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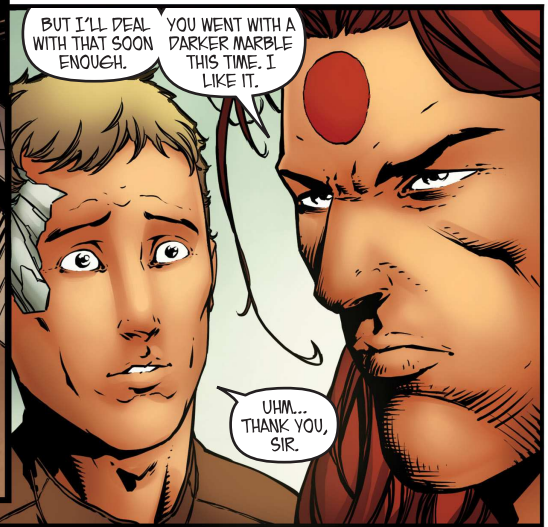
Home of ARTEMIS IX.

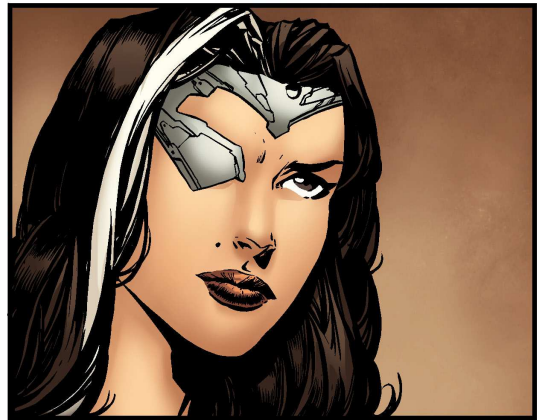
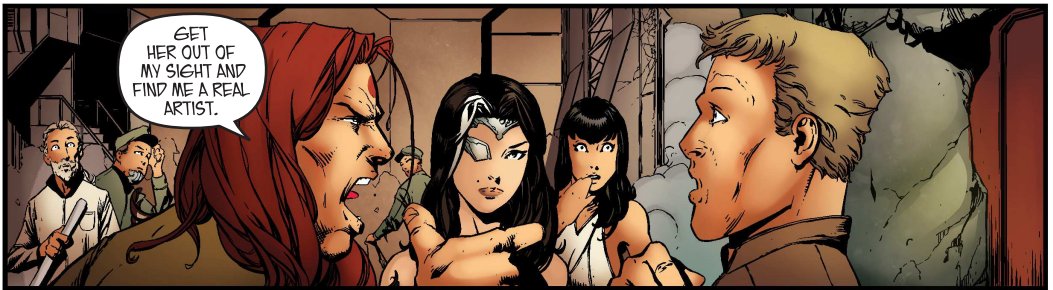
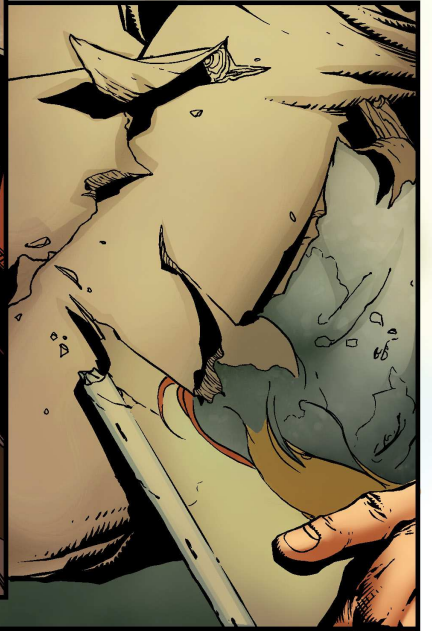


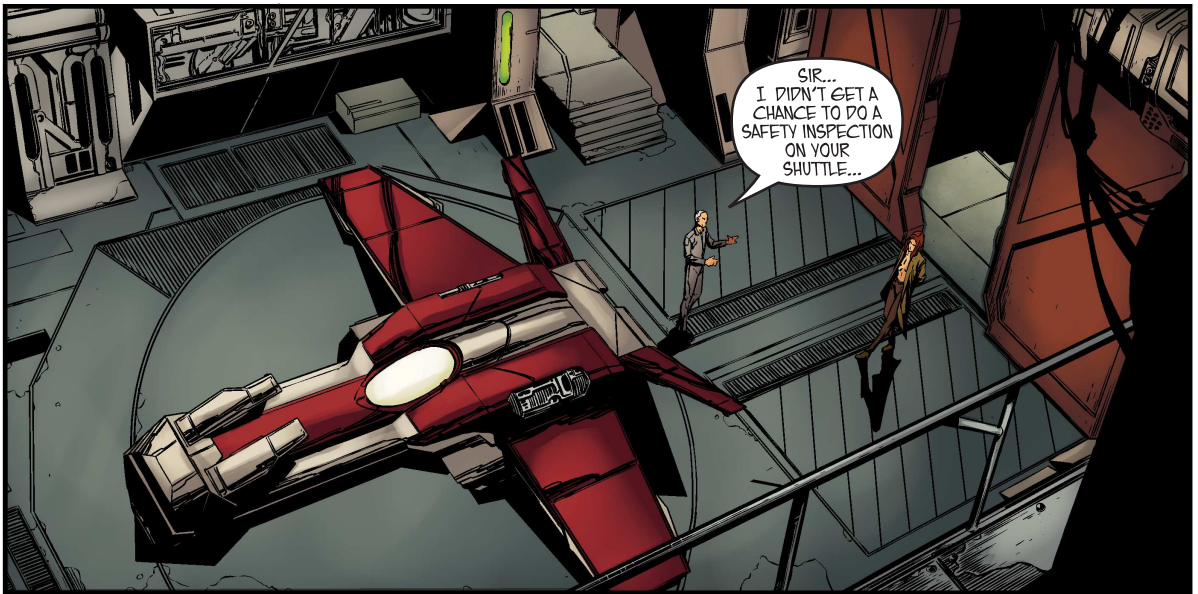
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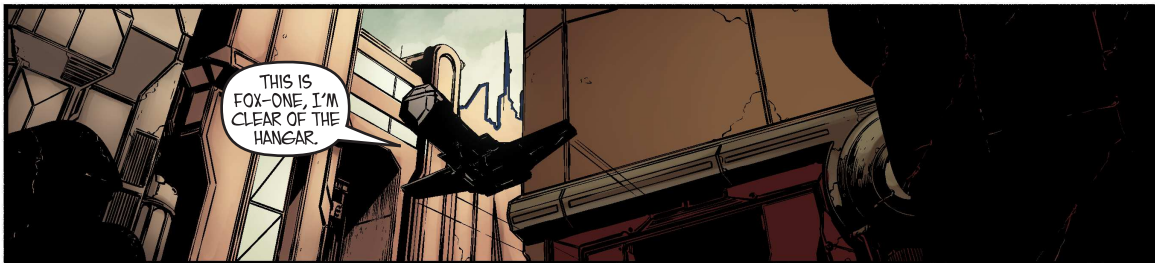
Like most of their meetings, it began with heated words.

