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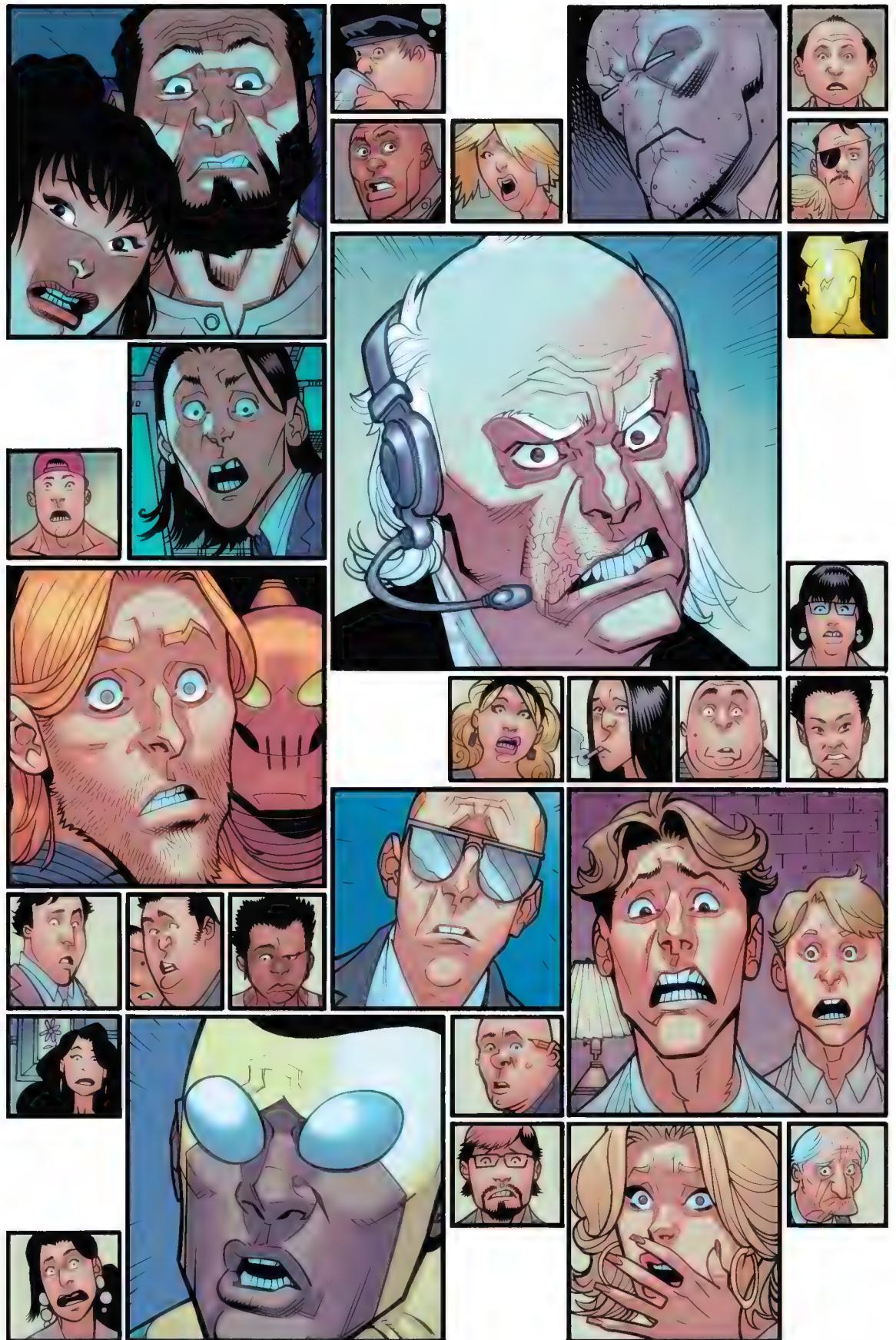
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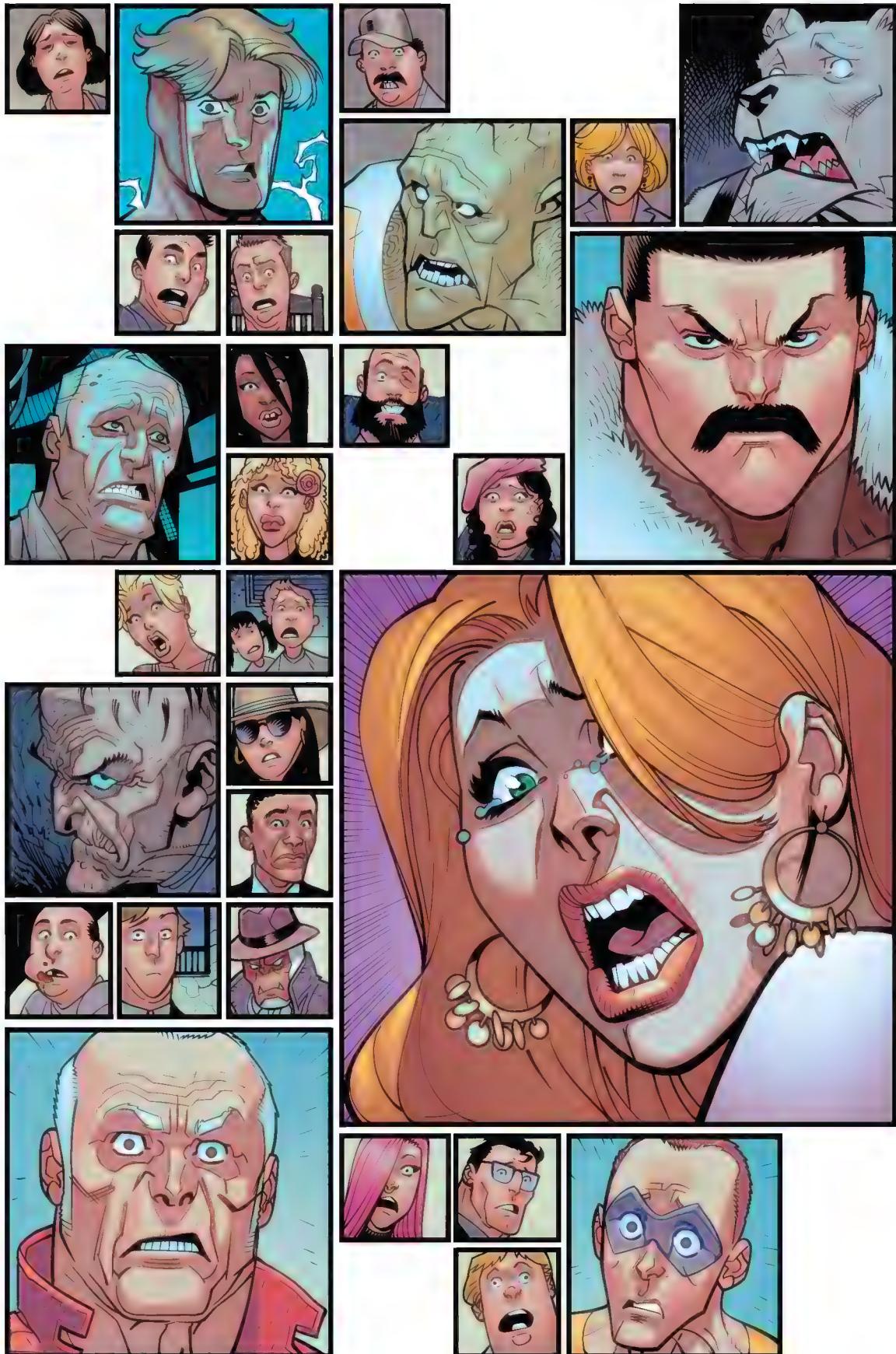
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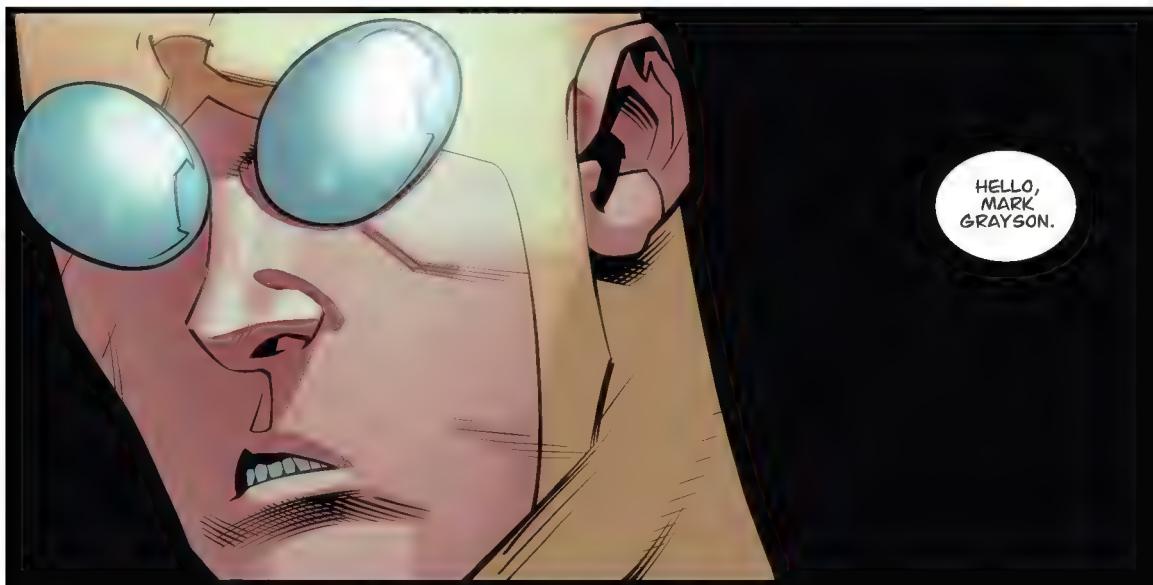
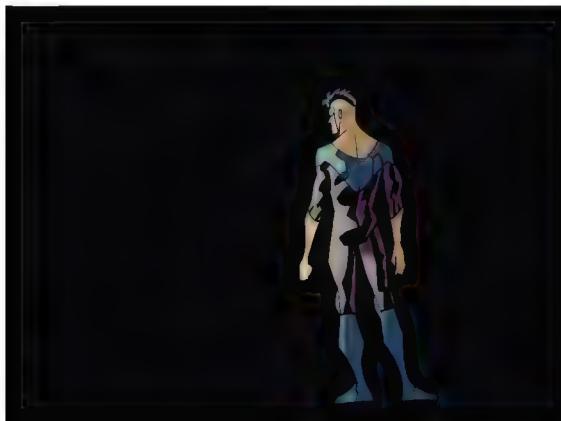


