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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

HOUSE OF M

Bruce Banner has a secret side that hides behind his unassuming exterior. In times of stress and rage he transforms into something more than human: a hulking monster capable of incredible mayhem and destruction, putting those close to him in certain danger.

Following years of self-exile, he seeks to repress his inner anger so that he may live no longer as a monster, but simply as a man. After finally finding peace among a tribe of Aborigines called the True People, Bruce now finds himself far from where he started—he is the new leader of a freed Australia. The Hulk has deposed the fascist mutant ruler Exodus, and Bruce works with the forces of A.I.M. to keep Australia free from mutant rule.

Humans from all over the world flee to this free country, but after Scorpion saves a young woman on the docks from A.I.M. soldiers, she learns that the girl's boyfriend has just been kidnapped...by A.I.M.! When Scorpion and Bruce investigate, they discover an underground complex where horrific experiments are being performed on human subjects, turning them into cybernetic soldiers.

Unable to contain his rage, Banner loses control and the Hulk takes over! But who is behind these strange, sinister experiments?



HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

HE'S FOUND OUT! THE HULK'S FOUND OUT!

I'M AWARE OF THAT.



EVERY PSYCH PROFILE WE'VE DONE OF BOTH BANNER AND THE HULK INDICATES HE WON'T APPROVE OF OUR USING HUMAN SUBJECTS...

I'VE READ THE PROFILES.

...TO CREATE CYBORG ARMIES FOR...

I KNOW THAT, TOO.

...ATTACKING THE MUTANT--



SHUT UP, OR I'LL SHOOT YOU MYSELF.

NOW PLUG ME INTO BANDWIDTH DESIGNATED ALPHA ONE.



BANDWIDTH ALPHA ONE. YOU'RE ON, DOCTOR.

THASANE? CAN YOU HEAR ME?



MOTHER NEEDS TO TALK TO YOU.



WHA-- YES! I...

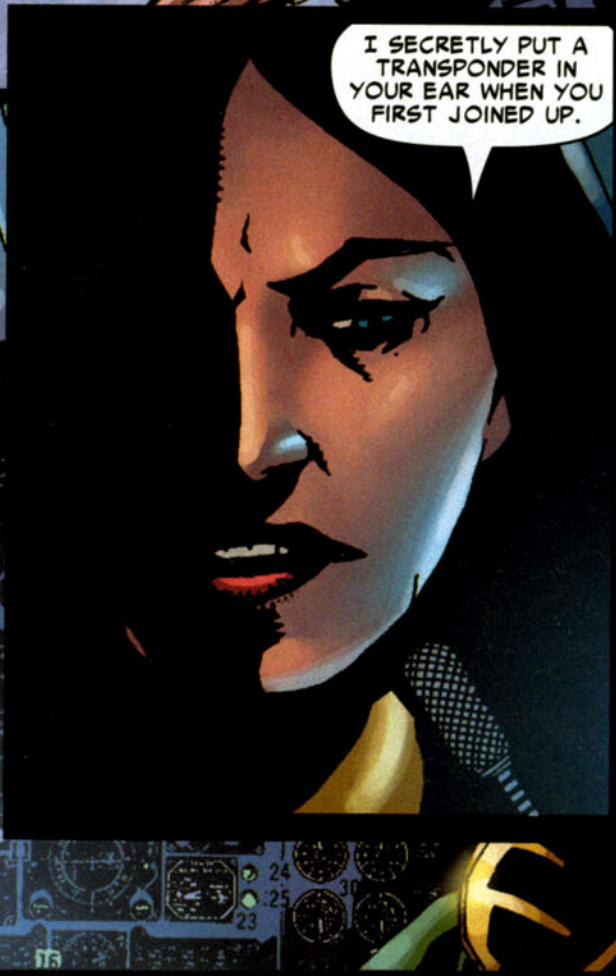
MOTHER! WHAT'RE YOU...? HOW--?



IS THERE A PROBLEM?

MY MOTHER'S IN MY HEAD!

OH, MY FIRST WIFE USED TO SAY THAT ALL THE TIME.



I SECRETLY PUT A TRANSPONDER IN YOUR EAR WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED UP.



YOU PUT A TRANSPONDER IN MY EAR?

IN MY EAR? WITHOUT TELLING ME?

HOW COULD YOU DO THAT? THAT'S SO INTRUSIVE!

DO I EVEN NEED TO BE HERE?



THASANEE, I NEED YOU TO GET OVER YOURSELF.

AND I NEED YOU TO SAY, "DORMEZ."



"DORMAY?" WHY SHOULD I SAY "DOR--"





BRUCE! WHAT'S HAPPENED--?!



WELL, "DORMEZ" IS FRENCH FOR "SLEEP."

I SUSPECT YOUR MOTHER MANAGED TO INTRODUCE A POST-HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION INTO BRUCE BANNER'S SLEEPING MIND THAT--



I GET IT, MR. WIZARD! SHE SCREWED WITH HIM IN EVERY SENSE. NOW HOW DO WE WAKE HIM UP?!

I... DON'T KNOW.

