

# SLIDERS™ ULTIMATUM

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WELCOME TO ONE DIMENSION  
WHERE THEY NEVER HAVE TO  
SING "SEND IN THE CLOWNS!"



IS THIS THE  
END RESULT OF A  
DOZEN DEGREES IN  
SCIENCE? CAN THIS  
BE WHY I HAVE  
AMASSED A LIFETIME  
OF KNOWLEDGE?



PROFESSOR  
MAXIMILLIAN  
ARTURO.



PROFESSOR...CHILL,  
OKAY? GET WITH THE  
PROGRAM. LAUGH  
CLOWN, LAUGH!

WADE  
KATHLEEN  
WELLS.



THIS AIN'T THE WAY I  
WAS SUPPOSED TO LAND  
BACK IN SHOW BIZ!

REMBRANDT  
"CRYING MAN"  
BROWN.



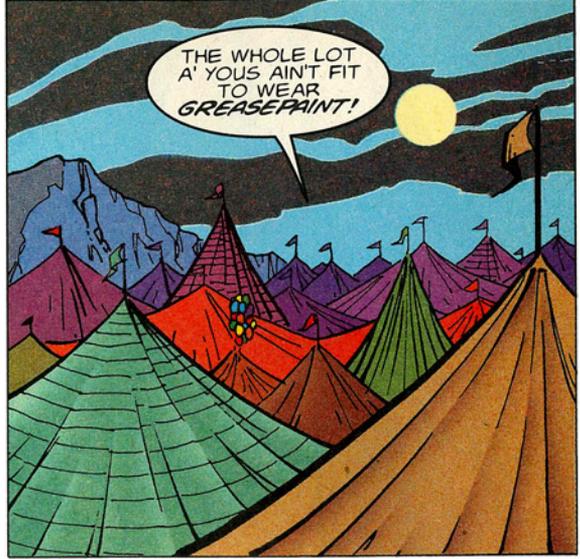
YOU'RE A PRO,  
REMBRANDT-  
YOU'LL KNOCK  
'EM DEAD!

PHYSICIST  
QUINN MALLORY.



I'D WATCH DEM WORDS, "BOZO!"

AND WHAT THE HELL KINDA NAME FER A CLOWN IS DAT ANYWAY?



THE WHOLE LOT A' YOUS AIN'T FIT TO WEAR GREASEPAINT!



YOU GOTTS TO EARN THE RIGHT TO LIVE UNDER THIS HERE BIG TOP!

LET'S SEE YER ACT!

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!



FORCED TO CONFORM TO A CULTURE BASED ON CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE AND BIKER GANG MENTALITY!



WE...WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT

WE DON'T HAVE TO...

**BLEEP**



...THERE'S THE TIMER, GUYS!

AND THERE'S OUR GATEWAY!

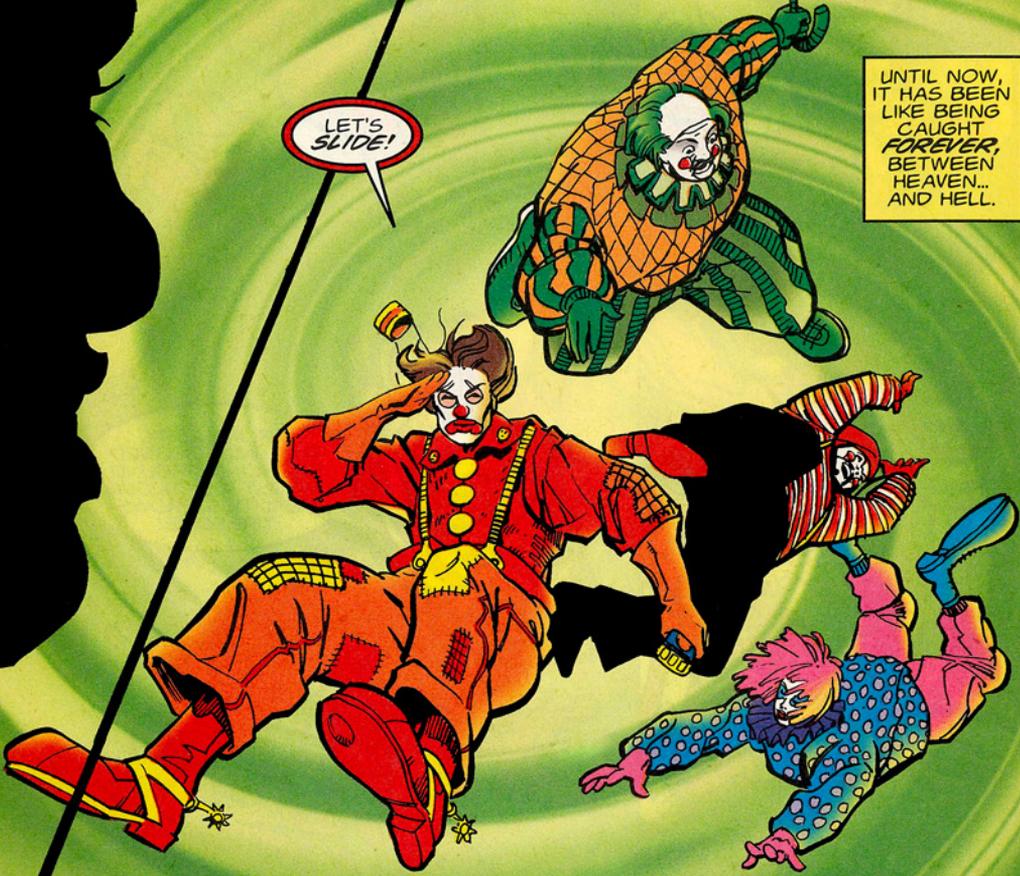
SPACE BREAKS DOWN AT THE QUANTUM LEVEL, SWIRLING OPEN A MOMENTARY TUNNEL ACROSS DIMENSIONS.

THEIR JOURNEY BEGAN AS AN EXPERIMENT, BUT BECAME A CURSE--

--TRAPPING THEM INTO TRAVELLING BETWEEN COUNTLESS ALTERNATIVE REALITIES.

