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BEFORE.

LET
ME MAKE
CERTAIN I
HAVE THIS
STRAIGHT-



-YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THERE'S
A GROUP OF SHAPE-SHIFTING,
MIND-CONTROLLING... *IMMORTALS*,
WHO HAVE BEEN PULLING THE
STRINGS OF HUMANITY SINCE
THE DAWN OF TIME, PLAYING
SOME SORT OF
DEMENTED GAME...

...AND THAT
IT'S *OUR* JOB TO
THWART THEIR
EFFORTS?



UM, YEAH...
MORE OR
LESS, DR.
STOCKMAN.

KINDA
HARD TO
BELIEVE,
HUH?





SO
ANOTHER
END-
OF-HUMANKIND
SCENARIO, IS IT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO
EXCUSE MY FAILURE
TO GUAKE IN MY
SHOES.

AS I'M SURE
YOU RECALL, THE
PREVIOUS CULPRIT
INTENT ON WIPING US
ALL OUT ENDED UP
LOSING *FAR MORE*
THAN HE HAD HOPED TO
GAIN—HIS FREEDOM,
TO BE EXACT.

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
THIS SO-CALLED
PANTHEON WILL
BE ANY MORE
SUCCESSFUL THAN
THAT IMBECILE
KRANG WAS?



WE *DON'T* KNOW.
BUT THE FACT THAT
THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO
EFFECTIVELY OPERATE
BEHIND THE SCENES
FOR SO LONG MAKES
THEM A THREAT WE
CAN'T IGNORE.

PLUS, THEY'VE
DEMONSTRATED
STRONG INTEREST
IN MUTANTS, WHICH
MEANS THEY'LL *ALSO*
BE INTERESTED IN YOU
BEFORE LONG, DR.
STOCKMAN, CONSIDERING
YOUR *EXCLUSIVE*
KNOWLEDGE OF
MUTATION SCIENCE.

TALK ABOUT
YOUR USUAL
SUSPECTS.



AND IF YOU THINK
ABOUT IT, THAT SAME
EXCLUSIVITY COULD
POTENTIALLY BE VERY
PROFITABLE FOR TCRI
IF YOU PLAY YOUR
CARDS RIGHT,
DOCTOR.

I'M GUESSING
THE FIRST COMPANY
TO DIP THEIR TOES
INTO THE PANTHEON'S
UNDISCOVERED
SCIENTIFIC WATERS IS
SETTING ITSELF UP
FOR A *HUGE* PAYDAY
DOWN THE LINE.

SICK CASH,
BRO. MUCHO
DINERO.



HM. THIS IS
ALL VERY
INTRIGUING.
I WON'T
DENY IT.

BUT HOW DO
WE *FIND* THESE
DEMI-GODS TO
BEGIN WITH? ONE
DOESN'T EXIST IN
SECRET FOR
MILLENNIA IF ONE
DOESN'T EXCEL
AT REMAINING
WELL HIDDEN.

WE CAN
HELP WITH
THAT—



—ME AND ALOPEX
FOUND OUT *WHERE*
THEY'RE ALL GONNA
MEET UP SOON.

YEAH. THE
HARD WAY.*

*See TMNT Universe #9 & #10 - R.C.