AND WHY DID SHE WANT HIM UNCONSCIOUS IN THE FIRST--



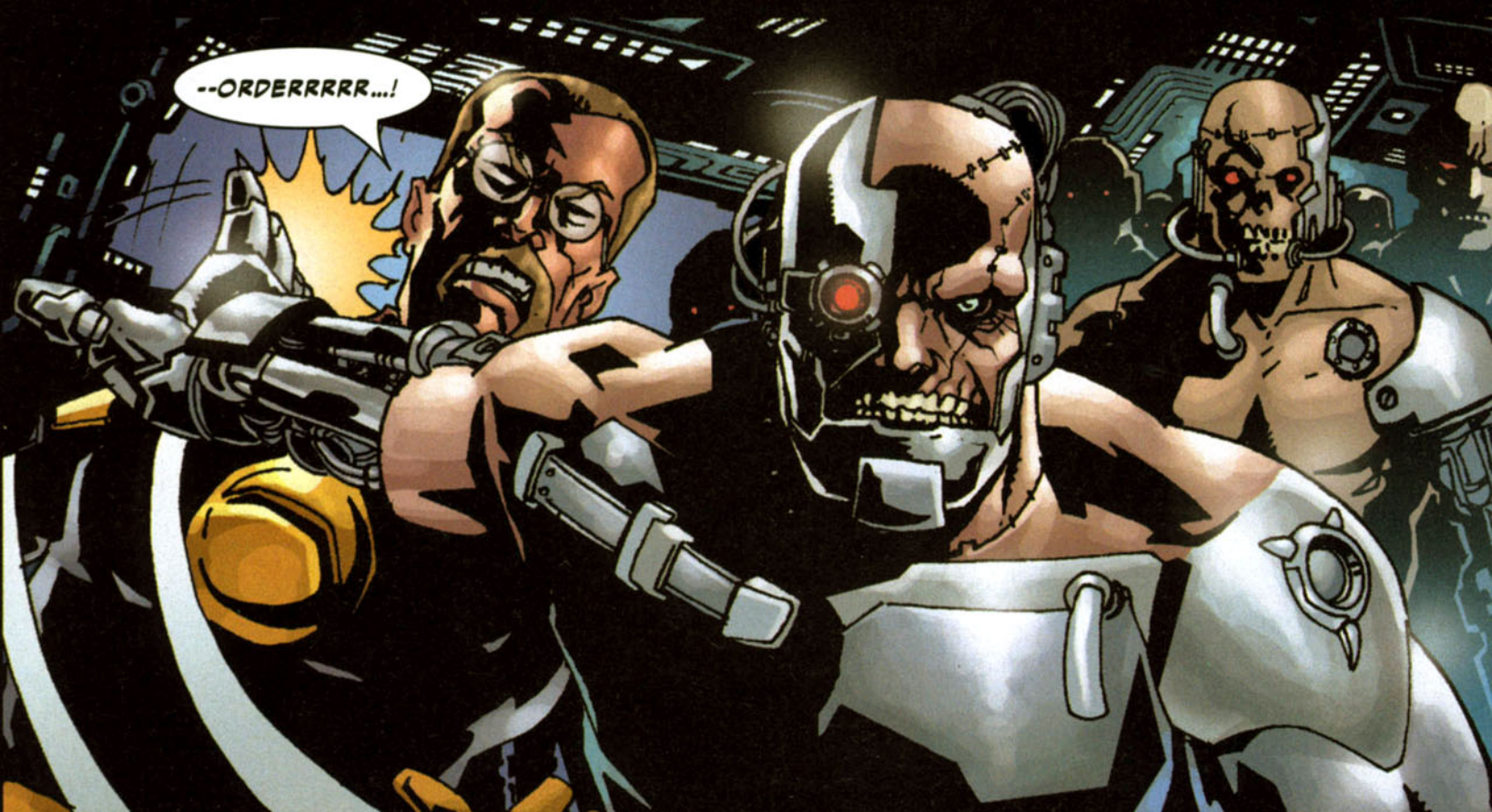
BANDWIDTH ALPHA TWO. YOU'RE ON, DOCTOR.

ALL CYBER UNITS. TARGET SUBJECT BRUCE BANNER FOR IMMEDIATE DISPATCH.



WHAT ARE YOU--?

RETURN TO INACTIVE STATUS IMMEDIATELY! THAT'S A DIRECT--



--ORDERRRRR...!



ARE YOU ALL OUT OF YOUR MIND!?



GET AWAY FROM HIM!



DO NOT FIRE ON MY DAUGHTER!

REPEAT, DO NOT FIRE ON SCORPION! GET HER CLEAR BEFORE DISPATCHING BANNER!



YOU MUST BE MOVED OUT OF THE WAY.

I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!



AS YOU WISH.



YOU'VE STILL GOT HUMAN PARTS!
AND MY STINGER CAN STILL AFFECT
THO--



UNHHH!!!

KNOCK
IT OFF!

MOTHER!
IF YOU CAN
HEAR ME--!

SCREW THAT,
OF COURSE YOU
CAN HEAR ME!

STOP THIS
NOW! I SWEAR,
I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU!



YOU HEAR,
MOTHER!
NEVER!
NEVER!!!



OF COURSE YOU'LL
FORGIVE ME. YOU'RE...
MY LITTLE GIRL.

YOU WON'T
STAY MAD AT
ME. AND IF
YOU DO...



I CAN FIX
THAT TOO.

ALL UNITS:
DISPOSE OF
BANNER AT
WILL.



No!!!



Nooooo!!!



NO, DON'T!!!



Nooooooooooooooooooooo



HULK SMASH!

BOO.

NOW THEN...
WHAT WAS...OLD SAYING?
OH, RIGHT.

TERRA INCOGNITA

CONCLUSION

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SMASH YOU ALL!



RAAARRHHH!!!



IT SHOULD BE, "SMASH YOU ALL EXCEPT SCORPION WHO TRIED TO SAVE MY GREEN BUTT!"

