

DEAD DROP™

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THE STORY SO FAR...

An alien virus responsible for ravaging planets throughout the galaxy has arrived on Earth—and landed on the black market. Before being stolen by a teenage girl. Yeah. Not good.

The thief's purpose is unclear but MI-6 operative Neville Alcott has managed to discover she's using a series of dead drops—a method to pass items via secret locations—across New York City.

Neville enlisted X-O Manowar to retrieve the virus, thinking one of the most powerful individuals on the planet would have no problem apprehending a teenager. Neville was wrong.

Then he turned to the young and virtuous Archer, who ended up falling into a kiddie pool before getting kidnapped by a ninja gang.

Neville's not doing so hot...which is odd for such an accomplished spy...

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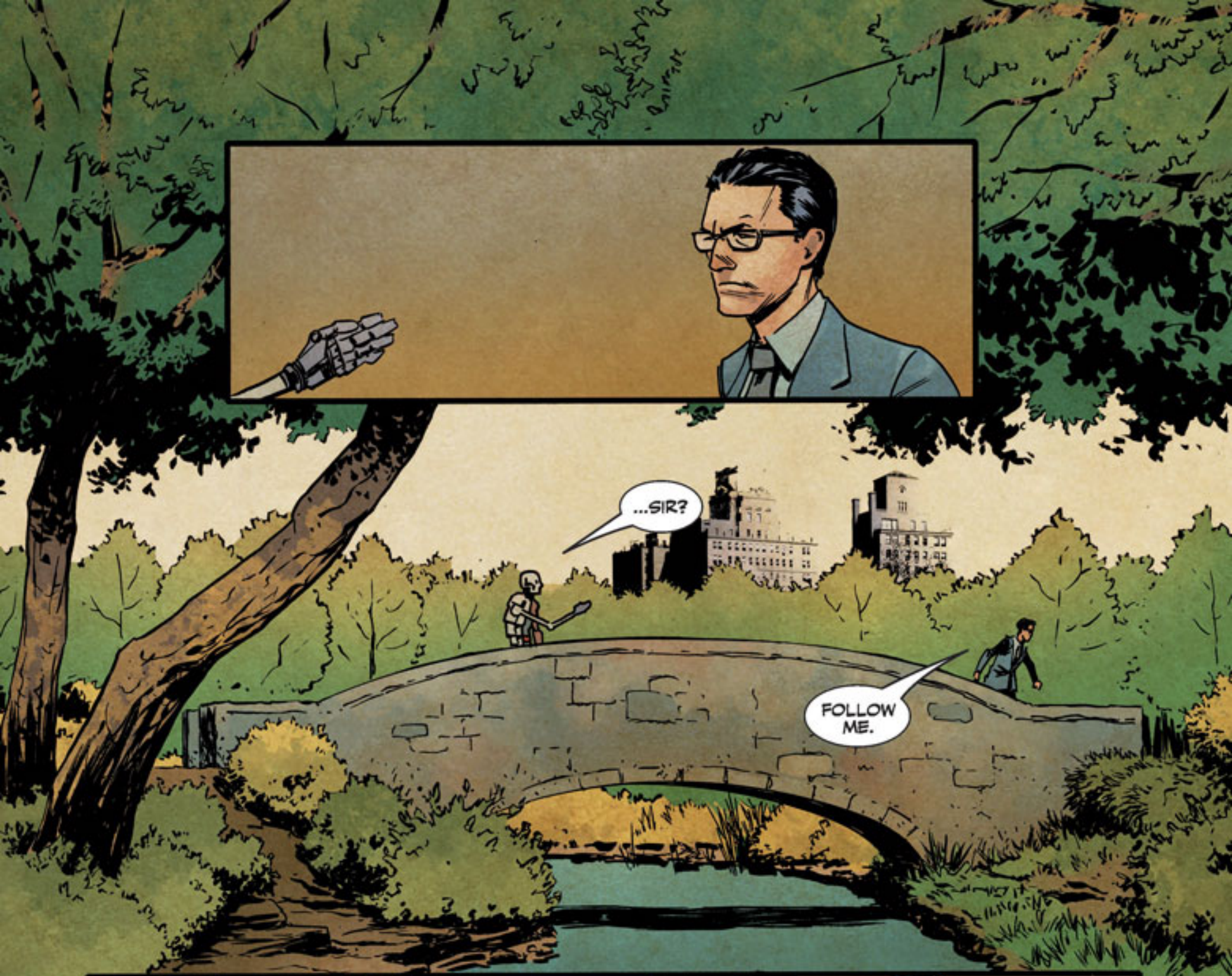


MR. ALCOTT--
IT IS AN HONOR TO
MEET SUCH A LEGEND!
BETA-MAX READY TO
SERVE THE WORLD!
AND SAVE THE
WORLD!

