

# SINGULARITY AFTERMATH:

# THE END

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THIS IS  
THE END.

WE HUMANS STRIVE FOR  
PERMANENCE, BUT THE  
PROOF THAT NOTHING LASTS  
FOREVER IS ALL AROUND US.

MOST OF US HATE  
TO SEE THINGS  
COME TO AN END.

BUT FOR SOME  
TWISTED SOULS,  
BRINGING ABOUT AN  
END IS A SADISTIC  
PLEASURE.

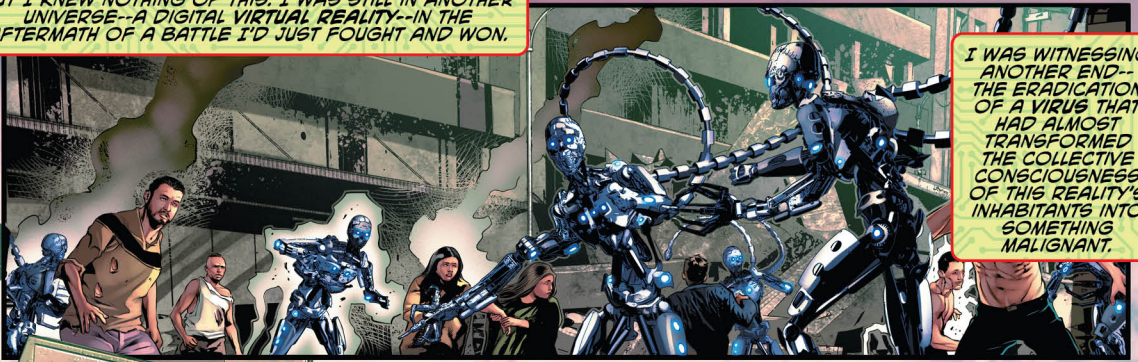
ALDOUS'S ATTEMPT TO END  
THE CITY OF DETROIT FOR HIS  
"MASTER," ANOMALY, WAS FOR  
HIM A SYMBOL OF TRIUMPH.

IN HIS DAMAGED MIND, THE  
END JUSTIFIED THE MEANS...

AND THE "MEANS" WAS USING  
EVERY POWERFUL CYBERNETIC  
CREATURE ANOMALY HAD  
GATHERED AND REBUILT...

...TO DEMOLISH EVERY STRUCTURE AND  
DESTROY EVERY LIVING THING IN SIGHT!

BUT I KNEW NOTHING OF THIS. I WAS STILL IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE--A DIGITAL VIRTUAL REALITY--IN THE AFTERMATH OF A BATTLE I'D JUST FOUGHT AND WON.

