



TORMENT DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM.

HE'S REALLY QUITE NICE.

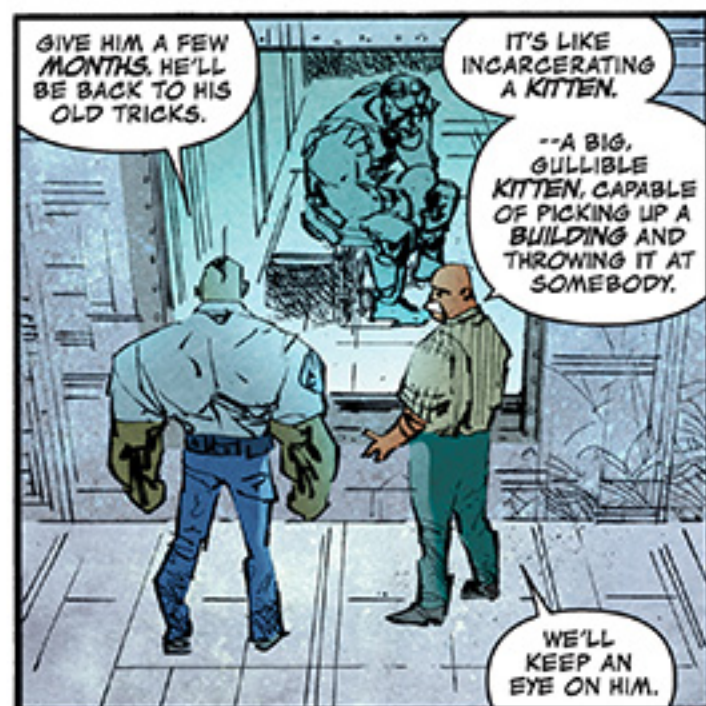
DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON THIS GUY.



THAT EVIL SIDE OF HIS WON'T BE GONE FOREVER. I ZAPPED IT WITH EVERYTHING I HAD, EARLIER*--FRIED IT LIKE AN EGG-- AND IT GREW BACK.

WITHOUT IT, TORMENT SEEMS PRETTY HARMLESS.

*SEE SAVAGE DRAGON #194.



GIVE HIM A FEW MONTHS. HE'LL BE BACK TO HIS OLD TRICKS.

IT'S LIKE INCARCERATING A KITTEN.

--A BIG, GULLIBLE KITTEN, CAPABLE OF PICKING UP A BUILDING AND THROWING IT AT SOMEBODY.

WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.



PLEASE.

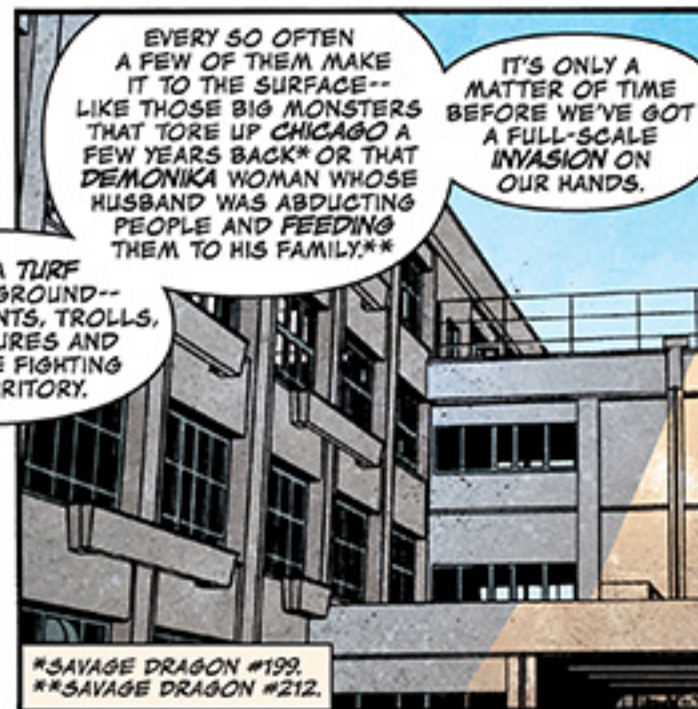
WE'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITHOUT HAVING TO TACKLE HIM AGAIN.



WHERE THE HELL DOES A GUY LIKE TORMENT COME FROM?

IN HIS CASE--DOWN BELOW.

