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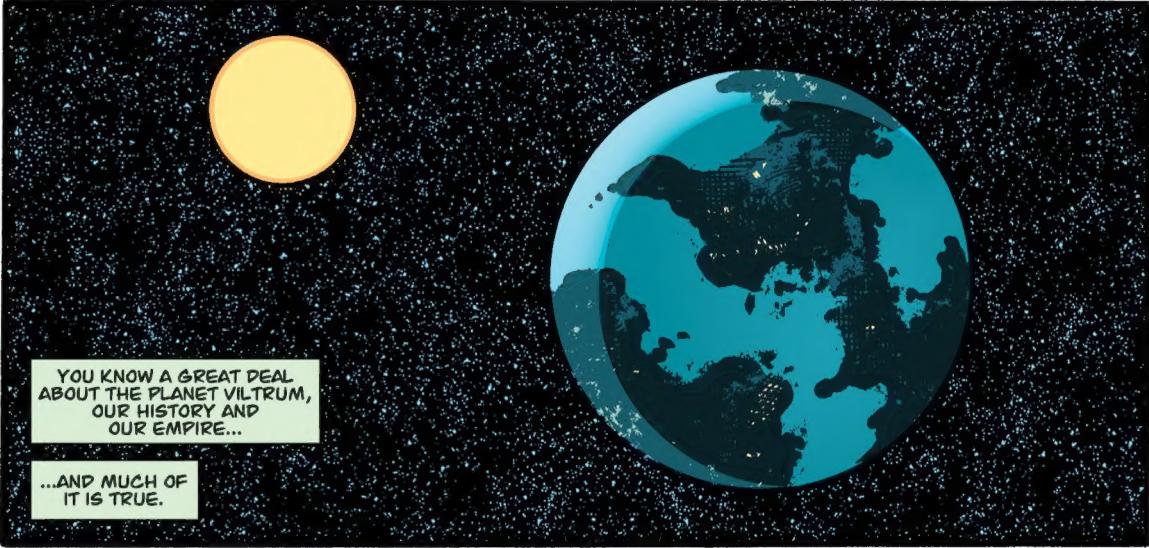
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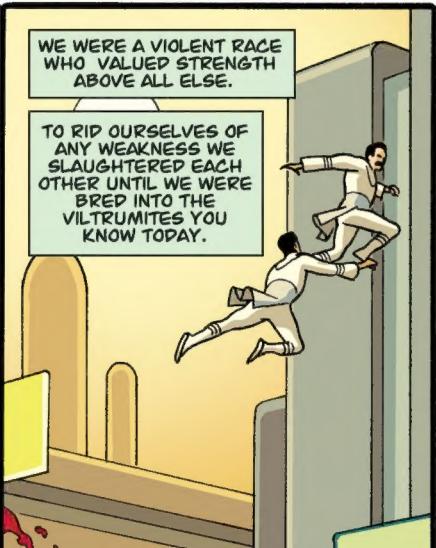
THERE ARE
LESS THAN FIFTY
FULL-BLOODED
VILTRUMITES LEFT
IN THE UNIVERSE...
BUT IT WAS NOT
ALWAYS THIS
WAY.

ALLEN, MY
FRIEND... IT IS
TIME SOMEONE
KNEW THE
TRUTH ABOUT
THE VILTRUM
EMPIRE.



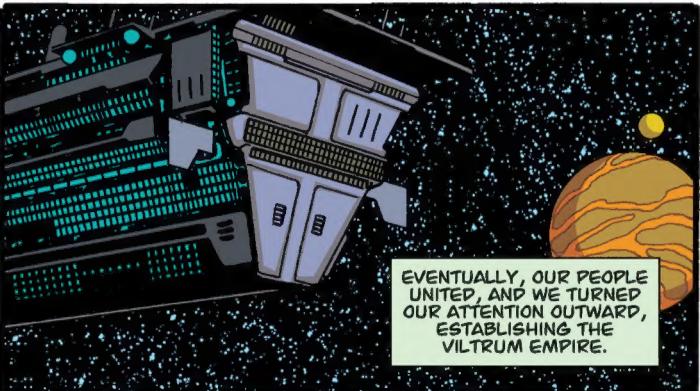
YOU KNOW A GREAT DEAL
ABOUT THE PLANET VILTRUM,
OUR HISTORY AND
OUR EMPIRE...

...AND MUCH OF
IT IS TRUE.



