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INVINCIBLE! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

MARK, COME IN--

--MARK?!

DAMN!



YOUR GUYS BETTER BE FIELD READY-- BECAUSE I'M SENDING THEM IN!

NOW!

I CAN HAVE THEM READY IN--





UNGH...



HUNGH? WHA--?

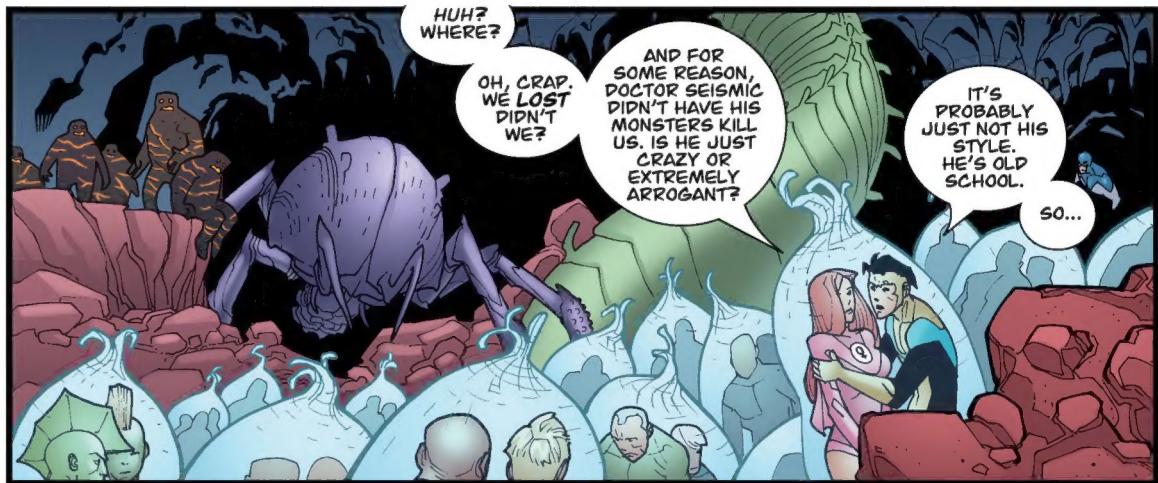
HUH? WHERE?

OH, CRAP.
WE LOST.
DIDN'T WE?

AND FOR
SOME REASON,
DOCTOR SEISMIC
DIDN'T HAVE HIS
MONSTERS KILL
US. IS HE JUST
CRAZY OR
EXTREMELY
ARROGANT?

IT'S
PROBABLY
JUST NOT HIS
STYLE.
HE'S OLD
SCHOOL.

SO...



JUST GIVE ME
A MINUTE AND
I'LL HAVE
US OUT OF
HERE.

NO.
WAIT.

WE GET
OUT OF HERE--
THEN WHAT? IT'LL
BE JUST LIKE
BEFORE--WE'LL BE
OVERPOWERED LIKE
BEFORE AND THEN
HE MIGHT PUT US
IN SOMETHING
STRONGER.

WE'VE
GOT TO
THINK
ABOUT
THIS.

WE'RE
SURROUNDED
BY THE MOST
POWERFUL
SUPERHEROES ON
THE PLANET--I MEAN,
THIS ISN'T EVERYONE
BUT IT'S CLOSE--I
THINK I'VE GOT
AN IDEA.

WE NEED
TO FOCUS
ON FREEING
EVERYONE--IGNORE
THE MONSTERS,
DON'T TRY TO
DEFEAT THEM
OURSELVES.

WE GET
EVERYONE
OUT--AND
THEN FIGHT
AS A GROUP,
WE'LL--













THERE'S STILL SOME FIGHT LEFT IN THIS OLD DOG! BUT I'M NO FOOL--I CAN SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

MAYBE THIS IS IT--MAYBE IT'S ALL BUT OVER. BY WORKING TOGETHER, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEAT MY LEGIONS OF UNDER-EARTH!

BUT IF THIS IS IT, IF I'M GOING DOWN--I'M TAKING EVERY ONE OF YOU WITH ME!

I DON'T THINK SO.

YOU!
YOU THINK YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO STOP ME BEFORE I BRING THIS CAVE DOWN ON EVERYONE?

I AM--AND YOU KNOW I AM.

YOU, THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU. I WIDENED MY FOCUS TOO MUCH THIS TIME. YOU WERE THE ONE I WANTED--THE ONE WHO NEEDED TO PAY.

