

Once Eugene "Flash" Thompson got his chance to be a hero, he refused to give it up. When he lost both his legs serving his country, Flash formed a symbiotic bond with an alien parasite. It functioned as a body-morphing suit that enabled him to continue serving others. Then, when helping on one planet wasn't enough, he enlisted in the Guardians of the Galaxy. And after his symbiote, a member of the Klyntar species, was purified on its home planet, Flash expanded his range once again. He's answered the Klyntar call to serve as an Agent of the Cosmos.

Now, Flash is swashbuckling his way across the universe as...

VENOM

SPACE KNIGHT

As an Agent of the Cosmos, Flash has made enemies: in particular, one power-crazy Gramosian named Mercurio, whose resource-stealing machines Flash dismantled across the galaxy. But he's also made friends: the occasionally suicidal robot 803, the newly independent Klyntar, and Pik Rollo—a space panda assassin sent by Mercurio to kill Flash, but whom Flash convinced to join him instead. Pik was only serving Mercurio because he's holding her child hostage: a problem Flash's team is about to remedy.

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"I WASN'T ALWAYS A GOOD GUY."



"IN FACT..."



"...I USED TO BE PRETTY BAD."

"IT'S A POOR EXCUSE, BUT I DIDN'T EXACTLY HAVE A LOT OF POSITIVE ROLE MODELS IN MY HOUSE."



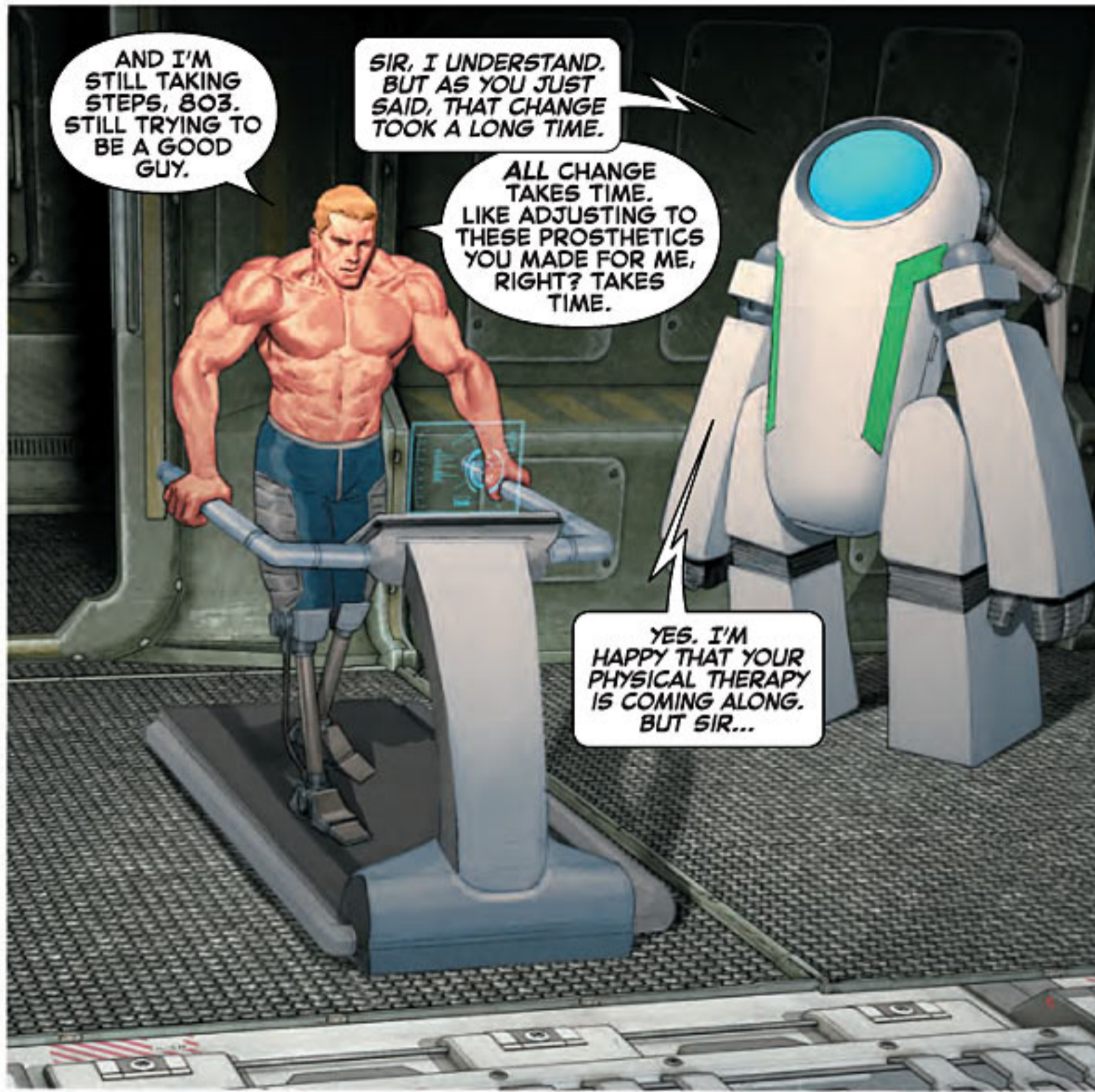
"BUT THAT ALL CHANGED WHEN I SAW WHAT A GOOD GUY REALLY LOOKS LIKE."

