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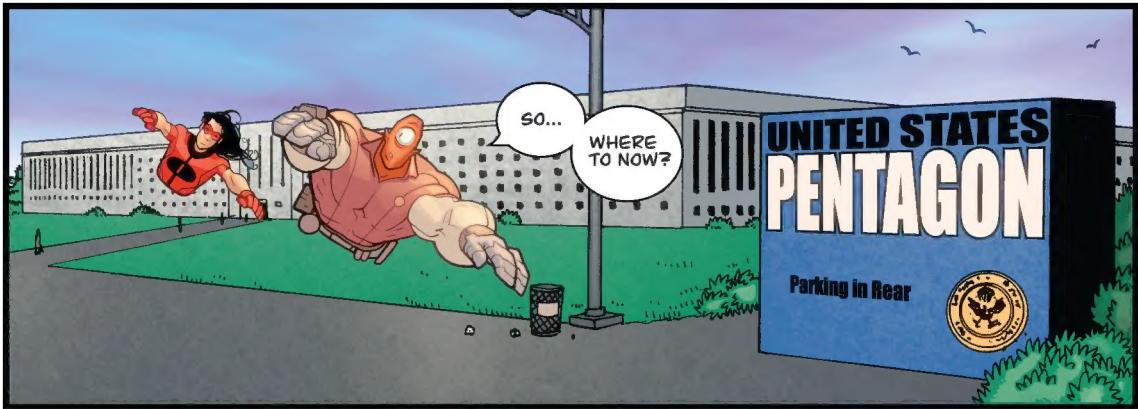
THE LAST REMAINING
VILTRUMITE WARSHIP,
STATIONED ON THE MOON.



CALM YOURSELF. I TRUST YOU FAR LESS THAN YOU TRUST ME. I'VE TAPPED INTO YOUR SYSTEM, I KNOW THE LAYOUT WELL ENOUGH TO FIND YOUR QUARTERS... AND ESCAPE IF I NEED TO.

I'VE MADE SOME ADVANCES, BUT THERE ARE SOME NOTES I'M CURRENTLY UNABLE TO DECIPHER. COULD YOU ALLOW ME ACCESS TO THE SCIENTIST WHOSE WORK I'M STUDYING? I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.





TALESRIA?
WHY WOULD
WE STAY
HERE?

I HAVE NO
CONNECTION
TO THIS PLANET,
REALLY. THERE'S
NOWHERE FOR
ME TO GO NOW
THAT MY
MOTHER IS NOT
HERE.

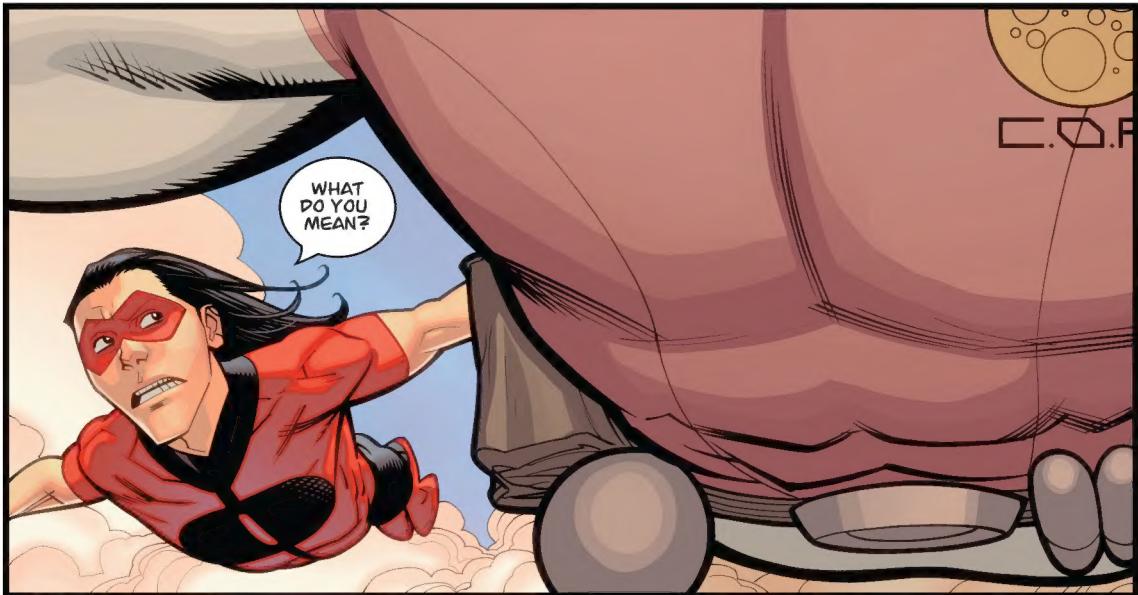
OLIVER, I'M NOT LEAVING
UNTIL I KNOW MARK'S
OKAY. WE CAN'T JUST
LEAVE WITH HIM
IN VILTRUMITE
CUSTODY.

TRUE.

