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AND DIE.**

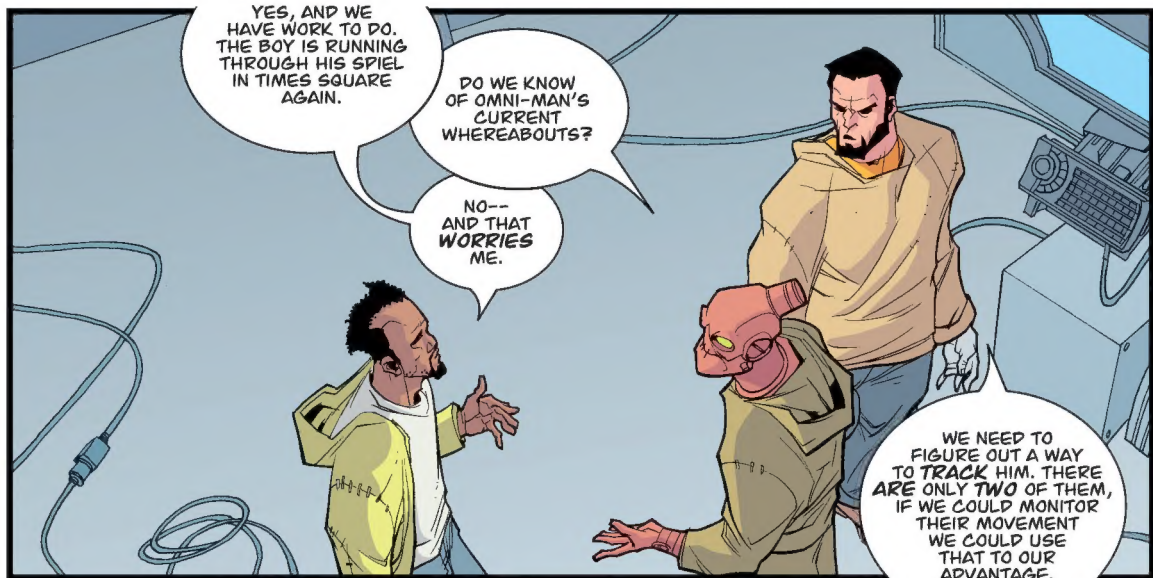
IT IS ONLY
NATURAL FOR
YOU TO FEEL THAT
MY FATHER AND I HAVE
DONE YOU SOME GREAT
WRONG BY ASSUMING
CONTROL OF THIS
PLANET.

THAT IS **NOT**
THE CASE. IN THE
LONG RUN YOU WILL
COME TO REALIZE THAT
WHAT WE DO HERE WILL
HELP YOUR CIVILIZATION
TO BETTER ITSELF---
WE WILL **IMPROVE**
THIS WORLD.

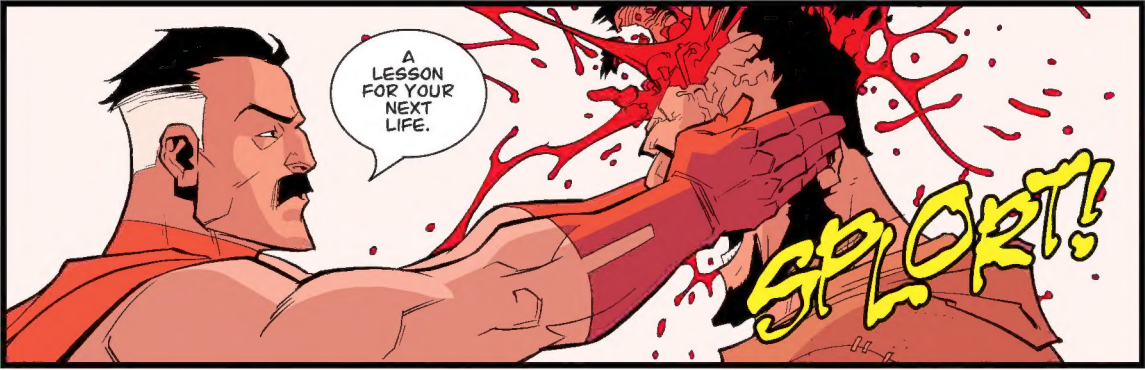
HOWEVER,
YOUR COOPERATION
IS **ESSENTIAL**. IT IS
IMPORTANT TO US THAT
THE CHANGEOVER
BE AS PAINLESS AS
POSSIBLE.

SO, ANY
PERSON OR
PERSONS WHO
OFFER ANY FORM OF
RESISTANCE WILL BE
TERMINATED
ON SIGHT.















THIS IS NOT GOING WELL.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

THEY'RE NOT THAT TOUGH AT ALL, BUT THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. IT SEEMS LIKE FOR EVERY ONE OF THESE THINGS I KNOCK DOWN, THREE MORE TAKE ITS PLACE.

