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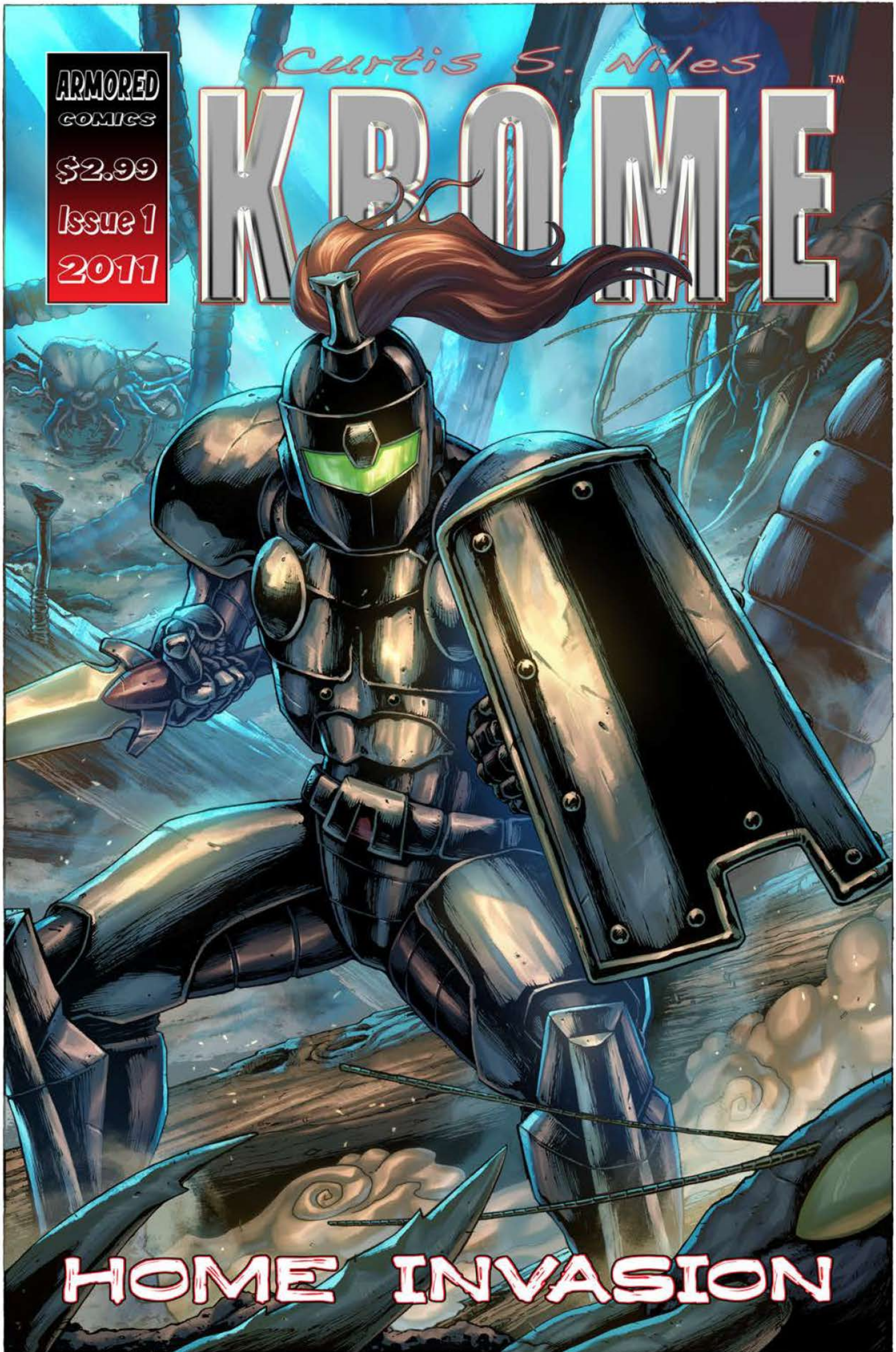
