Sorry, I meant frickin **WOW**.

I've been on board since day one and have honestly loved this book since then, diggin every step of Mark's growth - and that's one of the things that has happily dragged me along, a character that actually grows as we do with him - but damn this was a great old bitch-slap in the face for those of us that have been there all along and thank you for that. The book had moved off into new interesting areas (off planet) and before we could settle, BOOM you off and go for the alternate reality, and one that hasn't been done before. Frickin wow Robert, Great move. You never seem to let the skillet cool off do you?

Honestly, who wouldn't make the choice that Mark did at the end and all along the way, Mark is us, everyman, trying to be the best human being he can be, starting from being a regular teenager and moving along so damned fast, growing up and STILL being someone that we'd want to be. Who'da thunk he'd be making these kind of choices when the first issue came out? Bravisimo Robert, for making a complete character that we can care about, growing in such a way that we'd really, really care, especially in these days of event comics where characters are interchangeable depending on what the writer needs them to say.

You're smokin Robert, what with your television work and your writing and you deserve it for one reason and one only: you touch on everyone's humanity, good, bad, whatever, but you put people in situations that make us find out who and what we are. You've rejuvenated storytelling and we care about these folks bro.

And I for one am loving every friggin second of it.

Mahalo brother, I for one will be there until you stop telling stories.

Todd Auvil
Honolulu

I'm very happy that we were able to successfully mask our corporate greed from you and trick you into enjoying this comic. Thanks for writing in, Todd!

Next month, we hit you from every angle: more Thragg, more Graysons, and a return to a certain planet...

-Sean Mackiewicz

You tease! There's a whole lot cool stuff coming! FOUR MORE AWESOME ISSUES OF CORY WALKER GOODNESS!!! And then Ryan Ottley makes his triumphant return! And oh, man... what's happening in the book when he comes back... oh, man!

-Robert Kirkman

NEXT ISSUE



Thragg is making moves, conquering more worlds as he rebuilds the Viltrum Empire. Meanwhile, Mark, Eve, and Terra take a trip to Earth to visit Grandma and Grandpa.