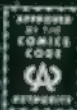


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TEN YEARS FROM NOW
THE WORLD WILL SURVIVE.
THESE HEROES WON'T.

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EVEN AS I THINK
IT, I SENSE I'M
WRONG.



I DON'T
HAVE TIME.



TIME HAS ME.



DON'T
WORRY,
SON.

THOUGHTS.

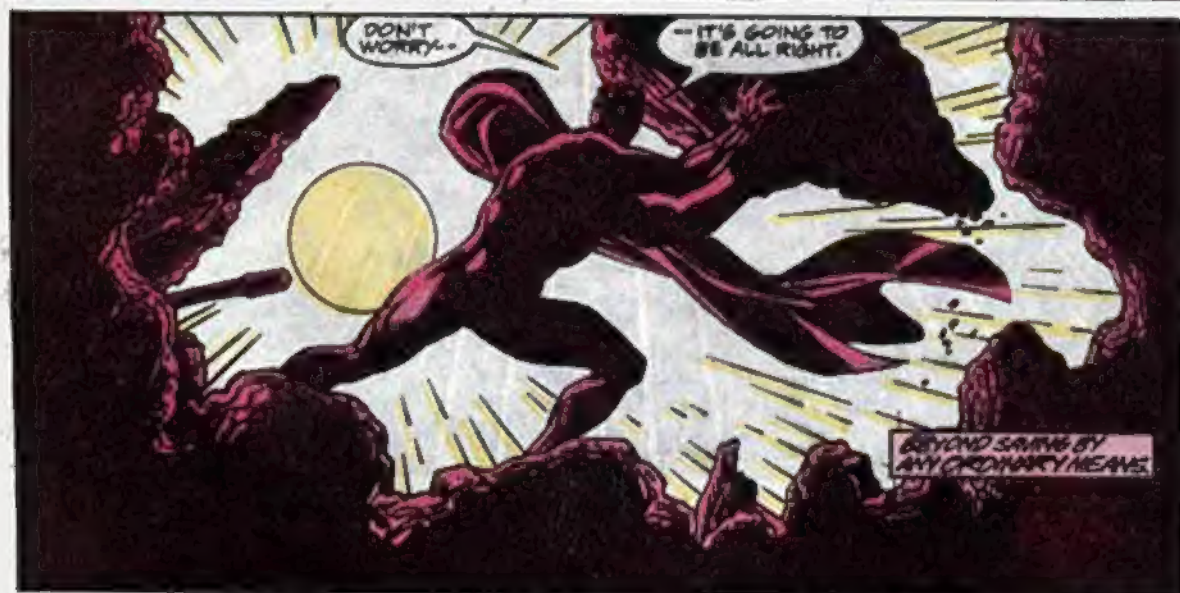


I'M A LITTLE
BOY AGAIN...
...TRAPPED IN
DARKNESS,
BURIED
BEYOND
SAVING.



THEN SUDDENLY...

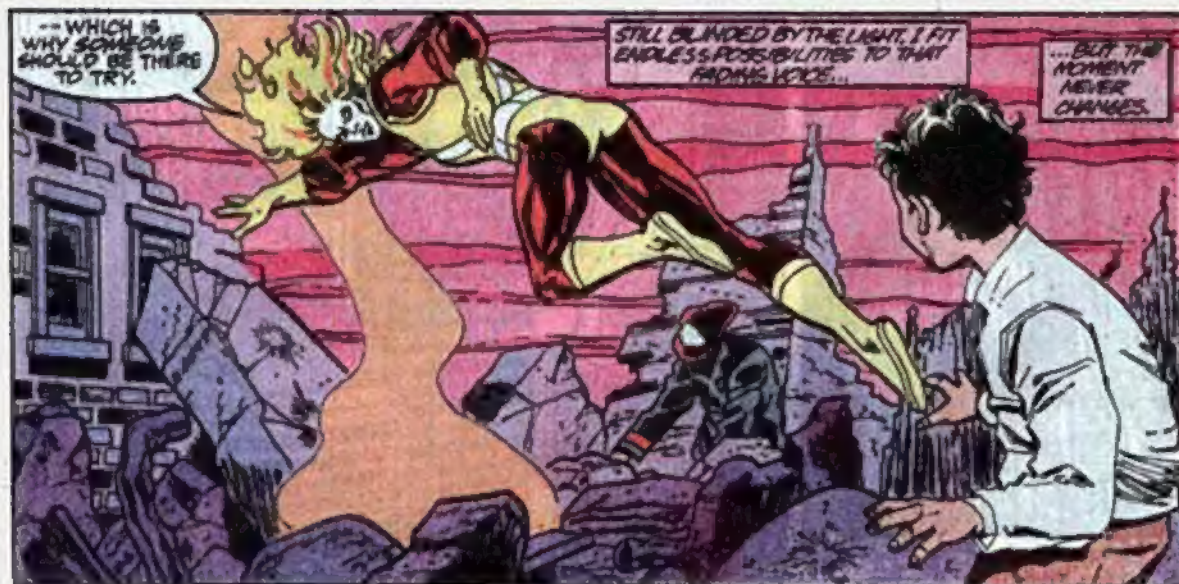
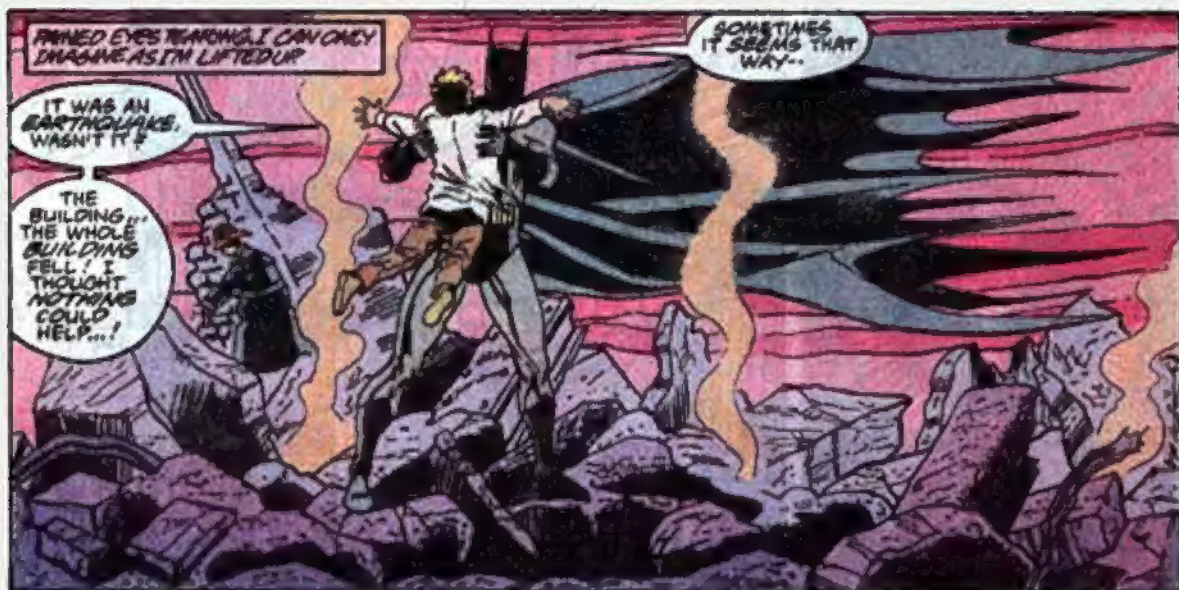
...BLINDED
BY LIGHT.



DON'T
WORRY.

-- IT'S GOING TO
BE ALL RIGHT.

BEYOND SAVING BY
ANY ORDINARY MEANS.





NOT
EVEN
HERE.

TRAPPED.

WITH
TIME.
TIME
AND...

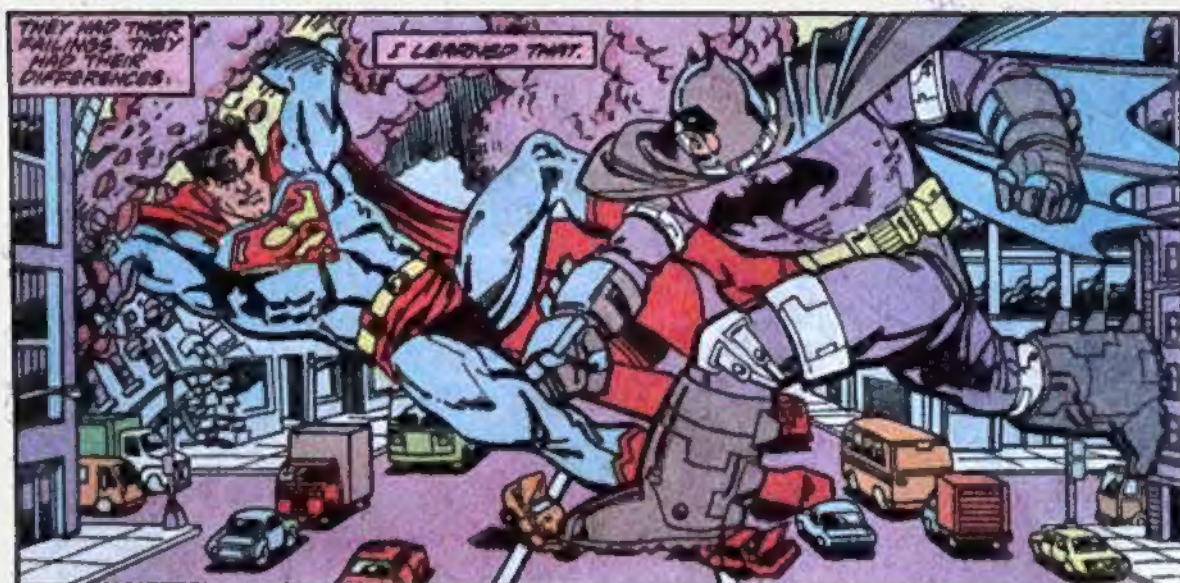


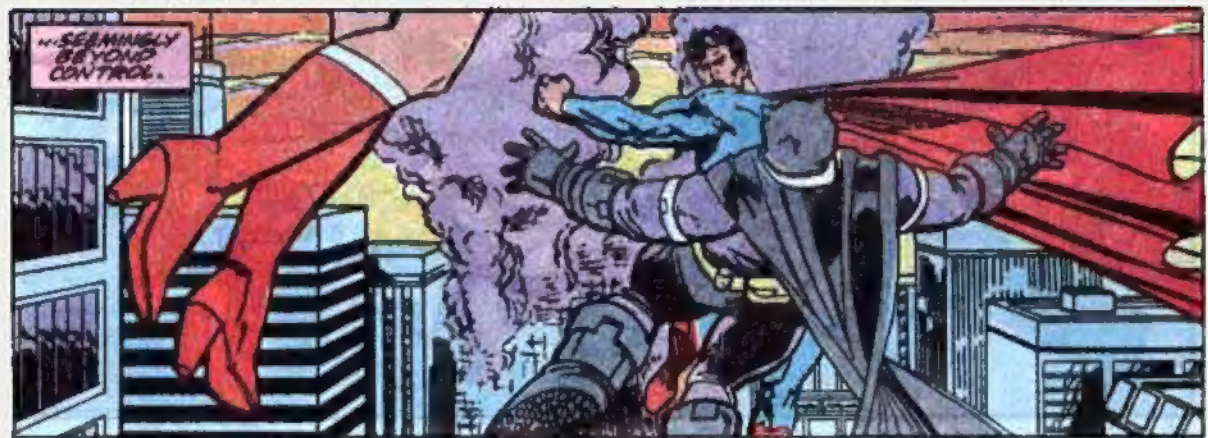
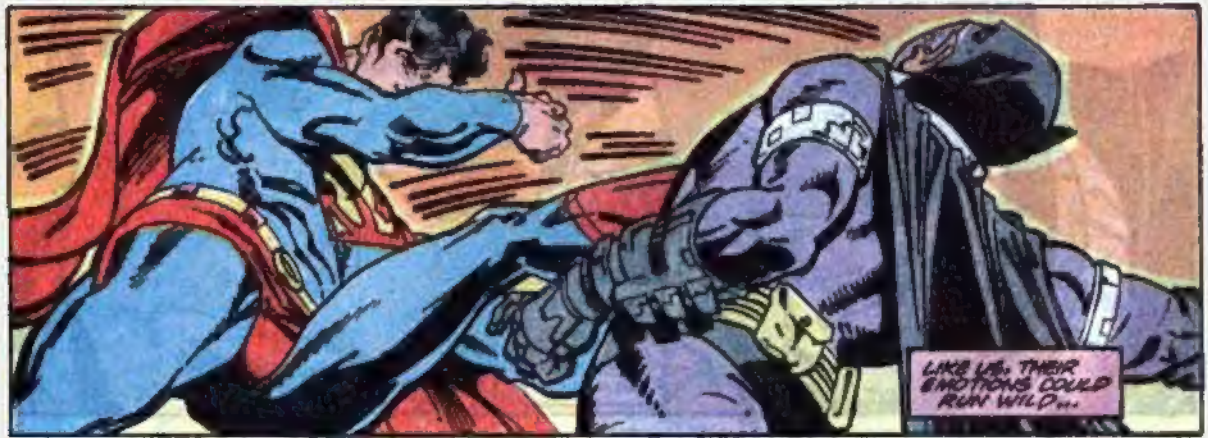
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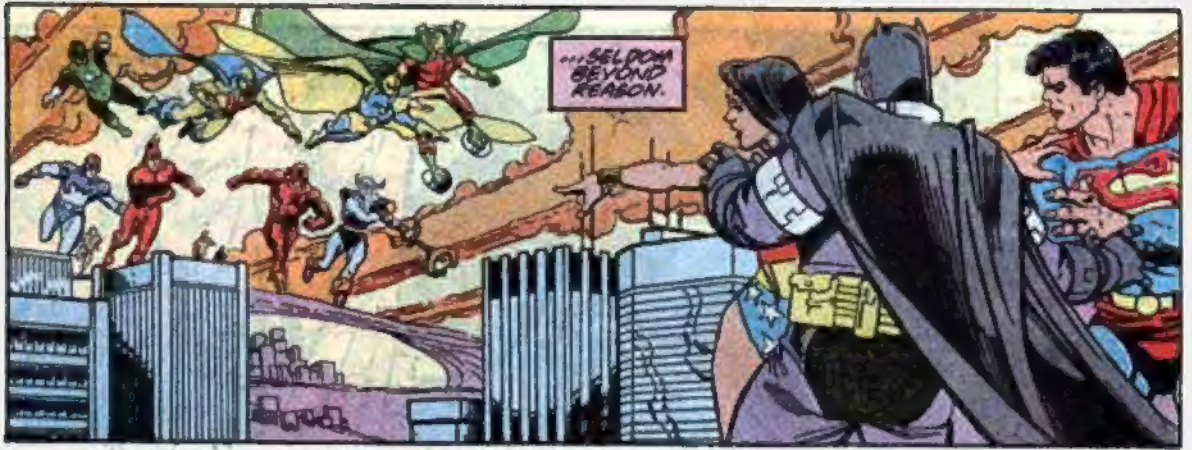
IN MY MIND,
THEY ARE GIANTS.

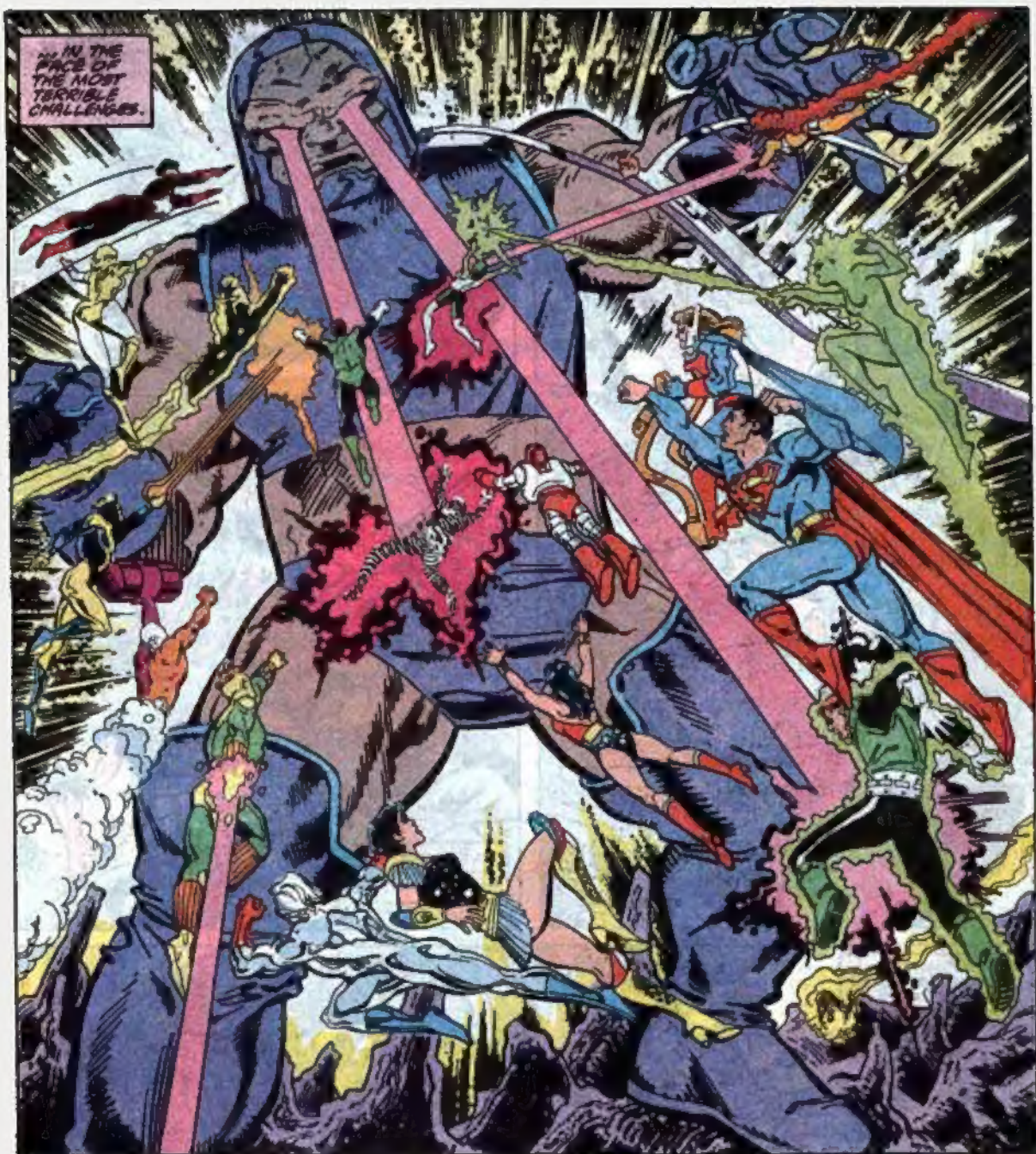
AND WHOEVER
SAVED ME THAT
DAY...

... WAS
ONE OF
THEM.











... BUT THAT IS THE
TRUE NAME FOR THEM.

WHATEVER THEIR
OWN FEARS OR
INNER FURIES...



