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THE STRING DIVERS REGROUP AFTER A DISASTROUS MISSION. A NEW TEAM IS ASSEMBLED. PLANS ARE MADE. EVERYTHING IS OKAY.



GODS, WE ARE SO SCREWED.

NO, IT'S WORSE. LISTEN TO THEM OUT THERE.

IT'S NOT THAT BAD.

IF WE GO BACK DOWN, I'M PACKING HEAT NEXT TIME.

NO, YOU'RE NOT.



-PREPOSTROUS! DAMAGE TO A DIMENSIONAL STRING LED TO THIS?!

IT DID. A RIFT. SURE CAUGHT THAT CRUISE SHIP UNAWARE.

AND ALL 1,200 LIVES, AN 1/8-INCH REDUCTION OF THE OCEAN'S WATER SUPPLY AND ALL THE SEA LIFE THEREIN, TOO!

IT'S THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT WRIT LARGE. IS WHAT IT IS. WHAT A FAILURE FOR THE PROJECT!

HEAR THAT? WE'RE A BUST.

THEY'RE UPSET BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THAT SHIP.

THEY KNOW IT'S GONE. THEY KNOW IT'S OUR FAULT.



YEP, I'M DEFINITELY BRINGING THIS SUCKER WITH ME. SMACK THOSE DAMN BUGS IN HALF.

YOU'RE NOT. BLUNT WEAPONS CAN'T SHRINK. YOU'LL BE TORN APART BY THE FORCES.

THAT'S STILL MAYBE A BETTER FATE...

"...THAN ENDING UP LIKE RED."

NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD.

THE DEATH, THE DESTRUCTION, THE CHAOS...

...WORSE EVERY TIME. EVERY TIME.

CAN'T MAKE ME GO BACK, WON'T.

DON'T T-TRY TO TALK ME OUT OF IT, SHADOW. C-CAN'T BEAR IT AGAIN.





—YOUR ROBOT TEAM ALLOWED IT. THEIR ACTIONS FAILED TO PREVENT THIS CHAIN REACTION ACROSS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS.

THEY'RE REALLY GOING AT IT IN THERE. BLAMING US FOR THE CATASTROPHE.

SO MUCH WE DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE STRINGS.

WELL, I THINK WE ALL NOW UNDERSTAND THAT ONE LESS MEANS MULTIDIMENSIONAL CHAOS, ANYWAY.

BUT WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK DOWN. SEE IF THE PROBLEM WAS LIMITED OR ONGOING.

THIS. THIS WILL WORK.

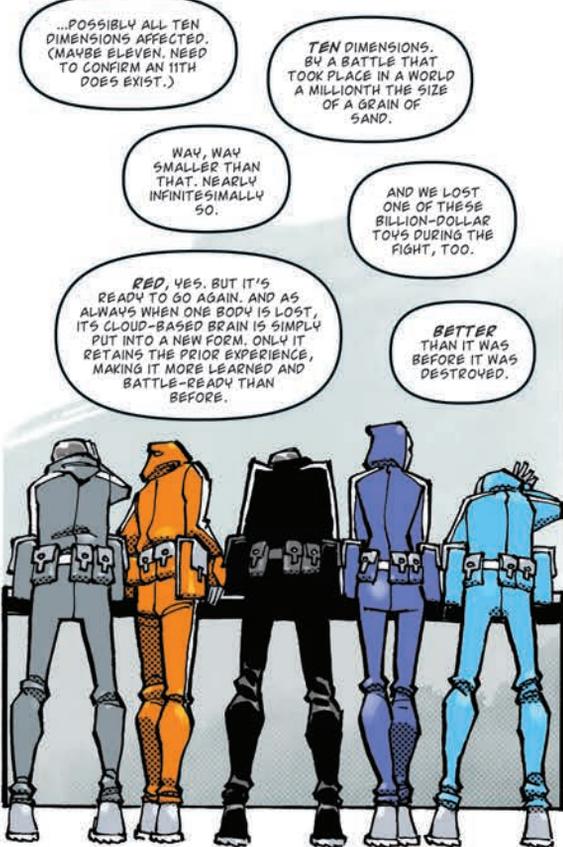


HERE, PACK THIS. IT'S GOT THE TECH TO SURVIVE THE INTERDIMENSIONAL TRAVEL, AS WE DO.

