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OH, MAN, OH, MAN -- I'M SO LATE!

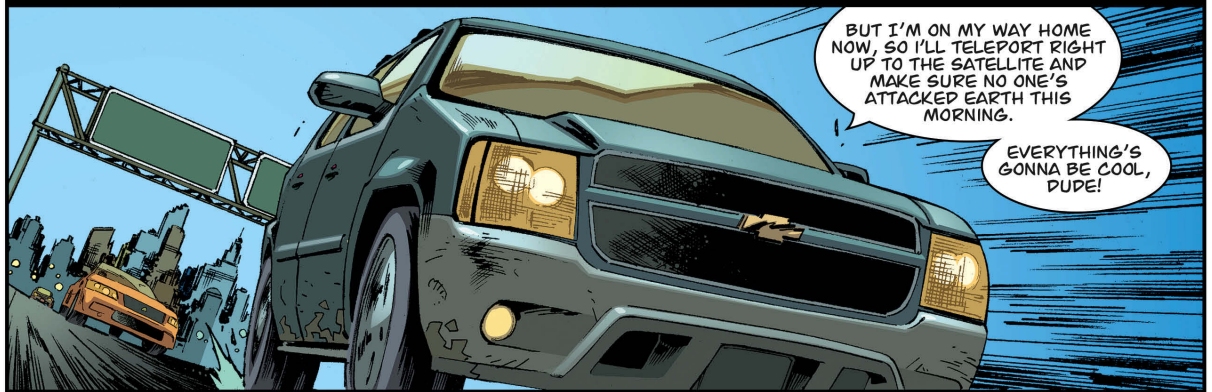
ZACK'S GONNA BE PISSED!

HEY, BUDDY, IT'S DAD!

I GUESS IF THIS IS GOING TO VOICEMAIL EVERYTHING'S OKAY, BUT THINGS TOOK FOREVER AT THE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE!

I'M TOTALLY LATE FOR PATROL!

UPSTATE NEW YORK.



BUT I'M ON MY WAY HOME NOW, SO I'LL TELEPORT RIGHT UP TO THE SATELLITE AND MAKE SURE NO ONE'S ATTACKED EARTH THIS MORNING.

EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE COOL, DUDE!



AND YEAH, I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU LATER. YOU STILL LIKE PIZZA, RIGHT?!

I'M BUYING PIZZA!

"YOU STILL LIKE PIZZA?!"

OF COURSE HE DOES! WHO DOESN'T LIKE PIZZA?!

I'M SUCH A MORON.

LET'S JUST HOPE IT'S ANOTHER QUIET DAY IN OUTER SPACE.



ZACK,
I-IS THAT
INVINCIBLE?!



LOOKING
LIKE IT.



YOU MAY
WANNA
LAY OFF,
BUDDY!

I PUNNO
IF YOUR SUIT'S
STRENGTH COULD
HOLD UP TO HIM,
EVEN WITH THE
LASERS!

HE MIGHT
BE LASER-
PROOF!

I DON'T
HAVE MUCH
CHOICE
HERE, DAD!

BREET! BREET! GLOBAL EMERGENCY IN PROGRESS!

OH, MAN -- WHAT ELSE IS WRONG?!

**KROKKA-
BA-DOOM!**

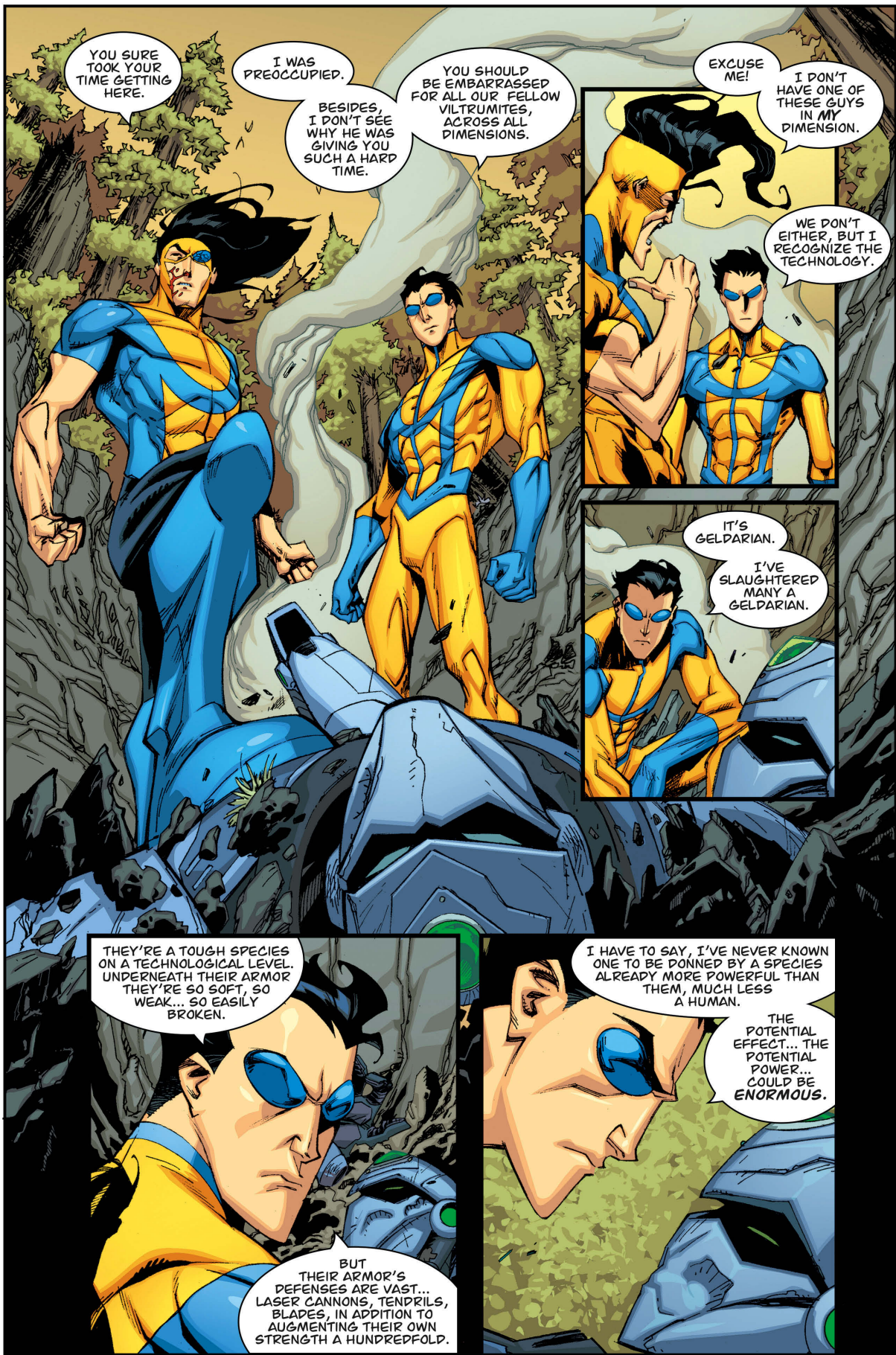
THRAK!