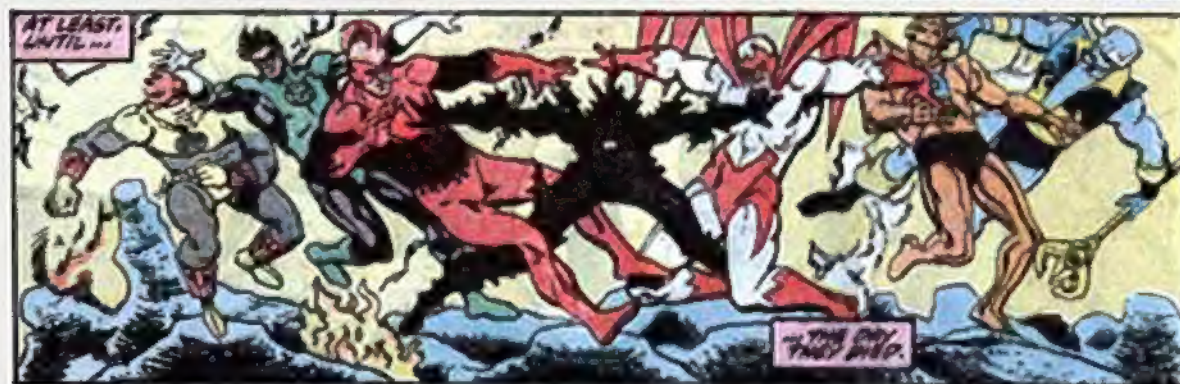
... THEY ROSE
TO THE TEST.

THEY DID
WHAT HAD
TO BE DONE.



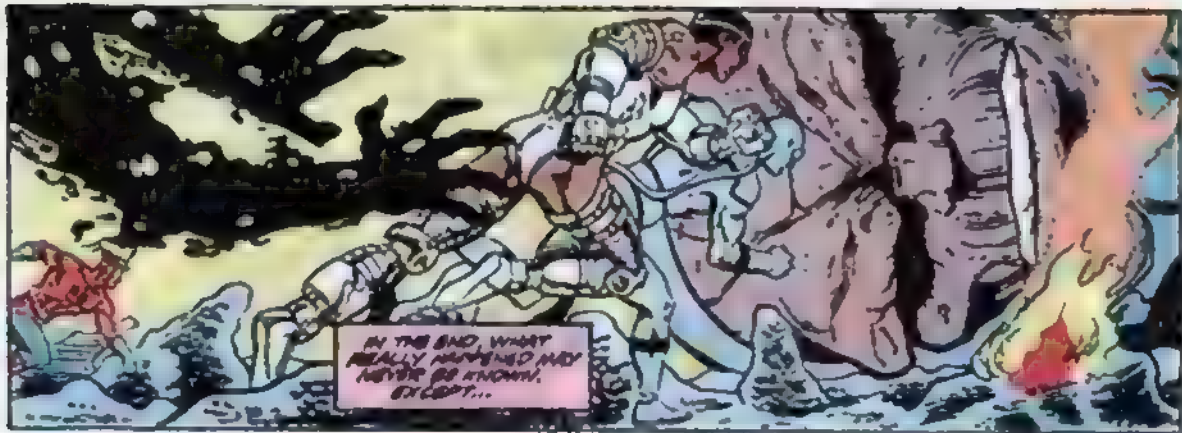
AND ULTIMATELY,
DISRUPTING OBSTACLES
AND SETBACKS...

... THEY DID
IT IN TRIUMPH.

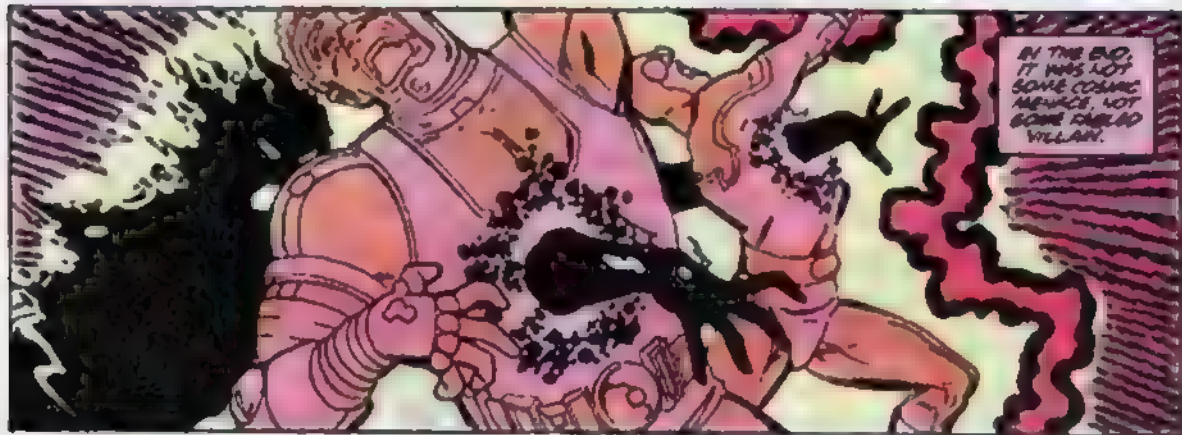


AT LEAST,
UNTIL...

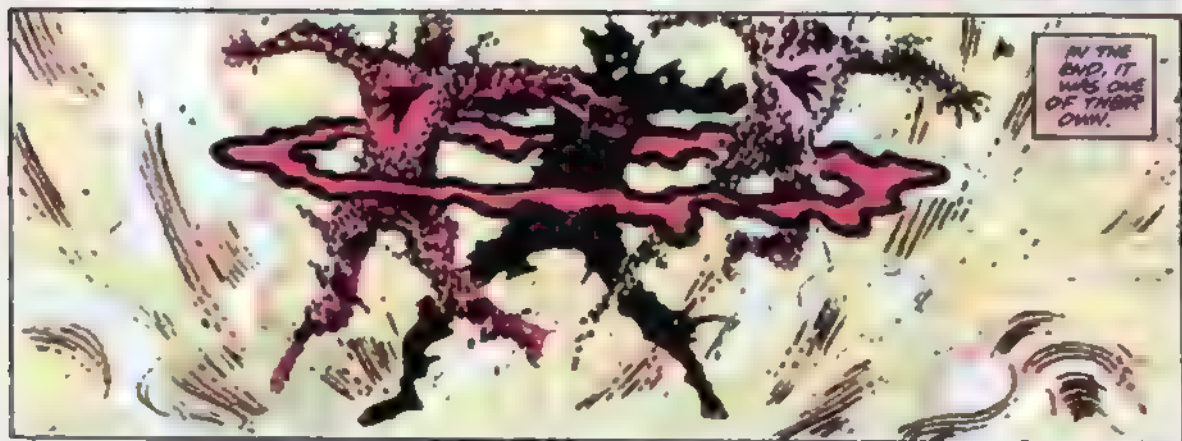
THEY DID.



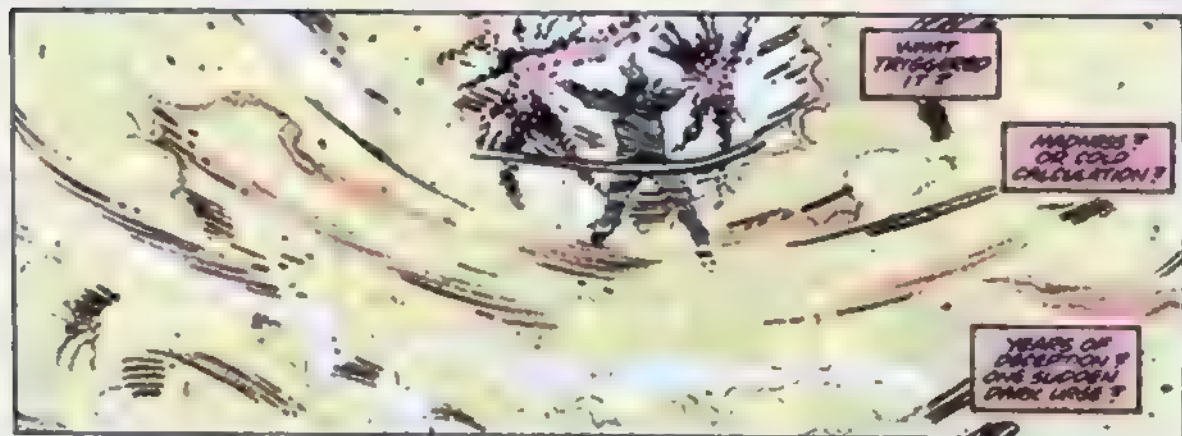
IN THE END, WHAT
REALLY HAPPENED MAY
NEVER BE KNOWN,
EXCEPT...



IN THE END,
IT WAS NOT
SOME COSMIC
MENACE, NOT
SOME FABLED
VILLAIN.



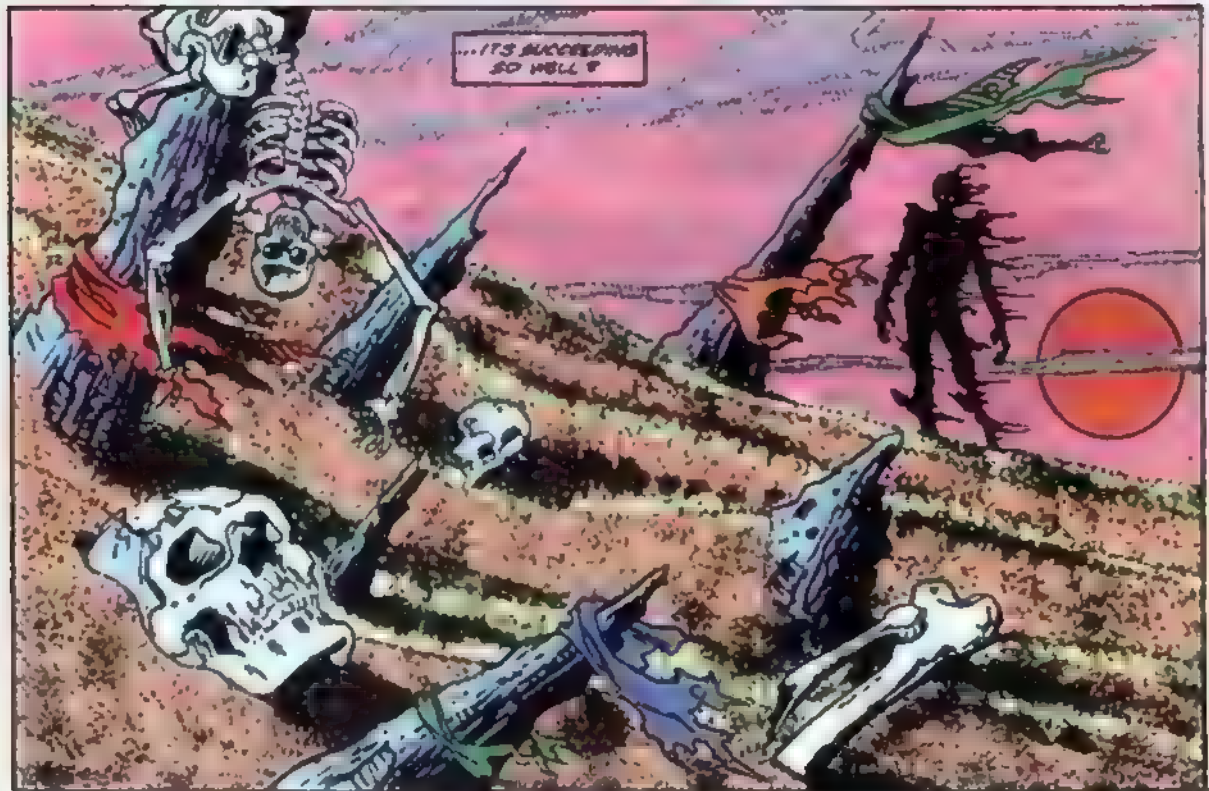
IN THE
END, IT
WAS ONE
OF THEIR
OWN.

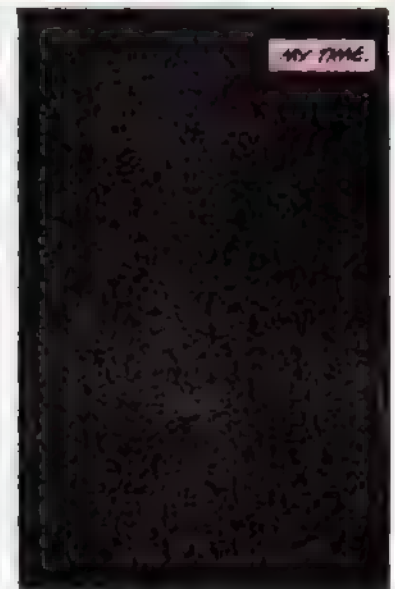
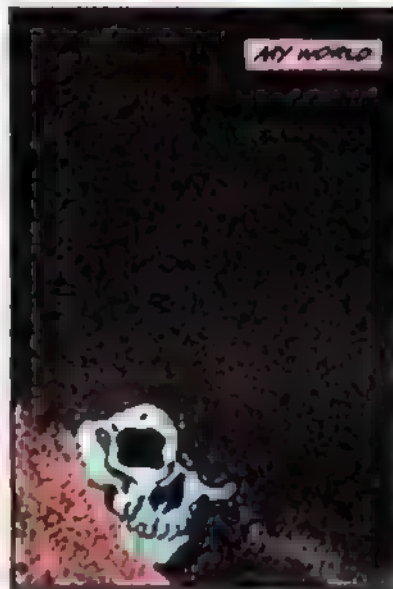
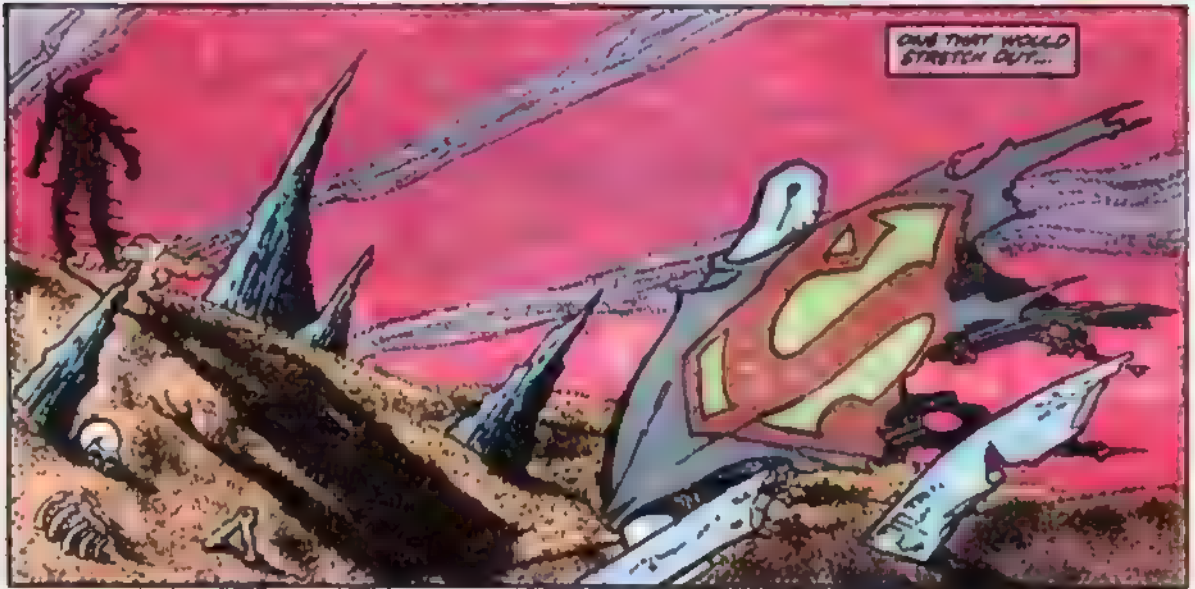


WHAT
TRIGGERED
IT?

MADNESS?
OR COLD
CALCULATION?

YEARS OF
DECEPTION?
ONE SUDDEN
DARK TURN?





