



I'VE ALWAYS TRIED TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS IN LIFE, EVEN AS A KID IN GRADE SCHOOL.



I REMEMBER HOW THE SCHOOL BULLY, LLOYD BUCKMAN, WOULD TERRORIZE THE OTHER KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD UNTIL HE MADE A BAD MISTAKE AND PICKED ON - **HER**.

KATHERINE (KAT FOR SHORT) TURNER, THE LOVE OF MY LIFE SINCE WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



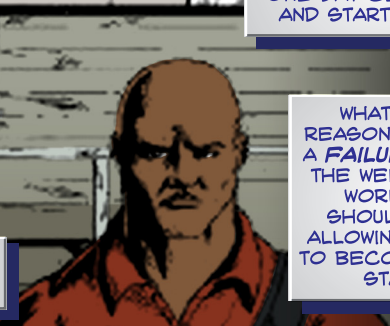
TWO THINGS WERE INEVITABLE SINCE I WAS A CHILD: 1) I WOULD BECOME A FIREMAN, AND 2) THAT KAT & I WOULD ONE DAY GET MARRIED AND START A FAMILY.

JUST AS INEVITABLE WAS THE BIRTH OF OUR TWO BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN - KENDRICK AND JHANE...AND OUR DIVORCE!



WHATEVER THE REASON, I FELT LIKE A **FAILURE** THAT HAD THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON MY SHOULDERS FOR ALLOWING MY FAMILY TO BECOME ANOTHER STATISTIC.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN THAT WE WERE MARRIED TOO YOUNG OR TO HEAR KAT TELL IT, IT WAS MY INFIDELITY DUE TO AN ALCOHOL-FUELED LIFESTYLE THAT SEALED THE DEAL.

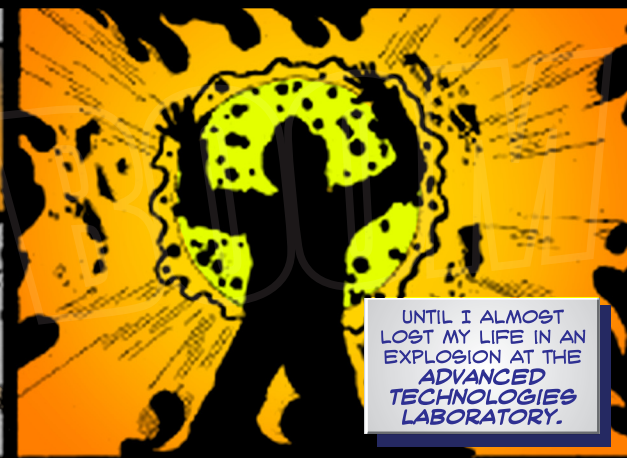


SO TO FILL THE VOID OF LOSING MY FAMILY DUE TO MY OWN FOOLISH ACTIONS, I DID WHAT ANY SELF-LOATHING AND DOWN ON HIS LUCK GUY WOULD DO...

