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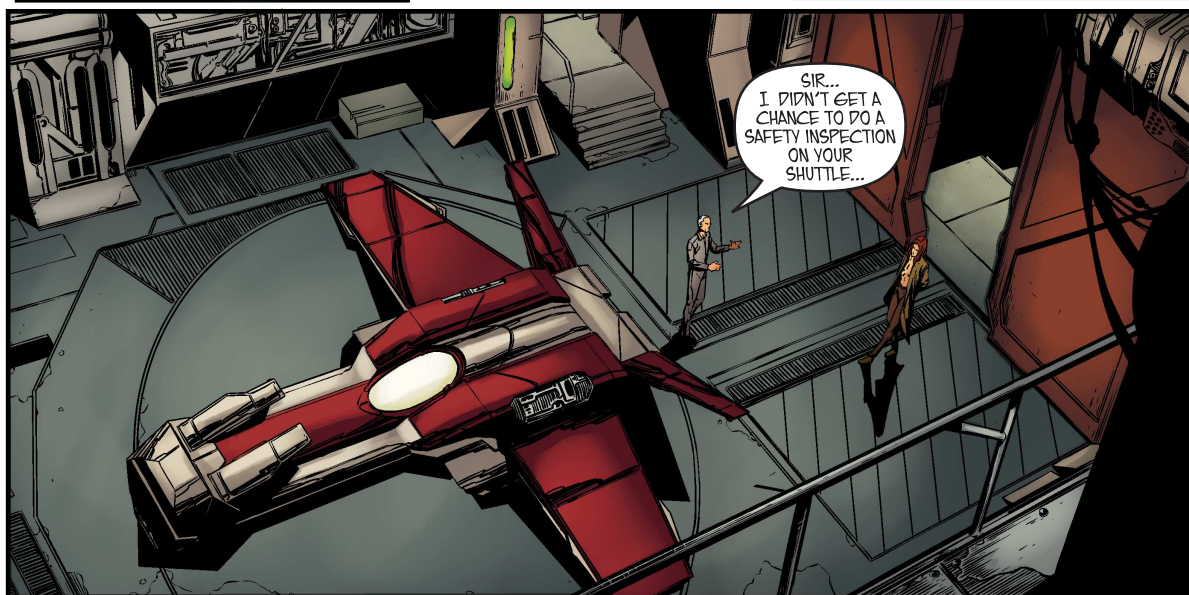
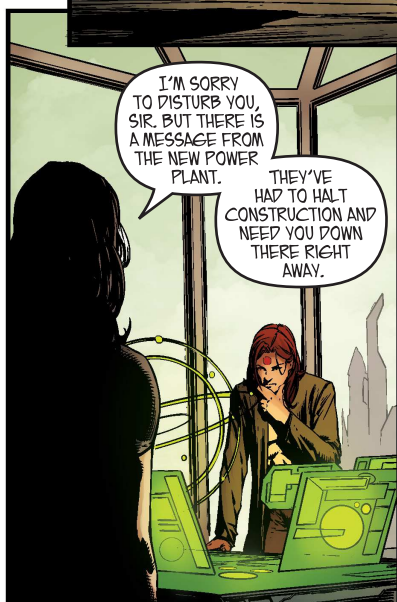
Home of
ARTEMIS IX.

Recently, Artemis hosted his fellow Ninth Generationers.

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.

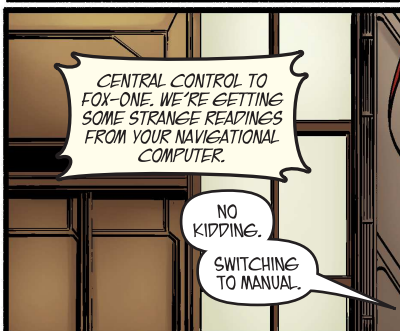
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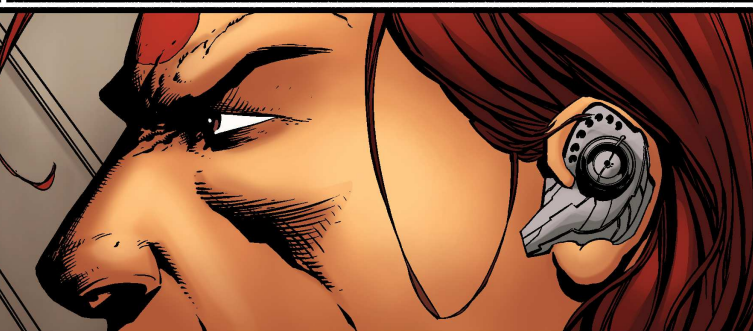
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CENTRAL CONTROL TO
FOX-ONE, WE'RE GETTING
SOME STRANGE READINGS
FROM YOUR NAVIGATIONAL
COMPUTER.

NO
KIDDING.

