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I HONESTLY CAN'T BELIEVE YOU KEPT MY PULL BOX OPEN. IT'S BEEN... OVER A YEAR SINCE I CAME IN.

ALMOST TWO. FULL DISCLOSURE, I STOPPED BUYING SCIENCE DOG AND I'VE BEEN READING YOUR COPIES... THAT'S WHY I KEPT IT OPEN. MY BOSS NEVER NOTICED.



WELL, HUH... THANKS. IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE I COME IN AGAIN... SO... ENJOY.

HOLY CRAP, IS SCIENCE DOG A WOMAN NOW?

NOT EXACTLY. SCIENCE DOG IS STILL IN THE BOOK, BUT NOW THE FOCUS IS ON HIS ALTERNATE DIMENSION SISTER. IT'S A WEIRD CHOICE, BUT STILL PRETTY COOL.

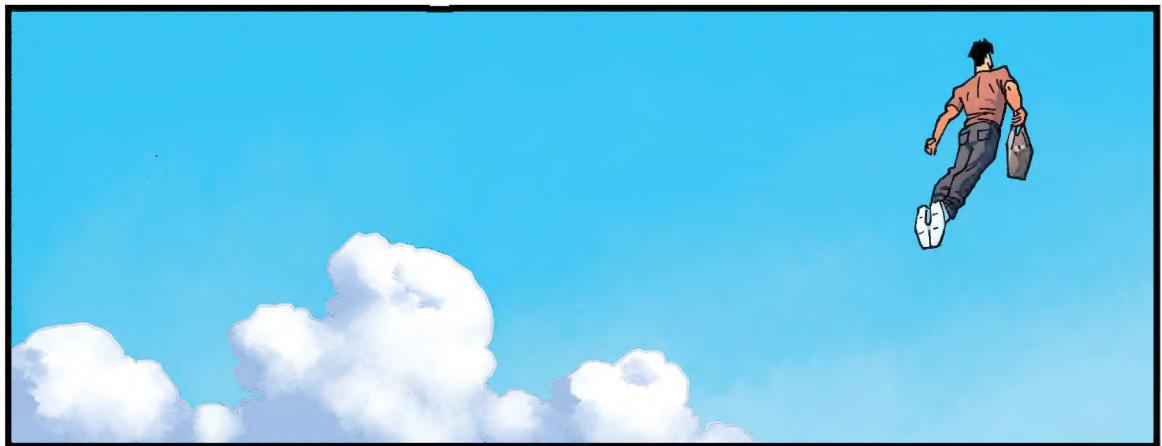
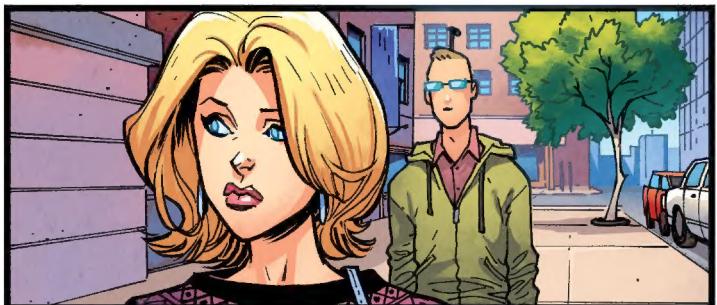
MAN, I HATE IT WHEN A BOOK HAS BEEN GOING FOR OVER A DECADE AND THEY START CHANGING THINGS SO DRAMATICALLY TO KEEP THE STORY ENGAGING AND NEW.