THIS... TOOTHPICK? HOW IS THIS GOING TO BE ANY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN MY FINGER?

I KNOW THINKING PAST THE END OF YOUR FISTS IS NEW, BUT TRUST ME. TAKE IT.

GUYS, LISTEN TO THEM.



...POSSIBLY ALL TEN DIMENSIONS AFFECTED. (MAYBE ELEVEN. NEED TO CONFIRM AN 11TH DOES EXIST.)

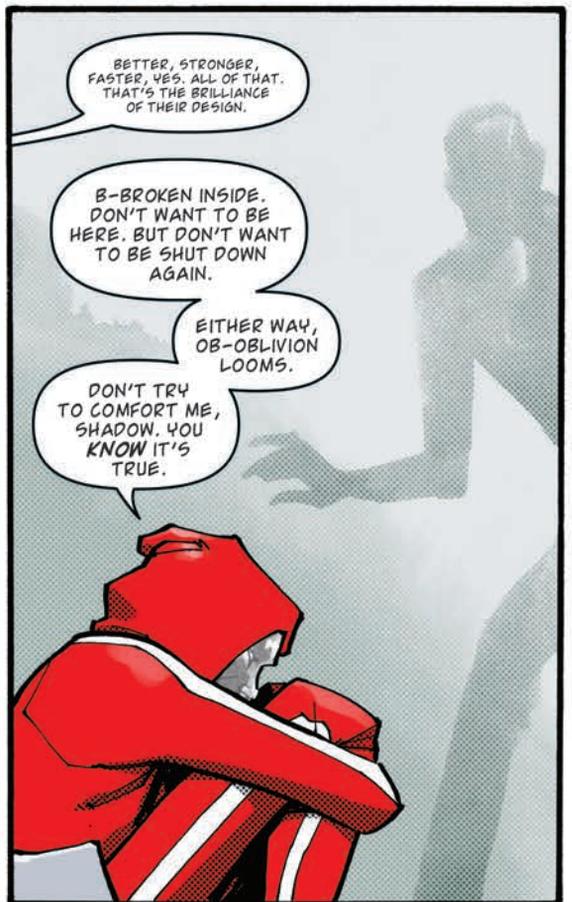
TEN DIMENSIONS. BY A BATTLE THAT TOOK PLACE IN A WORLD A MILLIONTH THE SIZE OF A GRAIN OF SAND.

WAY, WAY SMALLER THAN THAT. NEARLY INFINITESIMALLY SO.

AND WE LOST ONE OF THESE BILLION-DOLLAR TOYS DURING THE FIGHT, TOO.

RED, YES. BUT IT'S READY TO GO AGAIN. AND AS ALWAYS WHEN ONE BODY IS LOST, ITS CLOUD-BASED BRAIN IS SIMPLY PUT INTO A NEW FORM. ONLY IT RETAINS THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE, MAKING IT MORE LEARNED AND BATTLE-READY THAN BEFORE.

BETTER THAN IT WAS BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED.



BETTER, STRONGER, FASTER, YES. ALL OF THAT. THAT'S THE BRILLIANCE OF THEIR DESIGN.

B-BROKEN INSIDE. DON'T WANT TO BE HERE. BUT DON'T WANT TO BE SHUT DOWN AGAIN.

EITHER WAY, OB-OBLIVION LOOMS.

DON'T TRY TO COMFORT ME, SHADOW. YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE.

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UNIFIED CHAOS
THEORY, part 2

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YELLING ABOUT THIS ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE THINGS, YOU KNOW.

NEITHER IS YOUR ~~BLAZE~~ BLAZE ATTITUDE, MISTER CARNIVALE!

