

BLUE KING



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GET 'EM!!!

I'LL RESCUE
EDDIE!
THE REST OF
YOU...

TARGETS ACQUIRED

HELP...

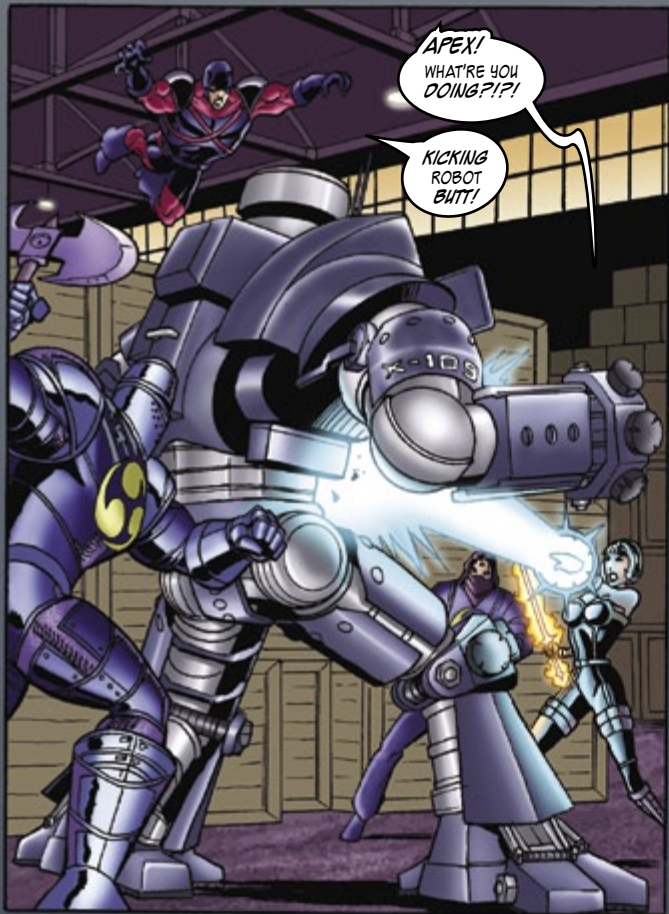
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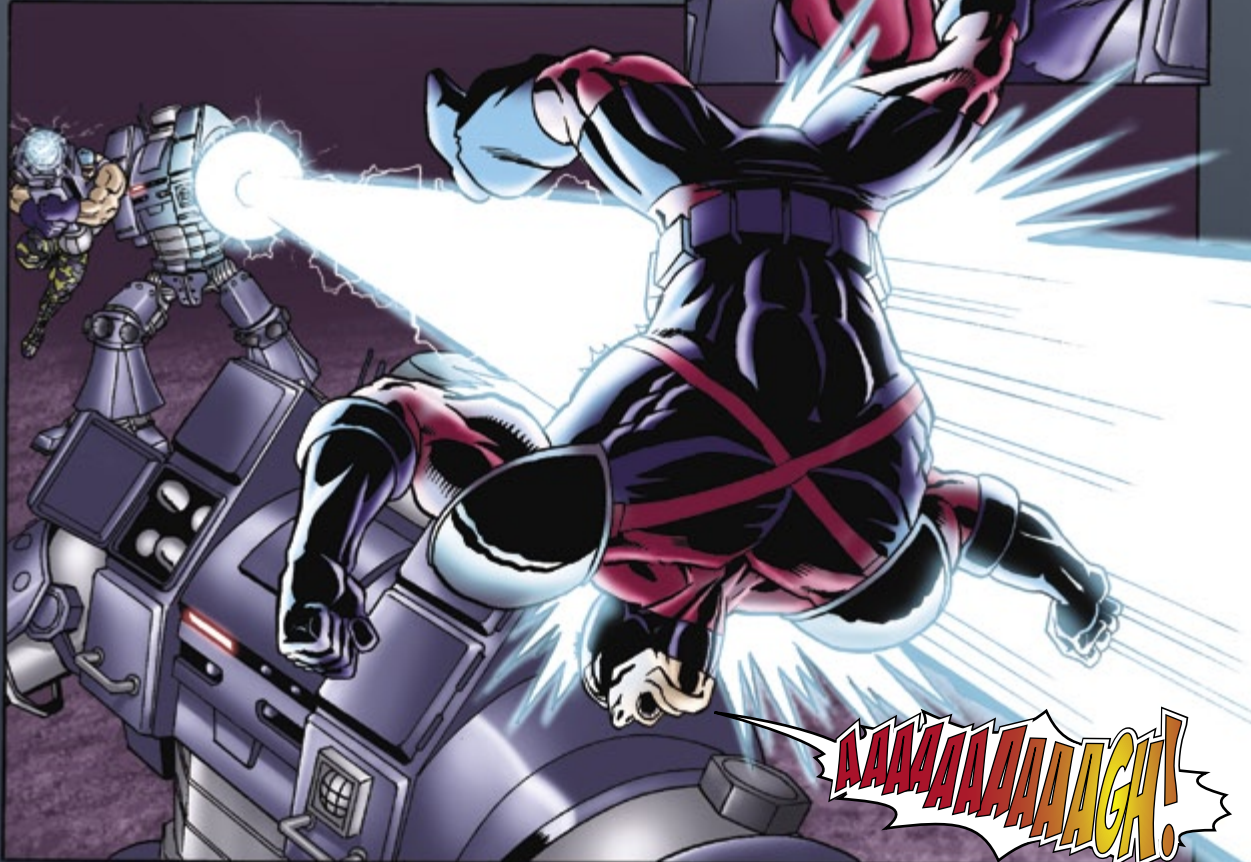


