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GOOD MORNING,
CLASS! WHO CAN
TELL ME WHAT
TODAY IS?

FIRST
ANNIVERS'RY
OF PRINCESS
DELFI'S
DEATH.

VERY GOOD.
AND WHO *WAS*
PRINCESS DELFI,
AND WHY WAS SHE
IMPORTANT?

DANIEL?

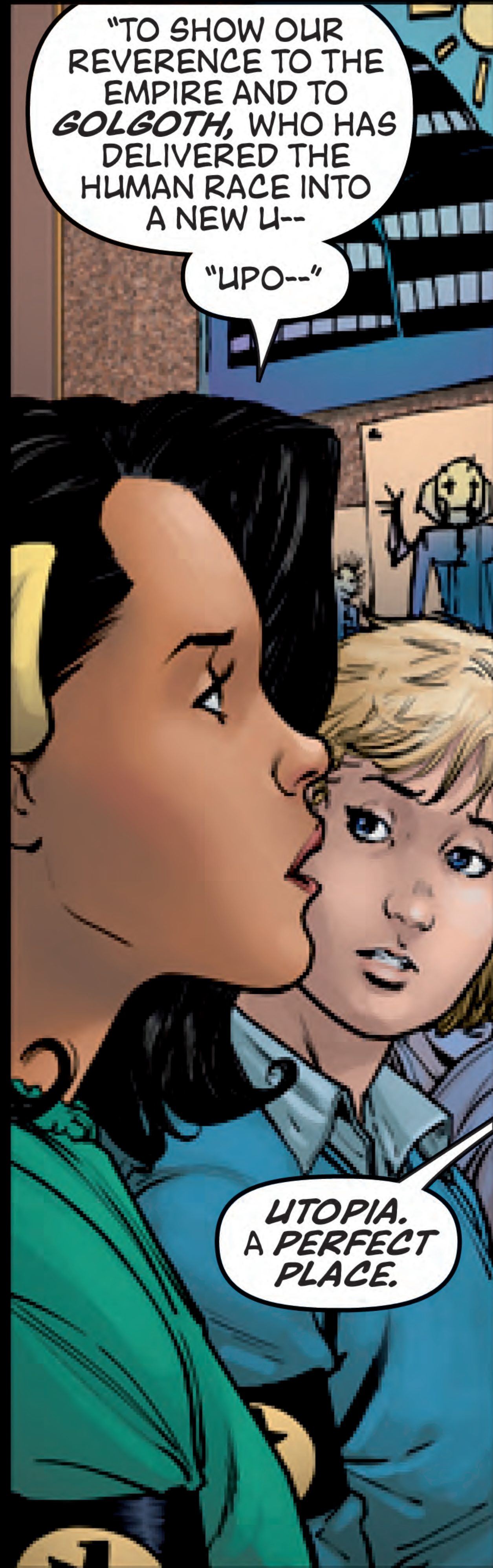


SHE WAS THE ONLY CHILD OF **EMPEROR GOLGOTH** AND SHE WAS MURDERED BY **FILTHY REBELS!**

THAT'S WHAT MY DAD SAYS.



THAT'S **CORRECT.** AND WHY DO WE WEAR THESE **ARMBANDS** TODAY?



"TO SHOW OUR REVERENCE TO THE EMPIRE AND TO **GOLGOTH**, WHO HAS DELIVERED THE HUMAN RACE INTO A NEW U--

"LPO--"

UTOPIA. A PERFECT PLACE.



THIS IS A **GOLDEN AGE**, CHILDREN. NO ONE WHO HAS EVER **LIVED** IS MORE RESPECTED THAN **GOLGOTH** FOR BRINGING A **RIGID PEACE AND ORDER** TO A CHAOTIC WORLD THESE PAST THREE YEARS.

GOLGOTH HAS ELIMINATED **WAR--**

CONSIDER THIS AN ACT OF *ALLIANCE* BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE EMPIRE.

"--ELIMINATED HUNGER--"

MINISTERS, YOU MAY NOW BEGIN FEEDING THIS NATION'S *PEASANTS*.

AS SOON AS THEY HAVE SIGNED THEIR *LOYALTY PLEDGES*.

SNAP

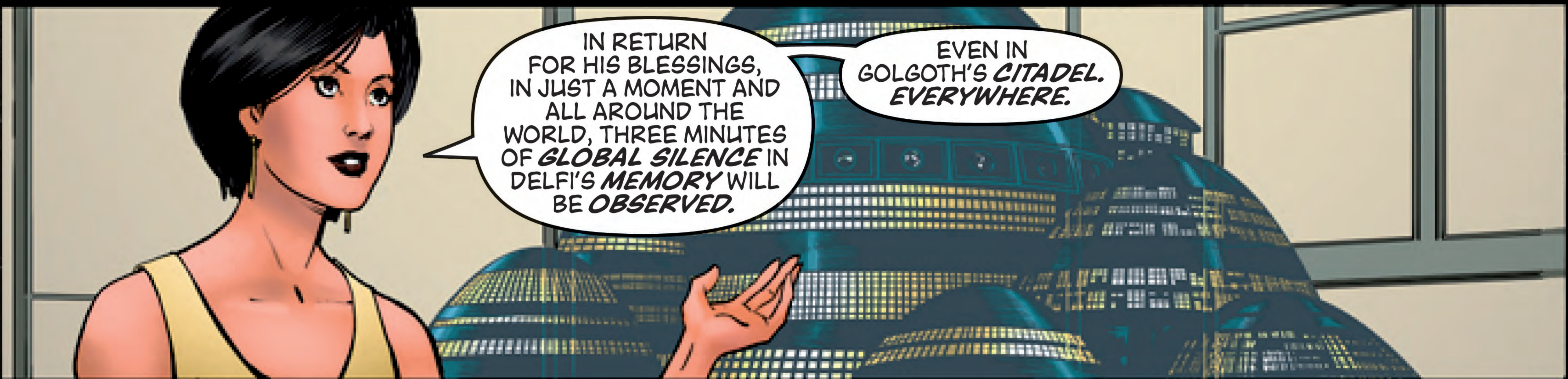


--ELIMINATED
DISEASE.

THESE ARE
THE ONES WHO
FAILED GENETIC
TESTING.

REMOVE THEM
AS POTENTIAL
CONTAMINANTS.





IN RETURN FOR HIS BLESSINGS, IN JUST A MOMENT AND ALL AROUND THE WORLD, THREE MINUTES OF *GLOBAL SILENCE* IN DELFI'S MEMORY WILL BE *OBSERVED*.