WE WERE A VIOLENT RACE
WHO VALUED STRENGTH
ABOVE ALL ELSE.

TO RID OURSELVES OF
ANY WEAKNESS WE
SLAUGHTERED EACH
OTHER UNTIL WE WERE
BRED INTO THE
VILTRUMITES YOU
KNOW TODAY.



EVENTUALLY, OUR PEOPLE
UNITED, AND WE TURNED
OUR ATTENTION OUTWARD,
ESTABLISHING THE
VILTRUM EMPIRE.



AN EMPIRE THAT CONTINUED
TO EXPAND AT AN ASTOUNDING
RATE FOR NEARLY
ONE THOUSAND YEARS.



UNTIL OUR
ENEMIES MADE
A WEAPON
CAPABLE OF
HURTING US.



THEY MADE
A VIRUS.

UNIQUE TO OUR GENETIC CODE, THE VIRUS WAS DEVASTATING. IT SWEEPED THROUGH MY PEOPLE AT AN ALARMING RATE.

IT APPEARED THERE WAS NO WAY OF STOPPING IT. OUR ENTIRE EMPIRE WAS IN JEOPARDY.



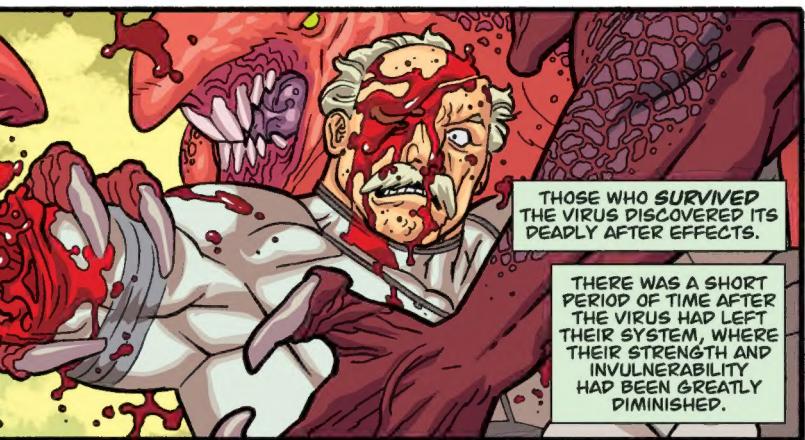
ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO QUARANTINE THOSE WHO BECAME INFECTED... BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.

ALMOST THE ENTIRE POPULATION WAS INFECTED WITH WHAT WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS THE SCOURGE VIRUS.