AT THIS RATE... THEY'RE GOING TO BEAT US.

THAT IS NOT AN OPTION.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU PANSIES, BUT I'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR SIX HOURS AND I HAVEN'T EVEN BROKEN A SWEAT.

WHATEVER IT TAKES. WE'RE BEATING THESE CLOWNS!

PREACH ON, SISTER! I'M NOT READY TO GIVE UP EITHER. THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

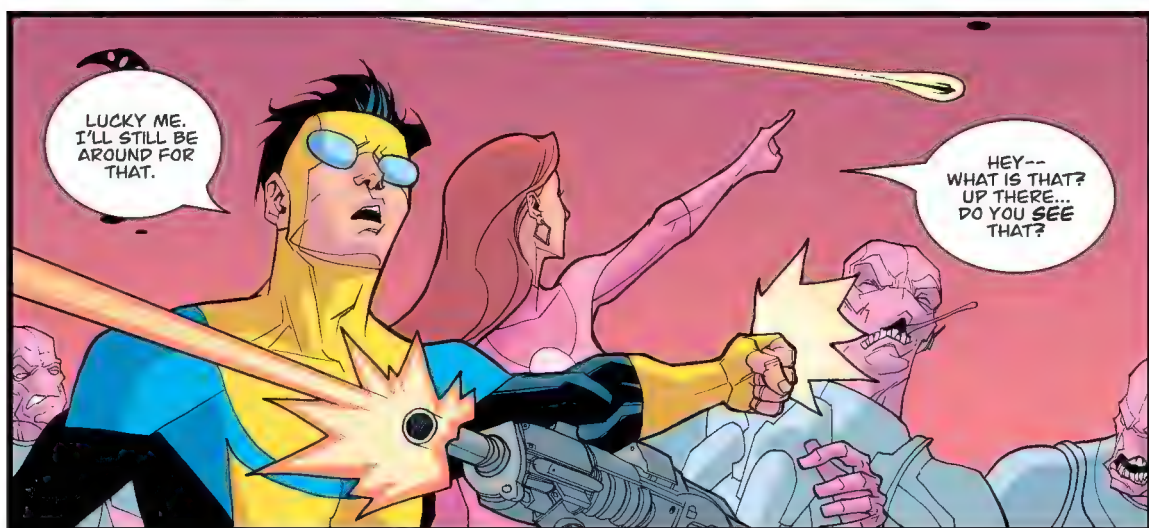
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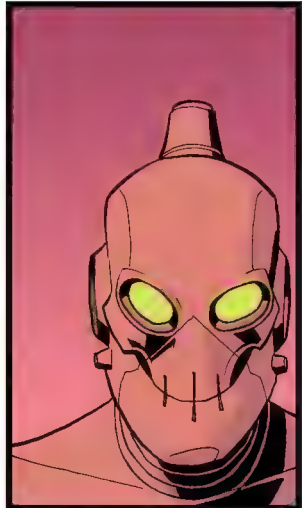
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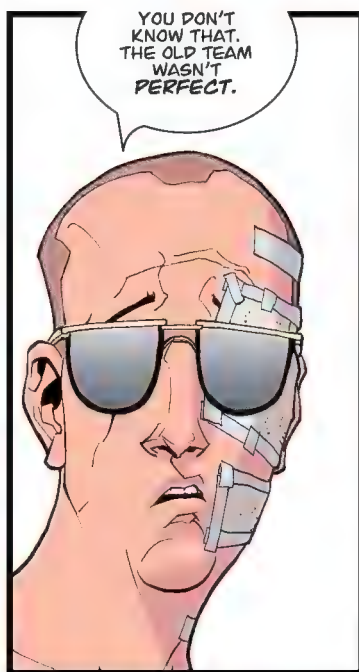
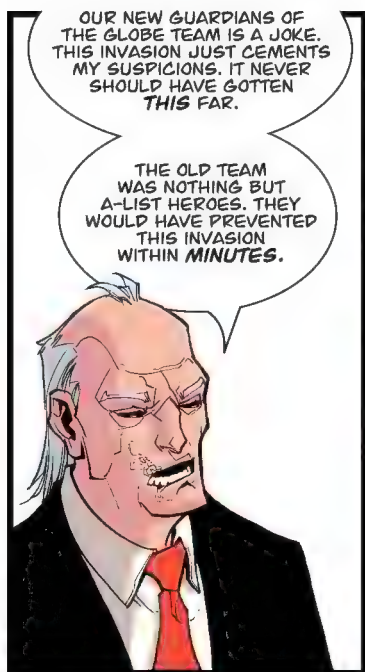
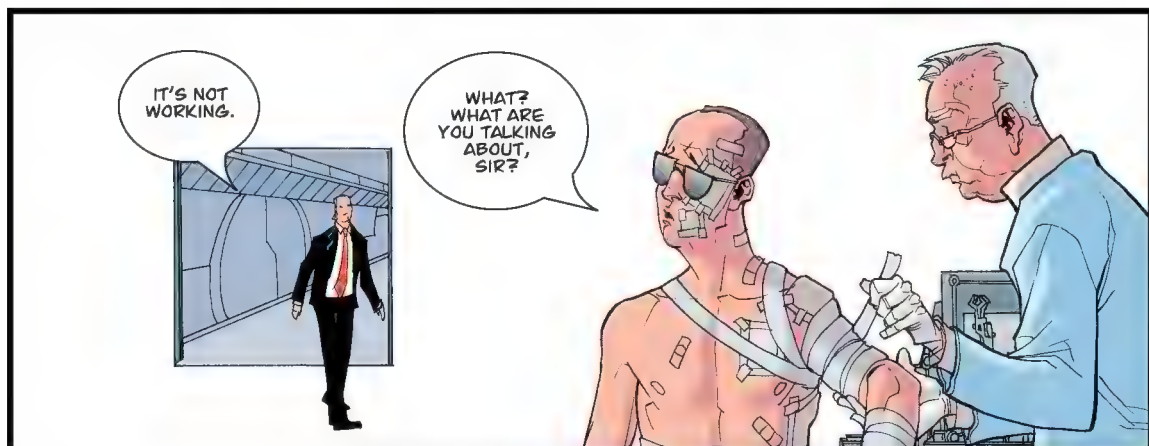
WE'LL BEAT THEM... WE ALWAYS DO. WE HAVE TO.