EVEN IN *GOLGOTH'S CITADEL*. *EVERYWHERE*.



THIS ISN'T A *GAME*, CHILDREN.
NOT A *PEEP*.
NEVER FORGET...THE EMPIRE HAS EYES *EVERYWHERE* AND IS WATCHING US *ALL*.



READY...

OUR PRINCESS

"BEGIN."



OUR PRINCESS



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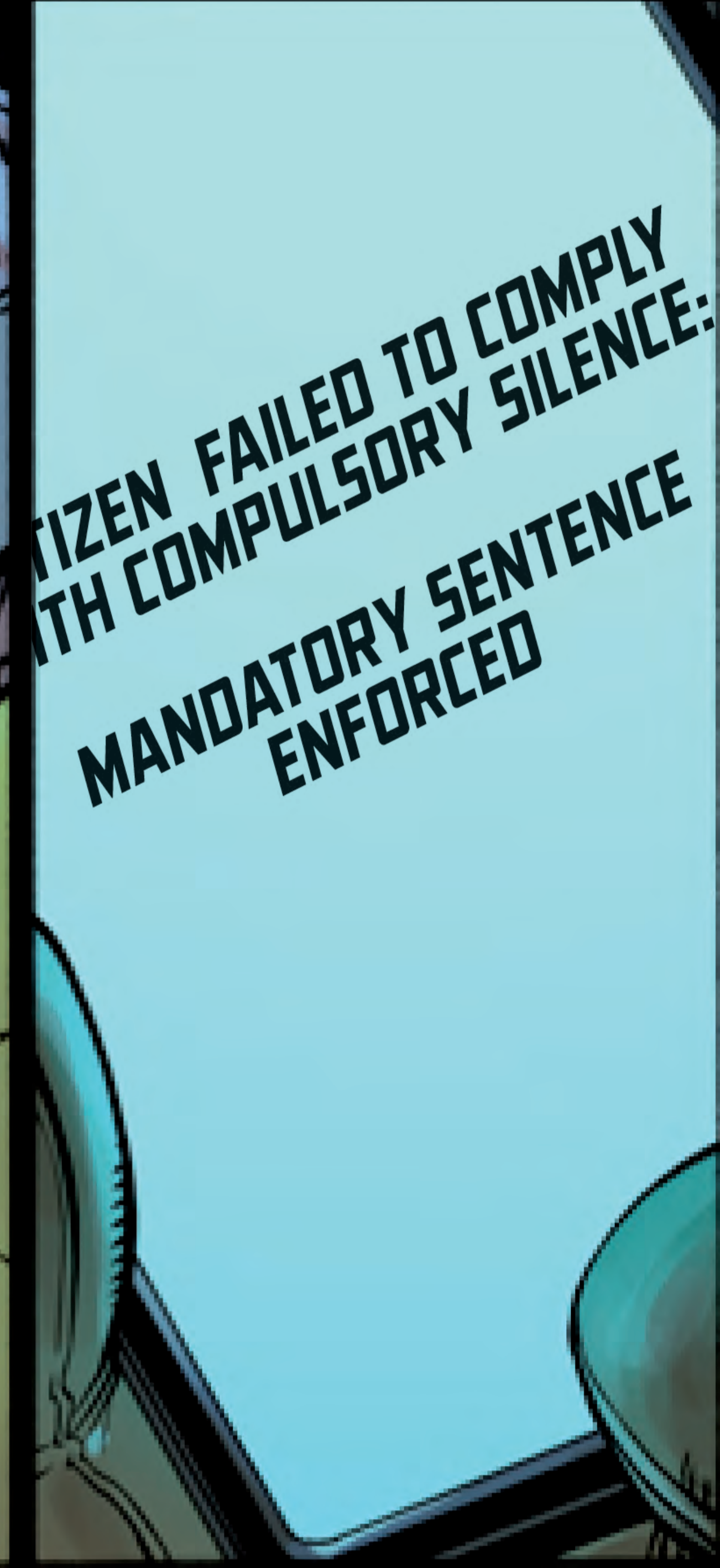




OUR PRINCESS



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CITIZEN FAILED TO COMPLY
WITH COMPULSORY SILENCE:
MANDATORY SENTENCE
ENFORCED



