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ONE SIDE,  
KIDD! THIS  
LOOKS LIKE A  
JOB FOR--

## THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE!



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AFTER A LONG WEEK OF  
LATE NIGHT SUPER-HEROICS,  
SATURDAYS ARE AN  
EXCELLENT TIME TO CATCH  
UP ON YOUR SLEEP.



OF COURSE, SOME HAVE  
MORE SLEEP TO CATCH  
UP ON THAN OTHERS.





MIDNIGHT CITY.

NINE O'CLOCK... A.M.

AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF  
GETTING CAUGHT?  
ESPECIALLY THIS EARLY  
IN THE DAY...

YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN  
ABOUT MIDNIGHT CITY,  
LITTLE BROTHER.

I HAVEN'T BEEN UP  
THIS EARLY IN YEARS...

OH, QUIT YOUR BELLY-  
ACHING... WE'RE MAKING  
GOOD TIME HERE.

THERE IS NO DAY AND NIGHT...  
NOT SINCE THE MIDNIGHT  
MAGICIAN SUCCEEDED IN  
HIS SUICIDE MISSION  
THREE YEARS  
AGO.

I KNEW A LITTLE BIT  
ABOUT IT... BUT NOT ALL  
THE DETAILS. WHAT  
ABOUT COPS... WHAT  
IF WE TRIP AN  
ALARM?

AFTER IT HAPPENED,  
THE GOVERNMENT STARTED  
PAYING PEOPLE TO LEAVE--  
COVERING MOVING EXPENSES  
AND WHATNOT. THERE AREN'T  
MANY COPS LEFT EITHER.  
ONLY PEOPLE HERE ARE THE  
ONES THAT REFUSED TO  
LEAVE AND PEOPLE LIKE  
US WHO STAYED BEHIND  
TO LOOT THE PLACE.  
THERE'S ALMOST  
NOBODY LEFT...

ONLY  
REAL THREAT  
TO US IS DARKWING  
AND HE CAN'T BE  
EVERWHERE.

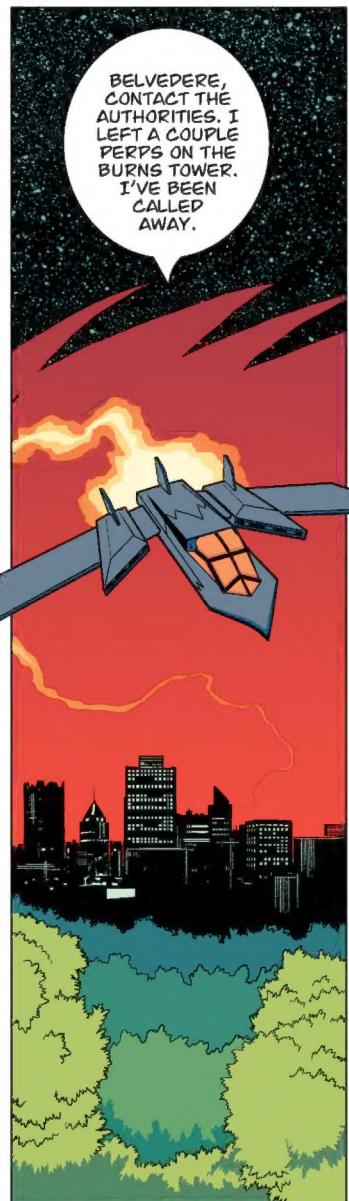




I  
WOULDN'T  
BE SO  
SURE...









... AND I TOLD HER,  
IF I FIND MY STAPLER  
IN HER OFFICE ONE  
MORE TIME I'M  
GOING TO-->

(YOU  
BASTARD!)

(YOU THINK  
YOU COULD GET  
AWAY WITH A LITTLE  
"SUPERHEROING"  
IN BETWEEN WORDS?  
DAMMIT, JOSEF, YOU  
SAID YOU WERE  
TAKING THE DAY  
OFF!)

(OH,  
SORRY.)

(BETTER?)

(YOU'RE  
A LOST CAUSE...  
YOU KNOW THAT?  
YOU BETTER HOPE  
NOBODY NOTICED I  
WAS EATING LUNCH  
WITH THE RED  
RUSH A SECOND  
AGO.)

(WHERE  
WAS I?)

(YOU  
HAD CAUGHT  
OLGA WITH YOUR STAPLER  
AGAIN.)

(ANYWAY...)

GUARDIANS  
OF THE GLOBE  
PRIORITY ALERT.  
RETURN TO BASE  
IMMEDIATELY.

