



ISN'T IT THE WORST WHEN SUPERHEROES FIGHT? DO THEY EVER FIGHT VILLAINS ANYMORE?

INVINCIBLE

ROBERT
KIRKMAN
WRITER

CORY
WALKER
PENCILER & INKER

NATHAN
FAIRBAIRN
COLORIST

RUS
WOOTON
LETTERER

SEAN
MACKIEWICZ
EDITOR

COVER BY
RYAN OTTLEY & JEAN-FRANCOIS BEAULIEU

CREATED BY
ROBERT KIRKMAN & CORY WALKER

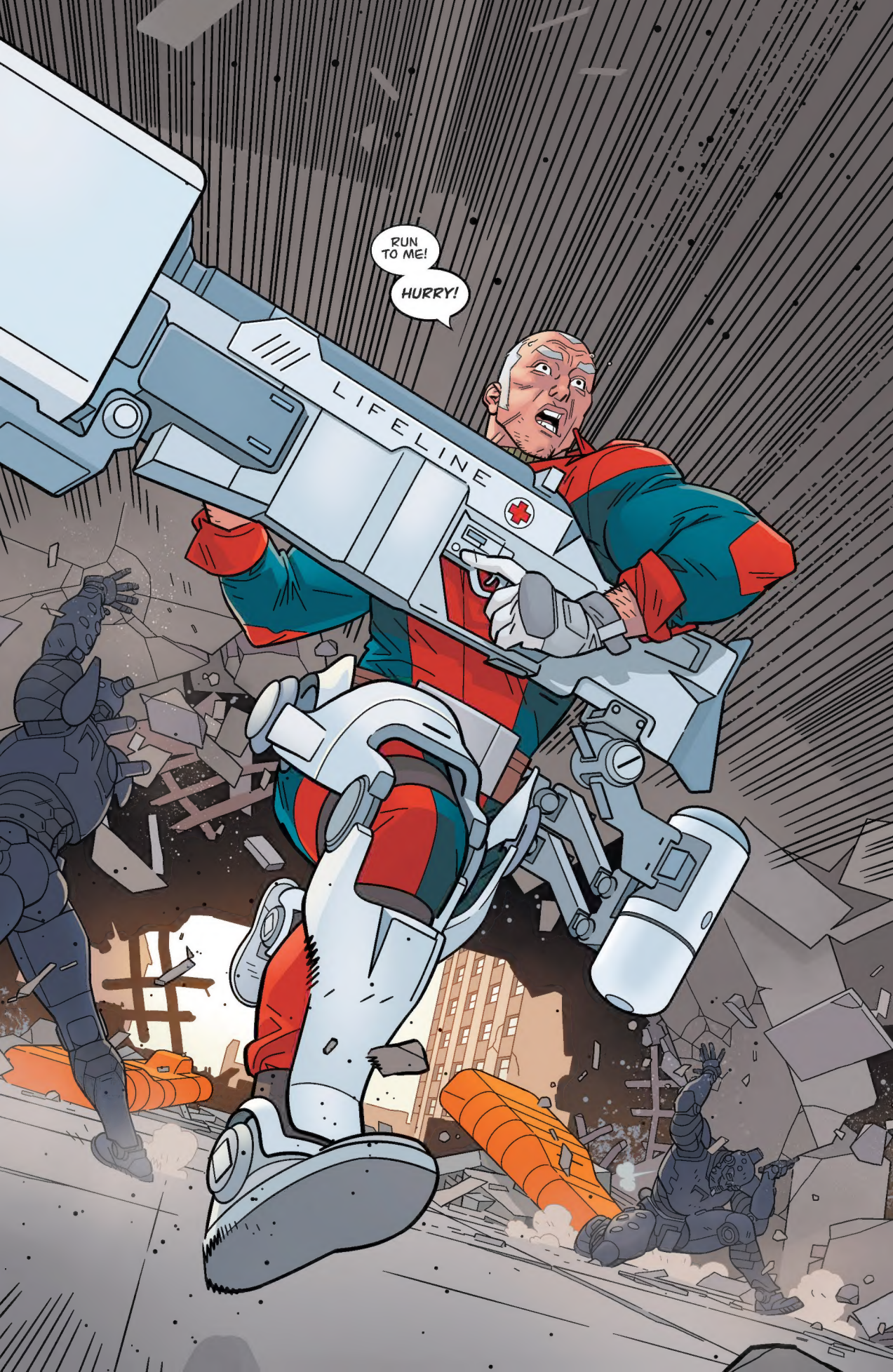
Skybound **ROBERT KIRKMAN** CEO **DAVID ALPERT** President **SEAN MACKIEWICZ** Editorial Director **SHAWN KIRKHAM** Director of Business Development **BRIAN HUNTINGTON** Online Editorial Director **JUNE ALIAN** Publicity Director **JON MOISAN** Editor **ARIELLE BASICH** Assistant Editor **ANDRES JUAREZ** Graphic Designer **STEPHAN MURILLO** Business Development Assistant **JOHNNY O'DELL** Online Editorial Assistant **DAN PETERSEN** Operations Manager **NICK PALMER** Operations Coordinator

IMAGE COMICS, INC. **ROBERT KIRKMAN** Chief Operating Officer **ERIK LARSEN** Chief Financial Officer **TODD MCFARLANE** President **MARC SILVESTRI** Chief Executive Officer **JIM VALENTINO** Vice-President **ERIC STEPHENSON** Publisher **COREY MURPHY** Director of Sales **JEFF BOISON** Director of Publishing Planning & Book Trade Sales **JEREMY SULLIVAN** Director of Digital Sales **KAT SALAZAR** Director of PR & Marketing **BRANWYN BIGGLESTONE** Controller **SARAH MELLO** Accounts Manager **DREW GILL** Art Director **JONATHAN CHAN** Production Manager **MEREDITH WALLACE** Print Manager **BRIAH SKELLY** Publicist **SASHA HEAD** Sales & Marketing Production Designer **RANDY OKAMURA** Digital Production Designer **DAVID BROTHERS** Branding Manager **OLIVIA NGAI** Content Manager **ADDISON DUKE** Production Artist **VINCENT KUKUA** Production Artist **TRICIA RAMOS** Production Artist **JEFF STANG** Direct Market Sales Representative **EMILIO BAUTISTA** Digital Sales Associate **LEANNA CAUNTER** Accounting Assistant **CHLOE RAMOS-PETERSON** Library Market Sales Representative

INVINCIBLE #130, August 2016. Published by Image Comics, Inc. Office of publication: 2001 Center Street, 6th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704. Copyright © 2016 Robert Kirkman, LLC and Cory Walker. All rights reserved. INVINCIBLE and all character likenesses are ™ and © 2016 Robert Kirkman, LLC and Cory Walker. Image Comics® and its logos are registered trademarks and copyrights of Image Comics, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means (except for short excerpts for review purposes) without the express written permission of Image Comics, Inc. All names, characters, events and locales in this publication are entirely fictional. Any resemblance to actual persons (living or dead), events or places, without satiric intent, is coincidental. For international inquiries, contact: ag@sequentialrights.com. For licensing inquiries, contact: contact@skybound.com. Digital Edition.