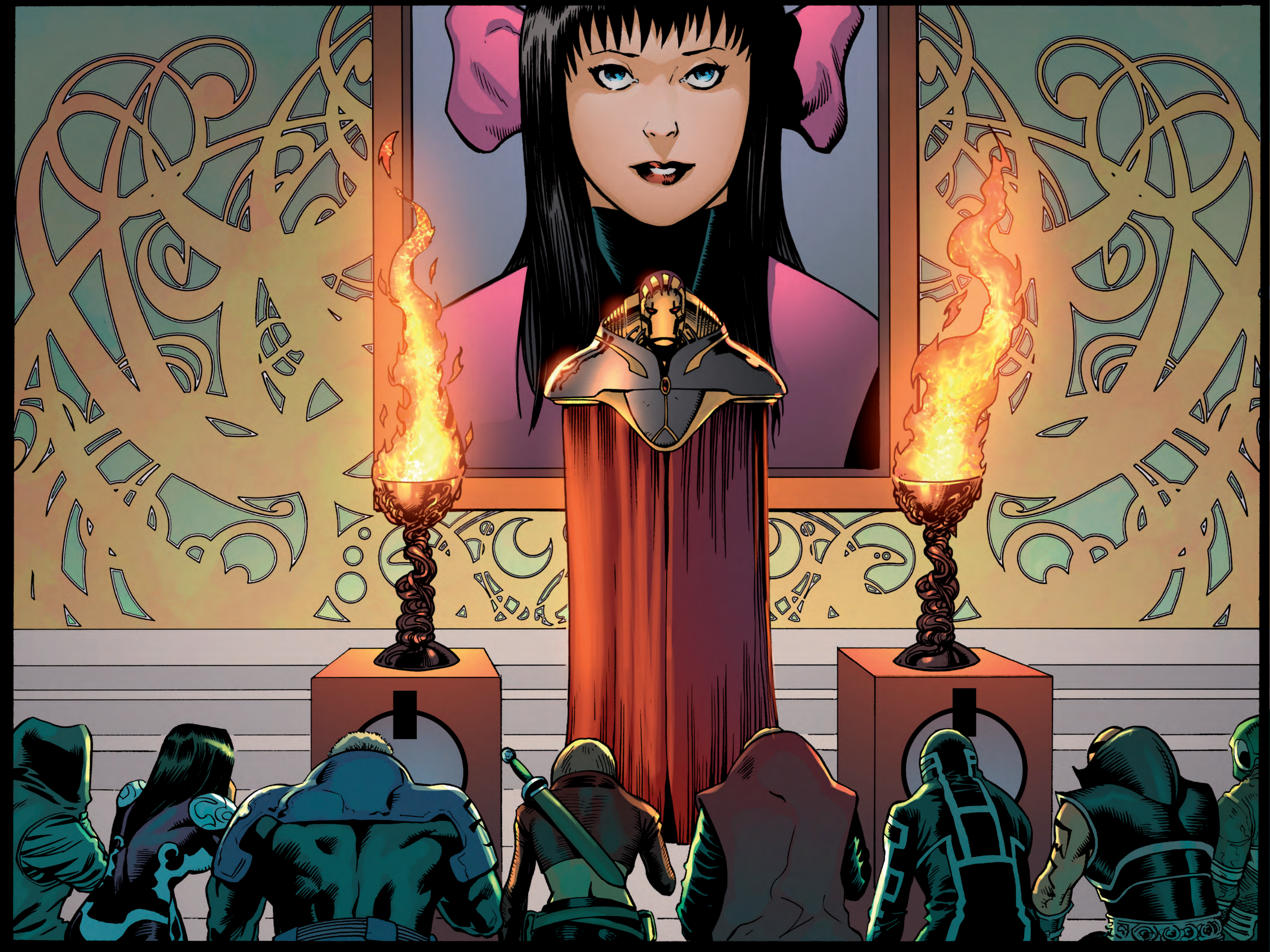


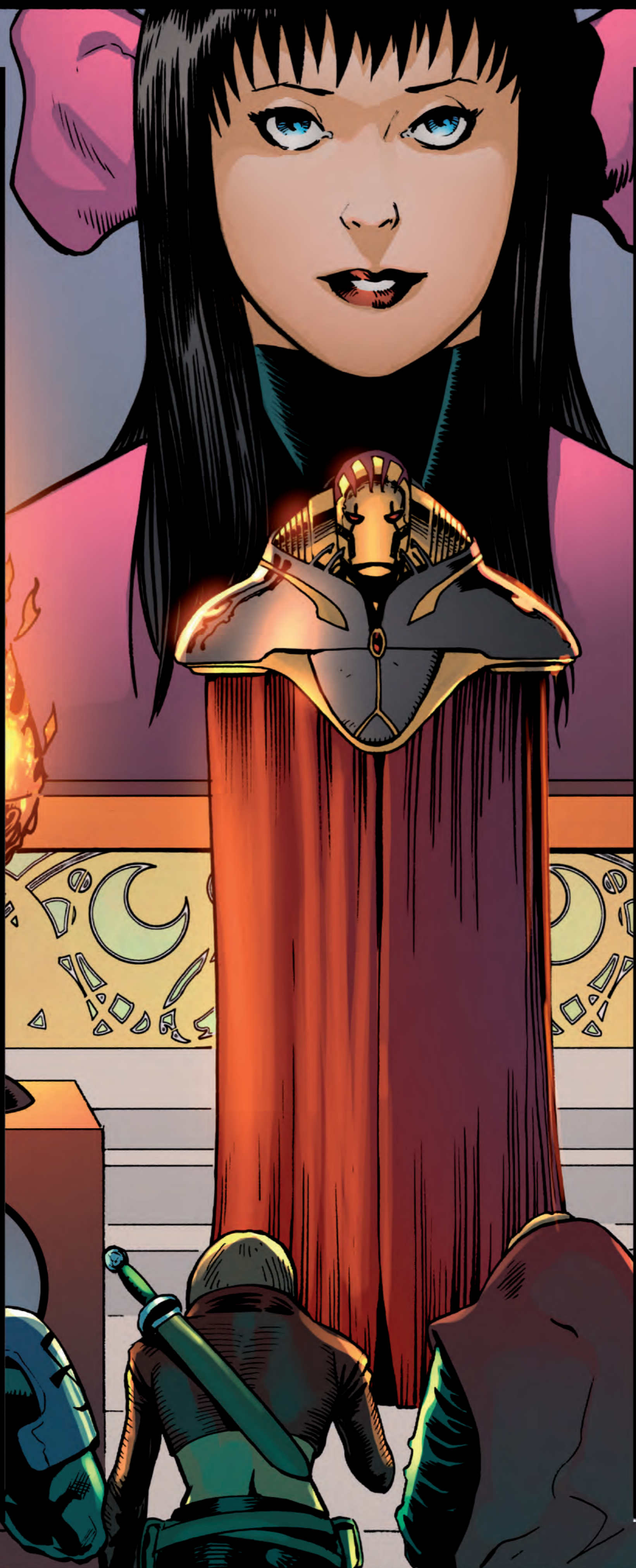
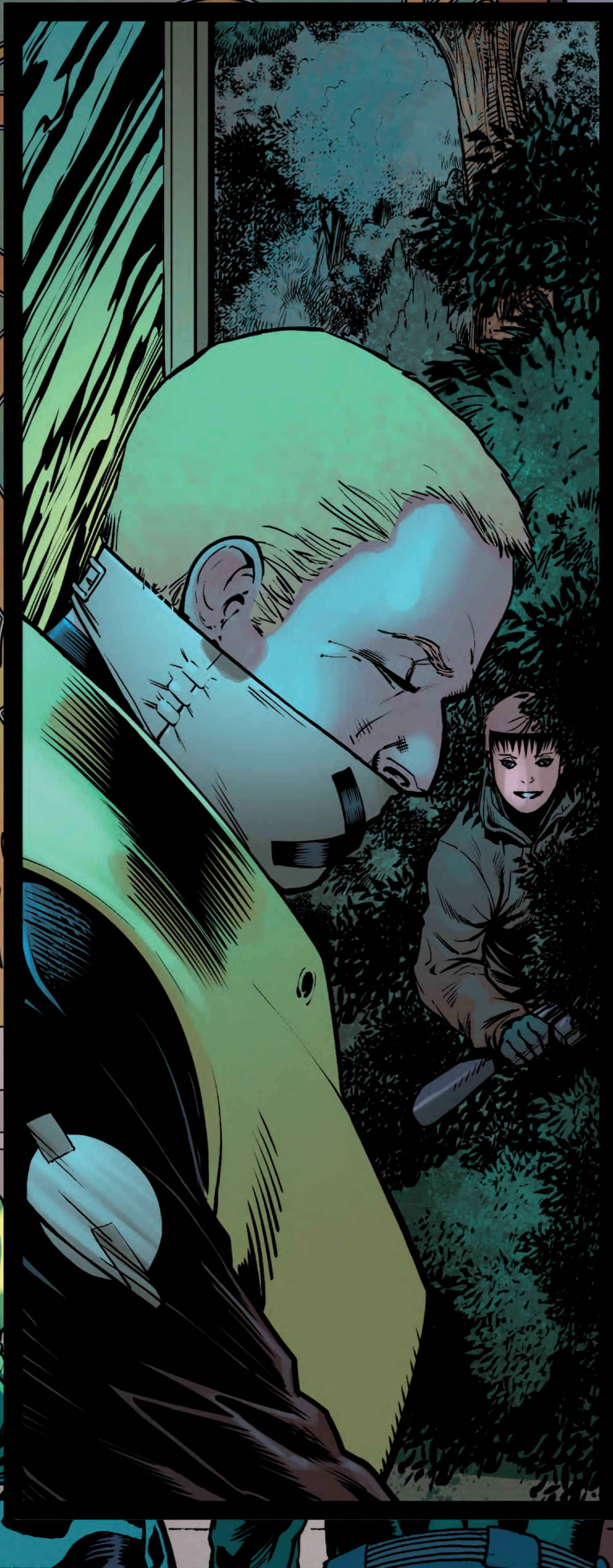