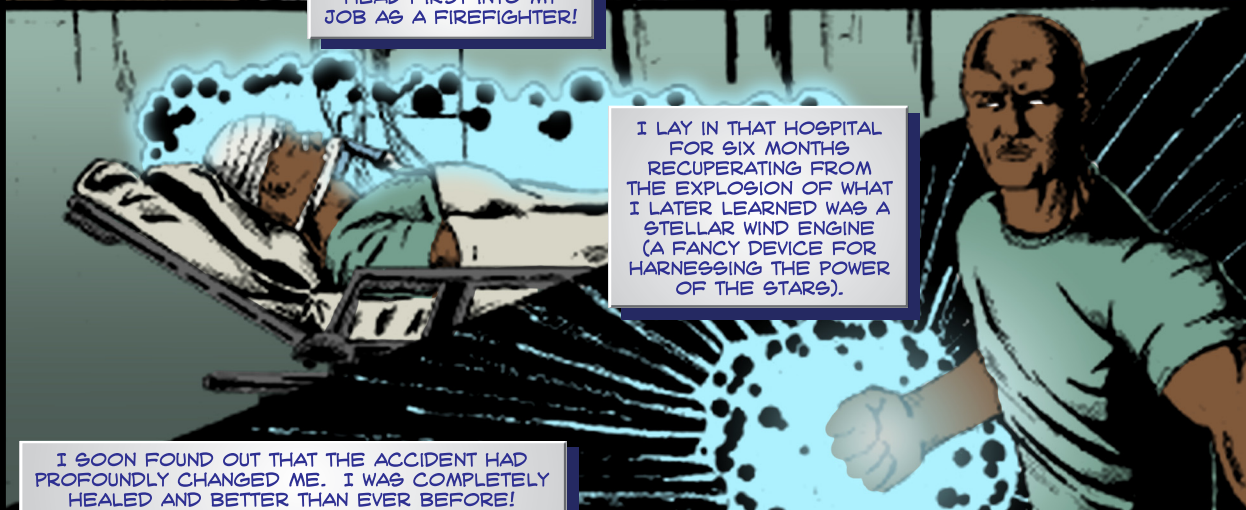


I RECKLESSLY DOVE HEAD FIRST INTO MY JOB AS A FIREFIGHTER!

UNTIL I ALMOST LOST MY LIFE IN AN EXPLOSION AT THE **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES LABORATORY**.



I LAY IN THAT HOSPITAL FOR SIX MONTHS RECUPERATING FROM THE EXPLOSION OF WHAT I LATER LEARNED WAS A STELLAR WIND ENGINE (A FANCY DEVICE FOR HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE STARS).



I SOON FOUND OUT THAT THE ACCIDENT HAD PROFOUNDLY CHANGED ME. I WAS COMPLETELY HEALED AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!



I FOUND MYSELF ENDOWED WITH ULTRA-HUMAN ABILITIES SUCH AS VAST STRENGTH, SPEED, ENDURANCE, RESISTANCE TO INJURY AND FLIGHT.



SO I DID WHAT ANY RATIONAL ADULT IN MY POSITION WOULD DO - I BECAME THE WORLD'S FIRST SUPERHERO!

I WANTED TO HELP OTHERS WITH MY ABILITIES AND THAT IS JUST WHAT I DID.

**TITAN** WAS BORN THAT DAY!

NO MATTER WHEREVER OR WHENEVER, TITAN WAS THERE TO HELP OUT.





**T** IT WAS THEN THAT EVERYTHING TURNED COMPLETELY UPSIDE DOWN AND **HELL** LITERALLY CAME TO EARTH! SOMEHOW THE BARRIER BETWEEN THE TWO REALMS WAS SHATTERED AND THE DEMON HORDES SPILLED OVER INTO OUR DIMENSION.

I HAD THE DISPLEASURE OF FACING OFF WITH **OMEN**, A VERY POWERFUL DEMON AND ONE OF **HELL'S** RULING HIERARCHY WHO ARE KNOWN AS **THE FALLEN**. **OMEN** WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF 29 PEOPLE INCLUDING MY ENTIRE CREW OF FIREFIGHTERS.

MY BATTLE WITH **OMEN** DECIMATED **SKY CITY**. IF NOT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF **SAVIOR**, THE DAMAGE WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE.

**SAVIOR** IS THE SUPREMELY POWERFUL FUSION OF MAN AND THE HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTED ON EARTH. HIS POWER WAS ENOUGH TO END THE BATTLE AND FORCE **OMEN** TO RETREAT.

**LUCIFER MORNINGSTAR!**  
THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL OF THE **FALLEN ANGELS**

**LUCIFER** EVEN UNLEASHED HIS BROTHER AND FELLOW **FALLEN ANGEL SATAN** (NOW A GIANT BEAST) UPON THE EARTH'S INHABITANTS.

IN THE ENSUING BATTLE, THE WORLD'S SUPER POWERED POPULATION FOUGHT BACK THE DEMON HORDE AND I BATTLED **LUCIFER** ONE-ON-ONE!

IT TURNS OUT THAT **SAVIOR** WAS ON A RECRUITMENT DRIVE AND I WAS HIS FIRST STOP. **SAVIOR** NEEDED MY HELP IN GATHERING A GROUP OF HUMANS KNOWN AS **THE ELITE** THAT WERE PROPHEZIZED TO DEFEAT THE GREATEST EVIL KNOWN TO MANKIND...

I **FAILED**...BUT THE FORCES OF LIGHT DID STILL MANAGE TO DEFEAT **LUCIFER**, SEND THE DEMONS BACK TO **HELL** AND RESEAL THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIER.

THAT BATTLE SHOWED ME THAT TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED AND THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU GET KNOCKED DOWN - JUST THAT YOU GET BACK UP.