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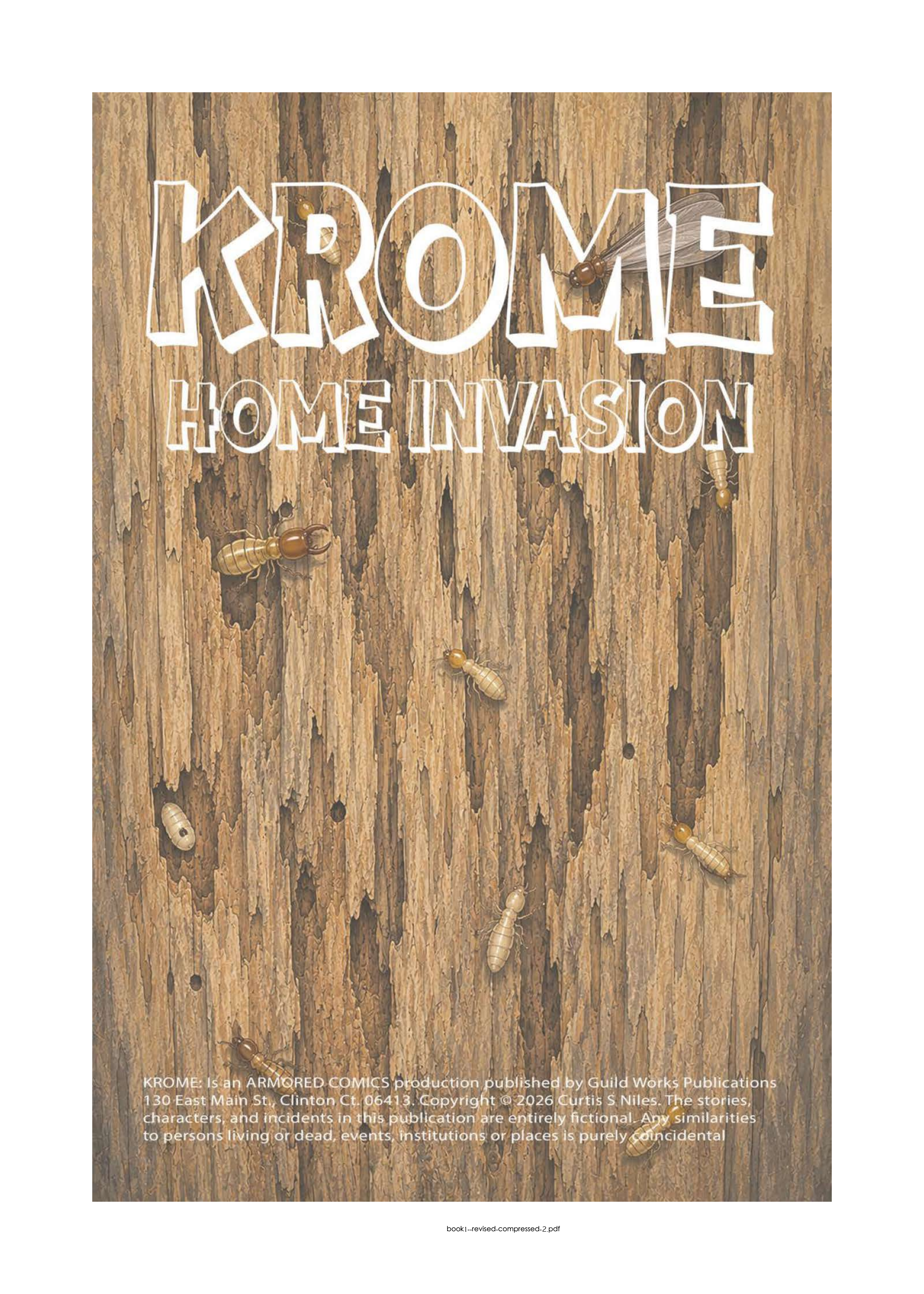
