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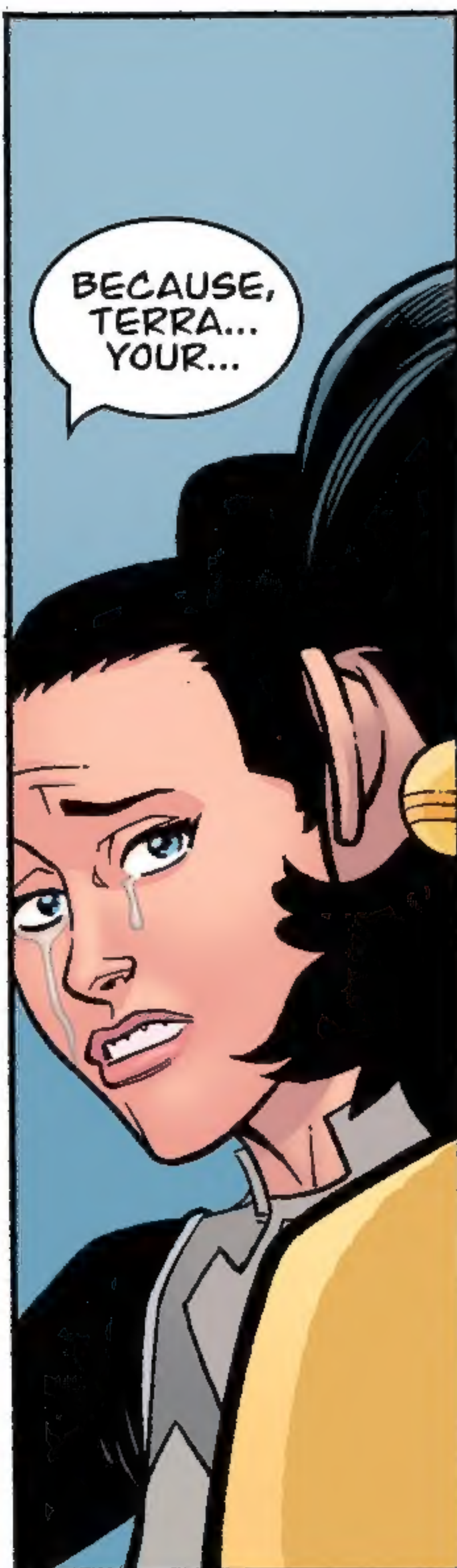
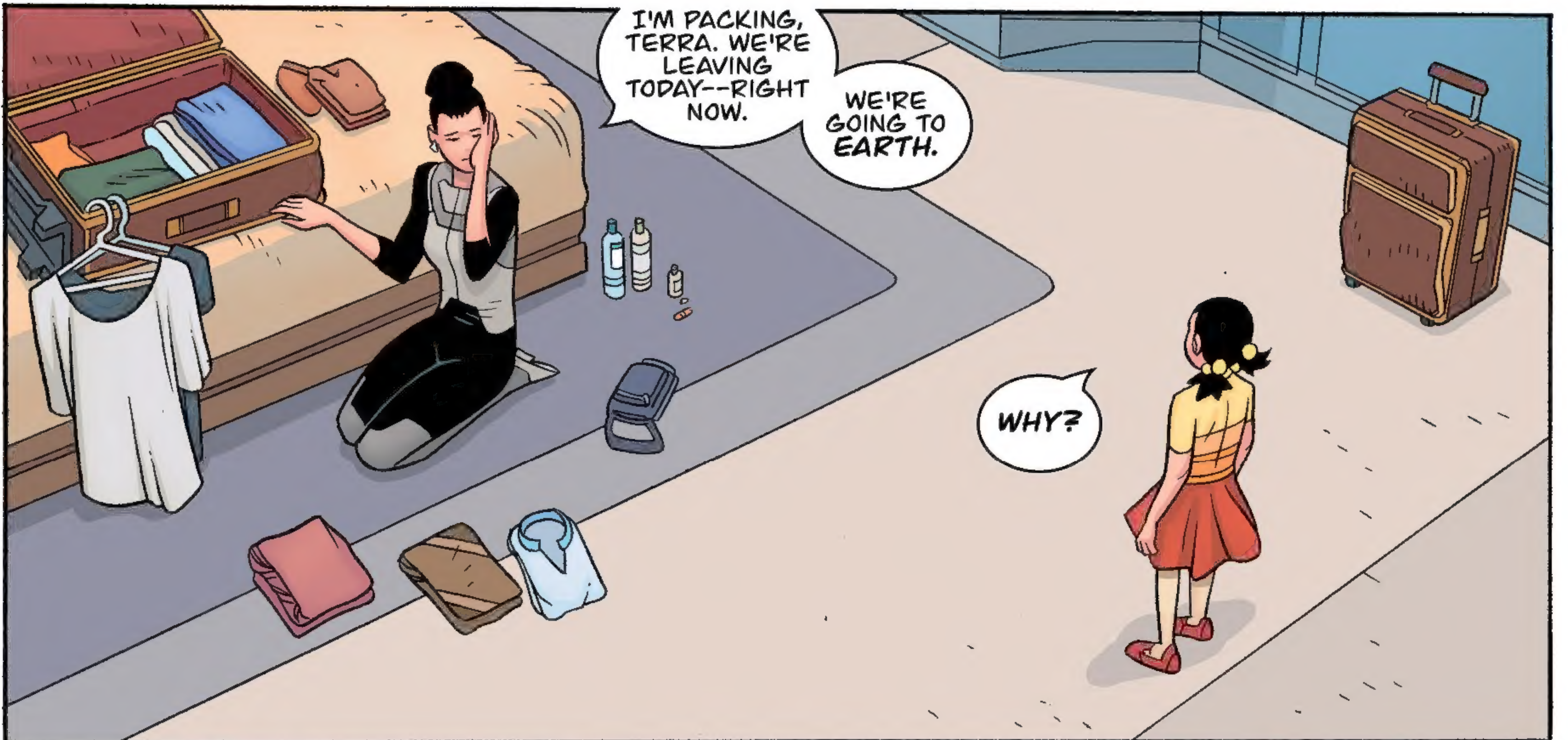
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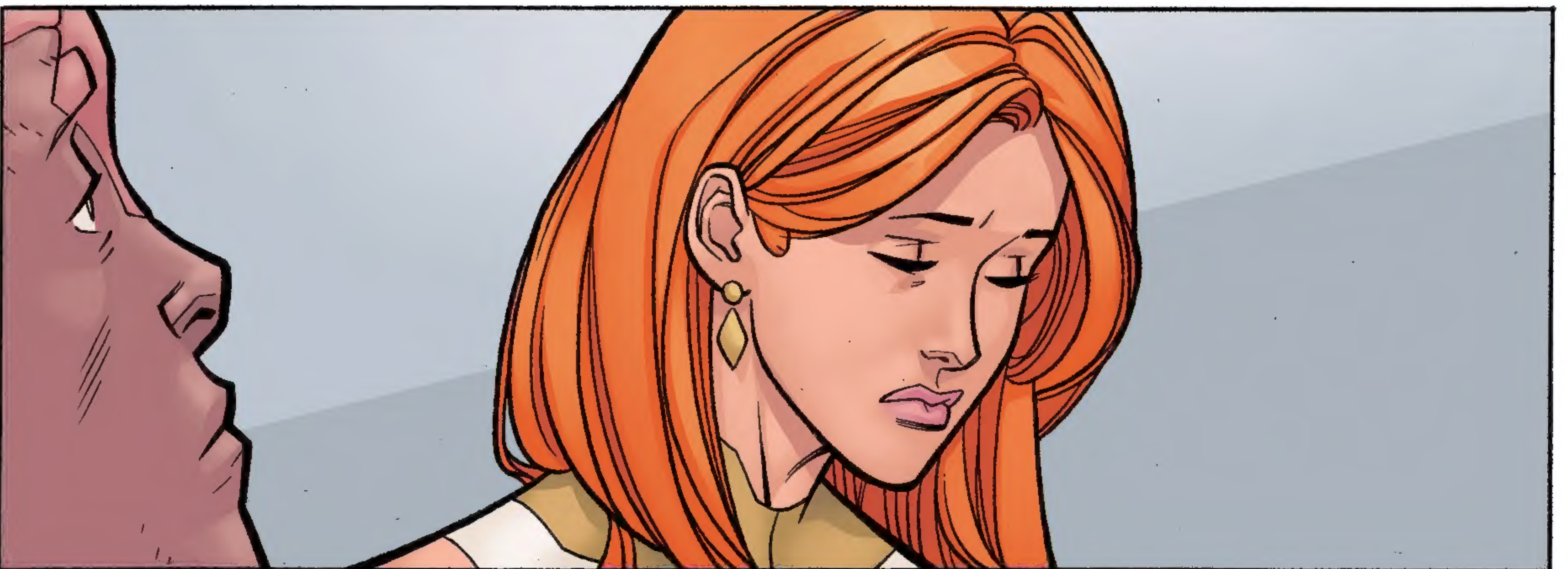
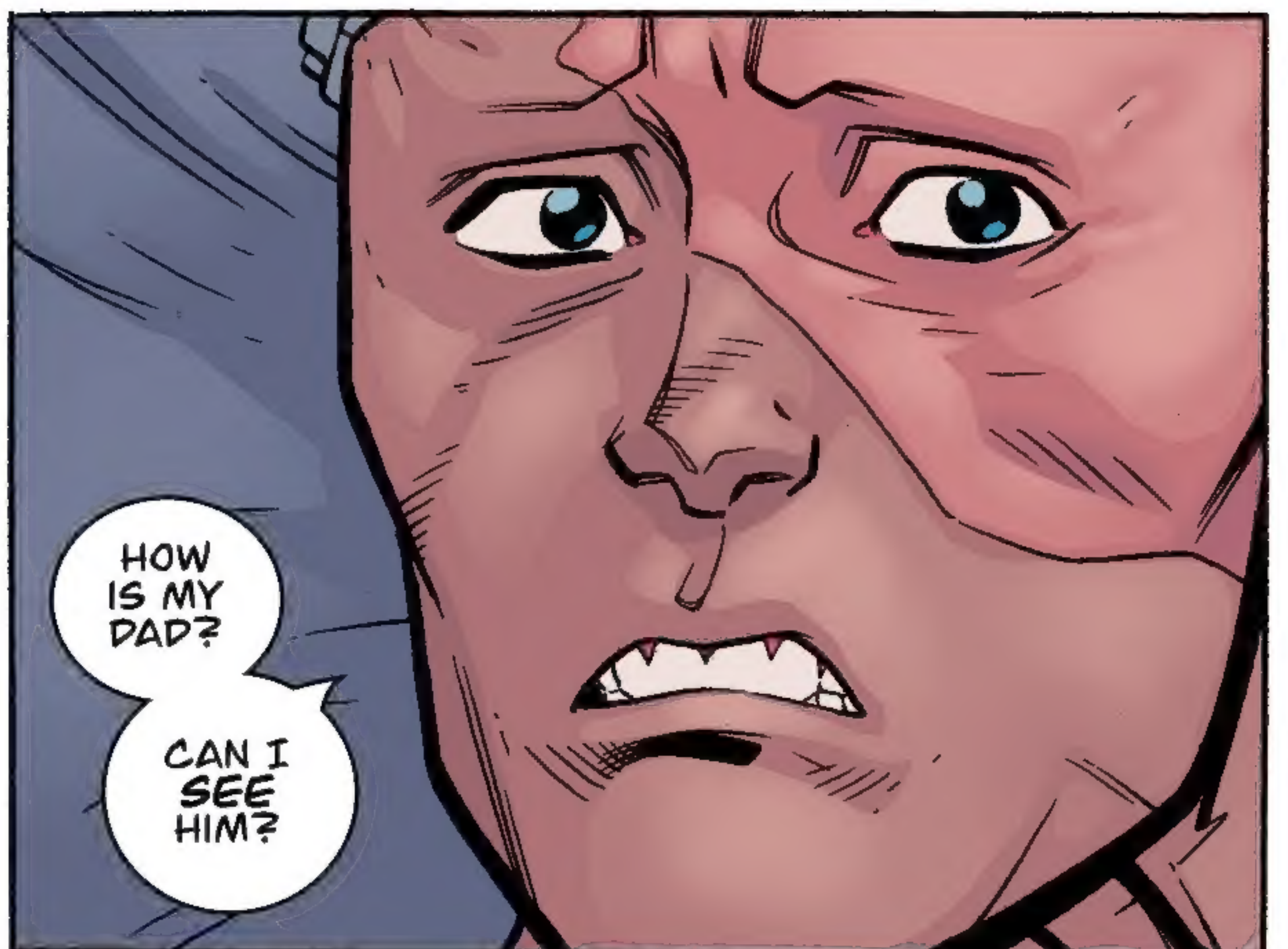
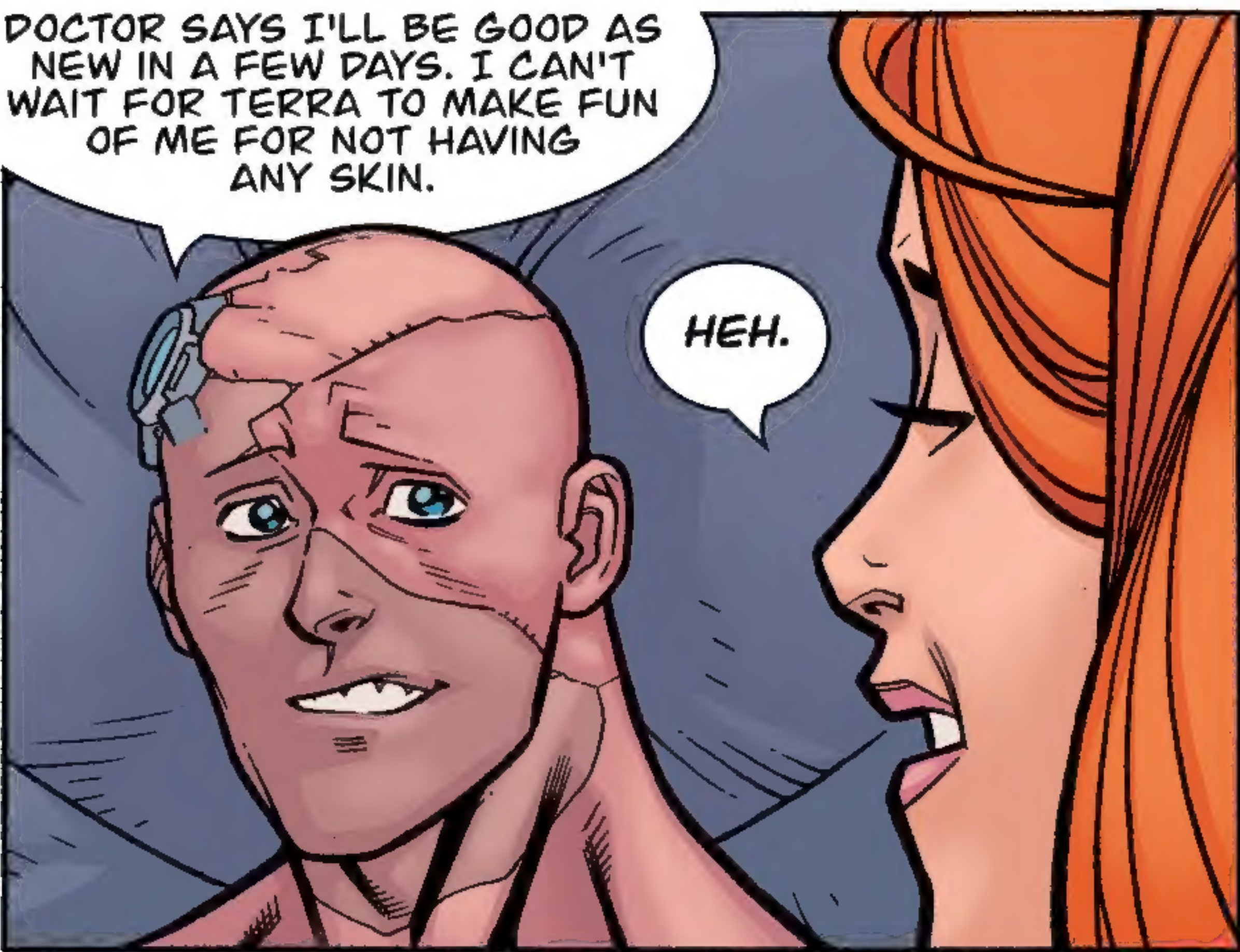
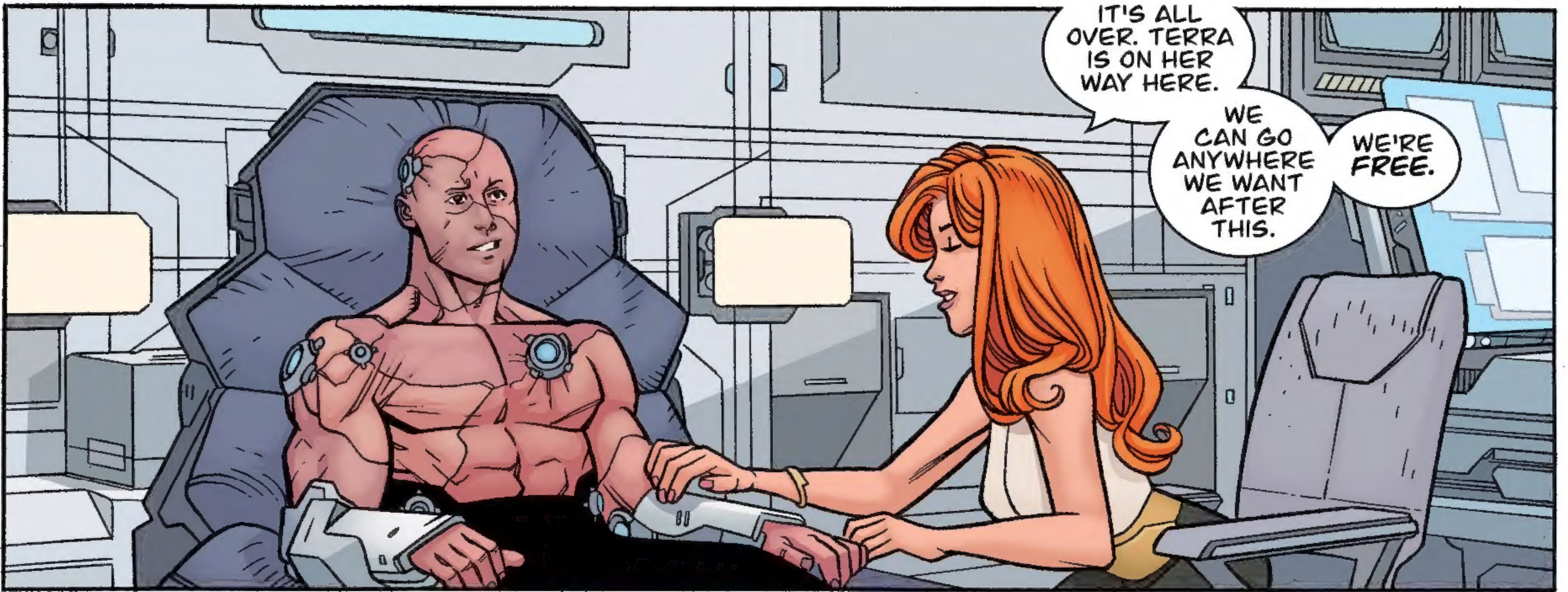
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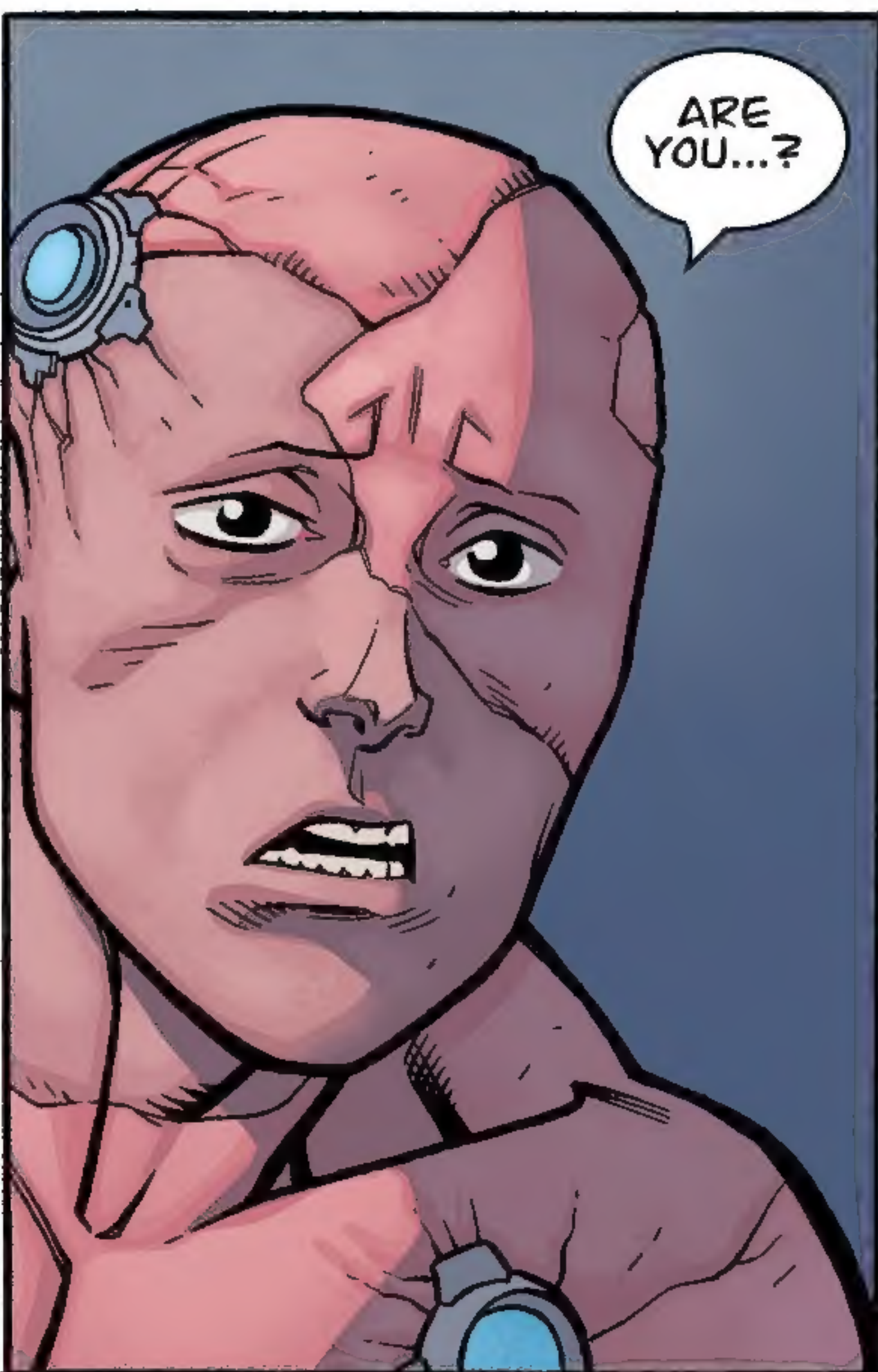
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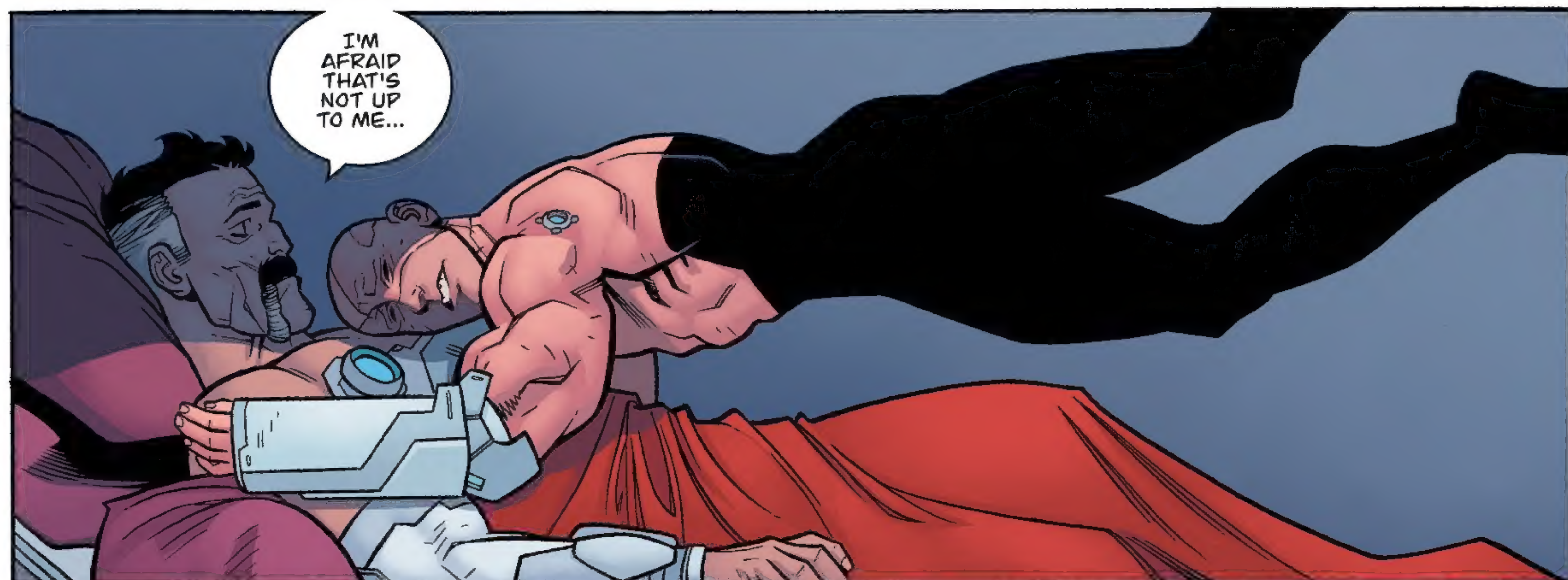