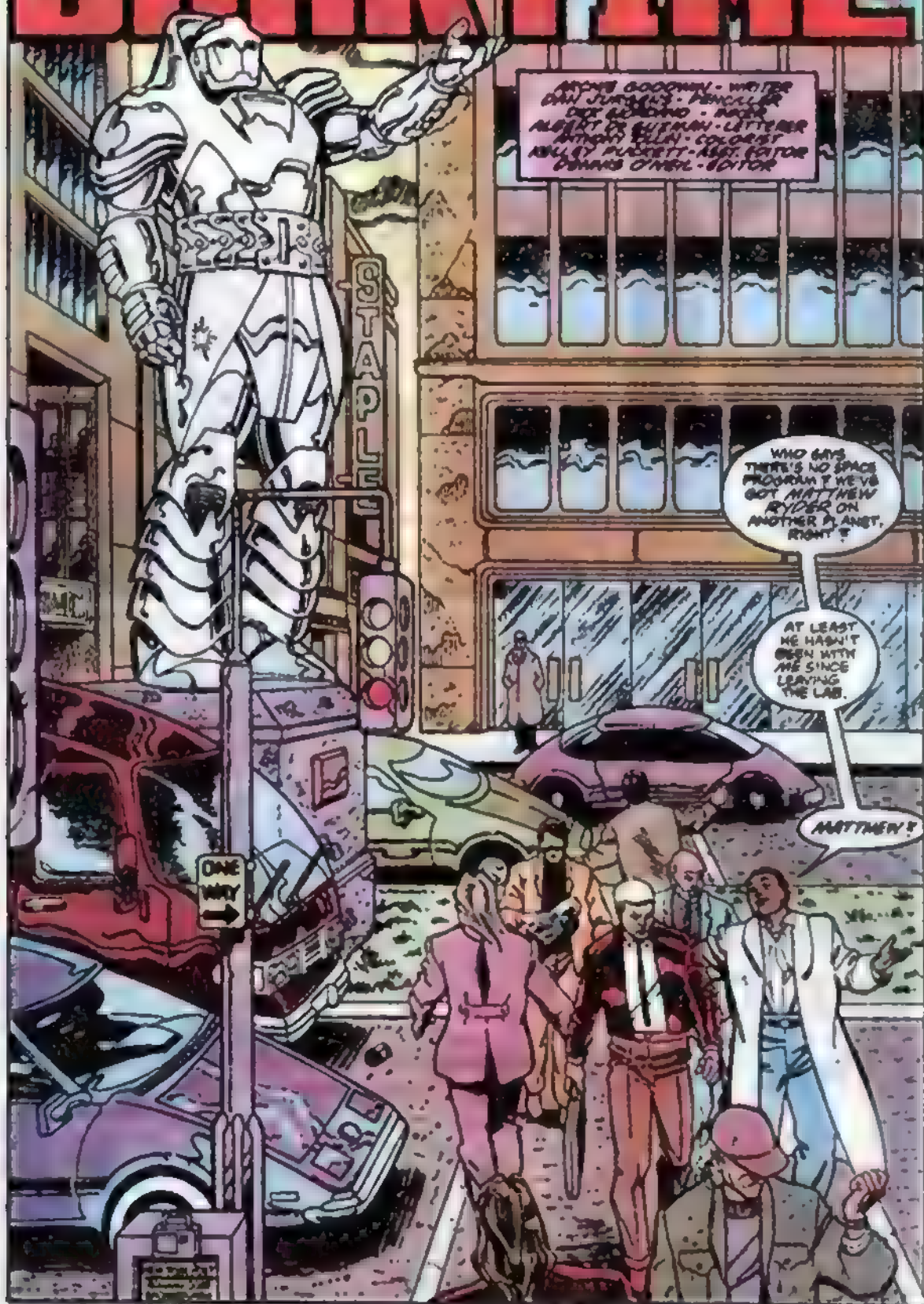
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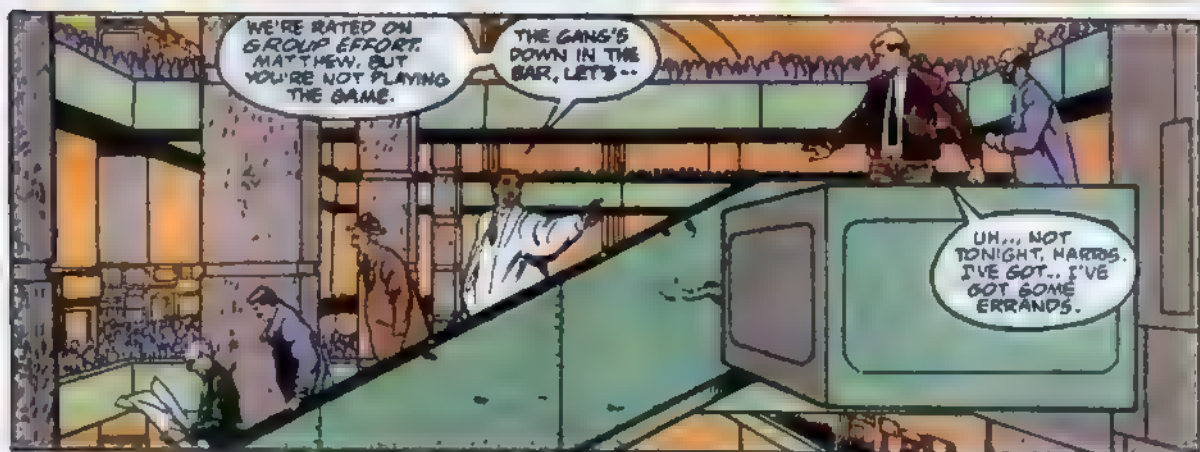
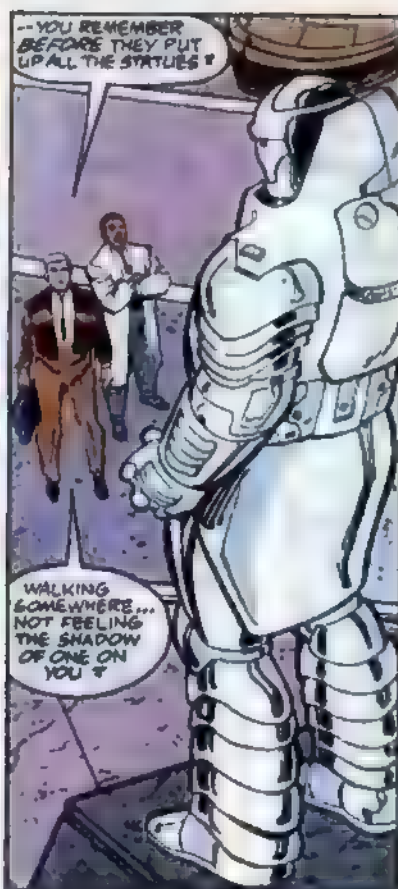
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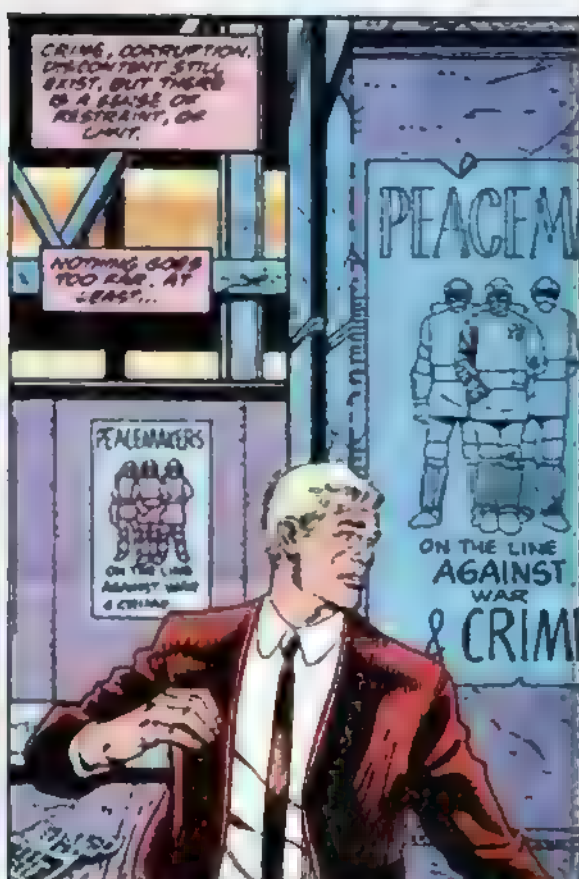
WHO SAYS
THERE'S NO SPACE
PROGRAM? WE'VE
GOT MATTHEW
RYDER ON
ANOTHER PLANET,
RIGHT?

AT LEAST
HE HASN'T
BEEN WITH
ME SINCE
LEAVING
THE LAB.

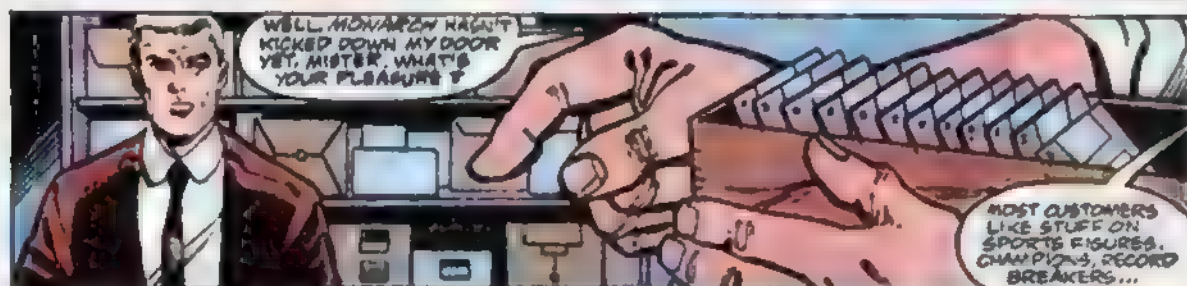
MATTHEW?



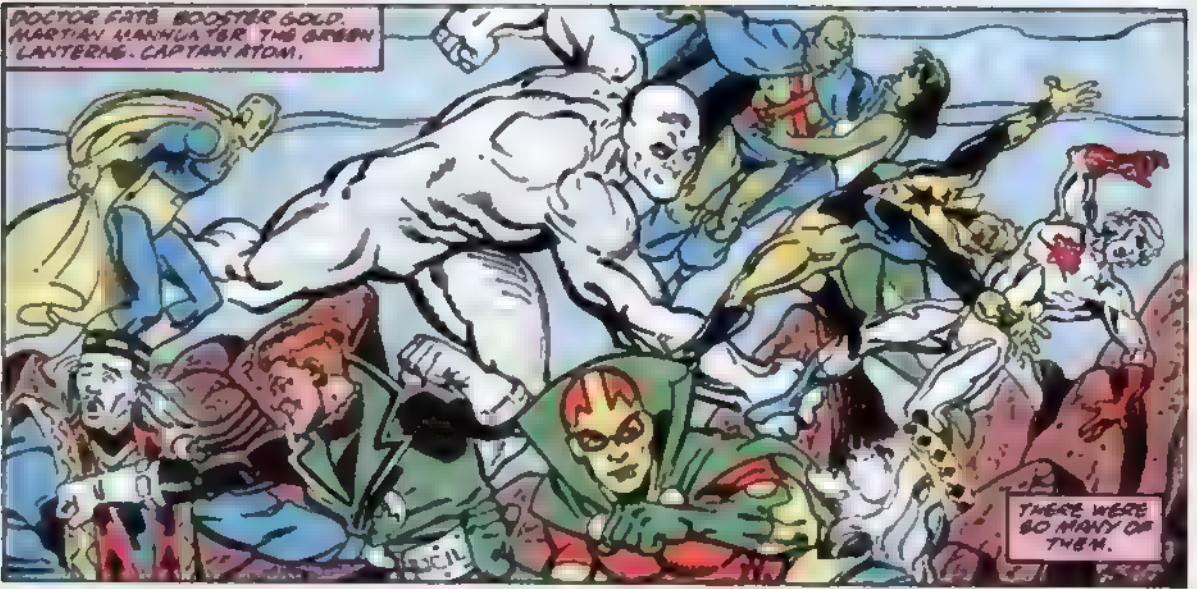






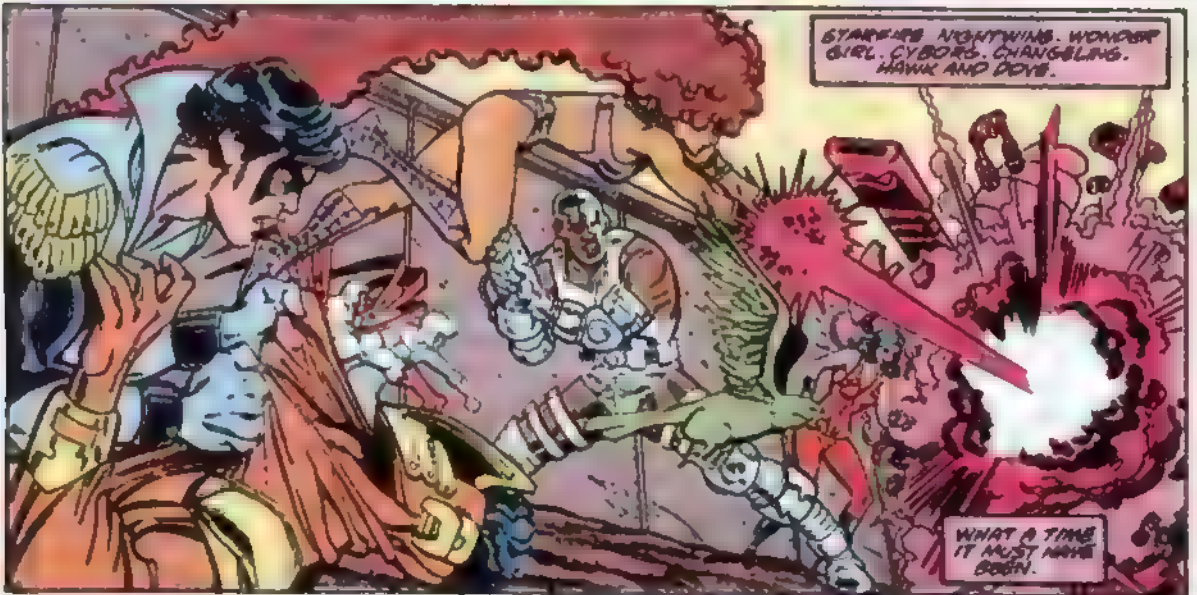


DOCTOR FATS. BOOSTER GOLD.
MARTIAN MANHUNTER. THE GREEN
LANTERN. CAPTAIN ATOM.



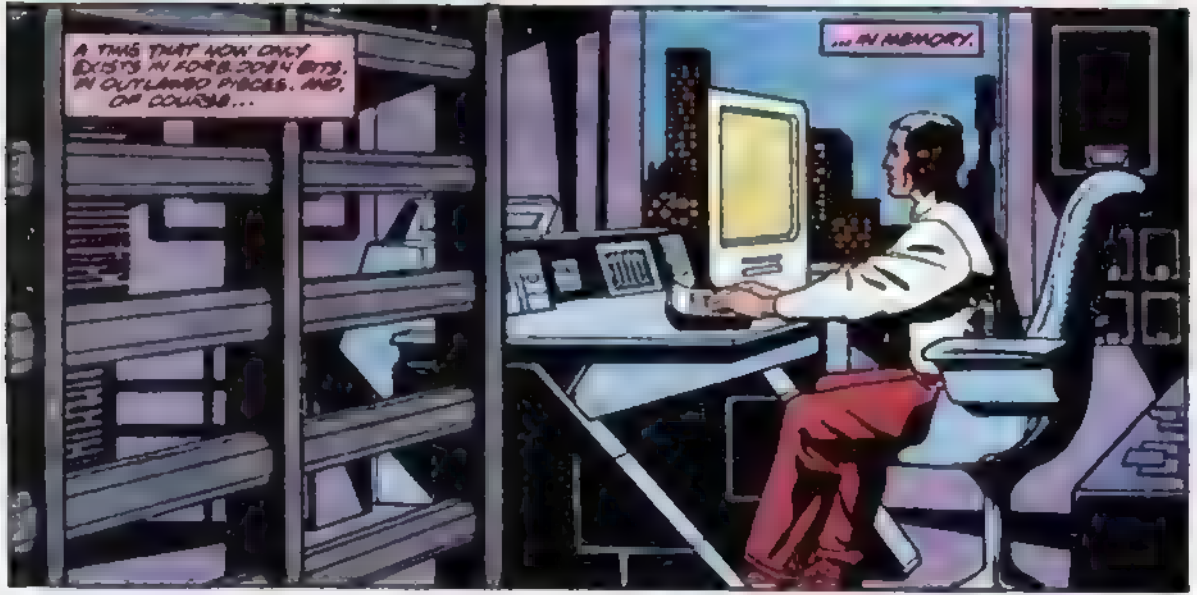
THERE WERE
SO MANY OF
THEM.

STARFISH. NIGHTWING. WONDER
GIRL. CYBORG. CHANGELING.
HAWK AND DOVE.

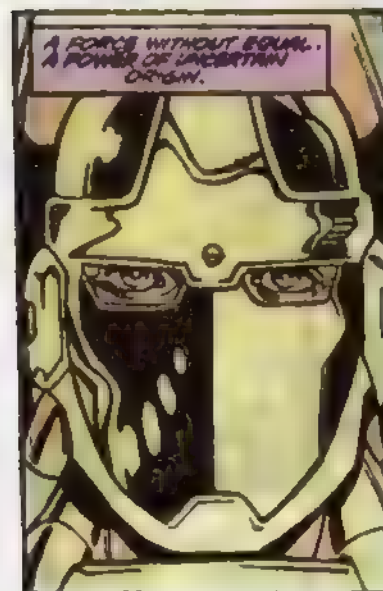
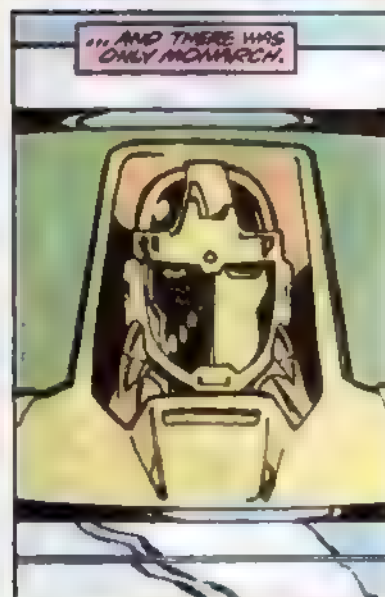


WHAT A TIME
IT MUST HAVE
GIVEN.

A THING THAT NOW ONLY
EXISTS IN FORBIDDEN BITS,
IN OUTLANDS PIECES. AND,
OF COURSE...



...IN MEMORY.







FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, MATTHEW, WE'RE WEIGHING THE BEST POSSIBLE CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR ALEX...



...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.



YEAH 'NO OFFENSE, DAD, BUT YOU SOUND MORE MAD SCIENTIST THAN GOVERNMENT VARIETY.

I JUST WANT TO RIDE THE SECOND-COMING GRAVITY TRAIN LIKE MOM...



...NOT HAVE ALEXANDER AND HIS PLAYMATES BUSTING MY HEAD FOR UNDER-WEIRDNESS.

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT ARGUMENTS, LITTLE BROTHER...



...COMING DOWN HARD ON SLIPPERY ANT-SOCIAL TENDENCIES BEFORE THEY BURST INTO SOMETHING MAJOR IS ONE OF OUR MOST EFFECTIVE POLICIES.

KAREN, HONEY...

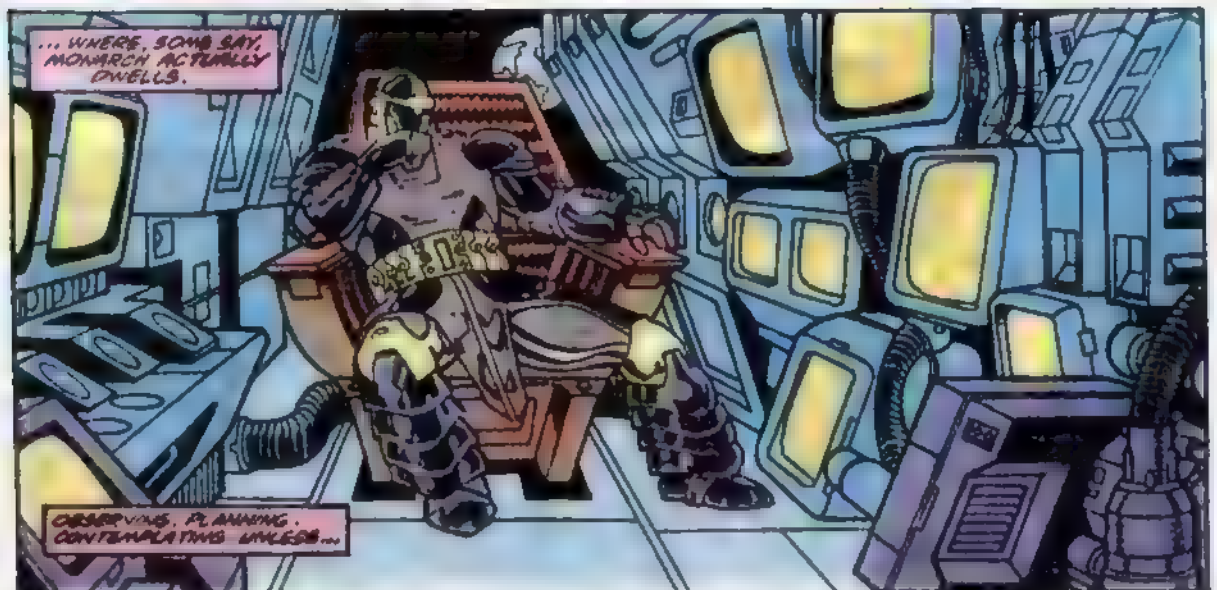
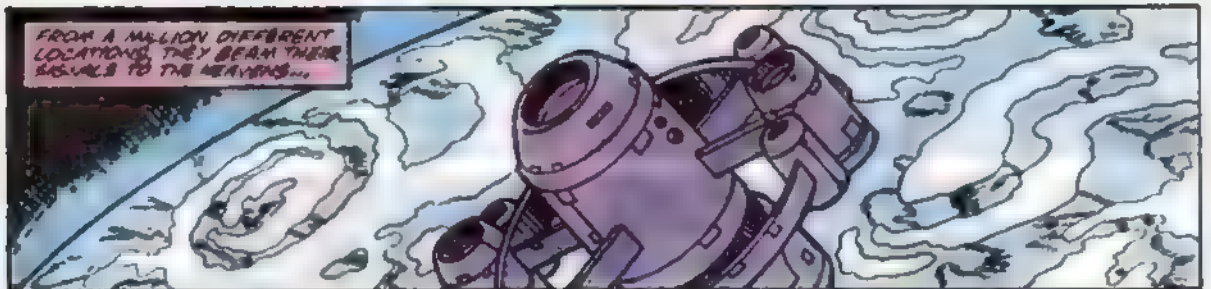
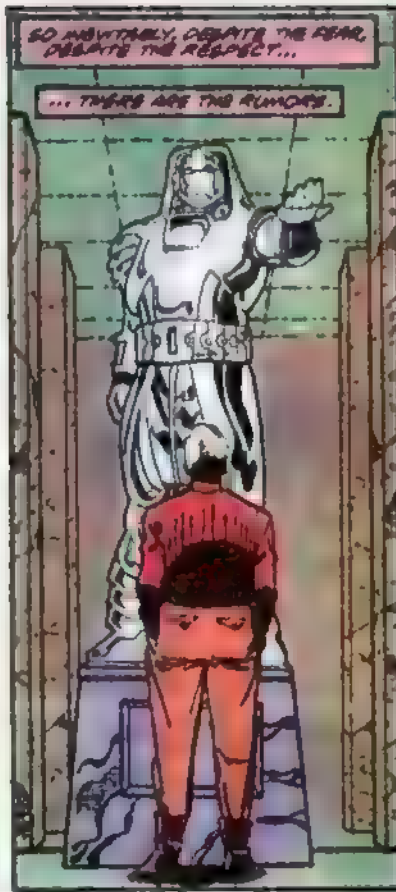
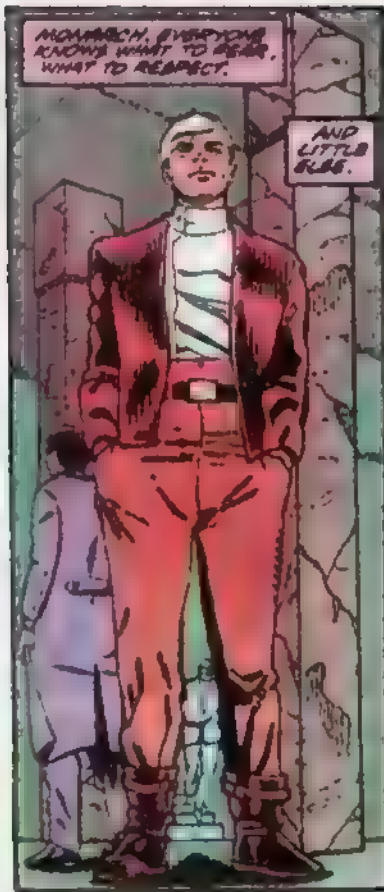
...WHAT IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE?

