

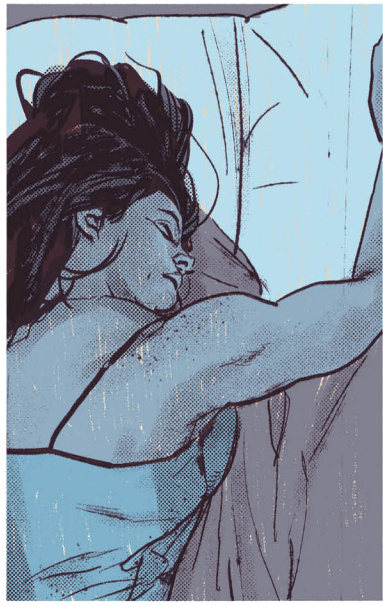


"SO, YEAH. GRANNY, SHE'D TELL THAT STORY.

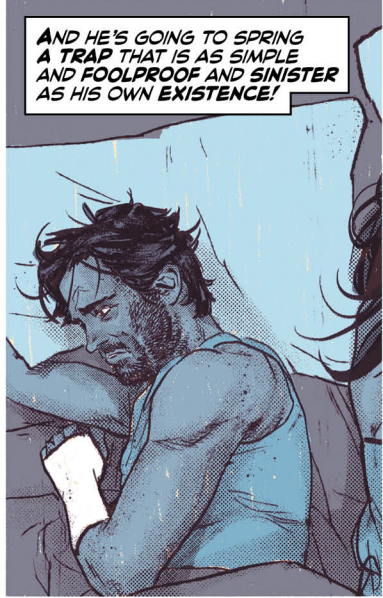
"AND THEN SHE'D SAY--"



--MERRY CHRISTMAS.



IT'S DR. BEDLAM CALLING!

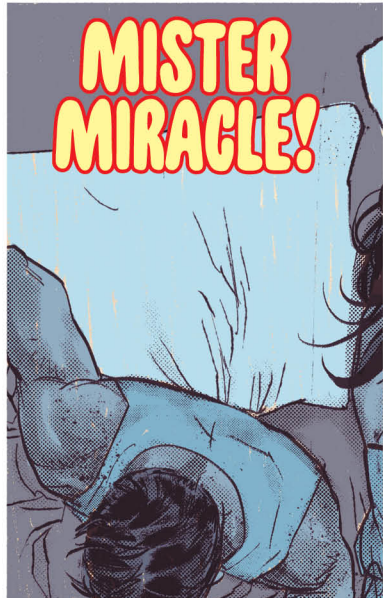


AND HE'S GOING TO SPRING A TRAP THAT IS AS SIMPLE AND FOOLPROOF AND SINISTER AS HIS OWN EXISTENCE!

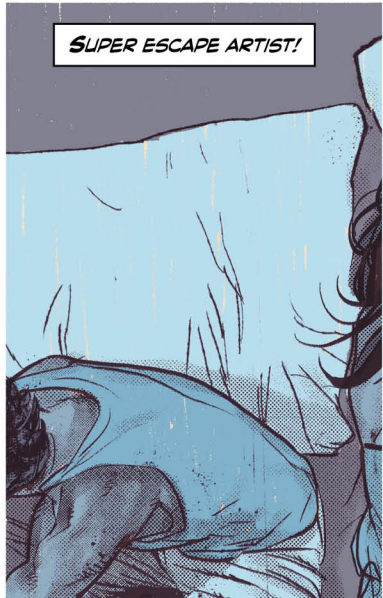


READ WHAT LIES IN STORE FOR--

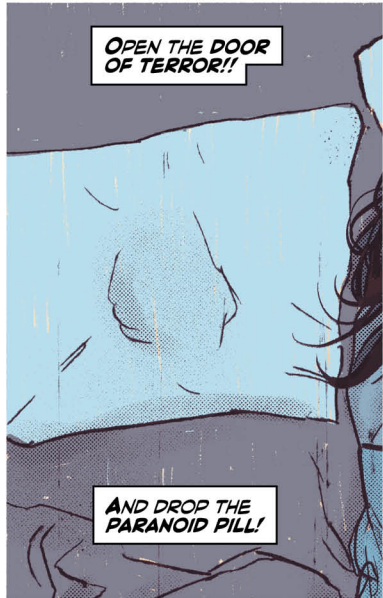
SCOTT FREE.



MISTER MIRACLE!



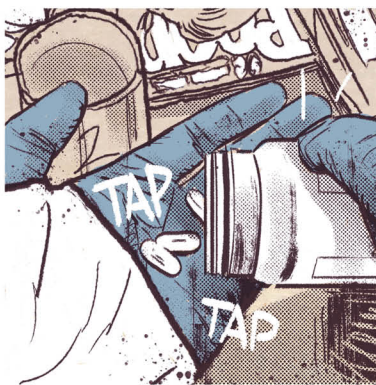
SUPER ESCAPE ARTIST!