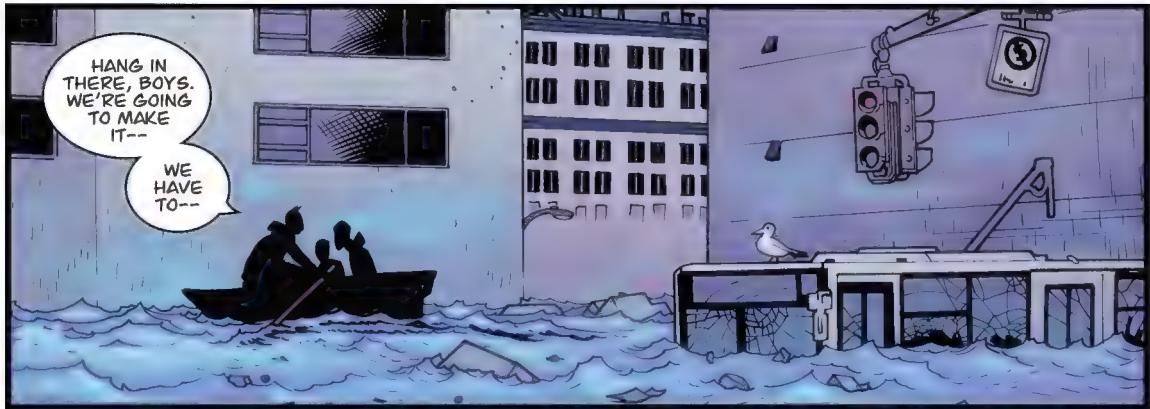




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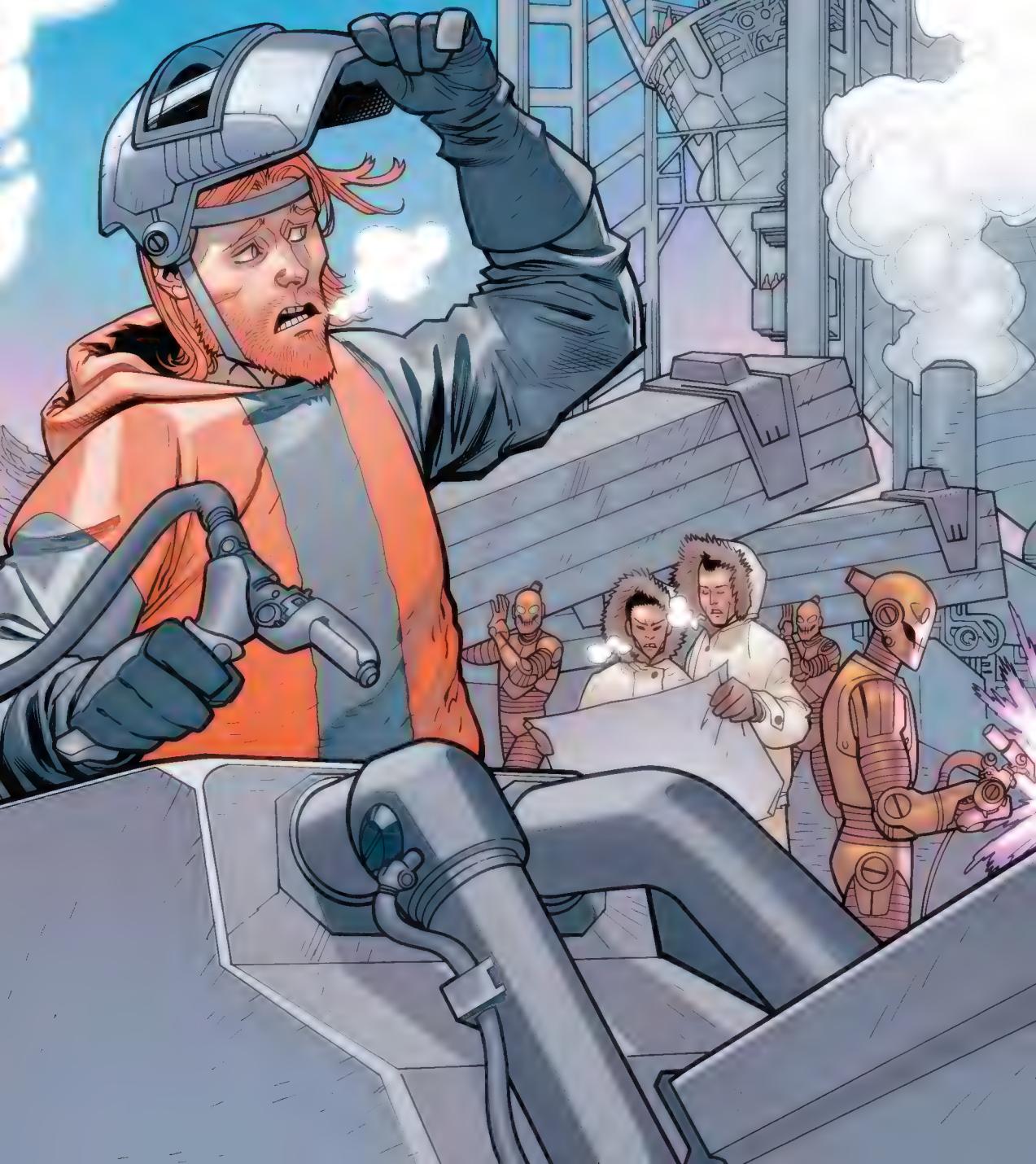
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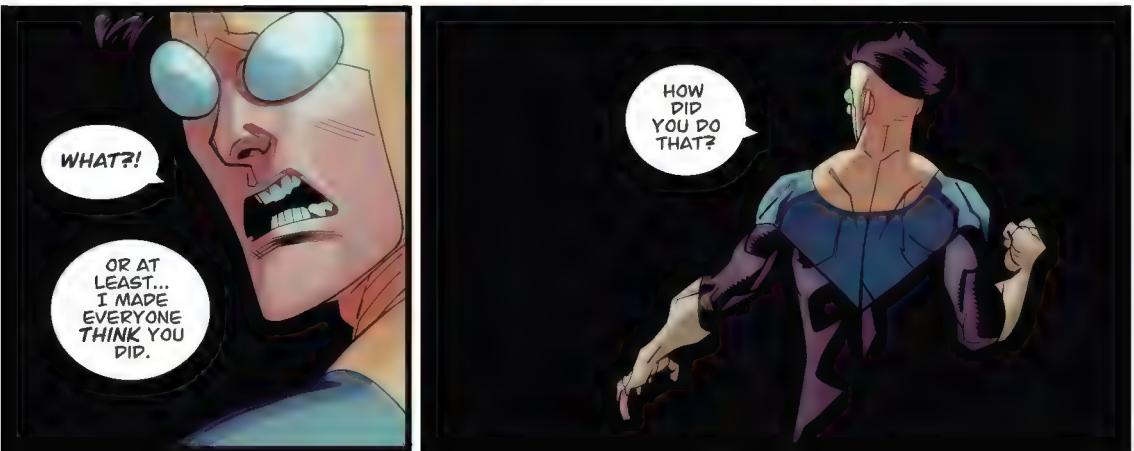
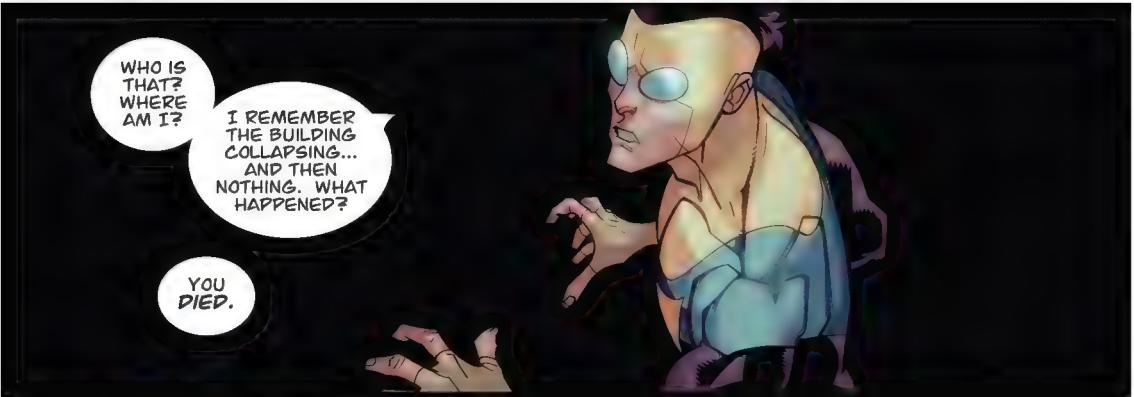






