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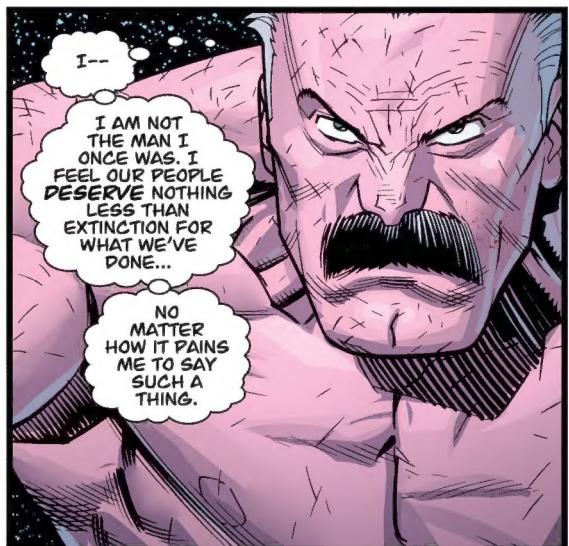
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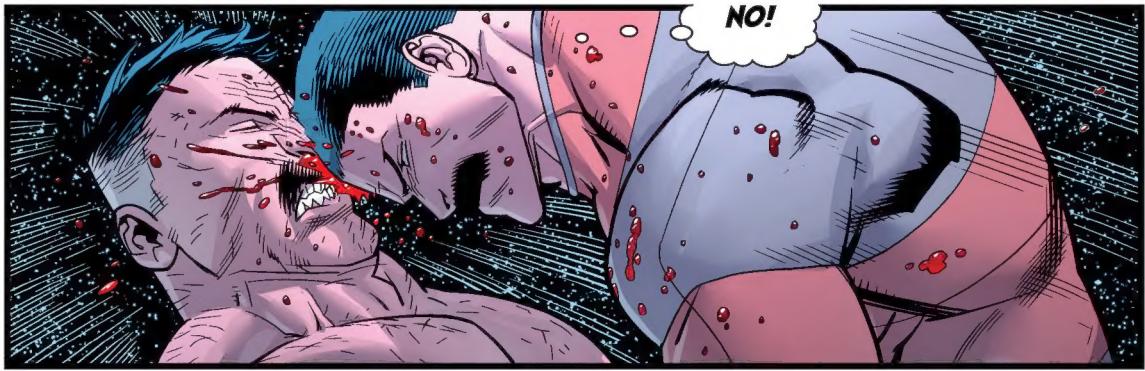
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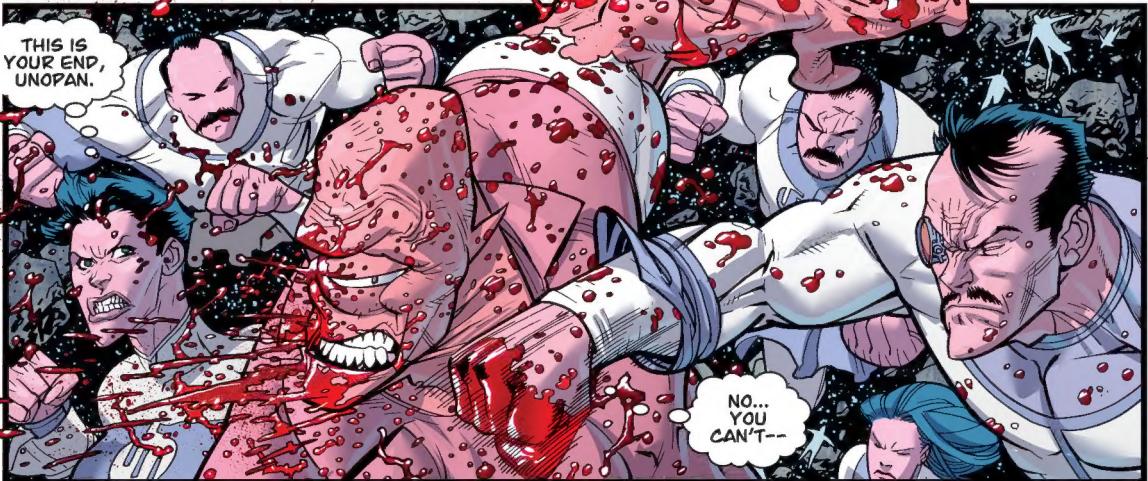
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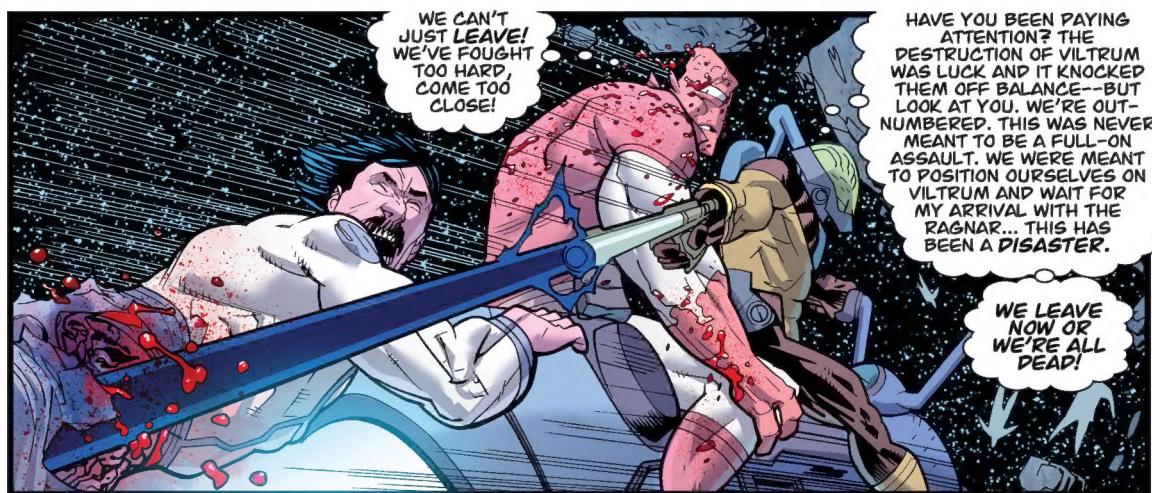


















