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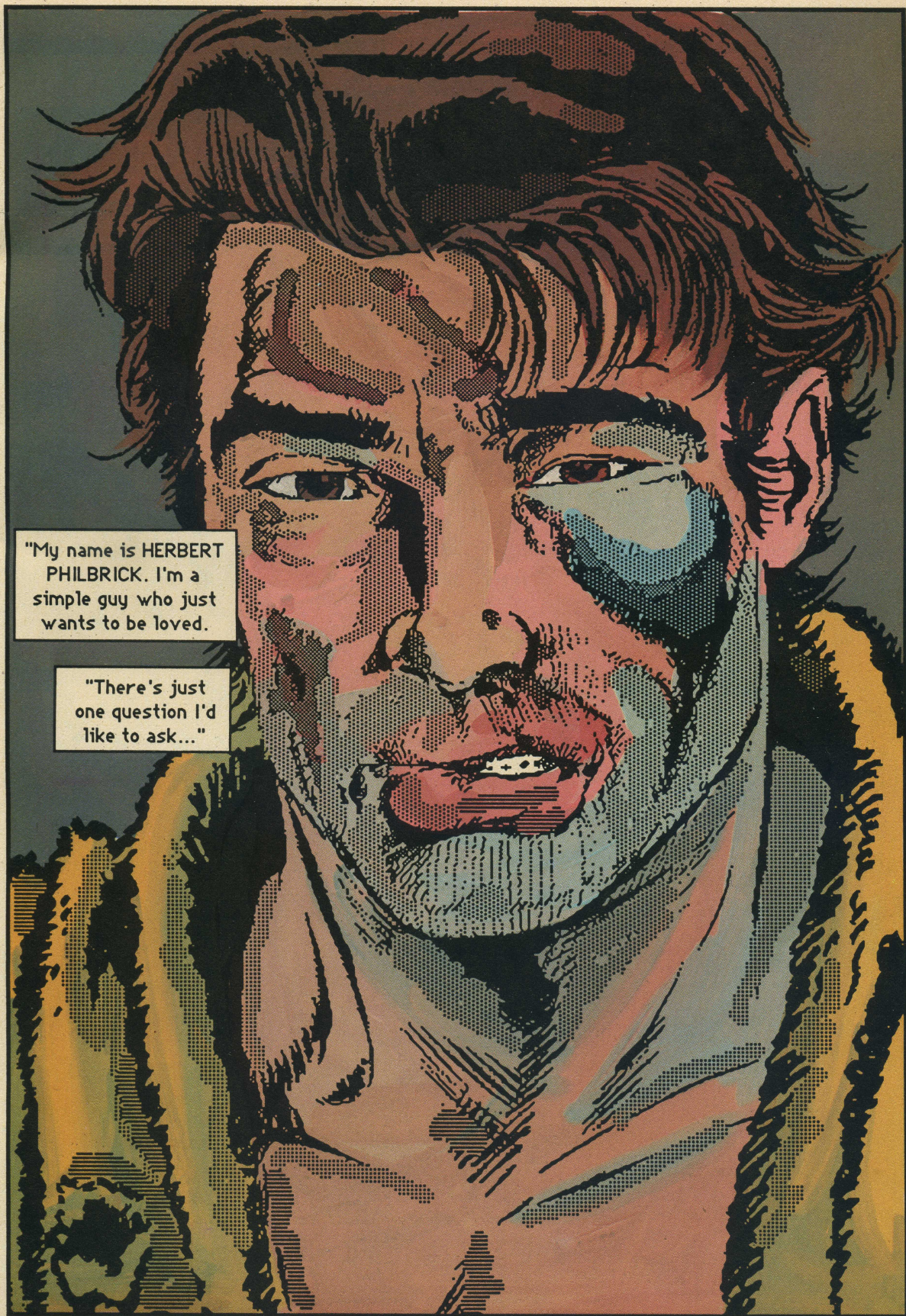
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"My name is HERBERT
PHILBRICK. I'm a
simple guy who just
wants to be loved.

"There's just
one question I'd
like to ask..."

"What the hell am I doing HERE?"

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THE THIRD WORLD WAR

PART TWO

ADAM'S RIB

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"I mean, I wake up somewhere in Southeast Asia --



"-- fighting a war with RNA ENHANCED monkeys --



"-- get dragooned by this neutered female named RAVENANT --



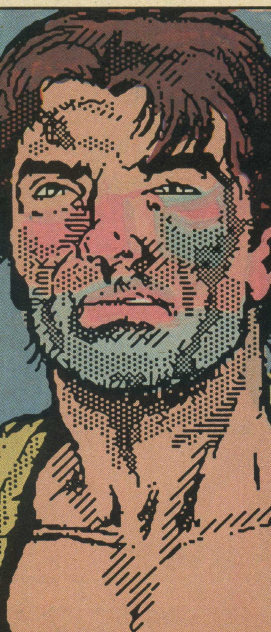
"--wherein I get CAPTURED on a raid --



"-- and condemned as a TRAITOR by an army I never even heard of!



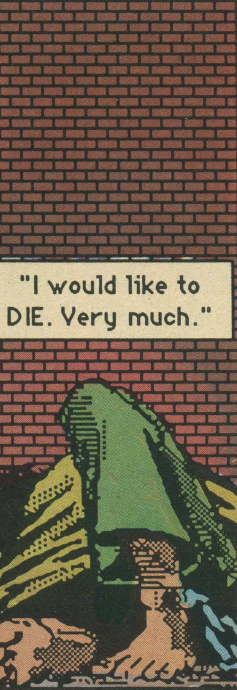
"-- and when it comes to traitors, these folks could teach the meanest Daley City psychoes a lesson in NEGATIVE MASSAGE.



"They haven't even bothered to FEED me anything -- except, of course, drugs --



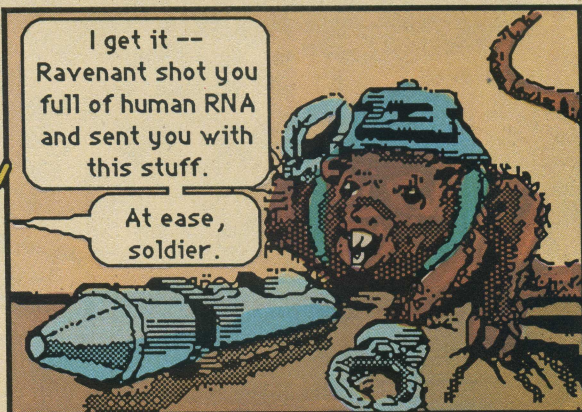
"-- and hammered me for information I don't have.

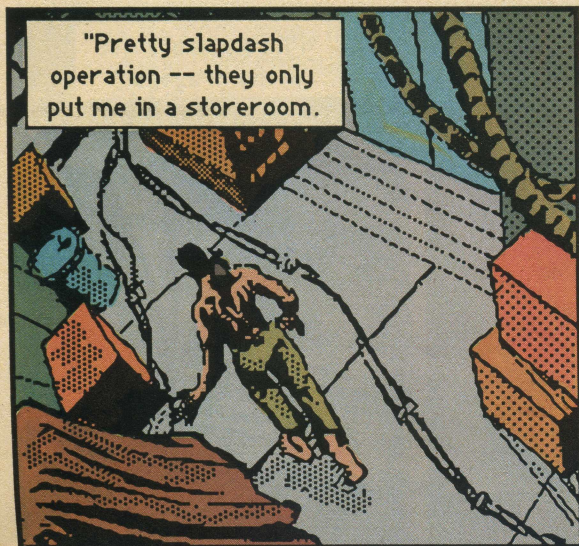


"I would like to DIE. Very much."

Get OUT of here!
SCRAM! SHOO!







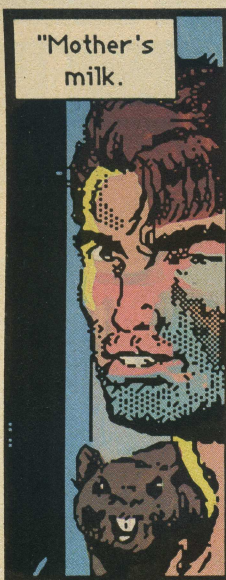
"Pretty slapdash operation -- they only put me in a storeroom.



"But that didn't mean there wasn't danger.



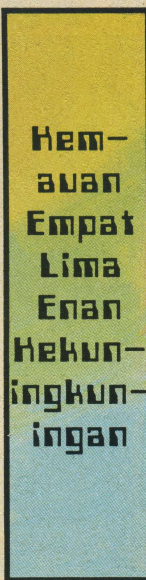
"Aha. A COMPUTER terminal.



"Mother's milk.



"Log in carefully.



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"Great. It speaks gibberish. Wonderful.



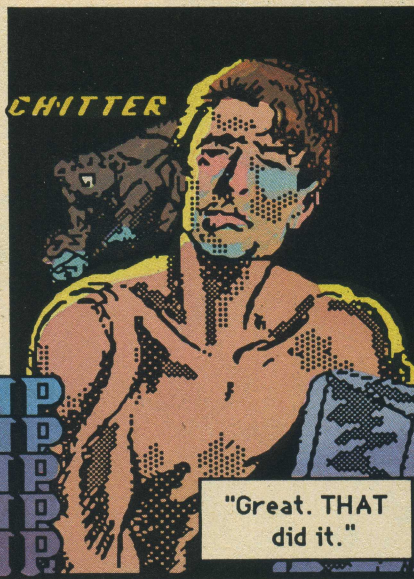
"In that case, I have no regrets about scrambling you entirely, sucker!