I PROMISE  
YOU, WE'RE  
GOING AS  
FAST AS WE  
CAN.







I COLLECTED MORE THAN ENOUGH GENETIC MATERIAL TO CLONE YOU WHILE I WAS RUNNING MY TESTS. AND WHEN YOUR POWERS DIDN'T RETURN... I THOUGHT A VERSION OF YOU, IN WORKING ORDER... WOULD BE USEFUL.

SADLY, I HAVE NOT PERFECTED THE CLONING PROCESS. I SUCCEEDED IN CREATING LITTLE MORE THAN A LIFELESS, ORGANIC COPY OF YOU.

BUT IT WAS A VERY CONVINCING COPY.



"THEN I EVISCERATED YOUR VERY CONVINCING CLONE IN FRONT OF A WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE."\*\*

"I USED A DOORWAY TO SWITCH BODIES WHILE THE BUILDING COLLAPSED."

"YOU WERE SENT HERE, WHERE THE FREQUENCY WAS ALREADY BEING BROADCAST TO PUT YOU IN THIS STATE."

\*IT HAPPENED IN THIS VERY ISSUE!

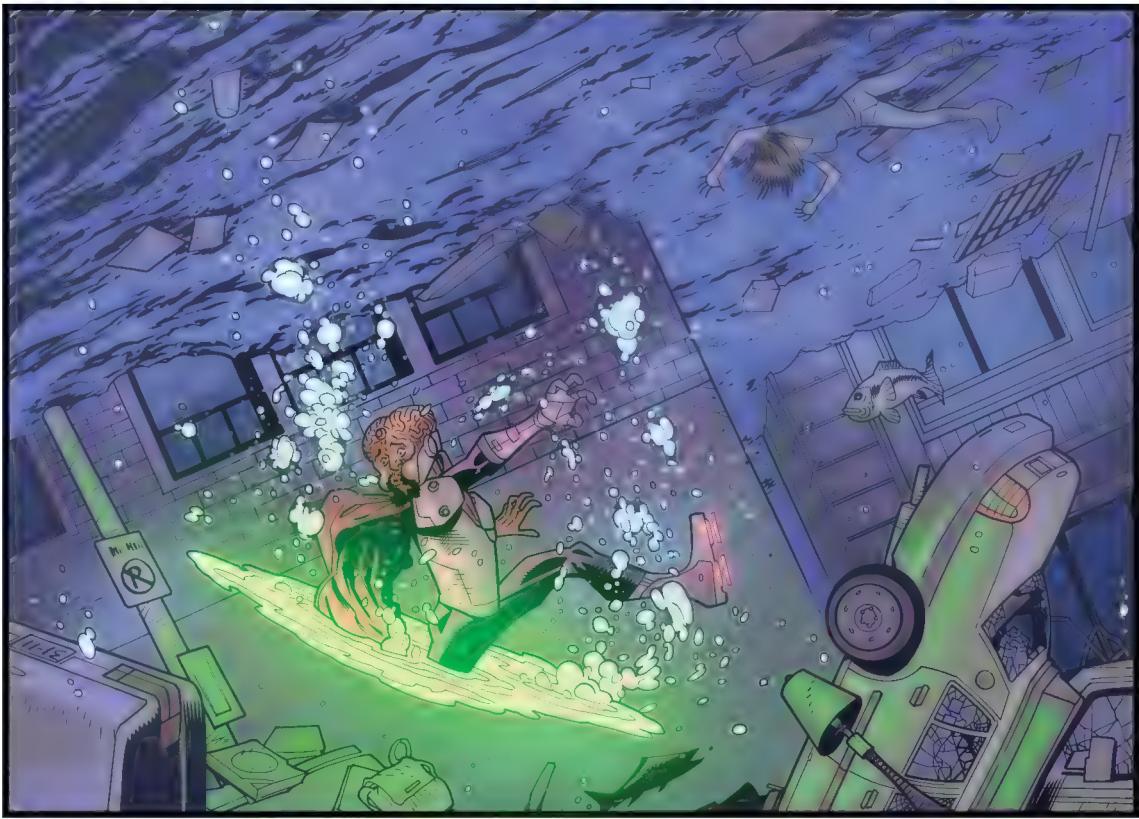
DON'T YOU GET WHAT I'VE DONE? I'VE FREED YOU FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS. YOU HAVE NO DISTRACTIONS NOW.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO ANYONE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE FOR ANYONE. YOU'RE NO LONGER THE VILLAIN-- YOU DIDN'T CAUSE THIS, YOU DIED TRYING TO DEFEAT THE ONE WHO DID... YOU'RE A MARTYR.

NO ONE WILL COME AFTER YOU. YOU'RE FREE. FREE TO WORK WITH ME... FREE TO CONTINUE OUR PLANS...

...FREE TO SAVE THE WORLD.





AFTER ALL THIS... YOU REALLY BELIEVE WE COULD STILL WORK TOGETHER?! YOU THINK I COULD JUST... FORGIVE AND FORGET?!

YOU PLAYED ME--YOU... I TRUSTED YOU. I THOUGHT YOU HAD IDEAS, THAT YOU COULD... DO GOOD--AND YOU THREW ALL THAT AWAY.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP PEOPLE-- NOT KILL THEM.

THAT WILL GIVE US THE TIME TO CREATE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. TO BUILD A **SUSTAINABLE** FUTURE FOR ALL--TO REBUILD THE CITIES INTO SOMETHING THAT WORKS INSTEAD OF RELICS PULLED FROM A CENTURIES-OLD CONCEPT.

WE WERE HELPING HUMANITY. I TOLD YOU--POPULATIONS WERE RISING, RESOURCES WERE GROWING SCARCE. THE CITIES ARE LOST, THEY'LL SOON BE CESSPOOLS OF DEATH AND DISEASE--BUT NOW THE POPULATION WILL BE REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY.

WASN'T OUR GOAL TO MAKE THINGS BETTER?

YOU SACRIFICED A LOT OF PEOPLE-- ON A THEORY. WHAT IF YOU'RE WRONG? DID YOU EVER STOP TO CONSIDER THAT?

I'M NOT WRONG.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

WHAT IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE, ALL THE WORK PUT TOWARD FIXING THINGS... WHAT IF THAT'S THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN?

THE COMING CRISIS WAS FORCING PEOPLE TO RETHINK EVERYTHING. IT HAD US CONSIDERING NEW WAYS OF LIFE, NEW WAYS TO FIND ENERGY, TO SURVIVE ON THIS PLANET.

