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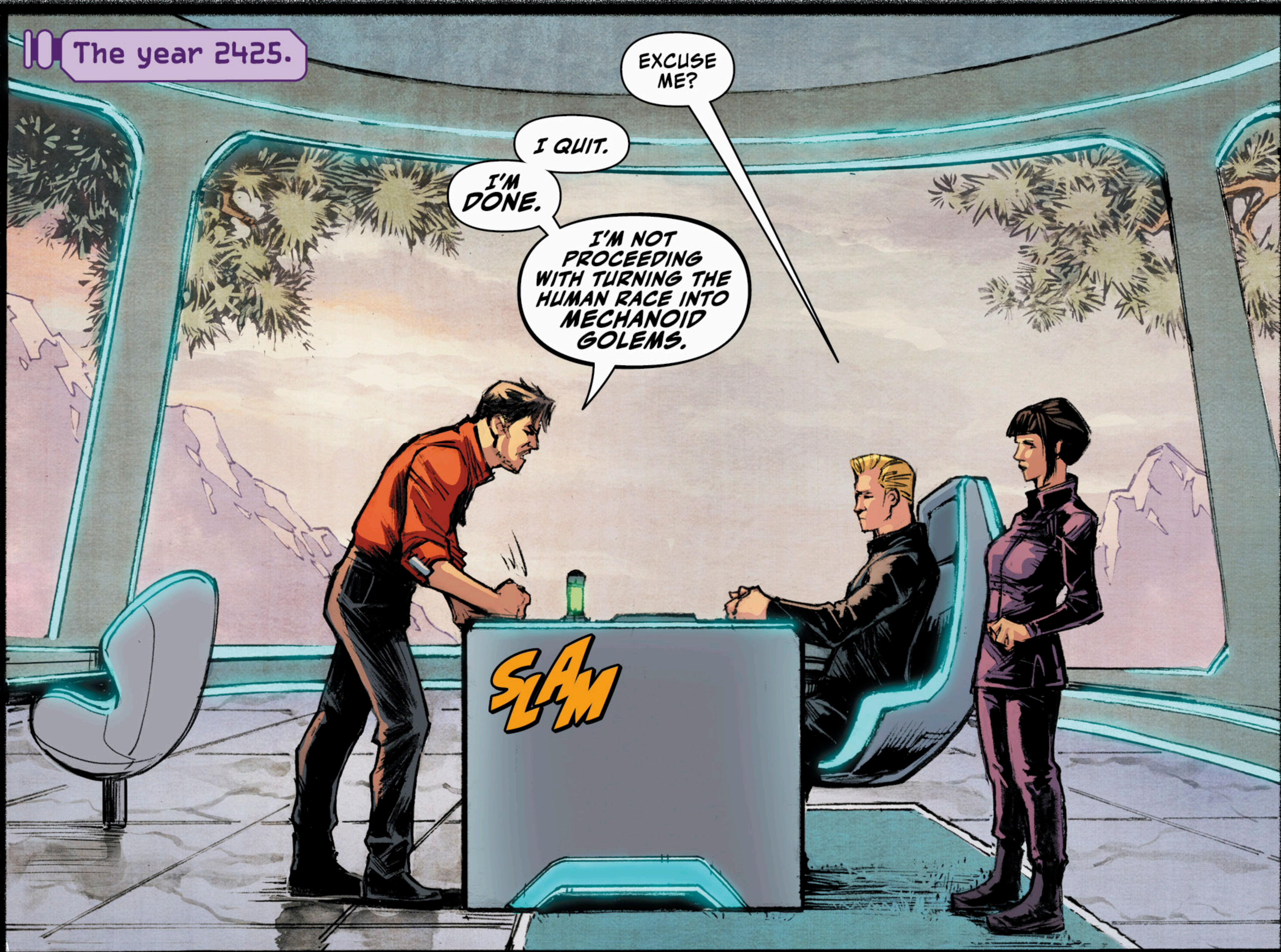


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**I
QUIT!**



11 The year 2425.



EXCUSE ME?

I QUIT.

I'M DONE.