I DON'T PLAN ON GETTING KNOCKED DOWN ANYMORE. FROM NOW ON, I'M ON THE COME UP!

WITH EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE GONE THROUGH LATELY, THIS IS DEFINITELY THE HARDEST THING I HAVE EVER DONE.

I MAY AS WELL GET IT OVER WITH.



# TITAN

THE ULTRA MAN

IN

# CLASH WITH THE TITAN

THE BATTLE  
OF THE CENTURY!

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PRESENTING  
**LEGEND**

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST  
SUPERMAN!

A HERO CREATED OVER  
80 YEARS AGO WHO HAS  
SPENT HIS LIFE FIGHTING  
FOR AMERICA'S IDEALS!

AND IN THIS CORNER,  
**TITAN THE ULTRA MAN** -  
EARTH'S MOST POWERFUL  
SUPERHERO!

CREATED BY SCIENCE,  
THIS MODERN DAY MARVEL  
USES HIS ABILITIES TO  
PROTECT THE POPULACE  
OF SKY CITY!

BUT BEFORE WE WITNESS THESE MODERN GLADIATORS CLASH  
HEAD-TO-HEAD, WE NEED TO FIRST SEE HOW THESE HEROIC  
GUARDIANS OF GOOD CAME TO BE LOCKED IN SUCH FIERCE  
COMBAT WITH ONE ANOTHER. SO POWERFUL ARE THESE HEROES  
THAT IF NOT STOPPED, THEY COULD DESTROY THE ENTIRE PLANET!





I AM  
FINALLY  
FREE!!

FOR  
MONTHS NOW,  
I HAVE LANGUISHED  
IN THAT SENSORY  
DEPRIVATION STASIS  
CHAMBER BUT NO  
LONGER!

NOW THAT I  
HAVE BEEN RELEASED,  
I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE  
ON THE ONE WHO PLACED  
ME IN THAT WRETCHED  
PRISON!

HA, HA!  
HA,

WHO IS THIS  
MYSTERIOUS  
FIGURE AND WHAT  
ROLE WILL THEY  
COME TO PLAY IN  
OUR STORY?  
WE WILL FIND OUT  
MORE SOON!





ANOTHER DAY,  
ANOTHER INFERNO  
SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHED  
BY "SKY CITY'S FINEST".

LOOK OUT,  
THAT BUILDING  
IS COMING  
DOWN!!

MEANWHILE, WE MOVE TO THE DEVASTATED DOWNTOWN AREA  
OF SKY CITY WHERE EFFORTS TO REBUILD ARE TAKING PLACE  
AFTER THE DEMONIC INVASION KNOWN TO THE POPULACE  
OF EARTH AS "THE DEMON WAR".

FIREFIGHTER MARCUS CAMERON HAS JUST SUCCESSFULLY  
BATTLED A FOUR ALARM BLAZE IN THAT VICINITY.

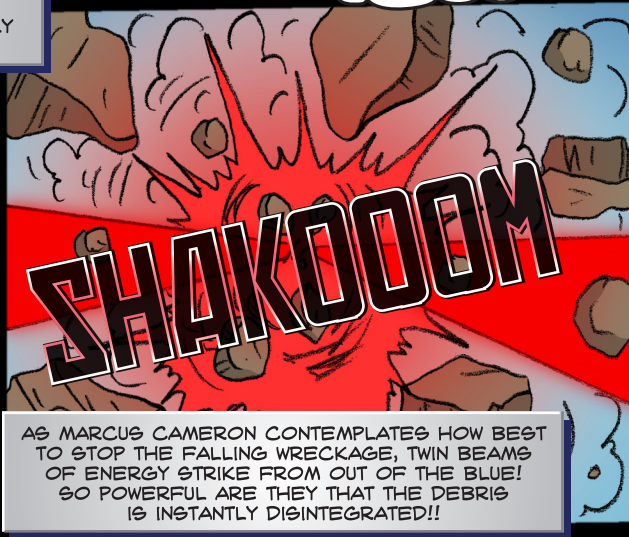


THE HEAT  
FROM THE FIRE  
MUST HAVE FURTHER  
WEAKENED THAT  
DAMAGED STRUCTURE  
AND CAUSED IT  
TO FALL!

THOSE  
PEOPLE IN THE  
PATH OF THAT MASSIVE  
PIECE OF DEBRIS WILL  
BE CRUSHED!



