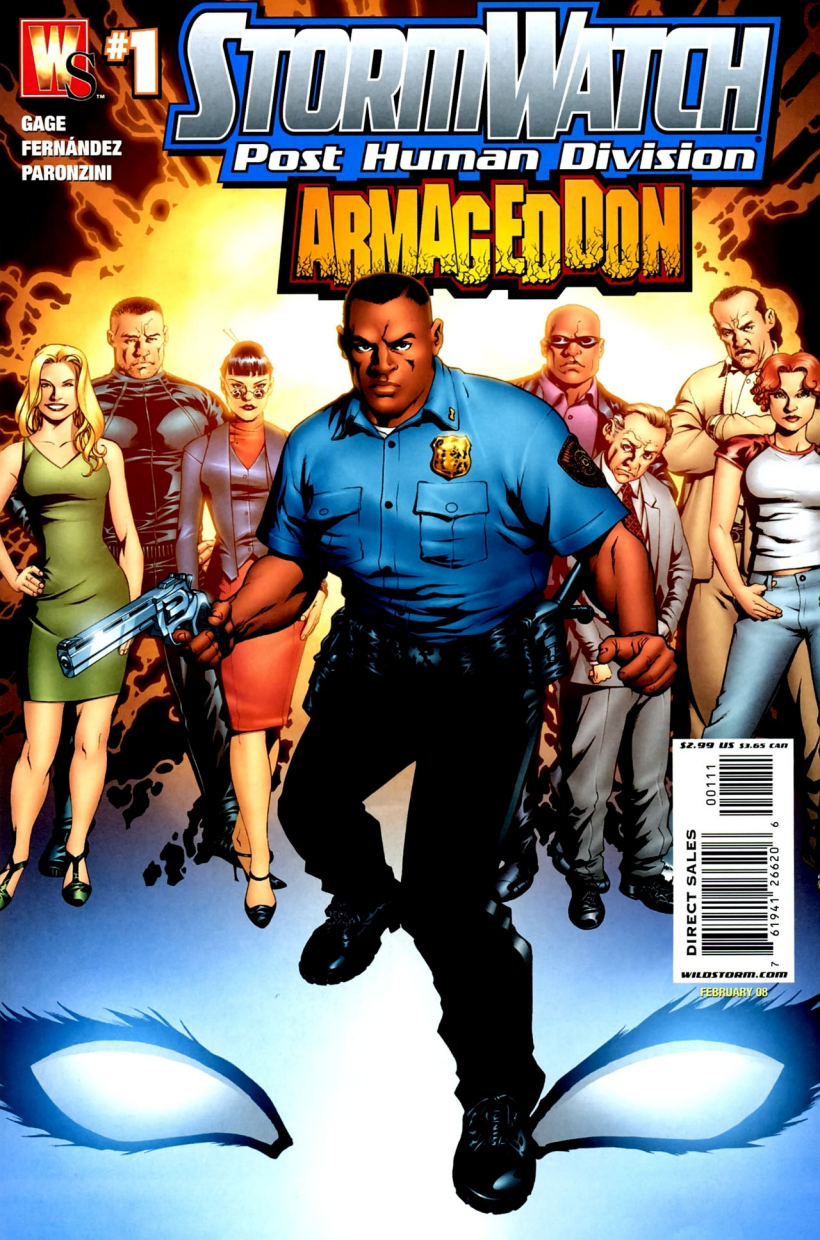
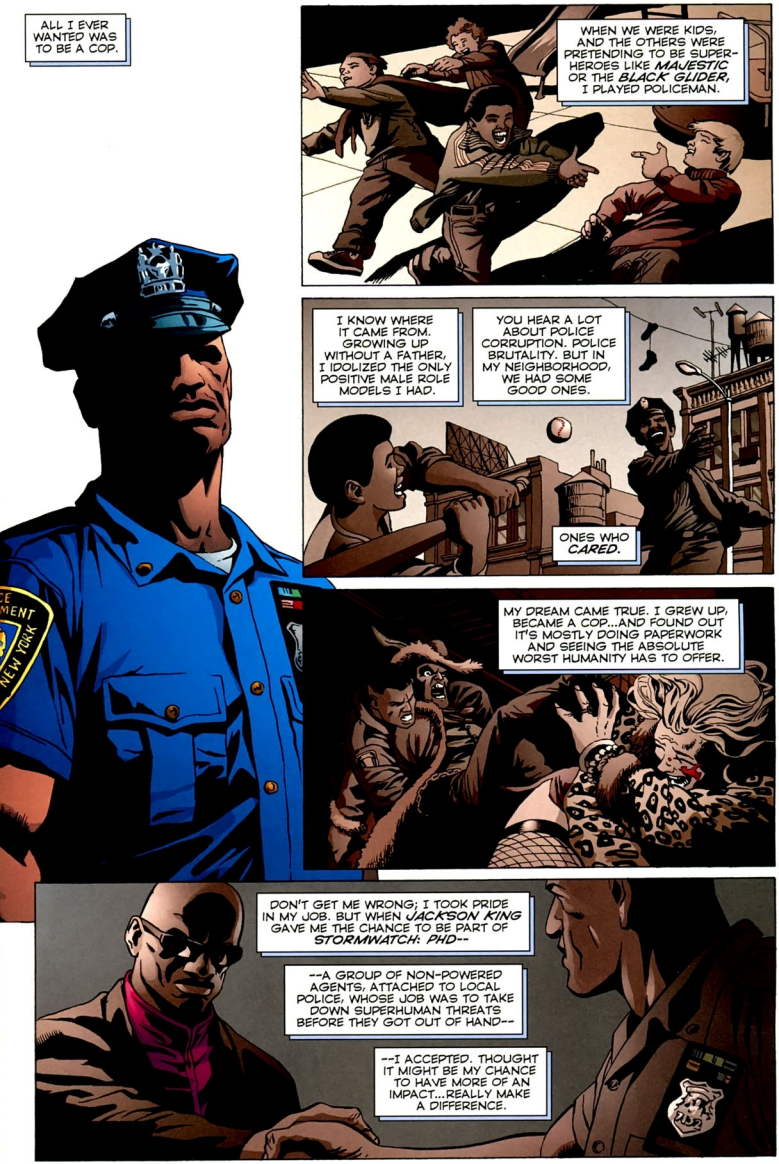
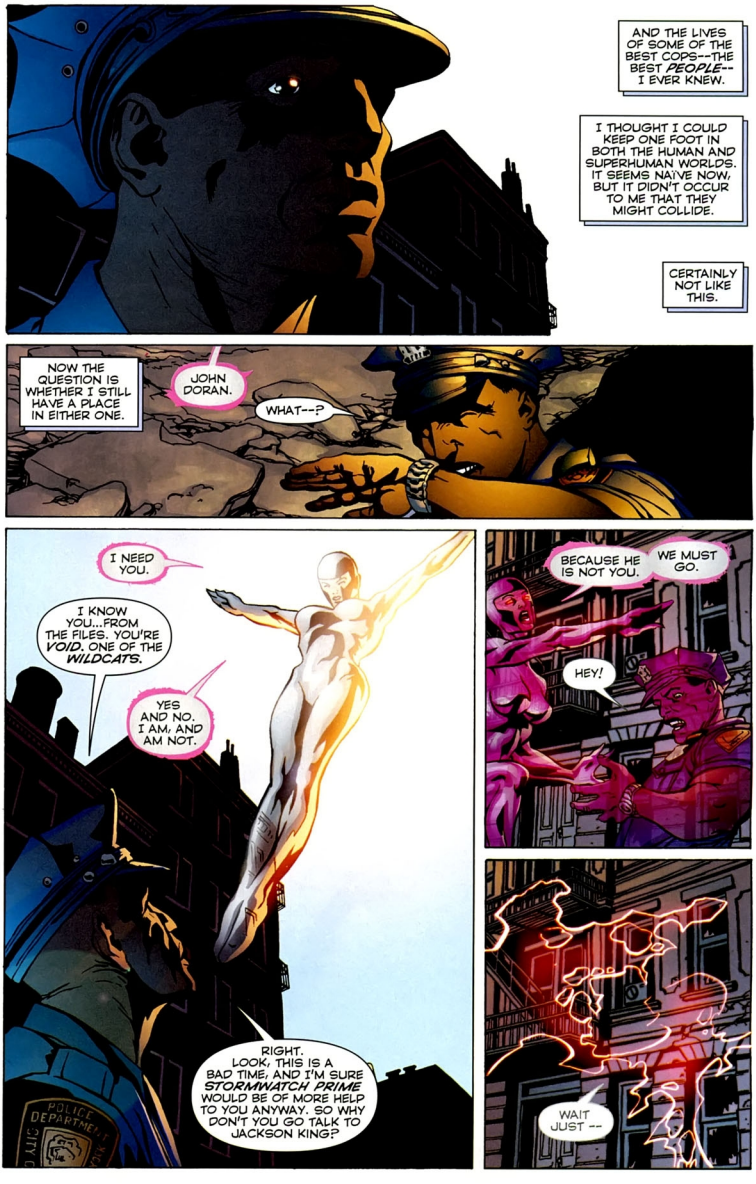