I THOUGHT YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS! THAT MY MOTHER DID SOMETHING WHILE BANNER WAS SLEEPING TO--



BANNER SLEEPS. HULK... NEVER DOES.

SO...SO SHE COULDN'T PLANT A POST-HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION... BECAUSE YOU, AS BANNER'S SUBCONSCIOUS, WOULDN'T LET HER. EVEN WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING, YOUR ALPHA BRAIN WAVE PATTERNS WERE TOO ACTIVE FOR HER TO MAKE THE COMMAND TAKE ROOT.

AND YOU WERE JUST PLAYING POSSUM NOW TO...TO...



YOU NEED TO STOP TALKING NOW.

OKAY.



HUH?!

OH, MY MOTHER'S IN SO MUCH TROUBLE FOR THIS.





C'MON, JON. YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU.



CAN'T SAY HOW SHE'S GOING TO REACT TO YOUR NEW LOOK...

...BUT ONE FIASCO AT A TIME.



I JUST...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. HUMAN BEINGS FROM ALL OVER, FLEEING TO AUSTRALIA TO ESCAPE MUTANT OPPRESSION...

...ONLY TO HAVE A.I.M. USING THEM AS LAB RATS. MAKING THEM INTO AN ARMY TO... WHAT?



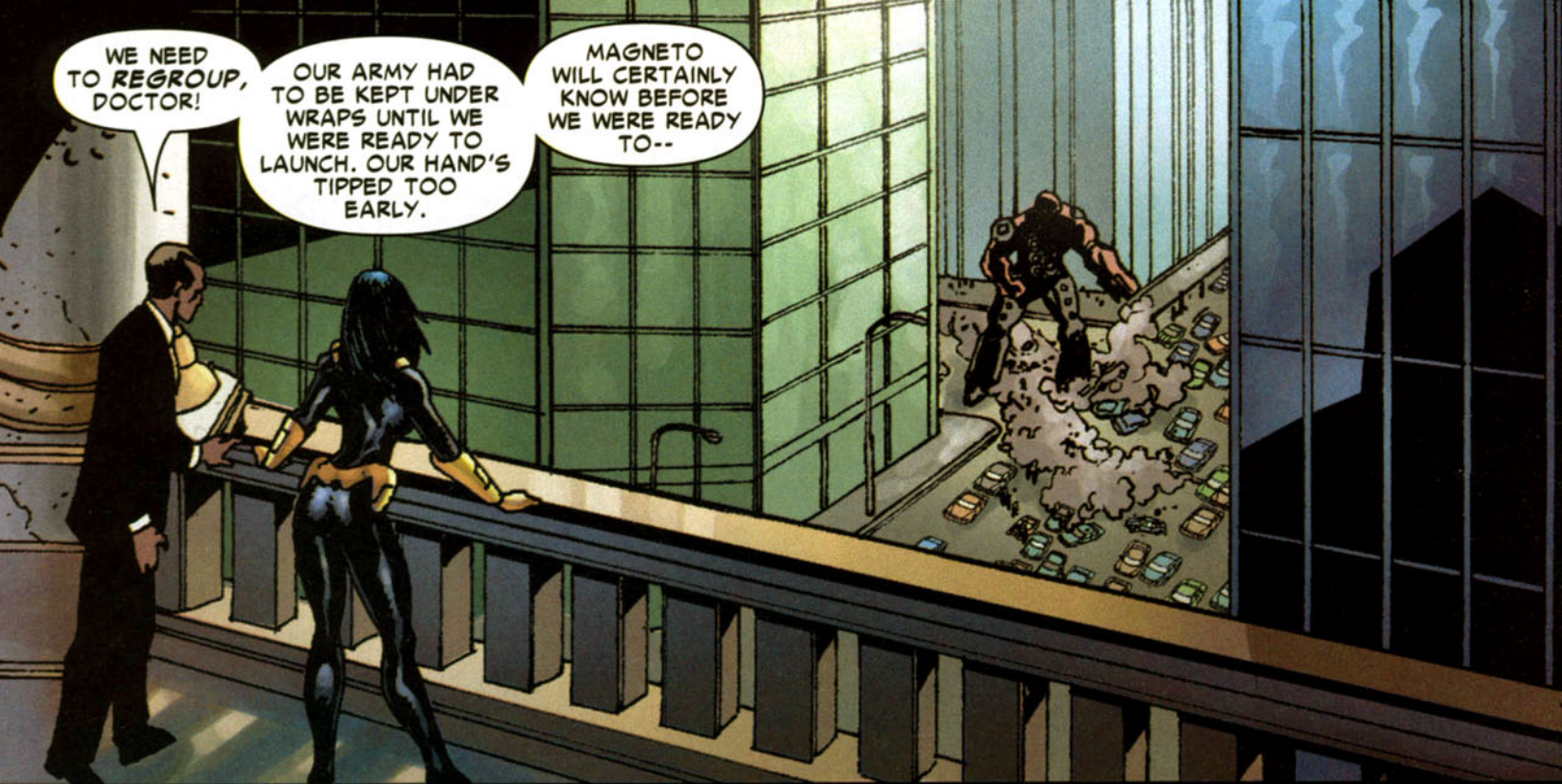
GO AGAINST THE MUTANTS IN ORDER TO DEFEAT THEM?

OR TO CONQUER THE WORLD FOR A.I.M., LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A BOND MOVIE?



WHOA!!





WE NEED TO REGROUP, DOCTOR!