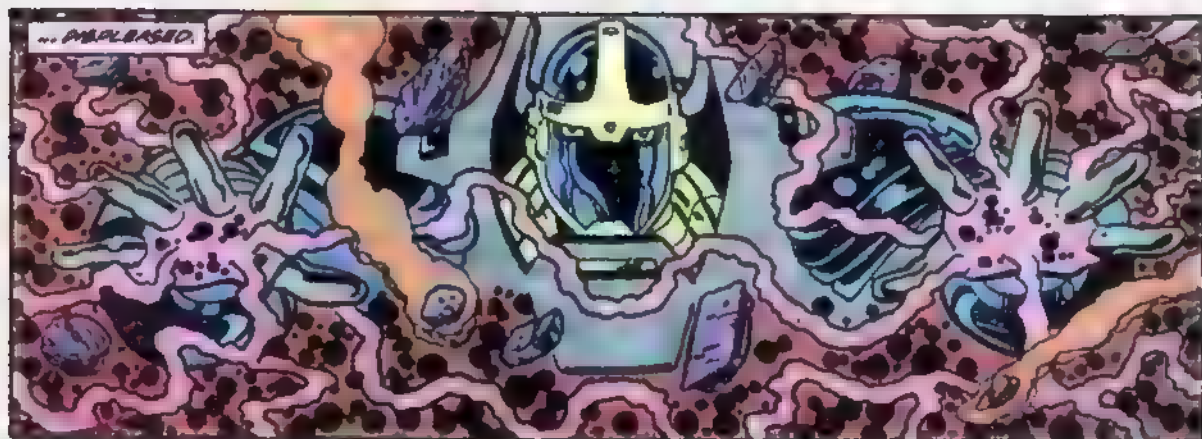


THEN I GUESS IT PROVIDES SOME OF THE STUPID RISK YOU WERE ASKING FOR, DAD.

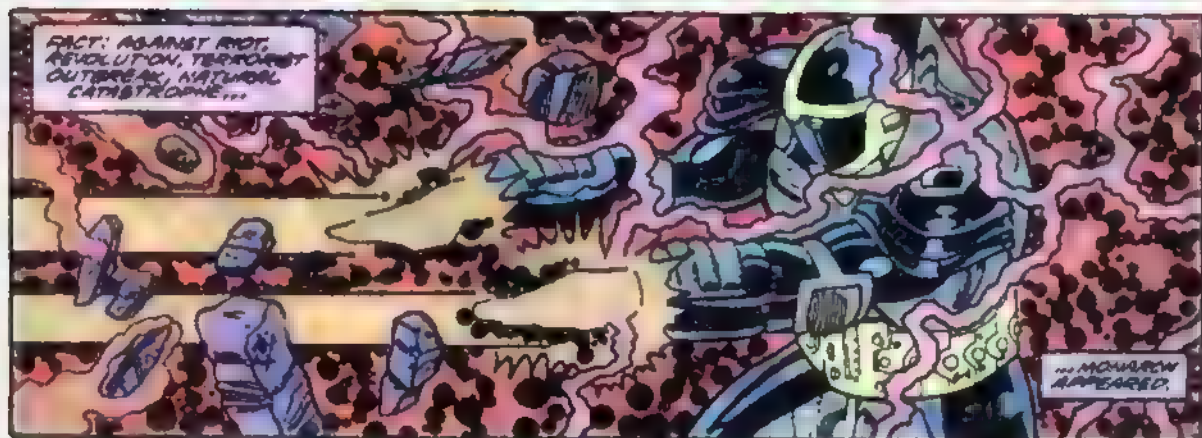
AND DON'T CALL ME "HONEY"...





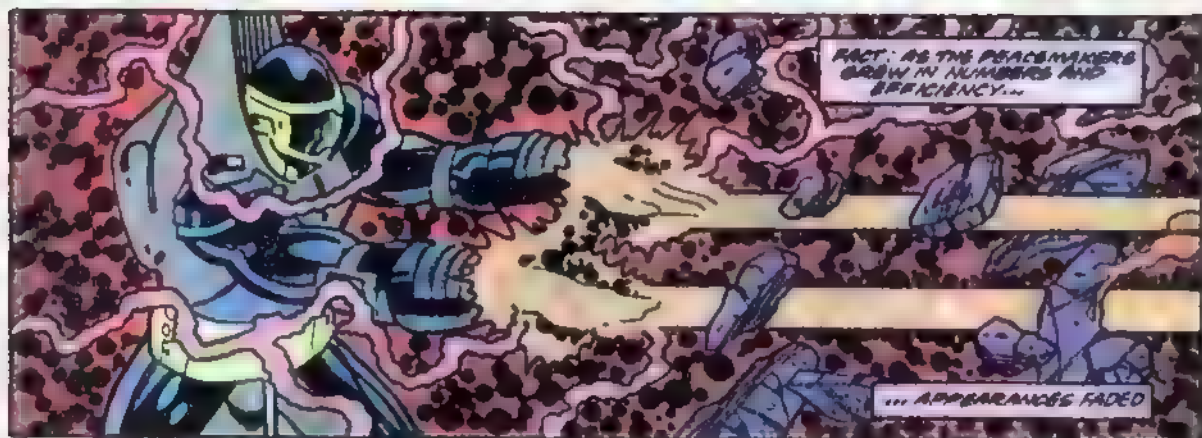


... DISPLEASED.



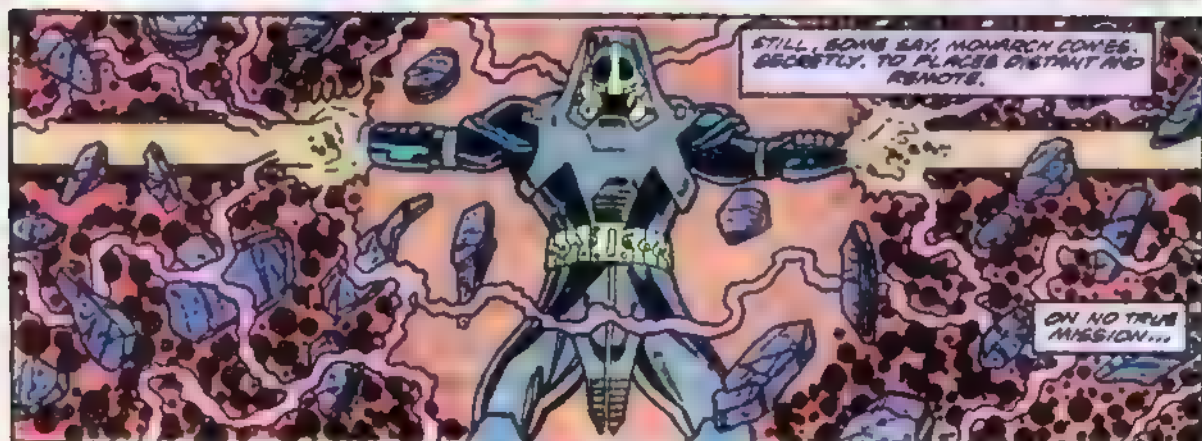
FACT: AGAINST RIOT,
REVOLUTION, TERRORIST
OUTBREAK, NATURAL
CATASTROPHE...

... MONARCH
APPEARED.



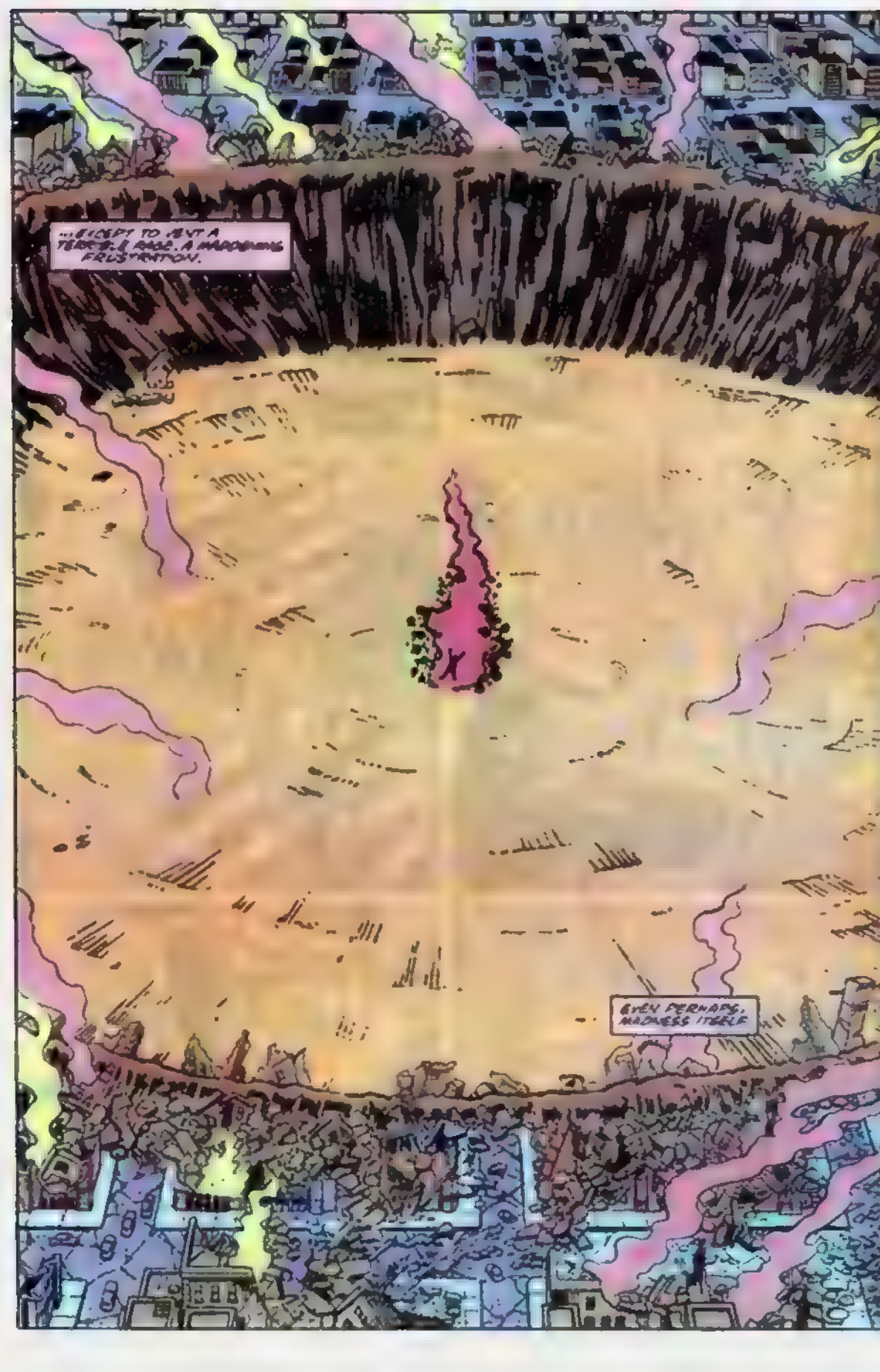
FACT: AS THE PEACEMAKERS
GROW IN NUMBERS AND
EFFICIENCY...

... APPEARANCES FADED



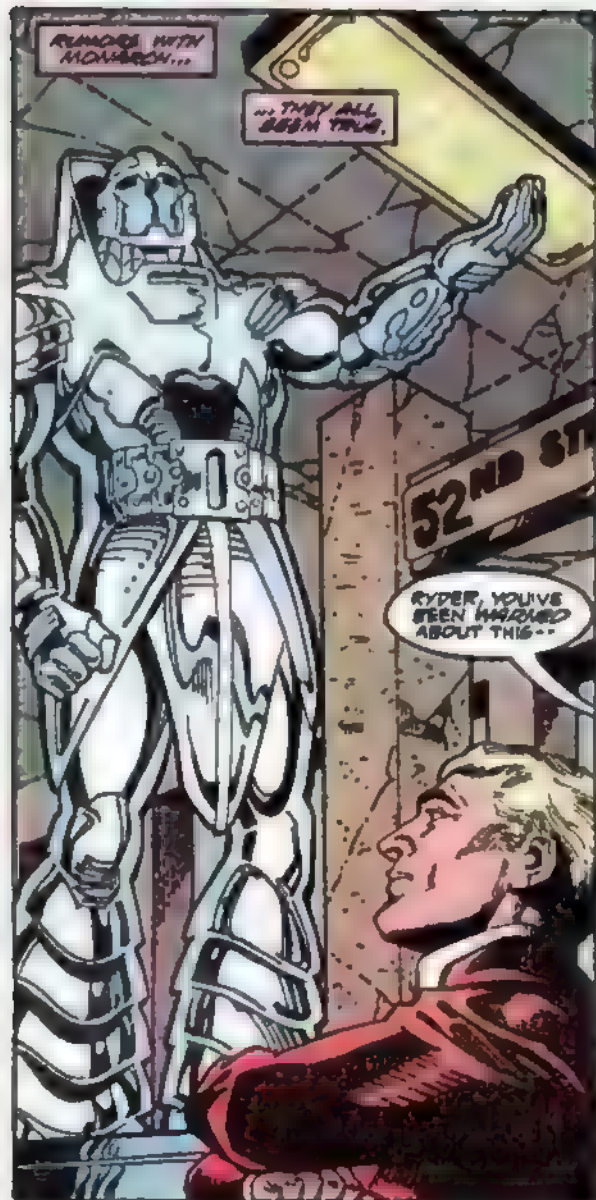
STILL, SOME SAY, MONARCH COMES,
SECRETLY, TO PLACES DISTANT AND
REMOTE.

ON NO TRUE
MISSION...



...EXCEPT TO FEEL A
TENSE & RAGE, A HARDENING
FRUSTRATION.

EVEN PERHAPS,
MADNESS ITSELF



REMADES WITH
MIDWINTER...

... THEY ALL
SEEM TRUE.

RYDER, YOU'VE
SEEN HARROD
ABOUT THIS--



HARRIS:
WHAT--?

-- LAPSING INTO DEEP
THOUGHT IN PUBLIC
PLACES.

BESIDES BEING HARD TO
TALK TO... YOU'RE A MENACE
TO COMPUTER NAVIGATION.



COME
ON. HEARD
SOMETHING
WILD LAST
NIGHT.

THE LATEST FROM THE RUMOR
MILL OUGHT TO WAKE YOU UP.



BIG PRESSURE UP IN
QUANTUM PHYSICS
DIVISION. ALL STOPS
OUT FOR A
BREAKTHROUGH.
WORD IS--

-- TIME
TRAVEL,
MATTHEW.

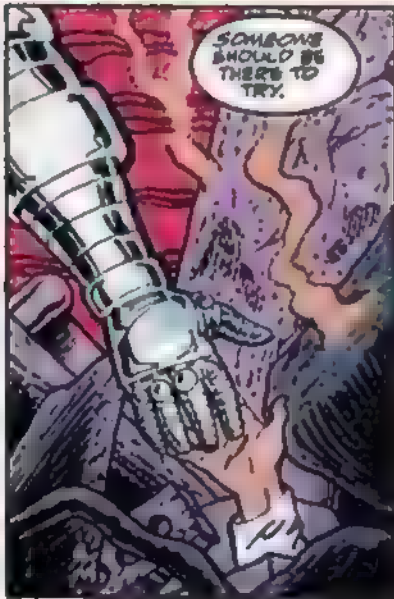
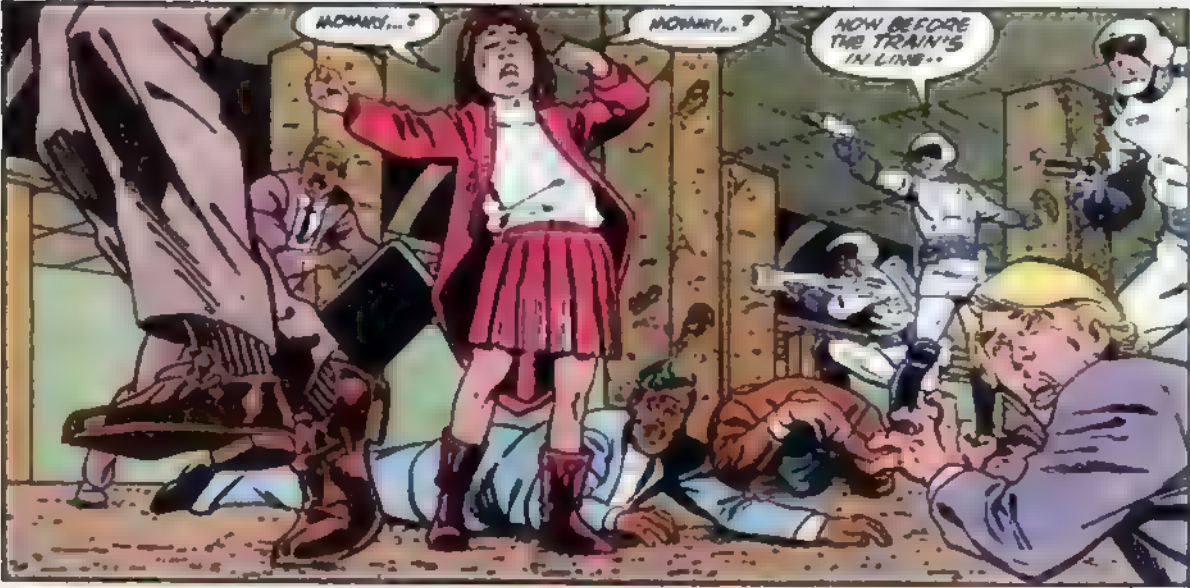
PRESSURE?
FOR SOMETHING
THEORETICAL?