THERE'RE TWO INVINCIBLES...?

DOES HE HAVE A BROTHER?!







YOU SURE TOOK YOUR TIME GETTING HERE.

I WAS PREOCCUPIED.
BESIDES, I DON'T SEE WHY HE WAS GIVING YOU SUCH A HARD TIME.

YOU SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED FOR ALL OUR FELLOW VILTRUMITES, ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS.

EXCUSE ME!
I DON'T HAVE ONE OF THESE GUYS IN MY DIMENSION.

WE DON'T EITHER, BUT I RECOGNIZE THE TECHNOLOGY.

IT'S GELDARIAN.
I'VE SLAUGHTERED MANY A GELDARIAN.

THEY'RE A TOUGH SPECIES ON A TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL. UNDERNEATH THEIR ARMOR THEY'RE SO SOFT, SO WEAK... SO EASILY BROKEN.

BUT THEIR ARMOR'S DEFENSES ARE VAST... LASER CANNONS, TENDRILS, BLADES, IN ADDITION TO AUGMENTING THEIR OWN STRENGTH A HUNDREDFOLD.

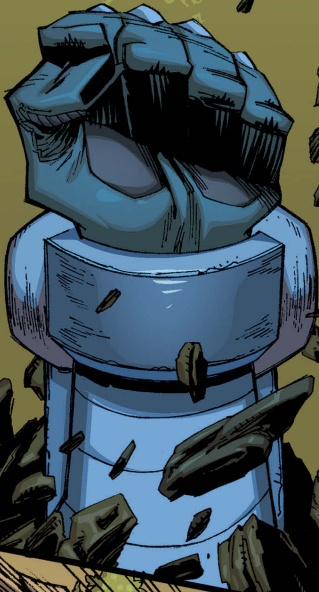
I HAVE TO SAY, I'VE NEVER KNOWN ONE TO BE DONNED BY A SPECIES ALREADY MORE POWERFUL THAN THEM, MUCH LESS A HUMAN.

THE POTENTIAL EFFECT... THE POTENTIAL POWER... COULD BE ENORMOUS.



THRAK KOK ROK!

I'M A
REAL BIG
FAN!



IMBECILE.

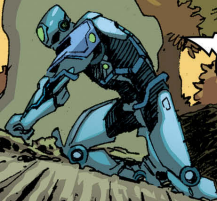
WHAT HOPE
DO YOU THINK YOU
HAVE HERE? HOW
DO YOU POSSIBLY
THINK THIS IS
GOING TO
END?

WE ARE
VILTRUMITE.
WE ARE
LEGION.



WE WILL
BREAK YOUR
ENTIRE SPECIES
OVER THIS
PLANET'S
SCALPING
CORPSE.

YOU GUYS
ARE SUCH
DOWNERS.





YOUR INSOLENCE WILL END AS I TEAR THROUGH YOUR CORE AND FEAST UPON YOUR FLESH!

NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING GROSS!

QUIET YOUR TONGUE.

THROKKKAROK!

Y'KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING.

I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT WITH YOU.

PUNCHING YOU OUT ISN'T GOING TO WORK. I'M PROBABLY NOT FAST ENOUGH TO SHOOT YOU FULL OF LASERS.



BUT IT'S LIKE YOU SAID -- THIS SUIT HAS A LOT MORE GOING ON.

I GOTTA THINK ABOUT POTENTIAL. I'VE HAD ONE IDEA FOR TIMES LIKE THESE -- TIMES WHERE NOTHING ELSE IS GONNA WORK.

QUIT YOUR PRATTLING.

WHATEVER YOU WANT, MAN.



