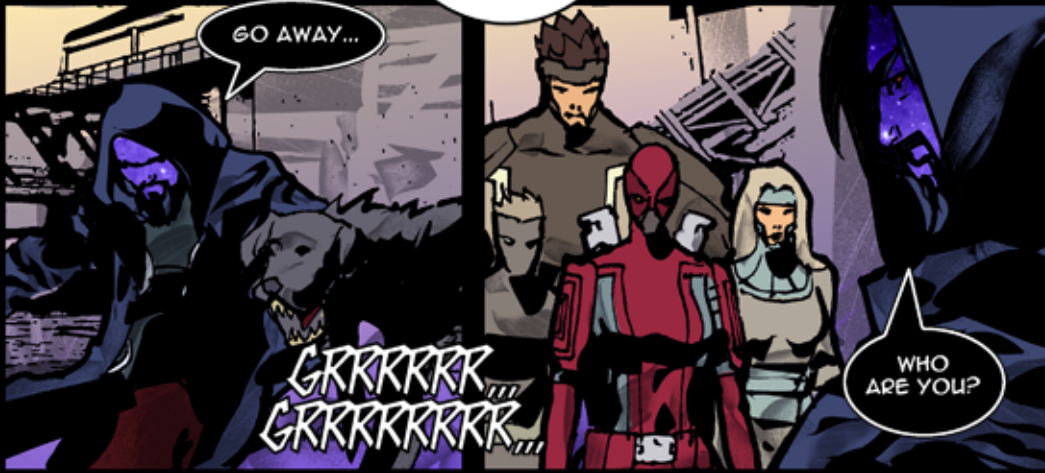
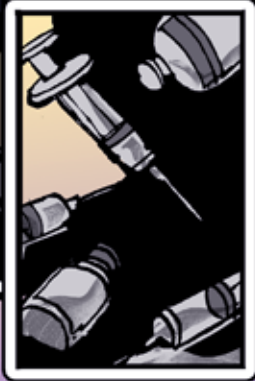


HE IS ON THAT MEGA-POWERED, SYNTHETIC OPIOID.

YES, SUBSTANCE 7. STREET NAME, REAPER SERUM.

LETHAL FOR HUMANS. DANGEROUS FOR HYPERS.

WELL, I HAVE TO SAY, THIS DOES MAKE ME FEEL SLIGHTLY BETTER ABOUT MY ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION...



GO AWAY...

GRRRRRRR
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WHO ARE YOU?



I SAID GO AWAY!



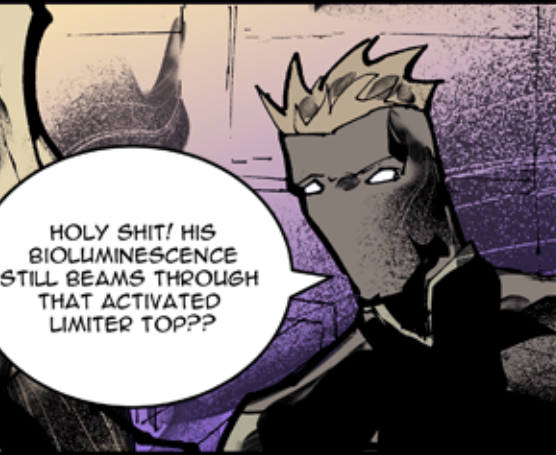
I CAN'T LOSE CONTROL OF MY...



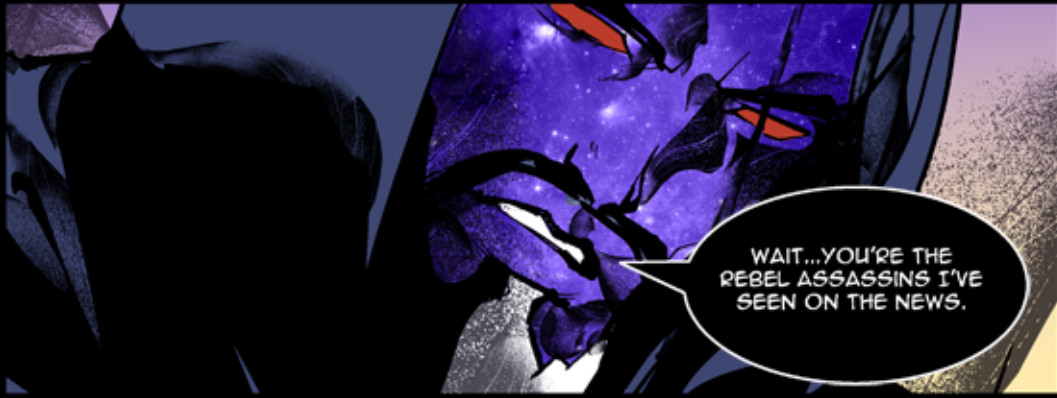
MAY I BE FILLED WITH LOVING KINDNESS... MAY I BE PEACEFUL AND AT EASE...