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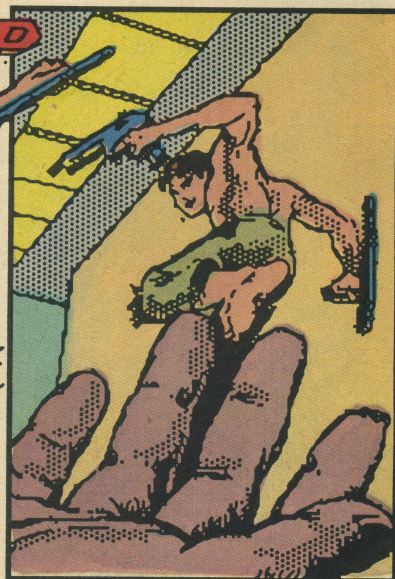
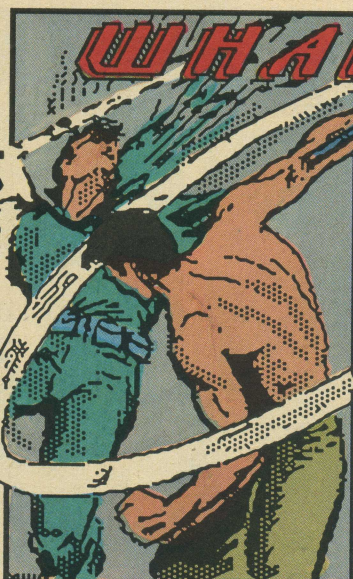
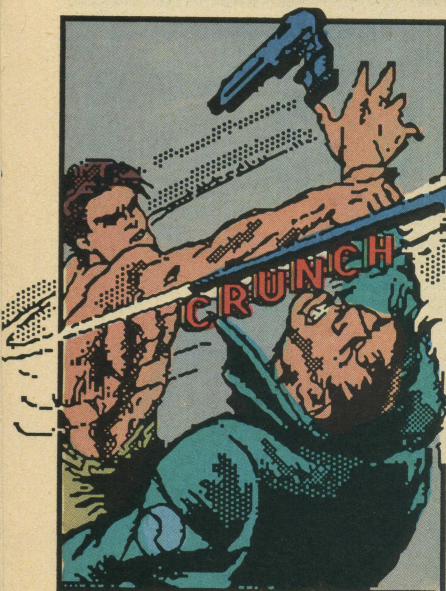
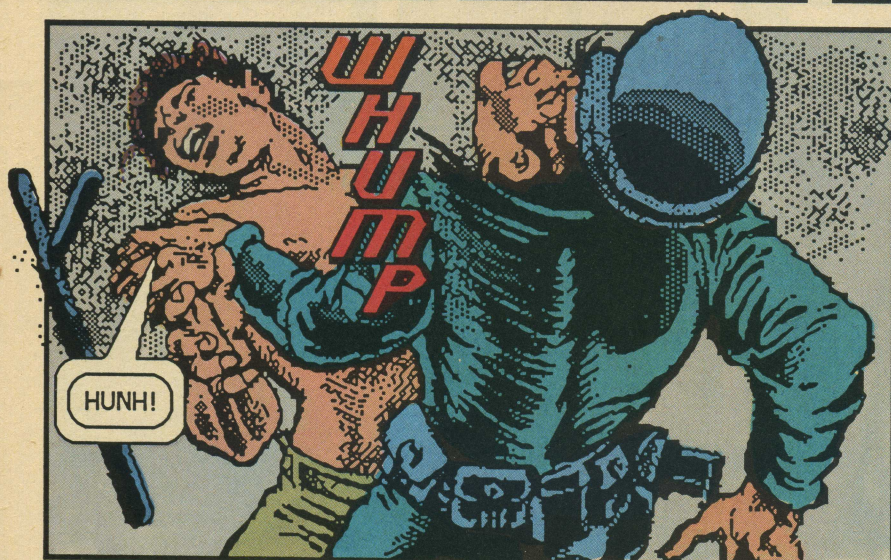
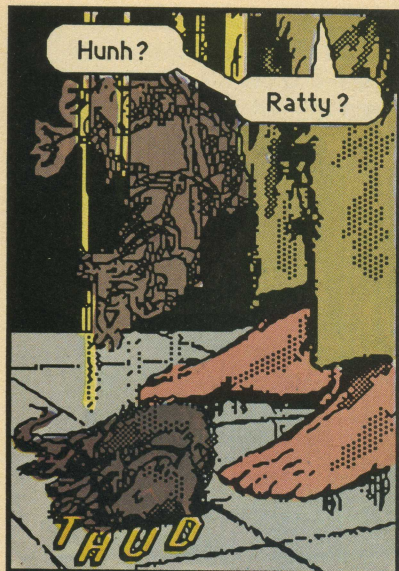


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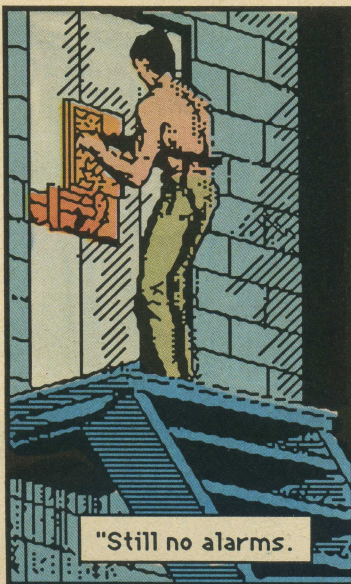
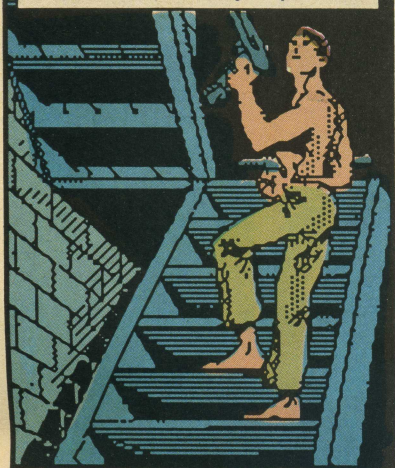


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"Great. THAT did it."

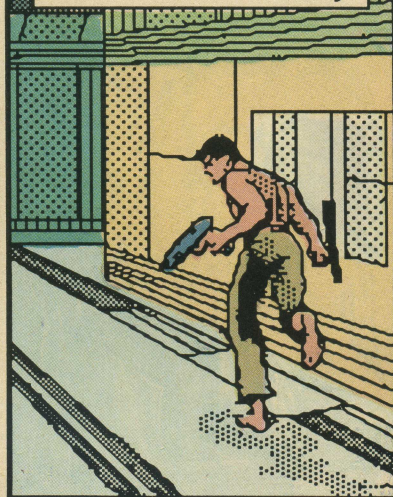


"From the COOLNESS, this
is probably UNDERGROUND.
So I should go up.



"Still no alarms.

"Now THIS looks more
like EXECUTIVE territory.



PHILBRICK!

"Uh-huh. Put my foot
right in it."

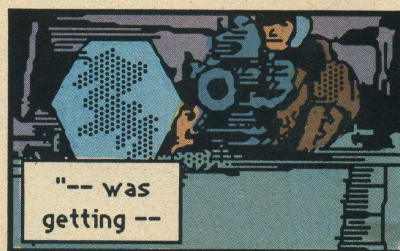
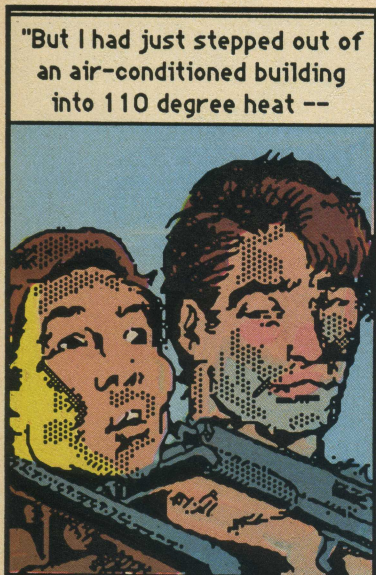
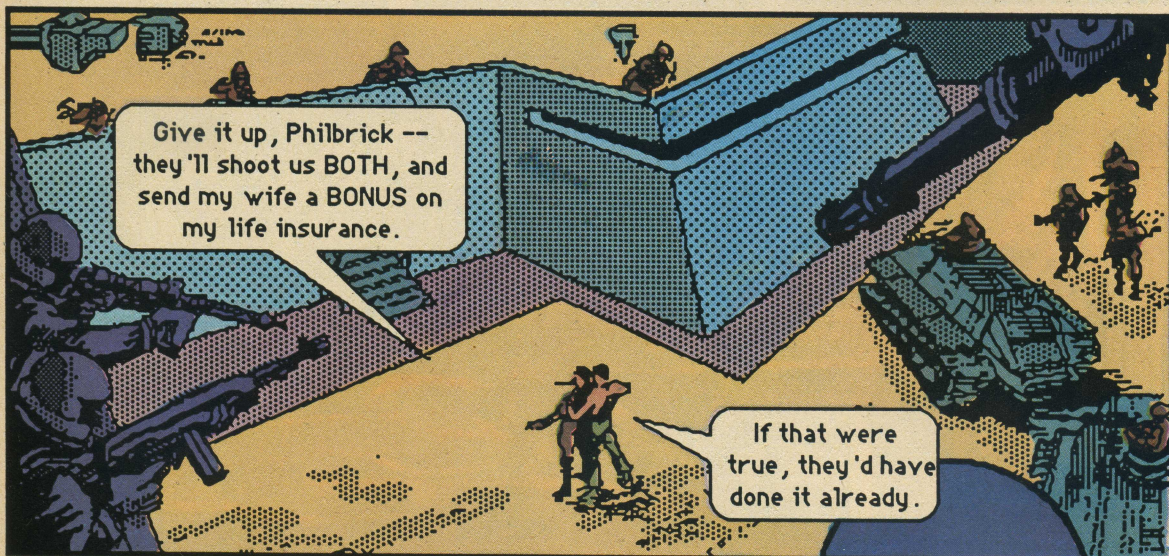