SKYBOUND
www.skybound.com

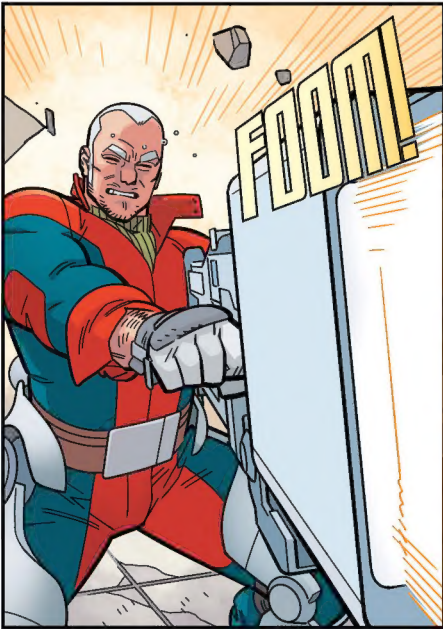
image
www.imagecomics.com

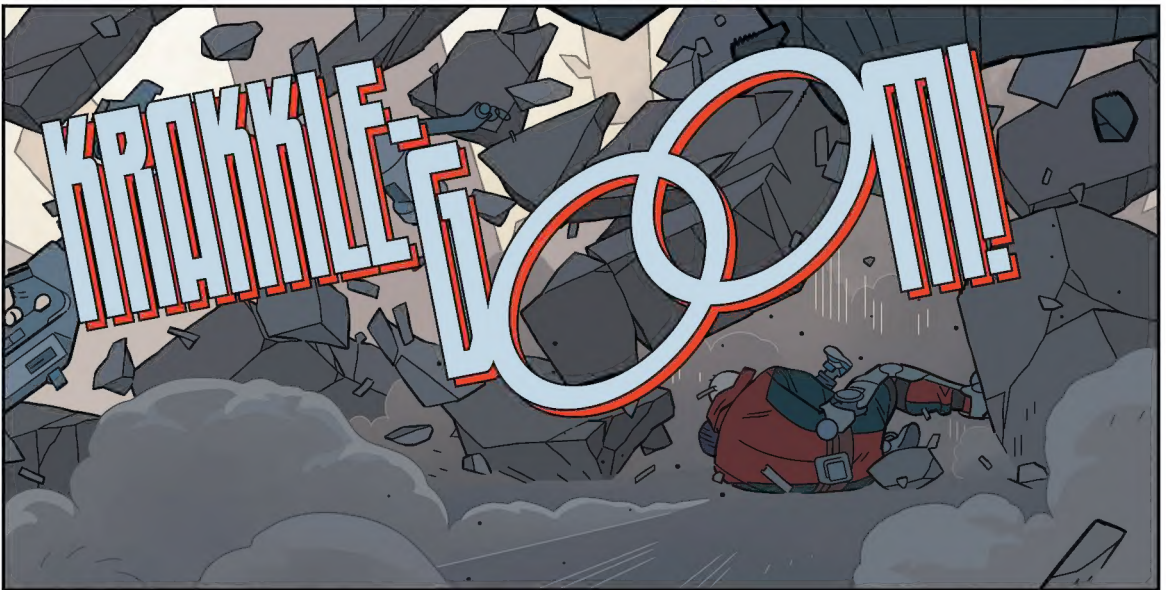
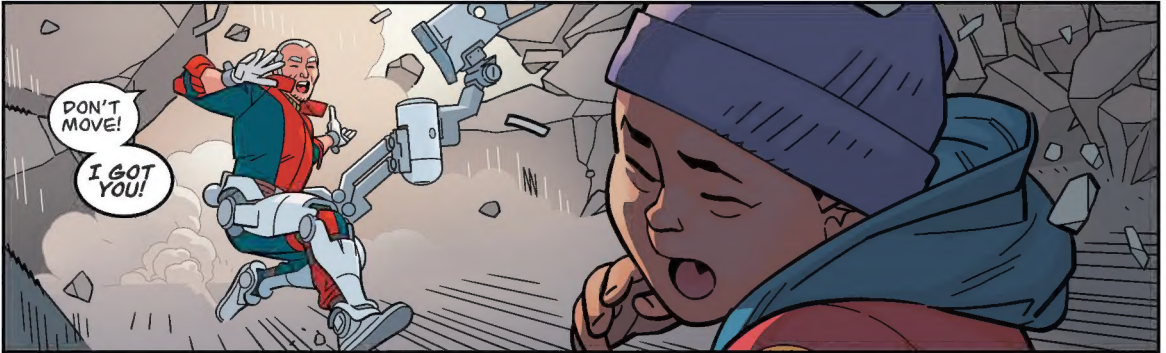
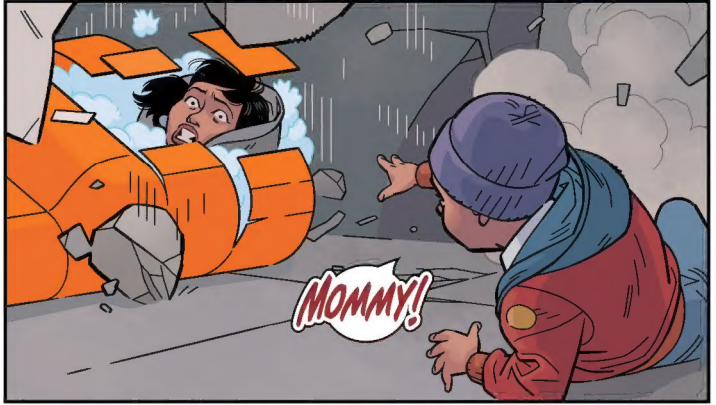
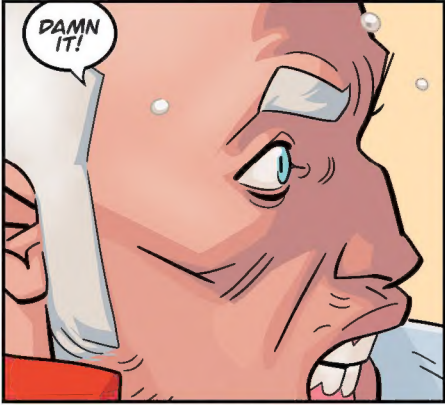
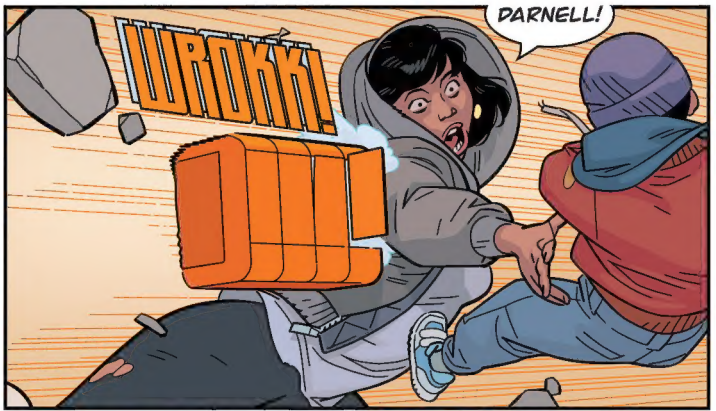


