

**HAZELTYNE
RESEARCH FLOOR,
OLD NEW YORK CITY
19 YEARS AGO**

Come on,
dammit.

FFTH

"In light of recent events,
I wanted to just say how
much I appreciate the
Board's continued
support."

"I've always held
myself accountable
for my efforts and
results, and expect
nothing less from
this company."

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My confidence
that we're on the verge
of *breakthroughs*
is unshaken.

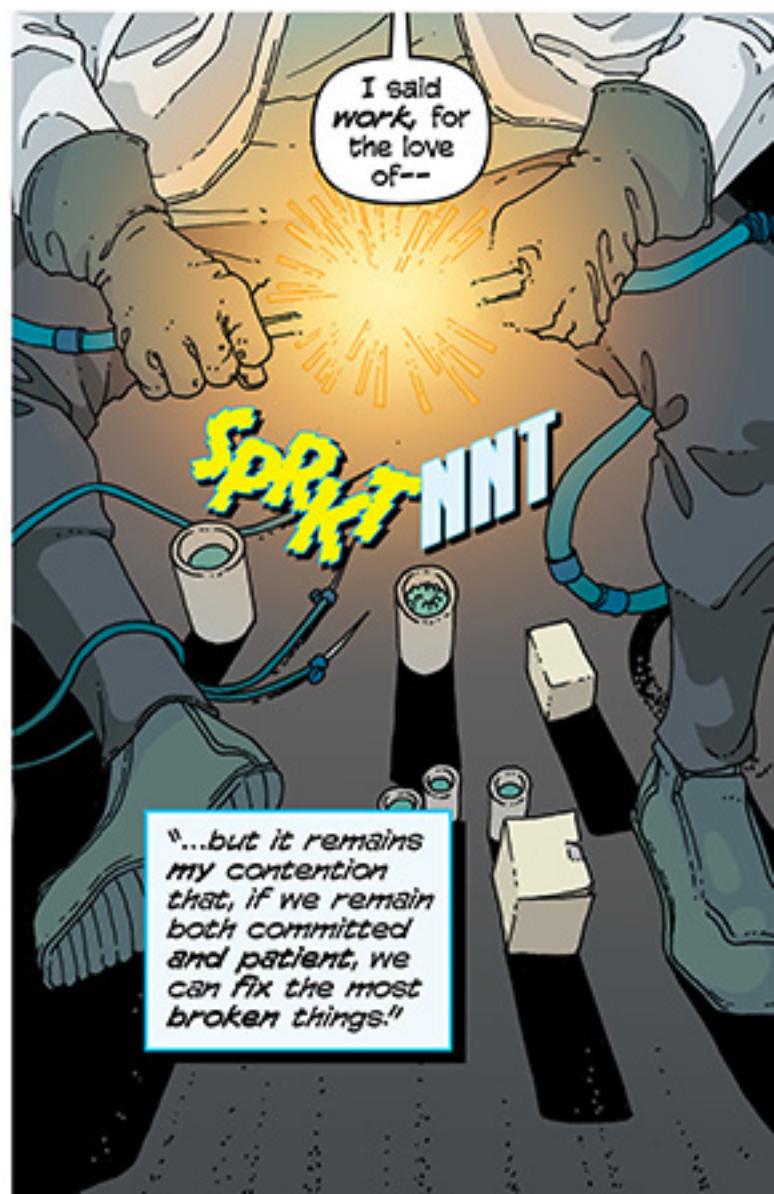
Given the
warming trend
the planet has been
arcing along for many
years now, *retooling*
the climate will
take baby
steps...



I said
work, for
the love
of--

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"...but it remains
my contention
that, if we remain
both committed
and patient, we
can fix the most
broken things."





The Formulary
I've been developing will allow us *dominion* over our upper atmosphere and help us *steer precipitation* to those areas most *devastated* by the worsening crisis.

By exploiting the *inverse relationship* between trapped greenhouse gasses and the *colder* air above, we can *adjust* things much like a homeowner setting their *thermostat*.

We're going to *use* the climate's worst ailments *against* it, if I have my *druthers*.



We appreciate your *appearance* before this Board, *Dr. Reasons*. And it's good to see you've been *productive* following your earlier setbacks.

Perhaps you can better walk us through the--

⇒*AHEM*⇒

Would this new effort be *paid for* out of your *current budget*, Doctor?



I thought the *purpose* of this *inquiry* was to assess the *next round* of funding.



