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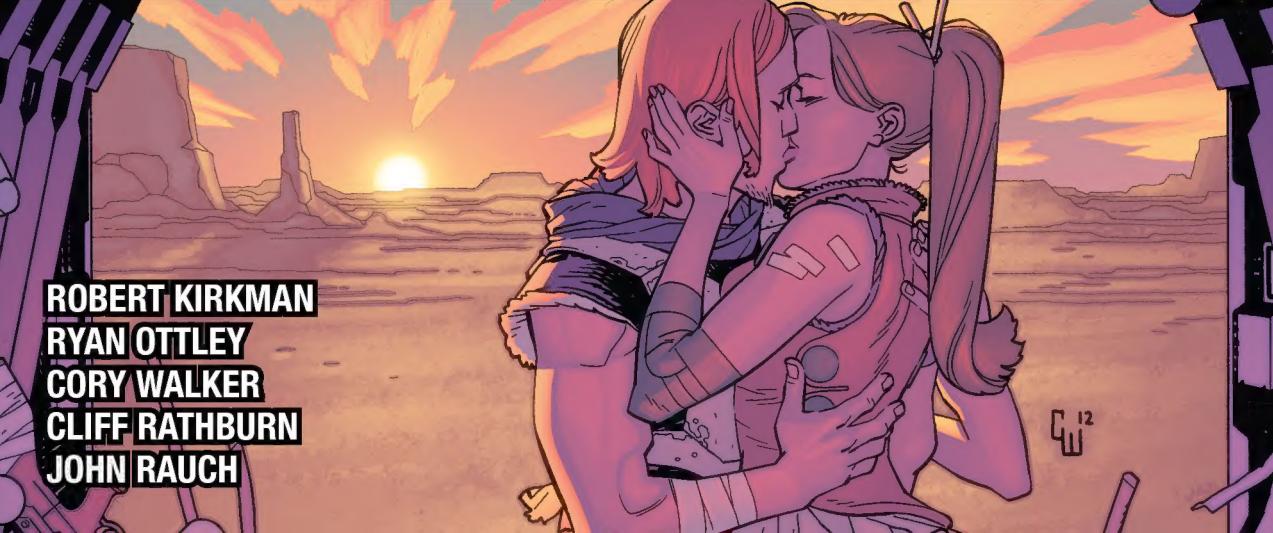


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I'M ON MY WAY
TO THE PENTAGON
NOW, BUT IF YOU
COULD GET
CLEARANCE TO
TELEPORT ME
OVER...

I KNOW
HE'S BUSY.
I'VE SEEN THE
NEWS--THAT'S
WHY I'M
COMING TO
HELP.

NO,
ATOM--
ATOM
EVE.

SERIOUSLY?

ALIEN SOLDIERS
MARCH DOWN THE
STREETS UNCHALLENGED.
IT APPEARS, FOR THE
MOMENT AT LEAST, THAT
OUR FORCES HAVE
BEEN DEFEATED.

IF THERE'S
ANYONE OUT THERE
WITH POWERS ABLE
TO LEND A HAND, THE
PEOPLE OF LONDON
COULD CERTAINLY
USE YOUR
HELP.

