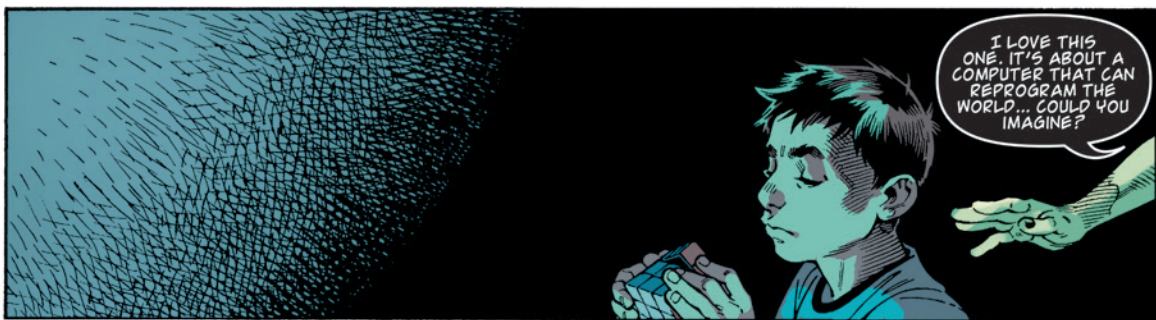


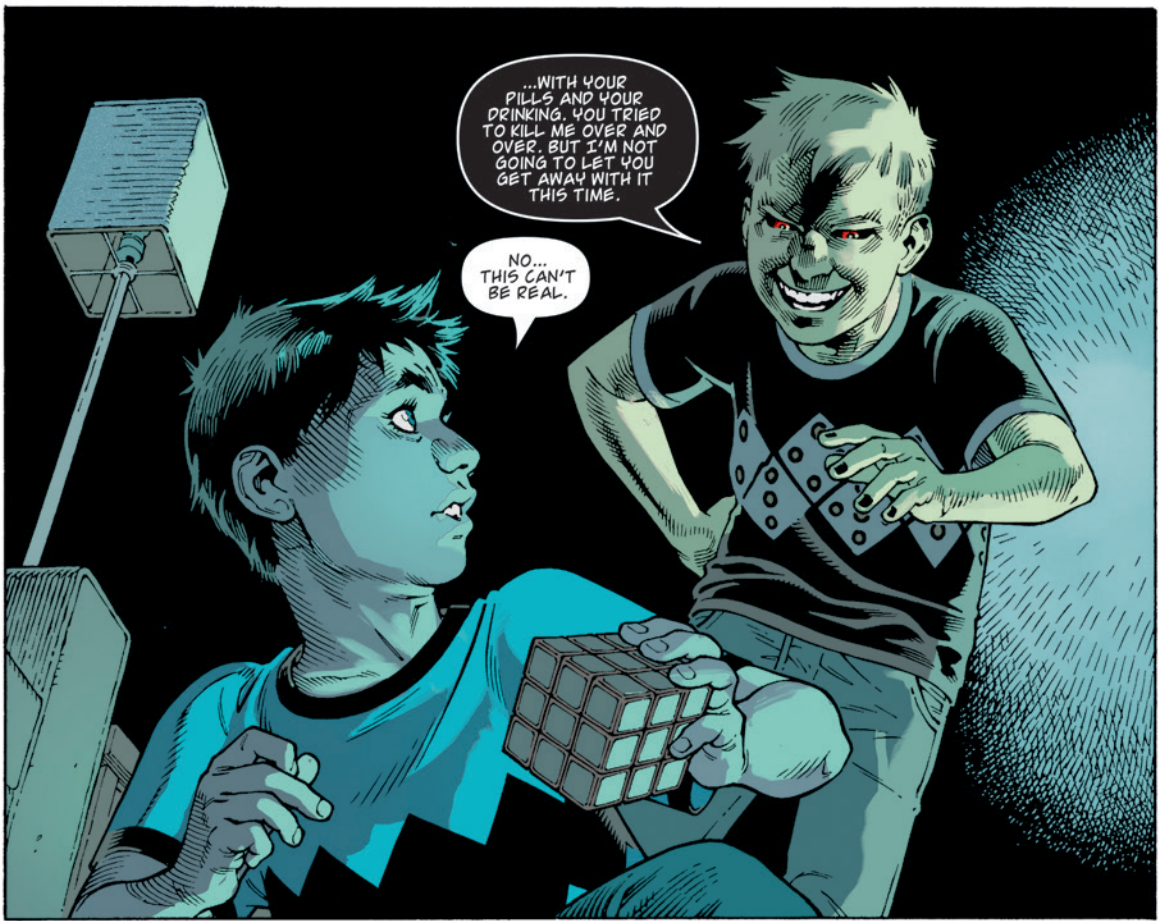
EXECUTE,
DAMMIT,
EXECUTE!



