

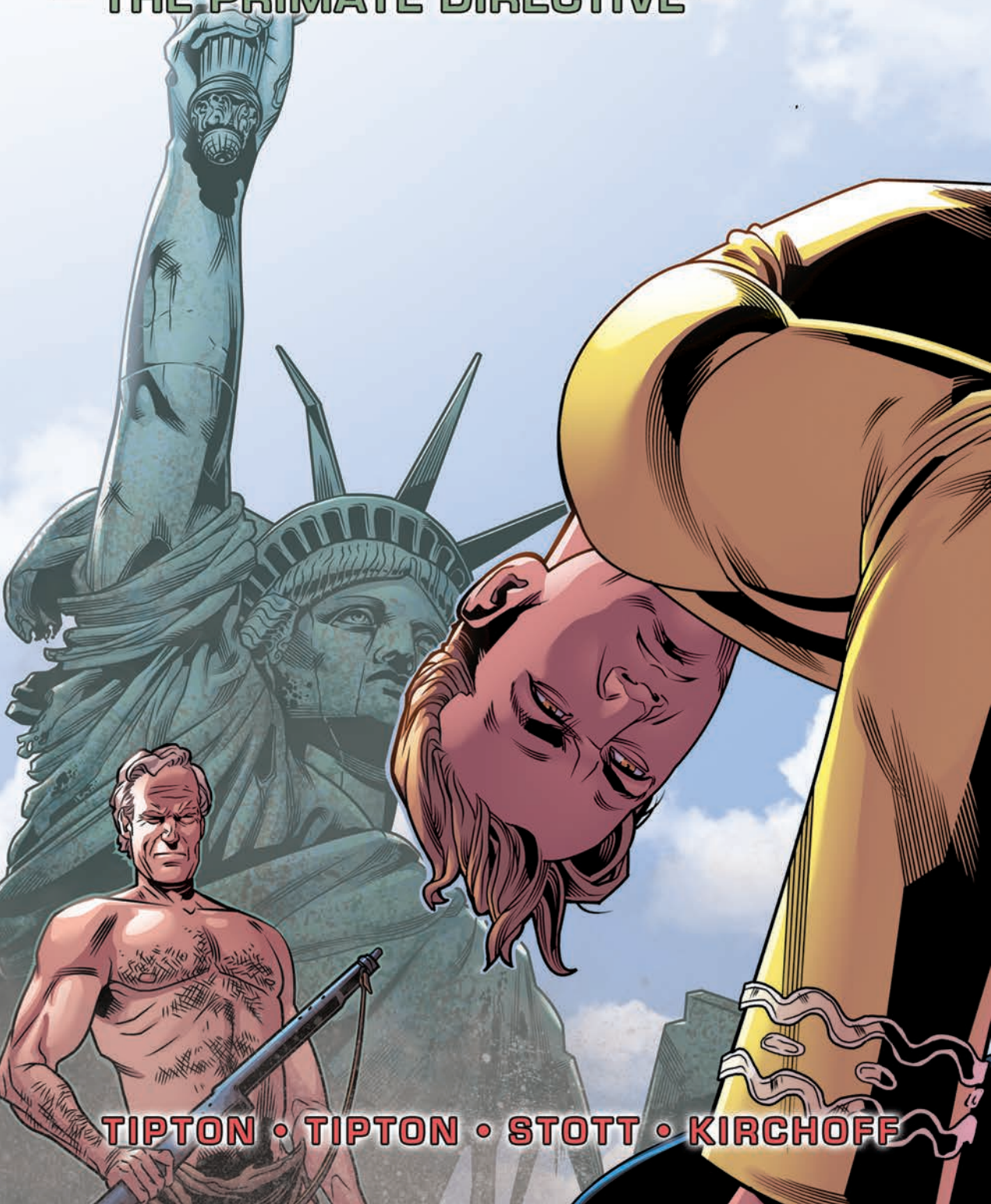
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Investigating rumors of Klingon expansionism, Captain Kirk and the crew of the *USS Enterprise* discover a mysterious transdimensional portal being used by the Klingons. Following the Klingons through the portal, the *Enterprise* crew is surprised to find themselves orbiting a far-future parallel Earth, one where the Federation apparently never existed. Upon beaming down to the planet, Kirk and Spock see a familiar face, their old adversary Commander Kor, as well as some unexpected ones: intelligent talking gorillas?!

