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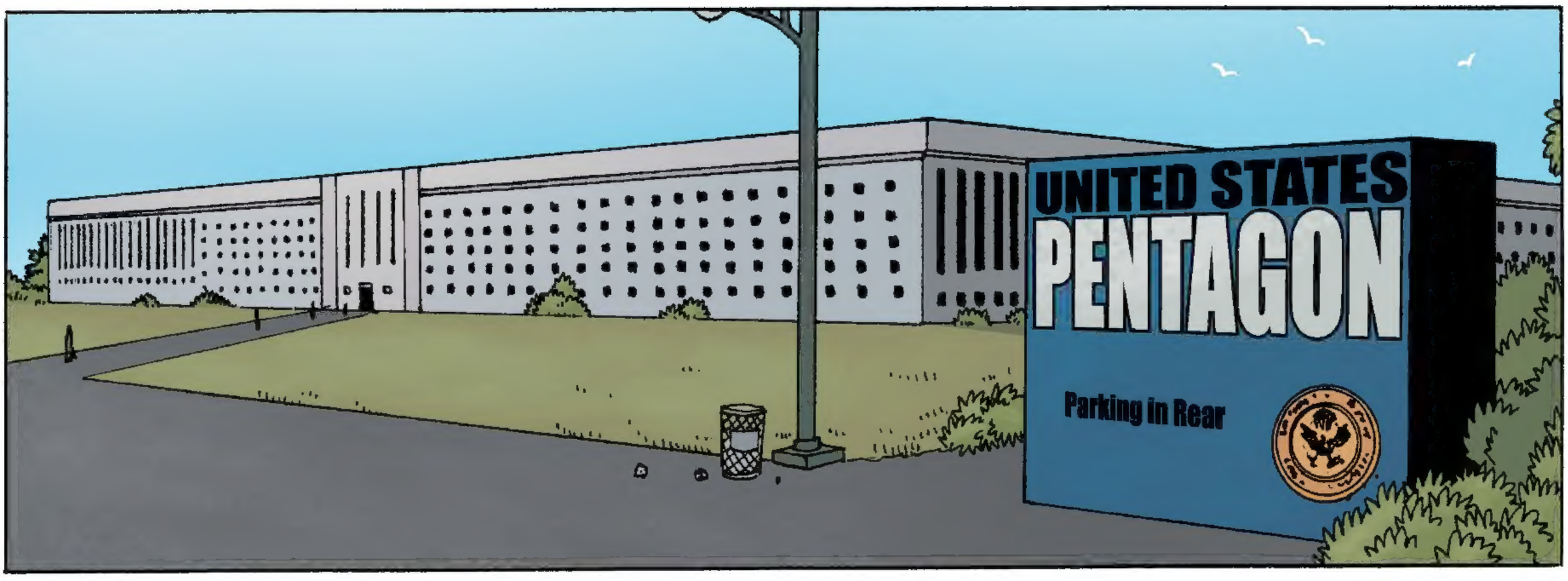
OKAY, PEOPLE--IT'S TIME. GET READY!
THE VILTRUMITES HAVE ENGAGED THRAGG'S FORCES--WE NEED TO GET OUT THERE AND KEEP THE PRESSURE ON.
WE ARE PREPARED.
OUR FORCES WILL LAY DOWN COVERING FIRE TO MASK OUR ARRIVAL. MAKE WAY TO THE HATCH--LET'S GO!

LOOK OUT!