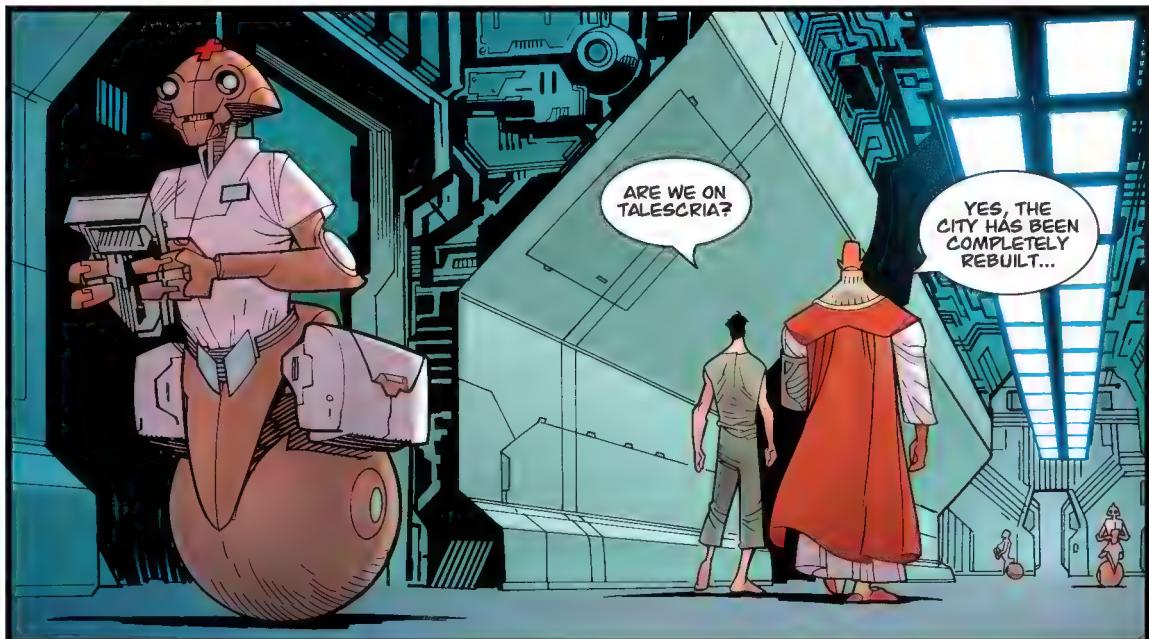


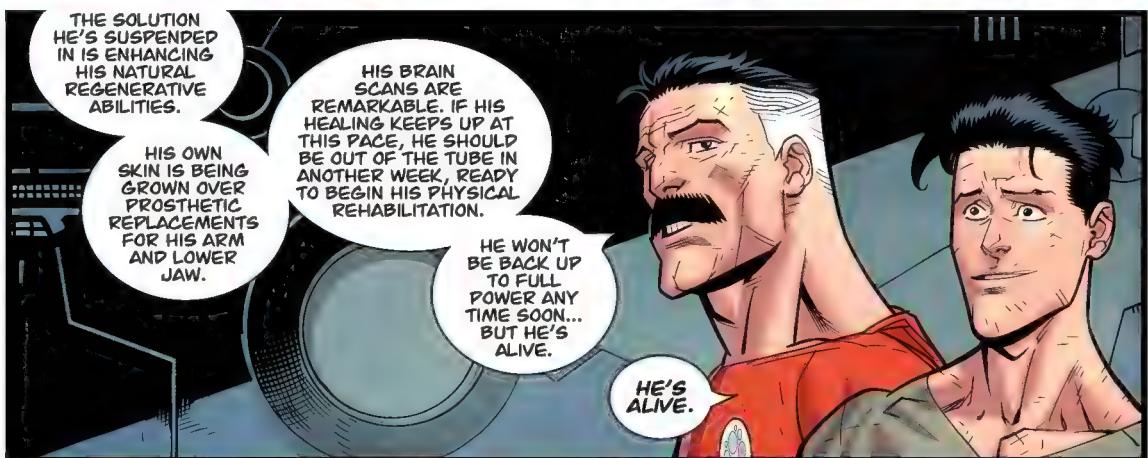