I CAN
ALSO FAX
PEOPLE
ABOUT
THINGS.

AND
STUFF.

STUFF
AND
THINGS.



Who-ow!

WELL, CONSIDER THIS AN *UPGRADE*. NOW YOU'RE CLOAKED. KNOWING HUMANS, THEY'LL RATHER GLADLY PRETEND THEY'VE NEVER SEEN AN EIGHTIES JOKE THIS BAD, ANYWAY.

ACTUALLY, YOU MIGHT STILL BE USEFUL...

FOLLOW ME TO THE LOCATION.

UNSEEMLY TERRORISTS HAVE USED A NEARBY DEAD DROP TO HIDE THEIR INFORMATION. I KNOW THE LOCATION, BUT...

...I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO WASTE MY TIME EXAMINING WHETHER IT'S BOOBY-TRAPPED OR NOT.

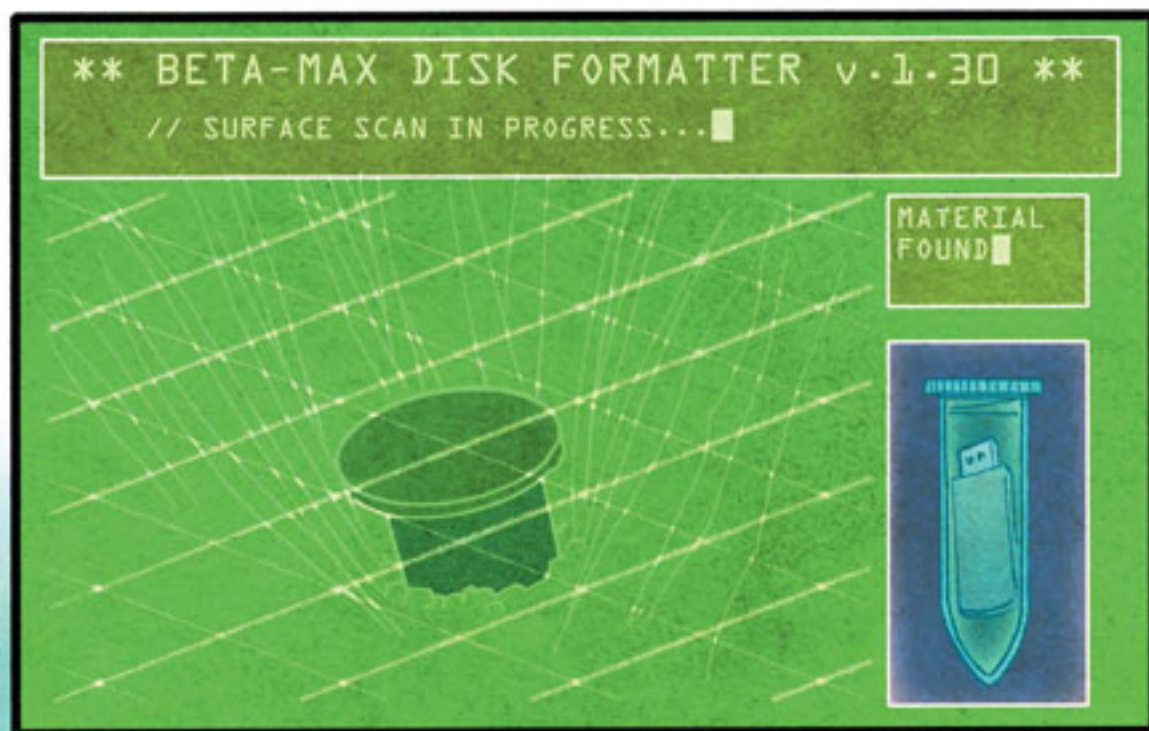
BUT YOU HAVE AN X-RAY, DON'T YOU?



I DO INDEED, BUT USING MY X-RAY IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF GIVING SOME OF THESE PEOPLE CANCER...

DO IT. NATIONAL SECURITY. WORLD SECURITY, ACTUALLY.

OKAY, I GUESS, SIR!



