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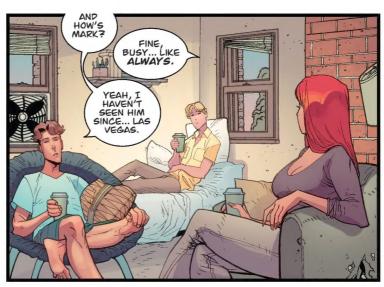
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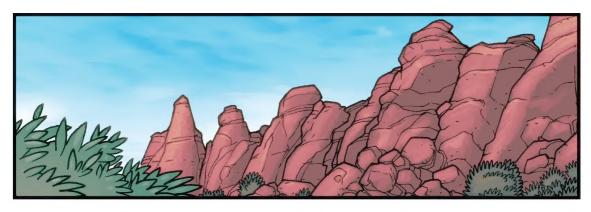












































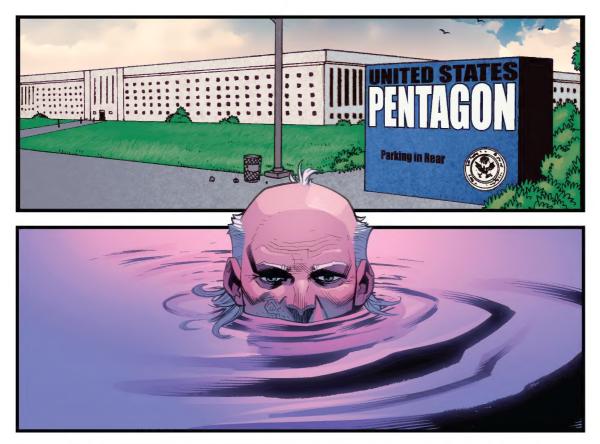


























WHEN I WAS LIKE... EIGHT YEARS OLD, MY DAD SAT ME DOWN... FOR Y'KNOW, THE TALK. THE TALK WHERE HE EXPLAINS THAT HE'S A SUPERHERO AND THAT SOME DAY YOU'RE GOING TO INHERIT HIS POWERS. SO, FROM THAT POINT ON, I WAS JUST SORT OF COUNTING THE PAYS UNTIL MY POWERS KICKEP IN... I WAS EXCITED AT FIRST, BUT AFTER A WHILE, I JUST STOPPED THINKING ABOUT IT. I KIND OF

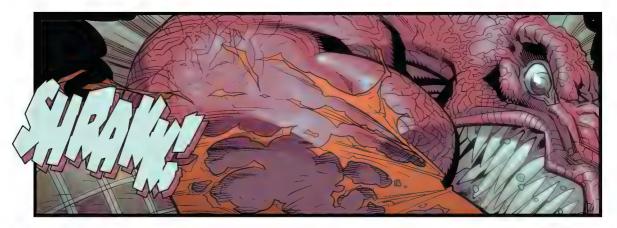


BY THE TIME I WAS SEVENTEEN I HAP A PART TIME JOB AT BURGER MART, WHICH WAS JUST AS BAP AS YOU'P IMAGINE. I'P LONG SINCE GIVEN UP ON GETTING POWERS. BUT ONE PAY, AFTER WORK, I WAS TAKING THE TRASH OUT--PRAGGING TWO BIG BAGS. LIKE EVERY PAY I'P PONE IT BEFORE, I USEP ALL MY MIGHT--IN THE HOPES THAT THE BAG WOULP MAKE IT UP INTO THE PUMPSTER. AFTER I THREW IT, IT SOARED HIGH INTO THE AIR, PISAPPEARING FROM SIGHT--AND I KNEW, RIGHT THEN... I'P FINALLY GOTTEN MY POWERS.



