

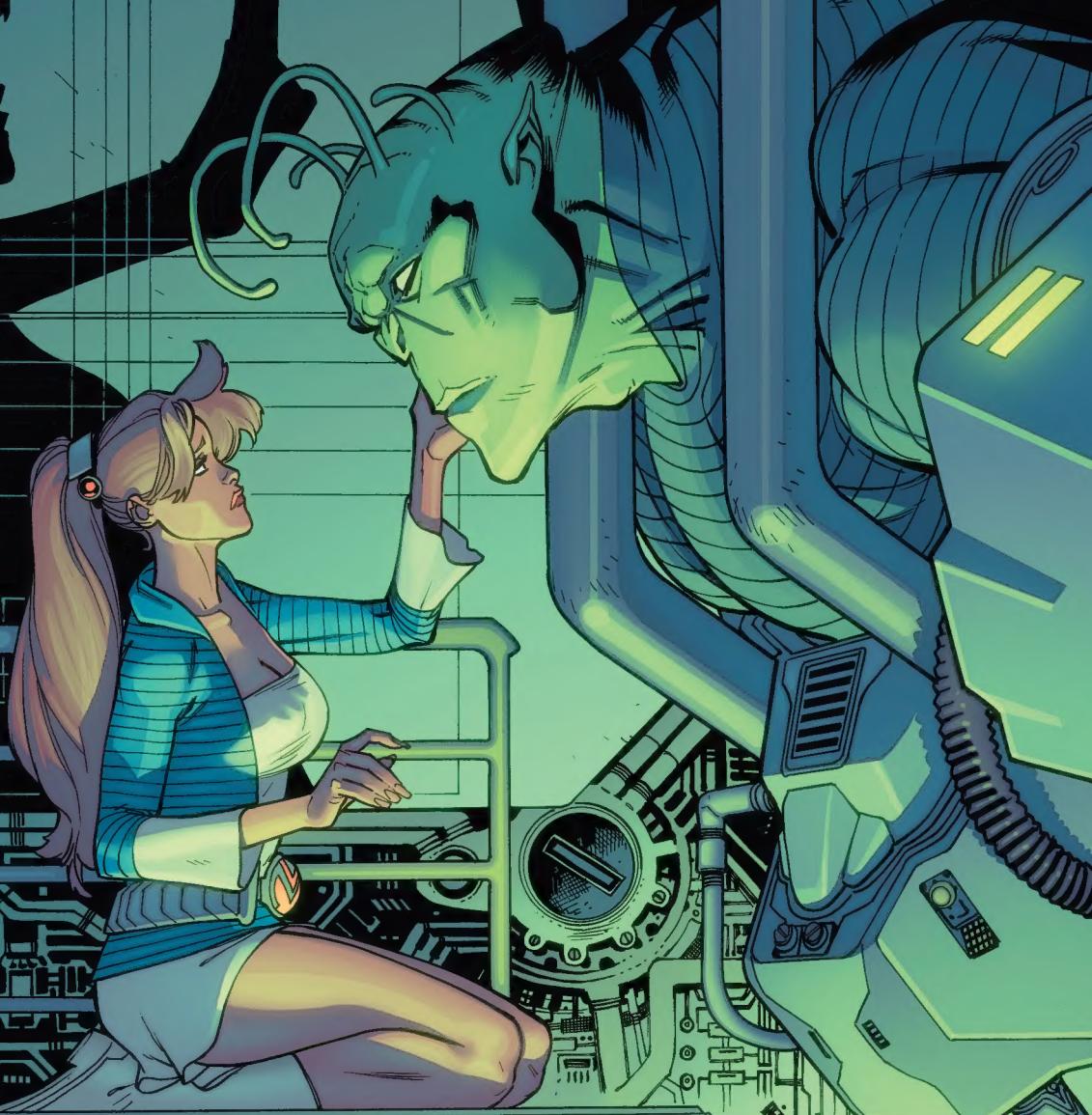
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I HAVE
WATCHED
YOU FROM AFAR
FOR A VERY
LONG TIME...
DOCTOR
SEISMIC.

YOU
CALLED TO US,
WITH YOUR ABILITY
TO MOVE THE EARTH.
YOU SPOKE TO THE
MAGMANITES, A
SLAVE RACE
CREATED BY MY
PEOPLE.



REMARKABLE
DEVICES YOU HAVE
CONSTRUCTED...
THAT ALLOW YOU TO
SHAKE THE GROUND
BENEATH YOUR
FEET.

BUT ULTIMATELY
UNNECESSARY.

