



SIRE STUDIOS

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The SIRE



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DOLCE
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KIRKHAM



SO HOW'S YOUR WEEK BEEN? CHASED AROUND BY COPS AFTER THROWING DOWN WITH SUPER POWERED THUGS?

POLICE! FREEZE!

YEAH, DIDN'T THINK SO.



PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD NOW!

ALEX, THAT'S HIM! THAT LUNATIC FROM TV!



YOU HAVE TO BACK AWAY! I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER MYSELF WHEN I'M IN THIS COSTUME! I CAN'T PROMISE I'LL BE ABLE TO COME ALONG PEACEFULLY.



HE'S THREATENING! QUICK--

BRAV!

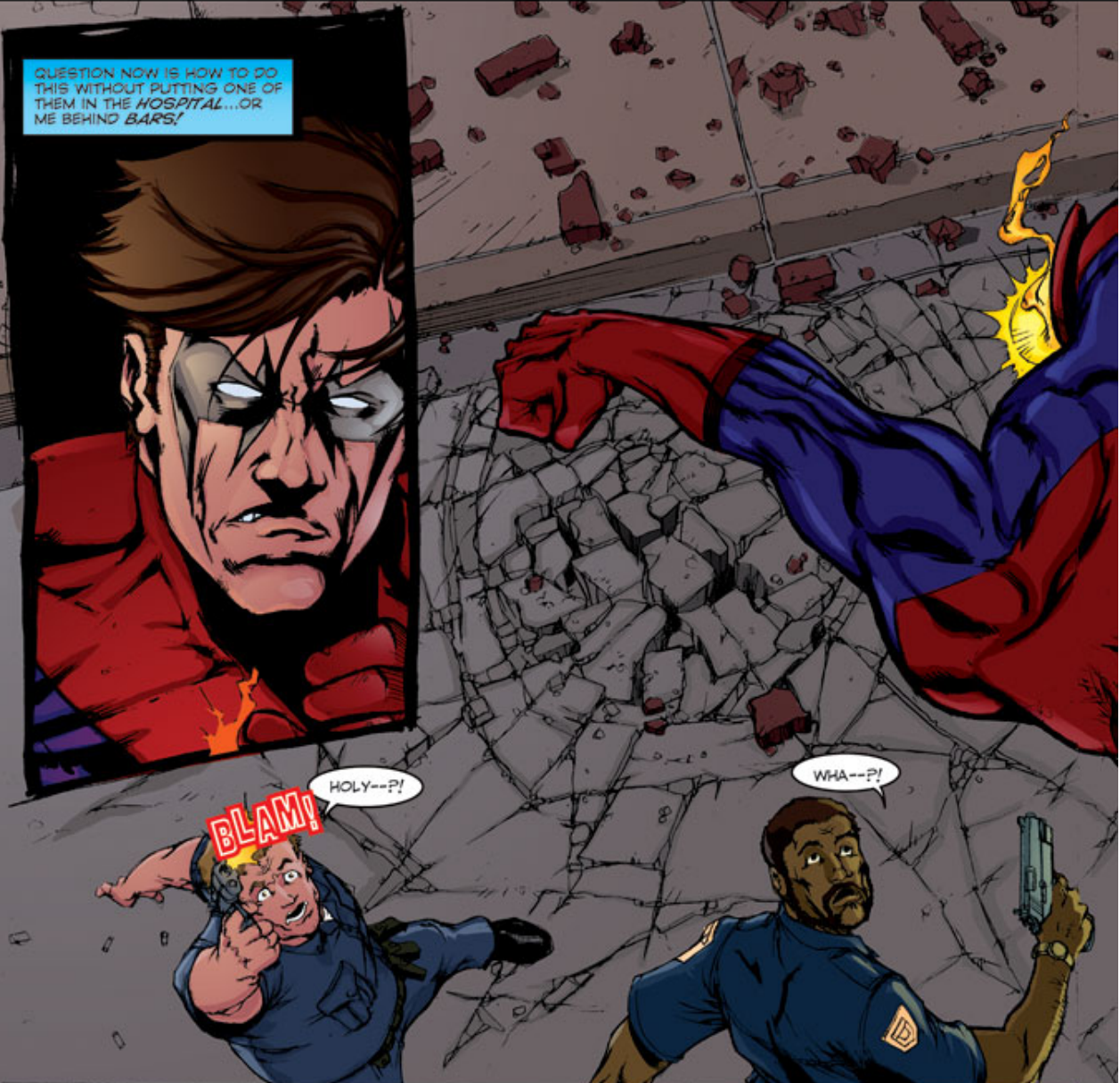
NO, YOU IDIOT!