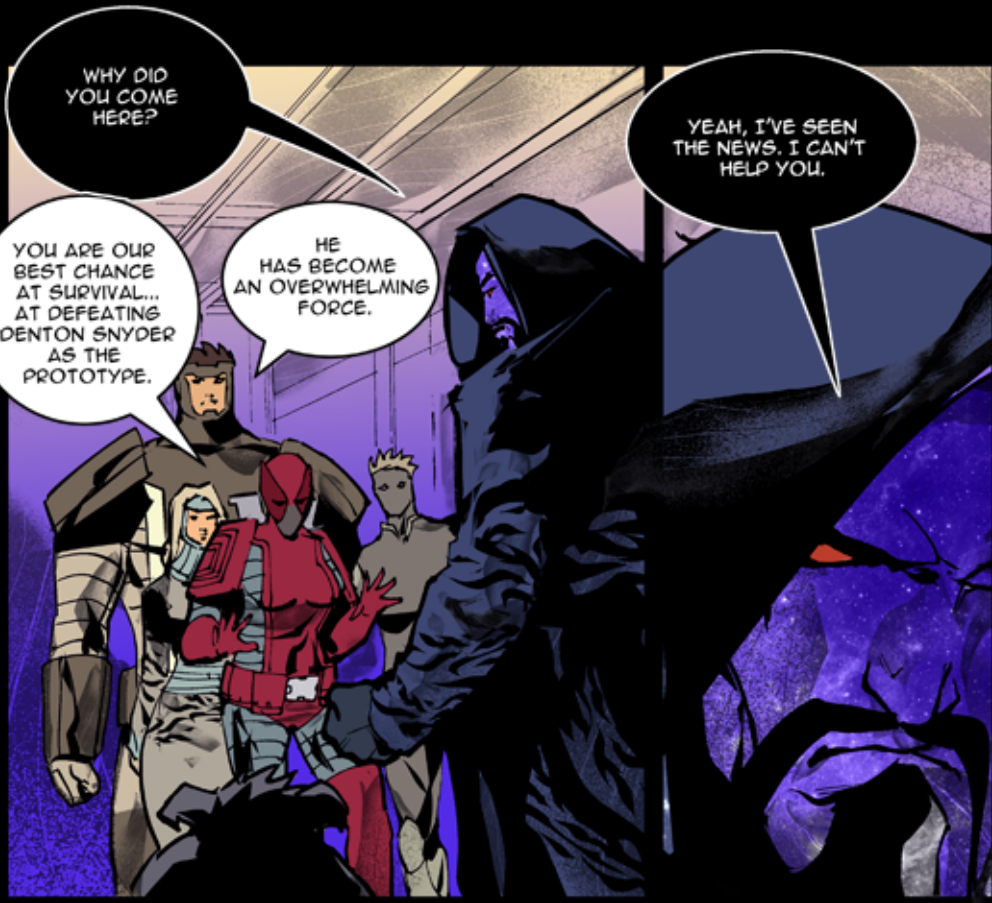
IT APPEARS HE'S BEEN IN SOME SORT OF DISSOCIATIVE FUGUE.



HOLY SHIT! HIS BIOLUMINESCENCE STILL BEAMS THROUGH THAT ACTIVATED LIMITER TOP??



WAIT...YOU'RE THE REBEL ASSASSINS I'VE SEEN ON THE NEWS.



WHY DID YOU COME HERE?

YEAH, I'VE SEEN THE NEWS. I CAN'T HELP YOU.

YOU ARE OUR BEST CHANCE AT SURVIVAL... AT DEFEATING DENTON SNYDER AS THE PROTOTYPE.

HE HAS BECOME AN OVERWHELMING FORCE.



DON'T BE COY.



YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'VE DONE...I HAVE TO ATONE FOR ALL OF THE LIVES LOST...THE MISTAKES I'VE MADE. MY BATTLE PERSISTS WITHIN, AGAINST MYSELF.

THAT'S WHY HE'S DEDICATED TO STAYING MEDICATED.



I KNOW ABOUT YOUR MEGATON ERUPTION.

EVERYONE DOES.

YOU SLAUGHTERED HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS WITH AN ENERGY BLAST THAT WIPE OUT A 5 MILE RADIUS.

AND DEVASTATED ALL SURROUNDING SURVIVORS. I CROSSED A LINE I CAN'T COME BACK FROM.



I DON'T BELONG IN THIS WORLD...