APEX!
WHAT'RE YOU
DOING?!?!

KICKING
ROBOT
BUTT!



THIS
MIGHT'VE
BEEN A BAD
IDEA...



AAAAAAGH!



SYSTEM INTEGRITY
COMPROMISED.

DON'T...

LET THEM...

TELEPORT
OUT...

IT'S A TRAP.

OK
APEX, IT'S
OK. I'M HERE
TO HELP
YOU.

WE GOT IT!

IT'S GOING DOWN!



DON'T LET
IT GET BACK
UP!

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IS
HE OK?

HE'LL BE
FINE. JUST A
SECOND.

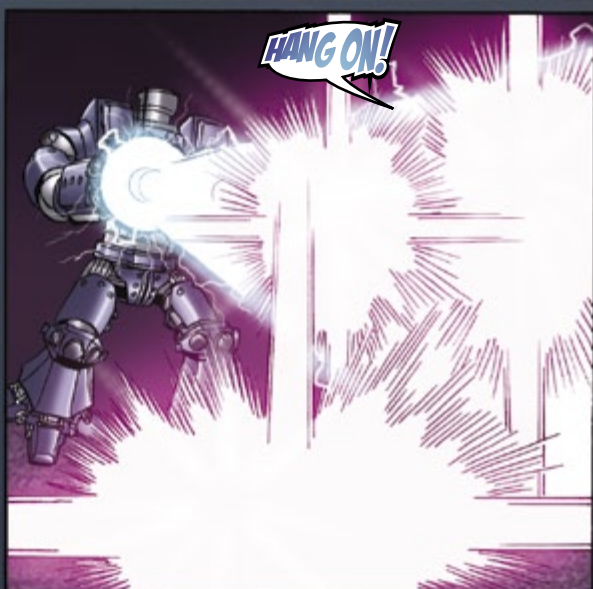
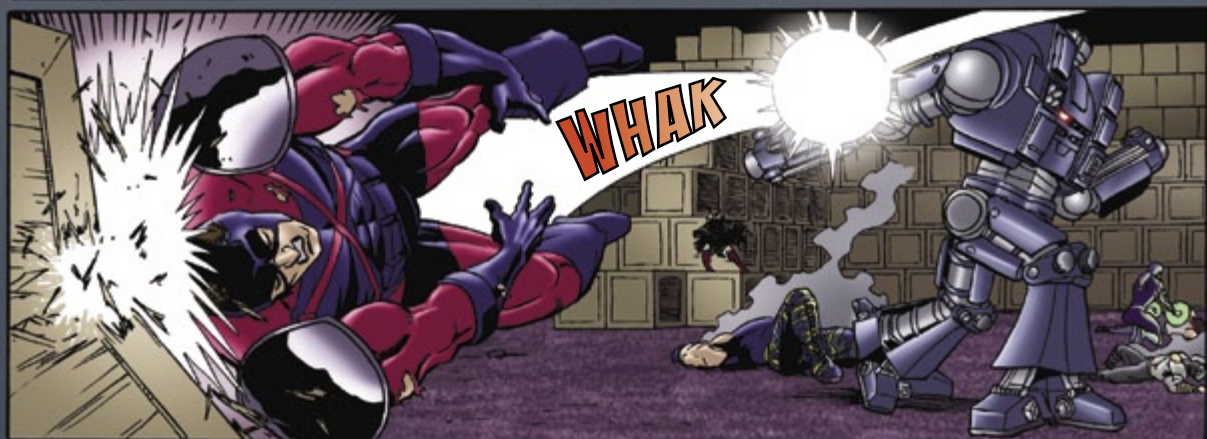


