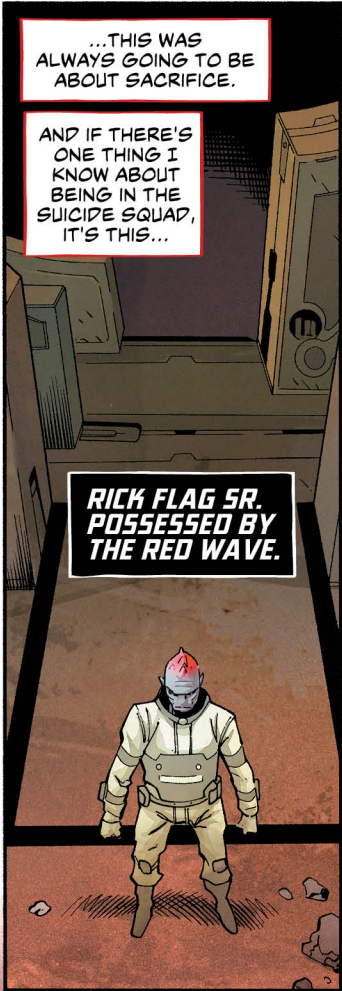




THE MOON.

◆ FAIR WARNING,
FEARLESS
IMAGINARY
READERS...



...THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE ABOUT SACRIFICE.

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW ABOUT BEING IN THE SUICIDE SQUAD, IT'S THIS...

**RICK FLAG SR.
POSSESSED BY
THE RED WAVE.**



...SOMEONE'S GONNA DIE.

THE RED WAVE WILL CONSUME KARIN...



THE HEART WILL BE WHOLE.

YES.



THE RED WAVE MONSTER WILL RECLAIM THE TWO STOLEN PIECES OF ITS HEART, AND ITS FULL POWER WILL FINALLY RETURN.

ON EARTH, IT WILL INFECT ALL HUMANS.

NOTHING CAN STOP THE RED WAVE NOW.



UH, GUYS... SORRY TO BREAK UP THE POSSESSED ALIEN SUMMIT MEETING OF EVIL.

BUT I MAY HAVE MADE A MINOR BOO-BOO.

THE SECRET HISTORY OF TASK FORCE X PART 5

I THINK
I BROKE THE
UNIVERSE!

RUN!

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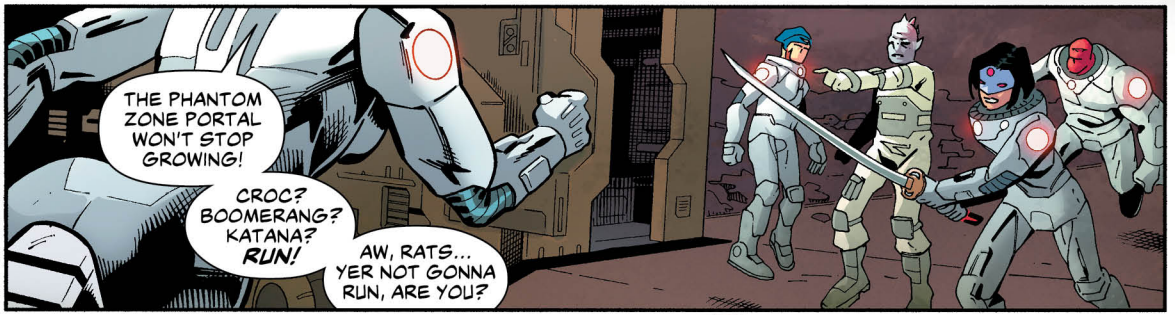
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THE PHANTOM ZONE PORTAL WON'T STOP GROWING!

CROC? BOOMERANG? KATANA? RUN!