AT LONG LAST--

I'VE GOT--
NO!
THRAGG IS MINE!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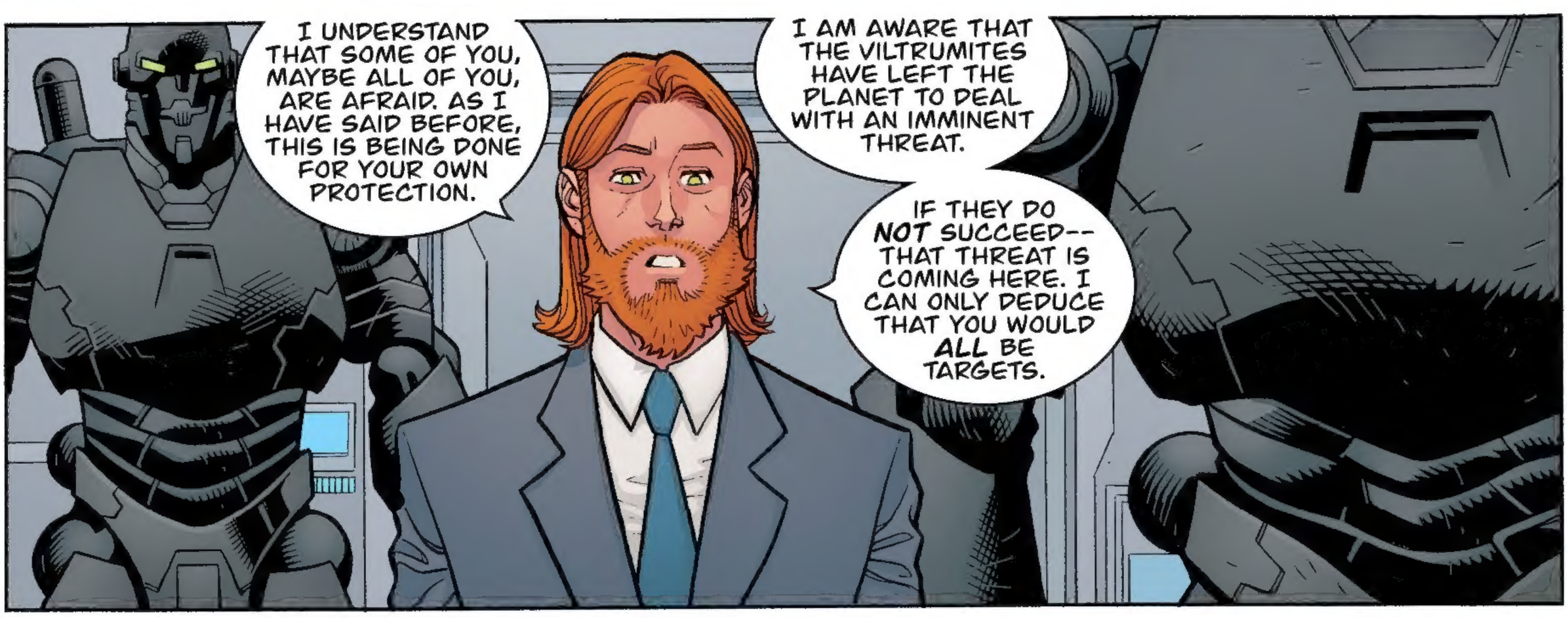
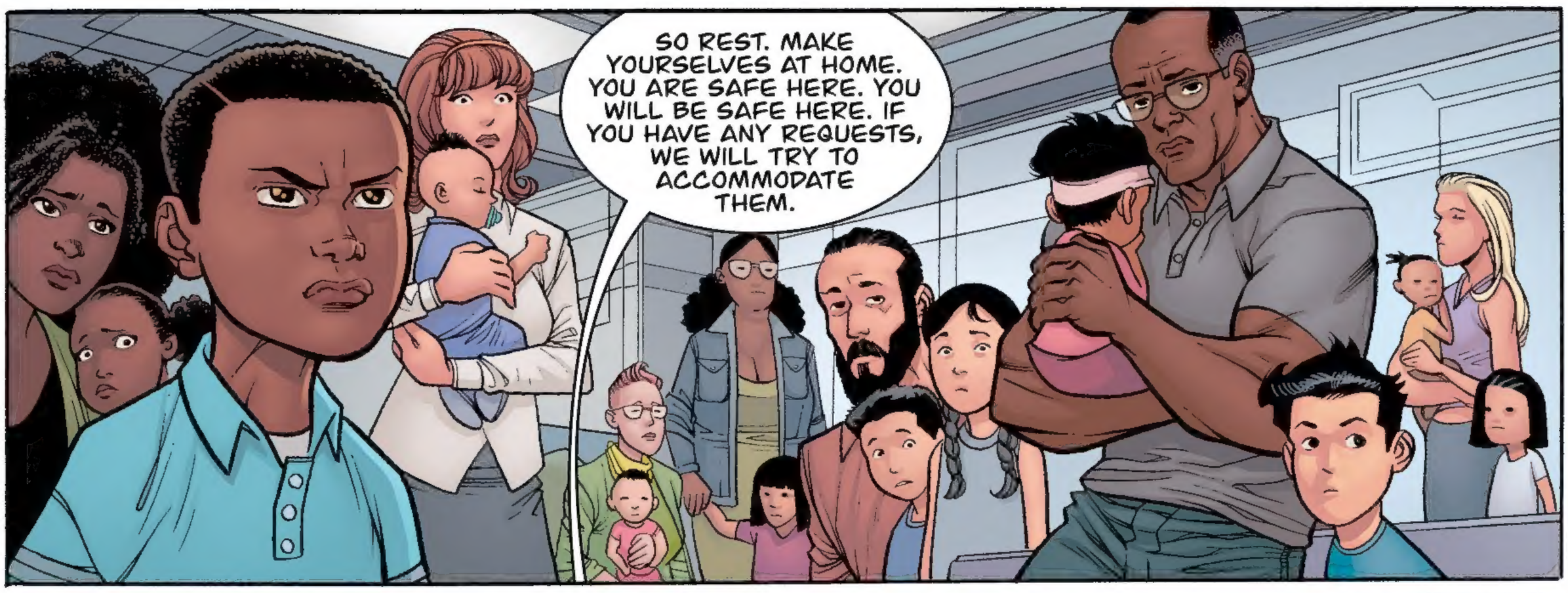
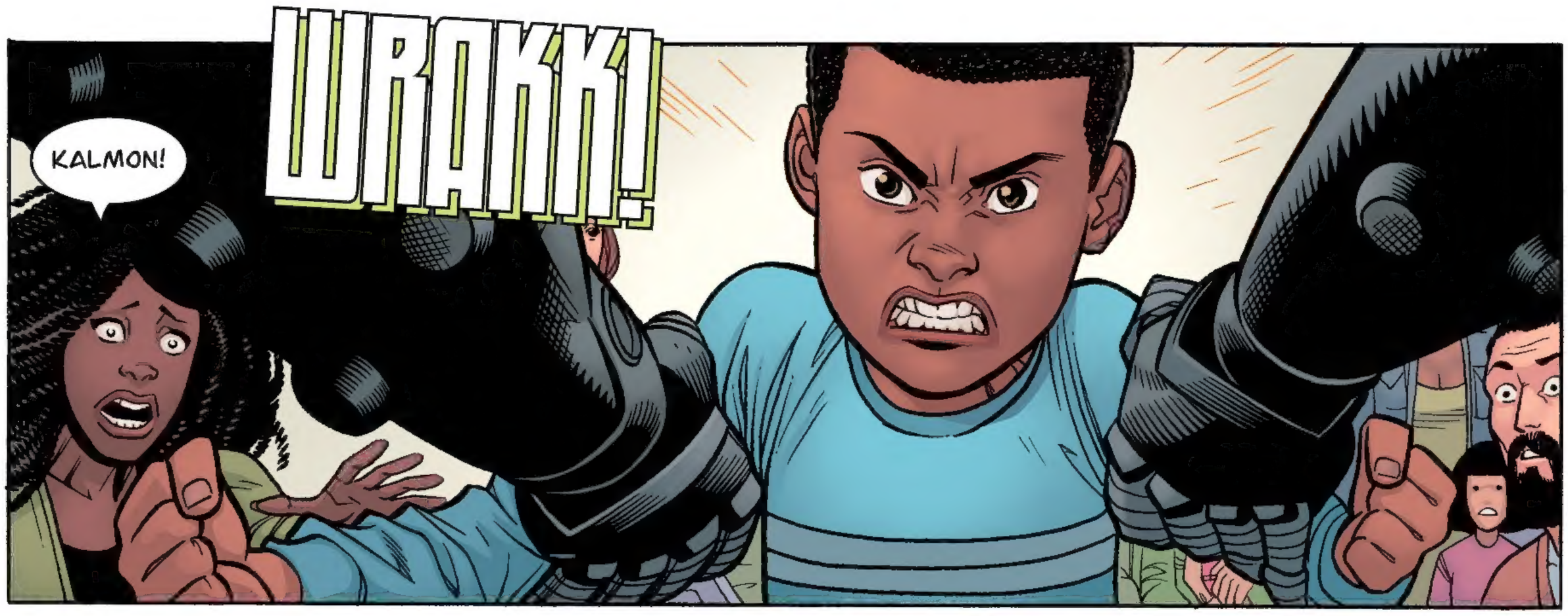
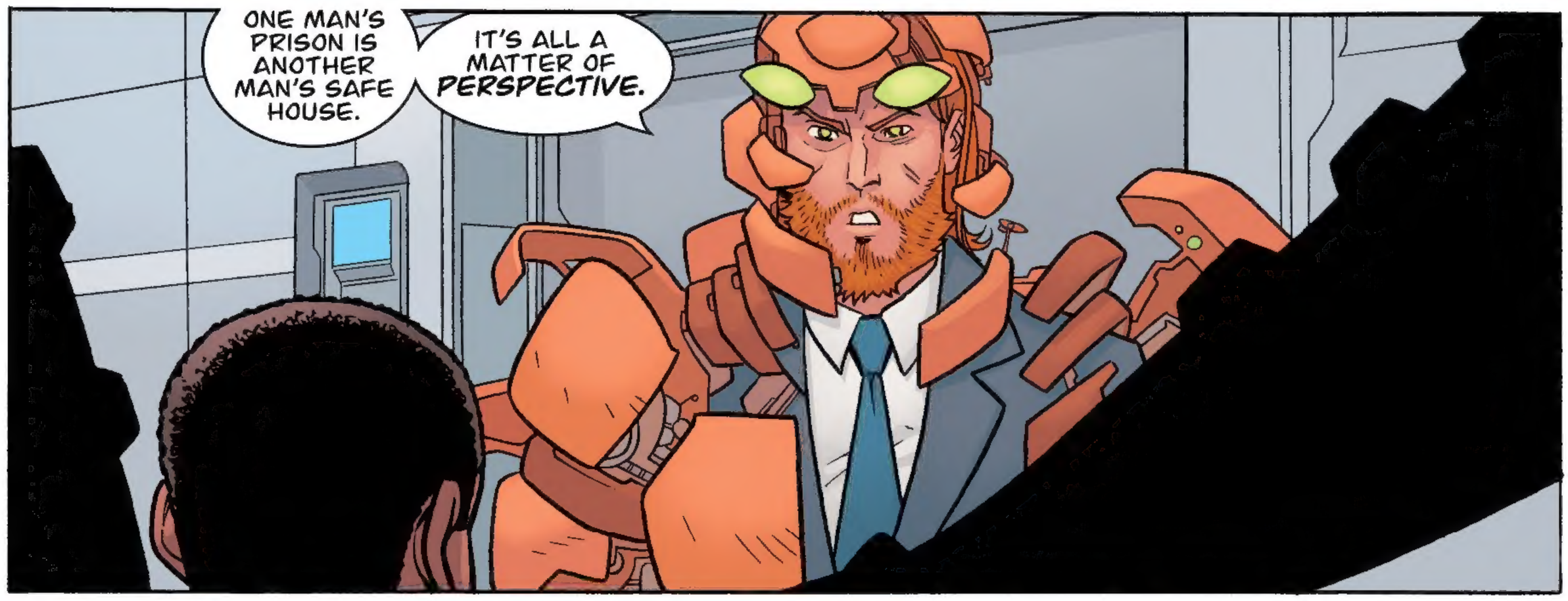

I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF YOU, MAYBE ALL OF YOU, ARE AFRAID. AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THIS IS BEING DONE FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION.
I AM AWARE THAT THE VILTRUMITES HAVE LEFT THE PLANET TO DEAL WITH AN IMMINENT THREAT.
IF THEY DO NOT SUCCEED-- THAT THREAT IS COMING HERE. I CAN ONLY DEDUCE THAT YOU WOULD ALL BE TARGETS.


SO REST. MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME. YOU ARE SAFE HERE. YOU WILL BE SAFE HERE. IF YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS, WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.