I'VE GOT  
TO STOP IT BEFORE  
THEY ARE CRUSHED  
BUT HOW CAN I SLIP AWAY  
WITHOUT BLOWING MY  
SECRET IDENTITY  
AS TITAN?



AS MARCUS CAMERON CONTEMPLATES HOW BEST  
TO STOP THE FALLING WRECKAGE, TWIN BEAMS  
OF ENERGY STRIKE FROM OUT OF THE BLUE!  
SO POWERFUL ARE THEY THAT THE DEBRIS  
IS INSTANTLY DISINTEGRATED!!



TITAN,  
WE NEED  
TO TALK!



WHAT?!  
LEGEND?!!





THERE  
BETTER BE A DAMN GOOD  
REASON WHY YOU WOULD SHOW  
UP HERE AND OUT MY SECRET  
IDENTITY IN PUBLIC  
LIKE THAT!!

YOU NEED  
NOT WORRY  
ABOUT YOUR  
IDENTITY.

I PLACED THE  
SURROUNDING CITIZENS IN  
TEMPORARY STASIS BEFORE I  
APPROACHED YOU BUT BECAUSE  
OF YOUR UNIQUE ENERGIZED  
FORM YOU WERE NOT  
AFFECTED.

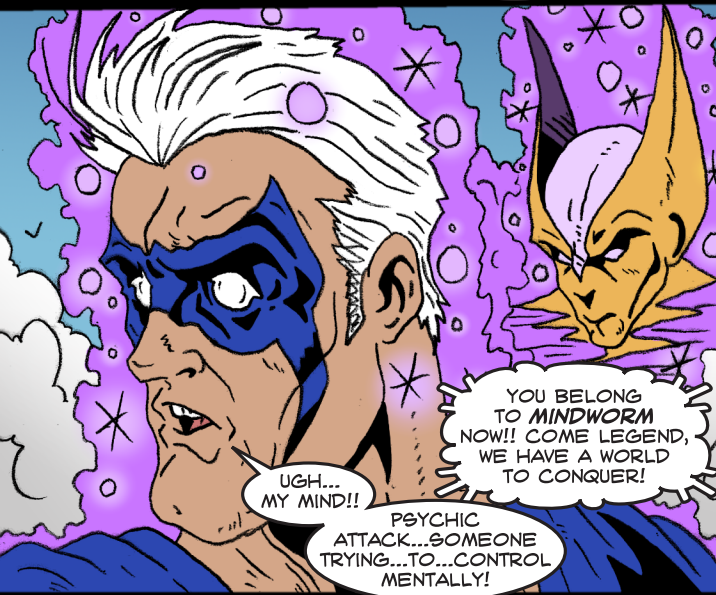
I NEED  
YOUR HELP,  
TITAN.



FINALLY!

I KNEW  
MY ESCAPE FROM  
**HOMELAND** CUSTODY  
WOULD BRING LEGEND  
RUNNING TO SUBDUE ME.  
UNFORTUNATELY FOR HIM,  
MY MENTAL POWERS  
HAVE INCREASED  
TENFOLD!

I PLANNED  
FOR THIS SCENARIO  
AND WILL MAKE LEGEND  
MY THRALL!



UGH...  
MY MIND!!

PSYCHIC  
ATTACK...SOMEONE  
TRYING...TO...CONTROL  
MENTALLY!

YOU BELONG  
TO **MINDWORM**  
NOW!! COME LEGEND,  
WE HAVE A WORLD  
TO CONQUER!



ARE  
YOU CRAZY?!

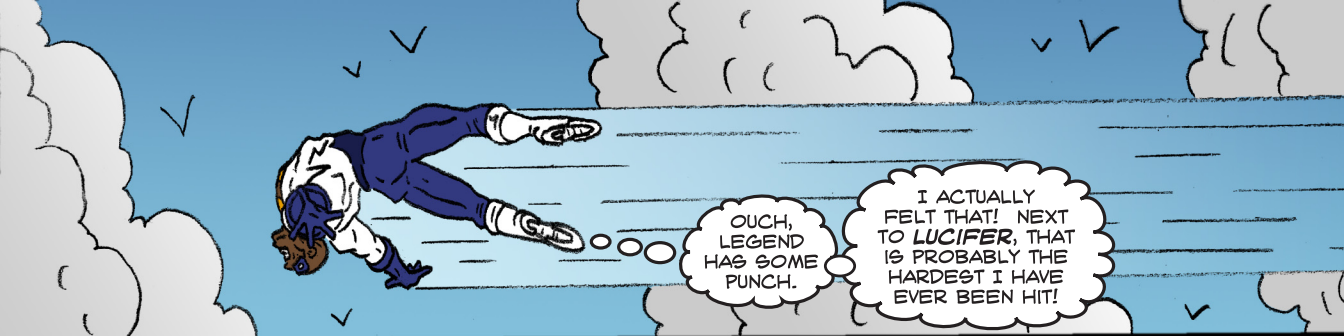
FIRST, YOU ALMOST  
EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY,  
NOW YOU THROW SOME "SUPER FIT"  
AND TRY TO FLY OFF.