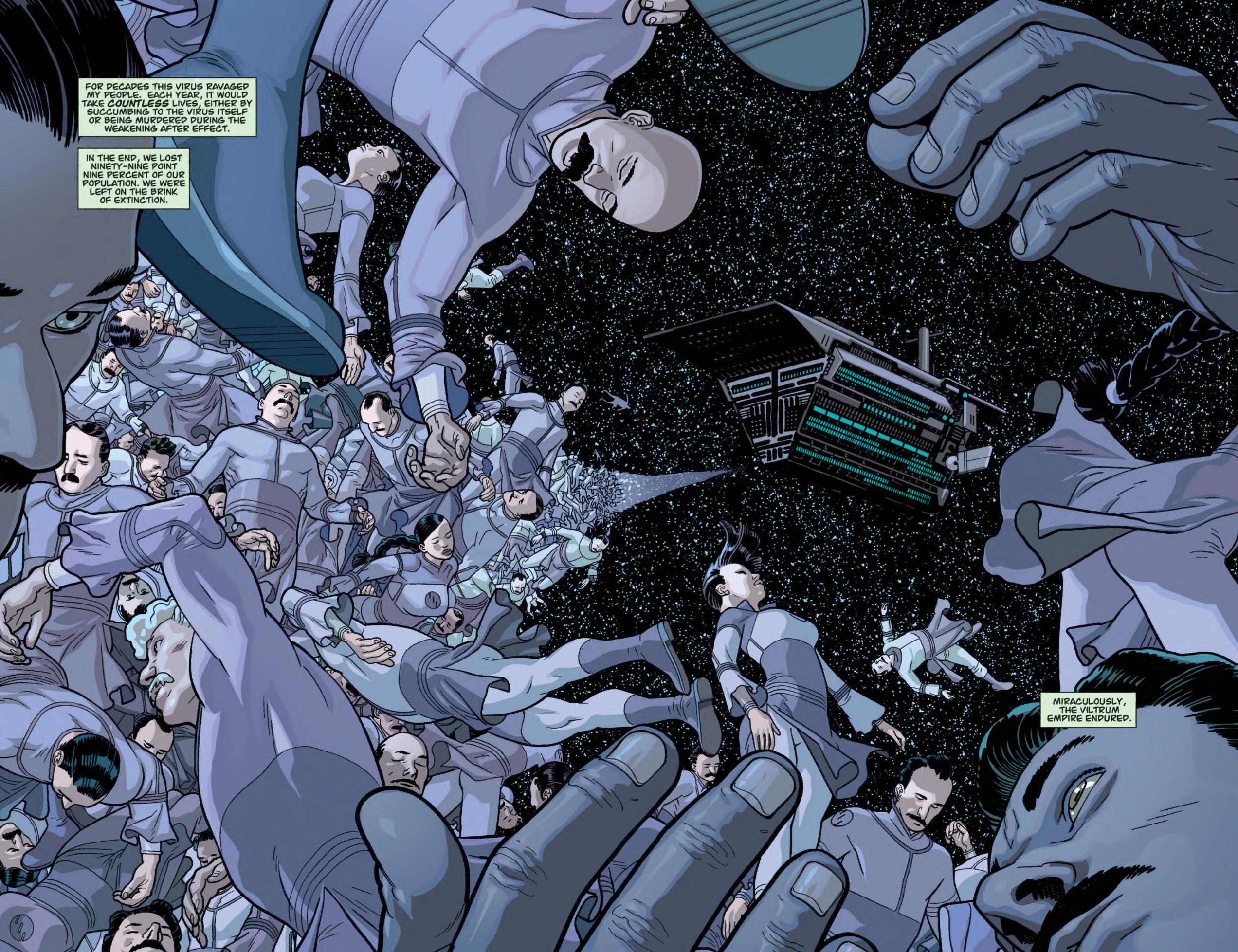
THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE VIRUS DISCOVERED ITS DEADLY AFTER EFFECTS.

THERE WAS A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE VIRUS HAD LEFT THEIR SYSTEM, WHERE THEIR STRENGTH AND INVULNERABILITY HAD BEEN GREATLY DIMINISHED.



THEY WERE THE LUCKY ONES.