"SPIDER-MAN."

"THE TRUTH IS, IT TOOK A WHILE FOR THE WEB-HEAD'S WAYS TO REALLY, Y'KNOW, CHANGE ME."

"BUT WHERE I AM NOW? ALL STARTED WITH SPIDER-MAN."

"HE WAS MY FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION."



AND I'M STILL TAKING STEPS, 803. STILL TRYING TO BE A GOOD GUY.

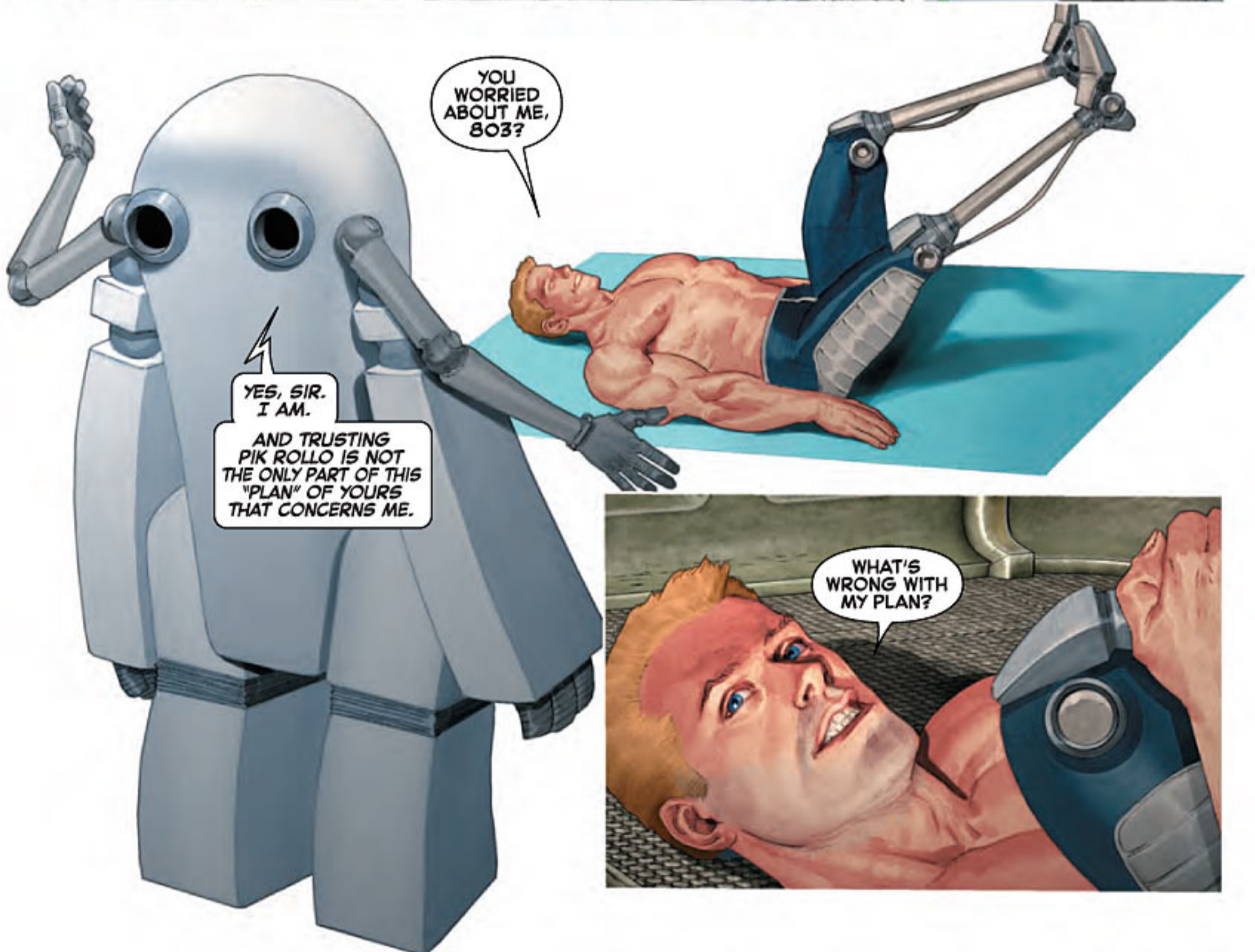
SIR, I UNDERSTAND. BUT AS YOU JUST SAID, THAT CHANGE TOOK A LONG TIME.