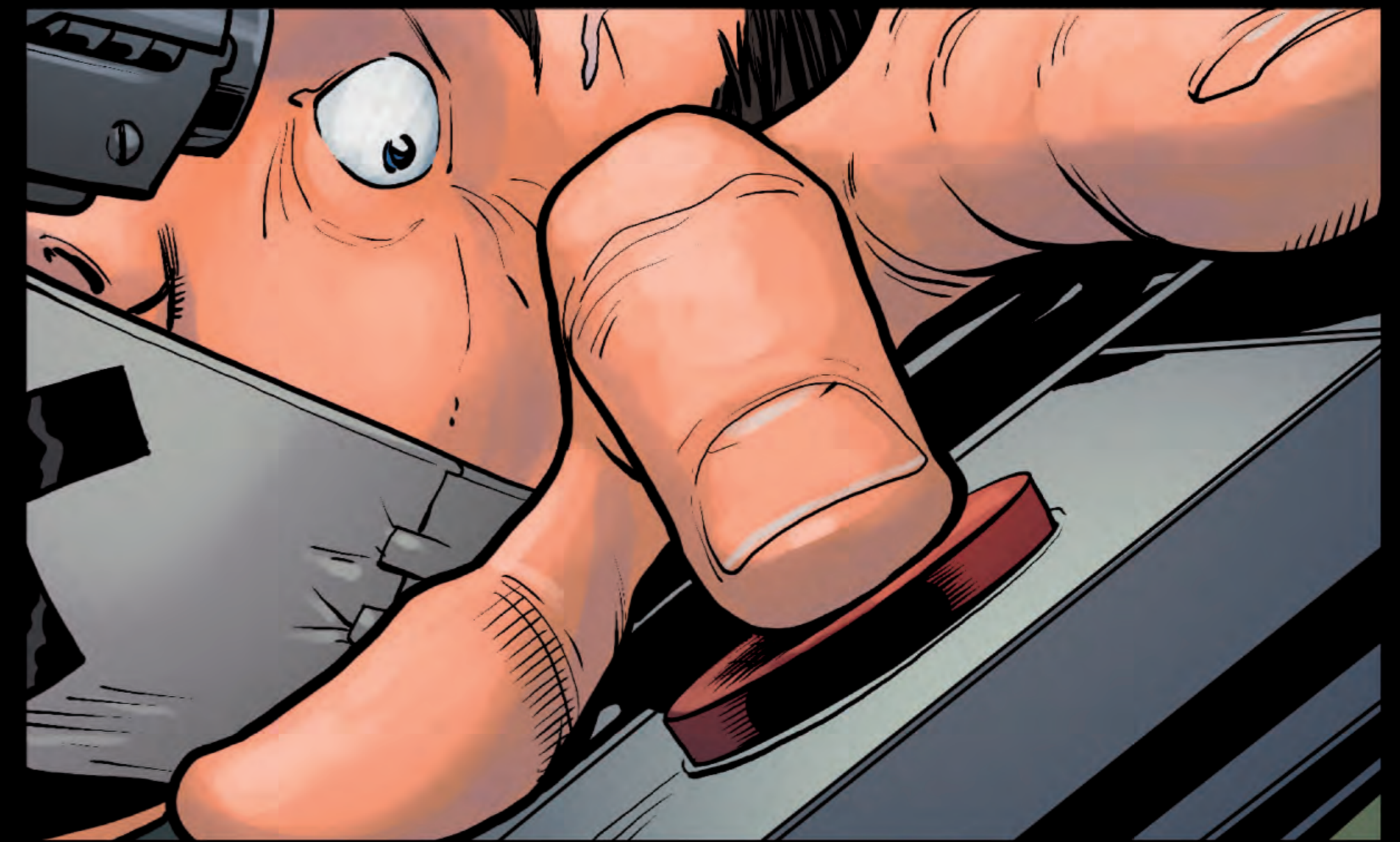
--AND THE
ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE.