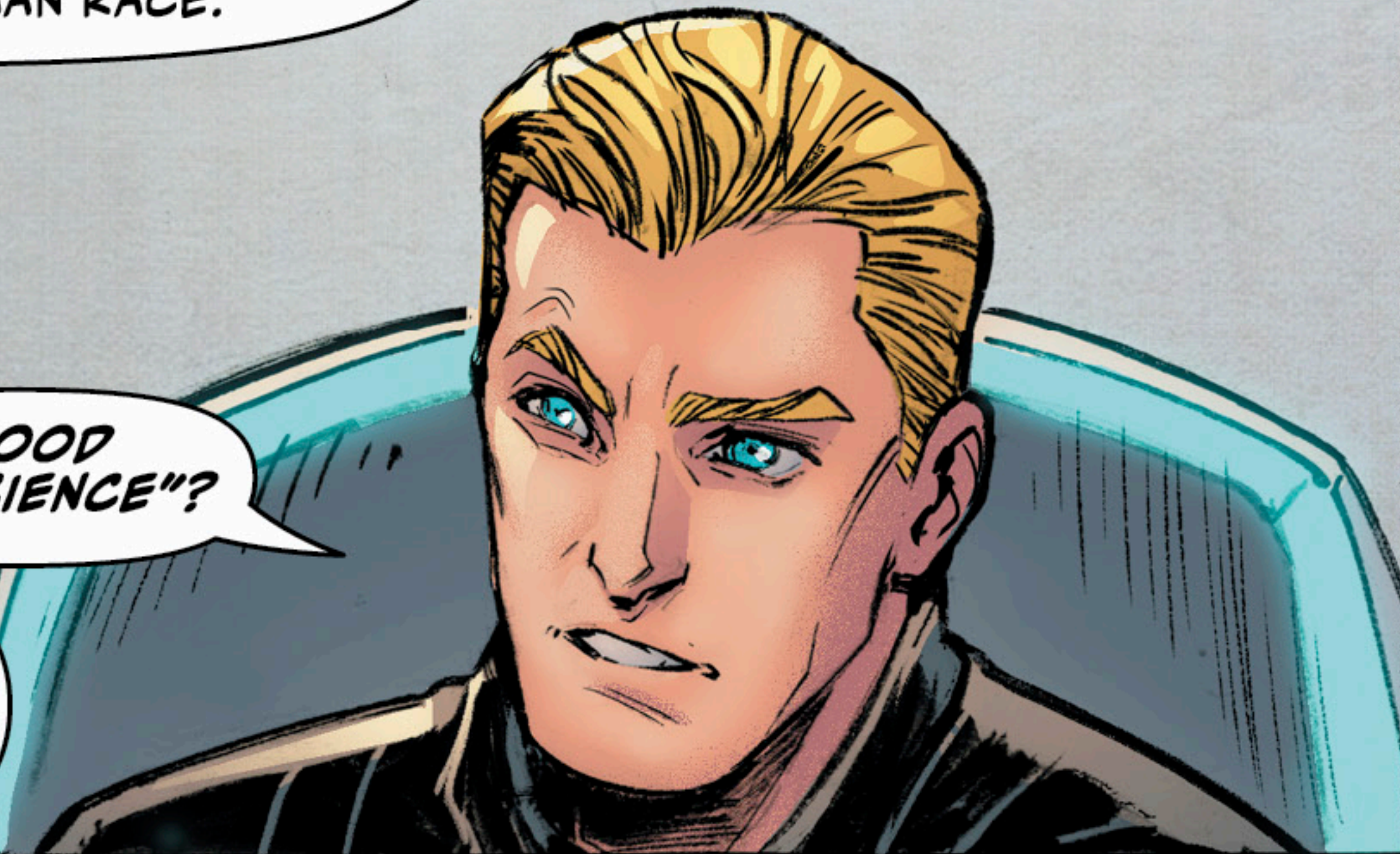
I'M NOT PROCEEDING WITH TURNING THE HUMAN RACE INTO MECHANOID GOLEMS.



THE **BORGANICS** PROGRAM HAS TOO MANY X FACTORS, AND IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, I CAN'T GO FROM CELLULAR REGENERATION TO ENDING THE HUMAN RACE.

"GOOD CONSCIENCE"?

ROLAND, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU WENT INTO THIS BLIND AND HAD NO IDEA THAT YOUR INROADS HAD DESTINATIONS THAT COULD BE **MORALLY** AND **ETHICALLY CHALLENGING**.



I **WAS** BLINDED--YOU'RE RIGHT--BY **EGO**--BY TRYING TO PLAY GOD--BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO **STAY** BLIND.

SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO WALK AWAY FROM SOMETHING YOU SPENT THE LAST **TEN YEARS** OF YOUR LIFE WORKING ON?

ABSOLUTELY.



YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, BROTHER, THE SCIENTIST--AND PERHAPS THE FATHER--IN YOU **WANTS** TO SEE THIS PROGRAM REALIZED.

WHAT I **SHOULD** SEE AND **WANT** TO SEE ARE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS, RAINA.

I CAN'T BE A PART OF **DEHUMANIZING HUMANITY**--I **WON'T**--THAT'S **NOT** THE LEGACY I WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND.



YOU'RE NOT LEAVING
BEHIND ANYTHING--
YOU'RE WORKING
FOR CRONEX.

WE OWN EVERY IOTA OF
YOUR WORK, AND IT'S CRONEX
THAT WILL ALWAYS BE VIEWED AS
THE CREATOR OF BORGANICS,
NOT SOME LAB RAT THAT RUNS
THE WHEEL FOR US.