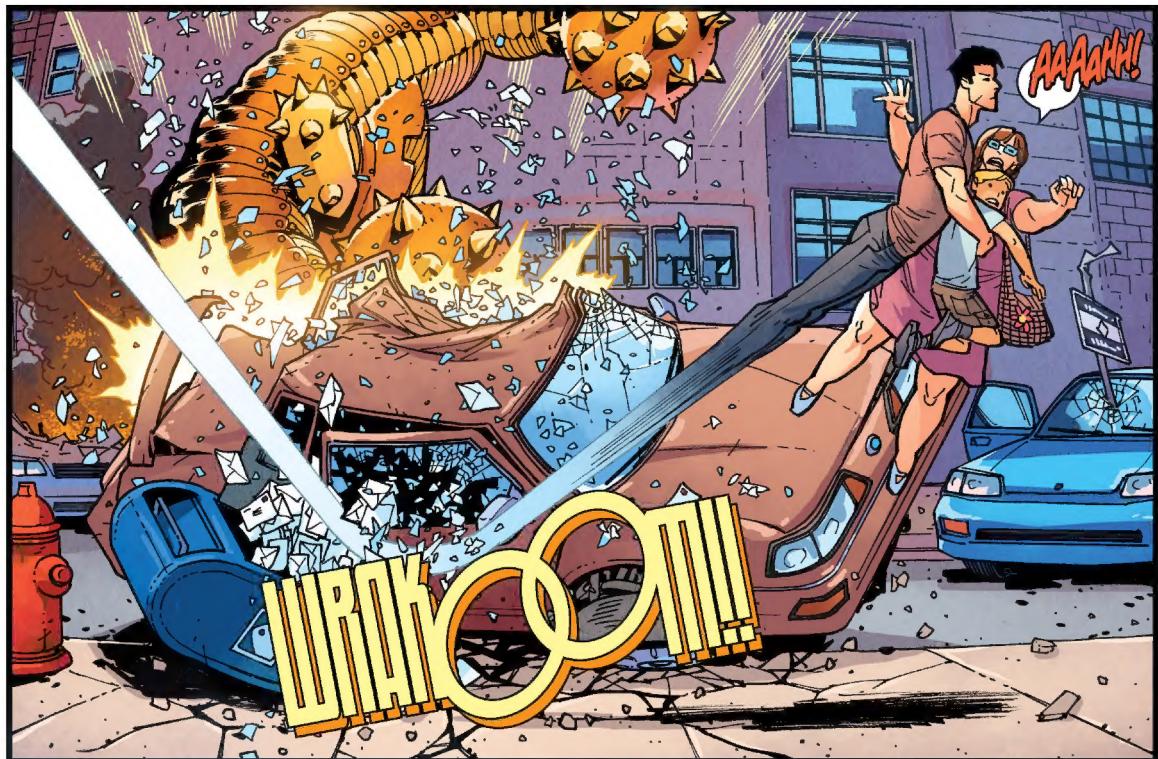
SURE, IT HAS A CHANCE OF KEEPING THINGS INTERESTING... BUT IT'S JUST AS LIKELY TO ALIENATE THE DEDICATED READERS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED YOU ALL THESE YEARS.

I HEAR YOU... I HATE CHANGE. THAT'S WHY I MOSTLY READ THE CORPORATE COMICS. GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN... SAME BAD GUYS ALWAYS COME BACK. IT'S COMFORTING.

HELL NO! THOSE COMICS BLOW!









THAT WAS THE  
WHOLE POINT OF  
ALL THIS, MARK.  
TO HAVE SOMEONE  
IN CHARGE WHO  
COULD BE  
ON TOP OF  
THINGS.

EVEN  
YOU HAVE TO  
ADMIT THINGS  
ARE... BETTER...  
AREN'T  
THEY?