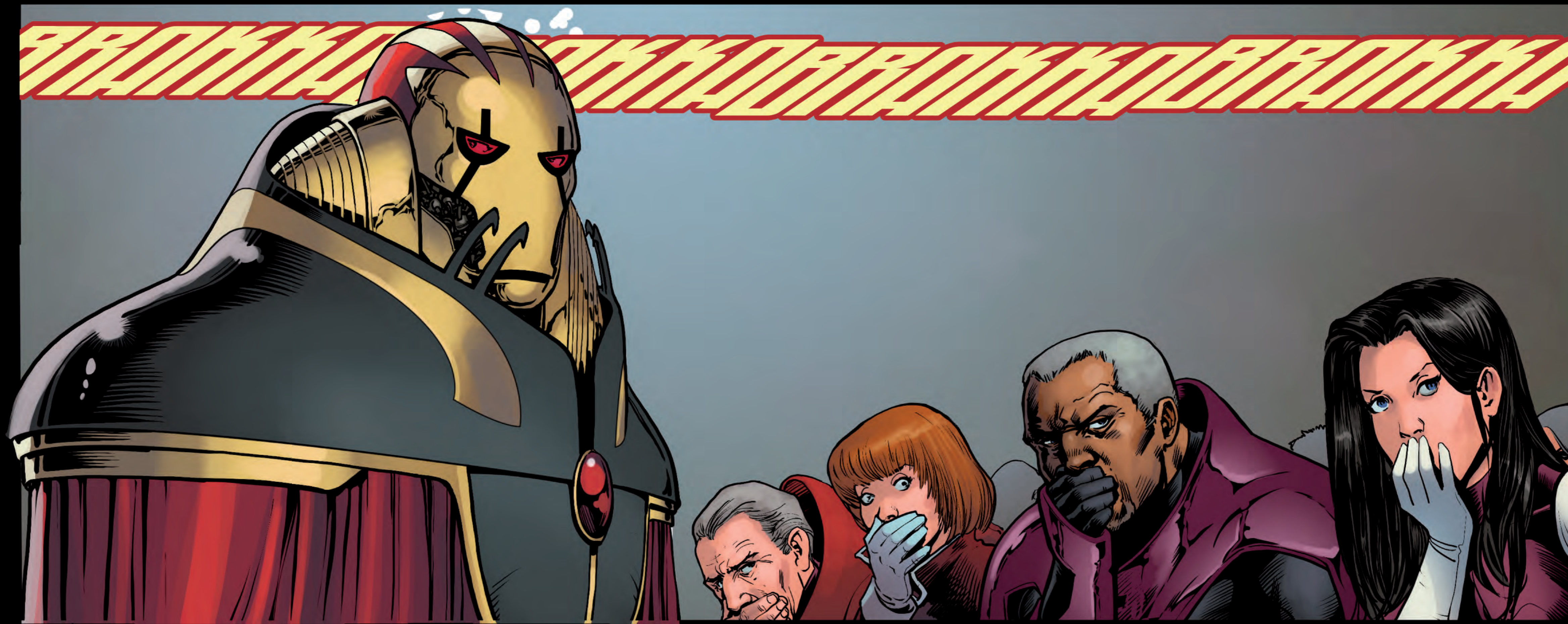




CHECKPOINT









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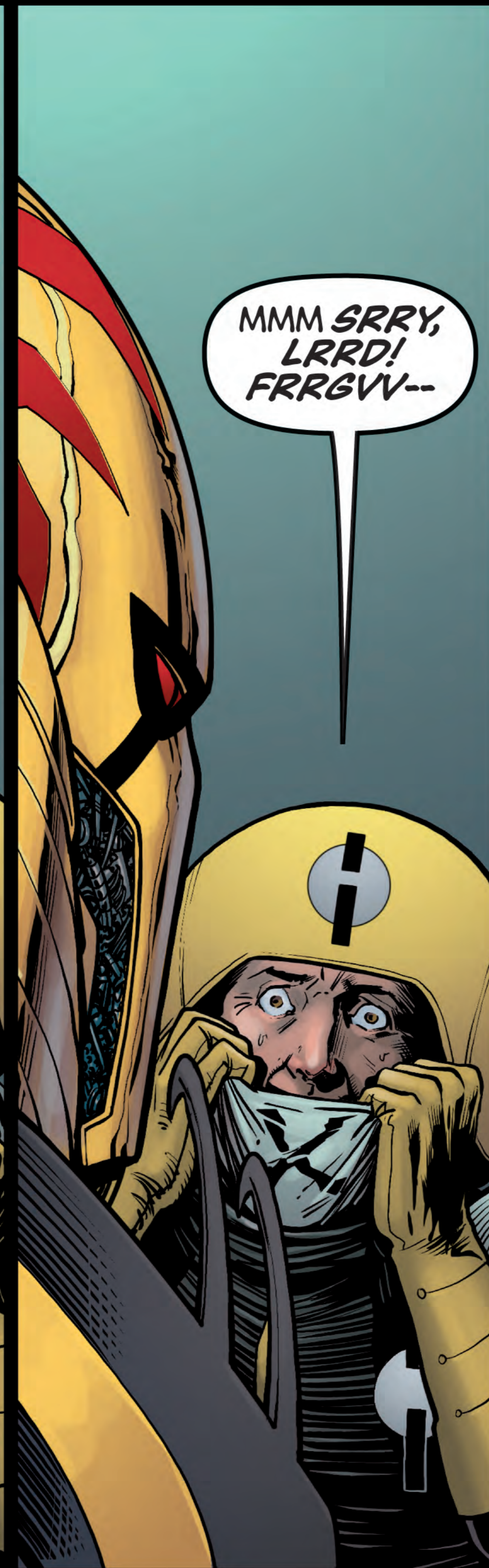