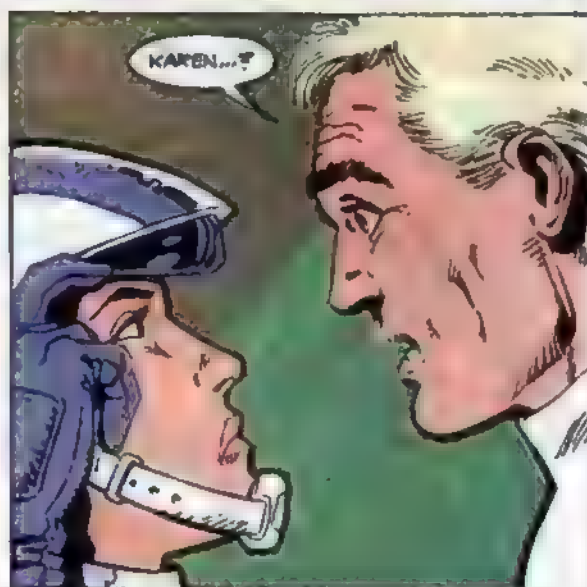
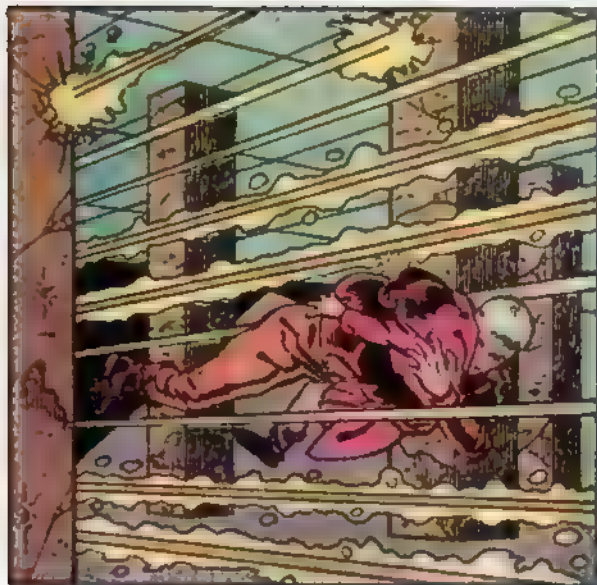


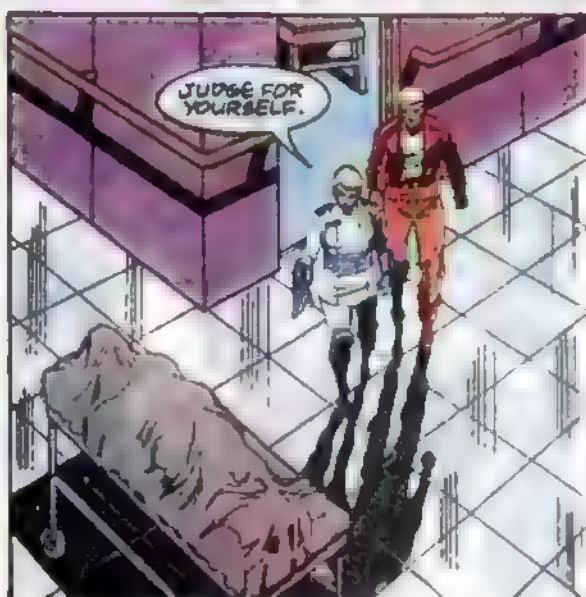
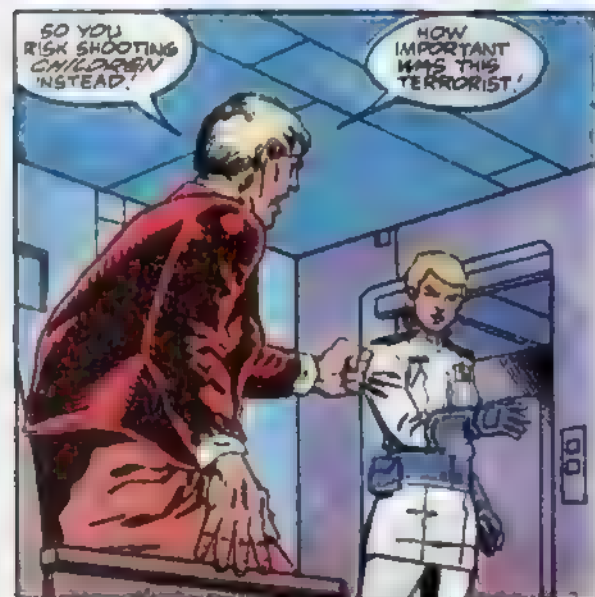
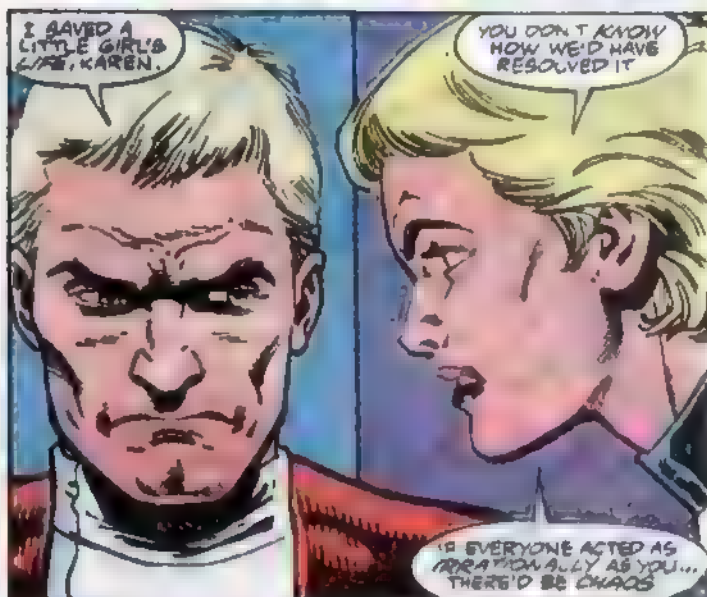
MAYBE NOT FOR LONG.
MY SOURCE SAYS THIS
PRESSURE--

-- COMES
FROM ON
HIGH.

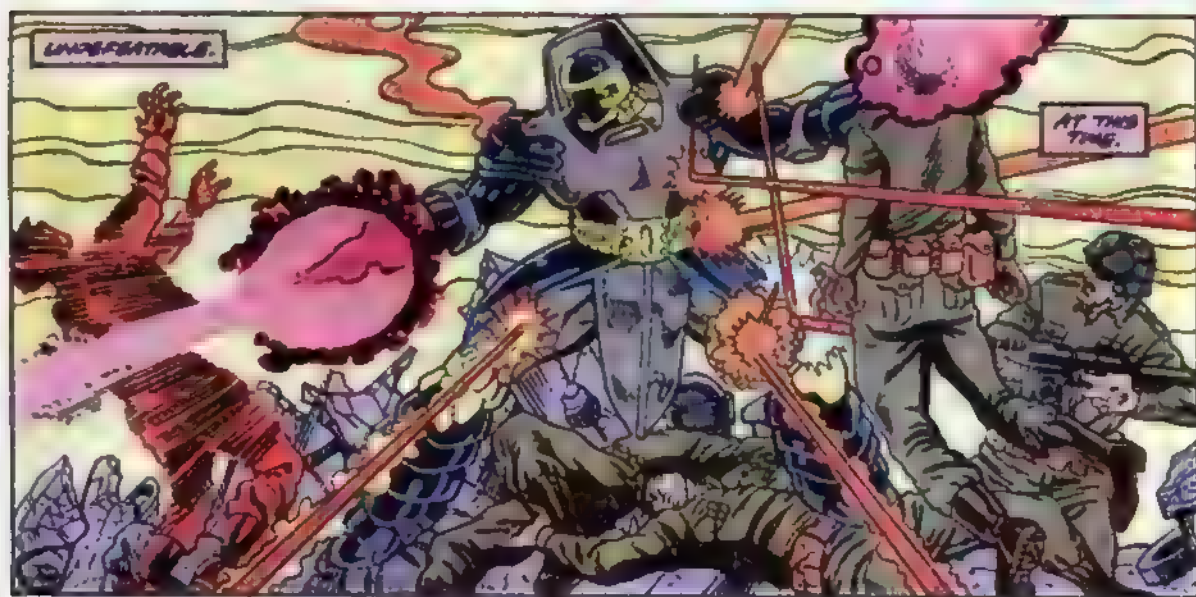
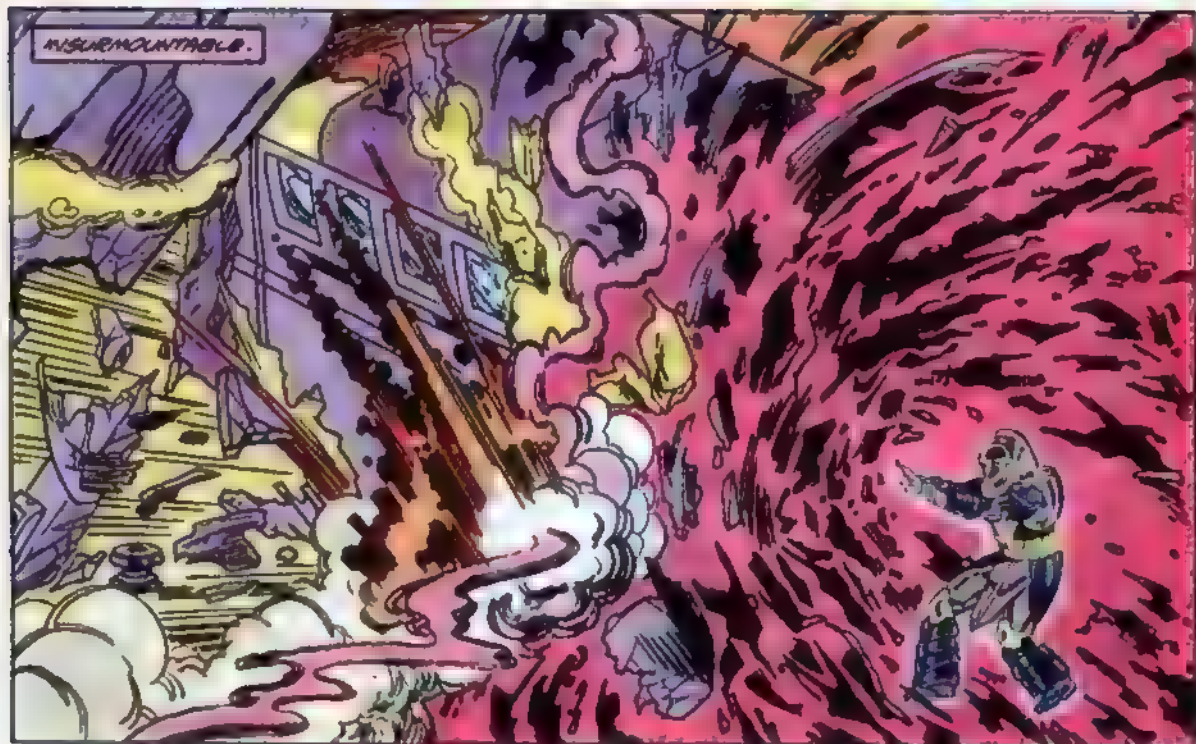
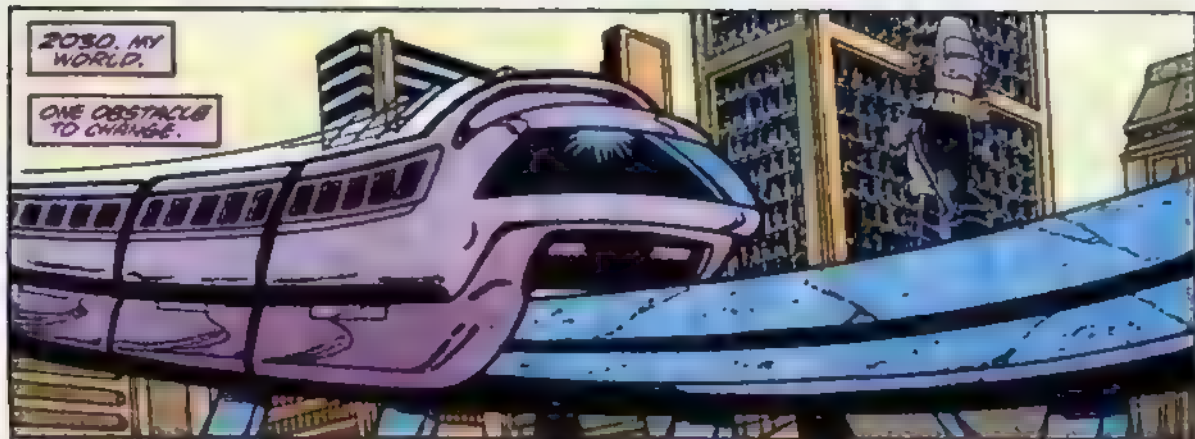


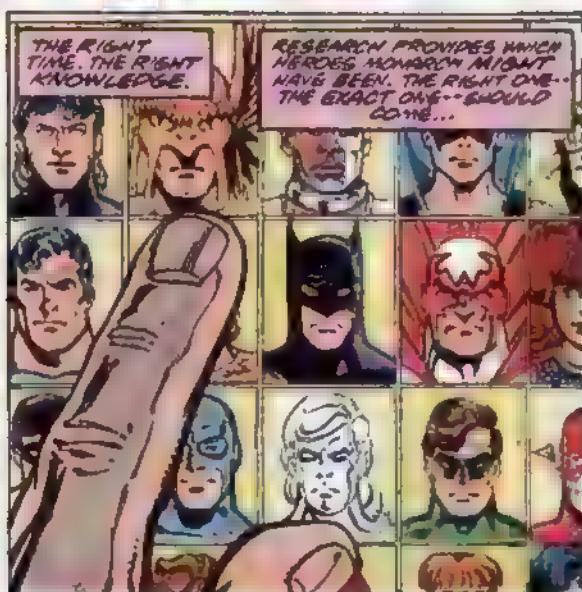
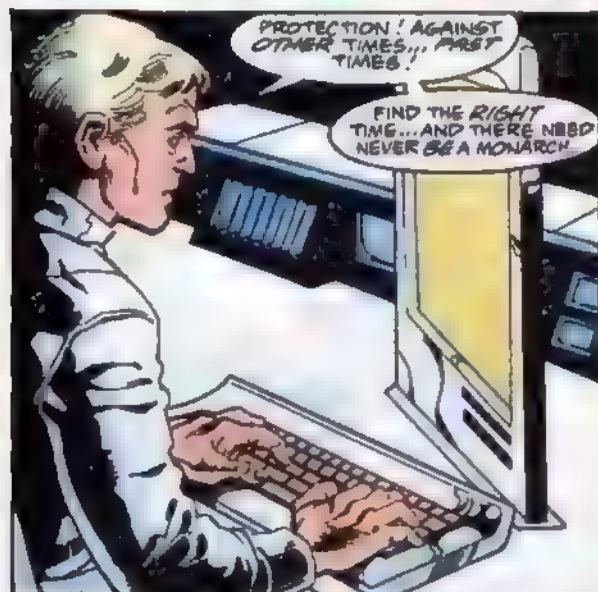
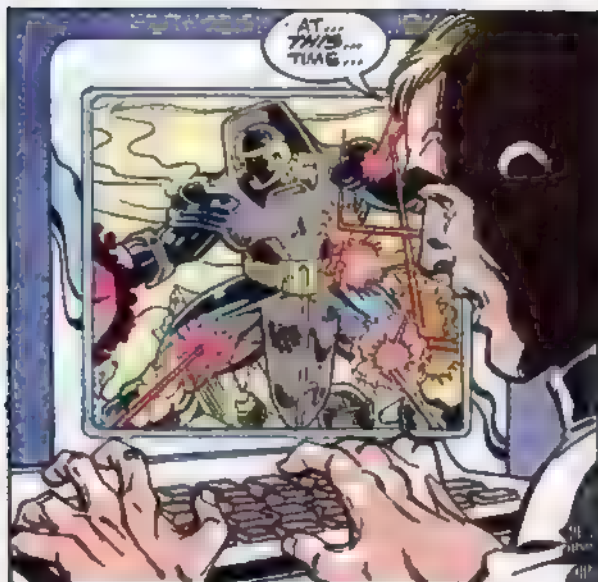


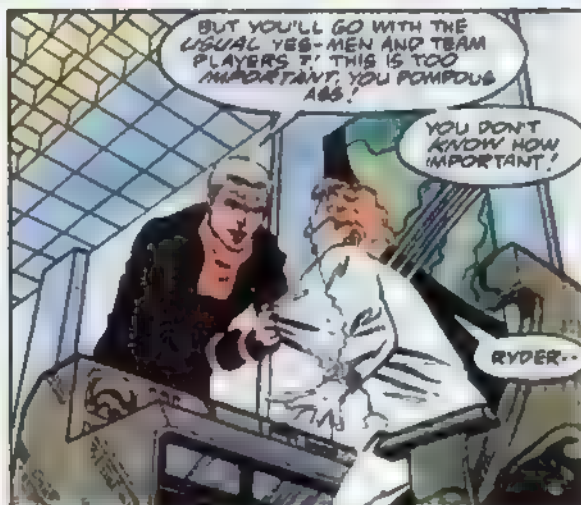
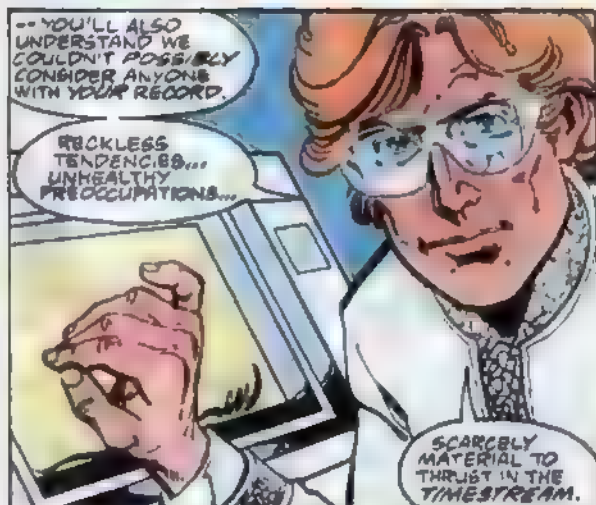
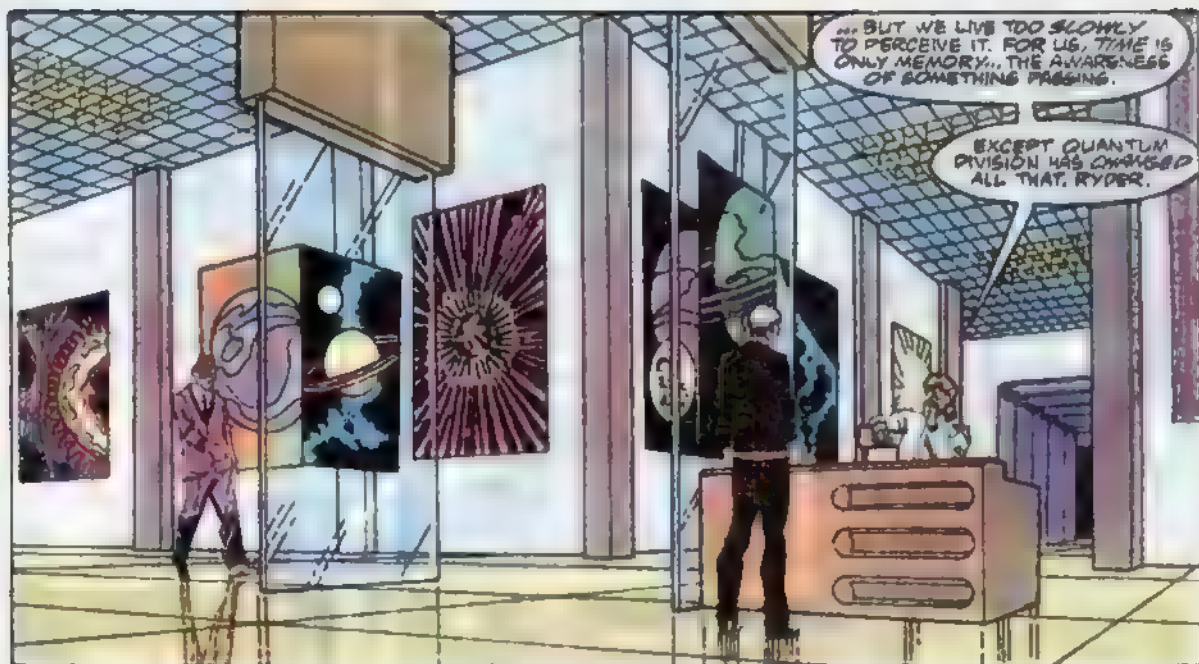