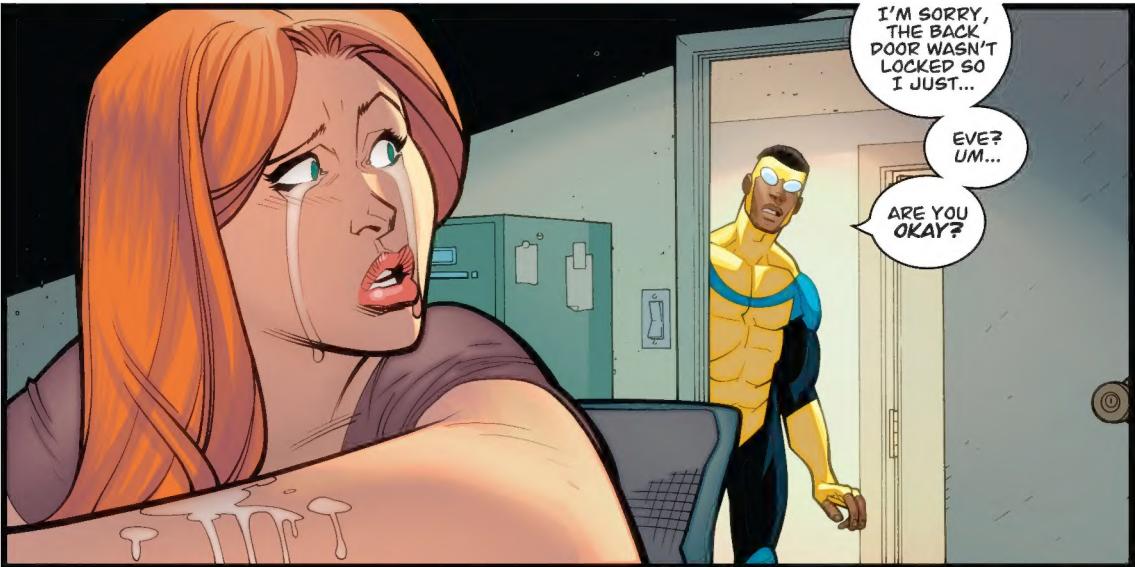
BESIDES,
MY MISSION
FAILED.
I'VE LET THE
COALITION DOWN.
I'M IN NO HURRY
TO RETURN
HOME.

OR EVEN
RETURN TO
OUR SHIP.

...
WHAT WERE
WE GOING TO
DO TO THESE
PEOPLE,
OLIVER?













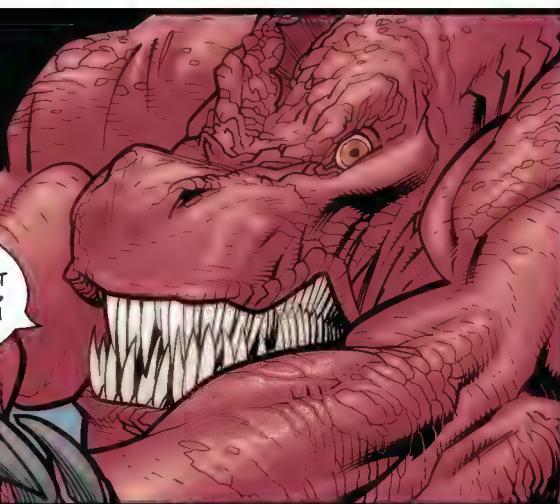


YOUR HOME PLANET, VILTRUM, WAS DESTROYED. ALL THAT HISTORY LOST FOREVER. I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THERE MUST BE A GREAT MANY ITEMS OF TREMENDOUS VALUE ABOARD THIS SHIP...

...THE LAST VESSEL OF THE VILTRUM EMPIRE.

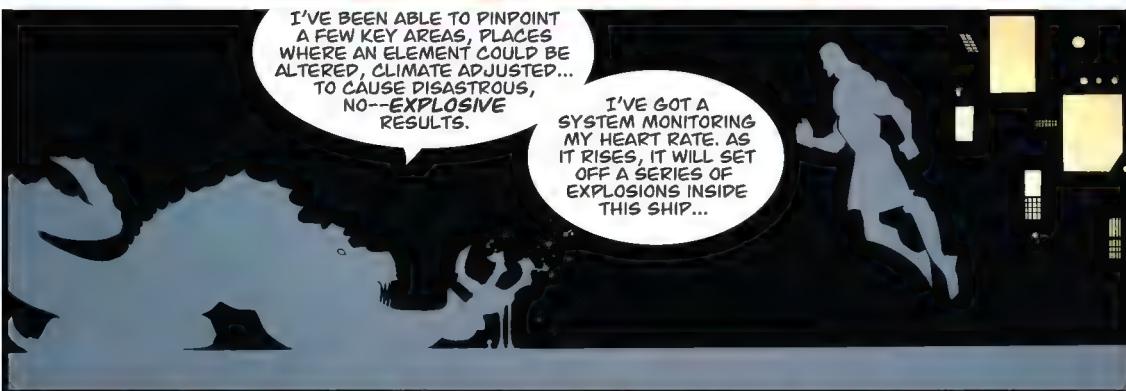
IT WAS UNWISE TO GIVE ME COMPLETE ACCESS TO YOUR FILES. I'VE LEARNED A LOT OVER THE LAST FEW HOURS.

ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU DON'T WANT ANYTHING BAD TO HAPPEN TO THIS SHIP.