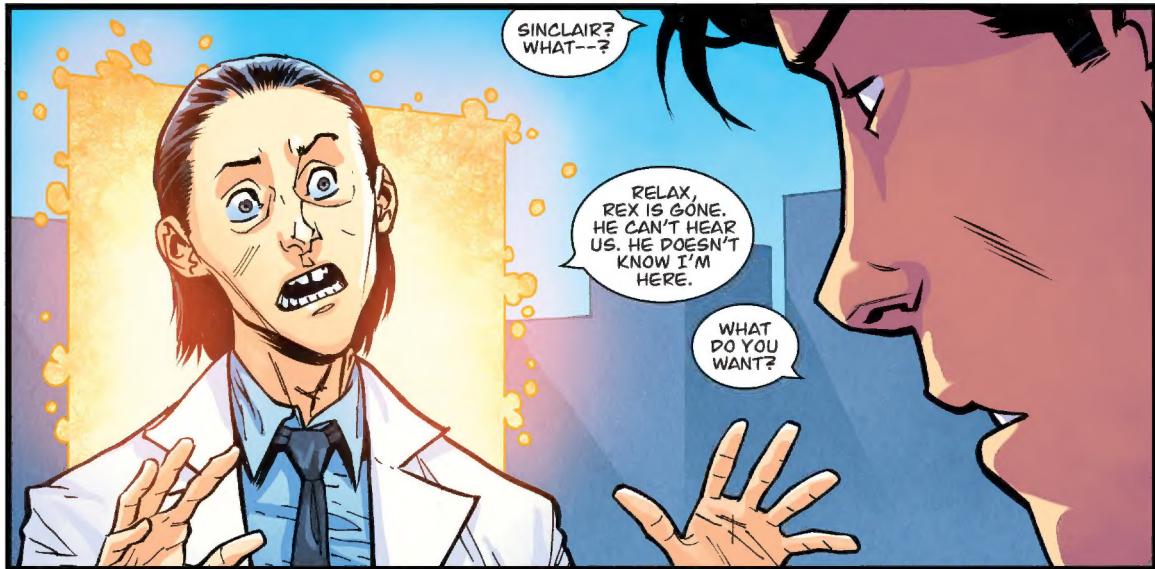
YOU CAN BE IN DENIAL  
ALL YOU WANT, BUT I  
KNOW YOU'RE SMART  
ENOUGH TO SEE  
THE TRUTH.

BEING HERE... STEPPING  
IN... ARE YOU READY TO  
WORK TOGETHER AGAIN?  
HAVE YOU COME TO  
MY SIDE OF  
THINGS?

NO. YOU'RE  
SMART ENOUGH  
TO KNOW THAT  
WILL NEVER  
HAPPEN.

I DO FIND YOUR  
RESISTANCE  
TROUBLING. BUT  
WE'LL GET ALONG  
FINE AS LONG  
AS YOU DON'T  
INTERFERE.

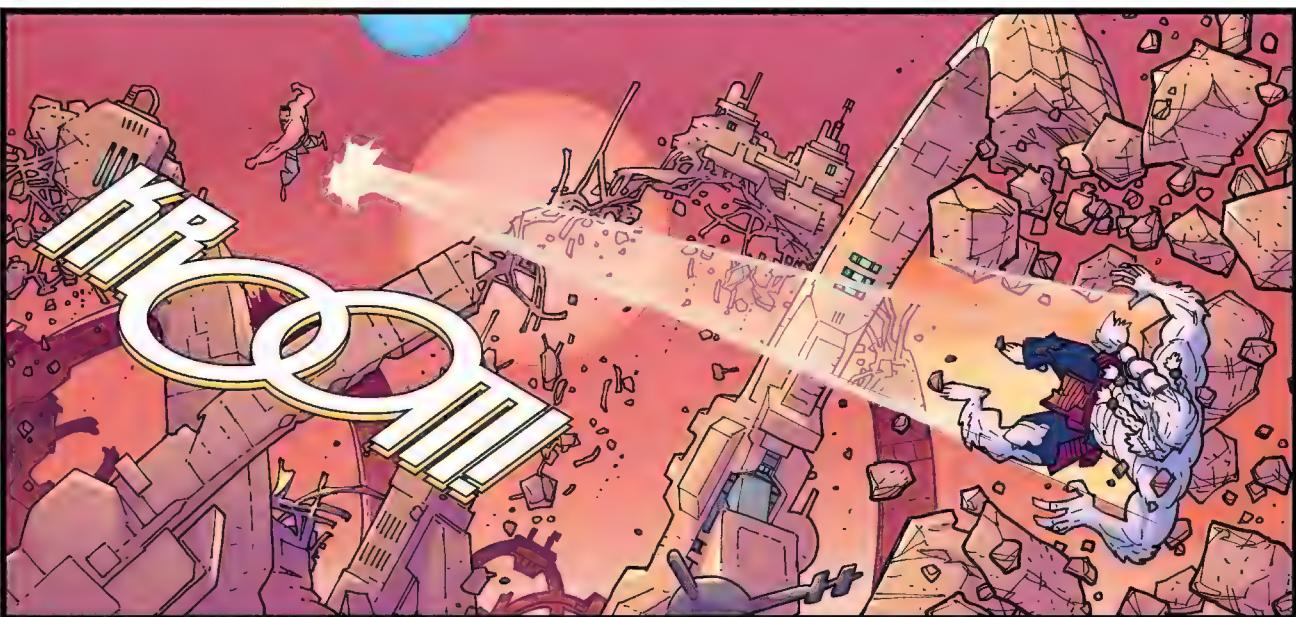
STRIKE A  
NERVE?