RUN
TO ME!

HURRY!

LIFELINE



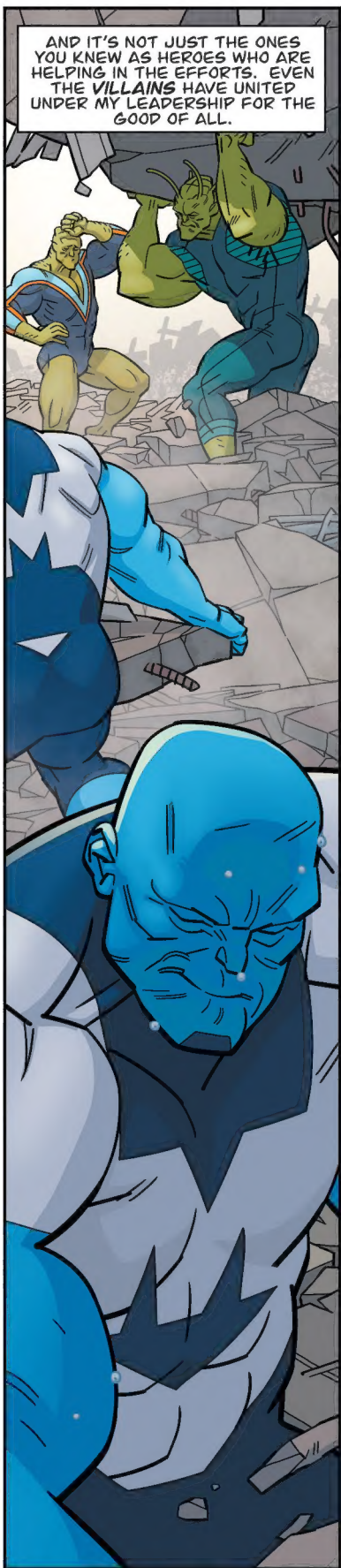


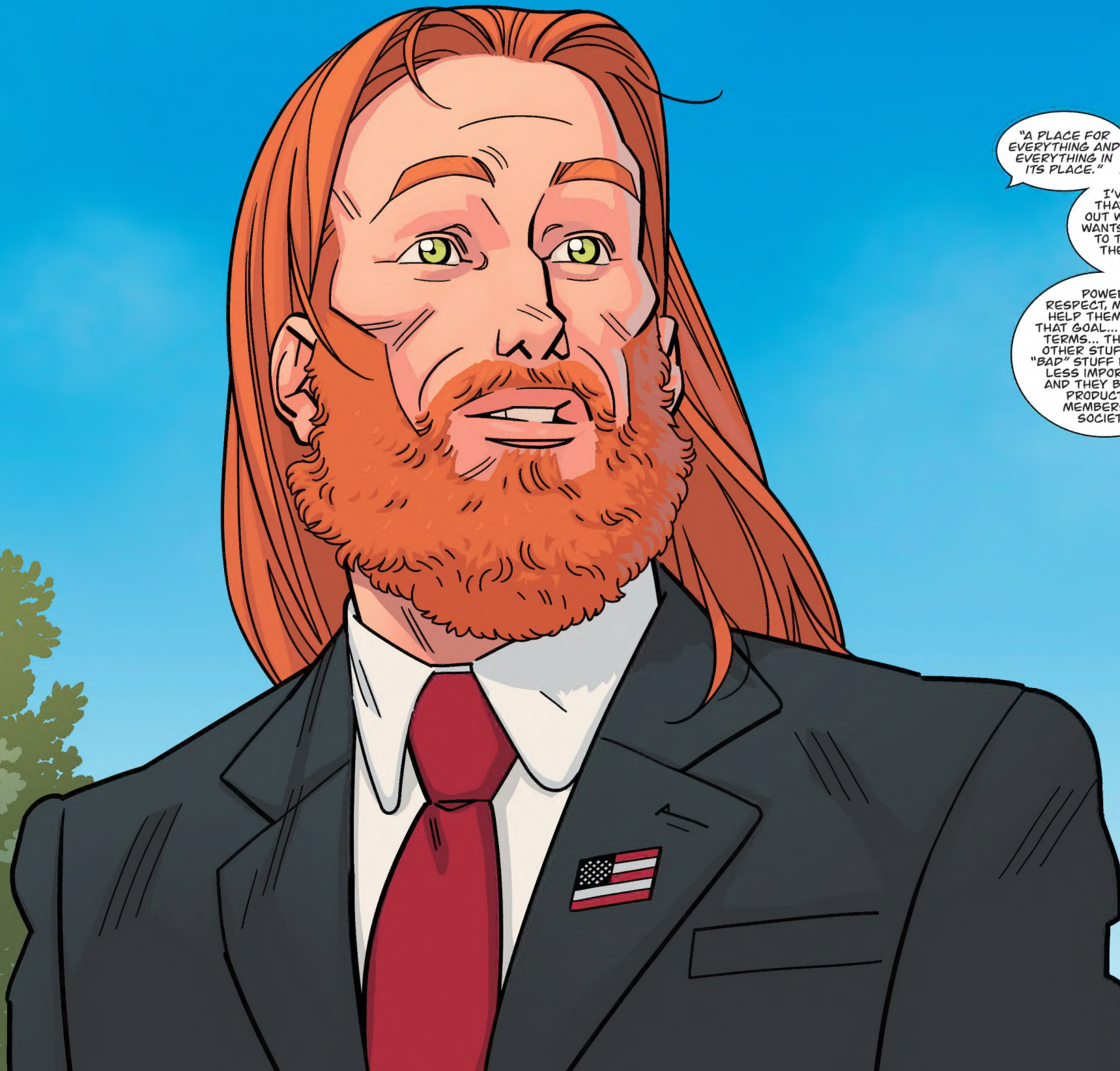


PEOPLE ARE
SCARED, BUT
THEY'RE **SAFE** AND
THEY ARE **FED**.