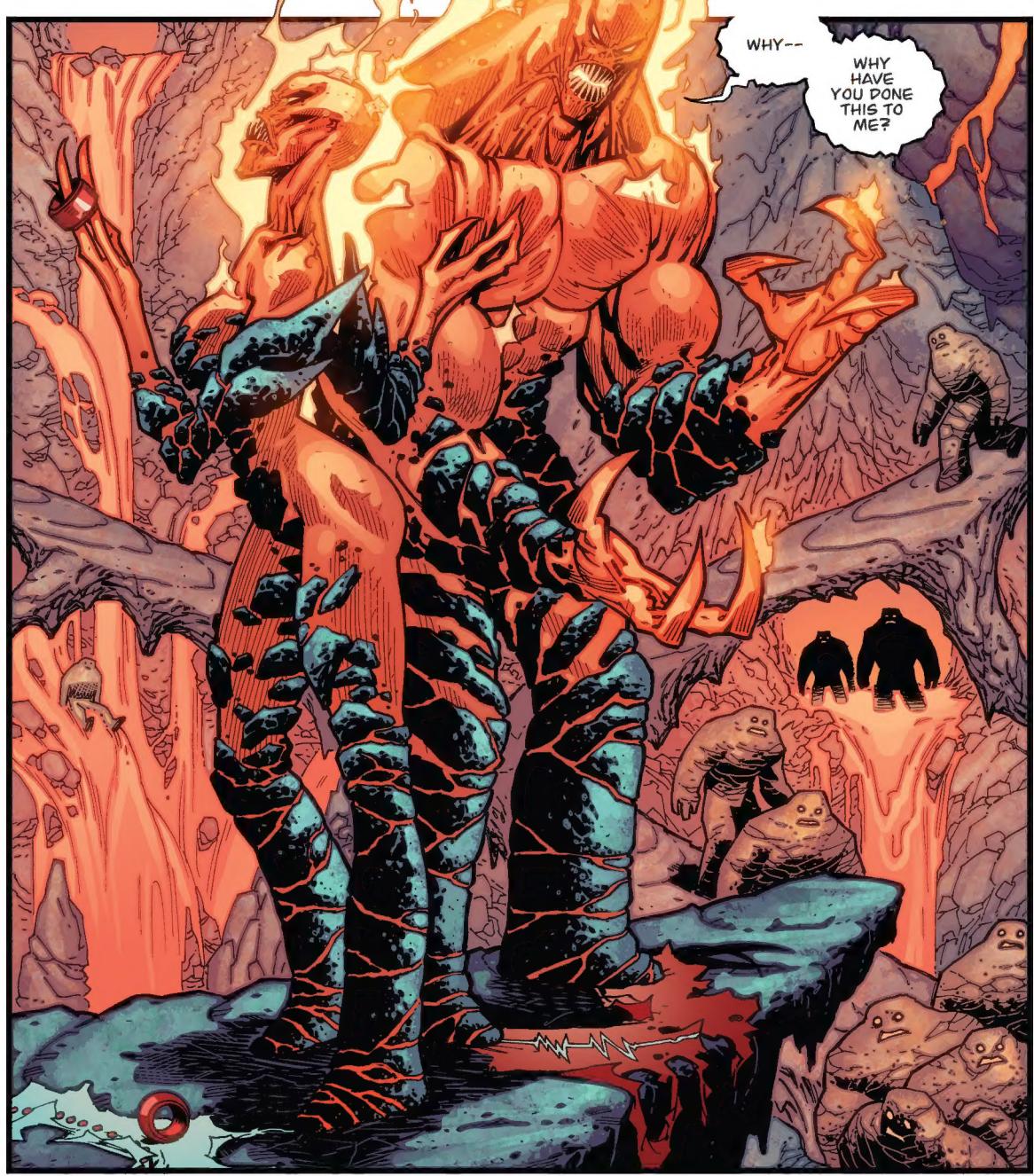


I HAVE TRANSFORMED
YOU... GIVEN YOU POWER
THAT DWARFS WHAT
WAS ONCE AT YOUR
COMMAND.

