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OH, MAN, OH MAN -- I'M SO LATE!

ZACK'S GONNA BE PISSED!

Hey, buddy, it's Dad!

I guess if this is going to voicemail, everything's okay, but things took forever at the unemployment office!

I'm totally late for patrol!

Upstate New York.

But I'm on my way home now, so I'll teleport right up to the satellite and make sure no one's attacked Earth this morning.

Everything's gonna be cool, dupe!

And yeah, I'll make it up to you later. You still like pizza, right?

I'm buying pizza!

“YOU STILL LIKE PIZZA?!”

Of course he does! Who doesn't like pizza?!

I'm such a moron.

Let's just hope it's another quiet day in outer space.
ZACK, IS THAT INVINCIBLE?!

LOOKING LIKE IT.

YOU MAY WANNA LAY OFF BUDDY!

I DUNNO IF YOUR SUIT'S STRENGTH COULD HOLD UP TO HIM, EVEN WITH THE LASERS!

HE MIGHT BE LASER-PROOF!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE HERE, DAD!
BREIT! BREIT!

GLOBAL EMERGENCY IN PROGRESS!

KROKK! BA-DOOM!

OH, MAN — WHAT ELSE IS WRONG?!

THERE'RE TWO INVINCIBLES... DOES HE HAVE A BROTHER?!
OH, MY GOD... ZACK... IT'S MORE INVINCIBLES...

...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE*...
YOU SURE TOOK YOUR TIME GETTING HERE.
I WAS PREOCCUPIED.

BESIDES, I DON'T SEE WHY HE WAS GIVING YOU SUCH A HARD TIME.

YOU SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED FOR ALL OUR FELLOW ULTRAMARINES, ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS.

EXCUSE ME!
I DON'T HAVE ONE OF THESE GUYS IN MY DIMENSION.

WE DON'T EITHER, BUT I RECOGNIZE THE TECHNOLOGY.

IT'S GELDARIAN.
I'VE SLAUGHTERED MANY A GELDARIAN.

THEY'RE A TOUGH SPECIES ON A TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL. UNDERNEATH THEIR ARMOR THEY'RE SO SOFT, SO WEAK... SO EASILY BROKEN.

I HAVE TO SAY, I'VE NEVER KNOWN ONE TO BE DONNED BY A SPECIES ALREADY MORE POWERFUL THAN THEM, MUCH LESS A HUMAN.

THE POTENTIAL EFFECT... THE POTENTIAL POWER... COULD BE ENORMOUS.

BUT THEIR ARMOR'S DEFENSES ARE VAST... LASER CANNONS, TENDRILS, BLADES, IN ADDITION TO AUGMENTING THEIR OWN STRENGTH A HUNDREDFOLD.
IMBECILE.

WHAT HOPE DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE HERE? HOW DO YOU POSSIBLY THINK THIS IS GOING TO END?

WE ARE VILTRUMITE. WE ARE LEGION.

I'M A REAL BIG FAN!

WE WILL BREAK YOUR ENTIRE SPECIES OVER THIS PLANET'S SCALPING CORPSE.

YOU GUYS ARE SUCH DOWNERS.
YOUR INSOLIENCE WILL END AS I TEAR THROUGH YOUR CORE AND FEAST UPON YOUR FLESH!

NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING GROSS!

QUIET YOUR TONGUE.

THROKKOKROK!

I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT WITH YOU.

PUNCHING YOU OUT ISN'T GOING TO WORK. I'M PROBABLY NOT FAST ENOUGH TO SHOOT YOU FULL OF LASERS.

BUT IT'S LIKE YOU SAID -- THIS SUIT HAS A LOT MORE GOING ON.

I GOTA THINK ABOUT POTENTIAL. I'VE GOT ONE IDEA FOR TIMES LIKE THESE -- TIMES WHERE NOTHING ELSE IS GONNA WORK.

QUIT YOUR PRATTLING.

WHATEVER YOU WANT, MAN.

"OVERLOAD" THE WHAT...?

SUOT, OVERRIDE FAIL-SAFES.

ROUTE ALL POWER TO BATTERY.

OVERLOAD THE SYSTEM.
THUD.

...ZACHARY?
OH, YOU POOR BOY.
YOUR FATHER WAS RIGHT TO CALL US, BUT I WISH WE KNEW SOONER. WE COULD HAVE HELPED.

WE CAN'T RISK EARTHBOUND AUTHORITIES KNOWING ABOUT THE TECH JACKET.
LET'S TAKE ZACHARY HOME. HIS FELLOW TOWNSPEOPLE KNOW TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT US.
WE CAN ASSIST HIS LOCAL HOSPITAL — DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO HELP...

...AND HOPE WE CAN KEEP HIM ALIVE.
Ed, come on. There was no way you could have known.

Zack's no fool -- he's taken a big job, he's known every single day since then. Zack doesn't have a first line of defense. Whatever's out there is unsafe at best.

You can't blame yourself.

But Lynn --

She's right, Mr. Thompson.

Don't blame yourself.

Zack won't.

I know he won't.

But I don't know how I can't.

Zack means everything to me -- more than anything, anyone else.

Um, you too, Lynn.

It's okay, honey.

I know what you mean.
Dude! Yeah! I'm right here!

I can see that.

I didn't go blind.

Listen... my voicemail reroutes to the armor...

...I heard everything...

I know you feel awful about being late...

I know how much you blame yourself...

I know how hurt you are.