MY HEART IS
DAMAGED...

I WAS
ABLE TO
DODGE THE
BRUNT OF
THRAGG'S
ATTACK...

...BUT NOT
ENOUGH IT
SEEMS.



BECAUSE
OF MY
DAMAGED
HEART...

...MY BODY
ISN'T STRONG
ENOUGH TO
REPAIR
ITSELF...



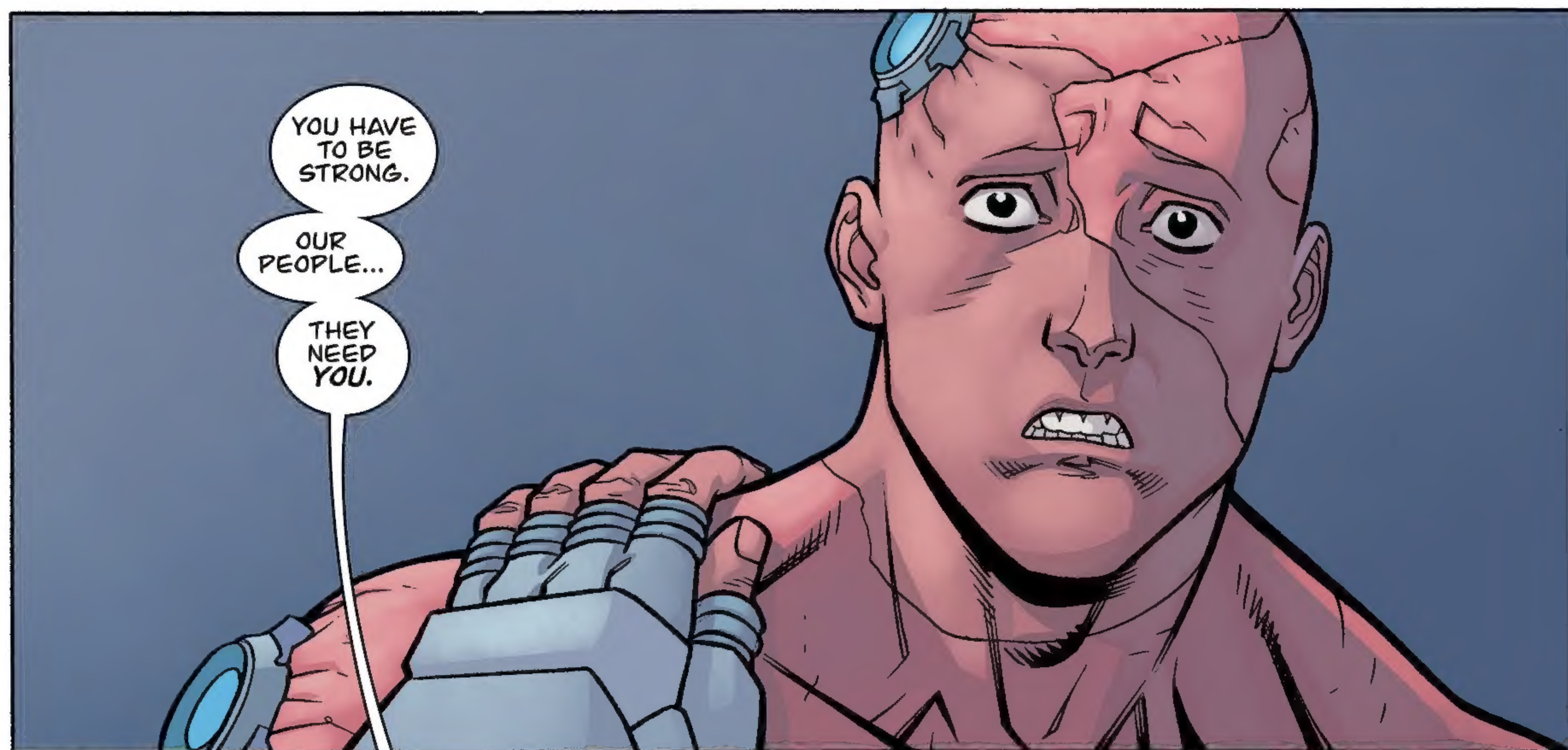
NO...