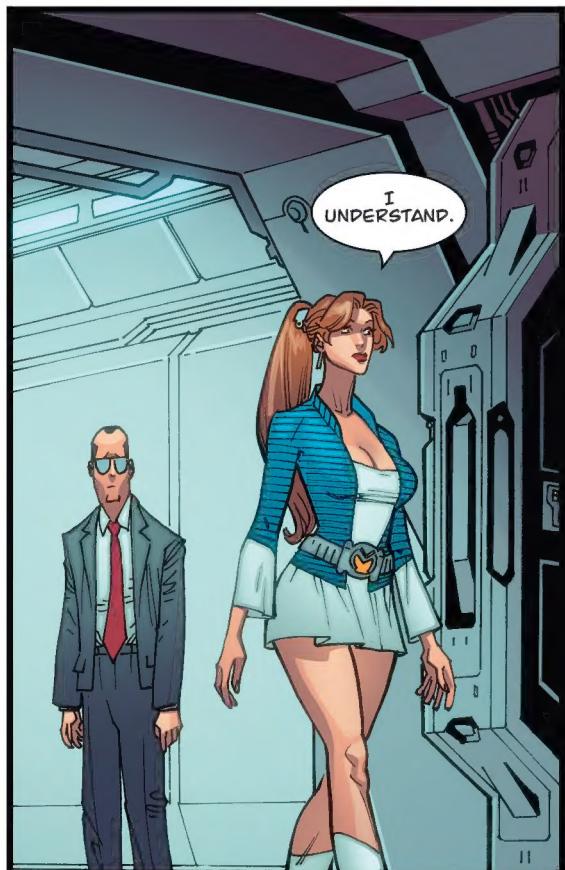
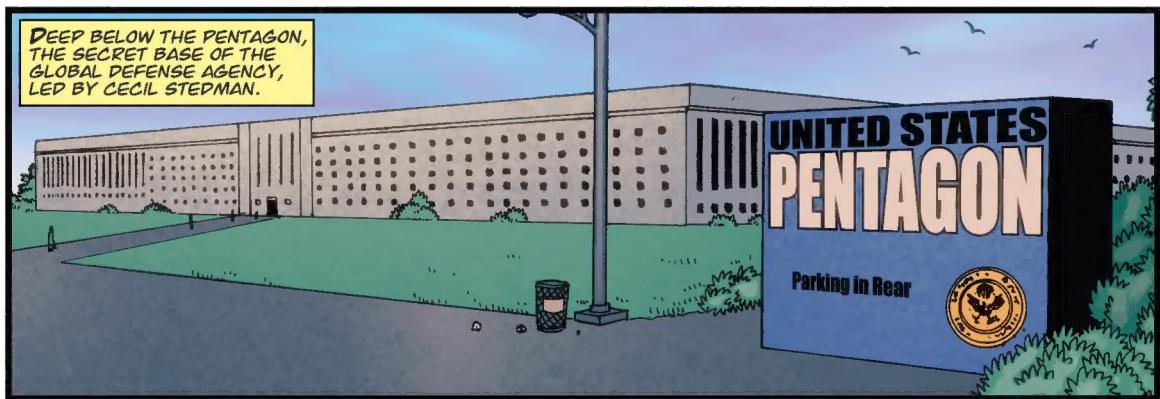
NOW YOU
ARE ONE OF US...
THE EARTH
SPEAKS TO
YOU AS IT DOES
TO US.



YOU HAVE
BUT TO SAY
HER NAME TO
MAKE HER
TREMBLE.



DEEP BELOW THE PENTAGON,
THE SECRET BASE OF THE
GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY,
LED BY CECIL STEDMAN.



HELLO...
FATHER.

SO... YOU'RE SPEAKING TO ME NOW?

I'VE HAD TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR LAST VISIT, AND I'VE REALIZED THERE IS A CHANCE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW... THAT YOU WERE KEPT FROM THE TRUTH.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT YOU CAME TO SEE ME AT ALL WHEN I WAS FIRST BROUGHT HERE... THE FACT THAT YOU BROUGHT HIM WITH YOU.

MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A MONSTER HE IS.

YOU MEAN REX?

MONAX... SON... YOU'RE JUST CONFUSED.

CONFUSED?!

I GREW UP IN HIDING, BEING MOVED FROM PLACE TO PLACE AS I WAS BEING HUNTED DOWN BY WHAT WAS LEFT OF REX ROBOT'S REGIME.

I WATCHED AS THEY SLAUGHTERED MY MOTHER... I WAS ONLY A BOY WHEN I SAW HER DIE.

NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU EXISTED. I NEVER SAW ZALL AFTER... YOUR MOTHER NEVER TOLD ME SHE WAS PREGNANT.

WE WERE BOTH SURPRISED WHEN YOU REVEALED YOURSELF. REMEMBER? REX DIDN'T KNOW...

YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE HIM?



WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?
THE MAN WHO CONQUERED THE
ZAXAN WORLD, ENSLAVED
THE ZAXAN ROYALS, AND RULED MY
HOME WITH AN IRON FIST...
WHO DROVE YOU TO REBEL...
PROVE YOU INTO MY
MOTHER'S ARMS AFTER
YOU HELPED
OVERTHROW HIM?