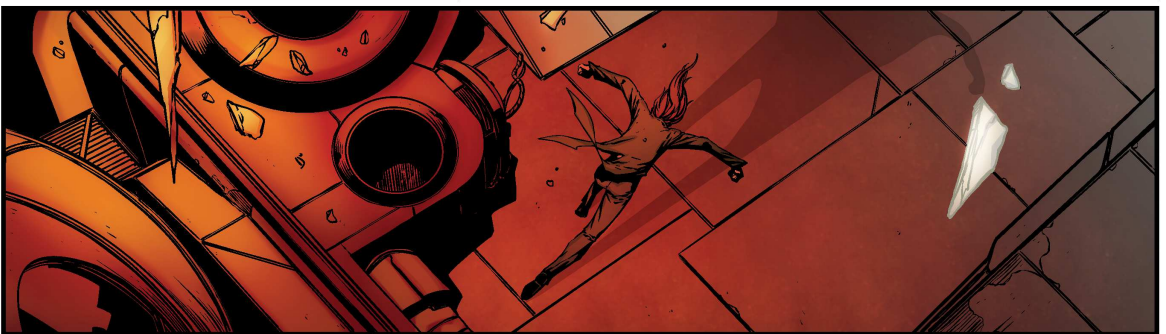
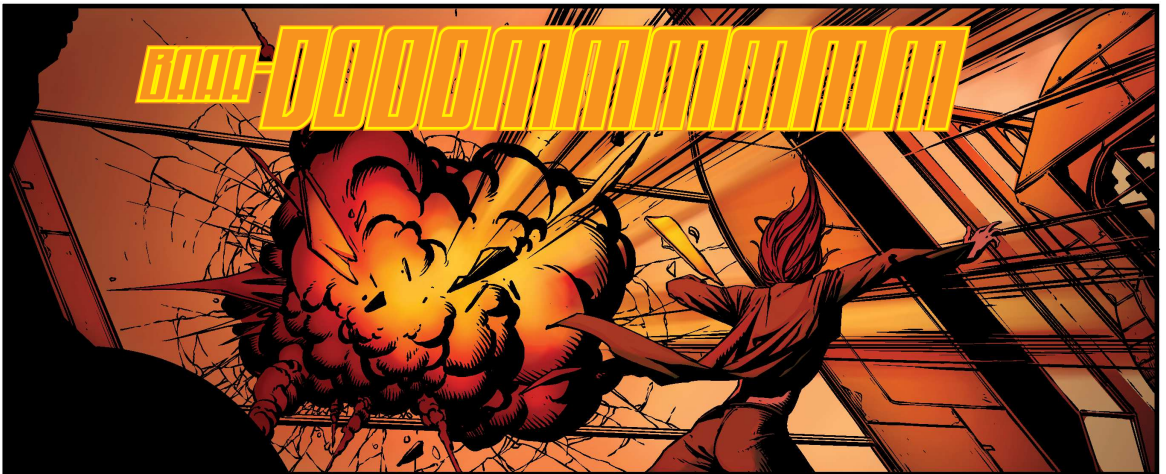
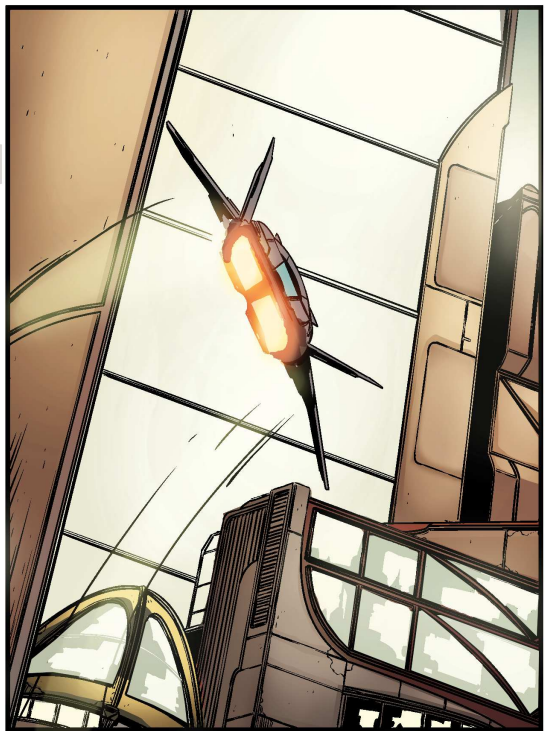
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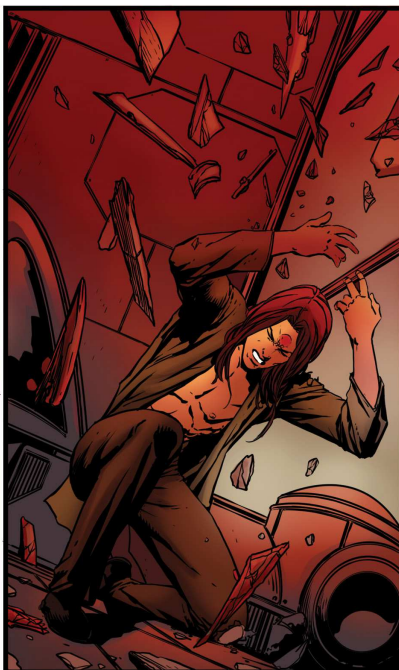


STEERING
CONTROLS ARE
JAMMED AND I
CAN'T THROTTLE
IT DOWN.

CENTRAL,
CAN YOU REBOOT
THE...

OH HELL...







WHOEVER IT WAS KNEW OUR SECURITY ENOUGH TO AVOID ALL THE CAMERAS HERE IN THE HANGAR.



START CHECKING CAMERAS IN THE HALLWAYS AROUND THE SAME TIME.

YES, SIR!



ARE YOU OKAY, SIR?

I'M FINE.

GET A HOLD OF THE MANAGER AT THE POWER PLANT AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY NEEDED ME FOR.



I CHECKED WITH THEM ALREADY AND THEY DENY HAVING CALLED FOR YOU.

OF COURSE NOT. MORE OF THE SABOTEUR'S WORK.

HAVE A MASSEUR COME UP TO MY OFFICE.

I ANTICIPATED THAT REQUEST. ONE SHOULD BE WAITING FOR YOU.



GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR.