STEPS ARE ALREADY
BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT
THESE KINDS OF THINGS
FROM HAPPENING IN THE
FUTURE.

AND IT'S NOT JUST THE ONES
YOU KNEW AS HEROES WHO ARE
HELPING IN THE EFFORTS. EVEN
THE **VILLAINS** HAVE UNITED
UNDER MY LEADERSHIP FOR THE
GOOD OF ALL.





"A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE."

I'VE LEARNED THAT IF YOU FIND OUT WHAT A VILLAIN WANTS... AND GIVE IT TO THEM... WELL, THEN YOU HAVE AN ALLY.

POWER, RESPECT, MONEY? HELP THEM MEET THAT GOAL... ON YOUR TERMS... THEN THE "BAD" STUFF BECOMES LESS IMPORTANT... AND THEY BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

I'M GLAD TO SAY AS TIME GOES ON, MORE AND MORE OF OUR FRIENDS ARE STARTING TO SEE THINGS MY WAY. AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH RESULTS.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW HOLDOUTS. BUT THEY DON'T INTERFERE, THEY KEEP THEIR DISTANCE. AND IN THE CASE OF MONSTER GIRL AND MONAX... THEY EVEN PITCH IN AND HELP WHEN NEEDED.

DON'T LET THE CURRENT STATE OF THINGS FOOL YOU. PEOPLE ARE HAPPY. LIFE IS GOOD.





I TRUST
YOU STILL
HAVE YOUR
EARPIECE?

I CAN
HEAR YOU,
YES.



YOU CAN'T REALLY BE
TAKING THAT AT FACE
VALUE. HE'S IN CHARGE
OF AN ENTIRE PLANET.
HE KILLED SO MANY
PEOPLE.



I KNOW
HOW YOU FEEL
ABOUT HIM.
BELIEVE
ME.

EVE IS
THE SAME WAY.
IT WAS HARD
TO GET HER TO
COME VISIT WHEN
YOU WERE...
AWAY.



MARK,
PLEASE. LISTEN
TO THE MAN.
LOOK AT WHAT
HE'S DONE.

THINK
ABOUT THIS
RATIONALLY
AND WITHOUT
EMOTION.



IT'S BEEN OVER
FIVE YEARS SINCE
HE TOOK CONTROL.
WHAT'S HIS ENDGAME?
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU
ARE AGAINST?

HE'S ALL BUT
ENDED POVERTY.
PEOPLE ON EARTH ARE
LIVING LONGER, HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER LIVES. THERE'S
LITTLE TO NO CONFLICT
ASIDE FROM RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

I COULDN'T
DREAM OF A
BETTER PLACE
TO REBUILD
OUR POPULATION.
THIS IS THE
PERFECT
SITUATION FOR
THE VILTRUMITE
PEOPLE.



AT FIRST HE WAS DOING THINGS FROM THE SHADOWS, INFLUENCING PEOPLE IN KEY PLACES, DRIVING POLICY BUT NOT TAKING A PUBLIC ROLE IN THINGS.

AS TIME WENT ON, HE BECAME THE FACE OF THINGS MORE AND MORE. THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY HAS GONE PUBLIC WITH REX AS THE LEAD.

PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF HIS PROGRAMS AND WHAT HE'S DONE FOR THEM.

DURING THE LAST ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT HE WON ON WRITE-IN VOTES AND TURNED THE POSITION DOWN.



HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE PRESIDENT. HE WANTS TO BE KING.



NEARLY EVERY SUPER-POWERED PERSON ON THE PLANET TAKES ORDERS FROM HIM. HE COULD ENSLAVE THE WHOLE PLANET IN A MATTER OF HOURS.

AND YET HE HASN'T.



YOU'RE NOT SUSPICIOUS OF HIM AT ALL?



I AM NOT.

WHY WOULD I BE?



HOW CAN YOU NOT BE? YOU SAY THESE PEOPLE ATTACKED FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION... HOW DID THEY FIND THEIR WAY HERE?

COULD REX HAVE BROUGHT THEM HERE?



SON, YOU SOUND INSANE.

DO I? HE JUST TOLD ME THAT THE OUTCOME OF THEM INVADING WAS TO GET MORE HEROES ON HIS SIDE, AND HE'S GONE PUBLIC NOW AND EVERYONE LOVES HIM!

WHY? BECAUSE OF HOW THIS INVASION PROVED HIM RIGHT AND SHOWED HOW CAPABLE HE IS?

YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S SUSPICIOUS?!



NOT IN THE LEAST.

