

WE'LL NEED TO TAKE YOUR STATEMENT, SIR, AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME.

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

EXCUSE ME?



ASTROLAS IS DEAD. A FUNDAMENTAL COSMIC FORCE... OBLITERATED.

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?



NO REPORT. NO RECORD. NO RESPONSE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THIS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER.

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT THIS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE--



NOTHING HAPPENED.

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RUN THIS AUTHORIZATION CODE AND BURN YOUR NOTES.

THIS IS SOMETHING I NEED TO HANDLE PERSONALLY.

IT *ISN'T*.

BUT IT *HAPPENED*.

OBVIOUSLY I AM AWARE OF THAT, LORD CRASH, BUT WE ARE DEALING WITH *IMPOSSIBILITY*.

WITH CHAOS, DISCORD, DISORDER, THE *UNEXPECTED*.

YOU ARE ANARCHY ITSELF. *ISN'T* CHAOS THE *POINT*?

AREN'T YOU *TRYING* TO DESTROY THE UNIVERSE?

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? *NO* REPORT?

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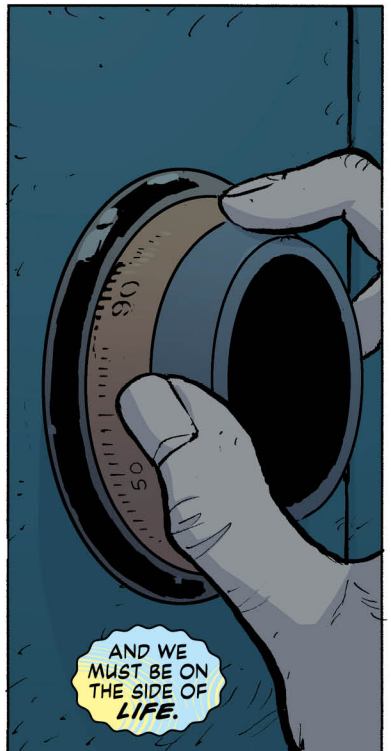
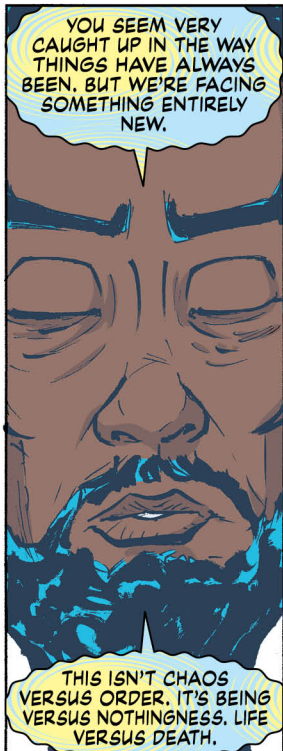
THERE IS AN ORDER TO CHAOS. A DETENTE BETWEEN OUR TWO REALMS.

YES. THEY HAVE THEIR CHOSEN TIME. WE HAVE OURS. THE CYCLE PLAYS OUT: THE UNIVERSE LIVES, DECAYS, COLLAPSES INTO ENTROPY.

CHAOS CAN ONLY EXIST IN *OPPOSITION* TO ORDER. THE CYCLE IS BALANCED.

WITHOUT ASTROLAS, THERE IS NO *ARBITER*. THERE'S NOTHING GUARDING THE SHINING TOWER. NOTHING TO STOP *HIGH SPACE ITSELF* FROM BREAKING DOWN.

WHOEVER DESTROYED HIM WILL ALMOST *CERTAINLY* HEAD FOR THE TOWER.





WE MUST DO SOMETHING.

CRASH--



--ACTING RASHLY MIGHT EXACERBATE THE PROGRESSION OF CHAOS.

IN THE NAME OF ORDER...



...WE CANNOT CONDONE INSTABILITY...



...WHEN THE TOWER ITSELF WILL PRESERVE THE ENDLESS RECURRENCE.



ORDER IS NOT BOUND TO RESPECT ITS OWN DESTRUCTION.



AND IF YOU WON'T FIGHT TO PRESERVE CREATION...



...I WILL.

