

NIGHTCOWL FILES

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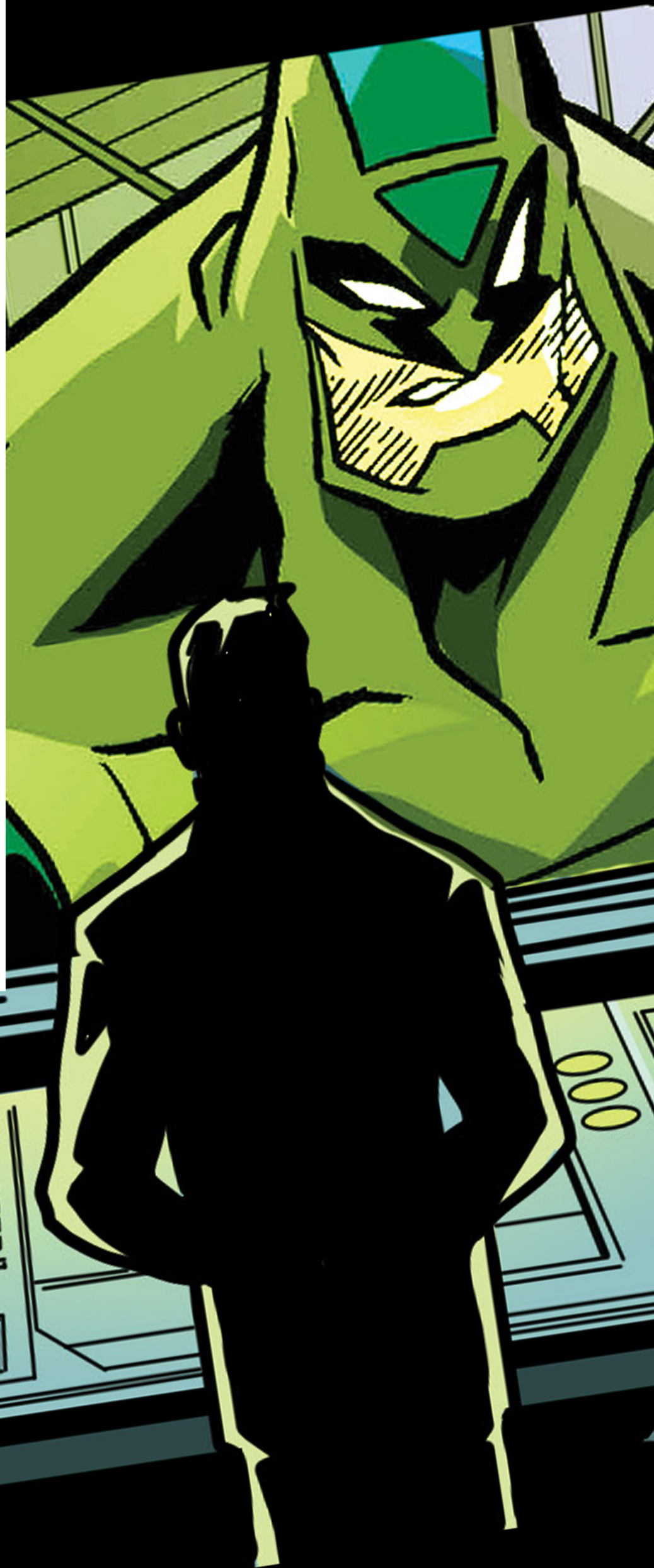
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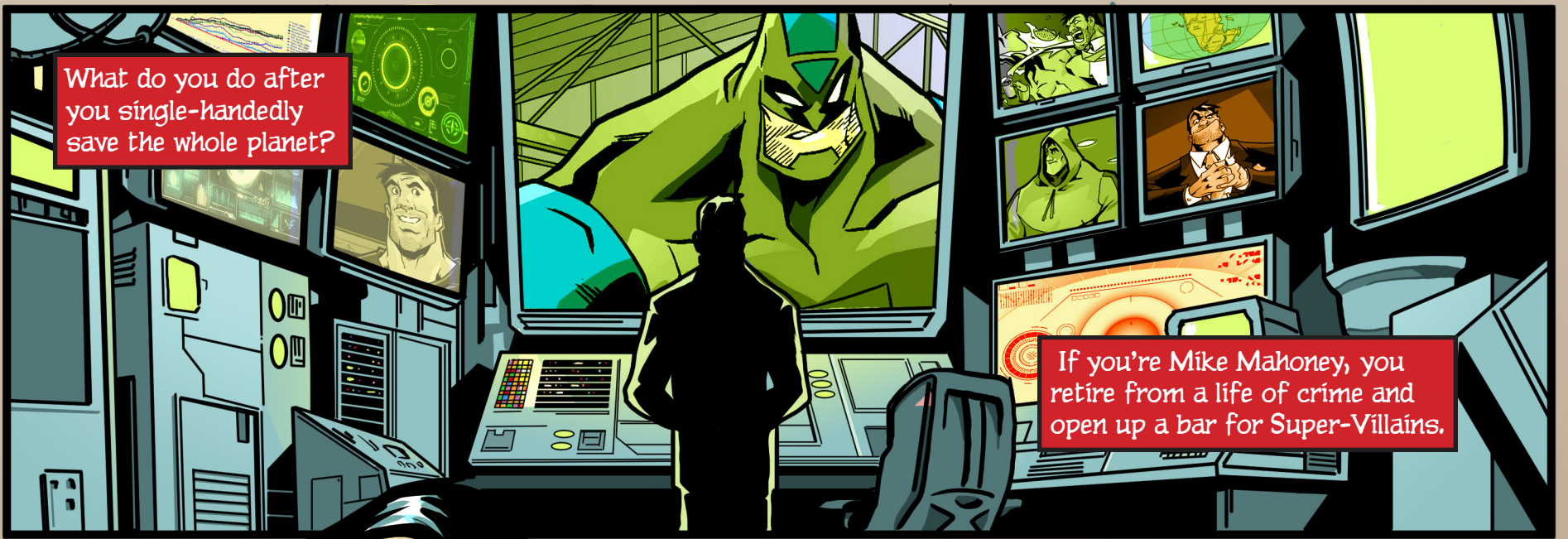