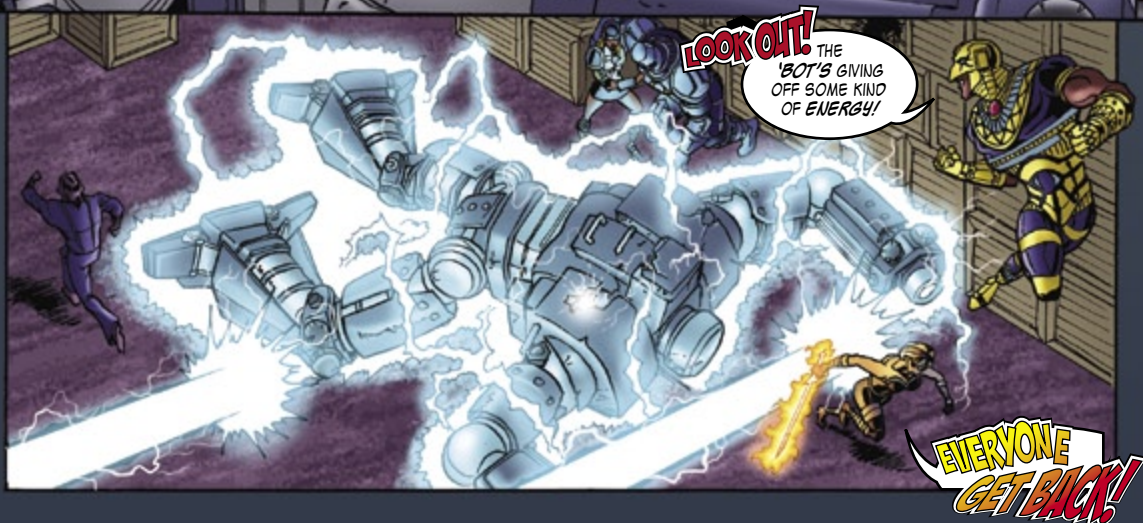
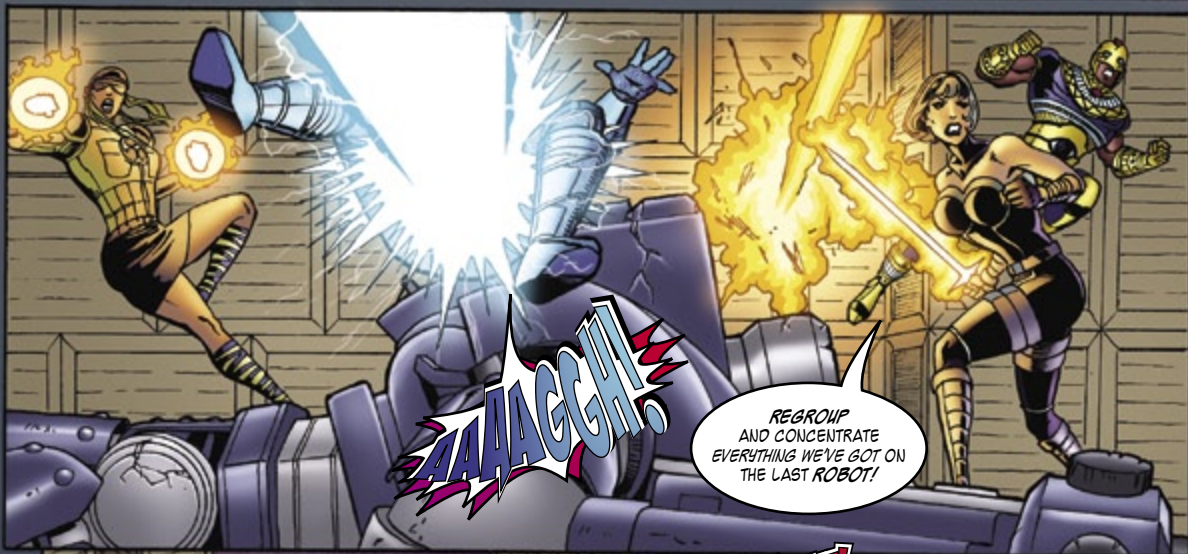
C'MON, TOUGH
GUY, TIME TO GET BACK
IN THE FIGHT. WE NEED
YOU OUT THERE.



