



WHOSE SIDE...
...ARE YOU ON?

THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. IN
THE WAKE OF A TRAGEDY, CAPITOL HILL
PROPOSES THE SUPER HERO REGISTRATION
ACT, REQUIRING ALL COSTUMED HEROES
TO UNMASK THEMSELVES BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT. DIVIDED, THE NATION'S
GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST EACH DECIDE
HOW TO REACT—A DECISION THAT WILL
ALTER THE COURSE OF THEIR LIVES FOREVER!

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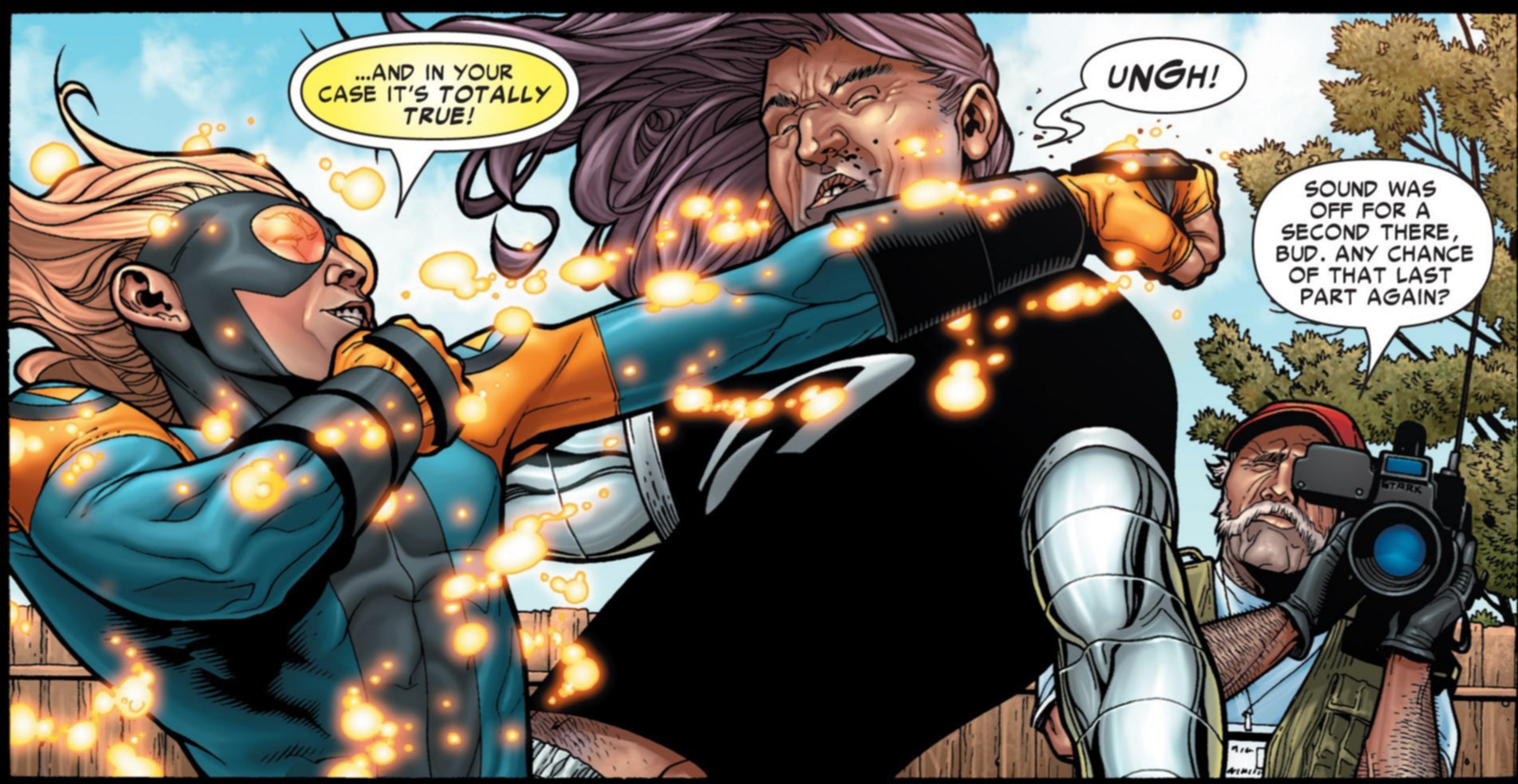
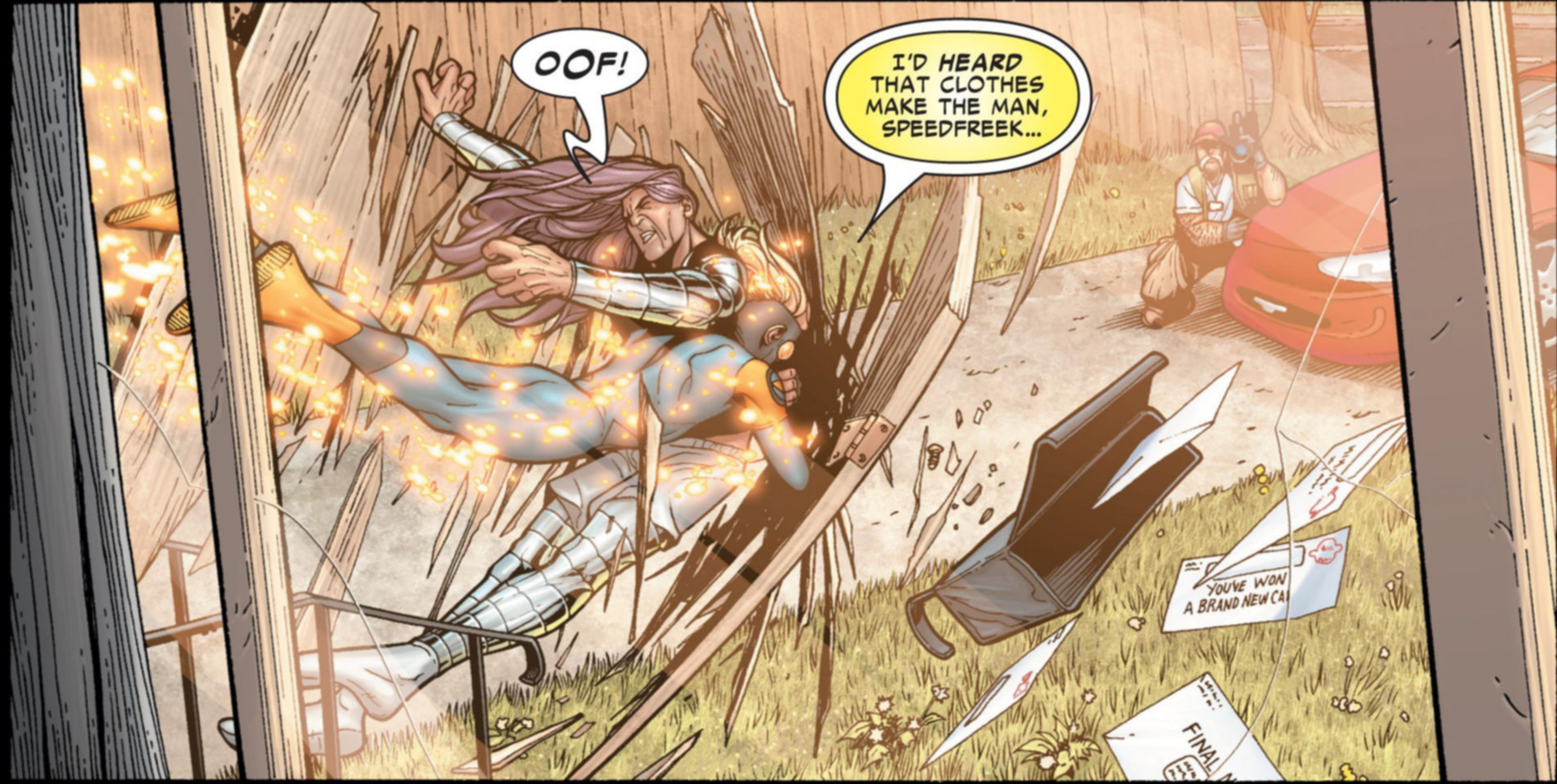


