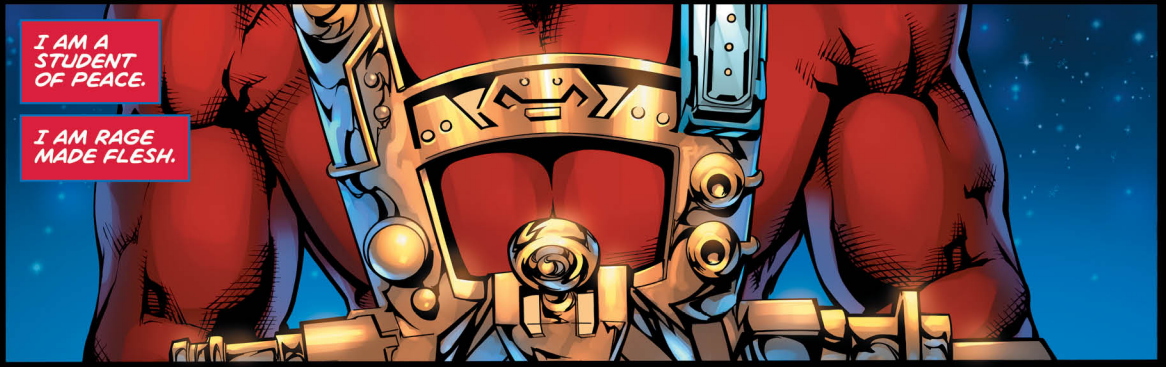


**I AM THE
PEACE TREATY
BETWEEN TWO
PLANETS AT WAR.**

**I AM ALSO
THE SON OF
A MONSTER.**

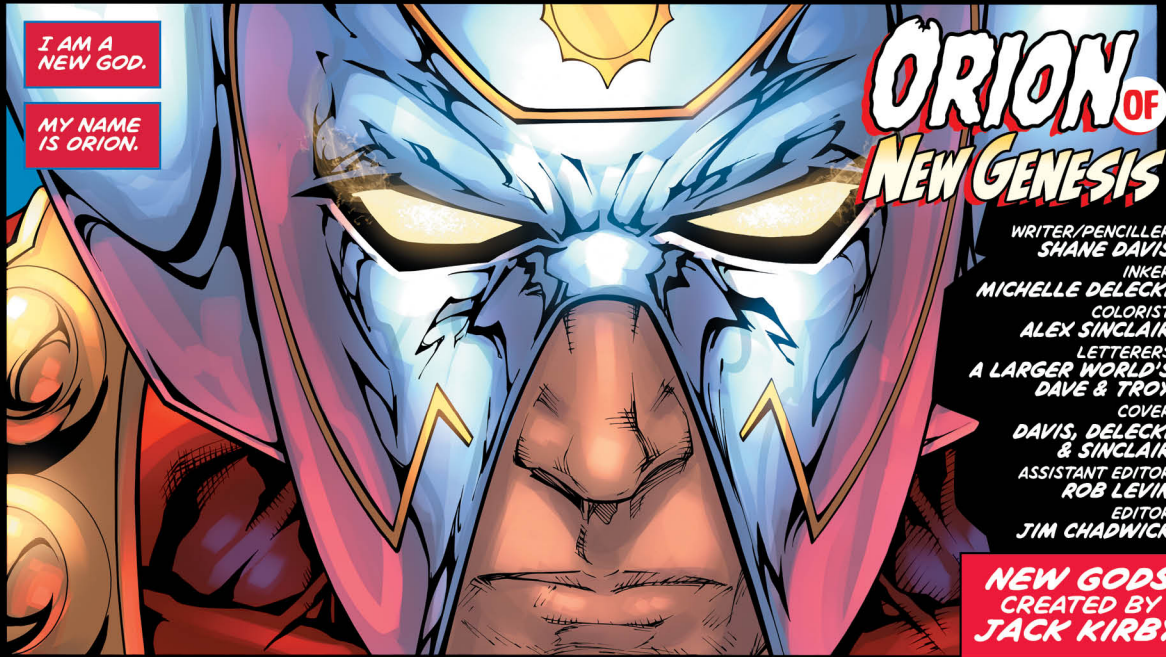


**I AM A
STUDENT
OF PEACE.**

**I AM RAGE
MADE FLESH.**



**I AM
WAR BORN.**



**I AM A
NEW GOD.**

**MY NAME
IS ORION.**

ORION OF NEW GENESIS

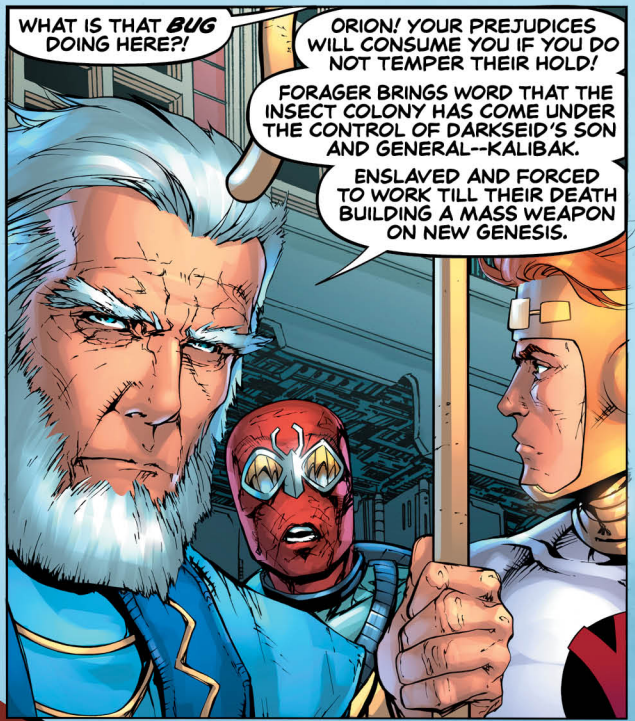
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HIGHFATHER!
LIGHTRAY!
IS EVERYTHING
WELL?

ORION, ALL
IN SUPERTOWN
ARE WELL, BUT
SOMEONE ELSE
IS IN NEED OF
YOUR AID...



WHAT IS THAT *BUG*
DOING HERE?!

ORION! YOUR PREJUDICES
WILL CONSUME YOU IF YOU DO
NOT TEMPER THEIR HOLD!

FORAGER BRINGS WORD THAT THE
INSECT COLONY HAS COME UNDER
THE CONTROL OF DARKSEID'S SON
AND GENERAL--KALIBAK.

ENSLAVED AND FORCED
TO WORK TILL THEIR DEATH
BUILDING A MASS WEAPON
ON NEW GENESIS.



MY BROTHER,
HERE...ON
NEW GENESIS?!

ORION, I COME
HERE TO PLEAD
AN AUDIENCE
WITH THE GODS.

PLEASE,
I KNOW YOU HAVE
NO LOVE FOR MY
PEOPLE, BUT WE
NEED YOUR HELP.

