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TALESRIA, THE CAPITAL OF THE COALITION OF PLANETS, THE MEDICAL CENTER.



HERE LIES ALLEN THE ALIEN. HE HAS BEEN FROZEN, UNABLE TO MOVE, HEALING FROM THE SEVERE WOUNDS HE SUSTAINED AT THE HANDS OF A VILTRUMITE SCOUTING PARTY SENT TO FIND NOLAN GRAYSON, KNOWN ON EARTH AS OMNI-MAN (THE FATHER OF INVINCIBLE).

HE HAS BEEN LYING HERE FOR MONTHS, HEALING, REBUILDING HIMSELF. BUT NOW THAT HEALING IS DONE.

HELLO?  
IS ANYONE  
THERE? I  
THINK I  
CAN MOVE  
NOW.

CAN  
SOMEONE  
GET ME  
OUT OF  
HERE?

SKRA-KOOOM!



SOMETIME LATER. THE LEADER OF THE COALITION OF PLANETS, THE GREAT THAEPUS HAS ARRIVED TO CHECK IN ON THE NEWLY HEALED ALLEN THE ALIEN.

RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR. HE'S JUST THROUGH THESE DOORS AHEAD.

ALLEN, IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU IN ONE PIECE, MY FRIEND.

IT IS GOOD TO BE IN ONE PIECE, SIR.

YOU ARE FAR MORE THAN JUST IN ONE PIECE, ALLEN OF UNOPA. I HAVE BEEN MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS AS YOU HEALED. AS YOU'VE NO DOUBT NOTICED, YOU ARE STRONGER, BUT I DO NOT THINK YOU QUITE REALIZE HOW MUCH STRONGER YOU ARE.

OUR READINGS ARE PRELIMINARY AND IT WILL TAKE FURTHER TESTING TO CONFIRM THEM--BUT YOU ARE NEAR IF NOT AT VILTRUMITE LEVELS OF STRENGTH AND INVULNERABILITY.

IT IS POSSIBLE-- THAT WITH FURTHER TRAINING YOU COULD EVEN EXCEED THEM.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE SUCH A COMPARISON? THE COALITION HAS NO DEFINITIVE RECORDS ON THE STRENGTH OF A VILTRUMITE.

WHERE ARE YOU GETTING YOUR INFORMATION?

PLEASE GIVE US A MOMENT, NURSE. I NEED TO SPEAK IN PRIVATE WITH ALLEN.

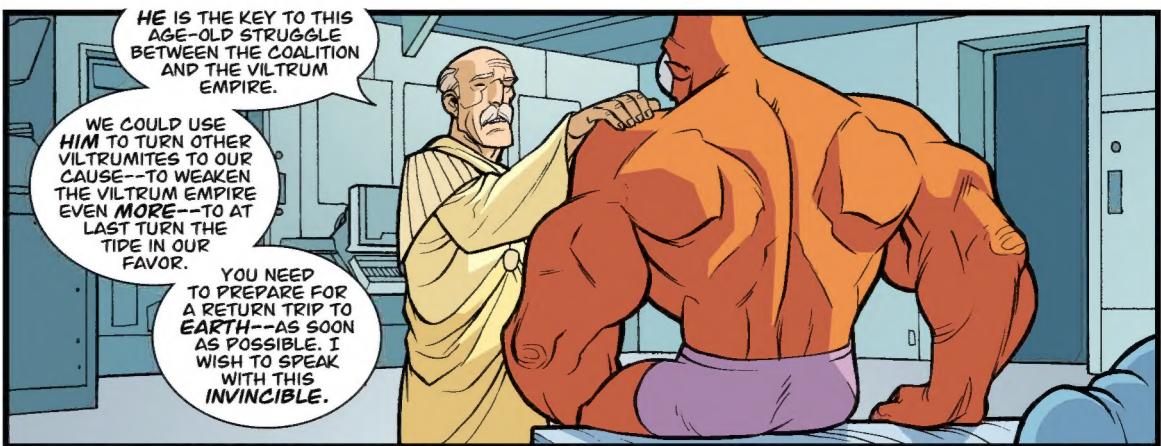
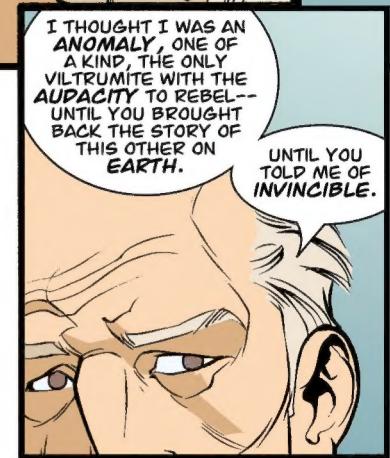
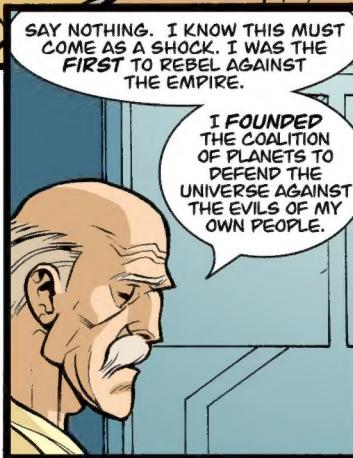
YES, GREAT THAEPUS. AS YOU WISH.