I NEED  
MORE OF AN  
EXPLANATION FOR YOUR  
BEHAVIOR BEFORE  
I LET YOU JUST  
FLY AWAY.



DO NOT...  
PULL...ON MY  
CAPE!!





OUCH, LEGEND HAS SOME PUNCH.

I ACTUALLY FELT THAT! NEXT TO **LUCIFER**, THAT IS PROBABLY THE HARDEST I HAVE EVER BEEN HIT!



OOMPH!

ALRIGHT LEGEND, YOU GOT IN THE FIRST PUNCH BUT NOW IT'S MY TURN!



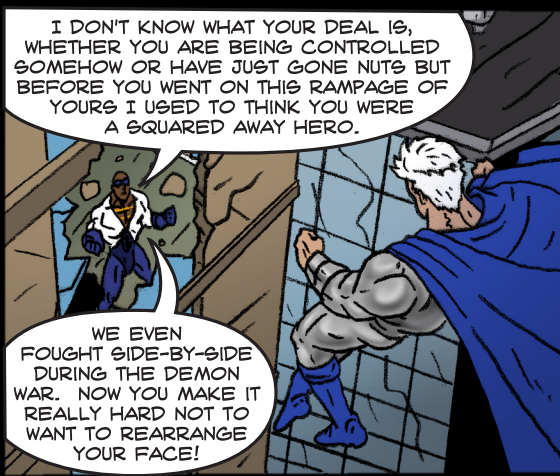
THIS BATTLE WITH LEGEND IS GETTING OUT OF HAND, I HAVE TO STOP HIM BEFORE ANYONE GETS HURT.



IS EVERYONE OKAY?

YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF THAT QUESTION. LEGEND IS REALLY UNLOADING ON YOU!

JUST STAY BACK AND GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF LEGEND!

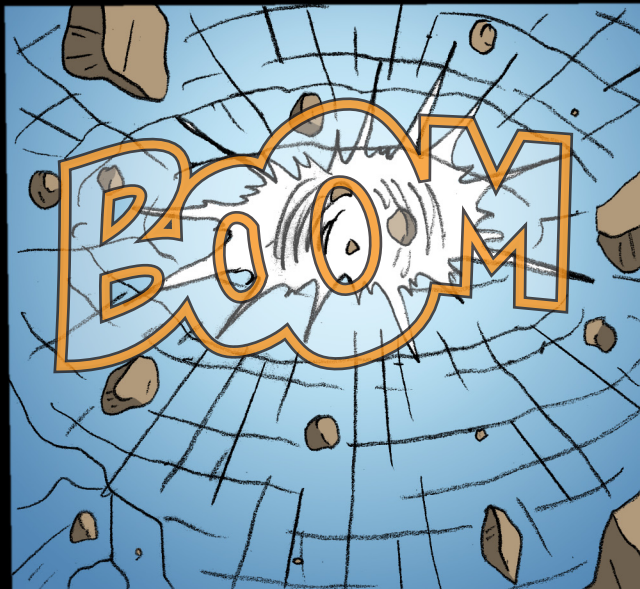


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR DEAL IS, WHETHER YOU ARE BEING CONTROLLED SOMEHOW OR HAVE JUST GONE NUTS BUT BEFORE YOU WENT ON THIS RAMPAGE OF YOURS I USED TO THINK YOU WERE A SQUARED AWAY HERO.

WE EVEN FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE DURING THE DEMON WAR. NOW YOU MAKE IT REALLY HARD NOT TO WANT TO REARRANGE YOUR FACE!