NEXT TIME, AND THERE WILL BE A NEXT TIME--I'LL JUST COME AFTER YOU. WE'LL SEE HOW WELL YOU FARE AGAINST ME THEN.

OLD MAN, ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ME PUNCH YOU?

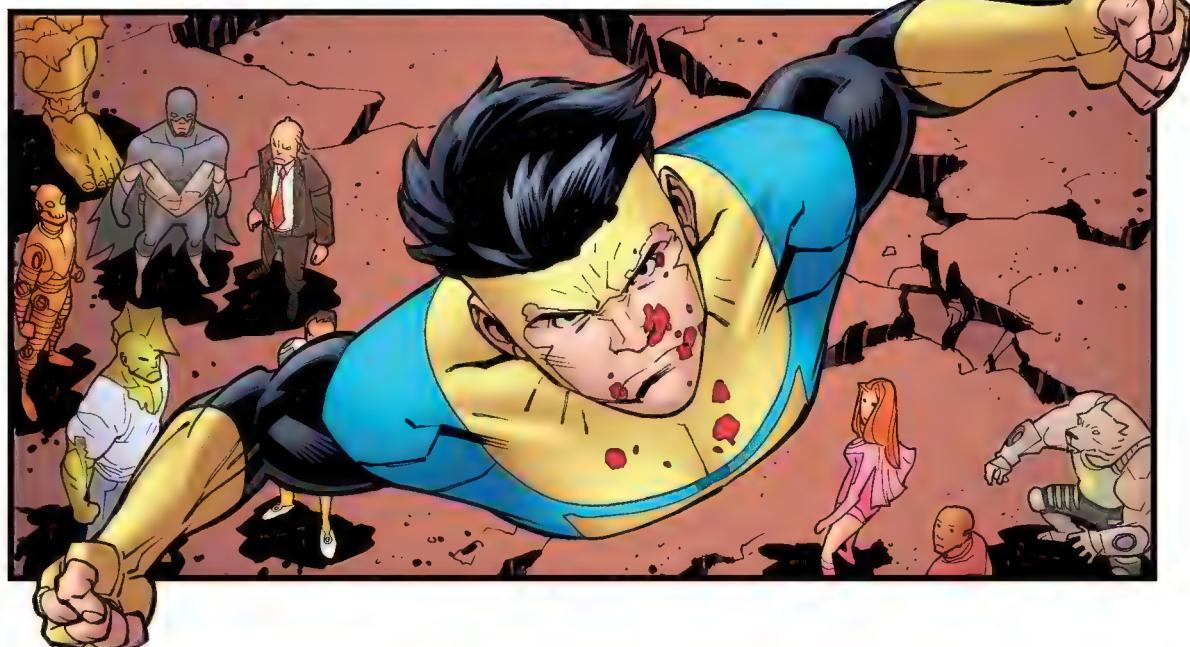
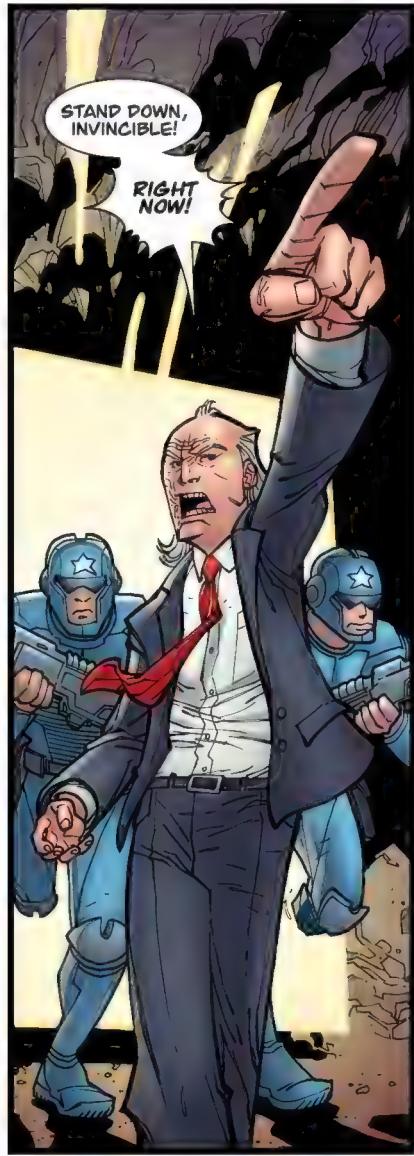
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU TRY.