THERE'S
GOT TO
BE A WAY
TO SAVE
YOU.



THERE
ISN'T.

LISTEN
TO ME,
MARK.



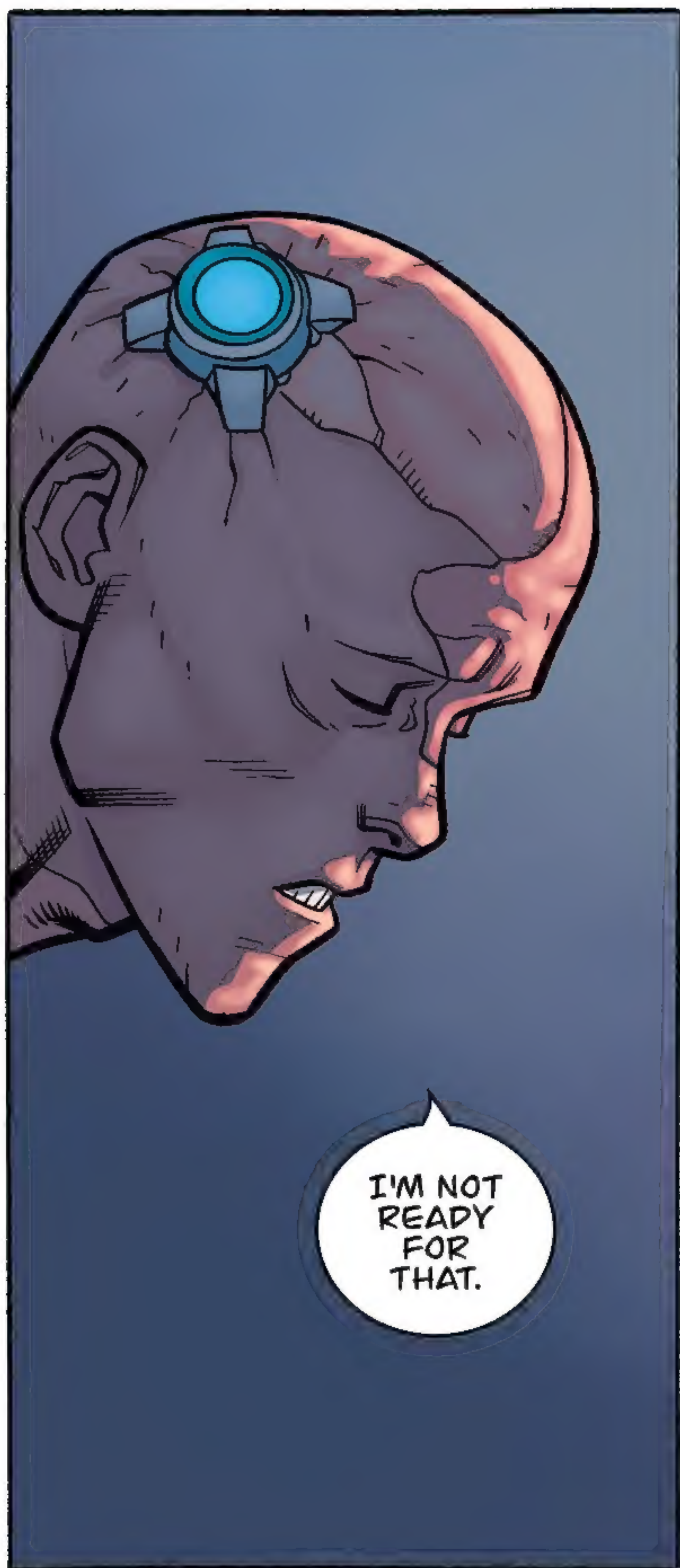
YOU HAVE
TO BE
STRONG.

OUR
PEOPLE...

THEY
NEED
YOU.



IT'S TIME
FOR YOU TO
LEAD THE
VILTRUMITES.



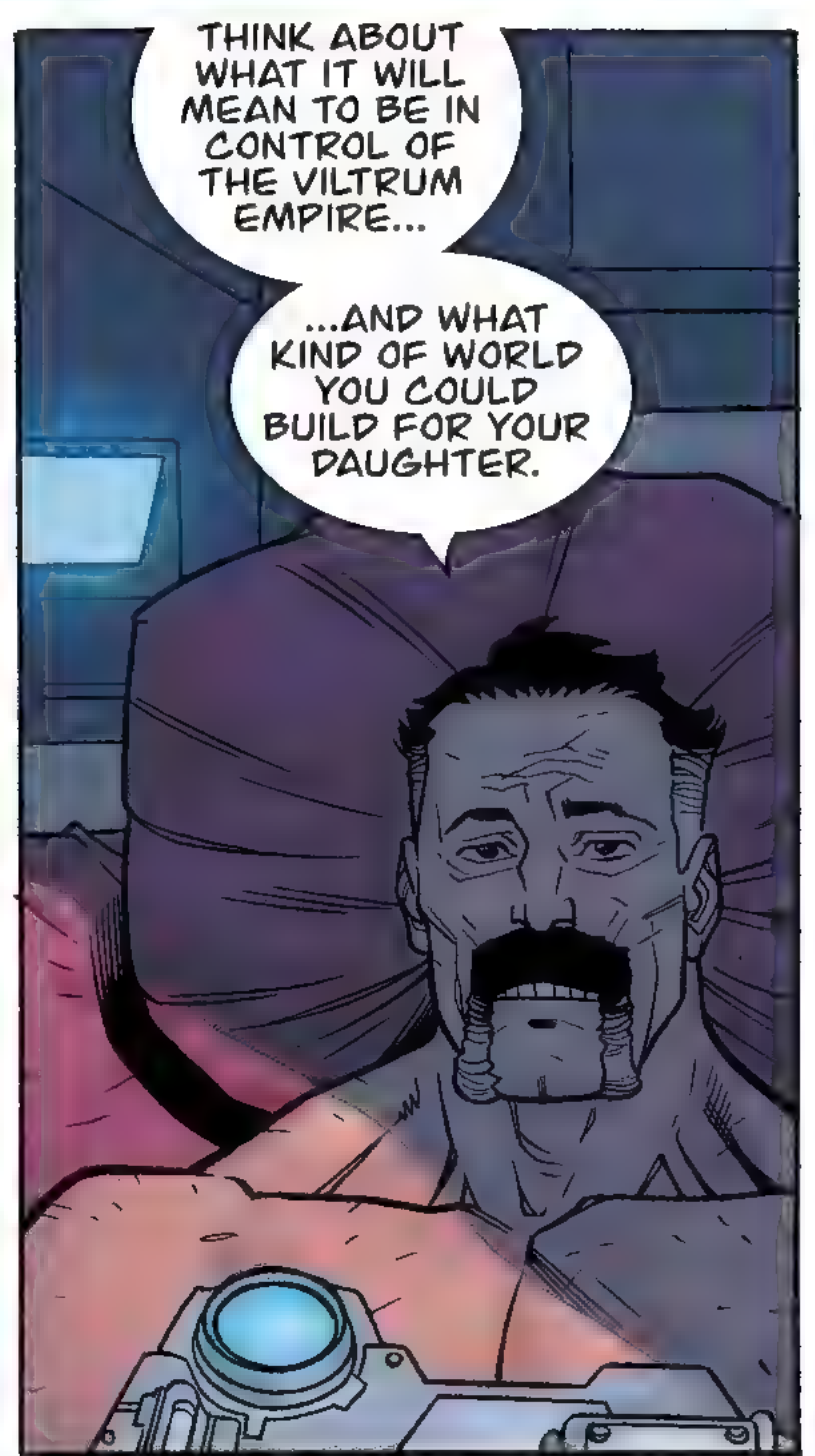
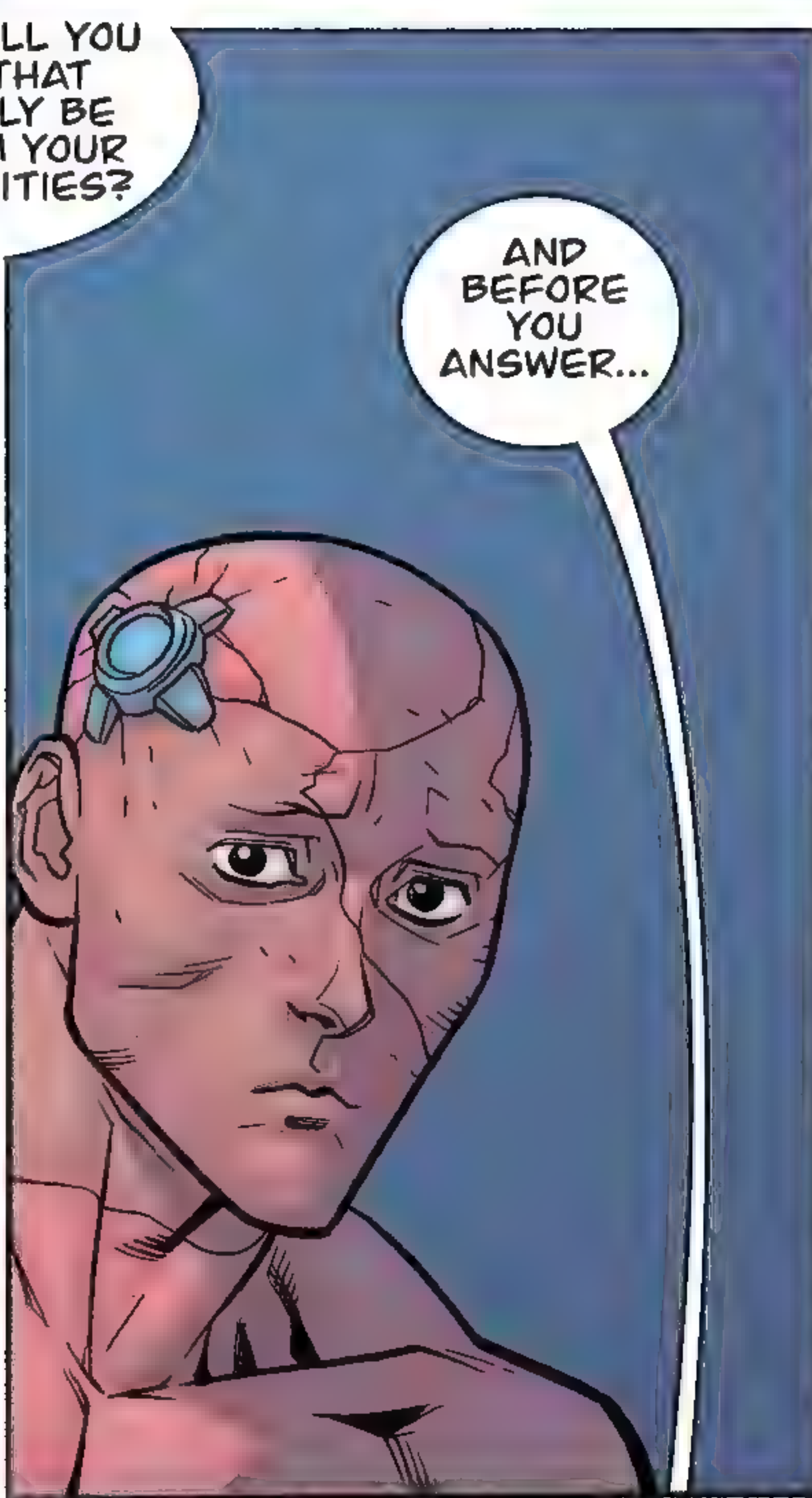
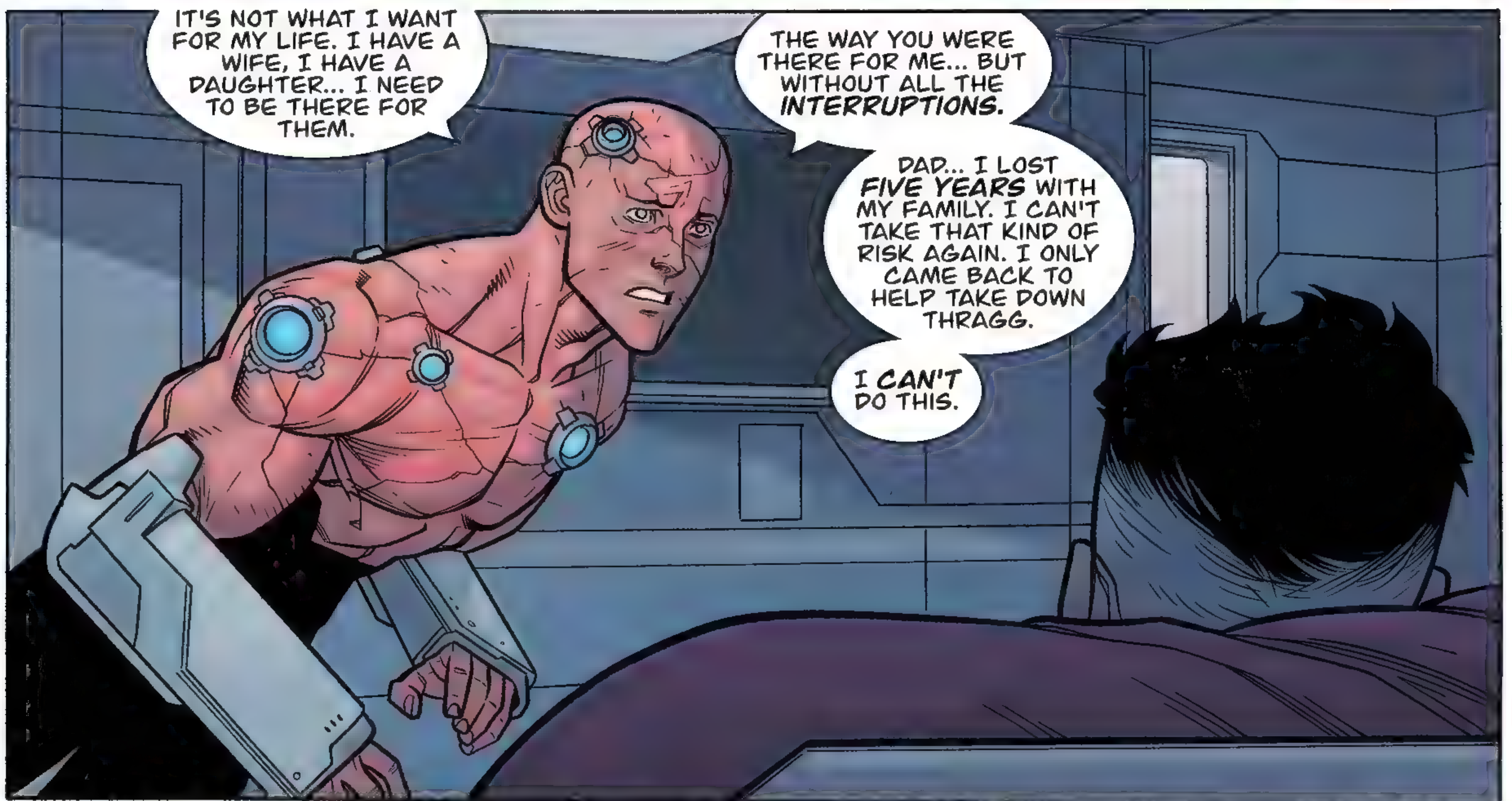
I'M NOT
READY
FOR
THAT.