THANKS...I
OWE YOU ONE.

NO PROBLEM. NOW COME
HELP ME WITH THIS OTHER
METAL BEASTIE.







UP HERE,
GUYS!



WHERE'S
APEX?!

I'M
NOT SURE...



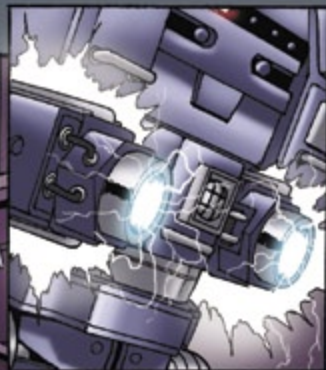
DID
ANYONE GET THE
LICENSE PLATE ON
THAT TRUCK?

HOLY HELL
THAT HURT.



WHAT THE
HECK ARE THEY
DOING NOW?

INITIATE TITAN
CONFIGURATION



INTEGRATION
PROCESS
COMPLETE

SYSTEM INTEGRITY
RESTORED

DID
YOU KNOW
THEY COULD DO
THAT?

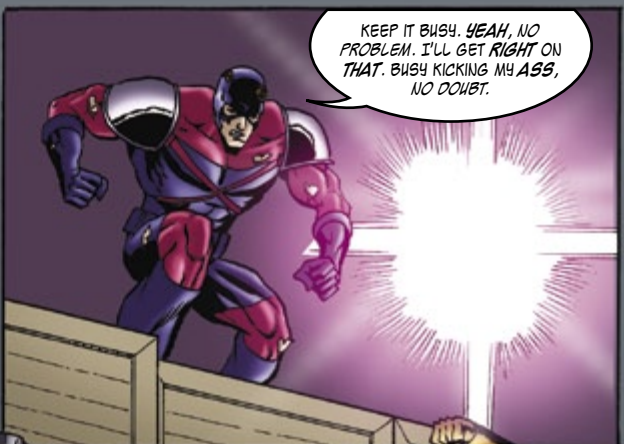
NO...
I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT THEY ARE.
BUT MY KID IS SURE GOING
TO WANT ONE FOR
CHRISTMAS!