SUIT, OVERRIDE FAIL-SAFES.

ROUTE ALL POWER TO BATTERY.

OVERLOAD THE SYSTEM.



"OVERLOAD" THE WHAT...?!

KROZZAROTT!





THUD.



...ZACHARY?



OH,
YOU
POOR
BOY.

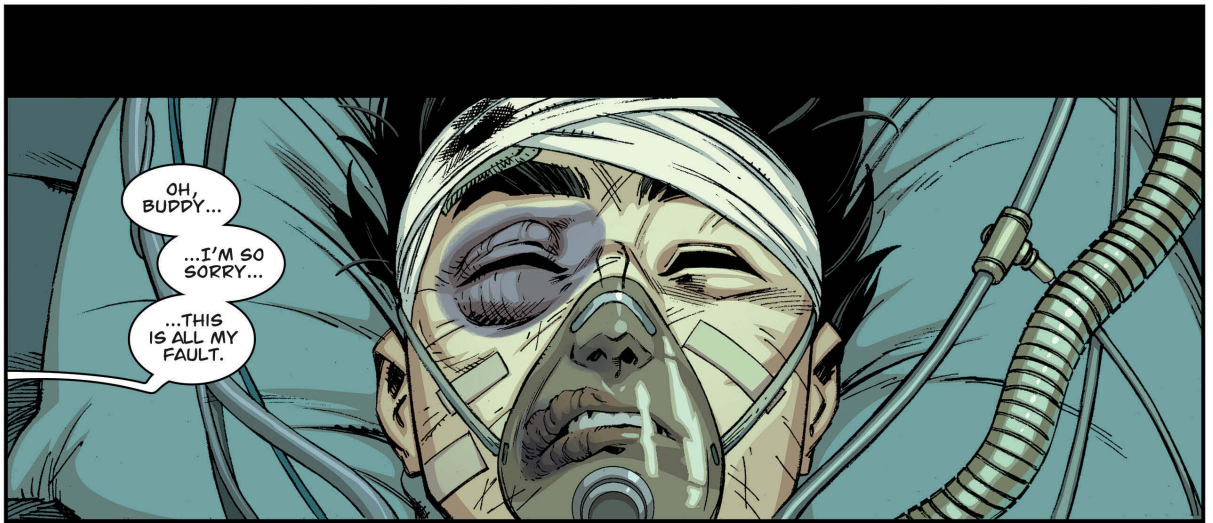
YOUR
FATHER WAS
RIGHT TO CALL US,
BUT I WISH WE
KNEW SOONER. WE
COULD HAVE
HELPED.

WE
CAN'T RISK
EARTHBOUND
AUTHORITIES
KNOWING ABOUT
THE TECH
JACKET.

LET'S TAKE
ZACHARY HOME.
HIS FELLOW
TOWNSPEOPLE
KNOW TO KEEP
QUIET ABOUT
US.

WE CAN
ASSIST HIS
LOCAL
HOSPITAL -- DO
WHATEVER WE
CAN TO
HELP...

...AND HOPE
WE CAN KEEP
HIM ALIVE.



OH,
BUDDY...

...I'M SO
SORRY...

...THIS
IS ALL MY
FAULT.