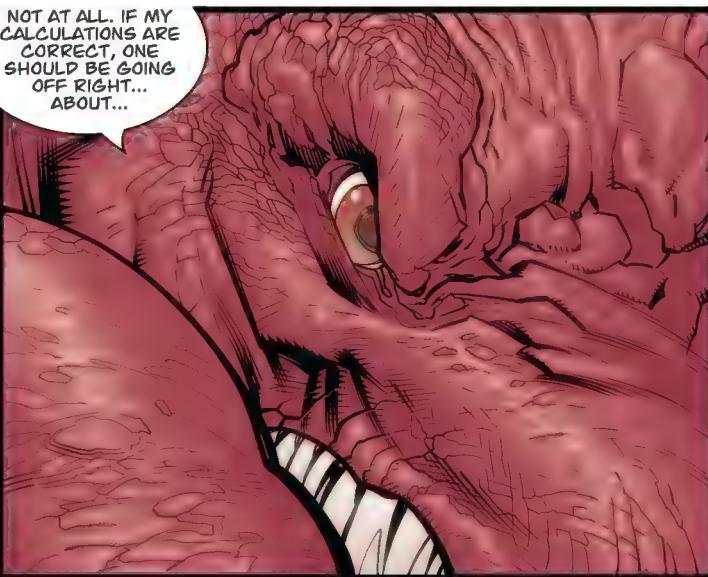
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PINPOINT A FEW KEY AREAS, PLACES WHERE AN ELEMENT COULD BE ALTERED, CLIMATE ADJUSTED... TO CAUSE DISASTROUS, NO-EXPLOSIVE RESULTS.

I'VE GOT A SYSTEM MONITORING MY HEART RATE. AS IT RISES, IT WILL SET OFF A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS INSIDE THIS SHIP...

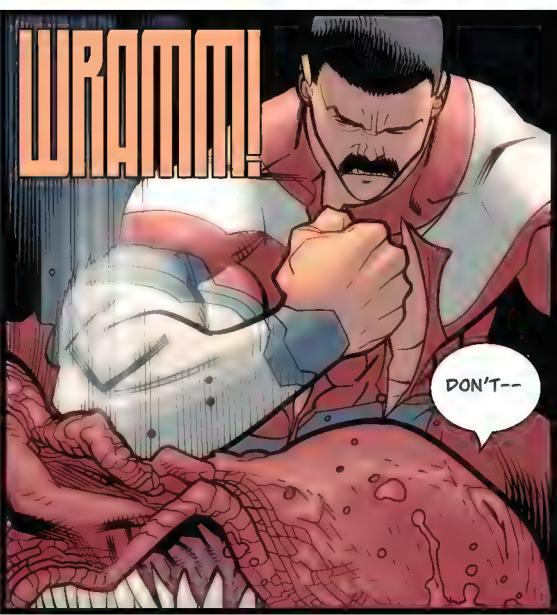


YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE...