WHOA! MATRIX STYLE!

YEAH, IT'S TIME TO GO!

QUESTION NOW IS HOW TO DO THIS WITHOUT PUTTING ONE OF THEM IN THE HOSPITAL...OR ME BEHIND BARS!



BLAM!

HOLY--?!

WHA--?!

ASSAULT'S LIKE SEVEN YEARS MINIMUM SO I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO ACTUALLY TOUCH ANY OF 'EM.

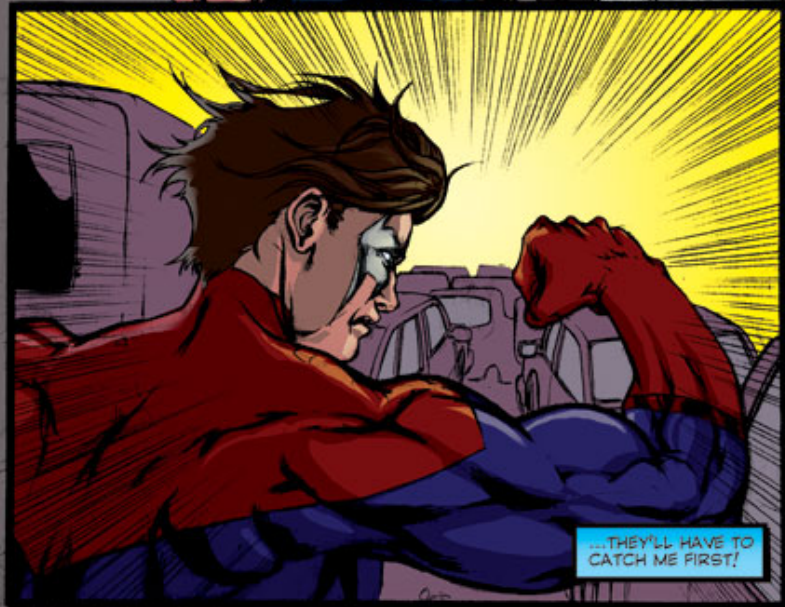


BLAM!
BLAM!
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RESISTING ARREST ON THE OTHER HAND, WELL...

WHOA...





AND THAT'S JUST
NOT ON THE
AGENDA TODAY!

WHAT'S
TAKING SO
LONG??

HONK!

HONK!
HONK!

HONK!
HONK!

WE HIT TRAFFIC
MISS, IT GET BAD
SOMETIMES.

WELL I
KNOW THAT! I
DO LIVE HERE FOR
CRYING OUT LOUD,
I JUST--

ONE TIME I DRIVE
CAB NEAR MTV BUILDING.
JUSTIN TIMBERLAND
THERE, VERY FAMOUS. HOLD
UP WHOLE CITY BLOCK.

SMASH!

COME TO
THINK OF IT, YOU
LOOK FAMOUS TOO.
YOU FROM TV?

WELL I--

WHAT
THE?!--

AAAAAAHHHH!!!!





AAAAH!
AAAAH!



AHEM!
SORRY, I SAW YOU FOLLOWING ME. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION.



YEAH I GUESS. NO USE HIDING ANYMORE.
COPS DIDN'T FOLLOW YOU HERE, DID THEY?
I DIDN'T SEE ANY.
MIND TELLING ME WHAT'S GOING ON?



I WISH I KNEW, J.J., I WISH I KNEW.
ONE MINUTE I'M YOUR SECRETARY, THE NEXT I'M FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE!
AGAINST WHO? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



YOU MEAN YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW? HOW COULD YOU...
OK, I'LL START AT THE BEGINNING...