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// SURFACE SCAN IN PROGRESS... █

MATERIAL FOUND █



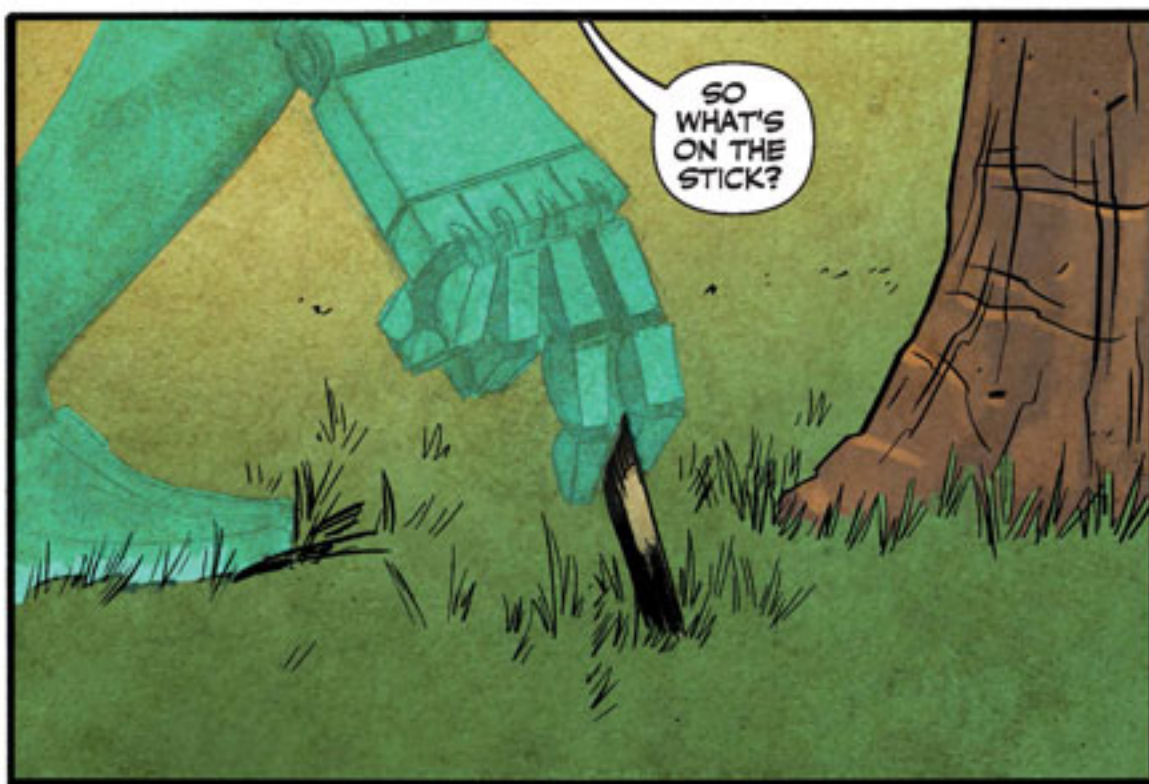
LOOKS LIKE A U.S.B.!

GOOD JOB, SOLDIER.



HAPPY TO SERVE!

IT'S ALL GOOD! NO BOOBY TRAPS.