(CRAP.)

(GO  
ON...)

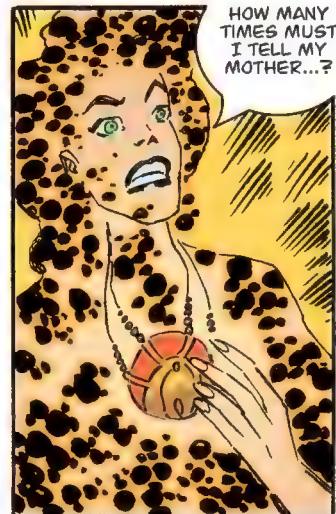
(SORRY,  
BABE. I  
LOVE  
YOU.)

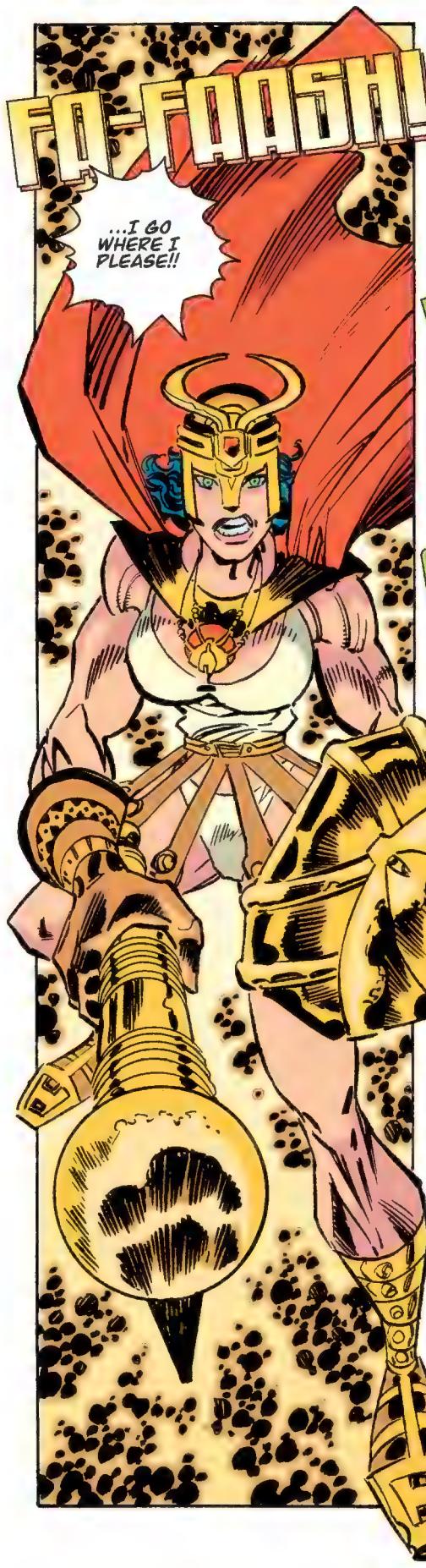
(YOU  
HEARD  
IT...>)

SIGH

(I  
LOVE YOU  
TOO.)

