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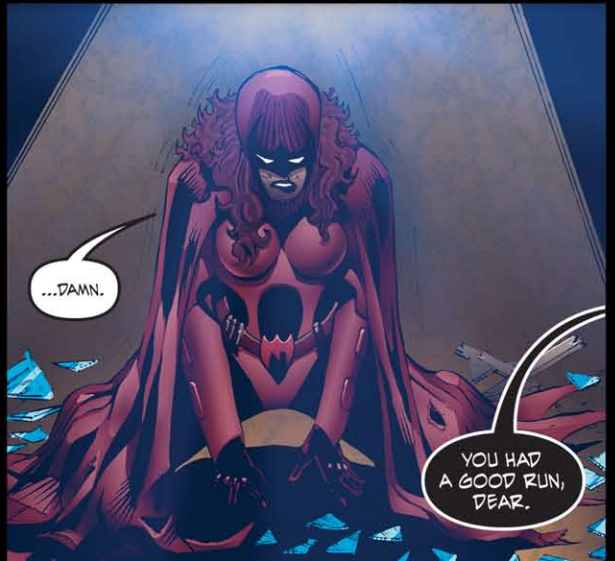
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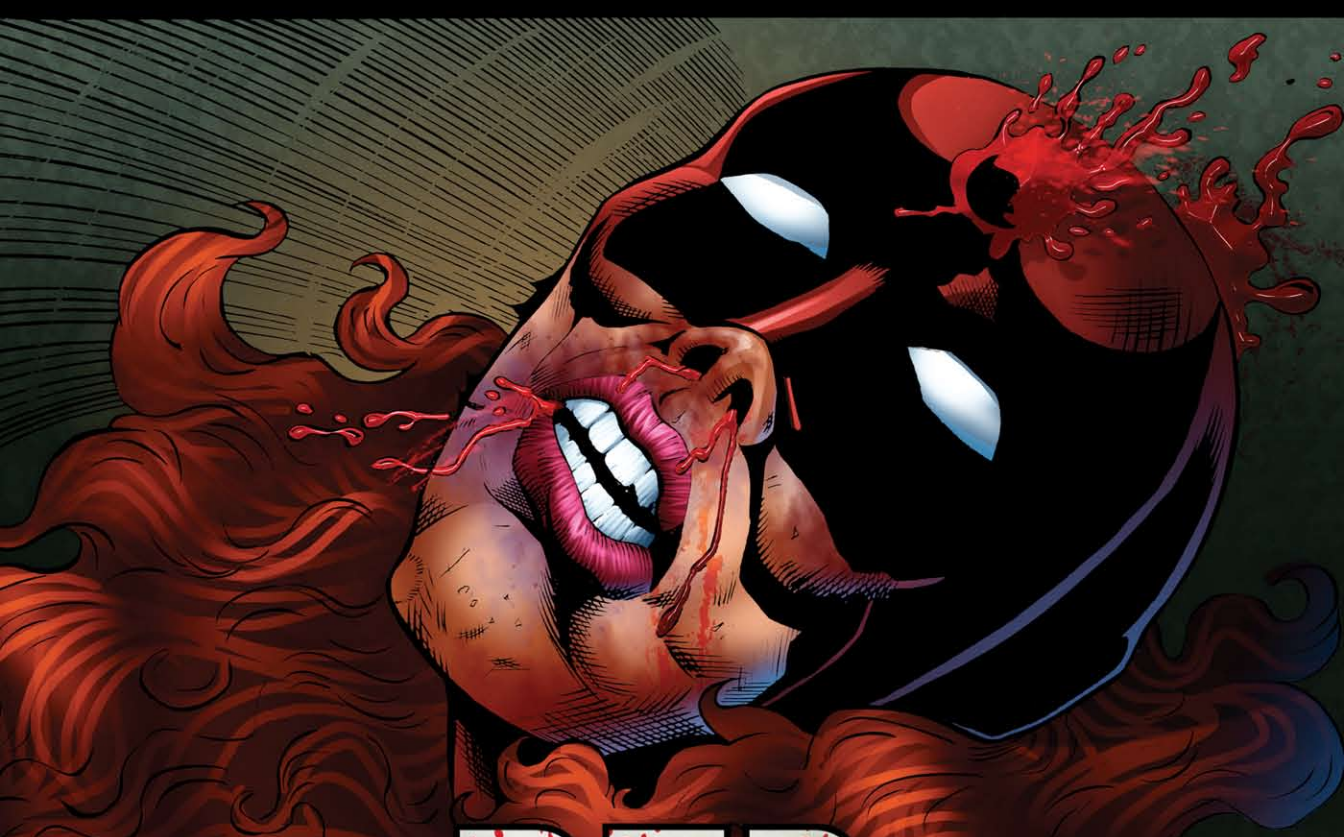


A FEW TICKS AFTER MIDNIGHT.