But I want to assure you... promise you...

...that no matter what happens...

...I'll always love pizza.
THANKS, DAD -- I FEEL PRETTY GOOD.

LYING AROUND IN BED FOR A COUPLE MONTHS WASN'T THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD, BUT I FEEL MOSTLY ALIVE AGAIN.

I JUST HATED BEING SO USELESS.

LOOKING GOOD, DUDE!

EVERYTHING'S BEEN TOTALLY COOL, THOUGH. KANOA AND THE OTHER SELDARIANS HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB PITCHING IN!

YEAH... I KNOW...

I JUST, WHAT HAPPENED THERE... IT WASN'T JUST THAT I GOT SO BEAT UP, BUT I KILLED TWO GUYS.

EARTH'LL BE READY FOR YOU WHEN YOU'RE READY TO GET BACK AT IT!

TWO GUYS WHO WOULD'VE KILLED ME, BUT YEAH... THEY'RE DEAD NOW.

I JUST FEEL LIKE I NEED TO THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING.

THINK ABOUT WHAT I'M DOING HERE AT ALL.

MAYBE YOU NEED A VACATION.

MAYBE --
Yeah.

I mean, the Gelsarians will help out for another couple of weeks.

Lin could use a spaceship, right? You could go anywhere in the world -- or out of it.

Wouldn't you like to finally see Europe or Asia?

Maybe backpack around?

Maybe it's time you get out of town for a while.

Clear your head.

Oh.

Oh.

Oh, wow.

Yeah, okay.

And Lin.

I thought you'd like that idea.

Just promise me you'll behave.

No hanky-panky.
A Galaxy Far, Far Away.

From the heart of creation, I've come to realize my eternal charge: wrestling the universe free from weaker planets, consuming them — empowering me.

Your genocide shall be my evolution!

In your death I shall ascend to godhood!

All shall tremble before my endless power!
Wonderful work.
The client will be very impressed. We'll process your invoice immediately.

Those were the terms.

And they'll certainly be honored, but do you have a moment?

The client would like to meet you in person.
He has something even more... lucrative for you.
“They’re a weak race, pitifully so, but like me they desired to become better than they were, stronger than they were fated to.”

“Generations ago, they built armor to do just this.”

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“To augment their weak bodies into something more.”

“I broke many of their own to tear the gloves and chest plate I wear. They keep me alive, but I feel they could do so much more.”

“To make me strong again, to make me vital.”

“Yes, there are thousands of Geldarian equipped with such armor, but I don’t think any of those would be enough.”

“You see, the armor augments the host, but the host also augments the armor. It’s symbiotic — the stronger the host, the stronger the armor.”

“The closer I become to being what I once was.”

“The first human to don Geldarian armor, making him — and the armor — thousands of times more powerful than anything any other Geldarian could ever aspire to.”

“I want you to tear the armor from his body.”

“I want you to make me whole again.”

“Will you help me?”

“I’m going to need an advance.”

“Like him, like tech jacket.”
Monteverde, Costa Rica.

Um, sorry -- I didn't mean...

I thought your mom said no "Hanky Panky."

Oh, shut up. I'm teasing.

I think it's long past time.

Yeah?

Oh, yeah.

I care about you a lot, Zack...

We're ready for the next step.

So, you want to--

Yes, now.

Right now.

Well, then.
UM.

WHAT THE --

UM, LIZ --

I --

I DIDN'T KNOW GELPAZIANS WERE SO,
WELL --

DIFFERENT.
WE'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
THERE'S NO WAY FOR...

...US.
Invincible this. Invincible that. Whatever happened to the Galactic Guardian of Earth?

Tech Jacket is the lost hero of the Invincible Universe. To tell the truth, he’s the original hero of the Invincible Universe, debuting three months before Invincible’s title. In fact, Invincible first appeared in Tech Jacket’s book. In some sidestep reality the first trade of TECH JACKET UNIVERSE just came out and people buy it and love it, and there’s a TECH JACKET/INVINCIBLE TEAM-UP book and THAT sells even better. Invincible usurped Tech Jacket’s swagger and now Mark Grayson doesn’t even invite Zack Thompson to Christmas dinner. Even after—as you’ve seen in this miniseries’ first issue—Zack helped win the Invincible War. What a jerk.

Which is way we’re giving Tech Jacket the grand treatment in 2014. Folks love binging on entertainment. Netflix allows us to mainline our favorite shows, and Comixology allows us to impulse buy Mark Waid’s entire run of the FLASH. And we thought it would be pretty cool to have a complete miniseries available to check out on the day it drops. Even if you’re a first time TECH JACKET reader, we came up with two very compelling reasons to check it out...

Joe Keatinge is one of my favorite comics writers today. Not only does he know every comic that has EVER existed, he’s not wasting our time retreading old stories. He knows those stories, he loves those stories, but with TECH JACKET he’s delivering something fun and new and weird...and keeps me hanging on for every issue.

Khary Randolph is about to become your new favorite artist. I’m not going to waste words when his pages speak volumes. It’s like trying to explain how A Tribe Called Quest’s “Electric Relaxation” sounds. It’s goddamn impossible.

If you dig these issues, drop us a line at techjacket@skybound.com and let us know. We had so much fun making them, that I’m pretty sure I could get the gang back together to make some more. Because in the Tech Jacket universe, there’s a million stories left to tell.

Sean Mackiewicz
Editorial Director, Skybound
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