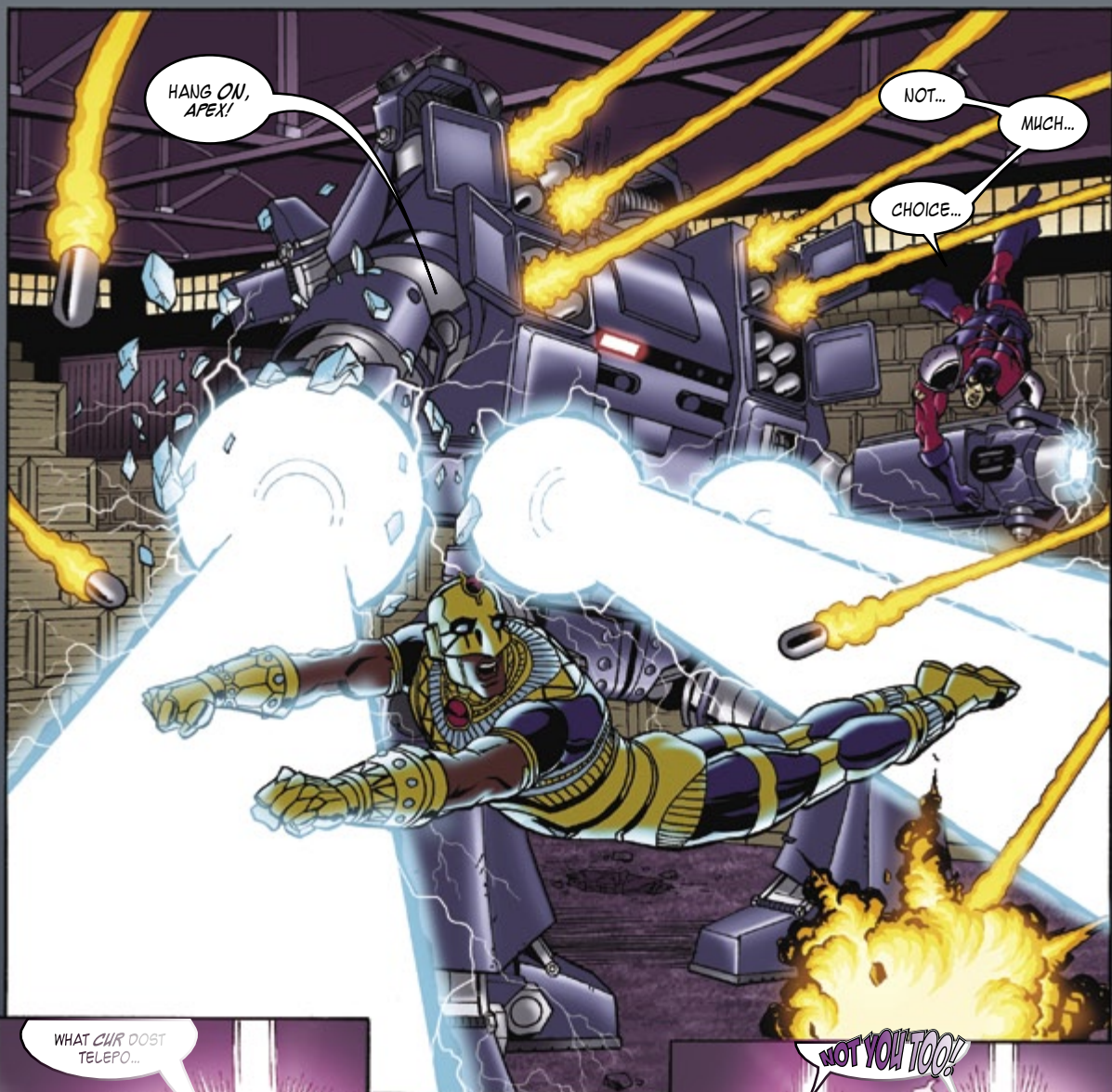
EVERYBODY
GET READY TO
MOVE ON MY
SIGNAL.

