

RUSSELL, IF ONLY YOUR PARENTS WERE HERE TO SEE YOU NOW.

THEY WOULD BE SO IMPRESSED.



THAT'S IT, LEE'JA, MY DARLING GIRL.

YOU CAN DO IT.



NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU MAKE SHORT WORK OF SPAR-BOTS SO EFFORTLESSLY.

BUT HOW YOU DO IT.



THE WATER IS WELL NEAR FREEZING.

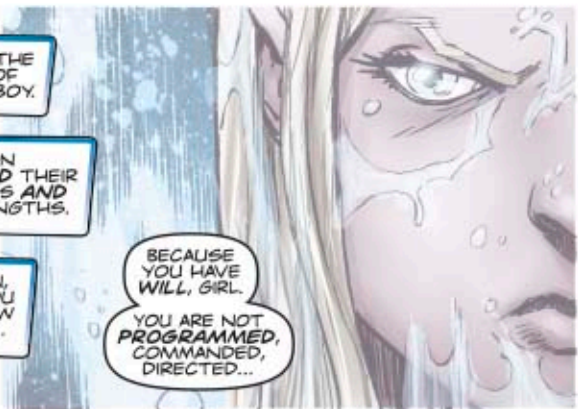
YET YOU STAND THERE, STRONGER THAN ANY MACHINE.



YOU SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF MACHINES, BOY.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR WEAKNESSES AND THEIR STRENGTHS.

AND SOON, BEFORE YOU EVEN KNOW IT, REALLY...



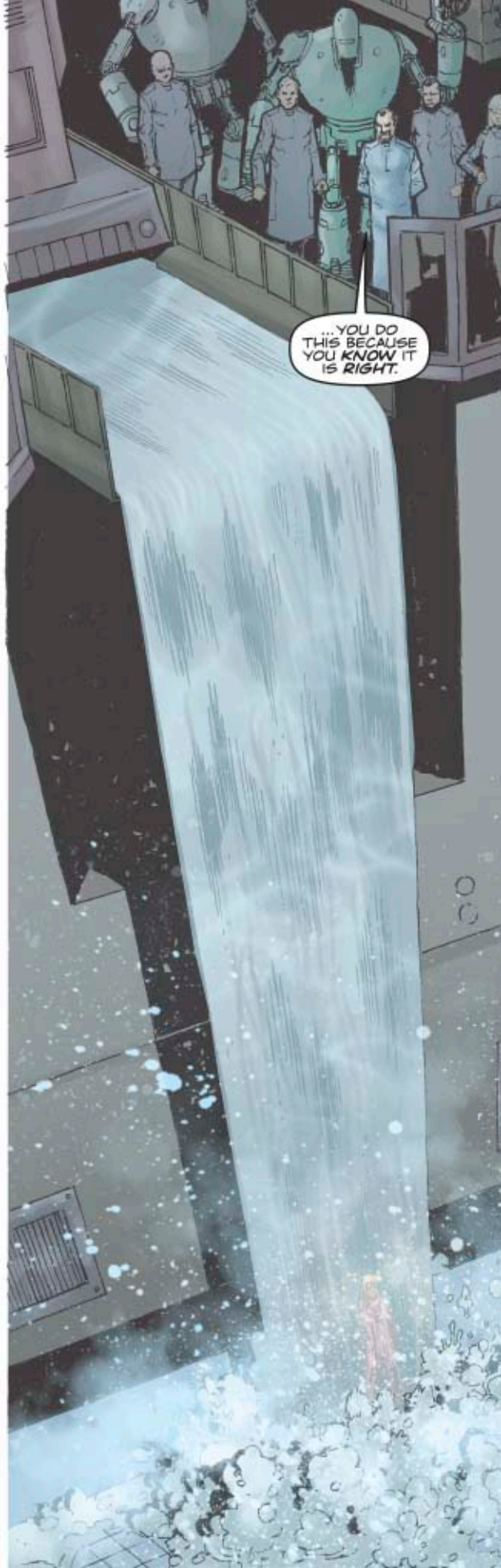
BECAUSE YOU HAVE WILL, GIRL.

YOU ARE NOT PROGRAMMED, COMMANDED, DIRECTED...

...YOU WILL  
BE ABLE TO  
TEACH THEM  
WHAT IS  
RIGHT.



...YOU DO  
THIS BECAUSE  
YOU KNOW IT  
IS RIGHT.





OKAAAAY.. VERTICAL HOLD IS A LITTLE TWITCHY..

THERE! GOT IT, POP THE FLOOR IS YOURS.



THANK YOU, RUSSELL.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THE CENTRAL NETWORK IS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM OF THE ENTIRE CITY, LINKED INTO EVERY TURING THINKER FROM THE MOST PRIMITIVE APPLIANCE TO THE MOST ADVANCED POET.



I AM THE ONLY TURING IN NORTH AM NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE CENTNET VIA A CORPUS. I CREATED ROBOT-FIGHTERS TO PHYSICALLY GET ME INTO ITS CORE.

OF ALL THOSE I HAVE ARTIFICIALLY EVOLVED IN FLESHPOTS, EACH GENERATION RECEIVING IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON ANALYSIS OF THOSE WHO PRECEDED THEM...



... YOU ARE THE MOST ADVANCED ITERATION, RUSSELL YOU, I BELIEVE, WILL SUCCEED WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED.

HE'S MY DAD. HE'S BIASED.

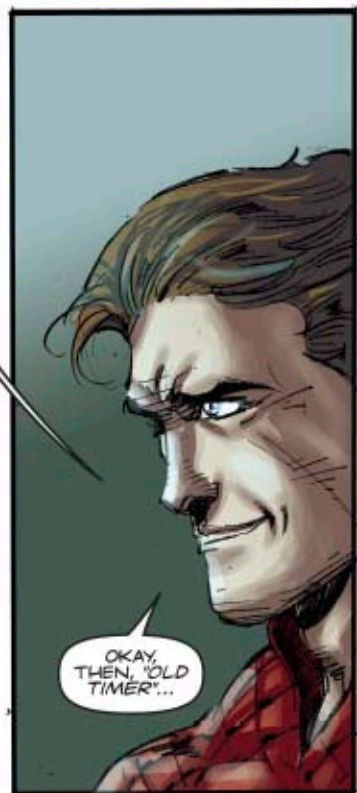
NOT BY MUCH, I HOPE, IF THIS CRAZY PLAN IS SUPPOSED TO WORK.



I... I WISH YOU WOULDN'T CALL ME 'DAD,' RUSS.

SORRY, FORCE OF HABIT.

WE SEIZE THE CORE, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. TRANSFORM IT INTO ONE WHERE ROBOTS AND HUMANS ARE EQUALS, NOT PHONY CHILDREN AND PHONIER PARENTS.



OKAY, THEN, 'OLD TIMER'...



...WE HAVE OUR MARCHING ORDERS. RIGHT, MOIRA, LEAHIM?

THIS WHOLE SCHEME SEEMS PRETTY DESPERATE, MAGNUS...

...BUT WE GOPHS HAVE BEEN LIVING ON SCRAPS LONG ENOUGH IN THE SUB-STRUCTURE THAT "DESPERATE" IS A STEP UP.



OKAY, THEN. I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU...

...NORTH AM IS A BAD COPY OF A CITY AND A WORSE JOKE OF SOCIETY.

BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF LIES.



TIME TO BRING DOWN THE REALITY STICK.