OUR ARMY HAD TO BE KEPT UNDER WRAPS UNTIL WE WERE READY TO LAUNCH. OUR HAND'S TIPPED TOO EARLY.

MAGNETO WILL CERTAINLY KNOW BEFORE WE WERE READY TO--



I CAN ASSURE YOU, DOCTOR LAZLO, THAT I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING YOU'RE LIKELY TO SAY.



AND HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY TO OUR ASSOCIATES WHEN THEY DEMAND TO KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

ACTUALLY, I HAVE. I'M PLANNING TO BLAME YOU.

OH, REALLY. WITH ALL RESPECT, I THINK I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT--!



WITH ALL RESPECT...

WH--?!



...I DISAGREE.

AAAAAA



UNH....



HULK...
HATES...



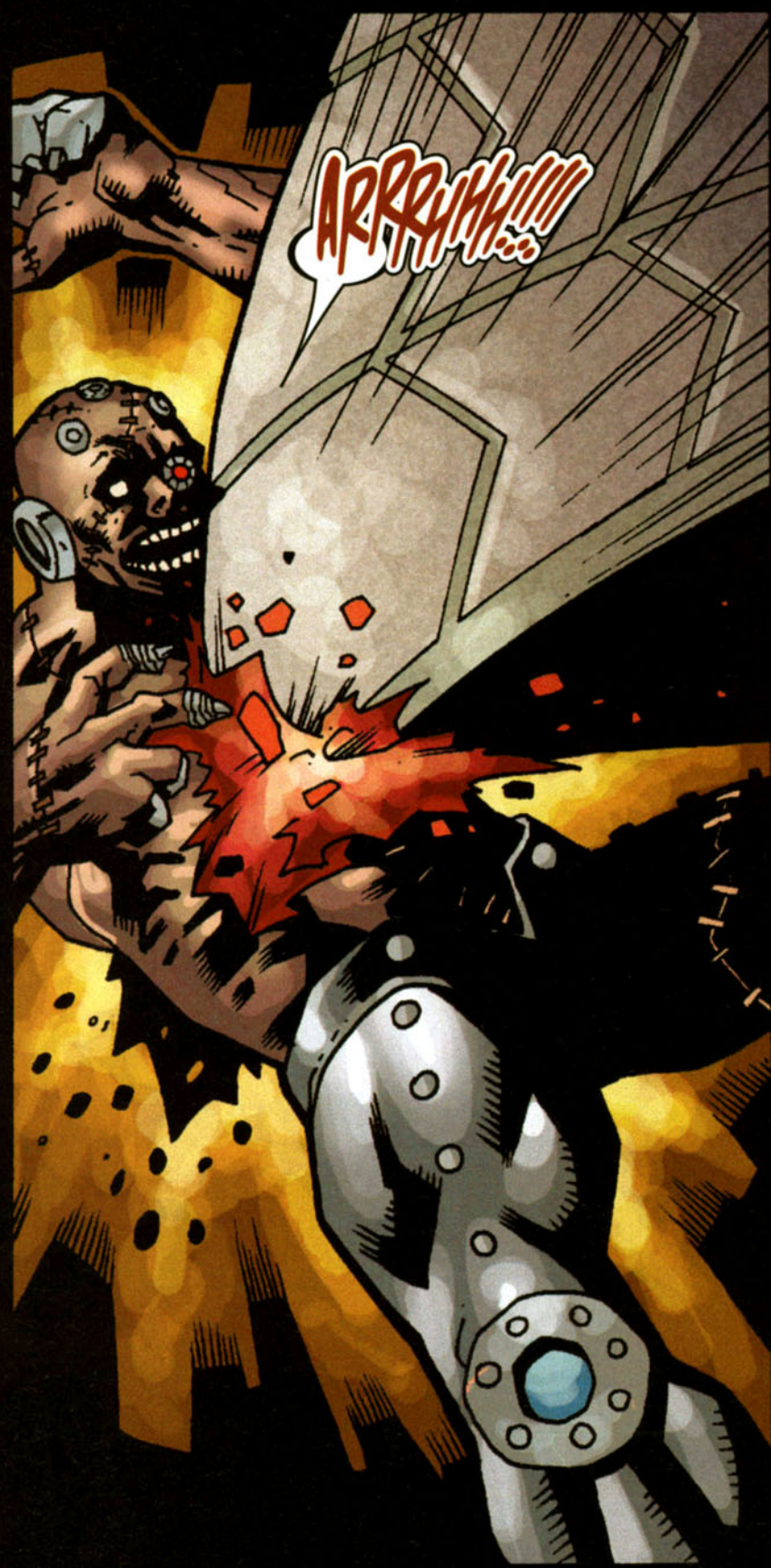
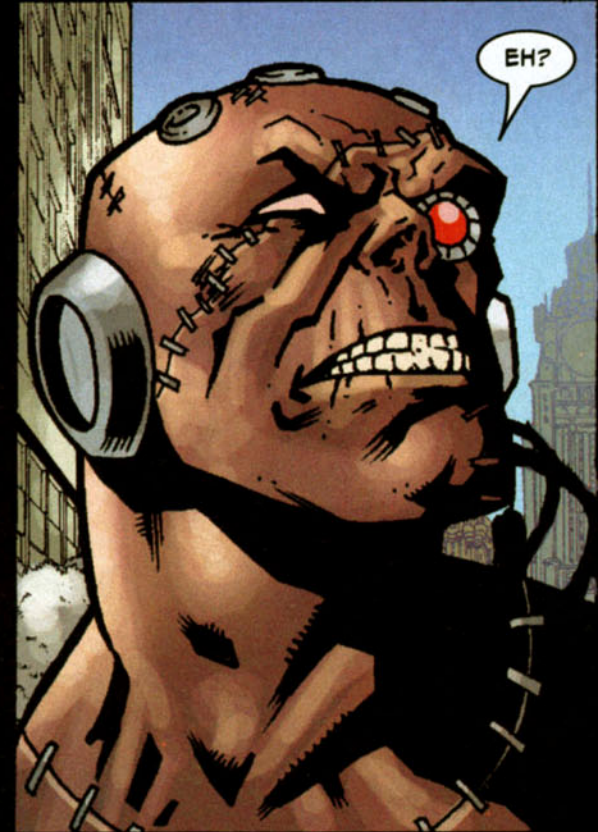
...STUPID...
GIANT...
CYBORG
THINGS...