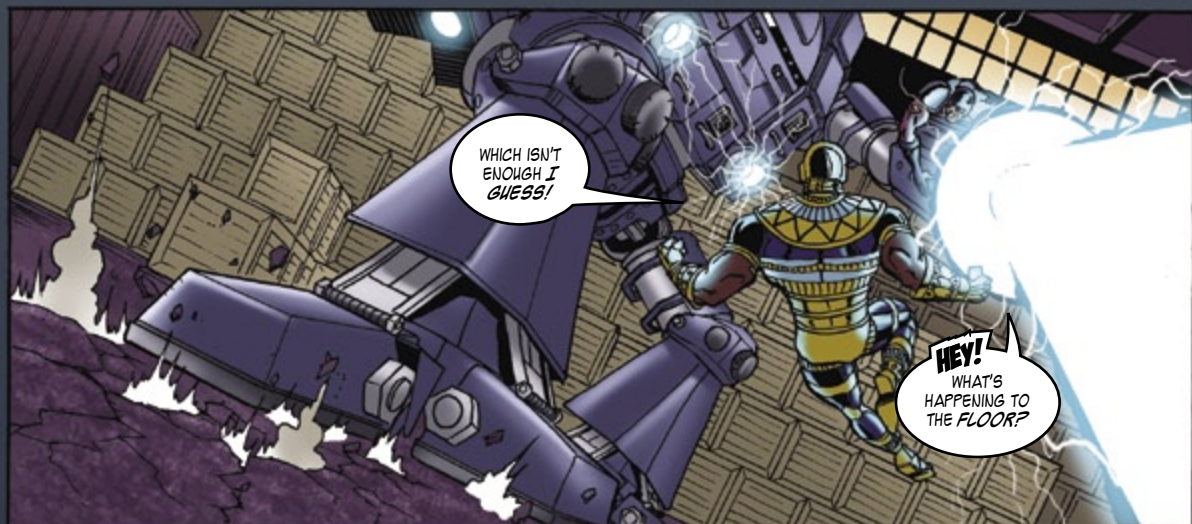
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