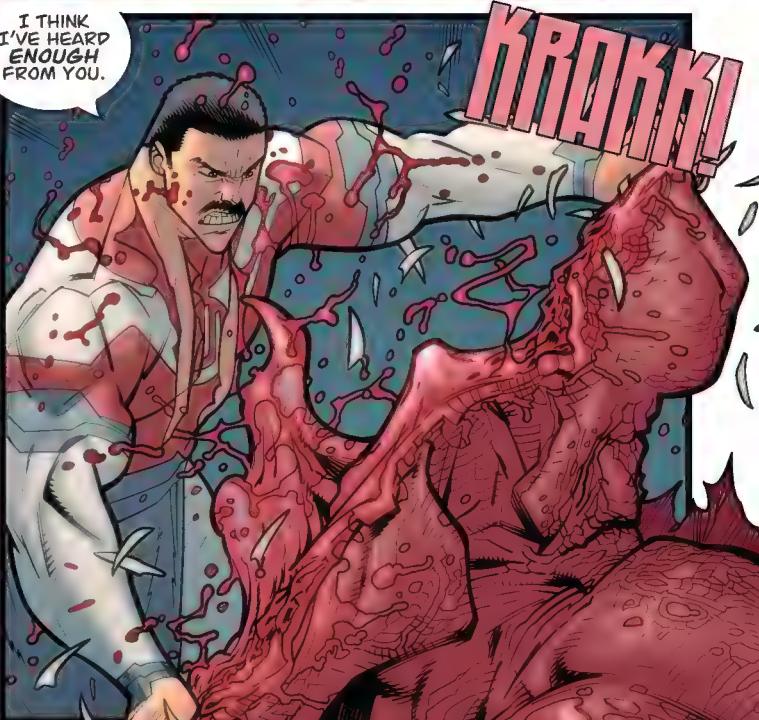
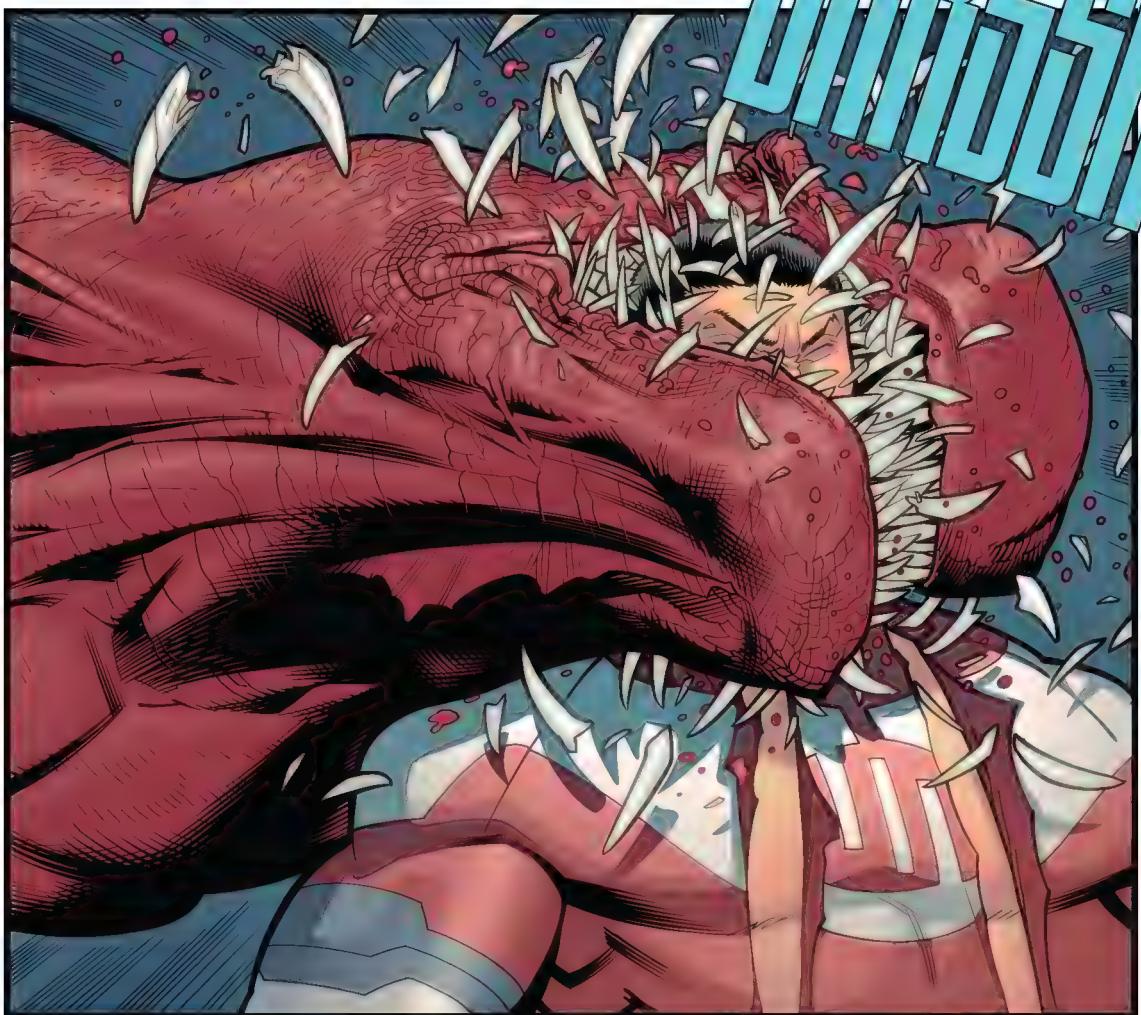
NOT AT ALL. IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, ONE SHOULD BE GOING OFF RIGHT... ABOUT...