OR THIS
INNOCENT
MAN YOU'VE
FALLEN IN LOVE
WITH ALL OVER
AGAIN?

FATHER,
PLEASE. THEY
SIMPLY CAN'T
BE ONE AND
THE SAME.



YOU'RE LYING.

WHAT REASON
WOULD I HAVE
TO DO
THAT?

IF YOU TRULY DIDN'T
KNOW... IF HE KNEW OF
MY EXISTENCE... AND
KEPT IT FROM YOU...
YOU'RE AS MUCH A
VICTIM OF HIM AS
ANY OF US.

NO. YOU ARE A LIAR. YOU'RE MAD
AT ME OVER A SITUATION I HAD
NO CONTROL OVER... YOU'D
SAY ANYTHING TO
HURT ME... TO
HURT REX.



REX WAS OVERWHELMED WITH THE
BURDEN OF FIXING YOUR CIVILIZATION.
YOUR PEOPLE WERE INVADING OUR
WORLD... GETTING STRONGER AND
STRONGER. YOU WOULD
HAVE EVENTUALLY
TAKEN OVER.

WHAT REX...
WHAT WE BOTH
SACRIFICED TO
SAVE THIS WORLD
FROM YOUR
PEOPLE... WE CAN
NEVER GET THAT
BACK.

WHERE
HE WENT...
THE THINGS
HE DID.

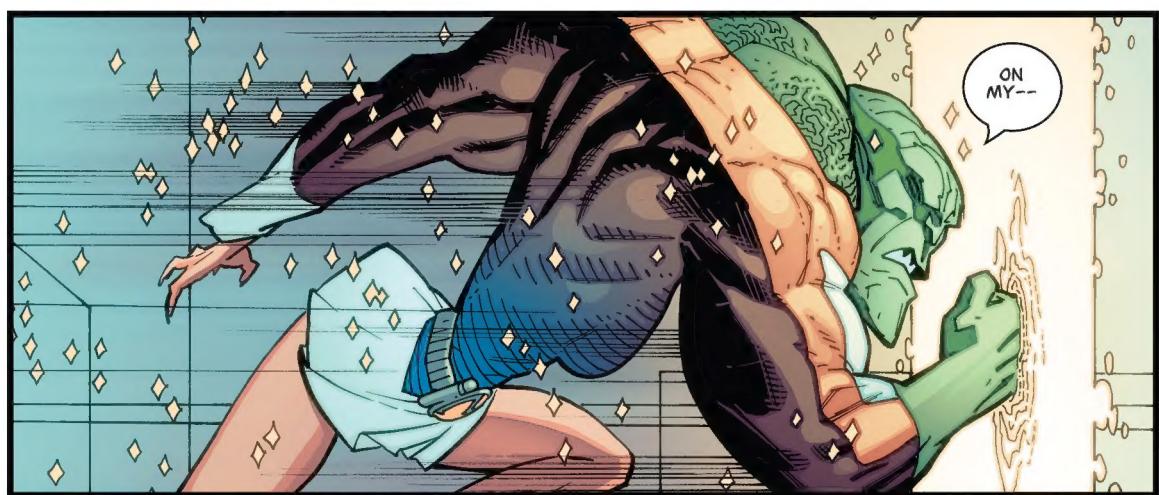
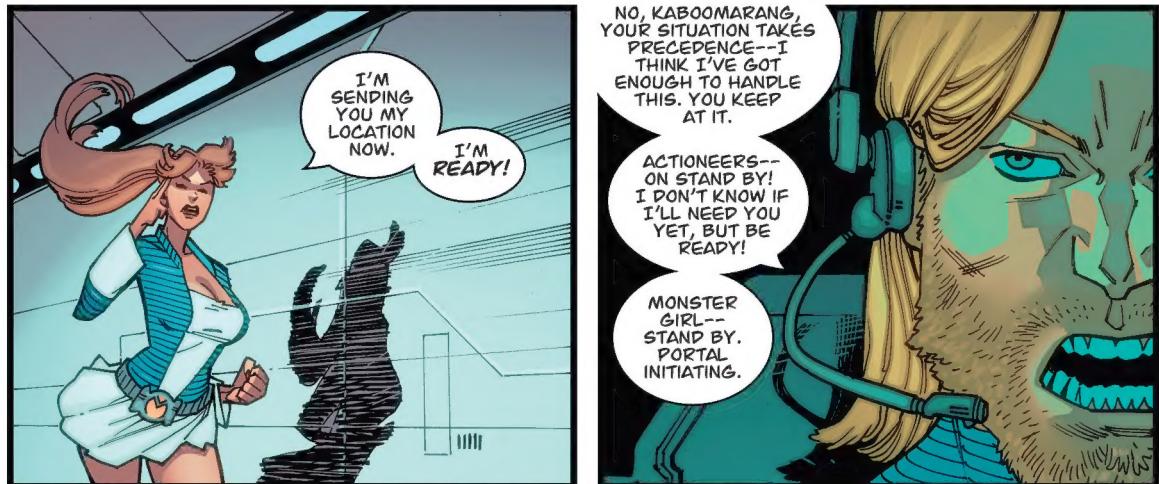
IS THAT
REALLY
SOMETHING
YOU COME
BACK
FROM?