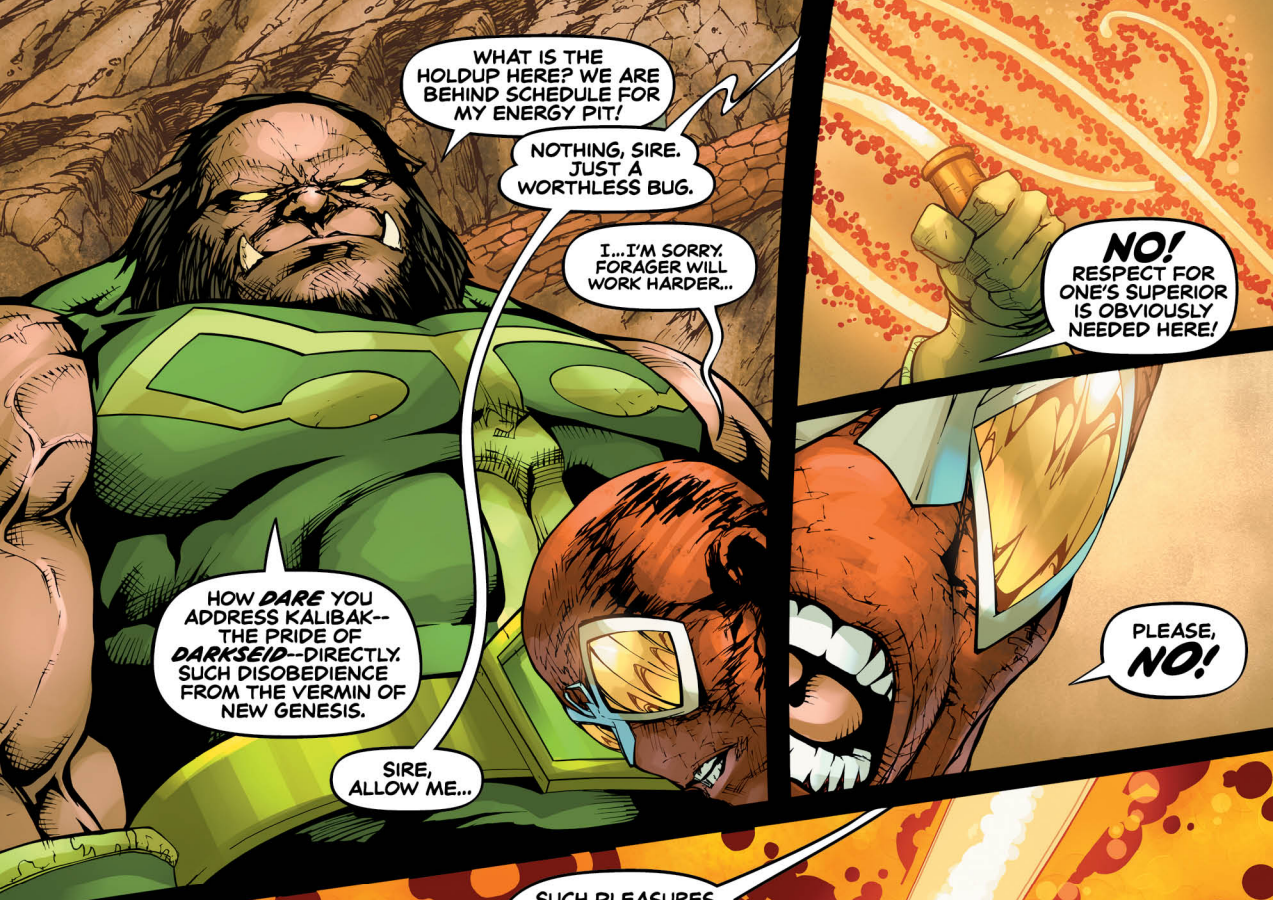


"AS WE SPEAK
MY KIND ARE
NOW SLAVES OF
APOKOLIPS!"



EARGH!!

WATCH IT,
INSECT!



WHAT IS THE HOLDUP HERE? WE ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE FOR MY ENERGY PIT!

NOTHING, SIRE. JUST A WORTHLESS BUG.

I... I'M SORRY. FORAGER WILL WORK HARDER...

NO!
RESPECT FOR ONE'S SUPERIOR IS OBVIOUSLY NEEDED HERE!

HOW *DARE* YOU ADDRESS KALIBAK-- THE PRIDE OF DARKSEID-- DIRECTLY. SUCH DISOBEDIENCE FROM THE VERMIN OF NEW GENESIS.

SIRE, ALLOW ME...

PLEASE, **NO!**



SUCH PLEASURES ARE RESERVED FOR **KALIBAK,** THE TORTURER OF APOKOLIPS!

EARGHHHGHHHH!!!

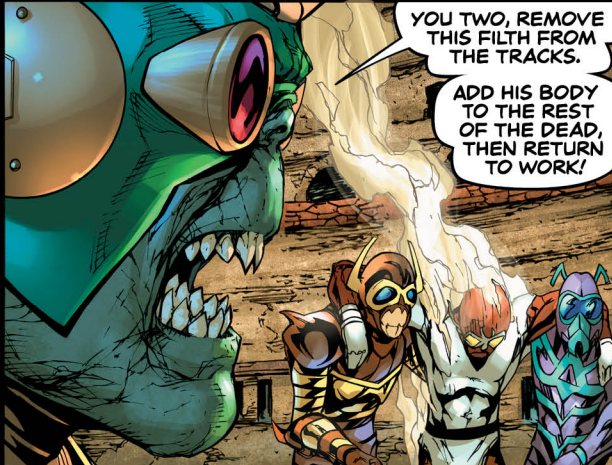
BOOM!!!
CRASH!!!



THE PIT HAS TO BE ACTIVATED IN THE NEXT CYCLE NO MATTER WHAT.

DESAAD'S DESIGN WILL DO THE REST FROM THERE.

AS SOON AS WE ARE DONE WITH THESE VERMIN, EXTINGUISH THEM.



YOU TWO, REMOVE THIS FILTH FROM THE TRACKS.

ADD HIS BODY TO THE REST OF THE DEAD, THEN RETURN TO WORK!



CLEAR WE ARE... SAFE BE IT!



IT WORKED!

OKAY BE FORAGER?

I'M ALIVE...AND IT WORKED, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

HERE, FORAGER. YOUR SHIELD, WE HIDE. YOU TAKE.

NOT LONG BEFORE THEY KNOW YOU NOT DEAD. QUICK! FORAGER MUST GO!