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ALL I EVER WANTED WAS TO BE A COP.
WHEN WE WERE KIDS, AND THE OTHERS WERE PRETENDING TO BE SUPER-HEROES LIKE *MAVESTIC* OR THE *BLACK GLIDER*, I PLAYED POLICEMAN.
I KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM. GROWING UP WITHOUT A FATHER, I IDOLIZED THE ONLY POSITIVE MALE ROLE MODELS I HAD.
YOU HEAR A LOT ABOUT POLICE CORRUPTION. POLICE BRUTALITY. BUT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAD SOME GOOD ONES.
ONES WHO *CARED*.
MY DREAM CAME TRUE. I GREW UP, BECAME A COP...AND FOUND OUT IT'S MOSTLY DOING PAPERWORK AND SEEING THE ABSOLUTE WORST HUMANITY HAS TO OFFER.
DON'T GET ME WRONG; I TOOK PRIDE IN MY JOB. BUT WHEN *JACKSON KING* GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO BE PART OF *STORMWATCH: PHD*--
--A GROUP OF NON-POWERED AGENTS, ATTACHED TO LOCAL POLICE, WHOSE JOB WAS TO TAKE DOWN SUPERHUMAN THREATS BEFORE THEY GOT OUT OF HAND--
--I ACCEPTED. THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE MY CHANCE TO HAVE MORE OF AN IMPACT...REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.