REX LOST
HIMSELF... GOT
CARRIED AWAY WITH
CHANGING YOUR
PEOPLE... MAKING THEM
A PEACEFUL PEOPLE... HE
CROSSED A LINE OR TWO
ALONG THE WAY, BUT IN
THE END... HE GAVE
ALL THAT UP.



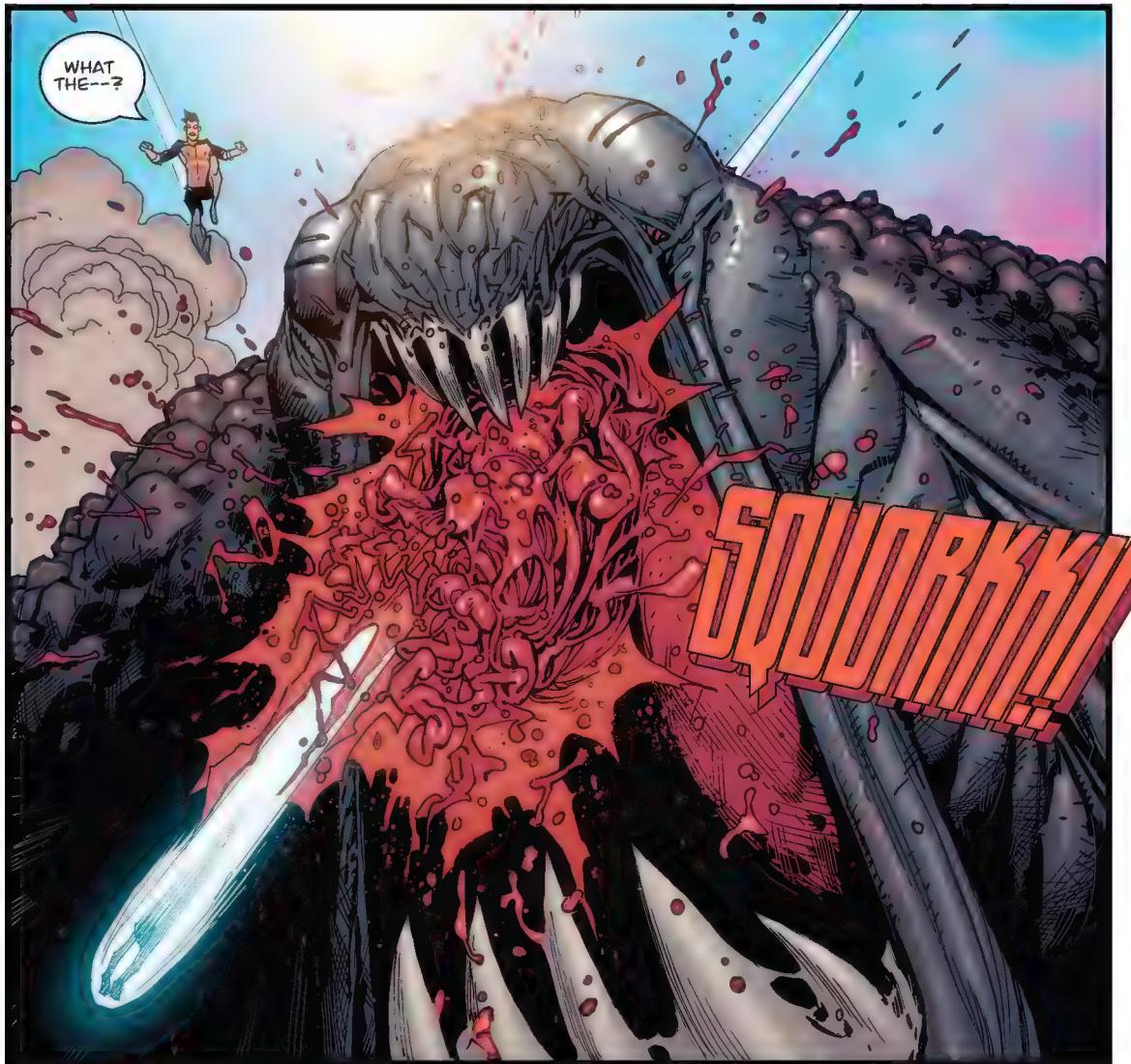
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CONVERSATION
IS OVER.

