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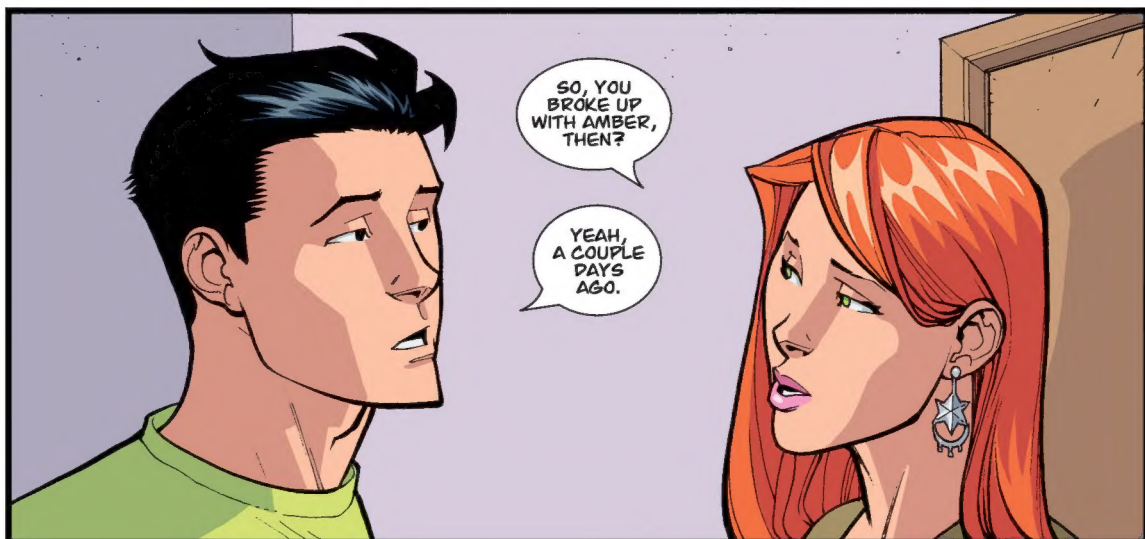
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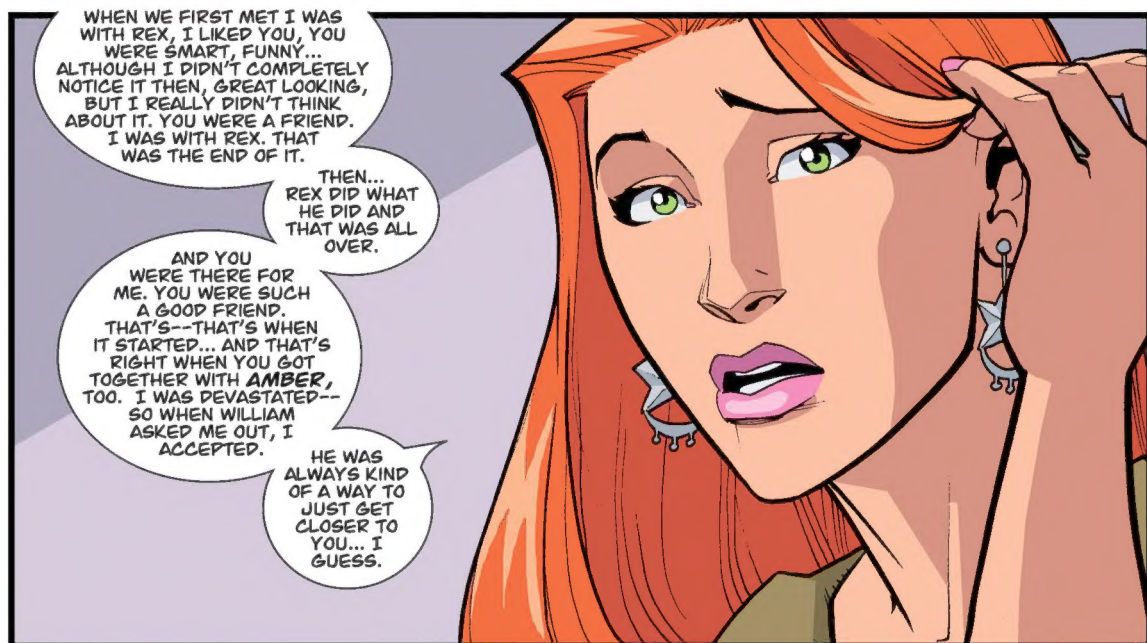
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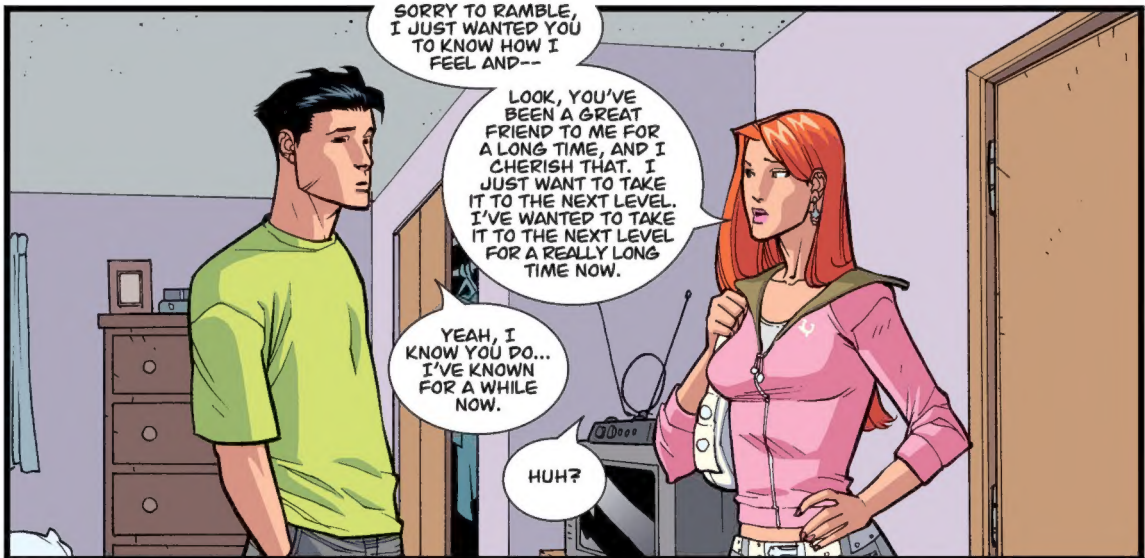