...WITH SAMUEL ANTONETTI!
THE TRANSPORT ARRIVES AT 0400--



MEANWHILE...



SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOU WERE WORKING LATE...

I WAS WORKING LATE, SIFTING THROUGH ALL THE WORK YOU PILED ON MY DESK--

IF YOU START BLAMING MY WORKLOAD THEN THIS CONVERSATION IS OVER.

--WHEN I GOT THIS PHONECALL.

WHAT KIND OF PHONE CALL? WHO WAS IT?

DIDN'T SAY. JUST THAT HE WORKED FOR ANTONETTI AND HE HAD WHAT WE'D BEEN LOOKING FOR.



THIS THING *MAKES* ME DO WHAT I'M DOING. THE ESCAPED FELONS, THE POLICE...ALL OF IT HAS BEEN AT THE WHIM OF THIS COSTUME...



...AND I WANT IT TO END ALREADY!

HAVE YOU TRIED CUTTING IT OFF?

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SUIT IS BONDED TO ME.

AND THAT WHOLE THING WITH ANTONETTI TRYING TO STEAL IT FROM ME--



WAIT, HE'S ALIVE? YOU'VE SEEN HIM?

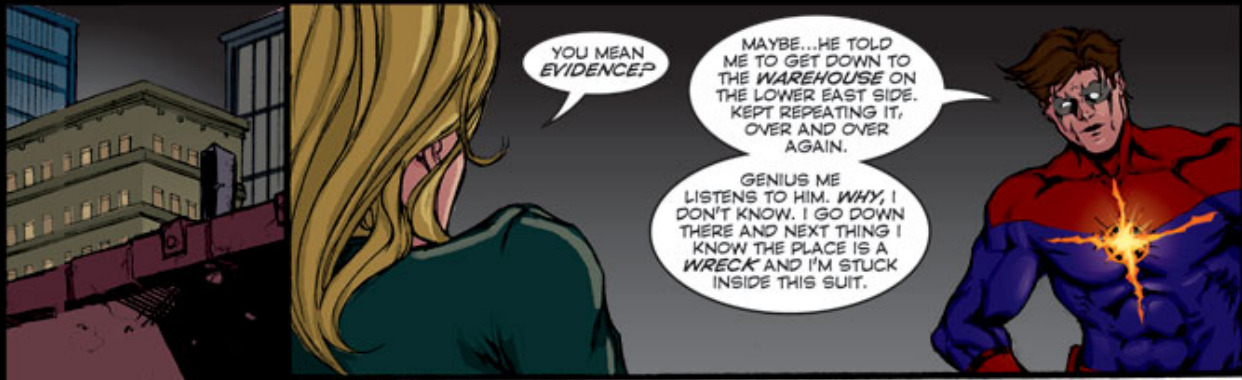
YEAH. I'VE SEEN HIM. LOOKS A LOT *DIFFERENT* ON TV. HEALTHIER.

HOW SO?

WELL, HE WAS BURNT...TO A *CRISP*.

WHAT?!

AND THAT'S NOT THE *ONLY* CHANGE. I GUESS I SHOULD CONSIDER MYSELF *LUCKY*.



YOU MEAN EVIDENCE?

MAYBE...HE TOLD ME TO GET DOWN TO THE WAREHOUSE ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE. KEPT REPEATING IT, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