I KNOW YOU'VE HAD A LOT ON  
YOUR MIND LATELY... HOW  
ABOUT A LITTLE... DISTRACTION?  
BABY'S ASLEEP... MY PARENTS  
ARE ASLEEP... AND IT'S  
BEEN A WHILE.

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

I DON'T  
KNOW...

OH,  
DON'T  
SPOIL MY  
FUN!

EVE,  
NO!  
I  
CAN'T!

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN  
YOU--?

WA-  
WHAH!  
WAAAHH!

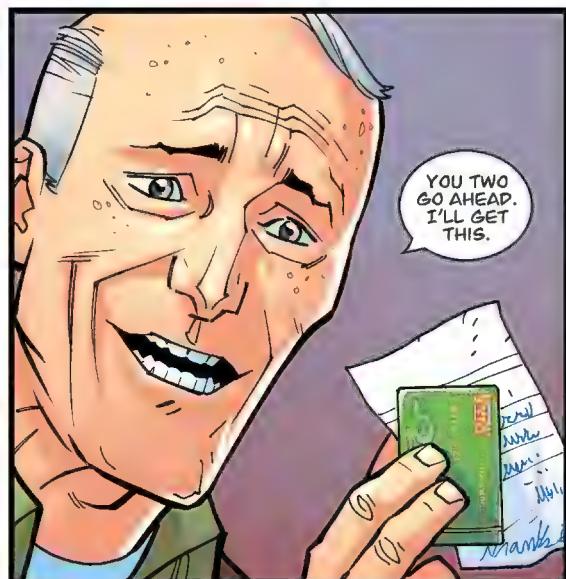
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

NOTHING.

SORRY,  
IT'S JUST...  
I'M FINE.

THERE,  
THERE...

WAH!