YOU'RE
MORE
READY THAN
I WAS WHEN
I TOOK
OVER.



I DON'T
WANT
IT.





THEY NEED YOU, MARK. NOT JUST A GOOD LEADER... NOT JUST SOMEONE **WORTHY**... THEY NEED YOU.

I THINK ABOUT THRAGG... WHAT HE DID... AND IT REMINDS ME WHO I AM...

...WHO I WAS.

BUT MORE THAN THAT... WHO I COULD EASILY BE AGAIN.



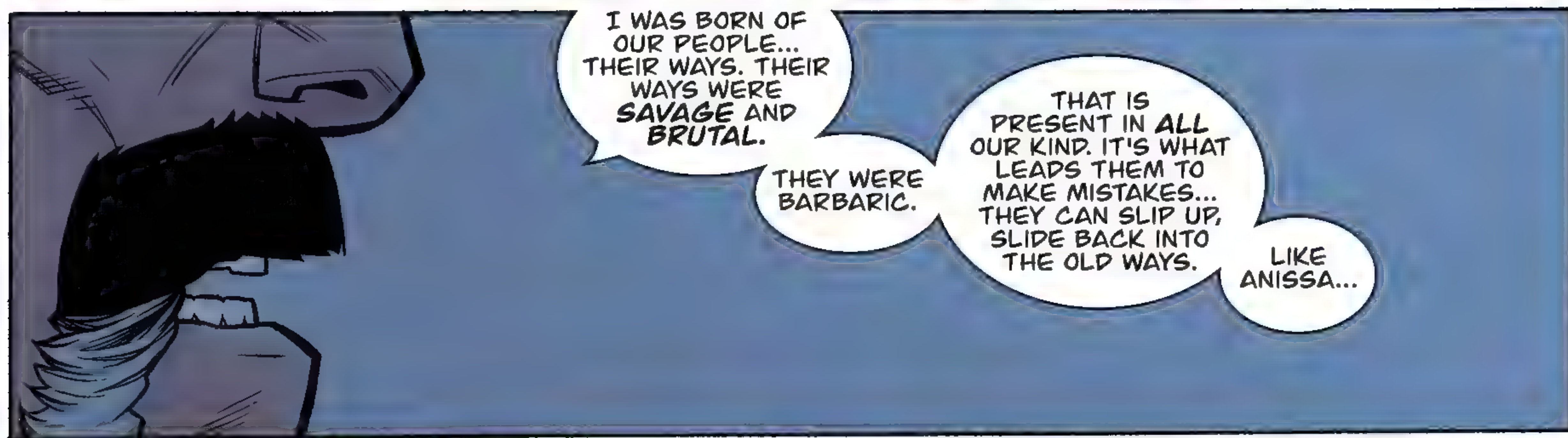
NO. YOU'D NEVER--

YOU'RE **BETTER** THAN THAT.



IF I AM... IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU.

I NEED YOU TO KNOW THAT, SON.

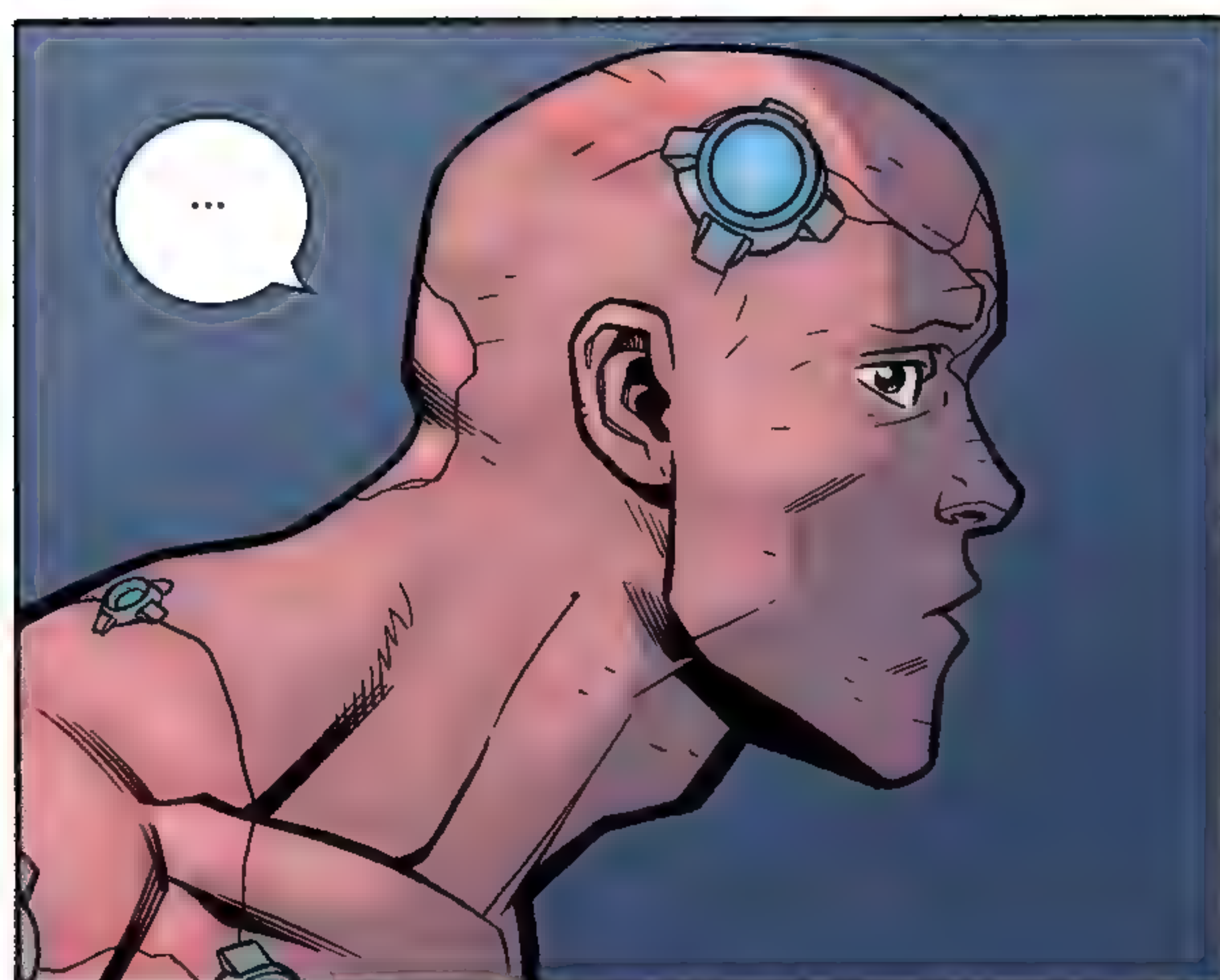


I WAS BORN OF OUR PEOPLE... THEIR WAYS. THEIR WAYS WERE **SAVAGE AND BRUTAL**.

THEY WERE BARBARIC.

THAT IS PRESENT IN **ALL** OUR KIND. IT'S WHAT LEADS THEM TO MAKE MISTAKES... THEY CAN SLIP UP, SLIDE BACK INTO THE OLD WAYS.

LIKE ANISSA...



...



YOU ARE **FREE** FROM THAT. YOU WERE ALWAYS ON A DIFFERENT PATH.

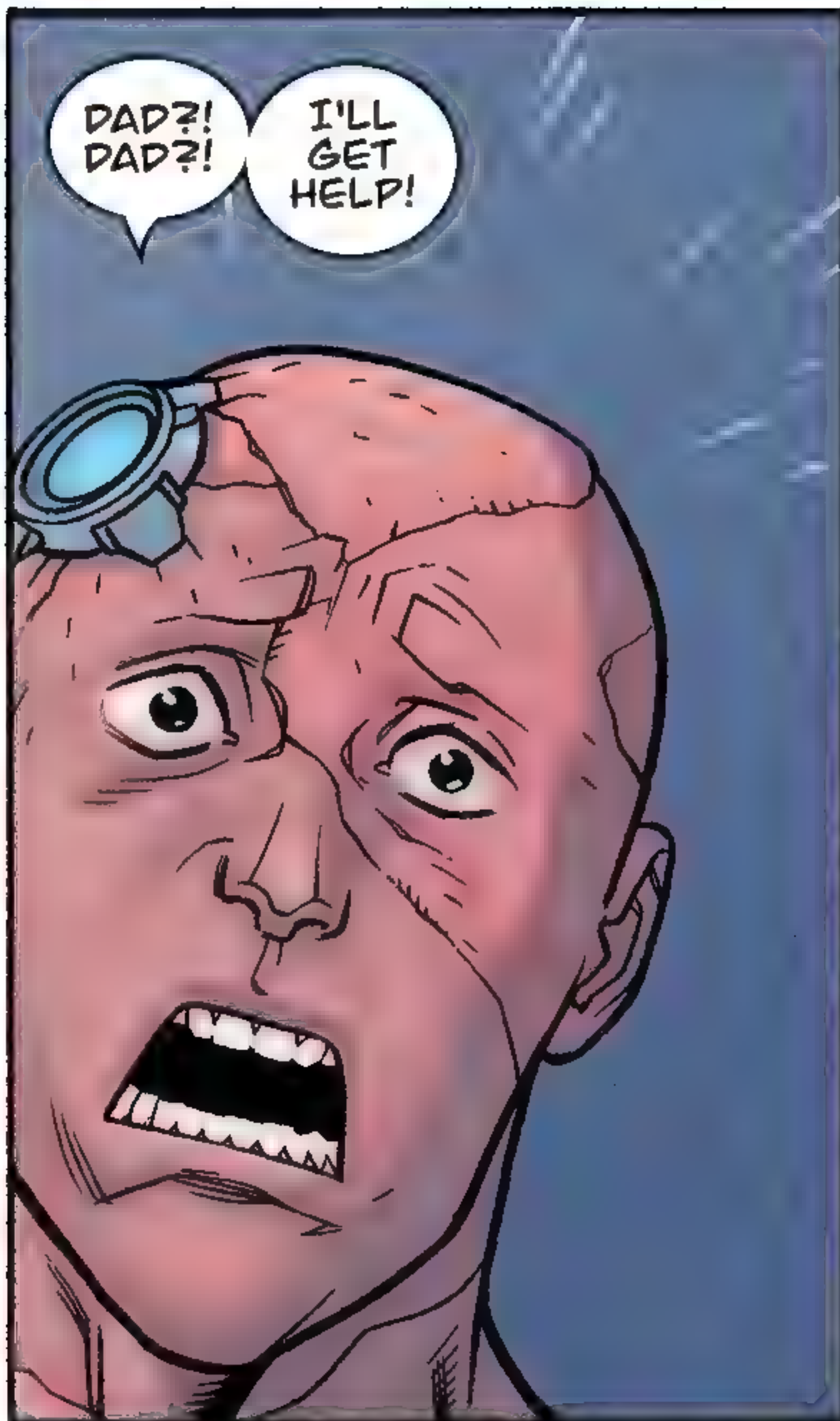
YOU CAN **SHOW** US THE WAY.



YOU CAN--

≡KOFF!≡
≡KOFF!≡

≡KOFF!≡



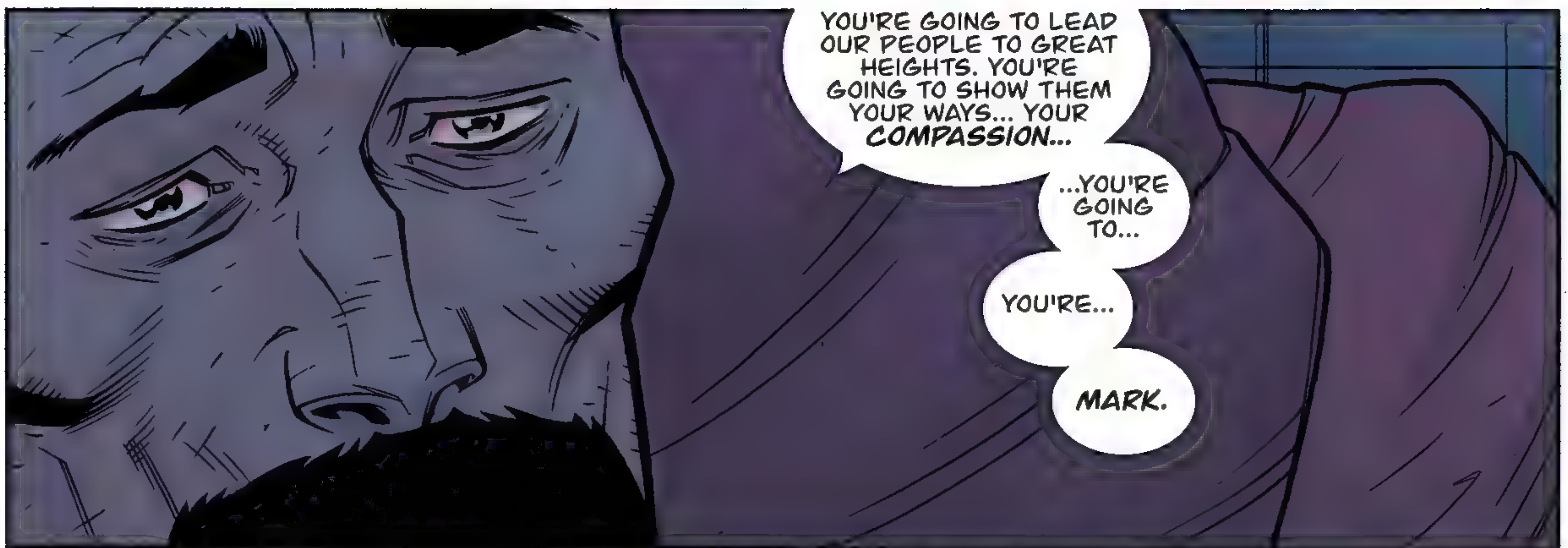
DAD?!
DAD?!

I'LL
GET
HELP!



NO,
I'M FINE--
I'M--

YOU
HAVE TO
LISTEN
TO ME.