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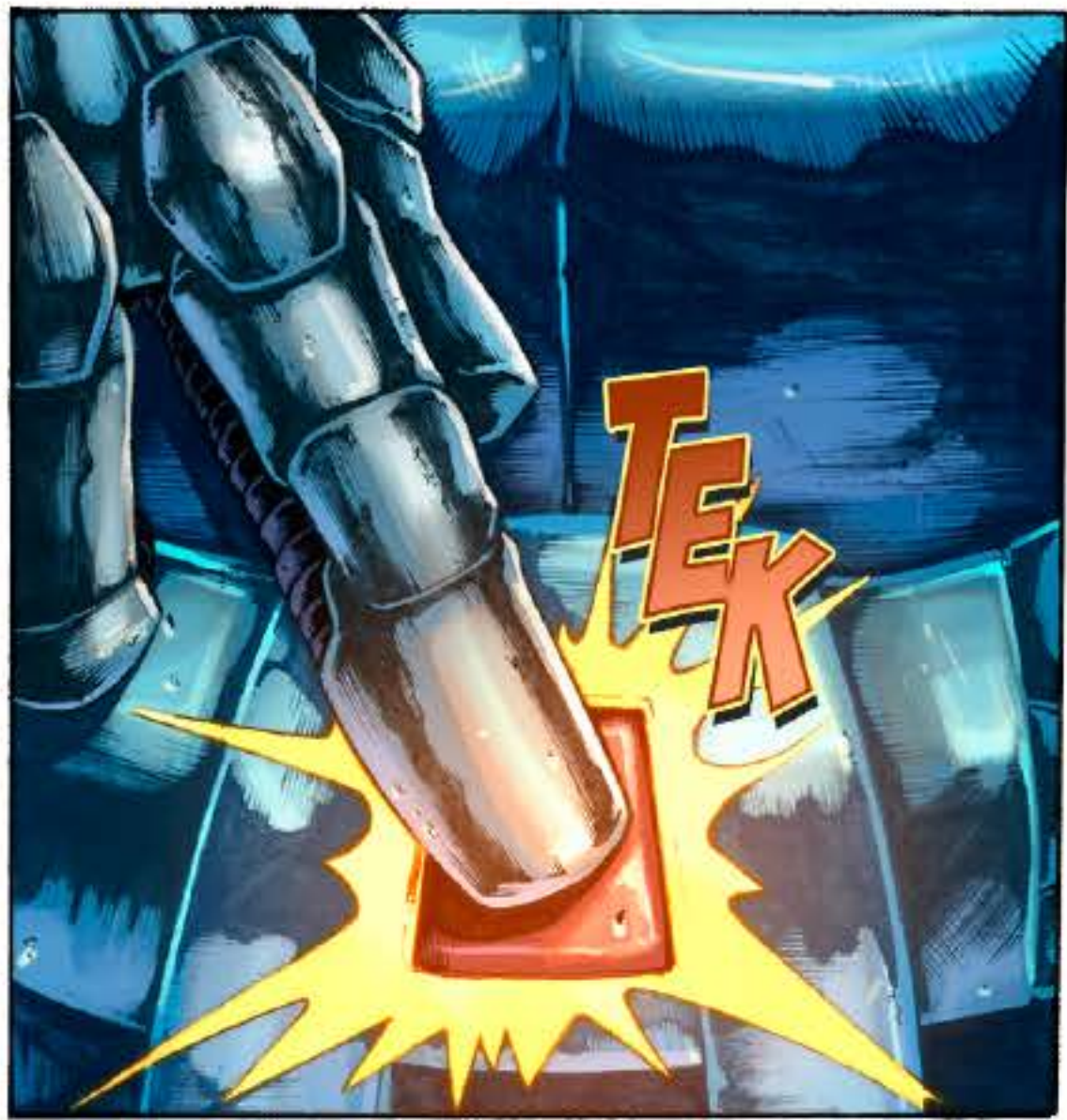




