

FIRESTORM[®]

PREVIEW



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Dear Retailer:

We've got a brand-new look for FIRESTORM. A look so different that we want you to take an advance peek at it! Writer John Ostrander has reunited with his former Grimjack collaborator, artist Tom Mandrake. Together, Ostrander and Mandrake will show you a new FIRESTORM... not just a superhero... but a force of nature! Will he remain mankind's protector... or will he become its destroyer?

An ongoing series in the DC Comics Standard Format (and part of The Janus Directive sequence), FIRESTORM #86 ships April 11 from Spartan Printing.

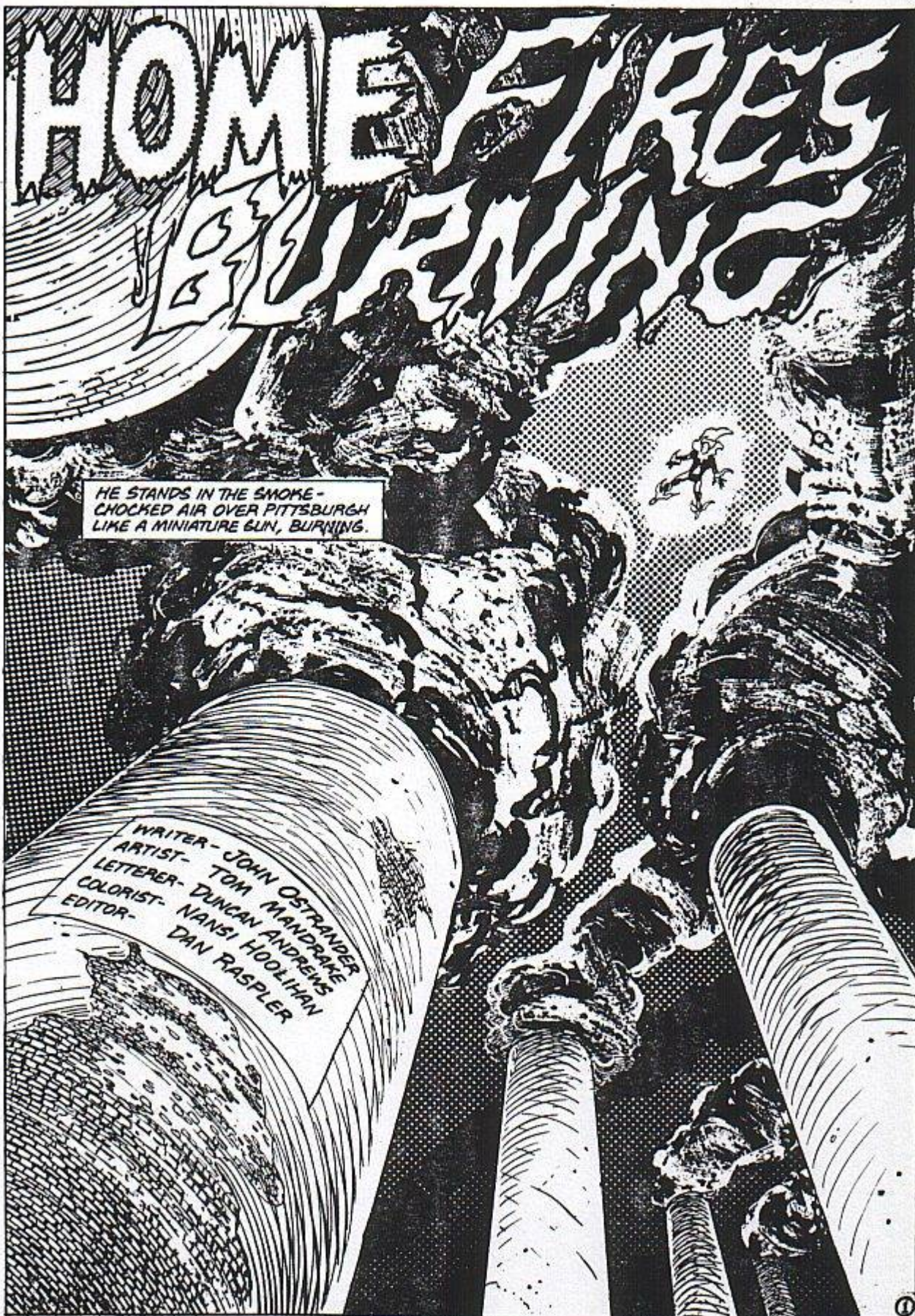
Enjoy this preview of FIRESTORM #86.