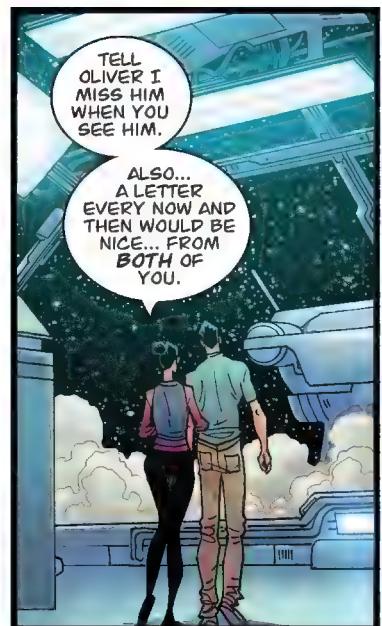


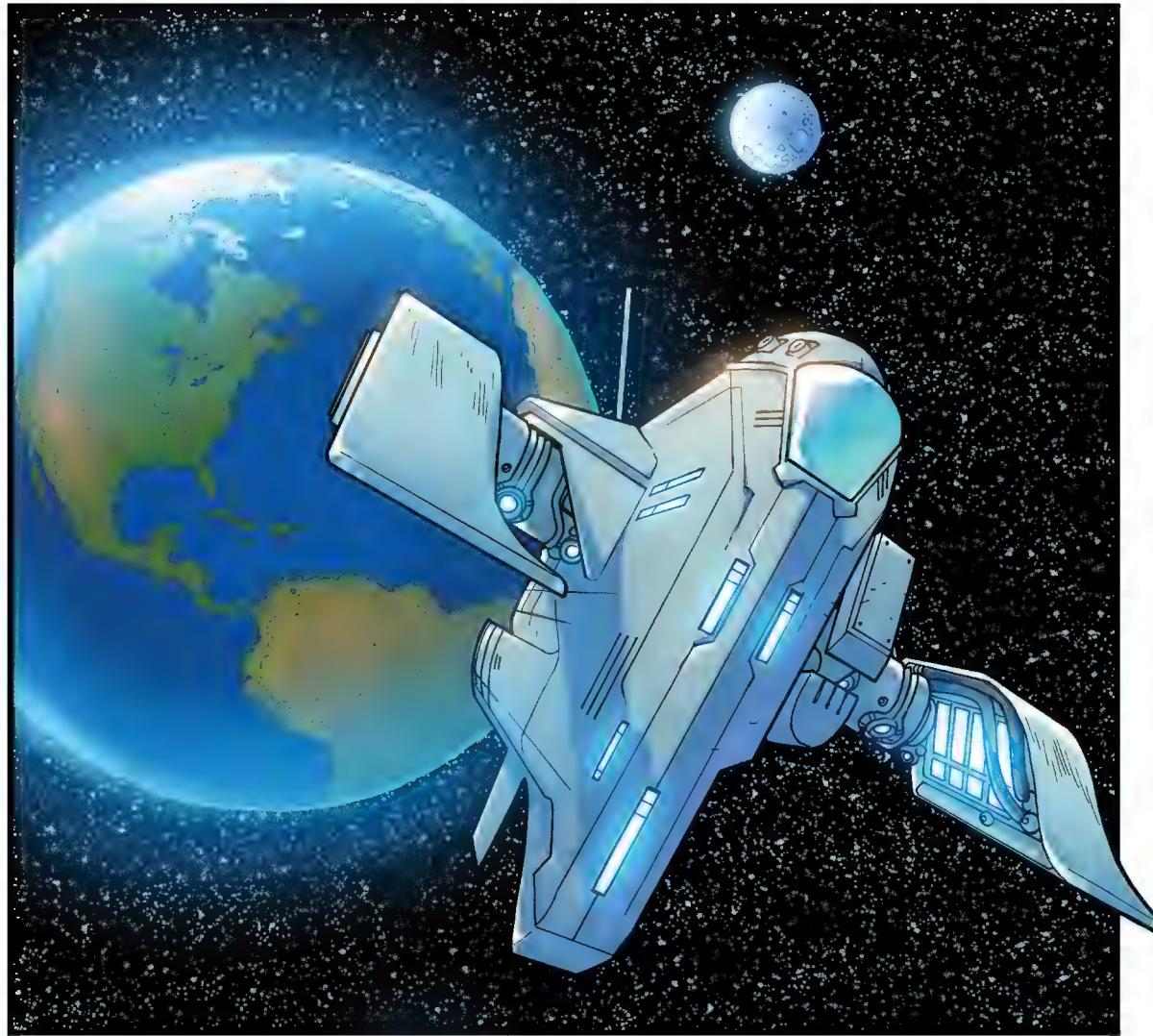


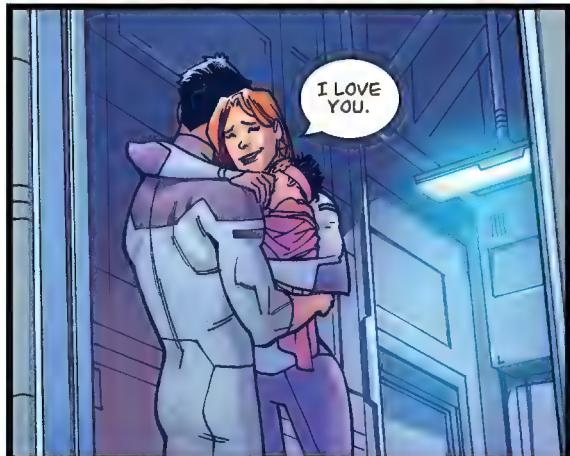
DON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, LET ME FINISH... ALL THAT SAID, I NEVER COULD HAVE KNOWN HOW MUCH... EXCITEMENT I WAS SIGNING UP FOR WHEN I MET YOUR FATHER.