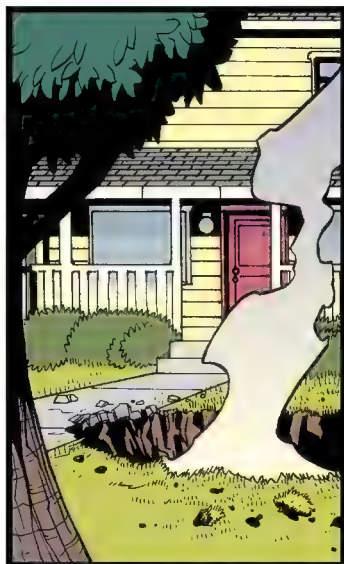
I HAVE DONE THE CALCULATIONS. THE ODDS ARE IN OUR FAVOR TO EVENTUALLY SUCCEED.

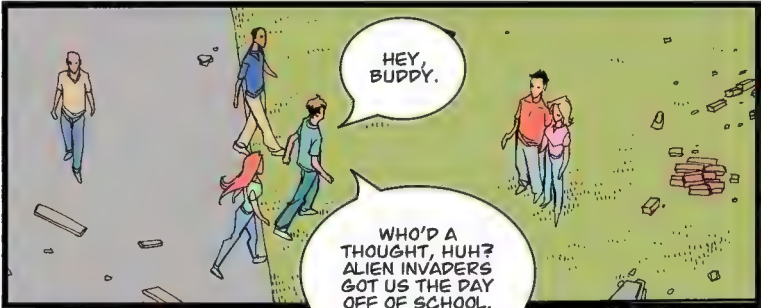
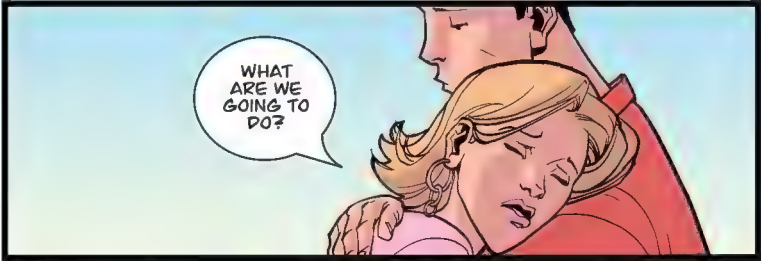
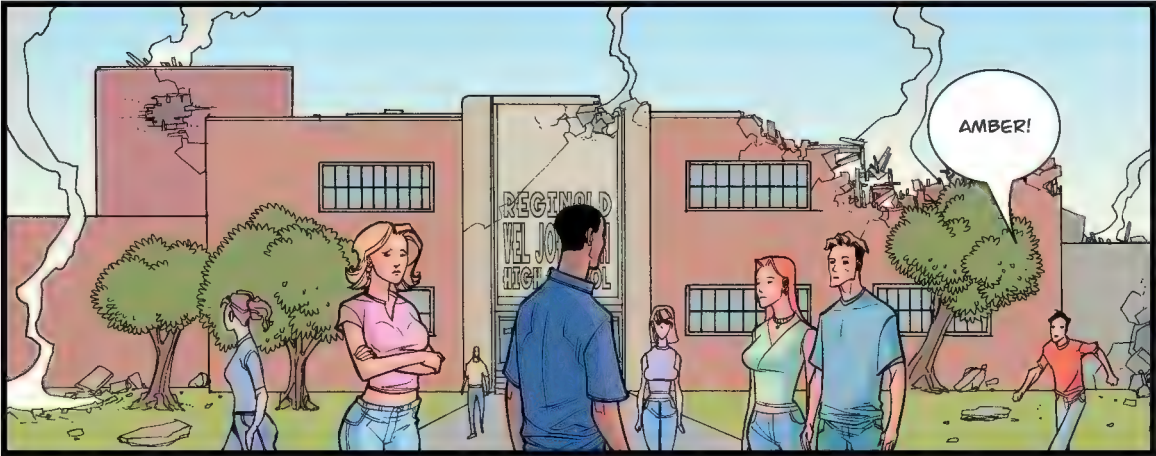