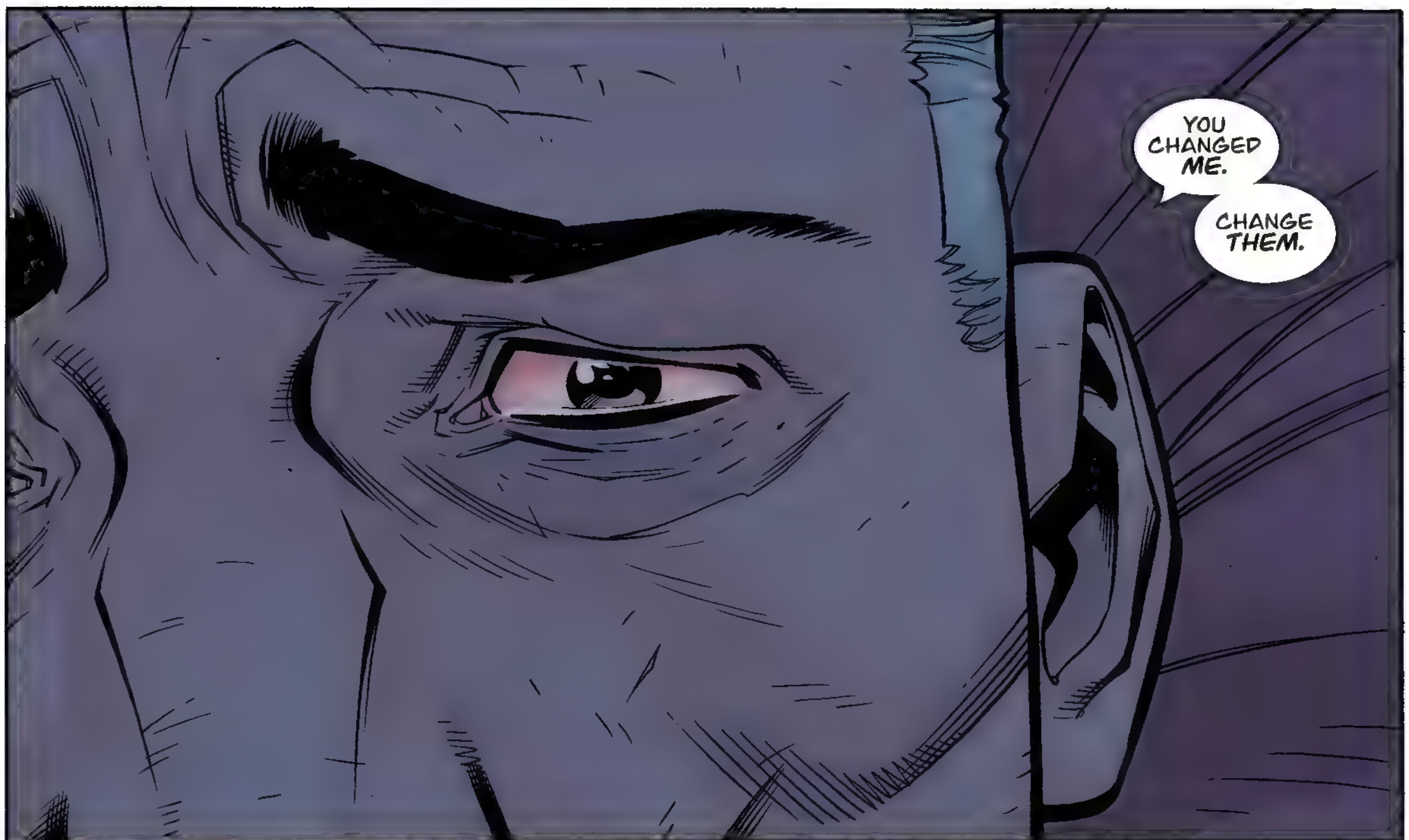


YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD
OUR PEOPLE TO GREAT
HEIGHTS. YOU'RE
GOING TO SHOW THEM
YOUR WAYS... YOUR
COMPASSION...

...YOU'RE
GOING
TO...

YOU'RE...

MARK.



YOU
CHANGED
ME.

CHANGE
THEM.

NO.

I WON'T
LET YOU
DO THAT.

YOU CAN'T
PUT THAT ALL
ON ME. MOM
DIDN'T RAISE ME
ALONE. YOU
WERE THERE,
TOO.

WHATEVER
PART OF ME
THAT YOU SAY
CHANGED YOU...
YOU HELPED
PUT THAT
THERE.

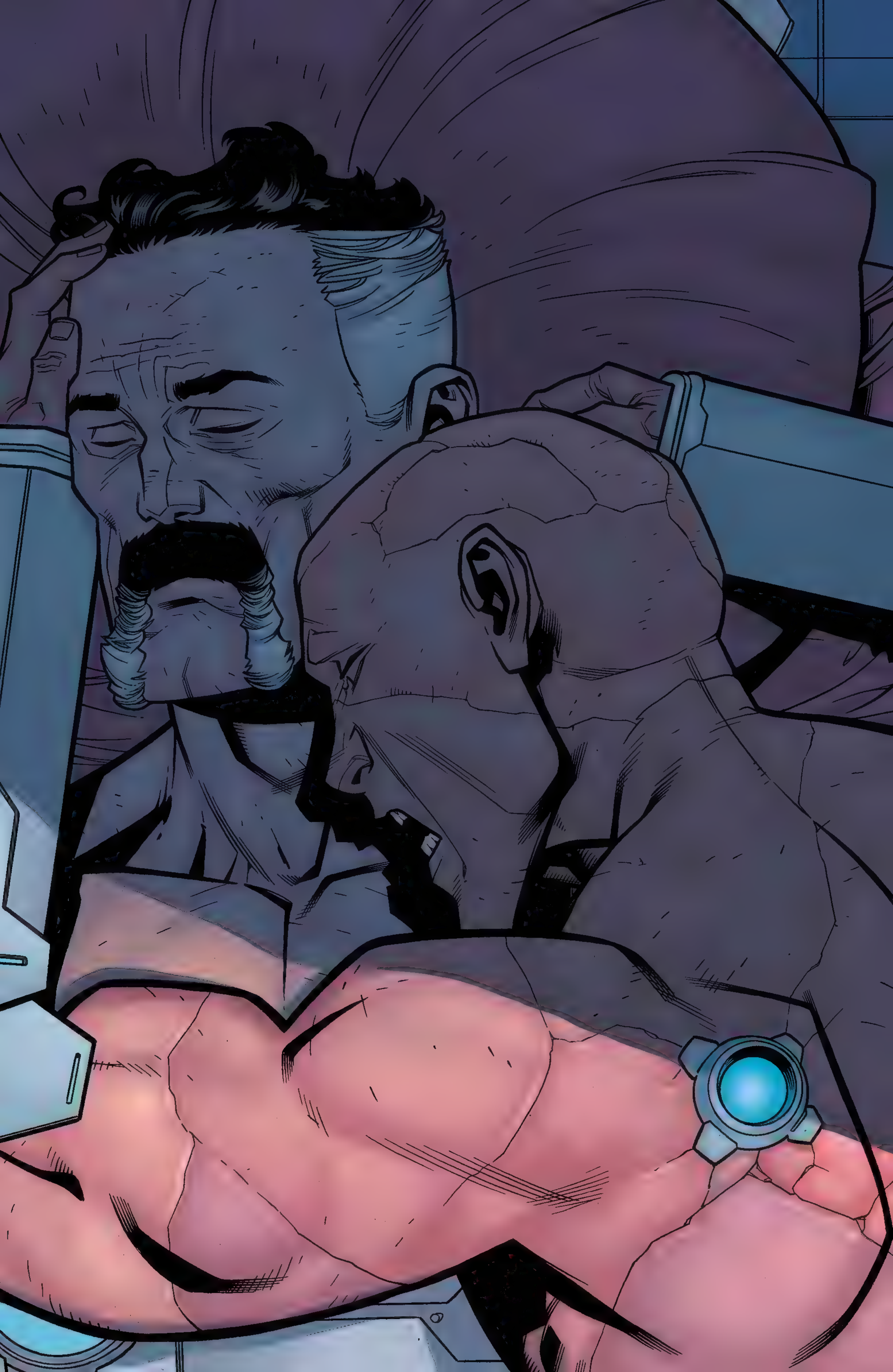
YOU
RAISED ME
WITH HUMANITY...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE
TO. YOU COULD
HAVE TAUGHT ME
THE VILTRUMITE
WAYS FROM
DAY ONE.

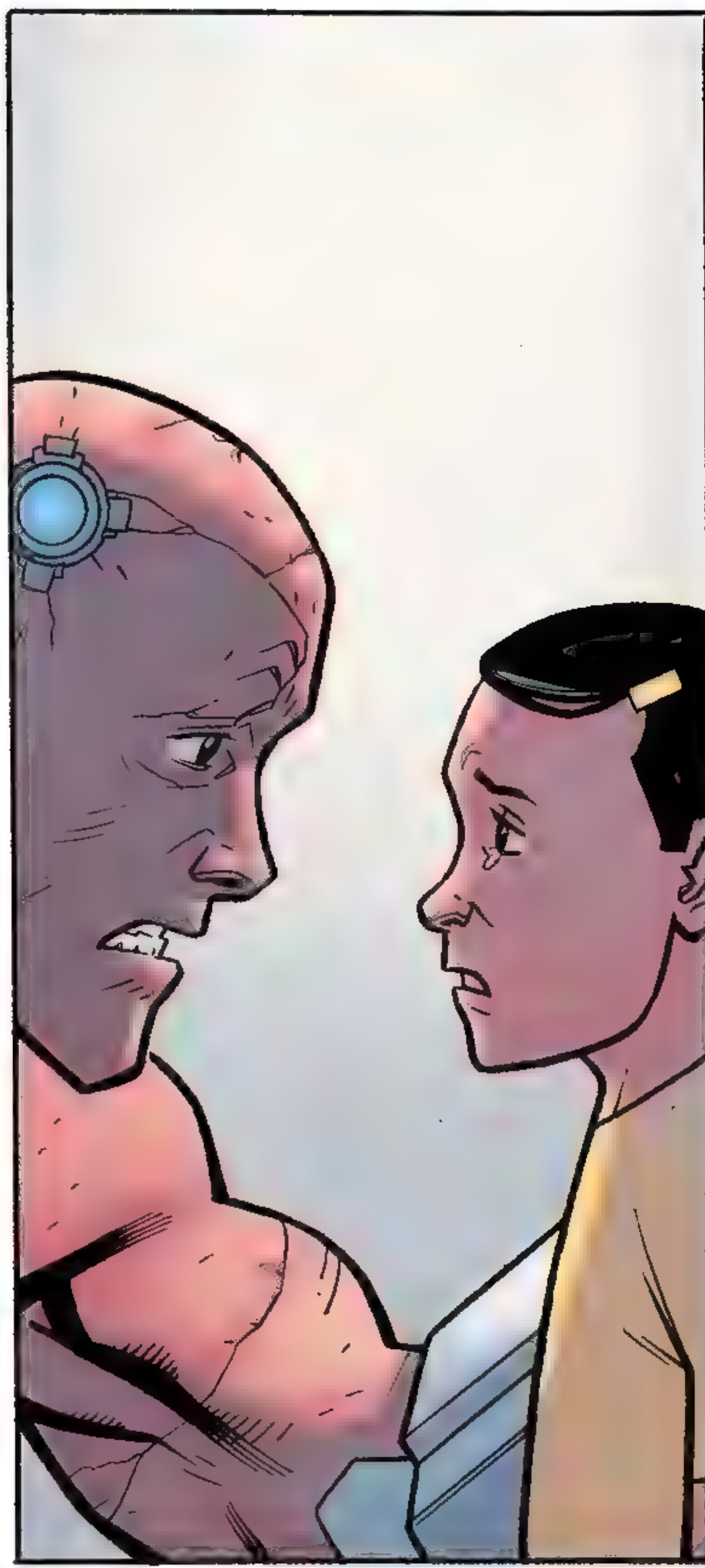
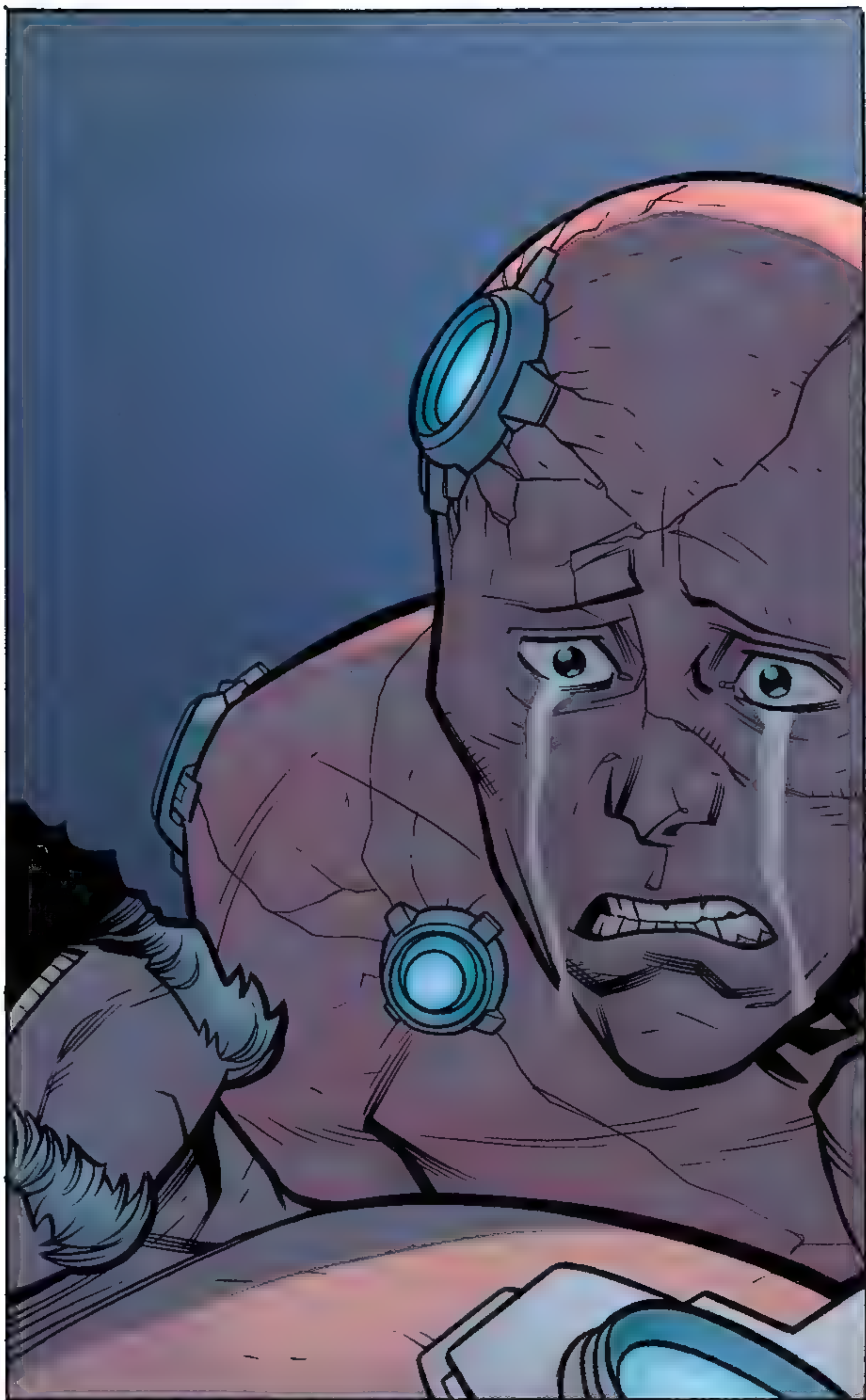
THE GOOD
YOU HAVE
BROUGHT TO THE
VILTRUMITES... IT
STARTED WITH
YOU. IT'S
ALREADY THERE,
AND IT'S
GROWING.

