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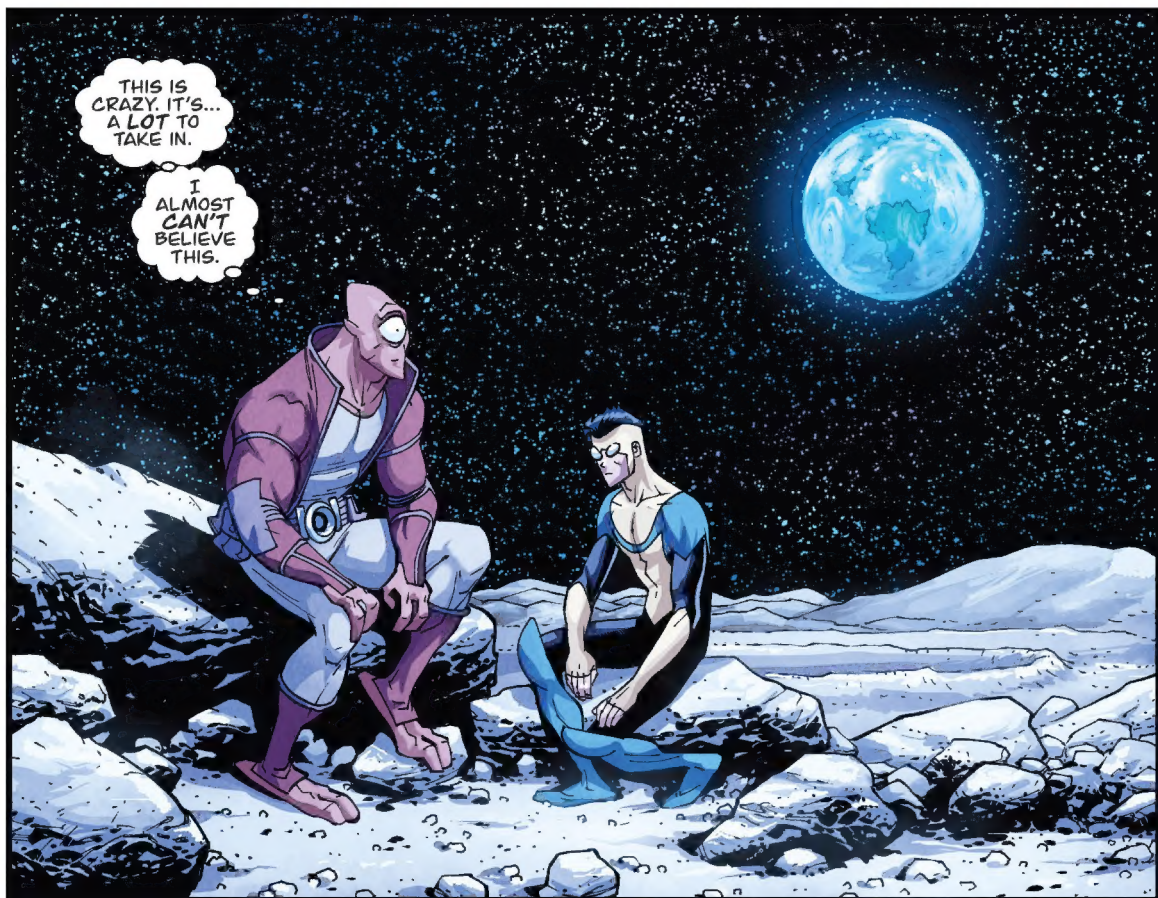
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THIS IS
CRAZY. IT'S...
A LOT TO
TAKE IN.

I
ALMOST
CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS.



WHAT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE?
THIS IS EARTH, NOT URATH. YOU
WERE TOLD TO AVOID EARTH
BECAUSE THE VILTRUMITES
HAD ALREADY TAKEN
INTEREST IN THIS
PLANET.

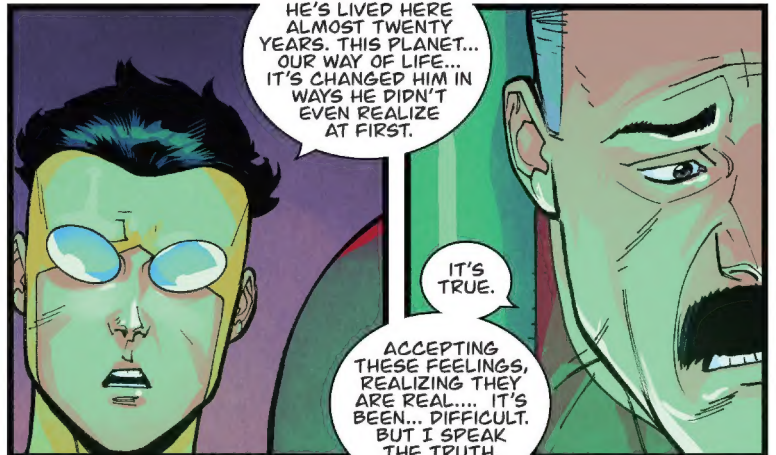
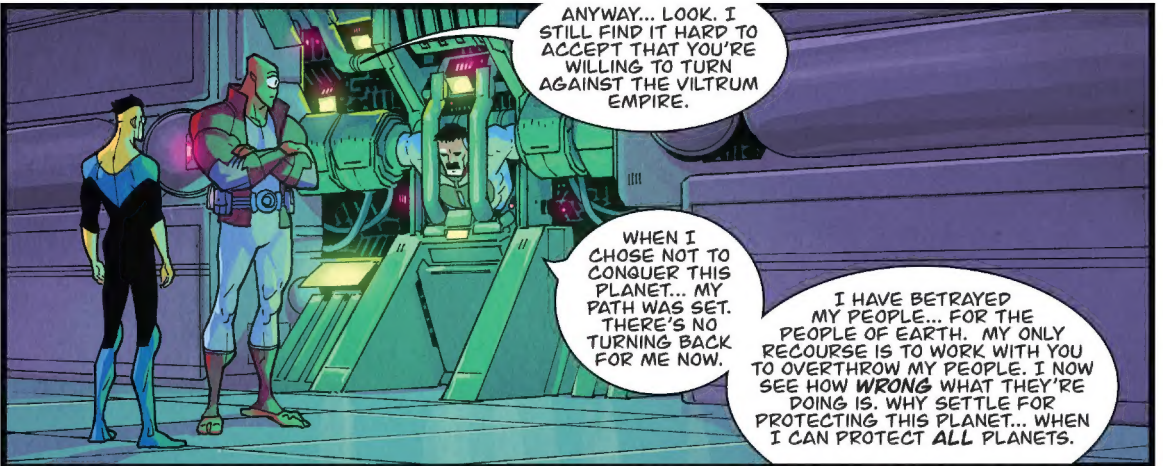
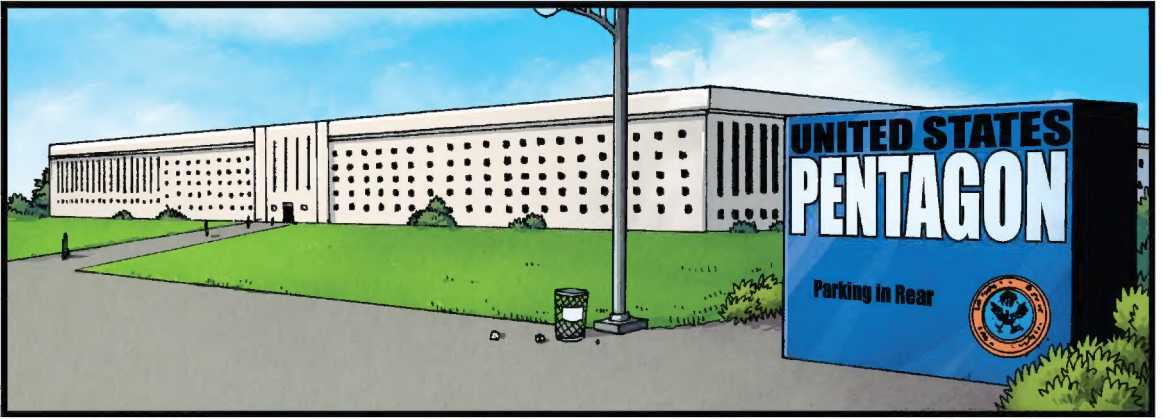
I'M THE SON
OF SAID VILTRUMITE,
AND I'VE **DEFEATED**
HIM. HE'S CHANGED HIS
OUTLOOK ON THINGS...
AND IS READY TO TURN
AGAINST THE EMPIRE.
SOMETHING YOU PROBABLY
THINK IS **IMPOSSIBLE...**
BUT YOUR BOSS,
THAEDUS... IS SECRETLY
A VILTRUMITE
DEFECTOR.