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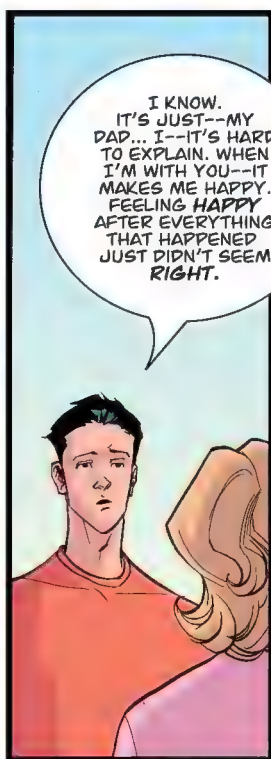
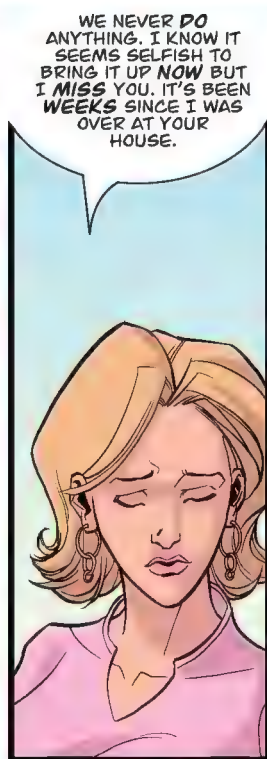


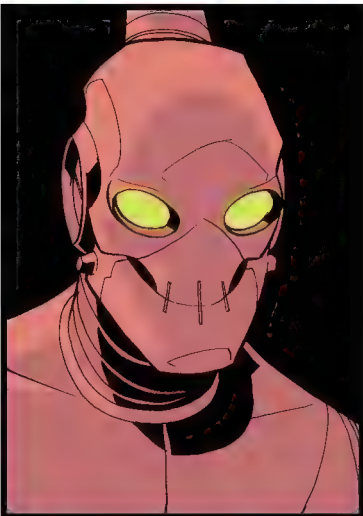
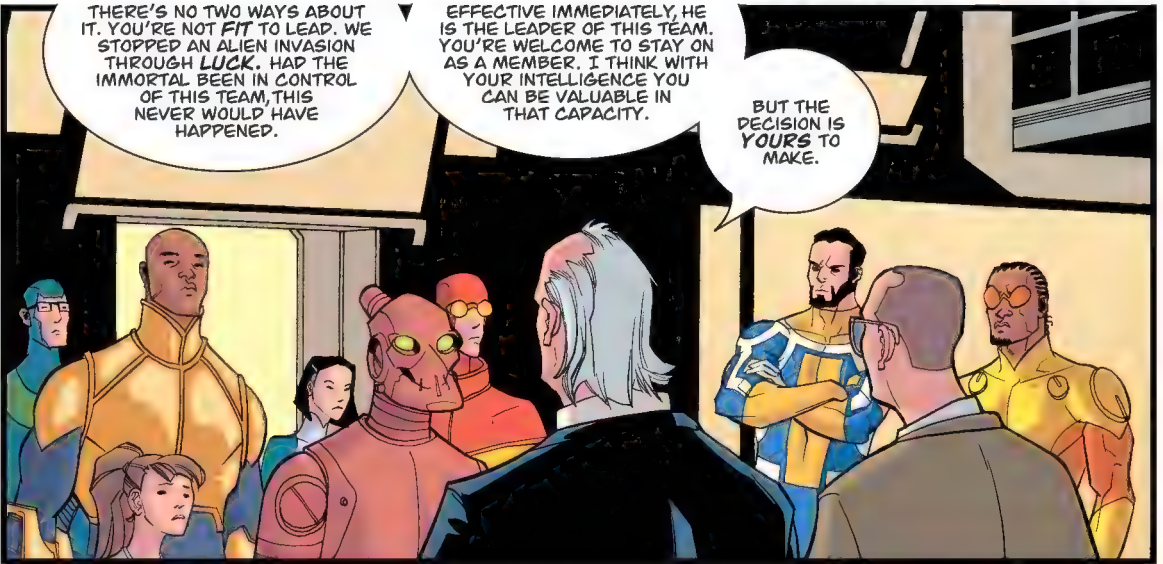