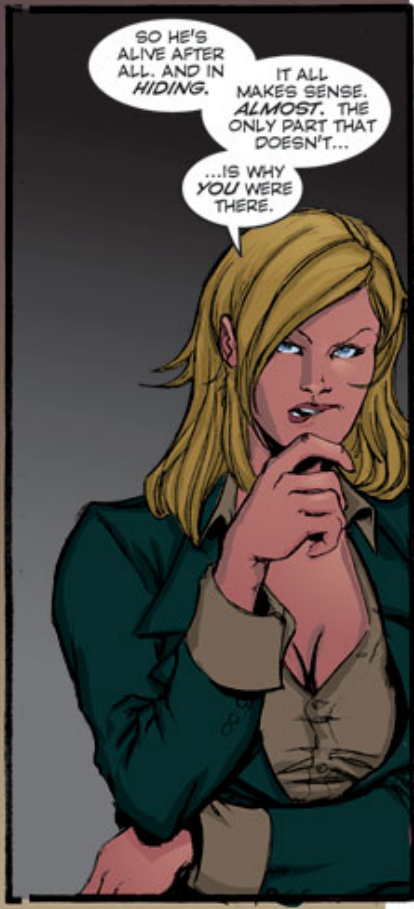
GENIUS ME LISTENS TO HIM. WHY, I DON'T KNOW. I GO DOWN THERE AND NEXT THING I KNOW THE PLACE IS A WRECK AND I'M STUCK INSIDE THIS SUIT.



WAIT, YOU CAN'T GET THAT THING OFF?

OF COURSE! WHAT, YOU THINK I WOKE UP ONE MORNING AND THOUGHT, "TODAY I WANT TO BE A SUPERHERO?"

WELL...



SO HE'S ALIVE AFTER ALL. AND IN HIDING.

IT ALL MAKES SENSE. ALMOST. THE ONLY PART THAT DOESN'T...

...IS WHY YOU WERE THERE.



WELL, THAT WOULD BE YOU ACTUALLY.

YOU SAID WE WEREN'T GOING TO BLAME THE WORKLOAD.

IT'S NOT THE WORKLOAD, J.J., IT'S YOU.

YOU'RE THE REASON I WENT. YOU'RE THE REASON I DO EVERYTHING I DO.

TO GET NOTICED. TO IMPRESS YOU.

WAIT, WHAT?



FORGET IT! I SHOULDN'T HAVE...

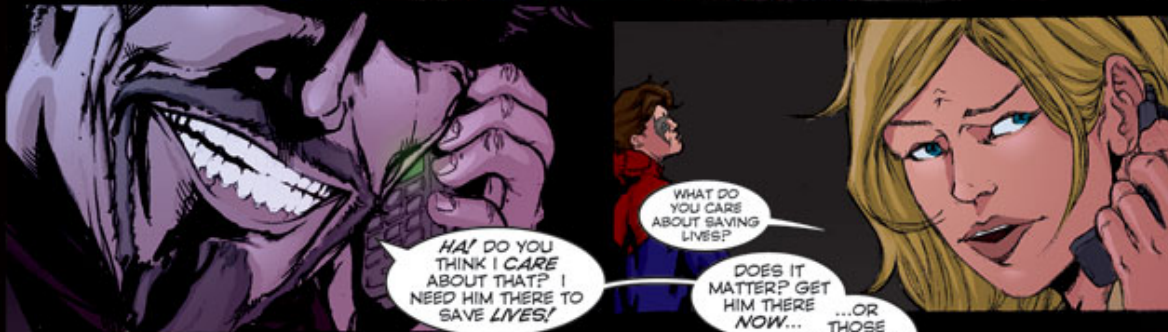
NO, GO ON, I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

ERRING!



I SAID I WOULD BE IN TOUCH. I'M A MAN OF MY WORD, AFTER ALL.