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a super hero murder mystery in ten parts

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UPTOWN.

"I'M NOT CHANGING MY NAME."

NOTHING AGAINST YOURS, LOVE.

IT'S JUST THAT PROFESSIONALLY, I'VE GOT A LOT INVESTED IN CASH.

NO PUN INTENDED.

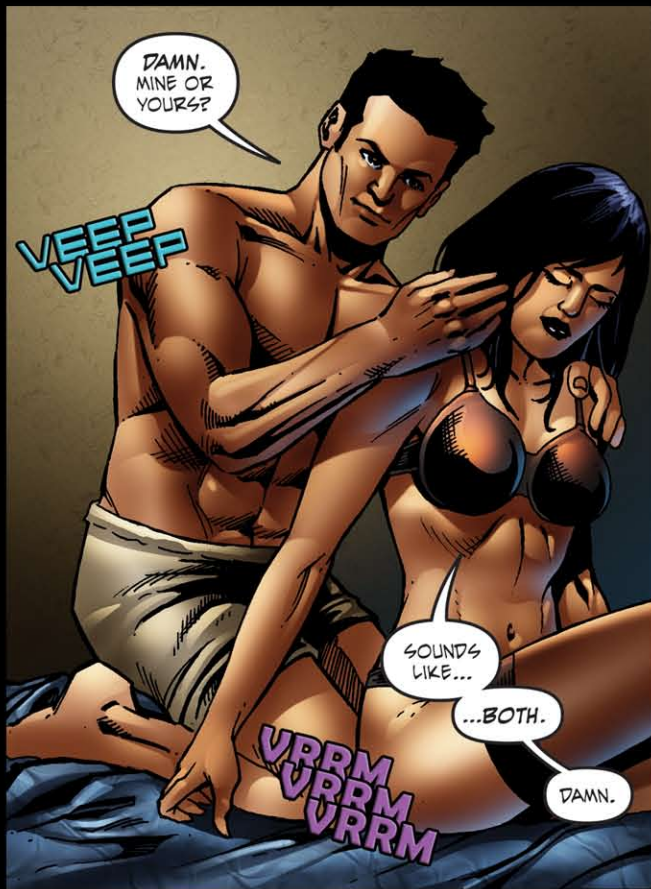
DON'T WANT YOU TO CHANGE A THING, CASS.

MORE?

I'M A WOMAN, DANIEL...

...OF COURSE I WANT MORE.

VEEP VEEP



DAMN.
MINE OR
YOURS?

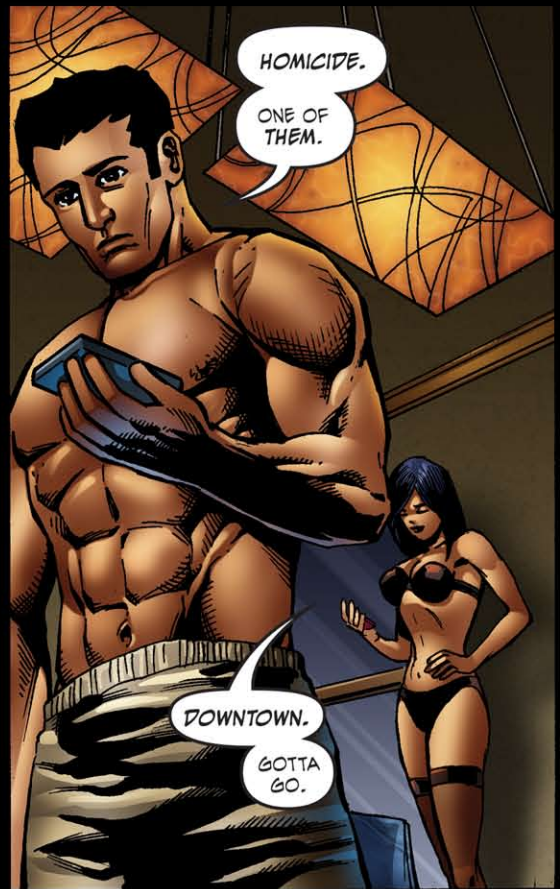
VEEP
VEEP

SOUNDS
LIKE...

...BOTH.

DAMN.

VRRM
VRRM
VRRM



HOMICIDE.
ONE OF
THEM.

DOWNTOWN.

GOTTA
GO.



WELL, ASSISTANT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LAWRENCE...



"...I'LL SEE YOU ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE YELLOW TAPE."

SWANSTOWN
MUSEUM
OF NATURAL
HISTORY



NIGHT JANITOR CALLED IT IN.

IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO HIM, HE'S OVER AT ST. JUDES GETTING STITCHED UP.