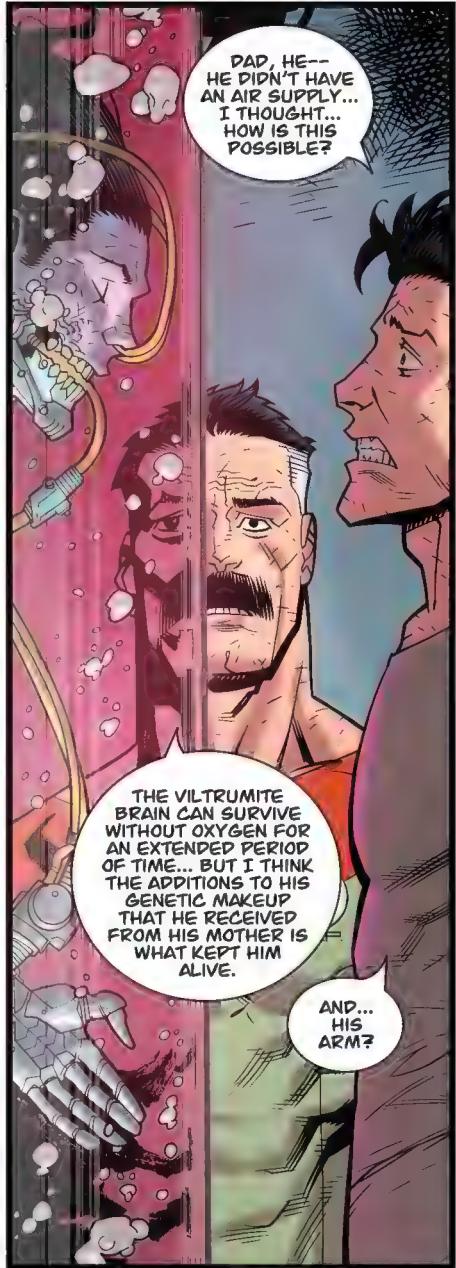
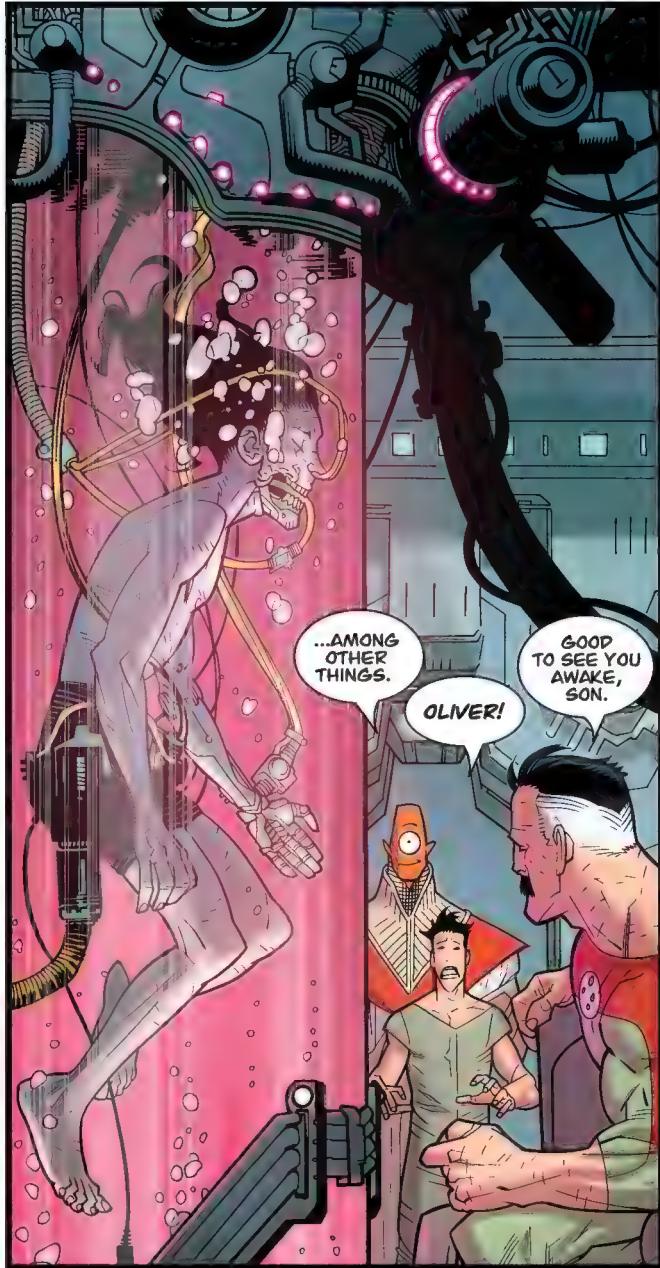