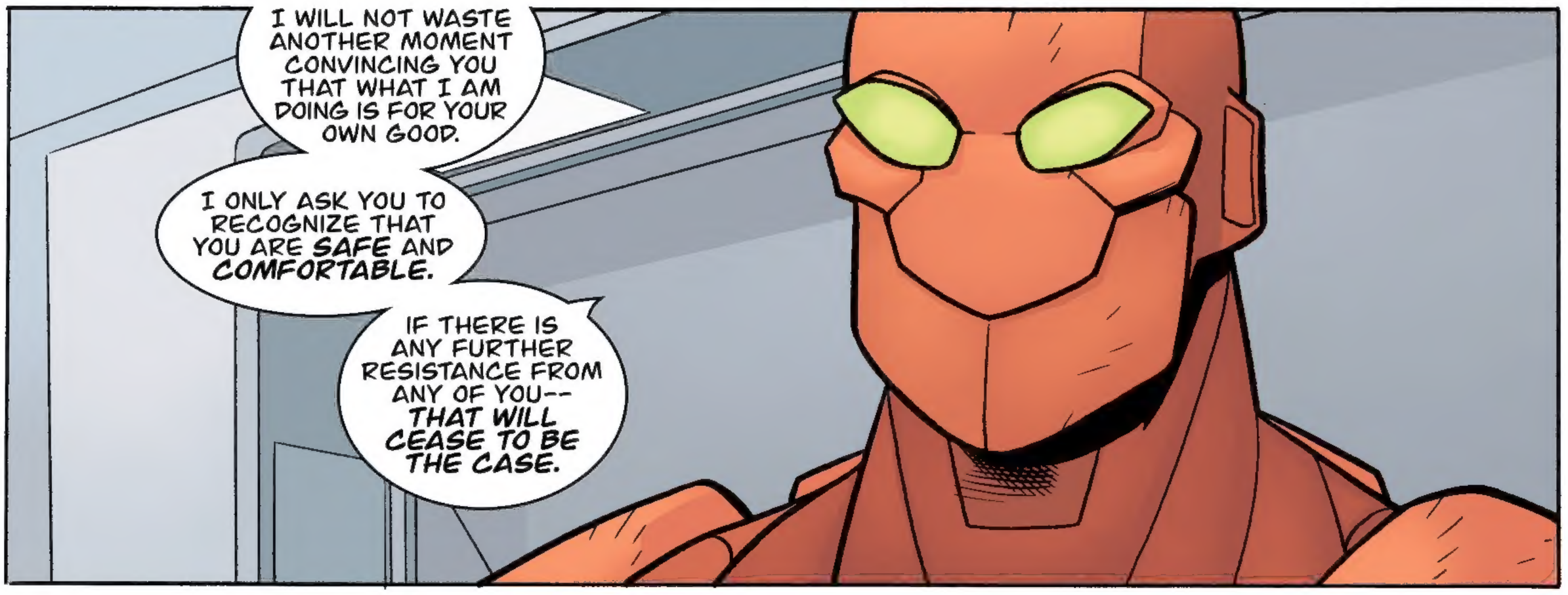
BUT, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE.
WE WON'T BE YOUR PRISONERS!

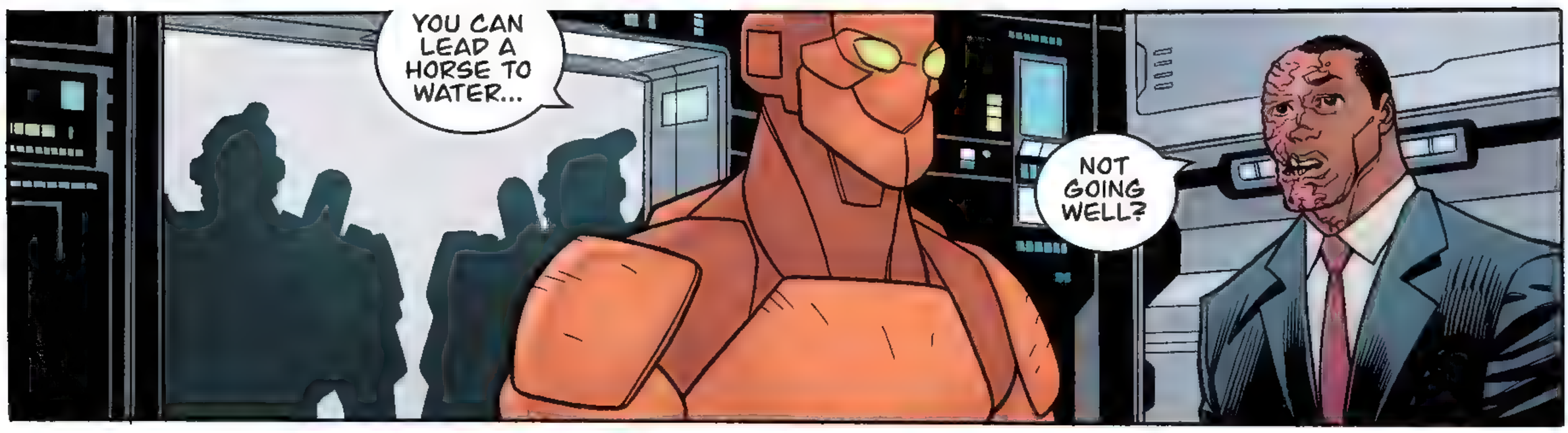

WRAKK!
KALMON!

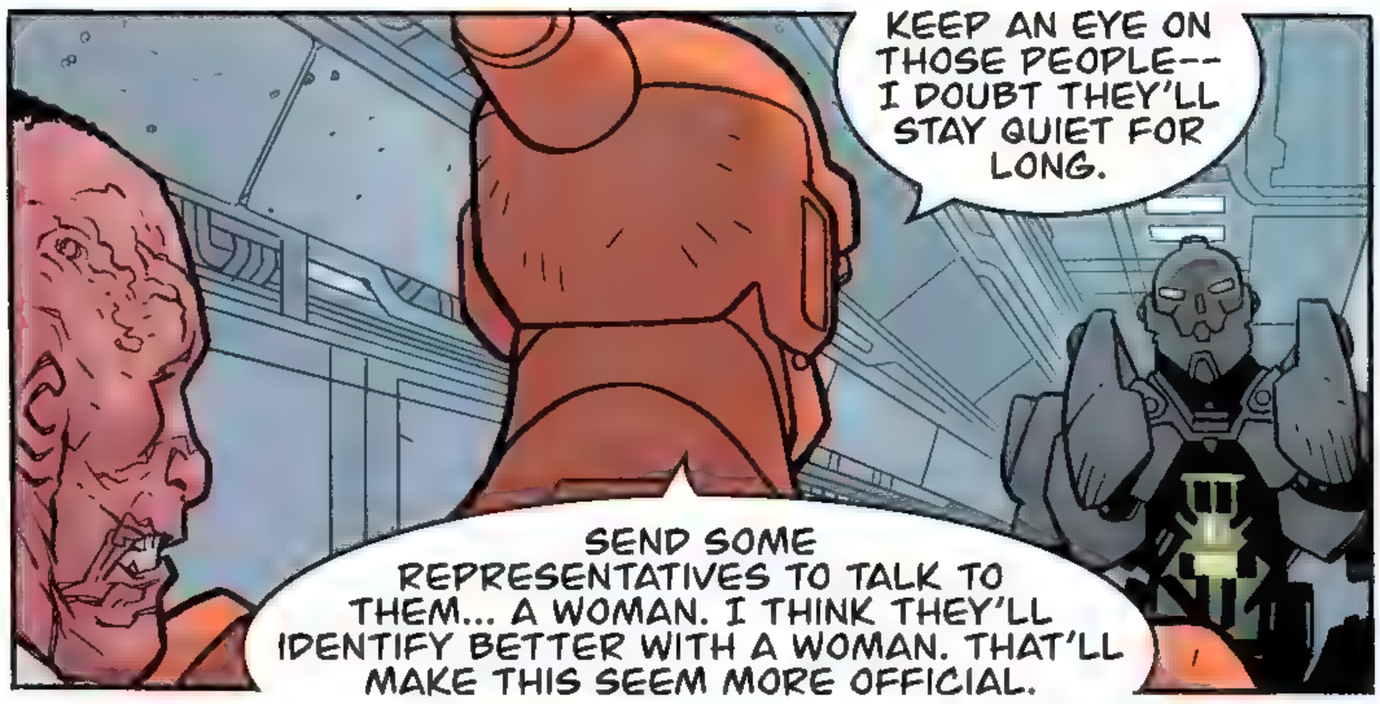

ONE MAN'S PRISON IS ANOTHER MAN'S SAFE HOUSE.
IT'S ALL A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE.

AAHH!

WHUDD!


I WILL NOT WASTE ANOTHER MOMENT CONVINCING YOU THAT WHAT I AM DOING IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
I ONLY ASK YOU TO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE SAFE AND COMFORTABLE.
IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER RESISTANCE FROM ANY OF YOU-- THAT WILL CEASE TO BE THE CASE.