SO I'D
MAKE **THREE**
VILTRUMITES
READY TO
TURN AGAINST
THE EMPIRE.

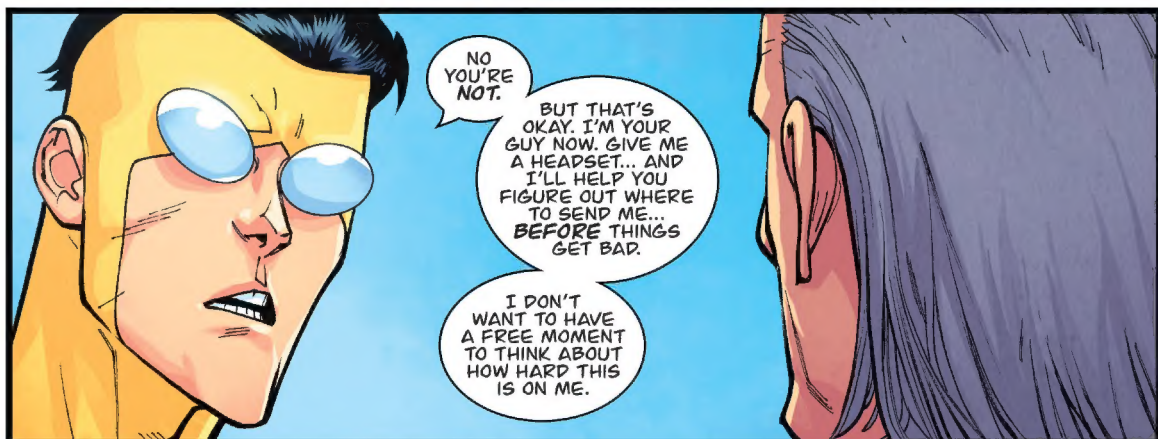


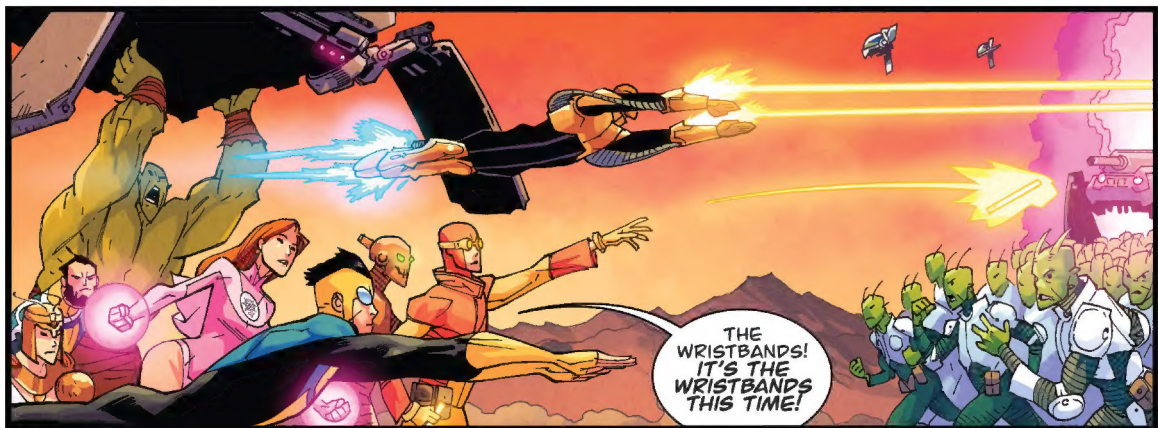
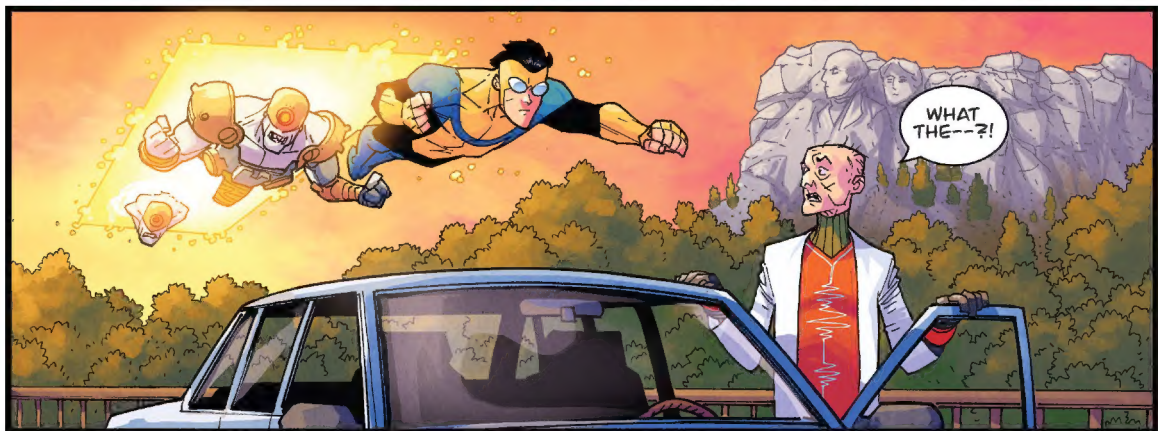
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LAY IT ALL OUT
LIKE THAT...
IT SEEMS
INSANE.