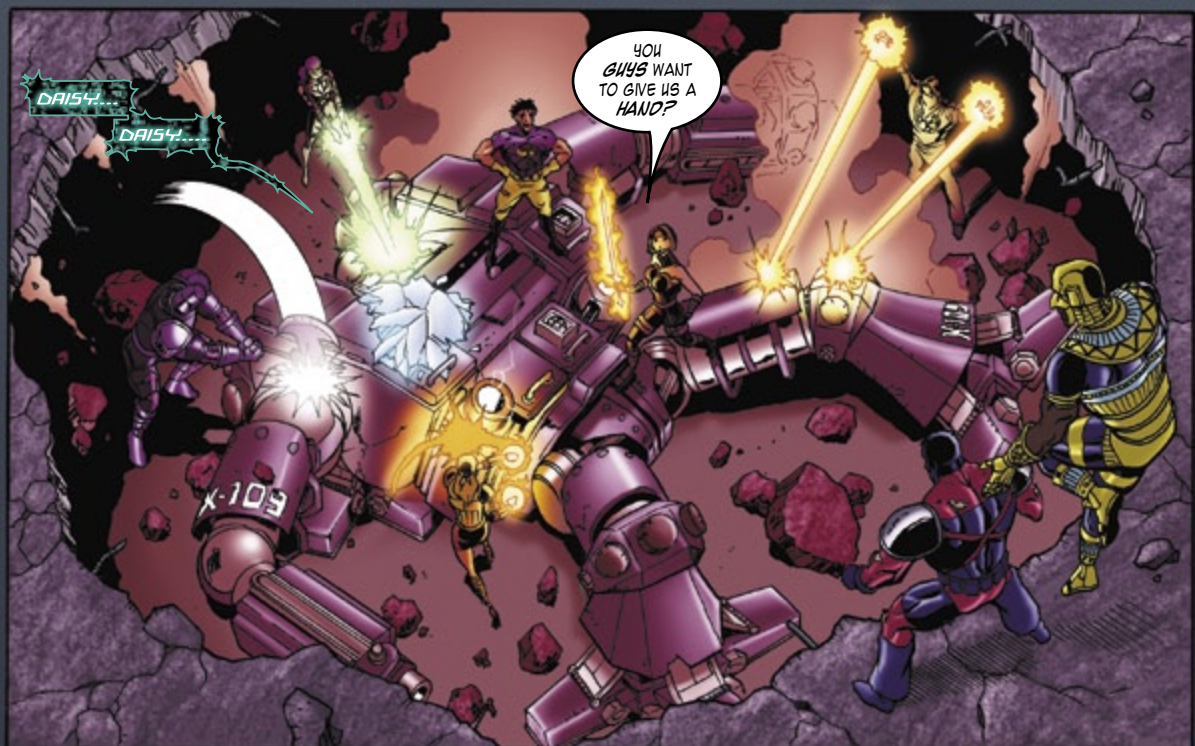
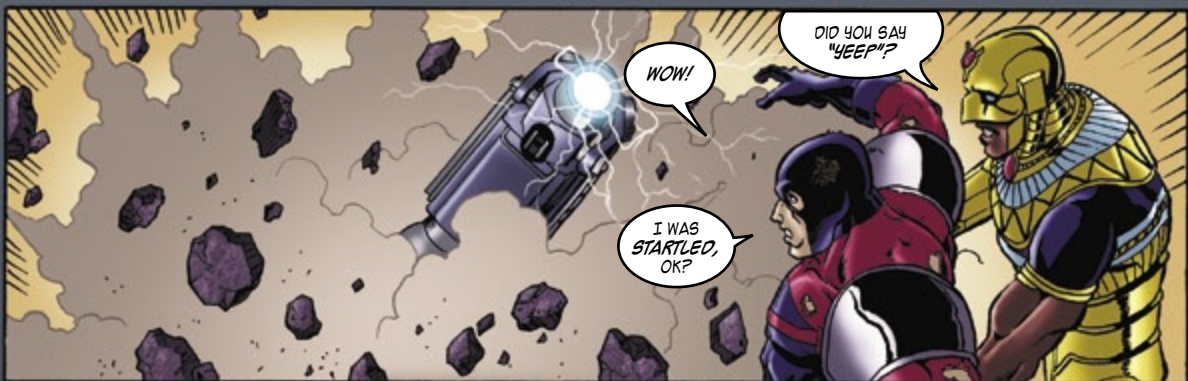
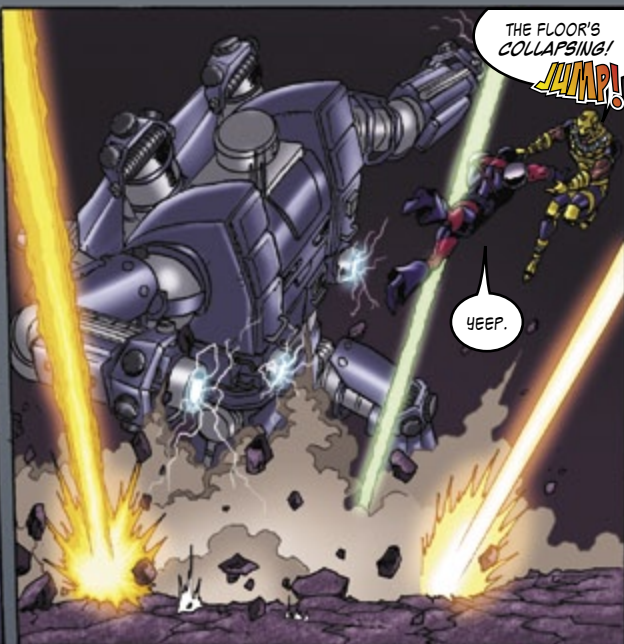