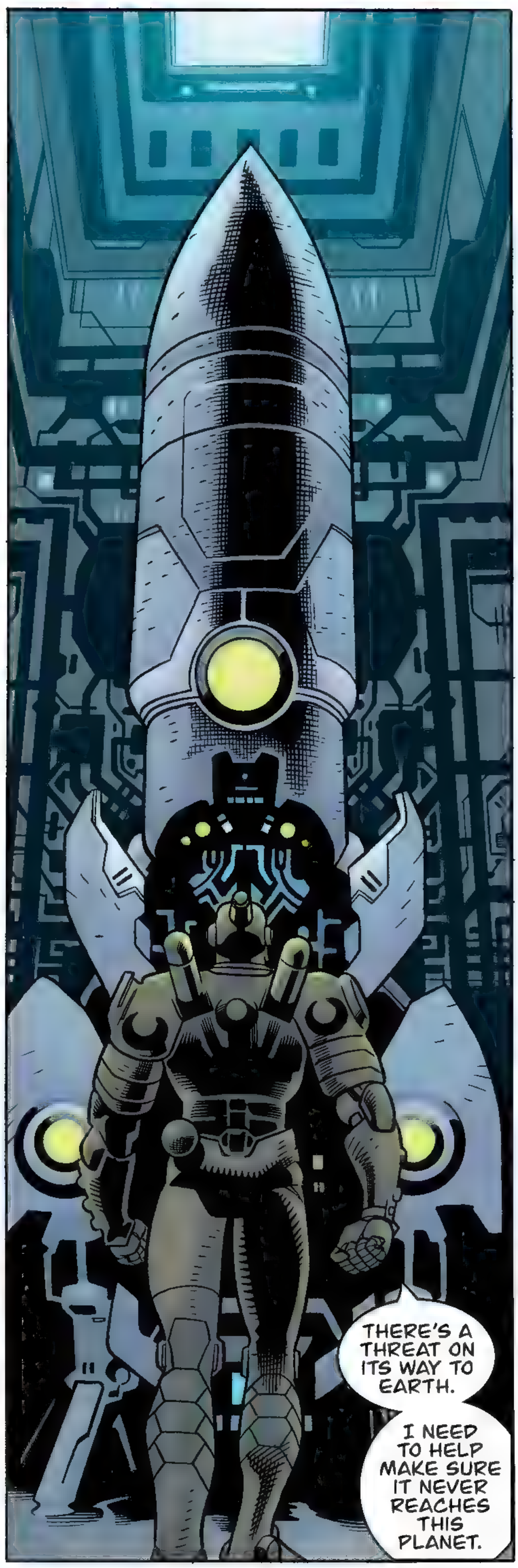

YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER...
NOT GOING WELL?

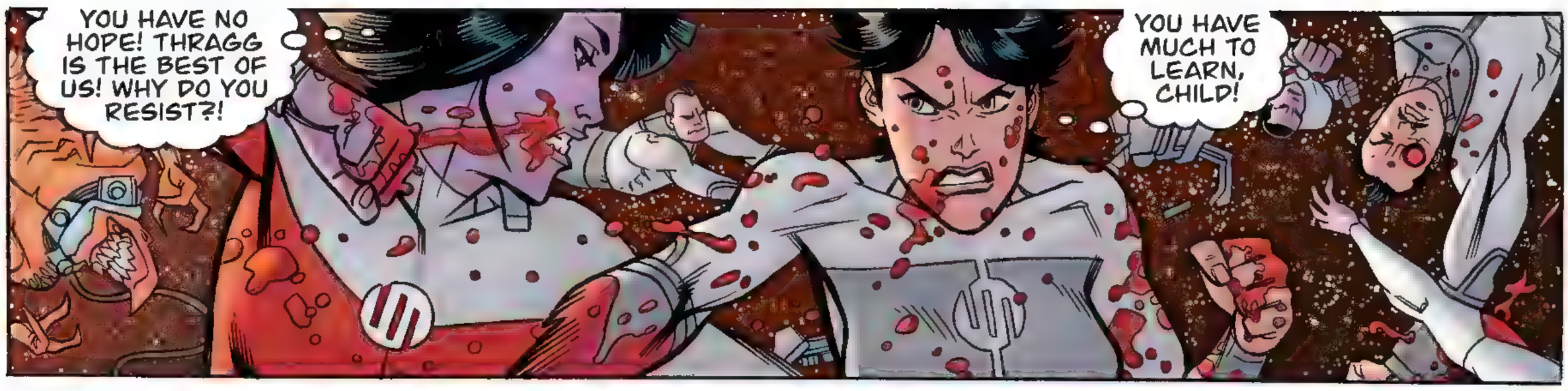

KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE PEOPLE-- I DOUBT THEY'LL STAY QUIET FOR LONG.
SEND SOME REPRESENTATIVES TO TALK TO THEM... A WOMAN. I THINK THEY'LL IDENTIFY BETTER WITH A WOMAN. THAT'LL MAKE THIS SEEM MORE OFFICIAL.

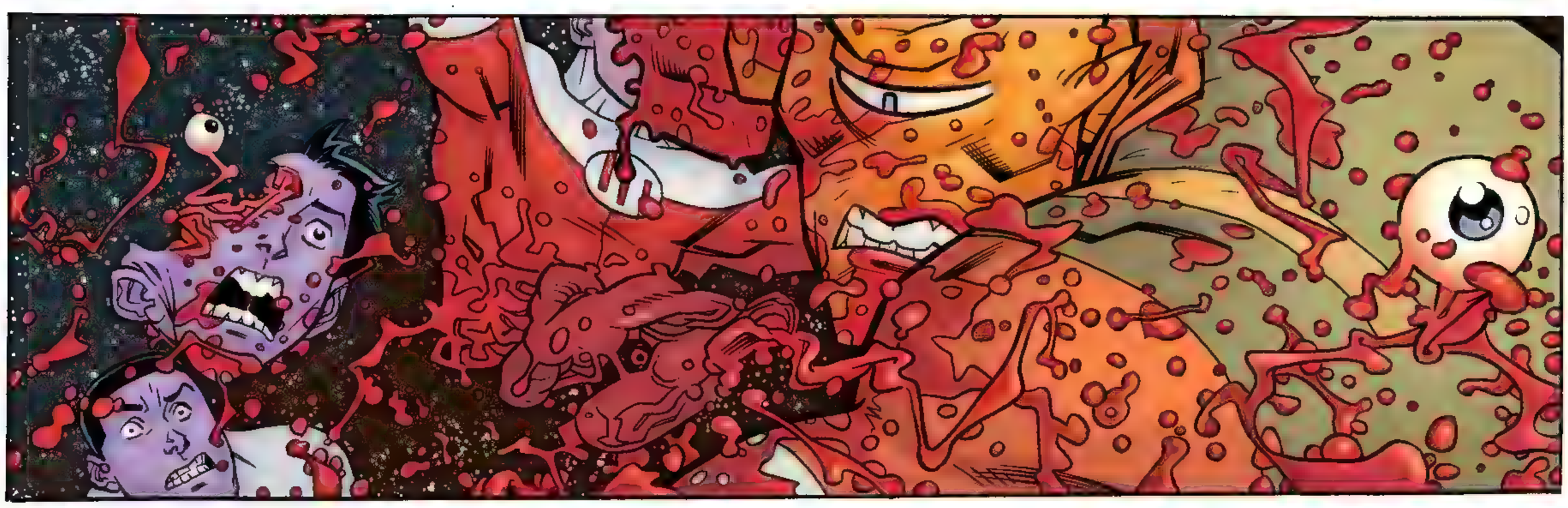
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO STEM ANY POTENTIAL UPRISING FROM THEM WHILE I'M AWAY.

