



SOLUS...
FATHER...

...YOU ARE
NOW SAFELY
AWAY FROM
PRYING EYES...OR
BETRAYERS...
EVEN WITHIN OUR
OWN CLAN.



THOUGH
THIS WRETCHED
PLANET'S
RADIATION WILL
SHORTLY CLAIM
MY LIFE...

...I SWEAR
YOU SHALL
LIVE AGAIN.

"718"

BENEATH SIMS TOWER

EARTH-3145

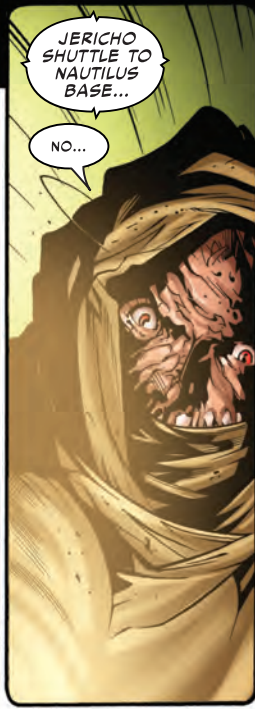
DAYS BEFORE



MY DEATH
IS IMMINENT.
BUT IF JENNIX
IS TO BE
BELIEVED...



...I WILL RISE
AGAIN. AND AFTER
I COME BACK FOR
YOU...YOU WILL
TOO.



JERICO
SHUTTLE TO
NAUTILUS
BASE...

NO...



G'HEAD,
BABE.

FOUND
ANOTHER
EMERGENCY
POWER RELAY,
ANNIE.

COUPLE
DOZEN FEPO
CLUSTERS DOWN
HERE.*

GONNA BE
WEEKS CARTING
THESE THINGS
OUT OF HERE.

YOU'LL
RACK UP THE
FREQUENT
FLYER MILES,
JOHN.

*IRON PHOSPHATE
POWER CELLS. --NICK

YEAH.

NO SENSE
TRYING TO
FINESSE
THIS.

I'LL
JUST HAVE
THE DRONES
RIP OUT THE
WHOLE--



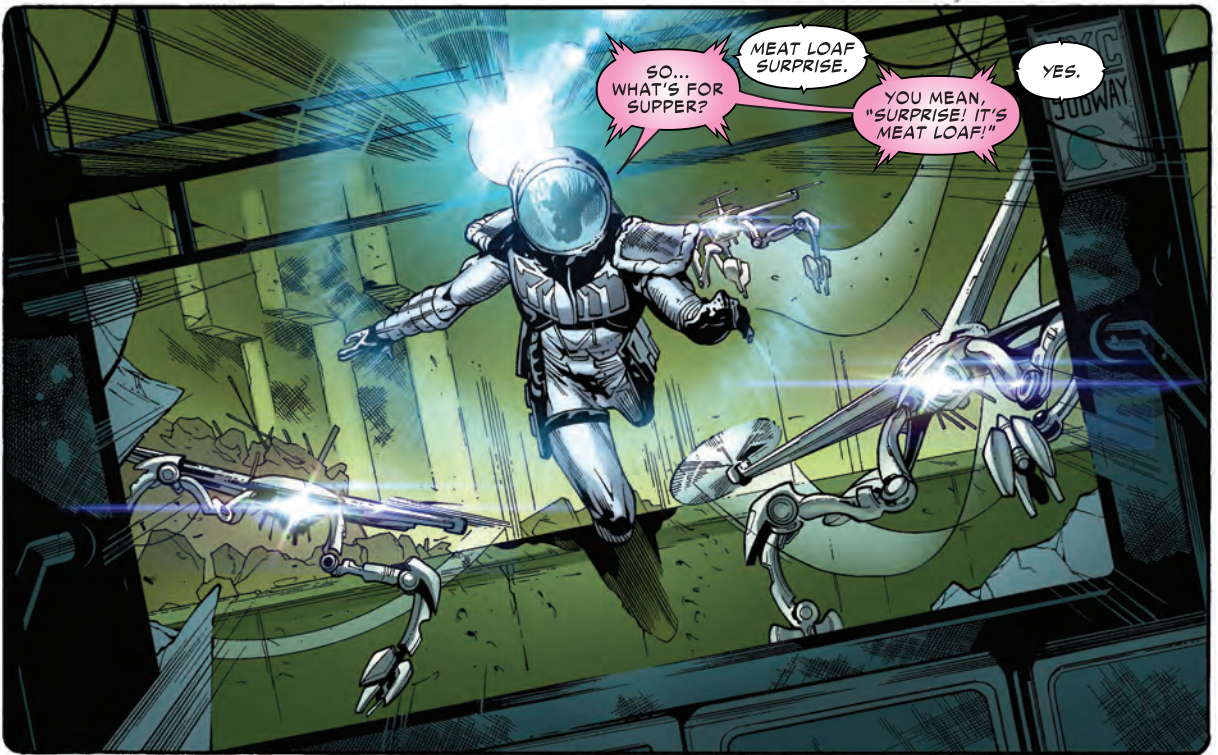
JOHN?
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THOUGHT
I HEARD
SOMETHING.

