



So, if that was Cole Cash, he's not working with Skywatch.

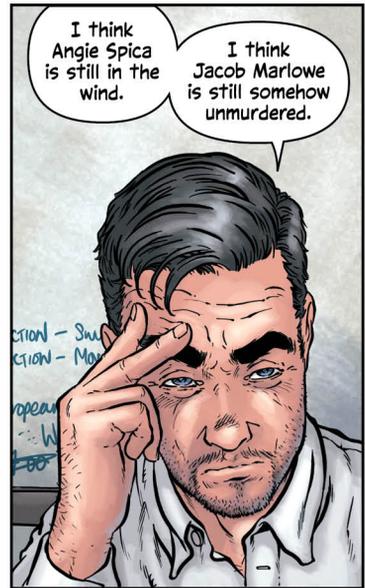


They have no files on him. And the woman in the flight suit? She was a Skywatch test pilot who died years ago.

I don't think the wild CAT is a Skywatch operation. I think it's something else.



You know what I think, Jackie?



I think Angie Spica is still in the wind.

I think Jacob Marlowe is still somehow unmurdered.



I think we visited punishment on Skywatch Ground Division and STILL lost two CATs.

I think Michael Cray is on the west coast under Ground Division's protection when I wanted him taken off the board.

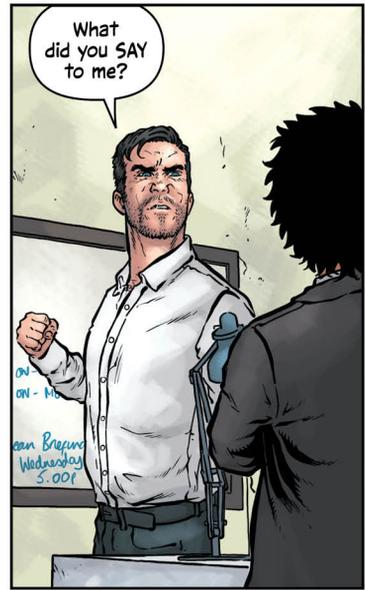


I think one of my stations got hacked. I think one of my stations got turned to dust from orbit.

You know what I think, Jackie? I think I'm not winning. Why is that, Jackie?