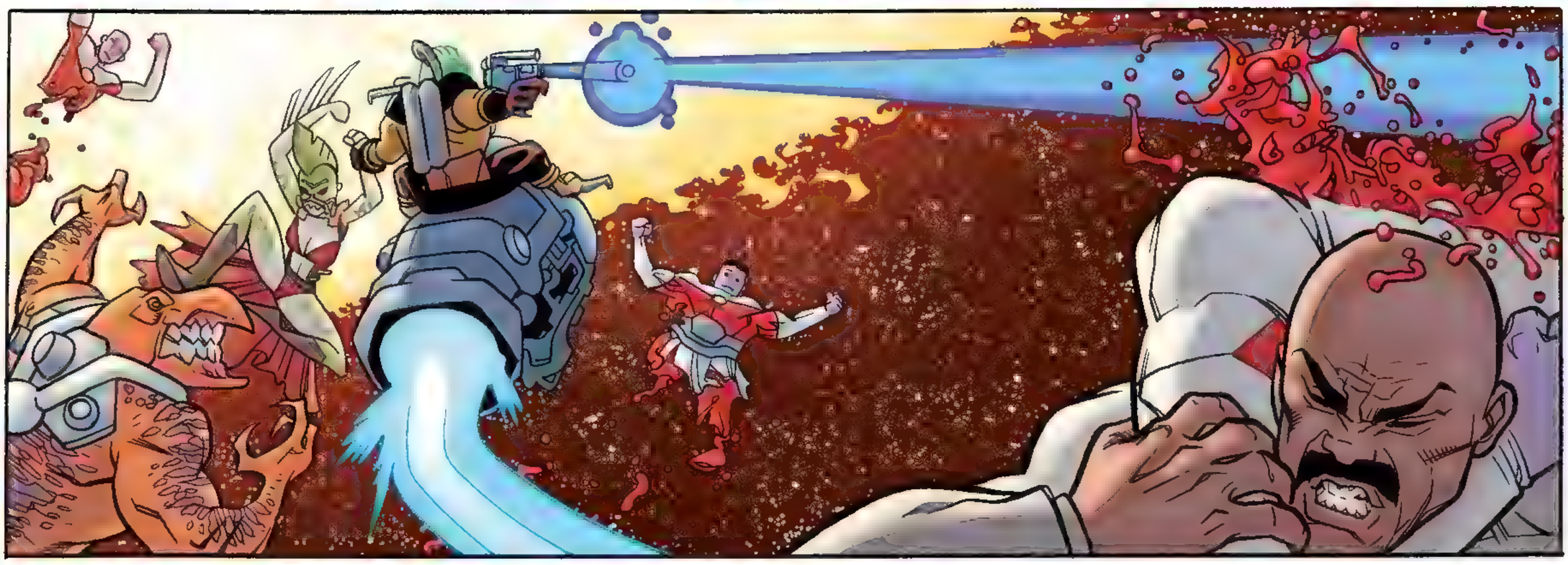
CERTAINLY.
YOU'LL BE OUT OF DRONE RANGE?

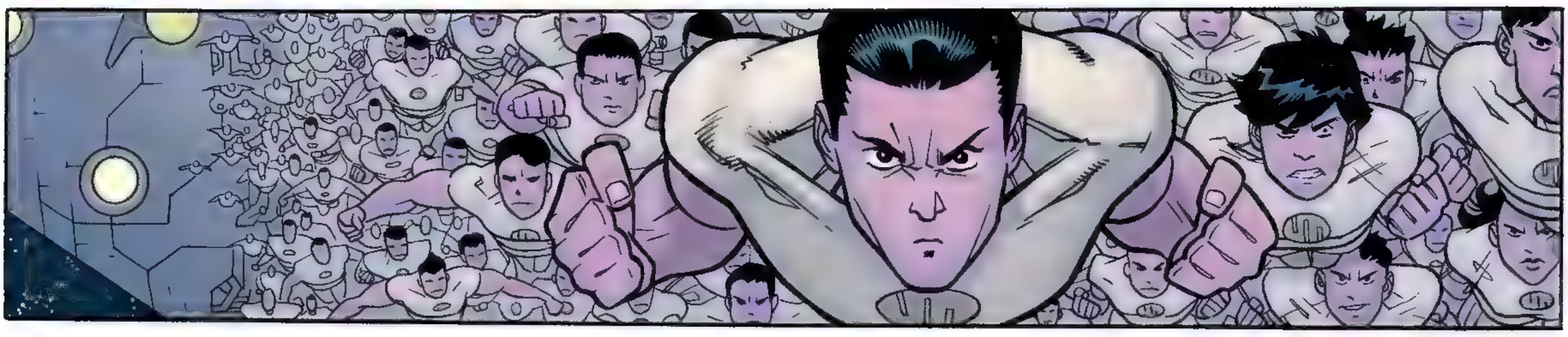
MOST DEFINITELY.

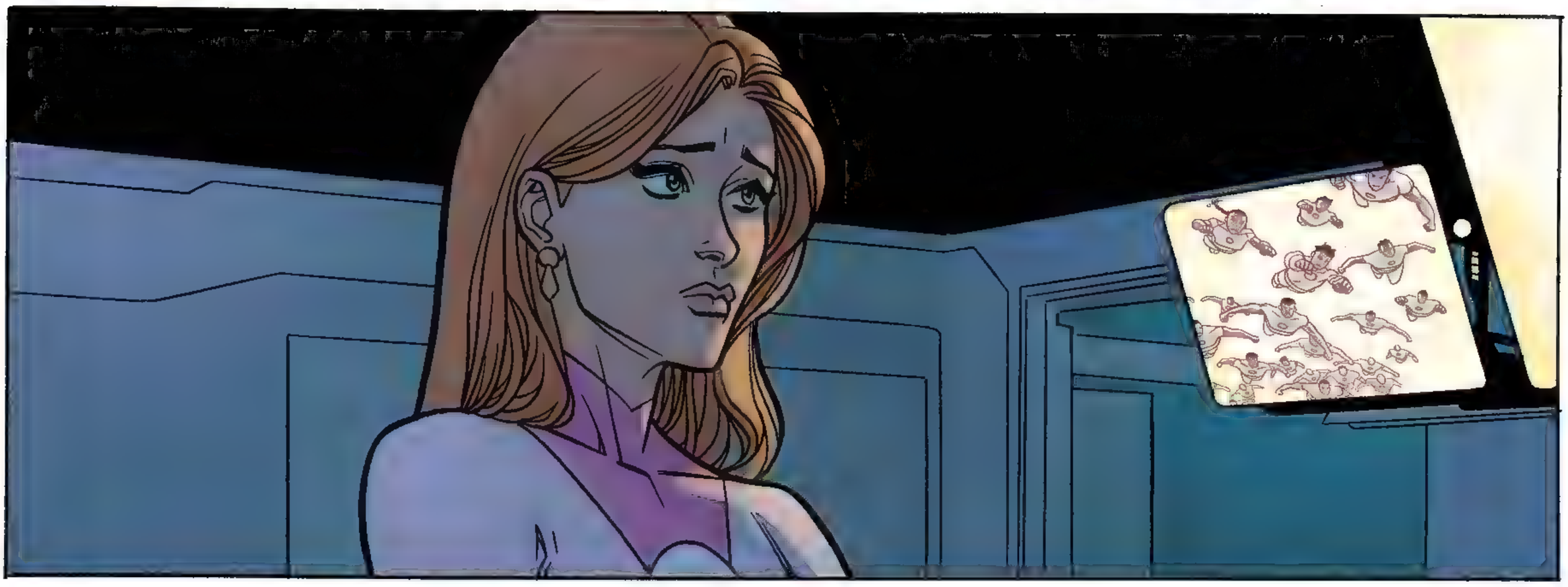

THERE'S A THREAT ON ITS WAY TO EARTH.
I NEED TO HELP MAKE SURE IT NEVER REACHES THIS PLANET.

