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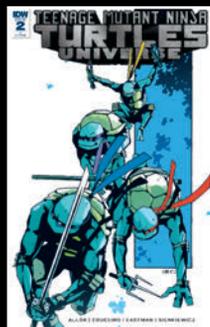
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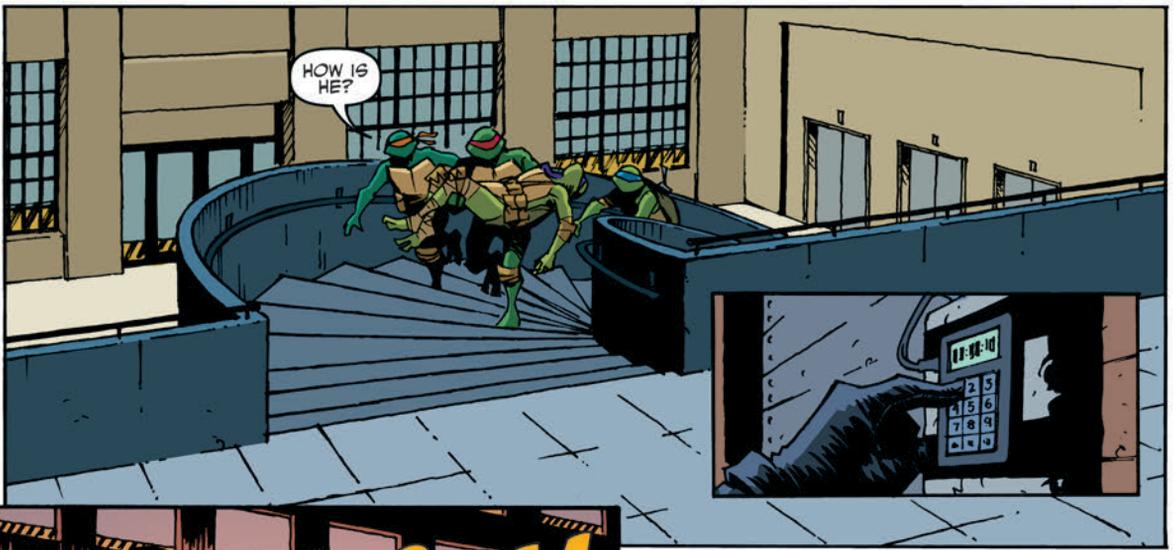


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HOW IS HE?

HE'S BREATHING, MIKEY, AND HIS PULSE IS STEADY.

BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERS IF WE DON'T KEEP HIM SAFE WHEN THOSE DOORS—



BOOM



GIVE IN.



THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO SPLIT UP, RAPH. YOU STAY WITH HIM. MIKEY AND I WILL FIND APRIL AND DOUBLE BACK. *FAST.*

"SPLIT UP." IF WE'D JUST GIVEN APRIL A COMM DEVICE, LIKE I—

BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT ONE, RAPH. OR *ANYTHING* THAT MIGHT'VE TIPPED STOCKMAN OFF TO US. IT WAS *HER* DECISION, AND WE SUPPORTED IT.

YEAH, WELL...



MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO STOP SUPPORTING EVERYONE ELSE'S STUPID DECISIONS.



NEED A THREE-BLOCK CORDON. NO ONE GETS CLOSE TO THIS BUILDING WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT PERMISSION OF ME OR THESE GENTLEMEN BEHIND ME.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE, DETECTIVE?

JUST A CHEMICAL LEAK.

THESE FOLKS ARE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, HERE TO—



BOOM

A CHEMICAL LEAK, DETECTIVE?



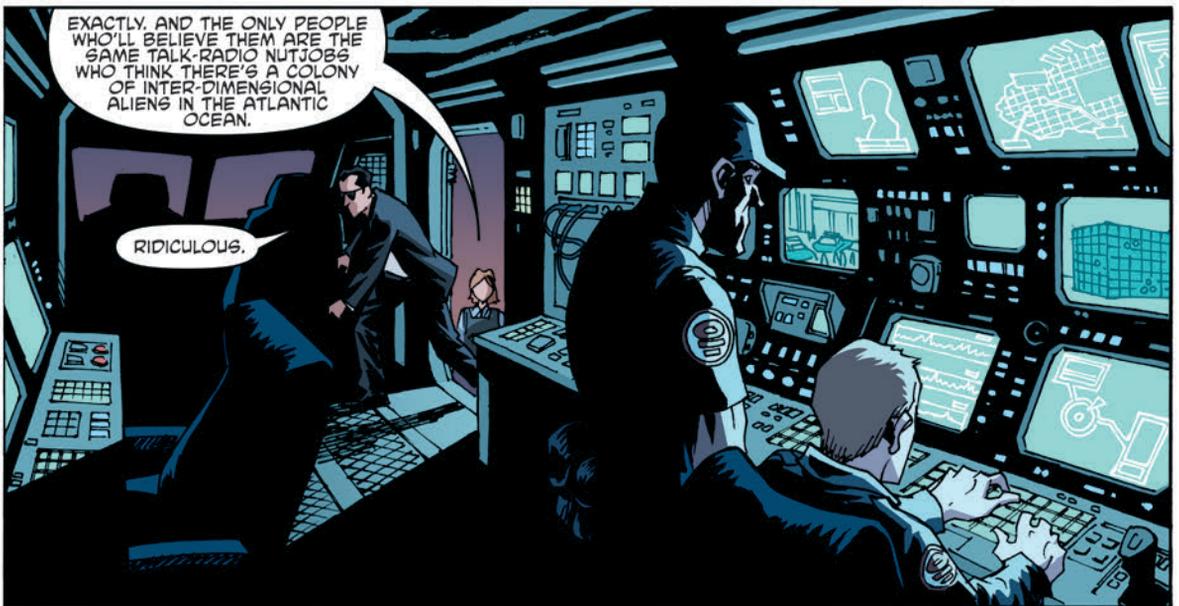
YEAH, A CHEMICAL LEAK.