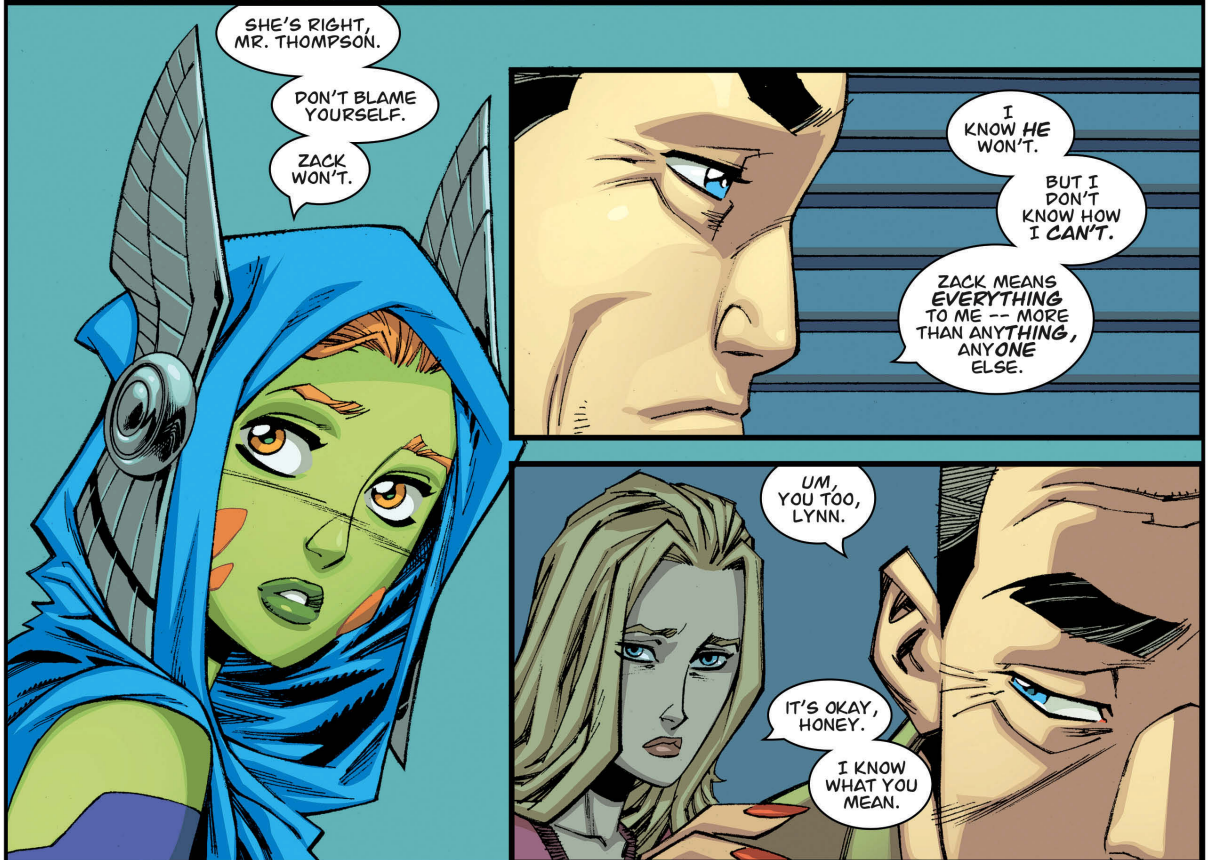


ED, COME ON.
THERE WAS NO
WAY YOU
COULD HAVE
KNOWN.

ZACK'S NO
FOOL -- HE'S
TAKEN A BIG
JOB, HE'S
KNOWN EVERY
SINGLE DAY
SINCE THAT
BEING EARTH'S
FIRST LINE OF
DEFENSE FROM
WHATEVER'S
OUT THERE IS
UNSAFE AT
BEST.

YOU CAN'T
BLAME
YOURSELF.

BUT
LYNN --



SHE'S RIGHT,
MR. THOMPSON.

DON'T BLAME
YOURSELF.

ZACK
WON'T.

I
KNOW HE
WON'T.

BUT I
DON'T
KNOW HOW
I CAN'T.

ZACK MEANS
EVERYTHING
TO ME -- MORE
THAN ANYTHING,
ANYONE
ELSE.

UM,
YOU TOO,
LYNN.

IT'S OKAY,
HONEY.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU
MEAN.



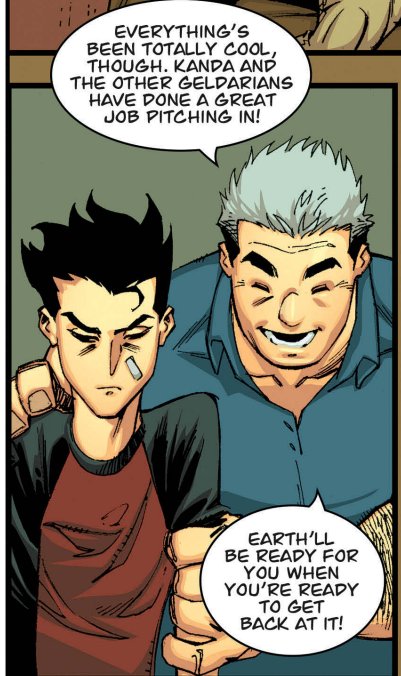


LOOKING GOOD, DUDE!

THANKS, DAD -- I FEEL PRETTY GOOD.

LYING AROUND IN BED FOR A COUPLE MONTHS WASN'T THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD, BUT I FEEL MOSTLY ALIVE AGAIN.

I JUST HATED BEING SO USELESS.



EVERYTHING'S BEEN TOTALLY COOL, THOUGH. KANDA AND THE OTHER GELDARIANS HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB PITCHING IN!

EARTH'LL BE READY FOR YOU WHEN YOU'RE READY TO GET BACK AT IT!



YEAH... I KNOW...

I JUST, WHAT HAPPENED THERE... IT WASN'T JUST THAT I GOT SO BEAT UP, BUT I KILLED TWO GUYS.

TWO GUYS WHO WOULD'VE KILLED ME, BUT YEAH... THEY'RE DEAD NOW.

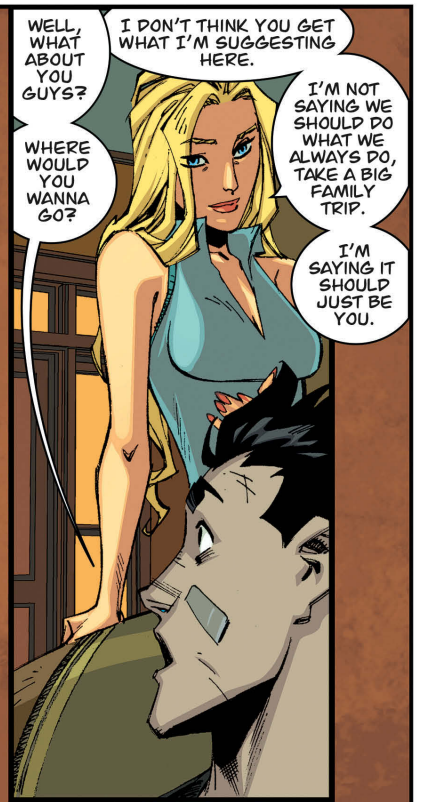
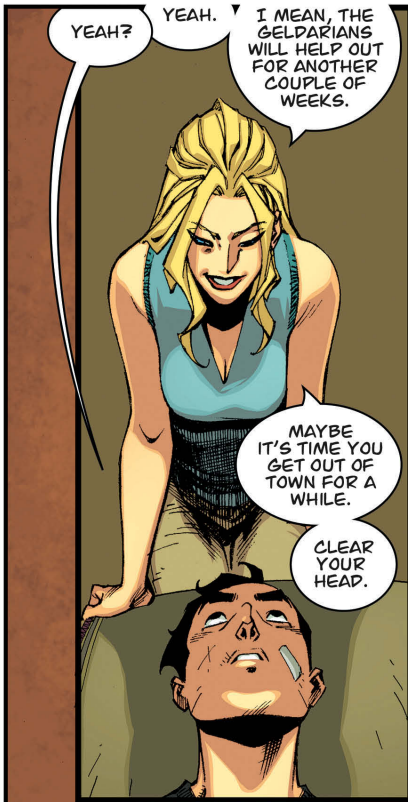