AS IF ON CUE, THE TWIN POWERHOUSES LAUNCH THEMSELVES AT ONE ANOTHER AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEEDS!







"ULTRA" OR NOT YOU ARE STILL ONLY A MAN, TITAN.

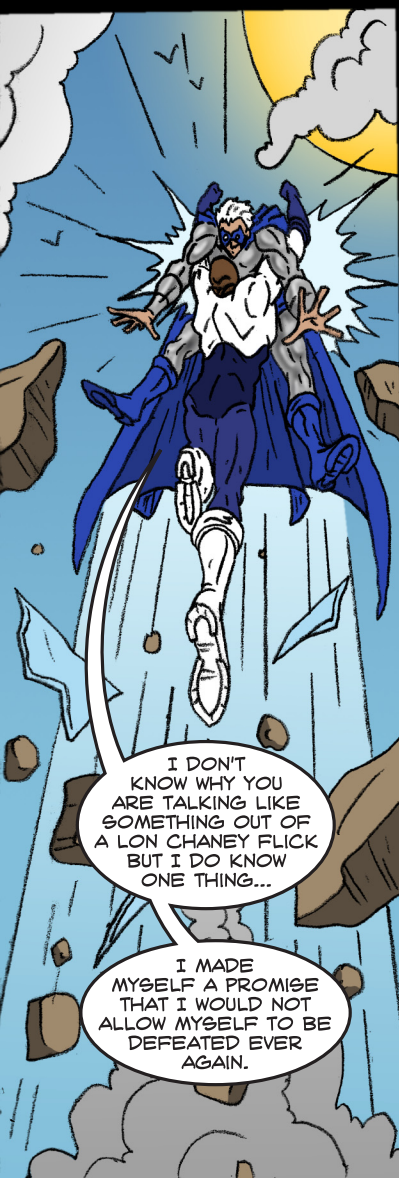
WHILE I ON THE OTHER HAND AM SO MUCH MORE!

KKRAK



NEITHER YOU NOR THE OTHER HUMANS KNOW THE TRUE POWER THAT I NOW POSSESS.

SHABOOM



I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU ARE TALKING LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A LON CHANEY FLICK BUT I DO KNOW ONE THING...

I MADE MYSELF A PROMISE THAT I WOULD NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO BE DEFEATED EVER AGAIN.



WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS THAT I'M TIRED OF BEING EVERYONE'S WHIPPING BOY... IT ENDS NOW!!

NOW THE KID GLOVES ARE OFF! LET'S GO!!

WAM



I...AM... LEGEND!

KA-CHUK



NO, YOU'RE HISTORY! YOU HIT ME WITH A GARBAGE TRUCK?! WITH THE DAY I'M HAVING, YOU ARE PROVIDING ME WITH JUST THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO CUT LOOSE AND TO RELEASE SOME PENT-UP AGGRESSION.

LET'S SEE JUST HOW MUCH STRESS I CAN GET RID OF!





TITAN'S JAW-JARRING PUNCH IS SO POWERFUL THAT NOT ONLY DOES HE PHYSICALLY RENDER LEGEND UNCONSCIOUS BUT CREATES A MASSIVE PSYCHIC FEEDBACK THAT TOTALLY INCAPACITATES MINDWORM!





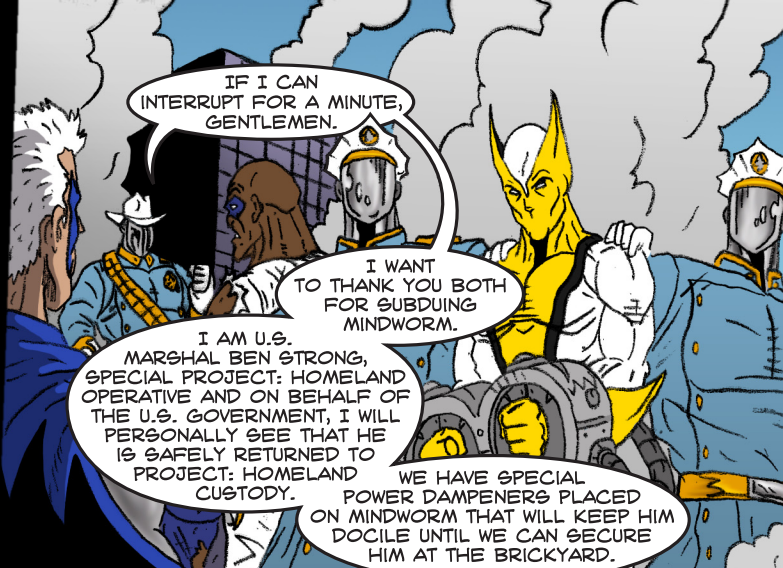


THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, I HAVE FULL CONTROL OF MY FACULTIES NOW.