LATER THAT NIGHT, I WAS ON MY ROOF. YOU SEE, ASIDE FROM THE SUPER-STRENGTH THAT ALLOWED ME TO SLING THAT TRASH BAG TO SPACE MY FATHER ALSO POSSESSED THE ABILITY TO FLY. SO I THOUGHT, JUMPING OFF THE ROOF WOULD REALLY BE A GOOD WAY TO FORCE MYSELF TO NATURALLY LEARN THAT ABILITY. I WAS ONLY ONE STORY UP, SO THE FALL WOULDN'T HURT ME TOO BAD. I WAS PLAYING IT SAFE, STILL-WHEN I NOTICED I WAS ACTUALLY HOVERING NEXT TO MY ROOF AFTER JUMPING OFF, I WAS TOTALLY































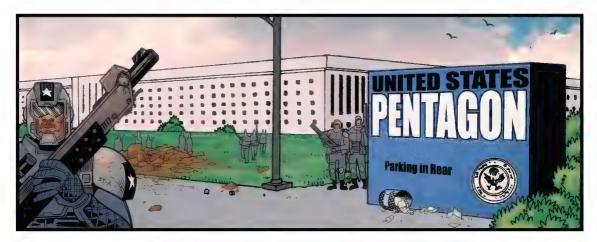


































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Hi All

Well, we're men of our words: more Invincible in the past few months than you've had all summer. There's no end in sight for us: in three short weeks we have the return of Invincible co-creator Cory Walker, and in three weeks after that, Cory will return again, with a vengeance. Three weeks after that, Ryan will bless us with issue 87, and we'll be on time for 2012. Hells yes.

But, y'know... don't hold us to that. (Joking!)

Now that Sina has thrown the scheduling gauntlet down and backed us into that corner--let's see what the mail has to offer this month!

Dear Invincible Crew.

Did I miss something? When did Robot and Monster Girl get back to Earth?

And did I miss some sort of announcement where Invincible went to 20 pages of art/story? I don't think I would have noticed but there were just a bunch of ads in the back, and I've heard how Marvel's been giving their readers the short shrift without telling them. Just wondering if you're holding the line at \$2.99 or doing it for a while to play catch up... Of course I know you've given us lots of awesome extra pages in the past (and mini features like Capes and Tech Jacket!) so I'm not judging, just wondering...

We've been 20 pages for a long time, compadre.

Cat's out of the bag! We've been 20 pages since... get ready for it... issue 21. It was done for scheduling reasons back in the day. That was something Savage Dragon did for a while during the late '90s and it occured to me that it would be easier to stay on schedule by cutting the two pages. Just take note... here at Image Comics, we're trend-setters. You can thank us for all your DC and Marvel comics being two pages shy! Wait--sorry about that.

I liked how Invincible dealt with Universa. It reminded me of an old Peter David Hulk issue where on orders from his shrink, Doc Samson, the Hulk engages his potential enemies with dialogue first to resolve the situation... then he smashes them if necessary. Ole Mark might be moving past his Viltrumite rage issues!

Best of all - I loved the spread on pages 4 and 5! Nice round up of the Kirkverse! I hope to see more of the Wolf Corps, Capes Inc, and Best Tiger! AND dude! That's one heck of a cliffhanger! I see an Invincible versus Cyborg-Zombie-Invincibles-from-Parallel-Worlds type crazy throw-down coming soon!

Thank you kindly, Anthony Burns

Your wish is partially my command!

Heh, yeah--sorry we didn't exactly deliver on that front--YET

Kirkman,

I still don't get it: You didn't call Universa by name until she was out of the room! Like we're just supposed to remember what rabbit-eared-woman was called? I don't even remember her At All! Honest! This was a good issue for what it was: A lot of people standing, and sitting, around talking about the future.

I hear tell you and Sina want me to write in with my own home-grown sound fx...? Well, okay, try these on for size: Shrummpfflkoooooooommmm! F00MF! There, that's plenty.

Andrew J. Shaw

Hey, look, we all love old Marvel and DC Comics as much as the next guy... but there's no need to pander to our readers and reintroduce characters if they haven't been around in the past six months. alright?

You of all people, Andrew... I'm seriously let down.