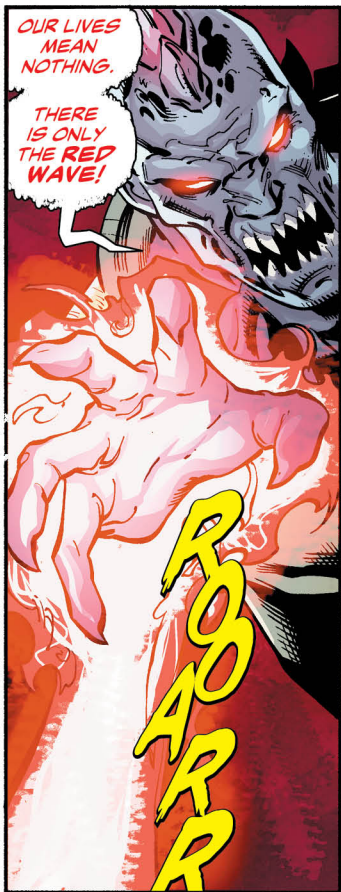
AW, RATS... YER NOT GONNA RUN, ARE YOU?



YOU DO REALIZE WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE HERE, RIGHT?

EVERYONE ON EARTH'S GONNA DIE UNLESS WE CAN STOP THE RED WAVE MONSTER. KARIN GRACE WILL DIE, FLAG!

WE GOTTA GET THE HELL OUTTA DODGE. NOW!



OUR LIVES MEAN NOTHING.

THERE IS ONLY THE RED WAVE!

ROAR



MAGIC SWORD WORKEE!

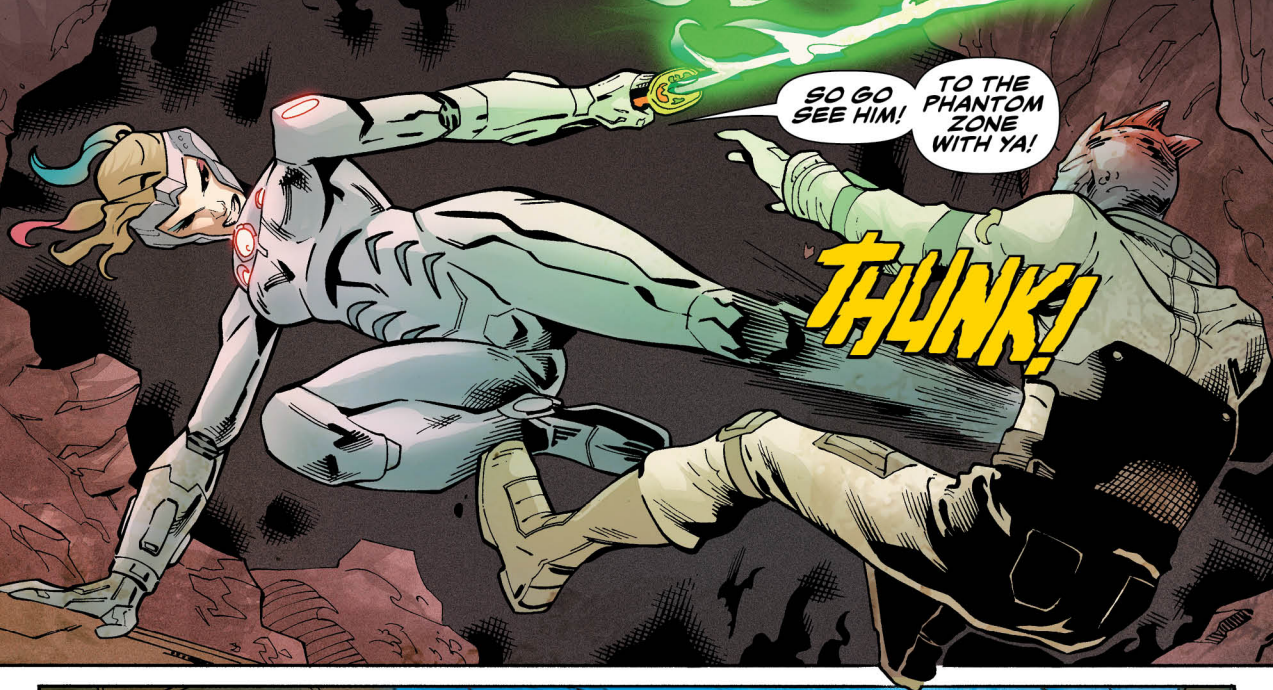
I HOPE.



AH!