WHO COULD HAVE?









I THINK  
WE SHOULD  
NAME HER  
TERRA.

SHE'S  
OUR OWN  
LITTLE  
PIECE OF  
EARTH...

THAT'S  
BEAUTIFUL.  
I LOVE  
IT.

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The baby has a name! FINALLY! Welcome, little Terra Grayson!

A perfect reward for such a long wait, the issue was as awesomely epic as I hoped it'd be. Battle Beast vs Thragg, Ryan you continue to amaze me with your artwork. Robert, your writing for this issue was both insanity and noble at the same time. I LOVE IT! Plus what a way to piss off Oliver if he finds out about where Thragg is living, he'll wanna kill him if Battle Beast hasn't yet. Knowing the lovable feline, he'll want this battle to last showing both his and Thragg's full power unleashed on the Mantis Planet.

with Astounding Love from SoCal,  
Joey Corral

P.S. The reason I say "Astounding Love" is because I'm an Astounding Fan of The Astounding Wolf-Man haha. Keep up the great work!

How long WILL this battle last? Is there any end in sight? Thragg's fight with Omni-Man pales in comparison to this slobber knocker.

*Stay tuned, true believers!*

Hello Invincible Team,

Battle Beast vs. Thragg!!! I didn't believe that men could lactate, but I got that excited when this issue finally dropped. I loved Battle Beast's dialog. He's said enough to show depth and intelligence, with a brevity that is vital. Forgive the pun, but his life depends on efficiency.

Is that a pun? I've read that a couple times over and still can't suss it out.

Also, the bite to Thragg's head was genius. It's totally reasonable that Thragg would appear much faster than Battle Beast; and it's reasonable Battle Beast's melee weapons

would have a hard time connecting, given Thraggs experience in battle. A bite however... It's encouraging for Battle Beast fans that even Thragg has a reaction-time gap in such extremely close quarters. Plus, Thragg wouldn't be as prepared for a tactic that is probably under-utilized in his own repertoire. Genius. Perhaps if Dinosaurus' bite had been more successful, he'd have been more careful.

With Love,

Brent G. Gross

Actually, Dinosaurus tried the same trick with Thragg—and then his teeth shattered and Thragg tore his jaws wide open. I love Dinosaurus, but he was no Battle Beast.

*Definitely not. Also... I guess I like writing scenes where people bite each other.*

Hey Invincible (and Skybound in general) Team,

I'm still a newbie in the realm of comic books, but my good friend Liam (Tech Jackets #1 Fan, Letter Column of Issue 5) got me into Invincible and Skybound comics in general. About a year ago, he told me about Invincible, and described to me a scene from issue 1 (Mark gets home after discovering his powers, tells family, and mother responds with "Thats nice, can you pass the potatoes?"). Since then I have been in LOVE with the series, eating up the comics like Jabba The Hut. This is my FAVORITE comic, period (Liam also just introduced me to Tech Jacket, so Invincible might have a competitor). I love Battle Beast, and can't wait till he fights Thragg in issue #115. Also, just wondering if Oliver will have any more major appearances in the war with Robot or anyone else? Also, when Oliver turns 18 (like Mark) in Earth years, will he look 30 (With the signature Mustache)?

Sincerely,  
Stu (Soon to be Tech Jackets #2 Biggest Fan)

**Did you just say Oliver? We haven't seen him in over two years! Who knows what he looks like by now?**

*Stay tuned, true believers!*

Robert,

So, Invincible #115. I had this whole schpiel I was gonna do about how Battle Beast was a ripoff of He-Man's cat-friend, aka Cringer, but it turns out that that's "Battle-CAT"...not Battle Beast; thx a heap, google!