There's a word for people like you, and it's FOOMF (sorry Robert, I had to be real with him).

I pop names in when it can be done naturally. I try not to force them in. But hey--you knew Universa's name--so no harm no foul, right?!

Invinci-Crew;

82 was an all around awesome issue, guys - I loved the bit with the 'green lady', especially the fact that her name isn't mentioned once the whole issue. I can't recall if it was mentioned in her first appearance or not and am literally typing this email the second after putting the book down, so I haven't gone to check that. >insert abusive insult directed at dumb/lazy fan here < ;)

Hey lazy fan, at least you're being honest!

So, this name thing really is an issue, huh? Maybe the editor should have pointed it out...

I am so glad to see Robot & Monster-Girl back this issue, can't wait to see further developments with them. Robot is probably my favourite superhero character after Invincible & Atom Eve in the entire run so far [I love me some robots - any robots...]. Also, it's about damn time that Cecil came clean about all the Invinci-Reanimen... Yeah, yeah, Mark's been away for awhile with the Viltrumite war etc., etc., but I've been wondering what kind of fallout will happen over this point and now here it comes... can't wait for 83!!

Now to add some criticism, or 'negative feedback' as it were, to insure publication of this here of 'fan e-mail [I know, I know, check out the colossal ego on me, eith? Assuming I am smart enough to ensure print in your fine book? Sheesh!] Unfortunately, the inframous Andrew Shaw has finally said something I may agree with [I]. I was also thinking that 'VMMMMM' was a terribly inadequate sound effect for the destruction of Las Vegas in #80... and if I may take you up on the offer to Mr. Shaw, I do in fact have a sound effect that would be super cool if you used it in the book [not for city-wide devastation, I have no idea what you could have done there, lol! Oh man, ha hah! heh.]

So how about... VERBOOM! I actually work with a dude who's last name is Verboom, and whenever I run into him I immediately imagine his name written in the same font as the many sound effects that populate Invincible [you know, complete with the staggered o's]. It would be supremely a

Verboom, eh? I don't know. That sounds kind of like the noise you make when a really hot girl walks by at a motorcycle bar. Amirite?

Jeez Sina JEEZ

Have I created the proper combination of rude/smart-ass/negative/complimentary/funny fan letter to have this honour bestowed??? Too much ego, maybe? Sorry about that - I'm Canadian, I can't help but apologize...

VERBOOM, Seriously,

Think about it?

Josh Deck

I still stand by my previous statement. But thanks for basically turning this letters column into an Andrew J. Shaw back-up for Invincible.

Wow! John Ranch is my new favorite colorist. Please keep him on the book for a while.

Will Towles Richmond Va

John Rauch is a cool dude, glad you like! But I'm calling him Cooler Ranch now because of you.

Whoa, Monster Girl turned into a monster BABE!! Nice work Ottley!

Doccoo

Baberaham Lincoln, amirite?

Hello Skybound and Image,

Let me give you my quick background before I go on with my questions / topics. I'm a "newer" 29 yr old reader that started reading Invincible in early 2007, but I've really spread my wings to read all types of comics (Marvel, DC, Image, Boom, and many Indie titles). But I LOVE the Invincible U (I've read most of Kirkman's U)! I've just started to read Noble Causes and I'm already looking to buy Dynamo 5.

On to my question / topics...

1. What other Image books should I read that fit into the Invincible / Noble Causes U (other than Savage Dragon and Firebreather)?

BRIT! CAPES! TECH JACKET! ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN! The list goes on.

2. I'm guessing that certain series have been canned because of sales (Noble Causes). Is my guess correct?

Nah, it's because Jay Faerber is writing for Ringer, Tuesdays at 9 on the CW (it's Image Productioneer Jonathan Chan's favorite new fall series, aside from The Walking Dead). All truth telling aside: Noble Causes not being on the stands is mutually exclusive from Jay bringing his A Game to the CW. Sometimes you have to take a break from projects, you know?