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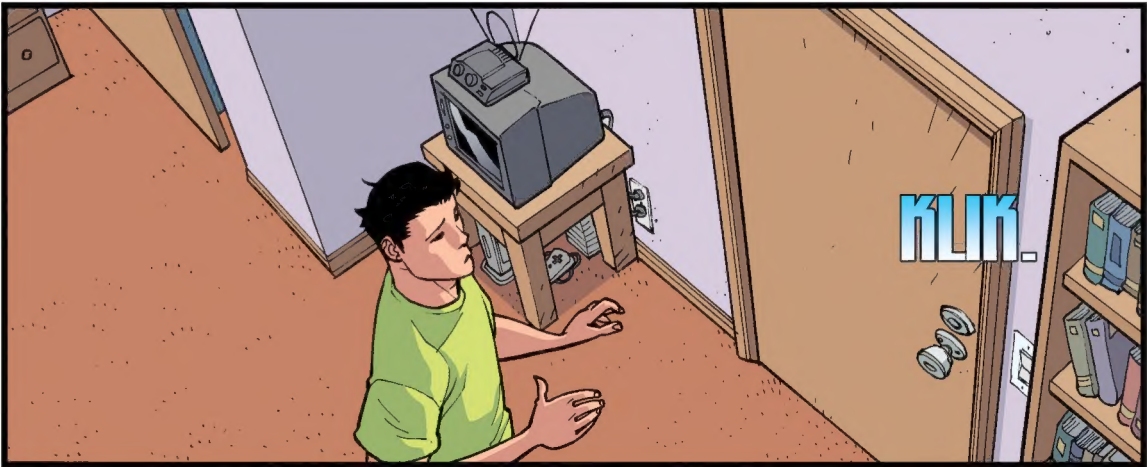
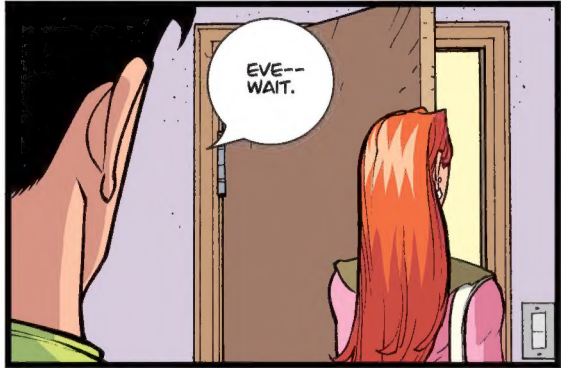
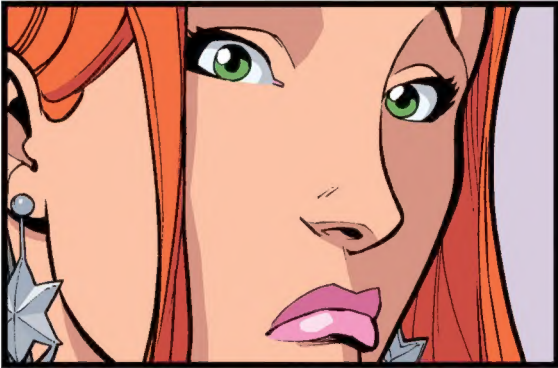
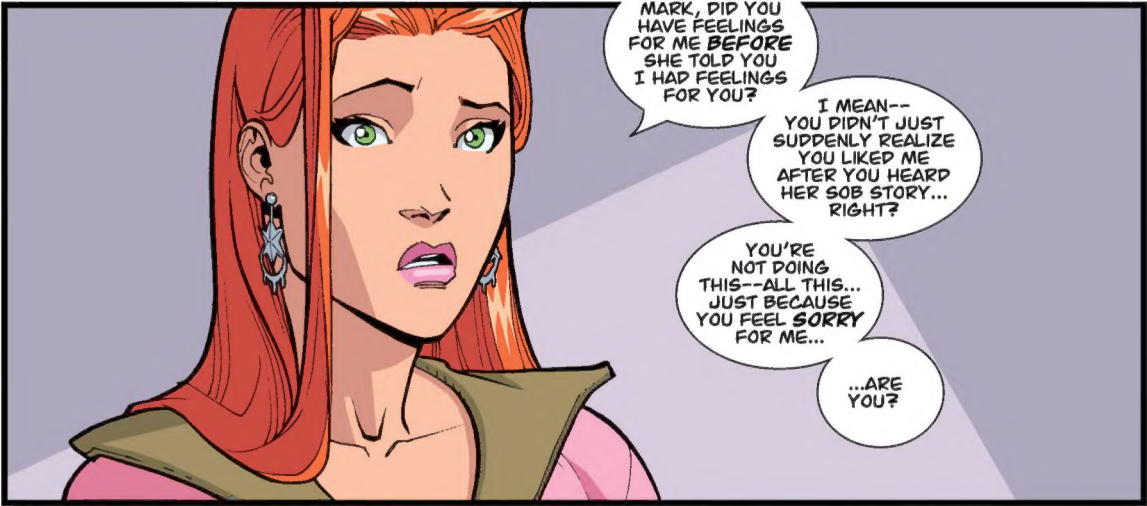


