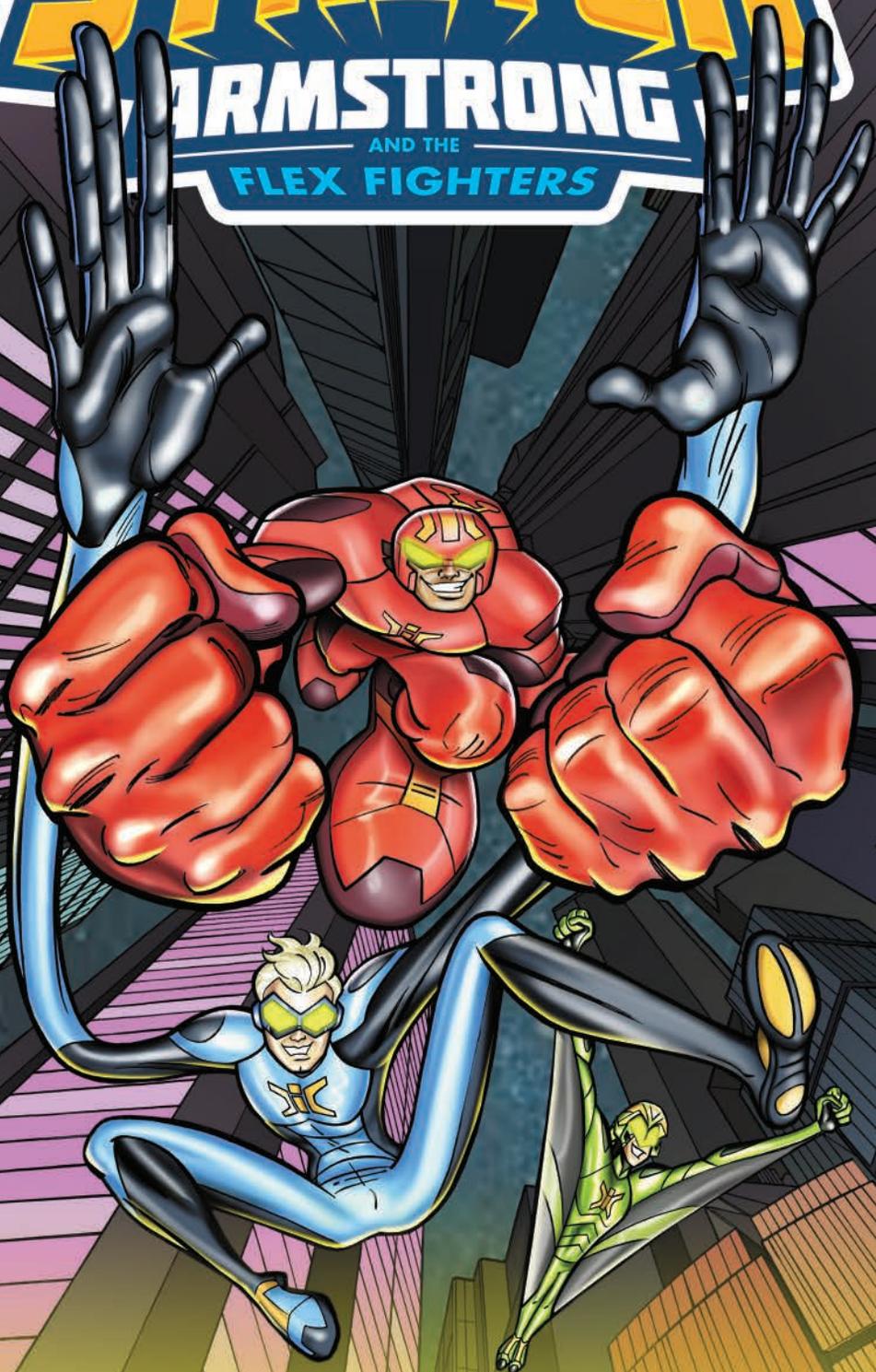


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DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT THE MAIN CHARACTER IN YOUR OWN LIFE?



WHEN YOU COME FROM A FAMILY AS BIG AS MINE, YOU FEEL LIKE THAT A LOT.