I LOVE THIS
ONE. IT'S ABOUT A
COMPUTER THAT CAN
REPROGRAM THE
WORLD... COULD YOU
IMAGINE?



YOU TRIED
TO KILL ME,
BRIAN...



...WITH YOUR PILLS AND YOUR DRINKING, YOU TRIED TO KILL ME OVER AND OVER BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT THIS TIME.

NO... THIS CAN'T BE REAL.



DOES IT TRULY MATTER WHAT'S REAL ANYMORE BRIAN? BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT DOES.

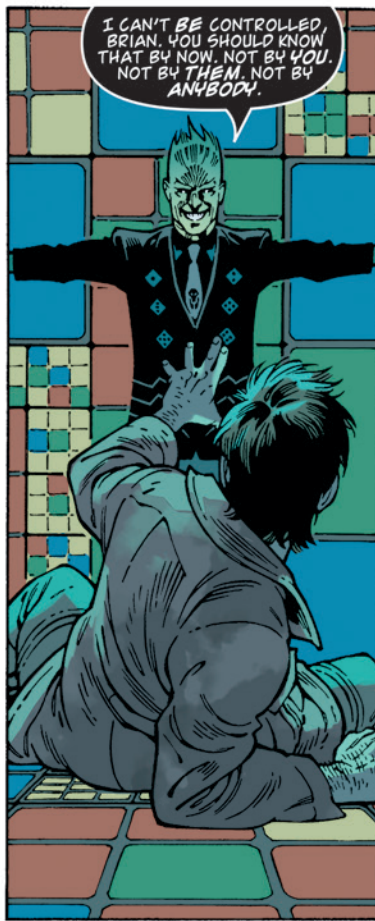


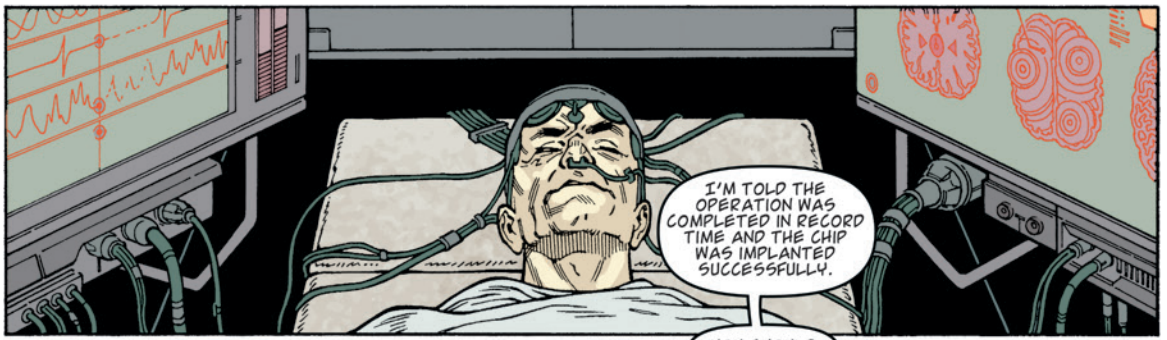
I THINK THE REAL WORLD SHOULD BE MORE FAIR. MORE JUST. IT SHOULD MAKE SENSE...



...LIKE TELEVISION. THAT'S THE WORLD I WANT TO LIVE IN.

A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE GET WHAT'S COMING TO THEM.