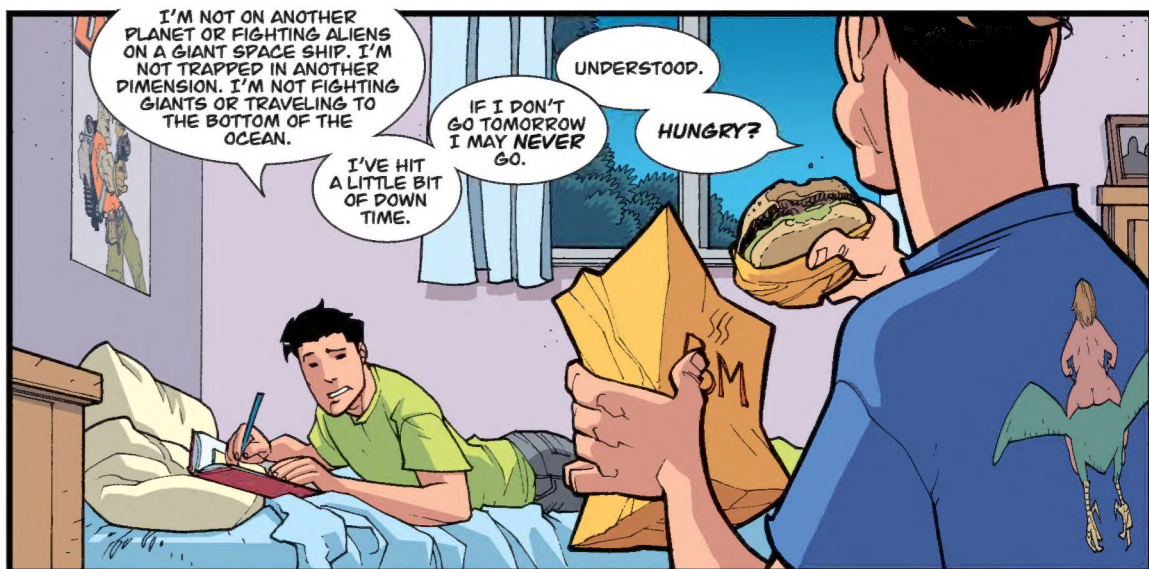
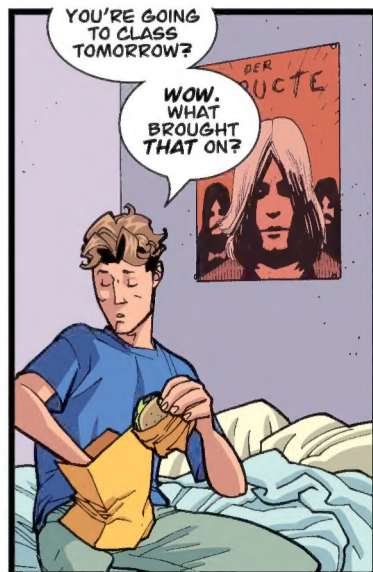
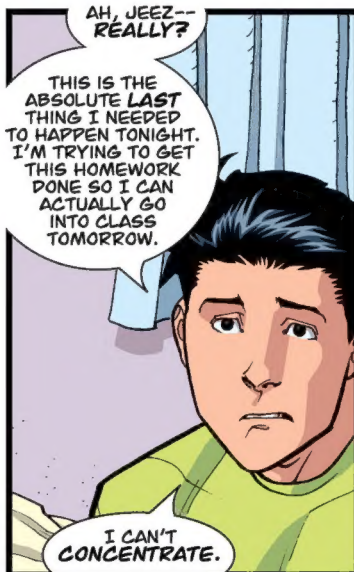
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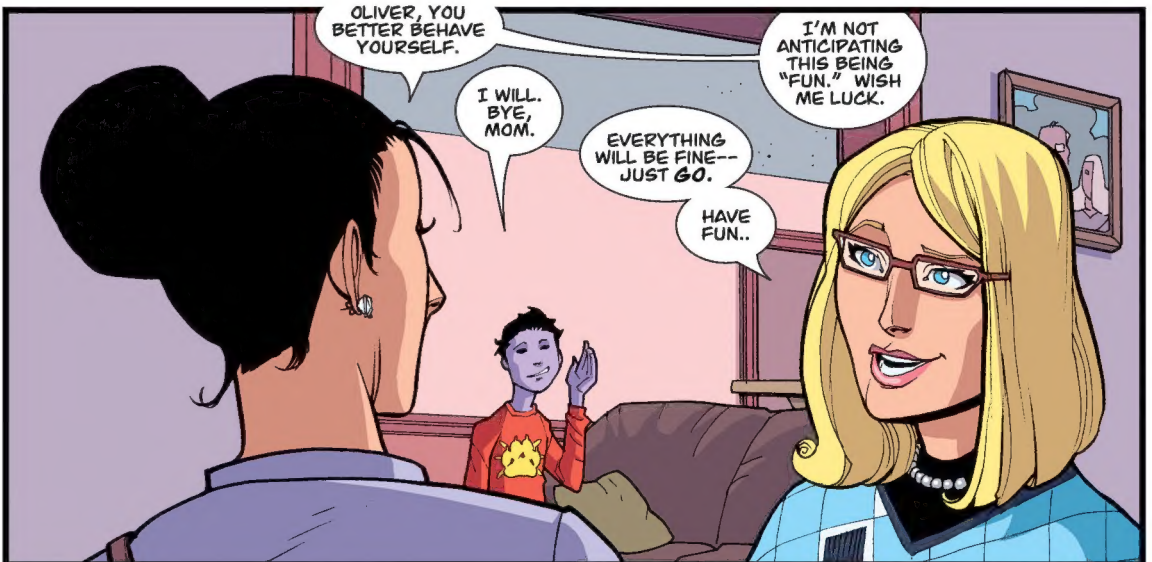
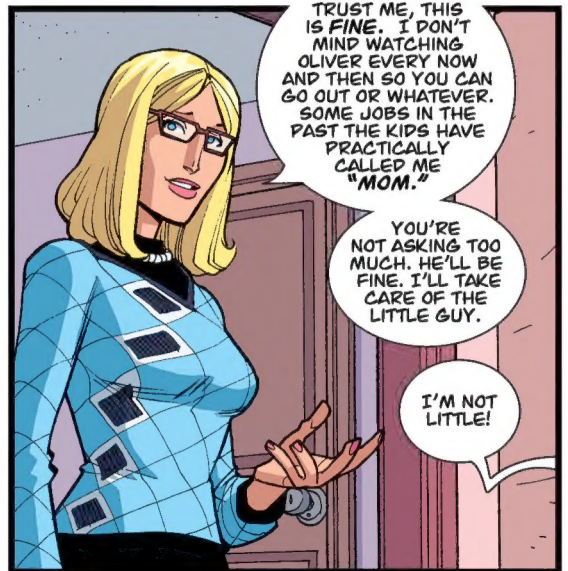
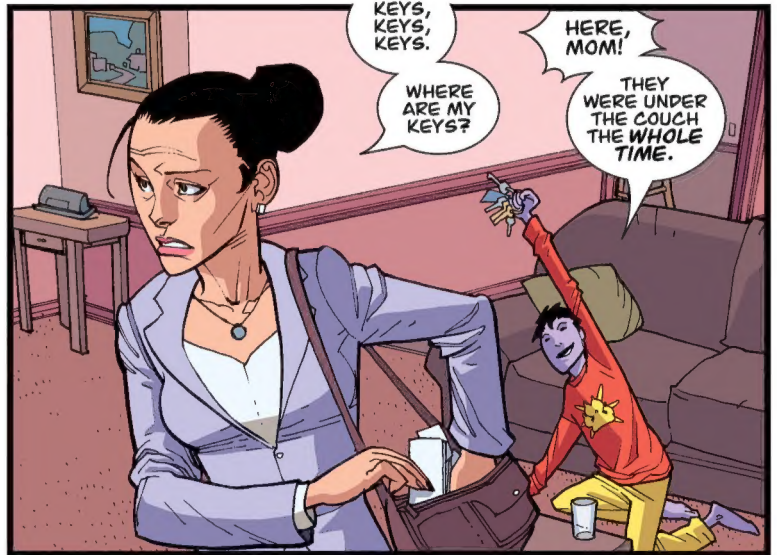