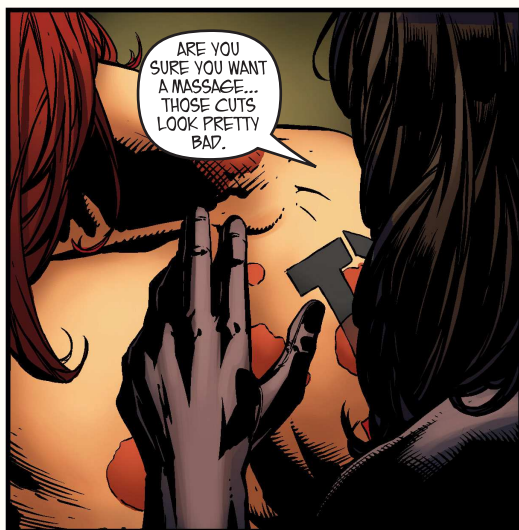
IT HASN'T BEEN SO FAR.



BUT I'M HOPING TO CHANGE THAT NOW.



OH MY...

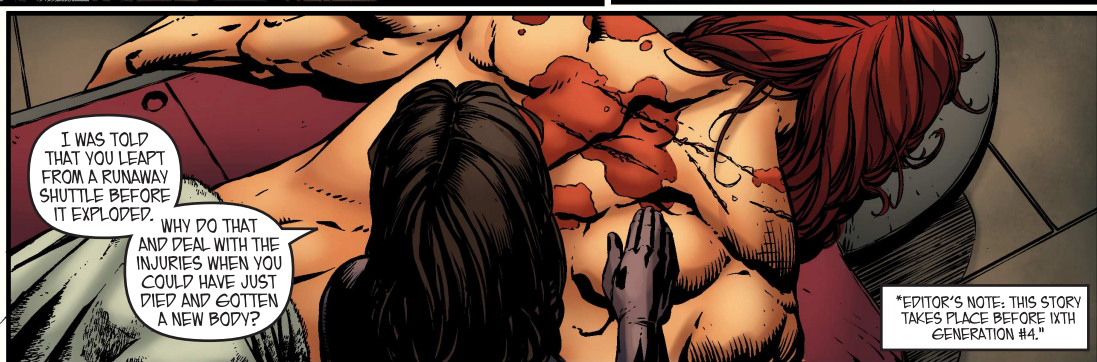


ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT A MASSAGE... THOSE CUTS LOOK PRETTY BAD.



I'M FINE. I HEAL QUICKLY.

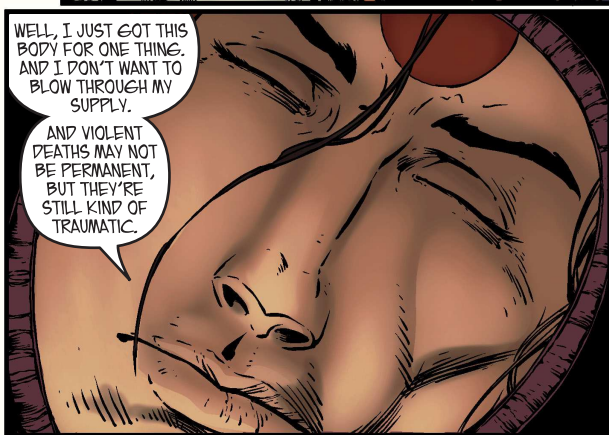
I JUST NEED TO RELAX... AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.



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

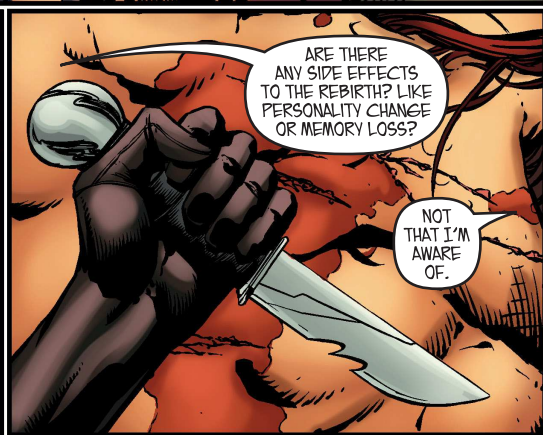
WHY DO THAT AND DEAL WITH THE INJURIES WHEN YOU COULD HAVE JUST DIED AND GOTTEN A NEW BODY?

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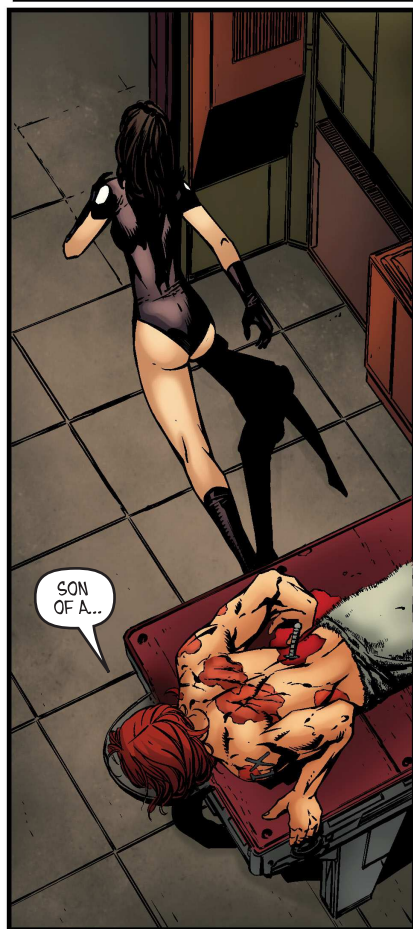
WELL, I JUST GOT THIS BODY FOR ONE THING, AND I DON'T WANT TO BLOW THROUGH MY SUPPLY.