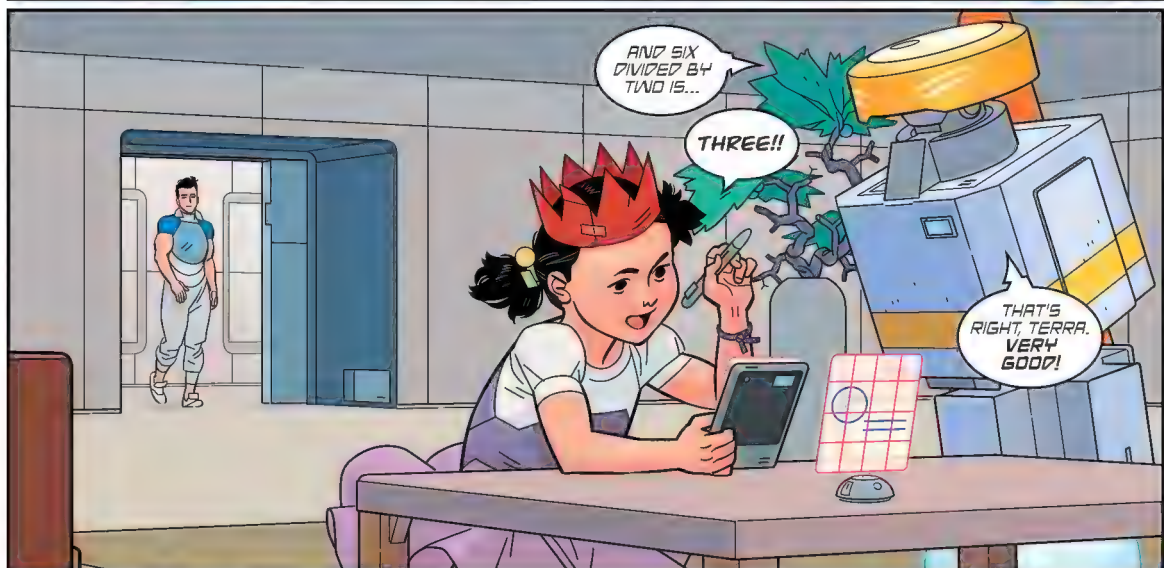
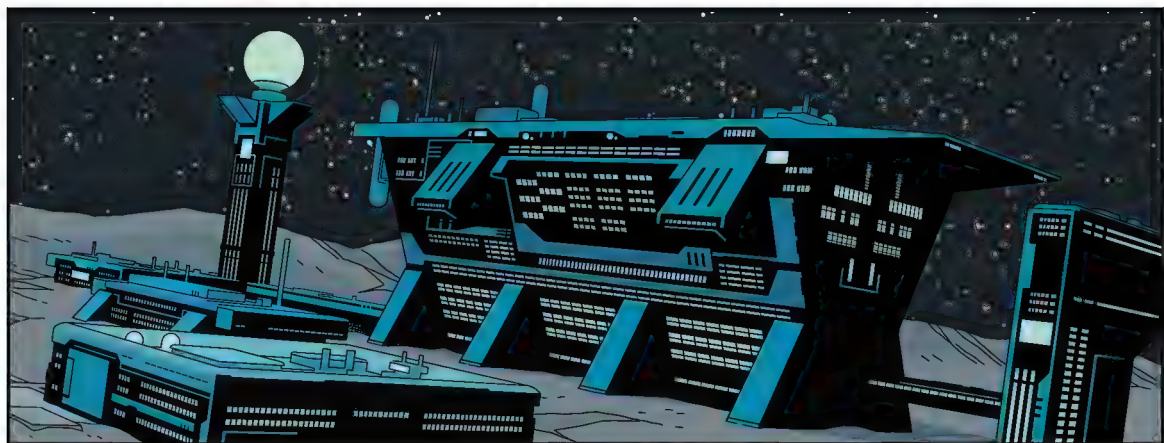
HE WAS YOUR FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS, NOW HE IS MINE. I KNOW REX IS NOT PERFECT, BUT HE IS ALWAYS WORKING FOR THE GREATER GOOD.



I DON'T TRUST HIM. I WILL NEVER TRUST HIM.

THAT'S WHY WE LEFT BEFORE...

...THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO LEAVE AGAIN.





HOW'D IT
GO WITH
YOUR
PARENTS?

SAME OLD SAME OLD.
MY MOM'S NICE, THEY
LOVE SEEING TERRA. MY
DAD BOUGHT TERRA A
BROOM TO PLAY WITH...
AND GOT OFFENDED
WHEN I SAID THAT
WASN'T AN
APPROPRIATE
GIFT.

OTHERWISE,
FINE. GOT TO
HEAR ABOUT
ALL THE "GOOD"
MY FRIEND REX
IS DOING.

HOW
DID THAT
GO?



NOT
GOOD.

REX HAS
WON NEARLY
EVERYONE OVER.
INCLUDING MY
FATHER. I CAN'T
STAND IT. I SEE
SOMETHING TERRIBLE
HAPPENING, BUT
NOBODY WILL
LISTEN.

I JUST...
WE CAN'T
STAY HERE.
WE SHOULD
LEAVE
NOW.

YOU
READ MY
MIND.



YOU GUYS ARE
THE WORST. I'M
SURPRISED YOU
STAYED AS
LONG AS YOU
DID.

GLAD
YOU'RE
ALIVE,
SON.

I'LL MISS
YOU THE
MOST,
BUTTON.

DON'T
CALL ME
THAT!

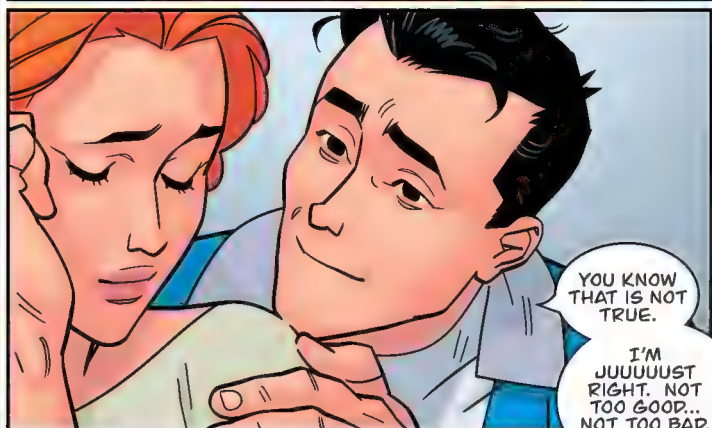
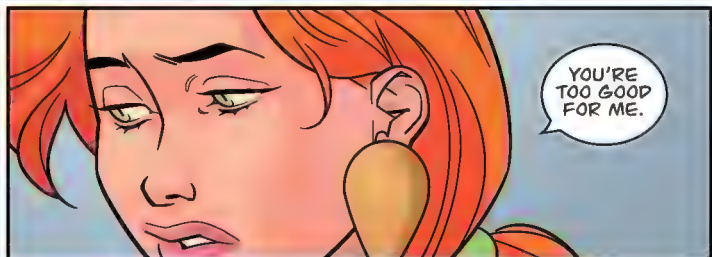
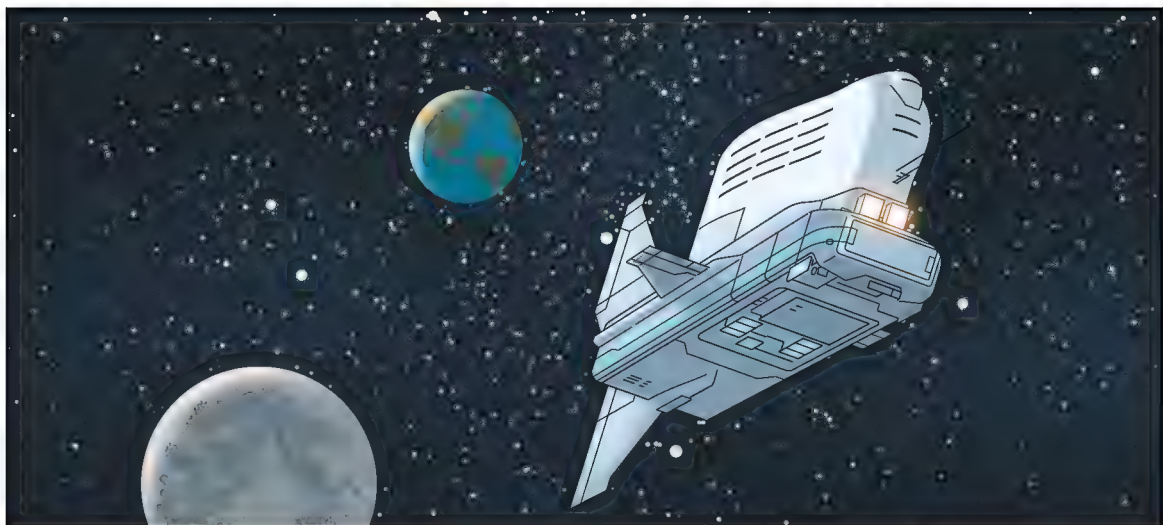
CALL ME
PENELOPE
PANCAKE!