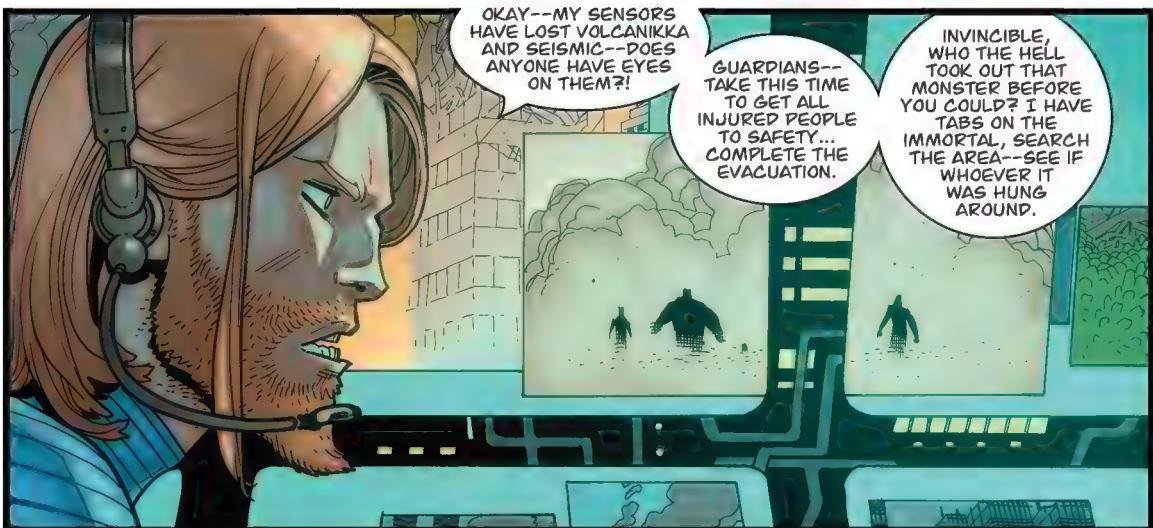


















YES, ANGSTROM LEVY.
THE GUY WHO WILL DO
ANYTHING TO HURT ME...
WHO WANTS TO MURDER
EVERYONE I LOVE.
WHO KNOWS WHO I AM,
WHO KNOWS WHERE
WE LIVE... AND WHO
COULD STRIKE
AT ANY
MOMENT.

IS THE
PICTURE
STARTING TO
CLEAR UP
FOR YOU?

ONE, HE'S IN A
WHOLE OTHER
DIMENSION--AND TWO,
THAT OTHER VERSION OF
YOU WAS GOING TO KILL
HIM AND PROBABLY
ALREADY HAS.

EVE, I KILLED
HIM ONCE ALREADY
MYSELF. HE CAME
BACK... HE FIGURED
OUT A WAY
TO LIVE.

HE'S GOT
RESOURCES
FROM OTHER
DIMENSIONS...
HE ALWAYS
HAS A
CONTINGENCY
PLAN.

IT SEEMED
LIKE I TALKED
SOME SENSE
INTO HIM.

HE MAY
NOT EVEN
WANT
YOU DEAD
ANYMORE.

MARK... PLEASE.
TELL ROBOT TO
STOP WORKING ON
THAT GATEWAY
OR PORTAL OR
WHATEVER.

JUST LET IT
GO. FOR ME. I
DON'T WANT TO
SEE YOU GO
DOWN THE SAME
ROAD HE DID...
DON'T LET THIS
DRIVE YOU
CRAZY.

I WAKE
UP THINKING...
IS THIS THE
DAY?

I CAN'T
HAVE THAT
HANGING OVER
MY HEAD FOR
THE REST OF
MY LIFE!

YOU
BOUGHT
THAT?



OUR KIND DO NOT TREAD LIGHTLY, AND WE DO NOT VENTURE INTO REALMS WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND.

WE KNOW THEIR RESPONSE TIME AND THE FORCE OF THEIR RESPONSE... WE KNOW WHAT THEY CAN WITHSTAND... AND WHAT THEY CAN'T.

WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR WORLD-- AND WHAT WE JUST LEARNED...



NEXT TIME
WE'LL BE
READY FOR
THEM.