Best,

Bob Wayne
Retail Promotions Manager



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HE STANDS IN THE SMOKE-
CHOKED AIR OVER PITTSBURGH
LIKE A MINIATURE SUN, BURNING.

WRITER- JOHN OSTRANDER
ARTIST- TOM MANDRAKE
LETTERER- DUNCAN ANDREWS
COLORIST- NANSI HOOLIHAN
EDITOR- DAN RASPLER



THE AIR STINKS
ALL AROUND HIM.



HIS ANGER IS LIKE
A FIRE, BURNING.



HE RELEASES
HIS ANGER.



AND THE AIR
IS CLEAN.

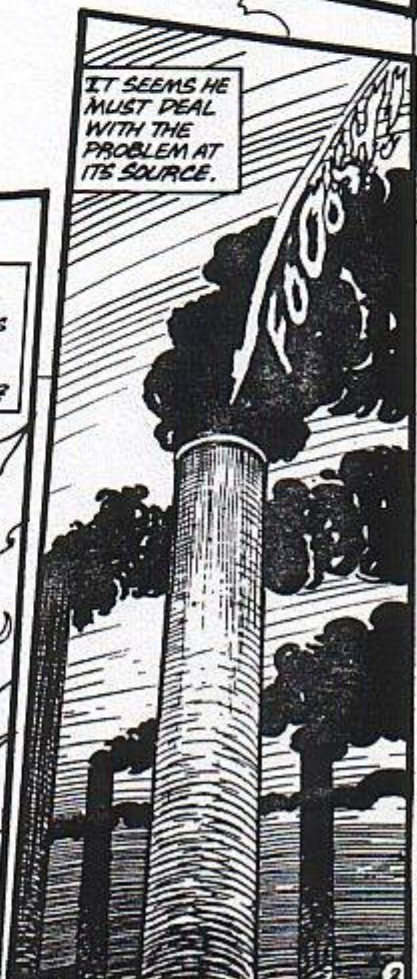


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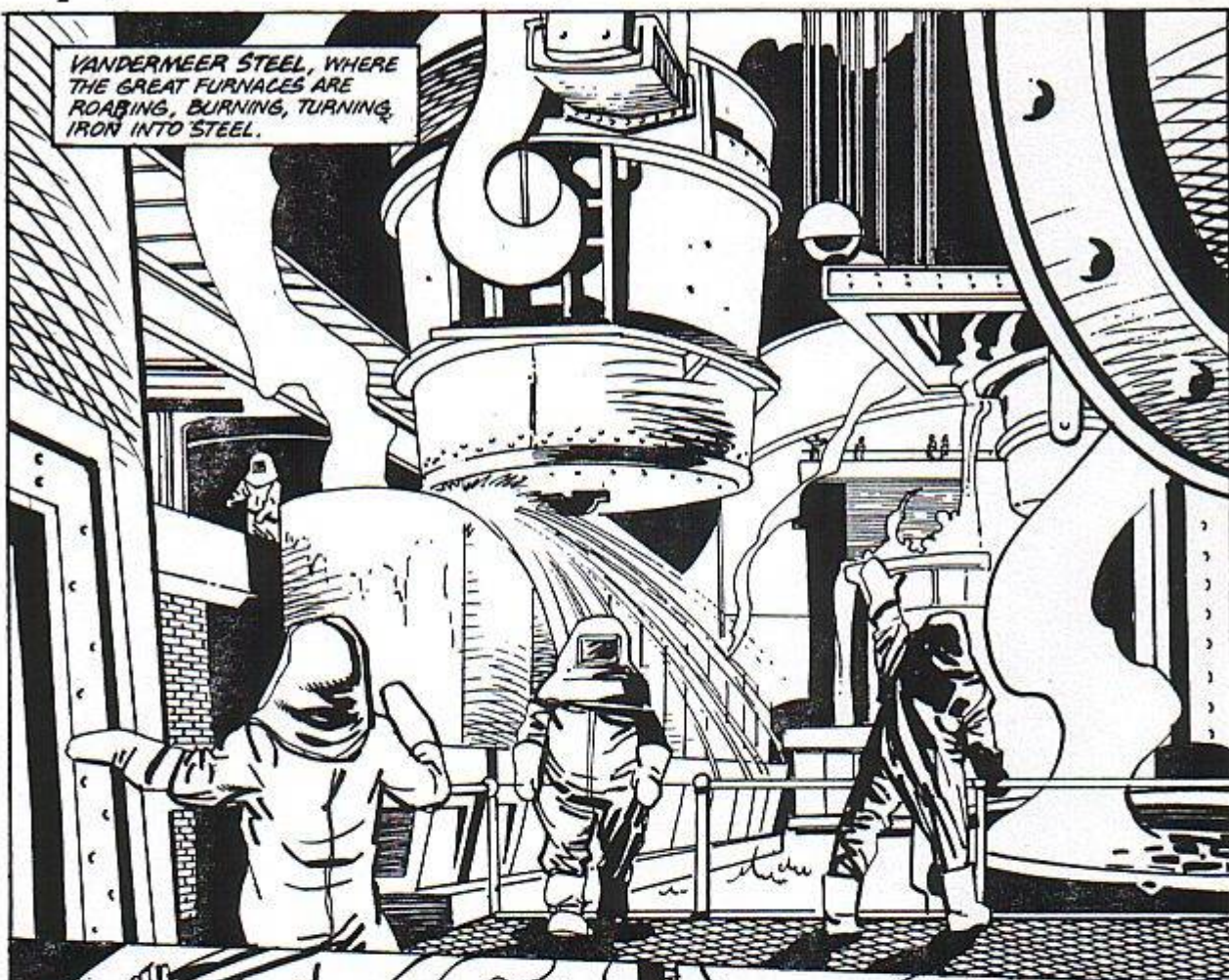
HE IS THE FIRE ELEMENTAL.
HE WAS RAISED BY THIS PLANET
TO PROTECT--TO CLEANSE--THIS
PLANET. WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO
TO CLEAN THE AIR WHEN IT WILL
JUST BE CHOKED WITH FILTH AGAIN?



