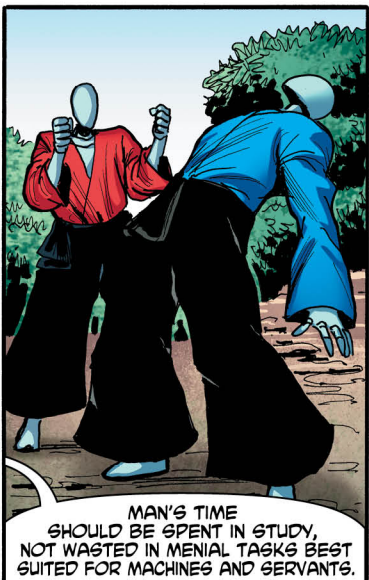


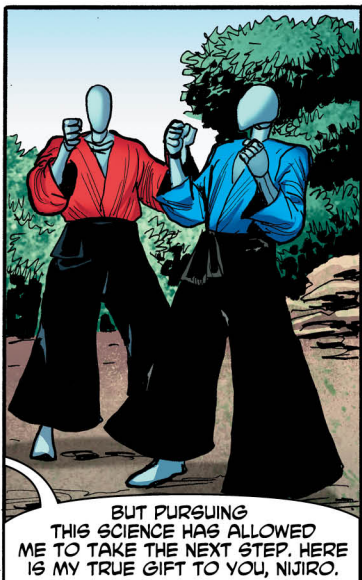
FATHER,  
THIS TOY YOU  
MADE FOR ME IS  
BEAUTIFUL.



MY GIFT IS NOT  
A TOY, NIJIRO. IT IS AN AUTOMATON.  
A SCIENTIFIC SIMULATION OF LIFE MADE  
FROM STEEL, GEARS AND WIRE.