I, FER ONE, HAVE HAD ENOUGH'A THIS!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO MEET YOUR GRANDSON, FLAG!



SO GO SEE HIM!
TO THE PHANTOM ZONE WITH YA!

THUNK!



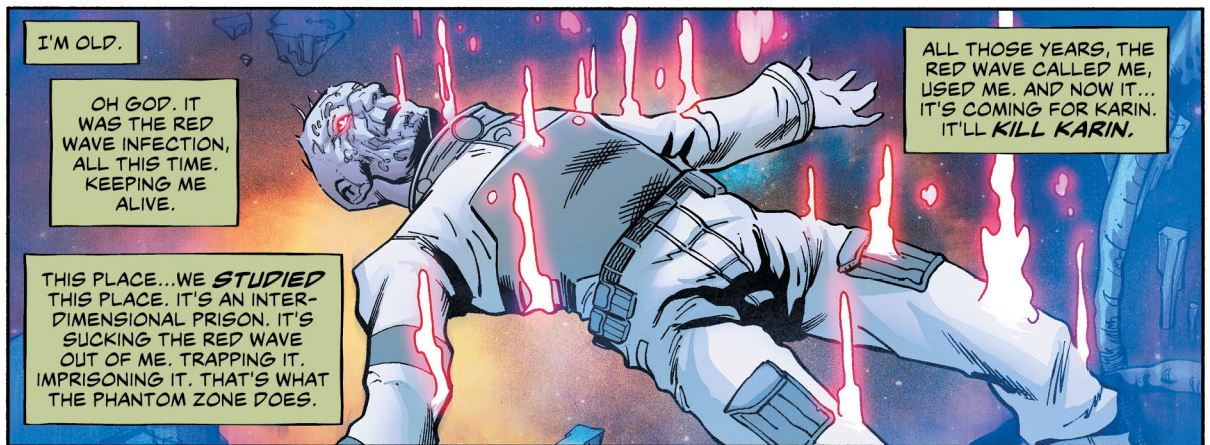
NO!!!!
I AM THE RED WAVE! I AM...

WALNUTTED



I... I AM...
CAPTAIN RICK FLAG SR.

AND I'M INSIDE THE PHANTOM ZONE.



I'M OLD.

OH GOD. IT WAS THE RED WAVE INFECTION, ALL THIS TIME. KEEPING ME ALIVE.

THIS PLACE... WE STUDIED THIS PLACE. IT'S AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL PRISON. IT'S SUCKING THE RED WAVE OUT OF ME. TRAPPING IT. IMPRISONING IT. THAT'S WHAT THE PHANTOM ZONE DOES.

ALL THOSE YEARS, THE RED WAVE CALLED ME, USED ME. AND NOW IT... IT'S COMING FOR KARIN. IT'LL KILL KARIN.



I CAN'T STAY HERE! I HAVE TO GET OUT! IT'LL CONSUME EVERYONE ON EARTH. I HAVE TO GET OUT AND STOP IT!

BUT I'M AGING. I'M SO WEAK. I'M SO...



**RICK FLAG JR.
PREVIOUSLY LOST
IN THE PHANTOM
ZONE.**



...THE
UNIVERSE
GIVING ME A
SECOND
CHANCE...

MY
GRANDSON...

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE...
IT'S...

...TO DO
THE
RIGHT
THING.

ARE YOU...
I KNOW
YOU...

LISTEN TO
ME NOW, RICK.
THERE'S **NO**
TIME TO EXPLAIN.
PEOPLE WILL
DIE.



ONCE UPON A TIME, I GAVE UP SO
MUCH FOR MY **DUTY**. I DESERTED
MY FAMILY. I CAUSED THE WOMAN
I **LOVE** TO SACRIFICE HER
FUTURE FOR ME.

I DON'T REGRET
TRYING TO KEEP THE
EARTH SAFE, BUT I
SURE AS HELL REGRET
WHAT I DID TO KARIN
GRACE.

I MADE THAT BEAUTIFUL
SOUL LIVE ETERNITY AS A
PRISONER, AND NOW SHE
DESERVES TO BE **FREE**.