But this one ended with an explosion.









THIS IS  
FOX-ONE, I'M  
CLEAR OF THE  
HANGAR.



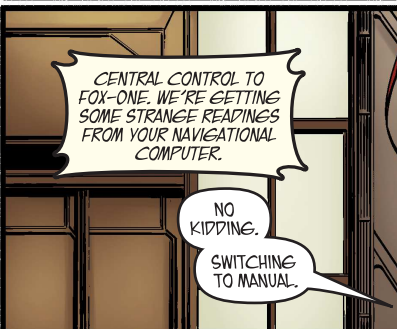
COMPUTER,  
LOCK IN  
COORDINATES FOR  
DELTA-THREE-  
SIX.

CAN NOT  
COMPLY.



WHAT THE...  
COMPUTER,  
REDUCE SPEED  
AND LOCK IN  
COORDINATES FOR  
DELTA-THREE-  
SIX.

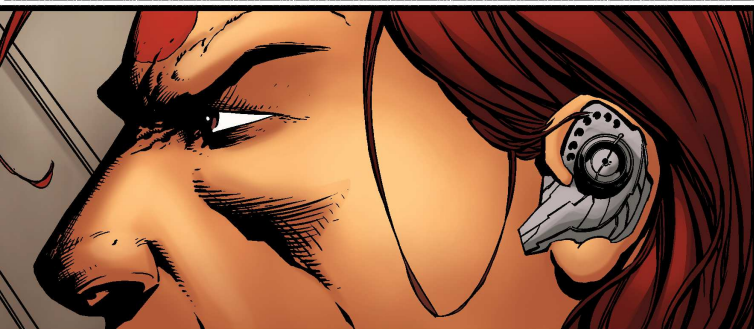
CAN NOT  
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CENTRAL CONTROL TO  
FOX-ONE, WE'RE GETTING  
SOME STRANGE READINGS  
FROM YOUR NAVIGATIONAL  
COMPUTER.

NO  
KIDDING.

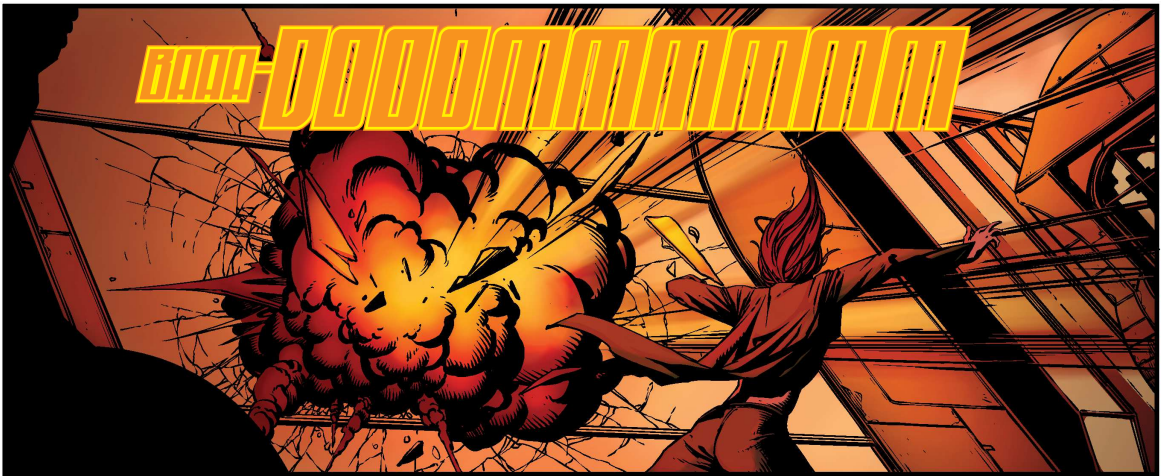
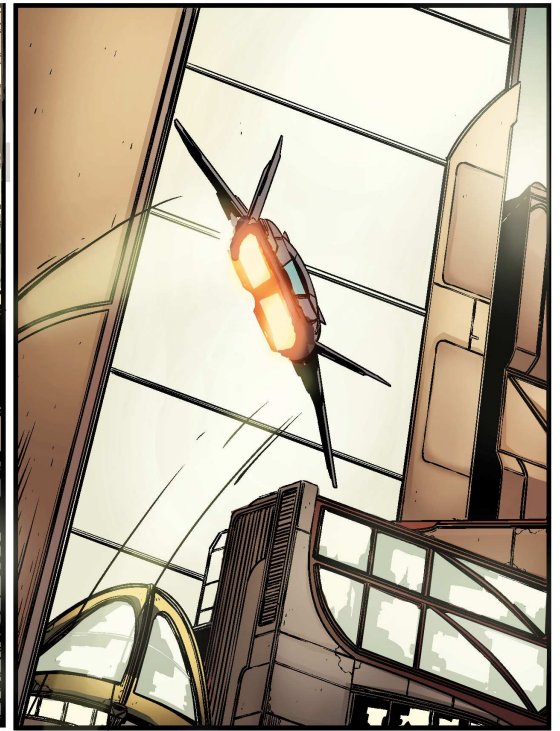
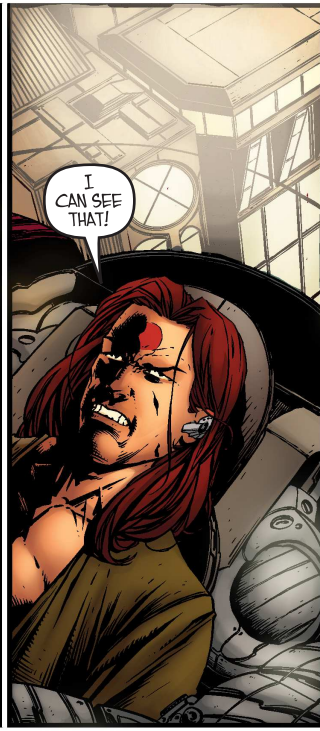
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TO MANUAL.

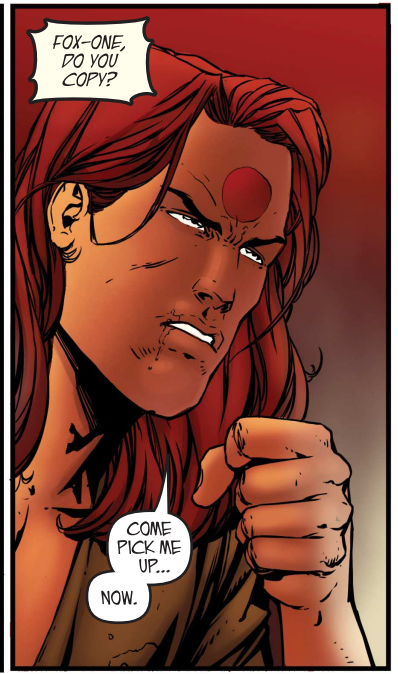


STEERING  
CONTROLS ARE  
JAMMED AND I  
CAN'T THROTTLE  
IT DOWN.