OPEN THE DOOR OF TERROR!!

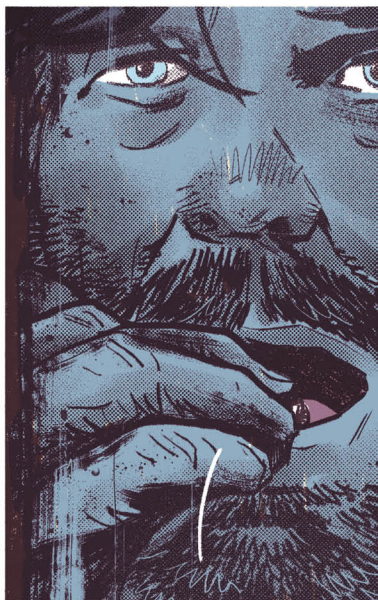
AND DROP THE PARANOID PILL!

TOM KING WRITER
MITCH CERADS PENCILS, INKS,
COLORS & VARIANT COVER



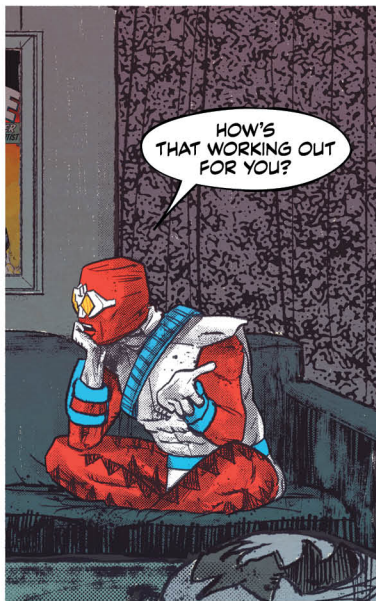
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MISTER MIRACLE CREATED BY
JACK KIRBY





I'M ON LEAVE.
FROM THE WAR.



HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT FOR YOU?



YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, **FORAGER**.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU STILL GOT TO MAKE A LIVING.
I GOT A SHOW IN THE MORNING.



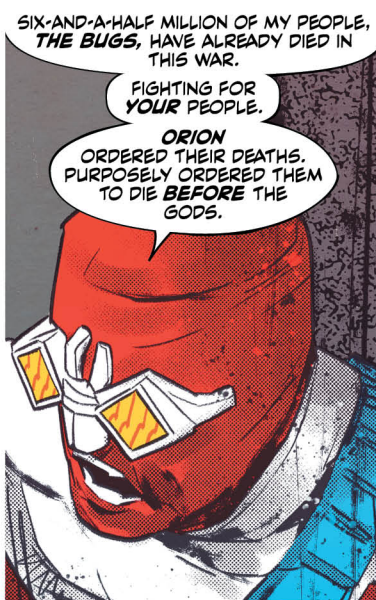
BREAKING OUT OF SOMETHING?



YEAH.



CAN I HELP YOU SOMEHOW?
YOU WANT A DRINK OR SOMETHING?



SIX-AND-A-HALF MILLION OF MY PEOPLE, **THE BUGS**, HAVE ALREADY DIED IN THIS WAR.
FIGHTING FOR **YOUR** PEOPLE.
ORION ORDERED THEIR DEATHS. PURPOSELY ORDERED THEM TO DIE **BEFORE** THE GODS.



I NEED MORE MILK.



NOW THAT **GRANNY'S** BEEN DEFEATED, ORION WANTS TO LEAD US TO APOKOLIPS.

GO ON THE **OFFENSIVE**. TAKE OUT DARKSEID. RIGHT.



AND, OF COURSE, THE BUGS WILL BE UP FRONT AGAIN--**CANNON FODDER** FOR THE GODS.

AND THAT'LL BE **TRIPLE** THE NUMBER WE'VE **ALREADY** SACRIFICED.

AND WHAT, WHAT DO WE GET? AT SOME POINT IT'S **YOUR** VICTORY, **OUR** BLOOD.



I'M NOT SAYING WE DON'T GO AFTER DARKSEID. DARKSEID IS.

BUT THERE'S A **LIMIT** TO WHAT THIS POPULATION CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW.

AND ORION. HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND-- SEEM TO UNDERSTAND **LIMITS**.



I DON'T KNOW, FORAGER--

--HAVE YOU TALKED TO HIM?



WE... WE SENT OUR QUEEN.

MAY SHE EVER BREED.



AND HE HAD HER...

SHE WAS EXECUTED. HE **EXECUTED** HER. FOR TREASON.

HER HEAD HANGS WITH GRANNY.



NO.

I WOULD'VE HEARD.

SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TOLD ME.



I'M TELLING YOU.