WEARING ONLY HAND-ME-DOWNS THAT DON'T FIT AND STILL SMELL LIKE YOUR OLDER BROTHERS DEFINITELY DOESN'T MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE THE HERO OF YOUR OWN STORY.



YOU GET USED TO CERTAIN THINGS—RUNNING OUT OF HOT WATER MID-SHOWER, HAVING THE SMALLEST BABY PHOTOBOOK IN THE FAMILY...



...AND HOW COULD I FORGET THE TIME MY PARENTS ALMOST FORGOT MY BIRTHDAY AND USED A LEFTOVER CANDLE FROM MY SISTER'S PARTY?



BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE USED TO IT, DOESN'T MAKE IT BETTER.

THAT'S WHY BEING A MEMBER OF THE FLEX FIGHTERS, DESPITE BEING WAY DANGEROUS, HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY ESCAPE.



WHEN I PUT ON MY WINGSPAN COSTUME AND PROTECT CHARTER CITY... I'M NOT ONLY GETTING TO BE A SUPERHERO, I'M ESCAPING THE CHAOS OF HAVING A HUGE FAMILY.

EXCEPT TODAY.

WHOA, HOW MANY BABIES DID THAT BIG MANTOID MAMMA HAVE? SHE MUST HAVE BEEN GOING FOR SOME KINDA RECORD. THIS IS UNNATURAL.

THE MANTOID IS A CREATURE TOTALLY MUTATED BY FLEXARIUM. EVERYTHING ABOUT IT IS UNNATURAL!





WELL, CAN WE HURRY UP AND SAVE HER FROM THE HAZARD UNIT? BECAUSE IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE, IT'S BABYSITTING—ESPECIALLY BABYSITTING CREATURES THAT LOOK LIKE MY NIGHTMARES MERGED WITH THE GUNK IN MY SHOWER DRAIN.

WE NEED A PLAN! I'VE JUST HIT MY PERSONAL QUOTA OF MANDIBLES I WANT TO HAVE CHEWING ON MY ARMOR AT ONE TIME.

QUIT WHINING, WINGSPAN. THEY'RE KINDA CUTE.

DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?

NOPE.



“BEHOLD, THE MANTOID! - PART 2”

LAST ISSUE:
THE FLEX FIGHTERS WERE CALLED TO STOP A MUTATED CREATURE KNOWN AS THE MANTOID FROM ATTACKING CHARTER CITY! AFTER TAKING DOWN THE BEAST, THE NO-NONSENSE HAZARD UNIT RETRIEVED THE MONSTER, INTENT ON INCINERATING IT. BUT THEN STRETCH AND THE OTHERS DISCOVERED A SECRET: THE MANTOID WASN'T ATTACKING, IT WAS ONLY PROTECTING ITS BABIES!





WE HAVE TO SAVE THESE CREATURES' MOM—BUT REMEMBER, THE HAZARD UNIT SAID THIS FIGHT SPILLED PAST THE CHARTER CITY BORDER. IT'S OUT OF OUR JURISDICTION.

IF WE TRY TO FREE THE MANTOID, IT'LL BE BREAKING THE RULES.



DUDE, WE'RE SUPER HEROES. THE RULES DON'T APPLY.

AWWW, WHO'S A GOOD BABY MANTOID?



I SAY WE VOTE FOR WHATEVER GETS THESE THINGS OFF OF ME THE FASTEST. THERE, I VOTED. IT'S UNANIMOUS.



HOW IS IT UNANIMOUS? YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO VOTED!

AND YOU NEVER EVEN SAID WHAT WE WERE ACTUALLY VOTING FOR!

DETAILS.

I'M CALLING KANE. MAYBE THERE'S A WAY TO GET PAST THIS WHOLE "OUT OF OUR JURISDICTION" PROBLEM.



KANE, IT'S STRETCH.

NO.

WHAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN LET ME TELL YOU WHAT WE—!

YOU WANT TO FREE THE MANTOID BEFORE IT GETS INCINERATED BY THE HAZARD UNIT.

OKAY... LUCKY GUESS.

THE HAZARD UNIT HANDLES ALL PROBLEMS OUTSIDE OF CHARTER CITY. YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THE CITY LIMITS TO RESCUE THAT CREATURE. AND THAT'S FINAL.