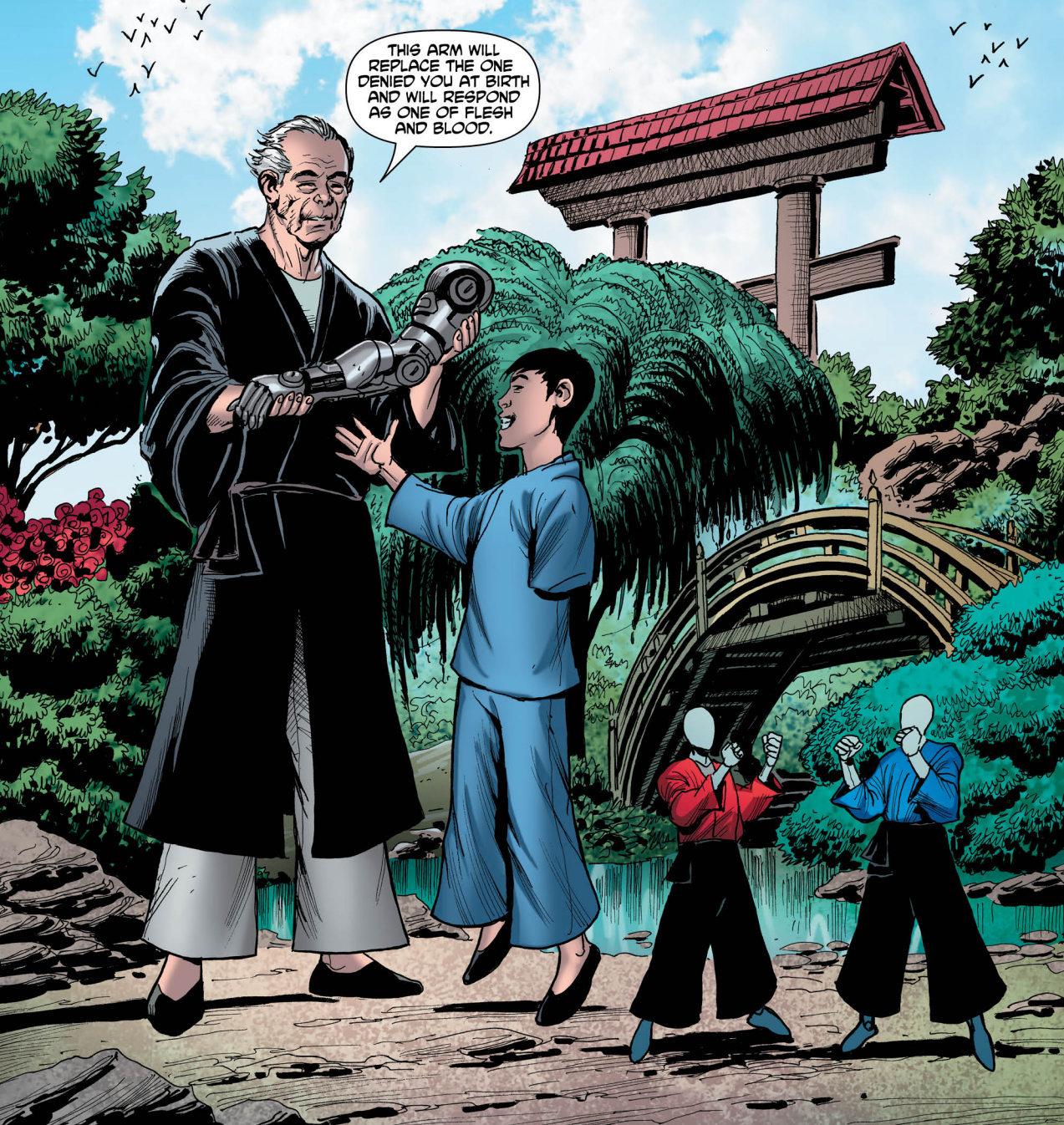


MAN'S TIME  
SHOULD BE SPENT IN STUDY,  
NOT WASTED IN MENIAL TASKS BEST  
SUITED FOR MACHINES AND SERVANTS.

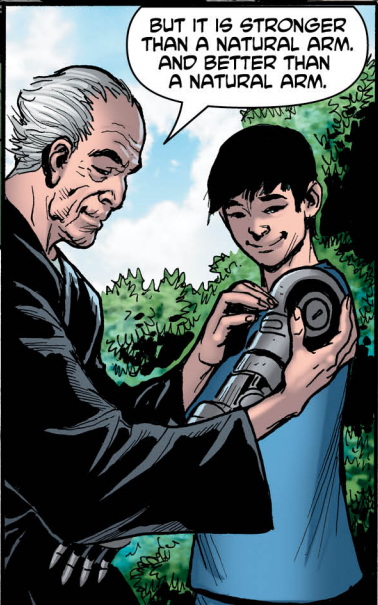


BUT PURSUING  
THIS SCIENCE HAS ALLOWED  
ME TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP. HERE  
IS MY TRUE GIFT TO YOU, NIJIRO.

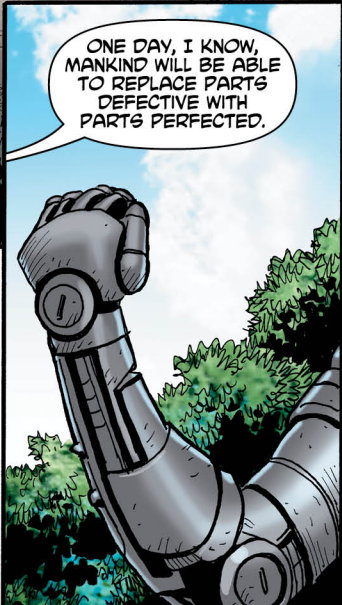




THIS ARM WILL REPLACE THE ONE DENIED YOU AT BIRTH AND WILL RESPOND AS ONE OF FLESH AND BLOOD.



BUT IT IS STRONGER THAN A NATURAL ARM. AND BETTER THAN A NATURAL ARM.