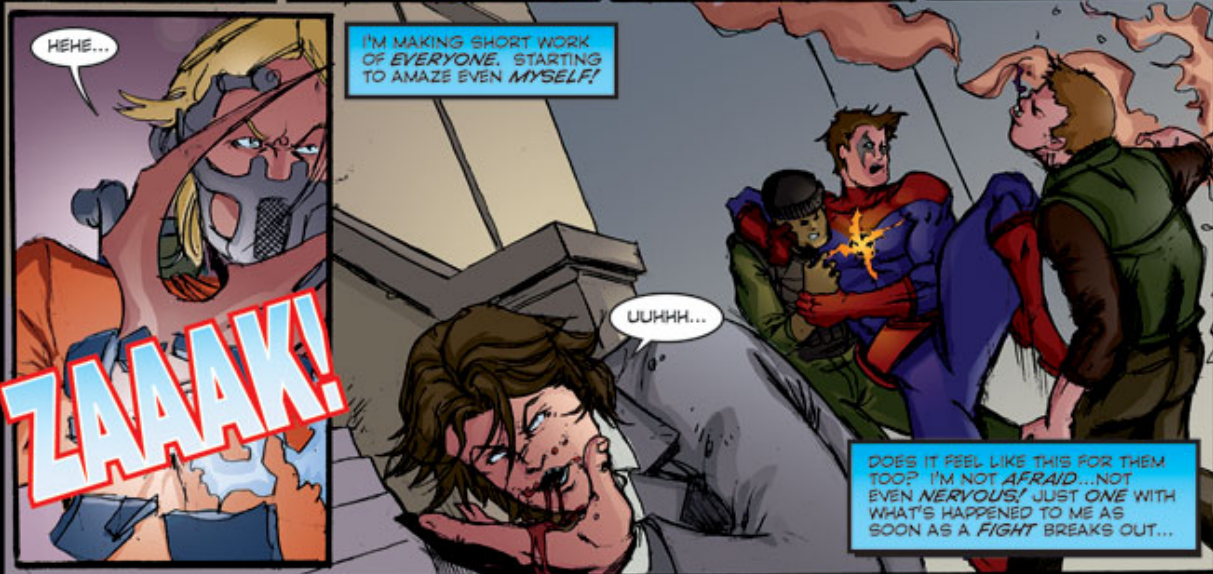
HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY MORE THOUGHT TO MY OFFER?



SOON...









LET'S SHOW HIM WHAT IT'S LIKE!

HAHAHAHA!

CRASH!



WALTER, I NEED THAT CREW HERE NOW!
DON'T ASK ME HOW I GOT DOWN HERE SO FAST, JUST--



WAIT, NEVERMIND, THEY'RE HERE!
I CAN'T TALK, WALTER, I GOTTA GO!

KILKY



I NEED YOU TO SET UP OVER HERE! DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO, JUST GET THE SHOT.
I MAY HAVE TO--



--LOOK!

NO!