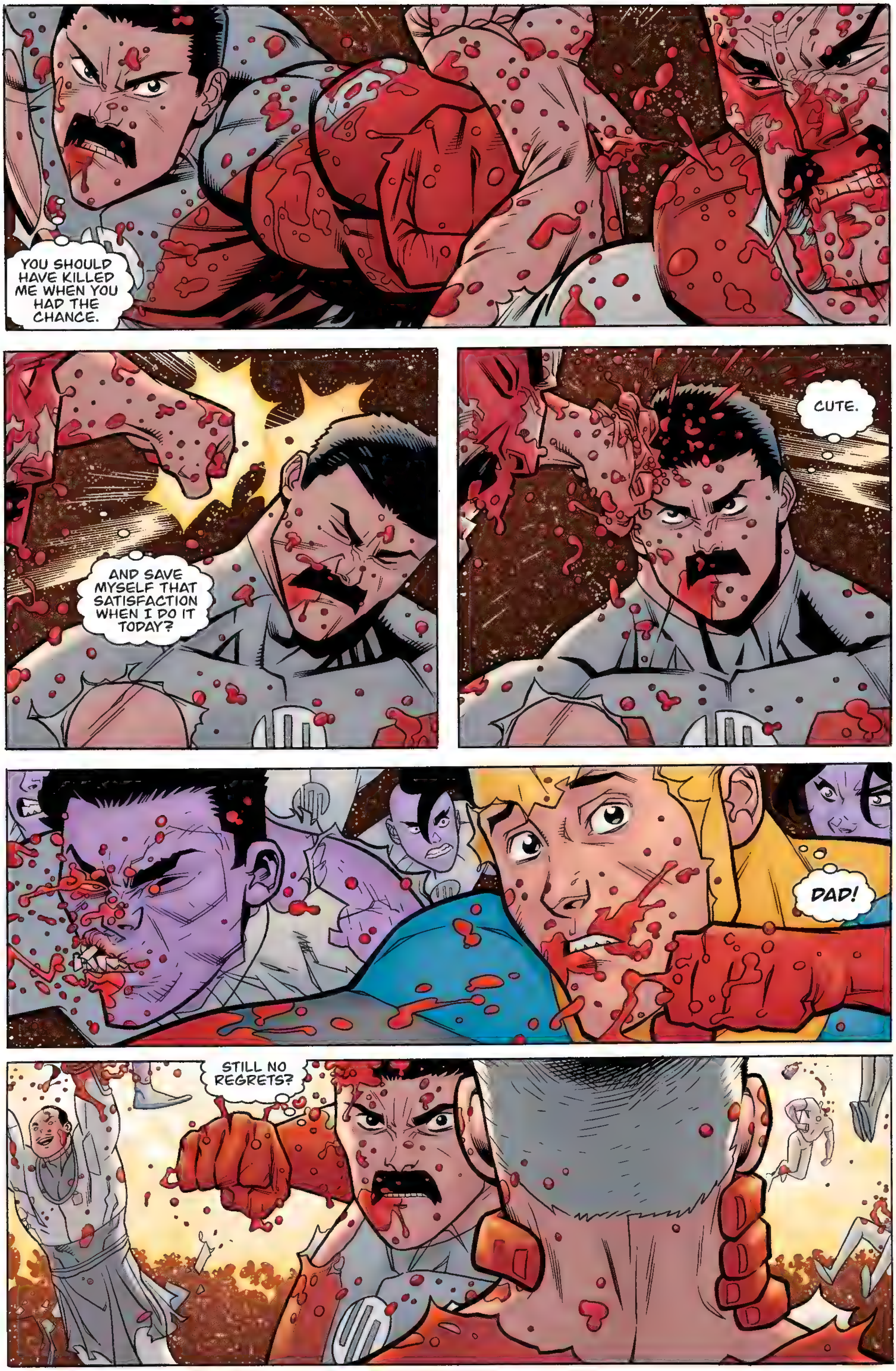

YOU HAVE NO HOPE! THRAGG IS THE BEST OF US! WHY DO YOU RESIST?!
YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN, CHILD!