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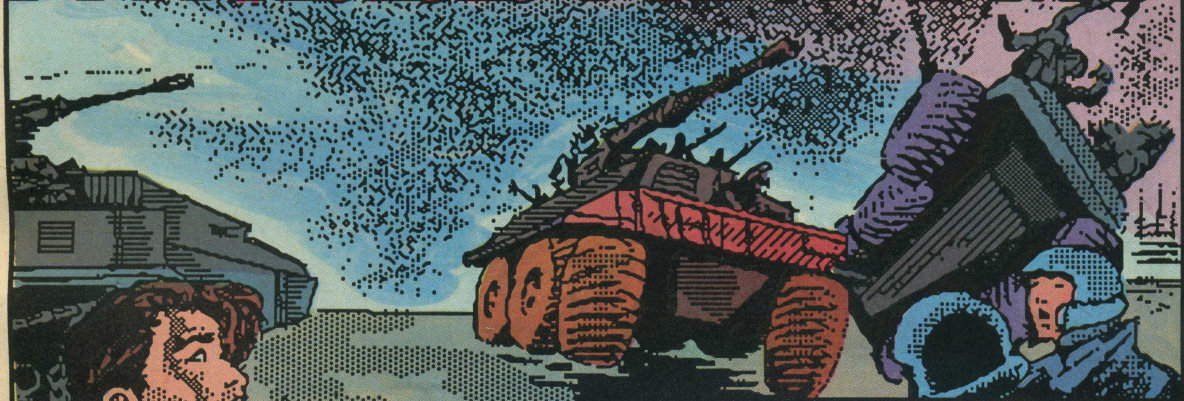


"The geek
knew my
NAME!"





SKREEETHWUMP



I don't believe it.
The cavalry.



"O'Brien and Harryhausen
-- the goddamn CAVALRY!"

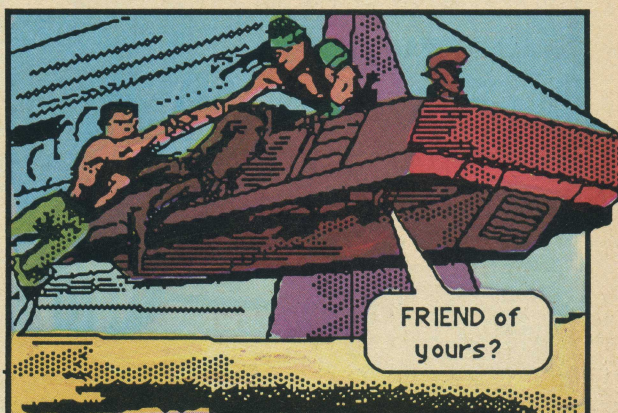


Uh-uh, buddy --
you're coming
with us!

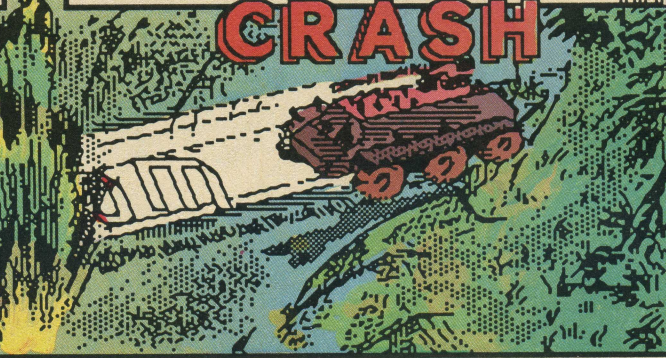
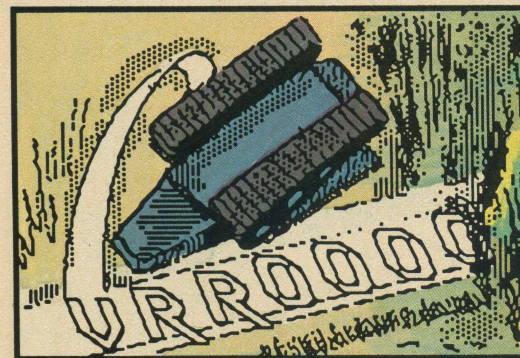
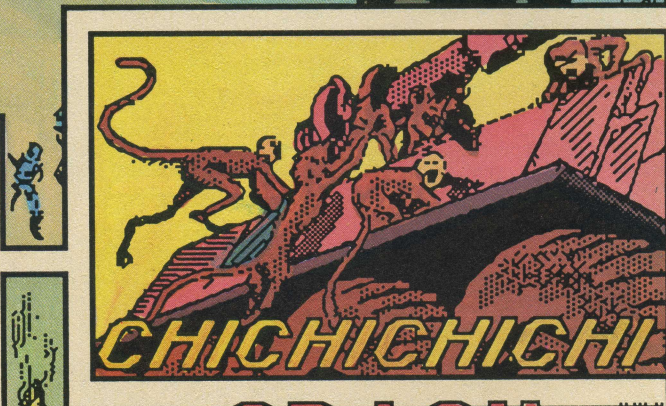
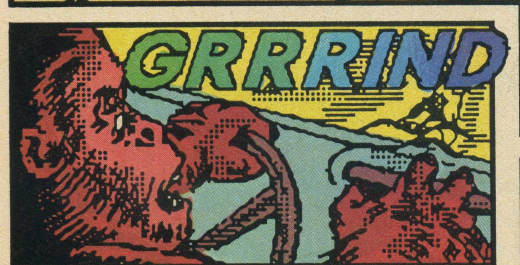
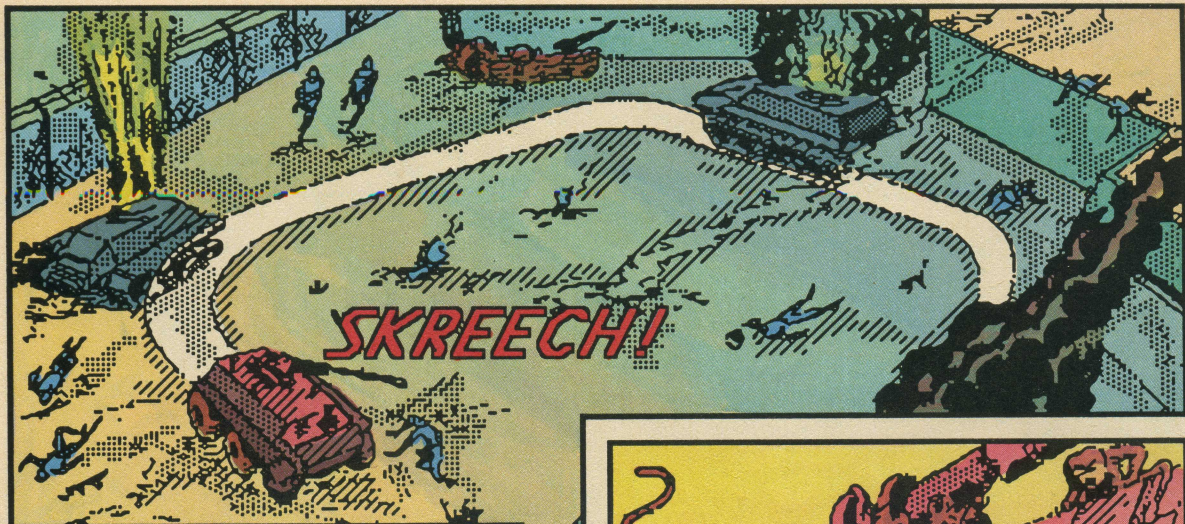


Now while your friends
are busy, we'll just --

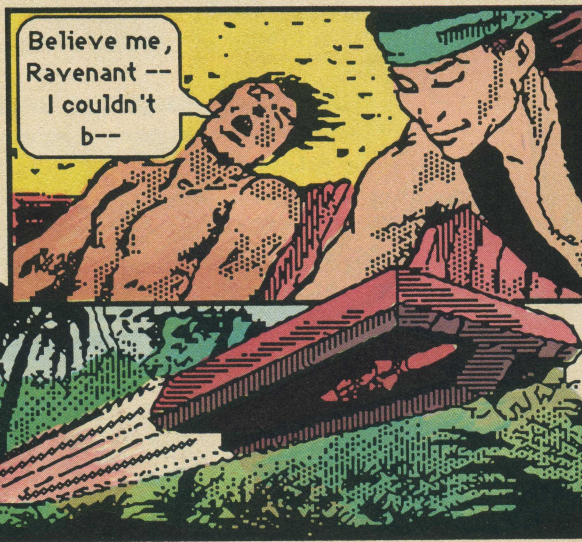
PHILBRICK!



FRIEND of
yours?



This rescue's COSTING me troops, Philbrick. I hope you're pleased.



Believe me, Ravenant -- I couldn't b--

FIRST NOTES

TOO BIG FOR ONE BOOK

Okay. Let me see if I've got this straight now.

There's this robot, you see? A very *big* robot. And he goes from one dimension to another by *mistake*, and ends up in the *wrong* book. Because he's got his own book now. But I guess it's easy to get confused. I mean he's already had his own book once before and been in two other books. So that makes a total of five... if you count his own book twice.

Wait a minute. Let me start over.

There was this guy, you see? And he kept hanging around the office... which was only logical because he worked there. His name was **Doug Rice** (and it still is, strangely enough). He had this idea for a giant robot comic book series. And we had this comic that nobody was buying anyway; so we figured, what the hell, give the guy a shot.

Thus was born **Dynamo Joe** in the back of the last three issues of the ill-fated **Mars**. And people *liked* it. Only thing was we didn't have any place to put it after Mars folded, and it languished in obscurity until we concocted the equally ill-fated **First Adventures**. And people liked it even *more*. Which led to the **Dynamo Joe** mini-series. And then people starting *complaining* because it was only three issues and not a continuing series. So we decided to bring it back as a regular series. But we needed some way to re-introduce the character. So we came up with this crossover idea with **Grimjack**. And then we realized we could reprint the original three-part story from the Mars back-up days, which we figured a lot of folks had never seen (unless they snuck a peek when no one was looking, because they sure didn't *pay* for it). So there we were, with *two* books, both featuring **Dynamo Joe**, both scheduled for release in September.