IT WAS CAUSING US TO REFORM, TO CHANGE OUR OLD WAYS... TO GROW... TO ADAPT.





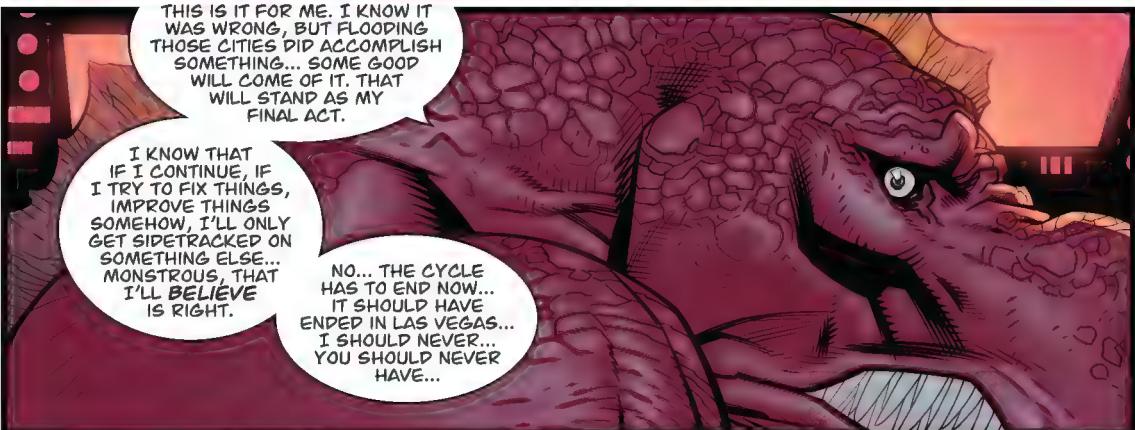
YOU THINK YOU'VE SAVED US--  
BY TAKING THE PROBLEM AWAY--  
BY KILLING US, SO THAT WE  
DON'T HARM THE ECOSYSTEM,  
SO THAT WE DON'T WARM  
THE PLANET--BECAUSE  
THERE ARE LESS  
OF US?

YOU'VE JUST  
SLOWED THINGS DOWN...  
YOU HAVEN'T FIXED A  
DAMN THING. YOU'RE  
MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR  
US TO CONTINUE OUR OLD  
WAYS OF LIFE. YOU'RE  
ONLY DELAYING  
CATASTROPHE--NOT  
AVOIDING IT!

THESE  
PEOPLE  
COULD HAVE  
DIED FOR  
NOTHING.



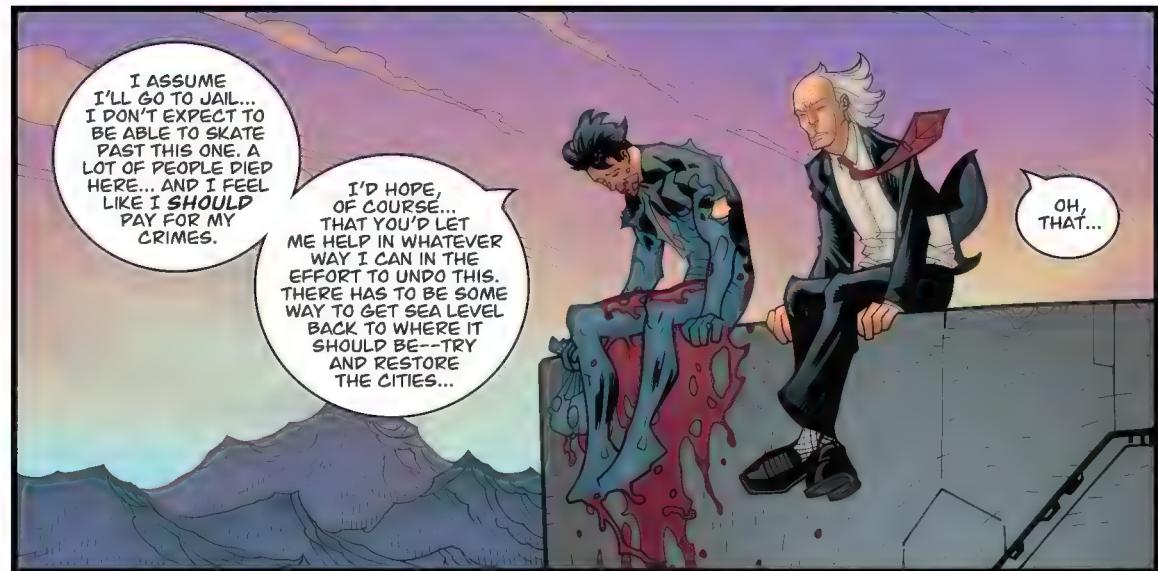
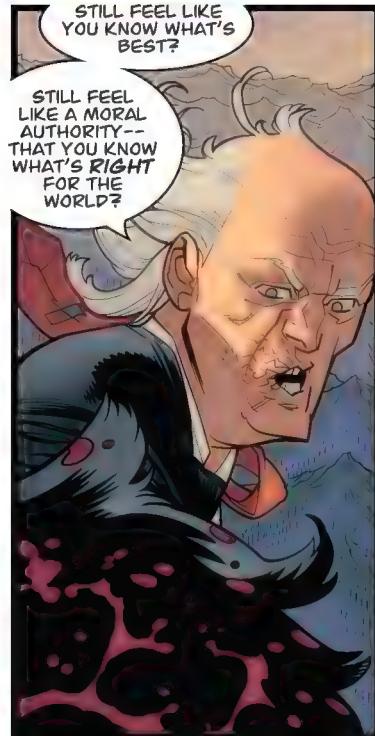






WELL, YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT THIS TIME, MARK. IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY... YOU DID THIS... YOU CAUSED... ALL OF THIS. I HAD THAT MANIAC TUCKED AWAY. YOU FREED HIM. YOU CONVINCED ME YOU HAD THIS UNDER CONTROL.

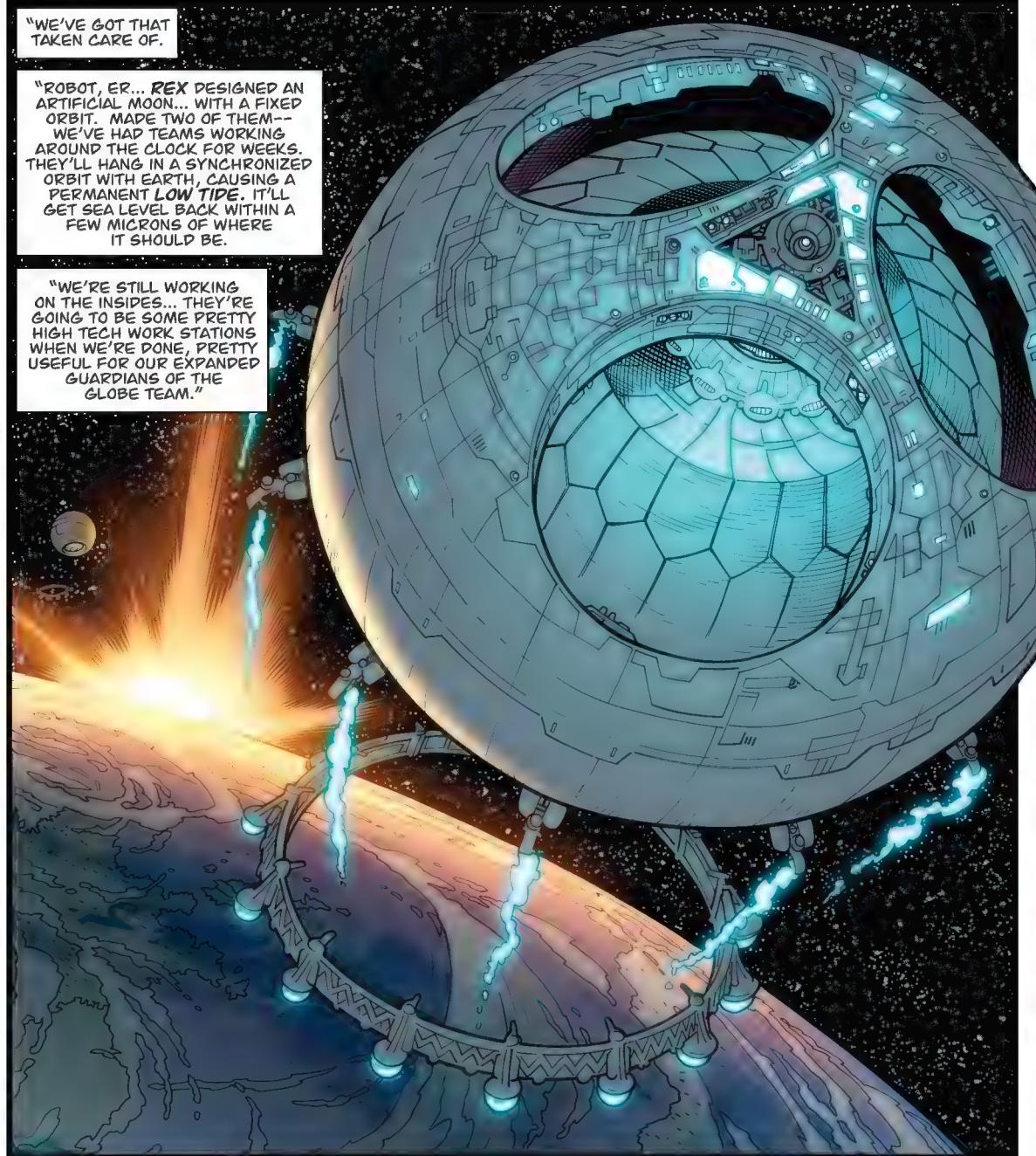
I DON'T MEAN TO RUB IT IN YOUR FACE, LORD KNOWS I'VE MADE MY SHARE OF CATASTROPHIC MISTAKES. I KNOW THIS HAS GOT TO BE WEIGHING ON YOU... BUT I JUST HAVE TO ASK, KID...



