



**VALIANT**

They are psiots - people born with the potential for incredible abilities of the mind. They were captured and trained by sinister corporate forces to become killing machines. They became one of the youngest strike forces on the planet. They broke free of their masters and, inspired by the heroism of their fellow psiots, struck out on their own to make the world a better place. They will help you - if your cause is just. They are....

# GENERATION ZERO

## The story so far..



Keisha Thomas, a high school student in Rook, Michigan, a failing city-turned technological wonderland thanks to the diligent if mysterious work of corporate concerns and government interests, has a problem - her boyfriend Stephen died in a mysterious accident shortly after he dared to publicly question the town's business. Her father, the town sherriff, tells her Stephen's death was an accident. Her autistic brother, Kwame, is constantly talking about "The Cornermen" - strange creatures he's seen in visions. Knowing there's few people she can truly talk to, she calls out to Generation Zero for help.

As Keisha waited for Gen Zero's reply, she went to a party in the woods in Stephen's honor - only ot be attacked by The Cornermen. Turns out Kwame's visions aren't his imagination!



Before The Cornermen could silence Keisha once and for all, Generation Zero arrived to rescue her. But as she's about to discover, Gen Zero might cause as many problems as it solves...

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**BISHOP'S WOODS  
JUST OUTSIDE OF ROOK, MI**

I CALLED "GENERATION ZERO" BECAUSE SOMEONE KILLED MY BOYFRIEND--BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY COULD HELP.

HECK ARE THESE THINGS, CRONUS? I'M NOT GETTING ANY READ ON THEM.

GEOMANCY?

PSIOT-DAMPENERS?

TIMEARC DEPOSITS?

ALIEN TECHNOLOGY?

BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND ME.

AW MAN, NOT ALIENS AGAIN.

ALIENS SMELL SO WEIRD.

BUT NOW THEY'RE HERE... EVEN THOUGH THEY SAVED MY LIFE...MAYBE I'M THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.

# WE ARE THE FUTURE PART TWO

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THEY LOOK LIKE YOU OR ME.

GEEZ, ANIMALIA, THAT IS SO RACIST.

NUH-UH NO IT'S NOT, TELIC!

IT'S SPECIESIST.

THEY TALK LIKE YOU OR ME.

MY BROTHER...

BUT THEY'RE...NOT LIKE YOU OR ME.

...HE CALLS THEM "CORNERMEN."

THERE'S SOMETHING...I DON'T KNOW, WILD ABOUT THEM, THE WAY THEY CARRY THEMSELVES. LIKE THEY HAVE NO WEIGHT.



YOUR BROTHER? WHAT DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THEM?

HE--WELL, HE IS ON THE SPECTRUM. SPECTRUMS. SPECTRA.



RUBBER PEOPLE... EEWWWW...

I-I WASN'T SURE WHAT HE MEANT WHEN HE WARNED ME ABOUT PEOPLE WHO USE "WEAPONIZED GEOMETRY"... BUT I GUESS HE WAS BEING LITERAL.

IF IT'S TRUE-- IF THIS REALLY IS GENERATION ZERO--THEN THEY'RE CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING.



THEY'RE DANGEROUS BUT... BEAUTIFUL, TOO...

MAYBE, KEISHA.

THAT ARM DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD. I SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT--