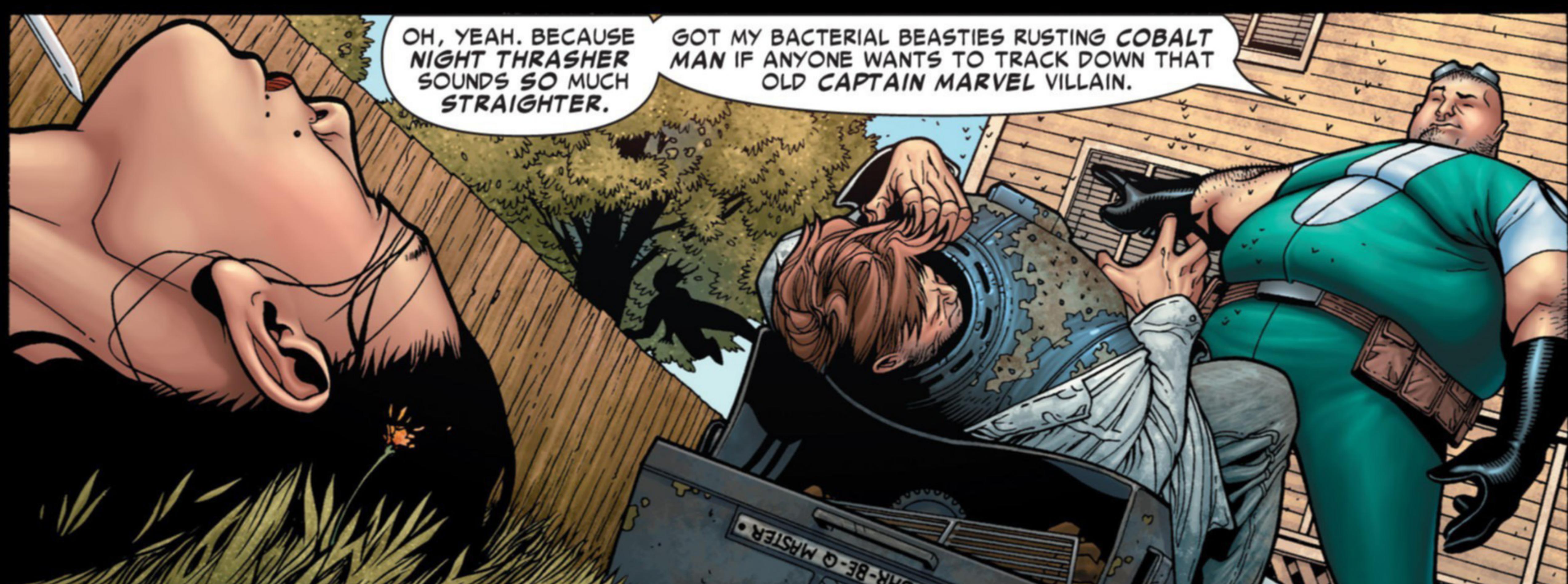
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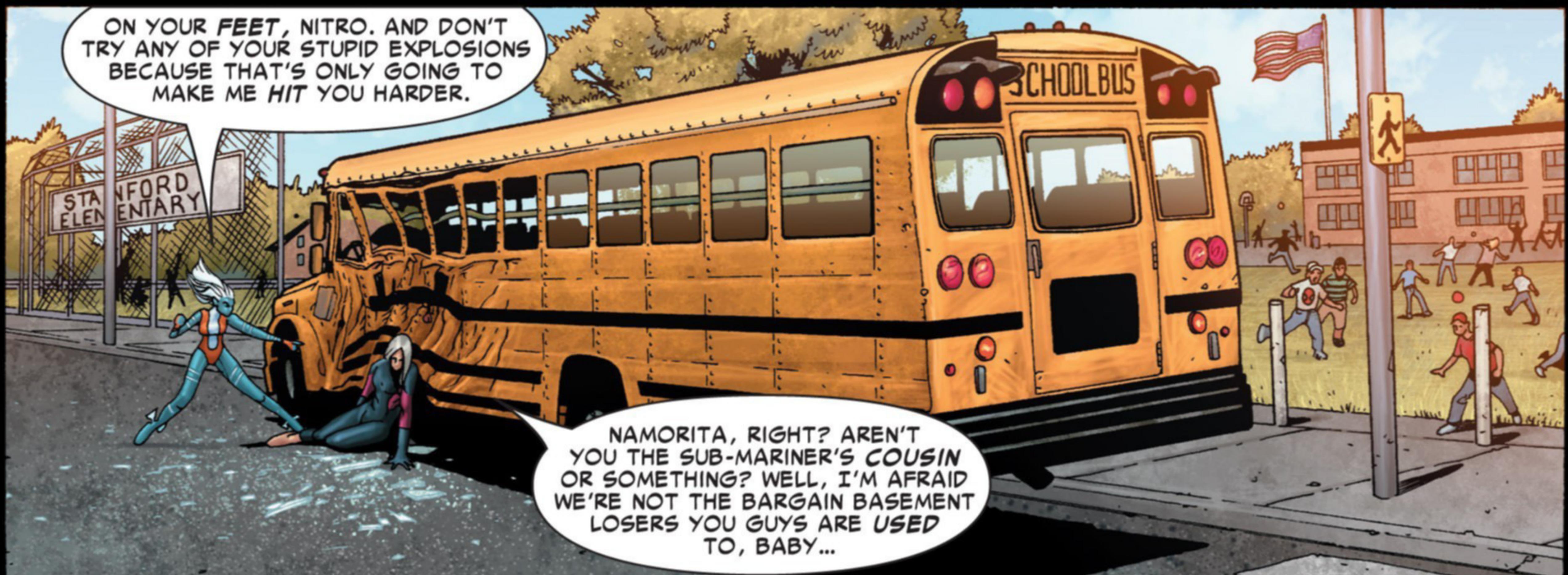
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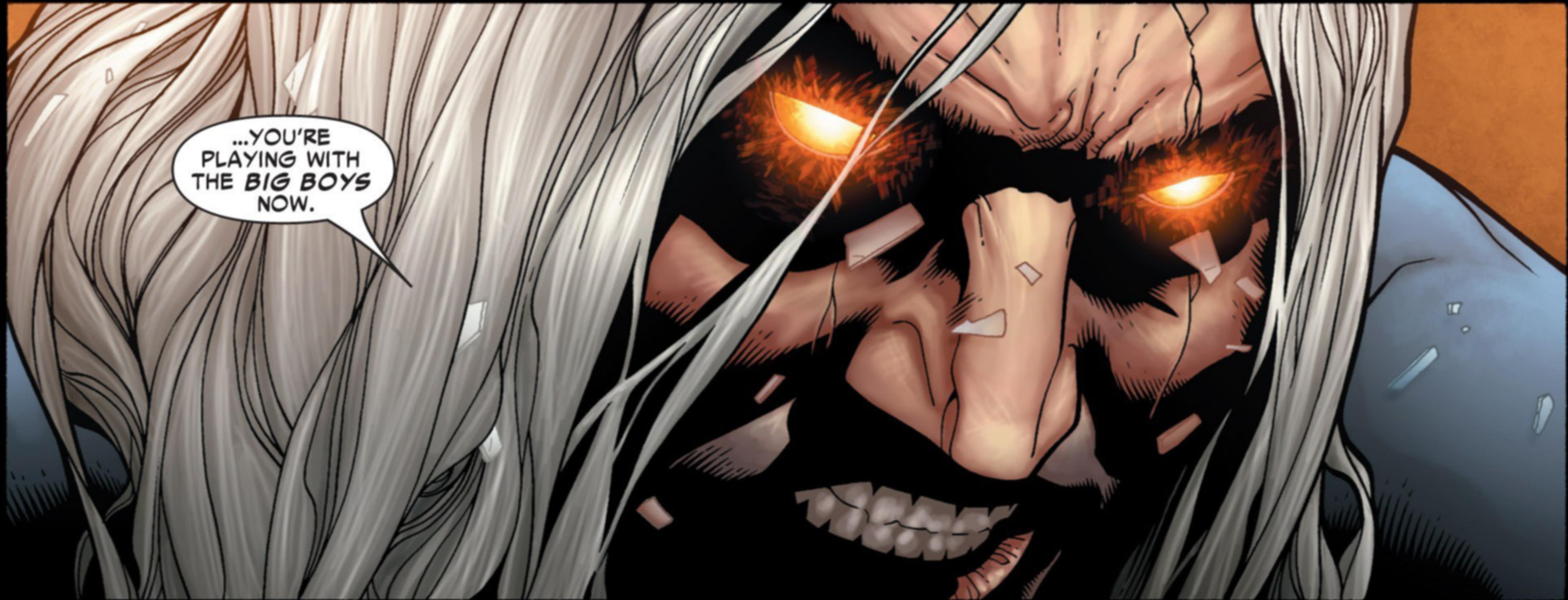