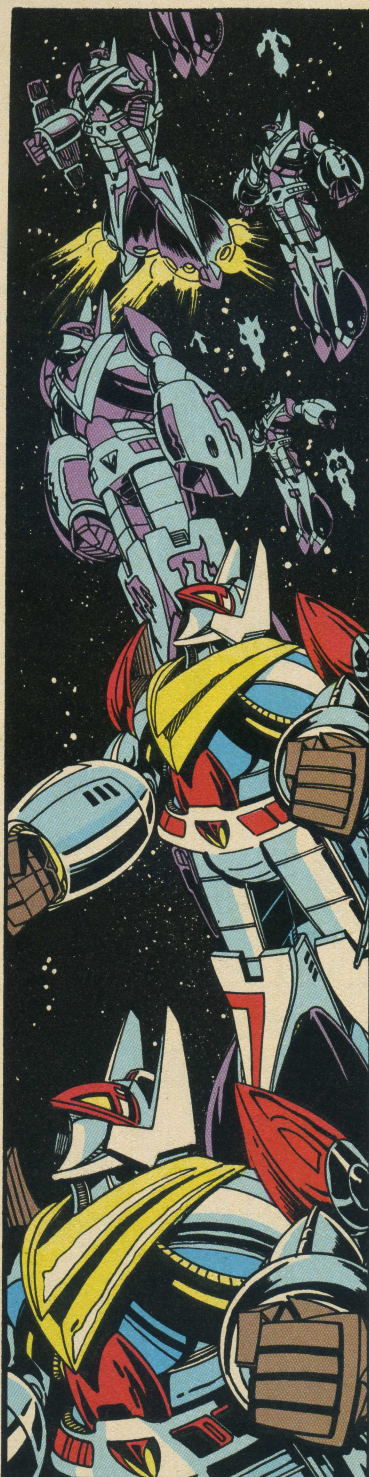
That's right. **Grimjack** #30, featuring the battling behemoth, and the **Dynamo Joe Special**, both on sale next month, with the continuing monthly adventures of DJ following in October. Buy 'em all just to be on the safe side.

MORE MOORCOCK

September also brings us the beginning of a new **Michael Moorcock** adaptation: **Corum**, a deluxe, bi-monthly series by **Mike Baron** and **Mike Mignola**; as well as the start of **Hawkmoon: The Mad God's Amulet**, our second four-part limited series in the continuing adaptation of *The History of Runestaff*, by **Gerry Conway** and **Rafael Kayanan**.

THE NEXUS LIST

Yes, all this in September, not to mention the impressive list of all-star **Nexus** fill-in artists starting, coincidentally, with **Mike Mignola**. But I



can see I've already mentioned it, so I might as well tell you that the following two issues will be drawn by **Rick Veitch** and **Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez**, respectively, while the **Dude** works on his tan. All, of course, written by **Nexus** co-creator **Mike Baron**.

FIRST IN AUGUST

American Flagg #35: **Reuben's** out to cheer up **Bill**, but **Bill** won't have to worry about **Q-USA** long -- someone's out to kill him. By **Steven Grant**, **Mark Badger** and **Randy Emberlin**. Plus **Bob Violence** by **Grant**, **Norm Breyfogle** and **Rick Burchett**.

Badger #18: There's a road rally going on in **Wisconsin**, and two of the drivers are out to settle a score with the **Badger**. By **Mike Baron**, **Bill Reinhold** and **Rick Bryant**. And the conclusion to **Zoomtown** by **Baron**, **Craig Brasfield** and **Brian Thomas**. Deluxe series.

Elric: Weird of the White Wolf #2: Adapting "*The Dreaming City*" and part one of "*While the Gods Laugh*." By **Roy Thomas**, **P. Craig Russell**, **Michael T. Gilbert** and **George Freeman**. Deluxe, bi-monthly series.

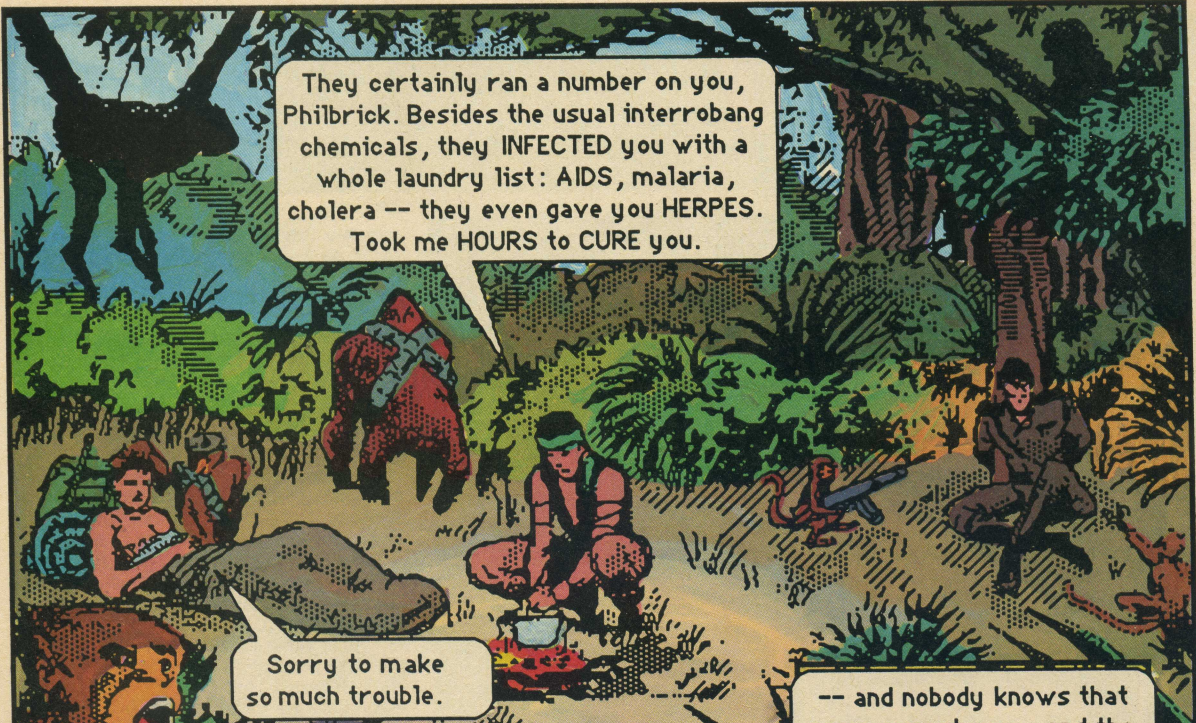
Grimjack #29: A special issue by creator/writer **John Ostrander** and guest penciller **Shawn McManus**. **Gaunt** is hired by a woman to find her son's killer. But the trail leads to the victim's brother! Inks by **Hilary Barta**. And **Fred Hembeck** visits **Munden's Bar**.

Nexus #27: **Horatio's** uncle pays a visit to **Ylum**, but is his purpose just social or has he brought a new form of fanatical terrorism to the sanctuary of **Nexus**? By **Mike Baron**, **Steve Rude** and **John Nyberg**. Plus: the *last* **Clonezone** story? By **Baron** and **Mark A. Nelson**. Deluxe series.


Jon Sable, Freelance #43: **Jon** discovers that terrorists have selected a **New York** target -- but what? The conclusion to "*Assault on a Lady*." Story and art by **Mike Grell**. Deluxe series.

Shatter #6: **Shatter** is rescued by **Ravenant**, and their prisoner has information on **PAC's** new offensive. But is the information a lucky break or a trap? By **Peter B. Gillis**, **Steve Erwin** and **Bob Dienethal**. Deluxe, bi-monthly series.


Whisper #4: If **Alex** is really dead, then who's wearing the **Whisper** costume? And is the new **Whisper** out to nail **Eckhart** for justice or revenge? By **Steven Grant**, **Norm Breyfogle** and **John Nyberg**. Bi-monthly series.



They certainly ran a number on you, Philbrick. Besides the usual interrobang chemicals, they INFECTED you with a whole laundry list: AIDS, malaria, cholera -- they even gave you HERPES. Took me HOURS to CURE you.



Sorry to make so much trouble.



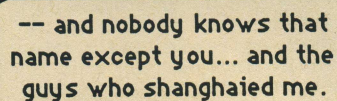
They must really have wanted your INFORMATION bad.

Information which --




I DON'T HAVE!

But THIS guy might! He called me "Philbrick" --




-- and nobody knows that name except you... and the guys who shanghaied me.




Is that a fact?


O'BRIEN!



Maybe we should demonstrate OUR interrogation techniques!



Even if he's RNA-enhanced, a gorilla can be awful CLUMSY with a KNIFE.



I suggest you contemplate that for a while.



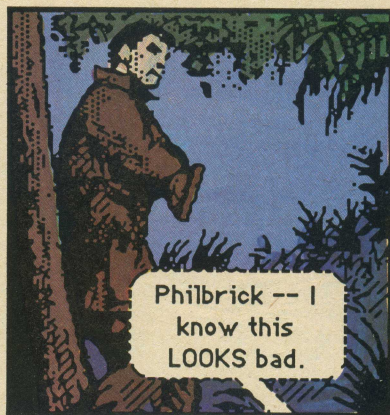
"Near dawn, Ravenant finally let me take the watch.



"I'm inclined to be on her side. But the screwy thing is, she wants to RAZE this jungle back into the jungle it was ten years ago. And the fact that she's a NEUTER gives me the creeps.



"Ngh -- that PAIN in my side again!"



