

*"Scanning S.T.A.R. Labs audio-video records.
Begin analysis: Subject Zero. Male, black. Age 21 years,
8 months, 2 days, 14 hours, 52 minutes, 12.317 seconds."*

*"Amount of time since creation of
Subject Zero's cybernetic alter ego: 5 years,
31 days, 12 hours, 6 minutes, 15.789 seconds."*

*"Commence Project
Gamma Omega Gamma."*

*"Subject Zero will be tested
under battle conditions for
assessment of critical
thinking and conflict strategy."*

*"This will provide an
excellent opportunity
to measure the extent
of Subject Zero's
survival skills..."*

*"...assuming
Subject Zero
SURVIVES."*

"My probe must gain access to objective inside. Path is being obstructed by Subject Zero... also known as CYBORG."

I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT YOU ARE, PAL, BUT AS LONG AS I'M HERE, YOU'RE NOT GETTING INTO S.T.A.R. LABS.

I HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED TO COMPLETE MY MISSION EVEN IF I HAVE TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN MY PATH.

The IMITATION of LIFE

PROLOGUE

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S.T.A.R. LABS IS A TOP-SECURITY GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION FULL OF DANGEROUS TECHNOLOGY.



DID YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST WALTZ IN HERE AND SCARE US AWAY WITH YOUR UGLY MUG?



MY STRATEGY WAS TO COUNTERACT ANY OBSTRUCTION OR DEFENSIVE AGGRESSION I ENCOUNTERED.



AUTO-REPAIR COMPLETED.



WHAM ROOM



DEFENSIVE THREAT
MUST BE ELIMINATED.
ENTRY TO S.T.A.R. LABS
MUST BE GAINED.



UnNggh!



"Subject Zero is temporarily neutralized. Preparing to measure the time of his recovery and response."

DEFENSIVE THREAT ELIMINATED.
ENTERING S.T.A.R. LABS NOW.

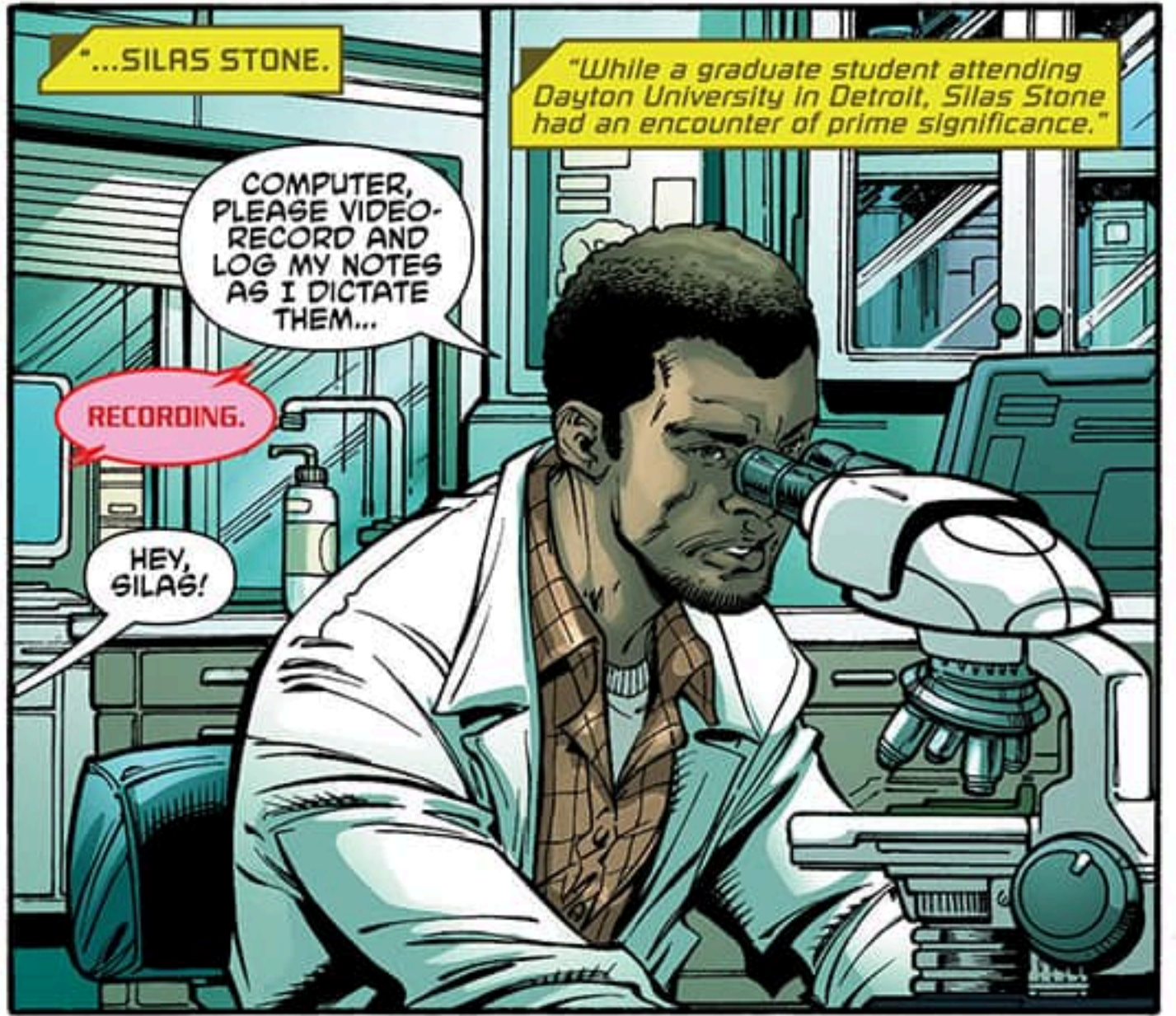
"While monitoring Subject Zero's recovery capabilities, I will initiate parallel investigation: What is subject's point of inception?"



"Beginning blood and DNA analysis. Objective: Confirmation of identity. Query: Who exactly is Cyborg?"



"DNA evidence conclusive. Records retrieved. Cyborg is identified as VICTOR STONE. His biological father is named..."



"...SILAS STONE."

"While a graduate student attending Dayton University in Detroit, Silas Stone had an encounter of prime significance."

COMPUTER, PLEASE VIDEO-RECORD AND LOG MY NOTES AS I DICTATE THEM...

RECORDING.

HEY, SILAS!



TOM, IT'S INCREDIBLE! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THE LATEST RESULTS IN MY--

I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A BIG FAN OF YOURS. SILAS STONE MEET ELINORE BEATTY.

SHE'S A GRAD STUDENT HERE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY. I WARNED HER YOU COULD JABBER ON UNTIL HER EARS FALL OFF, BUT SHE STILL WANTED TO MEET YOU.

TOM, I'M SURE SILAS DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED.



"But Silas most definitely wanted to be disturbed by this beautiful young woman. He found that they shared a deep commitment to the same kind of science."

I-I DON'T MIND AT ALL. BUT HE'S RIGHT. YOU MIGHT FIND THIS ALL A BIT BORING.

MAKING DAMAGED CELLULAR TISSUE INSTANTLY REGENERATE INTO HEALTHY TISSUE? I FIND THAT GROUNDBREAKING.

WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF HUMANITY! THAT'S WHY I CAME TO ASK YOU...MAY I PLEASE BE A PART OF YOUR RESEARCH TEAM?



"He was more than willing to grant her that request. It was only a matter of time before they shared a deeper commitment to each other."

"One that humans refer to as...love."