POOR GUY SLIPPED ON THE BLOOD AND PAINT. CUT HIMSELF PRETTY BAD.



WHO'S ASSIGNED?

MITCHELL AND MCCARTY CAUGHT IT.

SAID THEY'D BE HERE IN THIRTY.

THEY'RE SOBERING UP.

FIGURES.



DO YOU THINK IT'S REALLY HER?



...IT'S HER.

"THIS IS **CASSIE CASH**, REPORTING LIVE FROM THE SWANSTOWN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WHERE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A HOMICIDE."



DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, BUT WE'RE GETTING UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE VICTIM MAY BE A MASKED --



HOLD ON...



SIR, DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD WAIT FOR --

NO. I DON'T.



SEVERE BRUISING.

FRACTURED SKULL.

TOOK A HELL OF A BEATING.



NO EXIT WOUND. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOVER THE BUL--

UH, SIR?

WE HAVE COMPANY...



THIS...
THIS WILL NOT STAND.

WE WILL AVENGE HER,
DANIEL LAWRENCE.

OH, GOD...

DAMN.

NOT IF I DO FIRST.

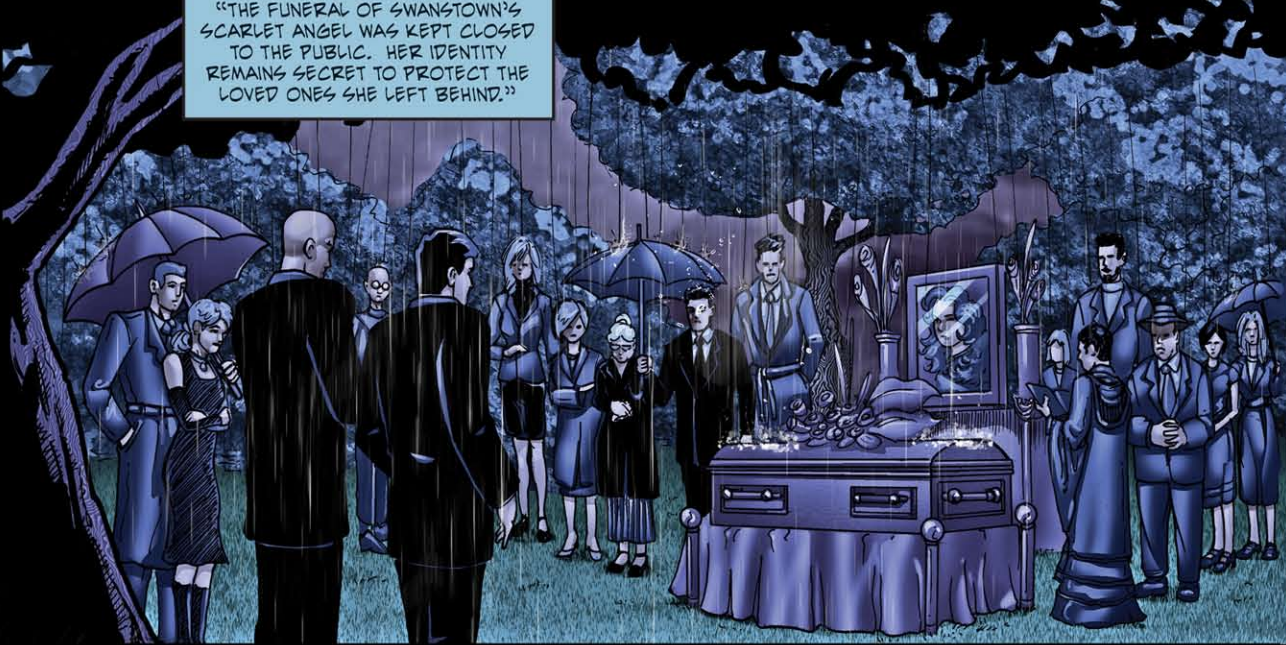
"RED, A MEMBER OF THE VAUNTED LEARCORP-FUNDED SUPERTEAM THE ALLIANCE, WAS LAID TO REST THIS AFTERNOON IN ST. AGATHA'S CEMETARY."

"THE MASKED CRUSADER WAS MURDERED LAST WEEK. HER LONG-TIME NEMESIS, THE PSYCHOPATH KNOWN AS THE OXYMORON, IS THE PRIMARY SUSPECT."

"HE CAN RUN BUT HE CAN'T HIDE. NOT FROM THE ALLIANCE. AND CERTAINLY NOT FROM JUSTICE."



"THE FUNERAL OF SWANSTOWN'S SCARLET ANGEL WAS KEPT CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. HER IDENTITY REMAINS SECRET TO PROTECT THE LOVED ONES SHE LEFT BEHIND."



REST IN PEACE, DEAR.