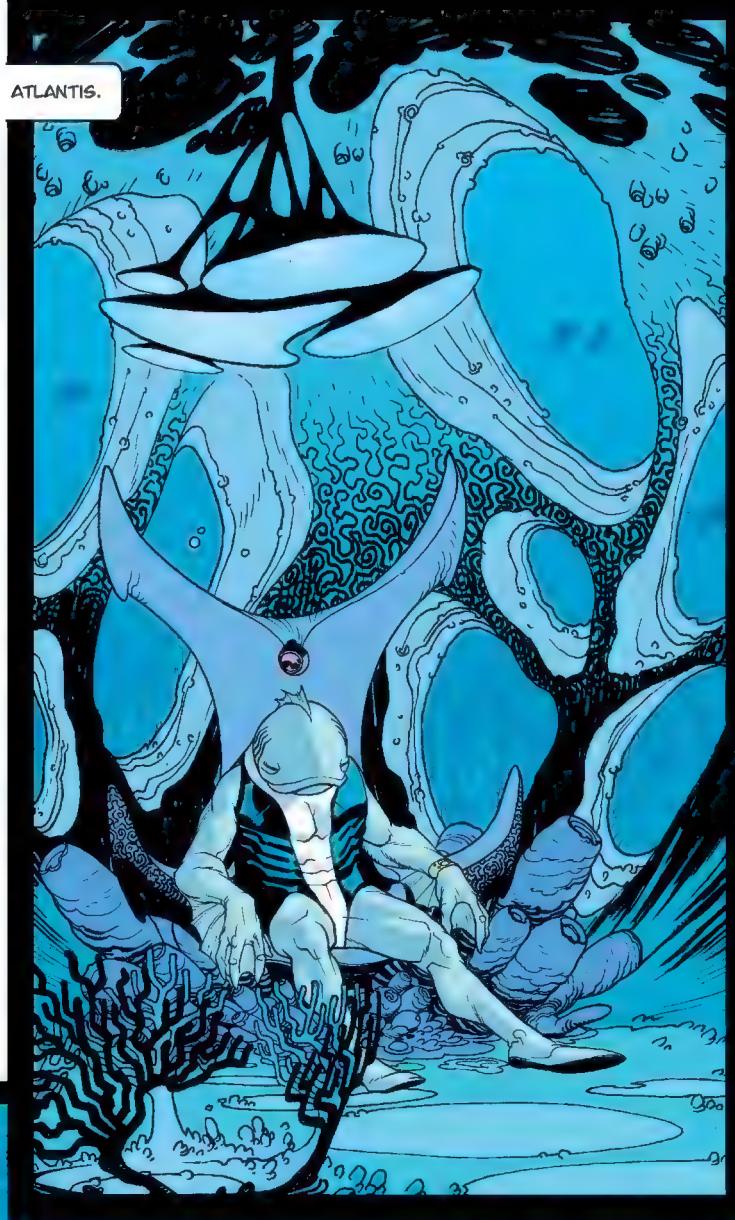








ATLANTIS.



SPACE.

DIE--FLESH--DIE!

ITS... CRUSHING... ME...

QUICKLY... BEFORE IT KILLS US... GO INTANGIBLE... AND SCRAMBLE ITS CIRCUITS!

OH, YEAH... I FORGOT I COULD DO THAT!

HERE GOES NOTHING!

DOES--NOT--COMPUTE!



YOU  
OKAY?

I AM  
FINE... WERE  
IT NOT FOR  
YOUR DELAY I  
WOULD BE  
BETTER.

SORRY ABOUT THAT,  
MARTIAN MAN... BUT  
I'VE ONLY BEEN THE  
GREEN GHOST FOR  
A MONTH. I'M STILL  
GETTING USED TO  
THE POWERS.

YOU'RE  
LEARNING  
QUICKLY... YOU  
JUST HAVE A  
LONG WAY  
TO GO.





HIGH ABOVE DENVER.

I THOUGHT  
I WAS RID  
OF ALL YOU  
RIDICULOUS  
VILLAINS!

YOU  
MAY THINK  
OF BI-PLANE  
AS A SILLY VILLAIN  
NOW, IMMORTAL...  
BUT SOON YOU'LL  
SEE THE DAMAGE  
I CAN DO.

PLEASE,  
CHILD... THE  
SUSPENSE  
IS KILLING  
ME.

THIS IS  
IT FOR ME...  
MY LAST  
HURRAH! I'VE GOT  
THE CANCER... IN  
MY LYMPH NODES...  
I'M A GONER.  
DOC SAYS I'VE GOT  
LESS THAN A  
MONTH.

I'M LACED WITH  
ENOUGH CARCINOGENS,  
AND LOADED DOWN WITH  
ENOUGH HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS TO MAKE  
DENVER GLOW IN  
THE DARK!

MY POWER  
SOURCE IS  
URANIUM! IT'S  
ALL WE HAD TO  
USE IN THE OLD  
DAYS!

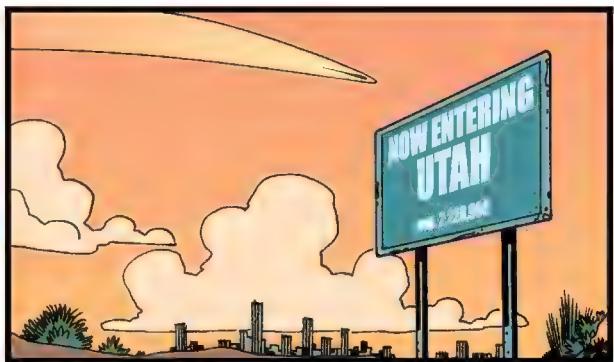
I'M  
GOING OUT  
WITH A  
BANG!

YES  
SIREE! THEY  
WON'T KNOW  
WHAT HIT EM!