"WE'VE GOT THAT  
TAKEN CARE OF."

"ROBOT, ER... REX DESIGNED AN ARTIFICIAL MOON... WITH A FIXED ORBIT. MADE TWO OF THEM-- WE'VE HAD TEAMS WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK FOR WEEKS. THEY'LL HANG IN A SYNCHRONIZED ORBIT WITH EARTH, CAUSING A PERMANENT LOW TIDE. IT'LL GET SEA LEVEL BACK WITHIN A FEW MICRONS OF WHERE IT SHOULD BE."

"WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE INSIDES... THEY'RE GOING TO BE SOME PRETTY HIGH TECH WORK STATIONS WHEN WE'RE DONE, PRETTY USEFUL FOR OUR EXPANDED GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE TEAM."



HOW  
MANY  
DEAD?



LAST COUNT I HEARD WAS OVER EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND... SHOULD CROSS A MILLION BEFORE IT'S ALL DONE...

...COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE.

WILL YOU LET ME TALK TO EVE BEFORE YOU LOCK ME AWAY?

PLEASE.



WHAT'S THAT?

EAR PIECE, JUST LIKE YOU USED TO WEAR WHEN YOU WORKED FOR ME.

I HAD A DIFFERENT IDEA, ACTUALLY.

I HEAR YOU, YOU HEAR ME--YOU DO WHAT I SAY. LIKE THE OLD DAYS...

UNLESS YOU'D RATHER GO TO PRISON?

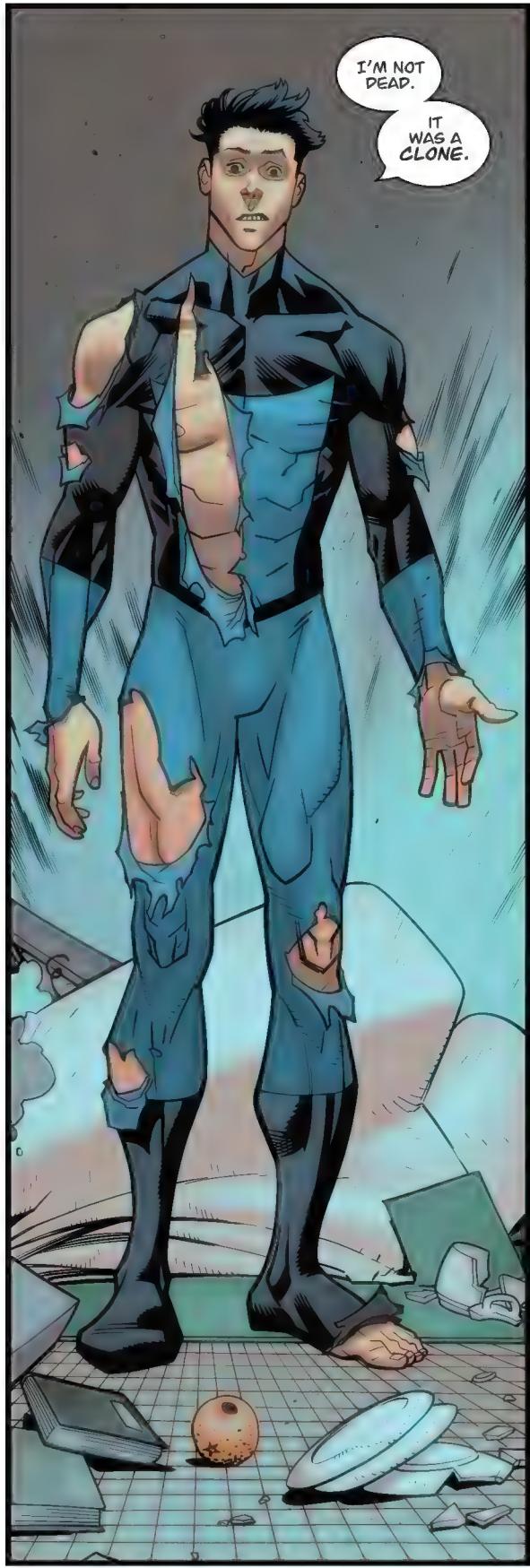
YOU'D HAVE ME WORK FOR YOU AGAIN? AFTER ALL THIS?

WHY NOT?

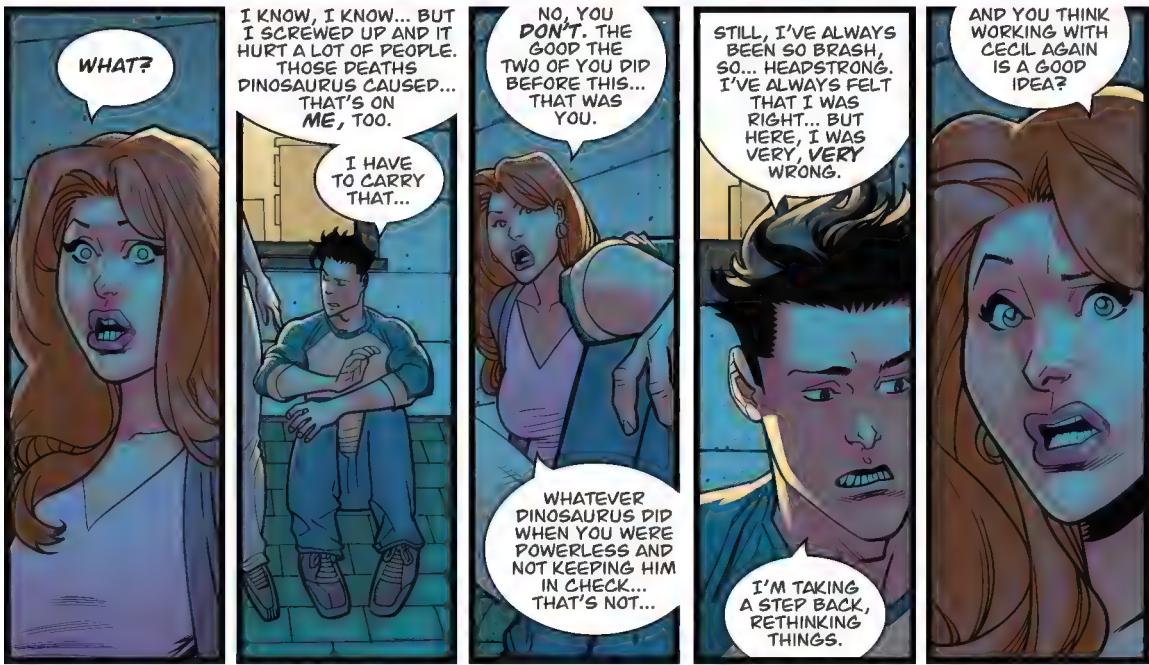
I'VE WORKED WITH VILLAINS BEFORE.













HEH... I  
REMEMBER BEING  
RIGHT HERE--ON  
THIS ROOF WHEN I  
LEARNED I COULD  
FLY. IT SEEMS LIKE  
SO LONG AGO.

MY POWERS  
WERE STARTING  
TO DEVELOP, I'D GOTTEN  
MY SUPER STRENGTH, AND  
FIGURED IF I HAD THOSE  
POWERS FROM MY DAD  
ALREADY... I COULD  
PROBABLY FLY, TOO...