HULK
HATES...
AUSTRALIA.

AND
MOST OF
ALL...



HULK...
HATES...
...PERSONAL...
PRONOUNS.







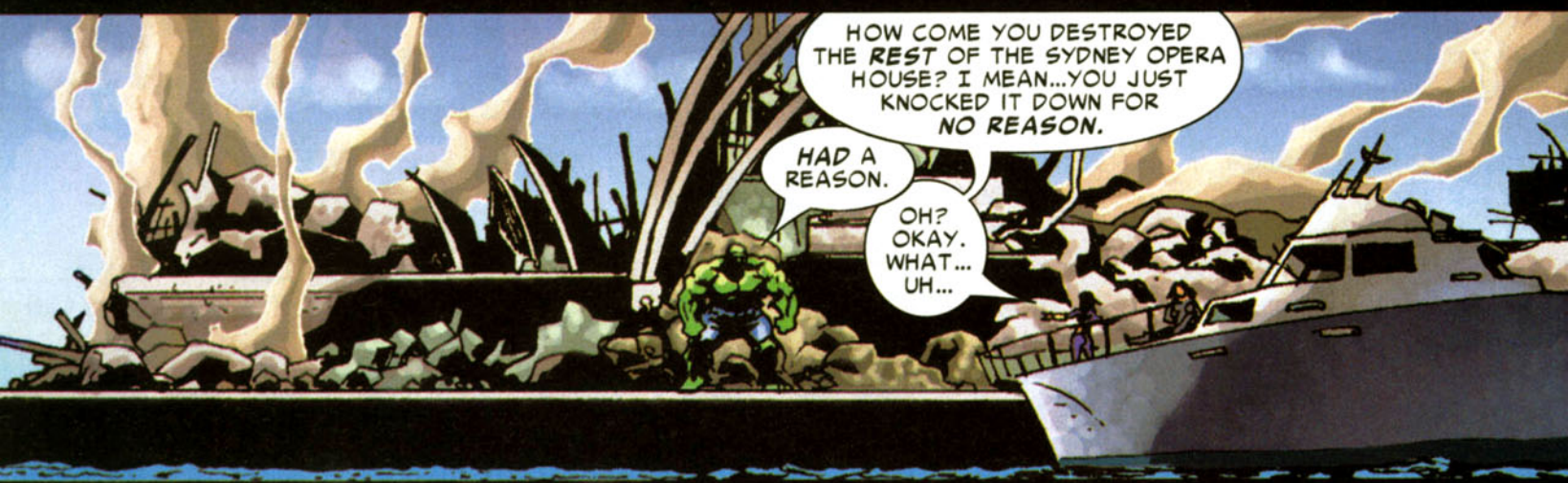
HULK,
UH...I DON'T,
OBVIOUSLY,
WANT TO
ANNOY
YOU...

I'M JUST...
CURIOUS...



I MEAN, I GET THAT
YOU THREW THOSE TWO
SHELLS AT THE CYBORG
TO STOP IT.

BUT HOW
COME, YOU
KNOW...



HOW COME YOU DESTROYED
THE REST OF THE SYDNEY OPERA
HOUSE? I MEAN...YOU JUST
KNOCKED IT DOWN FOR
NO REASON.

HAD A
REASON.

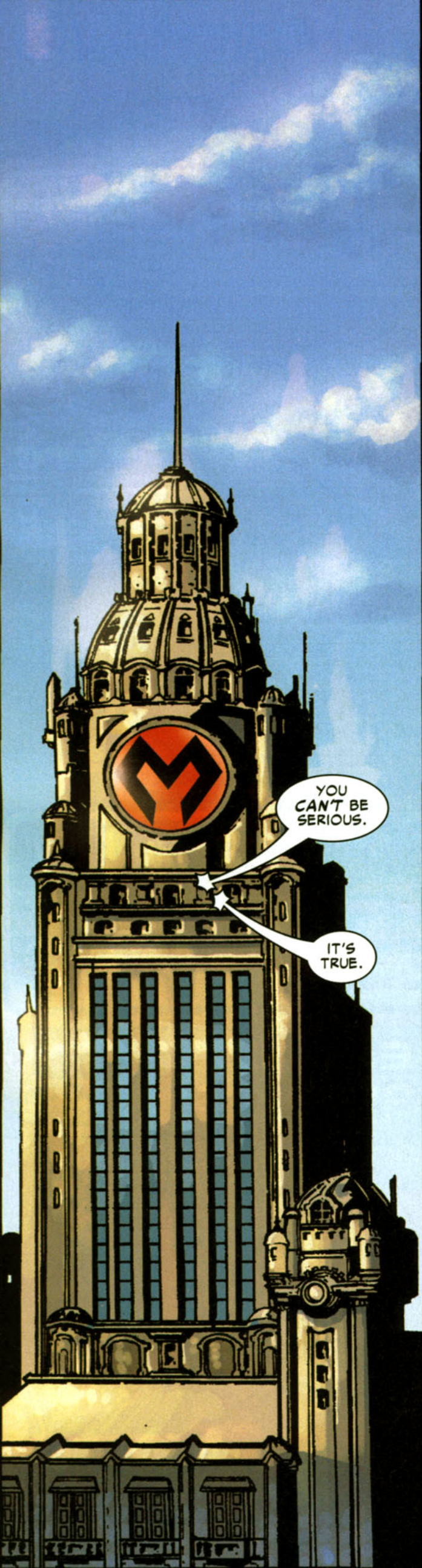
OH?
OKAY.
WHAT...
UH...