I KNOW THE SPECIFIC STRENGTH LEVELS OF A VILTRUMITE, ALLEN...





BECAUSE  
I AM A  
VILTRUMITE!



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WHERE CECIL STEDMAN RUNS THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY WHICH IS CURRENTLY OVERSEEING THE RECOVERY OF RICK SHERIDAN--FORMALLY A CYBERNETIC REANIMAN.

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RICK SHERIDAN?

YEAH, I--  
WHO ARE YOU  
AND WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?

I'M DONALD FERGUSON. I'VE COME HERE TO TELL YOU THAT WE'RE DONE WITH YOUR REPAIRS AND YOU'RE FREE TO GO. WE'LL HAVE A TRANSPORT READY TO TAKE YOU BACK TO UPSTATE UNIVERSITY SOON.

OR WE COULD TAKE YOU TO YOUR PARENTS' HOME, IF YOU'D PREFER.

DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT? WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH-- IT'S NOT EASY.

I'D PREFER TO BE DE--  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D PREFER.

IT WILL HELP IF YOU TALK ABOUT IT.

RIGHT, DUDE--  
LIKE YOU'VE GOT ALL THE ANSWERS.  
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW?!

I KNOW.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH IT, TOO.

YOU HAVE?!  
REALLY?!

YOU WERE ABDUCTED BY SOME CRAZY COLLEGE STUDENT?! YOU HAD YOUR WHOLE BODY CUT UP AND REPLACED WITH-- WITH-- MACHINE PARTS!?

THEN WHEN YOU FINALLY DID REALIZE WHAT HAD HAPPENED--YOU LEARN THAT YOU'RE BARELY EVEN HUMAN-- AND SOME GOVERNMENT SPOOKS PUT YOU BACK TOGETHER--MADE YOU LOOK HUMAN--BUT YOU FEEL DIFFERENT-- YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT--

YOU GOT TURNED INTO A ROBOT KILLING MACHINE?! YOU WERE CONTROLLED FOR MONTHS--SENDED OUT TO--TO--ABDUCE HOMELESS PEOPLE--NOT EVEN ABLE TO THINK STRAIGHT-- OR REALIZE WHAT YOU WERE DOING!?

AND YOU JUST CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT--IT-- IT EATS YOU UP INSIDE?!

MY STORY IS JUST A TINY BIT DIFFERENT, BUT YEAH--I'VE BEEN THROUGH ALL OF THAT.

I USED TO BE A FIELD AGENT. WHILE ON A MISSION--I DIED. MY BODY WAS RECOVERED. PARTS OF MY BRAIN WERE PRESERVED--USED TO POWER THIS BODY, WHICH IS NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT MACHINE.

I DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO MY EMOTIONS FOR SOME TIME--AND MY MEMORIES WERE DOCTORED SO I DIDN'T REMEMBER MY DEATH--I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I WAS AN ANDROID FOR YEARS.

I LOST MY WIFE OVER IT.

OH, MAN--I'M SORRY.

WE'VE RECONCILED SINCE THE SPLIT--BUT YEAH, I'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME ROUGH TIMES.

AND I HAD TO DO IT ALONE.