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A LITTLE SPECIAL ELECTRON BEAM AND I'M ABLE TO SHRINK DOWN TO INSECT SIZE.



IN MY BUSINESS I TRY TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE DANGERS FOUND IN THEIR HOME. BUT I DEVELOPED THE KROME ARMOR IN ORDER TO HELP ME PROTECT THEM EVEN FURTHER.



MAX, CAN YOU READ ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR.

I'M INSIDE THE FOUNDATION AND MAKING MY WAY INWARD THROUGH THE DEBRIS.

SO FAR, THERE'S NO SHRUBBERY OUT FRONT NOR SUFFICIENT HUMIDITY OR DAMPNESS TO FACILITATE A TERMITE'S LIVING NEEDS.



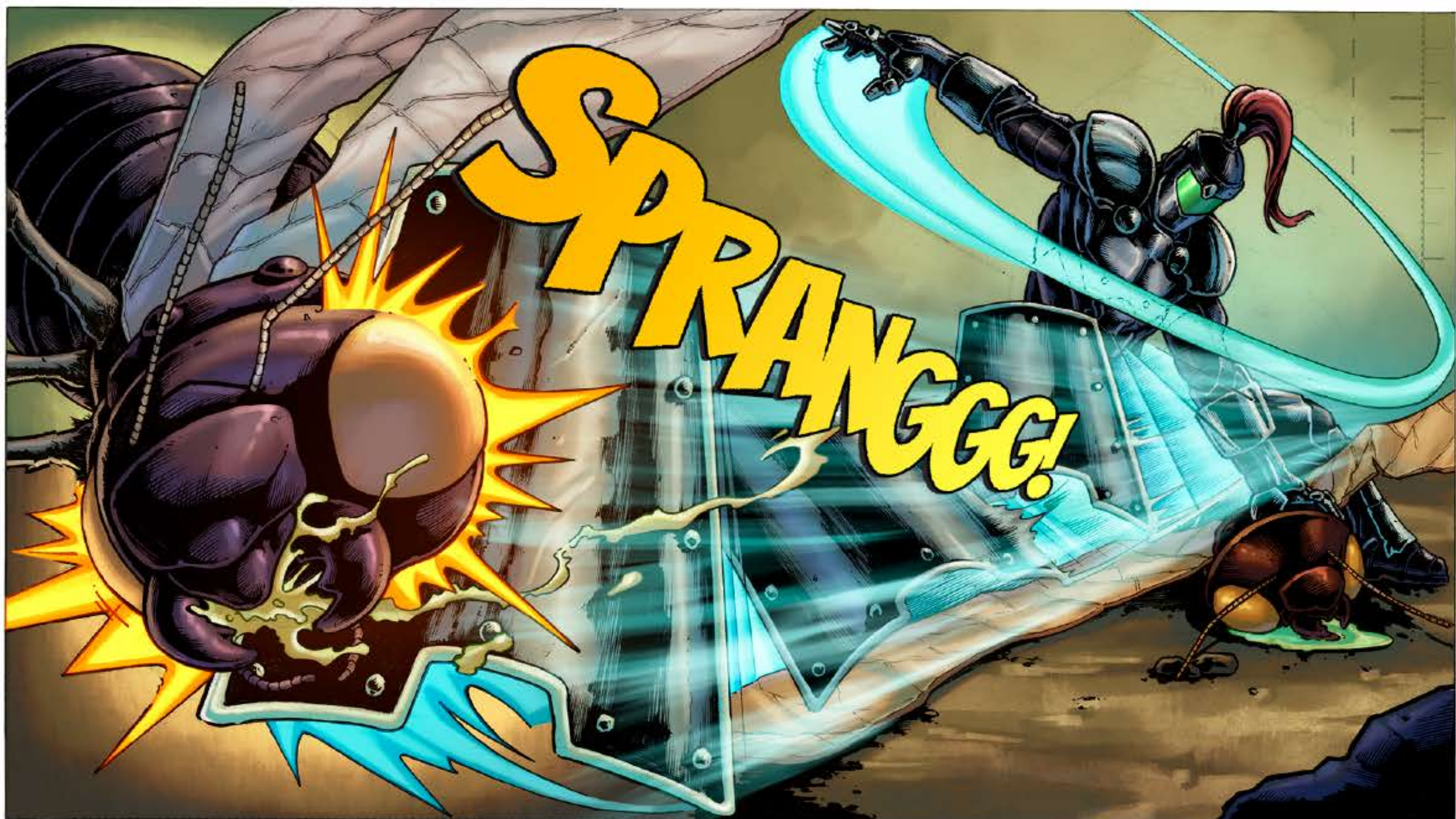
BUT TELL THAT TO THESE GUYS! CAN YOU SEE THIS THROUGH MY HELMET CAM?