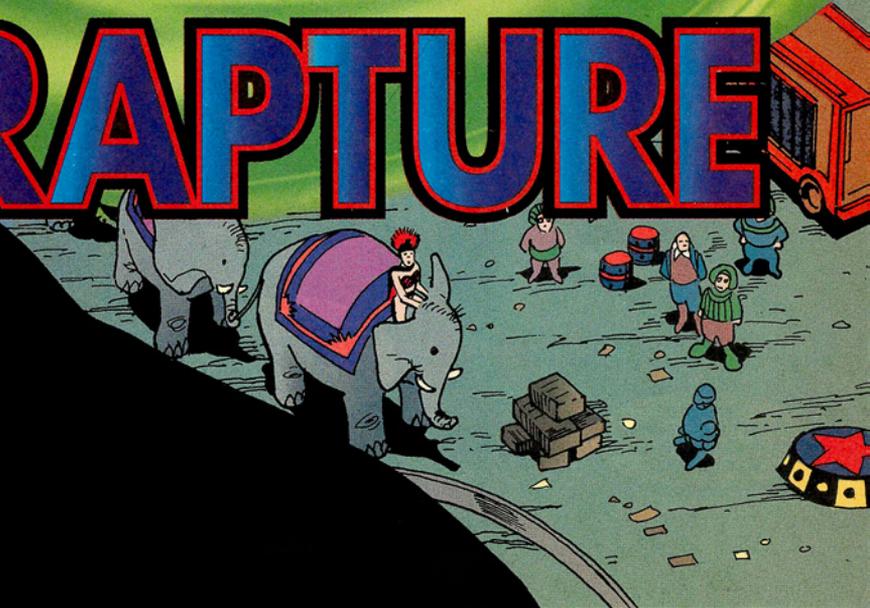
UNTIL NOW, IT HAS BEEN LIKE BEING CAUGHT FOREVER, BETWEEN HEAVEN... AND HELL.

LET'S SLIDE!



# RAPTURE

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SOME ACT, HUH?

BEATS THIRTY CLOWNS IN A CAR, THAT'S FOR SURE!



MR. MALLORY, THIS UNDISCIPLINED BOUNCING AROUND AMIDST RIDICULOUS REALITIES GROWS TIRESOME!

A LOT LIKE LISTENING TO YOUR HOT AIR ALLITERATION, PROFESSOR!

EARTH...ONE  
MO' TIME.

IN A MOMENT,  
IN THE TWINKLIN'  
OF AN EYE, AT  
THE *LAST TRUMP*,  
THIS CORRUPTION  
MUST BECOME  
*INCORRUPT!*

MORTAL SHALL  
HAVE PUT ON  
*IMMORTALITY!* DEATH  
IS SWALLOWED UP!  
GRAVE, WHERE IS THY  
VICTORY?

FOR THE  
*TRUMPET* SHALL  
SOUND ♪ TOOT,  
TOOT ♪ AND WE  
SHALL BE  
*CHANGED!*

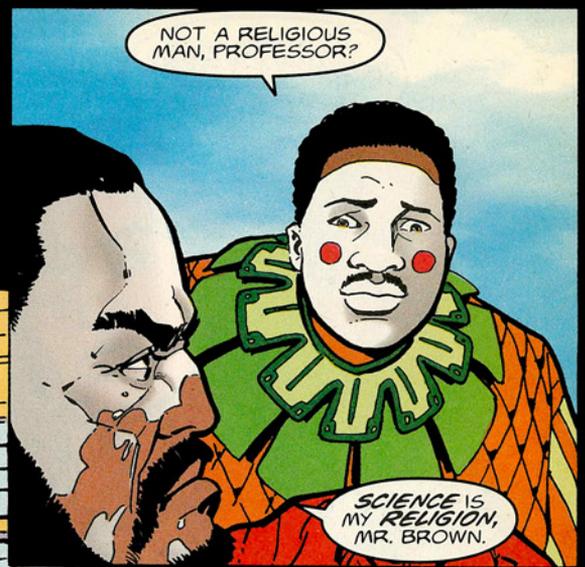


FORCED TO *RETURN* TO  
THIS VEIL OF TEARS THEY  
SHALL BE! AND AMONG THE  
*UNWORTHY*, GREAT WEEPINGS  
AND GNASHING OF TEETH!



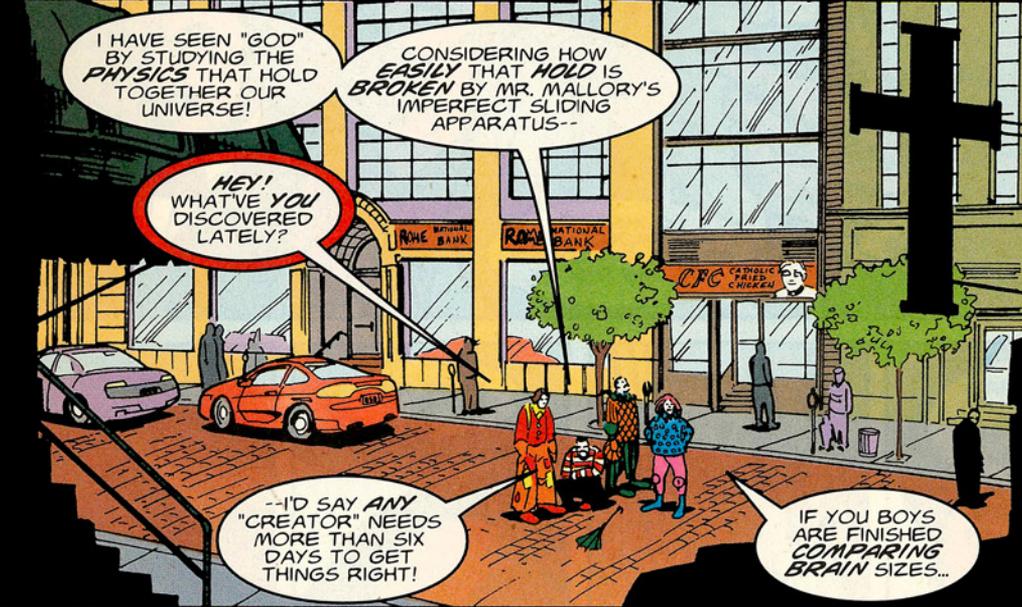


"GNASHING OF TEETH?"  
BEING FORCED TO ENDURE  
THIS *DRIVEL* IS MORE LIKE  
CHEWING ALUMINUM FOIL!



NOT A RELIGIOUS  
MAN, PROFESSOR?

SCIENCE IS  
MY RELIGION,  
MR. BROWN.