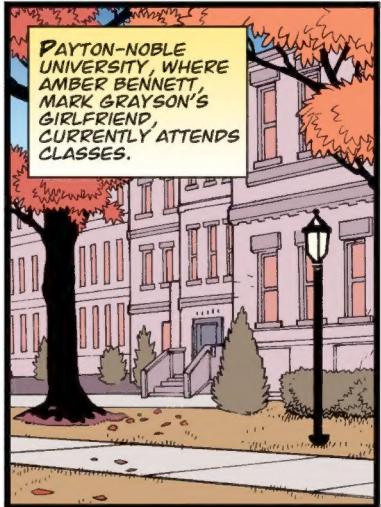
IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD. THE THINGS WE'VE DONE TO YOU--THE REPAIRS--NOBODY WILL EVEN KNOW YOU'RE NOT NORMAL UNLESS YOU TELL THEM.

THANK YOU-- YOU--WHAT YOU'RE SAYING--YOU'VE HELPED ME.

YOUR GIRLFRIEND--WIFE, YOUR FAMILY--NOBODY.

YOU CAN STILL LIVE A NORMAL LIFE IF YOU WANT TO.

MAYBE I WOULD LIKE TO TALK...









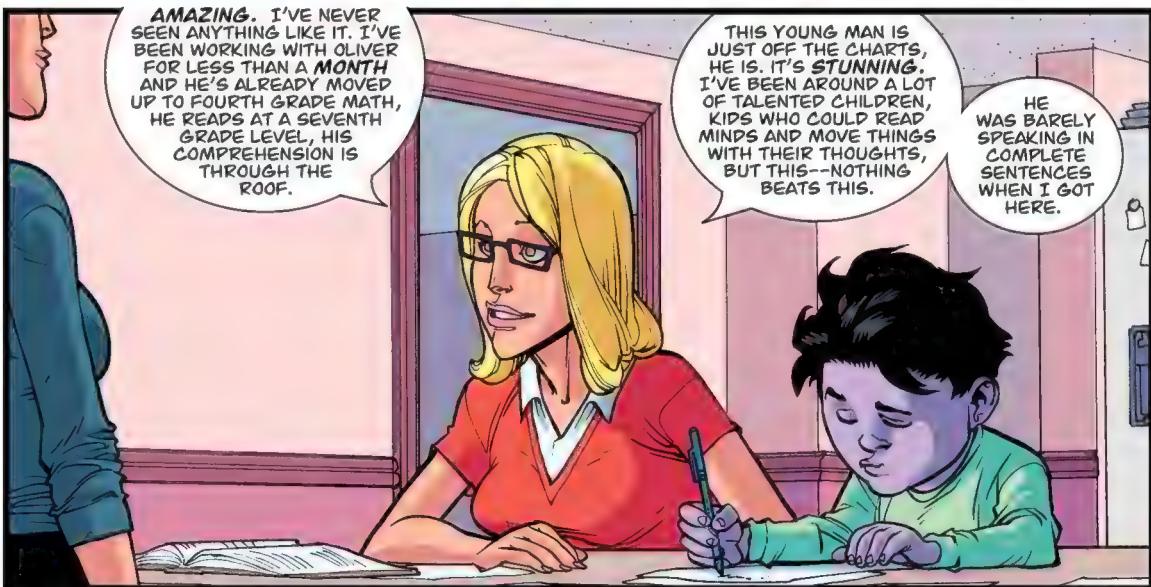
THE SECRET, HIDDEN BASE  
OF THE LIZARD LEAGUE!  
LOCATED DEEP WITHIN THE  
FLORIDA EVERGLADES.