IF WE CAN
CHANGE AS
A PEOPLE...
IT'S YOU WHO
SHOWED US
THE WAY.
YOU--

...

DAD?

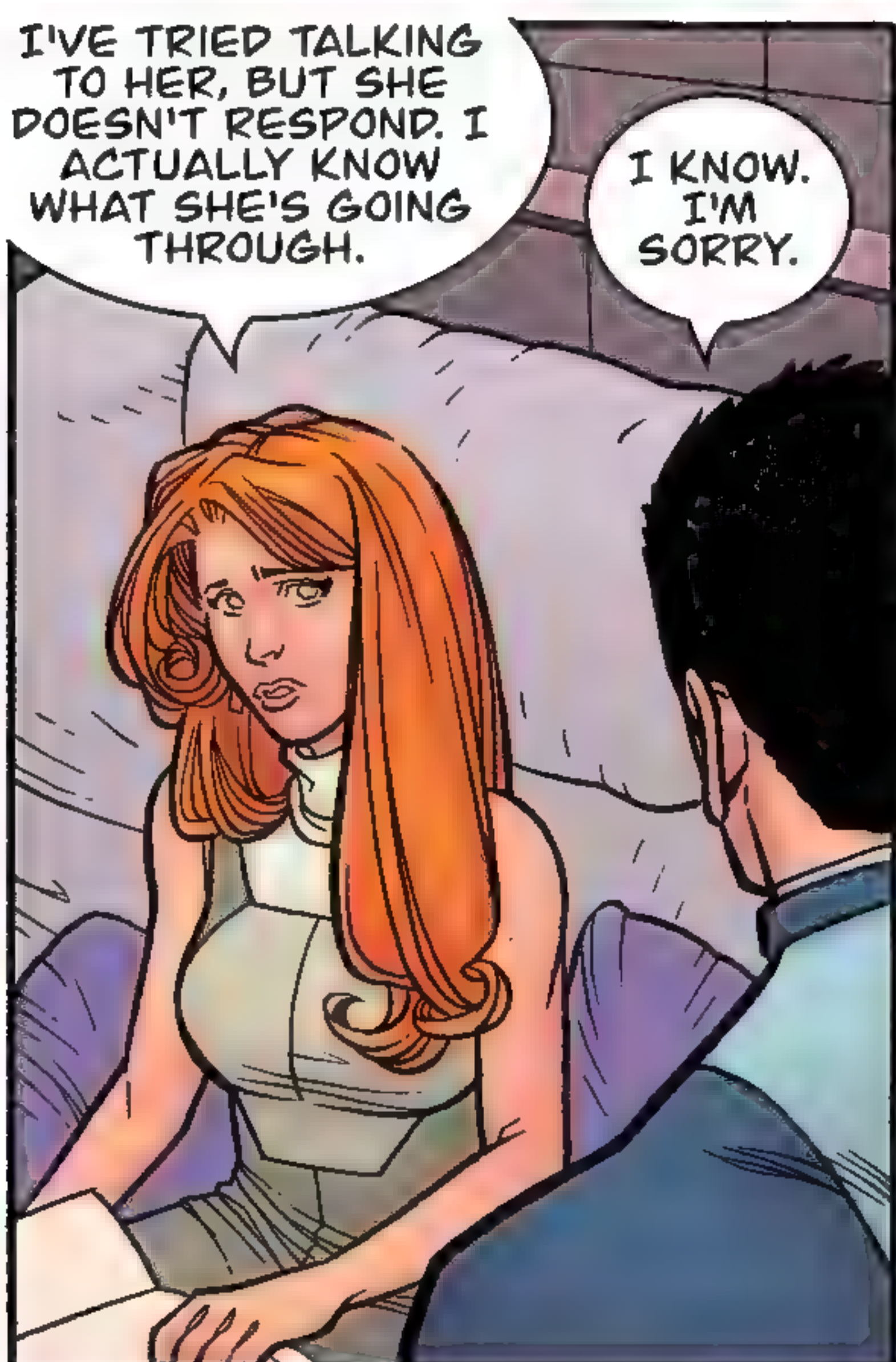






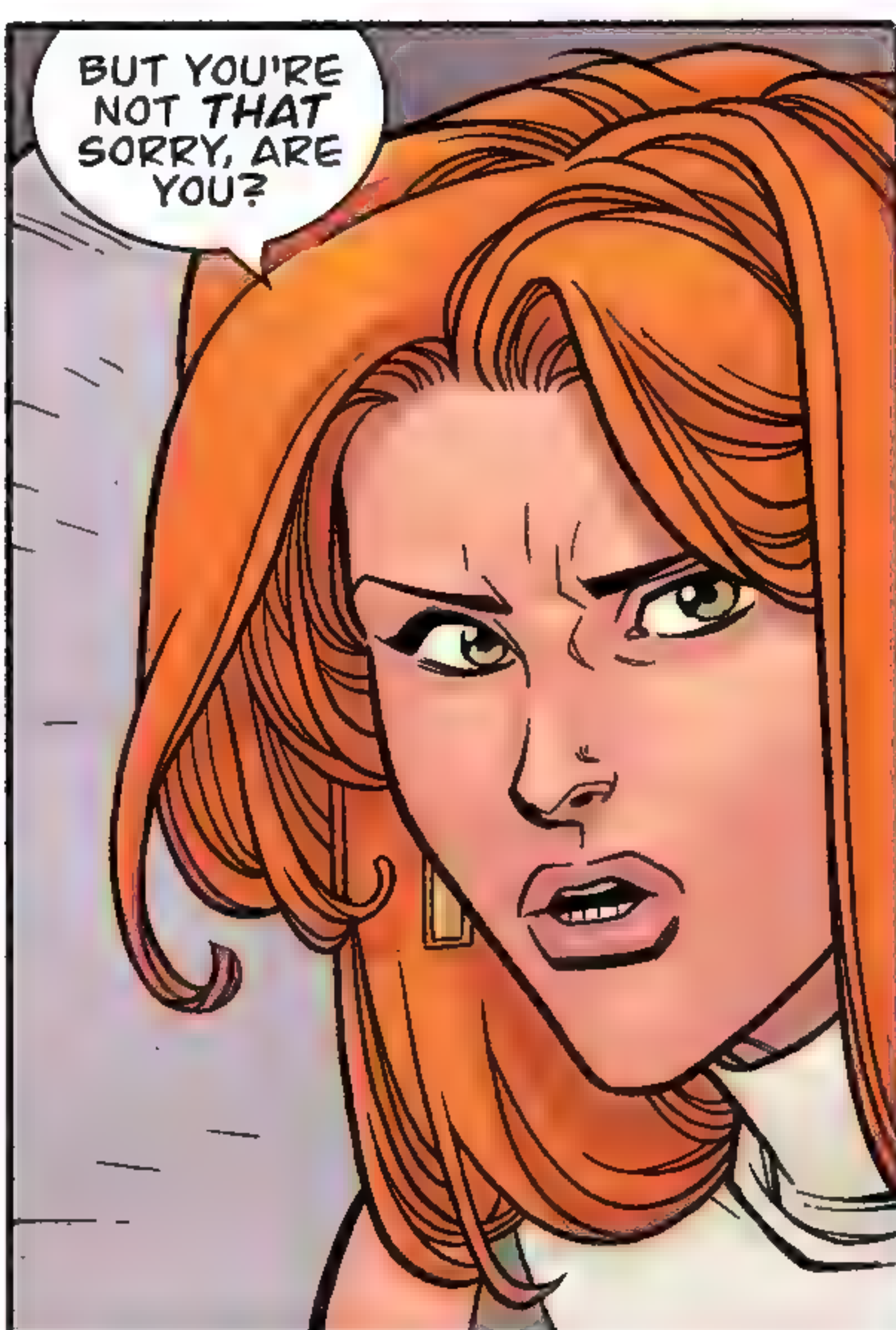
HOW IS YOUR MOTHER?

STILL NOT TALKING. SHE'S TAKING IT PRETTY HARD.

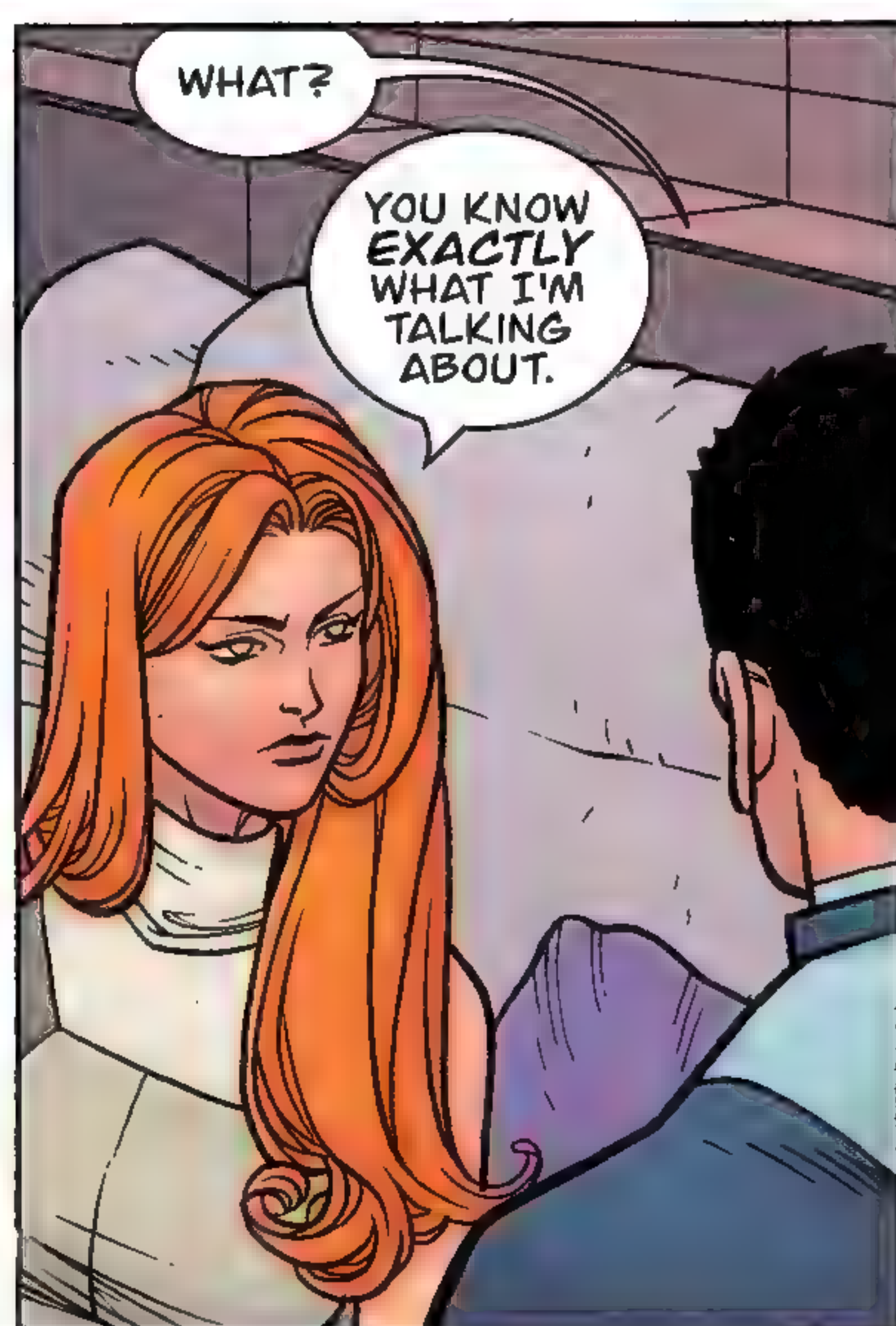


I'VE TRIED TALKING TO HER, BUT SHE DOESN'T RESPOND. I ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT SHE'S GOING THROUGH.

I KNOW. I'M SORRY.



BUT YOU'RE NOT THAT SORRY, ARE YOU?



WHAT?