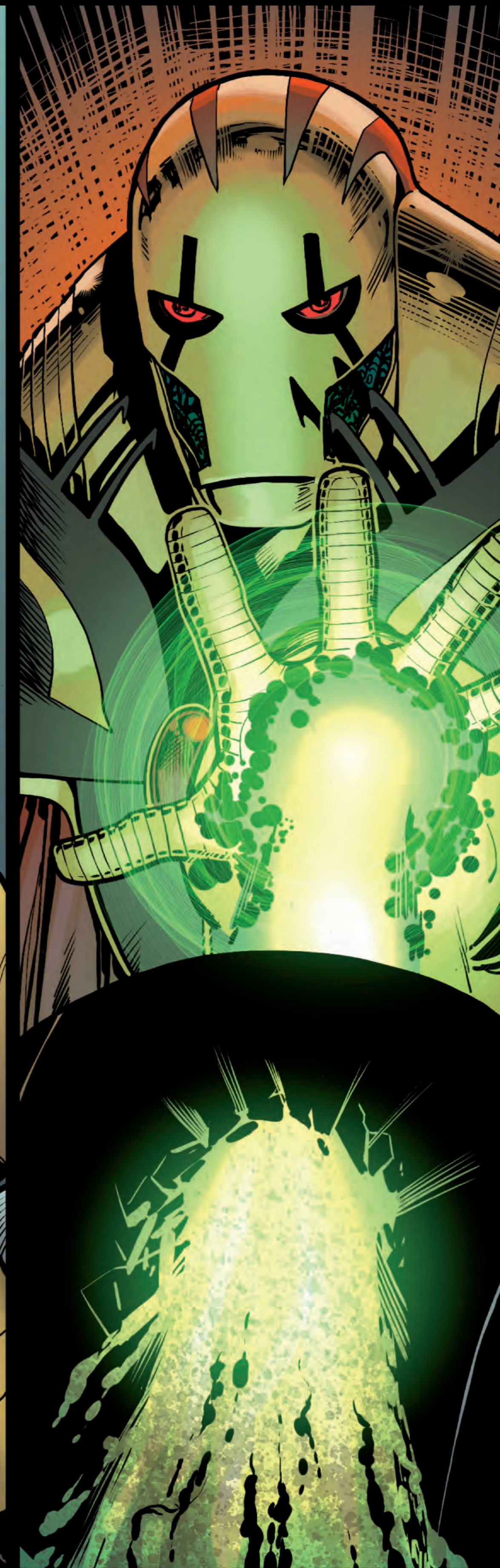
*SIR! THEY
CAME OUT OF
NOWHERE! WE
HAD NO
CHOICE BUT TO
RETURN --*

--FIRE--

*--OH,
GOD -- THE
VOW --*



*MMM SRRY,
LRRD!
FRRGVV--*









ANTIHELIUM
PAYLOAD INSIDE
A *QUANTUM*
DETANGLER.



HE DIDN'T
'PORT OUT OF
THAT.

LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN...
THE EMPIRE IS
OURS.



**WE KILLED GOLGOTH!
RASKELON'S GRENADE WORKED!
WE ARE HEROES!**



**CELEBRATE LATER!
STICK TO THE PLAN!**



WE HAVE TO FALL BACK BEFORE THE MINISTERS ARRIVE!

IF WE DON'T GET BACK TO BASE--



--WHO'S GONNA
KNOW WHAT WE
ACCOMPLISHED
HERE TODAY?







NO ONE.











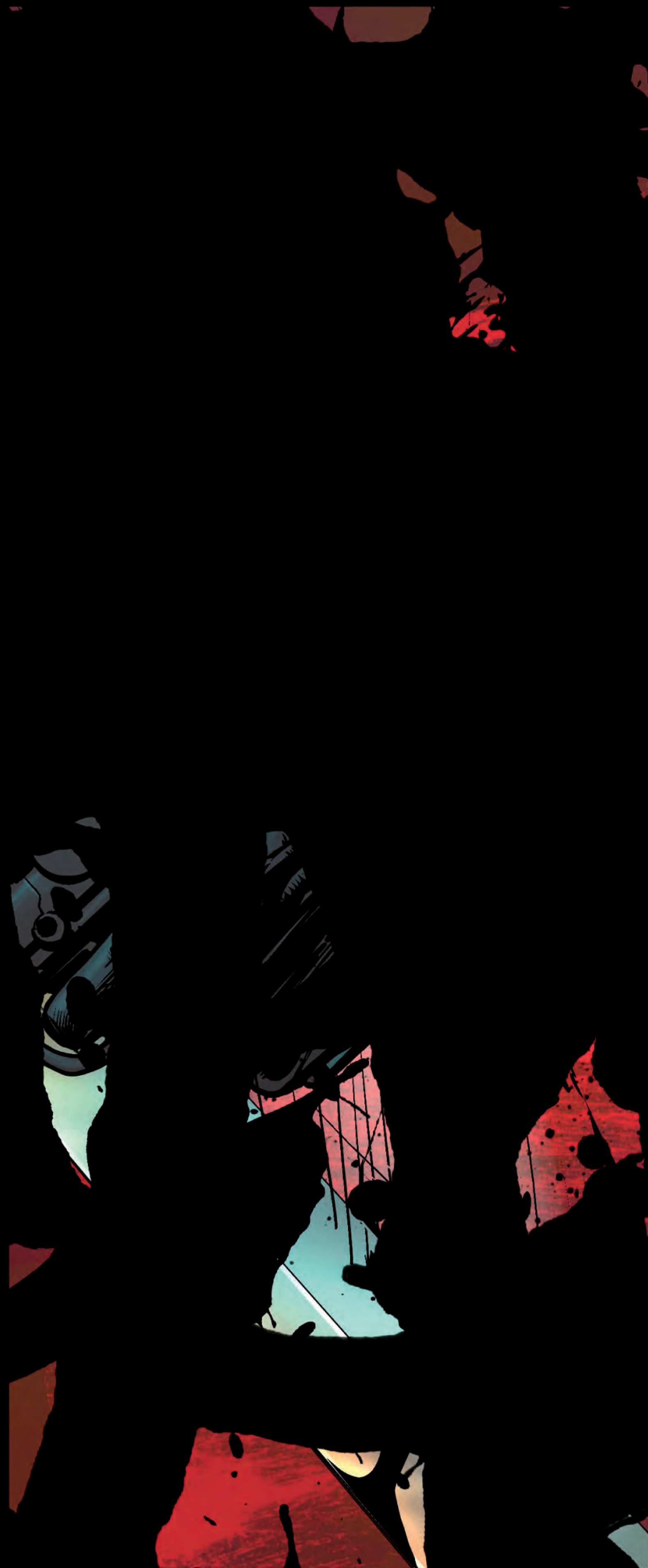














CLEAN
THE
AREA.

SCRUB ANY
SURVEILLANCE
FOOTAGE.
DELETE ANY
RECORDINGS.

MAKE CERTAIN
THAT THIS
LINHAPPENS.