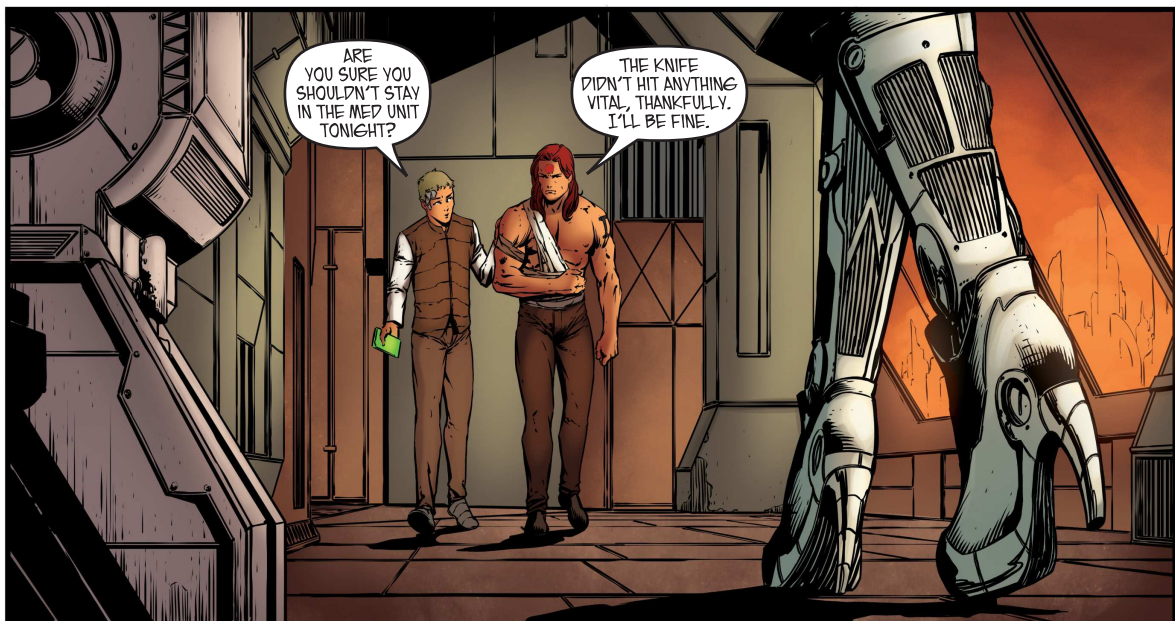
AND VIOLENT DEATHS MAY NOT BE PERMANENT, BUT THEY'RE STILL KIND OF TRAUMATIC.

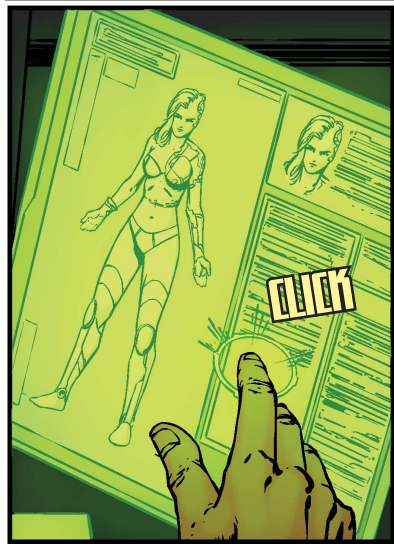
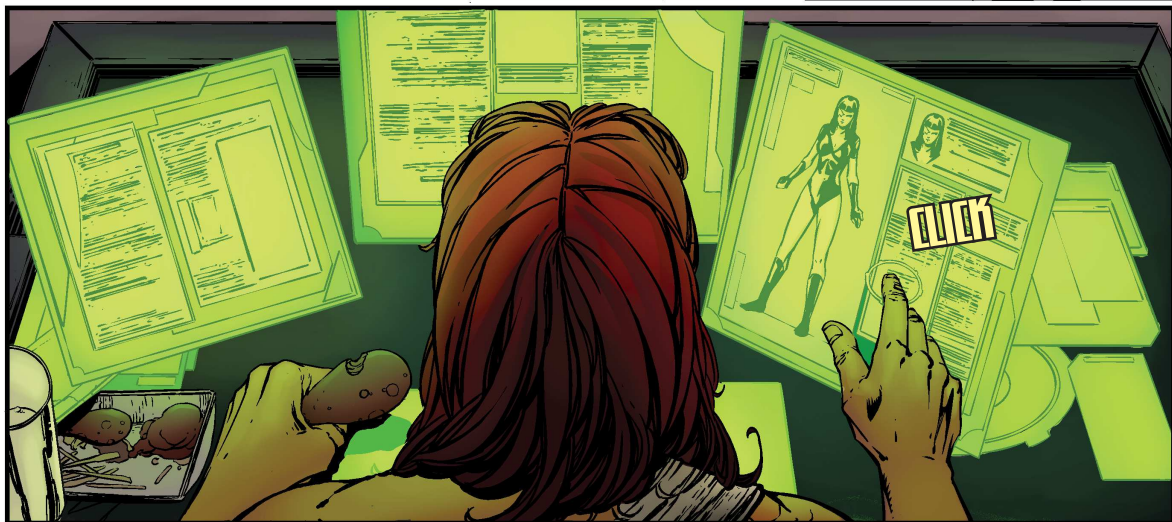