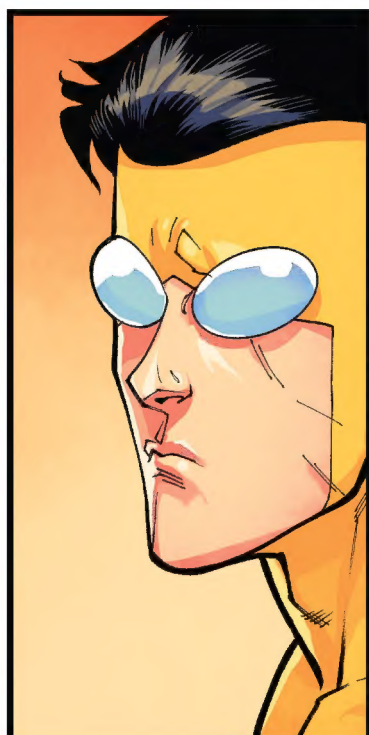
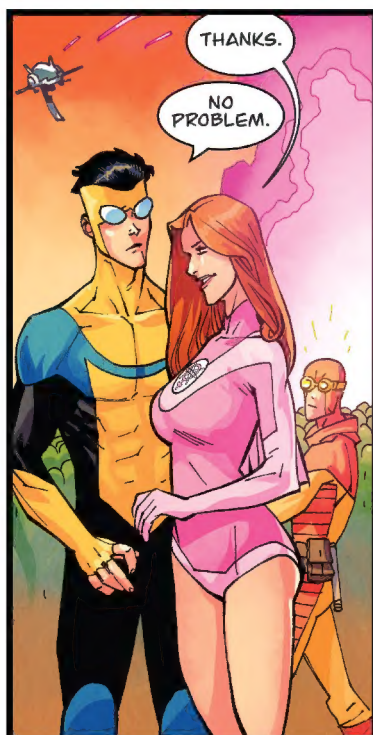
I SUPPOSE
SO. LET ME
INTRODUCE YOU
TO HIM. YOU GUYS...
ARE GOING TO
BECOME **REALLY**
GOOD FRIENDS...
EVENTUALLY.

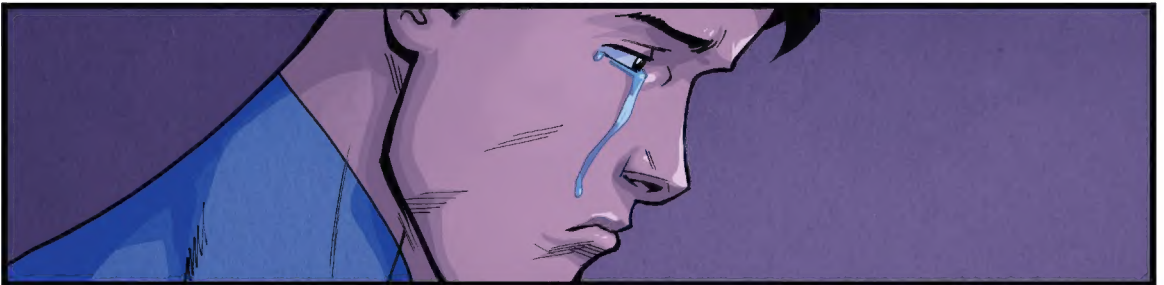
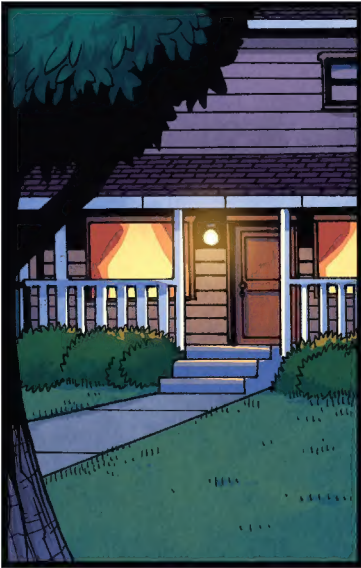












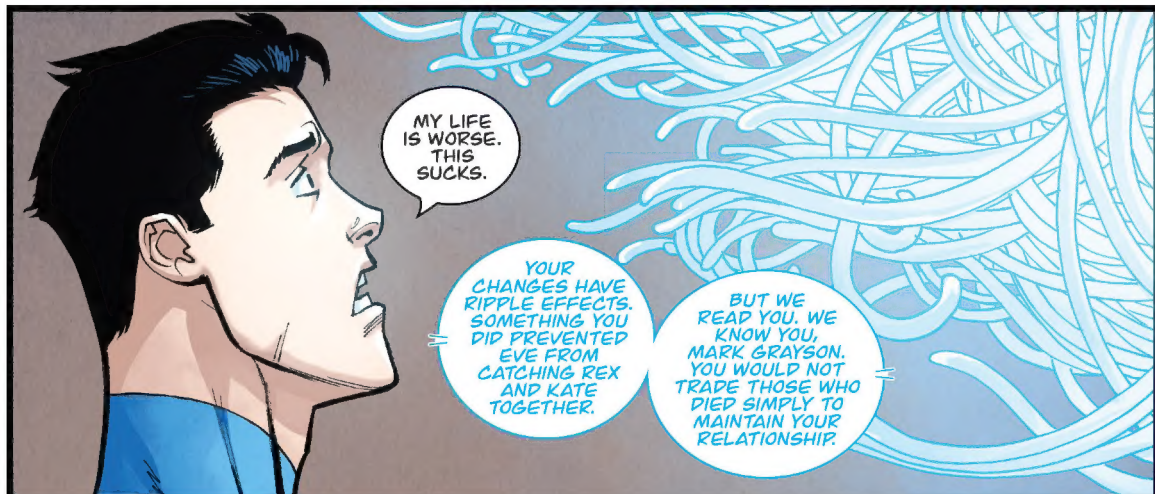


WHAT
THE--?!