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# PEN VINCIPALS

#100!!! Just in time for INVINCIBLE's 10th anniversary!!! Party!!!

Really, Sean? We're reaching our monumental 100th issue and that's all you've got to say? Shame on you, shame.

First off... I guess I should address something. I'm fully aware of the fact that this storyline is called "THE DEATH OF EVERYONE" and well... nobody dies. That was kind of the point. I think far too often superhero comics go to the death well... holy crap, someone is dying (and coming back to life in the future) and this was our way of playing around with those tropes. You're going to kill off your hero and bring him back six months later? We're going to do it in the SAME ISSUE.

Well... I thought it was a good idea.

I hope you all dug what we've put together here. As with Walking Dead #100 I really wanted this story to be about what lies ahead, with a little bit of referencing what we've experienced so far. Sorry if you freaked out quite a bit over the first few pages... heh.

So what does come next? Well... all kinds of awesome stuff. There are a great deal of running plot threads that we'll start touching on very soon. I would be on the lookout for some business with Angstrom Levy sooner rather than later. We're going to be telling stories about a very different Mark Grayson moving forward as we've seen he's older now, smarter, and with different priorities.

Oh, and what was that last bit of info Eve gave him? That will potentially change things as well. We'll just have to wait and see.

Thanks for sticking with us for so long, and I hope you'll stick with us for the next 100 issues as well. I'm sure I can speak for Ryan, Cliff, John, Rus and Cory in saying that we all love making this book and we appreciate all of you making it possible for us to continue doing what we love.

So... letters?

Penvincipals,

Well, the first part of The Death of Everyone had some surprising parts to it! Mainly the last three pages or so... And some parts that weren't as surprising: after seeing the teaser images I fully expected to see Angstrom Levy's return with this story arc. I'll go out on a limb and predict that he'll save the day, and bring order back to Earth somehow.

The number one reason I stay off limbs.

I like Dinosaurus, but I've got a bad feeling he won't be making it to issue #100... Mark seems like he's definitely had enough of him...!

I was going to ask about Battle Beast, but then I read the letters page, and I don't want to seem like I'm jumping on the bandwagon, so I'll write a letter to Guarding the Globe and ask when he'll be making an appearance there. Can you imagine Battle Beast Vs Wolf-Man??

Thanks,

John Turner

If you want to see John's letter, check out GUARDING THE GLOBE #6 -- a letters page crossover!

Pen-vinci-pals,

First of all, big comeback issue! Especially since GUARDING THE GLOBE's Guardians of the Globe guest-starred! Okay, so Dinosaurus is insane, right? All of a sudden, just like that, though? What made him insane, like, between panels?? And what's up with the cape? Still, as capes go, it looks pretty good at least.

It's up there with the Captain Marvel quarter cape and the Phantom of the Paradise. And bathroom towels.

Shaw?! Have you been paying attention? Has Dinosaurus not always seemed a little bit crazy from his very first appearance?

The whole "Death of Everyone" thing...what's up with that, seriously? If everyone dies here, well—that could affect GUARDING THE GLOBE!! Cause serious-like, that is one rockin' series. Liked this issue, though. Lotta characters missing from this issue; doesn't really matter: it was one of Ryan Ottley's bestest. Once again INVINCIBLE tops the pile as my favorite book of the day. How bout some kind of space initiative where 'Vince explores outer space in Star Trek-y fashion so we can get to know even more alien races in this series?! Okay, just ignore that. You usually do anyway.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Shaw

You have never been ignored, my friend.

Dear Mr. Kirkman and crew,

Issue 98 was amazing and I am so excited to read 99 & 100. I was first introduced to the comic book world last summer through INVINCIBLE, and I was hooked on the spot. I read through the first six hardcovers without stopping and I have been reading individual

issues since then. When you say the death of everyone I really hope you don't mean it. I know you can't kill off Mark (I hope), but here is a list of characters I could get over: Tech Jacket, Omni-Man, Robot, Bulletproof, and Monster Girl. PLEASE don't kill Oliver, he is awesome.

Sincerely,

Owen  
Pleasanton, CA

Cool... good to know I've got an approved list.

Hey guys,

Once again INVINCIBLE delivers all the pulse pounding action of a Die Hard movie (without all that yippee ki yay crap). I must admit the way Robert spins a yarn that balances Mark's personal life, family and these epic scale storylines never ceases to amaze me. I tip my hat to Ryan as well. With each issue he just seems to top the last as if he was his own worst critic. Now onto a few questions. Will we ever see the Mauler Twins again?

GUARDING THE GLOBE!!! The second collection, featuring at least one Mauler, comes out in the beginning of April, just in time for INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE #1!!! They know about INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE, right?

INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE!!!

Who was the person in the cryo chamber in Dinosaurus's lab after Marc whooshed away?

Since there's no solicitation for issue #101 could that mean everyone really...does...die?

No one ever really dies. We're just energy released back into the universe.

Dude, don't get political.

Anyho, it's great to see Mark back in the black and blue. Also, nice use of misdirection and in the process turning Greenland into a slushie. Even after all the events in this issue how could I not be more excited about issue #99 especially after hearing the boast that next issue Ryan ABSOLUTELY TEARS SHIT UP!? Pure marketing genius, sir. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely a fan for life,  
Bryon Kubiszewski

We'll do what we can. Thanks.

Mr. Kirkman,

So when's BiPlane coming back? I believe you mentioned something about him coming back at some point in the sketchbook of Invincible Ultimate Collection Vol. 1. So if he is coming back then you should get on that.

Kyle Genoni  
Pleasanton, CA

You're not ready yet. Give it time.

Invinci-crew,

I've never been more proud to be a fan of your magnanimously awesome book. Issues 97 and 98 have delivered goods in such an abundance, the goods are just spilling all over the place! One bit I wanna give kudos on is the bizarre end of Zandale's parents. When the frying pan hit, it was just so darkly comedic, like QT or the Coens, I loved it. Then the awkward after funeral panel, followed by Science Dog's author saying how weird it was like the Cryptkeeper would. It was so unexpectedly nuts, and somehow pretty funny. It seems like one of the more random things you've written, Kirkman my man, could you tell a little about the process writing that? I like it.

Well, it's basically what it seemed like. I came up with the idea, thought it was one of the darkest things that's ever happened in the book, and really wanted to do it, but was also worried it would drive people away for being so strange and unlike the series. At first I wanted to do it as a full issue, but I figured that'd be too strange. Then I came up with the idea of cramming it in the first half of the issue, and then doing the Schaff follow-up to defuse things. He was clearly speaking as a proxy of me, and I liked how that was adding another strange departure to the series, like by doing two completely off the wall things that kind of shouldn't happen in the series, they cancel each other out.

I figured people would either love the issue... or hate it. It's one of my favorites... a lot of people don't like it... but really, independent comics are all about risk, so I stand by the issue. Any time INVINCIBLE can be "something you can't get from any other comic" I feel like Ryan, myself and the rest are doing a good job.

Loved the instant classic end scene with Mark and Eve there, superpowers at their finest! A glorious moment for our heroes.

It occurred to me that having super strength, speed, agility and stamina... would make you pretty awesome in bed.

Now #98, even more fantastic. Mark with the superheroics, Dinosaurus rocking us with mind blowing schemes, plus the return of Angstrom! Hot damn. And Ottley, you sir have

outdone yourself! Kudos to everyone. Can't wait for these next two, and I do hope issue #107 is a beach comedy with lots of cameos. Rock on!

The SPRING BREAK issue!!! Where all the Viltrumites loosen up with body shots, play volleyball and repopulate the earth with co-eds in Punta Cana!

Psycho Ian  
P.S. One page Science Dog shorts for the Ultimate Collections

I'd love to do more Science Dog at some point, but Cory and I feel it deserves a better venue.

Sean Mackiewicz -- best editor ever. Bar none.

I noticed a few issues back that this new guy was making me laugh (rather than cringe) in the letter columns, but he's proved himself consistently brilliant. Keep him forever.

Loving it.

Matthew George

It's not funny. It's deadline dementia.

PS: The stories have been great, too. I know that you prefer to publish negative letters; but shit, what can I do? You've nailed these past few issues. You want negative letters, be shittier.

Can we say shit?

I don't know... I'm pretty sure we've said it in the issues. I try to keep the cussing to television standards but it's not like this series is read by a whole lot of kids. I feel like as long as we don't say fuck, we should be fine.

Wait.