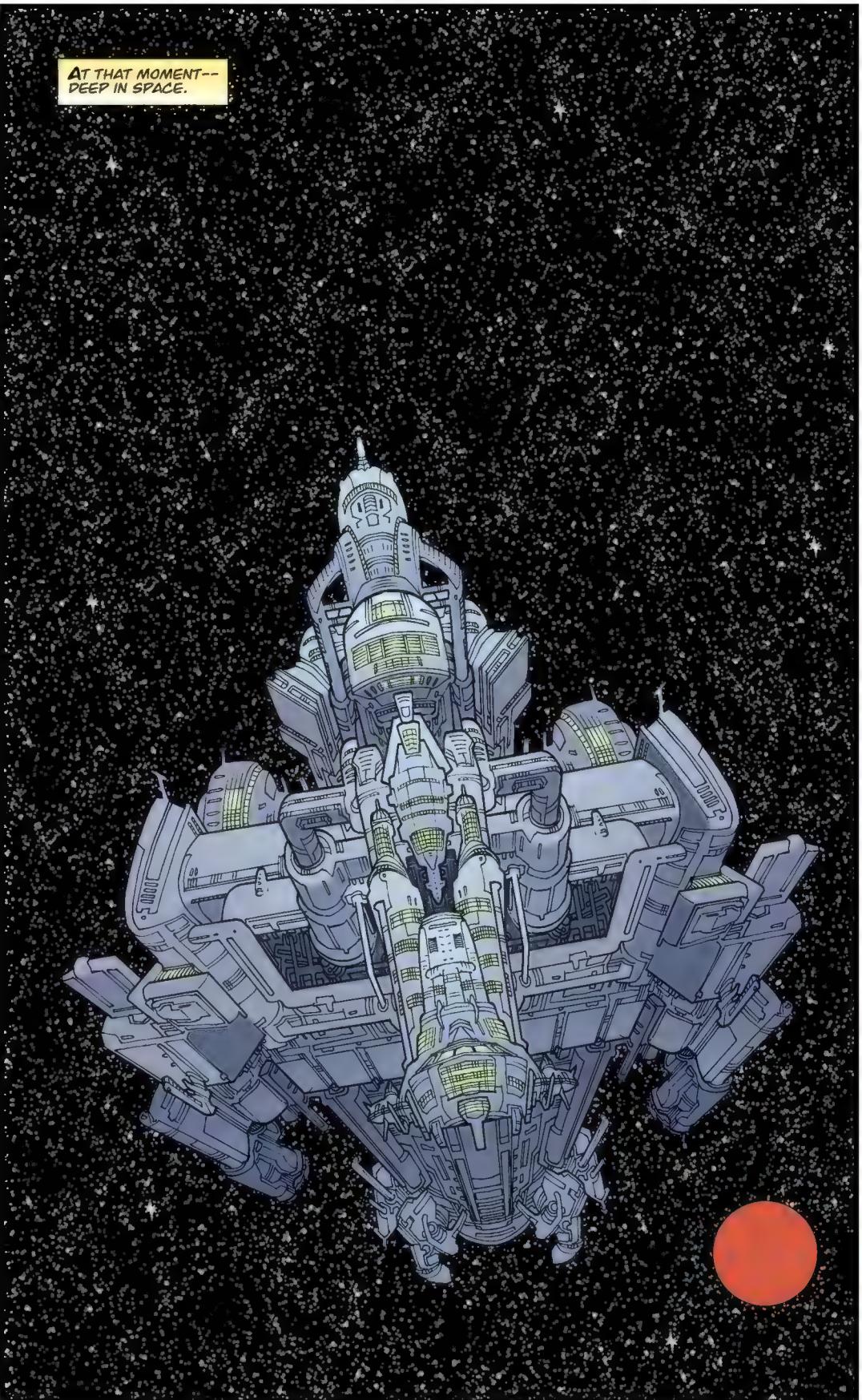


ALL HAIL  
SUPREME  
LIZARD!











AN UNDISCLOSED  
LOCATION IN UTAH.

THE SECRET MOUNTAIN  
BASE OF THE GUARDIANS  
OF THE GLOBE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
YOU GUYS DID THAT.  
YOU ACTUALLY SNUCK  
AWAY AND GOT  
MARRIED! THAT'S  
CRAZY.

I'VE ALREADY BEEN  
MARRIED SEVENTEEN  
TIMES. I WAS NOT  
LOOKING FORWARD  
TO ANOTHER  
WEDDING.

YEAH--BUT  
YOU'RE ALREADY  
BACK TO WORK?  
NO HONEYMOON?  
THAT'S NO FUN  
AT ALL!

I'M NOT BIG  
ON CEREMONY. I  
LIKE IT BETTER  
THIS WAY--MORE  
ROMANTIC.

CONGRATULATIONS,  
GUYS.

IMMORTAL--  
YOU'RE A LUCKY  
GUY. YOU, UH,  
COULDN'T HAVE  
PICKED A BETTER  
GIRL.

THAT'S  
SWEET,  
REX.

IF YOU'D  
SHOWN ME EVEN  
A LITTLE BIT OF  
COMPASSION WHILE  
WE WERE TOGETHER  
MAYBE WE'D STILL  
BE TOGETHER.