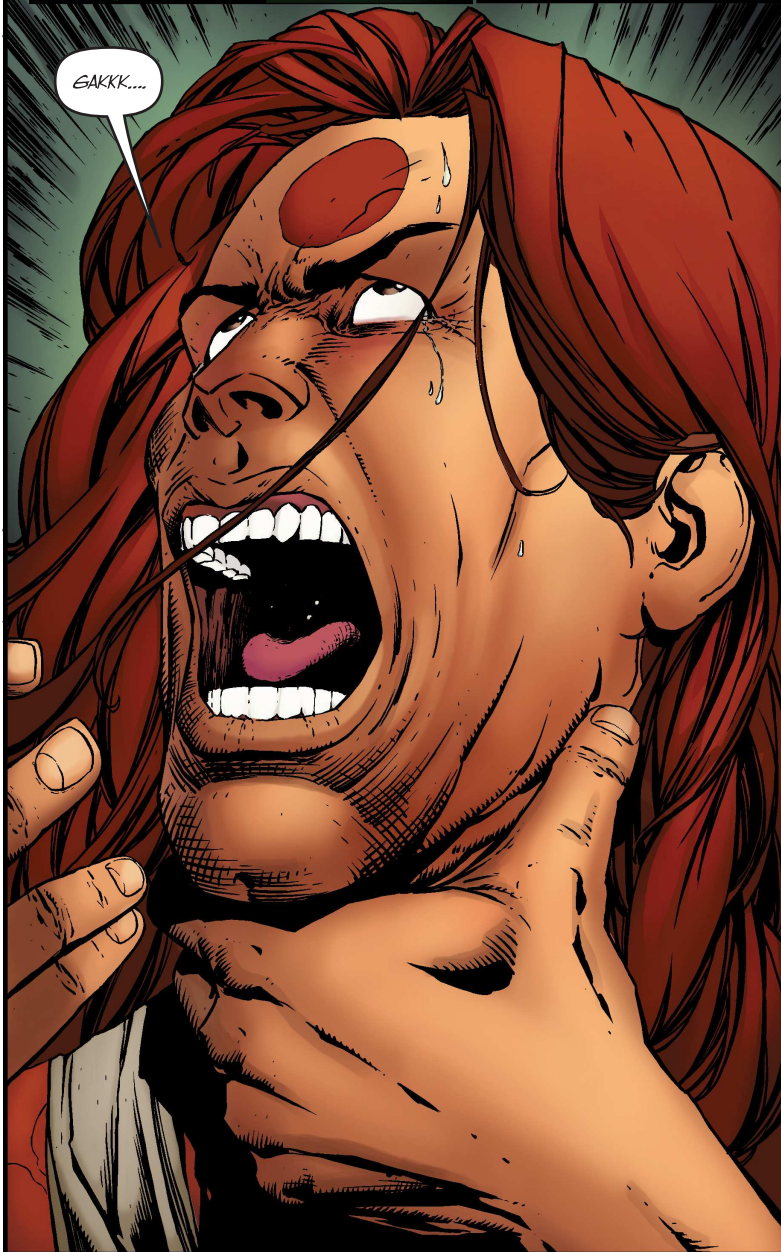
ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS TO THE REBIRTH? LIKE PERSONALITY CHANGE OR MEMORY LOSS?