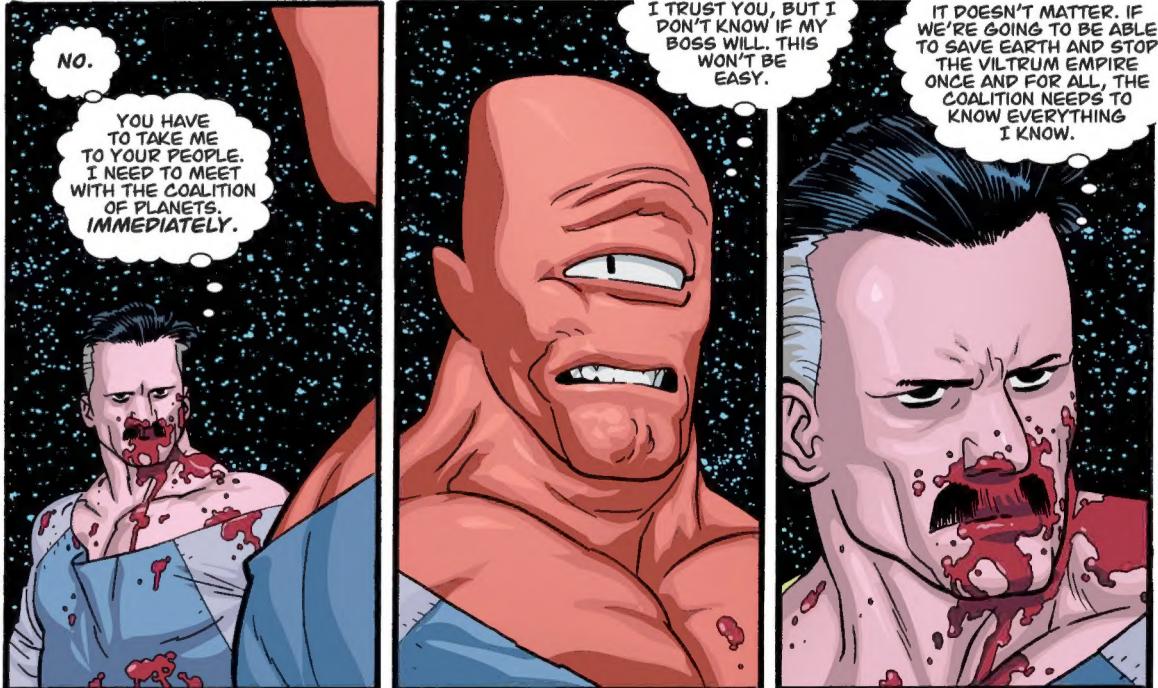


FOR DECADES THIS VIRUS RAVAGED MY PEOPLE. EACH YEAR, IT WOULD TAKE COUNTLESS LIVES, EITHER BY SUCUMBING TO THE VIRUS ITSELF OR BEING MURDERED DURING THE WEAKENING AFTER EFFECT.

IN THE END, WE LOST NINETY-NINE POINT NINE PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION. WE WERE LEFT ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION.

MIRACULOUSLY, THE VILTRUM EMPIRE ENDURED.







I DON'T CARE HOW LATE YOU GET BACK FROM A MISSION. YOU KNOW THE RULES. YOU WAKE ME UP!

I'VE BEEN LIVING WITHOUT FOR MONTHS AND I AM HUNGRY! NOW GIVE IT TO ME, YOU UNOPAN GOD.

GIVE IT TO ME NOW!

TELIA, PLEASE. I CAN'T RIGHT NOW.

STOP--!

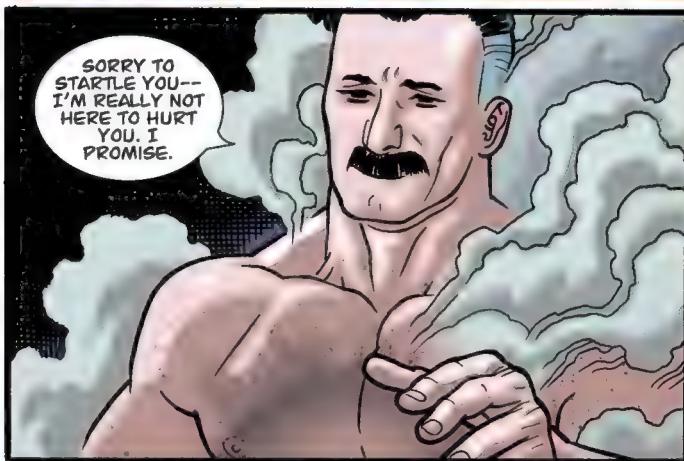
CAN WE PLEASE, JUST ONCE... NOT DO THIS? I'M SICK OF ALL THE PRETENSE.

DO I REALLY HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT THE UNOPAN POPULATION AND HOW YOUR STRICT PROCREATION LAWS FORBID OUR UNION BEFORE EVERY SINGLE TIME WE HAVE SEX?

DON'T SAY YOU CAN'T. YOU CAN--YOU ALWAYS DO. CUT THE CRAP AND LET'S GET TO IT!

NO, THAT'S NOT IT--

WAIT A MINUTE... DID YOU SAY "WE" GOT IN REALLY LATE?



HIDDEN AMONG THE TOWERING SKYSCRAPERS OF TELESRIA IS THE CENTRAL BASE OF THE COALITION OF PLANETS.



FASCINATING--SIMPLY FASCINATING. ARE YOU CROSS REFERENCING THE VISUAL MARKERS HIDDEN IN THE STORIES WITH STAR MAPS?

NO, WHY? OOOOH. THEY LINE UP EXACTLY. AMAZING.

THIS COULD BE THE FINAL PIECE THE COALITION NEEDS TO END THE VILTRUMITE THREAT ONCE AND FOR ALL.

DOWNLOAD COMPLETE IN THREE, TWO...



MAYBE WE SHOULD CANCEL THE CHOOBAK MATCH TONIGHT. I'M GOING TO BE PROCESSING DATA IN THE BACK OF MY MIND ALL NIGHT.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY MYSELF.

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT-- BUT, DUTY CALLS!

HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BE IN WITH AEDEUS? WE NEED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH HIM.

WHO KNOWS, HE'S BEEN MEETING WITH ALLEN AND THE ROGUE VILTRUMITE FOR HOURS.