ARE YOU THAT NAIVE
TO THINK WE HAVEN'T BEEN
RECORDING YOUR EVERY
MINUTE IN THE LAB, AND
EVEN IN--

JACOB--
STOP--
ENOUGH.



ROLAND, WE HAVE
COMPLETE FAITH
IN YOUR ABILITIES
TO--

SHUNN!

DO YOU HONESTLY
THINK I WOULDN'T DO EVERYTHING
IN MY POWER TO KEEP YOU IN THAT
LAB AND FOCUSED ON YOUR APPOINTED
MISSION NO MATTER WHAT, WITH
STAKES AS HIGH AS THESE?



I DON'T THINK
YOU'RE HEARING
ME, JACOB.

EVEN IF THE
STABILIZER FORMULA
THAT RAINA STOLE FROM
FUTUREVISTA IS ABLE TO
BLOCK THE NANOBORGS
FROM OVERTAKING ALL
ORGANIC MATERIAL...

...I'M NOT
ABOUT TO TRY
AND FIND OUT.

YOU MAY NOT WANT THE BORGANICS PROGRAM TO COME TO FRUITION, ROLAND, BUT I NEED IT TO.

ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE CORPORATION, *hmm?*

THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT CRONEX, ROLAND...

...THIS ISN'T ONLY BUSINESS-- THIS IS PERSONAL.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RAINA?

JACOB HAS A RARE FORM OF DEGENERATIVE BRAIN CANCER THAT--

THIS IS MY LIFELINE AND I DON'T INTEND TO WATCH ANYONE CUT IT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN MISGUIDED MISGIVINGS.

IS THAT A THREAT?

AND IF IT IS--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

PLEASE, THIS IS THE MAN I LOVE, ROLAND...

...I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU JEOPARDIZE OUR LIFE TOGETHER-- EVERYTHING WE HELPED BUILD TOGETHER--

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR CONDITION, JACOB. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP BORGANICS MOVING FORWARD, GO RIGHT AHEAD, BUT DO IT WITHOUT ME.