CENTRAL,  
CAN YOU REBOOT  
THE...

OH HELL...





FOX-ONE,  
DO YOU  
COPY?

COME  
PICK ME  
UP...  
NOW.



ARE YOU OKAY,  
SIR? DO YOU NEED  
A MEDIC?



I'M FINE.  
WHAT THE HELL  
HAPPENED TO MY  
SHUTTLE?

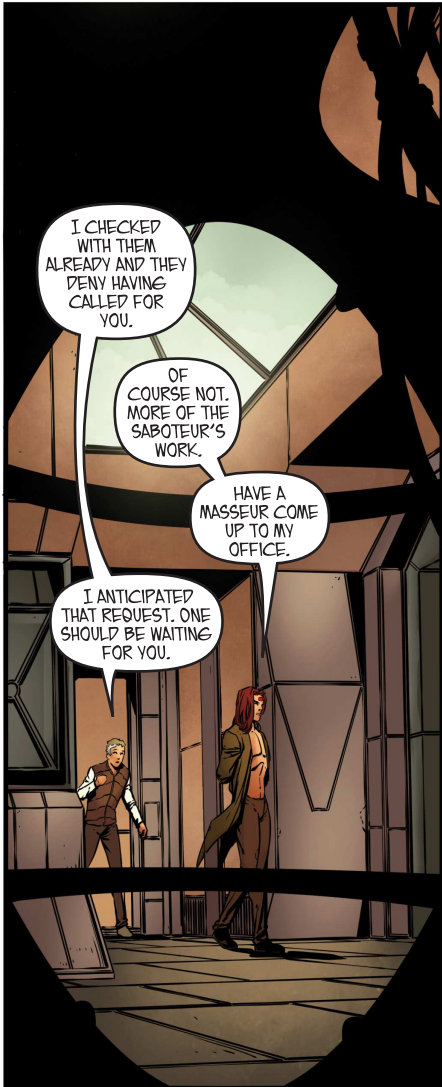
I TOOK  
A LOOK AT THE  
FLIGHT RECORDING  
AND I'D HAVE TO  
SAY... THAT IT WAS  
SABOTAGED.



SABOTAGED??  
YOU MEAN SOMEONE  
TRIED TO KILL  
ME?

WHAT IS YOUR  
EVIDENCE?

YES...  
THAT'S WHAT IT  
SEEMS.





OH MY...

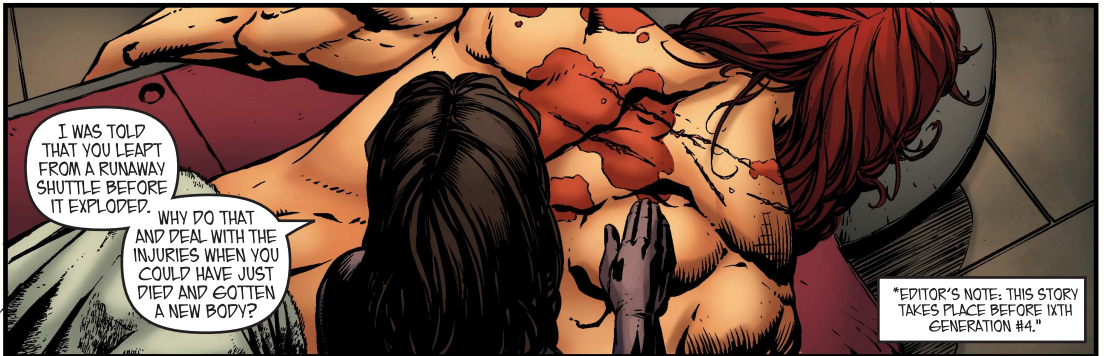


ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT A MASSAGE... THOSE CUTS LOOK PRETTY BAD.



I'M FINE. I HEAL QUICKLY.

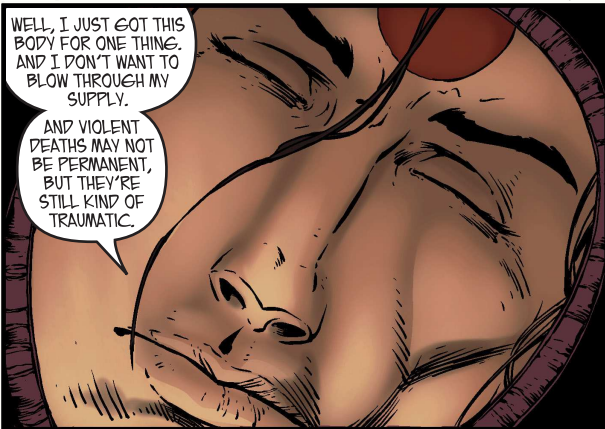
I JUST NEED TO RELAX... AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.



I WAS TOLD THAT YOU LEAPT FROM A RUNAWAY SHUTTLE BEFORE IT EXPLODED.

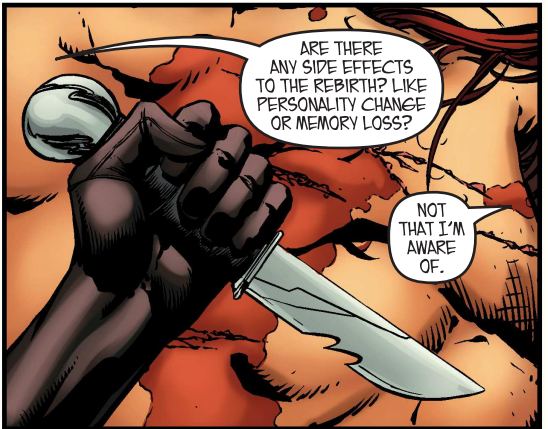
WHY DO THAT AND DEAL WITH THE INJURIES WHEN YOU COULD HAVE JUST DIED AND GOTTEN A NEW BODY?