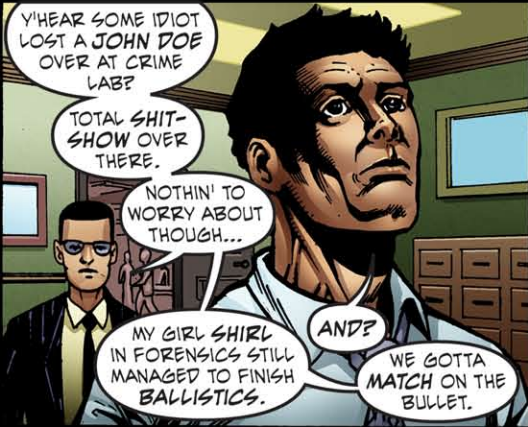
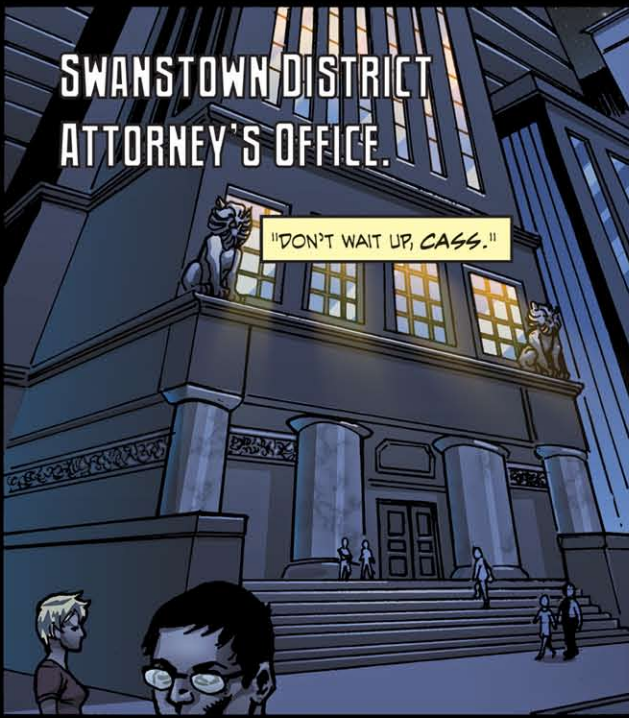


COME ON, TIL. LET'S GET OUT OF THE RAIN.

SHE MISSED YOU, DANIEL.

SHE NEVER FORGAVE HERSELF FOR --

NEITHER HAVE I.





ORION

I'M LOOKING FOR AN ASSOCIATE OF YOURS.



THROTTLE

AIN'T A GEAR I CAN'T KICK IT INTO, TOX!

TELL ME WHAT'CHA KNOW!

SOD OFF, TOSSER!



MASTER MAGE

SEMPTUM PROCOREM LOCATUM...



ANDROIKA

>>Accessing LEARnet...

>>Global server established...

>>Loading search protocol...

>>Subject query: Ozymoron

>>Alias cross-reference:
++Chuckles, Charles
++Smiley, Guy

>>>Processing...



MAGNITUDE

WHERE IS HE, YOU MAGGOT?!



BELLONA

I AM ONLY GOING TO ASK ONCE.

WHERE...



MAZU

...IS...

GLUGH!



MOLD

...THE...

...THE...

...THE...

...THE...



JUSTICE AMERICA

...OXYMORON?!

O-O-KAY!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW!



"YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!"

I NEED TO BE THERE, CASS.

LIKE HELL YOU DO! DANIEL, YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THEM!

WHUMP



I WAS.

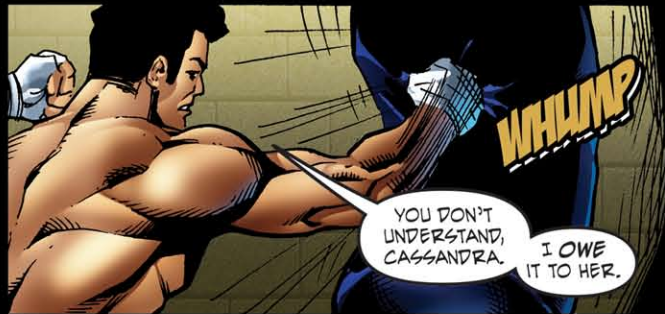
THUMP



AND YOU GAVE IT UP! YOU TRADED THE CAPE FOR A BADGE.

FOR A LIFE!

A LIFE WITH ME.



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, CASSANDRA. I OWE IT TO HER.



YOU DON'T OWE HER A THING!

SHE USED YOU, BABY.

YOU WERE HER WARD.

HOW COULD ANYONE PUT A CHILD IN THAT KIND OF DANGER?



I WAS TRAINED --

YOU WERE EIGHT YEARS OLD!