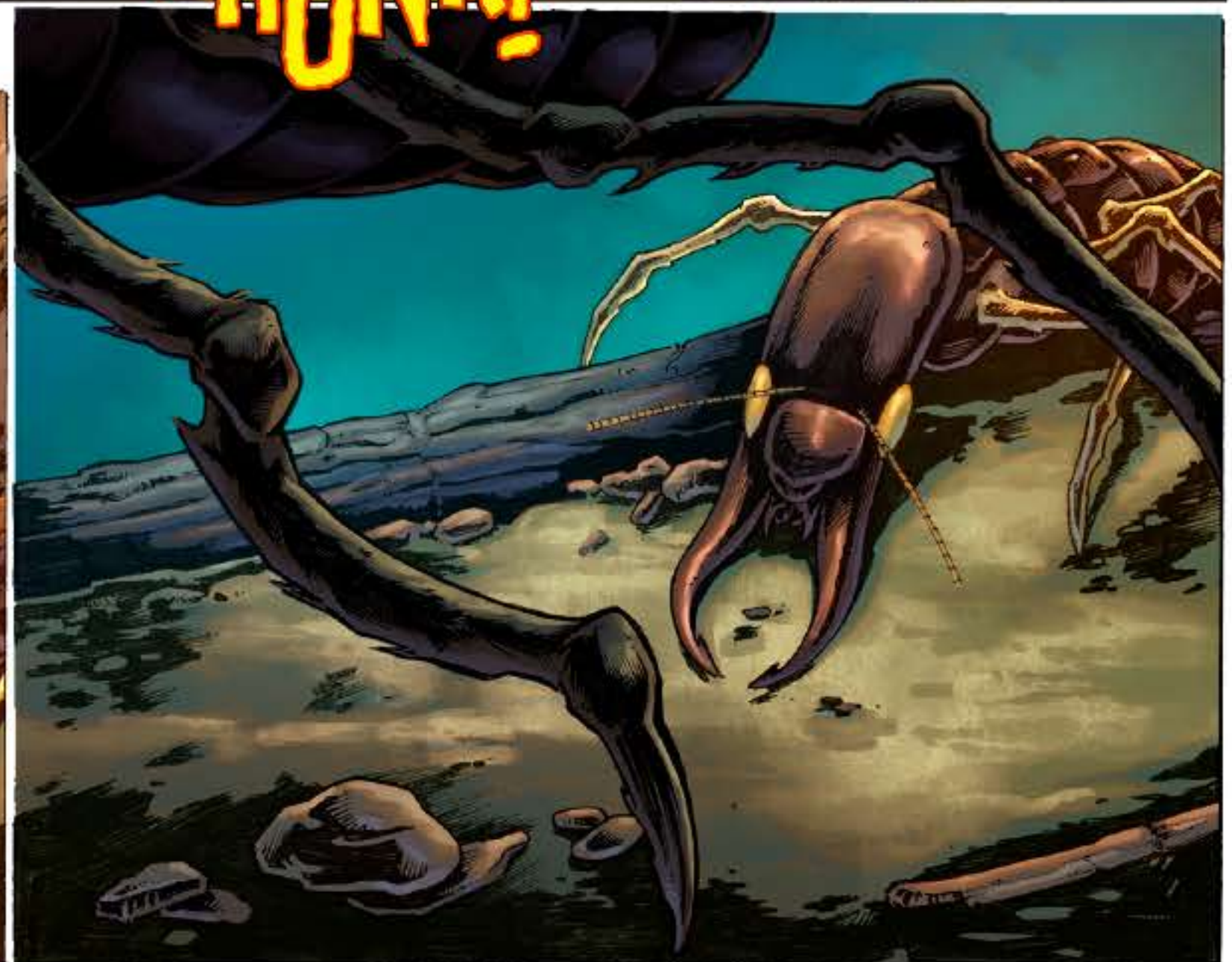
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