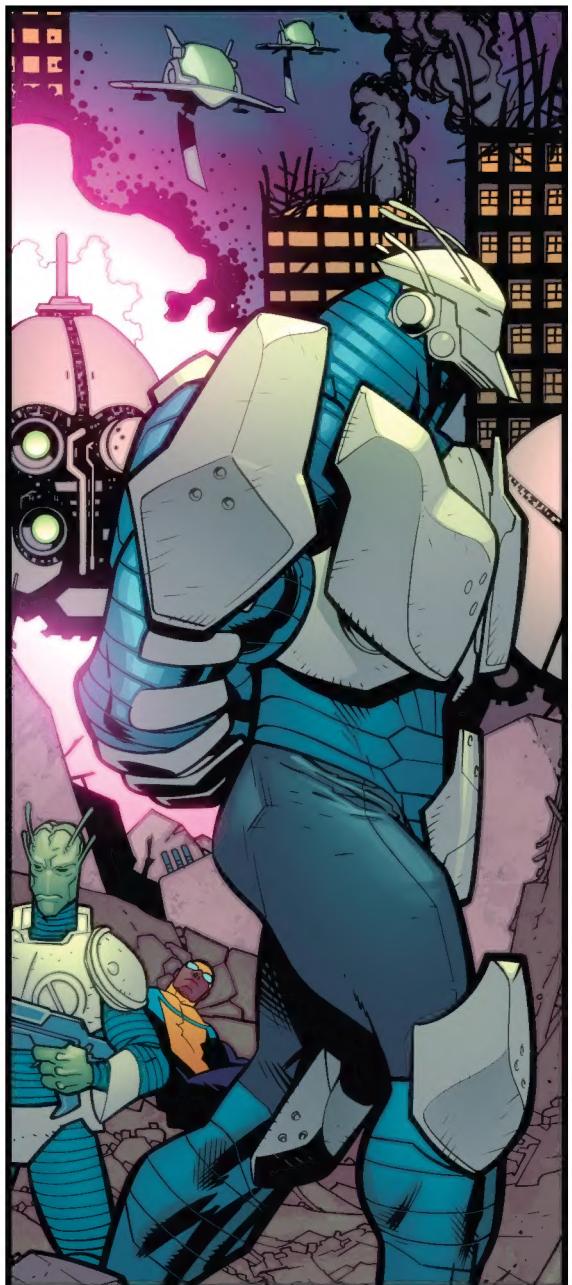
DAMN
IT!

WRAMM!

SIGH



LONDON, ENGLAND.



FOR THE RECORD, I
WAS GOING TO
BREAK FREE
ON MY OWN!

I BELIEVE
YOU--NOW
HELP MY
DROONES
WITH THE
SOLDIERS--

THIS
ONE IS
MINE!

THOOOM!!



SKRULL!

(CONFUSED?
I KNOW YOUR
LANGUAGE--I ALSO
KNOW THE ELECTRICAL
CURRENT USED IN
YOUR ARMOR--)

(--AND
HOW TO
DISRUPT
IT!)

(I LIVED ON YOUR
WORLD FOR MORE
YEARS THAN I'VE
LIVED ON MINE, I
KNOW EVERYTHING
ABOUT YOU!)

(DO THEY
STILL TELL
STORIES OF
ME--YOUR
PEOPLE?)

(I CHANGED THE
COURSE OF YOUR
CIVILIZATION, YOU
KNOW... OR AT
LEAST--I THOUGHT
I DID...)

KRZZACK!

(DID YOU
TAKE COMMAND
BY FORCE? FIGHT
TO RETURN THE
FLAXANS TO THE
OLD WAYS--
THE WARRING
WAYS?!)

(I WORKED SO
HARD TO CHANGE
YOUR PEOPLE! I
THOUGHT I HAD
SUCCEEDED!)

(HOW DID
THINGS GO
WRONG AFTER
I LEFT?! HOW
COULD THIS BE
HAPPENING?!)



(MY ARMY HAS SECURED ALL CORNERS OF THIS CONTINENT... WE'VE INSPIRED COUNTLESS SLAVES TO RISE UP AND JOIN OUR CAUSE...)

(...BUT WE WILL NOT SURVIVE THIS UPCOMING BATTLE WITH THE FLAXAN ARMIES IF WE DO NOT JOIN FORCES.)



(YOU SAY FLAXAN, YET YOU MEAN THE ZAXAL ROYAL FAMILY-- THE RULING CLASS WHOSE BLOODLINE HAS COMMANDED US FOR EONS.)

(WE ARE FLAXAN AND YET WE, LIKE YOU, STAND AGAINST THEIR FORCES.)

(AND WE WILL STAND WITH YOU.)



THAT SEEMED TO GO WELL.

IT DID. THE REBELS ARE GOING TO FIGHT WITH US.



WE MAY JUST SURVIVE THE NEXT FEW DECADES OF THIS WAR.