WE DID A GOOD JOB. BETTER THAN ANYONE EXPECTED.
ALL IT COST...
CITY OF HEROES
18th PRECINCT
...WAS MY DREAM.


AND THE LIVES OF SOME OF THE BEST COPS--THE BEST *PEOPLE*-- I EVER KNEW.
I THOUGHT I COULD KEEP ONE FOOT IN BOTH THE HUMAN AND SUPERHUMAN WORLDS. IT SEEMS NAIVE NOW, BUT IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME THAT THEY MIGHT COLLIDE.
CERTAINLY NOT LIKE THIS.
NOW THE QUESTION IS WHETHER I STILL HAVE A PLACE IN EITHER ONE.
JOHN DORAN.
WHAT--?
I NEED YOU.
I KNOW YOU...FROM THE FILES. YOU'RE *VOID*, ONE OF THE *WILDCATS*.
YES AND NO. I AM, AND AM NOT.
RIGHT. LOOK, THIS IS A BAD TIME, AND I'M SURE *STORMWATCH PRIME* WOULD BE OF MORE HELP TO YOU ANYWAY. SO WHY DON'T YOU GO TALK TO JACKSON KING?
POLICE DEPARTMENT
BECAUSE HE IS NOT YOU.
WE MUST GO.
HEY!
WAIT JUST --