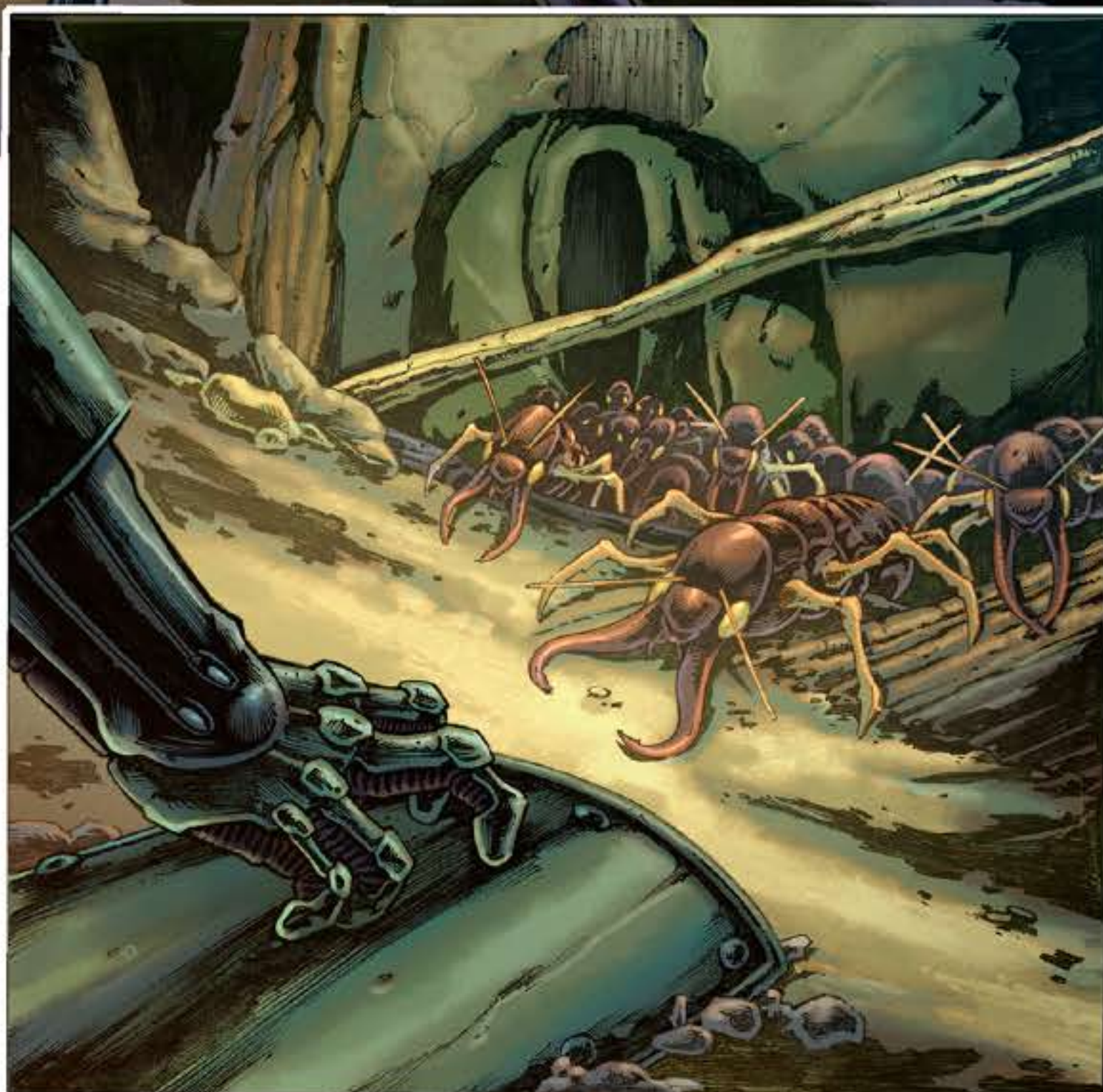
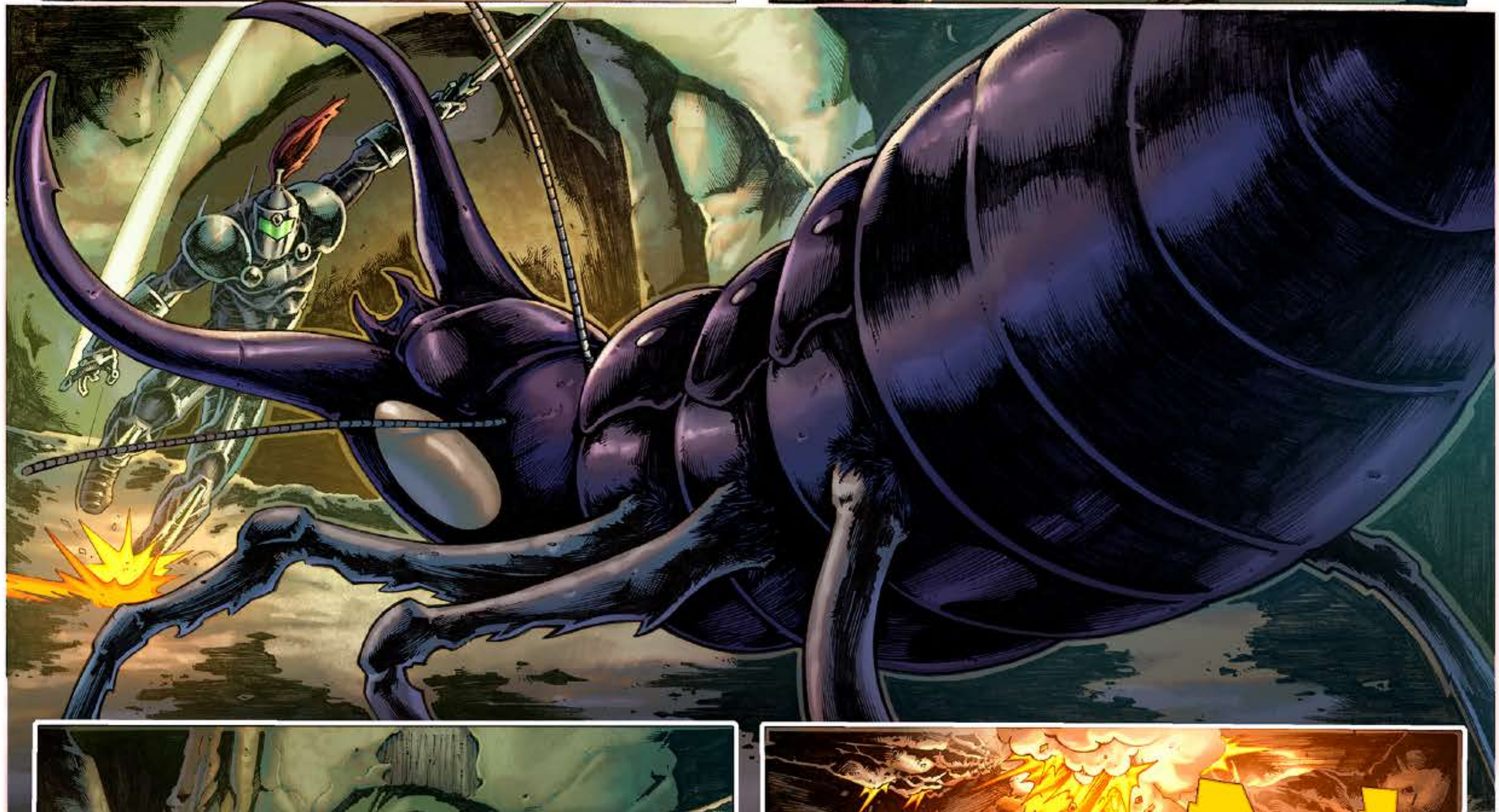