ALL THE MORE INCENTIVE TO TRY AND BRING AN END TO THIS CONFLICT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE TIDE IS TURNING. THESE LAST FEW YEARS, WORKING WITH THE REBELS... MORE AND MORE FLAXANS ARE TURNING AGAINST THE ZAXAL ROYAL FAMILY.

WE'VE ALMOST GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE OUR ARMIES' RANKS RIVAL THEIRS.

FANTASTIC, SO... WE'RE ALMOST EVENLY MATCHED?

HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO BE HERE? THIS WORLD, I... WE'VE ALREADY LIVED HERE FAR LONGER THAN WE EVER LIVED ON EARTH, BUT I STILL FEEL LIKE WE DON'T BELONG.

CAN'T WE ATTACK ONE OF THEIR DIMENSIONAL HUBS, GO BACK FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT?

ONLY A MATTER OF MONTHS HAVE PASSED ON EARTH-- IT WILL BE THERE WAITING FOR US WHEN WE'RE READY. I PROMISE.

WERE WE TO GO THERE FOR EVEN A WEEK, WHEN WE RETURNED SO MUCH TIME WOULD HAVE PASSED THAT ALL OUR WORK WOULD BE UNDONE.

WE HAVE TO SEE THIS THROUGH.

I'M SORRY, BUT... IF YOU COULD JUST...

...LEARN THE LANGUAGE. I THINK YOU'D HAVE AN EASIER TIME IF YOU COULD COMMUNICATE WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME.

YOU THINK I HAVEN'T TRIED? I'M NOT A GENIUS LIKE YOU. THEIR LANGUAGE HAS SOUNDS I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO MAKE!

I'VE BEEN TRYING FOR THREE HUNDRED YEARS!

IT'S JUST TOO COMPLICATED.

AND WHEN YOU TRY TO HELP ME YOU JUST MAKE THINGS SEEM MORE COMPLICATED!

I'M SORRY. I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY, IT TOOK ME DECADES TO MASTER THE FLAXAN TONGUE.

I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO UPSET YOU. I KNOW THIS ISN'T EASY FOR YOU. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS NOTHING LESS THAN SAVING OUR WORLD.

AND WHILE IT WILL MOST DEFINITELY BE THE LONGEST STRETCH OF TIME ANY HUMAN HAS EVER EXPERIENCED, ASIDE FROM MAYBE THE IMMORTAL... IT WILL BE TEMPORARY.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH... IF I COULD HAVE CHOSEN ANYONE TO ACCOMPANY ME ON THIS MISSION...

...IT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOU.



WELL, I...

(THE SCOUTING PARTY IS ASSEMBLED, WE'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU'RE READY, SIR.)

(GOOD. I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MOMENT.)

WE SHOULD RETURN BY MORNING.

I'LL... SEE YOU THEN.



YEAH.

...





WRAMM!



CHOK!



KROOM!



CRAP.

ANY IDEAS?

WE NEED TO
CONTAIN THEM,
DRIVE THEM OUT
OF THE CITY CENTER.
THIS IS A NEW TACTIC
FOR THEM, THEY
USUALLY INVADE
SPARSELY POPULATED
AREAS, EASIER TO
ESTABLISH A FOOTHOLD--
BUT LONDON COULD
PROVIDE A MUCH
STRONGER STAGING
GROUND.

FOR NOW, I
NEED YOU TO GET
OUR INJURED OUT
OF HARM'S WAY. GET
THEM TO A ROOFTOP
SO OUR PEOPLE
CAN SAFELY
TELEPORT THEM
AWAY.

GO!









AND LIKE THAT, AFTER
SO MANY DECADES...
CENTURIES OF WAR,
WITH A SINGULAR MISSION:
END THE THREAT TO THE
WORLD WE KNEW...

WE FOUGHT
FOR A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
REASON.