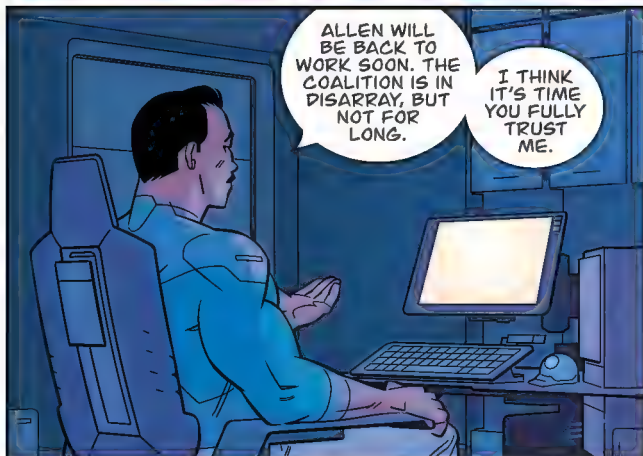
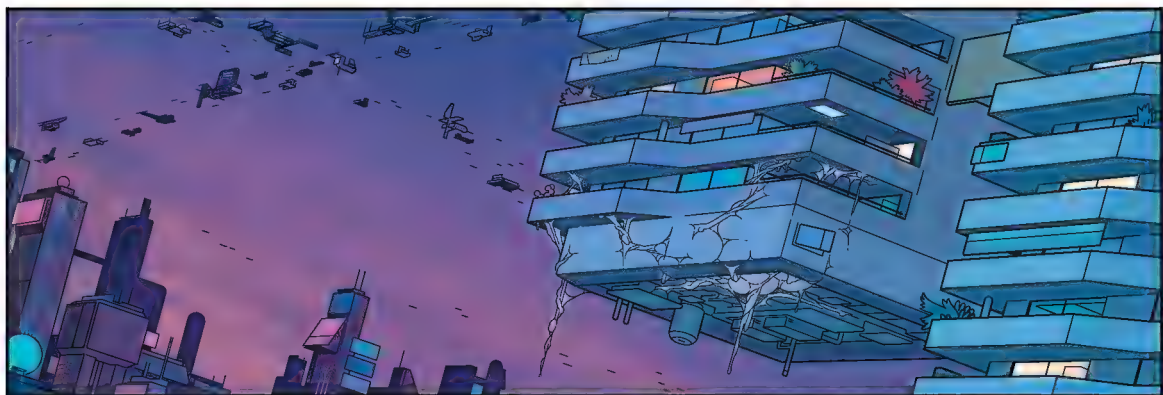


BE
CAREFUL
OUT THERE.

I WILL..

DAD,
PLEASE...
JUST... KEEP
AN EYE
ON REX,
OKAY?





ALLEN WILL BE BACK TO WORK SOON. THE COALITION IS IN DISARRAY, BUT NOT FOR LONG.

I THINK IT'S TIME YOU FULLY TRUST ME.



I WANT TO MEET WITH YOU IN PERSON.



DO YOU NOW?

YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION, AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU'VE COME TO SEE MY SIDE OF THINGS.

I CONSIDER YOU A VALUED MEMBER OF THE NEW VILTRUM EMPIRE...

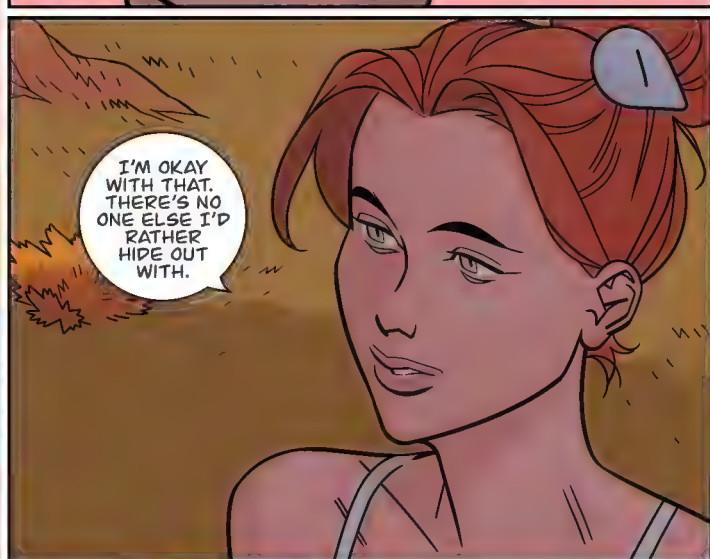
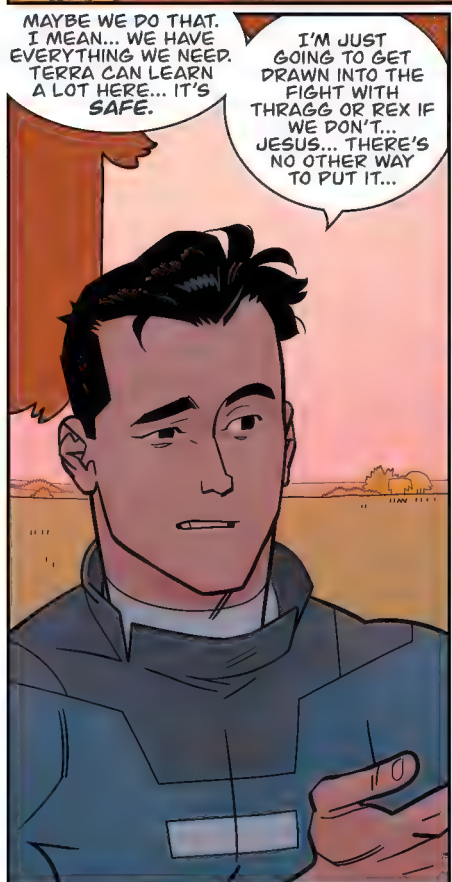
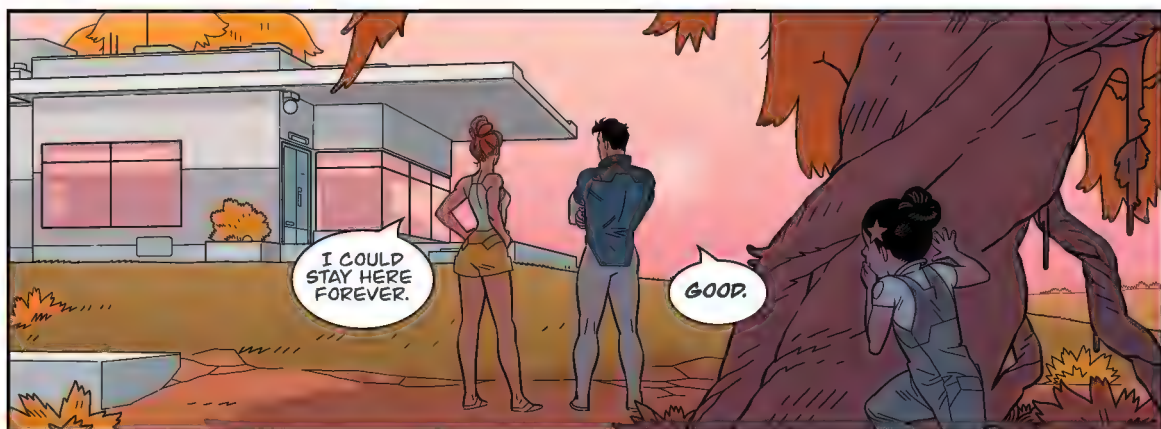