YOU'RE
THAT THING--
FROM THE
CAVE. WHAT
THE HELL ARE
YOU?!

THAT IS NOT
IMPORTANT.

DO YOU
NOT REALIZE
HOW MANY YOU
HAVE SAVED? YOU
HAVE UNDONE SO
MUCH DEATH AND
MISERY. WHY ARE
YOU NOT
PLEASED?



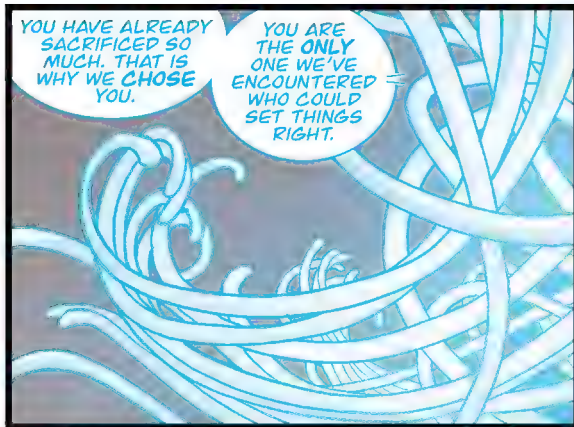
MY LIFE
IS WORSE.
THIS
SUCKS.

YOUR
CHANGES HAVE
RIPPLE EFFECTS.
SOMETHING YOU
DID PREVENTED
EVE FROM
CATCHING REX
AND KATE
TOGETHER.

BUT WE
READ YOU. WE
KNOW YOU,
MARK GRAYSON.
YOU WOULD NOT
TRADE THOSE WHO
DIED SIMPLY TO
MAINTAIN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP.

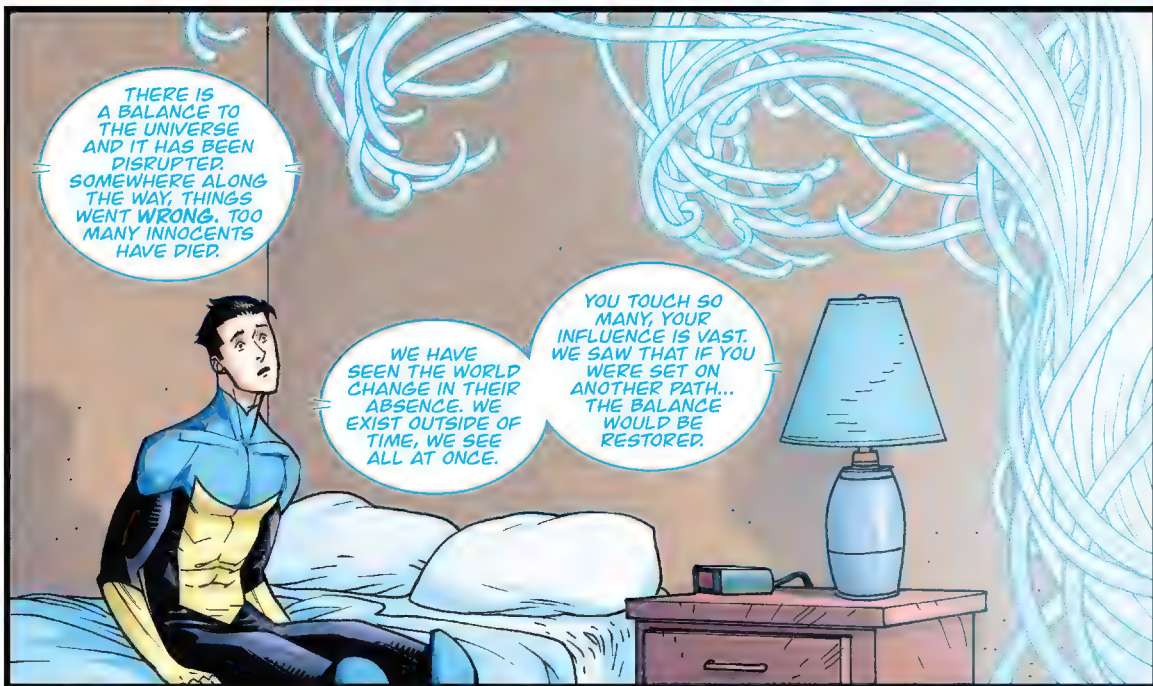


YOU'RE
RIGHT.



YOU HAVE ALREADY
SACRIFICED SO
MUCH. THAT IS
WHY WE CHOSE
YOU.

YOU ARE
THE ONLY
ONE WE'VE
ENCOUNTERED
WHO COULD
SET THINGS
RIGHT.



THERE IS
A BALANCE TO
THE UNIVERSE
AND IT HAS BEEN
DISRUPTED.
SOMEWHERE ALONG
THE WAY, THINGS
WENT WRONG. TOO
MANY INNOCENTS
HAVE DIED.

WE HAVE
SEEN THE WORLD
CHANGE IN THEIR
ABSENCE. WE
EXIST OUTSIDE OF
TIME, WE SEE
ALL AT ONCE.

YOU TOUCH SO
MANY, YOUR
INFLUENCE IS VAST.
WE SAW THAT IF YOU
WERE SET ON
ANOTHER PATH...
THE BALANCE
WOULD BE
RESTORED.

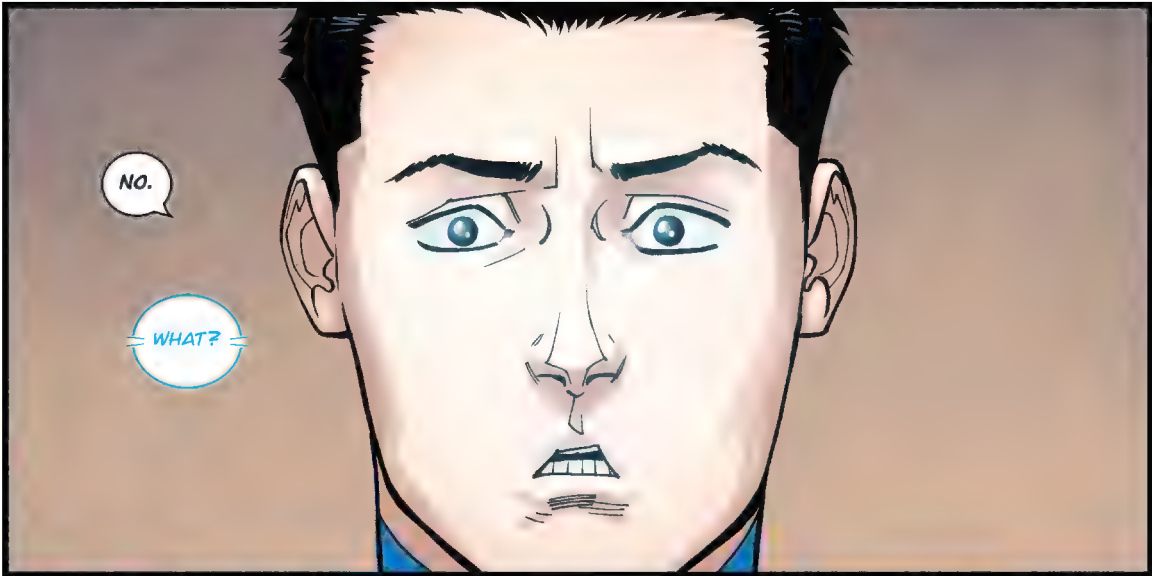


BUT
YOU HAVE TO
CHOOSE.