"I don't think you're properly *evaluating* the situation here. *Drawing down* the elements is almost *fringe science*, still."

AHHH...

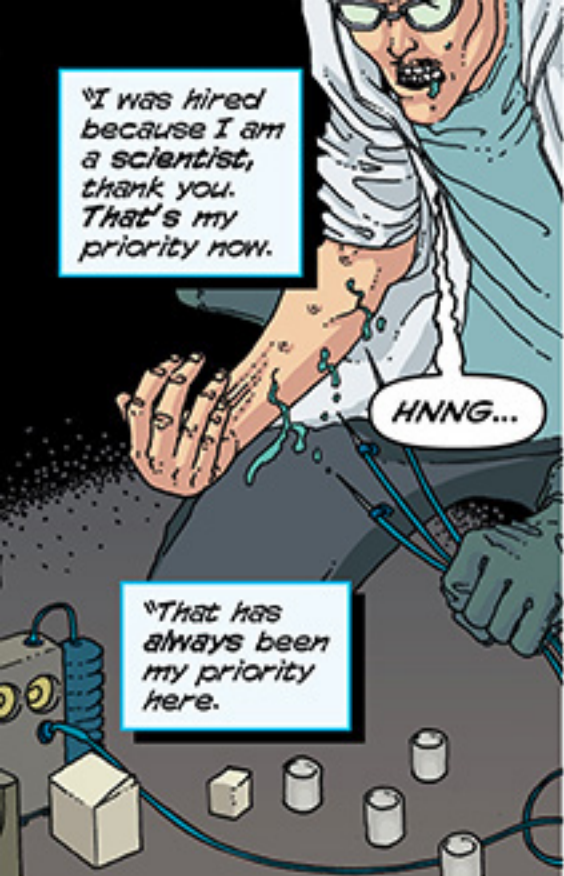
"*Project Snowfall* is the *culmination* of almost a *decade's* worth of work."



You've been under a tremendous amount of *stress*, Doctor. Circumstances being what they are, we all expected you to take a leave of absence.

Some *family* time.

Don't you *dare* bring my family into this.



"I was hired because I am a scientist, thank you. That's my priority now."

HNNG...

"That has always been my priority here."



Your credentials are beyond reproach, Doctor. And I think I speak for all of us when I say...

...no one holds you responsible for any setbacks or miscalculations.

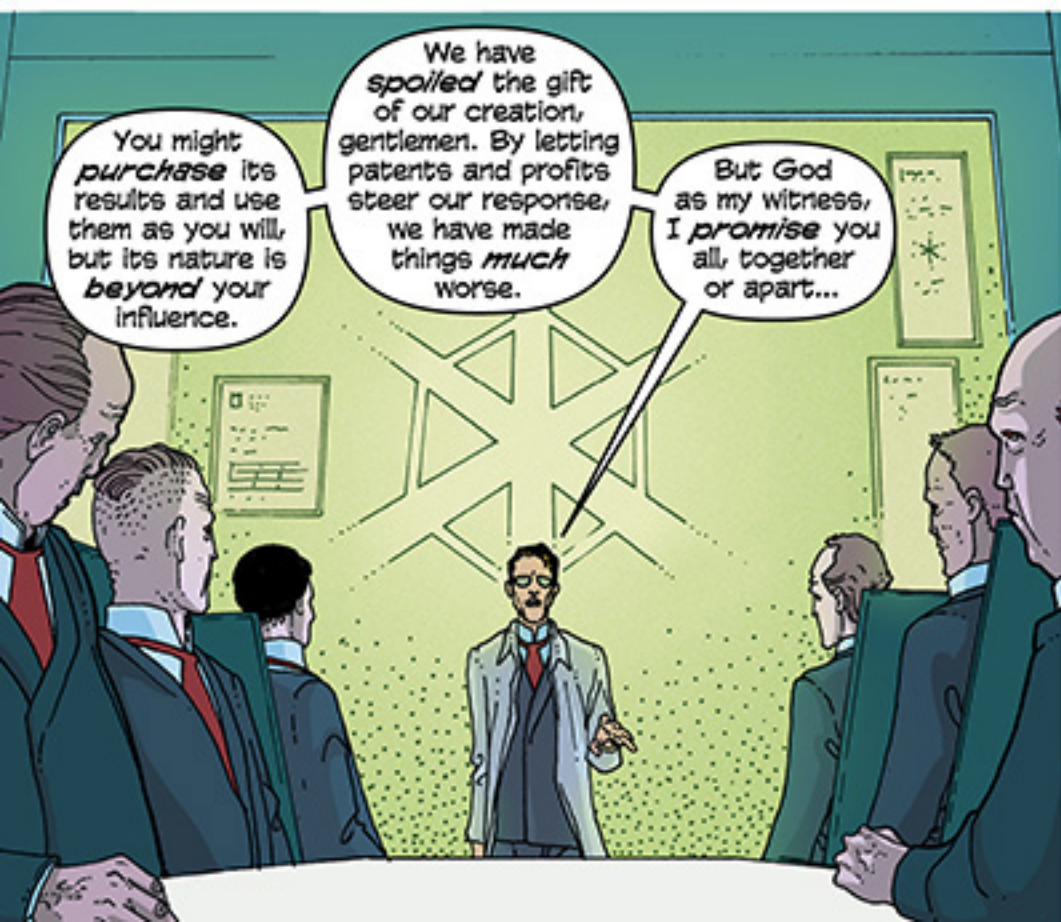
We've talked about this, August.