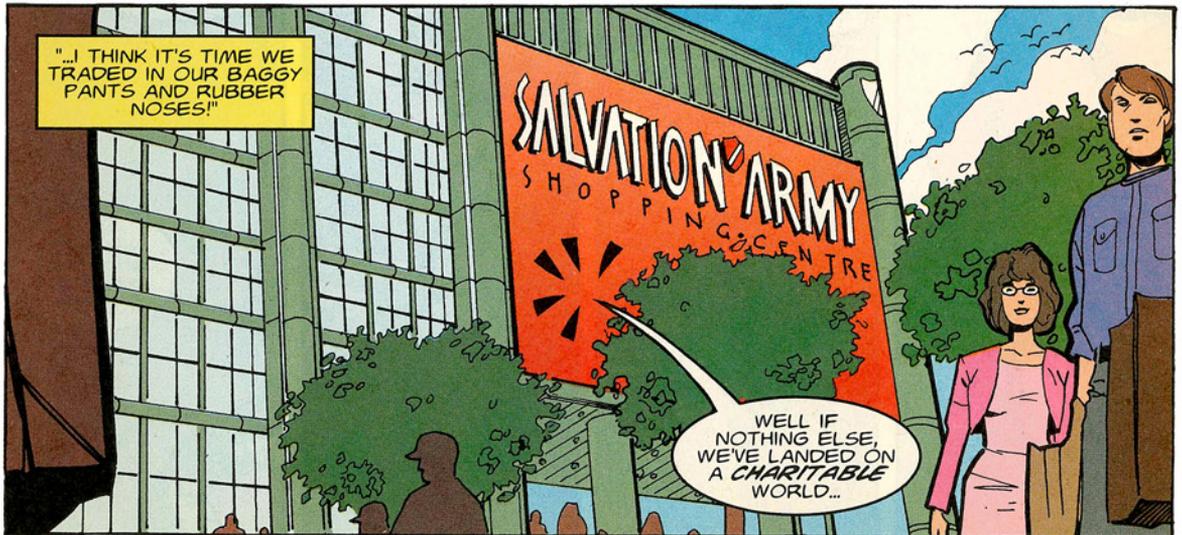
I HAVE SEEN "GOD"  
BY STUDYING THE  
PHYSICS THAT HOLD  
TOGETHER OUR  
UNIVERSE!

CONSIDERING HOW  
EASILY THAT *HOLD* IS  
BROKEN BY MR. MALLORY'S  
IMPERFECT SLIDING  
APPARATUS--

HEY!  
WHAT'VE YOU  
DISCOVERED  
LATELY?

--I'D SAY ANY  
"CREATOR" NEEDS  
MORE THAN SIX  
DAYS TO GET  
THINGS RIGHT!

IF YOU BOYS  
ARE FINISHED  
COMPARING  
BRAIN SIZES...



"...I THINK IT'S TIME WE  
TRADED IN OUR BAGGY  
PANTS AND RUBBER  
NOSES!"

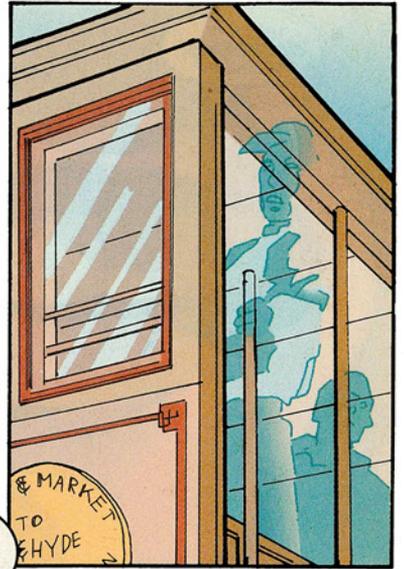
WELL IF  
NOTHING ELSE,  
WE'VE LANDED ON  
A CHARITABLE  
WORLD...



# SKRATOOM



THE LIGHT,  
IT'S--IT'S  
TAKING  
THEM!



THIS AIN'T NO  
BEAM-ME-OUTTA-  
HERE-SCOTTY,  
Q-BALL!

CHECK OUT THE  
PUBLIC-AT-LARGE...



PRAYSE THE  
LORD! ALL GLORY  
IS YOURS!

TAKE ME  
NEXT, DEAR  
GOD! LET ME  
SIT WITH YOU  
IN HEAVEN!



ISN'T IT GLORIOUS, FRIENDS?



JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH...



EXACTLY, MY FRIENDS! AND ALL THE HOLY HOSTS WITH THEM! LIKE A SHEPHERD DIVIDETH HIS SHEEP FROM THE GOATS...

...GOD SHALL SET THE SHEEP ON HIS RIGHT HAND, THE GOATS ON LEFT! HE HAS AGAIN GRACED US BY CALLING THE CHOSEN!

I'M ACOLYTE GEORGE. STAND WITH US, WON'T YOU? IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO HELP PUT THESE MIRACLES IN PERSPECTIVE!

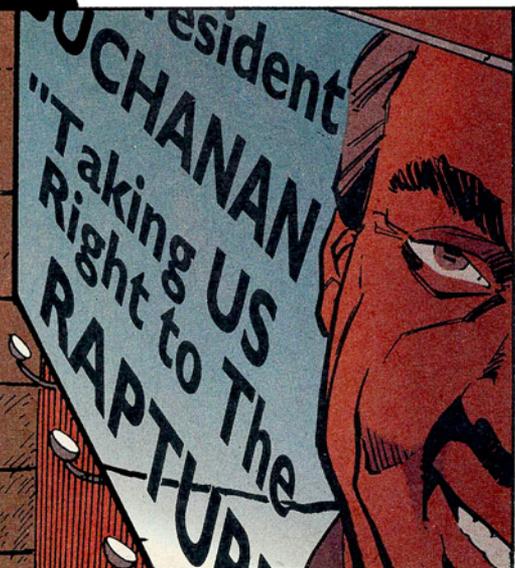


GATHER 'ROUND... LET US PRAY!