THIS WORLD
YOU INHABIT, YOUR
PAST... IT IS VERY
REAL. THE WORLD YOU
KNEW... IS GONE. YOU
HAVE A CHANCE TO DO
THINGS... RIGHT... TO
SAVE COUNTLESS
LIVES.

BUT THIS
PATH CANNOT
BE FORCED ON
YOU. THAT IS WHY
WE GAVE YOU A
TASTE OF WHAT CAN
BE... THE GOOD
THAT CAN BE
DONE.



NO.

WHAT?



I HAVE A DAUGHTER. IF I CAN GO BACK... I HAVE TO GO BACK.

I CAN'T DO THIS. SO NO. IF I HAVE TO CHOOSE THIS... I'M SAYING NO.



THIS WAS NOT FORESEEN. YOU ARE PURE... YOU ARE SELFLESS.

HOW CAN YOU TURN THIS DOWN?



EVE AND I WILL GET TOGETHER... WE'LL PROBABLY EVEN HAVE A CHILD... BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT CHILD WOULD END UP BEING TERRA.

CHOOSING THIS... MEANS KILLING MY DAUGHTER.

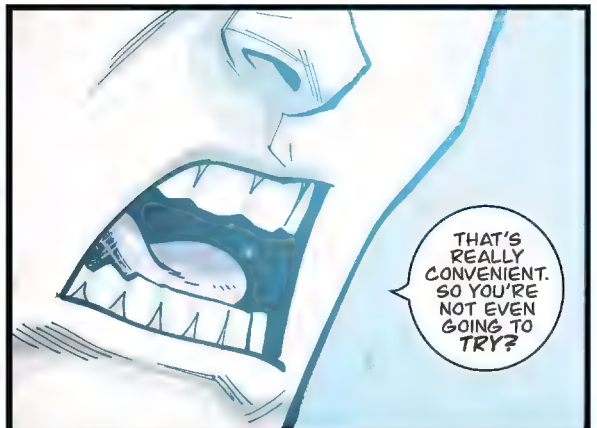


YOU WOULD... ALLOW THE COUNTLESS DEATHS YOU COULD PREVENT... TO OCCUR... JUST TO SAVE ONE LIFE?



YOU'VE PUT ME THROUGH HELL AND YOU THINK I'D JUST... CHOOSE TO STAY THERE?

SCREW YOU!





IT IS TRUE
THAT TAKING OUR
OFFER WOULD
ELIMINATE THE
EXISTENCE OF YOUR
DAUGHTER.
KNOWING THAT... WE
HAVE ONLY ONE
QUESTION FOR
YOU.

IS THERE
ANYTHING WE
COULD SAY TO
MAKE YOU
RECONSIDER?



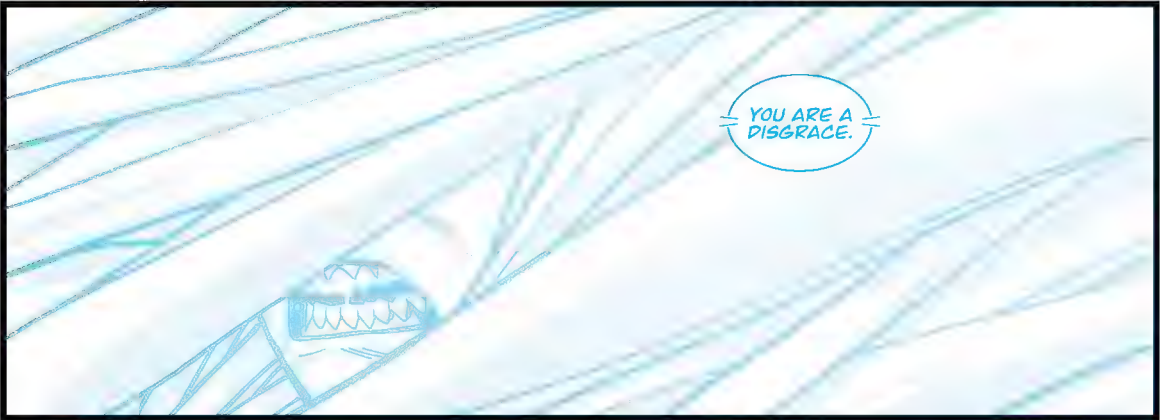
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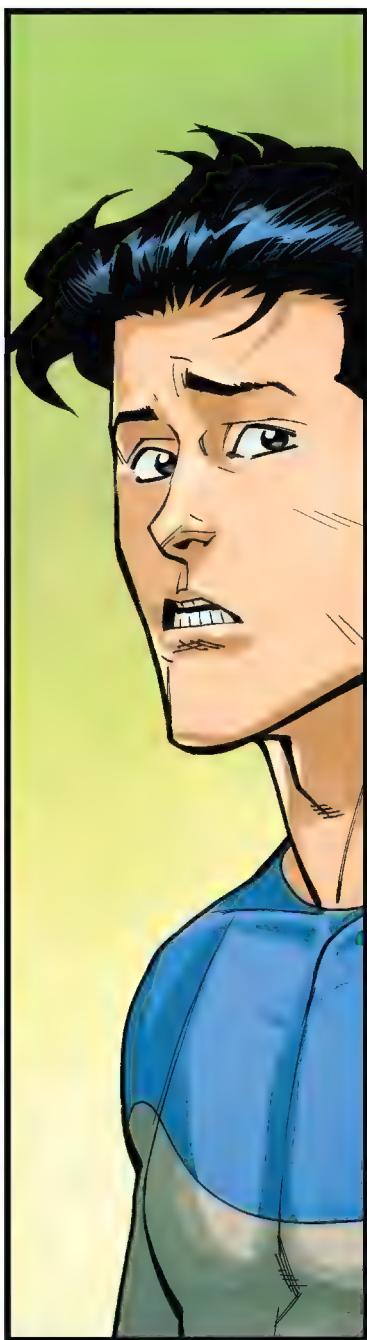
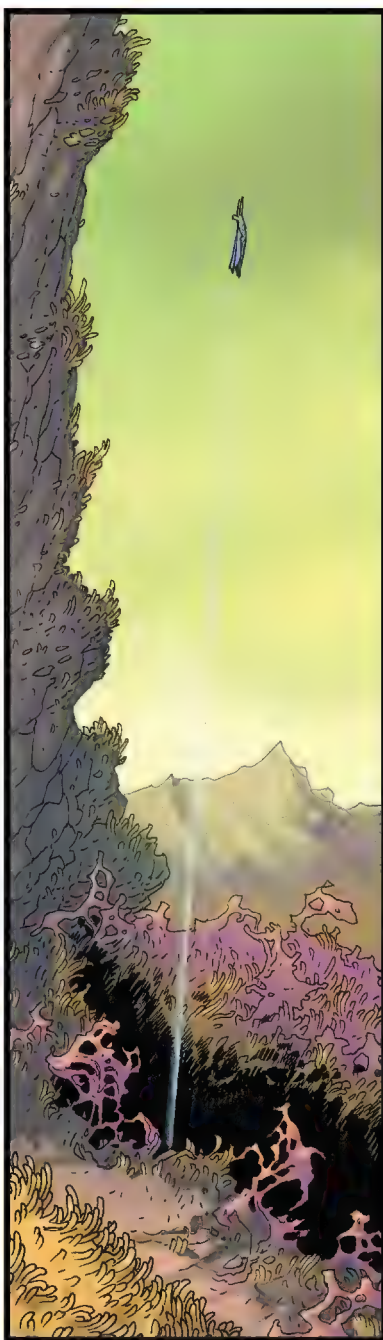
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THEN
YOU HAVE
DOOMED
THIS
WORLD.