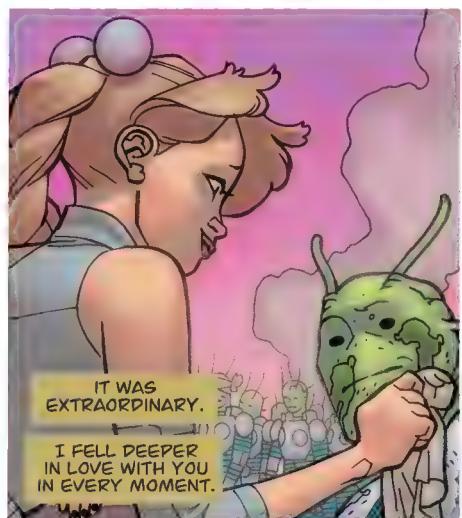
THE BATTLE WAS EASILY
WON, THE FLAXAN ARMIES
DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.

THE WAR WAS
NEARING ITS
END.

BECAUSE WE WERE FIGHTING
FOR THE LIFE WE'D BUILT,
THERE, IN THAT WORLD. A LIFE
WE HAD NO INTENTION OF
EVER LEAVING... A LIFE
WE WOULD LIVE...

...TOGETHER.

FOREVER.



WAS
IT MY
FAULT?

DID I FAIL
YOU? I
COULDN'T
HAVE
KNOWN...

IF I'D
KNOWN... I
WOULD HAVE
CHANGED...

...EVERYTHING.

THOOOM





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INVINCIPALS

Howdy, Invincipals!

Editor Sina Grace here. When you read this, Comic-Con will be a thing of the past. Thanks for coming, we really appreciated it!

If you noticed, we unveiled a teaser for Invincible 100. Big things planned. Still not spilling secrets, just gonna tease you with how excited I personally am.

Okay, I'm a bore. Let's read letters.

Yeah, let's just dive straight into mail.

Invinci-Crew!!

I'm baaA-ack... soon to be your worst nightmare - the dude who shall continue a tireless crusade to get VERBOOM!! into Invincible as a sound effect! No longer shall I remain content to ride the coattails of the infamous one, Sir Andrew J. Shaw [see the letter column of #84], now it's my time to break free of his suffocating yoke & shine in my own glorious light of victory, and... and... stuff.

That got graphic.

Really, guys - bottom of page 1, just slip a VER- in there... or page 3, panel 3 - a perfect spot for a nice big VER-BOOM! Or best of all, top of page 5, panel one - instead of that little Choom you could go VERBOOM! That one would have been the perfect fit, it suits the sound *!* imagine when a super-fast flying superhero swoops in out of nowhere & knocks the snot out of his foe...

Ok, anyways... 92 was so awesome - what a stroke of genius to have BOTH Ryan & Cory sharing art duties along side each other. John Rauch continues to amaze with his mad colouring skillz, and I have to also point out that I LOVE the clean look of Cory's panels with the lack of a black outline - they look like gorgeous animation cells, for the love of Pete!!! Can't wait to see more!

Always fun to see Octoboss make an appearance - I love seeing recurring villains like him get the smack-down. I also love his costume, the pants are so Cosmic-Kirby looking.

Scourge Virus side-effects = awesome!! Very cool concept, I'm looking forward to reading how this'll play out down the road... Bulletproof can't pretend to be Invincible forever, can he??

Don't test Robert.

Seriously...

Seriously, though - I refuse to be silent on this sound effect thing, no putting me on the backburner, or getting tossed in a dark closet and ignored like the Angstrom Levy sub-plot [oh, snap! - take that, RK!!].

And by the way, I agree with Robert's reply in #84... JEEZ, Sina.

I know. I'm the worst.

VERBOOM.

Don't make me bust out & send pictures of this guy I know with his hard hat on to prove his name is real!

Josh Deck

VER-BATIM--??

Sorry, Comic-Con drained me. It's my Scourge Virus. #FullCircle

There will never be a VERBOOM! in this comic. It's too close to VA-VOOM! for me. I will admit that this book needs more FA-FAASH! That's a good one. Or my personal favorite sound effect of all time: BA-BOON!

Dear Captain Kirkman and the Penvincipals Crew,

First of all, this book is awesome and (insert additional compliments and exaltations here). Anyway, Monster Girl's age is bothering me and I was wondering whether or not you will address it. Initially her monster form and her human form were inversely proportionate. This made since because in the flash backs of the older events when she was older her monster was smaller and in the pre-issue #71 chapters she was younger and her monster was bigger. Now she's older AND the monster form is bigger. I follow the logic that her belt prevents further age regression but that fact does not inherently explain her monster form.