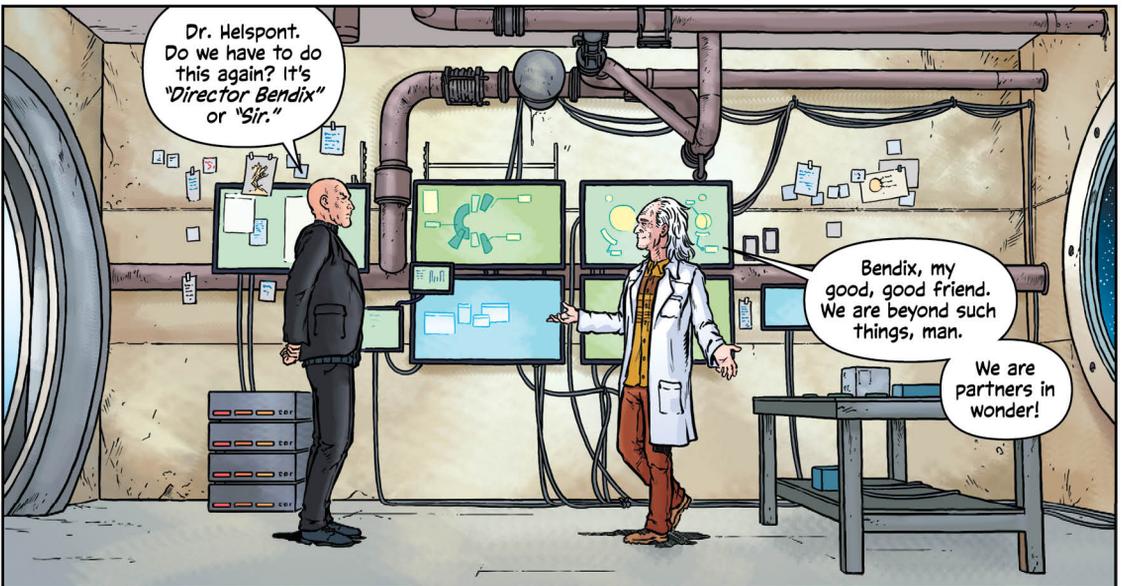
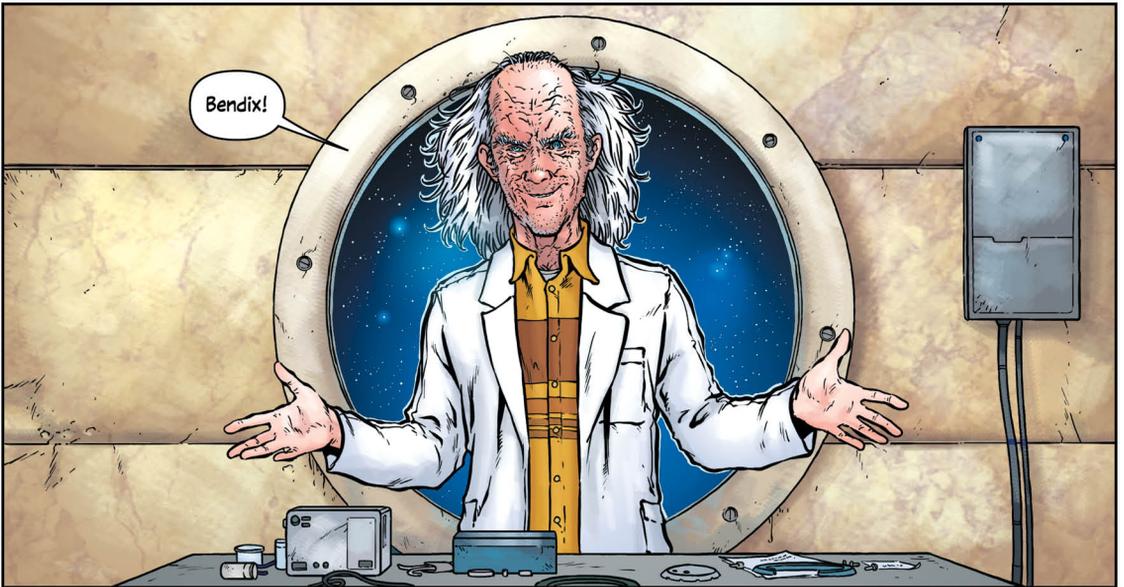