SO I SEEK YOUR HELP, NEW GODS. KALIBAK WILL WORK THE INSECT EMPIRE TO ITS DEATH TO BUILD THE ENERGY PIT.

"I FEAR WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY PEOPLE UPON ITS COMPLETION."



BY THE OLD GODS AND THE NEW, HE DARES SET FOOT *HERE*... ON *MY HOME!*

BUT WAIT... WHAT OF OUR TRUCE WITH DARKSEID?

DID WE NOT AGREE TO LEAVE EACH OTHER'S REALM UNTOUCHED?

DARKSEID WOULD NOT RESORT TO SUCH A SECRETIVE INCURSION AND RISK THE TRUCE. I SENSE THAT KALIBAK IS OPERATING ON HIS OWN.



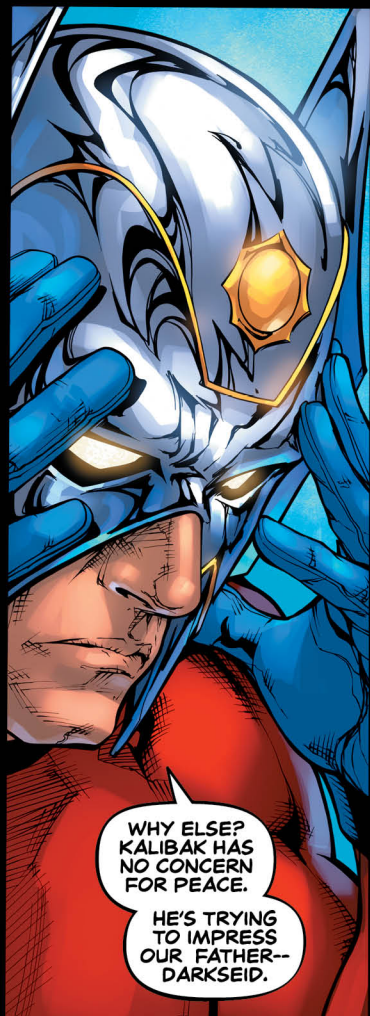
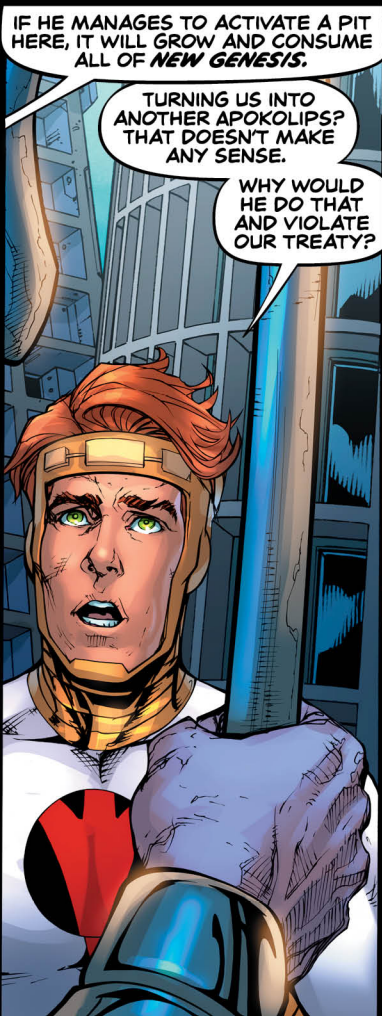
SO WHAT-- THE PARADEMONS' ATTACKS ON OTHER PLANETS WERE A DISTRACTION TO LURE US AWAY FROM *NEW GENESIS*??

I HAVE SEEN APOKOLIPS. THE ENERGY PITS FUEL AND GROW THE TECHNOLOGICAL TERRAIN THERE.

IF HE MANAGES TO ACTIVATE A PIT HERE, IT WILL GROW AND CONSUME ALL OF *NEW GENESIS*.

TURNING US INTO ANOTHER APOKOLIPS? THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

WHY WOULD HE DO THAT AND VIOLATE OUR TREATY?



WHY ELSE? KALIBAK HAS NO CONCERN FOR PEACE.

HE'S TRYING TO IMPRESS OUR FATHER-- DARKSEID.



FORAGER WILL LEAD YOU TO THE LOCATION OF THE PIT.

THE PIT IS ONLY ONE DAY BEHIND SCHEDULE.

I FEAR MY PEOPLE HAVE LITTLE TIME.

WELL THEN, BUG, I GUESS WE FOLLOW YOU.