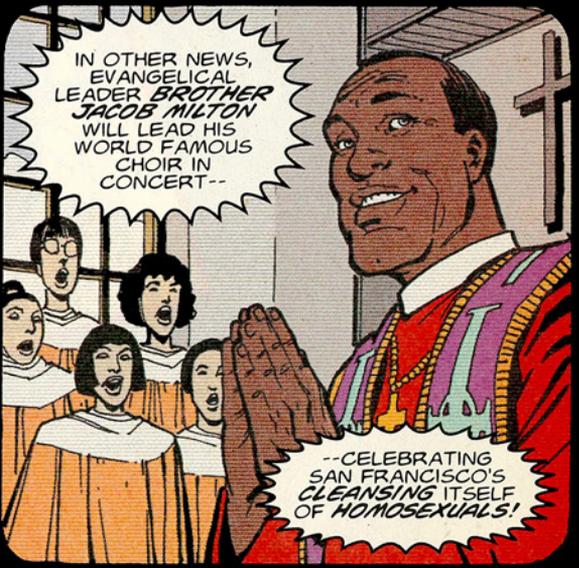
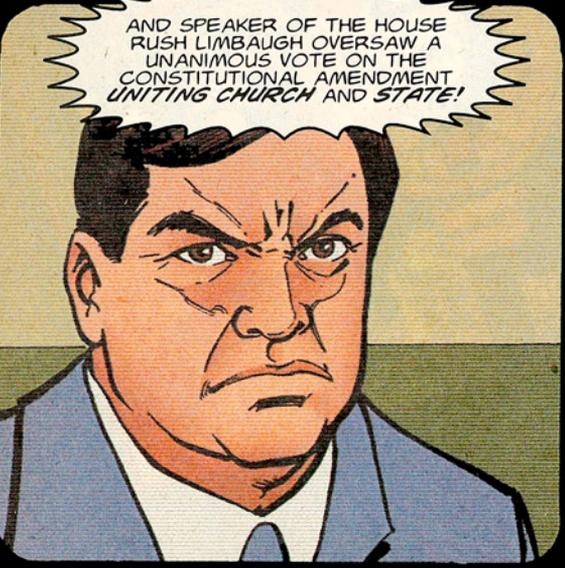
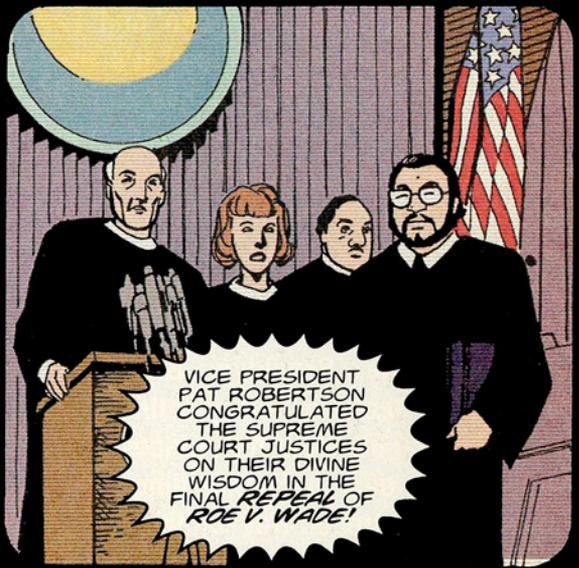
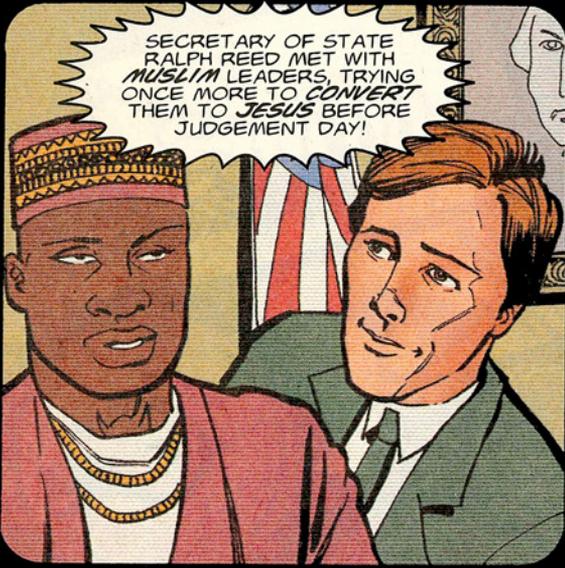
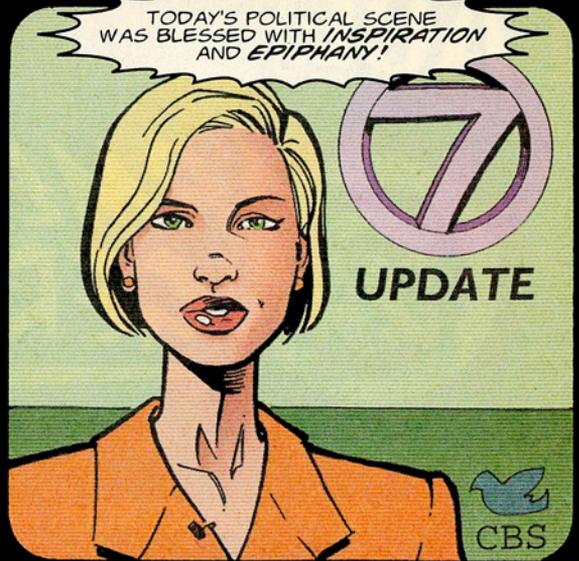
WHAT COLOR IS YOUR RAINBOW NOW, MISS WELLS?

Batist Street Electronics

Holy Cow



President  
BUCHANAN  
"Taking US  
Right to The  
RAPTURE"





A SHORT WHILE AND A FEW CANDLES LATER...



WHAT *BLITHERING IDIOTS* OCCUPY THIS WORLD?!

THEY ACTUALLY BELIEVE THEMSELVES TO BE *WITNESS* TO THE *RAPTURE*--



--SOME IMAGINARY DEITY'S "CALLING HOME" HIS CHOSEN FEW! IT'S *IRRATIONAL!*

TAKE ME SWEET JESUS. OH, SHOW ME A *SIGN*...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, PROFESSOR? AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH! WHY IS *DIMENSION HOPPING*--



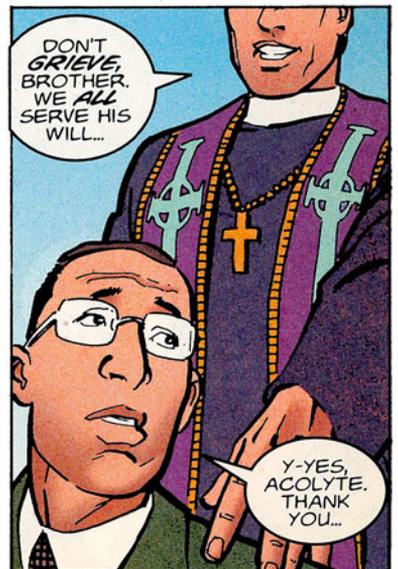
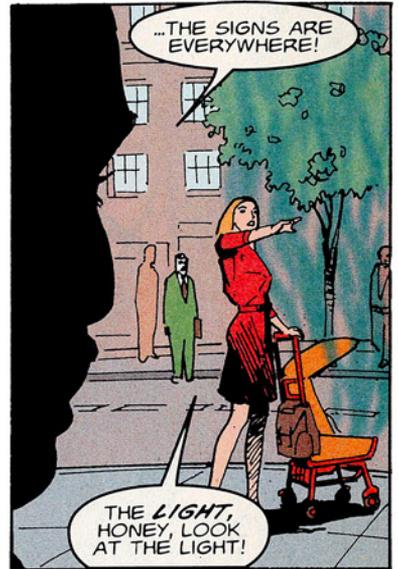
--ANY MORE "RATIONAL" THAN SEEING SPIRITS?