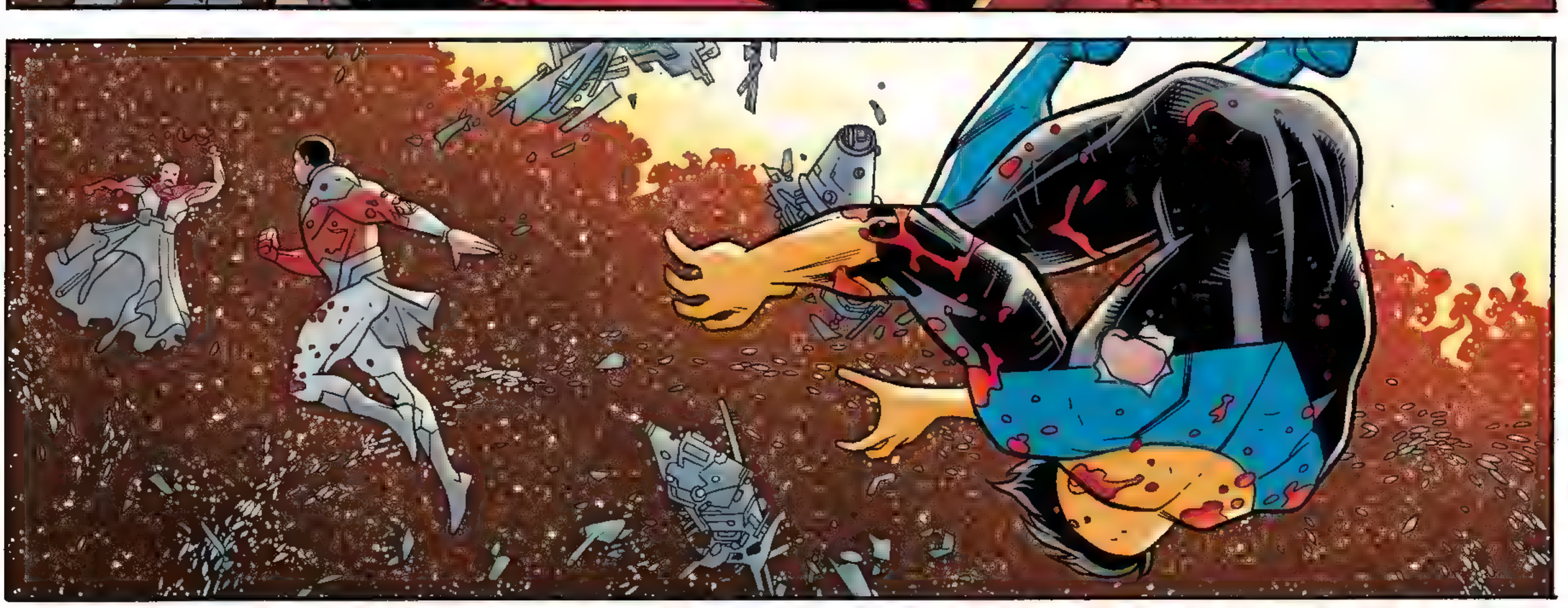


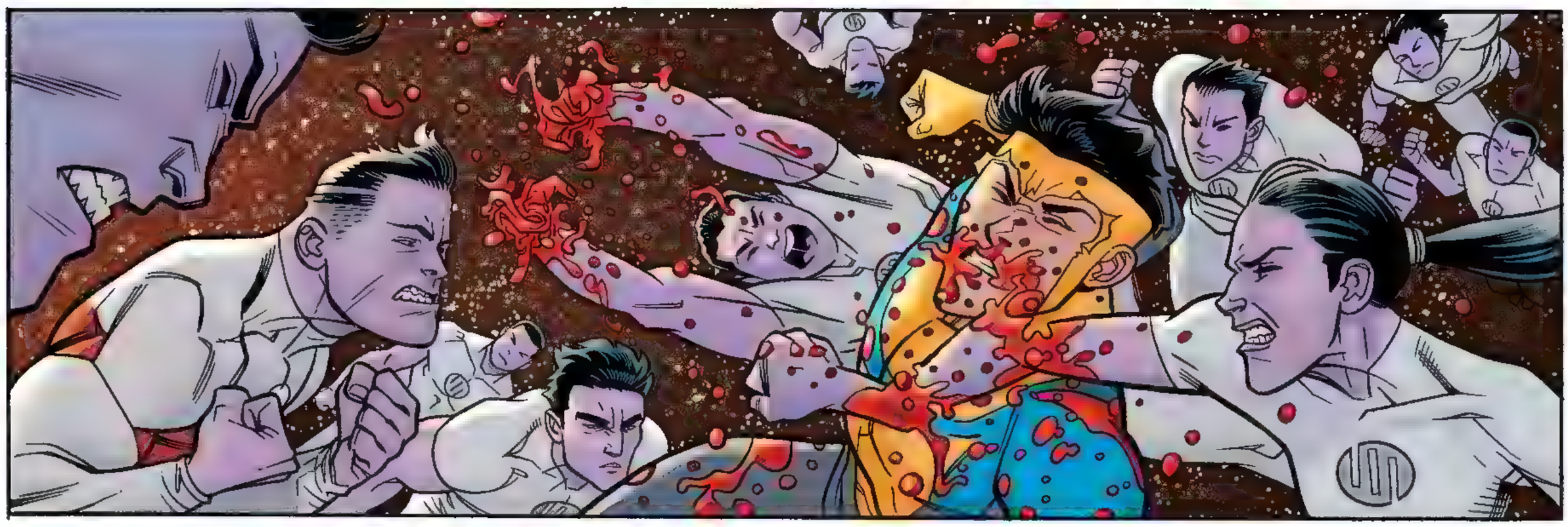


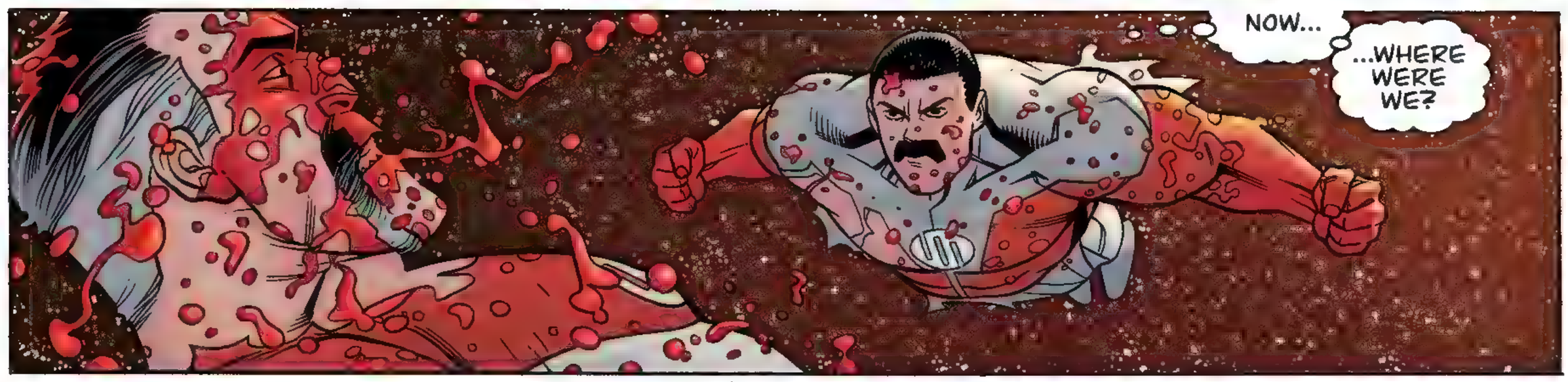


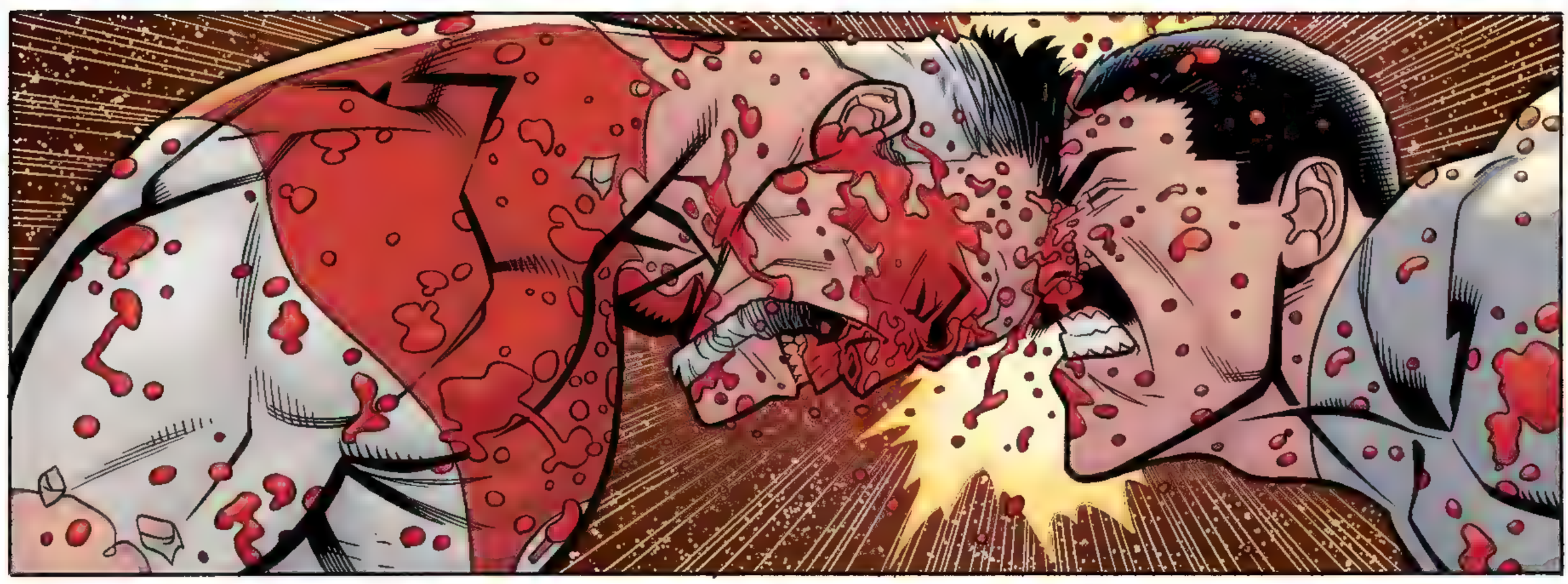

YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE.
AND SAVE MYSELF THAT SATISFACTION WHEN I DO IT TODAY?
CUTE.
DAD!
STILL NO REGRETS?

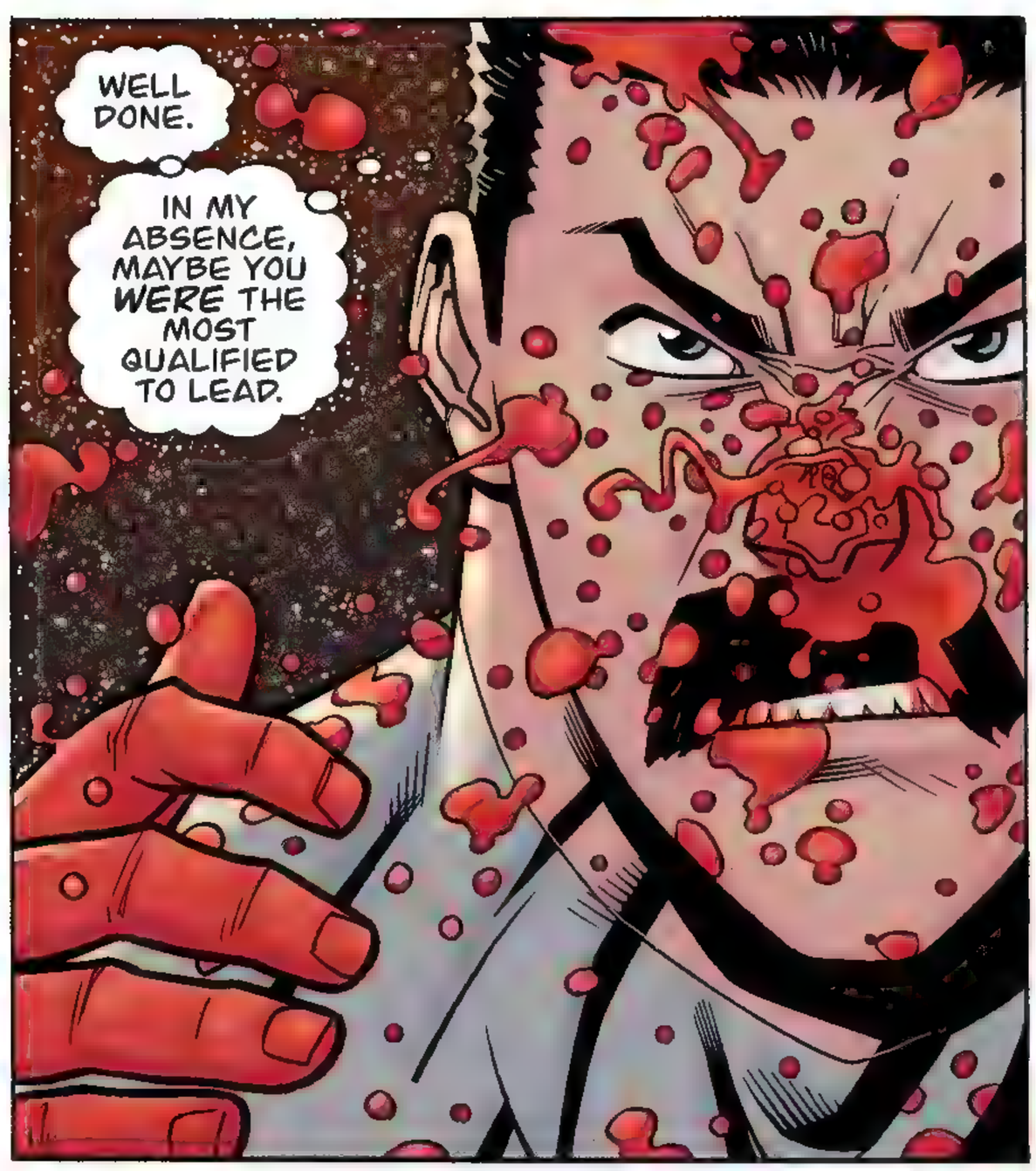
YOU'LL HAVE YOUR TURN.
BE PATIENT.