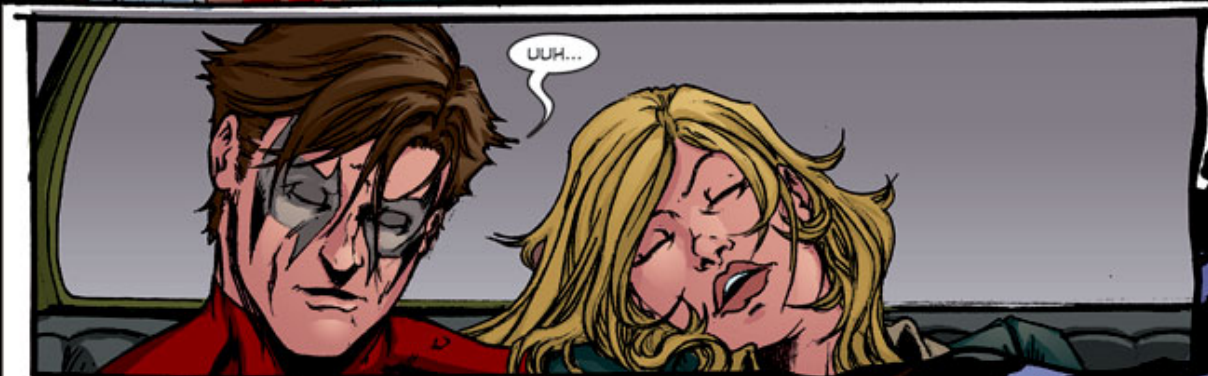


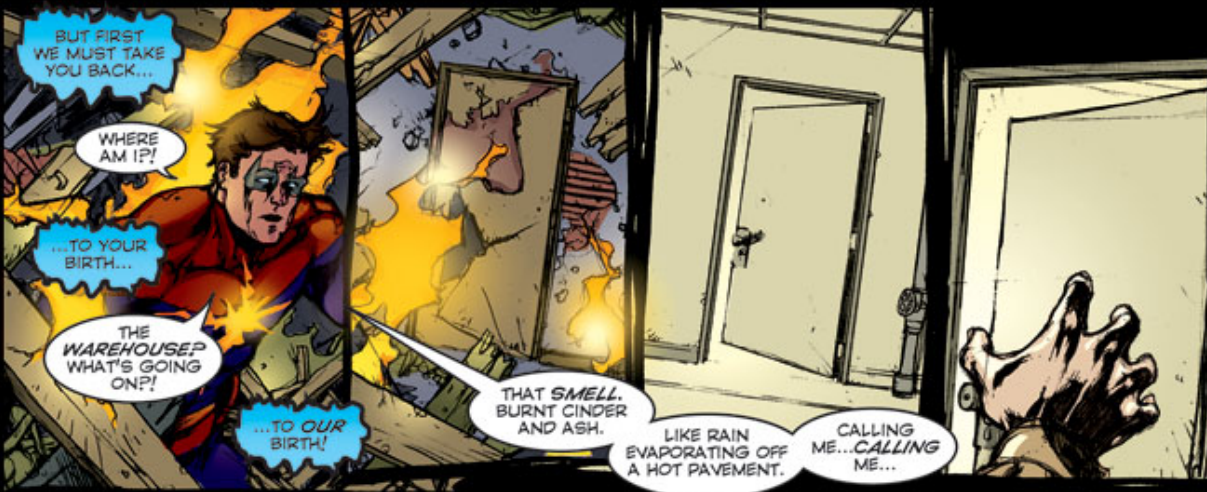
BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS REMATCH, MATE.

LIKE I TOLD MY OL' PAL BARD, THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT PISSES ME OFF!

HEHEHEHE...







BUT FIRST WE MUST TAKE YOU BACK...

WHERE AM I?

...TO YOUR BIRTH...

THE WAREHOUSE? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

...TO OUR BIRTH!

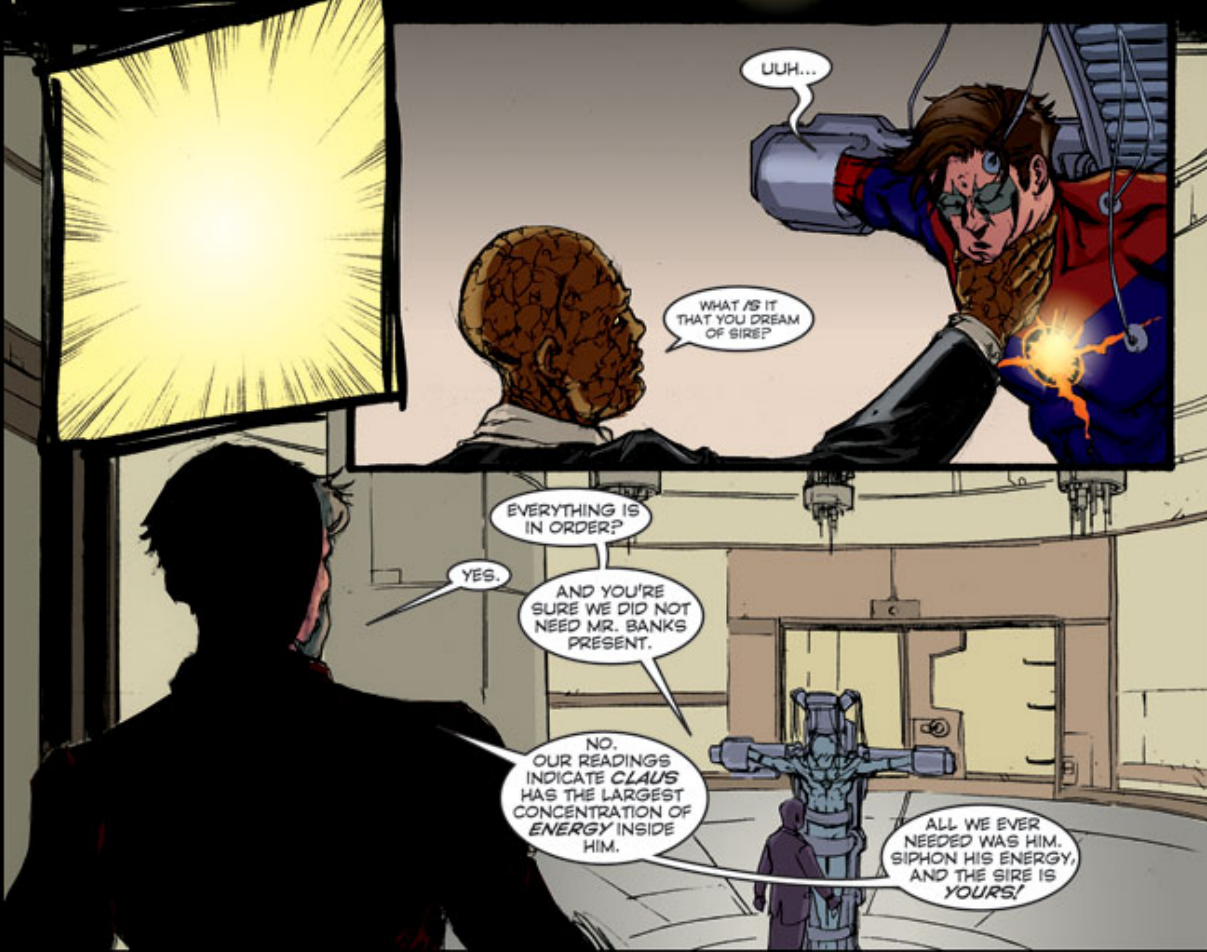
THAT SMELL. BURNT CINDER AND ASH.