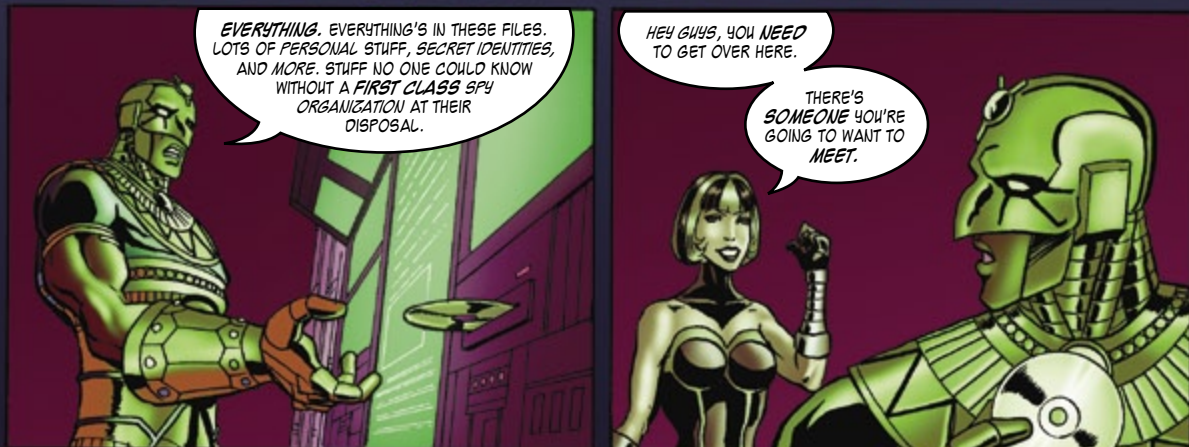










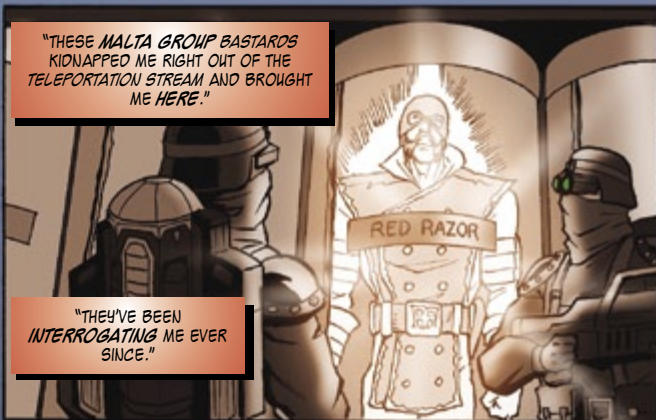




APEX, MEET
THE RED RAZOR.

YOU'RE
NOT DEAD!

NOT
YET ANYWAY.
NO, BUT THAT
WAS A CLOSE
SHAVE.



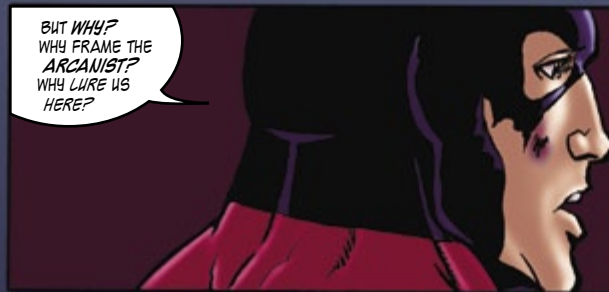
"THESE MALTA GROUP BASTARDS
KIDNAPPED ME RIGHT OUT OF THE
TELEPORTATION STREAM AND BROUGHT
ME *HERE*."

"THEY'VE BEEN
INTERROGATING ME EVER
SINCE."



"THEY PLANTED THE
BODY AND MY *DNA*
IN ORDER TO FRAME
THE ARCANIST FOR
MY MURDER."

"AND ONCE HE GOT
CONVICTED, THEY WERE
GOING TO *SNATCH* HIM
TOO, MAKE IT LOOK LIKE
HE'D ESCAPED FROM
PRISON."



BUT *WHY*?
WHY FRAME THE
ARCANIST?
WHY LURE US
HERE?



IT'S WHAT THE MALTA GROUP DOES.
THEY REPROGRAM HEROES FOR THEIR OWN
SINISTER PURPOSES. DURING
THE COLD WAR THEY USED
OUR KIND AS SPIES AND
UNWILLING SOLDIERS.



THEY BLACKMAIL, KIDNAP, OR TRICK
US INTO DOING WHAT THEY WANT. THEY
EVEN MANAGED TO MAKE YOU GUYS
BREAK THE LAW AND GOT YOU
TO COME HERE WHERE THEY
COULD TRAP YOU.

EVERYONE
WOULD'VE ASSUMED
YOU'D GONE *WRONG*.



THEY
PLAYED US
ALL FROM THE
BEGINNING.

YEP, THEY'RE *BASTARDS*
THAT WAY. BUT WE BEAT 'EM
THIS TIME, AND THAT'S ALL
WE CAN ASK ANY GIVEN
DAY.

I
GUESS. BUT
YOU KNOW WHAT
THE WORST
PART IS?



NOW WE HAVE TO
TURN OURSELVES INTO THE
POLICE FOR BREAKING OUT
OF *JURY DUTY*.

DON'T WORRY.
I'LL PUT IN A GOOD
WORD FOR YOU.

I'M
ALIVE RIGHT?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN ON *JURY DUTY* IN
THE FIRST PLACE!

THAT'S
WHAT I'VE BEEN
SAYING ALL
ALONG!

NEXT MONTH: "TRAINING DAY"