GRANTED, SPACE IS A BIG PLACE, AND THEY CAN CERTAINLY TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES IN LITTLE TIME... BUT WE'VE GOT EYES IN ALL QUADRANTS OF THE GALAXY.

IT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO HIDE FROM US.

WE'VE SEARCHED ALL THE FORMER PLANETS OF THE VILTRUM EMPIRE TO SEE IF SOMEONE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE HARBOURING THEM. THEY'RE NOT.

WITHOUT THOSE PLANETS TO BACK THEM, THEIR NUMBERS DWINDLE TO THE POINT THAT ANY FRONTAL ASSAULT AGAINST US WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE AT BEST, DISASTROUS AT WORST.

SO IT MAKES SENSE THAT THEY WOULD LAY LOW FOR A WHILE, REGROUP, PREPARE FOR A SERIES OF SMALL, CALCULATED ASSAULTS.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WOULD HAVE THEM ATTACKING THEIR FORMERLY OCCUPIED PLANETS, IT WOULD TAKE LITTLE EFFORT TO TURN THEM BACK TO THEIR SIDE... AND EVENTUALLY THEY WOULD AGAIN COMMAND A FORCE LARGE ENOUGH TO DESTROY US.

WE'VE BEEN STATIONING OUR TROOPS WITH THESE PLANETS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS. A DELAY OF THIS LONG, ESPECIALLY WITH THEM KNOWING YOU AND YOUR FATHER AND BROTHER WERE OUT OF COMMISSION FOLLOWING OUR LAST BATTLE... MAKES NO SENSE...

...NO SENSE AT ALL.





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We're back! Invincible 75 was totally worth the wait, right? Editor Sina Grace here, still finding ways to make sure Robert has time to write the greatest superhero book in the universe and do ten thousand other things to boot.

I'm popping in to say that while issue 75 had a huge delay, we're trucking along right now, in fact as I type this issue 77 is only a couple weeks away from being done, so we should be getting caught up and coming out a little faster than monthly for the next few issues... so stay tuned!