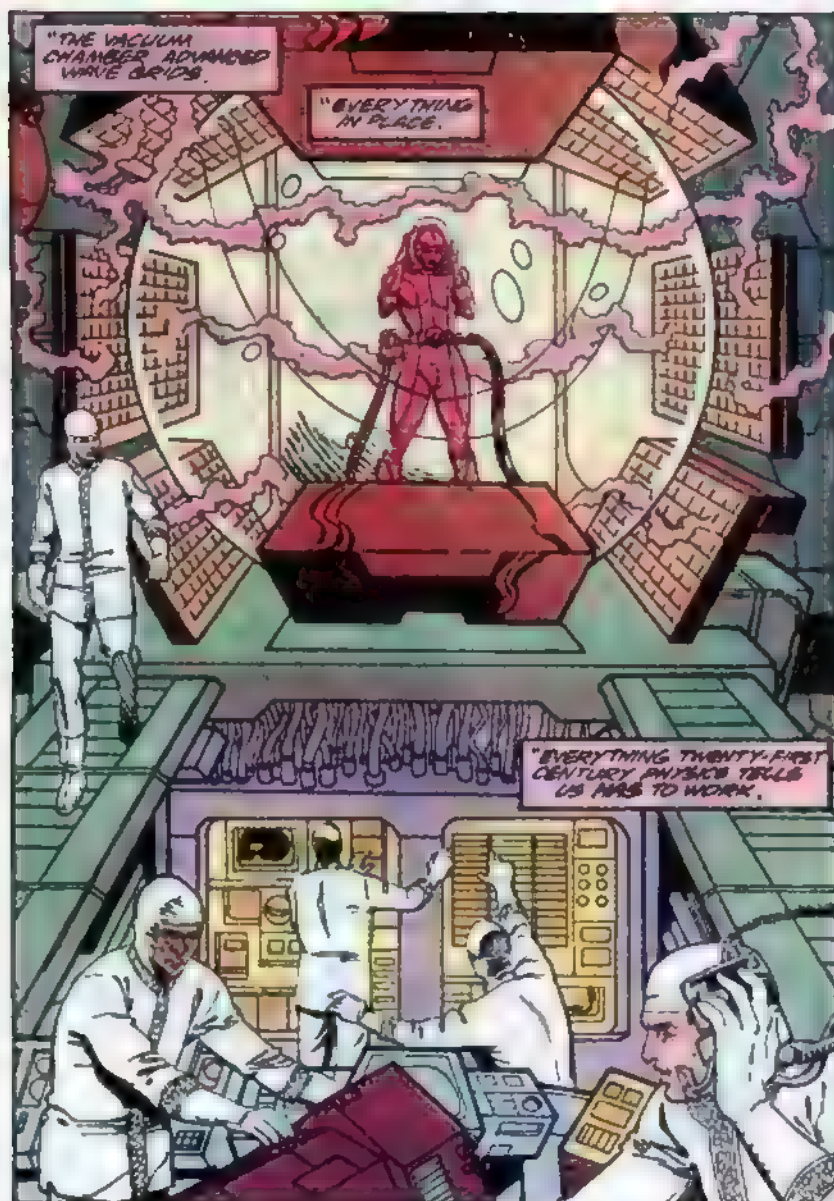
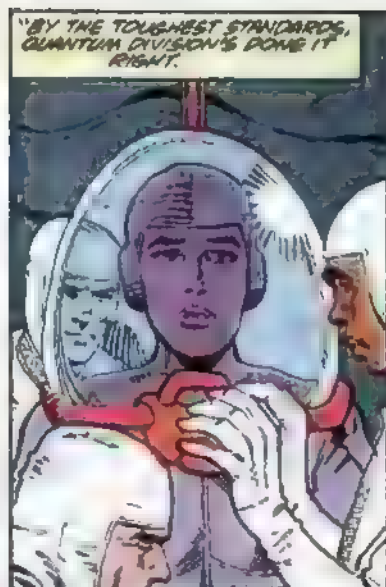
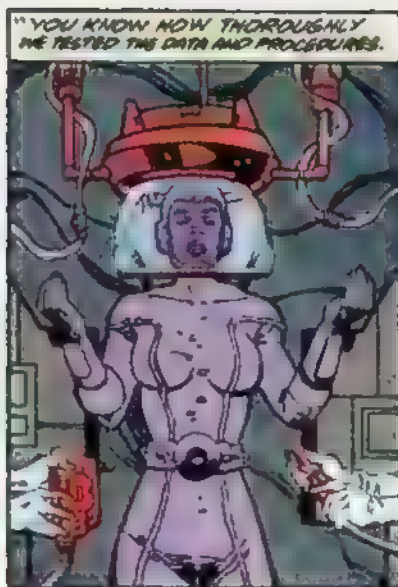
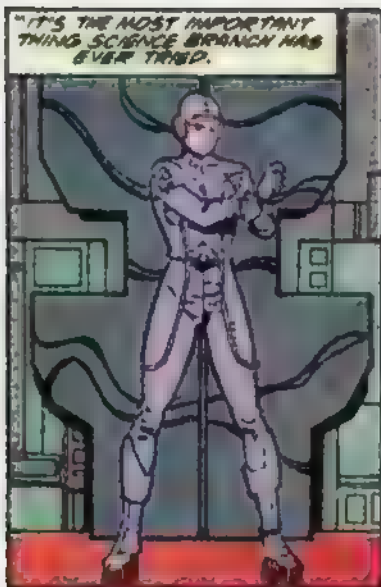


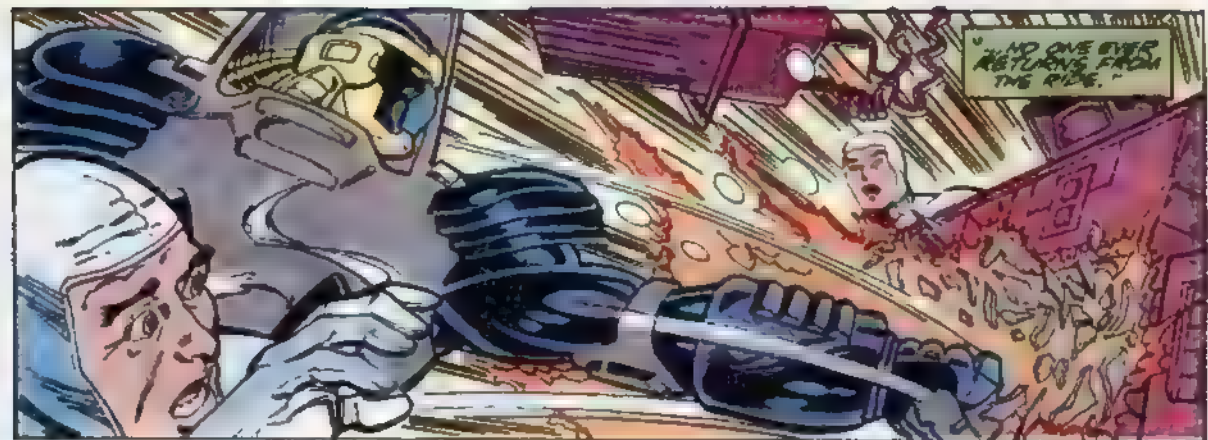
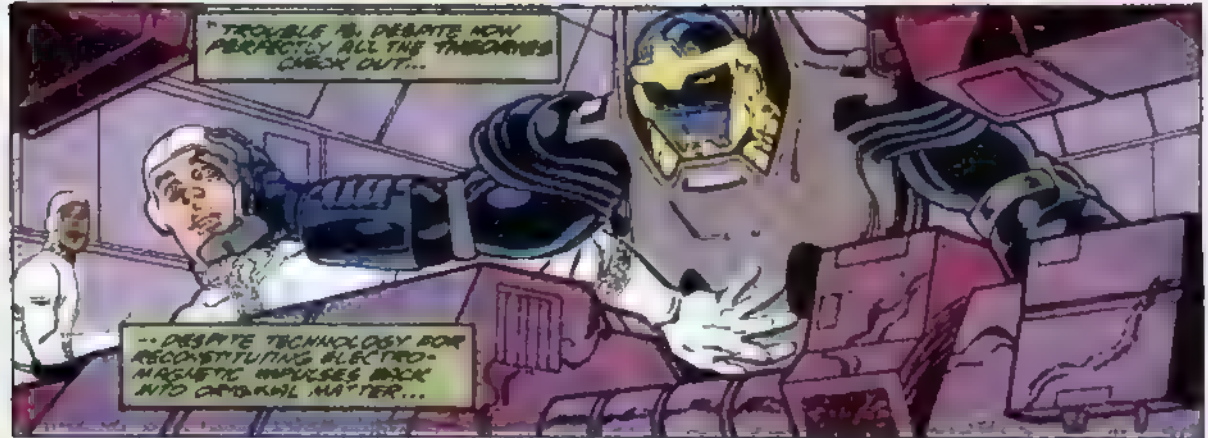
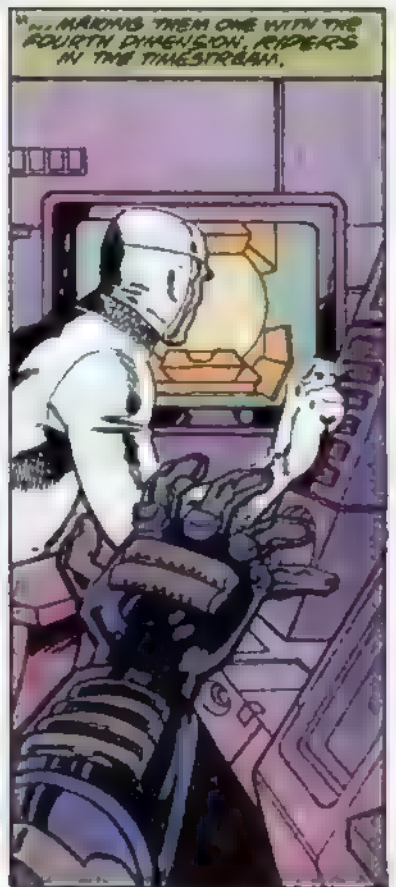
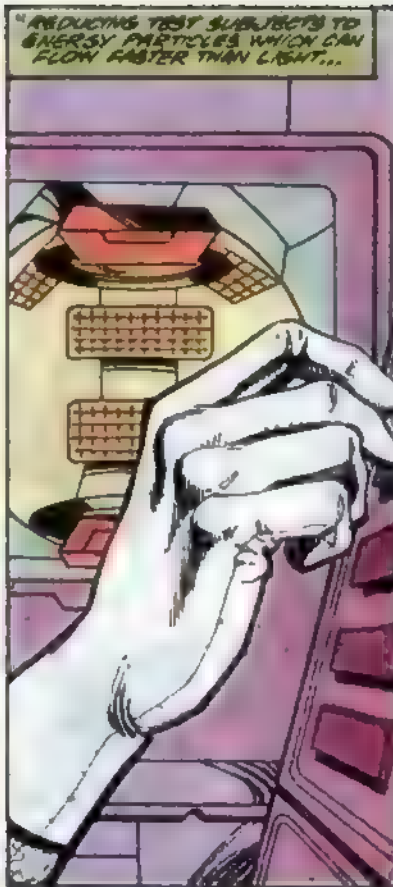
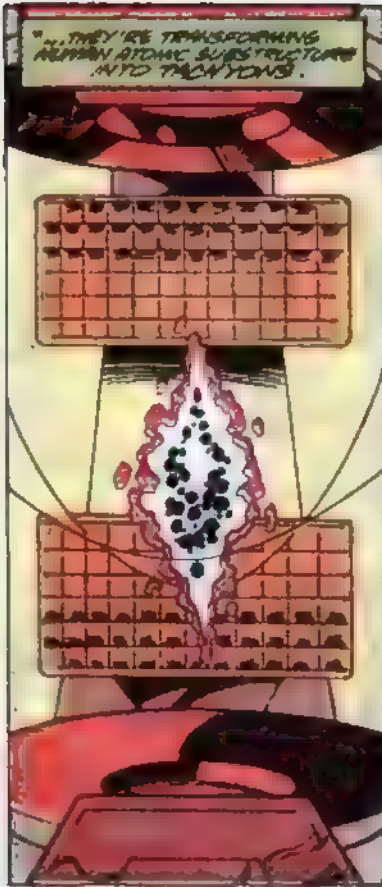


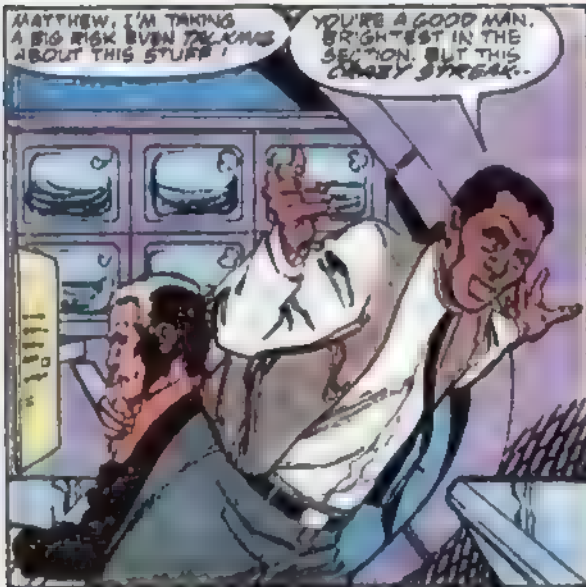
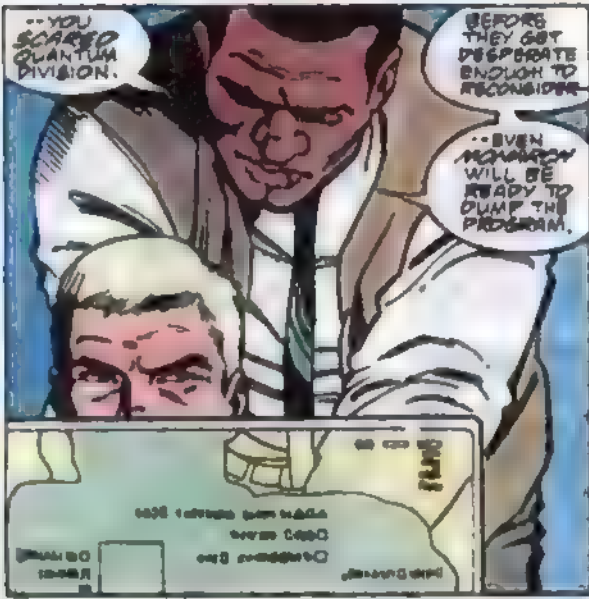


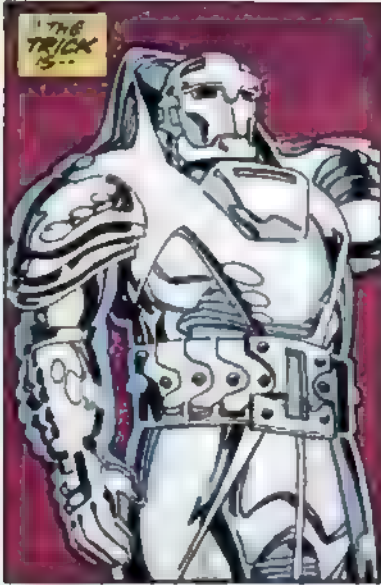




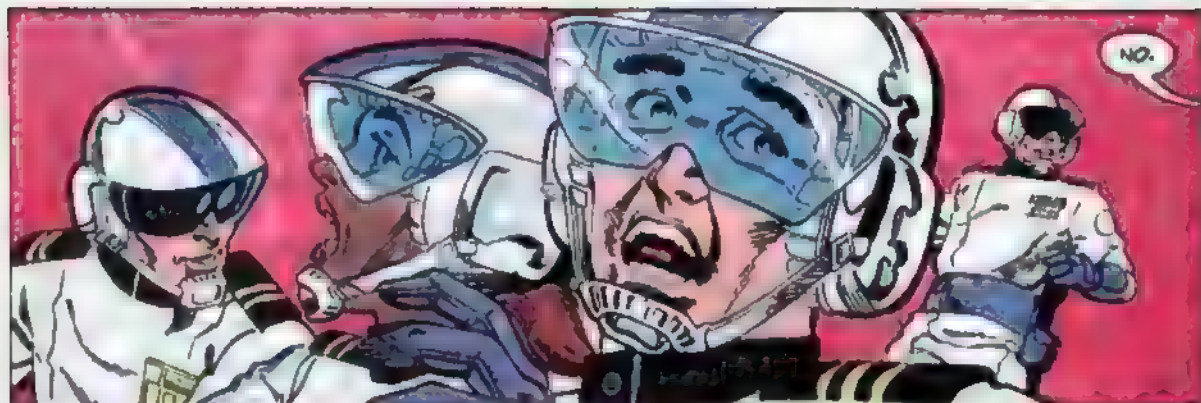












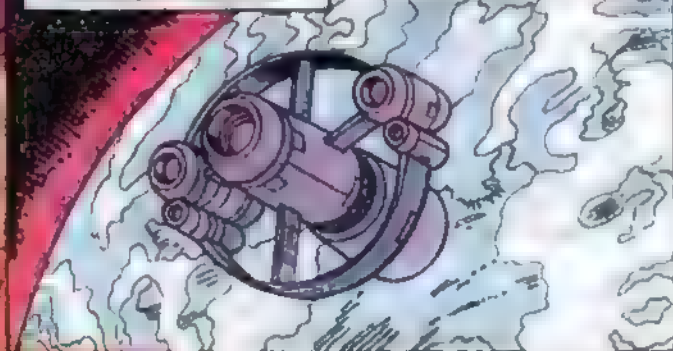
"THE VOICE, ELECTRONICALLY
DISTORTED, HINTS OF NOTHING
ABOUT THE SPEAKER..."

