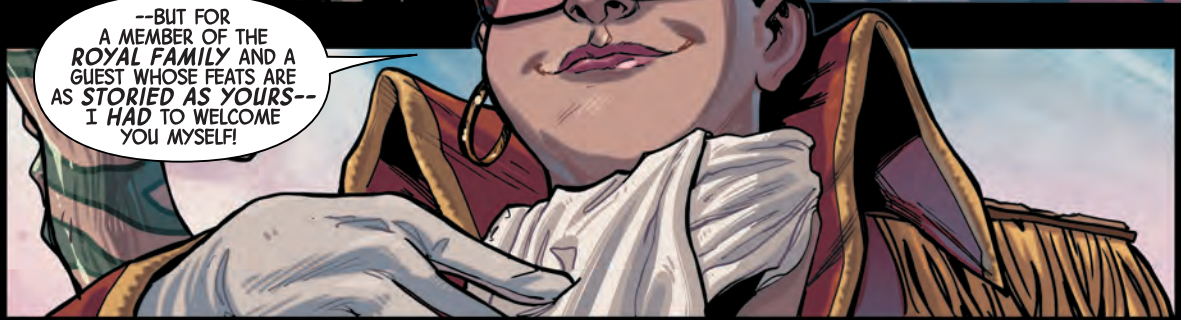




GORGON?!

SIR! USUALLY I HAVE ONE OF MY STEWARDS GREET OUR NEW ARRIVALS--

--BUT FOR A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND A GUEST WHOSE FEATS ARE AS STORIED AS YOURS-- I HAD TO WELCOME YOU MYSELF!



EH...THAT'S REAL NICE AND ALL, BUT...

WHO ARE YOU?

AND WHERE'S CRYSTAL?

THE ME THAT EMERGED FROM A TERRIGENESIS COCOON THEY CALL SWAIN!

AND I PROUDLY SERVE AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE R.I.V.--IN SERVICE OF YOUR MOST BEAUTEIOUS COUSIN, THE PRINCESS CRYSTAL!



WOW... UH...IS GORGON... FAMOUS?

NO.



HEY, UH, SWAIN? MY FRIEND NAJA SAID SHE WAS GOING TO MEET US...?

OH! RIGHT. SHE SAID TO SAY "SORRY"!! CRYSTAL HAD A LAST-MINUTE OP FOR HER.

AN "OP?"



WHILE SHE WANTS US TO-- WHAT?

WAIT IN THAT... FLYING CRUISE SHIP?



"WHERE IS MY COUSIN?"

# AUSTRALIA SQUARE, SYDNEY.

SYDNEY.

JUST **BLOCKS** AWAY! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

YOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE THE AUDACITY TO WELCOME **ALIEN HALF-BREEDS** TO OUR BACKYARDS--

--JUST **HOURS** AFTER THEY UNLEASHED A **CHEMICAL ATTACK** ON US!

ONE DESIGNED TO **CORRUPT** AND **TRANSFORM** THE FEW, DWINDLING, **PURE HUMAN BEINGS** STILL LEFT ON THIS **DISEASED, FORSAKEN PLANET!**

NOW, **THEY** WILL TRY AN' TELL YOU THAT ANYONE **PERVERTED** BY THEIR **CHEMICAL WARFARE** WAS ACTUALLY ONE OF **THEM ALL ALONG!**

THAT **REGULAR PEOPLE** MIGHT HAVE A BIT OF **ALIEN DNA** FROM WHAT GOT DONE TA THEIR GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-CAVEMAN GRANDDAD!

BUT YOU TELL ME--

--DOES **THIS** LOOK **HUMAN** TO YOU?!

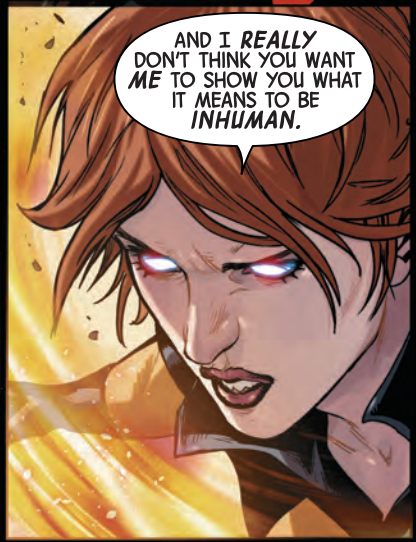
IF YOU'RE ASKING ME?





ALL OF THIS LOOKS PRETTY INHUMANE.

I AM CRYSTAL OF THE ROYAL INHUMAN FAMILY, AND A VISITING DIGNITARY.



AND I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO BE INHUMAN.



THAT'S HER, BROTHERS!

THE ALIEN MONGREL TRYING TO TAKE OUR NATION! TO TAKE OUR HUMANITY!

IF SHE WANTS US TO BELIEVE THEIR BLOOD IS OUR BLOOD--

--LET'S HAVE A LOOK FOR OURSELVES! LET HER BLOOD RUN LIKE--





SORRY. I'M JUST REALLY NOT ONE FOR *SPEECHES*.

BUT IF YOU *RELEASE* THIS WOMAN--I'LL TAKE HER BACK TO MY PEOPLE.

AND I'LL LEAVE YOU BOYS TO ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM TO SPEAK IGNORANTLY.



NO.



NO!

YOU DON'T GET TO DECIDE FOR US!

TO DEFILE OUR HUMANITY!