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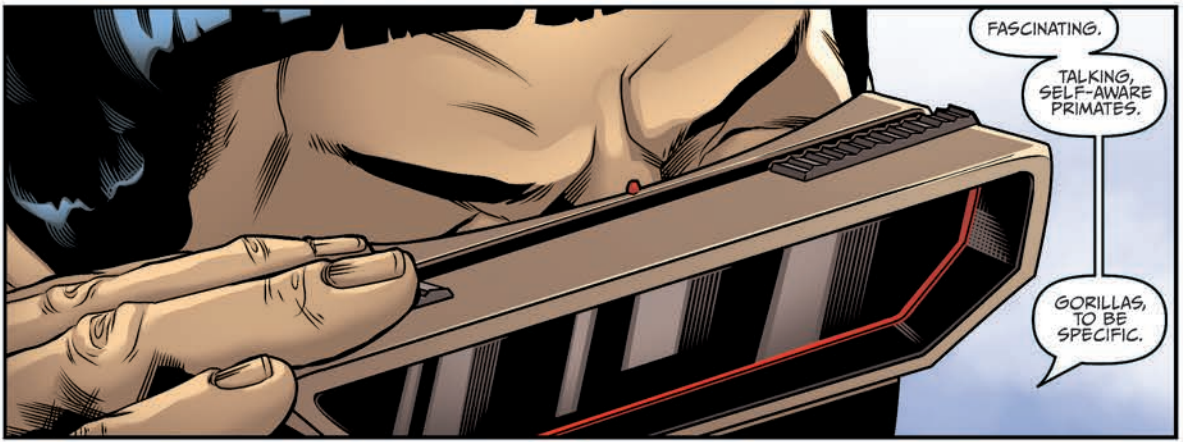
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FASCINATING.

TALKING, SELF-AWARE PRIMATES.

GORILLAS, TO BE SPECIFIC.



IT APPEARS, CAPTAIN, THAT THE KLINGONS ARE PROVIDING THOSE GORILLAS WITH FIREARMS.

YES, I NOTICED. THINGS ARE GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE.



THIS PARALLEL EARTH APPEARS TO DIVERGE FROM THAT OF OUR UNIVERSE EVEN MORE THAN I ANTICIPATED.

ANY MORE SURPRISES IN STORE FOR ME, MR. SPOCK?



AS A MATTER OF FACT...







IS THIS THE WORK OF FRIENDS OF YOURS, KOR?

YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.



WELL, I HOPE THEY'LL BE MORE DISCREET IN THE FUTURE. THIS SORT OF THING COULD DESTROY OUR ENTIRE ARRANGEMENT.

WE'LL HANDLE IT.



I DON'T THINK MY "FRIENDS" HAVE THE STOMACH FOR A FIGHT...



I HATE RUNNING FROM A FIGHT.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CAPTAIN, YOU MADE THE BEST CHOICE. CONTINUED INTERACTION WOULD HAVE ONLY FURTHER REVEALED OUR PRESENCE.



AS IT IS, THEY ALL SAW THAT PHASER BLAST. AND ROGERS IS WOUNDED. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE SHIP.



SPOCK... WHAT'S WITH ALL THE TALKING GORILLAS? WHERE ARE THE HUMANS?



CLEARLY MY SIMULATIONS OF THE DIVERGENT DEVELOPMENT HERE WERE LESS THAN ACCURATE...

RUSTLE RUSTLE

CAPTAIN—