-Robert

I hope you're still in love with the Viltrumite War as much as we are making it. Robert and I have been fighting for the past few months over who gets which pages of Ryan's original art (you can only imagine who won).

Fan mail!

Why hello there,

After seeing Tech Jacket take a prominent role in the Viltrumite war, I decided to go out and buy the Tech Jacket TPB. Man, was that some good shit! I hope after the war he gets his own series again. Anyways I don't know if this has been brought up before, but why don't the Geldarians give Invincible, Allen, Omni-man, and Oliver tech jackets? I feel like if they were all equipped with tech jackets they would win the war easily.

Thanks for the great books,

Sean Knowles
Maryland

I don't think they're easy to make, especially because Geldarians are so weak. You've got to assume that if the tech jacket was an easy thing to make, people would be hocking that junk on the black market like counterfeit frangipane. #notarealthing

First of all, thanks for buying the Tech Jacket TPB, everyone should go out and do that... they're totally in print and available for order... ask your retailer today.

Second of all... that is all.

Not really, to answer your question, Geldarians know how dangerous a Tech Jacket would be in the hands of another alien race and so they have strict rules against anyone else getting their hands on one and would never give one to someone. Zack received his on accident if you'll recall.

Hello there, Invincible crew!

The Viltrumite War just keeps getting better, Ryan Ottley is showing amazing camera angles, great drawings, Mr. Rathburn's inks are clean and brilliant, with great detail (Ryan and Cliff FTW on guts all over the place) and FCO Plascencia keeps demonstrating what colors are supposed to be in a comic book, and, of course, Mr. Kirkman's writing gives us the action and humor that we can only find on

Invincible. Thanks for delivering this epic comic on a monthly basis, and, last but not least, darn it! E. J. Su, what a phenomenal artist! really, we need to see a lot more of his work.

Keep on bringing the good stuff!
P.A. Gómez, México

If you like E.J. Su's artwork so much, go hunt down the one-shot that he and Robert did together: CLOUDFALL!

Dear Robert,

Exactly what all those War of Krypton mini-series should have been!! And this wasn't even the big 75th issue! I just don't think that Viltrum sounds like a real planet though; Viltrus, maybe? Best comic of the night.
Sincerely,

Andrew J. Shaw

Comparing us to the lamest superhero ever AND questioning Robert's FTW nomenclature?

Andrew: you're sincere, I'll give you that much.

Wait, did you just say Superman was the lamest superhero ever? Isn't that like saying Elvis is the worst at Rock & Roll?

Sorry Robert, I'm more of a Batman-man.

Kirkman, my man!

Invincible has been immensely enjoyable of late, and I have some rambling thoughts for your consideration!

Immortal is glorious, we need more of him at all times. I appreciated the page him and Dupli-Kate got in Guarding the Globe. A fan called him a jackass in a letter recently, I was shocked! Have they forgotten that among many other things he was Abe Lincoln? A little respect is due! I'd love to see him get a limited-series focusing on his many immortal exploits, Highlander style.

Noted. Probably ain't gonna happen, but noted.

Oliver should become a metalhead, that'd be good for his character. The skull t-shirt he had one time is a good step in the right direction.

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Oh, and I'd love it if Invincible went a few rounds with Emperor Kurr for an issue over at Savage Dragon.

This could happen. Good one.

I'm glad to see Invincible flying his classic colors, glad Atom Eve is alive and well, and glad the proverbial KRAKADOOM is hitting the fan in the Viltrumite War!

Some criticism for you though, the lack of Octoboss has been rough on the fans. And if we don't see a space shark by the end of this arc, this book could be in jeopardy.

Not to spoil anything but... check out Guarding the Globe!

Rock on Kirkman, Ottley, FCO, Cliff, Rus, and Sina! Thanks.

PS: We need that Invincible action figure!!

- Psycho Ian

Yes, Ian. We do need an Invincible action figure.

Dear Penvincipals,

I just read issue 74. Great work, as usual, and full of twists. The thing that surprised me the most, though, was Nolan's beard. After months living in isolation and nursing Mark back to health, Nolan grew a full beard. I was under the impression that Vilrunites couldn't grow beards and rocked the moustache naturally, not just culturally. Why else would Thaeus still be wearing a fake beard after all this time? Vilrunites even have their own word for when undercover Vilrunites pull their fake beards off to reveal their true identities. Is there more going on here than meets the eye? Is Thaeus some kind of triple agent? Only time will tell, I suppose, and I'll be there all the way.

