

"THE CRACKS  
FORMED SLOWLY..."



"...BUT SPREAD  
QUICKLY..."



"...WE WERE  
UNITED..."



"...UNTIL WE WERE  
BROKEN..."





BEFORE.

"THE MANIPULATOR  
TURNED US AGAINST  
ONE ANOTHER.\*"



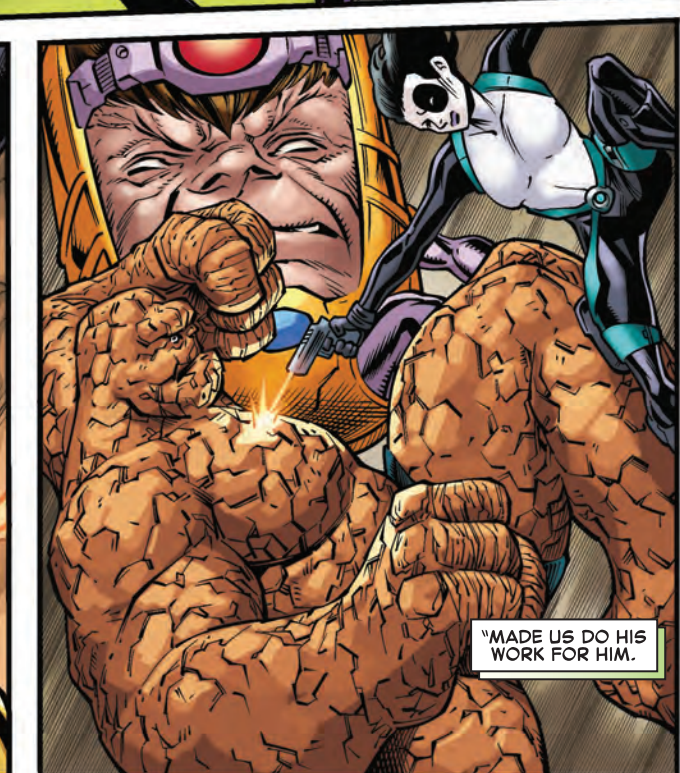
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"...BY OUR OWN HANDS."



"MADE US DO HIS WORK FOR HIM."



"WE WERE THE GREATEST OF HEROES AND VILLAINS..."



THE  
HARVESTING  
ZONE.  
NOW.

...WE NEVER  
STOOD A  
CHANCE AGAINST  
ONE ANOTHER.

AND EVEN  
IN DEATH, THERE  
WAS NO RELEASE.  
HE BROUGHT  
US HERE.

IMPRISONED US,  
STARVED US, AND THEN  
HE TOOK US BACK TO THE  
WORLD. WE FOUGHT ALIEN  
INVASIONS, MUTANT VIRUSES,  
ON AND ON...ALL THE SAME  
RESULT. FAILURE. DEATH.  
THEN BACK HERE  
AGAIN--

STOP...  
JUST STOP...

YOU TALK  
TOO MUCH, OTTO.  
"UNITED UNTIL BROKEN"?  
WHO TALKS LIKE THAT?  
BLAH BLAH BLAH. I  
GET IT. ALL I GOTTA  
DO IS LOOK AROUND  
AND I CAN SEE...





...THINGS  
ARE BAD.