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

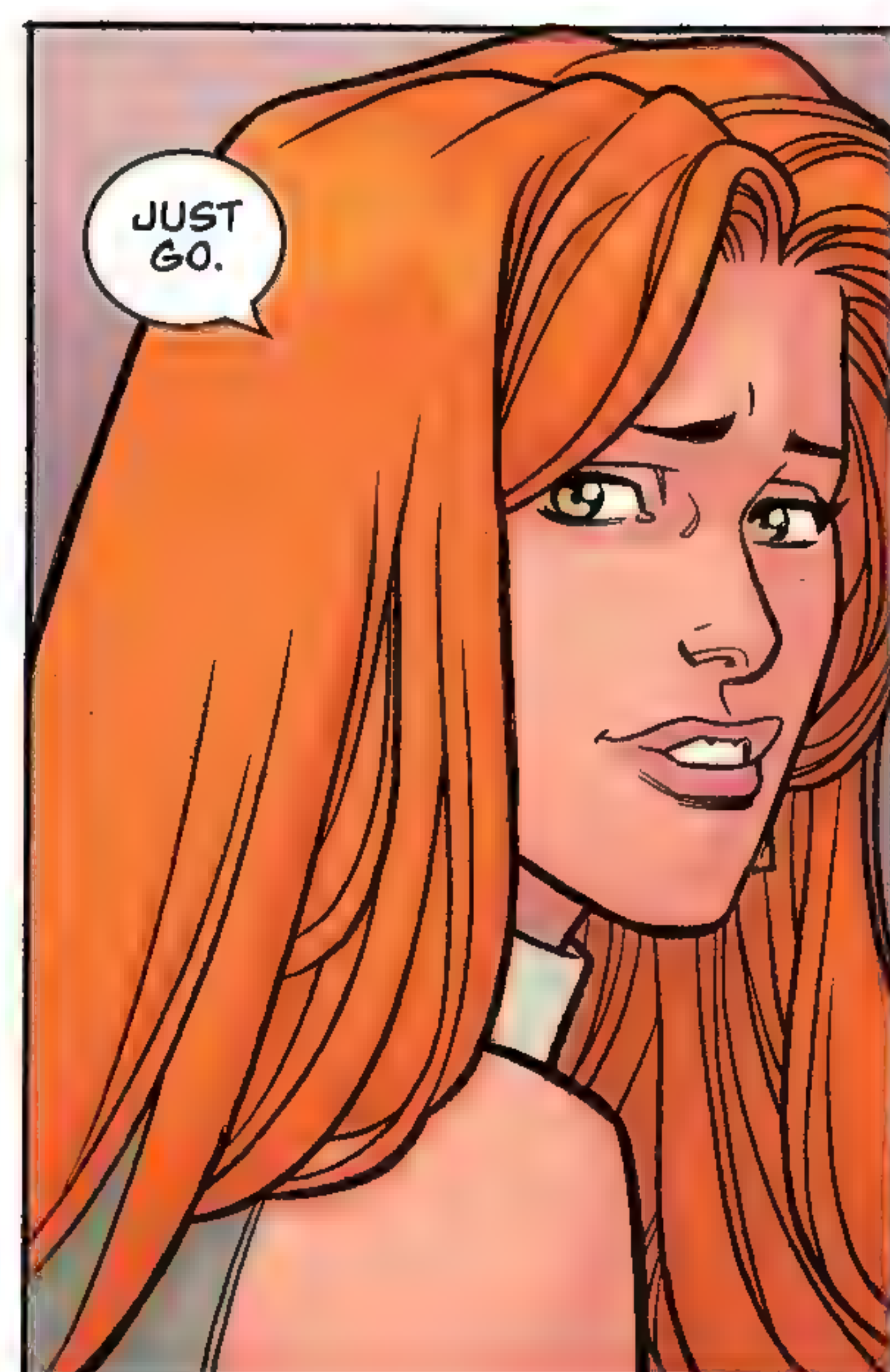
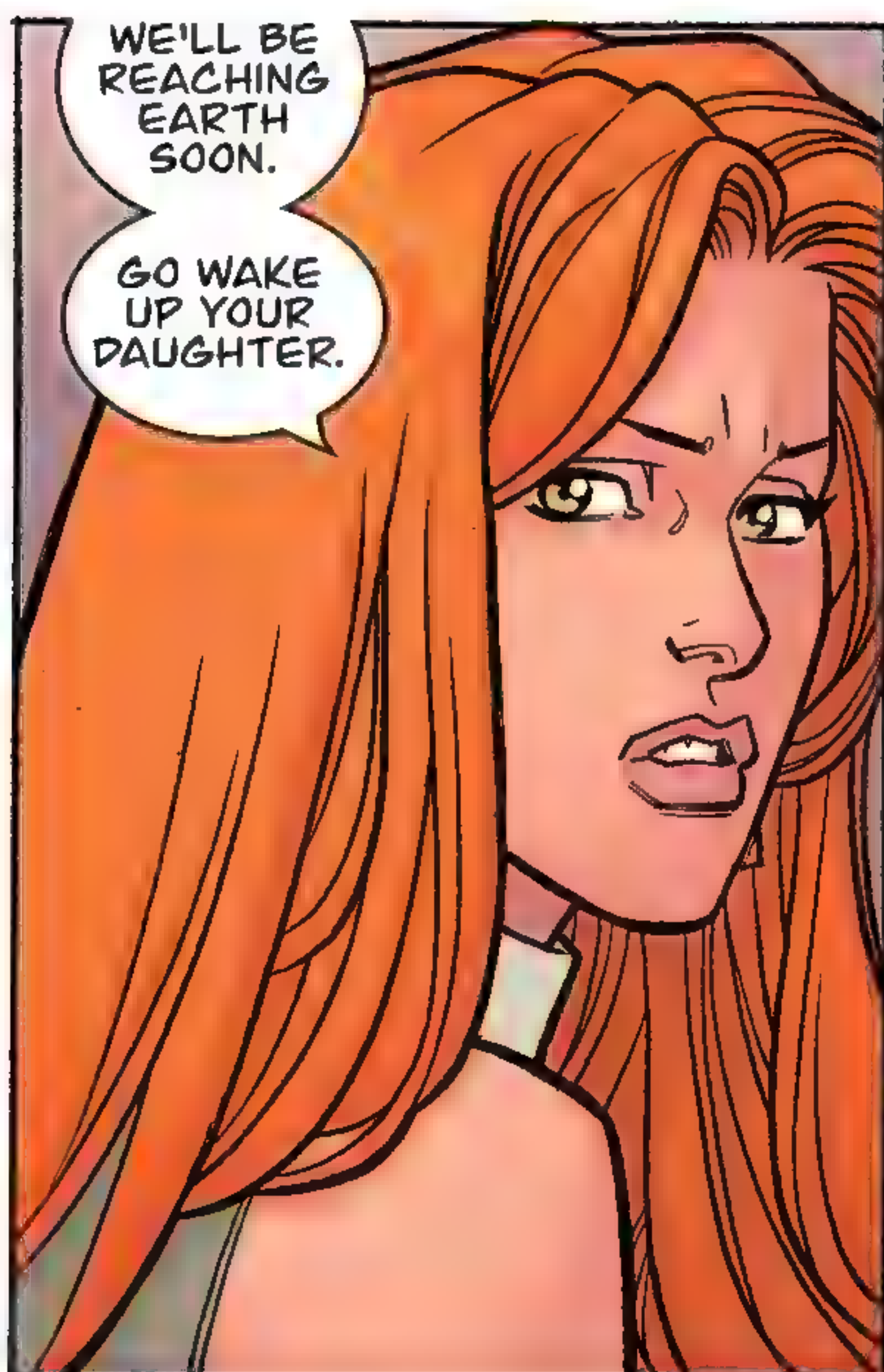
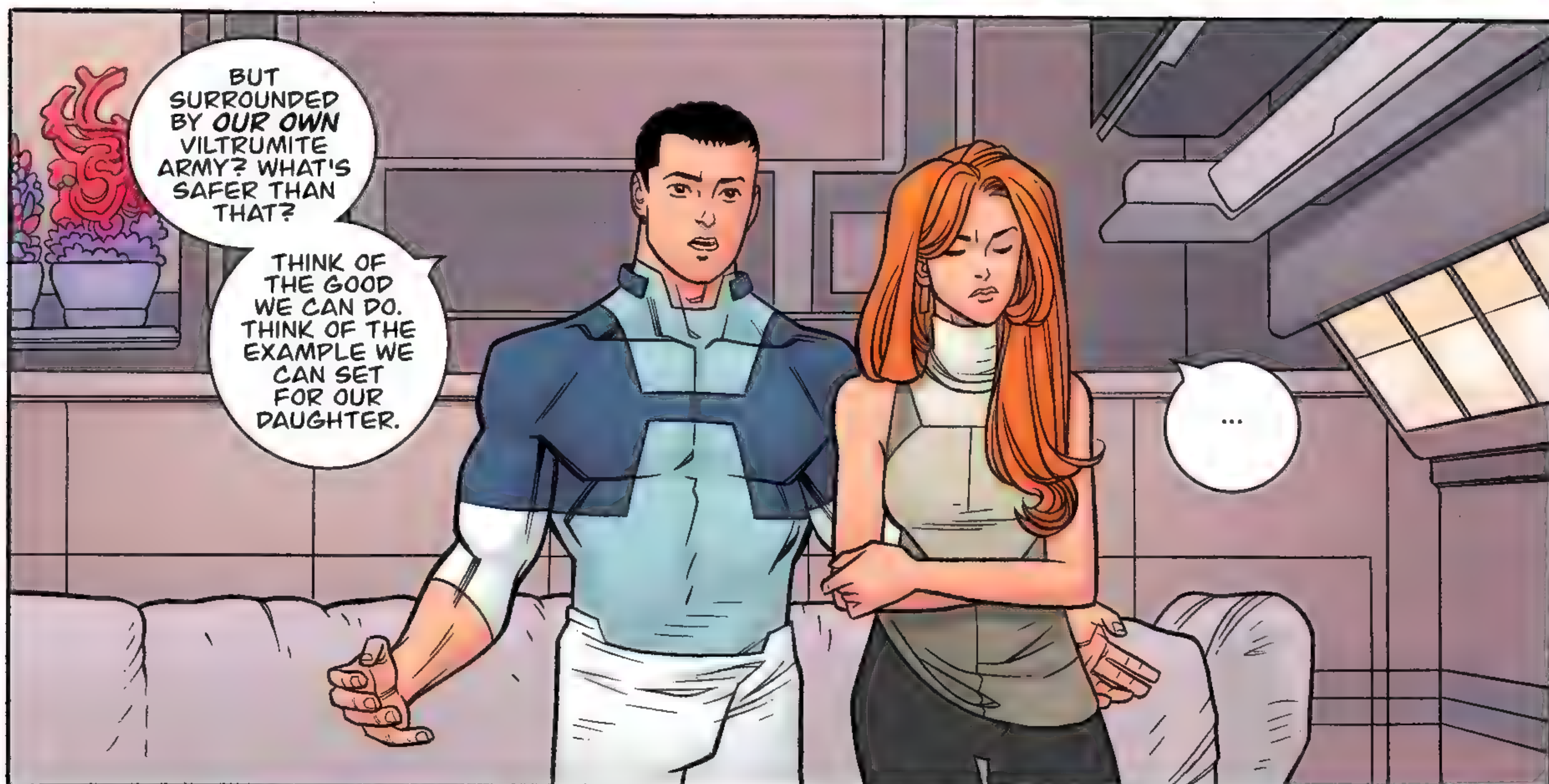
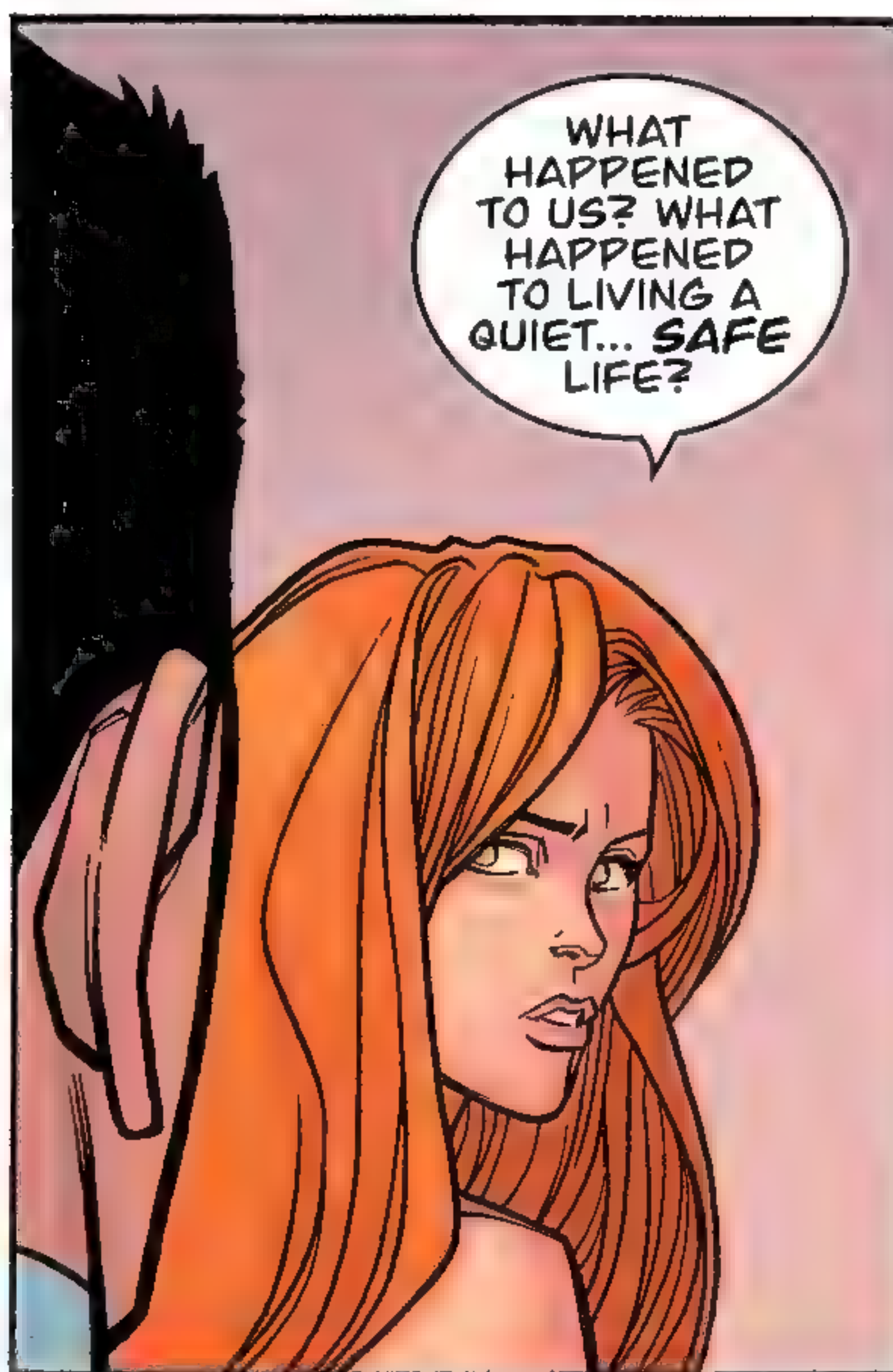