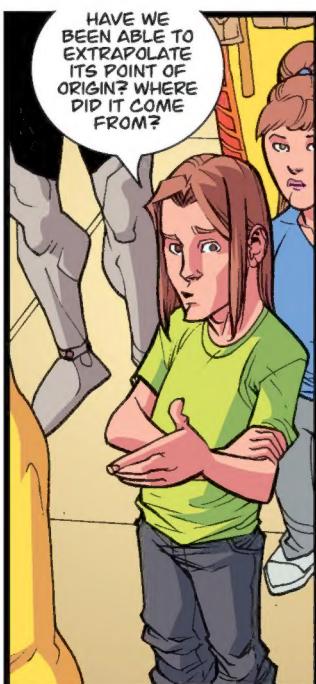
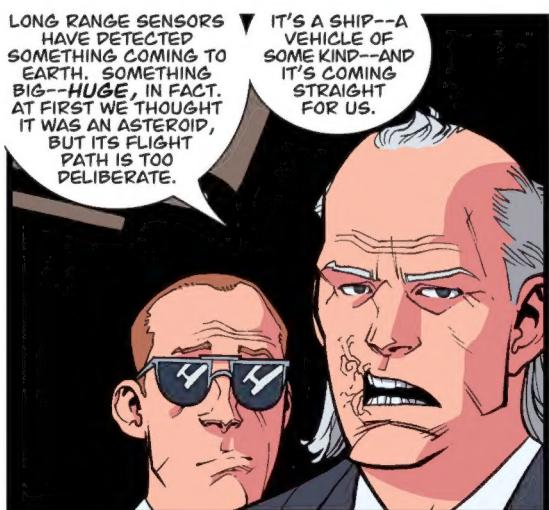
SO, UH...  
THANKS  
FOR BEING  
YOU.

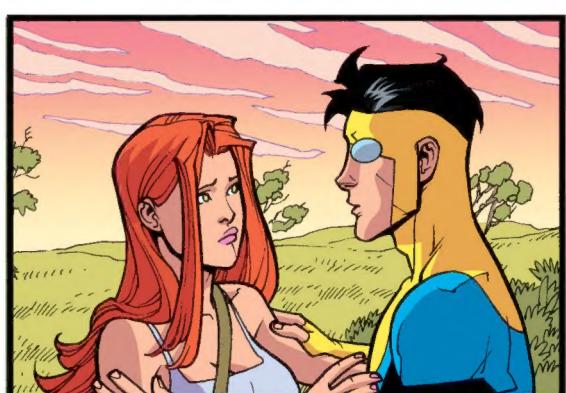
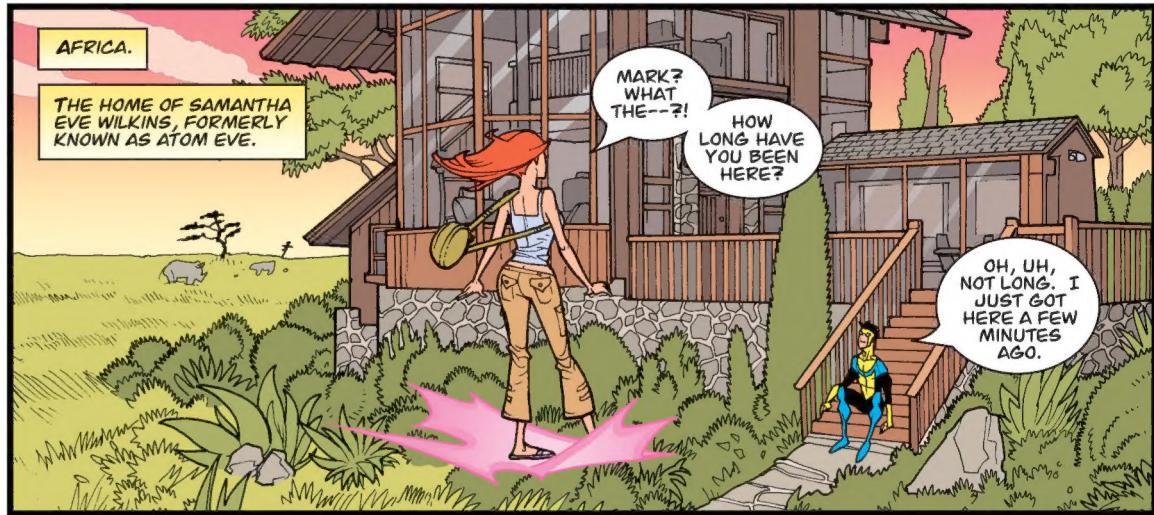
HEH.