SORRY YOU'RE FEELING BLUE, FRIEND.



THIS GUY HERE... YOU MIGHT WANT TO LET HIM KNOW THAT HIS MOUTH IS GOING TO GET HIM IN TROUBLE.

HE HAS A CHILDLIKE STOKE ABOUT HIM.

EASY, SPARKIE.



YOU'VE GOT ISSUES, MAN.

I'VE ALREADY COMPOSED A FAREWELL LETTER FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE IN MY LIFE, LISTING HOW THEY HAVE POSITIVELY AFFECTED ME.



LISTEN, WE HAVE TO STOP THIS BEFORE WE'RE ALL PUT IN A "SHIRLEY'S CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?" MUSEUM FOR FUTURE HOMOSAPIENS TO OGLE AT.



SO...YOU AVOID CONFLICT?

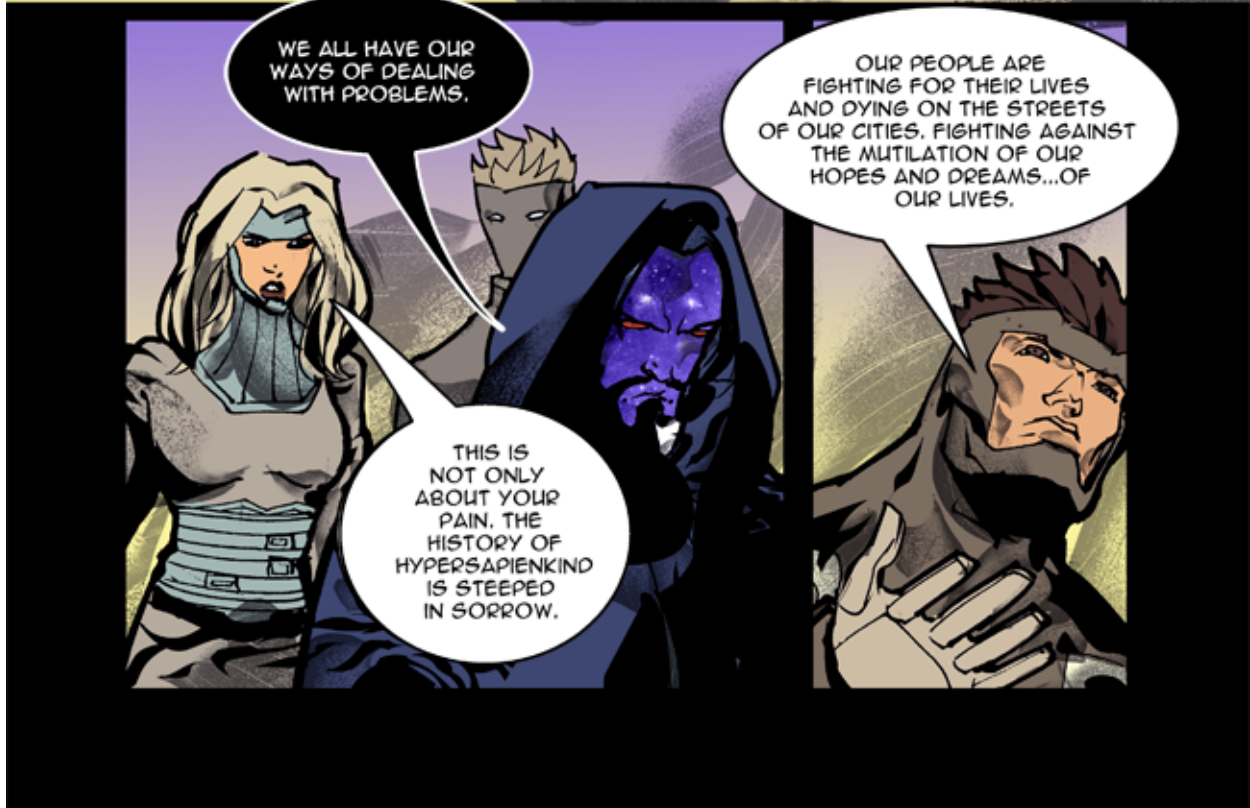


I AVOID KILLING.



WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON.

JUST LEAVE ME. I INSIST ON REMAINING IN EXILE.



WE ALL HAVE OUR WAYS OF DEALING WITH PROBLEMS.

OUR PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES AND DYING ON THE STREETS OF OUR CITIES. FIGHTING AGAINST THE MUTILATION OF OUR HOPES AND DREAMS...OF OUR LIVES.

THIS IS NOT ONLY ABOUT YOUR PAIN. THE HISTORY OF HYPERSAPIENKIND IS STEEPED IN SORROW.