Philbrick -- I know this LOOKS bad.



Listen, I'm just like everyone else, Herb -- I can be BOUGHT for the right price. And I've got something YOU want -- the REASON you're here.

Look -- we're all under contract here. All Ravenant wants -- all I want -- is to fulfill our terms and get out.



Just UNTIE me -- you run away, I run away, the Third World War goes on like before. What do you say?

All right. I'll untie you --



-- and if you don't tell me why I'm here, you're going to have serious complexion problems!

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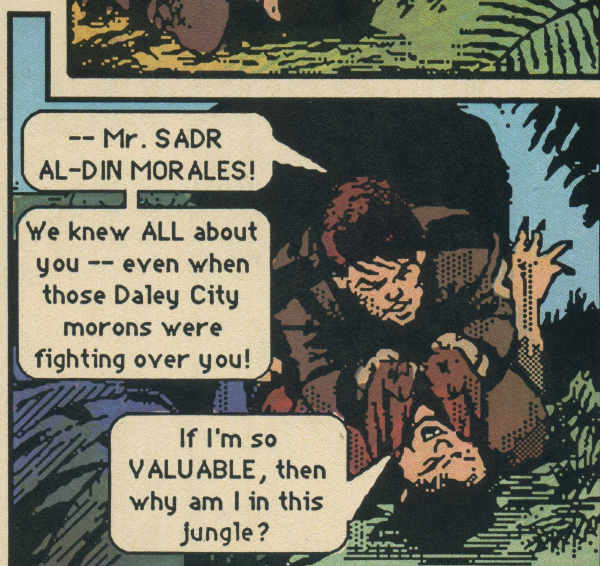
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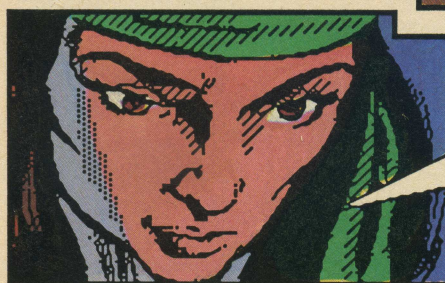
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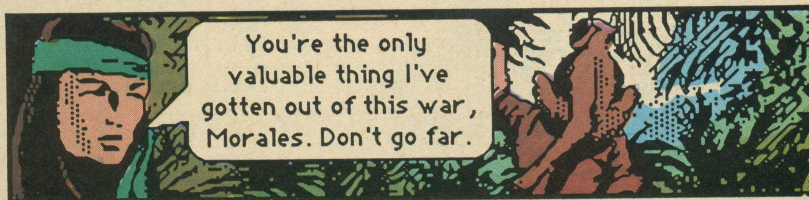
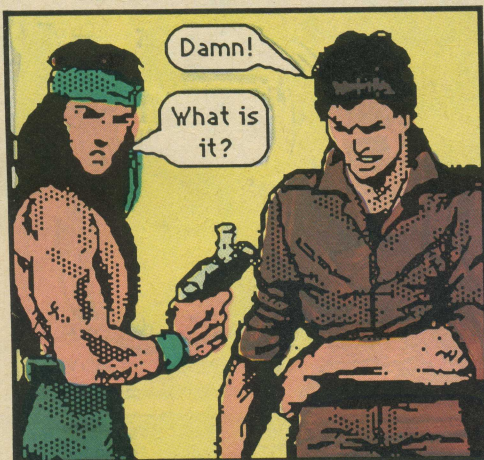
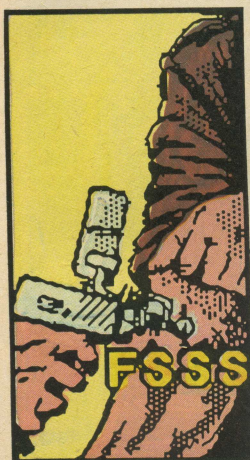
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"I'm losing my five o'clock shadow, and I'm getting... ACNE??"



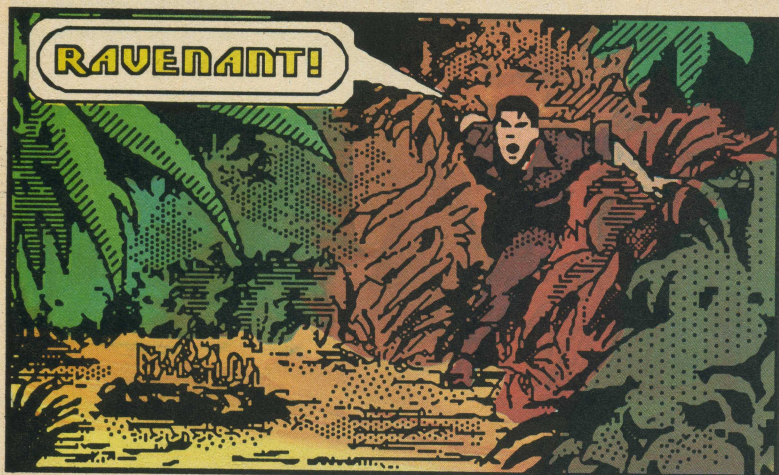
NGH!



"What did I just do?"



"I used the WRONG hand -- put it up to the WRONG side of my --"

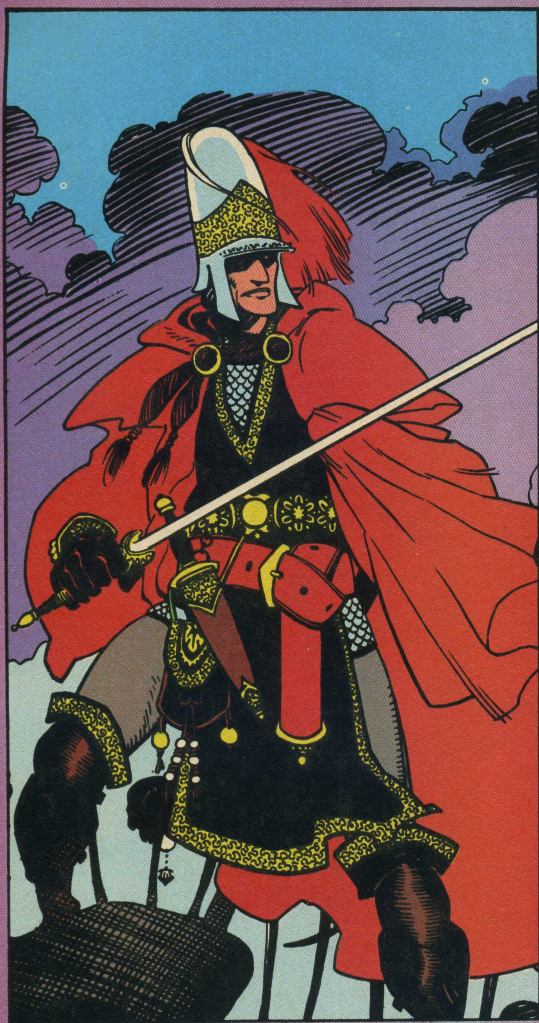


RAVENANT!



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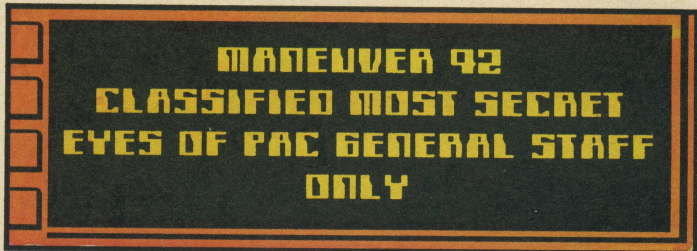


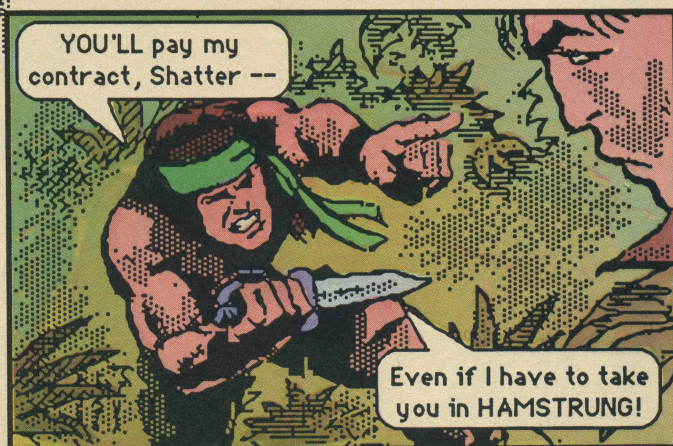
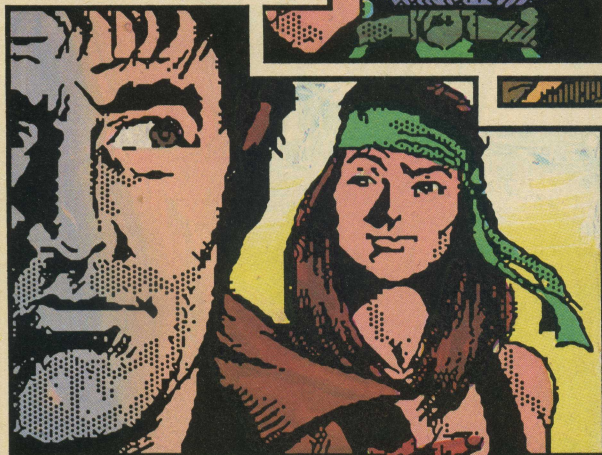
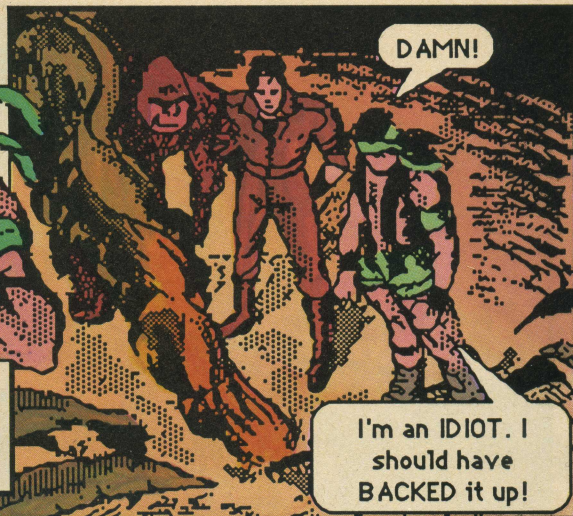
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Q. WHO'S FIRST ON
NEXUS' LIST?
A. MIKE MIGNOLA

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NEXUS

ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER

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WHO WILL BE NEXT?
A. RICK VEITCH
B. JOSÉ LUIS GARCIA LOPEZ
C. BOTH OF THE ABOVE

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Now LISTEN to me, WORKER!