IT SEEMS HE
MUST DEAL
WITH THE
PROBLEM AT
ITS SOURCE.



VANDERMEER STEEL, WHERE
THE GREAT FURNACES ARE
ROARING, BURNING, TURNING
IRON INTO STEEL.

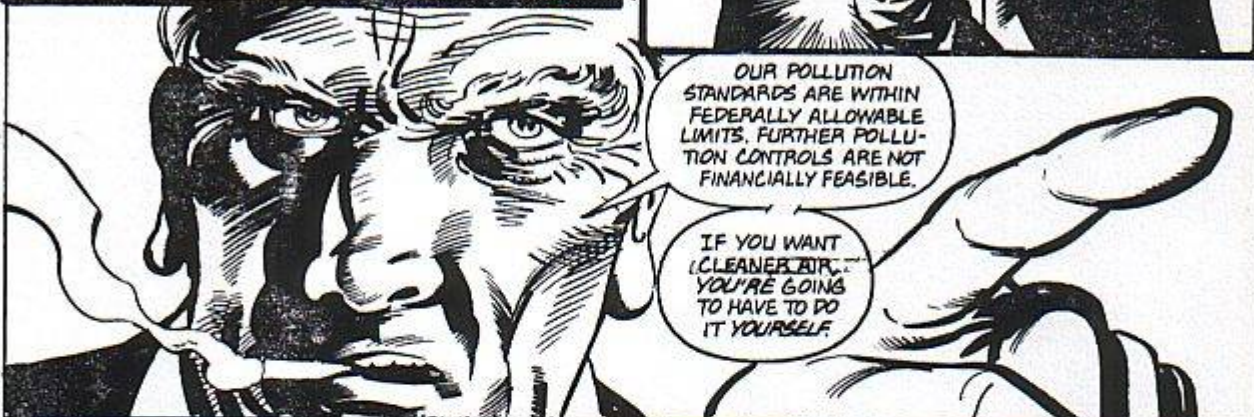


HO-LEE...!!!



BRING THE HEAD
OF THE COMPANY
HERE. NOW.







META-HUMAN STUDIES

VONDERBEEK

A SHORT TIME LATER...



THE CELL HOLDING THE SUBJECT CALLED THE PARASITE...

NO, NO, NO!



DREAMS... MEMORIES...

WHICH ARE MINE?!