WHAT
REASON...
WOULD THAT
BE?

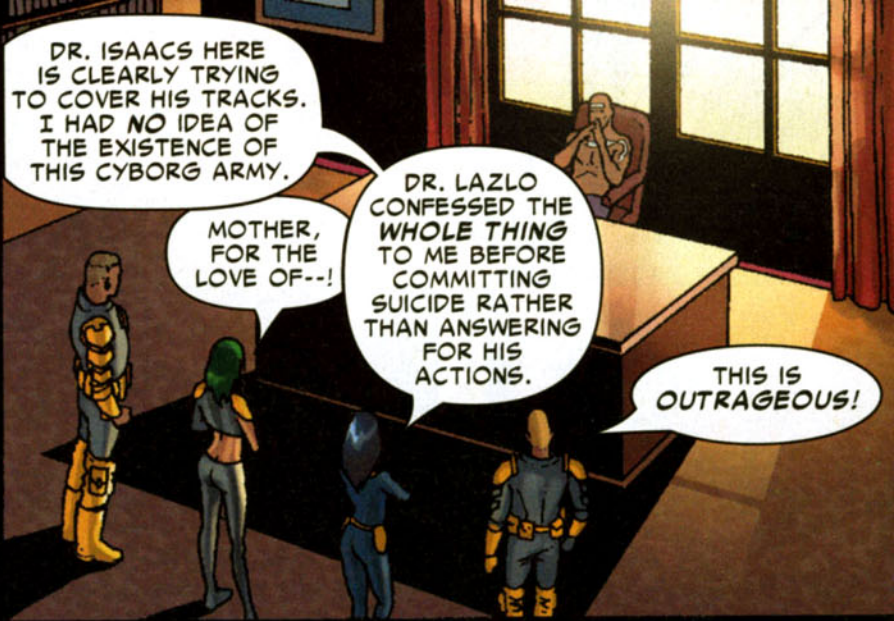


CAN'T
STAND
OPERA.



YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

IT'S TRUE.



DR. ISAACS HERE IS CLEARLY TRYING TO COVER HIS TRACKS. I HAD NO IDEA OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CYBORG ARMY.

MOTHER, FOR THE LOVE OF--!

DR. LAZLO CONFESSED THE **WHOLE THING** TO ME BEFORE COMMITTING SUICIDE RATHER THAN ANSWERING FOR HIS ACTIONS.

THIS IS **OUTRAGEOUS!**



YOU PUT THIS... **THING** IN MY EAR!

SIMPLY TO MAKE SURE YOU WEREN'T GETTING INTO TROUBLE.



AND YOU HAD ME PUT HIM TO SLEEP WITH A TRIGGER WORD!

YES, I PUT A FAILSAFE INTO BRUCE'S MIND...OR AT LEAST I THOUGHT I DID. AND THEN TRIED TO USE IT TO DEFUSE A TENSE SITUATION.



AND CAN YOU **BLAME** ME? YOU'RE A WALKING NUCLEAR BOMB WITH AN ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER, BRUCE.

YOU'VE SPENT YEARS TRYING TO **CONTROL** THE HULK.

CAN YOU **CONDEMN** ME FOR DOING NO LESS?





I WANT ALL OF YOU OUT. OUT OF THIS CITY. OFF THE CONTINENT. ALL OF YOU...

...EXCEPT HER.



YOU'RE POINTING AT... ME, RIGHT?

NO. HER.

HER.

YES.

HER, MY MOTHER.

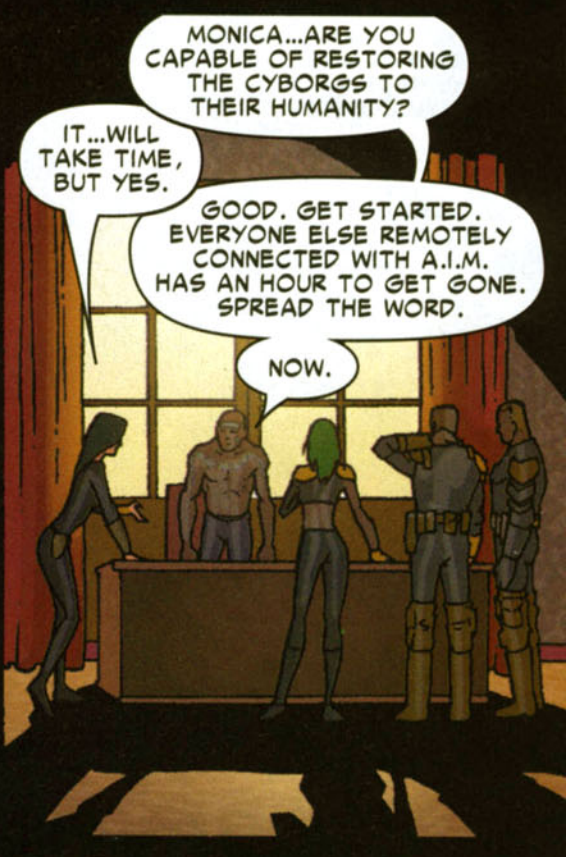
YES. THE REST OF YOU, GET OUT.