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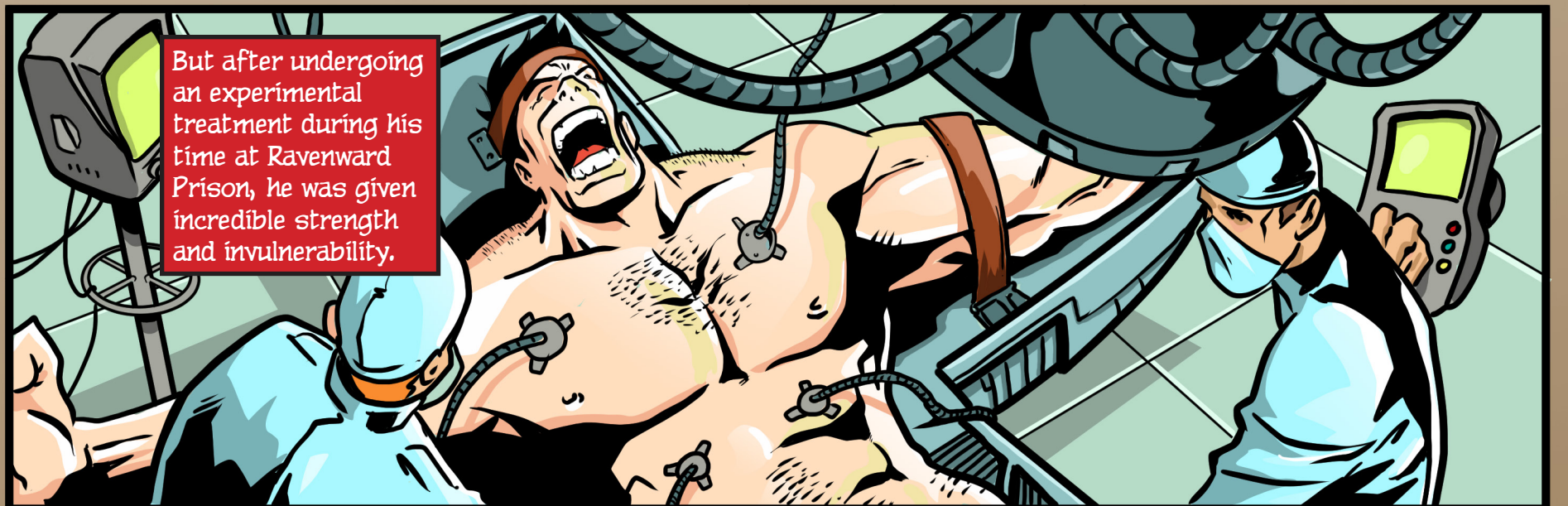
What do you do after you single-handedly save the whole planet?

If you're Mike Mahoney, you retire from a life of crime and open up a bar for Super-Villains.