"... BEYOND
AUTHORITY,
COMPLETE AND
ABSOLUTE."

HE'S
MINE.

LOOK AT IT, EXCEPT FROM
THIS VIEW, IT WILL PERHAPS
NEVER BE PERFECT...

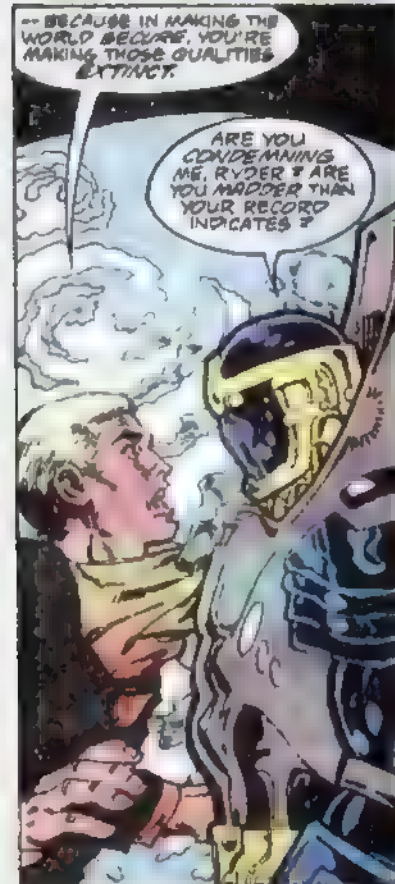
"... YET IT IS CLOSER
NOW THAN EVER BEFORE."

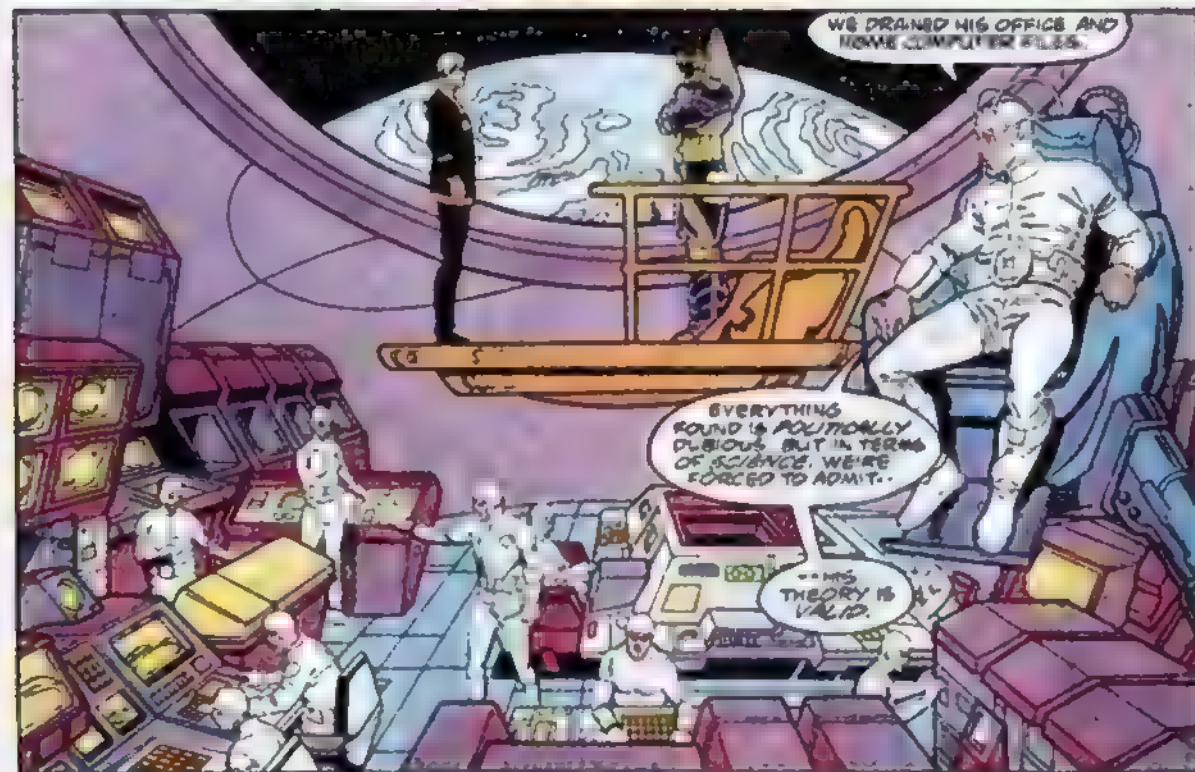
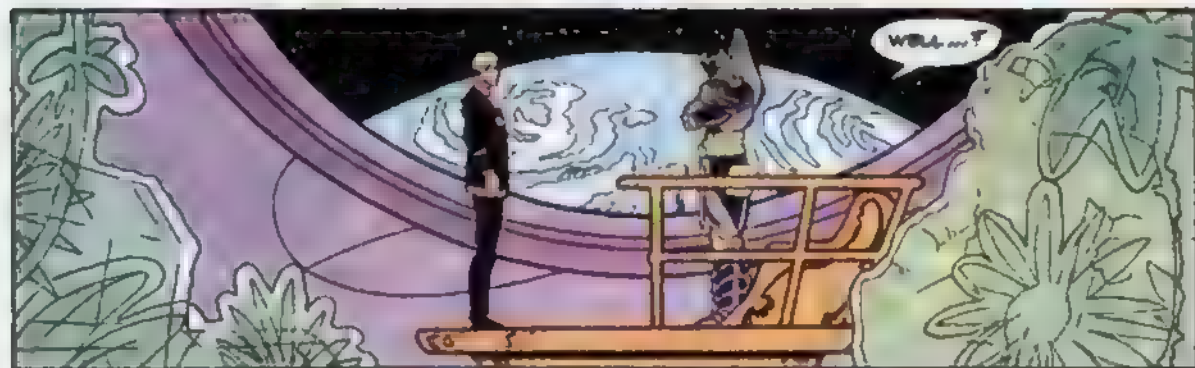
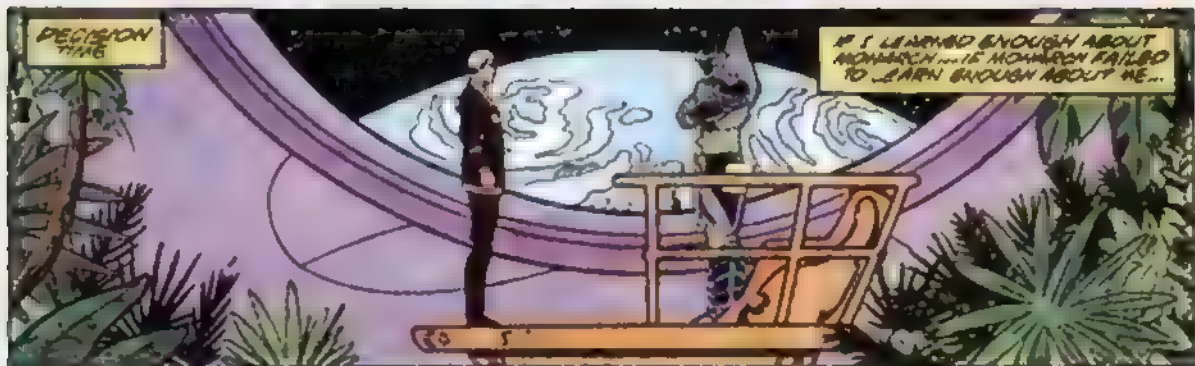


I TAKE
CREDIT
FOR THAT,
MATTHEW
RYDER

AND I TAKE ANY
STEP NECESSARY
TO SEE THAT THAT
ACCOMPLISHMENT
CANNOT BE
THREATENED.



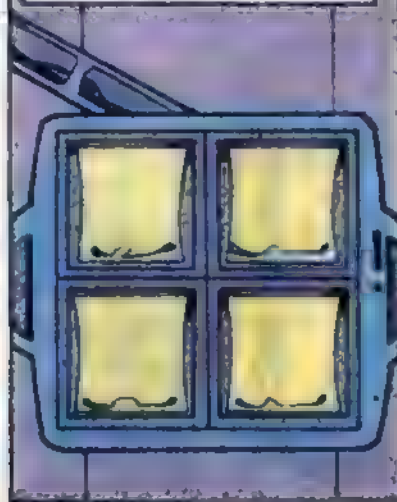




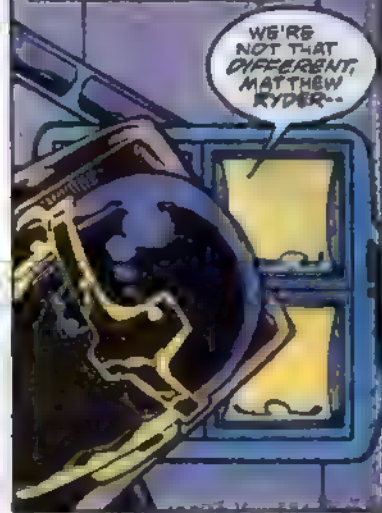
"AND BY EXTENSION...SO IS HIS FITNESS AS A TEST SUBJECT"



"OF COURSE, THE VERY SAME PERSONAL QUALITIES MAKING HIM FIT..."

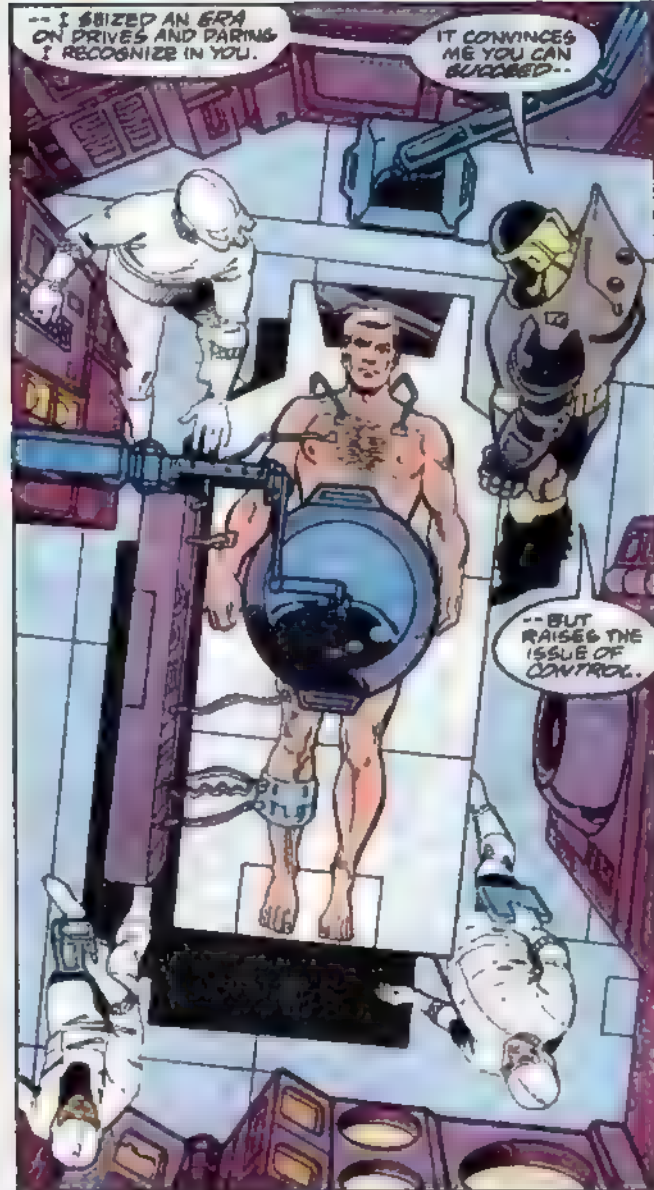


"... ALSO MAKE HIM UNPREDICTABLE."



"WE'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT, MATTHEW RYDER..."

"-- I SEIZED AN ERA ON DRIVES AND DARING I RECOGNIZE IN YOU."



"IT CONVINCES ME YOU CAN SUCCEED..."

"-- BUT RAISES THE ISSUE OF CONTROL..."

"TIME IS A TREACHEROUS THING. ONE CRUEL TWIST CAN ERASE EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS."

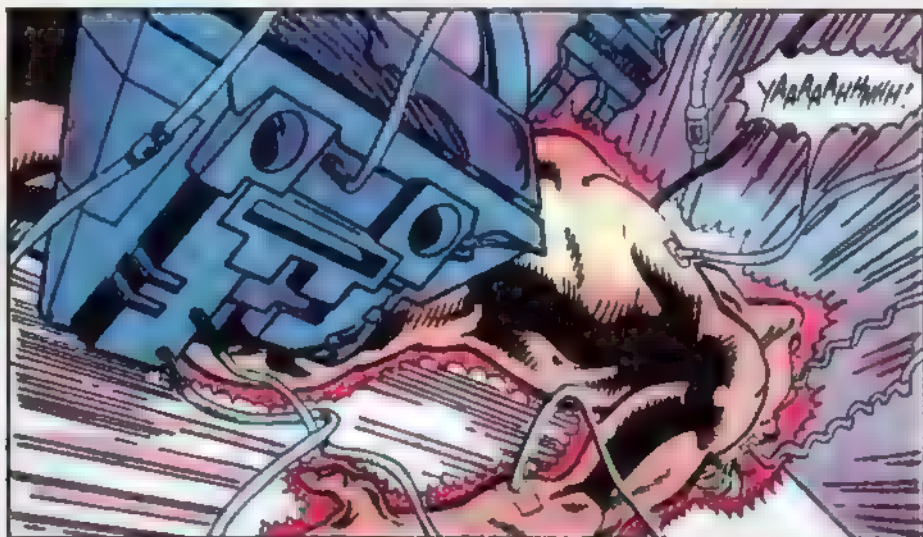
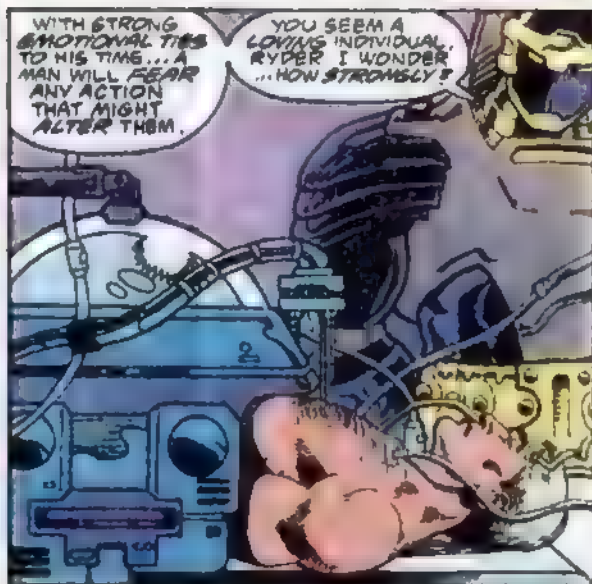


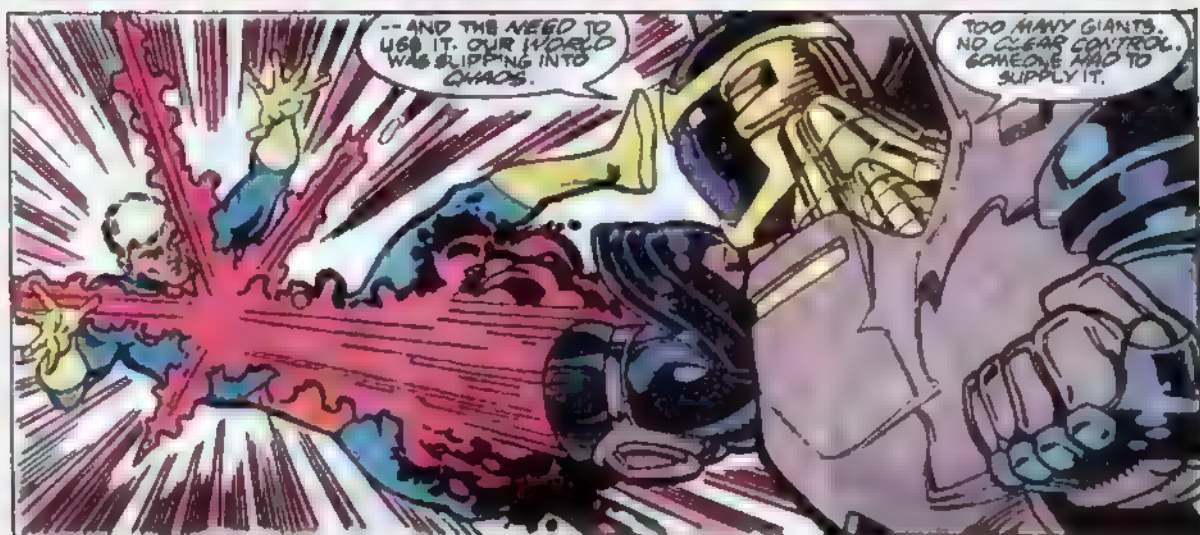
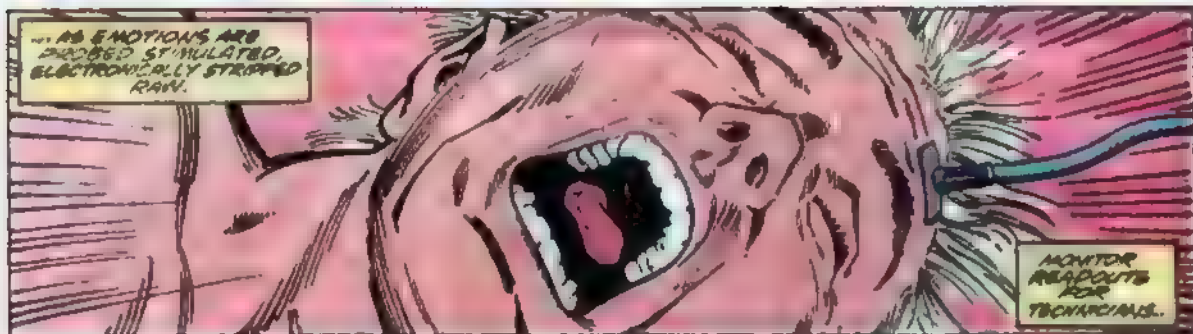
"UNTIL I KNOW THE TIMESTREAM CAN BE SURVIVED FOR MY PERSONAL USE..."