I JUST FEEL LIKE I NEED TO THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING.

THINK ABOUT WHAT I'M DOING HERE AT ALL.

MAYBE --

MAYBE YOU NEED A VACATION.



A GALAXY
FAR, FAR
AWAY.

FROM THE HEART OF
CREATION, I'VE COME
TO REALIZE MY ETERNAL
CHARGE: WRESTING THE
UNIVERSE FREE FROM
WEAKER PLANETS,
CONSUMING THEM --
EMPOWERING
ME.

YOUR
GENOCIDE
SHALL BE MY
EVOLUTION!

IN YOUR
DEATH,
I SHALL
ASCEND TO
GODHOOD!



ALL SHALL
TREMBLE
BEFORE MY
ENDLESS
POWER!





DOUBTFUL.



THE CLIENT WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU IN PERSON.

HE HAS SOMETHING EVEN MORE... LUCRATIVE FOR YOU.

WONDERFUL WORK.

THE CLIENT WILL BE VERY IMPRESSED. WE'LL PROCESS YOUR INVOICE IMMEDIATELY.

THOSE WERE THE TERMS.

AND THEY'LL CERTAINLY BE HONORED, BUT DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?



YOU MUST BE NULL!

IT'S WELL PAST TIME WE FINALLY MEET IN PERSON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK TODAY. YOU'VE DONE MORE GOOD THAN YOU'LL EVER REALIZE.



"GOOD" HOLDS NO INTEREST.

I WAS TOLD YOU HAD ANOTHER JOB.

AND I DO.

ONE CERTAINLY WORTH EVEN MORE THAN THE PLANET EATER.



YOU SEE, GOOD'S NOT MY INTEREST EITHER. NOT GREATER GOOD ANYWAY.

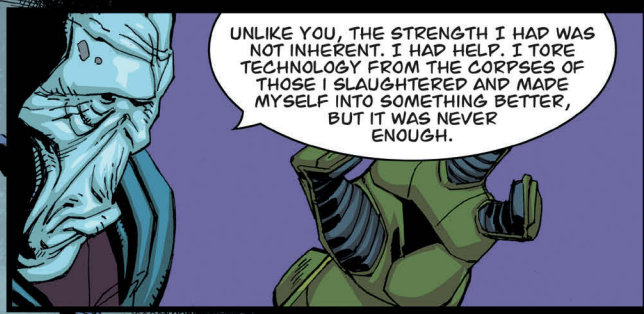
I'M NOT HIRING YOU TO SAVE LIVES BESIDE MY OWN. I HAVE NO INTEREST IN PROTECTING THE GALAXY, TO BETTER THE UNIVERSE.



WE'RE MUCH ALIKE, YOU AND I.

THERE WAS A TIME -- ALL TOO LONG AGO NOW -- THAT I DID JUST WHAT YOU DO.

TRAVELED FROM WORLD TO WORLD, KILLING FOR THE HIGHEST BIDDER. COMMITTING GENOCIDE FOR THE RIGHT PRICE, IF NEED BE.



UNLIKE YOU, THE STRENGTH I HAD WAS NOT INHERENT. I HAD HELP. I TORE TECHNOLOGY FROM THE CORPSES OF THOSE I SLAUGHTERED AND MADE MYSELF INTO SOMETHING BETTER, BUT IT WAS NEVER ENOUGH.



HAVE YOU HEARD OF GELDARIA?

"THEY'RE A WEAK RACE. PITFULLY SO BUT LIKE ME THEY DESIRED TO BECOME BETTER THAN THEY WERE. STRONGER THAN THEY WERE FATED TO.

"GENERATIONS AGO, THEY BUILT ARMOR TO DO JUST THIS.

"TO AUGMENT THEIR WEAK BODIES INTO SOMETHING MORE."