\*EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE 10TH GENERATION #4.\*



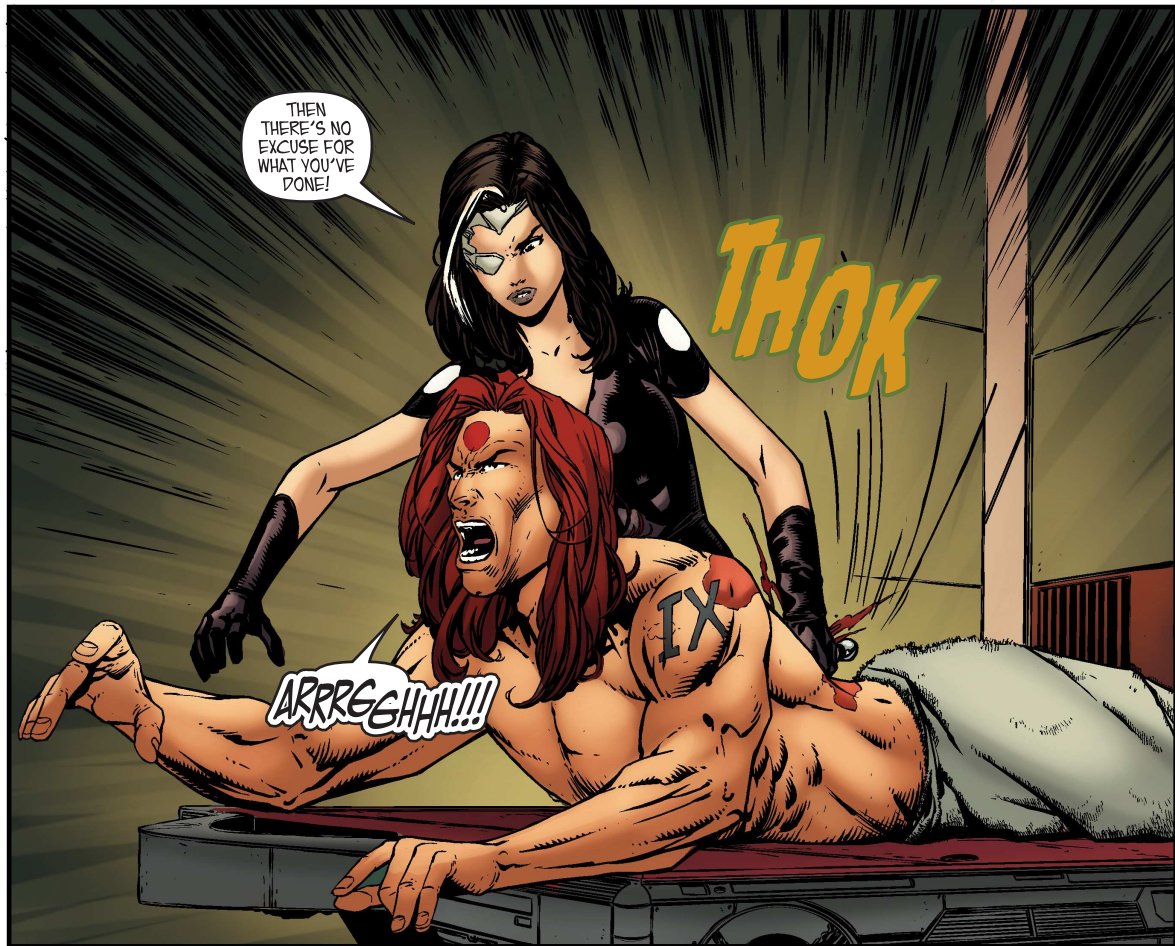
WELL, I JUST GOT THIS BODY FOR ONE THING, AND I DON'T WANT TO BLOW THROUGH MY SUPPLY.

AND VIOLENT DEATHS MAY NOT BE PERMANENT, BUT THEY'RE STILL KIND OF TRAUMATIC.



ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS TO THE REBIRTH? LIKE PERSONALITY CHANGE OR MEMORY LOSS?

NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.





ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULDN'T STAY IN THE MED UNIT TONIGHT?

THE KNIFE DIDN'T HIT ANYTHING VITAL, THANKFULLY. I'LL BE FINE.



WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

I'M JANELLE. I WORK IN THE LAUNDRY. I BROUGHT UP YOUR NEW JACKET.

RIGHT...OF COURSE...



I WANT ALL THE PERSONNEL ON THIS FLOOR TO BE MALE...  
...UNTIL WE GET THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

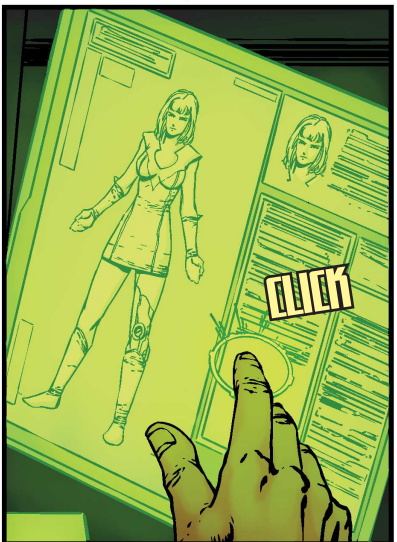
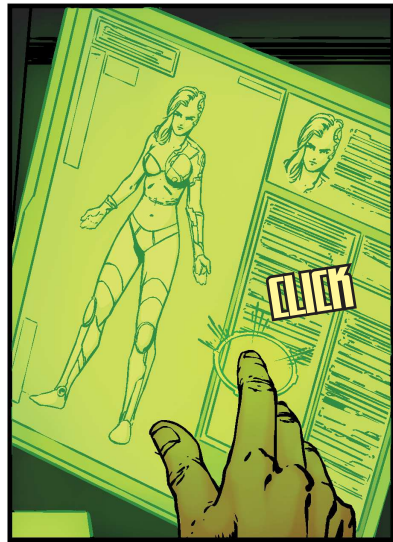
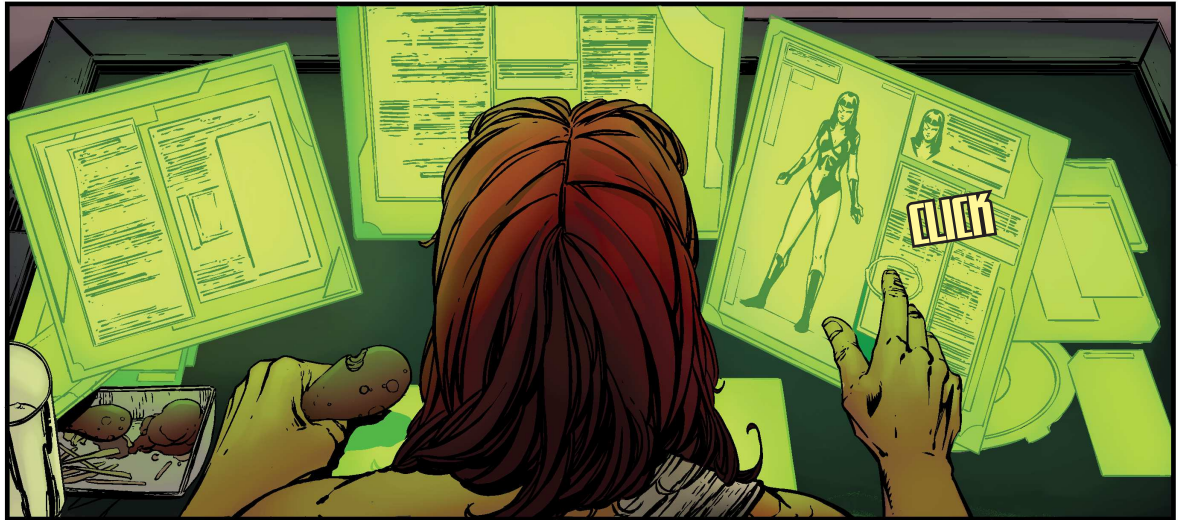
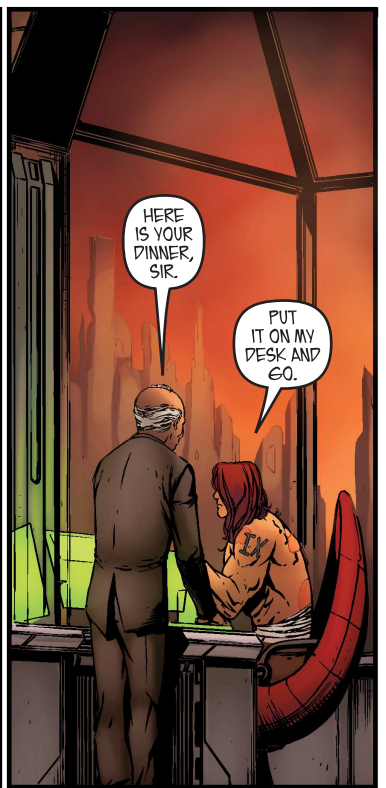
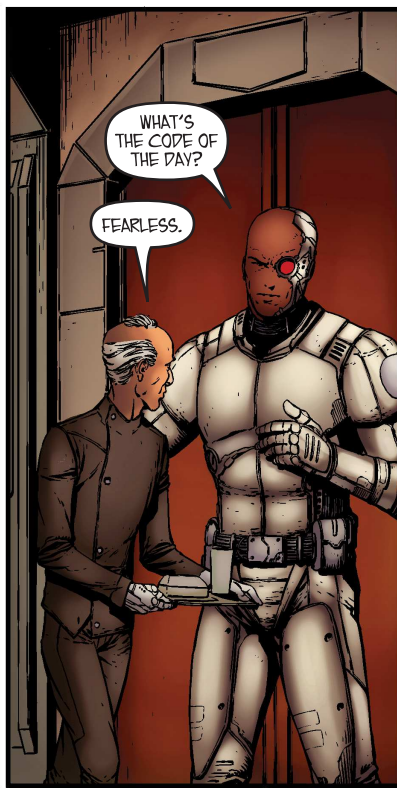
A VERY WISE DECISION, SIR.