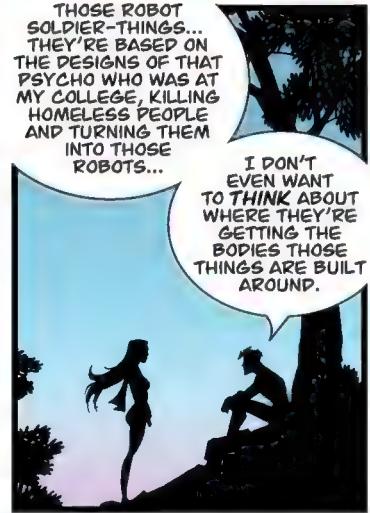












IF THE NEWS HAD BROADCAST ANYTHING ABOUT DARKWING, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE ONLY ONE TO ATTACK ONCE THOSE MONSTERS WERE DEFEATED.

THERE WAS A COVER UP--THE NEWS NEVER WENT PUBLIC.

CECIL STEPMAN HEADS UP THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY-- THEY CAN DO ANYTHING IN THE NAME OF "GLOBAL DEFENSE."



YOU REALLY THINK THAT HE'D--



I DON'T KNOW... AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

I'VE BEEN TOO TRUSTING, TOO NAIVE. I'VE TAKEN EVERYTHING CECIL HAS EVER TOLD ME AT FACE VALUE. I HAVEN'T FOLLOWED ALL HIS ORDERS... BUT I'VE NEVER DOUBTED HIM--NEVER ASKED QUESTIONS.

CAN YOU GET YOURSELF BACK HOME?

AND LATER-- AFTER I'M DONE, I WANT TO COME VISIT-- CLEAR THINGS UP BETWEEN US. I DON'T LIKE THIS... TENSION.

I'D UH, I'D LIKE THAT, MARK. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?



ASK SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS...

...WHETHER I WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWERS OR NOT.



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YOU NEVER WENT PUBLIC WITH WHAT DARKWING WAS. YOU SUPPRESSED THE TRUTH SO THAT HE COULD WORK FOR YOU! I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE--I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHY.

YOU KNOW WHY--FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND.

DARKWING IS A MURDERER--A PSYCHOPATH. YOU REALLY THINK IT'S SAFE TO HAVE HIM RUNNING FREE?!

MARK, YOU TRY LIVING IN MIDNIGHT CITY FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS. ANYONE WHO COMMITTED A CRIME IN THAT HELL-HOLE IS INNOCENT BY REASON OF TEMPORARY INSANITY.

I WASN'T ABOUT TO DESTROY THAT BOY'S LIFE BECAUSE HE CRACKED UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE.

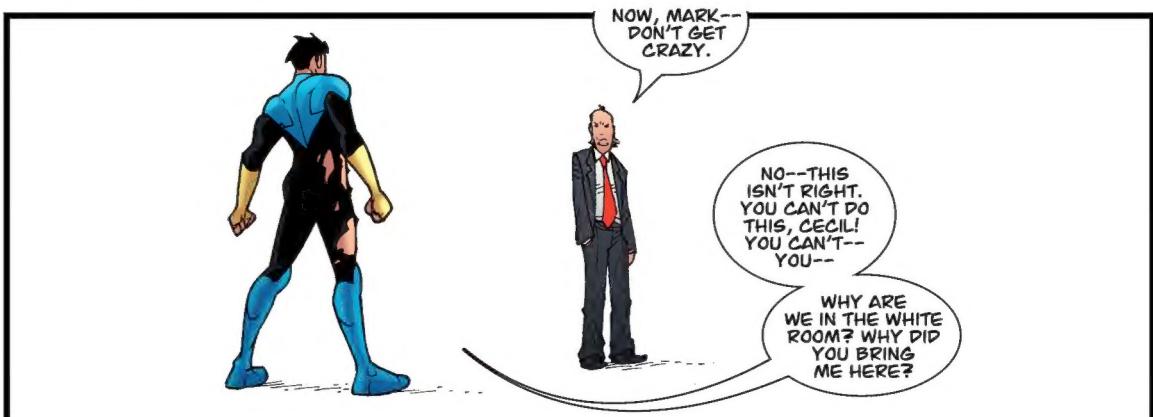
I SEEM TO RECALL YOU NOT BEING SO INNOCENT OF A MURDER CHARGE MYSELF... OR DOES ANGSTROM LEVY NOT COUNT?

DO YOU EVEN REALIZE THE DOUBLE STANDARD YOU'RE PLACING ON DARKWING?

YOU KNOW THAT IS SO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

ANGSTROM LEVY THREATENED TO KILL MY MOTHER! DARKWING WAS--





FOR THE
ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE.