Soooooooooooo, what's up with that?

P.S. My brother, Jason, also thinks this book is awesome.

~Joseph

Buh... Robert?

She's older and her Monster Form IS smaller... but Ryan has been getting carried away. She should be much smaller than she is... but it's cool, right? She's still technically smaller. She should be roughly the size of a really muscle-y normal dude. We'll try to rein it in.

Hey Rob,

Just to let you know, I'm a big fan. I've been really impressed by Invincible. My friend had a bunch of the trades, and I blew through them... I swear, Invincible is a drug. Anyway, I just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed issue 92, especially the Robot/Rex and Monster Girl subplot. I have found their dynamic has been wonderful over the course of the series, and I love the new aspect you've added.

As for Bulletproof taking up the mantel of Invincible, at first, I was a bit skeptical. I have come to really love Mark, and I was/am scared that he's going to be written out of the story. However, I have to say, I did enjoy seeing Bulletproof interact with his girlfriend/family and the comment about his brother has intrigued me. I can't wait to see what you've cooked up. By the way, you should think about busting out the blue suit for Bulletproof; I think he would look badass! Although the new Bulletproof story has been good, I would be extremely

disappointed if Mark is written out of the role of Invincible permanently. I'm not asking for spoilers... just voicing a concern. Any who, keep up the good work. I'm excited to see what's coming next.

George Lucas

That blue suit WOULD look nice on Zandale. That may be the only time I'll admit liking it... heheheh.

PS Yes my name really is George Lucas, and no, I was not named after the famous director. It turns out that my parents are simply clueless when it comes to pop culture...

It's all right, my mom named me intentionally after Frank Sinatra ... after so much embarrassment I shortened it to Sina. Now I face constant ridicule for having a girl's name. You win some, you lose some.

There is no damn way you're going to make me believe your real first name is Sinatra. NO DAMN WAY.

No.

Anyway... thanks for all the compliments George... I actually liked the special editions...

Dear Robert/Everyone,

I hate you.....

You take so much of my hard earned cash its unbelievable!! Most definitely worth it though! I think I might actually follow all of your major titles!

We don't have many Local Comic Shops here in Scotland, at least not to the same scale as they do pretty much everywhere else, which is strange given our illustrious history of comic books, so I have to order your issues online which makes my wait even longer but I digress.

I have a couple of questions for you guys:

1)

a) Will issue #100 of invincible have the same build up as The Walking Dead? I notice you have invincible100.com ready to rock.....:)

Yes and no. We love Invincible and have big plans, but we cannot pull off 15 covers and nationwide midnight release parties... well, maybe we can.

We'll see. Don't worry, Invincible 100 will certainly be a big deal.

b) Will there be 10+ covers including a 1:200 gem for #100? (Do you know how hard it was to order the 1:200 of The Walking Dead here in Scotland)

See above. There'll be some stuff like Walking Dead 100, but not the same.

*cough*CHROMIUMCOVER*cough*

2) Will Rex & Monster Girl Sort it out?

Keeping reading, bro.

Seriously.

3) When will Eve & Mark(Not Invincible with no powers) have another baby?

They never had a baby the first time.

4) How many issues are you going for with Invincible? (I did write into the walking dead but I don't know if you answered/printed my letter, so please answer that also here if you have not :))

No end in sight!

5) Do Cory and Cliff ink digitally?

Cory inks over his pencils, and Cliff prints out Ryan's pencils in blue line and inks those on Bristol boards.

The short answer is "no."

Final Question

7) Will you come to Scotland ever again?

Again? Robert, when did you go to Scotland?

Shhhh.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, hope to see my answers :),

Smitch

I wanna go to Scotland and hang out with a guy named Smitch.

It's not all it's cracked up to be...