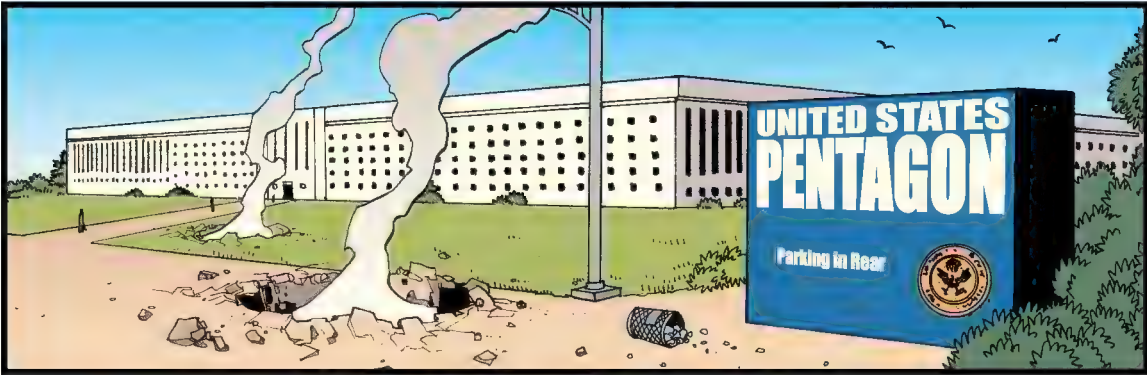














SO, HOW
ARE THINGS
GOING WITH
WILLIAM?

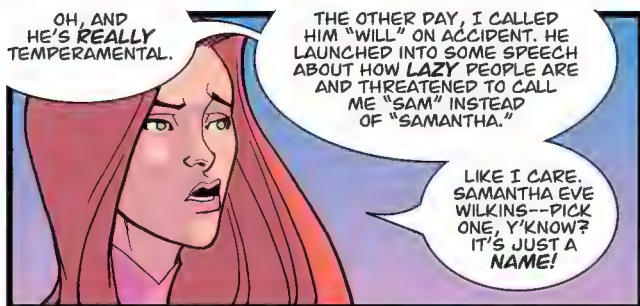


OH, IT'S GREAT, Y'KNOW--
WELL... IT'S KINDA WEIRD. THE
THINGS I LIKE ABOUT HIM...
ARE ALSO THE THINGS
THAT I HATE.

HOW FUN HE IS,
HIS **CHILDISH** BEHAVIOR...
IT'S BOTH REALLY CUTE AND
ANNOYING AT THE SAME TIME.



I KNOW EXACTLY
WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT--ASIDE FROM
THE CUTE PART.



OH, AND
HE'S REALLY
TEMPERAMENTAL.

THE OTHER DAY, I CALLED
HIM "WILL" ON ACCIDENT. HE
LAUNCHED INTO SOME SPEECH
ABOUT HOW LAZY PEOPLE ARE
AND THREATENED TO CALL
ME "SAM" INSTEAD
OF "SAMANTHA."

LIKE I CARE.
SAMANTHA EVE
WILKINS--PICK
ONE, Y'KNOW?
IT'S JUST A
NAME!



I'VE
HEARD THAT
SPEECH A FEW
TIMES.