I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTRACT
YOU DURING THE BATTLE
EARLIER TODAY... BUT IT'S
DONE. I WAS VERY CLOSE
TO COMPLETING THE
DEVICE DURING
THE FIGHT.



I'VE TRACKED
THE SIGNATURE...
I CAN FIND
ANGSTROM LEVY...
JUST LET ME KNOW
WHEN YOU WANT
TO DO IT.



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I've never had a thing for old guy villains—the Vulture?! Yeech—but Doc Seismic, now that he's surfing on lava like he was Bobby Drake? Straight FIYAH!

You never liked Bi-Plane? I always loved that guy... I've been meaning to bring him back for 100 or so issues... just never got around to it.

Robert,

Invincible #105: A perfectly reasonable jumping-on point! I myself didn't need to jump on, as I've been reading since like #5! I marvel really at the way Kirkman can do this. That is, keep us so entertained for so long with so few new characters, and so little real action or drama. You would think RK would want to do a whole slew of new titles and concentrate mostly on them, maybe have a co-writer on Invincible or TWD; instead he does the opposite! Which shows a lot of loyalty, I don't mind saying. Wouldn't mind seeing some new All-Kirkman All The Time books from Skybound myself, but time will tell. Could it be the big reveal next issue is, I dunno, Eve giving birth? That's all I got. Looking forward to All Out War from TWD next month. Maybe there'll even be a Roamer sighting!

Cheers,

Andrew J. Shaw

"...so little real action or drama." Sometimes I feel like we're reading different books, Shaw. But you want some new All-Kirkman All the Time books? OUTCAST drops in 2014.

I desperately hope that you'll give OUTCAST a try, and despite feeling like it's largely mediocre, continue reading and writing in every month. That would be awesome.

Invincible Crew,

Have to let you know that me and my buddy read this every month and try to figure out what'll happen next. We are usually always the good kind of wrong. Kirkman, you're one of the few that keep superheroes interesting and fun. Ottley, keep it up, superhero destruction doesn't come any sweeter.

Just finished #105 and got to say I'm a little confused with how Mark and Nolan are thinking to each other in space. Did I miss something or is Allen there in spirit?

Viltrumites have been show to practice subspace communication throughout the series.

They have devices that allow them to communicate in space that way. Same thing Allen the Alien has. As long as one person has one... you can communicate in space telepathically. DO NOT ask me why Mark can't read

thoughts while on Earth. It has to do with some really complicated alien technology that reads intent and is only able to perceive thoughts that are intended to be heard.

Shut up.

Also I've noticed that Mark doesn't really have many friends. If and when Mark ties the knot with Eve, who'd be his best man?

Thanks for all the great Wednesdays.

William Harre

William would probably be his best man... but they have drifted apart quite a bit in recent months due to Mark's activities as Invincible. Stay tuned to see if that changes!

Wow! The first 12 issues of invincible were incredible. Yes, you read that correctly. I am about 10 years behind. I had basically stopped reading comics about 10 years ago. Then I received an iPad as a gift and found an app called comiXology which allowed me to read digital versions of comic books. No more basement full of boxes. And, there is availability to back issues without the pain of searching thru my comic stores back issues or ebay. They also have weekend sales, and this past holiday weekend was issues of Invincible for 99 cents. It sounded like a good deal and issue 1 was free. After cruising through the first story arc I was hooked. I was only able to afford through issue 19 over the holiday weekend, but I will be sticking with the title and buying a new issue each week. I should be caught up in a couple of years. Thanks for such a great title, although issue 12 was a bit of a shock. I also doubt I will be writing any more letters since it will be such old news for you guys. Looking forward to much more entertainment with this title. Thanks again.

Dennis

In less than two years you'll get to read this... and you'll write to let us know the old stuff was better.

Maybe he won't! Maybe he'll say, "Man, this book just got better and better! Wow!" It's possible. Jeez, Sean... it's not like the newer issues of this book are actually not as good as the book once was... right? RIGHT?! Throw me a bone here!

Far too much positivity in this column. I took it upon myself to become the lone dissenter.

Robert and Sean,

I've read the book for years. I've been a blubbering fanboy at Cons collecting Invincible commissions. I started the official Invincible Facebook page (Facebook.com/invincibleuniverse cheap plug), but I've never written a

letter in to the letter column.

But the last three pages of Invincible 105 gave me something to talk about. The exchange between Nolan and Mark about parenthood just blew me away. I became a dad and lost my own father in the last few years so the tone of the exchange absolutely hit home to me.

Anyone who is a father completely understands that exchange. Thank you and Ryan for capturing it perfectly.