Dear Kirksina,

Invincible #92! The cover, very energetic. The interior colors, very different! I'm starting to like Zandale as Invincible for some reason; it'd be pretty predictable to just go back to the original. 700 years? 700 years Monster Girl and Robot were together in whatchamacallitland?? Any chance they'll join the 700 Club now? Boy, I guess they know how the Eternals feel, huh? No mention of, among others, Oliver, Dinosaurus, Mark's Dad or Mark's Mom this issue!

The others will be around soon.

There's a lot of characters in this book... we gotta let some of these guys rest every now and then.

This, and: The leader of the Squidmen didn't have a name?! I thought we'd talked about this...! All comedy aside, you probably want to know if I actually liked this issue or not, right? Well, I did...in fact you're getting pretty consistent lately. Am really excited about the announcement fairly recently of Guarding the Globe coming back--and monthly, too! They're in good hands with Phil Hester and Todd Nauck, for sure. Why, with them guarding the globe, I feel safer already!

Andrew J. Shaw

Andrew Shaw—optimistic?! The great this is that our Guarding the Globe monthly IS awesome. Phil and Todd are absolute pros, and Mr. Shaw is right- the series is in wonderful hands.

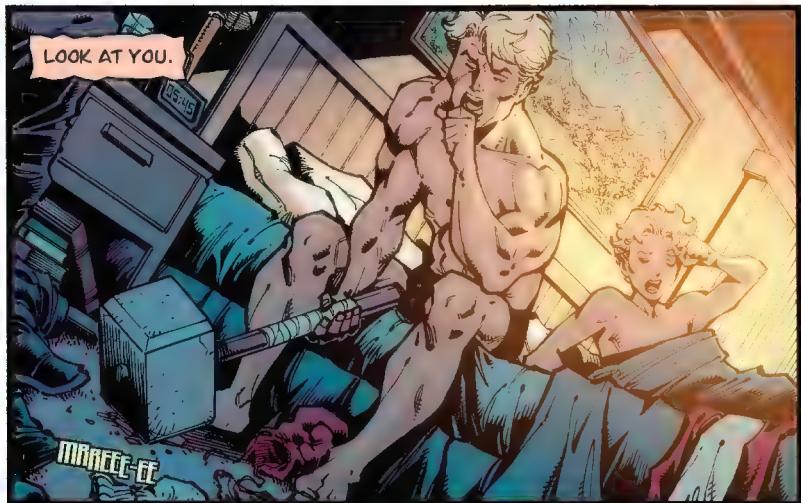
Also--OCTOBOSS, how could you forget the name of OCTOBOSS?!

Alright, we want to dedicate some time to your next favorite book: the Guarding the Globe monthly series. Check out the next few pages for our Free Comic Book Day story. Robert's overseeing this series, and we've got John Rauch and Rus Wooton from Invincible on that book, too. It's a great time.

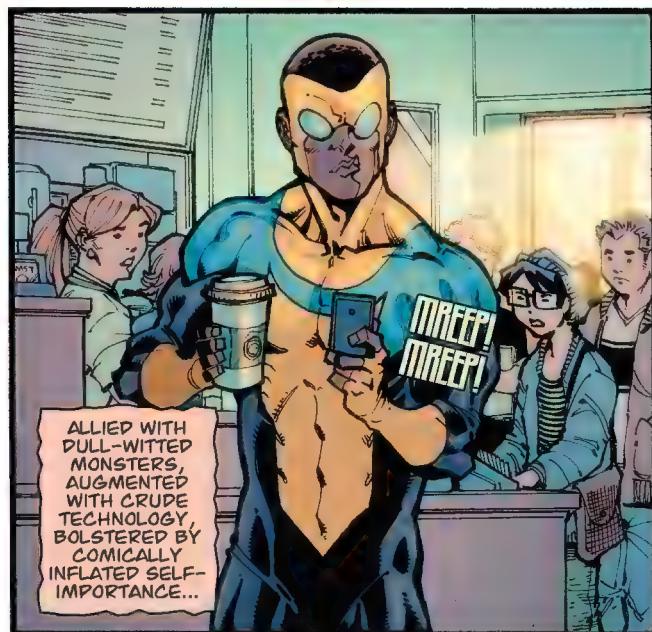
**Your Invincipal always,
Sina Grace**

Thanks for reading! And hey, GUARDING THE GLOBE launches in SEPTEMBER!! So be on the lookout for it! It's gonna be awesome.