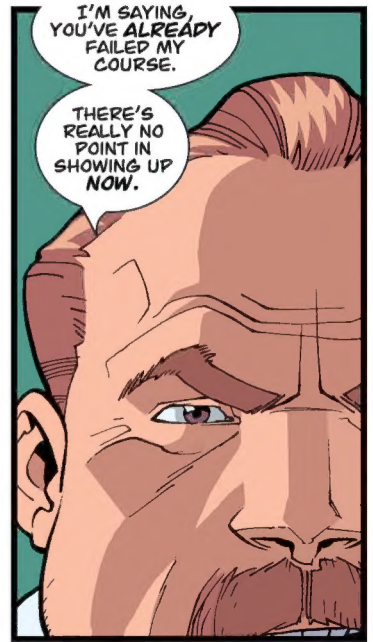
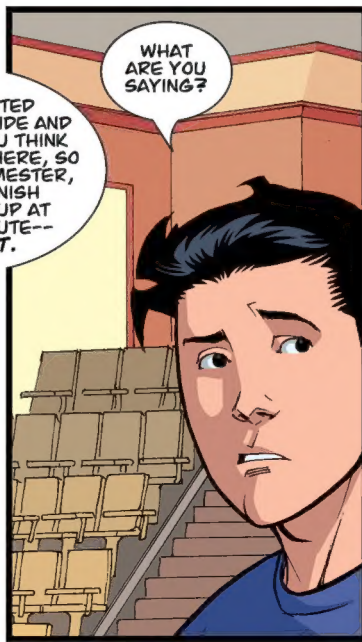
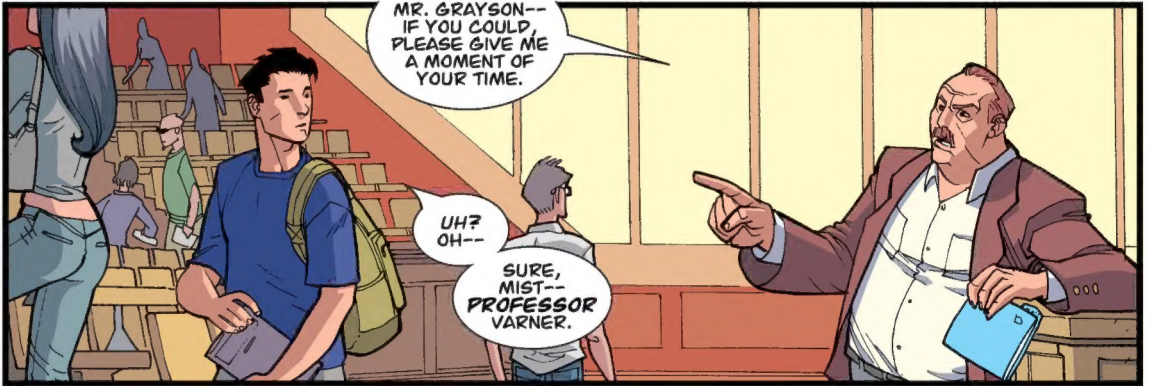


