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Bombstrike, Ambush, Sightline, and Milo have smuggled themselves into Springfield via a dangerously mysterious weapons shipment out of the Revanche Complex in Darklonia. But getting home is only half the battle. Can they find a way to stop the evil machinations of... Dr. Venom?!

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IN SPRINGFIELD.



TELL THE VIPERS INSIDE THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY SHIPMENT FOR DR. VENOM FROM REVANCHE IN DARKLONIA.



TAKE THEM STRAIGHT DOWN TO THE LAB. THROUGH THOSE BLAST DOORS. TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO BASEMENT LEVEL 2.

WHEN YOU GO THROUGH THE BASEMENT BLAST DOORS, A TECHNO-VIPER WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY.



DR. VENOM'S LAB IS AT THE END OF THE HALL. DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING IN THERE.



YOU KNOW, HE'S *REALLY* DR. MINDBENDER WITH HIS BRAIN TAKEN OVER BY THE MEMORIES OF THE LATE DR. VENOM.

IT'S DOWNRIGHT CREEPY. DEAD PEOPLE LIVING IN *OTHER* PEOPLE'S HEADS...



IT'S EVEN CREEPIER THAT HE DITCHED THE MONOCLE, SHAVED THE MUSTACHE, AND WEARS A WIG.

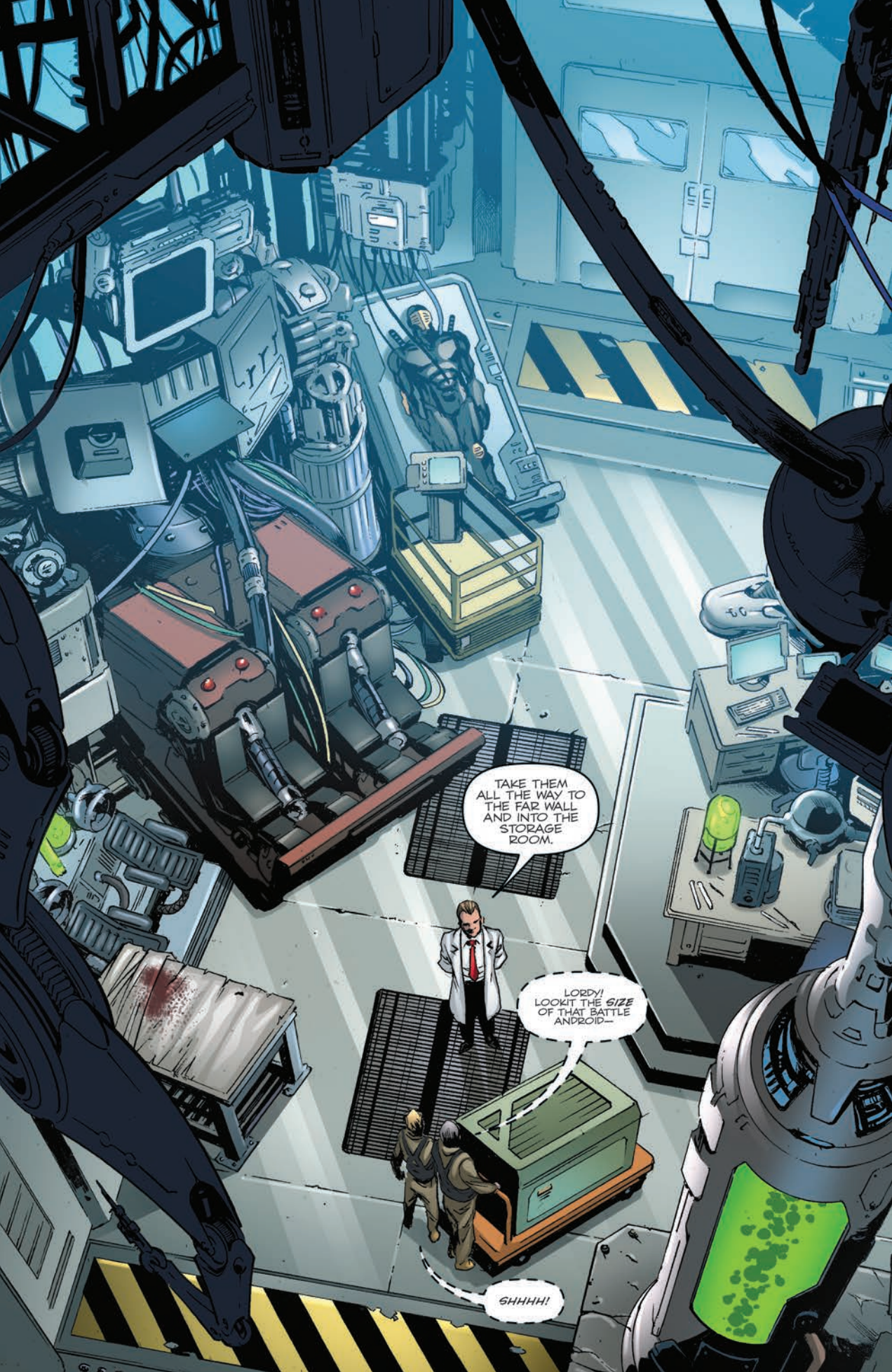
IT'S LIKE VENOM ISN'T SATISFIED WITH TAKING OVER MINDBENDER'S BRAIN. HE WANTS TO DO THE *COMPLETE* MAKEOVER.



MINDBENDER WAS CREEPY, BUT VENOM IS ON A WHOLE *OTHER* LEVEL. CALCULATED EVIL, MORE LIKE.

AND HE TAKES PLEASURE IN IT—

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG IN TAKING PLEASURE IN ONE'S WORK. *ESPECIALLY* IF IT FURTHERS THE CAUSE OF COBRA WORLD DOMINATION.



TAKE THEM ALL THE WAY TO THE FAR WALL AND INTO THE STORAGE ROOM.

LORDY! LOOKIT THE *SIZE* OF THAT BATTLE ANDROID—

SHHHH!

ARE
THOSE **BLOOD**
STAINS?

YOU
DON'T WANT
TO KNOW.

YOU DON'T
EVER WANT TO
SIT DOWN IN
THAT—YOU MIGHT
END UP WITH A
DREADNOK INSIDE
YOUR HEAD.

IT'S NOT EVEN
TURNED ON, AND
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S
STARING RIGHT
AT ME.

THIS ONE
IS LOOKING
AT US.



WHAT'S HE DOING, SLAPPING TOGETHER HIS OWN PRIVATE ARMY?



PLAIN VANILLA VIPERS AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM.



WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHY HE'S HOOKING THE BIG ANDROID TO THE BRAIN WAVE SCANNER.



THE INFERIOR MAN ACCEPTS HIS LIMITATIONS. THE SUPERIOR MAN DOES SOMETHING ABOUT IT...



...AND I, IF I AM ANYTHING, AM A SUPERIOR MAN.