--ONE... DAMN... SECOND...
MOTHER OF GOD.
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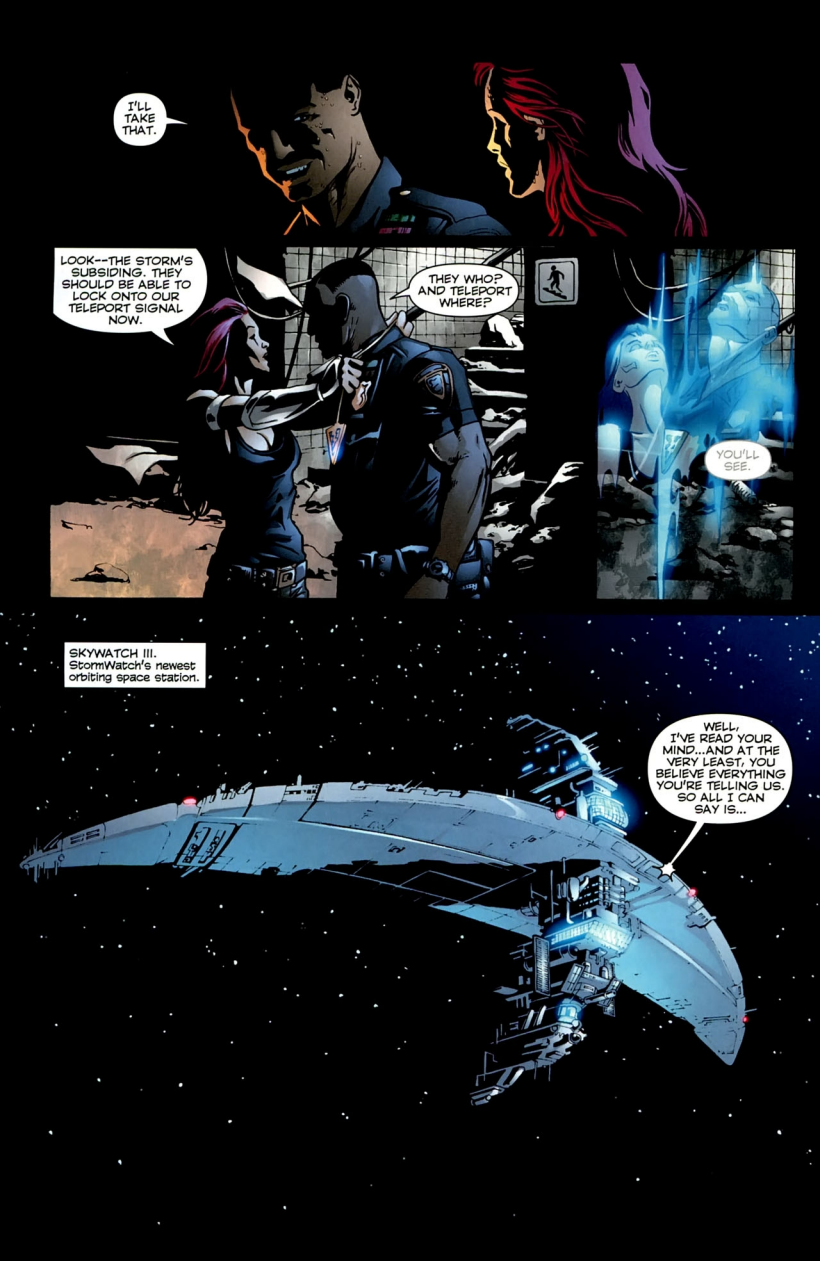

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
THAT IS WHAT I NEED YOU TO DISCOVER. SO THAT I MAY BRING YOU BACK TO YOUR PRESENT... AND YOU CAN STOP IT.
HEY! HEY, MAN, ARE YOU CRAZY?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT? CAN'T YOU SEE THERE'S A STORM COMING?
"A LITTLE RAIN?" MAN, WHERE THE HELL YOU BEEN? YOU ACT LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A SUPERSTORM!
QUICK, WE'VE GOTTA GET UNDERGROUND BEFORE--
A LITTLE RAIN'S THE LAST THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT. WHAT--
--OH, NO.