WORKER TERMITES, EATING AT AN ALARMING RATE. IT TAKES AN AVERAGE COLONY OF 500,000 TERMITES TO EAT THROUGH WOOD AT THIS RATE.

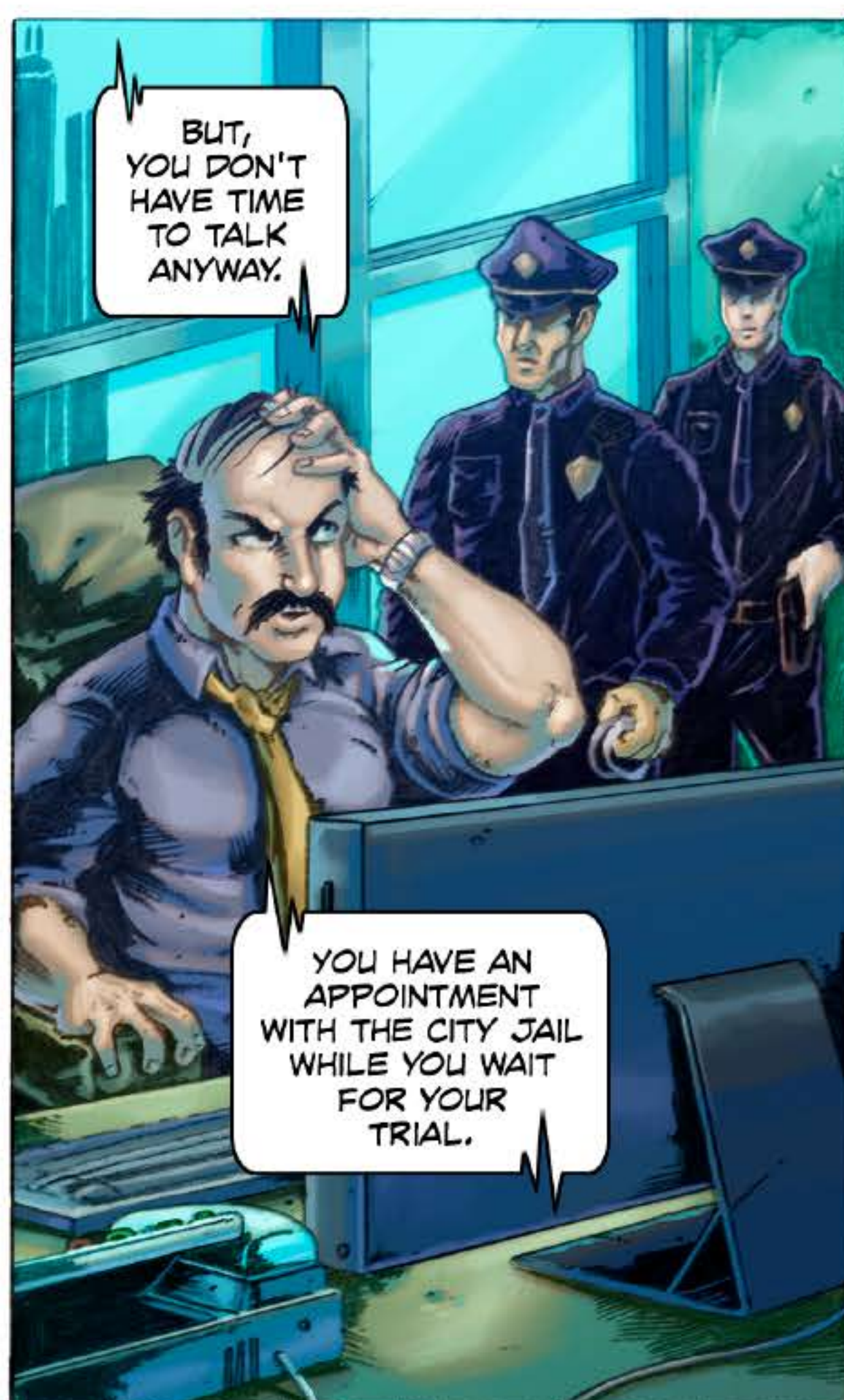
WHICH MEANS THESE AREN'T ORDINARY TERMITES...











A WORD ABOUT TERMITES

BY CURTIS NILES

There is much that can be said about the perils a home or structure faces. None can be more obscure and yet as destructive than the termite, known to the insect order as "Isoptera."

Termites are very interesting, and the public knows very little about them. They hear tales of termites devouring portions of a home's framing resulting in expensive home repairs, all of which are not covered by homeowner's insurance, though they can literally do this. It would take a large colony, and significant time to actually cause a house catastrophic structural damage.

In this informational comic, we look at the Eastern Subterranean Termite (*Reticulitermes flavipes*), the insect, though there are more than 2000 species, the distinguishing trait of the termite is that it is a two segmented insect, whereas all others are three segmented. They have a head and an abdomen. They are the only known insects that can actually digest wood cellulose. Other wood destroying insects such as carpenter ants, carpenter bees, and various wood-destroying beetles and wasps may bore into wood, nest in wood, spend parts of their life cycle in wood, but only the mighty termite actually has the ability to consume wood.