LIKE RAIN EVAPORATING OFF A HOT PAVEMENT.

CALLING ME...CALLING ME...



...TO IT!



UHH...

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DREAM OF SIRE?

EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER?

YES.

AND YOU'RE SURE WE DID NOT NEED MR. BANKS PRESENT.

NO. OUR READINGS INDICATE CLAUS HAS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF ENERGY INSIDE HIM.

ALL WE EVER NEEDED WAS HIM. SIPHON HIS ENERGY, AND THE SIRE IS YOURS!



EXCELLENT. BRING THEM BOTH IN!

THE TIME FOR MY ASCENSION IS NOW!

I'M SO CONFUSED...

NO, DON'T FIGHT IT.

THIS IS YOUR MOMENT...

...EMBRACE IT!

YOU WERE LED HERE WITH A PURPOSE...

...TO BECOME WHO YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE!

I HAVE GUIDED YOU AS FAR AS I CAN...

...IT IS IN YOUR HANDS TO TAKE THIS NEXT STEP!

YEAH? AND WHAT'S THAT? JUST WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BE?

YOU'RE THE SIRE. YOU GIVE LIFE.

AND IT'S TIME YOU GRAB HOLD OF IT!

IF ALL YOU WANTED WAS A CHOICE...

...THEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO GET ONE!

...SO IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN WE FOUND OUT OUR EXCELSIOR SATELLITES COULD NOT ONLY DETECT THIS INVISIBLE ENERGY SURROUNDING THE PLANET...
...BUT HARNESS IT AS WELL!

UHM...

AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED SAFE TO DO SO...
...THE TRANSFERENCE PROCESS HAD BEGUN.
AND WHO BETTER TO RECEIVE THE POWER OF A GOD...
...GRAB!

...THAN ME!
UH, THAT'S GREAT MR. ANTONETTI, BUT WHY ARE YOU TELLING US THIS?

AAARGH!
I PROMISED YOU I WOULD HELP YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR POWERS.

CONSIDER MY END FILLED.



W-WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?

AH, YOU'RE AWAKE NOW!



DON!

A MORE FITTING END I COULD NOT HAVE ENVISIONED!



YOU LAY SO MUCH AS A FINGER ON HER AND I'LL--



YOU'LL WHAT, MR. WRIGHT?
BECAUSE IF YOU DO NOT REALIZE THIS ALREADY...



...YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE!

AAAARR RGH!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THIS IS DIFFERENT
THAN LAST TIME. THIS
FEELS...WRONG!