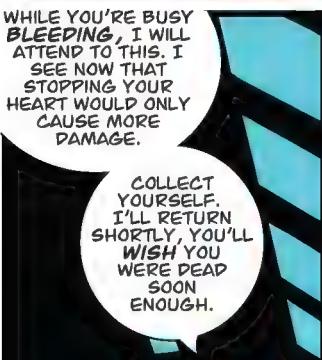


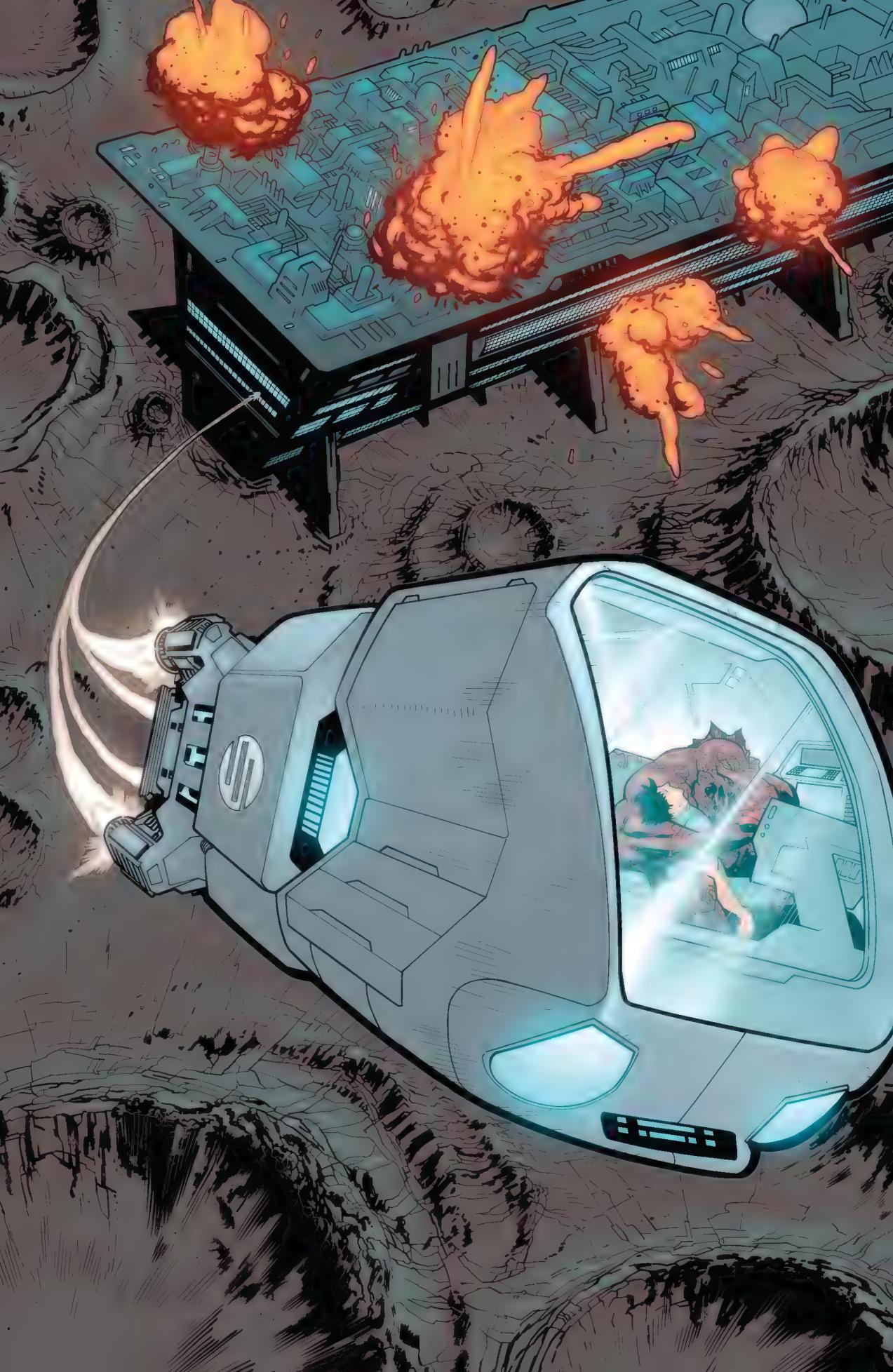




KRASH!







DEEP BELOW THE PENTAGON,
THE SECRET UNDERGROUND
BASE OF THE GLOBAL DEFENSE
AGENCY, LED BY CECIL STEDMAN.

UNITED STATES PENTAGON

Parking in Rear



I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I HEARD THRAGG SAY
WE COULD VISIT ANY
TIME. I KNOW IT'S
BARELY BEEN A DAY,
BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE
HIM... I'M SURE YOU
UNDERSTAND.

I DO, BUT IT'S NOT
AS SIMPLE AS MAKING
A PHONE CALL. WE'VE
ATTEMPTED TO
CONTACT THEM AND
WE CAN'T SEEM TO
GET THROUGH.

THEIR
COMMUNICATION
IS DOWN.

ANOTHER
CAUSE FOR
CONCERN, THE
GUARDIANS OF THE
GLOBE MOON BASE
IS REPORTING UNUSUAL
SEISMIC ACTIVITY ON
THE MOON THAT IS
ORIGINATING IN THE
REGION OF THE
VILTRUMITE
SHIP.

SEND
ME UP
NOW!

IT'S
NOT THAT
EASY.

THEY MAY NOT EVEN BE
THERE ANYMORE. WE
COULD BE TELEPORTING
YOU TO THE FAR SIDE
OF THE MOON.