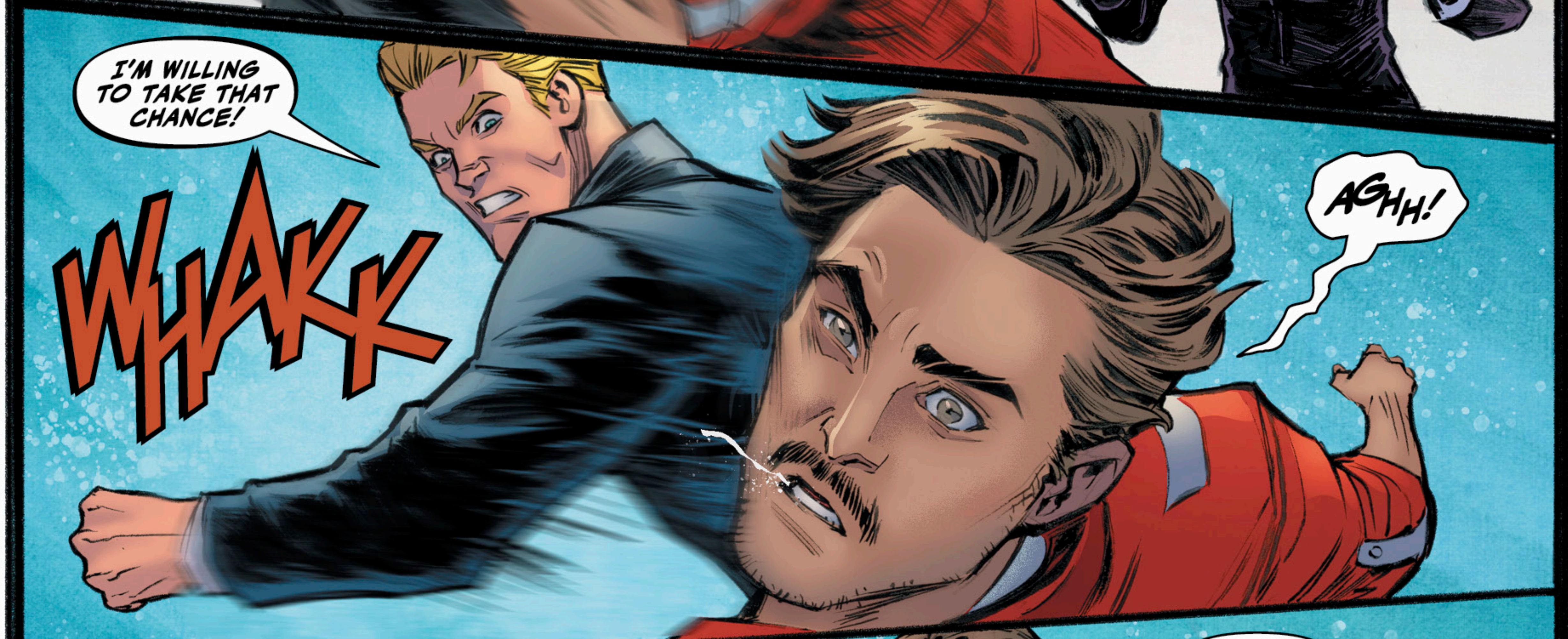
AND LOSE YEARS TRYING TO GET BACK UP TO SPEED? I DON'T THINK SO--

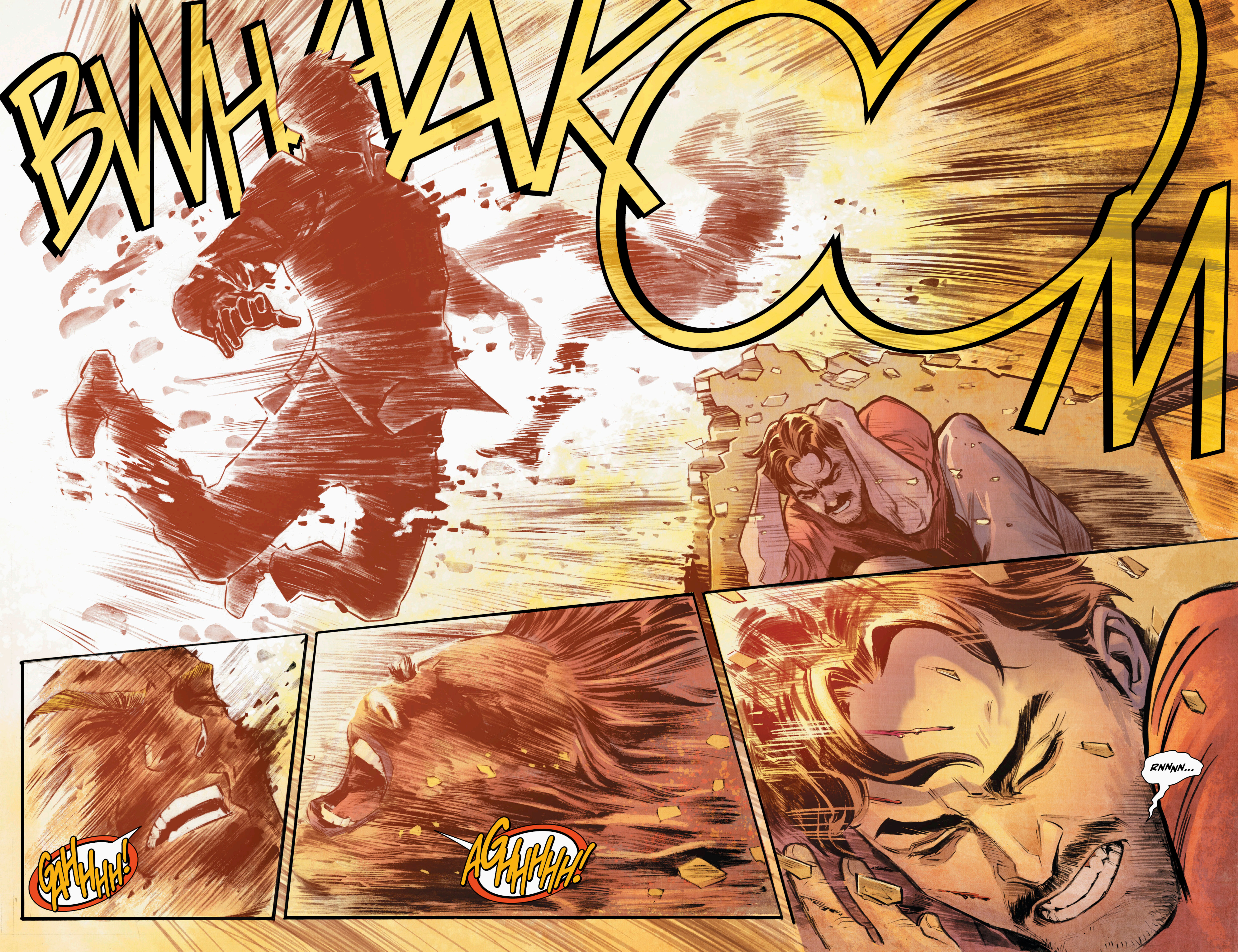
--NOT WHEN THE STAKES ARE MY LIFE!

JACOB!

IGNFF!!

SLAMMM





BWAAAK!!!

GHHHHH!

AGHHHHH!

RNNNN...