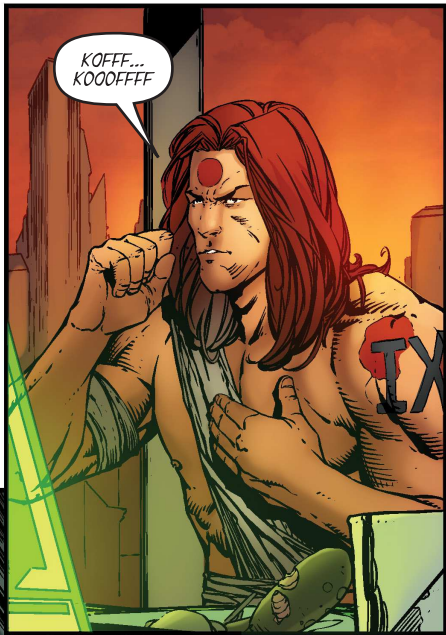


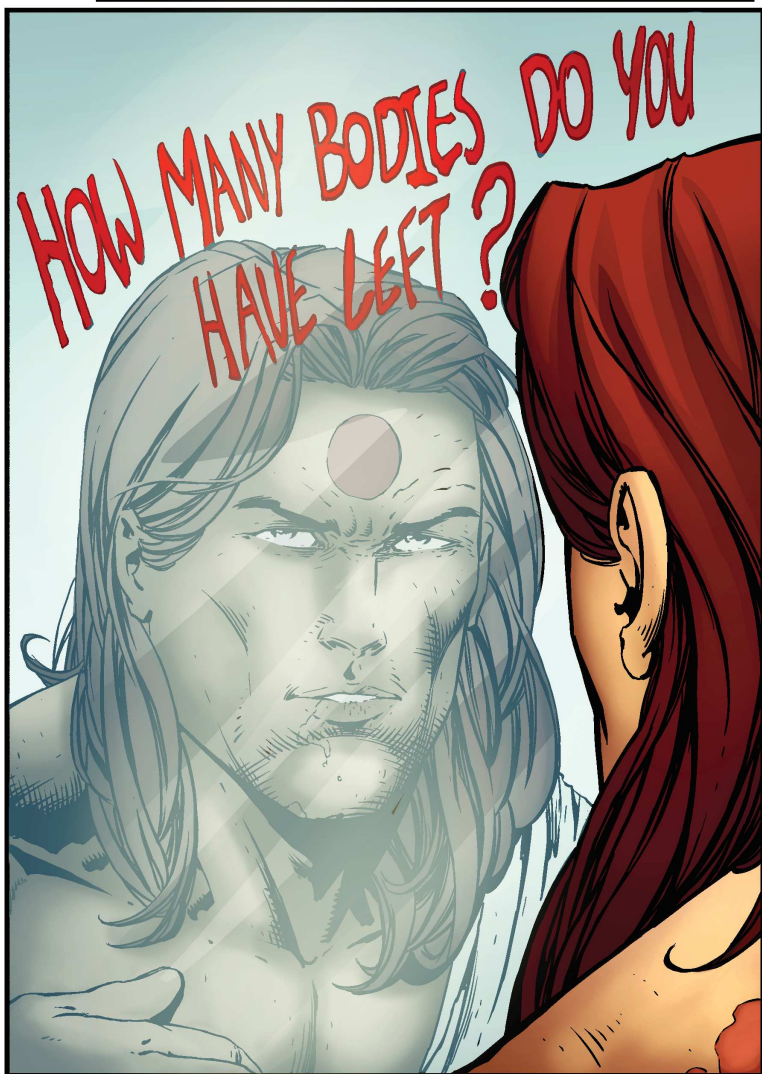
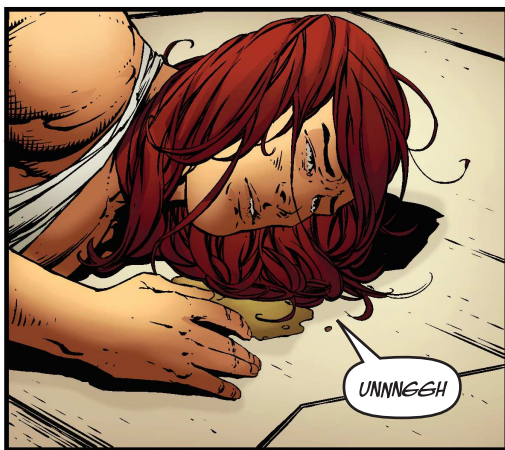
IT WILL JUST TAKE ME A FEW MINUTES TO MAKE THE CHANGES.