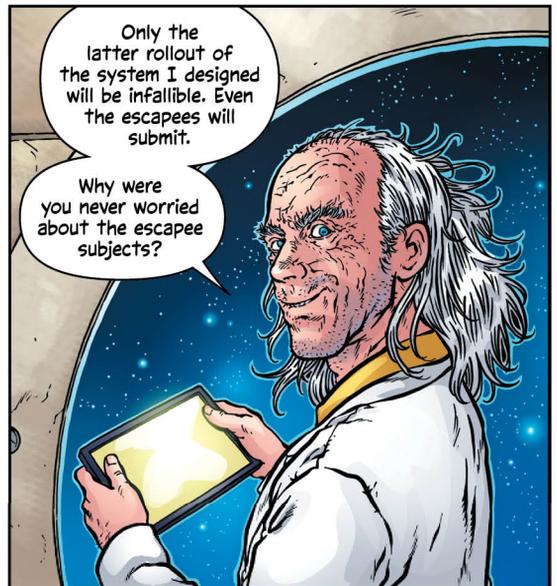
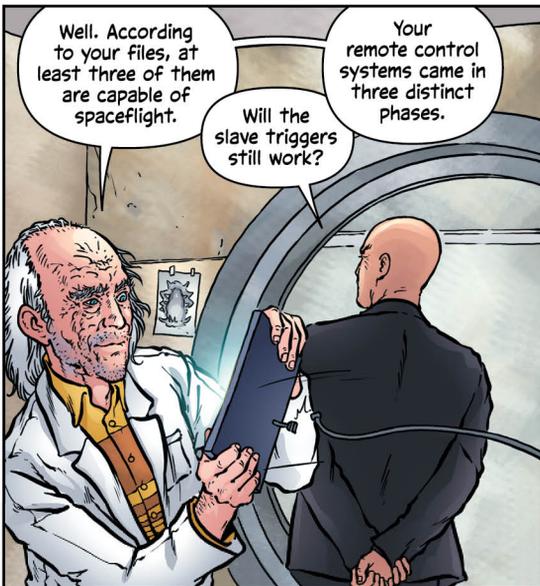
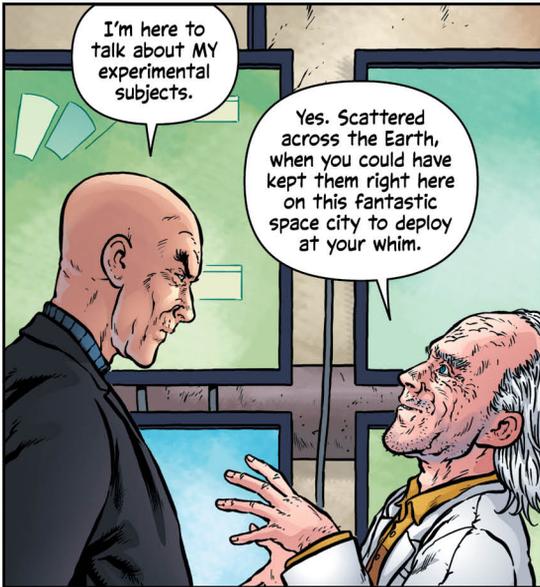
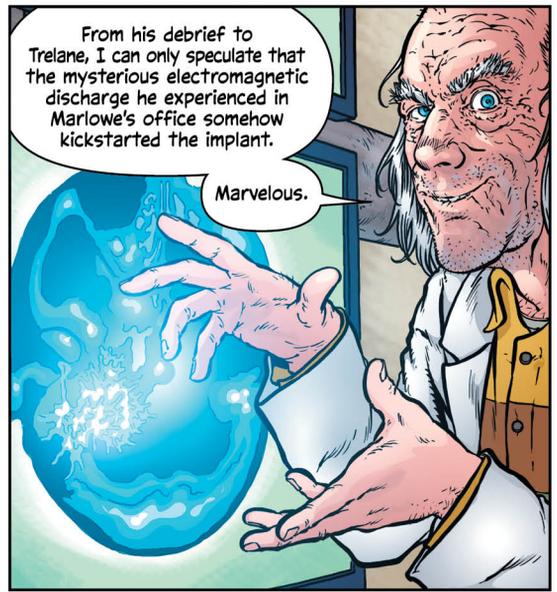
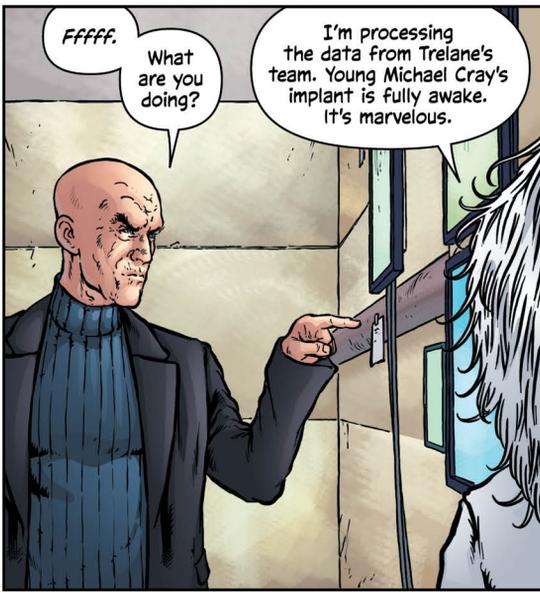
It's because you're weak, Miles.