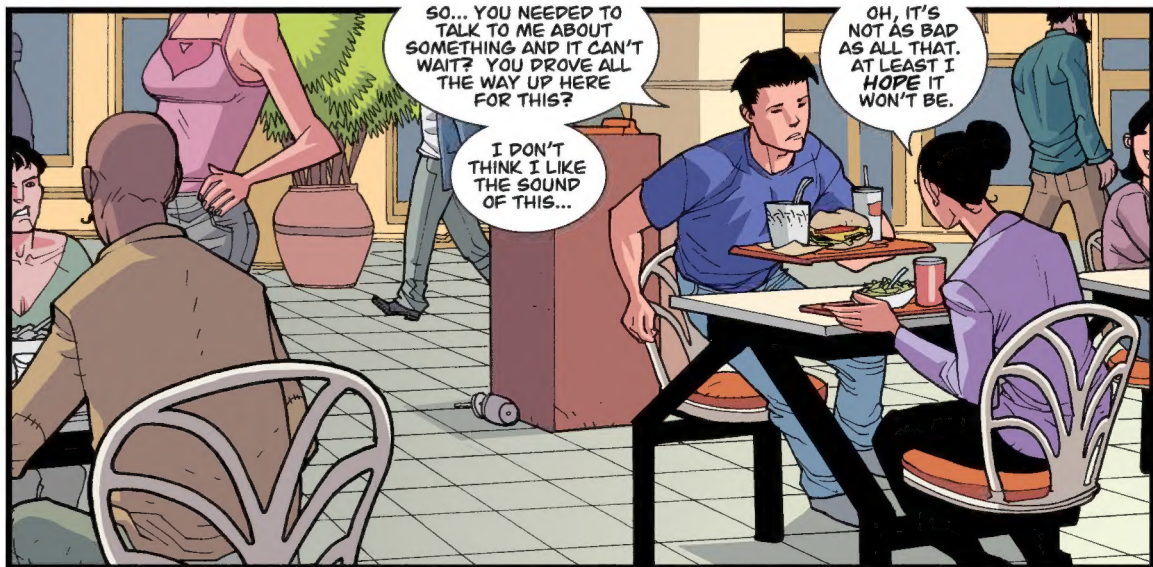


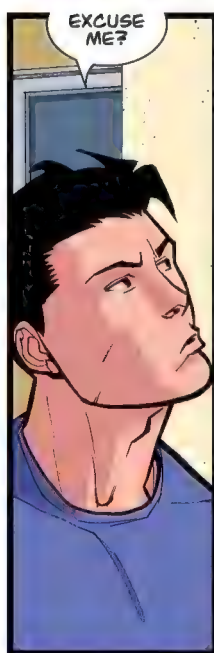
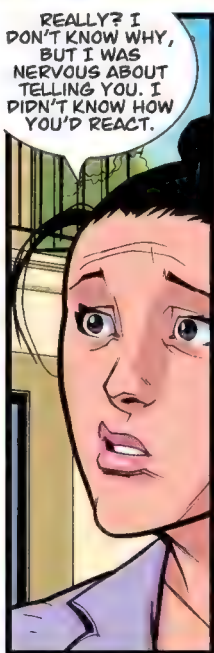
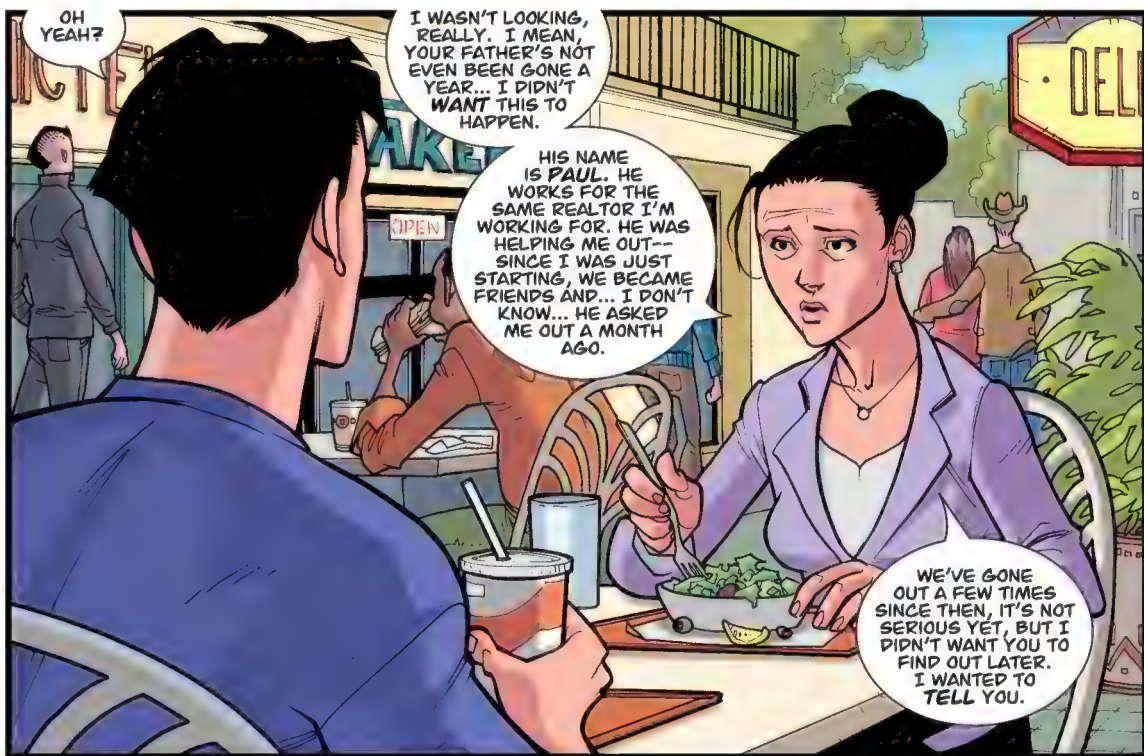