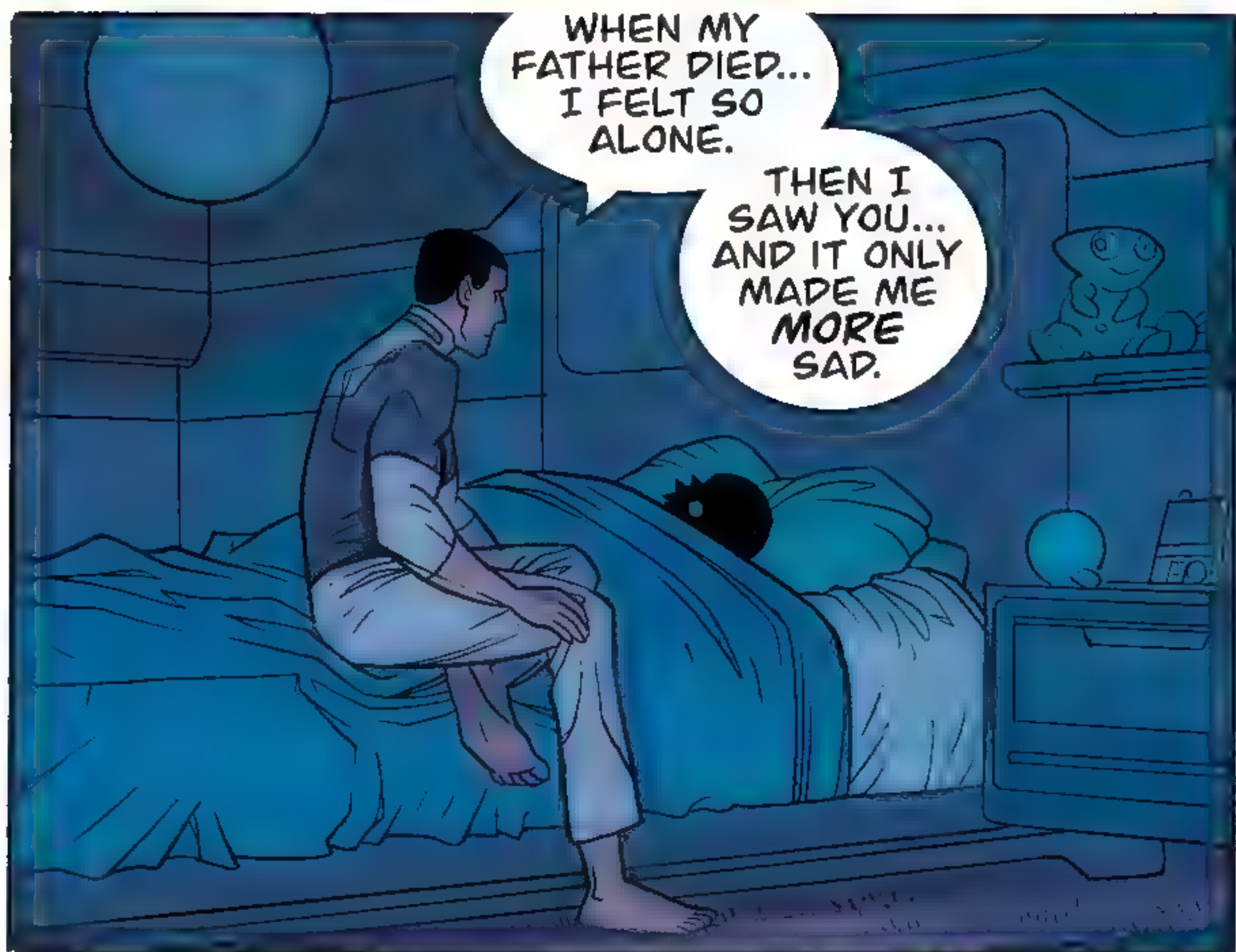
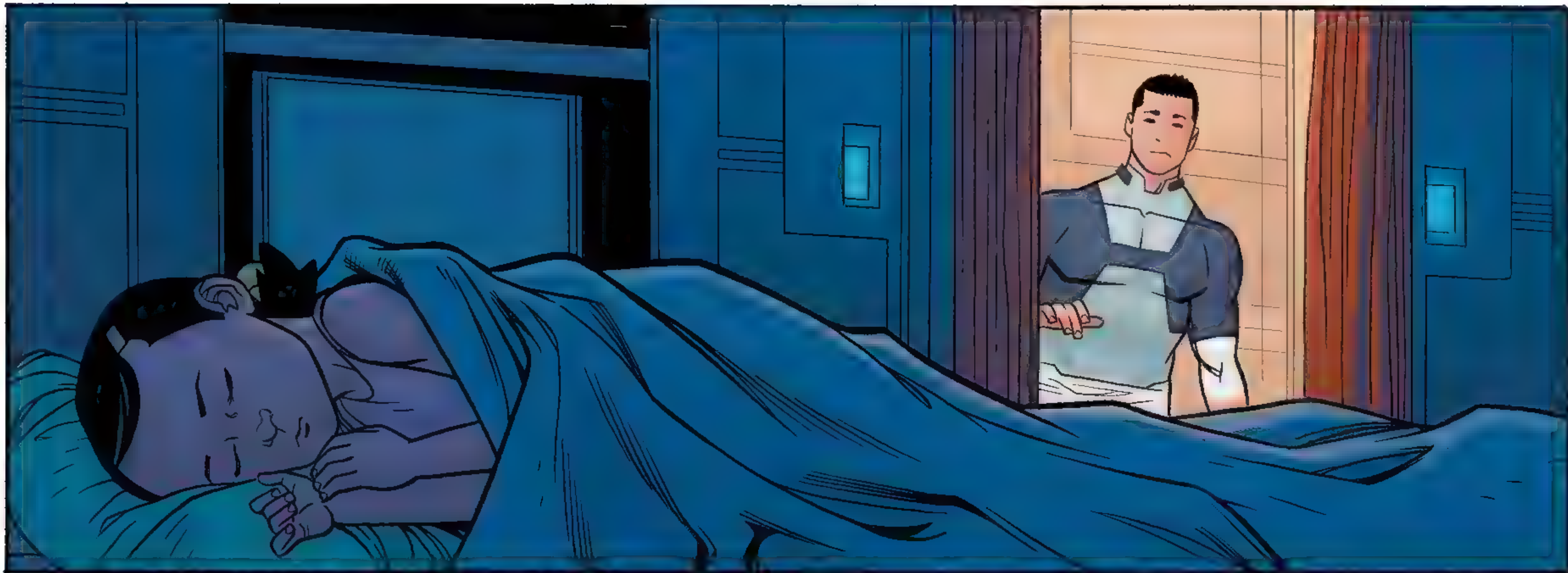
IT WAS MY FATHER'S DYING WISH!

MY PEOPLE NEED ME.



TERRA AND I ARE YOUR PEOPLE.

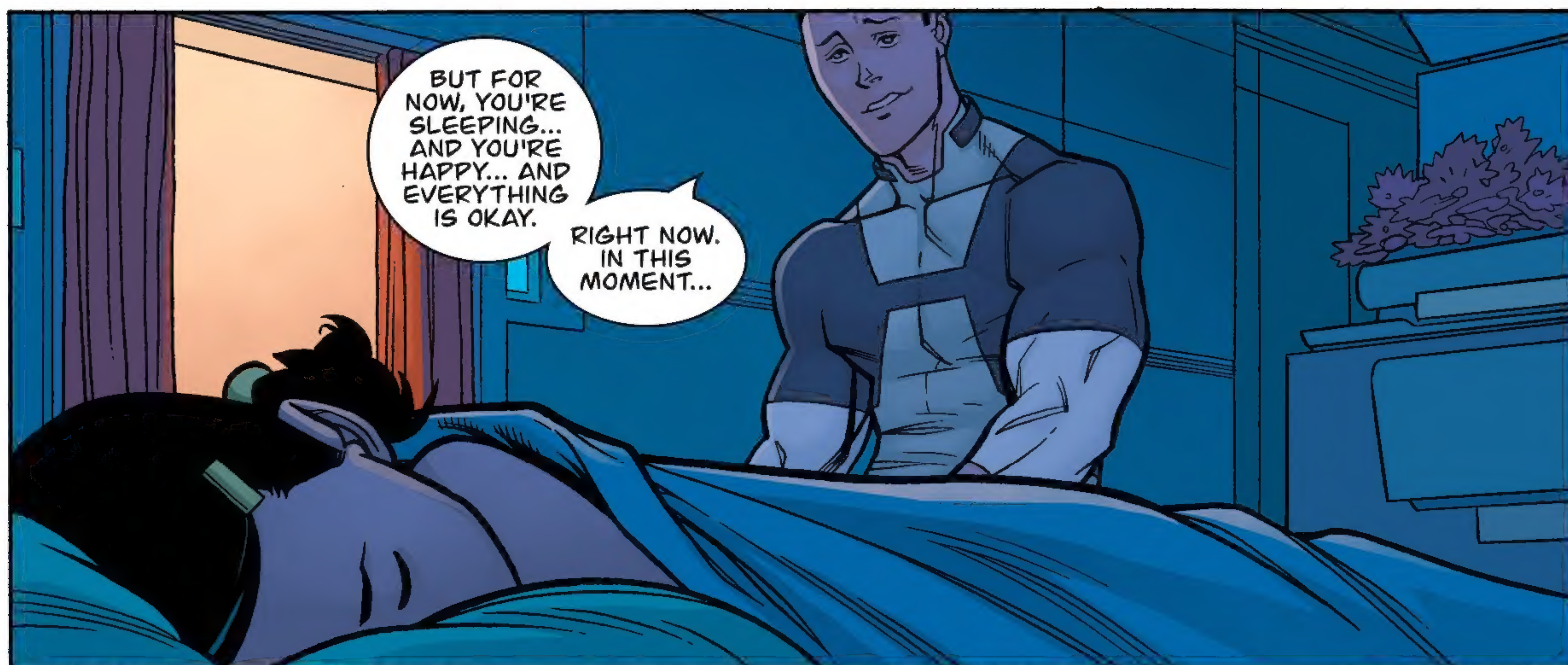






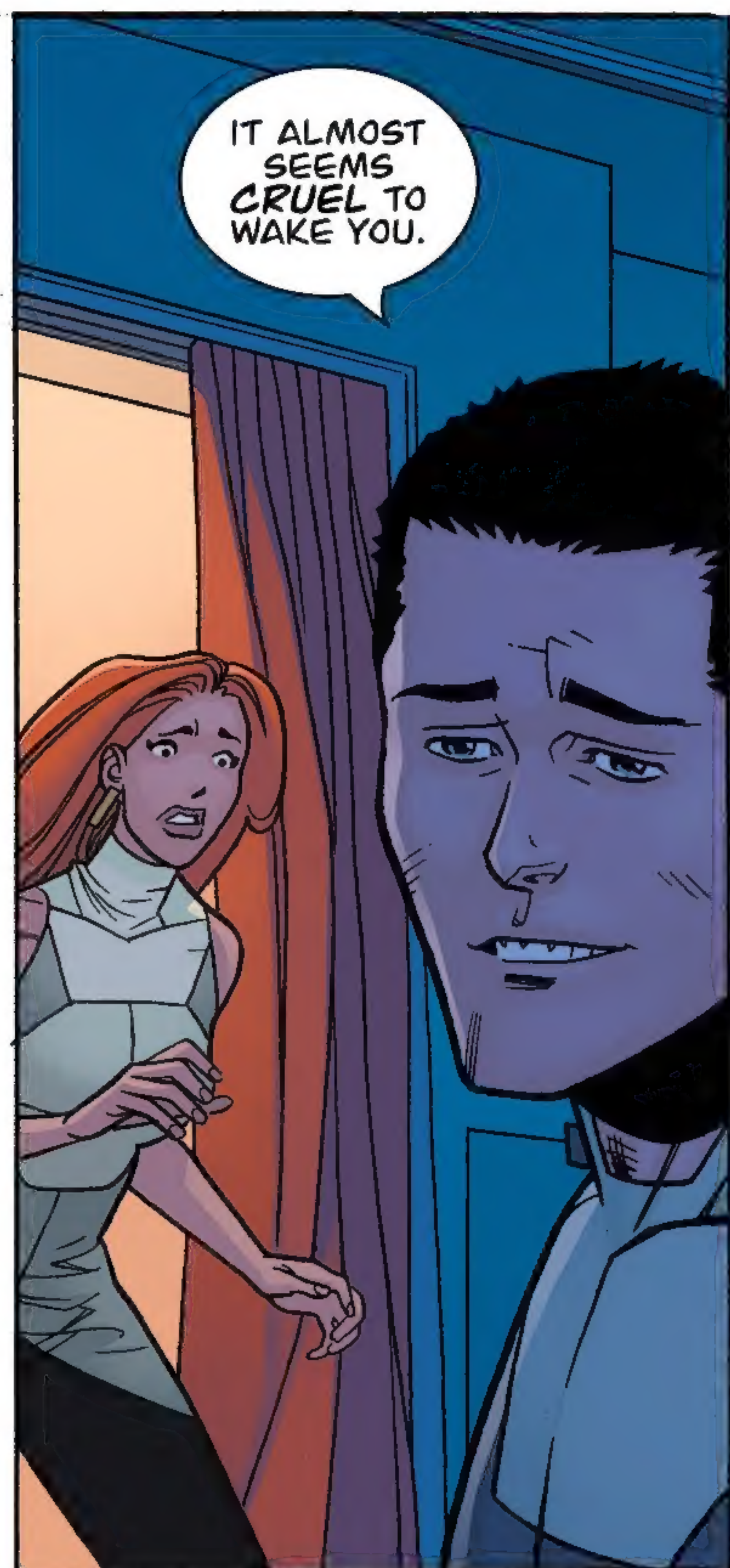
SEEING
YOU IN
THAT ROOM
WHEN HE
DIED...

IT JUST
REMINDS ME
THAT ONE DAY
YOU'LL FEEL
JUST AS ALONE
AND SCARED AS
I DID IN THAT
MOMENT.



BUT FOR
NOW, YOU'RE
SLEEPING...
AND YOU'RE
HAPPY... AND
EVERYTHING
IS OKAY.

RIGHT NOW.
IN THIS
MOMENT...



IT ALMOST
SEEMS
CRUEL TO
WAKE YOU.



MARK--
HURRY!



OH,
GOD--
WHAT
NOW?



PENVINCIPALS

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I'm struggling for something poignant to say that Nolan and Mark don't already say this issue. Their relationship has driven this series since the first issue, and is as much a part of its core identity as the quantity of blood that's been spilled in these pages. Rest in power, Omni-Man.

Yeah, this was a tough one. As this series draws to a close, there will be a few other scenes like this... so get ready. It won't be long now until this whole series comes to an end.

Let's answer some mail!

One of this comic's biggest charms was how it subverted comic book tropes, and now Nolan can survive being torn apart in space because of "The Blood of Argall" (aka Plot Armor) but Anissa dies from a grazing blow plus immediate assistance from Eve? Nolan chose to let Thragg get away instead of killing him, it would make sense for that mistake to be his end. At least the series is still immune to reboots, but how many times is Nolan going to pull the "they died but didn't at the last second" card?

Still on board for this ride till the end but come on. Shoutouts to Ottley for still killing it (heh) with the art.

-Juan G

Are you happy that Nolan's dead, Juan? Does that make you feel better?

Also, Anissa was pretty much opened up from naval to neck by that ragnar, look again. She took a ton more damage than some people realize.

Will the trash ever be IN the trash can at the US Pentagon?

Brooks Bowden
Noblesville, IN

Let's just say there will be a lot more to clean up in Washington next issue.

Dear Kirkman and crew,

Penvincipals is a lame name for a column, I suggest you change it. How about ReMarks?

Paul Im

Why didn't you suggest that 140 issues ago? WHERE WERE YOU THEN, PAUL IM?!

ReMarks?! BOO!!! PENvinciPALS for LIFE!!!! (or three more issues...)

Hello,

I've been a fan of Invincible throughout, and I am sad to see it go, but the impending end has finally compelled me to ask a question I've had from the start. So the main alien race are the "Viltrumites," and the males all have thick, full mustaches. Now the word for the vertical groove between the nose and upper lip is the "philtrum," so I just have to know: are the Viltrumites named after the philtrum? Are their mustaches meant to conceal that connection because a Viltrumite's philtrum is some sort of weak spot?

Either way, thanks for a great book. I'm really going to miss it.

Best,
Andrew C. Rempt

Like with most things, the truth is disappointing. The name is partially inspired by deodorant ingredients, or one of those big, long, crazy ingredient names from somewhere... I believe. It's been fifteen years, my recollection is a little hazy. The philtrum is NOT a weak spot on Viltrumites!

Bad news: three issues left. Good news: two of them are oversized, including next issue. See you in November, punks!

-Sean Mackiewicz

But which two are oversized?! You'll just have to find out!! Also, we've "broken Ryan" many times with this series, but when you see next issue... you'll see that we've DEFINITELY done it again! Bad for Ryan--good for literally EVERYONE else.

-Robert Kirkman

NEXT ISSUE



**"THE END OF ALL THINGS," Part 10
"ROBOT WAR," Part One of One
HOLY CRAP! EVERY CORNER OF EARTH
IS RAVAGED BY THE WAR BETWEEN
MARK GRAYSON AND ROBOT! THE FATE
OF THE EARTH HANGS IN THE BALANCE!
OVERSIZED ISSUE! ALL CAPS!**