-Robert Kirkman



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ALLIED WITH DULL-WITTED MONSTERS, AUGMENTED WITH CRUDE TECHNOLOGY, BOLSTERED BY COMICALLY INFLATED SELF-IMPORTANCE...

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TRULY
BELIEVE
YOU CAN
SAVE THE
WORLD.



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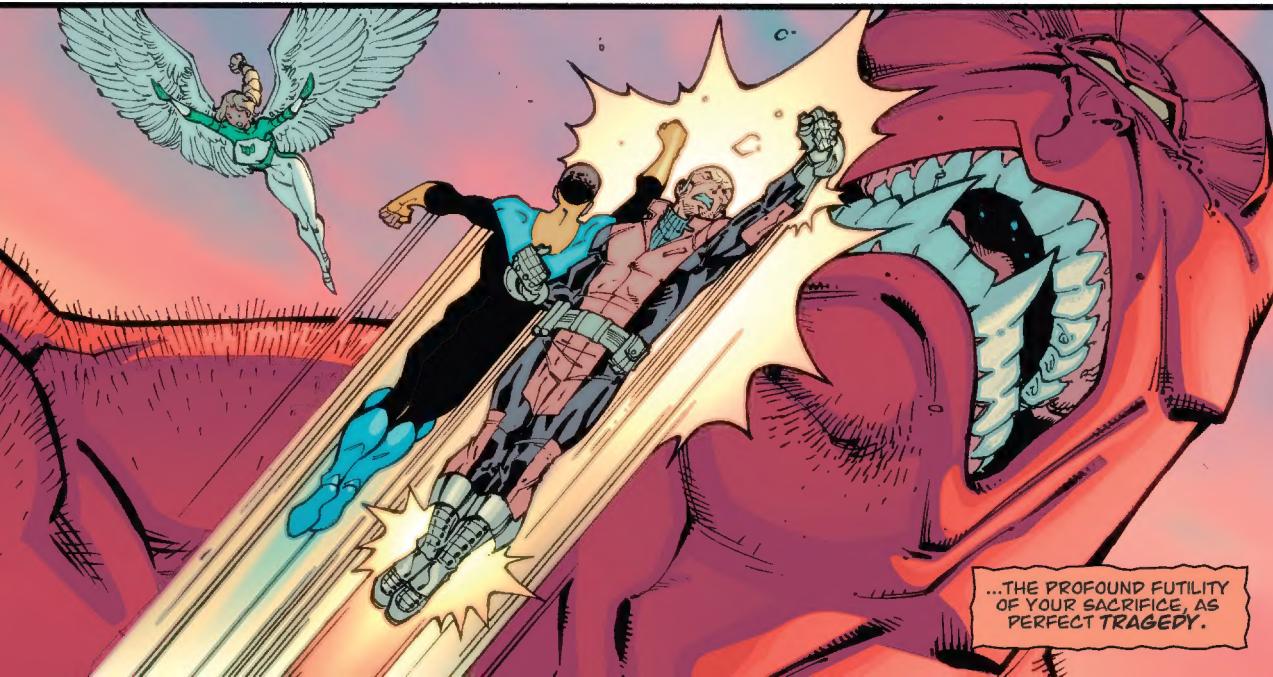
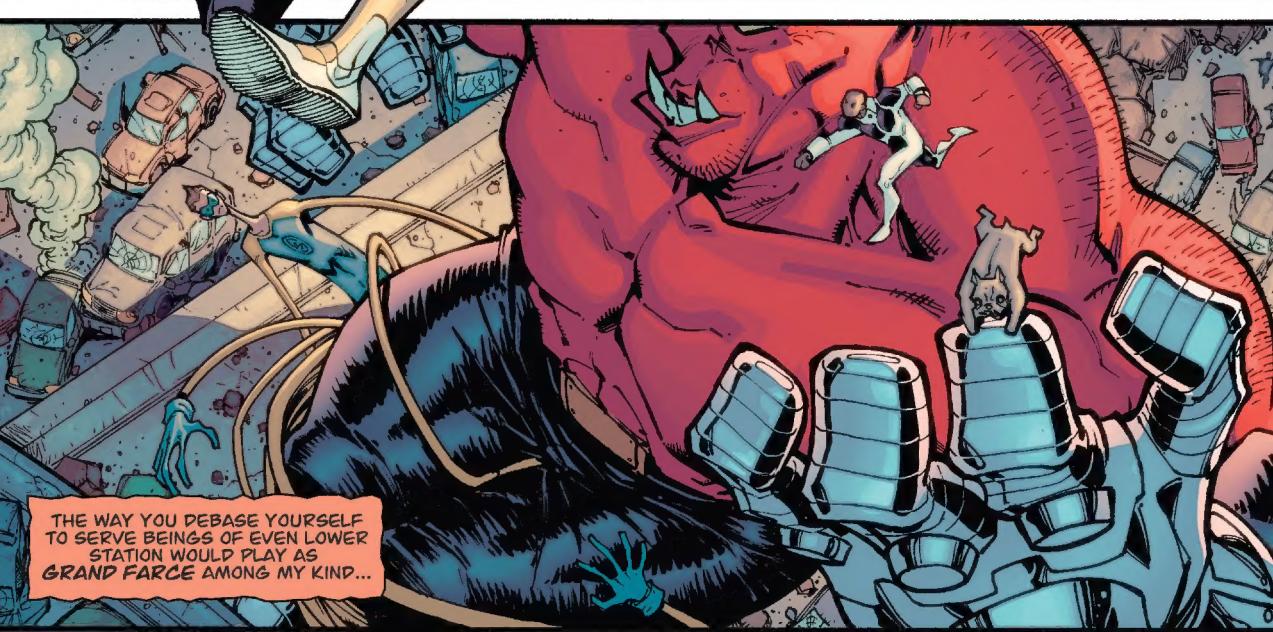
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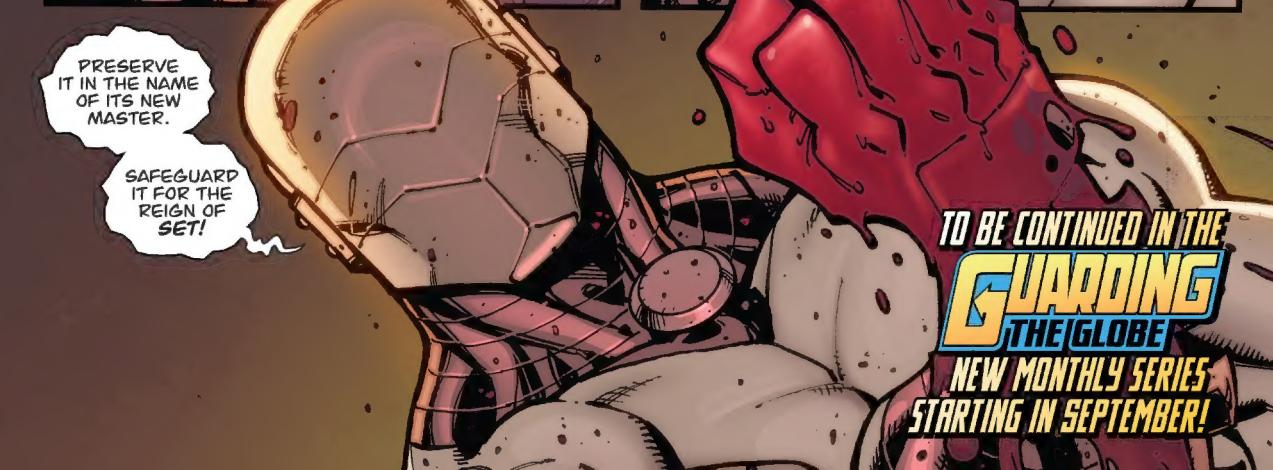
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