I KNOW YOU LOVED HER. IT WAS A TERRIBLE THING THAT MONSTER DID TO HER.

BUT I ALSO KNOW YOU LOVE ME.

AND I'M BEGGING YOU...

DON'T GO.



I'M GOING, CASS.



SO, THAT'S IT THEN?

DUST OFF THE SPANDEX.



PRETEND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM AGAIN?

WELL, YOU'RE NOT!



YOU'RE JUST A MAN, AND YOU'RE GONNA END UP DEAD JUST LIKE HER.



HOPE IT'S WORTH IT.



CLEARLY, I'M NOT.



THE PINNACLE.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

"YOU ARE SAYING HIS BASE IS ON AN ISLAND THAT DOES NOT EXIST?"

ACCORDING TO GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND GOVERNMENT SATELLITE COVERAGE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, YES.

THEN HOW ARE WE LOOKING AT IT?

WE'RE USING LEARCORP SATELLITES, NOT UNCLE SAM'S.

OXYMORON MUST HAVE WIPED CLEAN ALL OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE ISLAND.

BUT THE COORDINATES BLACK LINCOLN GAVE ME CHECKED OUT.

SO, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

WHY DOESN'T BIG J JUST FLY DOWN THERE AND SNATCH HIS PASTY ASS?

NO WAY.



RED WAS ONE OF US.

WE TAKE HER KILLER DOWN TOGETHER.

AS A TEAM.



ALL NINE OF US SHOULD BE THERE TO --

INTRUDER ALERT!

INTRUDER ALERT!





WHO COULD POSSIBLY --

TEN.

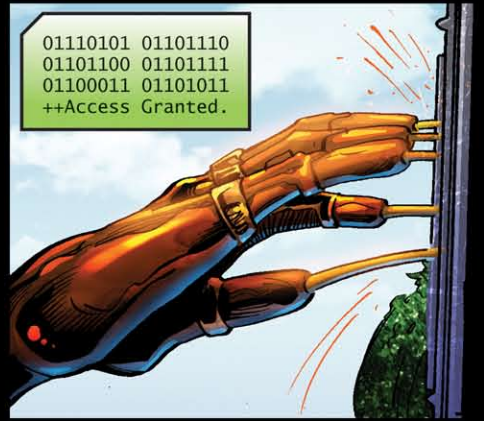
THERE ARE TEN OF US.

CRIMSON



NOW LET'S GO GET THAT BASTARD.

THE SOUTH PACIFIC.





IT'S QUIET.

A LITTLE TOO QUIET.

SORRY. COULDN'T RESIST.



YOU'RE HER OLD SIDEKICK, THE CRIMSON KID, RIGHT?

I LOOK LIKE A KID TO YOU?

CRIMSON MAN THEN. WHATEVER.



THIS OXYMORON... YOU'VE DEALT WITH HIM BEFORE?

I HAVE.

CAN'T BE MUCH OF A THREAT TO US THOUGH, RIGHT?



HE DON'T EVEN HAVE POWERS.

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?



THE OXYMORON I KNOW HAS THE POWER TO CAVE IN AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S HEAD WITH A CROWBAR WHILE RECITING LINES FROM THE CAT IN THE HAT.

HE HAS THE ABILITY TO BLOW UP NURSERY SCHOOLS, RETIREMENT HOMES, AND ORGAN DONATION CENTERS AND NOT LOSE ANY SLEEP OVER IT.



HE'S BRILLIANT.

HE'S INSANE.

AND HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH A LONG TIME AGO.



THIS PLACE IS A LOT **BIGGER** THAN IT LOOKS. WHICH WAY?

I AM REGISTERING FAINT BIO-READINGS DOWN THIS CORRIDOR.

THEN LET'S MOVE. STAY ALERT...

"...AND BE READY FOR ANYTHING."



WELL, THIS ISN'T STRANGE AT ALL.

IT'S...

IT IS US.





...I
FOUND THE
OXYMORON.



I ❤️
DEAFENING
SILENCE



HE DEAD?

EXTREMELY.

SOMEONE BEAT US TO THE PUNCH.

SHÉNME?
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?



COULD IT BE THE MONSTER SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE PLOTTING TO DESTROY HER, AND WHEN HE FINALLY DID, REALIZED SHE WAS THE ONLY THING HE WAS LIVING FOR?

WHAT, SUICIDE?

NO WAY. NOT HIM.



I CONCUR. HIS NECK IS BROKEN.

IT'S NEARLY PHYSIOLOGICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SNAP ONE'S OWN NECK.

WITH A PROPER AUTOPSY --



IT DOESN'T MATTER, MAGNITUDE.