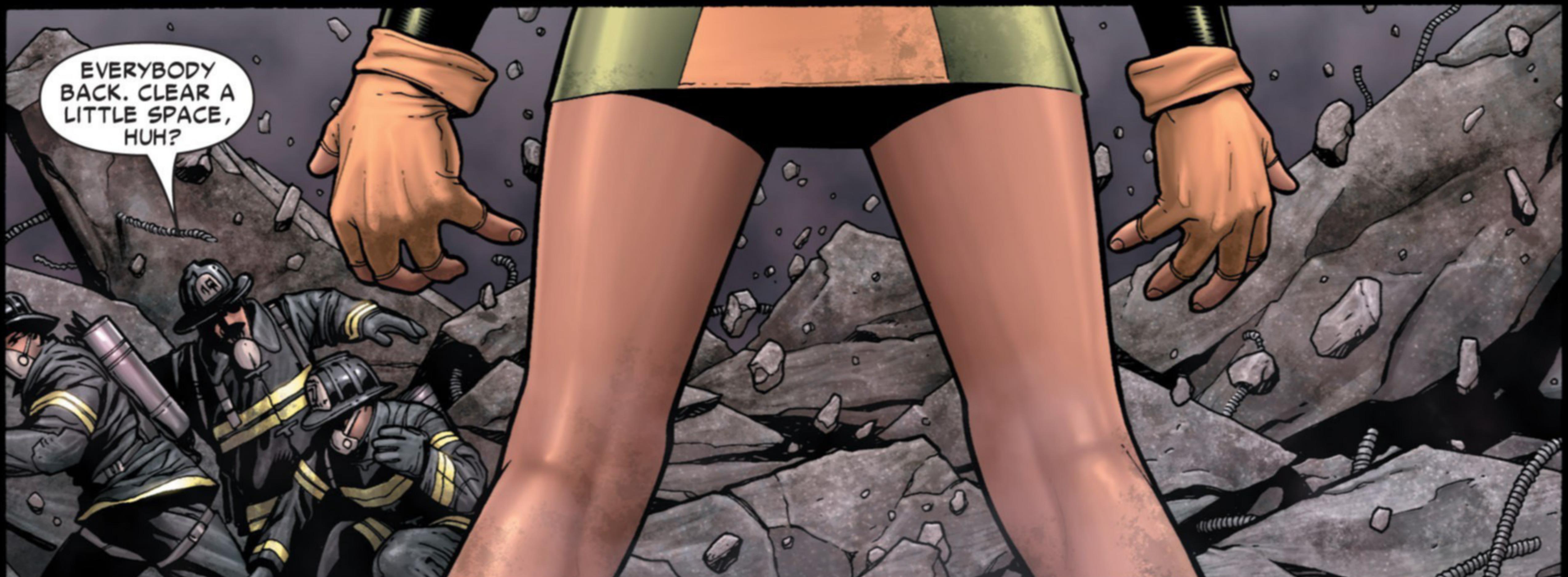
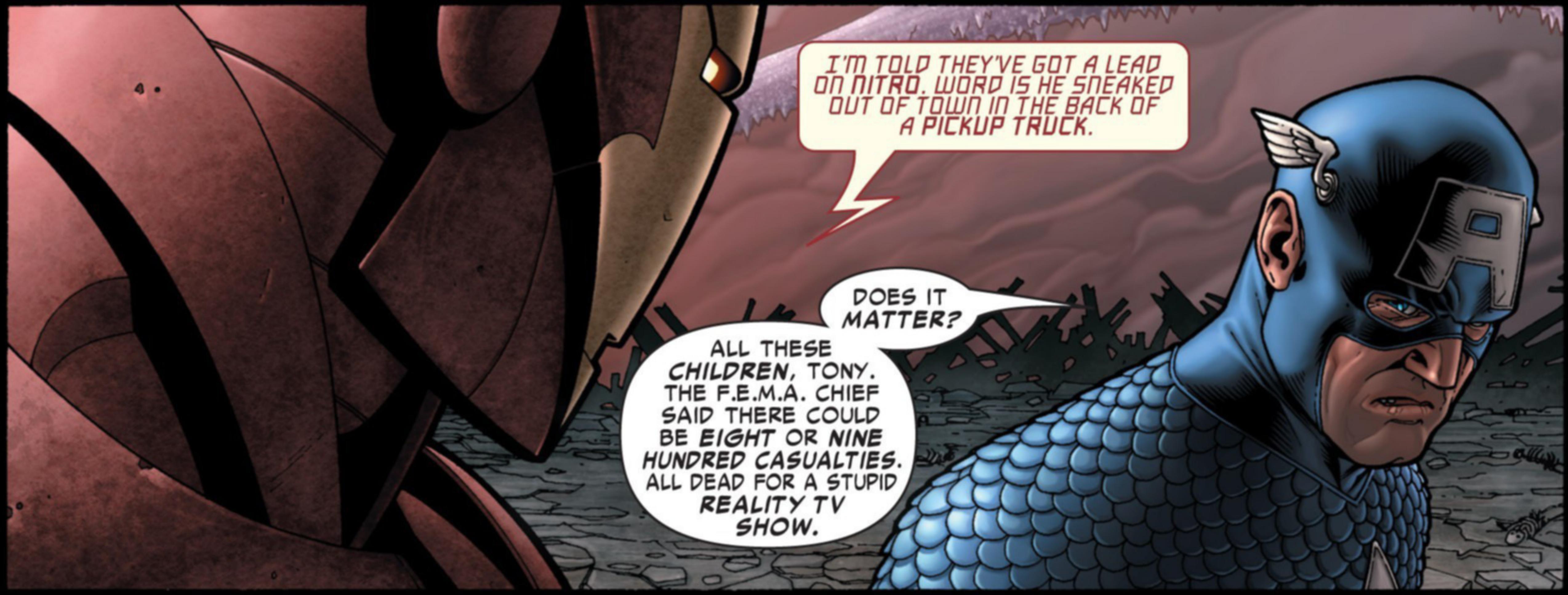
...YOU'RE
PLAYING WITH
THE BIG BOYS
NOW.