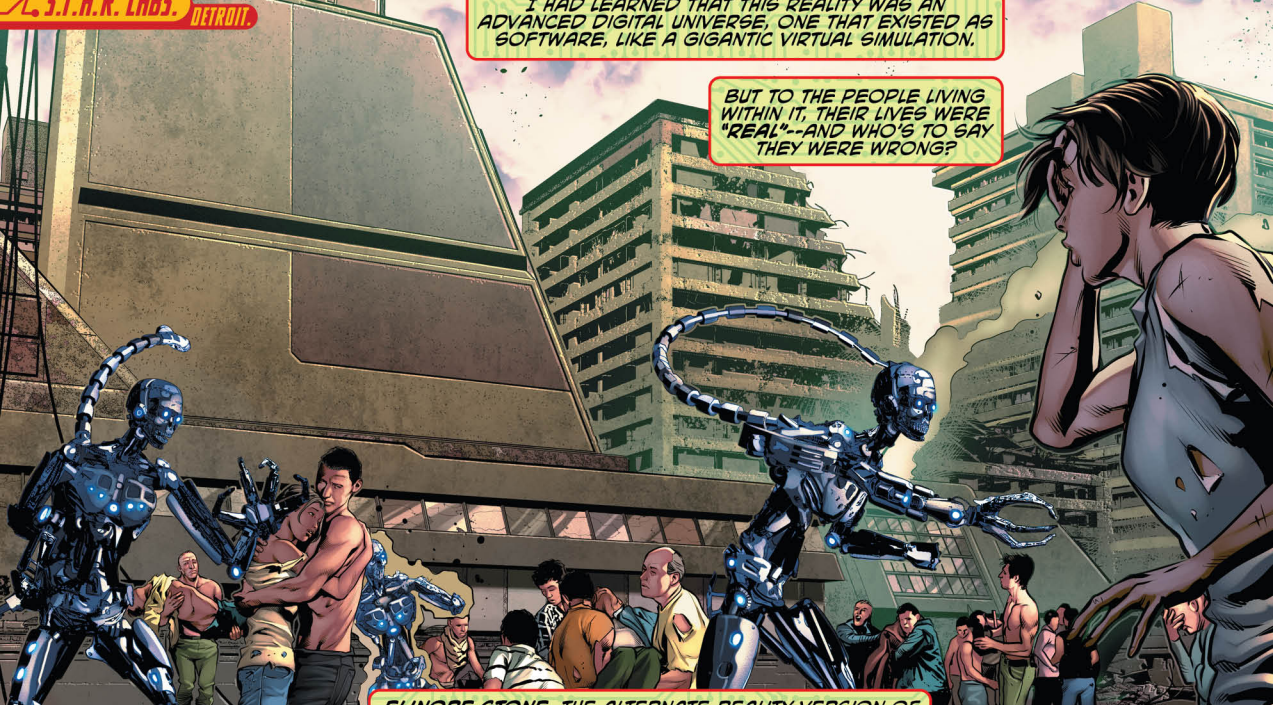


I WAS WITNESSING ANOTHER END--THE ERADICATION OF A VIRUS THAT HAD ALMOST TRANSFORMED THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THIS REALITY'S INHABITANTS INTO SOMETHING MALIGNANT.

S.T.A.R. LABS. DETROIT.

I HAD LEARNED THAT THIS REALITY WAS AN ADVANCED DIGITAL UNIVERSE, ONE THAT EXISTED AS SOFTWARE, LIKE A GIGANTIC VIRTUAL SIMULATION.

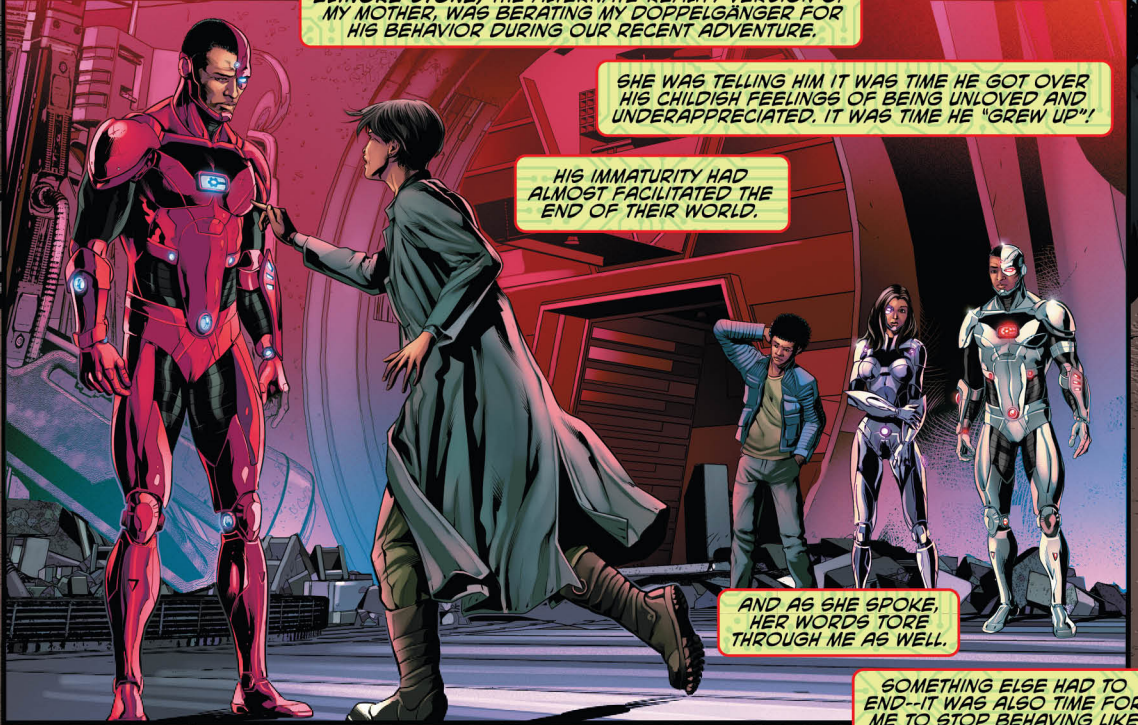
BUT TO THE PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN IT, THEIR LIVES WERE "REAL"--AND WHO'S TO SAY THEY WERE WRONG?