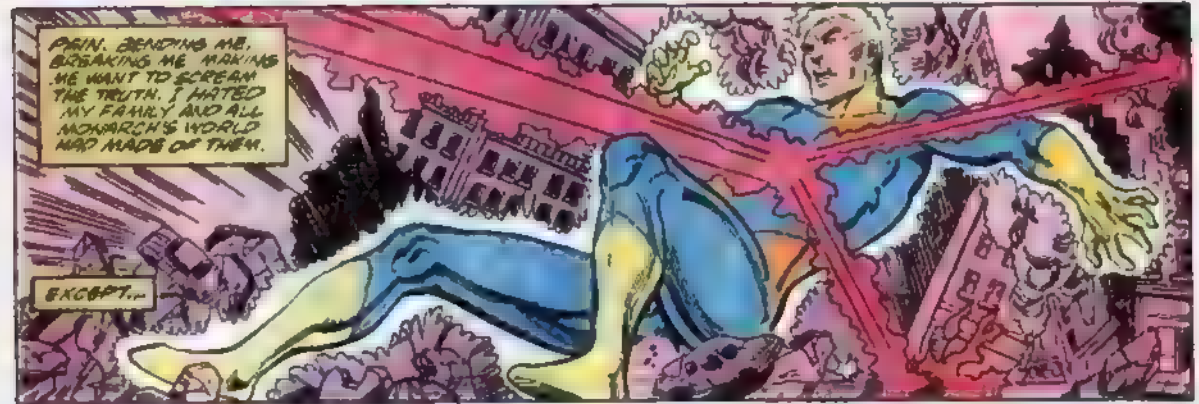
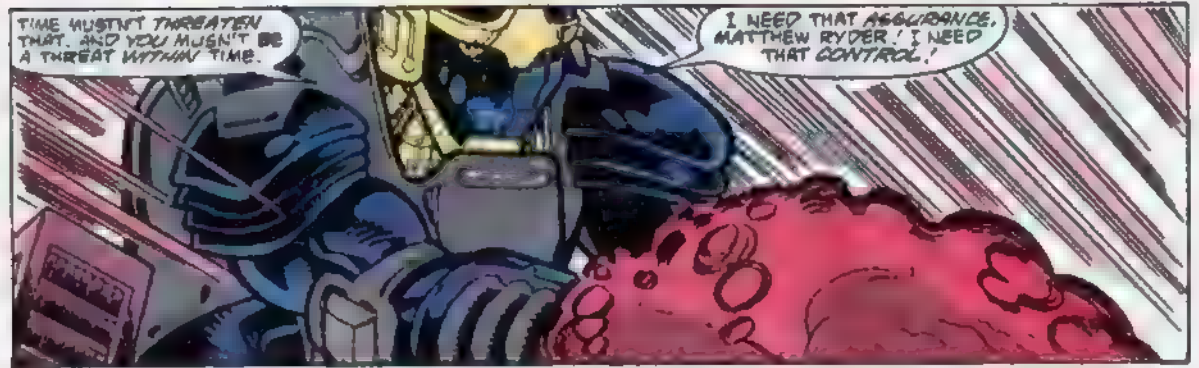
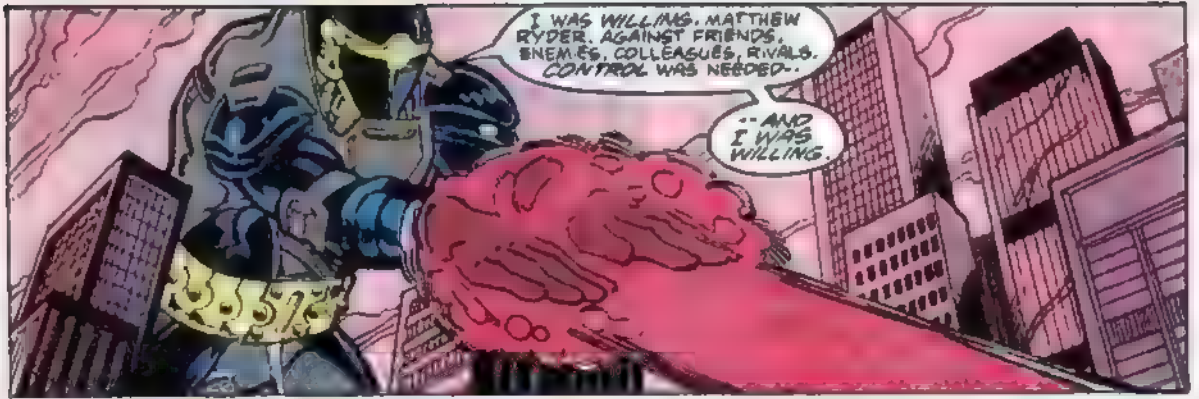
"-- I NEED ASSURANCE THAT THIS ERA-- MY SECURE, PERFECT WORLD-- WON'T BE DILUTED OR CHANGED"

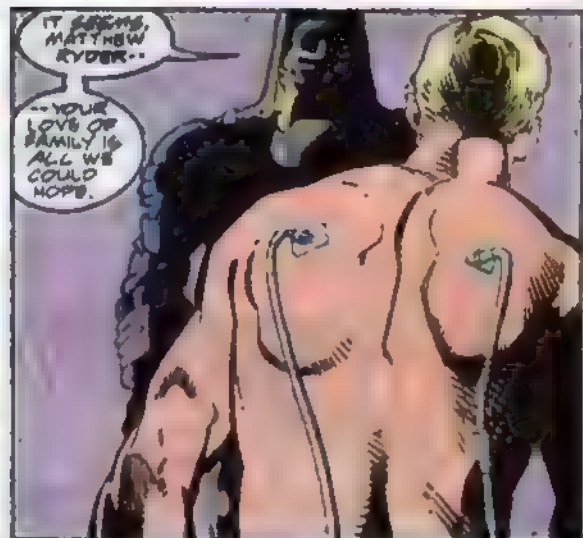
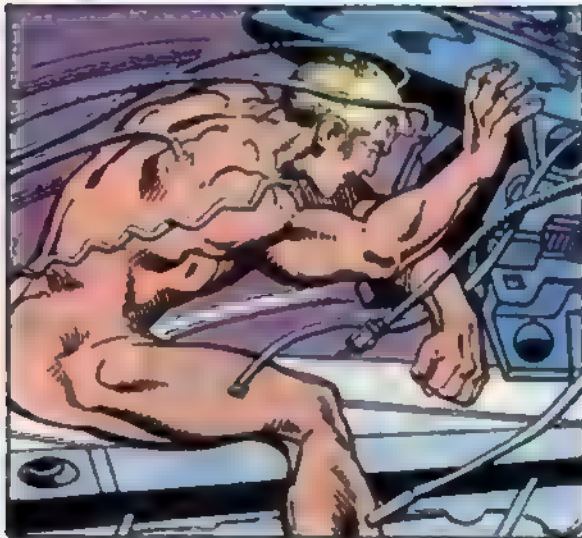


"AND I BELIEVE, MATTHEW RYDER, THAT LOVE IS THE ANSWER."

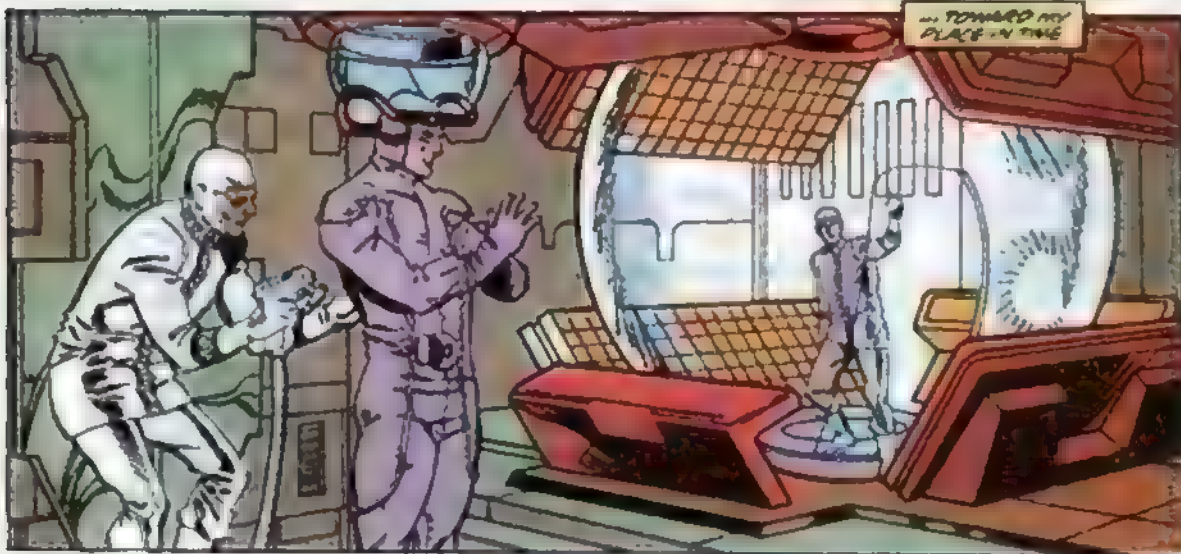


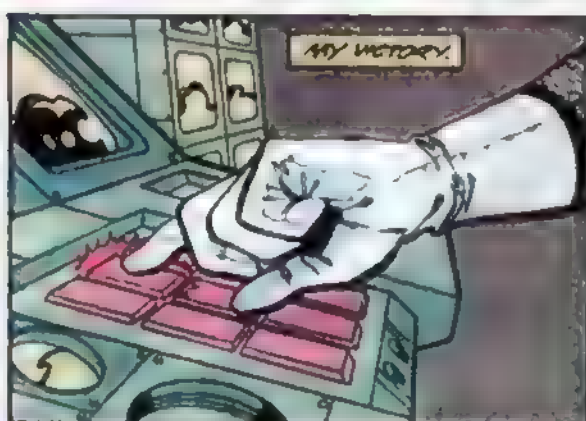
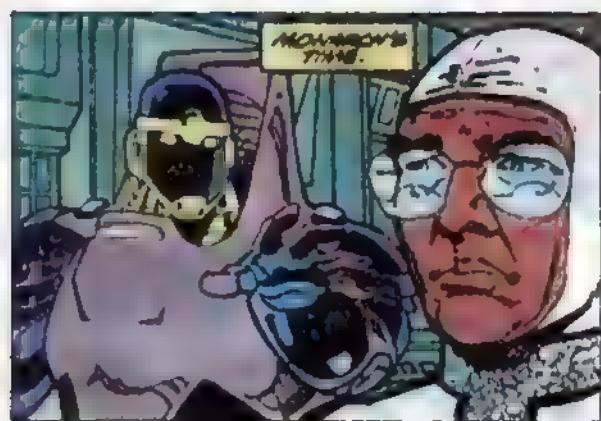
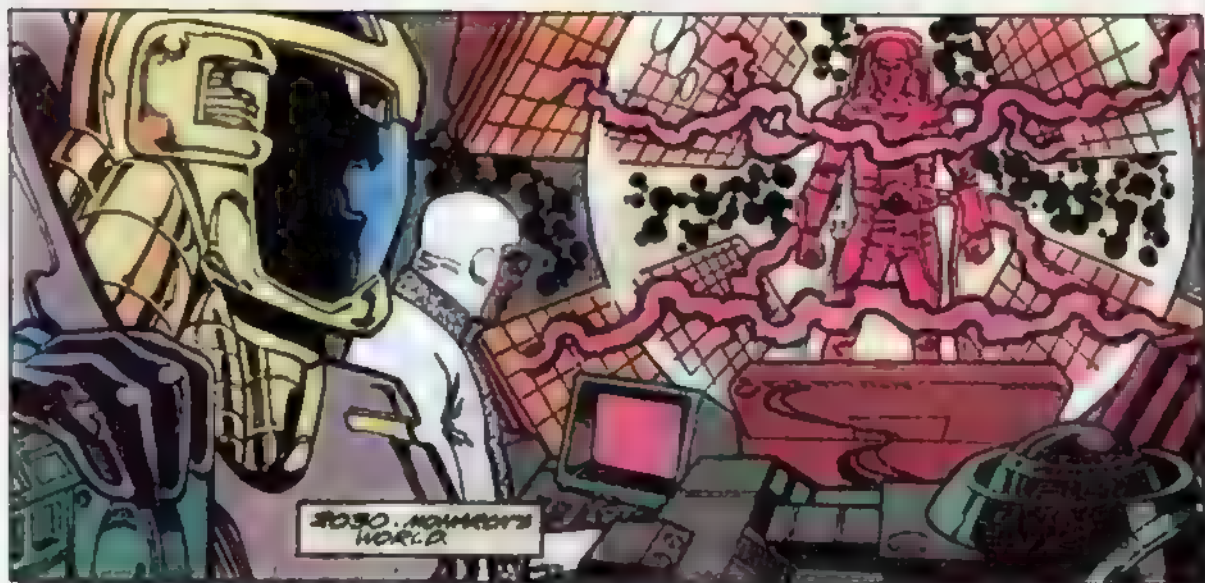






ENOUGH TO INFLUENCE MONARCH AND
THE MACHINES ENOUGH TO LAUNCH
THE FINAL JOURNEY...







MADNESS

EVERYWHERE

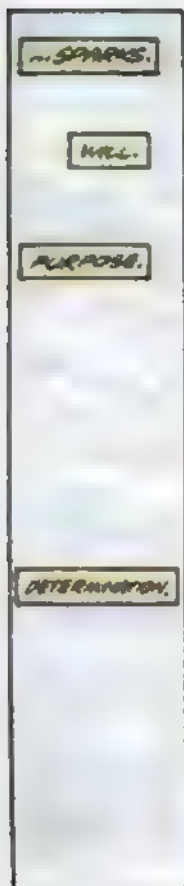
I AM FASTER THAN
LIGHT IMPULSES
AT ONE WITH TIME.

AND
NOWHERE

FOR
EONS

EVERYWHERE

UNTIL

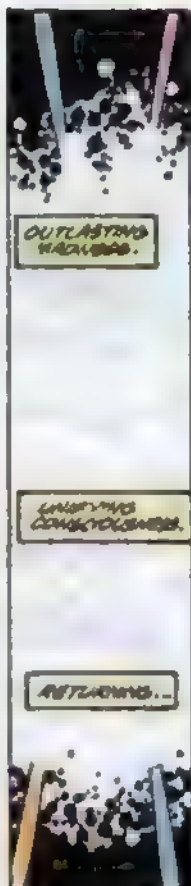


...SPARKS.

WELL.

PURPOSE.

DETERMINATION.



OUTLASTING
WARRIORS.

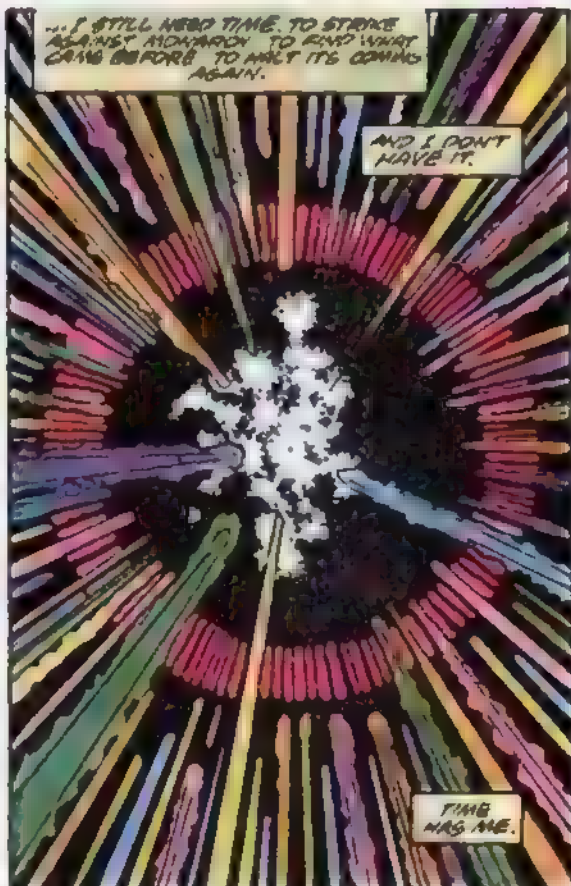
LASTING
CONQUERORS.

RETURNING...



...THOUGHTS

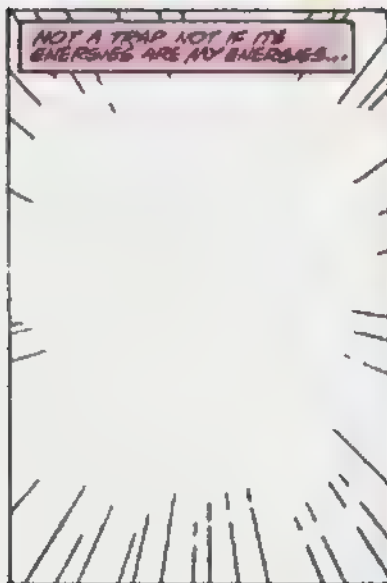
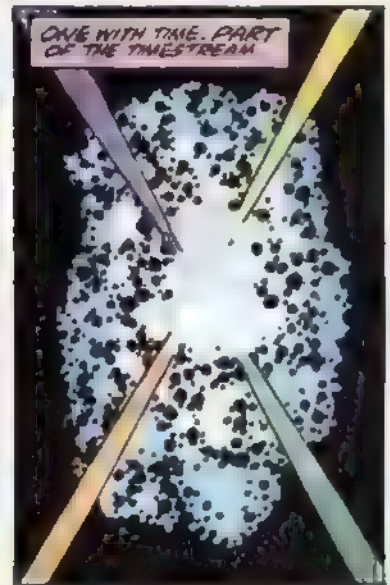
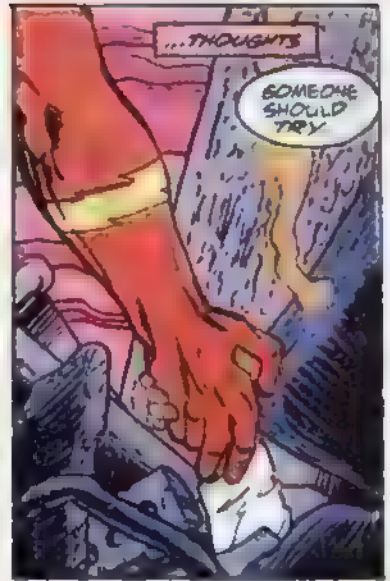
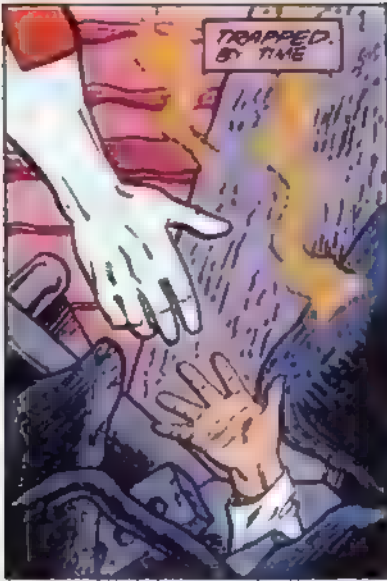
ANOTHER
VICTORY!
THEORY
UNDISPUTED
EXCEPT...



...I STILL NEED TIME. TO STRIKE
AGAINST ANIMONY TO FIND WHAT
CAME BEFORE TO MEET ITS COMING
AGAIN.

AND I DON'T
HAVE IT.

TIME
WAS ME.



...AND BECOMES A POWER TO
EMBRACE A RIVER TO TRAVEL.
ENDLESS CURRENT TO RIDE

MATTHEW RYDER WAS
TRAPPED. I CAN DO
SOMETHING NEW.

A VOYAGER THROUGH
HEATHEN WATERS
ON THE THERMIDOR
FLOW.