THAT'S INSANE!!! I DON'T UNDERSTAND--?!

WHICH PART? "GET"? OR "OUT"?

BUT--



MONICA...ARE YOU CAPABLE OF RESTORING THE CYBORGS TO THEIR HUMANITY?

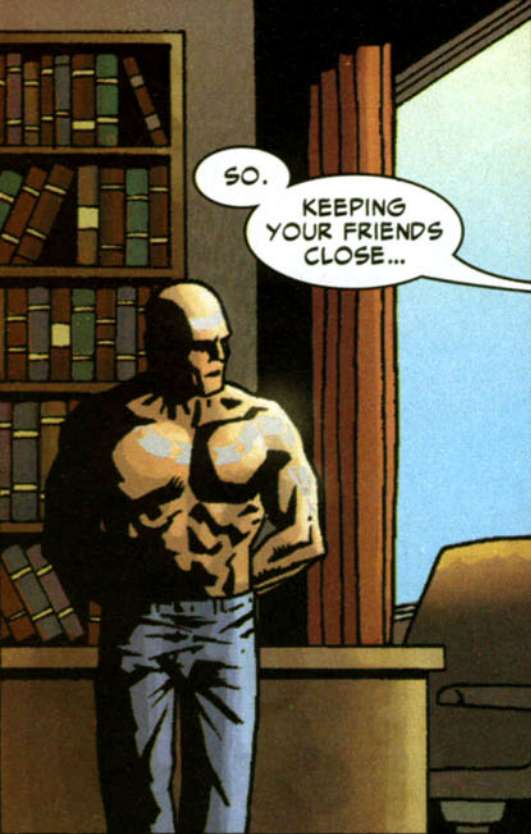
IT...WILL TAKE TIME, BUT YES.

GOOD. GET STARTED. EVERYONE ELSE REMOTELY CONNECTED WITH A.I.M. HAS AN HOUR TO GET GONE. SPREAD THE WORD.

NOW.



NOW!!!!



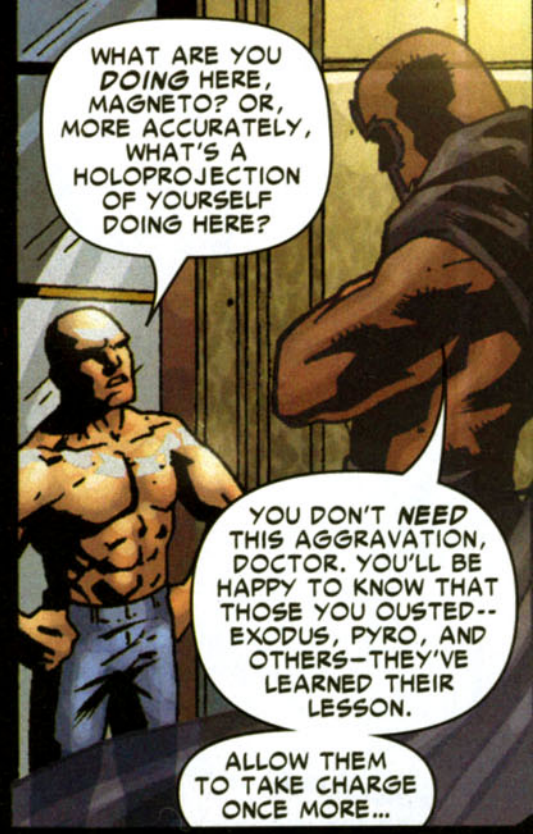
SO.
KEEPING YOUR FRIENDS
CLOSE...



...AND MY
ENEMIES
CLOSER.

YOU'VE
READ "THE
ART OF
WAR."

NO, I'VE SEEN
"THE GODFATHER."
ACTUALLY, I'M
EXILING MY FRIENDS
AND BEDDING MY
ENEMY, SO...
ANYWAY.



WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE,
MAGNETO? OR,
MORE ACCURATELY,
WHAT'S A
HOLOPROJECTION
OF YOURSELF
DOING HERE?

YOU DON'T NEED
THIS AGGRAVATION,
DOCTOR. YOU'LL BE
HAPPY TO KNOW THAT
THOSE YOU OUSTED--
EXODUS, PYRO, AND
OTHERS--THEY'VE
LEARNED THEIR
LESSON.