AND I WANT A GUARD ASSIGNED TO ME AT ALL TIMES.









YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, SIR?

SHE POISONED MY FOOD AND LEFT A MESSAGE ON MY MIRROR! SHE'S TRYING TO RUN ME THROUGH ALL OF MY BODIES.

I WILL START QUESTIONING THE COOKING STAFF IMMEDIATELY.



NO.

FIRST YOU FIND THE WORST JOB IN THE CITY AND ASSIGN THE MORON AT MY DOOR TO IT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

THEN I WANT YOU TO GET ALL THE FEMALE CYBORGS INTO THE MEETING ROOM RIGHT AWAY.



I'M SORRY, SIR... YOU WANT WHAT?



I WANT EVERY ACTIVE FEMALE CYBORG WORKING IN THE CASTLE IN THE MEETING ROOM... NOW!

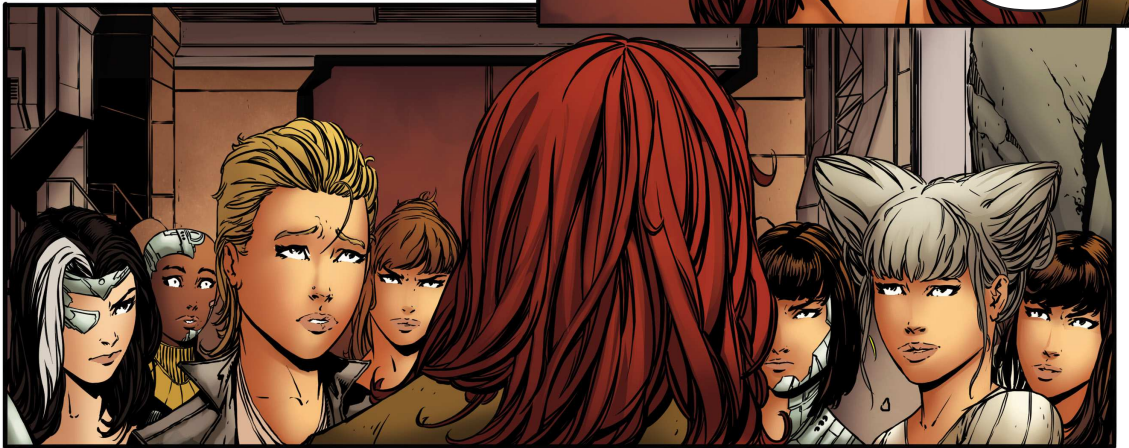
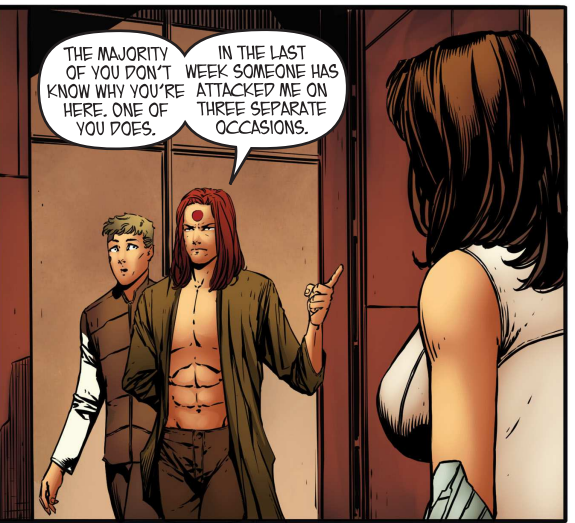
I REFUSE TO COWER TO THIS HOMICIDAL BITCH FOR ANOTHER MINUTE.

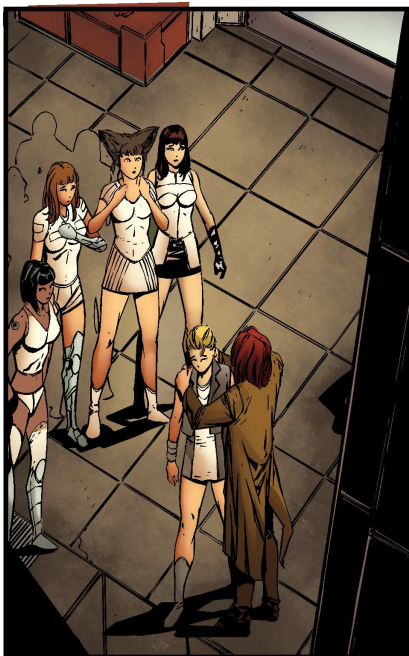


SHE HASN'T ACTUALLY KILLED YOU.

NOT FOR LACK OF TRYING.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?









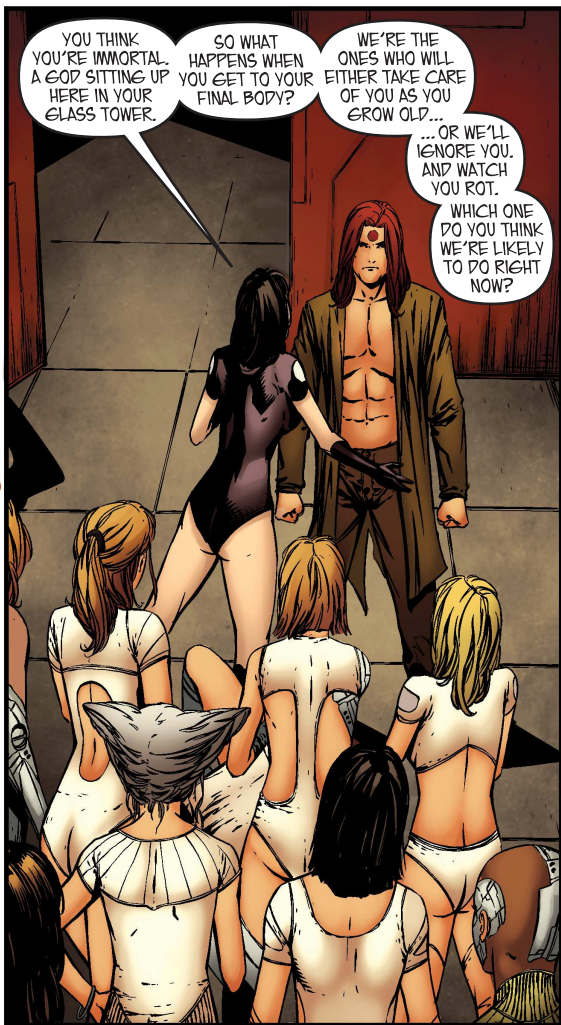
YOU COULDN'T EVEN IDENTIFY ME AFTER I STOOD IN YOUR QUARTERS AND STABBED YOU.

WE'RE NOTHING TO YOU BUT SLAVES.