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CAN YOU
HANDLE THIS
ON YOUR OWN,
RACHEL?



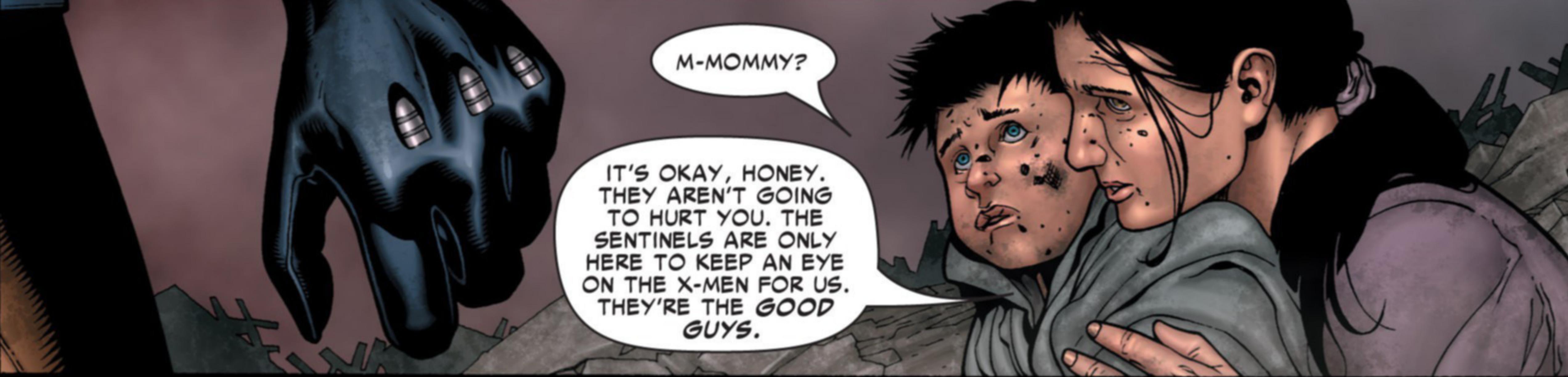
I CAN
HANDLE IT,
SCOTT.



SIX MORE
SURVIVORS OVER BY
THE SCHOOL'S NORTH
SIDE. BRING BLANKETS
AND A DEFIBRILLATOR.