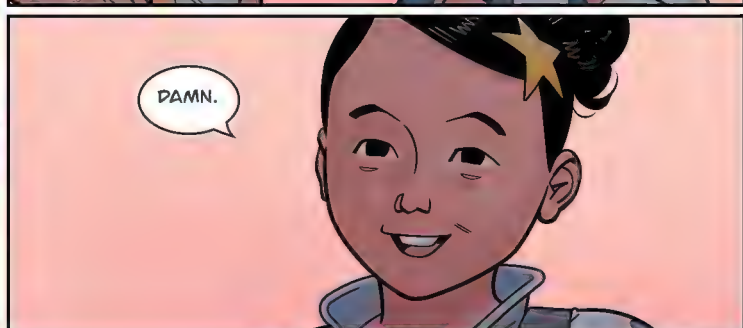
...BUT I DON'T SEE WHY YOU WOULD EVER NEED TO KNOW MY LOCATION.

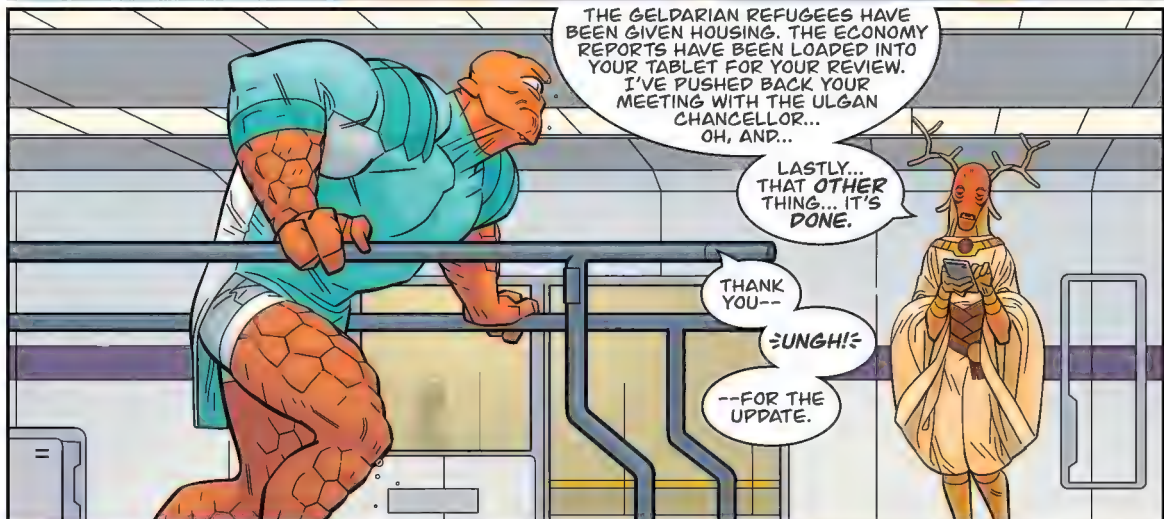
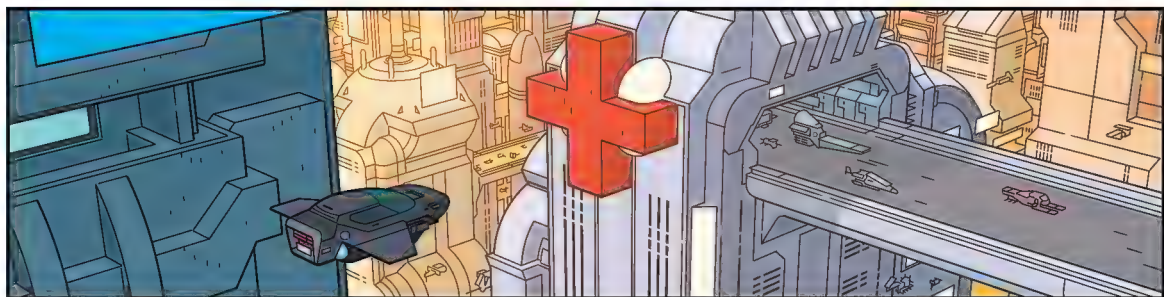
I'VE PUT A LOT ON THE LINE HERE, THRAGG. I'M THE ONE TAKING THE RISKS.

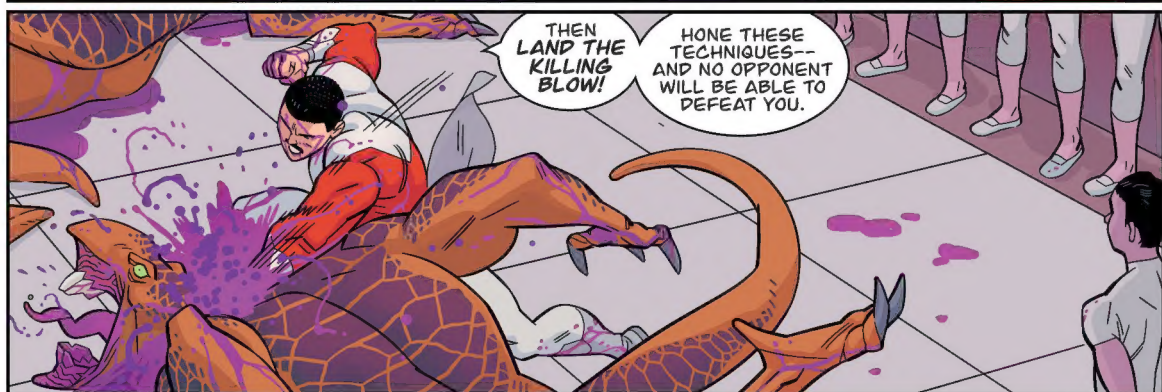


IF WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE... I NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE RISKS ON MY BEHALF AS WELL.