WAIT!  
WHAT'RE  
YOU--



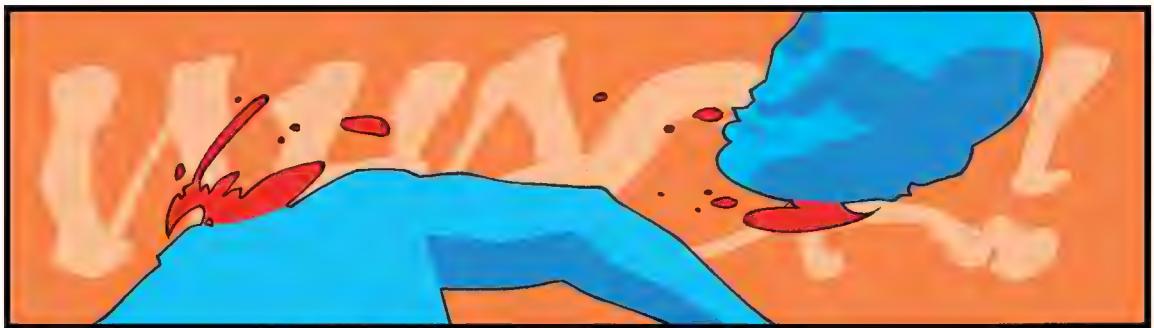




WELL...  
WHAT'S  
THE BIG  
EMERGENCY?

YOU  
DON'T KNOW?  
WE THOUGHT  
YOU WERE THE  
ONE WHO CALLED US  
HERE SINCE NONE  
OF US KNEW WHAT  
WAS GOING ON  
AND YOU HADN'T  
ARRIVED YET.

WHAT  
THE HELL  
IS GOING  
ON?





THE  
FEELING  
WAS  
MUTUAL.

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Heh... I really hope you're not one of those guys that reads the letters column first, or flips though a book before you read it. If you ARE... man... you just RUINED the surprise, BONEHEAD! If you're not, how about that, heh? Weren't expecting THAT were you? Well, I hope you stick with us in the coming issues because things just get better from here on out. At least... that's the plan.

Oh, and did you notice that this book is out a mere month after issue 7? You'd think it was a miracle, huh? Well, I'd like to take this time to thank Terry Stevens, Matt Roberts & Tony Moore, Mark Englert & Erik Larsen, Dave Johnson, and Cliff Rathburn for helping out and doing the intro sequences of the Guardians or the Globe. You all did a fine job and I couldn't be happier with how this issue turned out (and Bill Crabtree has just as much to do with that as the pencilers and inkers involved). I hope you all feel the same way.

In other news, I received an email shortly after issue 6 came out from the guy who's letter column entry was the winner, but was lost and forgotten when my email program started acting up... so without further ado. Congratulations go out to Joe Lawler for suggesting "PENvinciPALS." As I said, "long and ridiculous" I LOVE IT, thanks Joe. Now we just need to figure out what you won...

Now... about Cory Walker. It's with a heavy heart that I have to inform you all that this issue is the LAST issue of Invincible that will sport the extra-rockin' artwork of young Cory Walker. I know it's tough, and I don't like it any more than you guys do, but Cory has moved on to bigger and better things. Fear not, Cory fans... you'll be seeing his art gracing the pages of another funny book very soon. It just won't be this one. He'll still be doing covers for us, so don't worry... he'll be around. Best of luck to you, Cory, you know I'll be reading what you do next!!!

That said, our new series artist starting with next issue is Ryan Ottley. You can see a swell pin-up by him and colorist extraordinaire Ron Riley on the next page. He's doing a bang-up job, in fact... he's already done with issue 8 and working on issue 9 as I type this! The pages are looking fantastic, but more on Ryan next issue. Let's get into some mail.

\*\*\*Note\*\*\* Due to the aforementioned email crash I ran mail for issue 5 last issue instead of mail for issue 4. Because of that I ran Chris Piers letter last month... so there will be no letter from him this issue. Sorry.

Hi Robert,

Invincible #5 would have to be my favorite issue of this book so far as the self-contained issue / story works on so many levels. I think there have been a lot of stories and series where the lead character is somehow typically chosen to a higher purpose and this story could have so easily gone that stereotypical way. But it didn't, which made it honestly refreshing.

And the obvious point to the story was that sometimes using your brains over brawn can get the job done much quicker and better. But I enjoyed execution in the middle particularly the exchange between the pink one-eyed alien named Allen and Invincible. The dialogue between them actually revealed more to the potential of Mark's powers as it clearly (or maybe subtly) indicates that Mark fought him longer and was smarter than his dad!