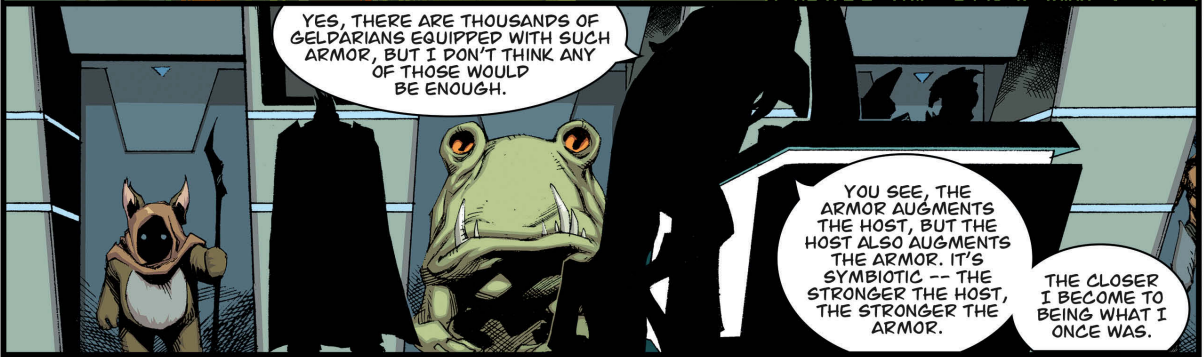


I BROKE MANY OF THEIR OWN TO TEAR THE GLOVES AND CHEST PLATE I WEAR. THEY KEEP ME ALIVE, BUT I FEEL THEY COULD DO SO MUCH MORE.

TO MAKE ME STRONG AGAIN. TO MAKE ME VITAL.

TO MAKE ME LIKE YOU.

YES, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF GELDARIANS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH ARMOR, BUT I DON'T THINK ANY OF THOSE WOULD BE ENOUGH.



YOU SEE, THE ARMOR AUGMENTS THE HOST, BUT THE HOST ALSO AUGMENTS THE ARMOR. IT'S SYMBIOTIC -- THE STRONGER THE HOST, THE STRONGER THE ARMOR.

THE CLOSER I BECOME TO BEING WHAT I ONCE WAS.

LIKE HIM, LIKE TECH JACKET.

THE FIRST HUMAN TO DON GELDARIAN ARMOR, MAKING HIM -- AND THE ARMOR -- THOUSANDS OF TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING ANY OTHER GELDARIAN COULD EVER ASPIRE TO.

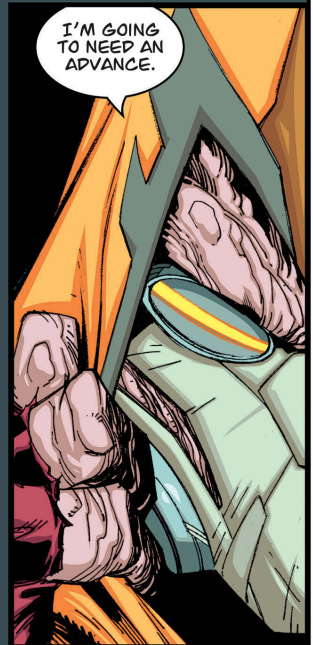


I WANT YOU TO TEAR THE ARMOR FROM HIS BODY.

I WANT YOU TO MAKE ME WHOLE AGAIN.

WILL YOU HELP ME?

I'M GOING TO NEED AN ADVANCE.



MONTEVERDE, COSTA RICA.



UM, SORRY -- I DIDN'T MEAN...

I THOUGHT YOUR MOM SAID NO "HANKY PANKY."



OH, SHUT UP.

I'M TEASING.

I THINK IT'S LONG PAST TIME.



YEAH?

OH, YEAH.

I CARE ABOUT YOU A LOT, ZACK.

WE'RE READY FOR THE NEXT STEP.



SO, YOU WANT TO--

YES. NOW.

RIGHT NOW.



WELL, THEN.

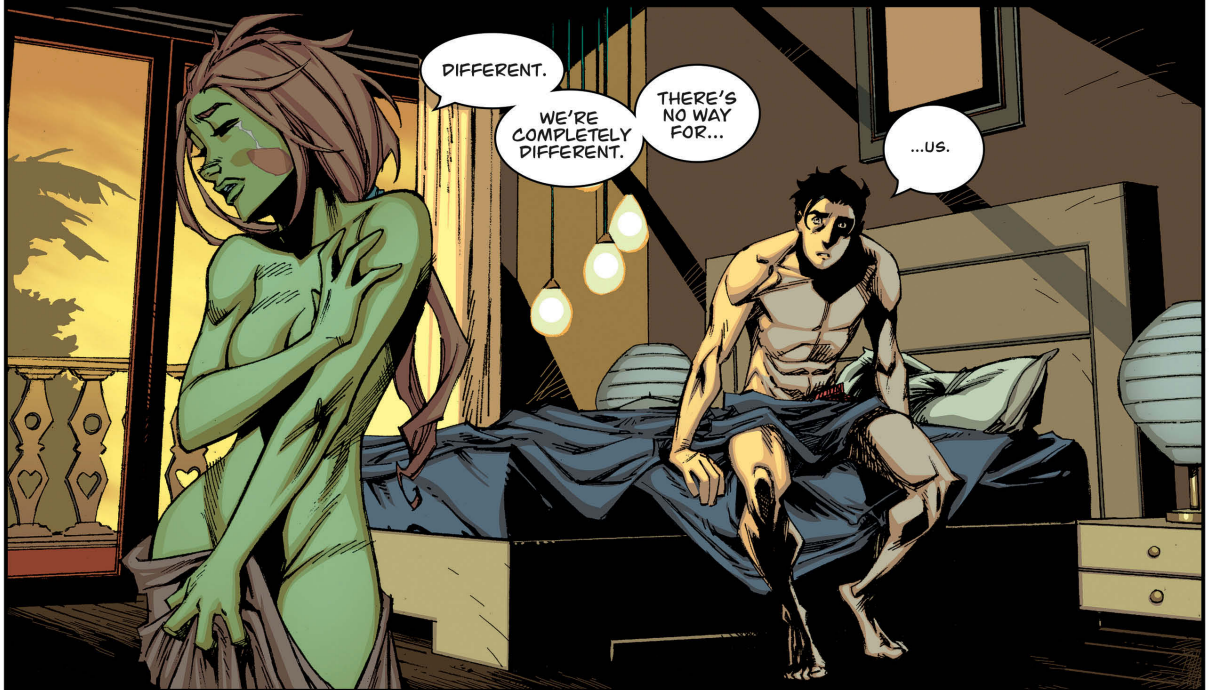


UM.