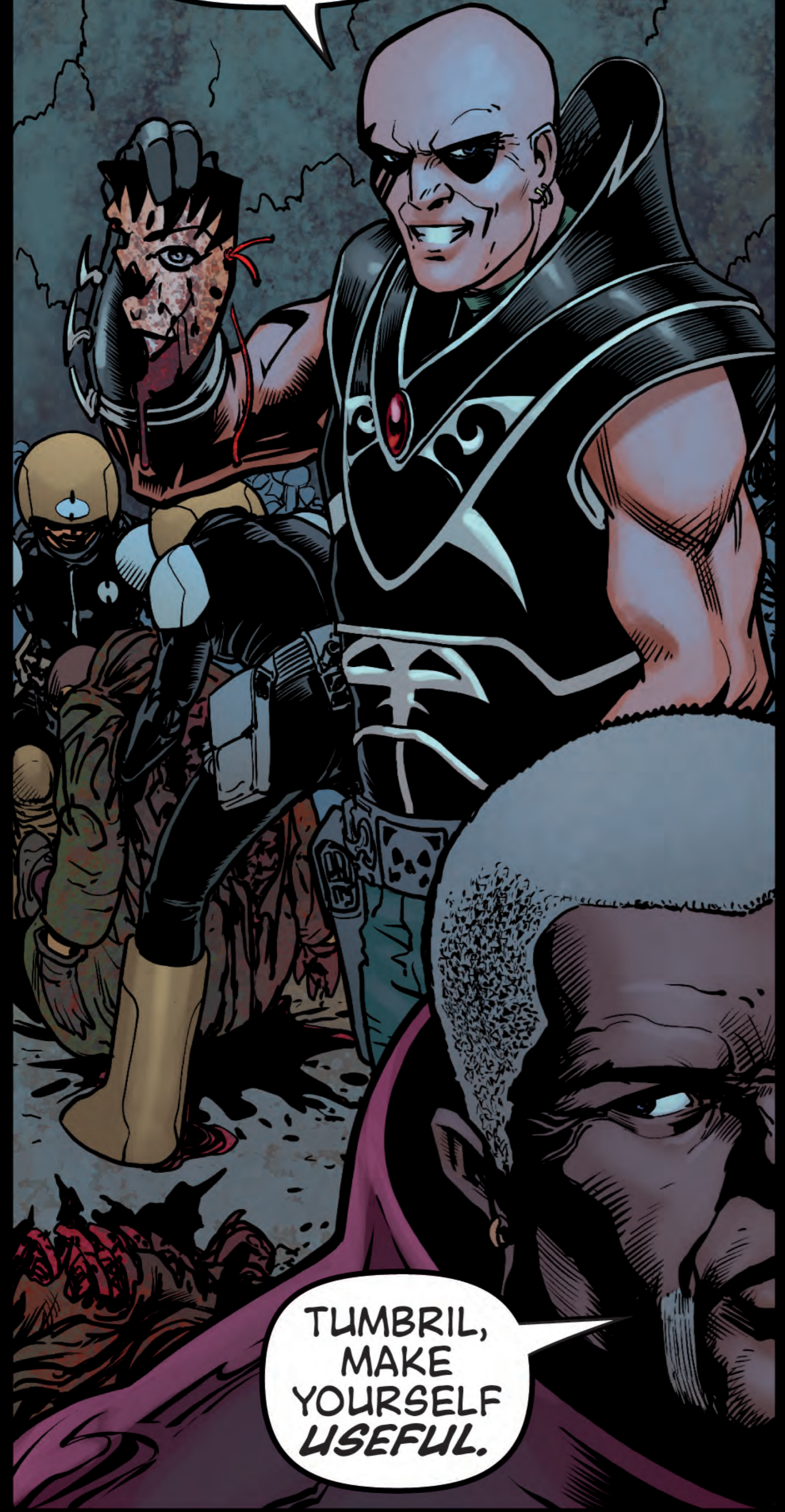
THE EMPIRE
DOES NOT
TRAFFIC IN
MARTYRS.



REMOVE THESE BODIES. INCINERATE THEM.

RIGHT AWAY, MINISTER LUCULLAN, SIR.

THIS.
THIS
PART IS JUST
SICK.
AND THAT'S
COMING FROM
ME.



TUMBRIL,
MAKE
YOURSELF
USEFUL.



'KAY. THIS ONE'S
RELATIVELY
INTACT.

I'M GONNA
TAKE IT BACK TO
MY...*WORKROOM*
TO SEE IF IT
HOLDS ANY
CLUES.

OR, FAILING
THAT, TELL MY
FORTUNE
FROM ITS
ENTRAILS.





XANNA?

THE *REBELS* ARE THE VERY DEFINITION OF *RAGTAG*. WHERE DID THEY FIND ORDNANCE THAT COULD COME THAT CLOSE TO HARMING YOU?

YOU'RE THE WEAPONS EXPERT.



COLLECT EVERY FRAGMENT OF THAT GRENADE. HAVE IT ANALYZED. AND FOLLOW UP ON A NAME ONE OF THE REBELS MENTIONED:

"*RASKELON.*"