AND THE WAY YOU TREAT US NOW WILL BE YOUR DOWNFALL IN THE END.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



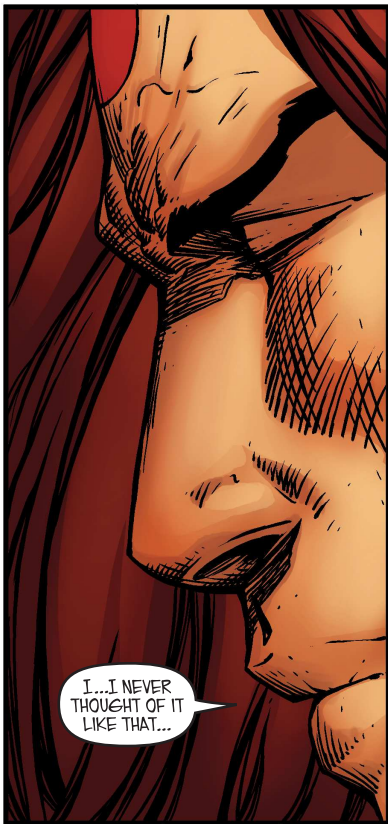
YOU THINK YOU'RE IMMORTAL. A GOD SITTING UP HERE IN YOUR GLASS TOWER.

SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR FINAL BODY?

WE'RE THE ONES WHO WILL EITHER TAKE CARE OF YOU AS YOU GROW OLD...

... OR WE'LL IGNORE YOU, AND WATCH YOU ROT.

WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK WE'RE LIKELY TO DO RIGHT NOW?

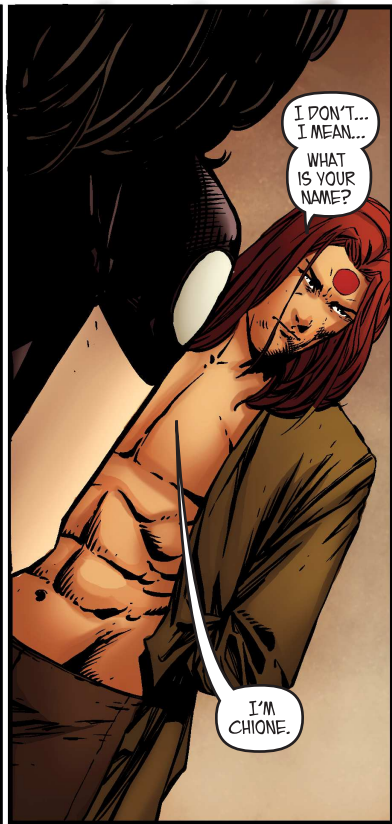


I...I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT LIKE THAT...



I KNOW THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT BURNING THROUGH YOUR BODIES.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THAT AS A SIGN THAT IT'S TIME TO CHANGE HOW YOU ARE LIVING.



I DON'T... I MEAN... WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

I'M CHIONE.



THANK YOU, CHIONE.  
NOW I CAN  
MAKE SURE I NEVER  
BRING YOU BACK  
TO LIFE.

NO! WAIT!  
PLEASE!

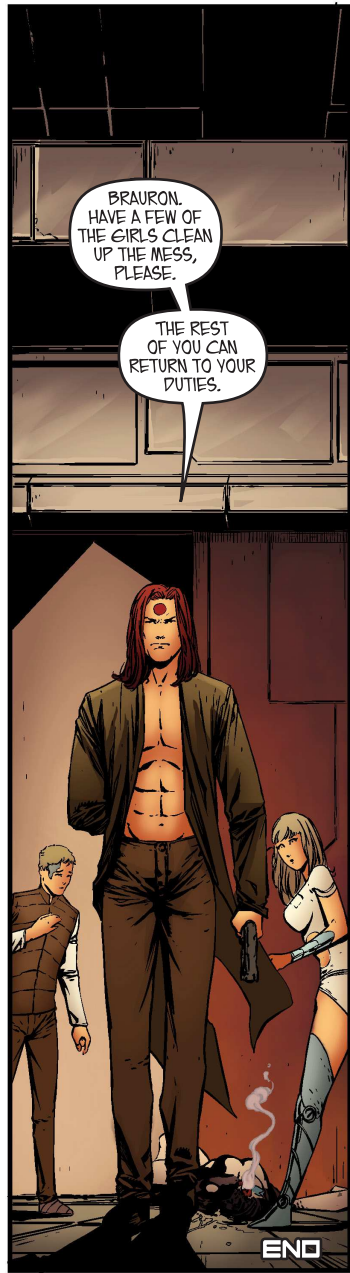


AND I DO WORRY ABOUT  
RUNNING THROUGH MY  
SUPPLY OF BODIES...  
BECAUSE IT'S  
ANNOYING.

BUT I CAN  
ALWAYS MAKE  
MORE.



KABLAM



BRAURON.  
HAVE A FEW OF  
THE GIRLS CLEAN  
UP THE MESS,  
PLEASE.

THE REST  
OF YOU CAN  
RETURN TO YOUR  
DUTIES.