Best,
-Bill Volk

Beardmaster Kirkman, please answer.

Oh, Bill... you misunderstand. Thaeus never wore a fake beard! Nolan grew a beard while in the Flaxan dimension, we saw it briefly in issue 3, check it out! The Toolock Pull is the act of ripping out your own real Vilrunitite Beard! The mustache is just a cultural grooming thing... and is totally ridiculous and undermining to the seriousness of this story if you think about it... so please don't! But yeah, Vilrunitites can grow beards!

Hey fellas!

I had intentions on writing in for years, but apparently I've underestimated my incredible laziness! Anyhow, this is my first time writing in. You best print this.

Lookit! I rewarded your proactive nature!

I'm currently waiting for issue 75 to come around and the wait is killing me! I can't imagine how this whole arc is going to wrap up. And seriously, I have no idea how you guys are going to top the Vilrunites! What horrible being exists out there that we haven't heard about yet!?

Octomom.

So, you killed off one of my favorite characters in issue 52. Poor Maulers... But I think I can forgive this, as my new favorite character has got to be Invincible's beard. That thing is amazing! They say ignorance is bliss, and all these years I never even considered a beard. But now that I know what splendor it has brought, you cannot rob me of another favorite! Robert. I beg you to bring that beard back in the future. And I'll continue to hope that the Maulers make a valiant return. There's totally one more clone out there somewhere. Totally.

It's up to Atom Eve. He'll tell her about it when (or should I say IF!!!) he comes home, and he'll show her some pictures on his cell phone. Cross your fingers that she vibes on it!

Finally, I have to compliment the entire team on making a book that has never once let me down and that I look forward

to every single month. Fun, dynamic stories; beautiful lines by (my favorite artist!) Ottley and Rathburn; and incredible colors by FCO. This team just gets better every month. Please continue to make Invincible for many decades. I'll be here.

Tim Albrecht

Dang, what about the words? Poetry like KRAKADOOM means nothing to you.

Dear Dr. Robert Xaviar Kirkman,

I met you at the New York Comic-Con (I was the kid with blue hair and the Rex-Splode t-shirt) and I just kinda mumbled and stammered at you. Needless to say, I was a little nervous... So basically I'm writing to say what I meant to say in person.

Next time don't mumble and stutter! We're all friends here, man. I don't even remember you and you had blue hair and a Rex Splode t-shirt (illegal?) I SHOULD remember you. Next time, let's have a conversation, don't wait in line for NOTHING, y'know.

Frankly, my good sir, you are my hero. For a while I went back on forth on where I wanted to go with my life. And after reading the Walking Dead and Invincible and Wolf-Man you really helped me cement my decision to make comics. I'm actually writing my research paper for English on the importance of creator owned comics to the comic industry. And now I'm about to work my way through art school to live in poverty for the rest of my life, but because of you, I know what I'll be doing while I live in poverty! So thank you.

In all honestly, you are the biggest inspiration I have to pursue my dreams. And that's why when I met you I was a little speechless and I just kept going "I love you..." haha

So for me and any other future comic book creators, keep up the good work.

**That Weird Kid You Vaguely Remember,
Mike Forte**

Aww, thanks for the kind words, Mike! Living in the concrete jungle where dreams are made of is a surefire way of making it. If you can make it there, you'll make it anywhere! #NewYork

Jeez, Sina... what's with you this issue? What a let down. Be funnier next month. Seriously.

This Vilrunitite War is making me depressed and antsy, sorry.

Mike... good luck with everything! Work hard and be good and you'll be fine.

For you Tech Jacket fans out there (and really, who isn't?!), sorry there's no backup story this issue, but it will be back next month!