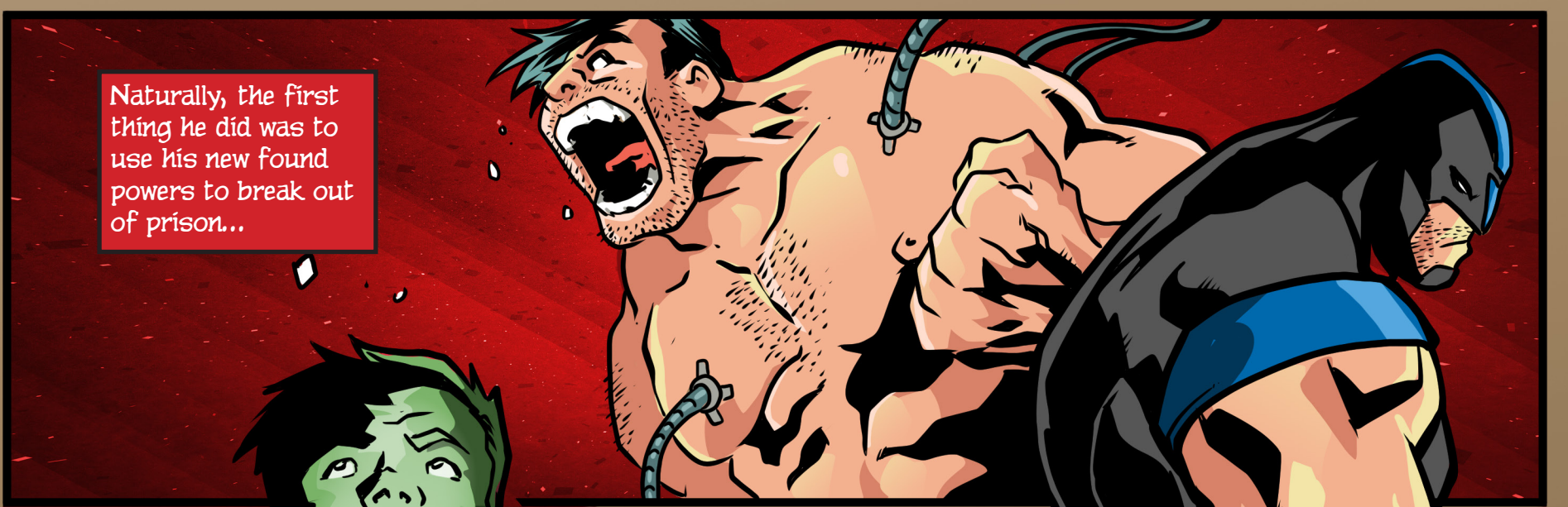


Mahoney was an enforcer for The Canelli's, the largest Crime family in the city...

...or they were until I took them down.



But after undergoing an experimental treatment during his time at Ravenward Prison, he was given incredible strength and invulnerability.



Naturally, the first thing he did was to use his new found powers to break out of prison...

He quickly donned a costume and adopted the name...

THE BRAWLER



A founding member of The Savage Squad, Brawler's enormous strength and undeniable fighting prowess meant that The Squad, which should have been a low-level menace under the weak leadership of Doctor Alpha, were always a viable threat.



Indeed, Brawler was one of the only people capable of matching Captain Superior blow for blow.

Their battles have become the stuff of legend.



Which brings me to what happened on the moon...

From what Captain Superior has told me, a powerful and malevolent alien called Megataxx was moments away from destroying the entire planet.

This act in itself, while undoubtedly impressive, could've been borne of Mahoney's instinct to save his home planet rather than some noble, altruistic act.

Superior and Brawler fought this creature on the surface of the moon but when The Captain's powers were drained, Brawler stood alone and defeated the creature, thereby saving us all.

However, it was what he did next which was more extraordinary....



When he could have easily left his greatest rival behind to die, Mahoney went back and saved Captain Superior's life.



Why would a career criminal save the life of the hero who's spent most of that career putting him behind bars? A sense of kindness?

Humanity?

Or, dare I say it - heroism?



Regardless of his motives, since the event on the moon, Mahoney has hung up his Brawler costume and has turned his back on villainous activities.

Instead, he has opened up his self-titled bar and offers a place for his one-time colleagues in the Super-Villain fraternity to unwind.



Captain Superior has given the bar his blessing.



In all his wide eyed naïvete, he sees Mahoney as a positive role model to his patrons; believing if the mighty Brawler can turn his back on a life of crime, then so could they.



I remain unconvinced.



Mahoney seems to have gone legit but for how long? I'll be keeping a close eye on his bar from now on.



And if nothing else, it makes my life much easier having all those felons in one place.



END.

THE BRAWLER

REAL NAME: MIKE MAHONEY

STRENGTH: 10

SPEED: 5

INTELLIGENCE: 4

FIGHTING SKILL: 9

THREAT LEVEL: 10

POWERS

Mahoney has Indestructible skin and Omega-Level strength. I've seen him throw a mountain in the past as well as take one of Captain Superior's strongest punches with nothing but a shrug of his head.

While certainly undisciplined, Mahoney is not unskilled when it comes to fighting. The name Brawler was always well suited as his fighting style is that of a street level, knock down, bar room brawl. He also fights dirty - just ask The Invincible Man after Mahoney showed him that not every part of him was impervious to harm.

MAHONEY'S
WHERE NOBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME