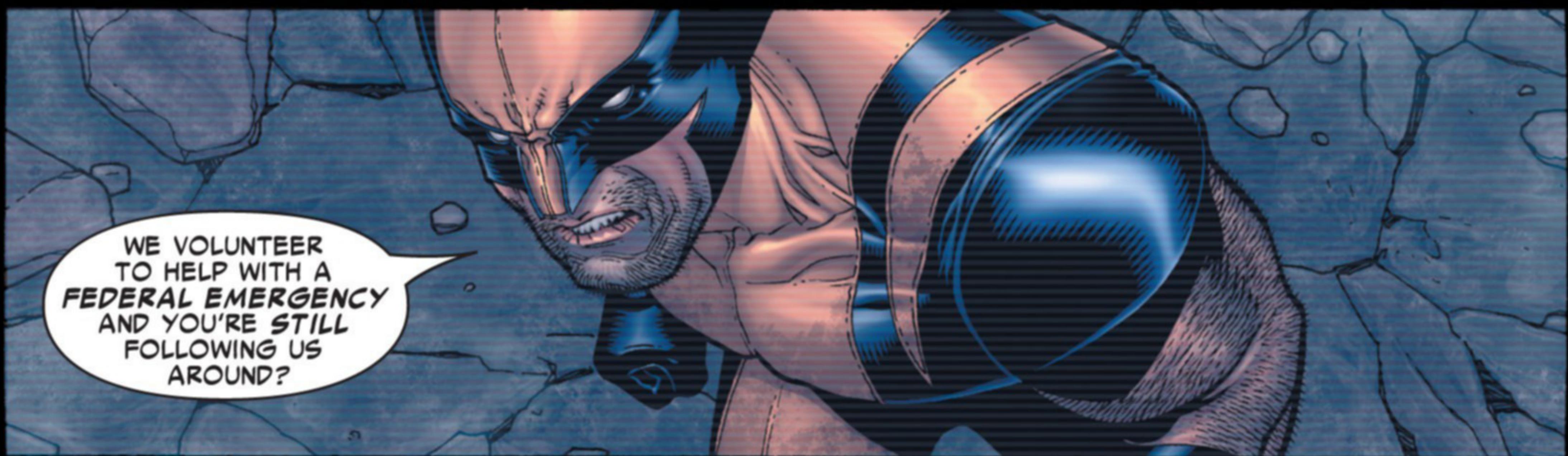


YOU
GOTTA BE
KIDDIN' ME.



M-MOMMY?

IT'S OKAY, HONEY.
THEY AREN'T GOING
TO HURT YOU. THE
SENTINELS ARE ONLY
HERE TO KEEP AN EYE
ON THE X-MEN FOR US.
THEY'RE THE GOOD
GUYS.

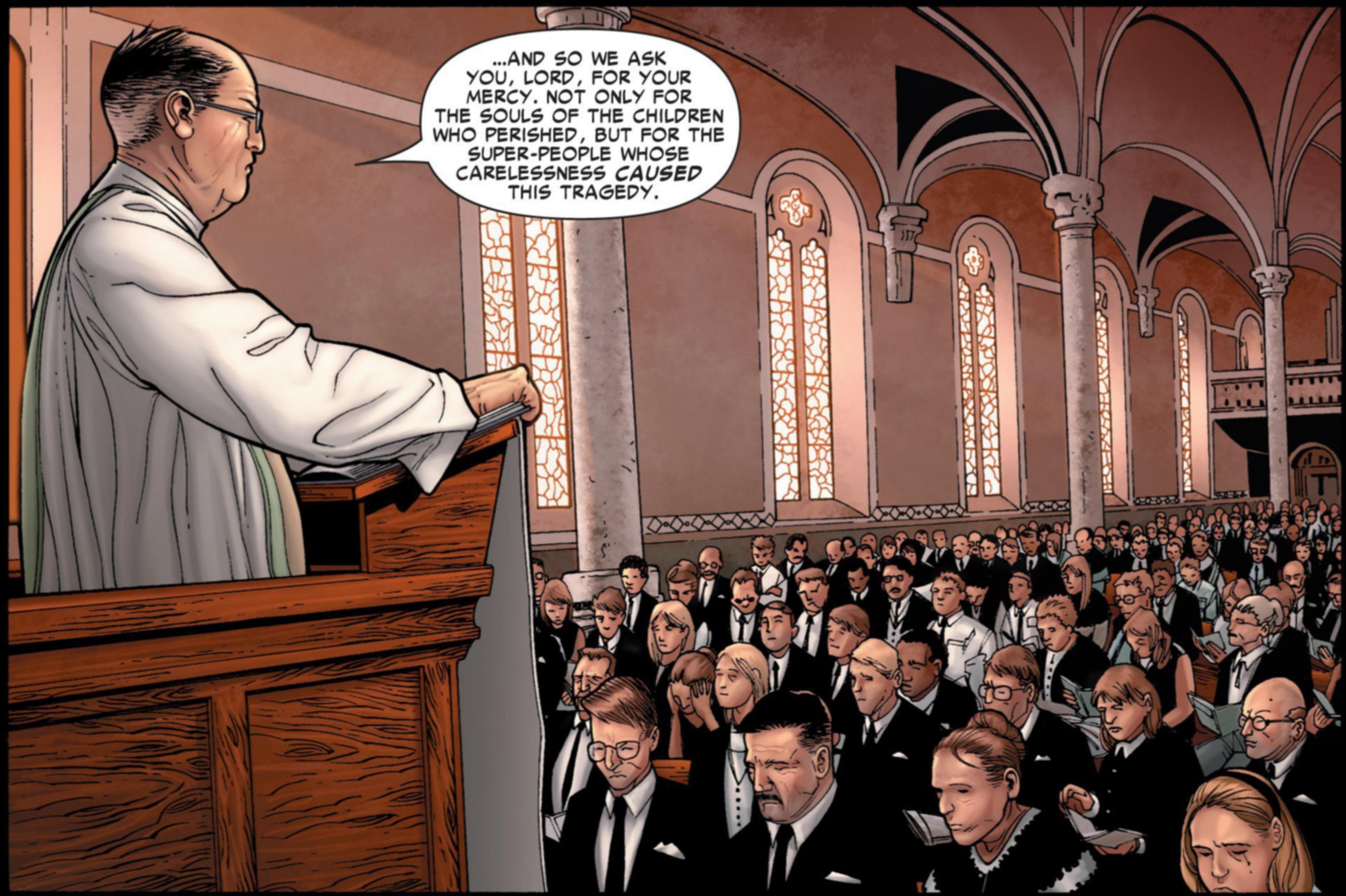


A BAN ON SUPER HEROES? WELL, IN A WORLD WITH THOUSANDS OF SUPER-VILLAINS THAT'S OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE, LARRY.