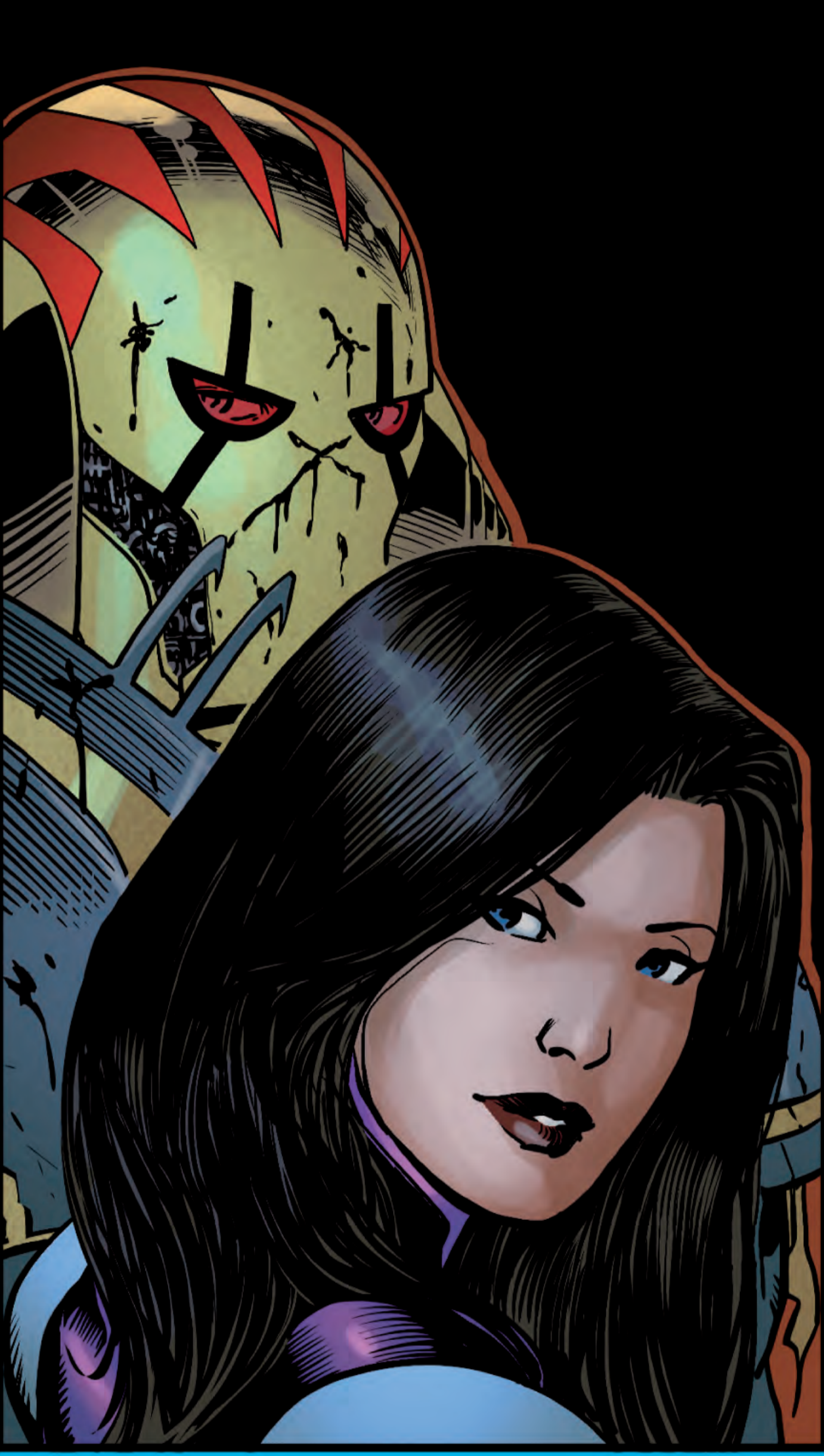


GRIEZE, WITH REGARD TO ANY *SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE* OF THIS MASSACRE: I'VE RECONSIDERED.

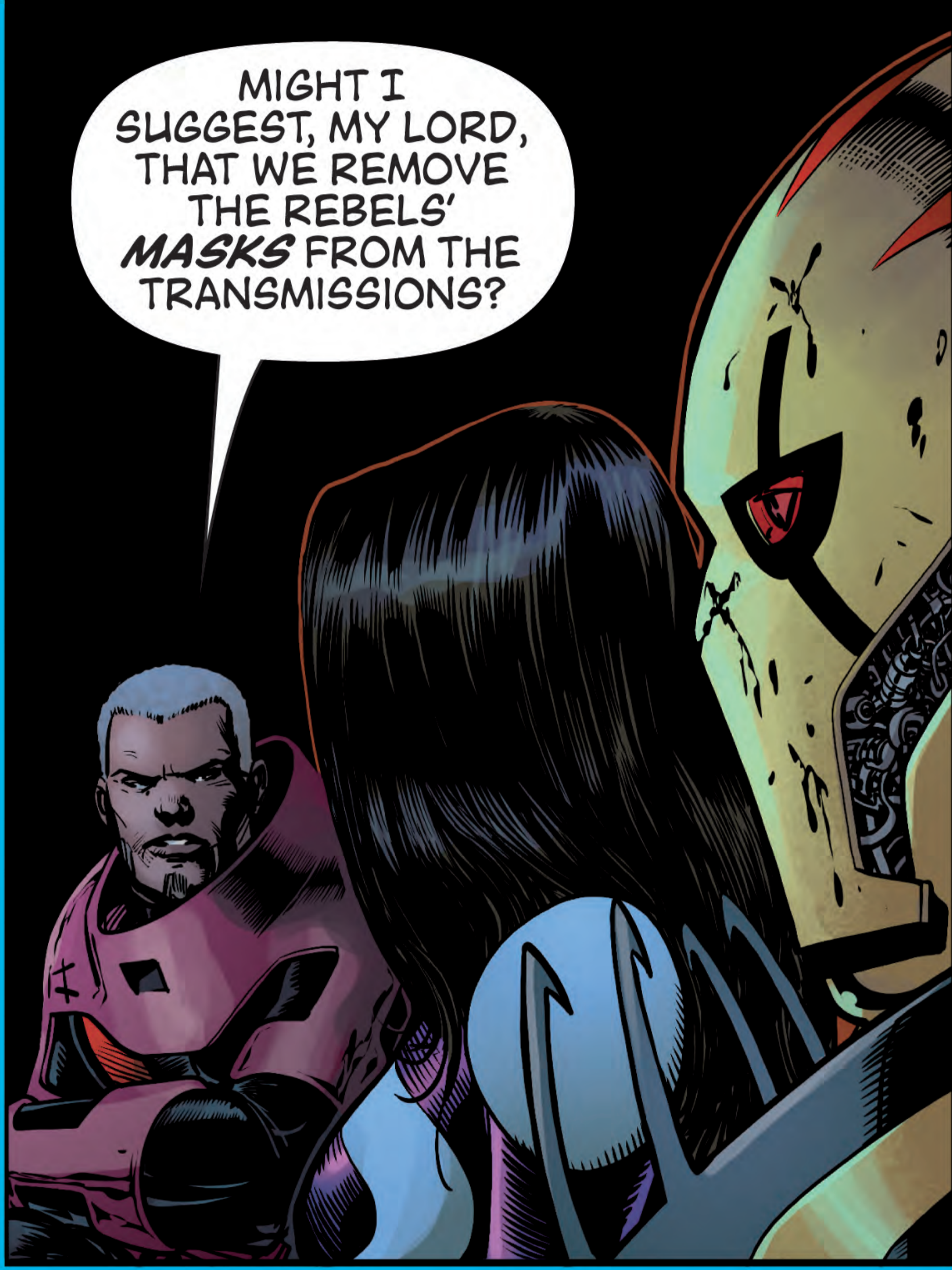
HAVE IT SIMULCAST *WORLDWIDE*. COORDINATE WITH OUR NEW MINISTER OF *COMMUNICATIONS* TO MESSAGE ITS *FUTILITY*.

CONSIDER IT DONE.

GRIEZE,
WAIT.



MIGHT I
SUGGEST, MY LORD,
THAT WE REMOVE
THE REBELS'
MASKS FROM THE
TRANSMISSIONS?





LORD?





REMOVE
THE
MASKS.







WAS IT JUST ME,
OR DID HE SOUND...
I DON'T KNOW,
UNCHARACTERISTICALLY
INDECISIVE?

*CAREFUL. YOU'RE
FLIRTING WITH TREASON
JUST ASKING THE
QUESTION.*

DO NOT MISTAKE
FLEXIBILITY FOR
WEAKNESS, GRIEZE.
DESPITE THE LOSS OF HIS
DAUGHTER, GOLGOTH IS
AS STRONG AS HE HAS
EVER BEEN. HE *HAS* TO
BE. FOR HE KNOWS IF
HE IS *NOT...*

"...THE ENTIRE *EMPIRE*
WILL SOON COME
CRUMBLING DOWN
AROUND US *ALL*."