FWOOOSHH
OH, THANK GOD.
HURRY--GET TO THE SUBWAY! I CAN'T HOLD OUT IN THIS STORM FOR--
FAHRENHEIT?
JOHN?!?


JOHN, OH MY GOD, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! YOU'RE ALIVE!
OF COURSE. WHY WOULDN'T I BE--
--OH.
WHAT?
I CAME FROM THE PAST. A WOMAN--VOID--BROUGHT ME HERE. FOR ME, THIS IS THE FUTURE.
OH. OH, JOHN, I--
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND.
I'M DEAD.


IT'S OKAY. DON'T FEEL BAD. I'M ALL RIGHT WITH IT.
I WAS BROUGHT HERE TO FIND OUT HOW THIS HAPPENED AND STOP IT. SO IT'S NOT LIKE THERE ISN'T HOPE.
RIGHT... RIGHT, OF COURSE.
I'M NOT GOING TO ASK YOU A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS ABOUT MYSELF. JUST ONE.
MY WIFE... IS SHE...?
JOHN, I...I DON'T KNOW. HONESTLY.
IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST. THE WHOLE WORLD WAS IN CHAOS.
BUT... JOHN, THE ODDS...
I UNDERSTAND.
I LIED. I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.
HOW'D I GO OUT?
FROM WHAT I HEARD?


"FIGHTING."


I'LL TAKE THAT.
LOOK--THE STORM'S SUBSIDING. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCK ONTO OUR TELEPORT SIGNAL NOW.
THEY WHO? AND TELEPORT WHERE?
YOU'LL SEE.
SKYWATCH III. StormWatch's newest orbiting space station.
WELL, I'VE READ YOUR MIND...AND AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU'RE TELLING US. SO ALL I CAN SAY IS...


...WELCOME TO SKYWATCH, JOHN.
Nnh-- THANKS.
SORRY. SOMETIMES I FORGET I'VE GONE BACK TO WEARING BATTALION ARMOR. BUT WITH MY POWERS INCREASED, I NEED THE EXTRA CONTROL IT GIVES ME.
WHACK
INCREASED? WHAT HAPPENED? AND HOW'D SKYWATCH !!! GET BUILT, ANYWAY? LAST I HEARD, STORMWATCH'S BUDGET WAS A FRACTION OF ITS OLD SELF.
THIS ISN'T THE WORLD YOU LEFT. IN MANY WAYS.
I'D BEEN PUSHING CONGRESS TO GIVE US A NEW ORBITAL SKYWATCH FOR A LONG TIME. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE 18TH PRECINCT PERSUADED THEM OF THE NEED.
SOME...ITEMS WE FOUND IN AN OLD BUNKER OF HENRY BENDIX'S GOT THEM TO FREE UP THE MONEY. GOOD THING, TOO. I'D HAD A...PREMONITION WE'D NEED THIS PLACE.
PREMONITION? I DIDN'T KNOW PRECOGNITION WAS ONE OF YOUR POWERS.
IT WASN'T...STILL ISN'T, REALLY, EXCEPT IN THE VAGUEST SENSE. BUT MY POWERS STARTED TO INCREASE STEADILY AFTER MY WIFE SHOT ME IN THE HEAD.
CHRISTINE. IS SHE--?
HERE. WE'RE BACK TOGETHER. IT'S LIKE YOU SAID; SHE WAS SUFFERING FROM POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HER ACTIONS.
BUT IN TRYING TO TAKE AWAY MY ABILITIES, SHE UNWITTINGLY HAD THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.
PERHAPS THE BRAIN INJURY "JUMP-STARTED" THEM. MORE LIKELY, NEARLY DYING INSPIRED ME TO SLOWLY SHRUG OFF THE LIMITS I'D UNCONSCIOUSLY BEEN PLACING ON MYSELF.
SELF-IMPOSED RESTRAINTS ON MY POWER, BORN FROM FEAR OF ENDING UP CORRUPTED BY IT, LIKE MY FATHER.
YOU KNOW, WITH THAT ARMOR, YOU KIND OF LOOK LIKE HIM.
UH...
...JUST SUPERFICIALLY, OF COURSE.