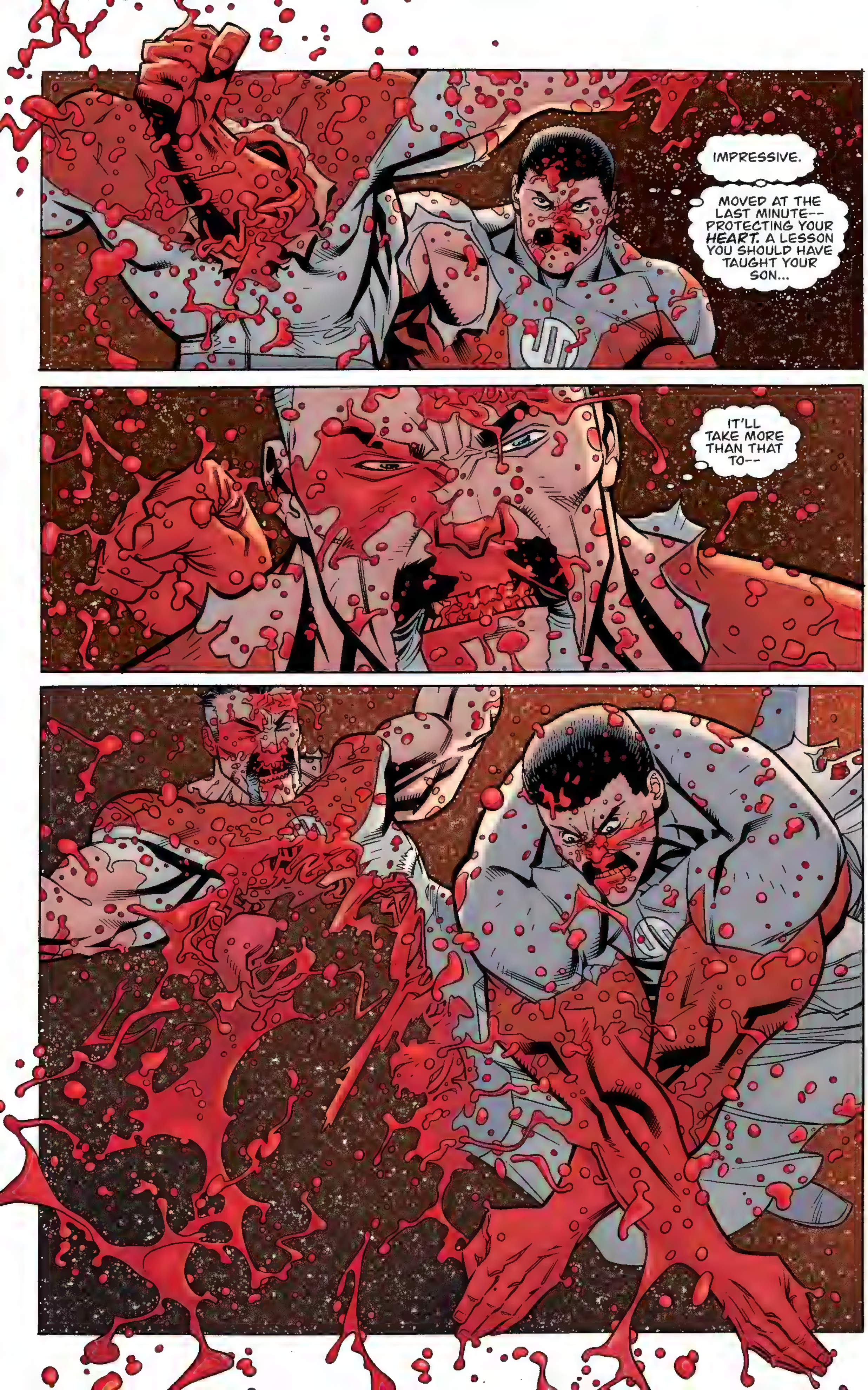



NOW...
...WHERE WERE WE?




WELL DONE.
IN MY ABSENCE, MAYBE YOU WERE THE MOST QUALIFIED TO LEAD.

PROBLEM IS, I HAVE NO FURTHER ABSENCES PLANNED.


IMPRESSIVE.
MOVED AT THE LAST MINUTE-- PROTECTING YOUR HEART. A LESSON YOU SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT YOUR SON...
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO--

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In war, there are casualties. We're halfway through "The End of All Things" now, and you can expect some more.

This is true. I hope you're all enjoying this trip to the end. We've got a lot of big stuff planned for the coming final issues (and many of them are already done: it's nice to be ahead/on schedule after all these years). I'm sure after this long it's expected, but there are many twists and turns ahead, so look forward to that.

Not really a whole lot to say after this insane issue, so... let's just dive right into some mail!

Dear Invincible Team

I'd like to start by thanking you for all the years of great comics you've provided, and for keeping me interested in the medium when I had given up on what "The Big 2" were publishing. Also, I get a very strong feeling you're about to kill Atom Eve just so she can't resurrect other characters, and I'd like to take a moment to ask you not to do that since she's probably my favorite character.

Now for my question. With Invincible coming to a close, and Robert's many confirmations that there won't be any spin-off or sequel series, does this also mark the end of him writing superhero books? I know we've seen him write for Marvel in the past, but I assume it would be pretty hard going back to writing stories within someone else's guidelines after spending over 10 years basically building, changing, and destroying your own toys regardless of what anyone else thinks. While I can manage to live with Invincible ending, I'd hate to see the end of Robert's writing talents in superhero stories.

Watch for BEST TIGER the series, coming in 2018 from Image/Skybound!

As tempting as that sounds... no, not really coming in 2018.

Thanks again for all the years of great books, and please don't break my heart too much in the coming issues.

Grant Siebring

I'd like to say we're going to be gentle, but that would probably be a lie. After nearly 150 issues of this series, I'd hope you'd be conditioned to this type of thing. We'll see.

As far as me writing more superheroes, I can definitely say I don't plan on EVER doing any work for Marvel and DC. And while I'm pretty sure I've said all I'll ever want to say about superheroes with this series, I also hope to live a good long life, so I can't say I'll never want to do another superhero series. If it happens, it won't be for a good long time. That's for sure.

Dear Robert,

The end of all things approaches and having just read 136 I feel like this is the last chance to write you.

The last issue won't be in print until January! There's plenty of time to write us!

Invincible is my favourite comic book and has my favourite character (Angstrom Levy). The series is so rich in storytelling potential, so it confuses me that the man who wrote a character as complex and tragic as Angstrom, who wrote the complexity and brutality of Conquest and who wrote the storytelling benchmark that is The Invincible War is writing this so far disappointing final arc.

Ouch. Go on...

While there seems to be a story present, the focus is instead on everything in between the story. The past 4 issues especially have been nothing but filler for the next issue with many scenes that have been done better and more concisely throughout this series. There's been a noticeable decline for a while now but Invincible still outshone anything the big two could put out, until this arc arrived.

Having read this series for so long, how could I not see it through till the end? There is always the hope it will improve as it would be a sad day were this series to end on such a whimper.

Regardless of my feelings, thank you for the years of Invincible.

Andrew Hinch

Sorry you're not digging the final arc so far, Andrew. Hopefully that will change soon or has already changed with the issues that have come out since you wrote this letter. I hope. Write back in and let us know if we turn it around for you!

Hey guys.

I began reading this series last June, a week before I went in for a serious back surgery. I'm still recovering from it, almost 12 months later. Over those months, I've been digging deeper and bonding more tightly with the Invincible universe more every week. I just finally hit issue 133 - the start of "The End of All Things." I'm a 28 year old man. I've seen, done and lived a lot in a short time so far. That said, I don't think many experiences have made me feel so much, in the way Mark and his journey has. In 133, I made it to page 4 before I began letting a few tears loose. By the end, I was balling like a baby at the loss of Oliver. The devastation it left on his family, Mark, and their side of the family. The loss of a husband, and a best friend on Allen's behalf. I've suffered so much loss in my life that I guess it all just hit so very close to home (minus space and super powered alien races.)

Anyway, I just wanted to thank you for crafting a story that is truly able to make me feel, and connect with a cast in a way I never thought possible. THE END OF ALL THINGS. I know there is so much more loss to come, and I'm honestly not ready for it. I am excited to see where this culmination or stories, experiences and relationships lead us to ultimately.

Also, thank you again. Seeing the things Mark has recovered from time and again, emotionally, and physically, has given me hope in the face of my own similar losses, and at times when I've felt I may never recover from my own physical setbacks. Spinal Fusion is no joke, but if Mark can come back from basically being torn in half, I think I will eventually find my way back to my crime fighting nights in due time.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. And of course - congratulations on this absolutely legendary run. There will never be a more beloved series for me, and so many others.

PS Please continue to show Allen dealing with his guilt. I was worried about him in his new role for a while. His clear revulsion at putting his friend in harms way at the end of 133 showed me that the same caring Allen we met so long ago is still under all the new "Greatness."

Thanks again, from someone you've helped make feel Invincible at a time he needs it most.

-Ben Gaissert

Thanks so much for writing in, Ben. It's always great to hear how this series affects people and really makes all the sleepless nights and long hours (that Ryan has) worked worth it. Keep fighting the good fight!

Next issue, Mark reacts—big time. Only 6 issues left!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Things definitely get crazier from here on out. Stay tuned and hold on for dear life!

-Robert Kirkman

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