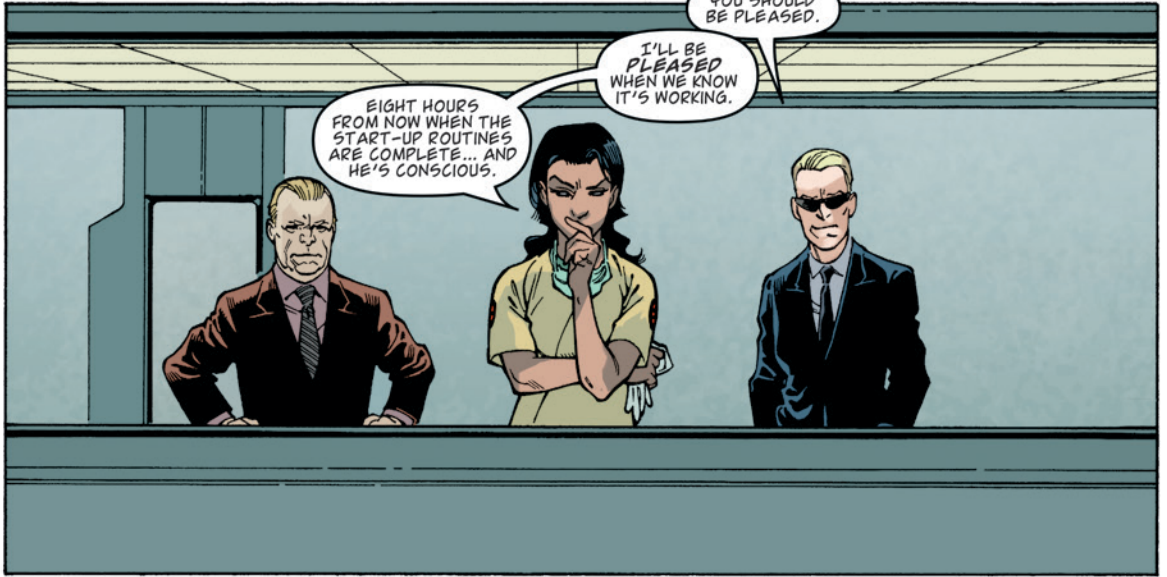


I'M TOLD THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED IN RECORD TIME AND THE CHIP WAS IMPLANTED SUCCESSFULLY.

YOU SHOULD BE PLEASED.

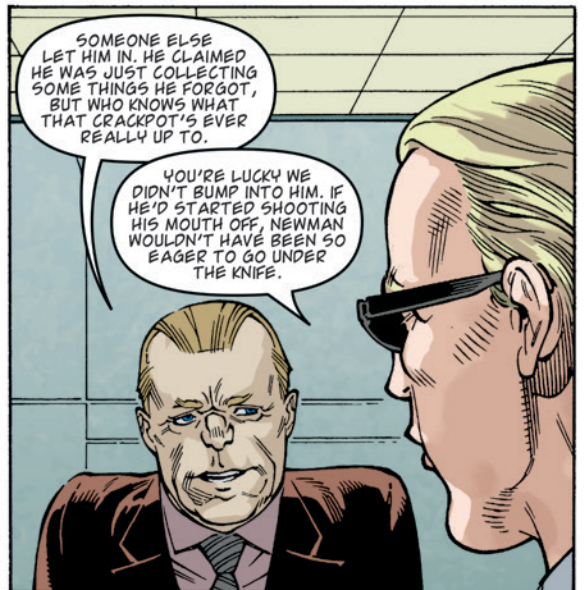
I'LL BE PLEASED WHEN WE KNOW IT'S WORKING.

EIGHT HOURS FROM NOW WHEN THE START-UP ROUTINES ARE COMPLETE... AND HE'S CONSCIOUS.



STILL, YOU DID BETTER THAN DR. FRIEDKIN'S PROJECTIONS.

SPEAKING OF WHICH—WHAT WERE YOU DOING WITH HIM WHEN I BROUGHT NEWMAN IN? YOU SAID HE WAS OUT OF HERE LAST WEEK.



SOMEONE ELSE LET HIM IN. HE CLAIMED HE WAS JUST COLLECTING SOME THINGS HE FORGOT, BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT THAT CRACKPOT'S EVER REALLY UP TO.

YOU'RE LUCKY WE DIDN'T BUMP INTO HIM. IF HE'D STARTED SHOOTING HIS MOUTH OFF, NEWMAN WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EAGER TO GO UNDER THE KNIFE.

