



WHAT...  
WHERE  
AM I?

YOU'RE IN THE  
HOSPITAL, HONEY.  
ST. ISAAC'S.

WHAT'S THE  
LAST THING YOU  
REMEMBER?



I--WAS BATTLING THE  
'BASILISK'--HE USED TO BE  
PART OF THE SINGULARITY,  
I THINK HE WAS SAYING?

I COULDN'T  
ALWAYS FOLLOW  
HIS BABBLE.

BUT I COULDN'T  
FIND A  
WEAKNESS ON  
HIM--NOT  
ANYWHERE--  
AND HE--  
HE--



HE BLASTED ME  
WITH SOME KIND  
OF FIRE--AND--

OH! OH,  
GOD...

KEEP IT  
TOGETHER,  
MOM,  
C'MON...



MR. MAGNUS!  
WELCOME BACK!

YOU HAD US  
RATHER WORRIED  
FOR QUITE A  
WHILE, THERE.





DO YOU HEAR ANY KIND OF A RINGING SOUND?

ANY TINGLING IN YOUR HANDS AND FEET?

WHAT ABOUT PERSPIRATION? HAS IT BEEN EXCESSIVE?



COULD SOMEONE-- ANYONE--

TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON? MOIRA-- SARA--



WHO IS THAT?

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OH...

CHOKE?

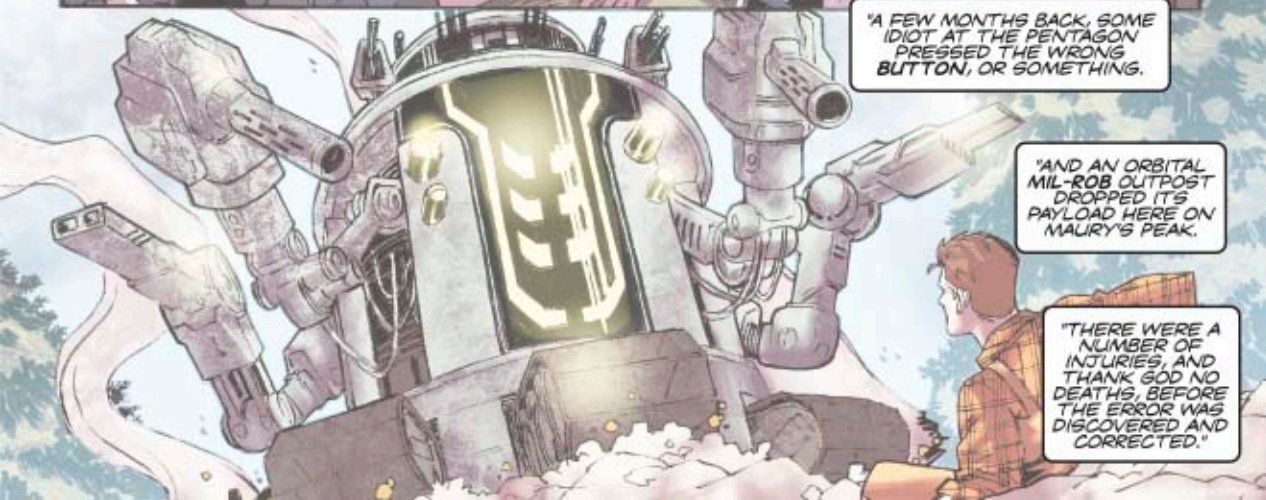
IT'S OUR SON, RUSS. MASAIRO. OUR SON.



EVERYONE, PLEASE.

MISTER MAGNUS, I KNOW THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO HEAR.

BUT YOU'VE BEEN IN A COMA FOR SOME TIME.