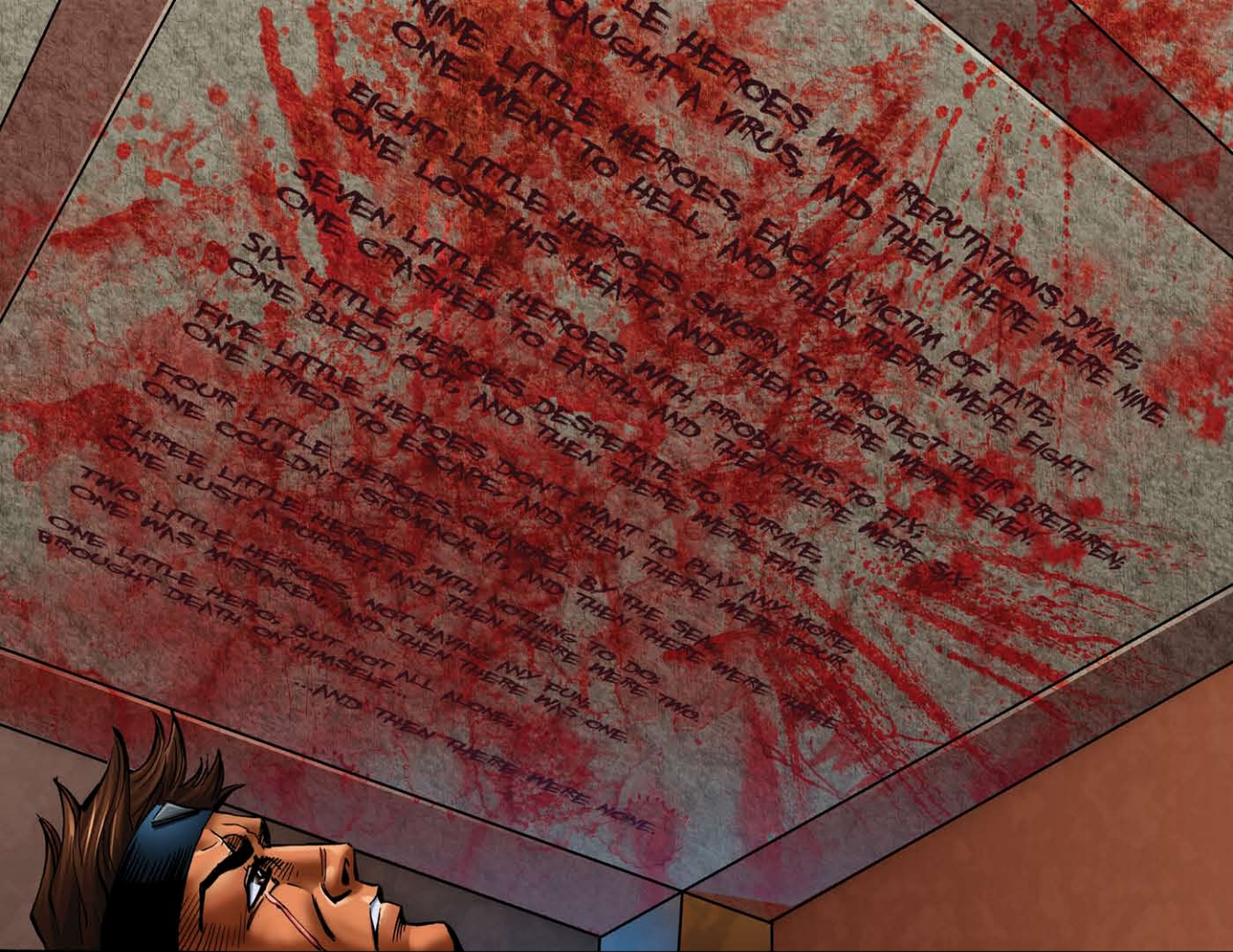
IT'S DONE.



OUR TEAMMATE'S KILLER IS DEAD, AND JUSTICE HAS BEEN --



FLOP!



I'VE GOT A CRISP TWO DOLLAR BILL FOR WHOEVER CAN TELL ME WHAT THE HELL THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MEAN.



I THINK I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUERY, ORION...

...IT MEANS WE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE ON THIS ISLAND.



EXCUSE ME, ANDROIKA? WHAT DID YOU JUST --

GUILTY.

Critical Error.
9:16.9:16.9:16...

Neural network infected...



SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH HER OS.

I AM GUILTY.
->*HEKK*←

ANDROIKA, LET ME HELP --

DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, AL...

Surge protection deactivated...

AND NOW I MUST... MUST...MUST...
->*HEKK*← ...PAY.

Nano-circuitry corrodng...




EVERYONE BACK!

WE ALL MUST PAY.

Warning! Thermal core unstable...

ALL OF YOU... YOU...YOU...
->*HEKK*←
ARE GUILTY...