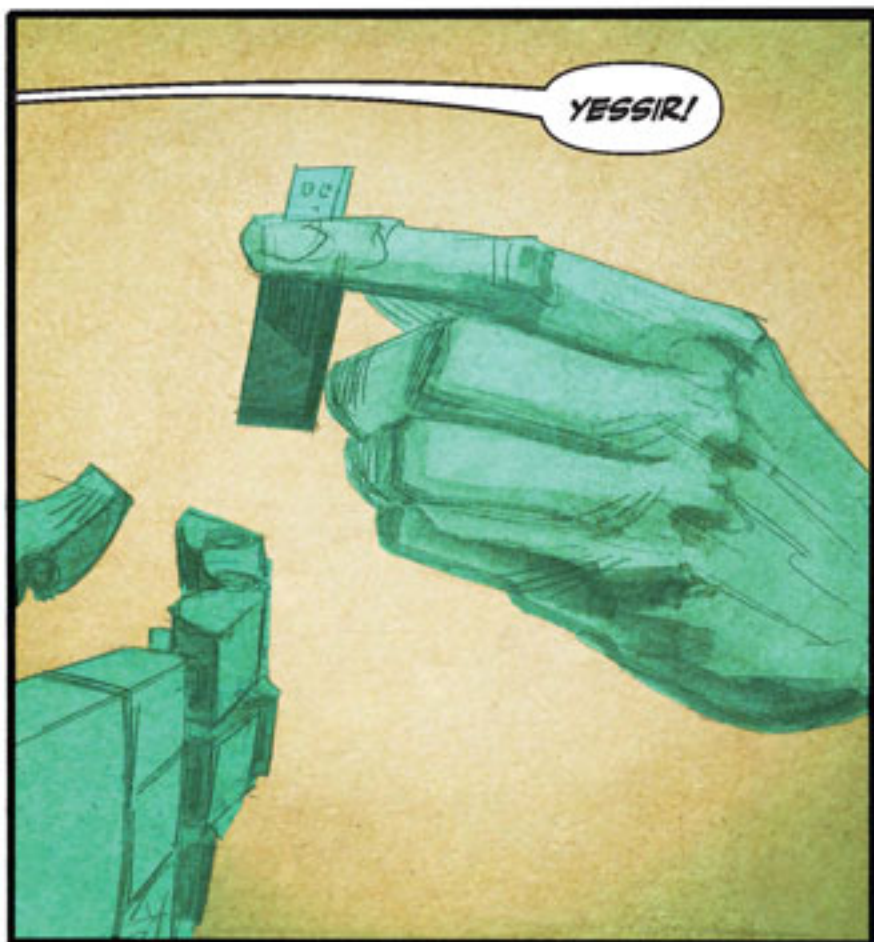


SO WHAT'S ON THE STICK?



AND IS THIS WHY YOU REALLY ASKED ME TO BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE? BECAUSE I WAITED HERE FOR HOURS! I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A **SECRET AGENT!**

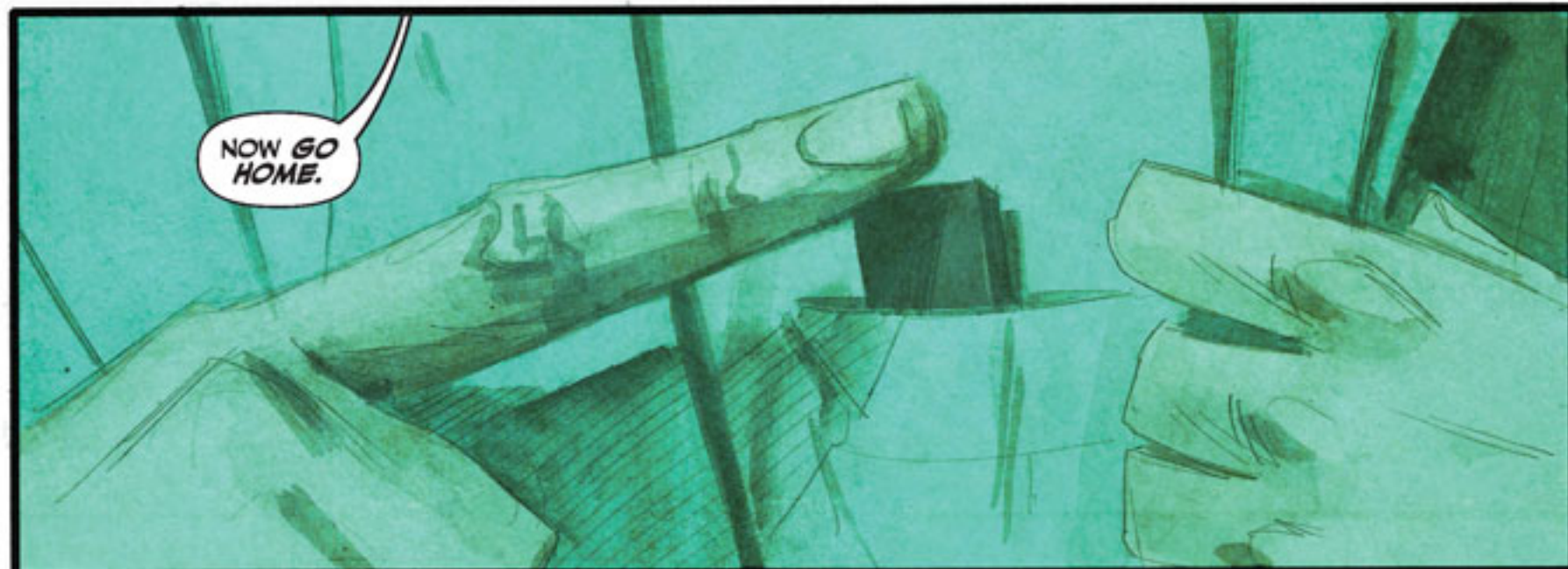
HAND IT OVER.



YESSIR!



AND YES, **THIS** IS WHY YOU WERE HERE. THANKS TO YOU, WE HAVE **SAVED THE WORLD** TODAY. WITHOUT YOU, WE WOULD ALL COME TO A **RATHER HORRIFYING END.**



NOW GO HOME.