ALL CHANGE TAKES TIME. LIKE ADJUSTING TO THESE PROSTHETICS YOU MADE FOR ME, RIGHT? TAKES TIME.

YES. I'M HAPPY THAT YOUR PHYSICAL THERAPY IS COMING ALONG. BUT SIR...



...ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN TRUST PIK ROLLO?



YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME, 803?

YES, SIR. I AM. AND TRUSTING PIK ROLLO IS NOT THE ONLY PART OF THIS "PLAN" OF YOURS THAT CONCERNS ME.

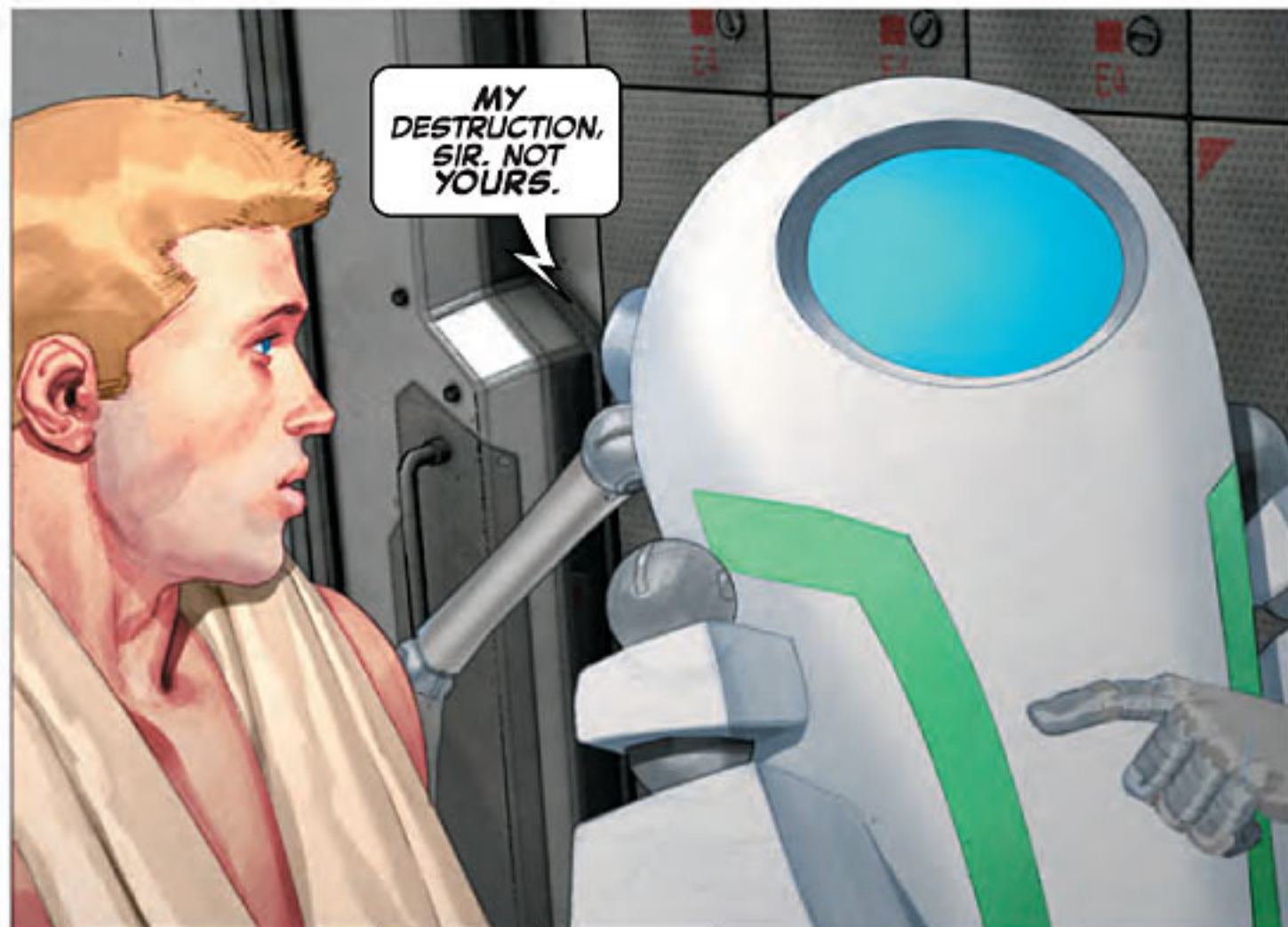


WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY PLAN?