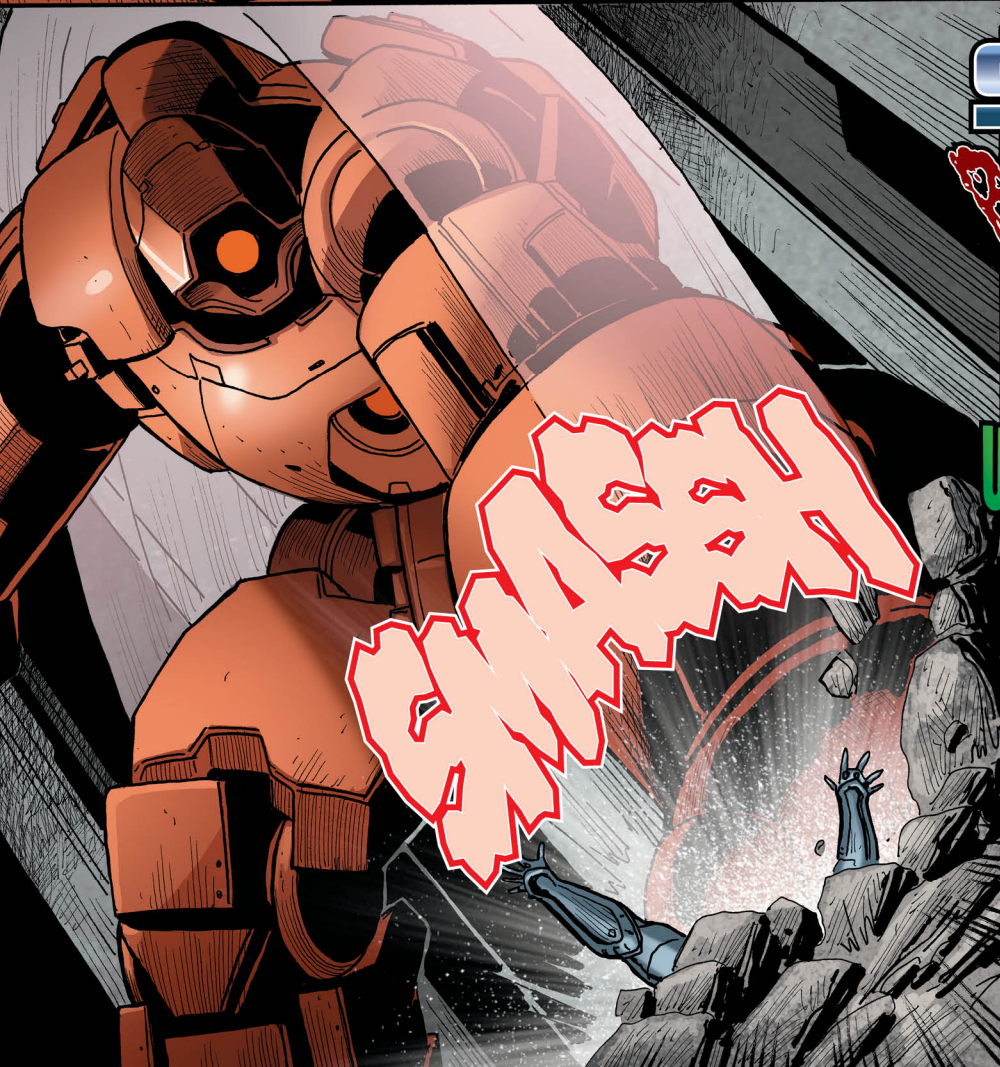
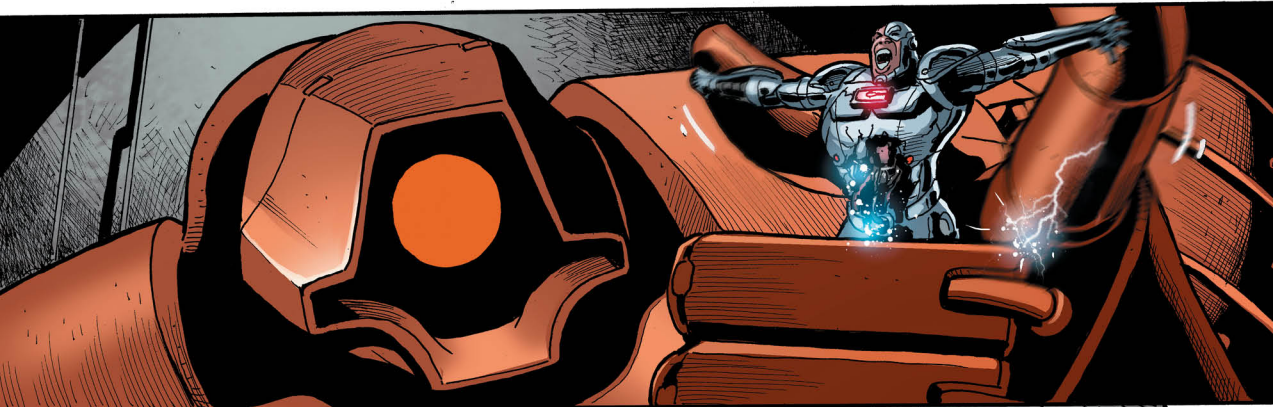
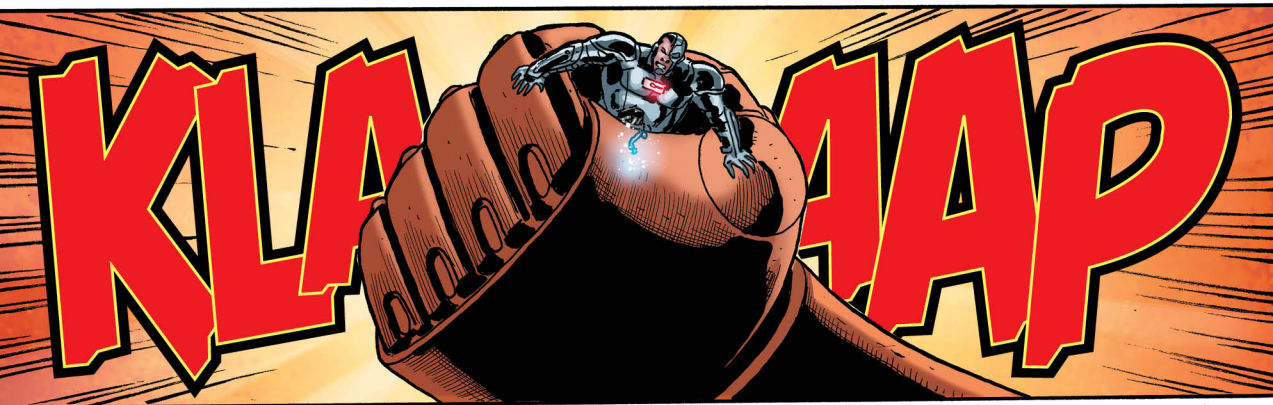
ONE DAY, I KNOW, MANKIND WILL BE ABLE TO REPLACE PARTS DEFECTIVE WITH PARTS PERFECTED.