EVER SINCE HIS TRANSFORMATION, I FIND ALLEN UNSETTLING. HE TERRIFIES ME.

INTIMIDATING, SURE... BUT AGENT ALLEN IS ON OUR SIDE.

WHY WOULD YOU BE SCARED OF HIM?



NEARLY EXTINCT...
LESS THAN FIFTY
PURE BLOODS...
I HAD NO
IDEA.

I DIDN'T
KNOW...

I'M CONFUSED.
AS LEADER OF THE
COALITION OF PLANETS,
I THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE HAPPY
TO HEAR THIS
NEWS.

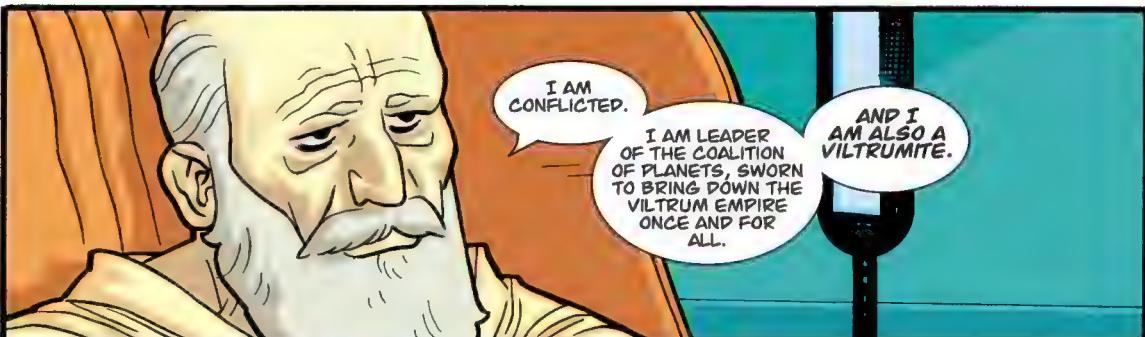
WELL,
THE THING
IS...



I AM
CONFLICTED.

I AM LEADER
OF THE COALITION
OF PLANETS, SWORN
TO BRING DOWN THE
VILTRUM EMPIRE
ONCE AND FOR
ALL.

AND I
AM ALSO A
VILTRUMITE.

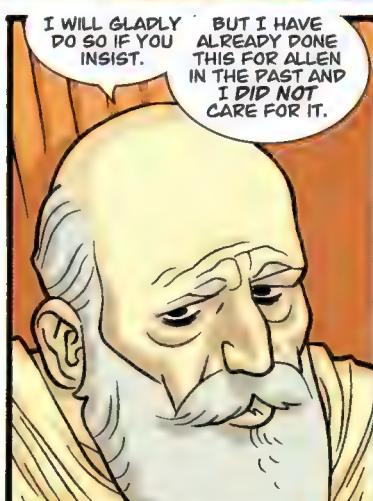
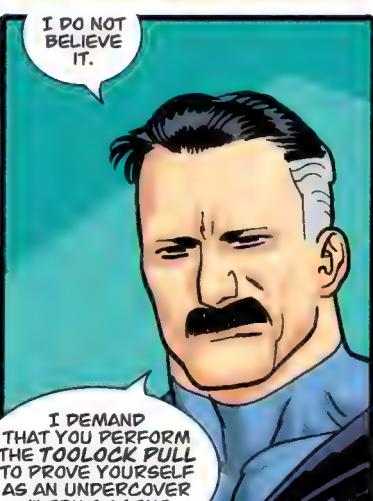


I DO NOT
BELIEVE
IT.

I WILL GLADLY
DO SO IF YOU
INSIST.

BUT I HAVE
ALREADY DONE
THIS FOR ALLEN
IN THE PAST AND
I DID NOT
CARE FOR IT.

IT'S TRUE,
DUDE--
PULLED HIS
BEARD
RIGHT
OUT.
IT WAS
CRAZY.