Termites are social insects that have an organizational structure. They live in large nests and have various types of individuals that perform specific functions within the colony. Different castes exist in the termite colony. Individuals, which are morphologically and functionally different from other individuals in a colony, make up a caste. Three castes are commonly found in most termite colonies. These are:

- 1. The reproductive caste consists of the queen and the king termites, as well as, any supplemental reproductive termites.**
- 2. The worker castes are the termites that make up the majority of the termites in a given colony. The workers consist of both males and females. They are wingless, usually without compound eyes, usually un-pigmented, and thus whitish in color. The worker's duties include, foraging for food, feed the queen, soldiers and young, construct and repair the mud tubes, groom the reproductives, soldiers, and young. They also help defend the colony when needed.**
- 3. The soldier caste's primary function is to defend the colony. Soldiers of the Eastern Subterranean Termite are easily recognized by their large heads and mandibles (featured in this issue). They use these mandibles to bite any invaders, which may attack the colony. Soldiers are not produced in quantity until the colony is farther along in its development. Soldiers cannot feed themselves. They are fed by the workers. The soldiers of most species are without eyes, some species have soldiers with very tiny eyes.**

Armored's home inspector and his office support max are out to save their service communities from the various perils that face property owners, one structure at a time. This issue covers termites, however, there are many other assailants a home faces. Mold, radon, and water are just a few other villains that can cause significant damage to structures. It is our goal to educate the public we serve, with entertaining publications that will help answer some of the questions they have, and erase the fears associated with the lack of knowledge. Enjoy our first issue of Armored Comics!



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Curtis S. Niles Sr. has worked in the real estate and construction industries for more than three decades. Before beginning his home inspection career in 1999, Curtis owned and operated a contracting company, performing a wide range of construction, remodeling, and home improvement services from Massachusetts to Maryland. His hands-on experience encompassed virtually every aspect of residential construction and included homes ranging from new construction to historic properties more than a century old. That foundation gave him an extensive practical understanding of building systems, construction methods, and the many ways homes change over time.

Since entering the home inspection profession, Curtis has built his career around three principles: **Truth, Honesty, and Education**. He has served the profession as an inspector, trainer and mentor, industry advocate, chapter leader, and national association executive. His leadership positions with the National Association of Home Inspectors (NAHI) included President of the Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter (NAHIPA), member of the National Board of Directors, and two consecutive terms as National President.

Under Curtis's four-year leadership, NAHIPA received the **2008 NAHI Chapter Award** for outstanding chapter promotion, membership, and legislative initiative. He was named **NAHI Member of the Year in 2007** and received the organization's **Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012** for his dedication and exemplary leadership to the home inspection profession. Curtis has also contributed to home inspector legislative efforts in Pennsylvania and authored numerous educational and industry articles.

Today, Curtis is the President and founder of **Armored Home Inspections**, a Pennsylvania Licensed Real Estate Broker, and continues to train and mentor the next generation of home inspectors. His professional credentials and experience have included radon measurement certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for wood-destroying insect inspections, and professional mold inspection training and certification.

Beyond business, Curtis is a devoted husband and father of five who enjoys life on his property, raising chickens, tackling projects, and finding new ways to teach what decades of experience have taught him.

That passion for education led him to create the **Armored Comics™ Series**, where home inspection and real-world building knowledge meet storytelling. Through characters such as **Krome**, Curtis uses comics to make the sometimes complicated—and occasionally intimidating—world of homeownership entertaining, understandable, and memorable.

Home Invasion is part of that mission: **educating homeowners one adventure at a time.**

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Want more information? We've put together this list of resources to help you become more familiar with home inspection and issues that may affect your home. If you'd like more information on any home inspection related topic, feel free to give us a call (610) 352-2212, or visit our website and request more information: www.armoredhomeinspections.com

Wood Destroying Insects

Penn State University Termite Info - <https://extension.psu.edu/eastern-subterranean-termites>

National Pest Management Association Consumer Info - <https://www.pestworld.org/pest-guide/>

Information for Consumers

American Society of Home Inspectors - ASHI.org

Pennsylvania Association of Realtors - <https://www.parealtors.org/why-use-a-realtor/>

National Association of Home Builders - www.nahb.org

US Consumer Product Safety Commission - www.cpsc.org

National Association of the Remodeling Industry - www.nari.org

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

DEP Home Page - www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/residents

Radon Home Page - www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/radiation-protection/radon-division

Drinking Water - <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/water>

United States Environmental Protection Agency

US EPA Home Page - Epa.gov

Mold - A Brief Guide - <https://www.epa.gov/mold/mold-and-your-home>

Lead - Lead in Paint, Dust and Soil - epa.gov/lead

Lead in Drinking Water - <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa>

Additional Resources

National Cancer Institute/Asbestos - <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/substances/asbestos>

Environmental Consultants and Affiliates - ecanllc.com



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