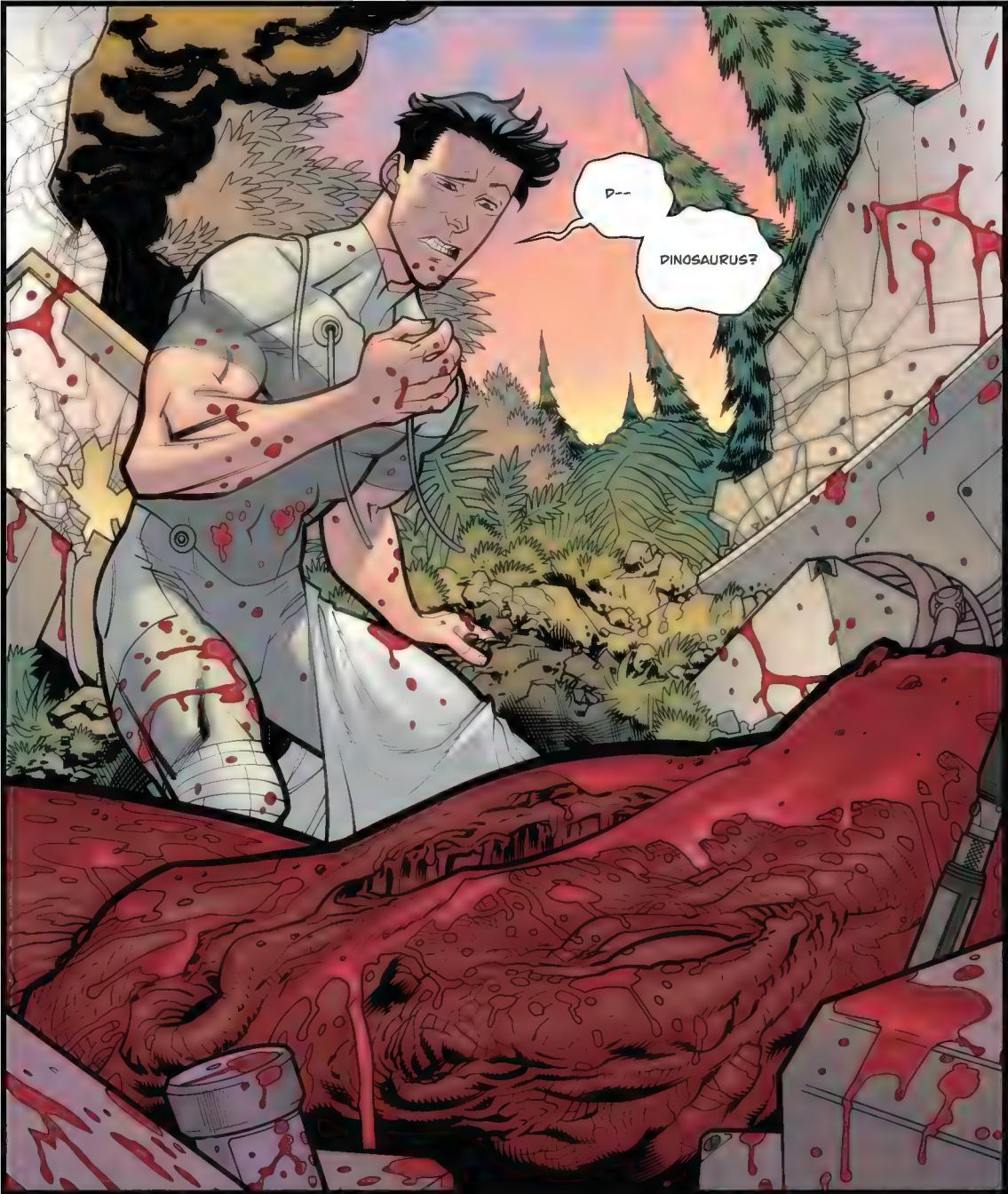
SEND ME UP TO THE
GUARDIANS' MOON
BASE--I'LL FLY OVER
FROM THERE.

I NEED TO
KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING--
NOW!



UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, THE
SECRET BASE OF DINOSAURUS.





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INVINCIPALS

Welcome back, Invincipals.

There are issues of Invincible where Ryan blows me away, and there are issues where Ryan literally leaves me dead and in a gutter I'm so impressed by his artwork. This is one of those issues. I hope you all enjoyed this issue.

Eh... he's OKAY (Just joking, and this is Robert)!

Also: BIG THANKS for making issue 89 a SELL-OUT! Aside from some teasers we threw out almost a year ago, we did not approach the issue with any big gimmicks, but you all caught wind of the bold new direction, and came out to support! If any of you missed it, the second printing should be in stores now. Zandale loves the coverage!

There are plenty of letters asking if Mark is dead (heh heh), and an adorbs letter from a nine-year-old, so... read on!

Mr Kirkman;

While I have not written a letter (or email) to a comic writer/creator since the '80s, I feel this issue (88) of Invincible needs me to do so now.

Please don't kill off Mark. I know, he's a fictitious character; but he's one whose exploits I look forward to reading each month. I'm at the edge of my seat (literally, at my jeweler's bench, covered in metal filings) and up to my mustache with worry, trepidation and anticipation for issue 89, now.

Cheers;
Don Downie
www.Spiralacornjewelry.com
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

You sound kind of awesome. Are you making Atom Eve-themed earrings? Like, really big Image "I" earrings?

Mark is not dead—today. Thragg's pretty hell-bent on it now, so I can't guarantee what will happen in coming issues.

Also: you kind of sound like a hidden Viltrumite, and this letter is your vested interest in Mark as a potential leader, isn't it?

Sina, are we plugging BlackBerry and AT&T in our letters columns now? I thought it was just Brian Bockrath.

Dear Invincible Crew,

Let me start off by saying I LOVE Invincible, I bought the compendium and all the trade paperbacks through the Viltrumite War and have been buying the individual issues since. In the past, anytime someone asked me who my favorite super hero was, I'd always answer Superman and only Superman. He's been my favorite since I was a kid, but now I have to say that Supes has to share that spot with Invincible. That being said after reading issue #88 with the whole scourge virus ending up in Marks face, I was briefly transported back to my childhood when the whole Death of Superman story arc took place, so please dear Mr. Kirkman, for the love of God, don't put me through that with Invincible! I don't think I could handle something like again. Anyways, I had to write in and tell you that you guys all rock at what you do and to keep up the amazing work! Thanks for creating the most top notch material out there!