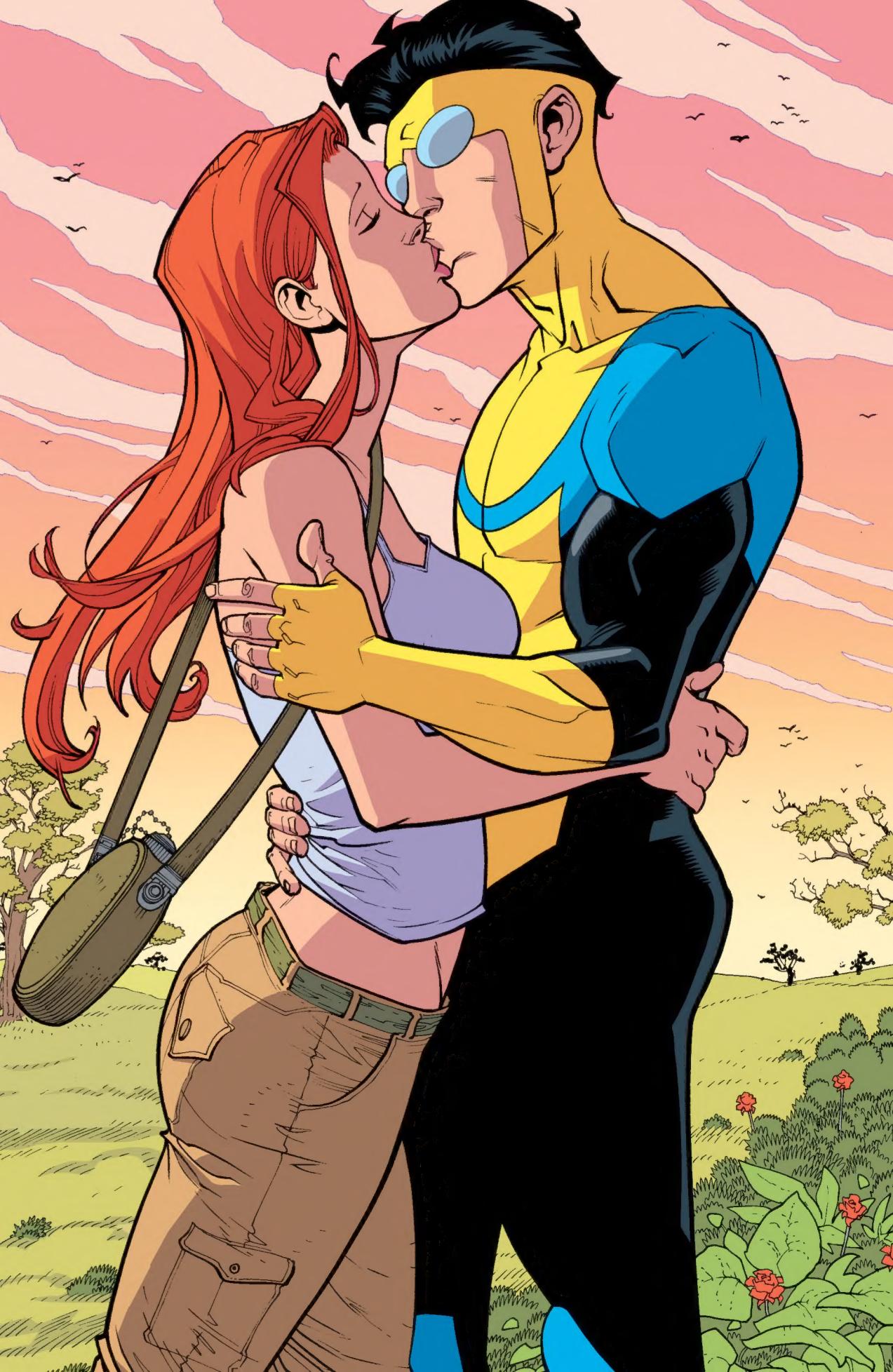
THIS IS LIKE  
THE HAPPIEST  
DAY OF MY  
LIFE!

I KNOW I  
HAVEN'T KNOWN  
YOU OR BEEN A PART  
OF THIS TEAM VERY  
LONG--BUT YOU FEEL  
LIKE FAMILY TO ME.  
I'M JUST GLAD  
TO SEE EVERYONE  
SO HAPPY.

EVER  
SINCE I GOT  
THESE POWERS--  
AFTER NASA DID  
THEIR TESTING ON  
ME--I'VE FELT  
ISOLATED--ALONE.  
BUT NOT ANY  
MORE--NOT  
AT ALL.









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