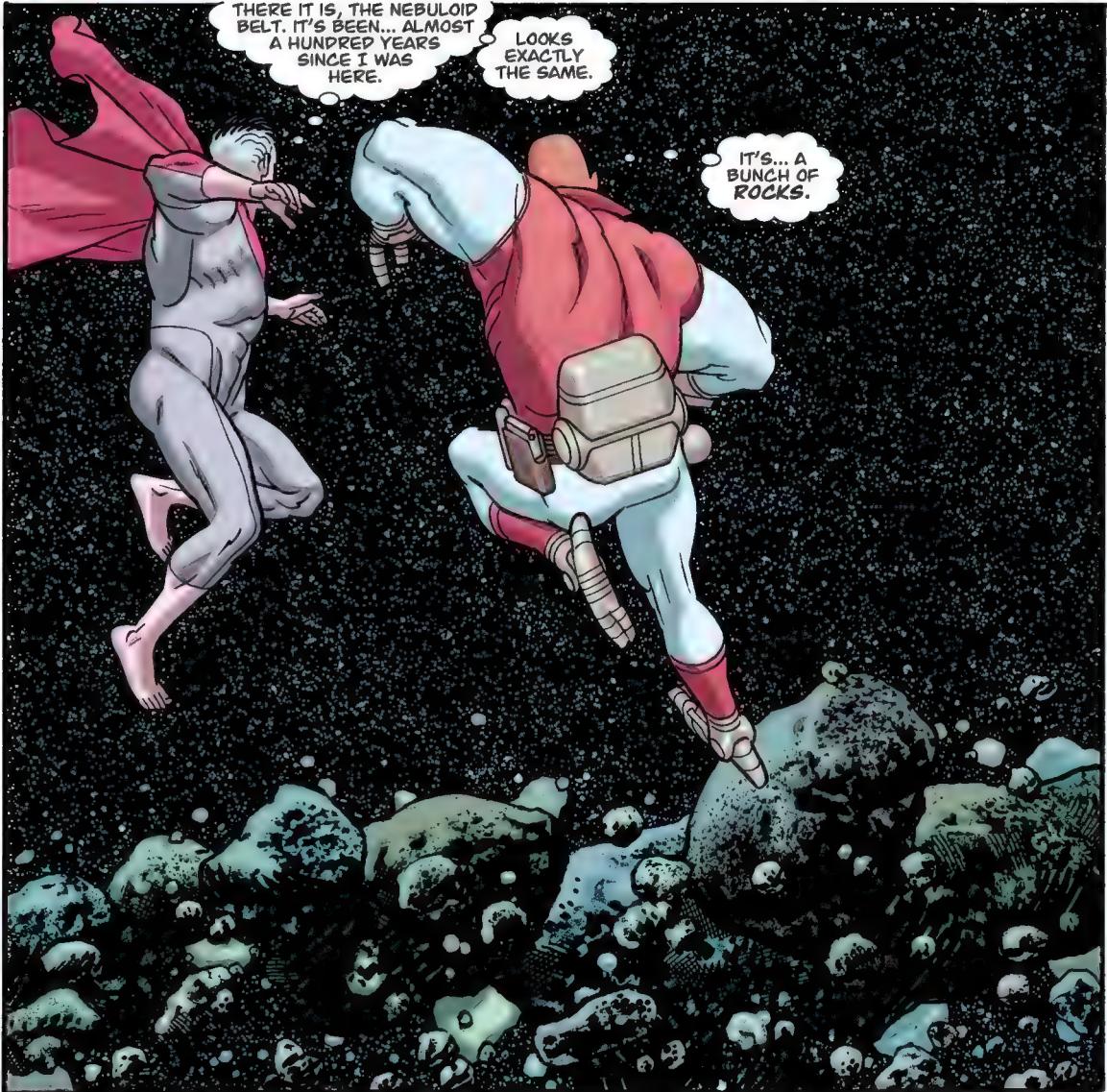
SWEET!

IT LOOKS COOL, BUT WITH YOUR STRENGTH AREN'T ALL THOSE GADGETS A LITTLE... UNNECESSARY? SEEMS LIKE THEY'LL JUST... SLOW YOU DOWN.

YEAH, AND YOUR SUIT'S ALL ABOUT PRACTICALITY. NICE CAPE, DUDE.







SO, IF IT'S BEEN ONE-HUNDRED YEARS, GIVE OR TAKE, AND THE ASTEROIDS ARE DRIFTING AT THIS SPEED, THEIR RELATIVE DISTANCE TO EACH OTHER WOULD BE SHIFTING...

AND...

YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIND THIS... WHATEVER IT IS WE'RE AFTER?

ABSOLUTELY. JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE.

THIS IS IT.

ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?

NO, NO... ALMOST GOT IT.

THERE.

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE? IT'S A ROCK-- THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME.

I'M NOT SURE... BUT THIS LOOKS FAMILIAR.

AH!