Hopefully meet you at RyanCon 2014,
Rob Zeida

Sorry to hear about your loss, but thanks for the compliment. As a new(ish) father, I'm very much looking forward to exploring what it'll be like for Mark to become a father and how it will change his relationship with Nolan. I think there's a lot of cool stuff ahead.

Thanks, Robbie Z! Always good to see you at shows!

What?!? WHAAAT? Andrew J. Shaw makes a terrible attempt to rhyme "Ghosted" with "guested" and everyone just lets it go? They don't rhyme at all; not even a little bit! This is the guy who used to tear apart Invincible in his letters and spit on it. My mother always taught me that if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all (actually my mother didn't teach me that- television did, but it sounds more noble this way), but apparently Andrew didn't learn this. Or else he doesn't listen to his mother and/or television, because he was downright mean at times. And instead of derision, what does he get? Freebies.

Hey! BACK OFF! Leo Silver??! I don't even recognize that name! Have you written in before?! I had to look back down at the bottom of your email to make sure I didn't forget your name between looking at it and typing it just now! That's how insignificant you are. You don't get to attack ANDREW J. SHAW! You don't have the right! We LOVE Shaw here. He can rhyme whatever non-rhyming words he wants. How DARE you try and tear down our beloved Shaw. I'm tempted to not even READ the rest of your letter... but it looks like you have numbered questions head... with NUMBERS... I can't resist those...

So I'll let it slide... THIS time.

About the actual issue, here are some numbered questions and comments as a sort of short cut to avoid having to write a real letter.

1. Ottley and Rauch killed it on page 16. The sequence on pages 2 and three 3 is a spectacle to behold, as well. Ottley works story-telling fundamentals like a boss. I really like where Rauch is taking the colors too: it's highly reminiscent of the simplicity this book's look had when Crabtree was doing his thing. I love how he plays with Rathburn's line work as it softens the pages a bit and gives the book a warm feel. I know that industry pay rates for colorists can be relatively low, which is a shame/mistake because these guys are a huge part of the finished product. Invincible has had the fortune of three amazing colorists over the years, so whatever you are feeding them out there, keep it up.

You know what we feed them? Not low page rates.

And donuts. Lots of donuts. Well, not Rauch... or Rathburn really, unless they're vegan. Ottley is a donut FIEND, though. Sometimes, we get together and we eat all the donuts.

2. I absolutely love Robot and Monster Girl! Robot's been very quiet in the background, both here and in Invincible Universe, but something has been brewing in him and I'm glad that it's

slowly coming to the forefront.

Yeah... but you don't know HOW slowly... stay tuned.

3. Re: your response to Dilip Modi in the letter column: yes, Eve is way cooler than Mary Jane, but there have been many good Mary Jane Watson stories. Sean McKeever's Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane series was filled with solid gold.

Good choice. If you've never read Sean's THE WAITING PLACE, you can't go wrong with it.

4. Re: your response to Jason Bigus's question about Angstrom Levy's iPod- Does Vanilla Ice even have multiple albums?

I'm not doing the job of the internet for you...but man, he has way more than even I thought.

I OWNED at least two. Just saying.

5. I just checked, he does. Surprisingly, he has over 19,000 followers on Spotify (I'm impressed), although 6 of his 10 most frequently played songs are various versions of Ice Ice Baby, two are cover tracks of other songs, and one is Ninja Rap (from the 2nd Ninja Turtles movie).

You don't need to tell me where Ninja Rap is from.

Yeah, I found that a little insulting. I mean... who do you think you're talking to?

6. As a reader who is on board for the long-run, I'm a huge fan of these "quiet" issues. They make the loud ones seem that much louder. There are times when I like to see serious ass-trashing, and then there are times when I just want to hang out with my friends in the Invincible U.

This isn't even a question! Boo!

7. Have you ever thought about writing a romance series (kind of like Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane)? This issue was primarily about three different couples and their relationships- I think you'd do an excellent job.

We would love to do a romance book at Skybound... it's just all about finding the right idea.

I'll do a romance comic one day. It's on my bucket list. (I'm not joking)

Well, that's all I got. In closing, GO NINJA GO NINJA GO!

<3,
Leo Silver
Walnut Creek, CA
@livingsilver

P.s. You want a rhyme? I'll give you a rhyme: Kirkman and twerkan'- as in, "Miley Cyrus be twerkan' it on the VMAs".

And that's about as hacky as you can get... Gross.

Yeesh... bad form, Leo Silver... bad form.

Next month... a bloodied Angstrom Levy...

-Sean Mackiewicz

Things are gonna get CRAZY!!

-Robert Kirkman