Dear Kirkman Crew,

I met Robert at the Emerald City Comicon this last year. You might remember me as the very pushy about politics Occupier with dreadlocks that wanted your opinion on the OWS Movement. I remember you saying that you were glad that people were in the streets again but your overall feeling with Occupy is "Fuzzy." This is something corporate media says to confuse people. Just to clarify with you, please look up the 23 grievances of the OWS. The reason people feel fuzzy about occupy is because there are so many things that are messed up in this country. We know the issues very well and Occupy represents the culmination of activists from all different backgrounds coming together to say enough to the madness. Ok, enough about that. Now for INVINCIBLE.

That was a quick turnaround...

I just read issue #98 and WOW! I remember you saying that Dinosaurs would play a larger role in delving into a villain that is trying to do good. In many ways it can relate to Anarchists who want to "smash the state." Right now global climate change is a HUGE problem and unless we as a society decide to stop our current path then we are nearing a point of no return. Sometimes you have to take a step back before you can move forward. Hence why Anarchists want to smash the state. Anarchists are not looking to cause physical harm to anyone. They are looking to smash oppressive institutions like government, corporations, the military industrial complex, the prison industrial complex, and especially energy companies that refuse to let go of their hold of our future. I am not an Anarchist myself but have many comrades that are. What I am trying to say is the social issues you present in INVINCIBLE very much coincide with what activists have been doing for years. It reminds me of the back of THE WALKING DEAD TPBs that basically talk about the world we knew gone with the tag line of "In a world ruled by the dead, we are forced to finally start living." We have all become disconnected with the Earth and our priorities today are very different due to our American comforts.

I really don't want anyone over analyzing all of my work as a whole to define my political views... I'm feeling like I went to school naked all of a sudden.

As you can see every person relates to the same material differently. I am sure that most letters you get are different than this. As an activist I see the social issues and political themes throughout your books and when I talked to you I was far more interested in politics as it related to your books versus how someone else might see things.

I know that you are not a fan of special requests or advice from fans but I would love to see a super hero who has the ability to get villains really baked. Imagine it being a flick of the wrist and they are stoned out of their minds. A couch appears and the villain just chills out and eats some munchies. Could be a cool addition to the Guardians of the Globe?! If you use it tell Ryan to draw a white guy with a beard and dreadlocks....Basically because that's me.

Well... this took a turn.

Anyways, I love ALL your work. I am anti capitalist and ever since I picked up issue #6 of THE WALKING DEAD so many years ago I could not stop. I had to buy every single thing you're involved in and you have opened my eyes to the world of comics. Without you I never would have read Preacher, Y: The Last Man, Sandman, Watchmen, and so many many more.

Keep up the great work,  
Taylor Niemy  
Bremerton, WA

Wait... I thought I recommended mostly Image books! You need to read Fatale, Saga, Manhattan Projects, Glory, Morning Glories, Glorious Glory and okay, that last one was made up. Image Comics! Happy! That's a really good one. (There's an Image comic called HAPPY! you should all read it. It's NUTS.) Mara... Great Pacific... CHEW... how did I take me this long to get to that one. Savage Dragon... tons of stuff.

P.S. I read that one letter someone sent that said, "%@&% you, Kirkman, you are the 1%." That guy obviously doesn't understand the movement. The 1% is really the .00001%, It is the very small amount of politicians and corporate CEO's that are destroying our democracy. Not you.

Are you saying I can't destroy our democracy!! I'll show you!

Hi everyone !

I don't really know how to put this so I'm gonna say it straight: Wow ! You \$@! my brains out with this 98 issue.

Excitement ≠ cursing. Let's keep it clean, punks!

I really didn't expect this. Even less with the little teasing you've done for this three parter.

To be honest, you always surprise me and I guess that's why I love this title this much. It's all I wanted for a superhero comic without asking for it. I'm french so I read the first issues in TPB form and I found that fun in the first one (I don't know if there are the same numbers that runs in it that the original one) but I was like "okay cool but..." I bought the followings anyway and never regret it because it blew my mind and as you can guess it still does. Everytime I think that I won't fall for it, but, I don't know... I guess that's what you're seeking with turnover plot.

So Dinosaurs had a quite aggressive way to resolve this problem of a doom-like future. I guess it make sense when you think about it and the distraction of LA wasn't just for Invincible, ain't it? I was like "Come on, Robert I Vegas, now LA. Don't you think about China? There're quite a lot over there!" Next you sink the whole planet. If my issue hadn't been on table, I think I would have drop it. I was stopped. I just starred at the page feeling silly and amazed.

It's just an amazing work. I can't thank you all enough for doing this great job.

So, it doesn't seem enough, but thank you !

Stevens "SYC" Rayant

PS : Sorry if it's not really proper english but french people you know... It seems we never learn. And I almost forgot: Happy end of the world!

*It totally didn't end! Thankfully, as if it had, we'd have never published this issue!*

Hello to all the Invincible gang,

We are coming up to issue 100 and I don't think I have ever been so excited about a comic book. I've just finished reading #98 and it was just insane. The story was utterly brilliant, not only was Dinosaurs' evil plan just amazingly executed, and the scope of the story so grand, but we also got to see the return of Angstrom Levy! That was a moment I have been waiting a long time for! The artwork was completely and utterly insane. The grand visuals of Ryan's pencils, particularly of the various cities and the globe itself were simply exploding with beauty after John's sublime colouring. Seriously, both the art and colouring were of ludicrously high quality.

I want to say a big thank you to creating this comic book, I am basically obsessed with it and I cannot express how much I love it. Over the last ten years it has gone from true strength to strength, it always has fresh ideas and it always delivers compelling storylines, great action and phenomenal artwork. (It would give me great personal joy to see this letter printed in issue 100).

Too often I've been accused of crushing the joy out of things. Let's see how it feels to give back...

Sean is such a flawless, handsome and talented editor that I am sure he will make it so. (Welcome on board by the way, Sean).

...Awful. Completely awful.

Seriously, are you writing these comments in yourself, Sean? This is just weird.

Robert is the smartest and most handsome person on Earth. He's such a good writer, he has no business being the most handsome dude around, too!

See how easy it is? We're on to you, Sean!

Michael Jamieson knows fact from fiction. He and I know the darkness you harbor in your soul.

So thanks again, here is to the next 10 years of INVINCIBLE, and keep up the exemplary work!

Michael Jamieson (AKA ultra mega biggest fan ever).  
Aylesbury, United Kingdom.

Robert + Sean,

1 heck of a story +  
0 compromises +  
0 regrets  
= 100 great issues of INVINCIBLE

Reed Beebe  
Calculating in Kansas City, MO

I really wish you had carved this into a tree. But your math doesn't really add up. There are so many people involved in this process....

Thank you to Ryan Ottley, Cliff Rathburn, John Rauch, Rus Wooton, and Jonathan Chan for keeping this book on track since I got here. Thank you to Charlie Adlard, Art Adams, Bryan Hitch and Marc Silvestri for the variant covers. And thank you to Robert and Cory for creating Mark Grayson. He's stood the test of time.

We rock! Thanks to Sean Mackiewicz for coming in pretty late in the run and not really contributing all that much, really just watching a well-oiled machine do its thing.  
Seriously... this book practically edits itself!

What the hell does an editor actually DO anyway?

We'll be back in March! See you then!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Yeah, sorry about the gap, after 100 issues, I figured Ryan could use some time off. We'll be back and better than ever in March! The beginning of the next 100 issues! Woo!!

-Robert Kirkman

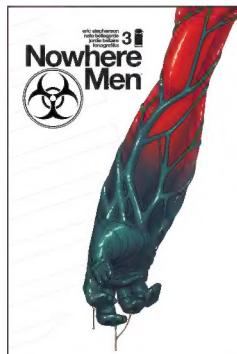
P.S. I was just joking, Sean. You do so much. SO MUCH. You're the best.

Fuck you, too.