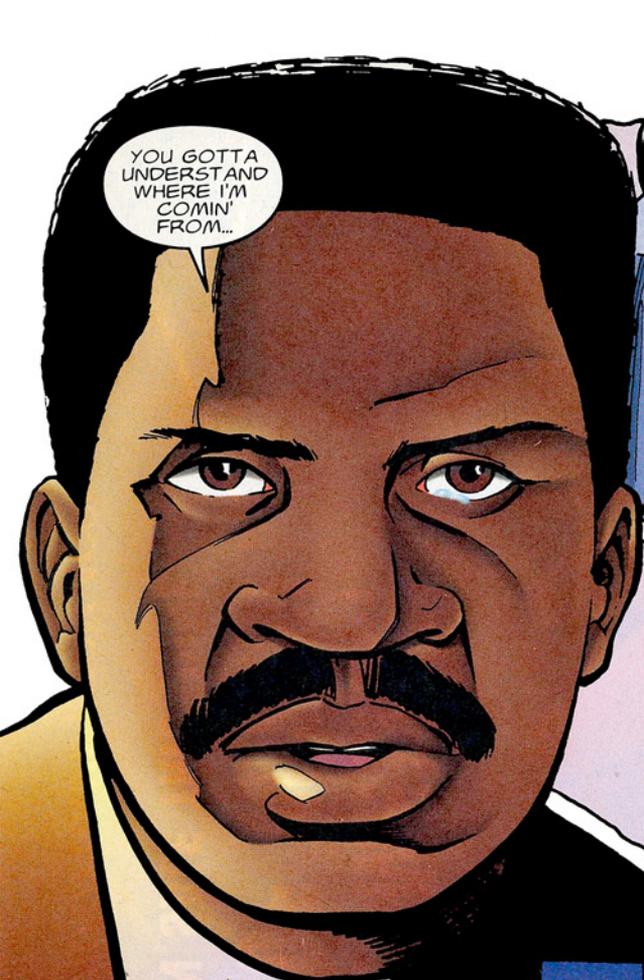
THANK YOU, LORD!



YOU'RE SCIENTISTS, YOU AND QUINN! JUDGE THE *EVIDENCE!*

DON'T REJECT WHAT MIGHT BE, BECAUSE THE FACTS SUGGEST THE *IMPOSSIBLE!*





YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMIN' FROM...



"I GREW UP IN THE CHURCH CHOIR... THAT WAS WHERE MY TALENT WAS TRAINED."



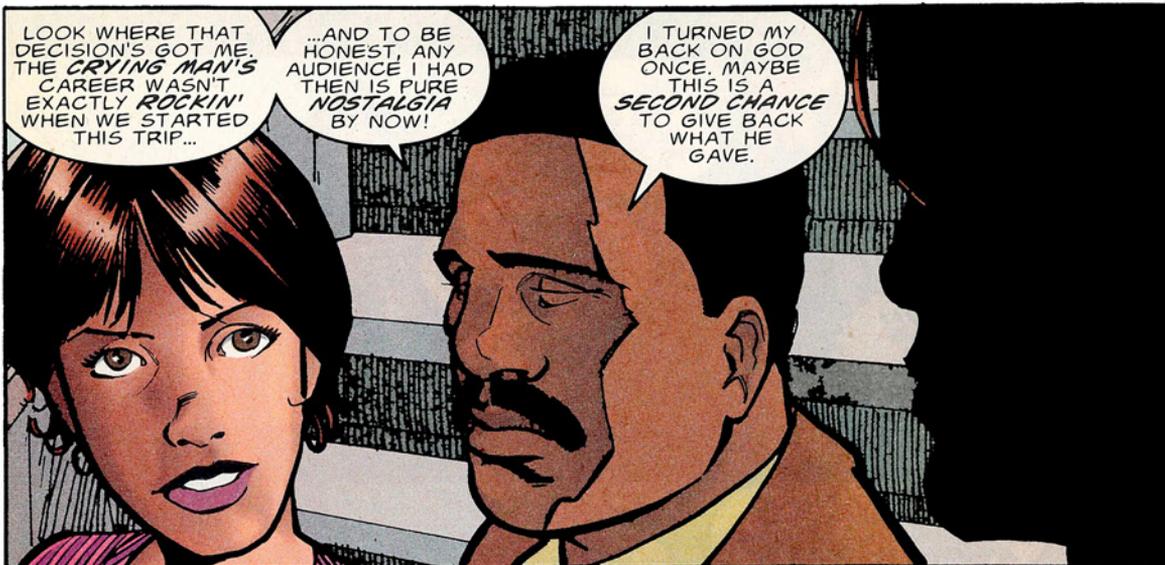
"THAT WAS MY TICKET, TOO. OUT OF GEORGIA, AND INTO THE BIG TIME! THAT'S WHAT MARCUS CASTOR PROMISED ME."



"MOM AND DAD DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY! THEY SAID MY VOICE WAS A GIFT FROM GOD, AND THAT'S WHO I SHOULD USE IT FOR!"



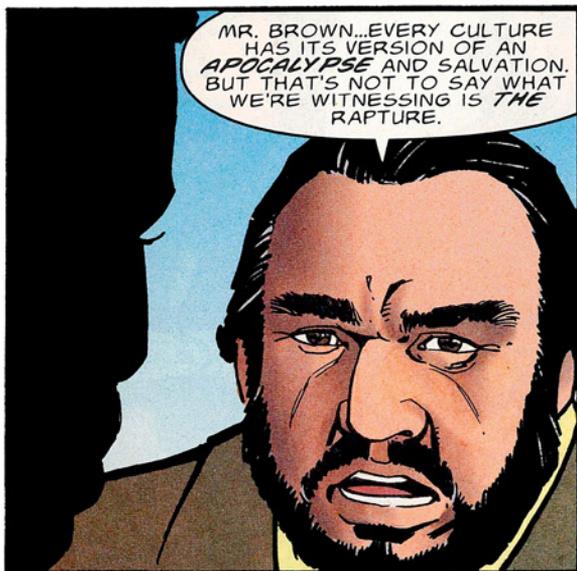
"MARCUS SAID MY VOICE WAS GOLD RECORDS AND CADILLACS, AND ALL I COULD THINK WAS GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES."