WHAT THE --

UM, LIN --
I --

I DIDN'T
KNOW
GELDARIANS
WERE SO,
WELL --



DIFFERENT.

WE'RE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT.

THERE'S
NO WAY
FOR...

...US.



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Invincible this. Invincible that. Whatever happened to the Galactic Guardian of Earth?

Tech Jacket is the lost hero of the Invincible Universe. To tell the truth, he's the original hero of the Invincible Universe, debuting three months before Invincible's title. In fact, Invincible first appeared in Tech Jacket's book. In some sidestep reality the first trade of TECH JACKET UNIVERSE just came out and people buy it and love it, and there's a TECH JACKET/INVINCIBLE TEAM-UP book and THAT sells even better. Invincible usurped Tech Jacket's swagger and now Mark Grayson doesn't even invite Zack Thompson to Christmas dinner. Even after—as you've seen in this miniseries' first issue—Zack helped win the Invincible War. What a jerk.

Which is way we're giving Tech Jacket the grand treatment in 2014. Folks love bingeing on entertainment. Netflix allows us to mainline our favorite shows, and Comixology allows us to impulse buy Mark Waid's entire run of the FLASH. And we thought it would be pretty cool to have a complete miniseries available to check out on the day it drops. Even if you're a first time TECH JACKET reader, we came up with two very compelling reasons to check it out...

Joe Keatinge is one of my favorite comics writers today. Not only does he know every comic that has EVER existed, he's not wasting our time retreading old stories. He knows those stories, he loves those stories, but with TECH JACKET he's delivering something fun and new and weird...and keeps me hanging on for every issue.

Khary Randolph is about to become your new favorite artist. I'm not going to waste words when his pages speak volumes. It's like trying to explain how A Tribe Called Quest's "Electric Relaxation" sounds. It's goddamn impossible.

If you dig these issues, drop us a line at techjacket@skybound.com and let us know. We had so much fun making them, that I'm pretty sure I could get the gang back together to make some more. Because in the Tech Jacket universe, there's a million stories left to tell.

Sean Mackiewicz
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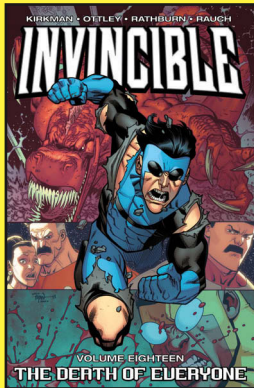
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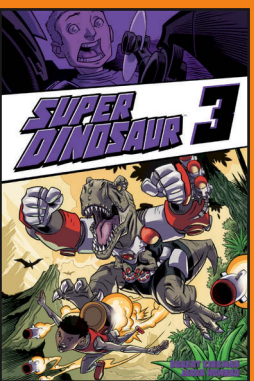


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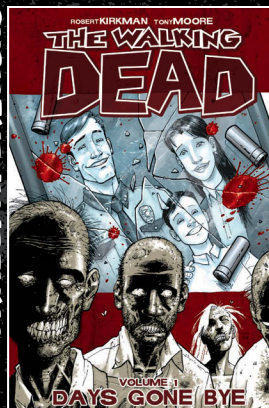
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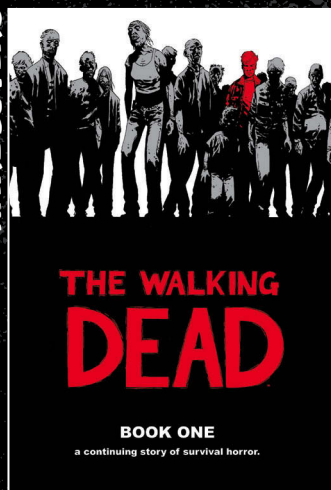