"BUT YOU, MY BEAUTIFUL SON, MY SPECIAL NIJIRO, WILL BE THE FIRST.

"AND ALWAYS THE BEST."





**STEEL**

AND

**BLOOD**

CHAPTER TWO:

**PARTS:  
UNKNOWN.**

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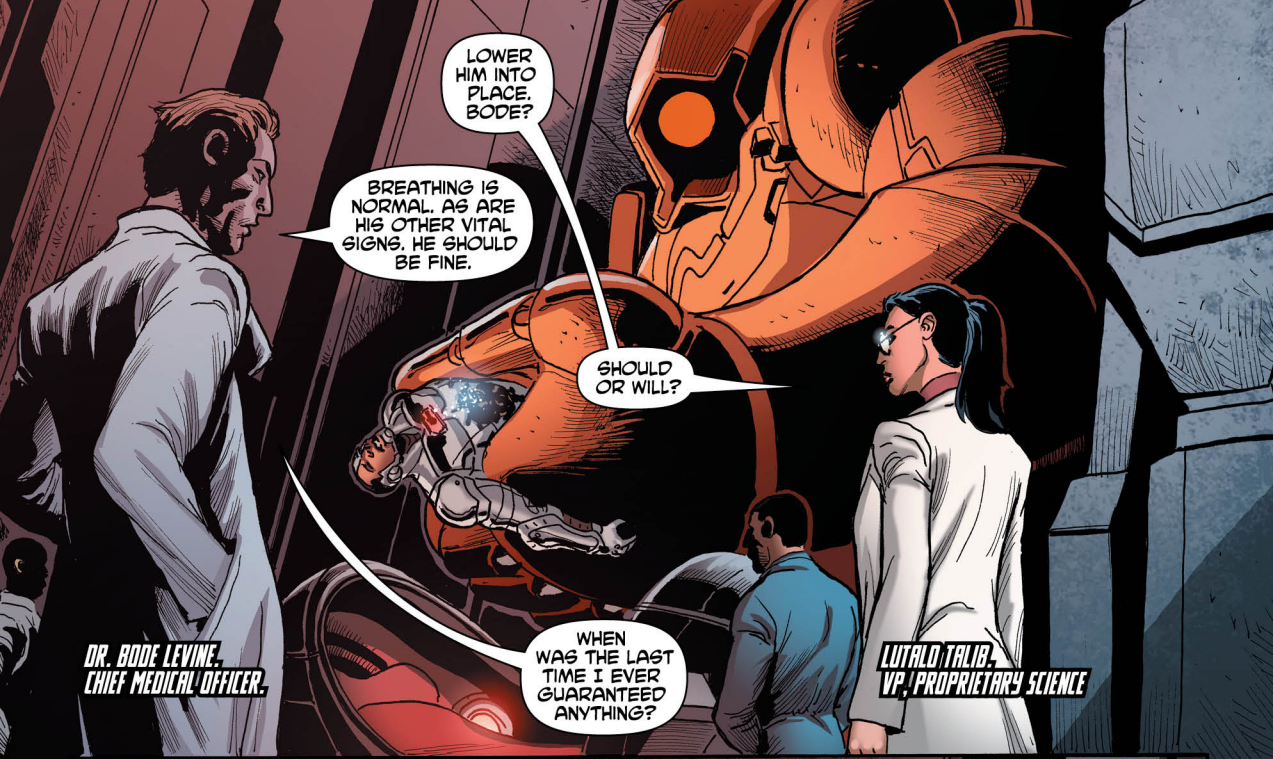
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LOWER HIM INTO PLACE, BODE?