GOOD WORK, TITAN. I TAKE IT YOU WERE ABLE TO STOP MINDWORM.

HOW DID YOU DEFEAT HIM?

I GUESS BY STOPPING YOU WHILE YOU WERE UNDER HIS MENTAL CONTROL WAS ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM DOWN.

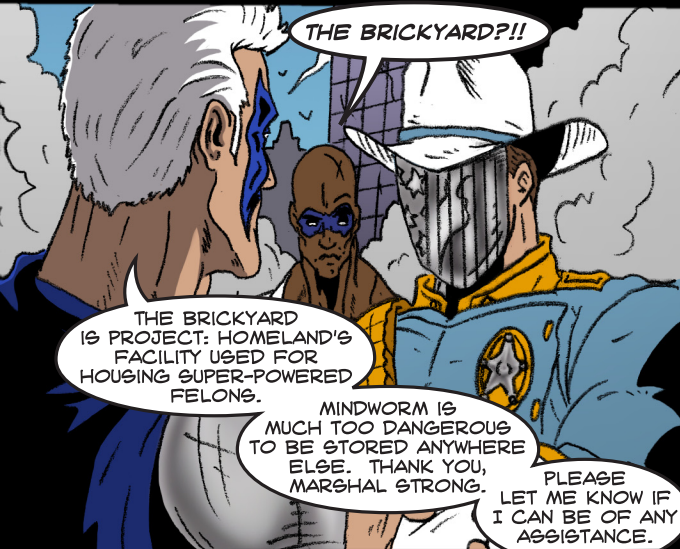


IF I CAN INTERRUPT FOR A MINUTE, GENTLEMEN.

I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR SUBDUING MINDWORM.

I AM U.S. MARSHAL BEN STRONG, SPECIAL PROJECT: HOMELAND OPERATIVE AND ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, I WILL PERSONALLY SEE THAT HE IS SAFELY RETURNED TO PROJECT: HOMELAND CUSTODY.

WE HAVE SPECIAL POWER DAMPENERS PLACED ON MINDWORM THAT WILL KEEP HIM DOCILE UNTIL WE CAN SECURE HIM AT THE BRICKYARD.



THE BRICKYARD?!!

THE BRICKYARD IS PROJECT: HOMELAND'S FACILITY USED FOR HOUSING SUPER-POWERED FELONS.

MINDWORM IS MUCH TOO DANGEROUS TO BE STORED ANYWHERE ELSE. THANK YOU, MARSHAL STRONG.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE.

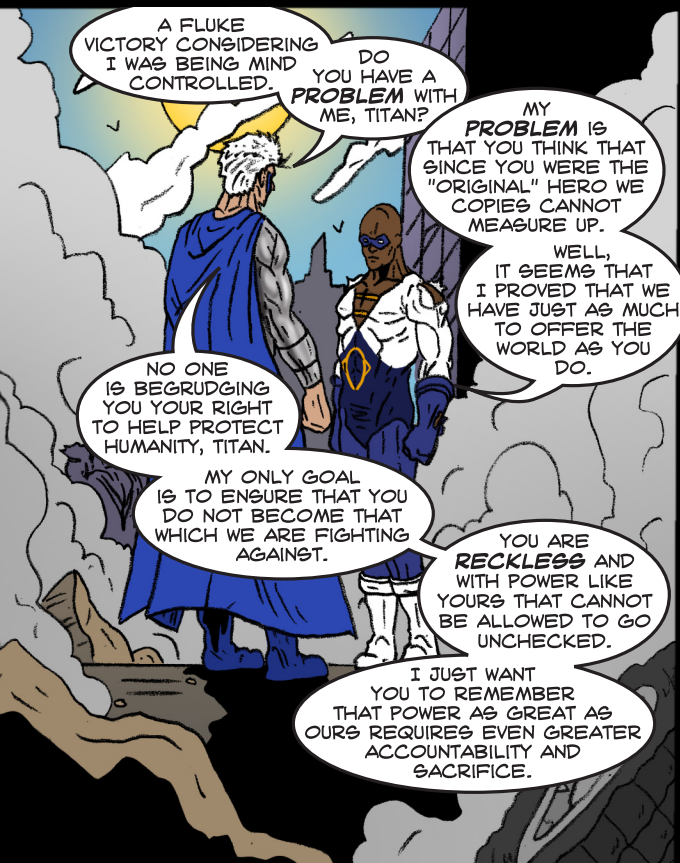


I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, BUT HOMELAND CAN HANDLE IT FROM HERE.