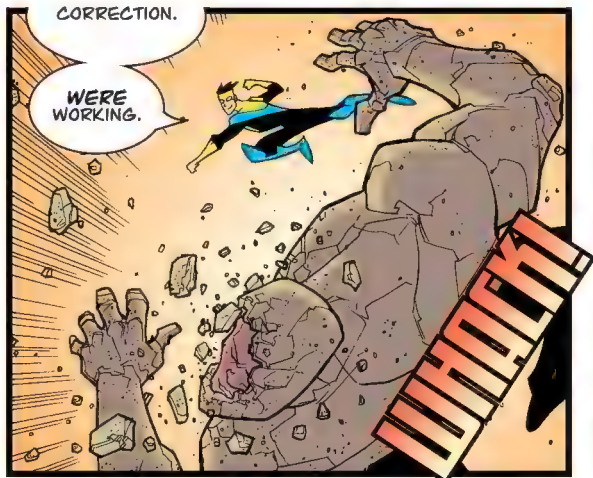
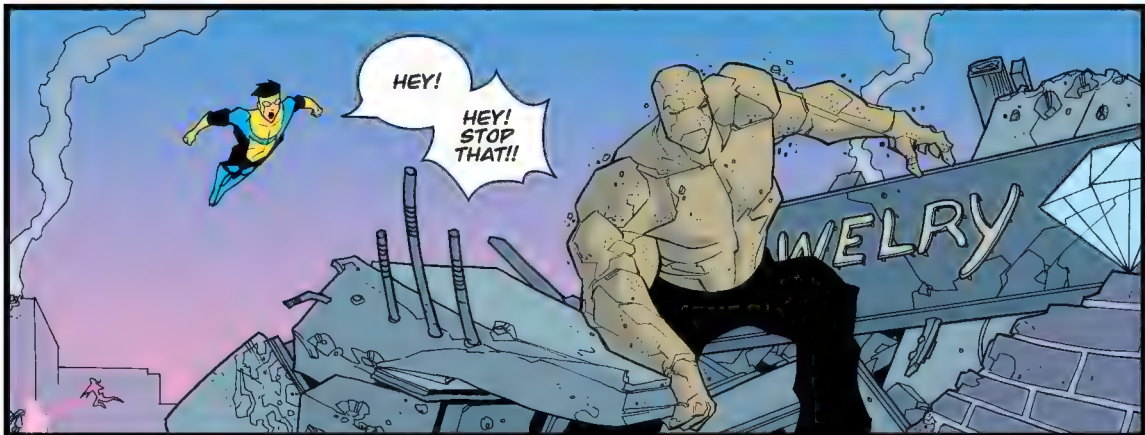


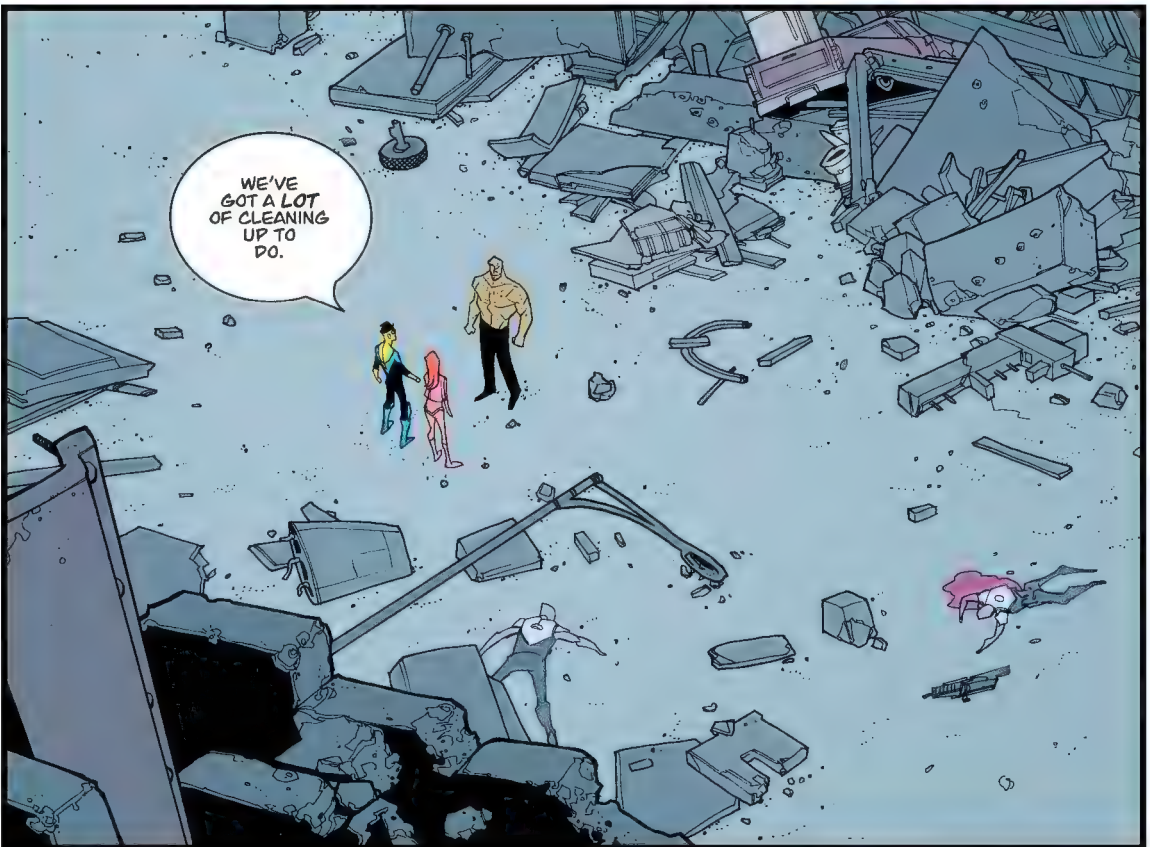
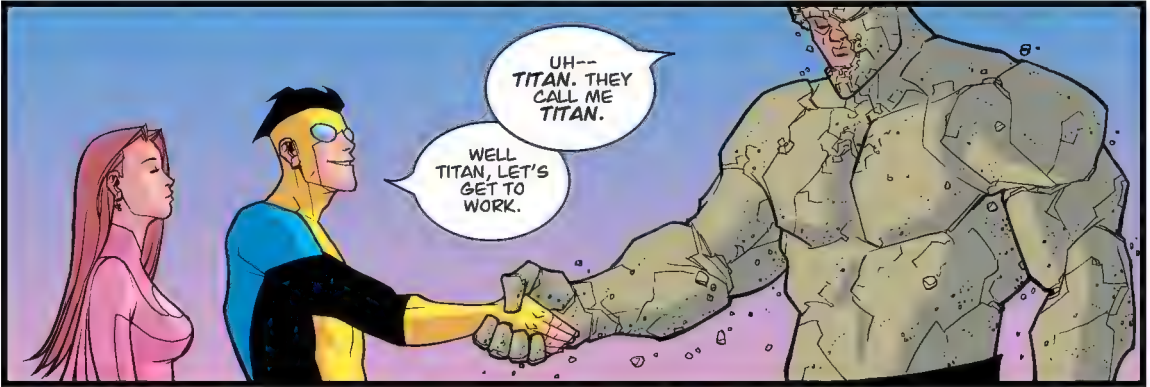
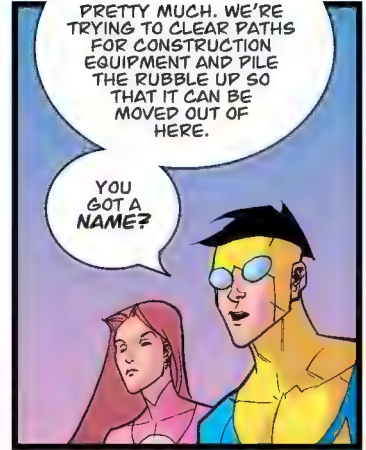
OH, AND DID YOU KNOW
HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS
ATOM EVE? HE FOUND OUT
I COULD FLY LAST WEEK--
WE HAVEN'T SPENT A
NIGHT ON THE GROUND
SINCE THEN!