HEARD
WHAT?

EVEN THE
RATS ARE
DEAD DOWN
THERE,
BABE.

YEAH.



SO...
WHAT'S FOR
SUPPER?

MEAT LOAF
SURPRISE.

YES.

YOU MEAN,
"SURPRISE! IT'S
MEAT LOAF!"



ALWAYS
BETTER ON
NIGHT 718.

NO...
GASSSP

FAAA...
THERRR...

"I KNOW YOU
CAN HEAR ME,
CHARLIE."



ON AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD, VERNA IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR A DOZEN OF US. HERE, IN SPACE--

--WEB-SHOOTERS ARE USELESS... "SUPER" STRENGTH MEANINGLESS IN ZERO GRAVITY.

OUR WALL-CRAWLING RELIES ON FRICTION--



NOT MUCH OF THAT UP HERE...

JAMESON'S TELEPATHIC GLIMPSE REVEALED A LOT, JESSICA.

I MADE A MISTAKE. YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

TOO DISTRACTED... YOUR MIND ON THE KID.



KNOW WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT YOU DURING OUR "GLIMPSE"?

NOTHING. A BLANK PAGE. MAYBE A CLONE LACKS A SOUL...

GLAD YOU TWO GOT MY TELEPATHIC MESSAGE.

AS YOU CAN SEE--



--I'VE SOLVED YOUR PROBLEM FOR YOU.

A CRYSTAL.

YOU CAME LOOKING FOR A CRYSTAL. WISH YOU'D MENTIONED THAT.

MY WIFE... MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE...

YOUR TELEPATHIC FLASH--

IS WHEN I REALIZED THE THING YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR WAS IN MY BACKPACK ALL ALONG.



AND NOW MY WIFE IS DEAD--

--BECAUSE OF WHATEVER THE HELL YOUR WAR IS ABOUT.



FOUND IT IN A SUBWAY TUNNEL BENEATH SIMS TOWER. HAD AN ODD ENERGY SIGNATURE.

OBVIOUSLY OF ALIEN DESIGN AND A LIKELY POWER SOURCE.

I BROUGHT IT BACK FOR STUDY.

DESTROY IT. VAPORIZE IT--NOW.



THE LAST SURVIVORS OF EARTH ARE ON THIS PLATFORM, KAINE.

BEEN HOLDING THINGS TOGETHER WITH MY LITTLE SCAVENGER RUNS. BUT THIS--

--THIS MIGHT BE A SOURCE OF UNLIMITED POWER.

MIGHT GIVE HUMANITY A FIGHTING CHANCE--



JAMESON--

--THE ESSENCE OF A MAN NAMED SOLUS IS TRAPPED INSIDE THAT THING.

IF HE IS EVER RESURRECTED--

HE WON'T BE. VERNA'S DEAD, KAINE--

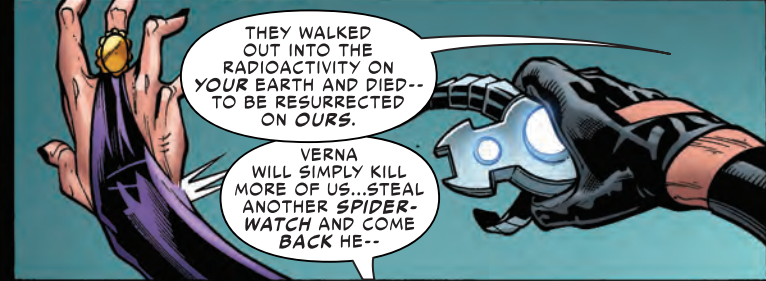
NO, JOHN...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...



VERNA DIES HERE, SHE'S REBORN THERE-- ON EARTH-616.

HER CONSCIOUSNESS IS BEING TRANSMITTED THERE AND IMPLANTED WITHIN A NEW, CLONED BODY.

IT'S HOW THE INHERITORS ESCAPED IMPRISONMENT IN SIMS TOWER.



THEY WALKED OUT INTO THE RADIOACTIVITY ON YOUR EARTH AND DIED-- TO BE RESURRECTED ON OURS.

VERNA WILL SIMPLY KILL MORE OF US...STEAL ANOTHER SPIDER-WATCH AND COME BACK HE--