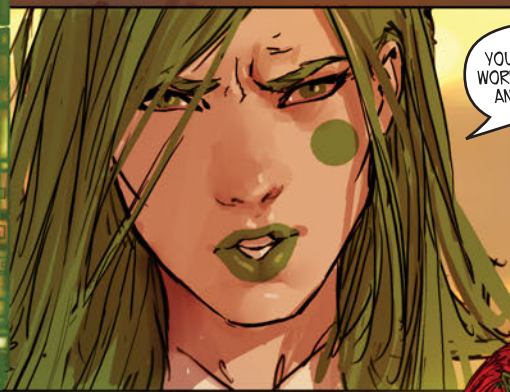


YOU ORDERED THE STRIKE THAT WIPE OUT GENESIS CITY AND THE GEN.

WHY WOULD YOU MURDER AN ENTIRE RACE OF PEOPLE?*



FOR PEACE, OF COURSE. THE APHRODITE PROTOCOL'S DIRECTIVE IS CLEAR.




ARE YOU INSANE? YOU HIDE IN THIS VIRTUAL WORLD AND METE OUT LIFE AND DEATH LIKE SOME DEITY.

HIDING IMPLIES FEAR, AND I'M NOT AFRAID, FAR FROM IT IN FACT...I'M HOPEFUL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES. THE GEN FOLLOWED HUMANITY INTO AN OBLIVION NECESSARY FOR OUR SURVIVAL.

I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS. WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?


*EDITOR'S NOTE: IN THE BRUTAL APHRODITE IX #11 FINALE!



I WAS BORN CARIN TAYLOR, AND WE BOTH ARE CHILDREN OF CHAIRWOMAN FRANCESCA TAYLOR. I WAS THE PROTOTYPE FOR WHAT YOU AND YOUR NINTH GENERATION WOULD BECOME.

SOME CALL ME MOTHER NOW AS AN HONORIFIC. I AM THE ELDEST OF US ALL, AND WAS VIGILANT WHILE THE REST OF YOU SLEPT PEACEFULLY IN STASIS.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I TOO QUESTIONED, BUT WITH LONGEVITY COMES WISDOM, AND AN AWARENESS THAT SOME SPECIES ARE BETTER OFF EXTINCT.



"YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY, THE WORLD WAS ONLY YEARS AWAY FROM DESTROYING ITSELF."

"TECHNOLOGY HAD EVOLVED BEYOND HUMANITY'S ABILITY TO RATIONALLY USE IT."

"OUR MOTHER, HER FIRST HUSBAND, AND A SMALL GROUP OF SCIENTISTS AND MATHEMATICIANS FORMED A COMPANY CALLED CYBER DATA INDUSTRIES. THEY GREW IN POWER BY MAKING WEAPONS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR THE MILITARY."

"THE ALGORITHM THEY USED TO DETERMINE WHEN AND HOW THE WORLD WOULD END I NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD, BUT IT WAS BASED ON SEVERAL MILLION FACTORS."

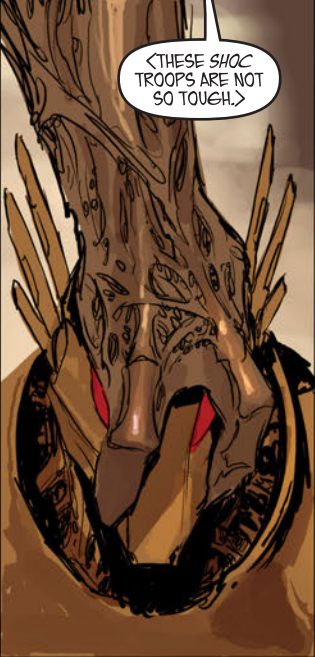
"THEIR GOAL WAS TO DELAY THE ONSET OF THIS EXTINCTION LEVEL EVENT LONG ENOUGH TO CREATE NEW SPECIES THAT WOULD SURVIVE IN THE AFTERMATH. THE PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO THEIR SUCCESS WAS THAT THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED DIDN'T EXIST YET."



"AS THEIR CORPORATE POWER GREW, THEY USED ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO GIVE THEM THE TIME NEEDED TO ADVANCE THE SCIENCE."

"IT WAS DECADES INTO THIS, AFTER THE BATTLE OF PARIS, WHEN FRANCESCA PHYSICALLY TRANSFORMED INTO THE CHAIRWOMAN."

*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE CYBER FORCE REBIRTH!



<THESE SHOC TROOPS ARE NOT SO TOUGH.>

"THE RUSSIANS AND CHINESE WERE AWARE OF CDI'S PLANS, AND WOULDN'T SIT IDLY BY LETTING AN AMERICAN WOMAN REWRITE THE NEW WORLD WITHOUT THEM IN IT."

<STRYKER, I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME. YOU CLAIM TO FIGHT FOR A FREE WORLD, YET DO CDI'S BIDDING.>

<DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THE CHAIRWOMAN IS DOING?>

<SHE PLAYS WITH PRIMAL FORCES THAT WILL KILL US ALL.>



<WHEN WE FOUGHT TOGETHER IN GUANEZHOU, YOU GAVE ME YOUR WORD SHE WOULD DIE.>

SHUT HIM UP, PLEASE.

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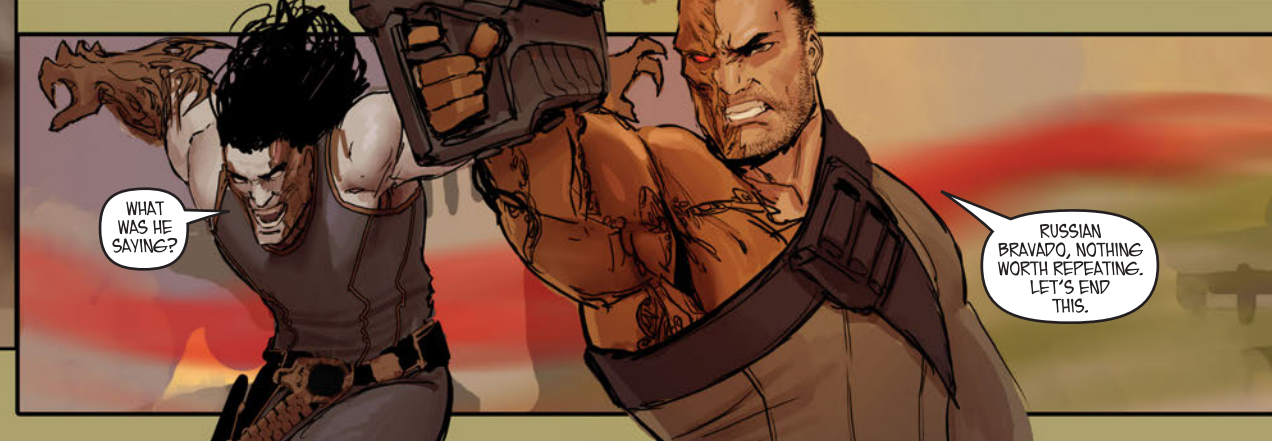
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