BUT TRAINING THEM UP AND MAKING THEM CARRY BADGES? YES, I'D SAY THAT SOUNDS LIKE A REASONABLE RESPONSE.



...AND SO WE ASK YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR MERCY. NOT ONLY FOR THE SOULS OF THE CHILDREN WHO PERISHED, BUT FOR THE SUPER-PEOPLE WHOSE CARELESSNESS CAUSED THIS TRAGEDY.



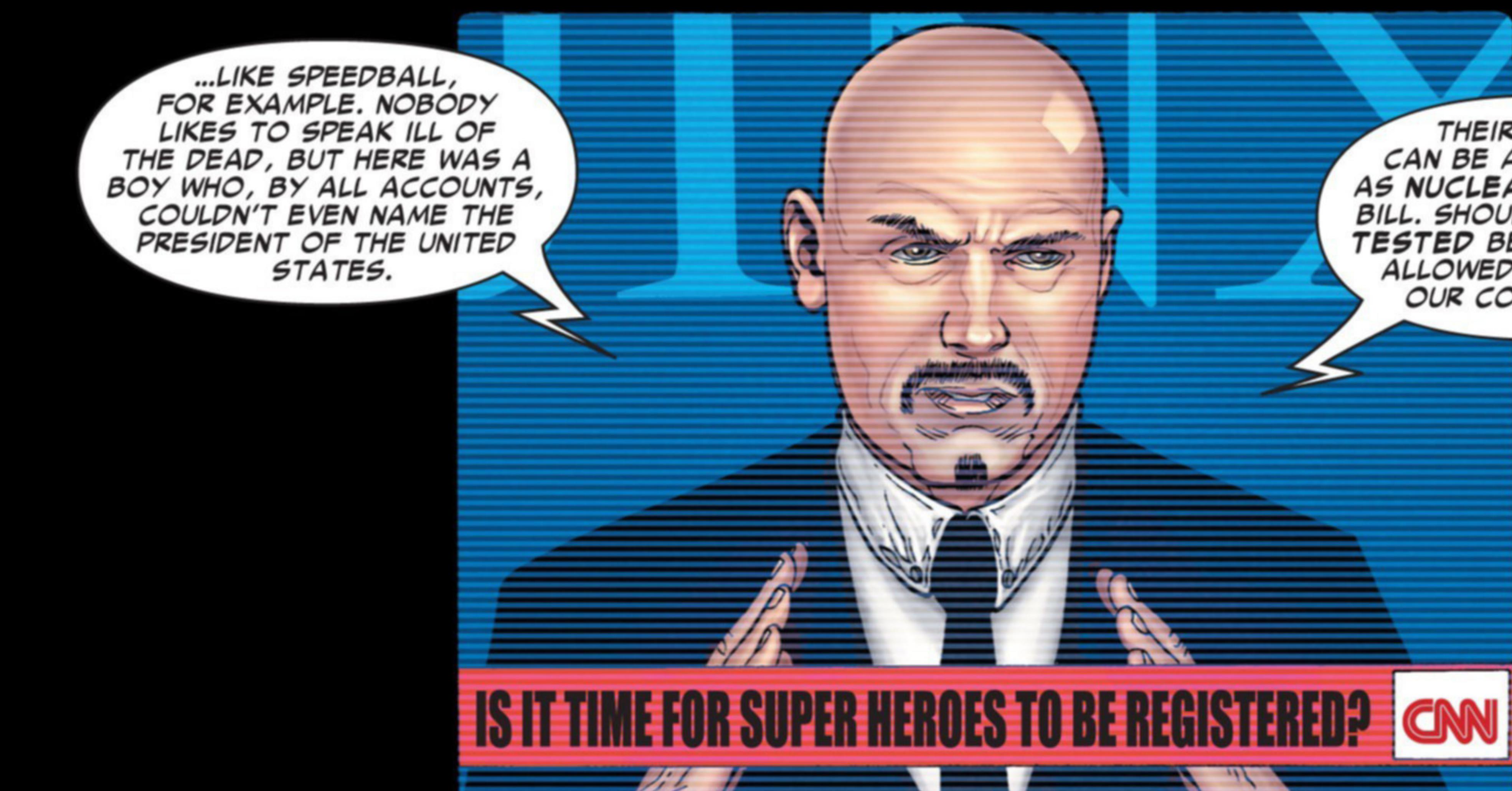
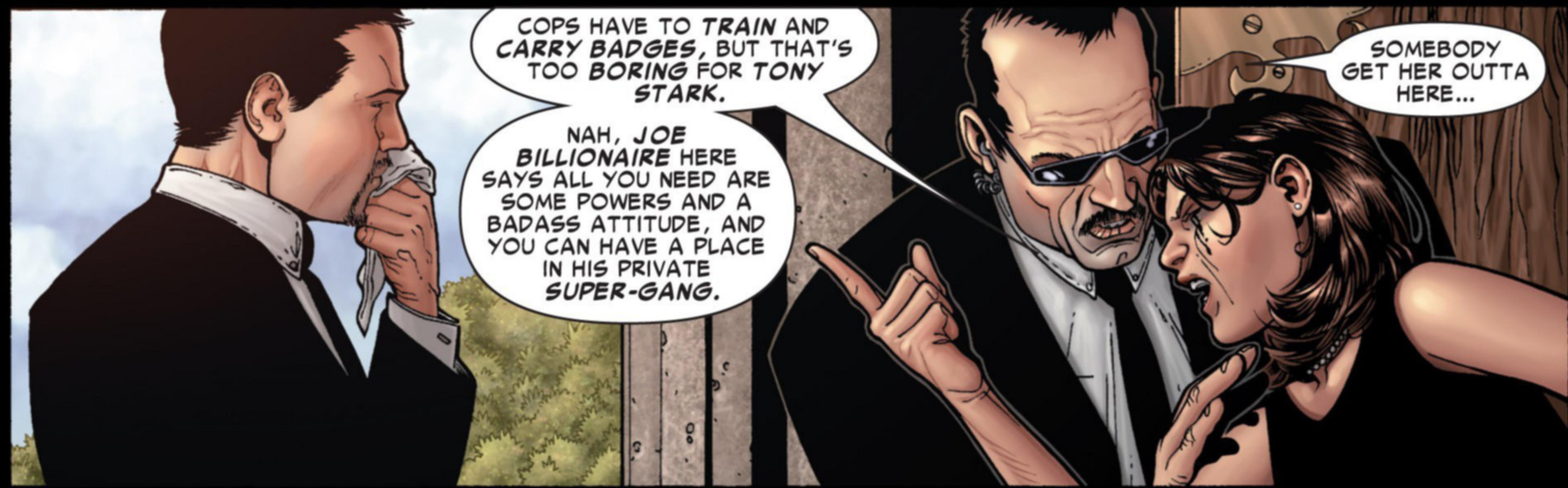
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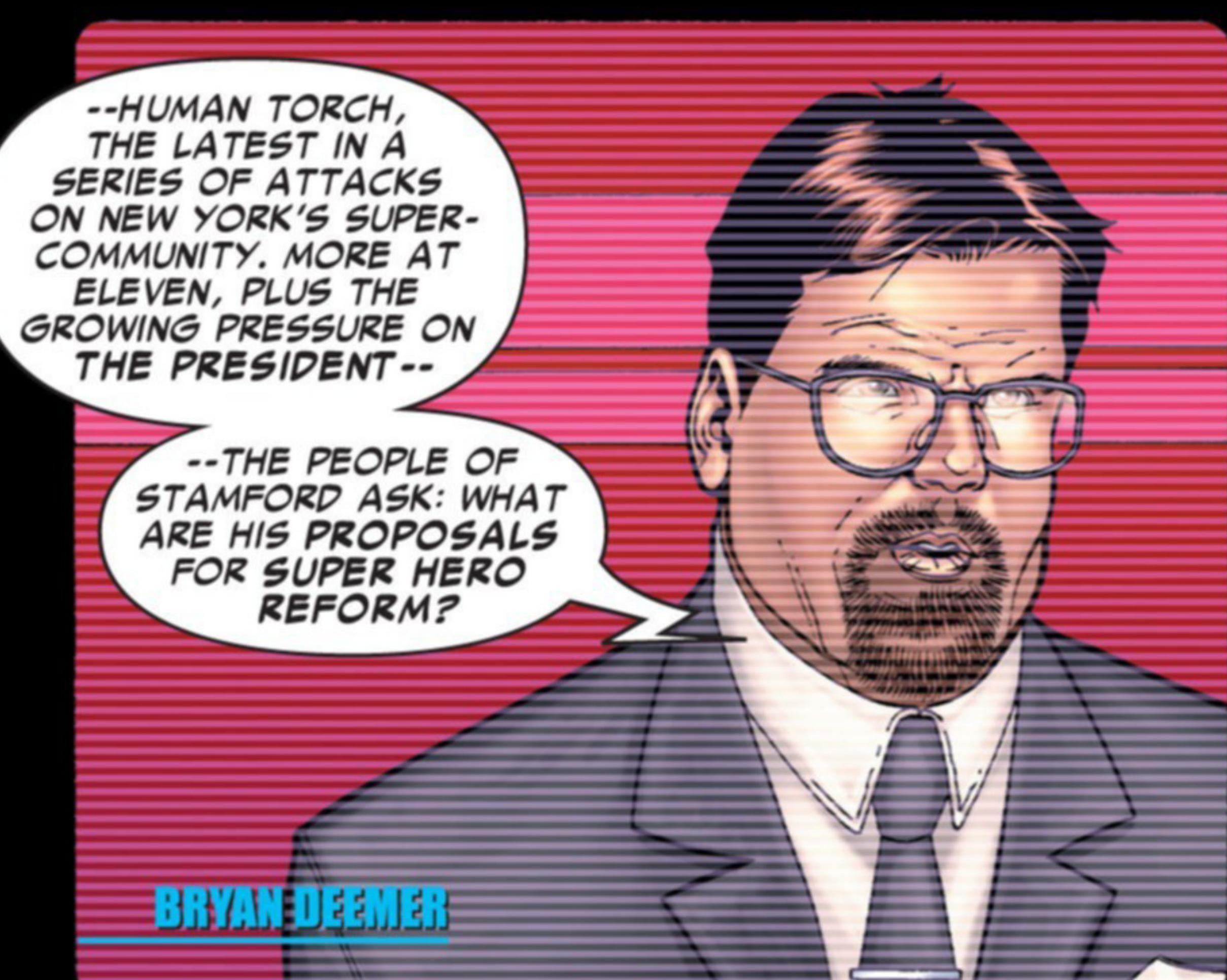
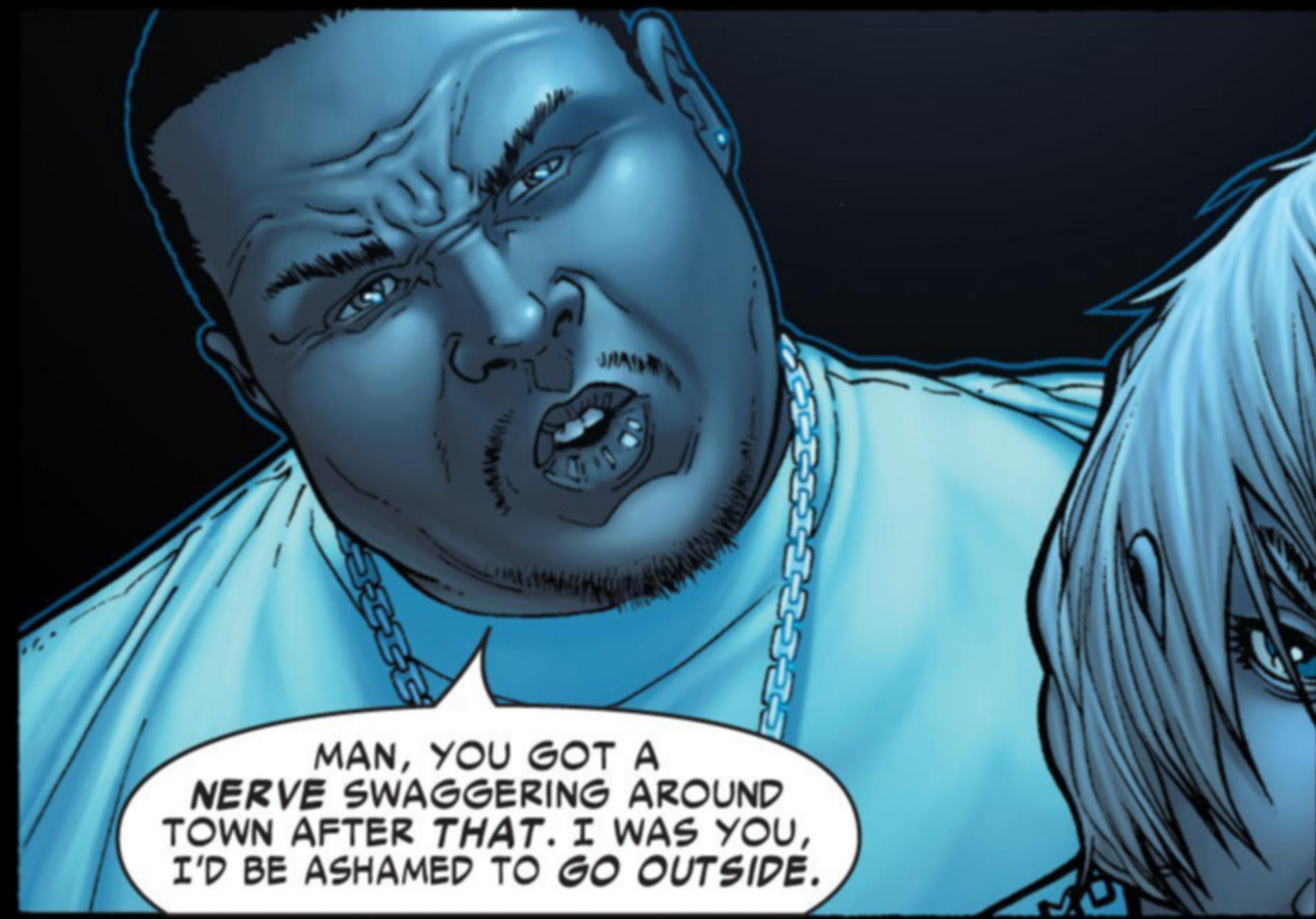