You signed ME up to help you FIGHT this war -- and I'm holding you to that contract!

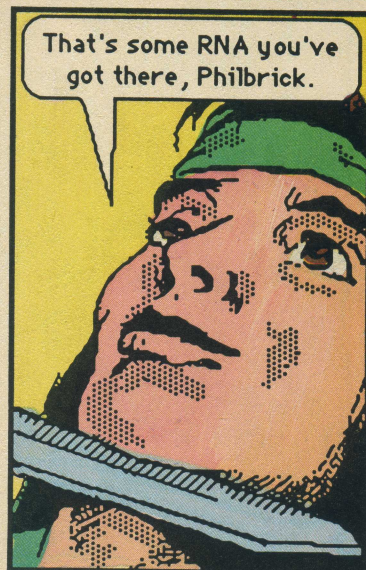
And since the PAC regulars back there were about to KILL me --



I'll lay you odds Adam wasn't on your side OR theirs!

So we're going to find out what's going on TOGETHER, okay? And FORGET the rest, okay?

OKAY!



That's some RNA you've got there, Philbrick.

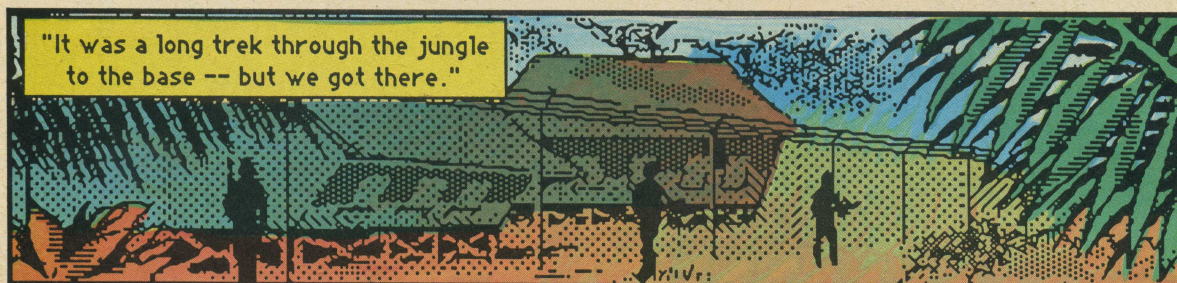


Now this "Manuever 42" might be a TRAP. But there's one way to make sure we've got MARKETABLE info.

And that's RAID the place. Gotcha.



And it'll be nice to know that ADAM will be LEADING our assault -- at least in SPIRIT.



"It was a long trek through the jungle to the base -- but we got there."



I'm glad WE don't have to go in there this time.

Nope. Strictly RECON.



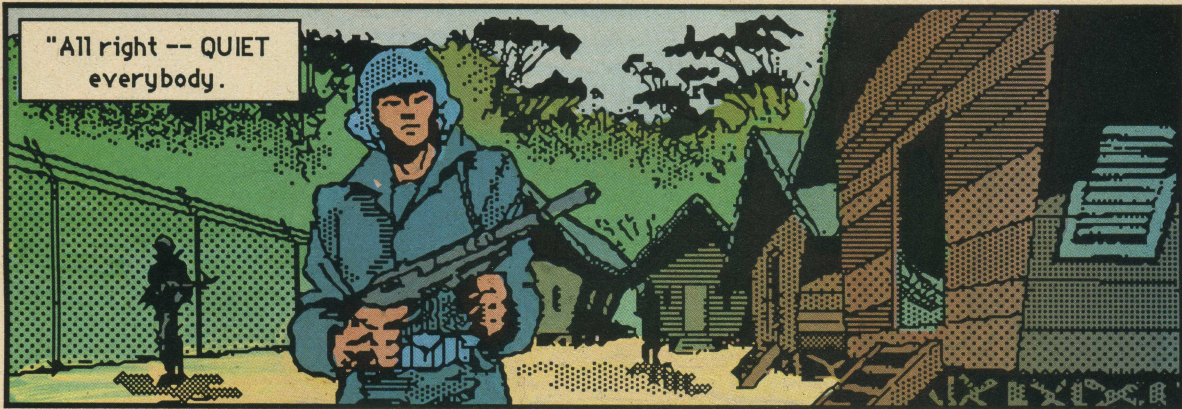
As long as our SOLDIERS get the data -- guided by your "FEELINGS" -- we'll be home free.



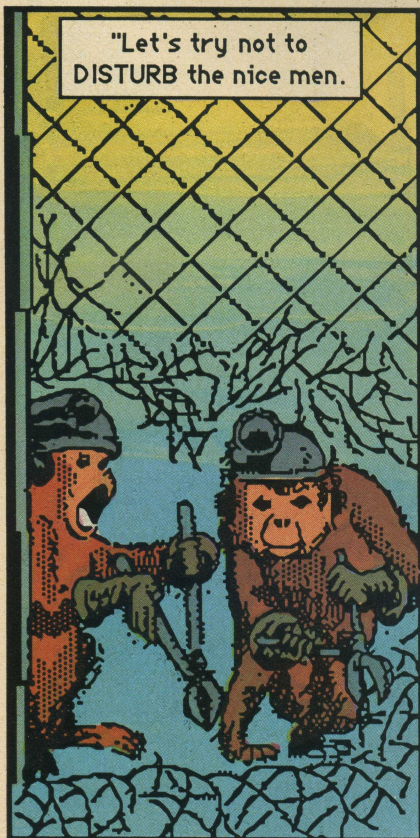
Here's looking at you, kid.



"All right -- QUIET
everybody.



"Let's try not to
DISTURB the nice men.



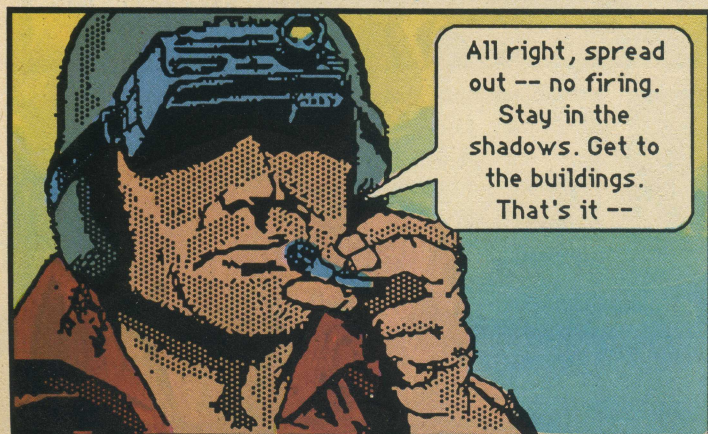
"Arms at the ready --"



No doubt about it.
That ADAM was
some SOLDIER. Look
at the DISCIPLINE he
gave my babies!



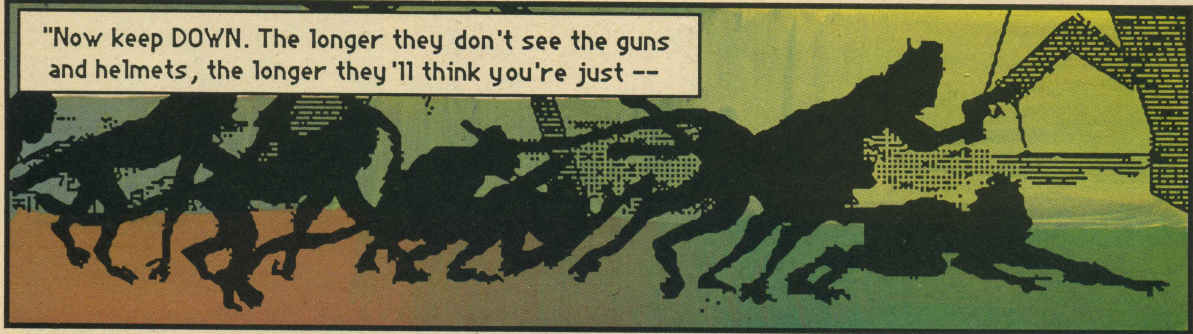
All right, spread
out -- no firing.
Stay in the
shadows. Get to
the buildings.
That's it --



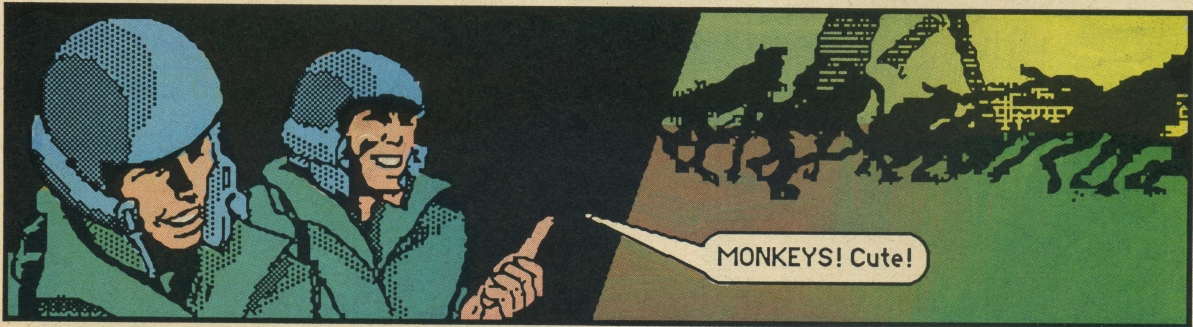
"Perfect!"