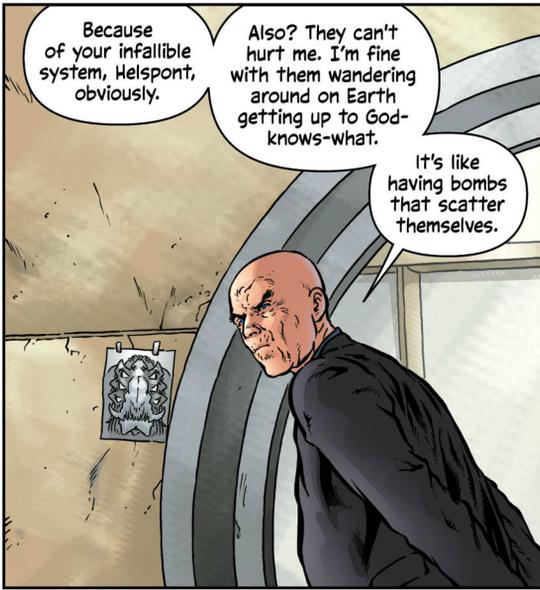


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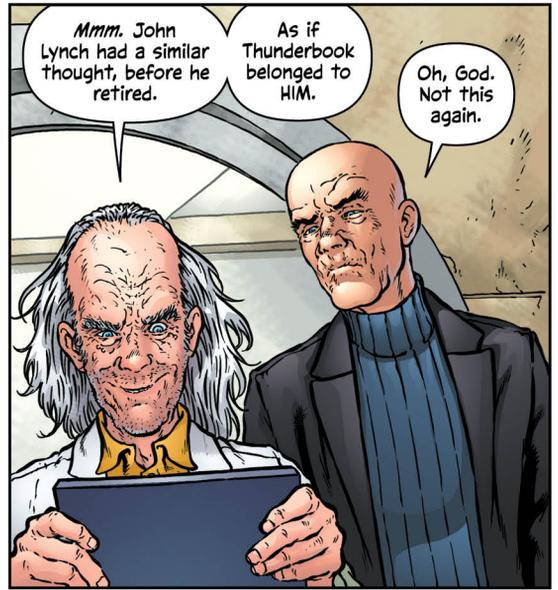




Because of your infallible system, Hespont, obviously.

Also? They can't hurt me. I'm fine with them wandering around on Earth getting up to God-knows-what.

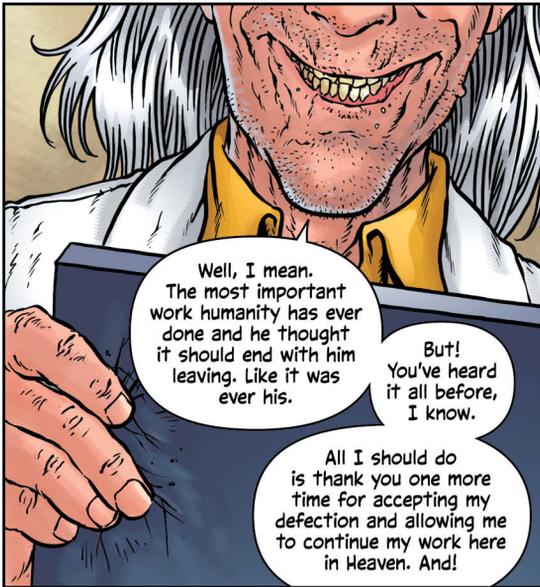
It's like having bombs that scatter themselves.



Mmm. John Lynch had a similar thought, before he retired.

As if Thunderbook belonged to HIM.

Oh, God. Not this again.



Well, I mean. The most important work humanity has ever done and he thought it should end with him leaving. Like it was ever his.

But! You've heard it all before, I know.

All I should do is thank you one more time for accepting my defection and allowing me to continue my work here in Heaven. And!



Your original control circuits were terrible.

Some of them will burn out, misfire, and cause neural damage.

This will likely induce uncontrollable violence in the subjects.



The follow-up neurochemical gateways will likely work, but they're simple. Specific guidance of the subjects may fail.



MY implants will work perfectly, and they can receive up to twenty lines of code.

Everything in Heaven is fine, Bendix.