ELINORE STONE, THE ALTERNATE-REALITY VERSION OF MY MOTHER, WAS BERATING MY DOPPELGÄNGER FOR HIS BEHAVIOR DURING OUR RECENT ADVENTURE.

SHE WAS TELLING HIM IT WAS TIME HE GOT OVER HIS CHILDISH FEELINGS OF BEING UNLOVED AND UNDERAPPRECIATED. IT WAS TIME HE "GREW UP!"

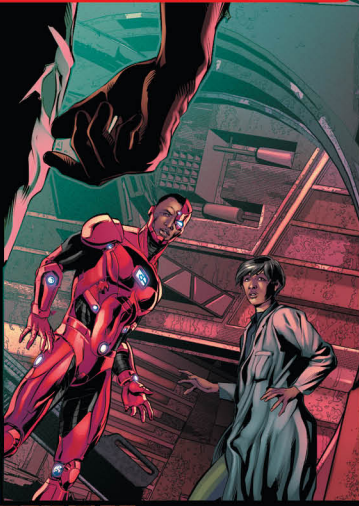
HIS IMMATURETY HAD ALMOST FACILITATED THE END OF THEIR WORLD.



AND AS SHE SPOKE, HER WORDS TORE THROUGH ME AS WELL.

SOMETHING ELSE HAD TO END--IT WAS ALSO TIME FOR ME TO STOP BEHAVING LIKE A CHILD AND TO GROW UP.

THE END CAN BE FULL OF SURPRISES. DRAMAS THROUGHOUT HISTORY OFTEN HAVE TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE "SURPRISE ENDING."



IN THIS CASE, IT TURNED OUT SILAS STONE WAS ALIVE!



AFTER BEING GIVEN THE ANTIDOTE TO THE O.T.A.C. VIRUS, HE WAS RESTORED TO HIS HUMAN FORM.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDED WELL FOR THIS CYBORG--A FAIRY-TALE ENDING...



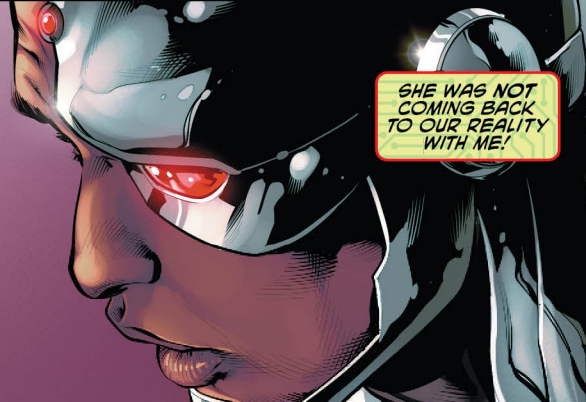
BUT THAT WASN'T THE ONLY SURPRISE ENDING IN STORE FOR ME.



IN A CONVERSATION TRANSMITTED BETWEEN US IN A MICROSECOND, VARIANT INFORMED ME THAT SHE WANTED TO STAY HERE IN THIS VIRTUAL REALITY!