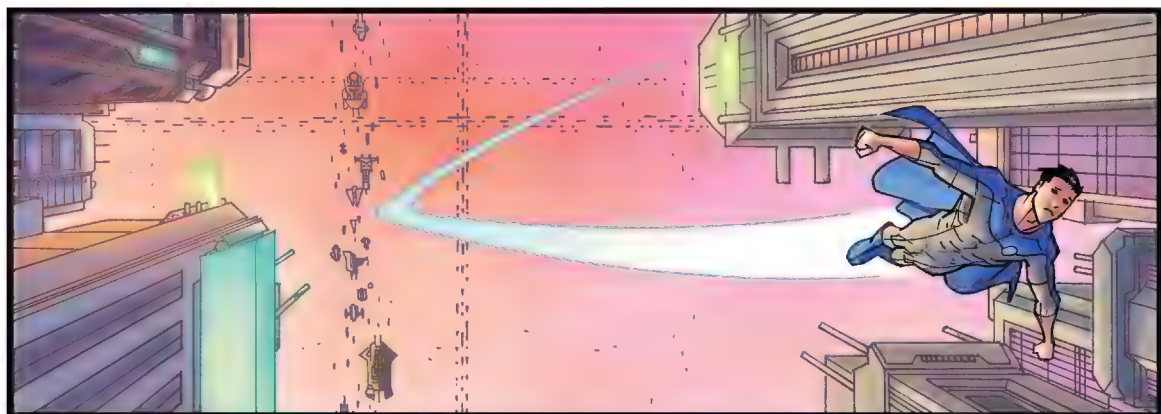
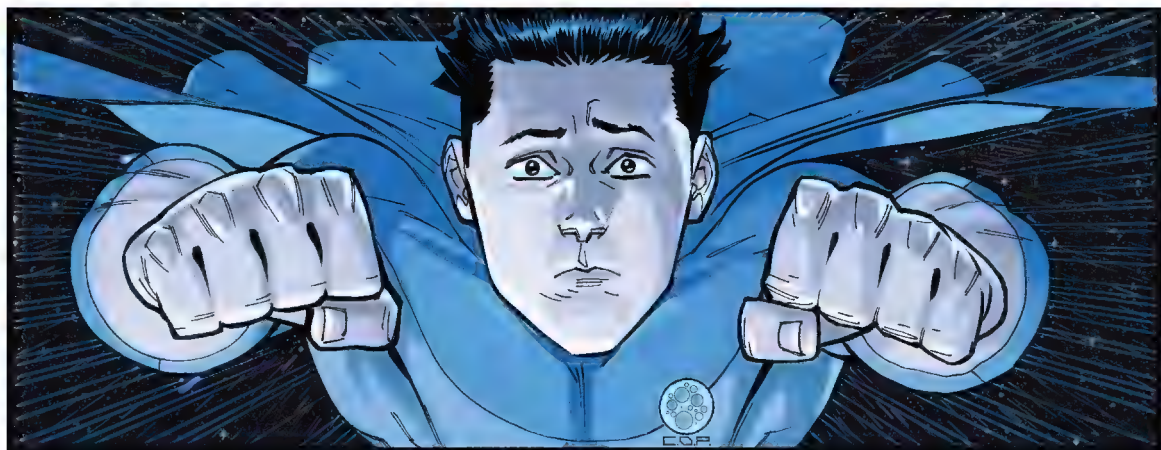
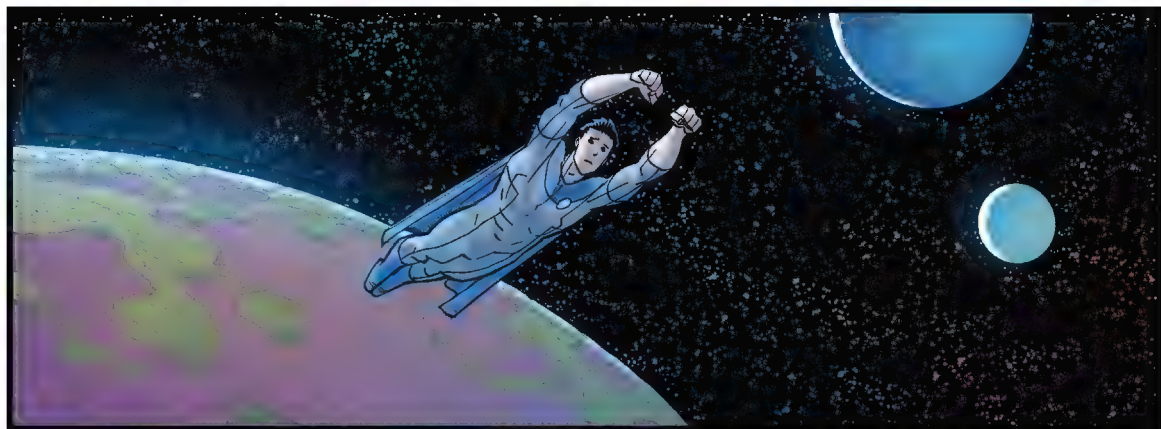