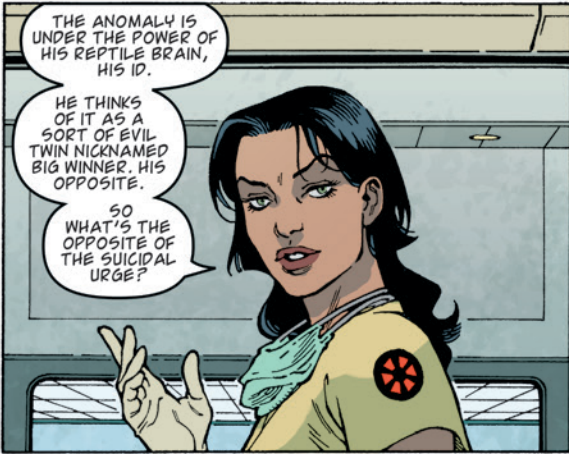


ARE YOU KIDDING ME? HE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT THE CONSENT FORMS. HE SIGNED EVERY ORGAN IN HIS BODY OVER TO US WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE. IT WAS LIKE HE DIDN'T EVEN CARE WHAT WE DID TO HIM WHEN HE WENT UNDER.



SUICIDAL IDEATION IS PART OF THE PROFILE. THAT TROUBLES ME.

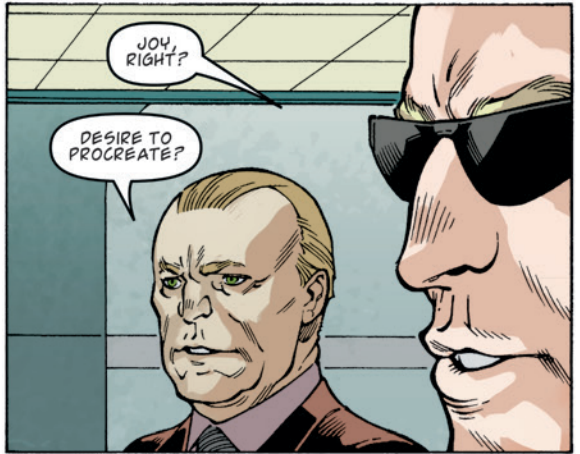
WHY? CERTAINLY MADE THE SALE A LOT EASIER FOR US. GREASED THE OL' WHEELS, EH, FINNEY?



THE ANOMALY IS UNDER THE POWER OF HIS REPTILE BRAIN, HIS ID.

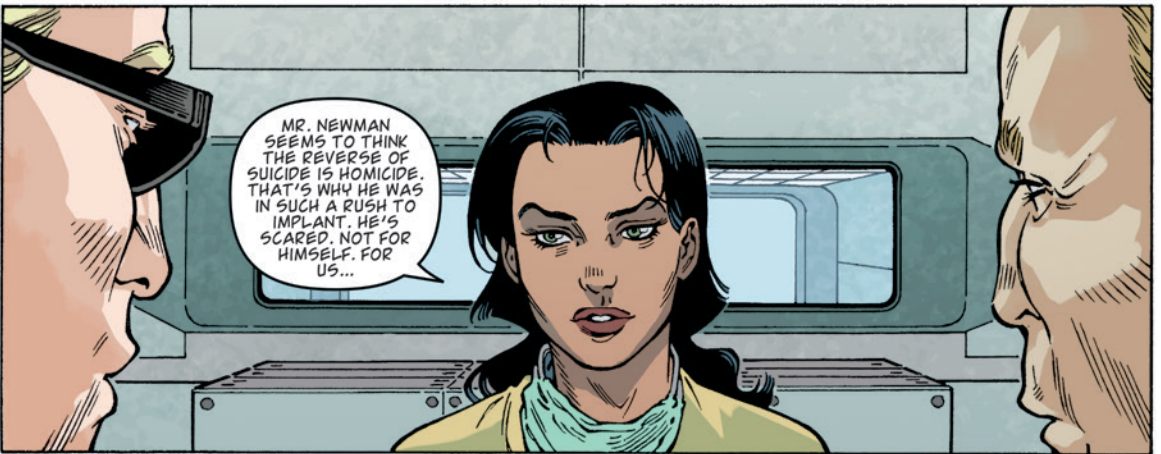
HE THINKS OF IT AS A SORT OF EVIL TWIN NICKNAMED BIG WINNER. HIS OPPOSITE.

SO WHAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF THE SUICIDAL URGE?



JOY, RIGHT?

DESIRE TO PROCREATE?



MR. NEWMAN SEEMS TO THINK THE REVERSE OF SUICIDE IS HOMICIDE. THAT'S WHY HE WAS IN SUCH A RUSH TO IMPLANT. HE'S SCARED. NOT FOR HIMSELF. FOR US...



...HE'S SCARED BIG WINNER WILL LASH OUT TO PROTECT HIMSELF, AND WE'LL BE IN THE WAY.

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT, AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO YOURSELF ANY GOOD THINKING LIKE THAT...