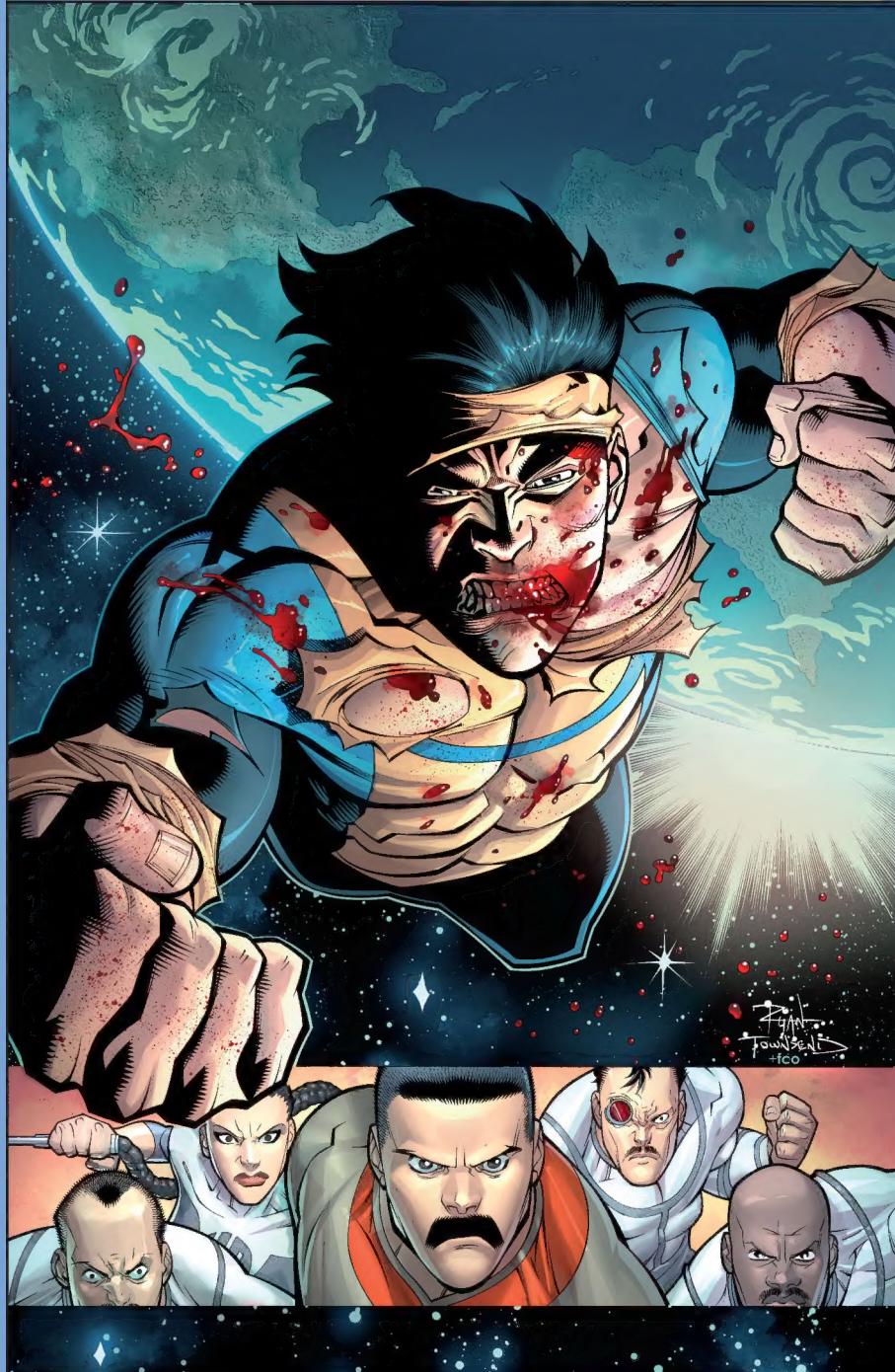
In the meantime, check out a preview for an upcoming Image Comics book that I happen to be drawing: The Li'l Depressed Boy. How's that for nepotism, Robert?

-Sina Grace

Okay, so now you're not only completely devoid of humor... you're using my book to promote some other thing you're doing? Not cool, dude. Just not cool. This book better be good.

-Robert

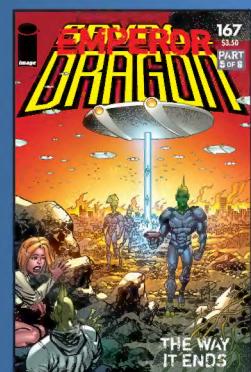
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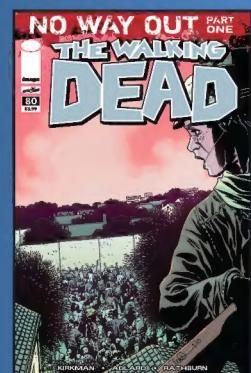
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