HE'S GETTING MORE AND MORE FRANTIC, DR. LA GRIEVE.



LOOK AT THE E. K. G. I'VE BEEN RUNNING. IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE I'M GETTING MULTIPLE BRAINWAVES! YOU KNEW THE PATIENT'S HISTORY DOWN IN BELLE REVE. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

I'M NOT SURE, DR. CHEN-- PHILLIP. WHEN PARASITE ABSORBS ANOTHER'S ENERGIES, HE ALSO ABSORBS THEIR MEMORIES-- BUT THOSE ALWAYS FADED AS HE CONSUMED THE ENERGY.



HE MAY BE RETAINING THOSE MEMORIES IN HIS SUBCONSCIOUS HOWEVER, AND, FROM WHAT HE'S SAYING, HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHICH MEMORY BELONGS TO WHICH VICTIM. HE MAY BE EXPERIENCING THEM ALL AS HIS OWN MEMORIES-- BUT ONE SET OF MEMORIES MAY BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANOTHER!

THE PARASITE WAS DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE ENOUGH AS HE WAS. WE HAD BETTER LOOK INTO SHIPPING HIM BACK TO BELLE REVE.



HOLD ON THERE!!! WE WERE WORKING ON THAT SUBJECT!!!

DR. PANGLOSS--DR. CAIUS-- I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RESEARCHES. AFTER ALL, THE INSTITUTE WAS FOUNDED TO STUDY THE METAHUMANS AND SEE WHAT MAKES THEM TICK.

HOWEVER--AS HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE I AM OBLIGATED TO THINK OF THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE ARE LOCATED AS WELL.

TRUTH IS, I WAS CONSIDERING SENDING BACK THE PARASITE BEFORE THESE ANOMALIES WERE KNOWN. HE'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS...

BUT I WAS ABOUT TO PROOVE MY THE-O-RY--THAT THE POW-ERS WHEN THEY ARE FIRST MAN-I-FESTED ARE WHAT DE-TER-MINES WHETHER THE MET-A-HU-MAN TURNS TO GOOD OR E-VIL!

HURMPH!

THEN LAGRIVE MIGHT AS WELL BOX UP THE PARASITE AND SEND IT AWAY! NOTHING WILL EVER PROVE THAT PREPOSTEROUS THEORY TO MY SATISFACTION!

EVERY SANE MAN, PANGLOSS, REALIZES THAT WHAT DETERMINES HOW POWERS ARE USED IS HOW THE METAHUMAN WAS RAISED BEFORE THEY GOT THEM!

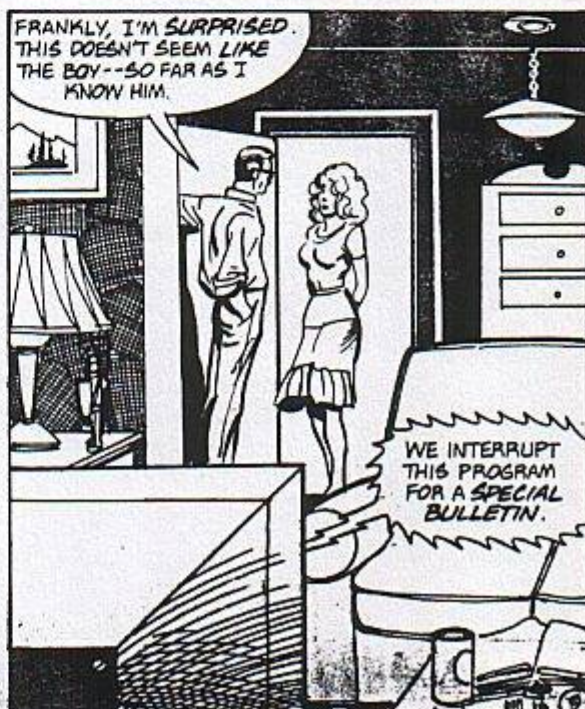
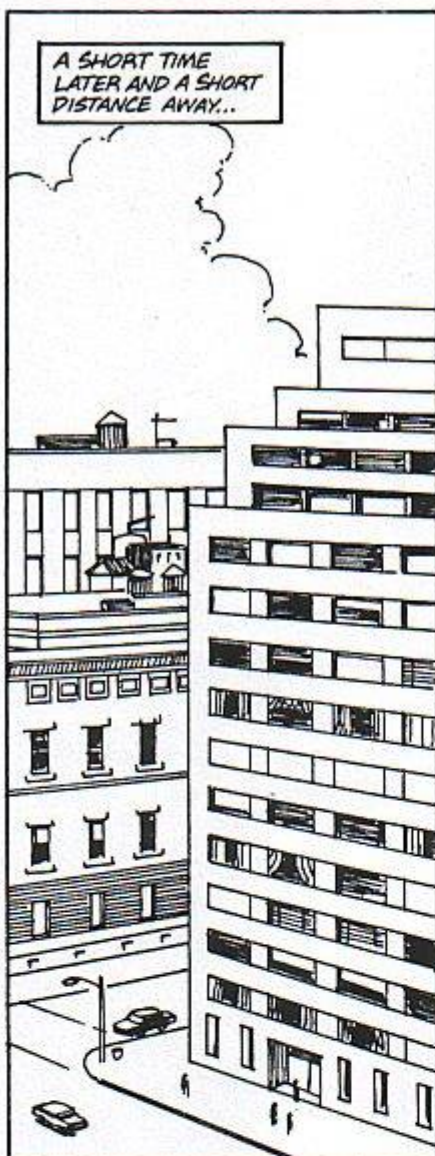
DEAR, GOD, CAIUS! ARE YOU STILL MIRED IN THAT OUT-MODED CONCEPT OF EN-VI-RON-MENT?! TRES, TRES PASSE!

