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ANGUR,
ANGUR! ANGUR!
GET OUT OF HERE!!

COUNT YOUR
DAYS, HUMANS! MY
FUTURIST BRETHREN
WILL TAKE THEIR
REVENGE FOR YOUR
WAR CRIMES!

MY
OWN CHILD
WILL SLICE OFF YOUR
FLESHY LAYERS AND
PILE YOUR BONES HIGH
AS A MONUMENT TO
HUMAN REGRET!

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OH GOD OH GOD PLEASE
LET ME OUT! PLEASE! I'D DO
ANYTHING JUST PLEASE GET ME
OUT OF THIS.

YES! YES!
ANGER! RAGE! SPITE!
I WANT TO TASTE IT ALL.
BATHE IN IT AND DRINK
IT DOWN!

OPEN
THE DOOR, MOTHER!
YOUR SON IS CRYING
BECAUSE HE'S HUNGRY! LET
YOUR SON BACK IN TO THE
CLOSED-UP WIDE-OPEN
SPACES!



AMOUR,
AMOUR AÏÏÏÏ
GËÏÏÏÏÏÏ!!

MAYBE
WE SHOULD GET
SCOTT SPENCER
AWAY FROM ERASER
AND THAT ALIEN.

I'M ALSO
NOT COMPLETELY
COMFORTABLE
HOLDING HIM THIS
LONG WITHOUT
FORMAL
CHARGES.

HE'S A PERSON
OF INTEREST. MAYBE
SPENCER'S MECH-SUIT
PRESS EVENT AMBUSH*
WAS JUST A BAD IDEA
GONE WRONG...

*MIGHTY CRUSADERS #1,
OF COURSE--RG



...BUT NOW THAT WE HAVE
EXTRATERRESTRIALS
SNEAKING AROUND OUR
BASE DISGUISED AS OUR
FRIENDS, I'M ALLOWING
FOR CONSPIRACY
THEORIES.



SHIELD SAID THE DURLANS
SWITCHED OUT "OUR" DIRECTOR
LATHAM WITH THE IMPOSTOR DURING
THE BIG FIGHT IN NEW YORK...

...BUT
INSTEAD OF
BOMBING OUR
BASE, HE WAS
TRYING TO BREAK
INTO THE
COMPUTER
CORE.



WHAT WERE
YOU LOOKING
FOR, YOU UGLY
LITTLE SPUD?



THAT'S THE
WEIRD PART. THE
FILES HE ACCESSED
DON'T SEEM TO
CONNECT WITH OUR
EXISTING INTEL ON THIS
WHOLE DURLAN
CIVIL WAR--

LET
ME TELL YOU
WHAT DOESN'T
CONNECT FOR
ME...



...WHERE IS THE REAL JACK LATHAM, AND WHY AREN'T WE MOVING HEAVEN AND EARTH TO FIND HIM?

I HAVE A SNEAKING SUSPICION THAT **SOMEONE** ISN'T SHARING WITH THE REST OF THE CLASS.



SPOOKS AND SOLDIERS, I'M LOOKING AT YOU.



AFTER LEARNING THAT HIS "OLD FRIEND" ARVIN HALLIDAY WAS A DURLAN, DIRECTOR LATHAM INSISTED ON DANGLING HIMSELF ON THE LINE AS BAIT.

THE NEW YORK OP WAS A PERFECT WAY TO PUT JACK OUT IN THE OPEN. IF HALLIDAY WAS GOING TO PULL A SWITCHEROO, THAT WOULD BE HIS BEST CHANCE.

AND YES, WE DID CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT JUST KILL HIM. JACK THOUGHT IT WAS AN **ACCEPTABLE RISK**, AND HE WAS RIGHT.



"ACCEPTABLE RISK"? I THINK THIS WHOLE STORY IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE! WHO ARE YOU TO KEEP SECRETS FROM US?

THEY'RE THE GOVERNMENT. IT'S WHAT THEY DO.



THIS WASN'T DECEPTION FOR THE SAKE OF IT. LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST HERE!

WE'RE FIGHTING AN ENEMY THAT CAN LOOK AND ACT JUST LIKE US! IF LATHAM'S PLAN HAD BEEN LEAKED OR COMPROMISED--

WE CAN DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT STATEMENT LATER. I'LL ASK AGAIN: WHAT ARE WE DOING TO RESCUE HIM?



THE, UH... **SECOND TEAM** IS RETRIEVING HIM NOW.

"**SECOND TEAM**"...?