...AND THY
SIN WILL FIND
THEE OUT.

*Ten little heroes with reputations divine;
One caught a virus, and then there were nine.*

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A chilling superhero murder mystery by Tyler James and Cesar Feliciano.

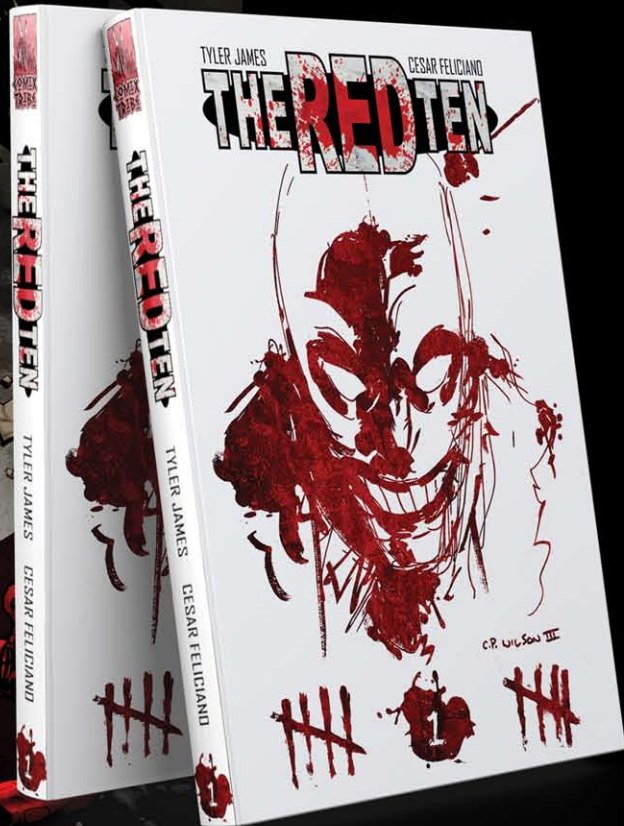
When RED, the world's greatest detective, is violently murdered by her nemesis, the OXYMORON, the nation's foremost super team and her former sidekick band together to bring the villain to justice. However, the mission goes terribly wrong, and before the night is out, each of the ten "heroes" pay dearly for past transgressions.

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WINNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROBOTICS LEAGUE "ANDROID DECATHLON" COMPETITION ANNOUNCED



Ernie Rush and Zhao Tang Long pose with BEYONCE, winner of the Android Decathlon.

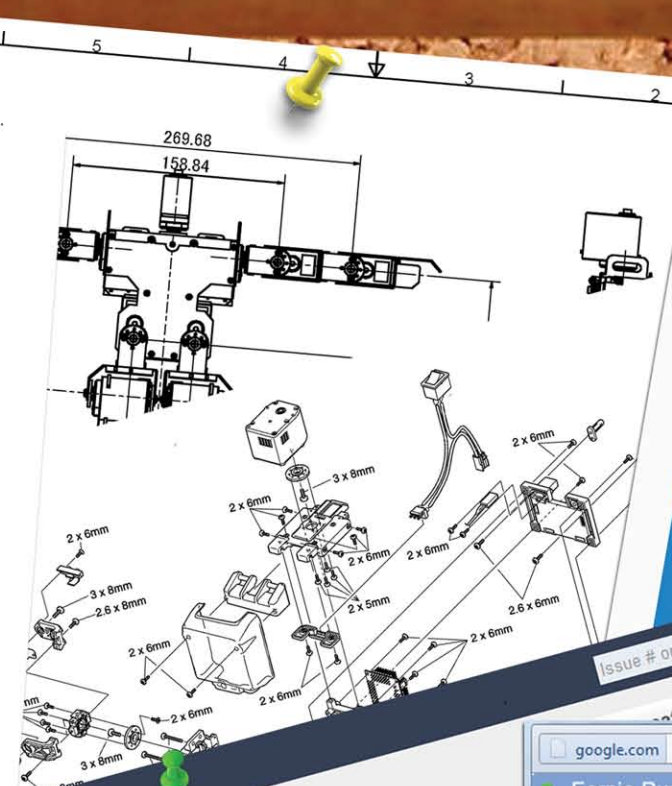
More than 1000 teams of students from across forty-six countries competed in the International Robotics League (IRL) "Future Bridge Battle" Championship. More than 4200 young scientists competed in the first annual event held in Silicon Valley.

The Android Decathlon was sponsored by Lear Robotics, Inc., a leader in advanced robotics and artificial intelligence, at the request of IRL organizers for their inaugural competition to engage students in the fun and excitement of science and technology. This event

challenges individuals of teams to create a multi-purpose, highly functional robot capable of competing in a variety of physical, tactical, and computational tasks.