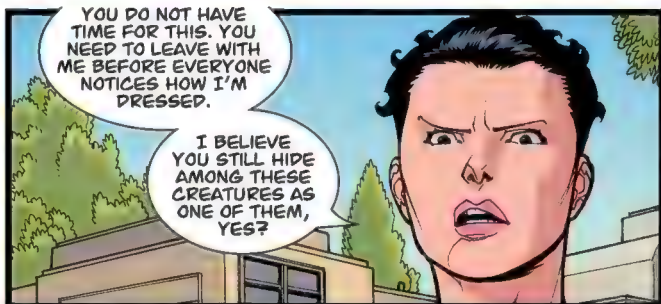
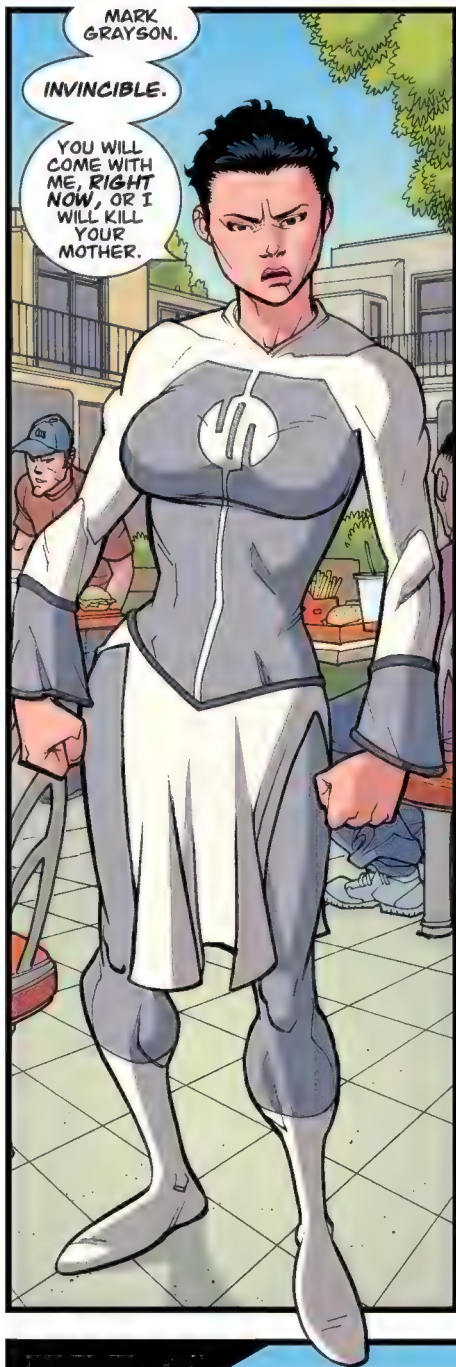


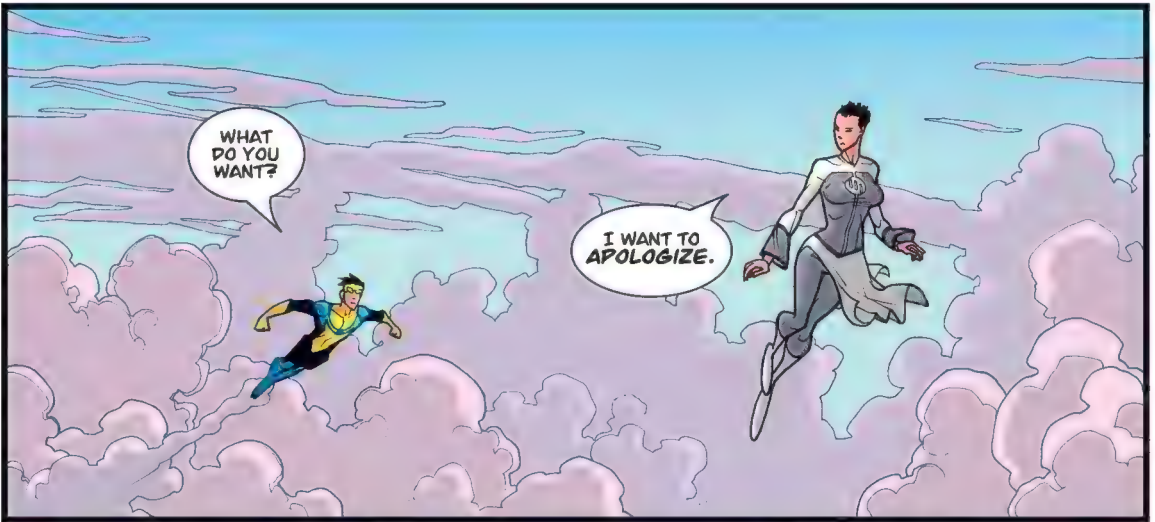






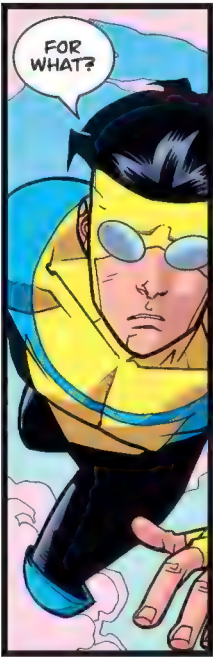






WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE.



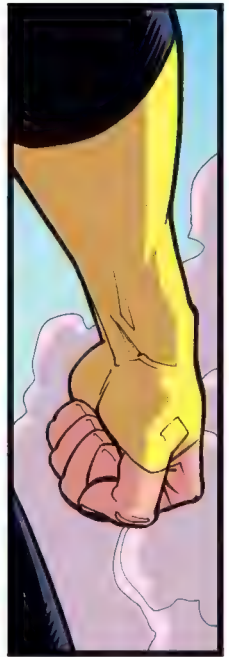
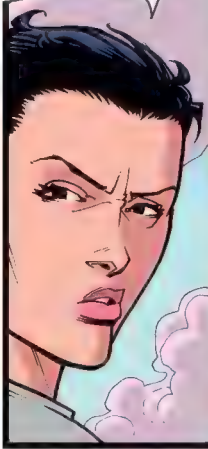
FOR WHAT?

FOR THREATENING YOUR MOTHER. THAT'S NOT HOW I WANTED THIS TO START. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I THOUGHT I COULD GET YOU ALONE QUICKLY.

FOR THAT, I APOLOGIZE.

YOU HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED THE VILTRUMITE AGENT OF THIS PLANET. WHAT STEPS HAVE YOU TAKEN TO PREPARE THIS PLANET FOR EVENTUAL TAKEOVER?

NONE.



I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU, MARK.

TRUST ME. IF I WERE HERE TO HURT YOU--YOU'D ALREADY BE DEAD.

THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?