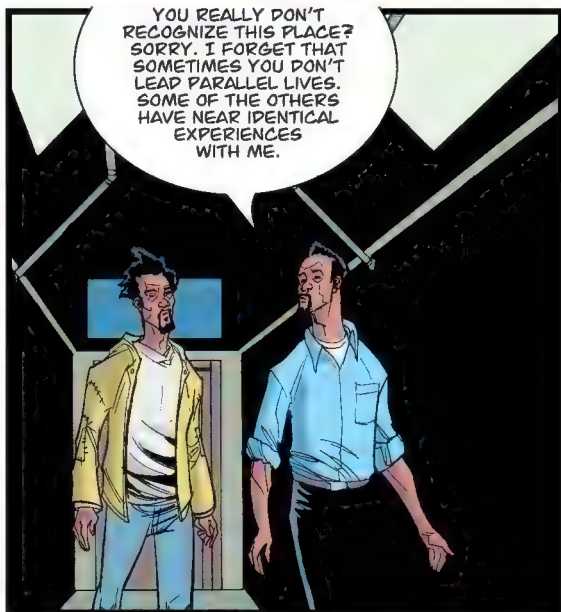


YEAH--I HAD A
WEEK LIKE THAT,
TOO. I FINALLY
JUST TOLD HIM
TO--

CRAP.
HOLD
ON.









EVERYONE,
SAY HELLO.

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PENVINCIPALS

Welcome to issue 16, the one we like to call "The Big One" we've been building up to this issue for quite a while and I hope you guys and gals like the results. If not, stick with us, because I swear--feeling a little bit of déjà vu?

Some of you may have noticed that ever letters column since issue 11 or so started with the above paragraph. At first I thought it would be funny to run it two months in a row, then I wanted to see how long it would take for SOMEONE, ANYONE to write in and see what the heck was going on. Well, it took until issue 14 came out, not that long really. Experiment over. Thanks for playing.

Speaking of experiments to see if any of you cats are actually reading this stuff, in issue 14 I dared you to write in an email to prove you read this letters column. I told you to put "banana split" in the title and I said I didn't think I'd get 10 or them. Well, I didn't get 10 of them... I got almost 30, on top of normal mail. So some of you are reading... yippee. I know it's more than 30 of you reading this, but I think it's funny that most of you are too lazy to write it. Suckers.