"Now keep DOWN. The longer they don't see the guns and helmets, the longer they'll think you're just --



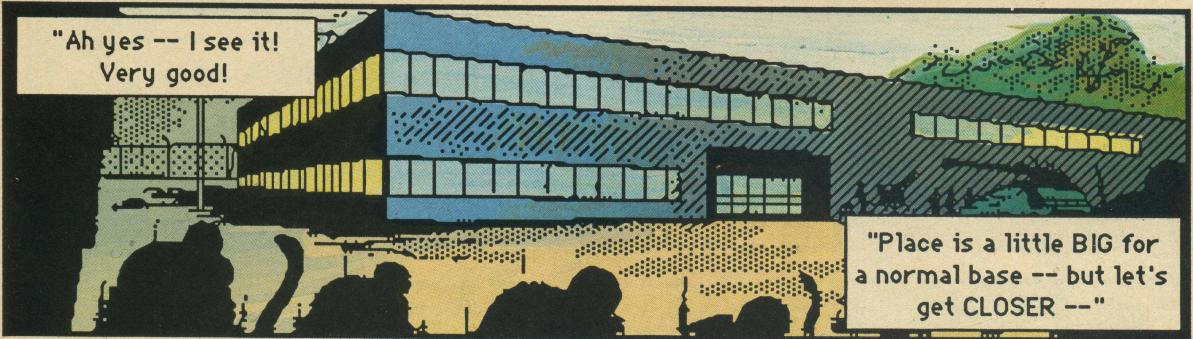
MONKEYS! Cute!



"Keep going. The outbuildings aren't the important ones.



"Ah yes -- I see it!
Very good!

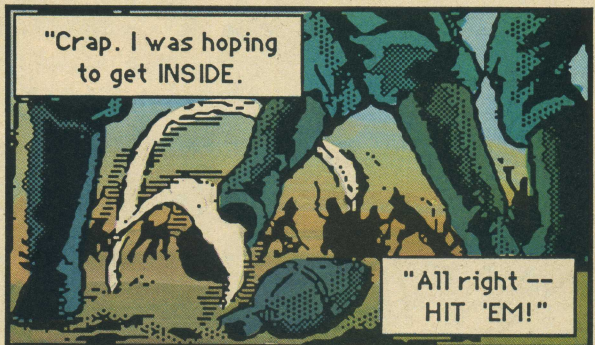


"Place is a little BIG for a normal base -- but let's get CLOSER --"

HOLD IT!
Those monkeys are ARMED!



"Crap. I was hoping to get INSIDE.

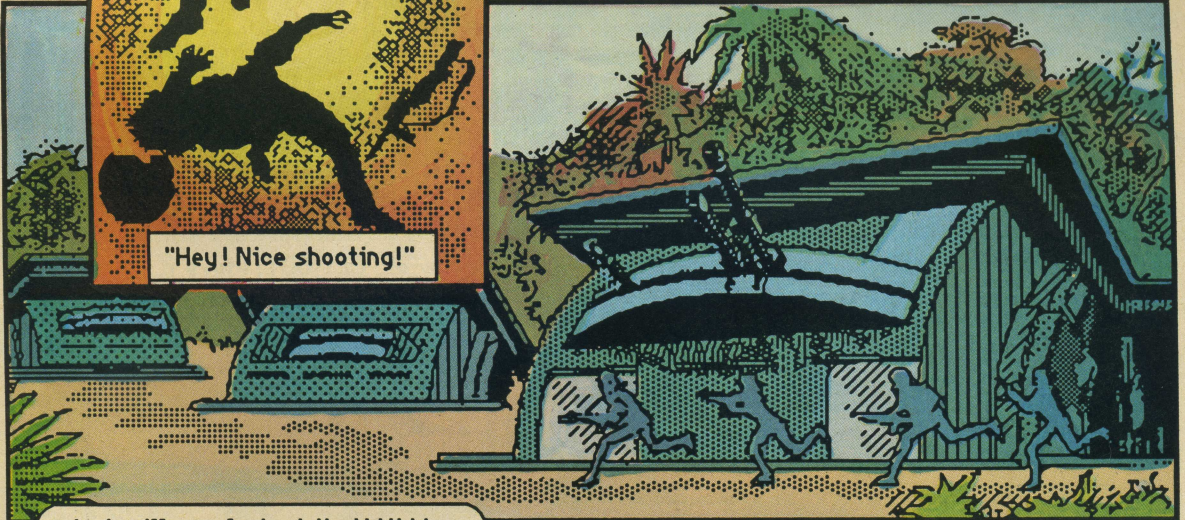


"All right --
HIT 'EM!"

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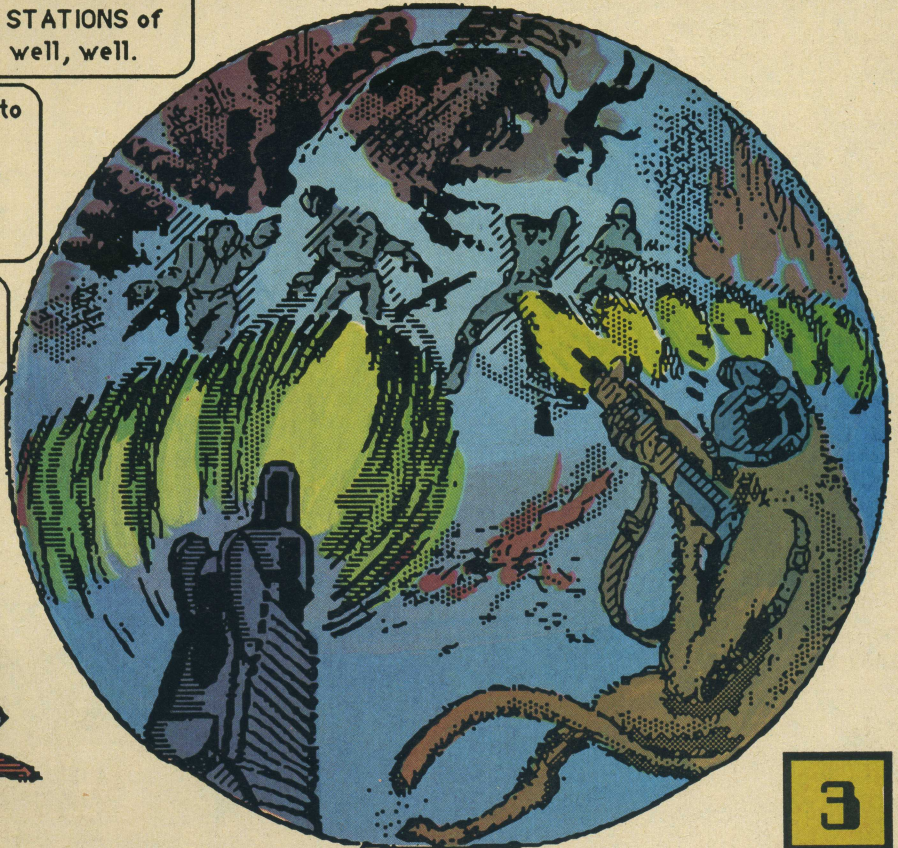
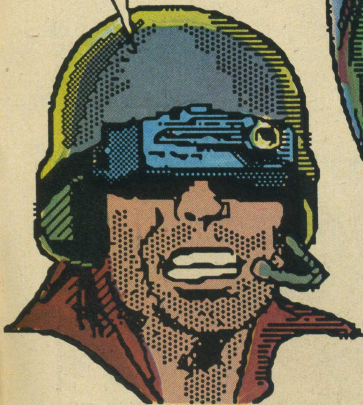
"Hey! Nice shooting!"



And will you look at that! Hidden batteries! ENERGY STATIONS of some kind! Well, well, well.

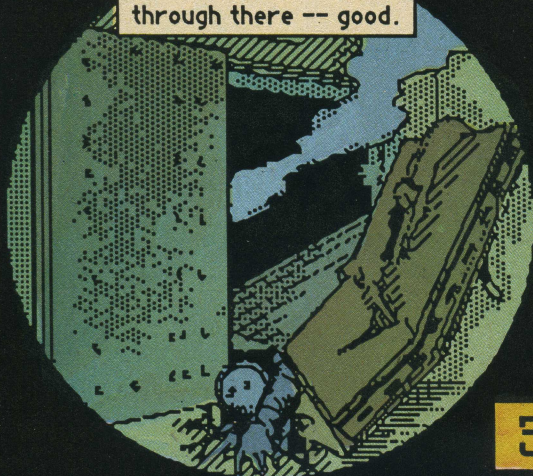
That's SOMETHING to go on -- but not enough to SELL to your IBM bosses, Ravenant, So --

Let's drive THROUGH them! Penetrate the building!



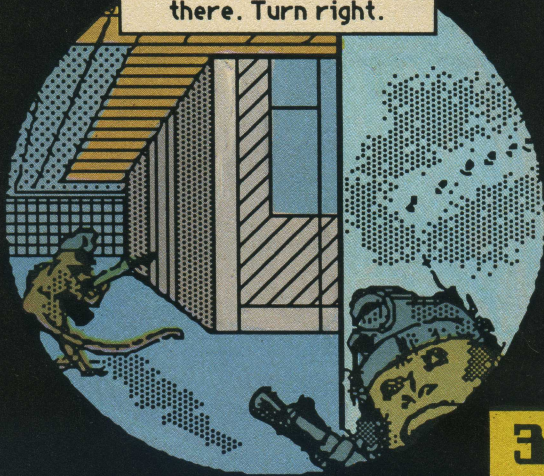
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"Atta babies! Right through there -- good."