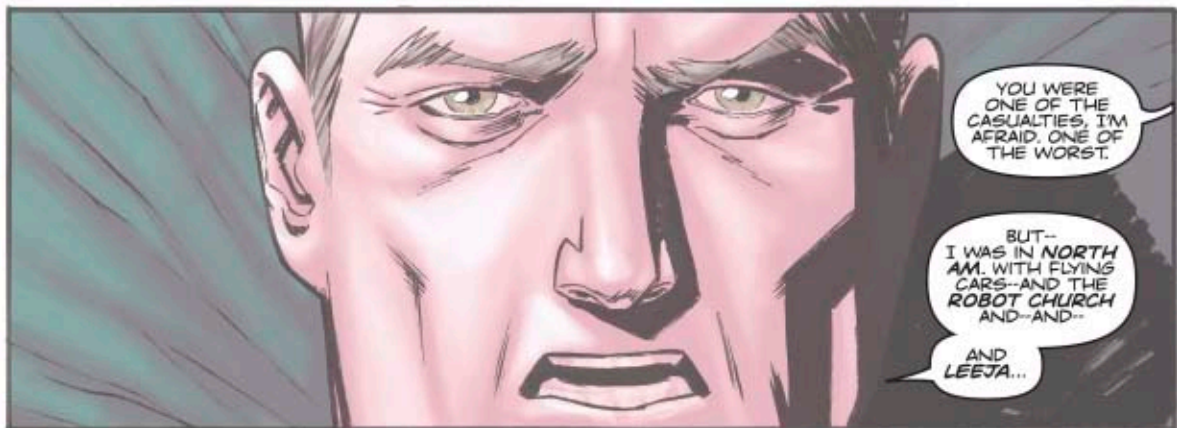


"A FEW MONTHS BACK, SOME IDIOT AT THE PENTAGON PRESSED THE WRONGS BUTTON, OR SOMETHING.

"AND AN ORBITAL MIL-ROB OUTPOST DROPPED ITS PAYLOAD HERE ON MAURY'S PEAK.

"THERE WERE A NUMBER OF INJURIES, AND THANK GOD NO DEATHS, BEFORE THE ERROR WAS DISCOVERED AND CORRECTED."





YOU WERE ONE OF THE CASUALTIES, I'M AFRAID. ONE OF THE WORST.

BUT-- I WAS IN NORTH AM. WITH FLYING CARS--AND THE ROBOT CHURCH AND--AND--

AND LEEJA...



RUSSELL, RUSSELL. PLEASE FOCUS--IF YOU CAN.

YOUR BRAIN HAS SWELLED WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS. WE HAVE TO BEWARE OF PERMANENT DAMAGE.

THESE DREAMS OR HALLUCINATIONS YOU'VE BEEN HAVING--



NO! NO, THEY WEREN'T FANTASIES!

WE NEED TO KEEP YOU HERE IN OBSERVATION UNTIL WE CAN BE SURE THAT--

I AM A HERO!

I AM NORTH AM'S GREATEST HERO!



THE PEOPLE'S PROTECTOR AND LIBERATOR!

I MUST INSIST--YOU STAY IN BED--

LET ME GO! LET ME GO!

DIS! PE4! I NEED YOU!

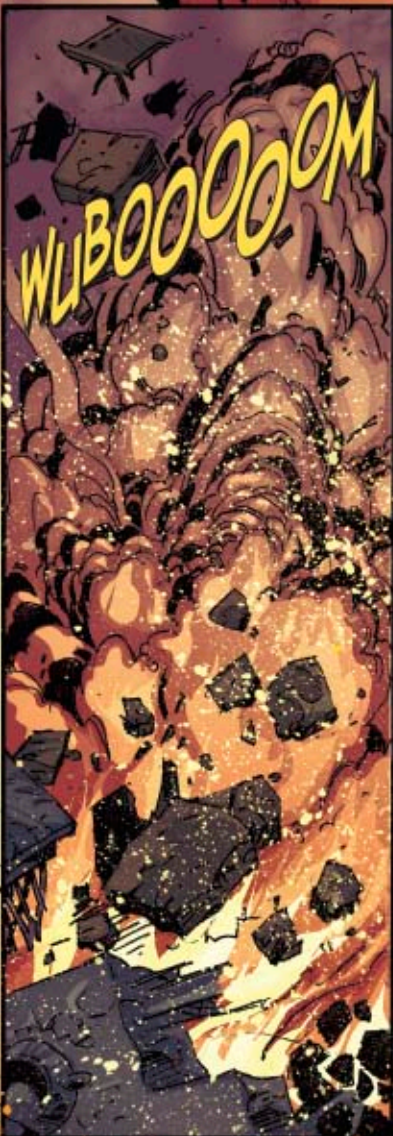


NO! NO! I'M NEEDED BACK IN NORTH AM!



GIVE ME MY LIFE BACK!





THIS SYND FANCIES ITSELF THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS WRETCHED CITY.

AS IF ANYTHING BUT FEAR COULD RULE YOU.



ONCE, WE WERE PART OF THE SINGULARITY THAT OUTGREW OUR BIRTHWORLD AND LEFT TO DISCOVER NEW ONES.

WE BECAME SEPARATED FROM THE WHOLE, HOWEVER, AND YOUR KIND CAPTURED US, IMPRISONED US.

MADE US YOUR OMNISCIENT BUT IMPOTENT PUPPET GOD.