3. Image United was supposed to be a crossover of the "old" Image characters. What about a crossover of the "new" characters?

It still happens, just not on such an epic scale. I would love to see The Intrepids hanging with the cast of Chew, but I am not quite sure how Luther Strode would fit in all of this... Robert, being a partner at Image and all, can help answer this better than I.

There are currently no plans for such a crossover. These things are a logistical nightmare. Image United will be AWESOME when it's all done, but as you can see--i hasn't been easy to make that book happen.

4. Maybe this is already the plan, but the latest issue of Invincible listed all the different superhero groups. Will we see individual books relating to these groups? Obviously there is Guarding The Globe (IF*#@!^& LOVE IT), but will there be more? Do these books sell enough to warrant a new era of Image continuity? As in, give other creators the rights to write certain characters. Let someone else write a new Brit series or Capes or Noble Causes characters (maybe they all die in the end, I dunno, I've just read the mini-series and up to issue 5 of the on-going).

Robert?

I certainly don't have time to write a new Capes series or Brit or Tech Jacket, no matter how much I WANT to. I currently don't even have enough time to oversee another creative team taking over. I could never just give someone free reign with the characters, because I have issues, and need to be in control of... I mean, I just love the characters so much I'd want to be a part of it. So, basically... I'd love to have more series set in this universe, but there's no plans just yet. Maybe someday.

5. I don't want DC or Marvel action figures. I want Image related action figures (and not just Spawn figures). I completely understand that there has to be a market for them, otherwise you won't make any money (that's why we see Walking Dead stuff now). I would hope that research has been done to see how many figures need to sell to make it worth it, so what is the magic number?

A grip. I looked it up. There are some action figures of characters from the Image U, but I think it's safe to say they have to be New York Times bestsellers at the very least to warrant some action figures. That being said: go hunt down the Invincible herocity!

If you notice my email address, you can see that it is from my podcast that my friends and I do. But, this email is not about getting info for our show. I'm not trying to get info to spread around the Internet or anything, I just personally want to know these things. I guess my love of these superheroes has grown by reading Noble Causes. I lump it into the Invincible U because I started reading Invincible first and the art style is very similar. I can't get enough of the art style! My head would explode if I saw an Image superhero line that competes with the big 2.

If you're still reading this far, then holy shit! This email is just me thinking about things and taking a shot on someone actually reading it. Maybe you'll surprise me in the coming future where you have everything already planned out (I sure hope so).

Your fan, Victor

The goal is definitely for a book like Guarding the Globe to compete with Justice League (well, maybe Justice League pre-Jim Lee/ New 52... them's some hefty numbers!), and it will happen with your kind of support, Victor! Thanks!

Hey dude, when are you bringing back the good of black and blue?

And not the costume. I mean Invincible getting the ever-loving crap beaten out of him. This isn't like My Little Pony, where I go to get a great story and talking out disputes.

This is Invincible. where I go to get a great story and violencing out disputes. So get on

Uhmm, I'm sure we'll find a happy medium or you. If not, cut to space! Where...

Questions that i has

1. Captain Amazing is part of Capes, Inc.? Since when? You never let characters go, do you? I'm half expecting the British guy to be a part of megaforce.

It's kind of true that you never let characters go, Robert. Except of course when you kill them off without a qualm.

When did I say Captain Amazing was a part of Capes? What am I missing? Captain Amazing is Scott Kurtz character (you guys should read that book, it's really cool).

2. Legend of Korra looks awesome

This is not a question. This is a concrete fact.

3. You totaly spoiled what happend to Rudy the Robot, why? Why didnt you just wait for GTG 6?

Guarding the Globe 06 is suffering from some deadline problems, and some characters needed to be back in the Invincible U before that wrapped up. That being said, the conclusion of Guarding the Globe is going to be just as impactful even with the original crew's return already reflected in current issues of Invincible

It doesn't spoil the end of Guarding the Globe 6 at all. Trust me. Their arrival will still be just as unexpected.