Now, let me take a minute to thank my pal, Mike Wieringo for providing this month's issue with a cover. You totally rock, Mike. Thanks bunches. Mike had a break in his schedule shortly before signing his exclusive contract with Marvel and since he liked the book he offered to do a cover. I love Mike's work and couldn't be happier with how this thing turned out. Mike is the coolest guy on the planet. Be sure to pick up the three or four issues of Fantastic Four he does each year for Mighty Marvel. We've got tons of extras for you this month so I'm going to have to cut this letters column short. Rest assured that I'll print the remainder of this month's mail next month, and that what's taking its place is well worth it. More on that in a bit.

Hey Robert,

How come Dupli-Kate never talks?

David Cutler

She talked in issue 6. Do you even READ these things? For the most part, Dupli-Kate lets her actions speak for her. We'll be seeing more of Kate and all of the supporting cast as the series progresses, so keep an eye out for that.

Hi,

Just wanted to let you know that some people still read the letter pages (or at least skim to just your responses...). I ordered some original Invincible art pages off of Ryan Ottley last week and he was kind enough to send me an early copy of issue #14 as a bonus (along with a keen Spider-Girl sketch!). Great stuff. I was especially impressed with how both of you handled the characters in the out-of-costume moments, writing and art-wise, in the new issue. Not that the action sequences at the beginning weren't as equally impressive. It's just nice to see a writer and an artist who can skillfully handle characters when they aren't wearing spandex.

I also just wanted to add that I would definitely order a hardcover like the one you mention in the letter pages.

Keep up the great work,
- Bill Nolan

The more I think about it, the more I really want to do that hardcover. I don't mean to excite you all, but I think that hardcover is going to be a reality next summer. Keep an eye out for it.

Dear PENvinciPALS,

Another month, another heap of comics, and another swell issue of Invincible on the racks. Speaking of racks, the Frank Cho cover looked amazing! Seeing the Flaxans back in action was cool, and Shrinking-Ray's new costume looked nice. The best part had to be Bulletproof joining the team. Man, can you just picture if Invincible became Bulletproof?

The new guardians seem to be coming along well. Robot's getting interesting. Jealousy much? And teleportation! Love it. Onto some questions...

- 1) I'm assuming we've not seen the last of the Flaxans correct?
- 2) How much money is Cecil going to spend using the teleporter?
- 3) Are Art and Debbie going to get a little something going?

- 4) Is robot finally going to snap and start 'wreaking havoc among the thousands'?
- 5) When the hell are Mark and Eve gonna start goin out?

Well that's about all for now, keep up the good job. And I can't forget Ryan and Bill! Great job on the art guys, looks terrific! See ya next month

Kirk-Manic/Invincible-O-Holic,
-Mike Stornio

- 1) You never know.
- 2) Do the math... it's going to be a LOT.
- 3) That would be telling.
- 4) That would be telling.
- 5) That would be telling.

That was easy. Thanks for the letter Mike.

Penvincipals,

I just danced around the living room, (and scared the hell outta the cat), because you printed my letter in Invincible #13! Thanks!

John Turner

P.S. Invincible is *fantabulous*!

Tell that cat to brace his/herself. You got another one in! Aren't I ridiculous?

Hey Robert,

People still do read letters columns. Thanks for keeping the tradition alive in your books.

Sincerely,
Augie De Bleeck Jr.

Heh, I've got nothing else better to do with these late nights. Besides, I enjoy keeping Image from having space to advertise in the back of my books!!

And with that I'm going to have to bring this sucker to a close, but there's more to this issue, yessiree bob!

Our pin-ups this month are by the TREMENDOUSLY talented Luna Brothers, who are currently slaving away on ULTRA, a new book shipping monthly from Image comics. I gotta say, I really dig both of these guy's work. I've only read the first issue of Ultra but I really liked it and I'm chomping at the bit to get the rest of the series (and hoping they make it an on-going). If you like Invincible, and if you're reading this I KNOW you do... you're probably dig ULTRA. Ask for it by name.

Along with the regular assortment on pin-ups and the Benito and Nate and 4 seats left back-ups we've got an added treat! INVINCIPALS!!

Young Nate Bellegarde spent the summer here in sunny Kentucky staying with Young Benito Cereno. So we all hung out and had way too much barbeque food at the local barbeque joint of choice, Famous Dave's. One day, recently, towards the end of Nate's stay he showed up with a sketchbook FILLED with the pencils for the goofy little Invincible drawings. He had drawn most every character in the book... for FUN. So I made him ink and color them all so that I could share them with you. I don't think that was fun at all. Nate slaved away on these things for almost a full three days... but here they are. ENJOY.

Don't feel sorry for Nate, though. He deserved it.

See you all next month!
-Robert Kirkman

This month's pin-ups by:

1. Jonathan Luna
2. Joshua Luna



YOU
WANNA RIDE
ME AGAIN?

THAT'S
FIVE TIMES
TONIGHT!



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