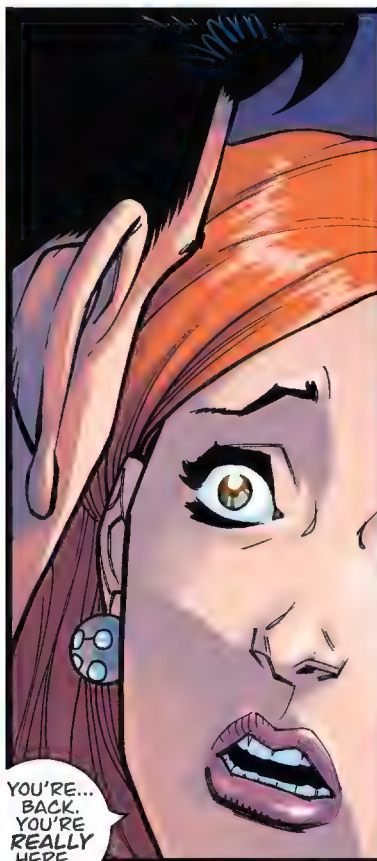
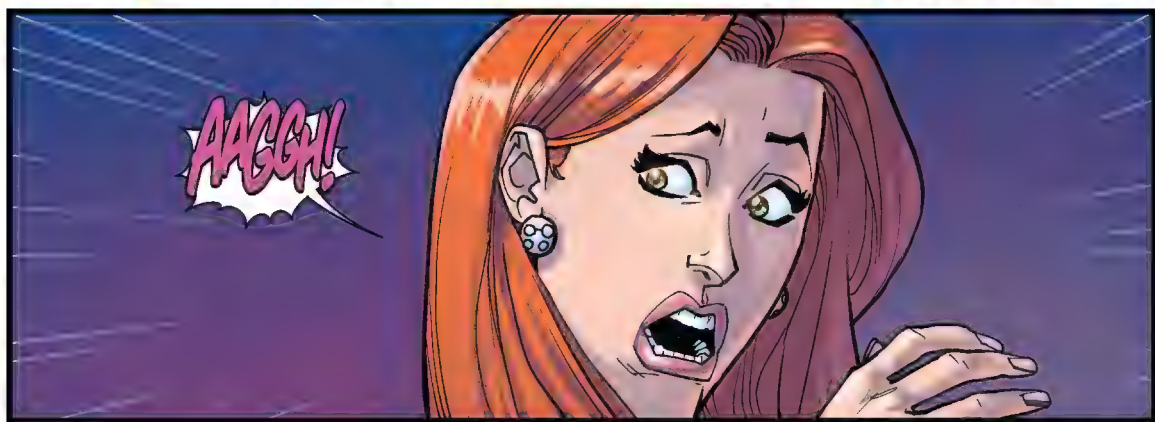
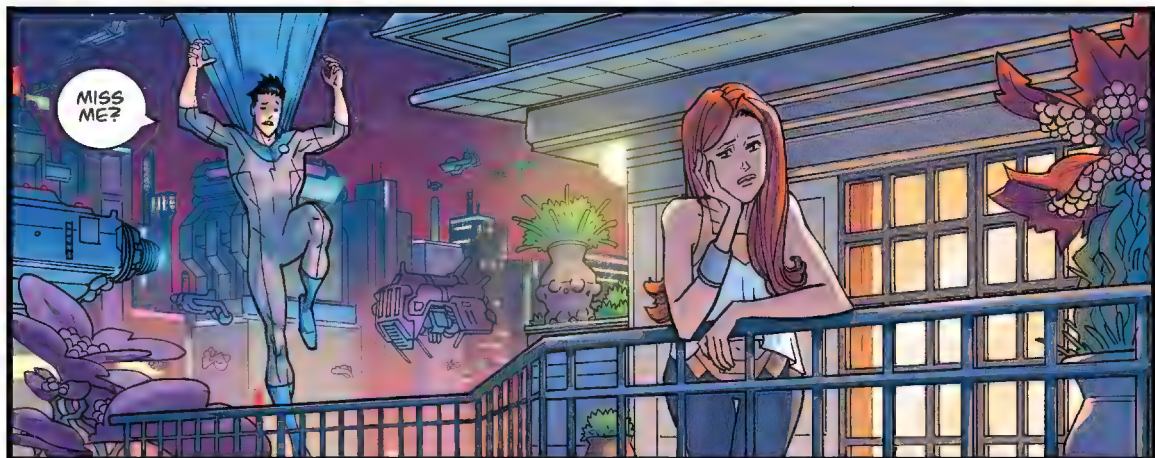
YOU ARE A
DISGRACE.