THERE'S A TURF WAR UNDERGROUND-- DEMONONIDS, ANTS, TROLLS, LAVA CREATURES AND WHATNOT ARE FIGHTING OVER TERRITORY.



EVERY SO OFTEN A FEW OF THEM MAKE IT TO THE SURFACE-- LIKE THOSE BIG MONSTERS THAT TORE UP CHICAGO A FEW YEARS BACK* OR THAT DEMONIKA WOMAN WHOSE HUSBAND WAS ABDUCTING PEOPLE AND FEEDING THEM TO HIS FAMILY.**

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE'VE GOT A FULL-SCALE INVASION ON OUR HANDS.

*SAVAGE DRAGON #199.
**SAVAGE DRAGON #212.



DRAGON WAS PARDONED BY PRESIDENT "OBAMA"?

WE HAD A "PRESIDENT OBAMA"?

YOU'VE MISSED--A LOT, MOM.

YOU'VE BEEN FROZEN IN A TUBE FOR 17 YEARS.

YOU MISSED PRESIDENT OBAMA AND PRESIDENT BUSH AND 9-11.

IT'S CRAZY HOW MUCH YOU'VE SLEPT THROUGH.

BUT... DRAGON IS ALIVE.

HE'S ALIVE AND HE'S FREE.

WELL... YEAH.

BUT KEEP IN MIND...HE HAD HIS *POWERS* TAKEN AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO AND HE'S MUCH OLDER THAN WHEN YOU LAST SAW HIM.

HE'S 54 YEARS OLD.

HE WAS ALWAYS A BIT OLDER THAN YOU BUT NOW HE'S LITERALLY TWICE YOUR AGE.

HE'S ALIVE.

THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, MOM!

HE'S A DIFFERENT MAN. HE MARRIED A VERSION OF YOU FROM AN ALTERNATE REALITY...

AND SHE DIED.

HE'S FACED ONE TRAGEDY AFTER ANOTHER.

HE'S GONE TO OTHER PLANETS...HE DISCOVERED WHO HE REALLY WAS...

EMPEROR KURR--A VICIOUS KILLER FROM A DISPLACED ALIEN RACE WHO HAD COME TO EARTH TO KILL US ALL SO THAT HIS PEOPLE COULD FINALLY HAVE A HOME!

RENEGADE SCIENTISTS REVOLTED AND ERASED HIS BRAIN--THEY UPLOADED A FEW DAYS' WORTH OF TV TELECASTS AND DUMPED HIM HERE.

THAT'S WHY HE COULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

HE EVENTUALLY REVERTED TO EMPEROR KURR MODE. HE TRIED TO DESTROY EARTH AGAIN, BUT...

...OKAY, I'M LOSING YOU.

LONG STORY SHORT--IT DIDN'T WORK OUT FOR HIM.



HE WAS TURNED BACK INTO THE DRAGON WE KNOW AND HE WENT OFF TO SPACE TO FIND A HOME FOR HIS RACE.

HE SUCCEEDED BUT THEY WERE WIPED OUT BY OTHER ALIENS.

NOW HE'S FATHERING A NEW KRYLAN RACE WITH THE LAST SURVIVING FEMALE.

THEN... HE'S FOUND SOMEBODY ELSE.



SOMEBODY LIKE HIM.

NOT... EXACTLY.

THEY'RE NOT REALLY A COUPLE. HE'S JUST SUPPLYING THE RAW MATERIAL.

SHE-- LORELLA-- IS A SCIENTIST TYPE. THERE'S NO ROMANCE THERE.



LOOK-- HE'S FINE.

HE'S FREE.

HE'S SINGLE.

TOTALLY UP FOR GRABS.



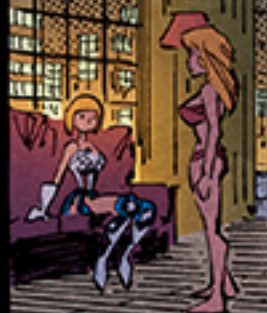
I'M SURE HE'LL BE THRILLED TO SEE YOU.



OKAY, THEN...

I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

WE COULD... GO HIKING OR SOMETHING. TAKE A WALK SOMEWHERE. WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO.



BUT I SHOULD GET SOME OF MY OWN CLOTHES FIRST.

I HARDLY KNOW WHERE TO START.

I HAVE A WHOLE LIFE TO REBUILD.