**First of all, I'm glad you Googled this before tossing out false accusations. Second of all, why bother telling us? This guy just LOVES the attention.**

Most dismaying about this issue--other than the entire regular cast not being in it--was the fact that Invincible seems to now be... bimonthly. I know that cause this issue arrived in November, and the next is supposed to come out in January! I was always good with math.

I can guarantee that just as #117 was out a month after #116, #118 will be out a month from now. And just because we love you, let's make it 25 cents. But just for one month. Cool?

*We've hit some bumps in the road, but there's never been a year where we shipped only six issues... which would make the book bi-monthly. We're trying to get the schedule under control and keep it that way.*

You have a new colorist! One Jean-Francois Beaulieu. Welcome! Can't say as I see much of an improvement, really, in the coloring; or much of a difference. So, while there's a lot to work on, as ever, the issue was not boring or poorly drawn or anything--so there's that. Battle Beast was here, and that doesn't always happen. At least, I think it was Battle Beast, and not Lionmane from Hawkman, since as ever you didn't call him by name. Was anyone called by name in this issue...?

All this while Earth is in the crapper, thx to Robot and his planetwide takeover; nearly forgot about that, as it wasn't mentioned here. Maybe if RK can't do a full schedule of 'Vince anymore, ya know, he should cowrite or hand it over to someone who can? That's exactly what seemed to happen with Thief Of Thieves...issue #25 of which was actually

pretty cool. I wouldn't just use a talent like Shawn Martinbrough on one title, btw; just look at that other guy who started on Batman with Brubaker and Rucka: Sean Phillips!

Cheers,

Andrew J. Shaw

*All great insights, Shaw. You really know the inner workings of comics.*

Loved issue 115, and if this letter is too late I'll bet I loved 116 too! Battle Beast and Thrall kicked each other's asses and I suspect became best friends, gotta love it.

**BEST FRIENDS?! Wait til you see the cover to #120...**

I also saw the cover to 118 recently and it looks great, hope things are going well for Mark and Eve. You aren't causing them any trouble are you Kirkman? And you too Ryan, try to keep them out of trouble.

*I can't promise anything.*

The reason I wrote, a question. You brought up space sharks years ago, and we know space sharks are badass as hell. But we have yet to see space sharks in action. Do I need to explain why this is problematic for us all? Space sharks plz.

Rock on!

Psycho Ian

*I'm not sure you could handle actually SEEING space sharks. That might be too much for this readership to endure. But y'know... stay tuned, true believer!*

Next month, it's a brand new era for INVINCIBLE! Did I mention, it'll only cost 25 cents? So buy some for your friends. We'll even kick it off with a really cool recap by Friend of the Book, Jason Howard. Now you've got no excuses! It's a family affair!

-Sean Mackiewicz

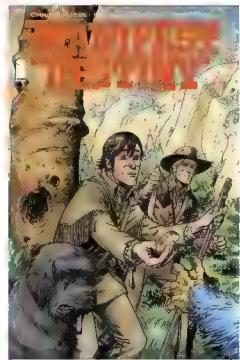
*And it's going to be GREAT! Stay tu--ugh... you get it.*