THE PERIMETER DEFENSE ORBS HAVE LAUNCHED.



NOW SHUT UP AND DO YOUR JOBS OR YOU'LL BE REASSIGNED TO A STATEN ISLAND EVIDENCE ROOM BY MORNING.





SIR, EVEN SETTING MISSION CONFIDENTIALITY ASIDE, ARE YOU *SURE* YOU WANT TO DO THIS NOW? WE AGREED TO A GRADUAL TRANSITION FROM "OBSERVE" TO "OBSERVE AND CAPTURE." THIS ELEVATES—



THIS ISN'T ABOUT A HANDFUL OF MUTANTS, COLONEL KNIGHT. YOU'VE READ THE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING ON THESE TURTLES. YOU *WROTE* SOME OF THEM.

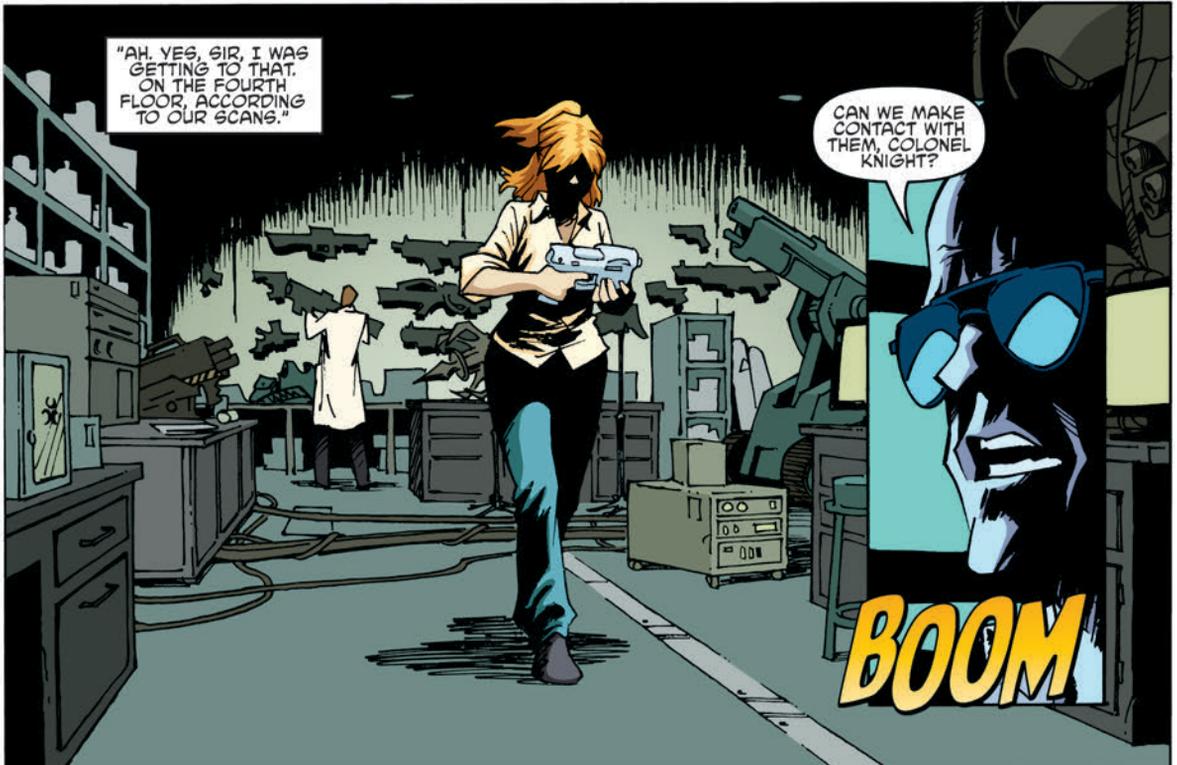
WE TAKE THESE THINGS OUT NOW, AND IT'S A *HUGE* TACTICAL VICTORY, RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR WAR. THE LONG-RANGE RAMIFICATIONS...



AND IF WE LOSE? WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THESE CREATURES DOWN IMMEDIATELY. AND—

AND WE *WOULD* HAVE TAKEN DOWN THE *ONE* MUTANT WE PREPPED FOR. INSTEAD THERE WERE *FIVE*, PLUS THE TWO *HUMANS*. WE'RE ALREADY OUT OF TRANQ DARTS, AND—

HUMANS?



"AH. YES, SIR, I WAS GETTING TO THAT. ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, ACCORDING TO OUR SCANS."

CAN WE MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM, COLONEL KNIGHT?

BOOM