Sincerely,
Jonathan Coté
Palmdale, Ca

The Death of Invincible? Poly-bagged with glow-in-the-dark covers?

We don't need marketing gimmicks when we stir up the status quo! See my intro for more on that.

EGADS DUDE!

I just read issue 88 for the third time and I'm still loving every panel. The suspense! The tension! So AWESOME! The last couple of issues have really got things topsy-turvy (in a good way). Everybody's being brought to light in a whole new way and it seems like every character could be considered on the right and wrong side of this "Scourge" argument. One the one hand, you've got Mark, Nolan, and Thragg of all people fighting for Earth, with Oliver and Alan fighting for the galaxy. Then you throw in the GOTG (great to see them again)! #@\$% me... I'm stoked for what's to come.

Now, Questions/Comments.

1. Did you plan Alan punching Mark and breaking his googles in issue 87 specifically so we could see his eyes bleeding at the end of 88? If so, awesome.

Yup.

Um... sure...

2. Would Mark be able to read/transmit thoughts to Le Bruiser? Would they be understood or would it just be telepathic barking (in French)?

I would say telepathic barking. Robert?

Barking... but they would be able to understand it... weird, right?

3. Thragg is awesome. I know, I know, he killed and maimed a whole bunch. But he is such an awesome character. So BADASS! What happened to his fur thing he was wearing? That was cool!

It's at the cleaners ...?

That's his kingly, ruling outfit—you're seeing him in his action outfit right now.

4. Why didn't the GOTG stop and try to talk to Mark before just attacking him? It seems like he would have gained a little bit a credibility from ALL he did before going fugitive. They owe it to him. Could have saved some trouble. Im not saying, Im just saying.

There's still a lot of distrust towards Viltrumites after everything Nolan did. It hasn't been THAT long in their universe since Nolan decimated the original Guardians.

5. hrrrm, *cough* *cough* BATTLE BEAST... *cough*

Noted.

6. When are we getting The Elephant's back story?

When things chill out.

Or not.

7. Last but definitely not least, I just want to say how much I LOVE the art in this book. Ryan Ottley and John Rauch floor me every issue. I'm very critical about comic art, and I read a lot of comics. Nothing compares to the eye-exploding greatness of this book.

Good luck with your busy year, I hope you can get every issue out on time. No pressure....but do it.

So long and thanks for all the fish.
Dave Culman

Glad you dig the artwork!

NO! This story is what's most important. Right Ryan? John? Cliff? Oh... I'm on my own... okay then.

Hey-o! First off, thank you. Before I read The Walking Dead, I wasn't interested in comics at all. Now I can't stop reading them, and Invincible has taken over as my favorite series. I recently bought all the Ultimate Collection hard covers to do a re-read, and I have a few questions.

1. About The Immortal. After Omni-Man killed him the first time, he was buried and they had a funeral for him and the rest of the Guardians. But, why? The Mauler Twins (who I miss) knew putting him back together would revive him, and later on it seems like it's always been common knowledge. So why bury him instead of putting his head back on?

Robert?

It wasn't common knowledge. It was something the Mauler's figured out based on them being all smart and stuff. It became common knowledge after everyone saw Immortal after he'd come back to life. I bet they were wondering why he was going around calling himself the Immortal before then, right?

2. About Angstrom Levy. Last time we saw him, some aliens made some demands of him and are forcing him to help them with something. But how can anyone force Angstrom to do anything? After he got his new arm, couldn't he just make a portal and flee to another dimension? By the way, he's by far my favorite villain and I can't wait to see him again.

Robert?

What's going on with Angstrom will all be explained. I swear guys, sometimes I don't mean for a subplot to take... 40 issues to be touched on again. I didn't mean to set up something in issue 65 and then not get back to it until issue (I'm not telling).

3. Did Rampage ever get his suit off? If I remember correctly, Oliver was trying to help him, but they just left him there.

Drat, Robert? This whole letter is for you.

Another subplot we'll be getting back to eventually. The Vitruvite War wrecked everything!

4. What's the story with Le Brusier?

Keep reading to find more about that cute little pup!

5. Is Magmaniac really dead?

That remains to be seen. Seems likely.

Aaaaand that's all I got.
-Mike

I can't say about Magmaniac ;)

A lot of these questions about various villains and characters will be answered... it's just hard to get a break from the larger story line with the Vitruvites to get back to the entire bestiary.

Dear Penvincitals,

I just finished reading issue 88 and I am AMAZED by what just happened. I cannot believe Mark got infected with the Scourge virus. In hindsight, I guess I should have seen it coming because it makes perfect sense, but it still took me by surprise in a major way. I don't think any scene in Invincible has caused me to do that much of a double take in forever. Scenes like this are what I love about Invincible though, they really show how devoted you guys are to telling a great story and not letting personal attachment to characters get in the way of what will make for the most compelling series of events. I think it worked even better when I saw the preview image for the next issue with the new Invincible because it really makes me question whether

Mark will survive in the long-run. I really hope he does though :)

Anyway, I just wanted to say how much I love the series and how awesome it is in general. I also love the new colors by John Rauch. The final image in 88, where Mark is just staring at the reader, was so perfect. Mark's eyes were perfect and had a great super subtle hint of the veins appearing. Really he is doing a bang-up job so far and I cannot wait to see what he is capable of in the future.