OF COURSE.
ANYWAY, SKYWATCH WAS THREE-QUARTERS STAFFED AND OPERATIONAL WHEN *ARMAGEDDON* HIT. IF WE'D JUST HAD MORE TIME, MAYBE...
AT LEAST EVERYONE ON BOARD ESCAPED IT. WE SAVED THOUSANDS OF OTHERS, AND WHILE WE'VE NO ROOM TO HOUSE THEM HERE, WE CONTINUE TO HELP SURVIVORS.
HOW'D THIS HAPPEN, JACKSON? WHAT CAUSED THIS ARMAGEDDON?
THE VERY THING I CREATED YOUR TEAM TO PROTECT AGAINST, JOHN.
SUPERHUMANS.
NATURALLY, THE MEMBERS OF STORMWATCH PRIME ARE EAGER TO HELP THEIR HOME COUNTRIES. *FUJI'S* IN JAPAN...
...AND *HELLSTRIKE'S* POWER IS LITERALLY A LIFESAVER FOR FOLKS IN IRELAND.
"SUDDENLY THERE WERE THOUSANDS--FAR MORE THAN WE KNEW ABOUT. AND IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE ALL BENT ON EACH OTHER'S DESTRUCTION.
"THE ENERGIES THEY UNLEASHED PERMANENTLY ALTERED THE PLANET. VERY NEARLY *DESTROYED* IT.


ALL BUT A SMALL FRACTION OF THE NORMAL HUMANS ON EARTH DIED.
I KEEP THINKING...IF I'D STARTED THE PHD PROGRAM EARLIER, MAYBE...
...WELL. NO SENSE DWELLING ON THE PAST.
WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE? WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?
NOW?
NOW WE SAVE THE WORLD, JOHN.
FIRST WE LEARN WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. THEN WE FIND THEM... AND KILL THEM.
ALONG WITH ANY SUPERHUMANS WHO PRESENT A THREAT TO OUR STARTING CIVILIZATION OVER AGAIN. BETTER, THIS TIME.
"A FINER WORLD?" YOU SOUND LIKE THE AUTHORITY. OR HENRY BENDIX.
BENDIX WAS INSANE. WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING, JOHN?
JUST THAT YOU ALWAYS USED TO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE IDEA OF SUPERHUMANS RUNNING THE WORLD.
I STILL DO. I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HUMANITY TO HAVE A CHANCE AGAIN.
I'M SORRY, I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE OBVIOUS. FAHRENHEIT CAN TELL YOU WHATEVER ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW.
I HOPE YOU CAN GO BACK AND STOP THIS, JOHN. I WISH YOU LUCK.
BUT IF YOU *FAIL*... WE'LL DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.
THAT WAS... INTENSE.
YEAH. IT'S...A ROUGH TIME.


WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF *OUR* TEAM? ARE THEY...GONE, TOO?
OH, NO. WELL...THEY ALL SURVIVED.


"*BLACK BETTY* TOOK IT HARD. WHEN IT ALL HIT THE FAN, WE ASKED FOR HER MENTOR'S HELP. A SORCERER AS POWERFUL AS JEREMIAH COULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.


"THAT'S WHEN WE FOUND OUT HER SECRET. JEREMIAH DUSK WAS *CATATONIC*. HIS ASTRAL FORM HAD BEEN LOST IN SOME OTHER PLANE FOR OVER A YEAR.


"SHE GATHERED HER FAMILY, WENT INTO HER HOUSE...


"...AND TOOK IT... SOMEWHERE ELSE.