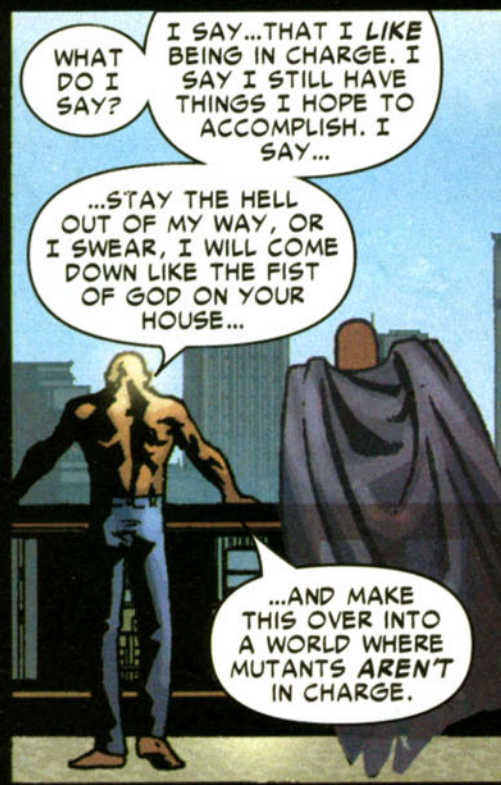
ALLOW THEM
TO TAKE CHARGE
ONCE MORE...



...AND YOU CAN RETURN
TO THE ABORIGINES, TO
LIVE THE REST OF YOUR
LIFE UNMOLESTED.

THE HULK
WILL, I ASSURE
YOU, BE LEFT
ALONE.

WHAT
DO YOU
SAY?



WHAT
DO I
SAY?

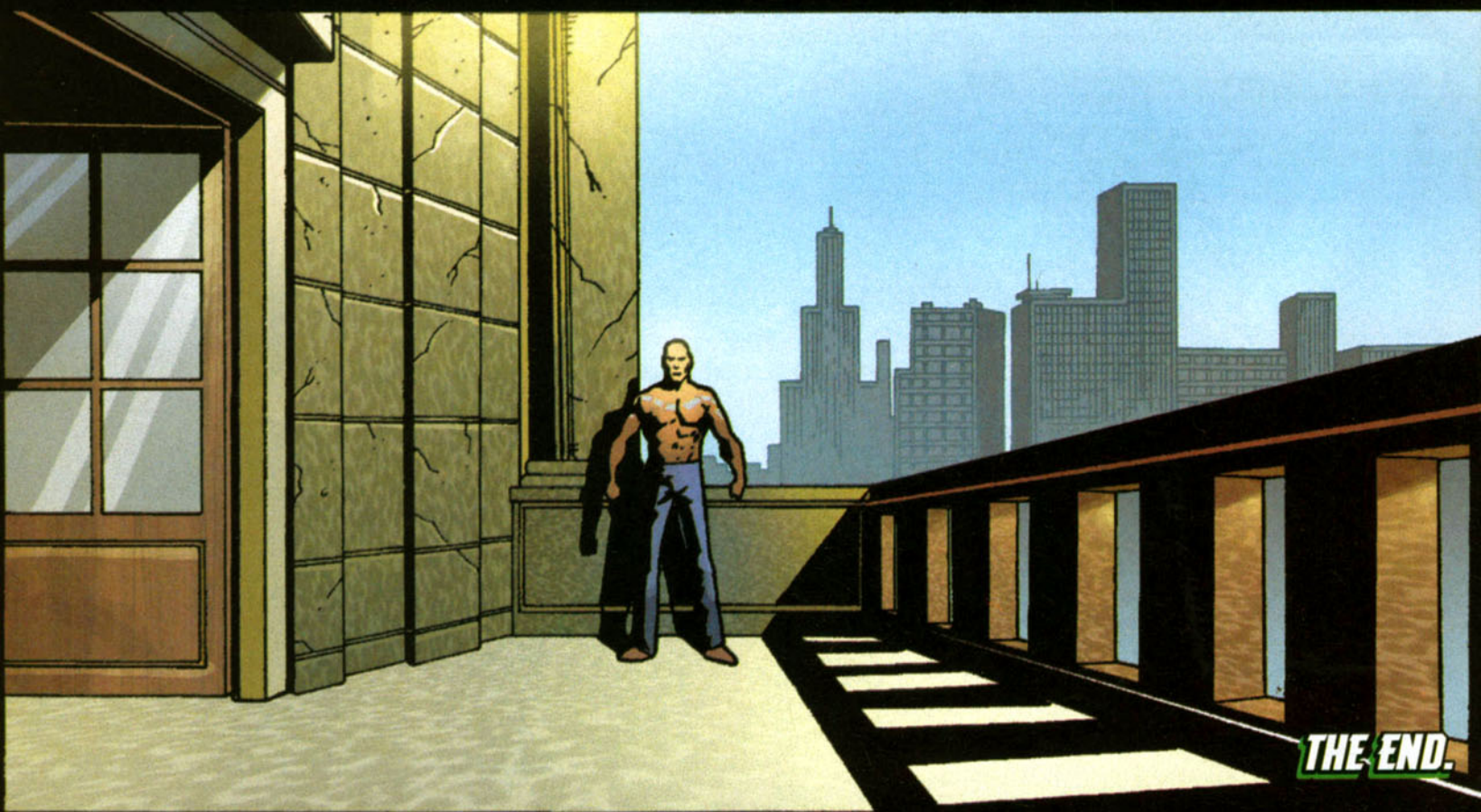
I SAY... THAT I LIKE
BEING IN CHARGE. I
SAY I STILL HAVE
THINGS I HOPE TO
ACCOMPLISH. I
SAY...

...STAY THE HELL
OUT OF MY WAY, OR
I SWEAR, I WILL COME
DOWN LIKE THE FIST
OF GOD ON YOUR
HOUSE...

...AND MAKE
THIS OVER INTO
A WORLD WHERE
MUTANTS AREN'T
IN CHARGE.



WHAT AN
INTERESTING
WORLD... THAT
WOULD BE.



THE END.



*WITH TEAMWORK
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE....*

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