-Robert Kirkman

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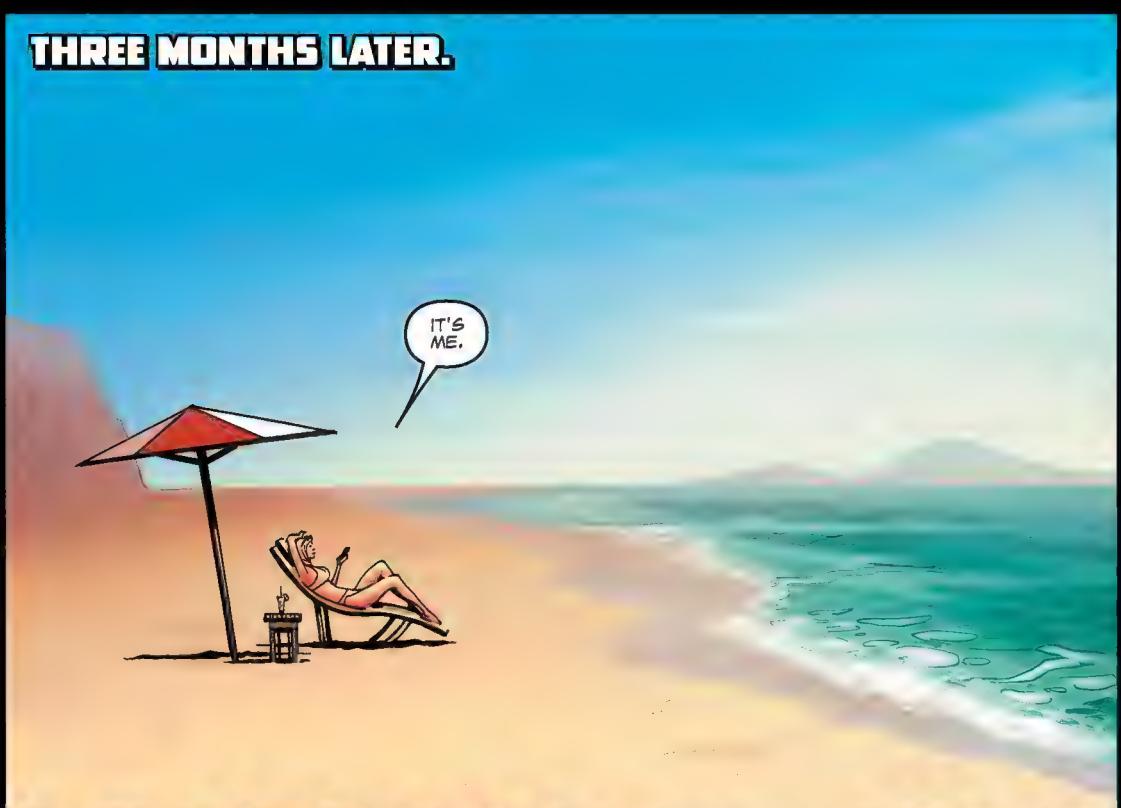


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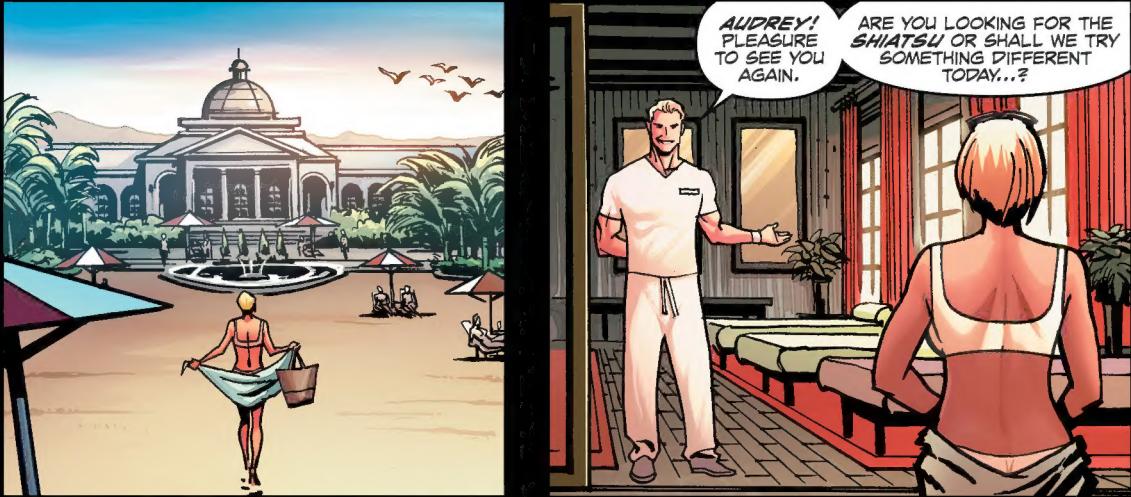
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