HMMPH, I THINK YOU MAY HAVE KNOCKED OUT A TOOTH.

JUST HOW POWERFUL ARE YOU?!

POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HAVE STOPPED YOU DEAD IN YOUR TRACKS!



A FLUKE VICTORY CONSIDERING I WAS BEING MIND CONTROLLED.

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME, TITAN?

MY PROBLEM IS THAT YOU THINK THAT SINCE YOU WERE THE "ORIGINAL" HERO WE COPIES CANNOT MEASURE UP.

WELL, IT SEEMS THAT I PROVED THAT WE HAVE JUST AS MUCH TO OFFER THE WORLD AS YOU DO.

NO ONE IS BEGRUDGING YOU YOUR RIGHT TO HELP PROTECT HUMANITY, TITAN.

MY ONLY GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT YOU DO NOT BECOME THAT WHICH WE ARE FIGHTING AGAINST.

YOU ARE RECKLESS AND WITH POWER LIKE YOURS THAT CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO GO UNCHECKED.

I JUST WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT POWER AS GREAT AS OURS REQUIRES EVEN GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND SACRIFICE.



POINT TAKEN, LEGEND. WHILE WE MAY NOT LIKE EACH OTHER VERY MUCH, AT LEAST WE CAN RESPECT THE OTHER'S POINT OF VIEW.

AGREE TO DISAGREE THEN.

YOU CAN LET GO OF MY HAND NOW.

YOU FIRST!

I INSIST, YOU FIRST!

THE END





Welcome to our first TITAN-ic letters page! This page will serve to chronicle fan response (good, bad or indifferent) to the Man of Might's story.

Before I begin, I would like to thank those that paved the way for us to bring to you the adventures of **Titan, the Ultra Man**. All have made comic book history and are personal heroes of mine - Stan Lee, the late Dwayne McDuffie, Milestone Media, Tony Isabella and the founders of Image Comics. I would also like to thank Christopher Priest, the great ChrisCross and Joe Illidge for the knowledge and kind words they imparted with me.

Titan is the story of a "flawed" superhero learning to come to grips with being the most powerful man on the planet. As seen by this issue, Titan has just come to terms with the burdens of true heroism (you know the whole "with great power comes great responsibility" thing) as he attempts to change the harsh world around him. Titan's alter ego, Marcus Cameron is a regular guy dealing with regular problems and issues (family, job, relationships, etc). He is struggling to do the right thing with his powers by helping others while trying to escape the trappings/accolades that come with these powers and being "the world's hero". Titan is the most popular man in the world, anything he wants is at his feet - women, money, etc. We will explore what it means for a man to gain the world and to lose his soul and Titan's redemption/emergence as a true hero.

There will be plenty of superheroics along the way as Titan faces off against The Brain Trust (seen in this very issue), Mauler, Black Diamond, Scramble, Terminal and others. Titan will also be making the rounds around the Advent Universe and can be seen regularly in **The Regulators #1**, the superteam comprised of "Earth's Mightiest Heroes" drawn by superstar artist Greg LaRocque (of DC's Flash & Legion of Super Heroes fame). He will also appear in **STREETZ**, a very powerful series coming soon from Advent Comics and a couple of very special upcoming appearances that I cannot announce yet. Titan is blowing up and 2012-2013 belongs to the Man of Might! I hope you will stay with us for the wild ride yet to come!

- Tony Kittrell

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## Here are some of the comments from our Facebook page following a 4-page preview:

"Sounds awesome, love the character."

Ricky Wyatt: "Looks good!"

Luis M. Cruz: "Looks Hot."

Austin L. Brooks: "Here, here - Looks great! Titan shall be Ultra amazing, just for starters."

Nigel Flood: "Looks great, Advent Comics has an awesome comic universe!"

Vance Capley: "This is fantastic. Looking forward to more."

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