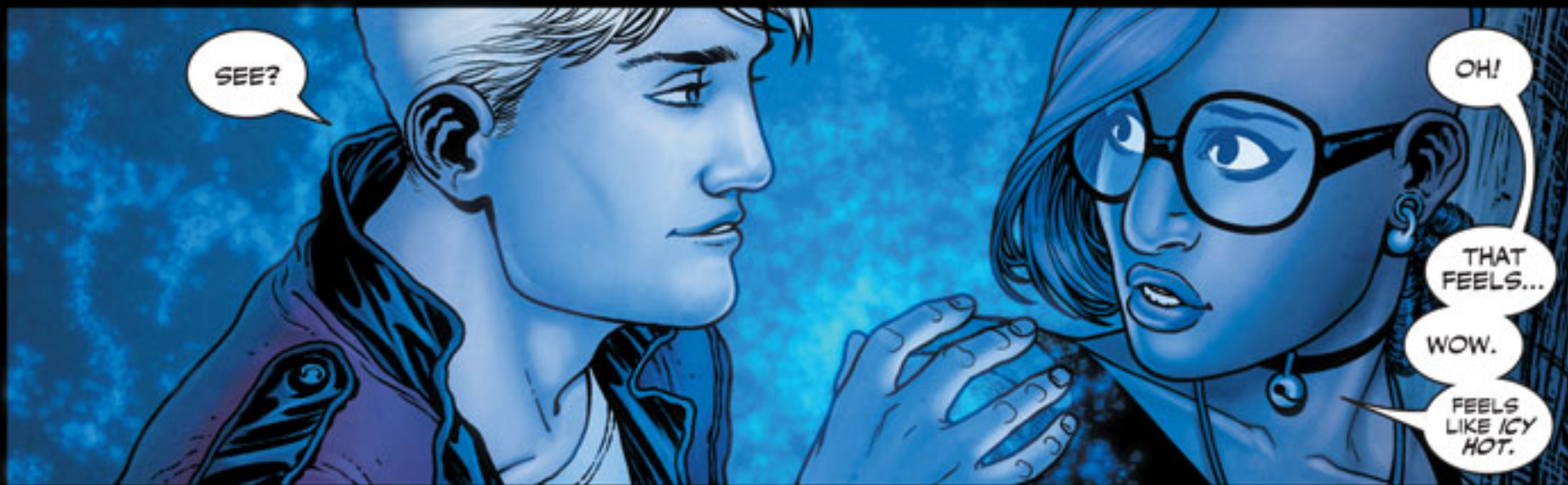
BUT-- UH--WHY? I SAW YOU BLAST THOSE HOODED DUDES INTO SMITHEREENS WITH THAT HAND!



...LIKE A FLAME.

WELL. HERE'S THE THING:

THE SAME ENERGY MY BODY GENERATES CAN HEAL AS WELL AS HARM.



SEE?

OH!

THAT FEELS...

WOW.

FEELS LIKE ICY HOT.





DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN YOU THREE AROUND HERE BEFORE.

NO. WE'RE NEW. VERY NEW.

I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO EMPTY YOUR POCKETS FOR ME, PLEASE.



DAD!

GET IN THE CAR, KEISHA.

DAD WE WEREN'T DOING ANYTHI--



GET.

IN.

THE CAR.



EMPTY YOUR POCKETS, KIDDO, LET'S GO.

NO.

WHAT'S THAT? NOT SURE I HEARD YOU RIGHT.



SURE YOU DID.

THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION SAYS NO PERSON OR PROPERTY MAY BE SEARCHED WITHOUT A LEGAL ORDER SIGNED BY A JUDGE...

...UNLESS YOU HAVE PLAIN EVIDENCE OF A CRIME, AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, OR IF YOU PLAN TO PLACE ME UNDER ARREST.



BUT THEN YOU'D NEED A CHARGE.

WOULDN'T YOU?

OFFICER?





SPREAD YOUR LEGS.

WHOMM



SPREAD 'EM.

STAND DOWN, ANIMALIA.

THAT'S AN ORDER.



NO WALLET. NO I.D.

NO CASH.



NO CAR KEYS. NO HOUSE KEYS.



NO CELL PHONE.



YOU SURE YOU NEW IN TOWN...



...OR JUST... PASSING THROUGH?



OUR FOSTER MOTHER MOVED US HERE...JUST TODAY, ACTUALLY.

THOUGHT WE'D WALK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SOAK IN THE SIGHTS OF YOUR LOVELY LITTLE TOWN.