Finally, I gotta say, keep up the good work. I just recently got two of my friends started on the big hardcover volumes and both of them really love it. Thanks for making the best superhero book in existence.

Dave S.

The best thing about the Scourge Virus is what revelations will be coming from it.

It seems like you all would continue reading even if Mark was no longer part of the book... pretty good to know, right Robert?

VERY good to know...

Dear Robert Kirkman,

I am 9 years old, and I'm in the 4th grade, and I think your comics are awesome. I have read some of a lot of them: Marvel Zombies 1 and 2, Walking Dead volume 1, Marvel Team Up, and my favorite, Invincible. You're my favorite writer, and I have made comic books called Monster Comix, with some of your awesome ideas in Marvel Zombies. I'd be your biggest fan, but my Dad's the reason I even know about Image (ed. note: that makes Dad your biggest fan). I'm the son of Brad Linford, He said he met you at a comic con. I'm Ben Linford.

One question: When did you first want to be a writer?

Robert?

Shortly after I found out you could do it as your job... I was about... 11, maybe younger. I wanted to write and draw comics originally... that didn't work out.

Another question: What ideas do you think a 9 year old should come up with for writing comics?

The ones that come naturally to you! Whatever you think would be AWESOME! Right?

Right. At this stage, I'd say just do stuff, whatever stuff you think is cool. You're in practice mode and you need to practice as much as you can. So whatever interests you, whatever you're excited about, write and then write some more. I recommend Dinosaurs, though...

Last Question: Do you think I should be allowed to read all of Walking Dead and watch the show? (ed. note Dad won't let me)

Sincerely,
Ben Linford

You're far too young to be reading and watching The Walking Dead! Wait until you're ten.

I agree with your dad (sorry). I will go out on a limb as say, MAYBE at age 13 or so you'd be ready... but that's really up to your dad, which is as it should be. By the way, "ed. note" is brilliant. I already see good things from you. KEEP WRITING.

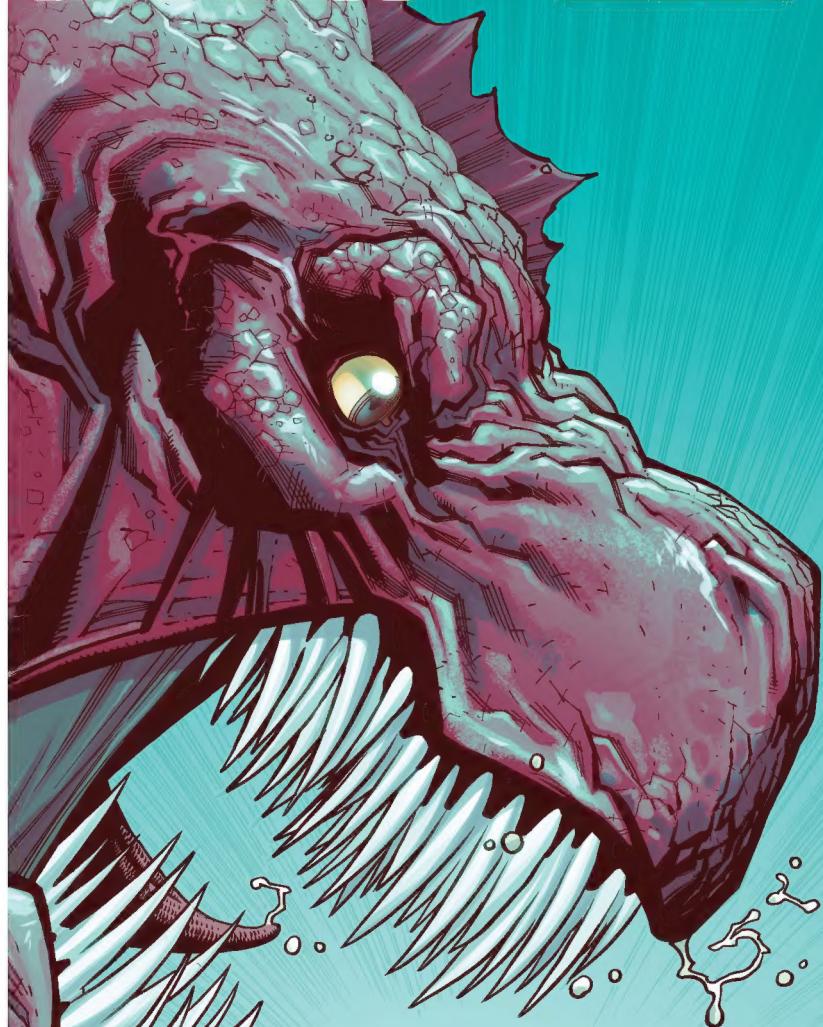
Thanks for joining us this issue. We'll be back in a month with issue 91, more madness, and the month after that we'll have Invincible co-creator Cory Walker sharing art duties with Ryan to tell the story of what really happened in the Flaxan Dimension. Yay!

Best,
Sina Grace

Have we announced that Cory Walker news yet? We really should announce that. It's always great to have Cory back on the book, and like always, his pages on this stuff are AMAZING. There's some cool stuff in store. Be on the lookout.

-Robert Kirkman

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