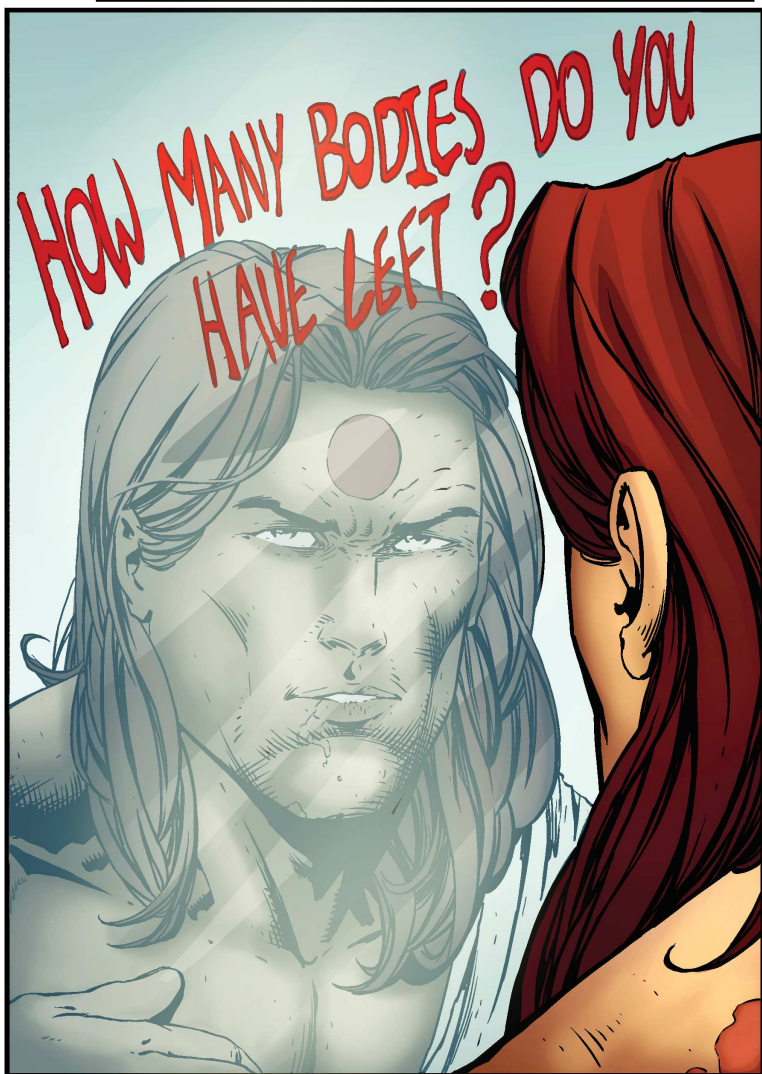
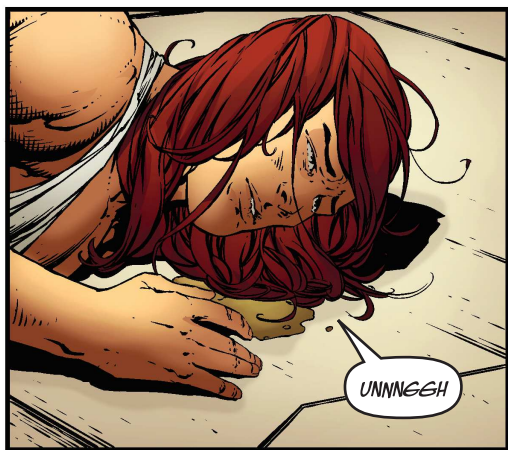
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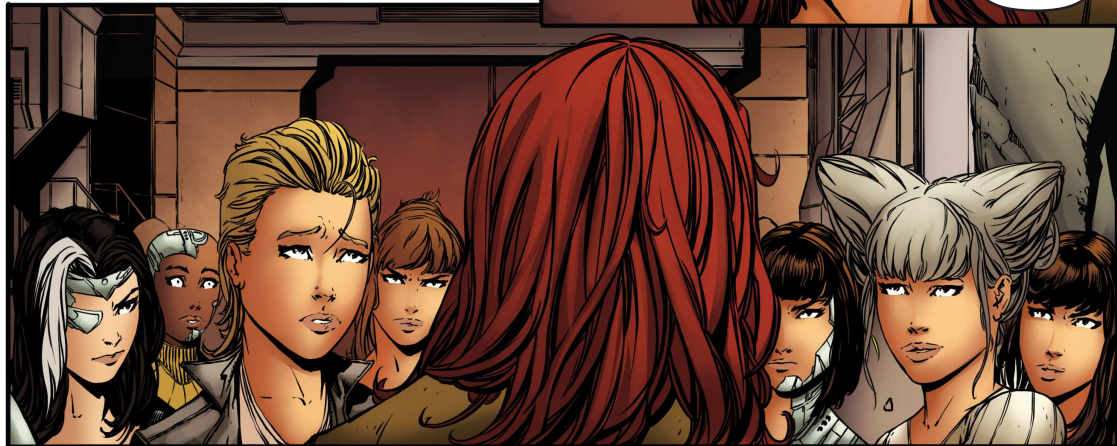
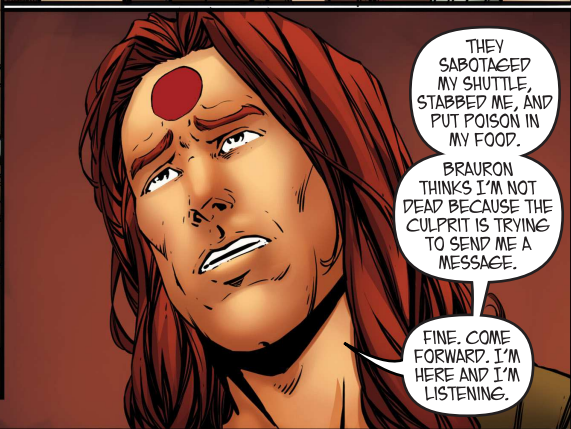
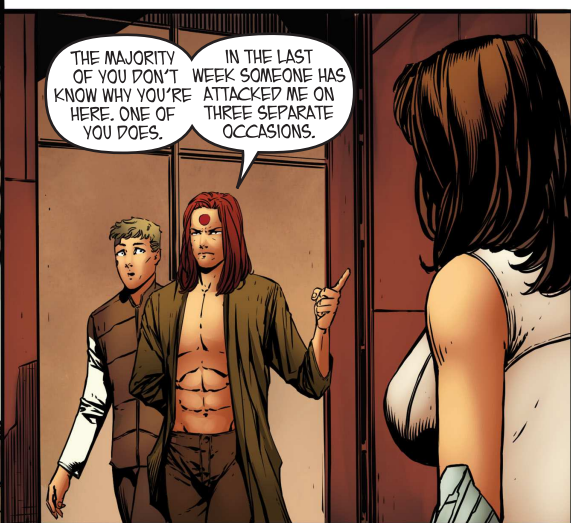


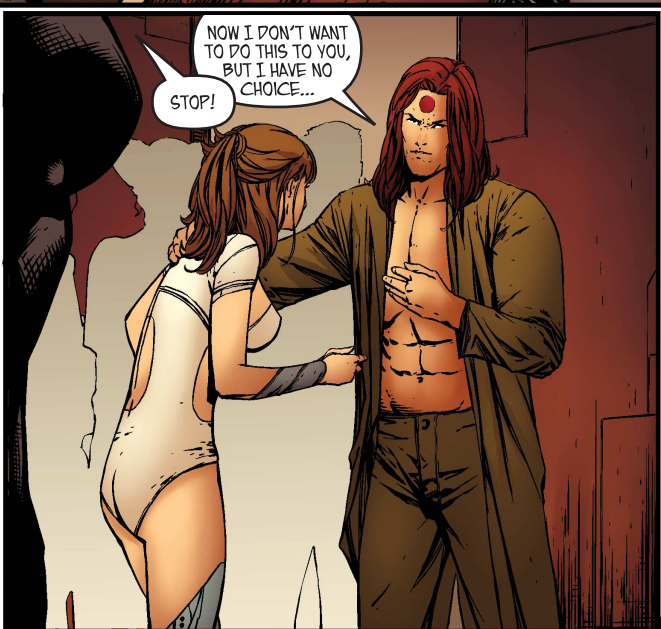
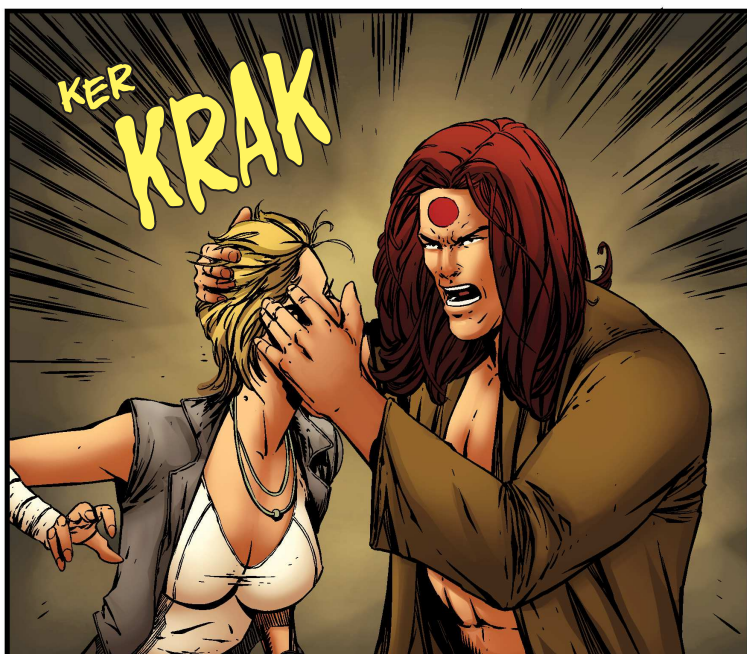
