"You think this is a game, all of you."

"You sit in this tower atop your company wealth and count the politicians in your pockets against the influence you hold."

"But science is truth!"



You might purchase its results and use them as you will, but its nature is beyond your influence.

We have spoiled the gift of our creation, gentlemen. By letting patents and profits steer our response, we have made things much worse.

But God as my witness, I promise you all, together or apart...

...I will make it show again.

THE DROWNED BRONX
(SAVED NEW YORK
BARRIER ZONE)
2045





You don't submit, we don't eat!



Give it--!

I freed it, yohim! It's mine to--!



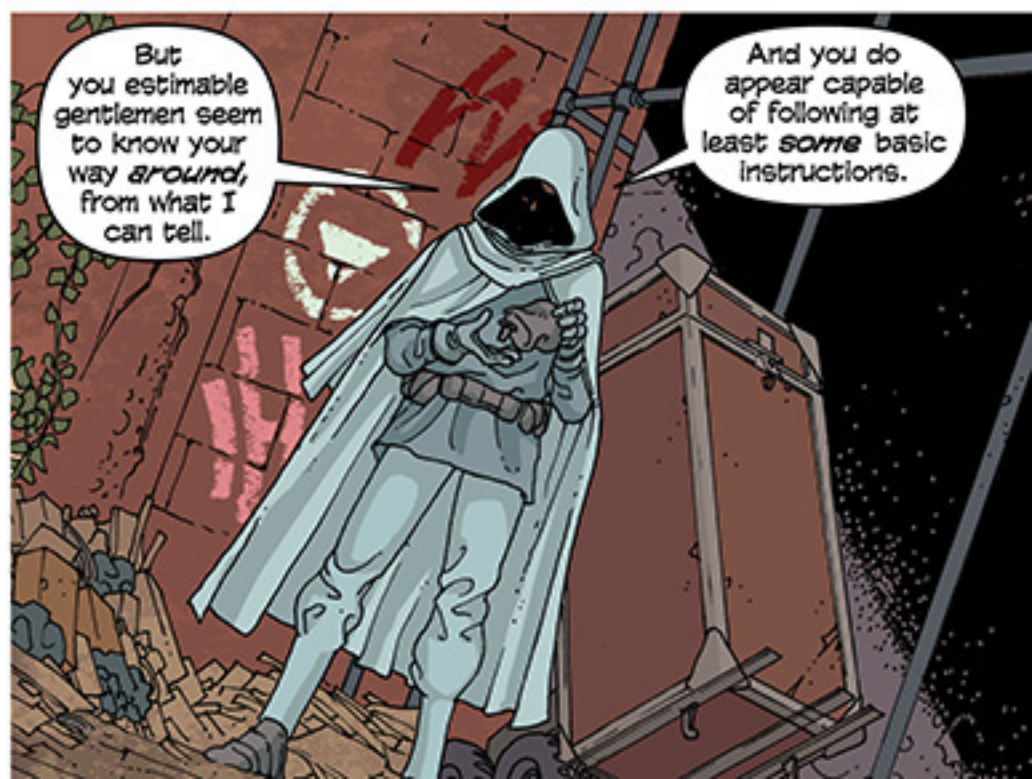
I ought to gut you up the front, yohim!

You ain't down, boy!



Boys 'round here gotta share if they gonna--

Rough part of town.



But you estimable gentlemen seem to know your way around, from what I can tell.

And you do appear capable of following at least some basic instructions.