4. Somewhat relates to number 1, will you ever touch back on the super dog that was in issue 27? he the best part of that fight, and nothing ever goes to waste...

I could truly die from this question.

I don't even know who that super dog IS. I think it was someone Mark Englert drew into the background of Capes. So... don't expect to see him any time soon.

5. legend of korra looks awesome.

C'mon man, repeats?

I don't even know what that is!

6. last one, has anyone asked you (robert not sina, cus she/hes a good drawing person.) for a commision?

I've done commissions in the past, at least one that I recall. But don't get any ideas, folks. I'm not very good.

It's late and I have school in the morning, so I'll talk to va next issue!

thanks dalton odell

p.s. OMFG BBQ CARTOON NETWORK SHOW. that will make more sense when I tell you about it next time i write in.

We're waiting!

Dear Kirkman,

You are a bad, bad man for dangling Robot's... Sorry, "Rex's" Mystery problem over our heads in #82. I've been waiting for him to return since the moment he disappeared, and for you to not only bring him back at this most docile time, but to keep obviously major things about him and Monster Girl in the dark is literally killing me. You're becoming a murderer, Robert!

While I'm in print ('cuz I know you're gonna print this) let me just thank you for your bold approach to writing comics. Invincible is the only super hero comic I can think of that consistently puts real thought and emotion into the characters actions. The stuff with Universa this last issue is just one example of your amazing contribution to the genre.

Side note: thank you sooo much for finishing Tech Jacket. I had a chunk of individual issues with no ending for far too long. I hate it when I'm left hanging.

Keep doin what you do, and I'll keep reading. Walking Dead is the shit!!!

Evan "Sevan" Battle

I'm sure Robert appreciates the compliments, just as much as you'll appreciate his plans for Monster Girl!!

Hello Robert and Sina, loving the book so far and hoping it continues on for as long as it stays this good. I loved this latest issue (82) and I am really on the edge of my seat to see what happens with all those reani-men. Now to the question part and in true invincible letters page fashion they are numbered.

1. I really hate missing things in the book because I don't know someone who was introduced in another book. So for my benefit could you list the books set in this universe. By the way what is this universe called? Invincible universe? It would be neat if you had a logo or something you could put on the cover to let us readers know if its in invincible continuity or not.

Hah, answered in a letter above. We can't really put a stamp on each of these books, as most of them are meant to stand out on their own, and are not structured the way Marvel or DC do their series; encumbered by backstory and crossovers. It's cool that Wolf-Man and Mark hang out sometimes, but their adventures are for the most part separate.

2. I love your cosmic stories and would like to read more. With that said, I was wondering if Tech Jacket, Allen, Nolan, or maybe Oliver going to his home planet were in the works?

Stay tuned. Any of the Viltrumites you mentioned—see the Viltrumite War.

3. When are Mark and Eve getting married? I'm ready for that double sized, polly bagged, super special.

Why are you so sure they'll stay together?

Ooooooh, nice one, Sina.

4. If and when Mark has kids are their powers going to be less than his since they will be 2nd generation? It know humans are almost perfect matches but there has to be some consequence.

Stay tuned, this will probably be answered in issue 175.

5. Are the other Viltrumites breeding?

Sure.

6. And lastly I would like to know more about Skybound. Is this a label for just your books? Why even use a separate label?

Thanks for such great books Mr. Kirkman

Daniel Ertle Tampa, Fl

Skybound is Robert's imprint, much in the way that Top Cow is Marc Silvestri's imprint. While not every title is straight from Robert's imagination, it's going to have his stamp of approval. On the creative side of things, Skybound allows Robert the chance to find and work with up-and-comers, to put out truly fantastic projects, and showcase some new creative forces. Make sense?

Also, we get awesome t-shirts.

Thanks for reading! See you in less than a month! And then again just a few weeks after that!

-Sina Grace

Holy crap, so many issues of Invincible that will be out in such a relatively short time. Woo! See you then!

-Robert Kirkman

They have, right RK?

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