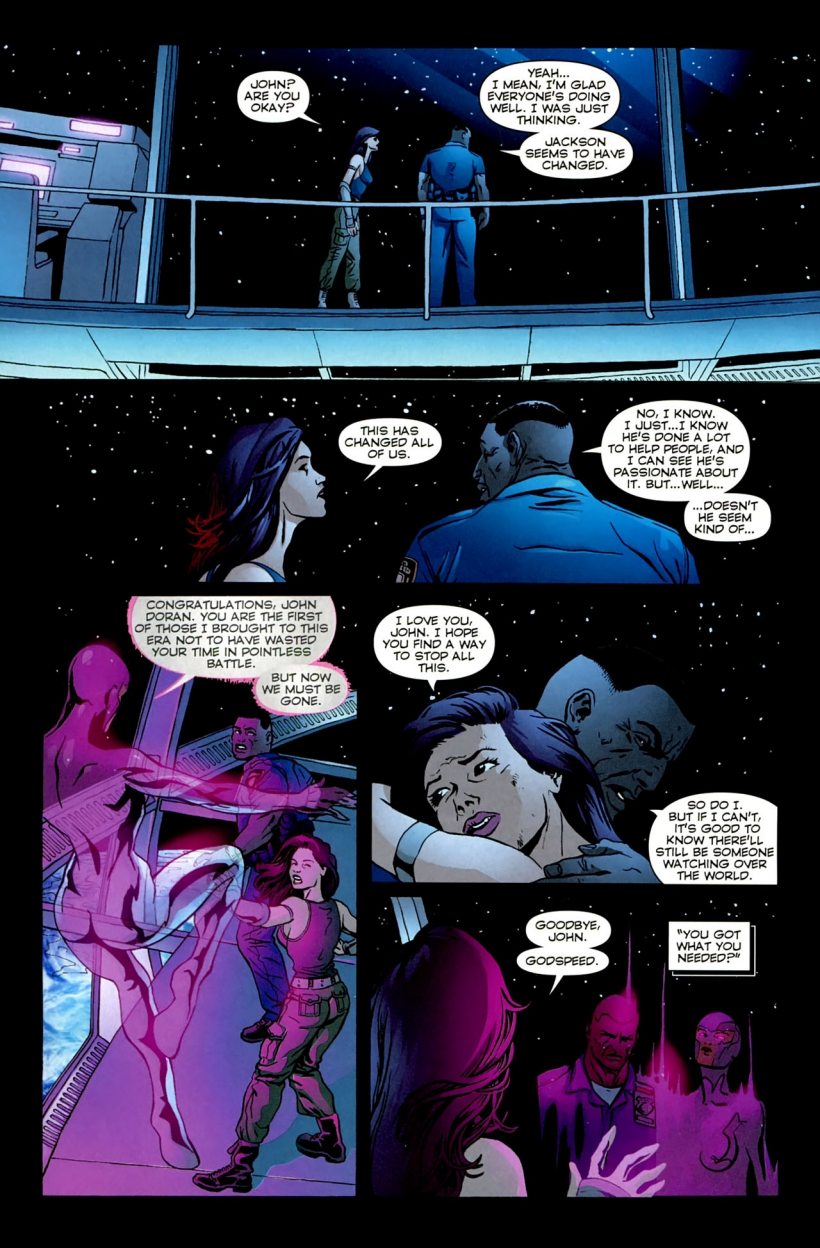

"I LIKE TO THINK SHE'S TRYING TO HELP, FROM WHEREVER SHE IS. SHE NEVER STRUCK ME AS THE TYPE TO RUN AWAY."


"HOW ABOUT GORGEOUS?"
"SHE DID WHAT SHE'S ALWAYS DONE...HOOKED UP WITH A POWERFUL MAN WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF HER."
I SAW INSIDE. THEY GOT ALL KINDS OF FOOD...AND THE WOMAN'S HOTTER'N HELL.
I'M SOLD. LET'S BUST DOWN THE DOOR.
"THERE'S A DIFFERENCE THIS TIME, THOUGH..."
HONEY? I THINK SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR.
"...I THINK SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY LOVE THE GUY."
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, DEAR.
"WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW.
"GOOD FOR THEM."
I'LL CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS, SWEETHEART.
THANK YOU, DEAR.