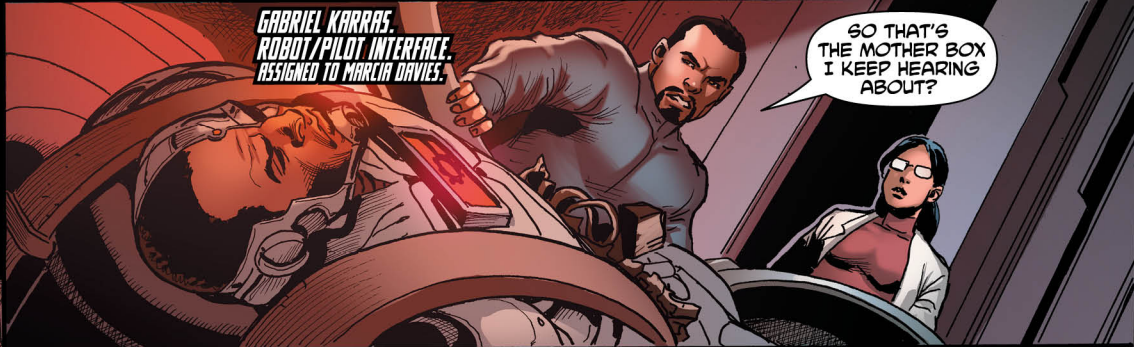
BREATHING IS NORMAL, AS ARE HIS OTHER VITAL SIGNS. HE SHOULD BE FINE.

SHOULD OR WILL?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I EVER GUARANTEED ANYTHING?

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SO THAT'S THE MOTHER BOX I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?



THAT'S THE ALIEN TECH THAT POWERS HIM? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S SO SMALL.

**SKRIKK**

GABE! DON'T--



WHAT THE HELL?

A FAIL-SAFE WAS BUILT INTO HIM... TO PREVENT THE ALIEN TECH FROM BEING TAMPERED WITH.

**RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR**



Wince Wince

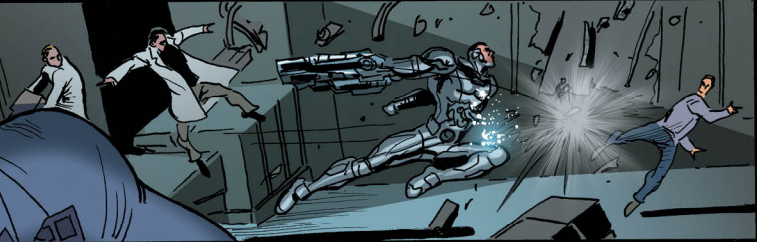
VICTOR!  
CYBORG!

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?  
HOW DO WE STOP HIM?



CAN'T TALK.  
NOT NOW. WE'RE  
IN THE MIDDLE  
OF--

LISTEN TO  
ME, YOU HAVE  
TO GIVE HIM  
A SIGNAL  
BOOST.



THAT  
SHOULD HELP  
HIM REGAIN  
CONTROL.



HIS READINGS  
ARE RETURNING TO  
NORMAL. I THINK HE'S  
GOING TO BE  
OKAY.



THANK GOD, BUT  
WHAT THE HELL  
HAPPENED?

NO IDEA, BUT  
SOMETHING SLOWED  
DOWN HIS ABILITY TO  
SELF-REPAIR.