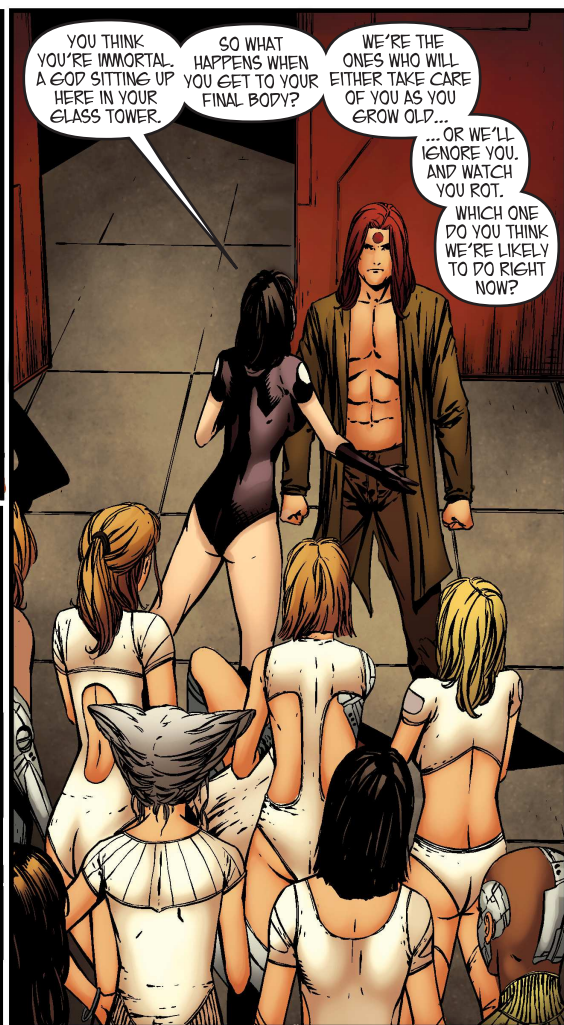
YOU COULDN'T EVEN IDENTIFY ME AFTER I STOOD IN YOUR QUARTERS AND STABBED YOU.

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?



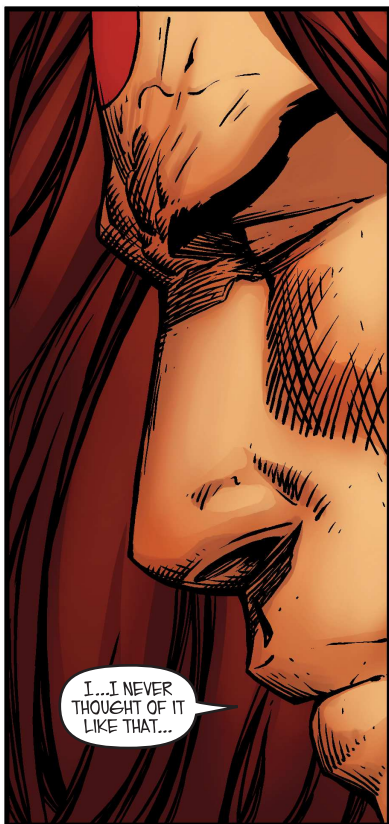
YOU THINK YOU'RE IMMORTAL. A GOD SITTING UP HERE IN YOUR GLASS TOWER.

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?

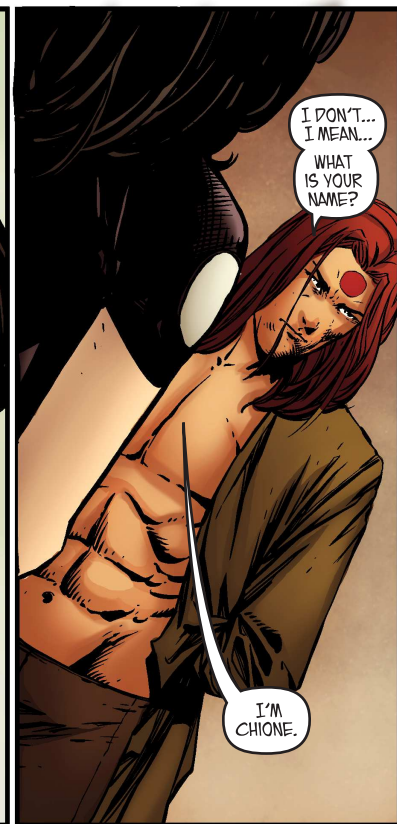


I...I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT LIKE THAT...



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.



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

THE REST
OF YOU CAN
RETURN TO YOUR
DUTIES.