"AND PARIS? I'D IMAGINE HE WENT BACK TO HIS ANIMALS IN NEVADA WHEN ARMAGEDDON HIT."
"YOU'RE RIGHT. ALL I HEAR ABOUT HIM ARE RUMORS... RUMORS INVOLVING A FOREST--PRACTICALLY A JUNGLE--THAT SPRUNG UP OUT OF NOWHERE IN THE NEVADA DESERT."
THERE'S PLENTY OF GAME INSIDE. I SAW HORSES, BEARS, BIG CATS...
ALL SOUNDS LIKE FOOD TO ME.
HEY--HEY, DON'T GO IN THERE. IT'S ONLY FOR THE ANIMALS.
YOU TELLING US WHAT TO DO, HUMAN SCUM?
NO--I'M TRYING TO SAVE YOUR LIVES.
I'VE SEEN FOLKS GO IN THERE TO HUNT BEFORE. THEY DON'T COME OUT.
WE LOOK SCARED TO YOU?
AIN'T NOTHING IN THERE WE CAN'T BLOW TO PIECES, PAL.
YOUR FUNERAL.
THERE. HE'LL FEED US FOR A MONTH.
NICE. GET READY, MY FRIEND...


YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE SOME BLOOD.
--ik--
GAHH!
GET OUT OF HERE. NOW.
AND SPREAD THE WORD. THIS PLACE IS FOR THE ANIMALS. ANYONE WHO COMES IN HERE TO HUNT...
...WILL END UP THE PREY.
"YEAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE PARIS.


"I ALMOST HESITATE TO ASK ABOUT THE MACHINIST."
"ARE YOU KIDDING? HE'S GREAT. HE PACKED UP HIS MOM AND MOVED TO RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA. THEY DIDN'T GET HIT SO BAD.
"THINK ABOUT IT. HE'S A TECH GENIUS IN A WORLD WHERE MOST TECH DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE.
"JUST GETTING THE POWER BACK ON PRACTICALLY MADE HIM A GOD.


JOHN? ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH... I MEAN, I'M GLAD EVERYONE'S DOING WELL. I WAS JUST THINKING.
JACKSON SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED.
THIS HAS CHANGED ALL OF US.
NO, I KNOW. I JUST...I KNOW HE'S DONE A LOT TO HELP PEOPLE, AND I CAN SEE HE'S PASSIONATE ABOUT IT. BUT...WELL...
...DOESN'T HE SEEM KIND OF...
CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN DORAN. YOU ARE THE FIRST OF THOSE I BROUGHT TO THIS ERA NOT TO HAVE WASTED YOUR TIME IN POINTLESS BATTLE.
BUT NOW WE MUST BE GONE.
I LOVE YOU, JOHN. I HOPE YOU FIND A WAY TO STOP ALL THIS.
SO DO I. BUT IF I CAN'T, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THERE'LL STILL BE SOMEONE WATCHING OVER THE WORLD.
GOODBYE, JOHN.
GODSPEED.
"YOU GOT WHAT YOU NEEDED?"


YES SIR. I SHOULD HAVE A FULL ANALYSIS OF VOID'S TEMPORAL ENERGIES WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS.
GOOD.
VERY GOOD.
18th PRE




HONEY? NO, EVERYTHING'S FINE... I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I HAVE TO MEET WITH THE TEAM TONIGHT.
BUT I WON'T BE TOO LATE. AND I WANT US TO SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER FROM NOW ON.


OH, HONEY, ONE MORE THING...
...WHAT WOULD YOU THINK ABOUT MOVING TO RALEIGH?


THANKS FOR COMING. I CALLED YOU HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF STORMWATCH: PHD.
TODAY SPECIAL CHICKEN PIE
THE IRISH HOUSE BAR
PRIVATE
WE'RE GOING TO GO ON. WE HAVE TO GO ON.
UM...THAT'S GREAT. BUT SHOULDN'T WE WAIT TILL THE OTHERS GET HERE?
THEY'RE NOT COMING. WE'LL TALK TO THEM LATER, BUT I WANTED THIS MEETING TO BE NORMAL HUMANS ONLY. AND WHAT WE SAY HERE STAYS HERE.
I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I SAW...AND, HOPEFULLY, TALK ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT IT.
AND IF WE CAN'T...
...WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVENGE ME.
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