TO CLARIFY THINGS. I BELIEVE YOU ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT VILTRUMITES ARE WARMONGERS, A RACE TO BE FEARED, OPPOSED, EVEN DESTROYED.

I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE MISTAKEN.

AND YOU STARTED BY THREATENING TO KILL MY MOTHER?

I WON'T DENY THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL CULTURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VILTRUMITES AND THE PEOPLE YOU WERE RAISED AMONGST.

"FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES?"

YOU THINK?!

OUR PEOPLE ARE QUICK TO TURN VIOLENT. IT IS SOMETHING WE ALL STRUGGLE WITH. HAVE YOU NOT EXPERIENCED THIS YOURSELF?

DESPITE WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT US AND OUR NATURE. YOU ARE MISUNDERSTANDING THE INTENT OF OUR DRIVE TO CONQUER OTHER WORLDS.

WE TAKE OVER, YES, AND WE DO TAKE OUR SHARE OF A PLANET'S NATURAL RESOURCES BUT WE BRING SO MUCH TO THE PLANET IN RETURN.

WE REALLY HAVE A LOT TO OFFER.

LIKE WHAT?!



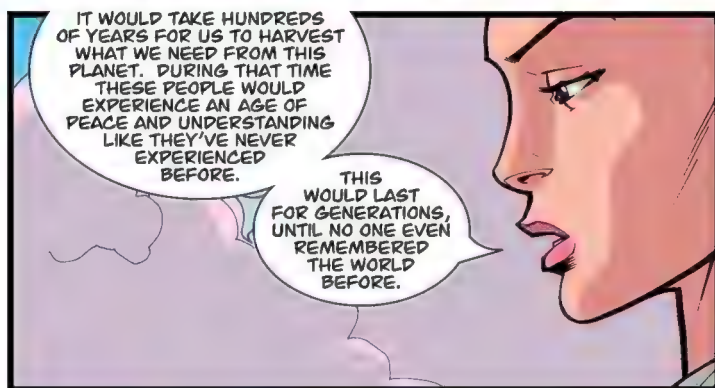
IS THIS PLANET NOT
RIPPLED WITH DEATH
AND DISEASE? ARE
THESE PEOPLE NOT
PLAGUED BY VIOLENCE
AND WAR?

A VILTRUMITE
OCCUPATION WOULD
RID THEM OF ALL THAT.
WE WOULD SHARE OUR
TECHNOLOGY, CURE
THEIR DISEASES. NO
UNSANCTIONED
VIOLENCE WOULD
OCCUR UNDER
OUR RULE.

WE
COULD
TRANSFORM
THIS WORLD
INTO A
UTOPIA.

YOU
MEAN THE
SLAVES
WOULD BE
COMPLACENT?

THEY'D
BE FED AND
HAPPY WHILE YOU
SUCKED THIS
PLANET DRY--
RUINING IT.



IT WOULD TAKE HUNDREDS
OF YEARS FOR US TO HARVEST
WHAT WE NEED FROM THIS
PLANET. DURING THAT TIME
THESE PEOPLE WOULD
EXPERIENCE AN AGE OF
PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING
LIKE THEY'VE NEVER
EXPERIENCED
BEFORE.

THIS
WOULD LAST
FOR GENERATIONS,
UNTIL NO ONE EVEN
REMEMBERED
THE WORLD
BEFORE.

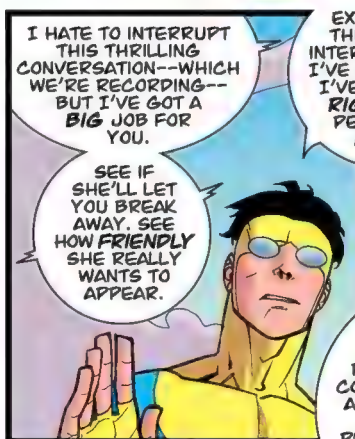


...AND
WHEN
YOU'RE
DONE?



WHEN WE'RE DONE
WE WILL HAVE
DESTROYED THIS
PLANET--THE SAME AS
THESE BEINGS YOU
WISH TO PROTECT
ARE ALREADY
DOING.

NOTHING
WOULD BE
LOST.



I HATE TO INTERRUPT
THIS THRILLING
CONVERSATION--WHICH
WE'RE RECORDING--
BUT I'VE GOT A
BIG JOB FOR
YOU.

SEE IF
SHE'LL LET
YOU BREAK
AWAY. SEE
HOW **FRIENDLY**
SHE REALLY
WANTS TO
APPEAR.

EXCUSE ME,
THIS IS VERY
INTERESTING BUT
I'VE GOT A THING
I'VE GOT TO DO
RIGHT NOW.
PEOPLE ARE
DYING.

I AM AWARE
THAT YOU
PROTECT THESE
PEOPLE. IF IT WILL
CONVINCE YOU THAT I
AM COMPASSIONATE
TOWARD THESE
PEOPLE I WILL HELP.



FINE.

WHATEVER.