SHE WAS NOT COMING BACK TO OUR REALITY WITH ME!



WHAT?  
WHY?

THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME BACK HOME. I'M A CRIMINAL, REMEMBER? ALL THEY'RE GOING TO DO TO ME IS TURN ME OFF ONCE AGAIN.

YOU FORGET I WAS ONCE WORKING WITH A MADMAN WHO WANTED TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

BUT HERE, I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

IT WAS THE RIGHT INTENTION, BUT I WAS DOING IT THE WRONG WAY.

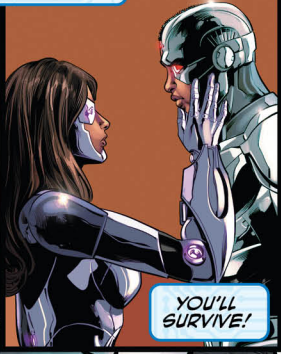
YET HERE'S A WORLD THAT GENUINELY NEEDS TO BE REBUILT FROM THE GROUND UP.

HOW CAN I RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ALIVE HERE AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE...

THINK OF ALL THE GOOD I CAN DO IF I REMAIN HERE.

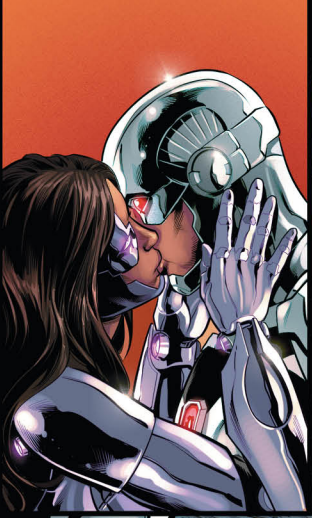
BESIDES, I THINK THE CYBORG OF THIS WORLD NEEDS ME A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN YOU DO.

YOU'RE STRONGER THAN HE IS.



YOU'LL SURVIVE!

AND JUST LIKE THAT, OUR RELATIONSHIP ENDED. I COULDN'T ARGUE WITH HER. SHE WAS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING.

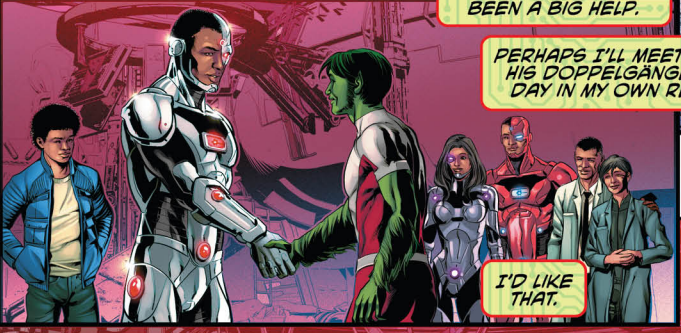


IT WAS TIME FOR ME TO GO. IT WAS THE END.

I SAID MY FAREWELL TO BEAST BOY, HE'D BEEN A BIG HELP.

PERHAPS I'LL MEET UP WITH HIS DOPPELGÄNGER ONE DAY IN MY OWN REALITY.

IT WAS A LITTLE MORE PAINFUL SAYING GOOD-BYE TO MY "ALTERNATE-REALITY" MOTHER.



I'D LIKE THAT.



BUT TO BE HELD IN ELINORE STONE'S ARMS ONCE MORE WAS WELL WORTH ALL I'D BEEN THROUGH.

THIS ELINORE AND I HAD NEVER BEEN CLOSE, BUT I'D STILL BE LEAVING WITH AN EMPTY FEELING IN MY GUT.

OH YEAH...AND WITH THIS LITTLE DOOFUS, TOO.



IT WASN'T MUCH OF A PRIZE FOR ALL MY EFFORTS, BUT AT LEAST I'D BE BRINGING SOMEBODY BACK ALIVE.