INVINCIBLE

WRITE US AT INVINCIBLE@SKYBOUND.COM

Hey, we knew the Grayson and Thragg (no last name?) families were going to square off... but so SOON? When people fight in this book, bad stuff happens. Can't we just get more Terra instead?

Terra will be involved... sadly.

ONTO THE LETTERS!!

What's up fellas!

I had to write you guys about a letter in Issue 128 from Tim, in which he said the Reboot? Storyline smelled of corporate greed?

Really dude?

Did Kirkman and crew put out an 8 issue Extravaganza with a #0 prequel that also required you to pick up Robot vol. 3 #8, Adventures of Omni-Man #95, Spectacular Omni-Kid #25, All New All Different Vultrimites #50, and Allen The Great #4, which all builds up to the relaunch of Invincible Vol. 2 #1 with 10 variant covers including the ultra-rare chromium vibranium cover? (Even tho we have seen Kirkman pull that stunt before, so maybe you're kinda right...)

If we publish those titles, will you buy them? Sounds pretty damn cool to me.

But anyways, my point is, you couldn't have been more off base with your letter.

Leaving that point of the story where it was at made perfect sense. Mark leaving the planet to protect his family was the exact type of twist Kirkman is famous for. Coming back from the Reboot? to find 5 years have passed is too. I know you've been around since issue 98 and have invested a whole 3 years into the book, where you REALLY missed out on Kirkman's prime in his Greed Phase.

Robert's prime is STILL going on. He's like the Big Papi of comics.

This level of corporate greed is tame in comparison. Also. Your examples of Strike 1 and Strike 2 were basically the same points. I think you got a little greedy with those strikes, bro.

-Frank Carrera
Houston, TX

Wait... I had a "greed phase?" I want to hear more about THAT! I like to think I've been pretty firmly out of the greed category. We do variants from time to time, but never in a way simply to goose sales, and always to draw attention to some kind of new phase in the book. Also... this is issue 130! Is it still \$2.99 like the first issue of the series? THIRTEEN YEARS AGO?! What other product hasn't had a price hike in THIRTEEN YEARS!?

Greed phase? PHOOEY!!

I just finished reading issue #128 and as I skimmed the letter column, I kept seeing the word "Reboot". I even remember reading that the comic was getting a reboot, so what happened? It's true that mark went back in time and now he's returned after fiver year, But I wouldn't call that a reboot. It seemed like a reboot was going to happen, but then mark came back to the present day. If he would of stayed back in time and not repeated his mistakes, then I would of considered that a reboot, but the way it turned out, I just wouldn't consider that a reboot at all. I've been reading this book since the beginning, but for the last 2 years it really hasn't been that good but I've stuck it out hoping it would get better again, but I'm coming to terms with the harsh reality that this book stinks now. Maybe Robert just doesn't have any fresh ideas anymore, or he's stretched too thin. We will see.

Jeffrey

Was there a pitchfork sale we weren't informed about? Or is this Shaw-level trolling? I have no sense of humor anymore. I CAN'T TELL.

There was a question mark at the end of the title. The story was called "REBOOT?". I stand by it. Sorry you're not digging the book recently, Jeffrey. We all change our tastes over time and this book, by and large,

reflects my tastes. It's totally possible we're just shifting in opposite directions as the years go on. I'm hoping you're liking the recent issues more than "Reboot?". Do write in and let us know if you're still reading by this point!

Okay Robert,

Your fantastic take on the super hero genre has blown my mind. Nothing has had as many humongous, earth shattering, expectation toppling plot twists as this series (and the freakin' amazing art is equally as brain liquefying). But, I've got some problems, and more than 99.9 percent of them have to do with mustaches.

First off, if the main physical attribute setting Viltrumites apart from Humans is their prominent, lush mustaches, why the hell don't the women of their race grow them? I mean, these women are monstrously buff and not generally "lady like," meaning that the Viltrumites don't frown upon their women being a little masculine. So, what gives? Do they shave their 'stache for combat purposes? Or are they actually incapable of growing them?

I guess... like humans... they're incapable of growing them.

Second, are the Viltrumites' beautiful mustaches a cultural thing? Like, do they grow them as a fad? Or is there actual societal pressure -- like some sort of law -- forcing them to foster their lip hair? It's surprising that this question has not been addressed in any way, not even as a joke, which leads me to believe that the Viltrumites' facial fuzz will be a crucial and serious plot point. Like, maybe a Viltrumite without his 'stache is like a Saiyan without his tail. Really just spit ballin'.

It's simply a status/style thing. I think to dwell on it any more than we have already in the book would draw too much attention to how silly it really is.

Lastly, and most importantly, Oliver has finally grown a big, bright, beautiful mustache. Nothing makes me happier than seeing that little, underdeveloped piece of fur sprouting on his upper lip. That is, until I realize that a certain main character is missing his duly deserved lip warmer. I know that it's only a matter of time, but seeing Oliver grow his 'stache before his elder brother pushes me over the edge. Mark has earned his mustache, and you have robbed him of his rights. I hope to see Mark next issue sporting an especially elegant mustache, preferably handle bar.

Thanks for the amazing series and the unanswered 'stache questions!
- Ricardo Rodriguez

To me, Mark is more human than Viltrumite... or for now at least, sees himself that way. If the day comes that he ever wears a mustache... it would have to... accompany... a significant change... in his... perspective on life... ahem. I've said too much.

See you next issue, where it's all Terra, all the time. And nothing bad happens. Nope!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Nothing at all. Nothing bad at all happens. See you soon!!

-Robert Kirkman

NEXT ISSUE



Mark just wants to live a quiet life with his family and be happy... but that would be a boring comic book series.

IN A.D. 1220, HELL COMES TO EARTH

LAKE OF FIRE™

NATHAN FAIRBAIRN

MATT SMITH



DOUBLE-SIZED FIRST ISSUE

AVAILABLE NOW FROM IMAGE COMICS

LAKE OF FIRE™ © 2016 Nathan Fairbairn Inc. & Matt Smith. All rights reserved.
Image Comics® and its logos are registered trademarks of Image Comics, Inc.



IMAGECOMICS.COM

RATED **T+** / TEEN PLUS