END

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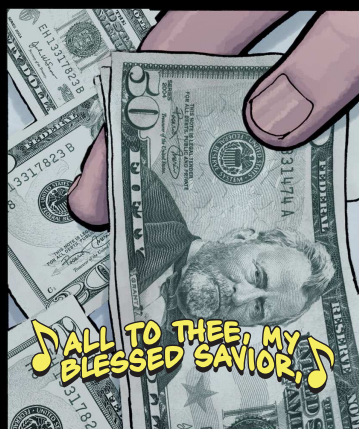
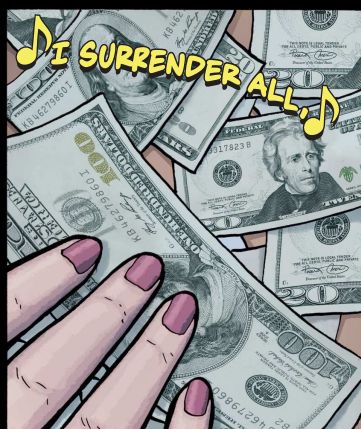
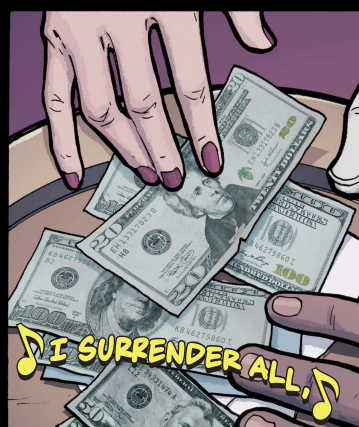
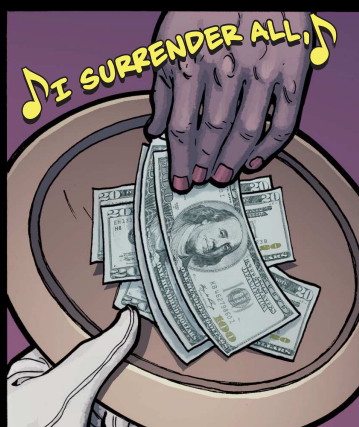
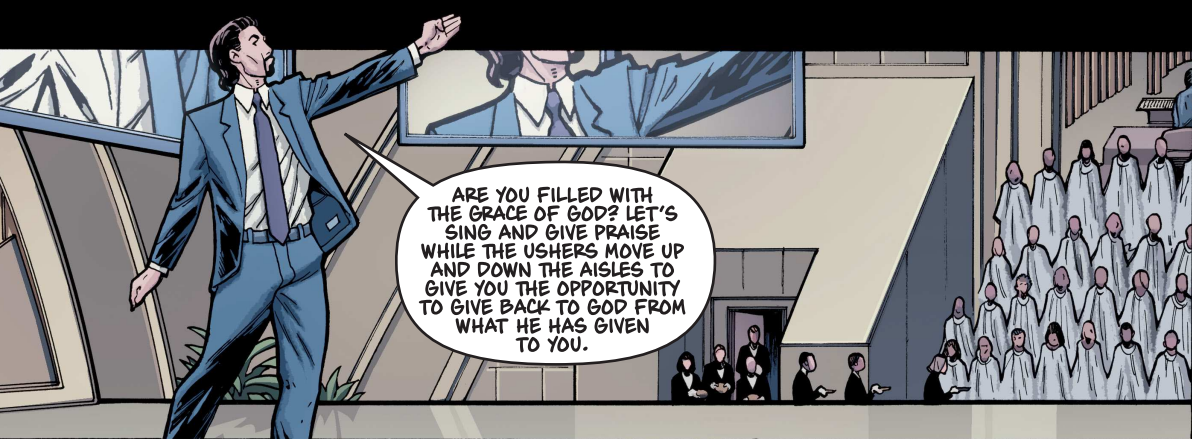
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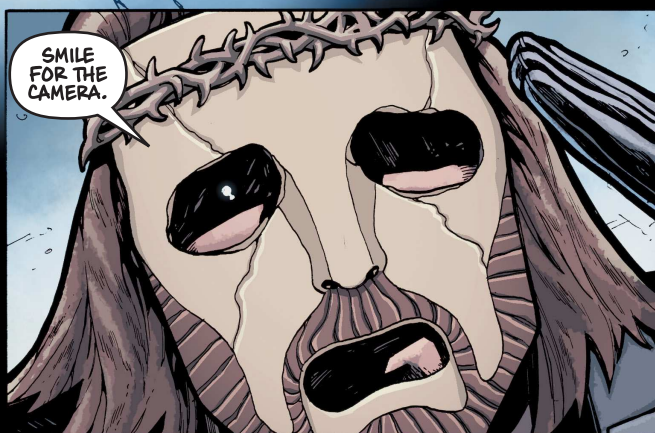
THE TREASURES OF THIS EARTH ARE TRANSITORY, MEANINGLESS, AND DESPITE THE PLENTY GOD HAS GIFTED US WITH, THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO LACK THEIR BASIC NEEDS. OUR CHURCH MINISTERS TO THOSE AND THE BODY OF CHRIST MUST GIVE CHEERFULLY AS THE LORD COMMANDS.

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!

AUDITORIUM

DON'T BE A HERO.

UNLESS YOU WANT TO MEET YOUR GOD TODAY.



THE LORD GIVETH.



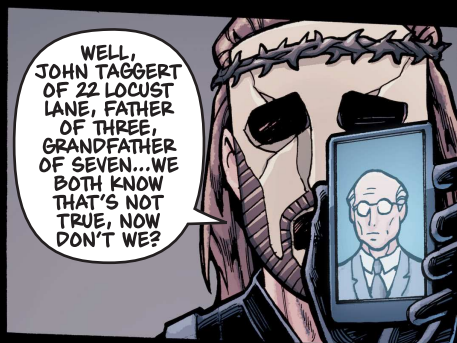
AND WE TAKETH AWAY.



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?



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