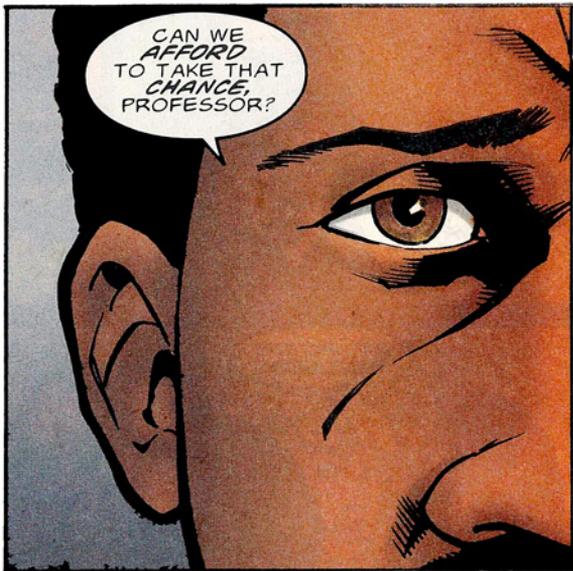
LOOK WHERE THAT DECISION'S GOT ME, THE *CRYING MAN'S* CAREER WASN'T EXACTLY *ROCKIN'* WHEN WE STARTED THIS TRIP...

...AND TO BE HONEST, ANY AUDIENCE I HAD THEN IS PURE *NOSTALGIA* BY NOW!

I TURNED MY BACK ON GOD ONCE, MAYBE THIS IS A *SECOND CHANCE* TO GIVE BACK WHAT HE GAVE.



MR. BROWN...EVERY CULTURE HAS ITS VERSION OF AN *APOCALYPSE* AND SALVATION, BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY WHAT WE'RE WITNESSING IS *THE RAPTURE*.

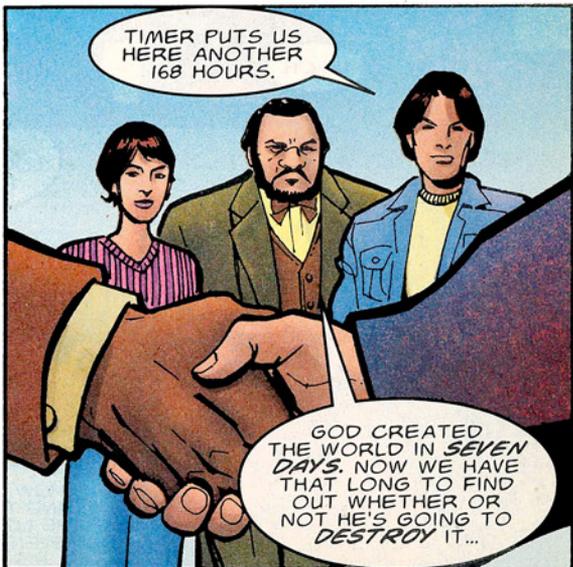


CAN WE *AFFORD* TO TAKE THAT *CHANCE*, PROFESSOR?



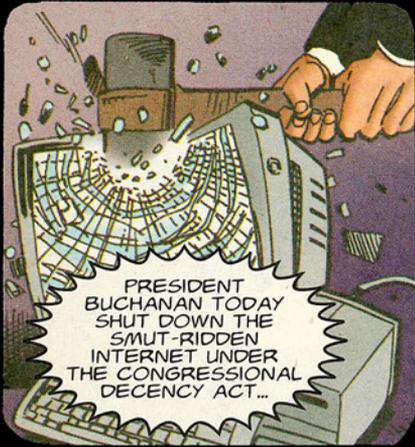
SAY, ACOLYTE... I'M LOOKING TO GET BACK WITH GOD.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO HIS HOME, BROTHER!

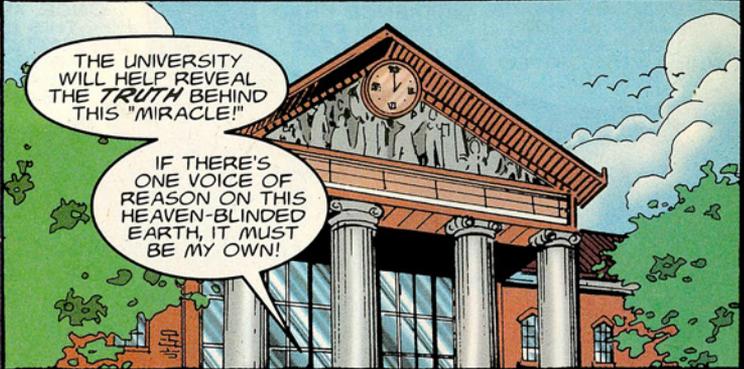


TIMER PUTS US HERE ANOTHER 168 HOURS.

GOD CREATED THE WORLD IN *SEVEN DAYS*. NOW WE HAVE THAT LONG TO FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT HE'S GOING TO *DESTROY* IT...



PRESIDENT BUCHANAN TODAY SHUT DOWN THE SMUT-RIDDEN INTERNET UNDER THE CONGRESSIONAL DECENCY ACT...



THE UNIVERSITY WILL HELP REVEAL THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS "MIRACLE!"

IF THERE'S ONE VOICE OF REASON ON THIS HEAVEN-BLINDED EARTH, IT MUST BE MY OWN!



I'M SURE WE'LL FIND MY COUNTERPART IN THIS DIMENSION HARD AT WORK, *SHARING KNOWLEDGE* WITH THE MASSES!

OR IF HE'S TOO MUCH LIKE YOU, WE CAN FIND HIM *ADMIRING* HIMSELF IN A *MIRROR!*

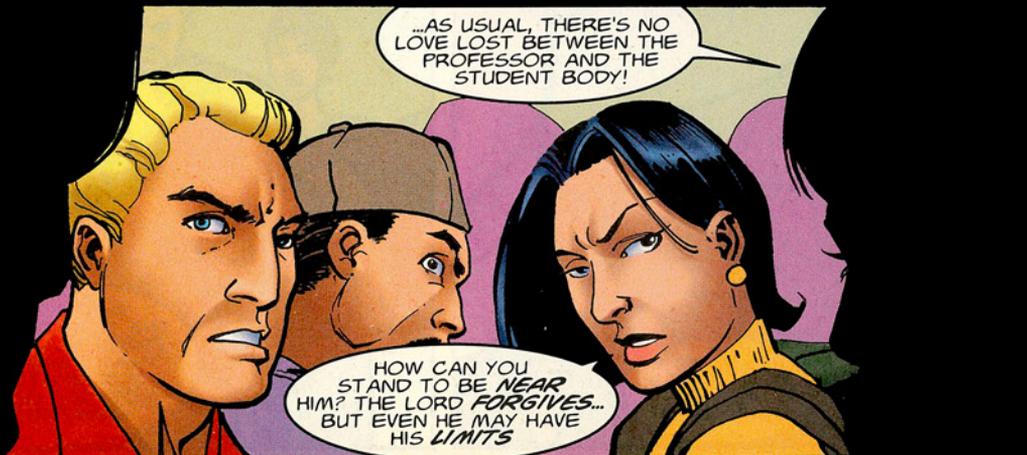


ARTURO THE UNBELIEVER!