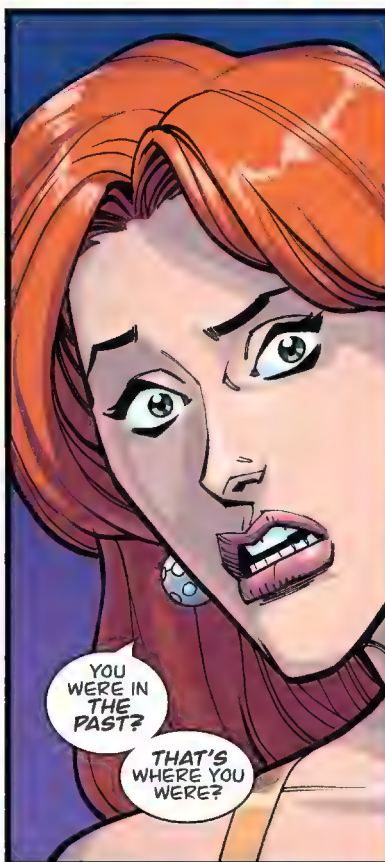


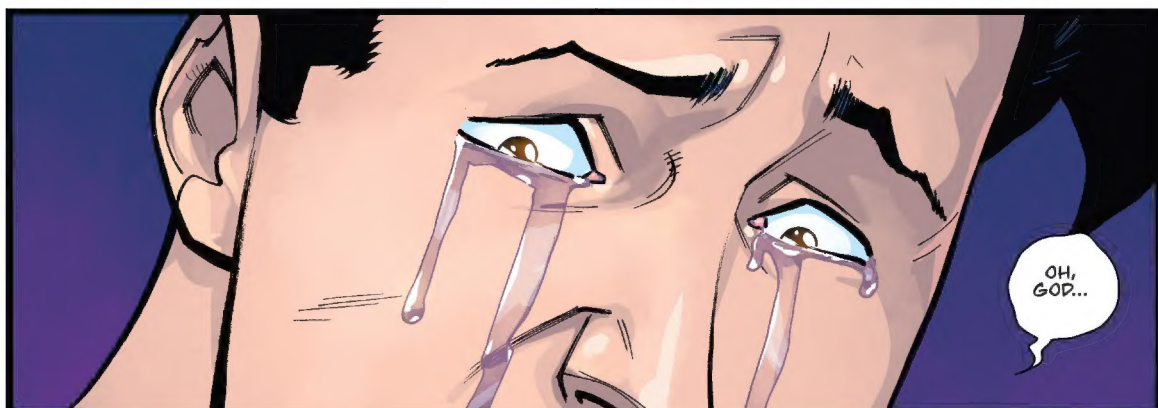
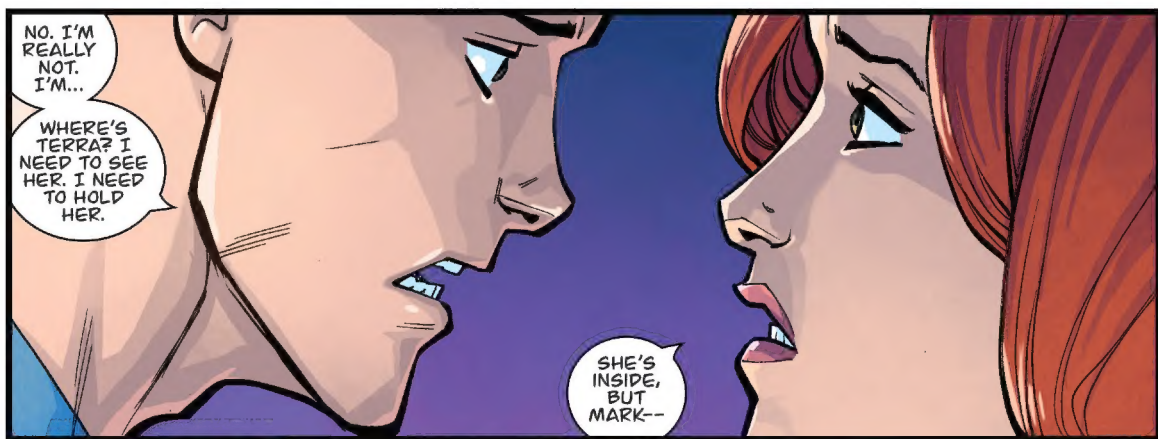
OH,
GOD...













ARE
YOU MY
DADDY?

REBOOT

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I hate you. Not you, reader... YOU, Robert. Mark gets home and his daughter...

I just don't know what to say...

Yeah, I can't wait until we start getting mail from this issue to see what people think. We promised that the reboot wasn't going to erase everything that's occurred in the book thus far, and we kept our promise. But... this storyline was always designed to change things dramatically in this book, keeping up the grand tradition of the ever changing status quo that we have always employed. Now, after 126 issues, we're sitting here, with a lot of new directions to go in, and a lot of changes with familiar characters that we'll be diving into when we return to stands in APRIL.

Yeah... that's right... April. A longer break than we'd usually have, but after 115 issues of this series, Ryan Ottley needs to recharge the old batteries, as they say. And with all the big changes this book is undergoing, it's going to be nice to be able to really dig in, and take our time setting the stage for what's to come.

In the months leading up to April, though... you're going to be hearing some big announcements involving Invincible. There's a whole lot of cool stuff on the horizon... and we can't wait for you to hear about it.

So until April! Keep being angry at us that Terra is now six years old!

Now... let's answer these letters!

I just finished #124 and am still smiling from the interchange between Mark and his Dad. It's so cool to see everything old new again through Ryan's continuously developing style. I have no doubt in my mind that the reboot is going to be the most fun and amazing thing we've seen from Invincible yet.

Thank you for continuing to take my money and in turn bringing me the best superhero book in the universe since Issue 1.

I'll keep collecting it if you keep making it.

Thanks.
Joe Martin

Totally agree that REBOOT? was really fun... until it suddenly wasn't. Be careful what you wish for. (Though really, the choice was either no daughter or miss about five years of her life. He still made the right choice... I think.)

Just keeping things interesting.

Hi all, greetings from your #1 fan!

I was anxious about what you guys would do with the reboot, but WOW, this was such an amazing issue! I totally loved it, and the big question mark in everyone's heads is whether this is all a dream or even an alternate timeline which won't affect the main timeline eventually. But you've addressed that Mark is aware of this, so it could literally go anywhere! WOW!!!

Character interactions all perfect too, I loved it all. The only, ONLY, minor quibble I have is that I suppose you'd have to do

a take 2 of the epic Nolan-Mark beatdown. Maybe? Possibly? ... well, anyhow, I understand if you'd want to do another one. The first time was so emotionally charged! ... but... well, nonetheless, even though Mark is not a genius like Robot/ (Rudy now not Rex!), I still hope that he can find a way to avoid fighting with his dad. I mean, if he reveals that they are heirs to the Viltrumite throne, that means they don't have to obey orders to conquer Earth... at this point, it's possible to have a bloodless coup and take over the Viltrumite empire. Heck, Thragg might not be angry at them yet, since they haven't blown up their homeworld, betrayed their empire, etc etc etc. ... wow, there's so much possibilities here.

Oh, also, love how you have Robot already warning Mark about the dangers of tampering too much with how history plays out. BUT, despite his misgivings, tells him to prioritize saving lives first. In that sense, it reminds me, that what made Robot inhuman was not his living in a test tube... it was the centuries of living as ruler of a planet (like Immortal?)

Anyhow, love love love your work guys!!! Invincible has always been the best, IMHO, but this current arc just raised the bar even higher!!!

Yours,
Jason Leong

Glad you're enjoying the book. Justin. Keeping REBOOT? to just three issues was very difficult. As you mention, there were tons of different ideas popping up as to what Mark could do in the past and how he could make things play out differently. In the end, I knew the story was all about Terra, and Mark's love for his daughter... and that while his time in the past was very real, what he did there... would ultimately be undone. So I didn't want to linger too long.

Also, while his time there didn't really change anything in the original timeline, the things Mark learned, about his friends, about himself, will very much change who he is moving forward, so keep an eye out for that as this series continues.

We'll be back in April, with all kinds of surprises in store for you.

-Sean Mackiewicz

Oh, yeah April is going to be sweet! Just you wait!

-Robert Kirkman

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