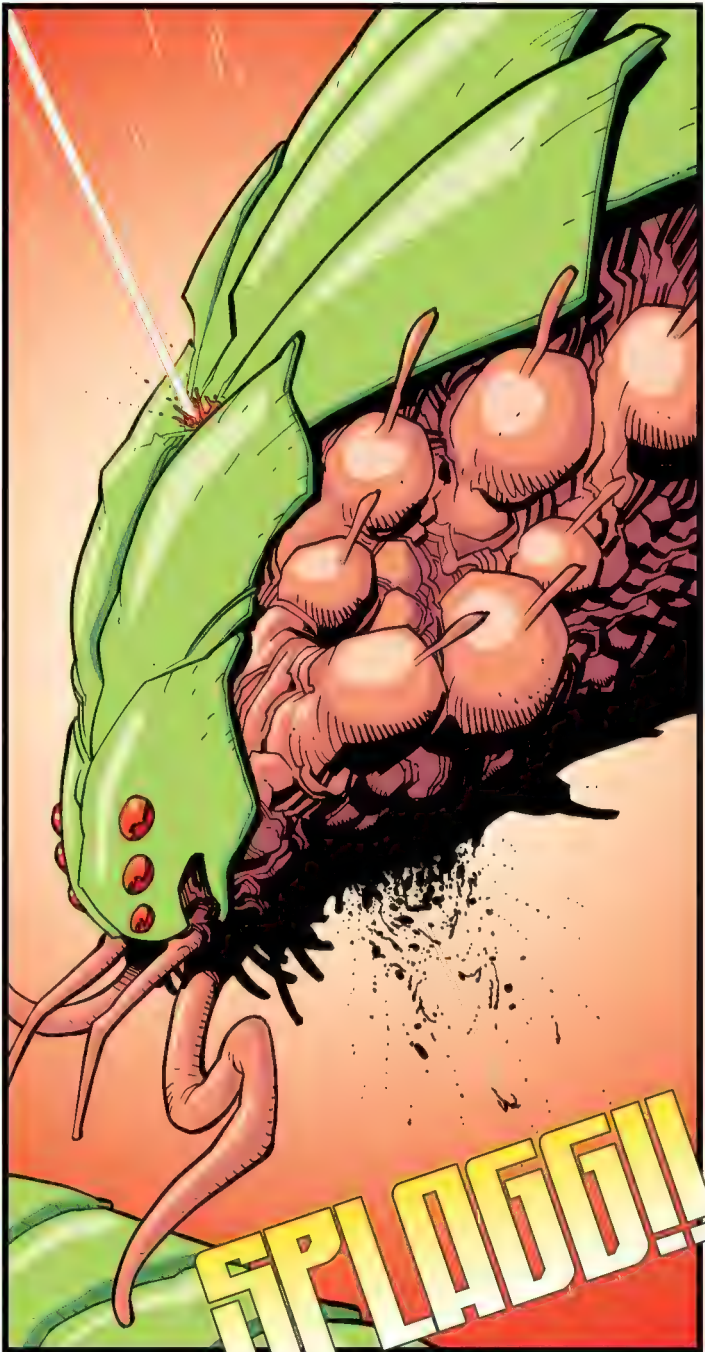
JUST
REMEMBER--
WE'RE SAVING
PEOPLE--NOT
HURTING
THEM.

I'LL TRY
MY BEST TO
REMEMBER.



HOLY
CRAP.

THE
MONSTER--I
CAN HURT
THE MONSTER,
RIGHT?





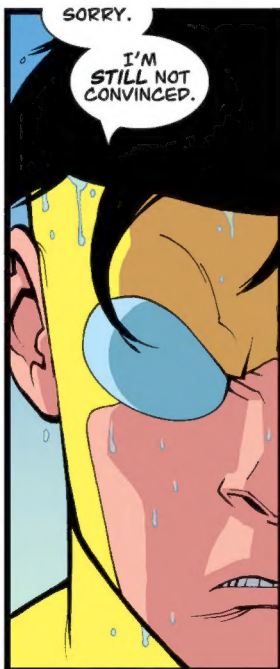
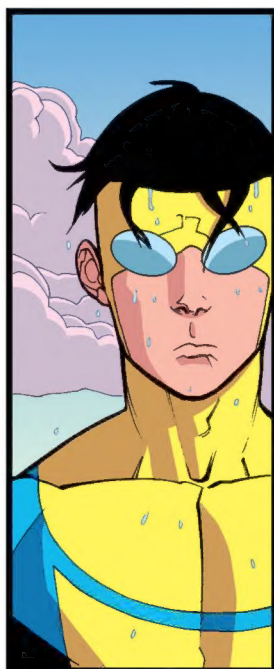
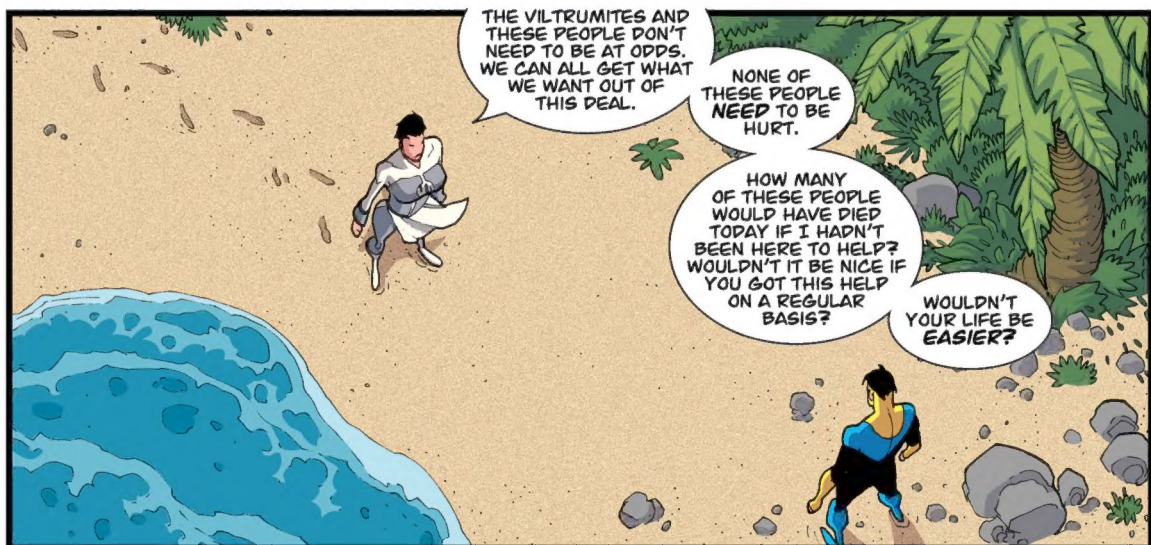


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YOU DID
SOME VERY
IMPRESSIVE
WORK
TODAY.



WHO-KOOM!!!

THIS
WASN'T A
NEGOTIATION.