BLASPHEMER!

HEATHEN!

UH-OH.



...AS USUAL, THERE'S NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN THE PROFESSOR AND THE STUDENT BODY!

HOW CAN YOU STAND TO BE *NEAR* HIM? THE LORD *FORGIVES...* BUT EVEN HE MAY HAVE HIS *LIMITS*



YOU WERE TOLD TO KEEP YOUR **HERETIC** IDEAS OFF THIS CAMPUS, AGNOSTIC!

MY DEAR SIR--



--MY "HERETIC IDEAS" HELPED **MAKE** THIS UNIVERSITY!



AND WHAT IS THE GOOD YOU HAVE DONE, MR. ARTURO, WHEN COMPARED TO THE **BLASPHEMY** YOU PREACH?



YOU HAVE **REJECTED** OUR LORD'S SIGNS. YOU HAVE TURNED YOUR BACK ON THE GLORY OF THE **RAPTURE!**



BROTHER MILTON SPEAKS MOST **ELOQUENTLY**...

QUINN?



...PERSONALLY, I'M BETTER WITH **ACTIONS!**

**ATHEIST!**



WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO ME ON THIS WORLD?

I'M SORRY, PROFESSOR.

NO WORRIES, MR. MALLORY.



MY **ISSUES** WITH YOU ARE **SIGNIFICANT** ENOUGH ALREADY!

THERE'S NOTHING FOR US HERE, I FEAR IT'S TIME...



"...AND I HOPE YOUR EXCOMMUNICATION HAS NOT CLOSED YOUR MIND TO NEW IDEAS!"

THIS SLIDING TALE OF YOURS--IT'S FANTASTIC! AND I EMBRACE IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY!

IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN YOU'RE MY FIRST VISITORS IN YEARS!

CHECK THESE OUT! AS THE RAPTURE MOVEMENT PICKED UP STEAM, LOOK AT THE PERSONALITIES WHO CHANGED THEIR SONG!

"MATERIAL GIRL GOES SPIRITUAL!" MADONNA BECAME A REAL NUN?



"HOWARD STERN--RADIO'S LAST SINNER!" I GUESS EVEN HE CLEANED UP HIS ACT, HUH?



ACTUALLY, HE PROVED UNREPENTANT AND FLED TO THE DESERT! HE TRANSMITS FROM A UHF STATION...



...AND CONTINUES TO PROCLAIM HIMSELF, "KING OF ALL MEDIA!"

"BROTHER MILTON-- VANGUARD OF THE LORD!"



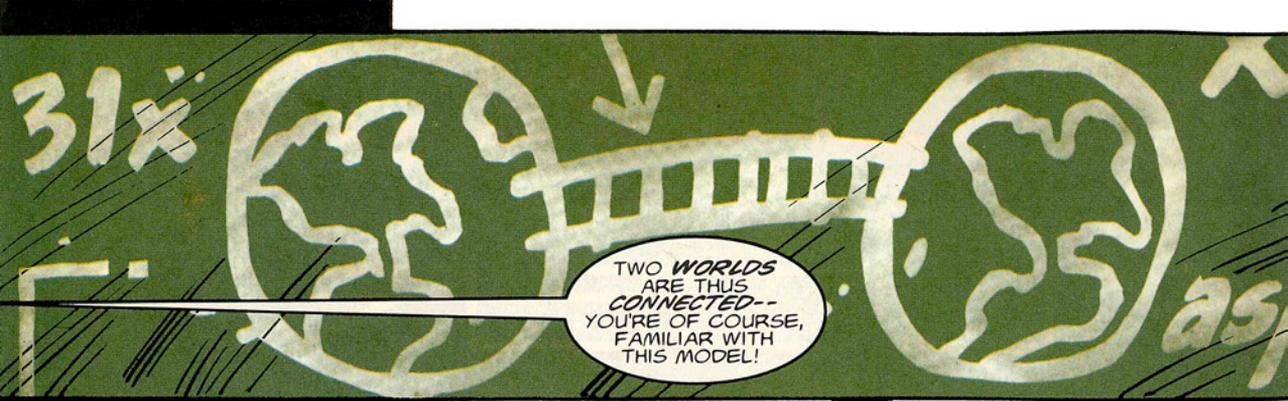
HE DID THE FIRST "SERIOUS" STUDIES ON THE VANISHINGS.

IT WAS MILTON'S WORK THAT MOST AGGRESSIVELY PROMOTED THE "IDEA" THAT THE RAPTURE WAS UPON US!



MY OWN THEORIES RAN AGAINST THE TIDE. IMAGINE A BRIDGE OF ENERGY, AS EINSTEIN AND ROSEN THEORIZED!





TWO *WORLDS* ARE THUS *CONNECTED*-- YOU'RE OF COURSE, FAMILIAR WITH THIS MODEL!



BUT A LITTLE KNOWN, ECCENTRIC PHYSICIST NAMED HAWKINGS--YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF HIM!

HMMF! I MIGHT HAVE...



HIS THEORY IS, IT'S NOT *ONE* OPENING BETWEEN DIMENSIONS, BUT *INNUMERABLE!* CONSTANTLY OPEN... BUT *MICROSCOPIC* IN NATURE!

IF THOSE *TINY HOLES* HAVE BEEN WORN DOWN--*TATTERED*--TO THE POINT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE VANISHING ACROSS DIMENSIONS...

LIKE THE ASTRAL PLANE YOU WERE TRAPPED ON, QUINN!



THERE IS GREAT DANGER HERE!

THE ENTIRE *WALL* BETWEEN WORLDS MAY SOON *CRASH* DOWN! AND THEN IT REALLY *WILL* BE THE END OF THE WORLD...

IN THE EPISODE, "GILLIAN OF THE SPIRITS"--RERUN GOMEZ.

THE  
TRANS-AMERICA  
TEMPLE.