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"Hold it! Got a TWINGE there. Turn right."



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"Okay! We've got something. Go right again."



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"Uh-oh. GET OUT! Move it, you stupid monkeys! Move!"



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MAJUNCTION



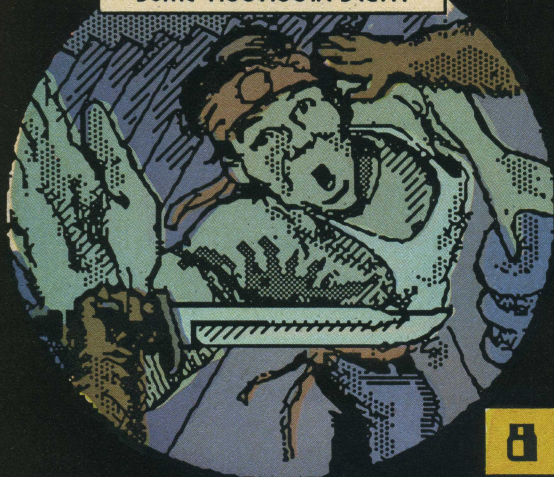
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LOST the squad I was guiding.



I'll pick up ANOTHER.

"Hey! We really gave them
some ASSASSIN stuff!



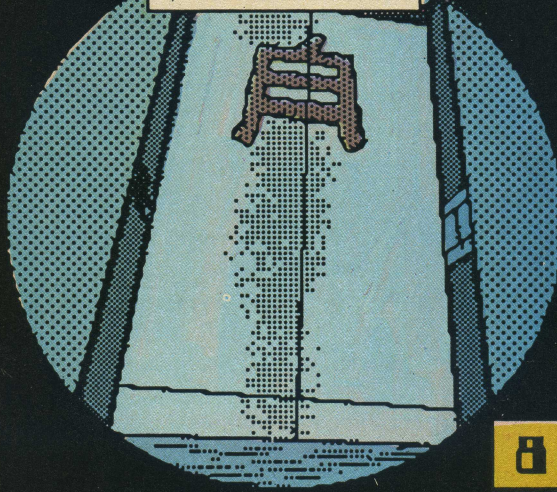
"And all without
PROMPTING. Whew.



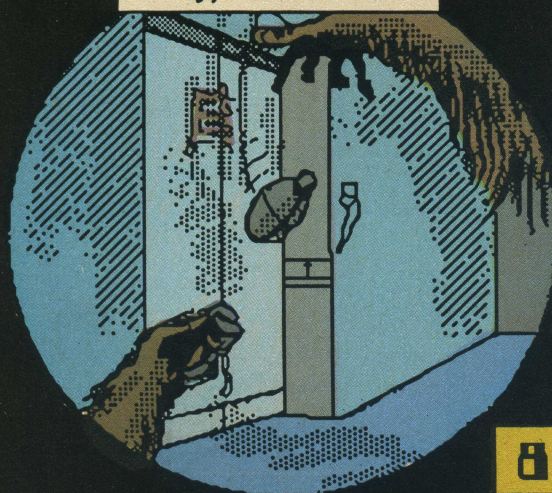
"However -- the DOOR
that guy was guarding --



"-- looks FAMILIAR.



"Okay, BLOW the door."



"Now we'll see --

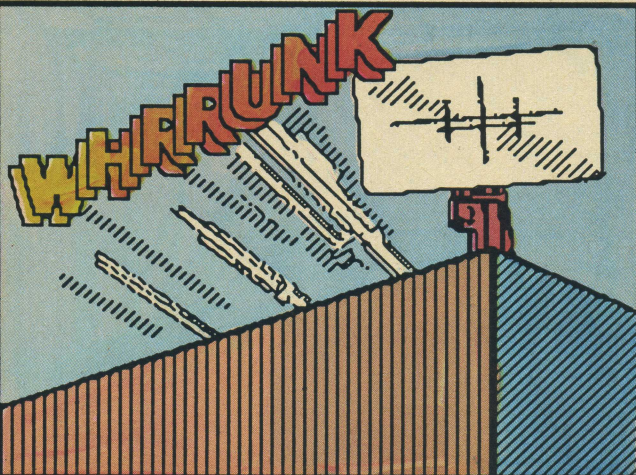
"Just what Adam
has led us to.

AFTERNOON
MR.
PHILBRICK!

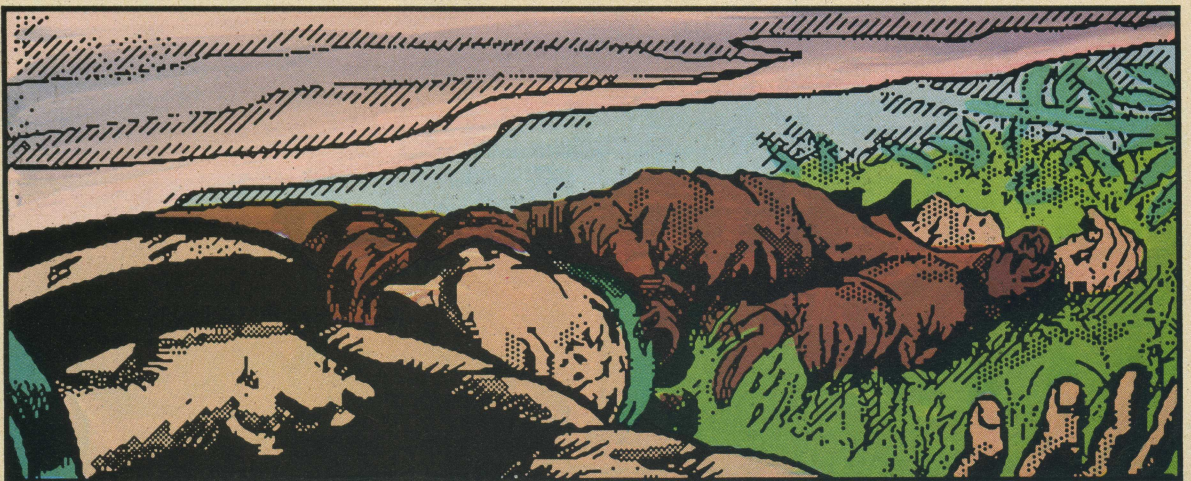
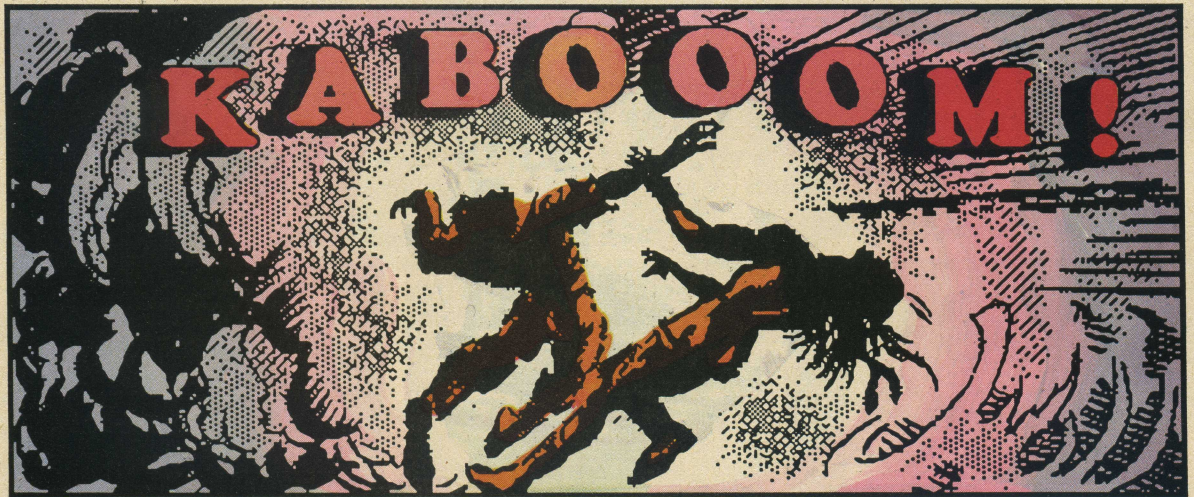
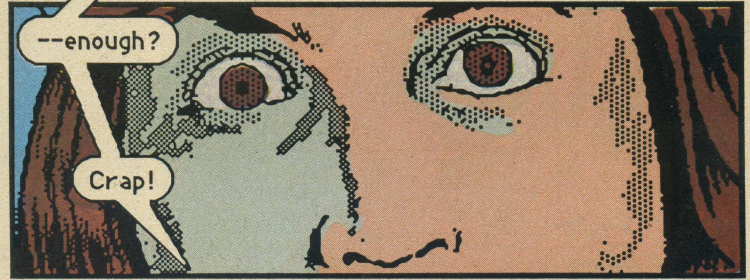
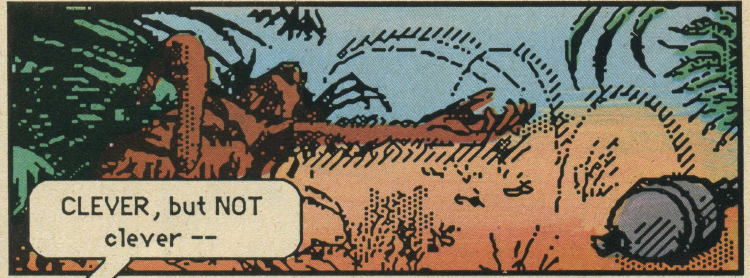
"Holy --!"

We've been SET
UP, Ravenant!
The whole thing's
a TRAP -- and I
just SPRUNG it!

That's
impossible!







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