THERE ARE SIMPLY TOO MANY VARIABLES. ANY ONE OF THEM GOES POORLY AND WE ALL DIE.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED.

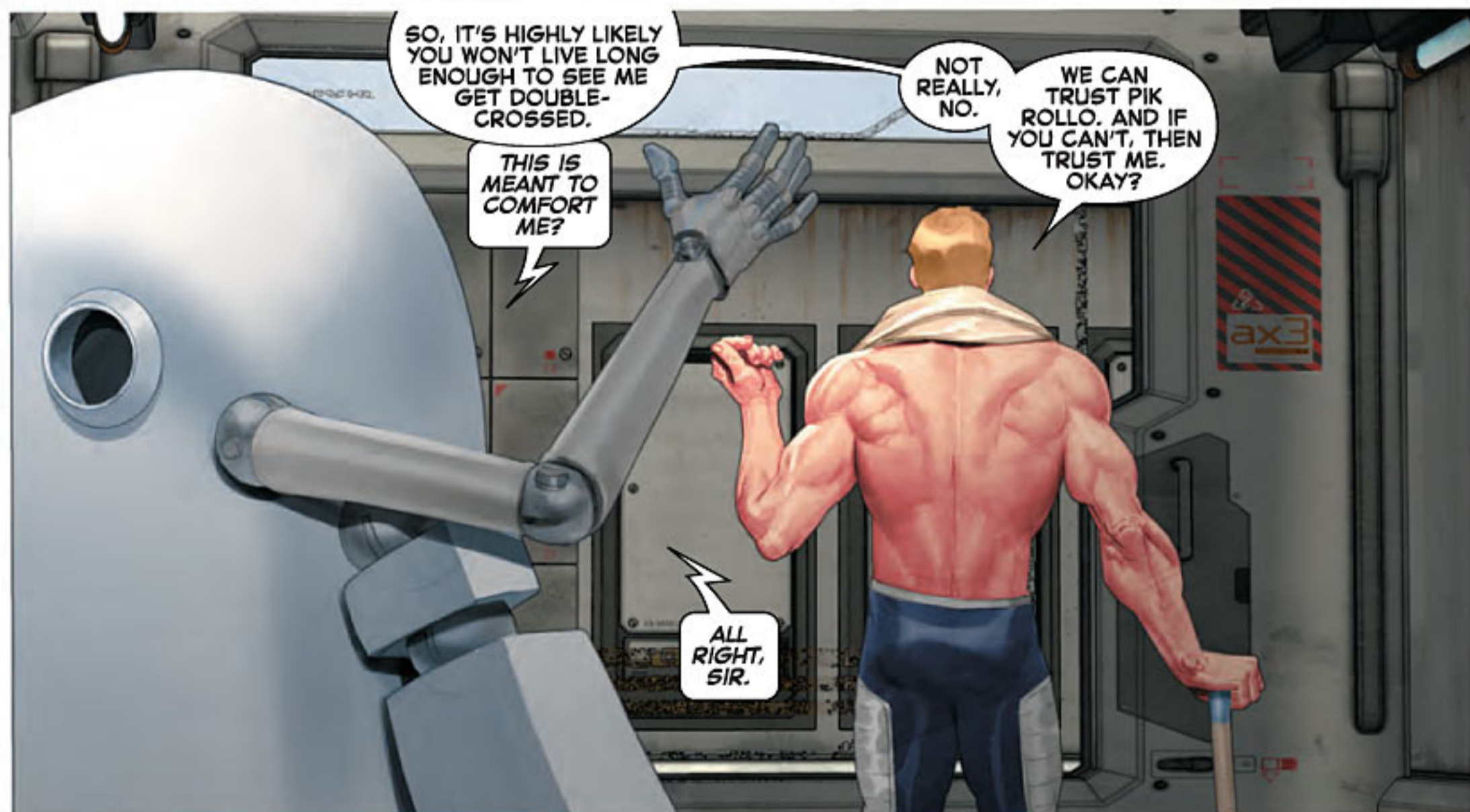


MY DESTRUCTION, SIR. NOT YOURS.



YOUR CONCERN IS DULY NOTED. AND APPRECIATED, 803.

BUT DON'T FORGET: YOU HAVE ONE OF THE TOUGHEST PARTS IN THIS WHOLE THING.



SO, IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY YOU WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE ME GET DOUBLE-CROSSED.

THIS IS MEANT TO COMFORT ME?

NOT REALLY, NO.

WE CAN TRUST PIK ROLLO. AND IF YOU CAN'T, THEN TRUST ME. OKAY?

ALL RIGHT, SIR.