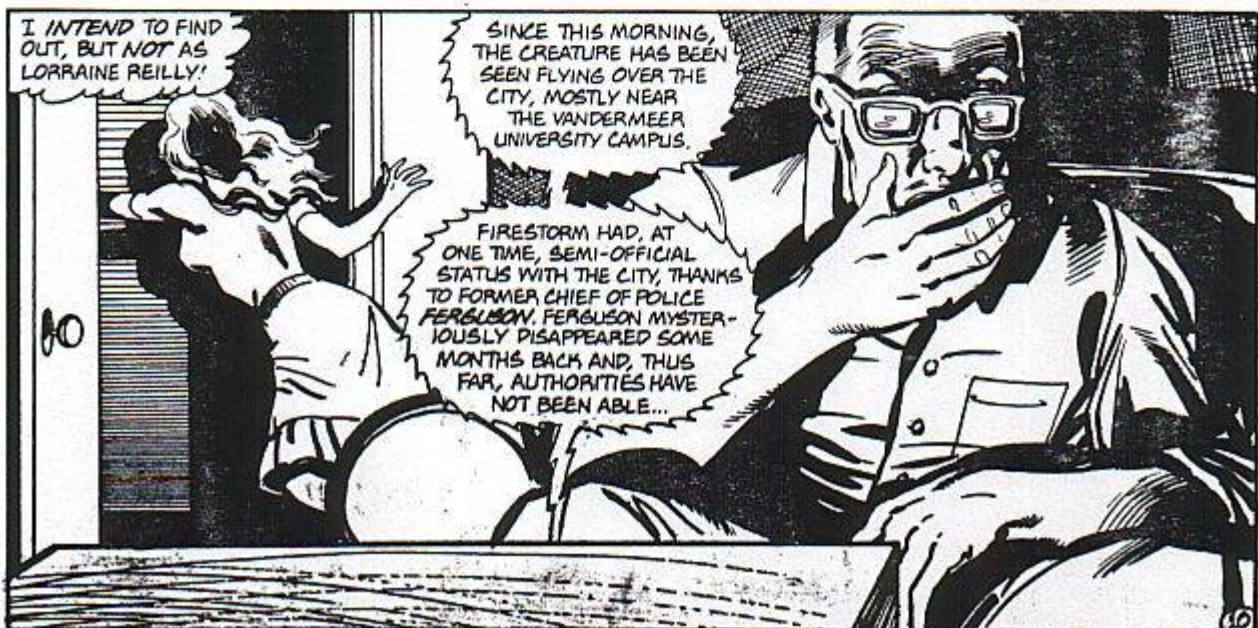
PANGLOSS, IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO ADDRESS YOUR INTELLECTUAL BETTERS, I'D SUGGEST YOU JUST LEARN TO SHUT-UP!

I KNOW YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT FROM THE WAY THOSE TWO ARGUE, BUT THEY ARE ACTUALLY...THE WORST OF ENEMIES.