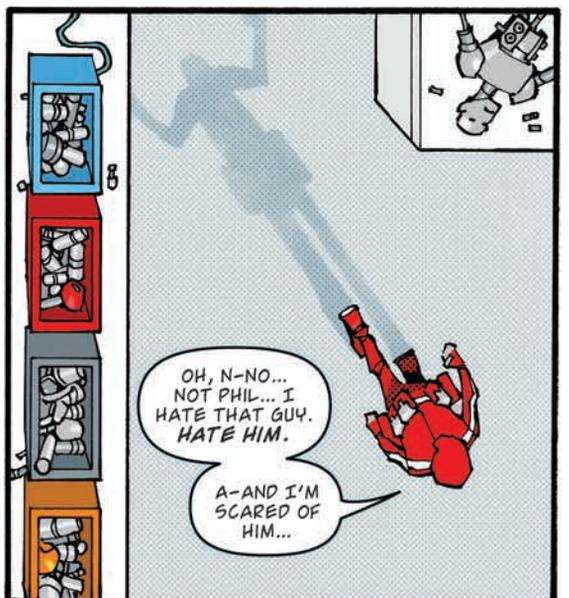
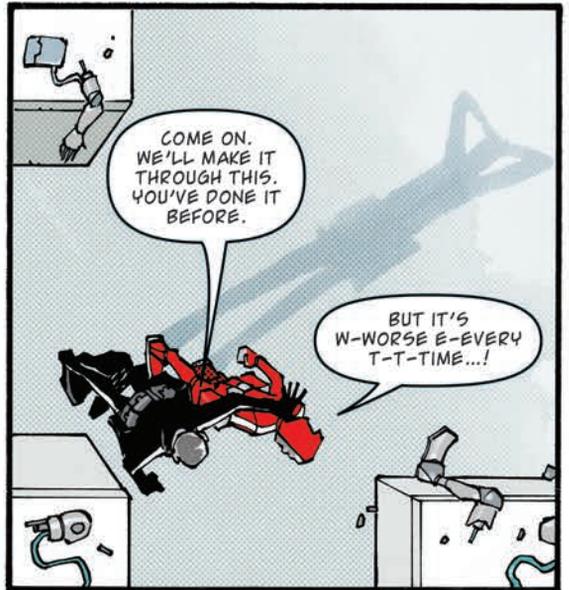
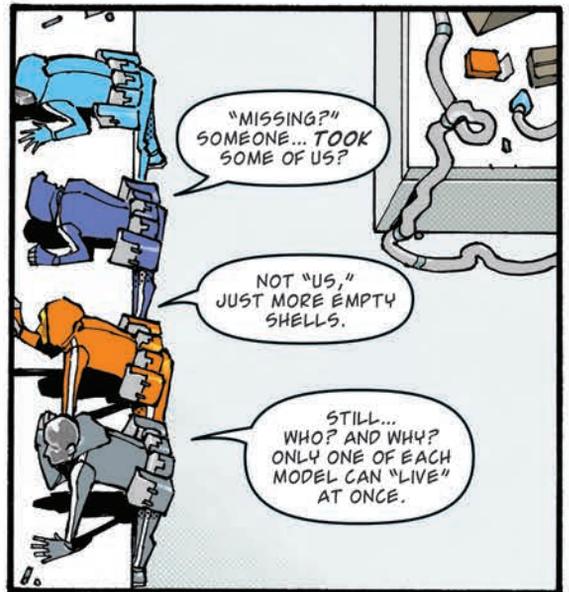
YOUR RED SEEMS IRREPARABLY DAMAGED, YOUR BUDGET IS BLOWN, AND OUR WORLD IS POSSIBLY UNDER SIEGE!

AND YOU SIT HERE AND ACT LIKE YOUR STRING DIVERS HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL!

A CURIOUS THING, ABOUT THE STRING DIVERS.

A NEW RED WAS CREATED EARLIER TODAY, YES.

BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY THERE ARE MULTIPLE OTHER FIGURES MISSING NOW, TOO.



"...THAT DARK MATTER SCALAR DIVER PHIL IS SUCH A [REDACTED]!"

THIS IS DARK MATTER SCALAR DIVER PHIL!

PHIL IS BUILT TO TRAVERSE THE SCALAR FIELDS.

HE'S MASTERED THE MANIPULATION OF DARK MATTER.

HE CAN CONTROL DARK ENERGY AND SIT'S IN DOMINION OVER LUMINOUS AND NON-LUMINOUS MATTER, TOO.



MASTER OF MY FRIGGIN' DOMAIN, I AM.

ALSO, HE REALLY IS A BIT OF A [REDACTED]