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While Mark, Eve, and Terra make the best of their life on Talescria, Thragg has eluded capture. In this volume, loose ends are tied up, conflicts are brought to a resolution, and a door is closed... so that a new one can open.

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Paul E. Morph says

I am totally frickin' serious, folks; there are SPOILERS below!

OK, anybody who gets anything spoiled from this now has only themselves to blame.

This volume of Invincible was *amazing!* Invincible is always great, but *this* volume? Blow the walls of your house down while you're sitting in it incredible!

The arc is called 'Reboot' so, understandably, a lot of people were concerned that Kirkman and co. were going to do a Big Two and reboot the Invincible universe. I didn't worry; after 120 issues I trust these guys too much for that.

In the aftermath of Robot conquering the Earth, Mark is given the chance to go back in time to directly before he gained his powers and make changes. Who wouldn't be tempted? Especially in the Invincible universe where countless thousands, if not millions have died in various catastrophes that Mark has the ability to prevent if given the gift of foreknowledge.

No brainer, right?

Wrong. Making these changes comes with a price. An absolutely HUGE price that Mark would have to pay if he changed history. He would be saving countless lives but to do so would mean his wife would never fall in love with him and, as a result of that, his daughter would never be born.

Which choice would *you* make? Do the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one?

Which choice does Mark make? Well, like I said, it's a no-brainer, right? He's a *superhero*, after all; committed to doing all he can to protect others...

I'm not going to tell you. That's one spoiler too far. Read the damned book already. If even *half* of all the Walking Dead fans also picked up this book, Invincible would be the best-selling superhero/science fiction comicbook on the market; a position it well deserves.

I know I'm repeating myself endlessly when it comes to this book but IF YOU ARE A FAN OF SUPERHEROES YOU SHOULD BE READING INVINCIBLE!

James DeSantis says

Shitttt I'm all caught up! I'm both happy and sad. Because now the waiting game begins. Also the fact it's almost over for good (13 more issues) but I still love to be all caught up.

So Mark gets to go back in time and fix his mistakes. He learns a few things, especially about Robot, but this

is mostly a what if volume. Not a throw away though, just another big lesson for Mark to learn. Another big change, another choice, and we can't even fully say if it's the right or wrong cause we can never have that choice. It's brave, and I loved it.

The ending catches you off guard a bit and I was like "Oh fucking shit" and now I can't wait for Volume 23, which should be out in March. This series is f-ing amazing. Please, if haven't read it yet begin now!

Anne says

Reboot?

So just when it looks like Kirkman has used up everything in the cliched bag of tricks, he pulls out the Hail Mary of comic books...Time Travel.

This is one of those issues that if I say much of anything, I'll spoil it.

Read it yourself.

I *liked* it, but I have to say that I'm glad Kirkman wrapped this one up.

Chad says

Consistently the best long-running superhero comic out there. In this volume, Mark and Eve continuing raising their daughter in space. Halfway through a major turning point in the series occurs.

Chris says

I've been thinking that Kirkman has kind of written himself into a corner with the Invincible universe. One of the greatest heroes killed a large percentage of his allies, imprisoned the remainder and took over the Earth. The bad guy won and so what does the hero of the story do? He says "Fuck this" and leaves the planet with his wife and kid.

So that leaves Kirkman with two options, either he embraces these massive world-changing events and moves forward in that world or goes the DC route and reboots the universe.

I feel like Kirkman is self aware enough not to puss out, but having the title of this issue "*Reboot?*" had me wondering.

Without going into specifics I felt it was a solid story, I like the continued relationship between Mark and Oliver as well as Eve's frustration as a stay-at-home mother effectively stranded on an alien planet.

No matter what comes next, Kirkman knows what he's doing and his books are never as straight foward as they seem and I'm sure I'll continue to enjoy this series.

Shawn Birss says

Aaaaa! Kirkman! You've written a volume that is going to force me back into reading single issues! NO WAY can I wait until the next volume to find out what happens next! Duuurrrrrrrrrrnnnnn yooooooooooooooo!

Maria Kramer says

In this volume, Mark has a chance to go into the past and prevent the many, many terrible events from transpiring - at the cost of his daughter's existence. As a parent, I have to say I'd make the same choice he does.

Timothy Boyd says

Another very nice volume in this excellent comic series. If you are looking for a more adult comic to read and enjoy here it is. Kirkman started here and went on to write the Walking Dead. Very nice read and good art. Try something different and pick up volume 1 today. Very recommended

Shadowdenizen says

It's unfortunate that only a fraction of people who watch and/or read "The Walking Dead" are aware of this title, as this title surpasses "Walking Dead" in almost every aspect (IMO.)

And this is the best volume to date of this stellar series.

If you're at all a superhero fan, do yourself a favor and pick up this title! (But start from the beginning, as the stories continually build on each other and refer backwards to previous storylines/characters.)

Jacob says

Incredibly amazing! I need the next volume. Being faced with a choice like what Invincible faced... how difficult. How very very difficult.

Craig says

I still enjoy this comic, but it increasingly feels like just about every possible storyline has already been played out. To send Mark back in time is really just a variation on when he was trapped in another dimension by that mad scientist guy (blanking on the name right now). It is also quite clearly a delaying tactic to keep

from getting to the inevitable fight against Thragg. Artwork continues to be topnotch, but I really feel like I'm ready for this title to wrap up.

Patrick says

This was a very interesting and sad volume. Mark was thrust into the past and when he came back life moved on without him. His daughter isn't a toddler but approx a 5-6 year old. That was heartbreaking to see Mark's reaction. Overall the volume was very good. The art was phenomenal and the story is fabulous. I could read this all day.

Issam says

I've read 86 issues of this series over the past 3 days.

Waiting for monthly releases now is pure agony.

Michael Church says

For the most part, they manage to take a really scary idea for a story like this (a reboot) and put a fresh spin on it. My only issue is that they JUST used the "Mark is gone for an extended period of time" gimmick and I don't like how it's executed here. I also think things were left just a little too vague without even a hint of trying to explain.

Other than that, though, this book was amazing. I always forget how much I love coming back to these characters. I'm equally at home seeing them beaten to a pulp or changing diapers. Any insight into their lives, especially Mark and Eve, is welcome. I love the world that exists within these pages.

Despite my slight issues above, I loved the take on the reboot. It's not one I've seen before, and I think it plays so well into this story overall, thematically and based on characters, that it almost feels organic. There was a little more that I wanted from it, but that was at least partially just me wanting to know what's next without waiting.

Ottley's art is still consistent. I have issues with a couple of his faces, but I cannot argue his design sense.

In summary, go start with Volume 1!

Cheese says

Feels great to dive into the Invincible universe again after not reading any for a year or more. It's such an easy read with great characters and always an exciting story to delve into. The only complaint I've ever had

with Invincible is that it moves way to fast, but on the plus side that means you never get bored.

In this volume we see distress caused to Invincible by accidentally going back in time to relive his hero life. It's not all that he dreamt it would be.