Taking first place in the decathlon was Ernie Rush and Zhao Tang Long, a team of sophomores from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whose android "Beyonce" blew away the competition, finishing first in all ten events. "She [Beyonce] did things we didn't even know she was capable of," said Rush, a self-described sci-fi geek majoring in artificial intelligence. He and Long will split a \$10,000 scholarship, and have the opportunity to partake in a highly coveted paid internship at Lear Robotics this summer.

From all accounts, the event was a resounding success. "We were thrilled to be the first group to capture the excitement of advanced robotics in a competitive atmosphere," said Eric Tsang, IRL organizers. "It provided our students with a unique experience and a great vehicle for advanced science and engineering education. They were completely engrossed in the challenge of creating their robots."



World's Most Advanced Android Joins The Alliance
By Tad Kroger
Updated 7:59 PM EST



Best Wrinkle Creams of 2011



Trainers Hate Him



YOU WILL

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Ernie Rush

me: I'm worried about her.
Zhao: you mean IT.
Sent at 9:22 PM on Wednesday
me: >:-(
I'm worried about Androika. Happy.
Zhao: Go on.
me: It's hard to explain.
Sent at 9:24 PM on Wednesday
me: But I think she's suffering from an existential crisis. I don't know how else to describe it.
Zhao: You're being retarded.
She's just a robot.
me: Now who's being retarded. You know damn well she's much more than a robot.
Sent at 9:27 PM on Wednesday

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Issue # 1263 | Status: OPEN | Priority: HIGH

Serious Vulnerability

Identified a potential backdoor vulnerability to ANDROIKA OS, related to earlier flagged Hellfirewall issues (#1154 and #1170.) This should be plugged before she goes operational.

Priority: High | Assignee: Rich Parker

Zhao Tang Long on September 7
Rich, you're being ridiculous.

The Androika OS is the most protected and virus resistant on the planet. There are maybe ten hackers on the planet that could penetrate the Hellfirewall, and all of them work for us. Plus, they'd have hack to her system directed at her. A girl can defend herself plenty well if anyone tries to put a hand on her naughty bits.

2.1 billion dollars over budget and nineteen months behind schedule...we can't afford another delay. We'll pay eventually.

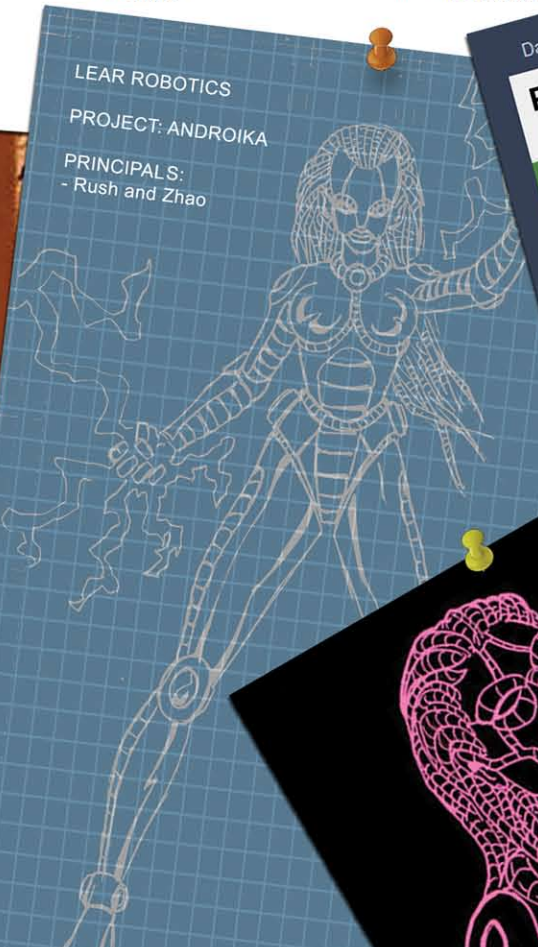
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Open → Resolved → Closed

Attachments (Less than 10 MB each.)

Priority: High

Category: Defense / Resistance



FATAL EXPLOSION ROCKS TECH PARK



The Terragon Hill Industrial Park was engulfed in flames over the weekend, injuring hundreds and killing eleven. The blaze apparently originated at Rush Robotics, and later spread to nearby Townsend Pharmaceuticals, and Freeman BioTech. First responders were on the scene in minutes, but were unable to prevent the blaze from causing millions in property and equipment damage, and taking the lives of several Terragon Hill employees.

Among those killed in the blast were Rush Robotics CEO Ernie Rush and Chief Technical Officer Zhao Tang Long. The two men, considered titans in the fields of robotics and advanced artificial intelligence, founded the company. Also killed in the blast was a seven member janitorial crew from Payne Cleaning, who serviced Terragon Hill.



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