END

NEXT STORY

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IN STORES AUGUST 12TH



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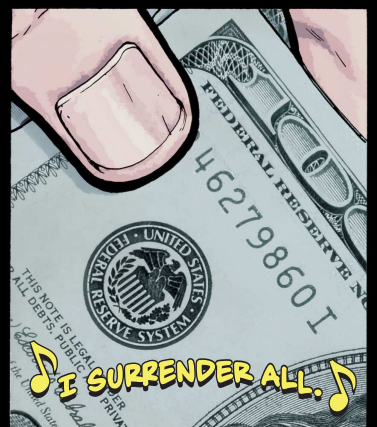
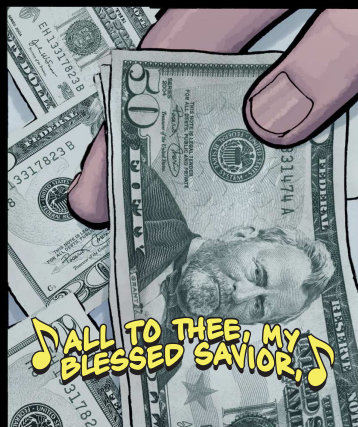
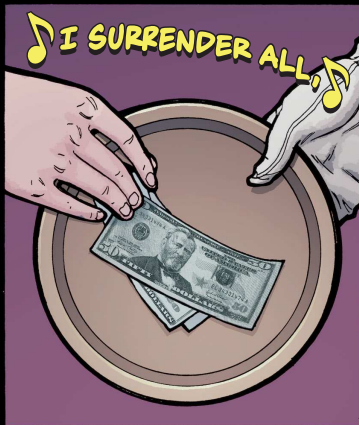
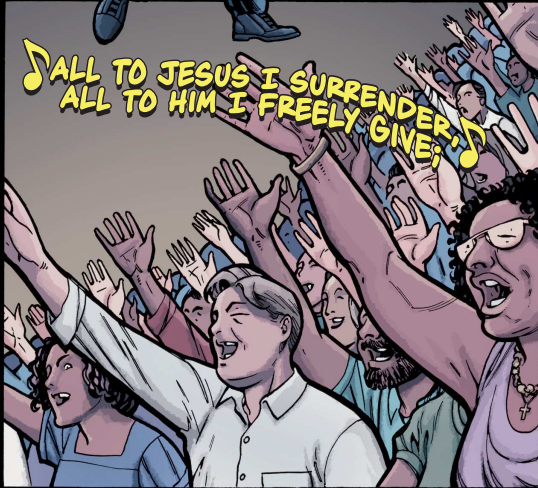
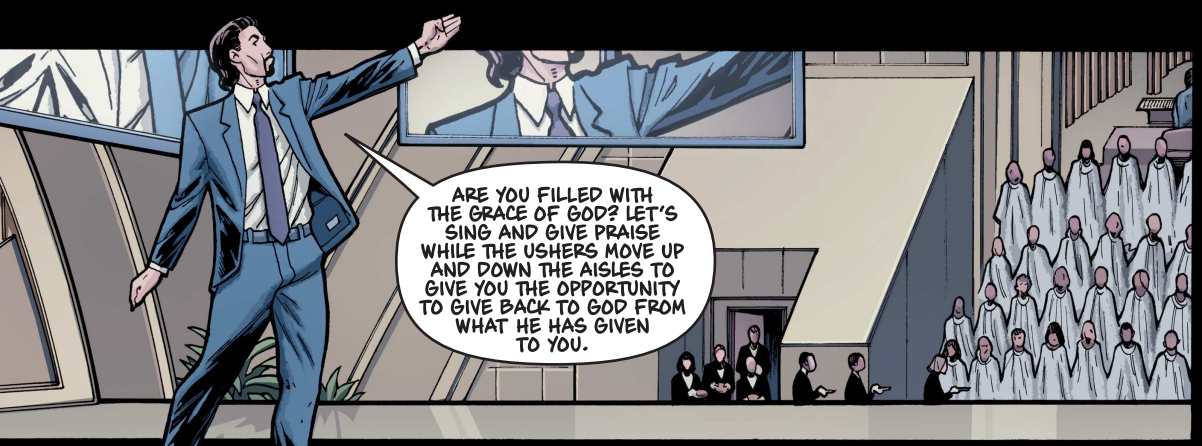
Irvine, California  
11:20 AM Sunday

THE TREASURES OF THIS EARTH ARE TRANSITORY, MEANINGLESS, AND DESPITE THE PLENTY GOD HAS GIFTED US WITH, THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO LACK THEIR BASIC NEEDS. OUR CHURCH MINISTERS TO THOSE AND THE BODY OF CHRIST MUST GIVE CHEERFULLY AS THE LORD COMMANDS.

BEFORE WE TAKE THE COLLECTION TODAY, TAKE A MOMENT AND REFLECT ON THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. ADD TO YOUR HEAVENLY ACCOUNT...TODAY.

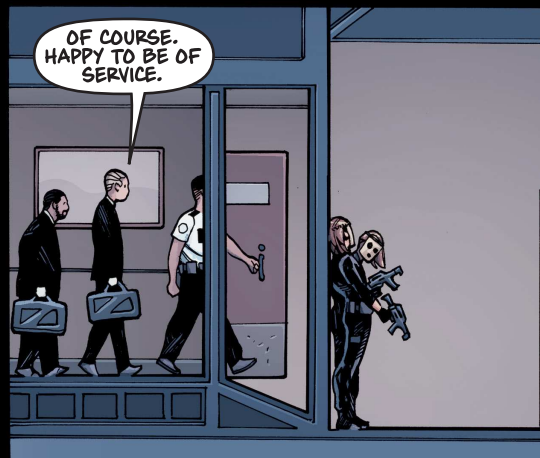
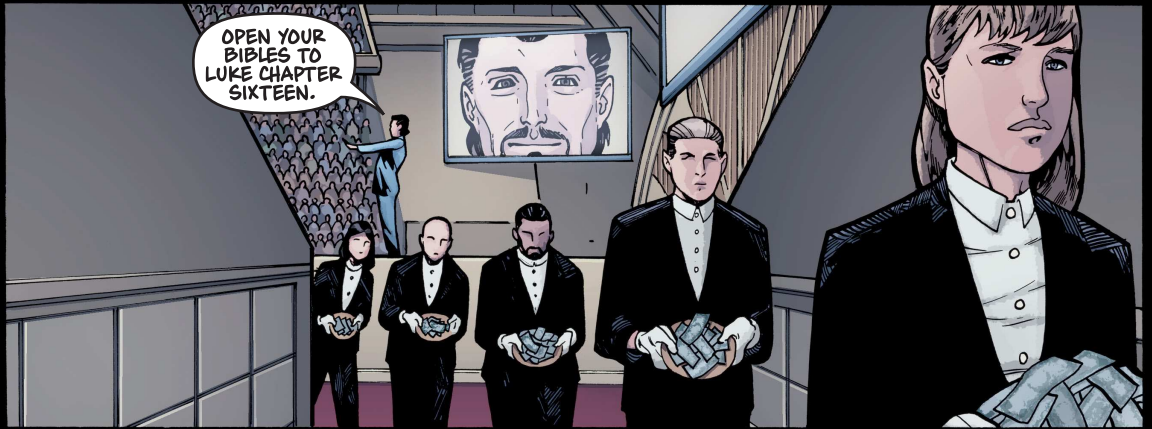
LET US PRAY. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU WITH AN OPEN HEART. WE'RE THANKFUL OF THE BOUNTY YOU'VE GRACED US WITH...

...AND KNOW THE RIGHT THING IS TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR MINISTRY SO YOU CAN USE THE CHURCH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SO MANY. AMEN.











HANDS UP, ALL OF YOU!

DON'T BE A HERO.

AUDITORIUM  
THREE DOORS  
WEST CORNER



UNLESS YOU WANT TO MEET YOUR GOD TODAY.



THE LORD GIVETH.



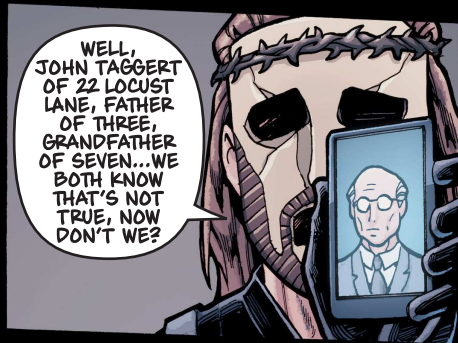
AND WE TAKETH AWAY.



JUST TAKE THE MONEY AND GO. PLEASE DON'T HURT ANYONE.

THIS IS WHAT, SIXTY-K? WE WANT THE MONEY IN THE VAULT.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ALL THE MONEY IS TRANSFERRED AFTER EACH SERVICE.



WELL, JOHN TAGGERT OF 22 LOCUST LANE, FATHER OF THREE, GRANDFATHER OF SEVEN...WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE, NOW DON'T WE?



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

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OUR  
DEMOCRACY  
HAS BEEN  
HACKED

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