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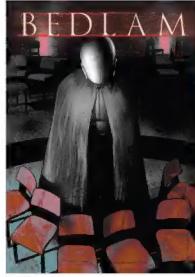


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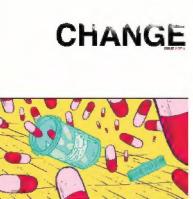
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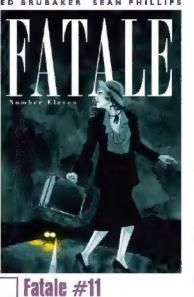
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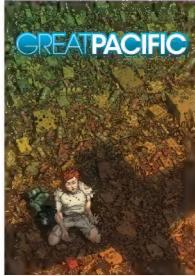
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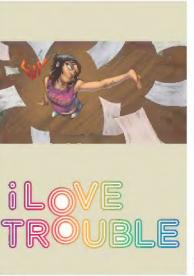
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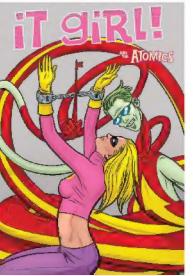
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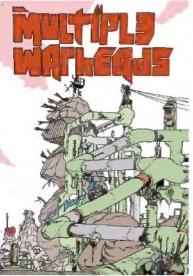
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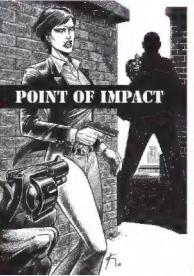
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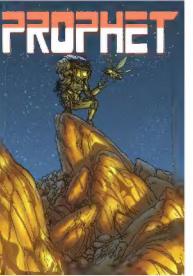
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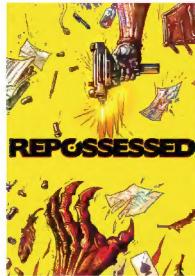
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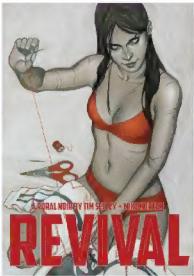
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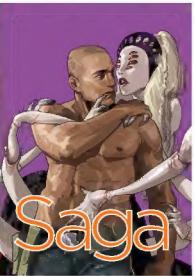
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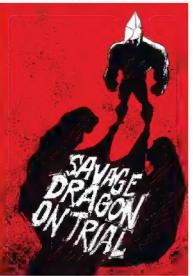
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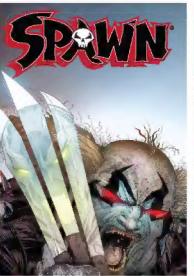
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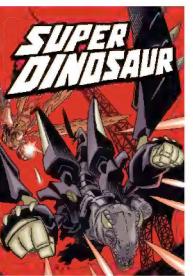
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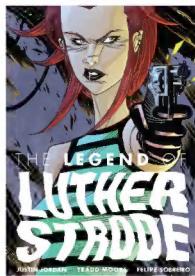
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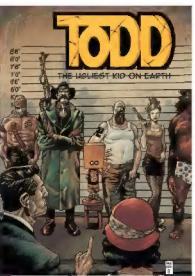
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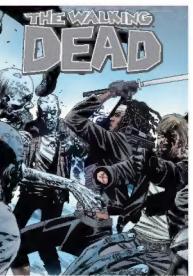
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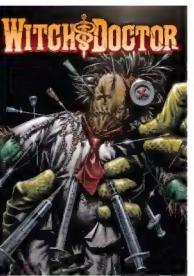
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# Question of the Month "WHAT IS YOUR COMICS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?"

To better recognize how appreciative I am to be working for Image. It's so easy to get caught up in the next issue and project — you lose sight of where you are.

MICHAEL MORECI  
HOAX HUNTERS

To try writing in at least two new genres.  
**JAMES ASMUS**  
**THIEF OF THIEVES,**  
**THE END TIMES OF BRAM & BEN**

Same as always — do more pages!  
**ANDRE SZYMANOWICZ**  
**HELL YEAH**

NO MORE MUTANTS.  
**ROB GUILLORY**  
**CHEW**

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## THE THIRD DEGREE PAUL POPE

**PAUL POPE** is an American cartoonist living and working in New York City. He has been working primarily in comics since the early '90s. His iconic *Batman: Year 100*, a science fiction take on the classic Batman origin tale, has won numerous awards, seen print in many languages, and appears frequently on many Top 10 Batman story lists. In 2010, Pope was recognized as a Master Artist by the American Council Of The Arts, and is currently sitting on the ACA advisory board. His 2010, short science fiction comic strip *Strange Adventures* (DC Comics)—an homage to the Flash Gordon serials of the '30s—won the coveted National Cartoonist Society's Reuben Award for Best Comic Book of the year.

### What are you working on right now?

I just wrapped *Battling Boy* for First:Second. I have a few dogs in the film right, let's see if those things pan out. I am immediately moving onto my book *Psychonaut*, for Dargaud, my French publisher. A book about dreams and Carl Jung's theories of dream interpretation.

### What's the best part of your job?

The war of art....! It's not always easy, but it's a good fight. So glad people care enough to pay attention.

### What's the worst part of your job?

The uncertainty and the isolation. Social anxiety. That's probably just the human condition, though.

### How did you first discover comics?

1975, I had the flu. I was five. My pop came back from hockey camp in Ontario with a big busted lip under his moustache and a copy of Kirby's *Bring On The Badguys*. I fell in love with Thor and Doctor Doom. I started drawing superheroes on my bedsheet right after that with a blue Bic marker.

### If you weren't working in comics, what would you be doing?

I don't know. It's hard to imagine doing anything else....

### What's the best thing a fan has ever said to you?

Probably the times you meet someone who says they read your books with their kids. That is really meaningful. I like meeting people, everyone has something to say.

### Who is the biggest influence on your work?

My influences would include Moebius, Alex Toth, Kirby, Crepax....Frank Miller and Jeff Smith....Picasso.

### What is the single work of which you're most proud?

I'd say *Battling Boy*, since it is the most vital and fresh for me. I keep trying to improve.

### Own up to one of your guilty pleasures.

I love Bing Crosby Christmas tunes. I love walking in the snow and having cold feet. I love the corny Japanese Moog composer Isao Tomita.

What was the last comic book you bought?  
I bought the recent Dark Horse collection of Richard Corben's work for *Eerie* and *Creepy*....that is some amazing stuff.

If you could be someone else for a day, who would it be?

Honestly, I'd not change places with anybody.... if I could have dinner with someone, I'd think Mark Twain or maybe Orson Wells or Mickey Rourke or Nick Cave might be good company.

Pick three things you couldn't live without.  
Family, Health, Music.

What's the strangest thing you have in your house?  
My lady is a circus performer and builds her own rigs. At the moment, we have an 8 foot tall metal crescent moon with LED displays set up in the living room.

### What makes you laugh?

I love the dumb jokes kids tell, like, "two sausages are in a frying pan...." Jokes like that.

### What is one of your favorite places?

The island Capri off the coast of Italy. Tokyo. NYC. Ontario. Alaska.

### What music are you listening to these days?

I listen a lot lately to Einsturzende Neubauten, Alice Coltrane, Beethoven, Grinderman, and Ravi Shankar.

### What is your favorite film of all time?

A tough one....I would likely say *Andrei Rublev*, by Tarkovsky. Close seconds—*Ran* by Kurosawa, Kubrick's *The Shining*, *Holy Mountain* by Jodorowsky.

### Who is your best friend?

Kostas, Harvest, and Pascoe. Scott. Erika.

What is the best advice you've ever received?  
"No masterpiece was ever created by a lazy artist!" —Salvador Dalí

When was the last time you were truly frightened?  
Anytime I'm in a car or on an airplane.

### Who is someone you really admire?

Muhammad Ali, Louise Nevelson, Nick Cave, Picasso, Jeff Smith, Miles Davis, Ursula LeGuin, Ian Astbury, Kostas Seremefis.

What would you like to see happen in comics in the next 12 months?

I want to see more badass comics, more artists and writers taking the wheel of their own ships, more editors and publishers backing new dreams and visions, more young people getting into comics, both as readers and as makers.

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## INVINCIBLE #100



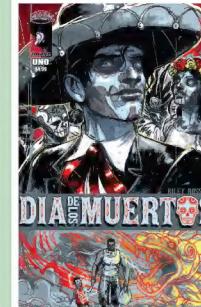
10TH ANNIVERSARY LANDMARK 100TH ISSUE SPECTACULAR! It's all been building to this moment. Will he become the hero he was meant to or will he choose... a DIFFERENT path? The aftermath of this EXTRA-SIZED issue will shock you.

## ONE TRICK RIP-OFF/DEEP-CUTS HC



Young lovers Tubby and Vin want to escape—escape the mistakes they've made, the lives they've lived, and the dirty city weighing them down. Their plan is simple—all they have to do is rip-off the One Trick—the toughest street gang in LA. If they pull it off, they're set for life. If not, their lives won't matter much anyway.

## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS #1 (OF 3)



Artist extraordinaire RILEY ROSSMO joins forces with nine different writers over three issues to tell tall tales from beyond the grave! A mariachi falls in love with a woman who looks like his lost love, a father is abused by a poltergeist, and a girl whose mother died when she was born visits the land of the dead in her dreams.

## THE END TIMES OF BRAM & BEN #1 (OF 4)



What would you do if you were caught in the Biblical End Times? When Heaven raptures total bastard Bram Carlson in a "clerical error"—he's sent back and immediately uses Armageddon to his benefit! Can his anxious roommate Ben save Bram from himself—and the gathering forces of Armageddon?



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