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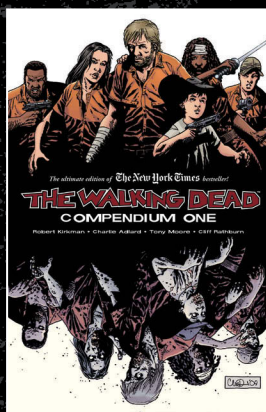
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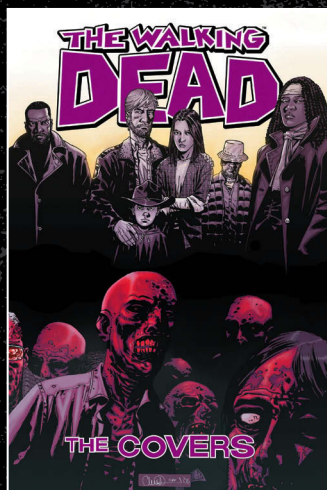
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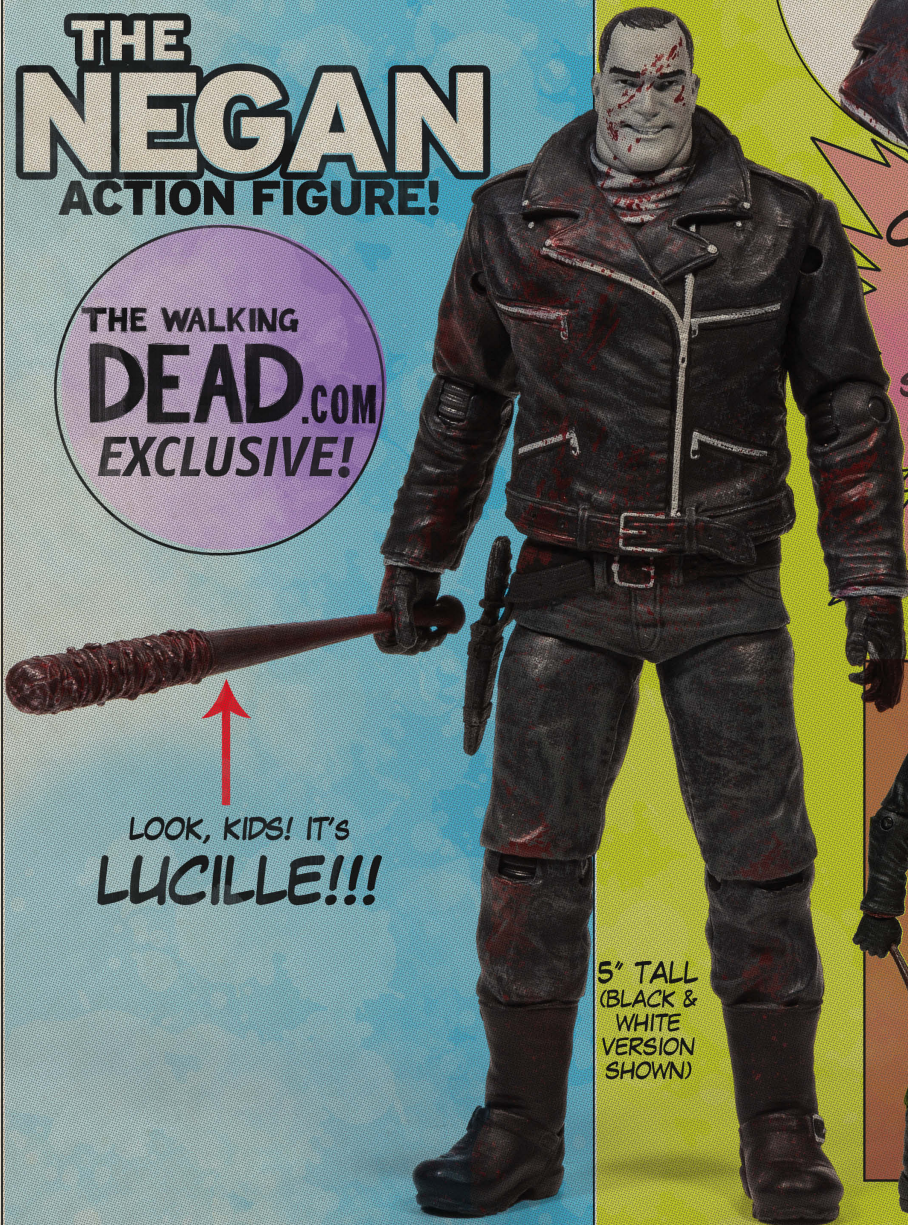
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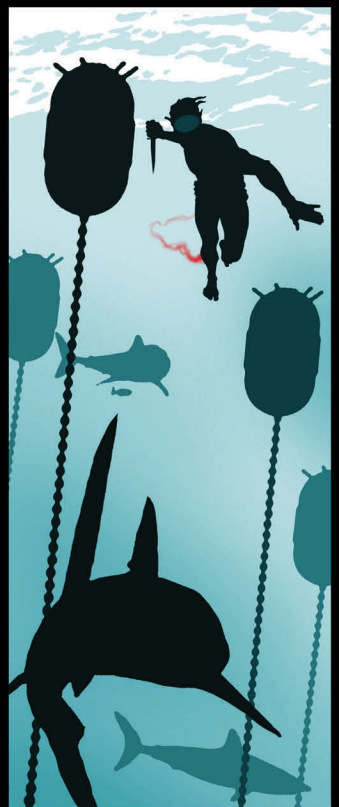
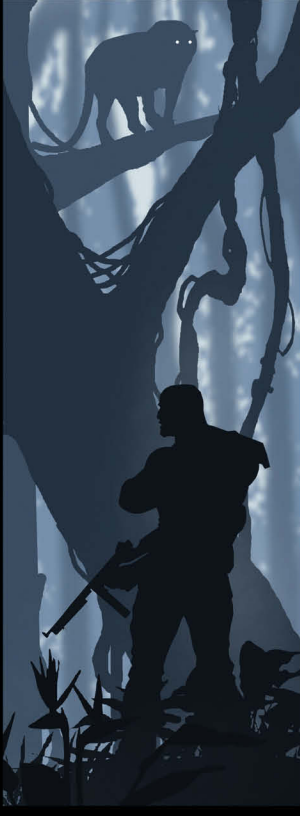
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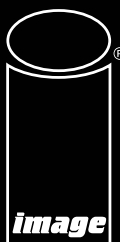
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