Really enjoy looking at Cory Walker's artwork. I particularly love all the facial expressions of the characters ever since the first issue of Invincible #1. I keep wanting to use the word "simplistic" to apply to his style but I'm afraid that might seem like an insult where the norm and perception of quality art is the more lines and renderings the better. So I'll just call his art very uncomplicated for now! I also think Bill Crabtree's colours amplifies Cory's style in this book.

Anyway, just wanted to say great work and hope you guys can keep it up!

Gary Lau

Glad you enjoyed the issue, Gary. The only reason Mark fought Allen longer than Nolan is because Nolan usually kicked his ass REALLY quick. He didn't mess around with all that talking stuff like Mark did. We'll be seeing Allen again sooner or later. Keep your EYE peeled.

Dear Invincible crew!

I told myself that when I finally sat down to write you guys a letter, I'd fill with my usual nonsense and babbling accompanied by clever questions for all of you... but as I sit here, staring at the monitor, my mind is at a complete loss. I'm forced once again to just tell you how incredible you're all doing.

Robert, your writing never ceases to amaze me. I've always loved how you're able to make the reader believe that your characters are... for lack of a better word... "real" people. It's not hard to relate to them because unlike most other people, I'm unable to forget the horrors of being a teenager. It keeps me awake at night....

Cory, I told you a long time ago that you'd make it one day. That someone would see you for the amazing talent that you have and pick you up for a big title. And YOU didn't believe me!

Tsk. Shame, shame on you!!! You owe me a doughnut.

And Bill's colors are perfect for Cory's style! I'm a huge fan of the books simplicity. It's refreshing.

You guys are doing a wonderful job and you make an outstanding team! I've missed out on a couple of issues so I'm absolutely going to pick up the collection. I love Invincible. I can say that it's definitely one of my favorite books. Thanks and keep up the good work!!!

Jenn Lee

Thanks, Jenn. If anyone else out there is missing an issue or two, the TPB containing the first four issues is available for order right now over at [www.khepri.com](http://www.khepri.com) and the second volume containing issues five through eight will be available in March of 2003... that one will contain THIS VERY ISSUE!

Man oh man does your book rock! It's officially happened, Image (funkotron) has surpassed all my marvel and dc books on subscription. This is the very first letter to a comic I have ever written. Invincible is my favorite book with one exception, Arrowsmith. To start off I work graveyards at a porn shop here in Las Vegas NV, this is my burden and to most guys it's a dream job. I hate my job and comics are the only way I can escape this hellhole. On any given night you well find me reading my copy of invincible or any of about 50 books I subscribe to a month. It's really weird but I have been able to get more customers into reading your book than the stuff I get paid to sell. Now for my questions and remarks.

- (1) Your book is perfect with one exception, mark's costume. Please gradually alter it. It doesn't talk to the readers. It's missing something.
- (2) Did you give him the image logo on purpose?
- (3) I love the backgrounds and the hidden characters that's half the fun of the book spotting the cameos.
- (4) Could you please give us some background on the teen team. Maybe you could do like a bio pinup with the stats and info on the side characters. Like what they did with G.I. JOE.
- (5) Can you give us a list in each issue of hidden characters and little things we might have missed from the previous issue. (Was that jay and silent bob in issue 2?)

Thanks again for a great book and if you ever need a new character name for a character could you use Nikalos Bentley. Maybe invincible could visit me in a Vegas issue.

- Nikalos Bentley

1. We may eventually change the costume but there are no plans to do so as of yet. We all like it SO MUCH we couldn't dream of changing it right away.
2. Huh? I don't know what you're talking about. We didn't give anyone the Image logo. That would be illegal.
3. You've got Cory to thank for that. He's always throwing little stuff in. Mainly Charlie Brown...
4. I've thought about doing bio pages but at this point... sadly... that'd be a lot of work that I just don't have time for. In the mean time you should go out and pick up Brit, The Walking Dead, Capes, Cloudfall, and Tales of the Realm to see what's keeping me so busy.
5. Now that would be cheating. Where's the fun in THAT?

Well, that's it for this issue's letters column. Make sure you hop on that computer and let us know what you thought. The email address is up at the top. We'll be waiting. See you next month(or less) for issue 8. Next issue features all kinds of guest cameos and the debut of our new artist Ryan Ottley, miss it at your own risk.

This month's pin-ups by Ryan Ottley & Ron Riley, and Azad (of Sammy: Tourist Trap fame).

-Robert





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