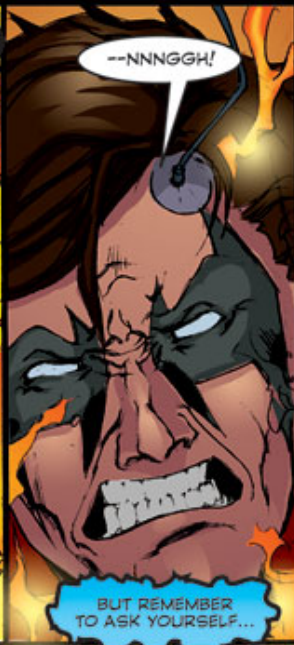


YOU ARE
PRESENTED WITH A
CHOICE...



YES!
YEEESSS!

...TO BE THE GIRL
OR NOT. TO EMBRACE
YOUR DESTINY OR
DENY IT!



--NNNGGH!

BUT REMEMBER
TO ASK YOURSELF...



DON!

... WHY IT IS
YOU ARE HERE IN
THE FIRST PLACE!



J.J.!



J.J.!

NOOOO!



IT IS NOT POSSIBLE!
YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED
TO RESIST! NOT AFTER
SIPHONING THE OTHERS! DO
YOU HEAR ME?

IT
IS
NOT
POSSIBLE!





...I GIVE LIFE.

...I'M SORRY.
DON...

SORRY FOR PUTTING YOU IN THAT POSITION. FOR TRUSTING THAT, ZEUS' GUY NOT TO HURT YOU.

I GUESS I'M SORRY FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.

THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE, J.J.. WITHOUT YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY I HAVE NOW.

I KNOW, I JUST--

IT'S OVER, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

REAL QUESTION IS, WHAT'S NEXT?

NEXT WE CALL THE COPS, I GET MY STORY AND THEN YOU AND I FIND SOME PLACE QUIET AND GET THAT SUIT OFF!

HEH, REALLY?

WHAT? WELL NOT LIKE THAT!

DORK.

ELSEWHERE...

YOU FAILED ME!

--HUFF, HUFF!

THE PLAN WAS SIMPLE. DUPE ANTONETTI INTO BRINGING ME TO EARTH AND RETRIEVING MY POWER. RECLAIM IT, AND WREAK HAVOC ON THOSE WHO HELD ME CAPTIVE.

BUT MASTER... WRIGHT DISTURBED THE PROCESS!

YES, AND A NEW PLAN HAD TO BE DEVISED.

REUNITE THE POWER THROUGH ANTONETTI. ALLOW HIM TO GROW STRONGER, FEEDING OFF THE LESSER ONES, BUT ENSURE THAT HE BECOMES LACED WITH MY DNA.

SO THAT WHEN ANTONETTI REABSORBS THE POWER BACK... WE THEN TAKE IT BACK FROM HIM!

BUT MASTER I DID WHAT YOU ASKED! I IMPLANTED CLAUS WITH YOUR DNA. I BROUGHT WRIGHT TO THE CHAMBER--

SILENCE!

YOU FAILED ME FOR ONE REASON!

FOR ANY OF THIS TO WORK, THE SIRE HAD TO BE BEATEN! BROKEN!

AND WHAT DO YOU DO INSTEAD?

YOU BRING THE ONLY REASON FOR HIM TO FIGHT! TO RESIST!

YOU BRING THE GIRL!

NOW HE IS LEFT STANDING AND I AM STILL STRANDED... POWERLESS!

...THOUGH NOT ENTIRELY.

I CAN STILL MANIPULATE HUMANITY TO SERVE MY NEEDS. I JUST NEED TO FIND A HOST MORE CAPABLE AND CONNECTED THAN YOU TURNED OUT TO BE.

AND THOUGH THIS WRIGHT HAS PROVEN MORE RESOURCEFUL THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR...

...IT IS OBVIOUS HE HAD HELP FROM THE POWER ITSELF.

MY POWER... THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO ME! AND WHEN IT IS RESTORED...



THE EARTH...THE UNIVERSE--
SHALL TREMBLE!

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