YESSSS... WELL. IF THEY DON'T PULL THEIR HEADS OUT OF THE INTELLECTUAL SAND, I'LL BE A WORSE ONE YET TO BOTH OF THEM.



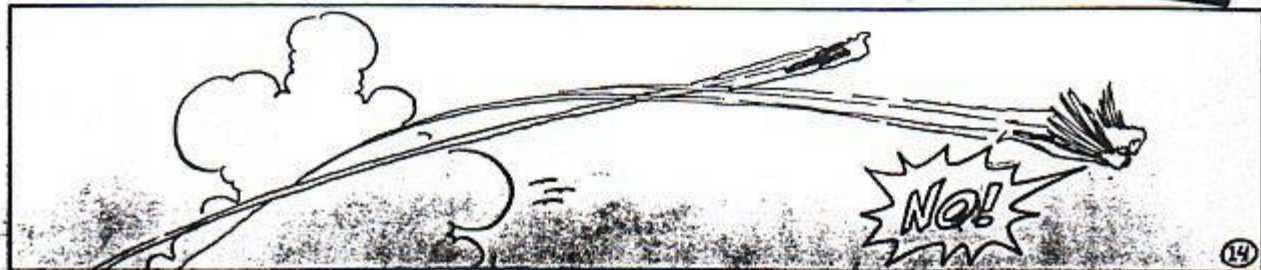












STRANGE. SHE
EXCITES SUCH
FEELINGS
WITHIN ME.

I AM THE ONLY ONE OF MY
KIND. I'M NOT MEANT TO REPRODUCE
AND STILL--SHE FEELS SUCH PAIN AT
WHAT I'VE SAID. I WANT TO COMFORT HER--!

WHILE
BELOW...

ENOUGH THOUGHT.
I MUST ACT ON
WHAT I FEEL!

CLOSER! COME
CLOSER! I NEED
TO FEED!

CLEAR THE
AREA! NOBODY
GETS CLOSER THAN
TWENTY FEET!
UNDERSTAND?!

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

BLAST IT, FLO! THE PARASITE'S LOOSE!
WE NEED HELP FROM BELLE REVE!

LOOK, I KNOW
YOU HAVE A SITUATION
AT THE INSTITUTE, BUT
WE'VE A WORSE ONE
HERE! WE'RE UNDER
ATTACK! *

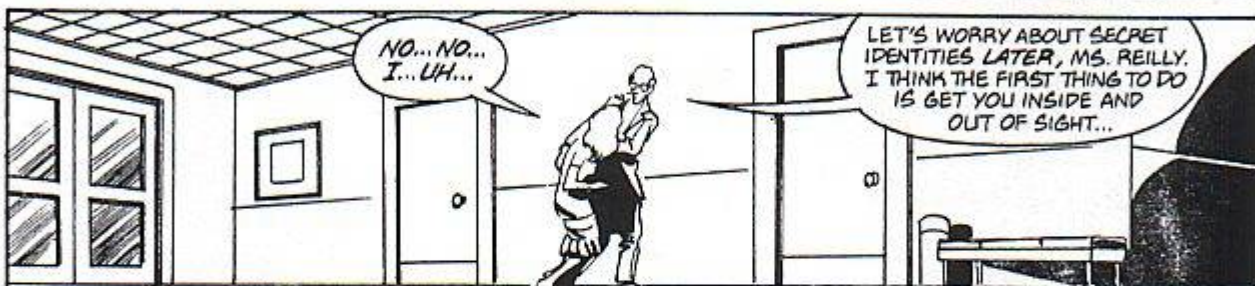
FLO?
FLO!

BADAPADADAD
YAAAAAAA!

*AS SEEN IN SUICIDE SQUAD 28-70

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TWO-PAGE SPREAD









IT'S NOT AN
EQUAL FIGHT.



SOON, HE'S USING HIS OWN LIFE-ESSENCE
JUST TO KEEP HIS FOE AT BAY. AND
THAT ENERGY IS BEING RAPIDLY DEPLETED.



S-STOP!
STOP!

YOU'RE
KILLING
ME!



THAT WAS MY
INTENTION.







CONTINUED IN **THE JAW'S DIRECTIVE** IN SUICIDE SQUAD 28, THEN IN FIRESTORM 87, THE RETURN OF