PEOPLE, LET'S  
PUT OUR HANDS  
TOGETHER FOR  
BROTHER MILTON  
AND HIS POWER OF  
PRAYER REVIEW!

THEIR SPIRITUAL  
SOUNDS HAVE PUT  
US EVER MORE IN  
TOUCH WITH THE  
HEAVENLY CHOIR  
ABOVE!

I HAVEN'T  
*SUNG* THIS  
FINE IN  
YEARS!

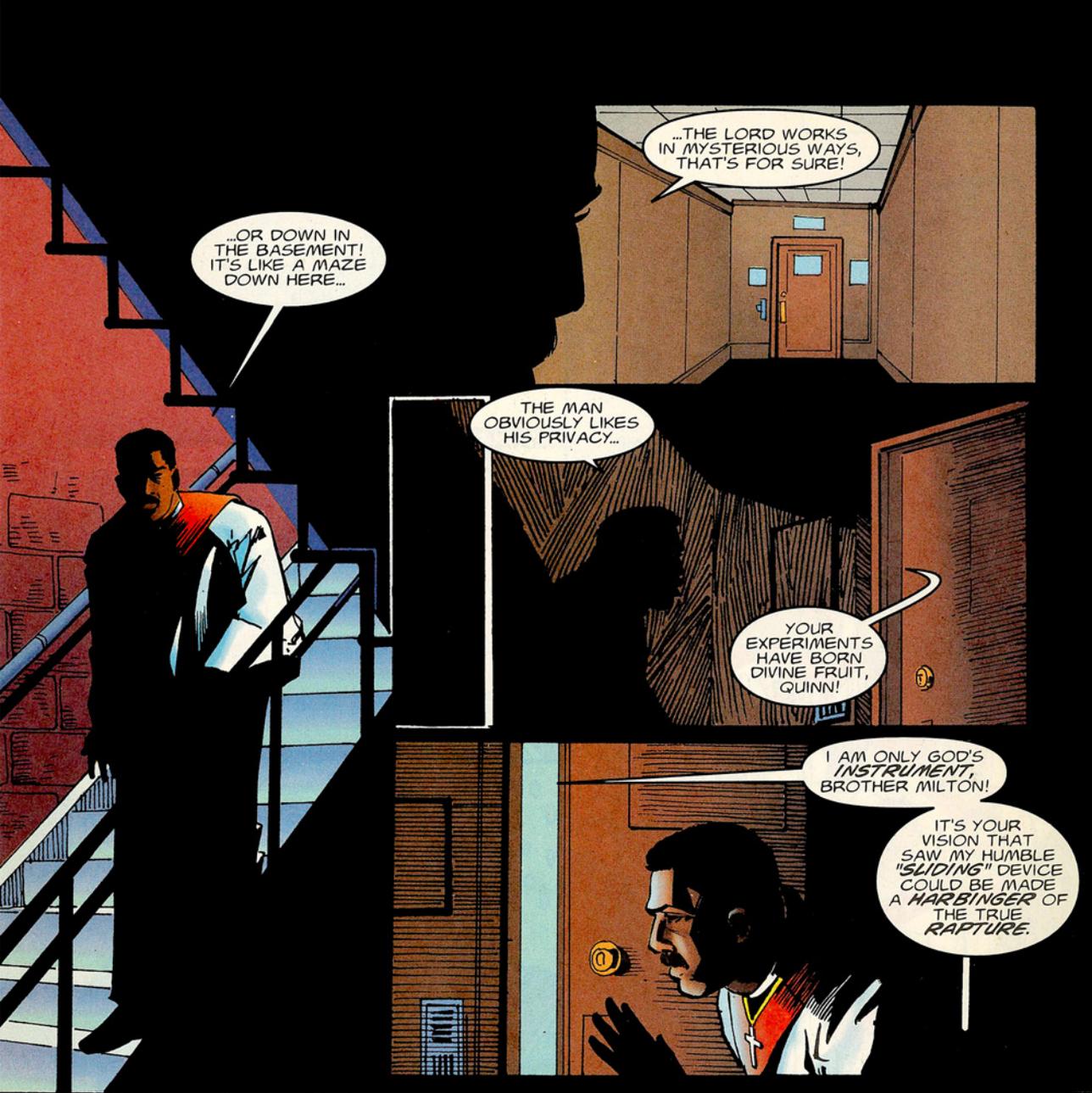
AND THAT'S  
THE MAN  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE  
MOVEMENT,  
HUH?

ACOLYTE--ANY  
CHANCE OF ME GIVING  
MY PERSONAL *THANKS*  
TO BROTHER MILTON?

HE'S QUITE  
BUSY, BROTHER.  
IT MIGHT TAKE A  
MONTH OR SO.

ALL I  
NEED IS FIVE  
MINUTES!

I'M SURE  
HE WON'T MIND  
IF I CATCH HIM  
BACKSTAGE...



...OR DOWN IN THE BASEMENT!  
IT'S LIKE A MAZE  
DOWN HERE...

...THE LORD WORKS  
IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS,  
THAT'S FOR SURE!



THE MAN  
OBVIOUSLY LIKES  
HIS PRIVACY...

YOUR  
EXPERIMENTS  
HAVE BORN  
DIVINE FRUIT,  
QUINN!

I AM ONLY GOD'S  
INSTRUMENT,  
BROTHER MILTON!

IT'S YOUR  
VISION THAT  
SAW MY HUMBLE  
"SLIDING" DEVICE  
COULD BE MADE  
A HARBINGER OF  
THE TRUE  
RAPTURE.



OH, MAN. WHY'S IT  
GOT TO BE, WHEN  
THERE'S A MAZE--  
THERE'S RATS?

BUT I'M AFRAID  
WE'VE PUSHED THE  
PROCESS TOO FAR!  
THE MINIATURE  
DIMENSIONAL HOLES  
ARE RUNNING  
TOGETHER...

...IT'S LIKE  
A PIECE OF  
FRAYED FABRIC  
TEARING ITSELF  
APART!

SO...THE ILLUSION  
WE'VE SPAWNED IN  
THE NAME OF THE  
CREATOR WILL SOON  
OVERTAKE US.

SO BE IT.  
CLEARLY, WE  
TRULY *ARE*  
DOING THE  
LORD'S WORK,  
MY SON!

AFTER ALL,  
THE *WORLD'S*  
GOT TO *END*  
SOMETIME!

**NEXT:**  
WHERE THERE'S HEAVEN,  
THERE'S GOT TO BE HELL.  
BE BACK IN 30 FOR THE  
CONCLUSION OF *SLIDERS*:  
**ULTIMATUM-**  
**"DAMNATION!"**