THINGS TURN UGLY:



WELL,
SWAP "ORPHANS"
FOR "BABES" AND
"BURNING BUILDING" FOR
"SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS"
AND IT'S COMPLETELY
TRUE, SWEETIE.

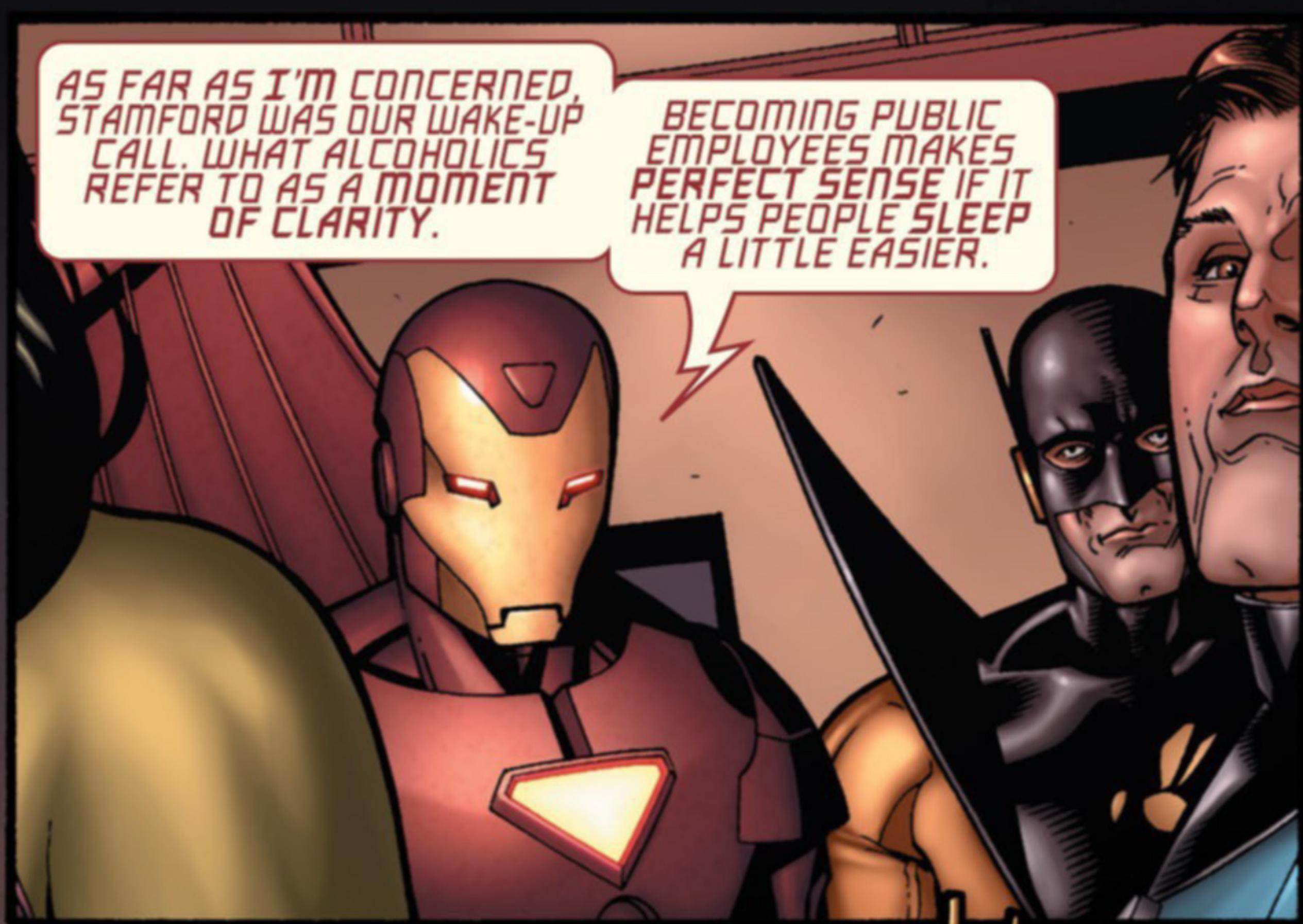
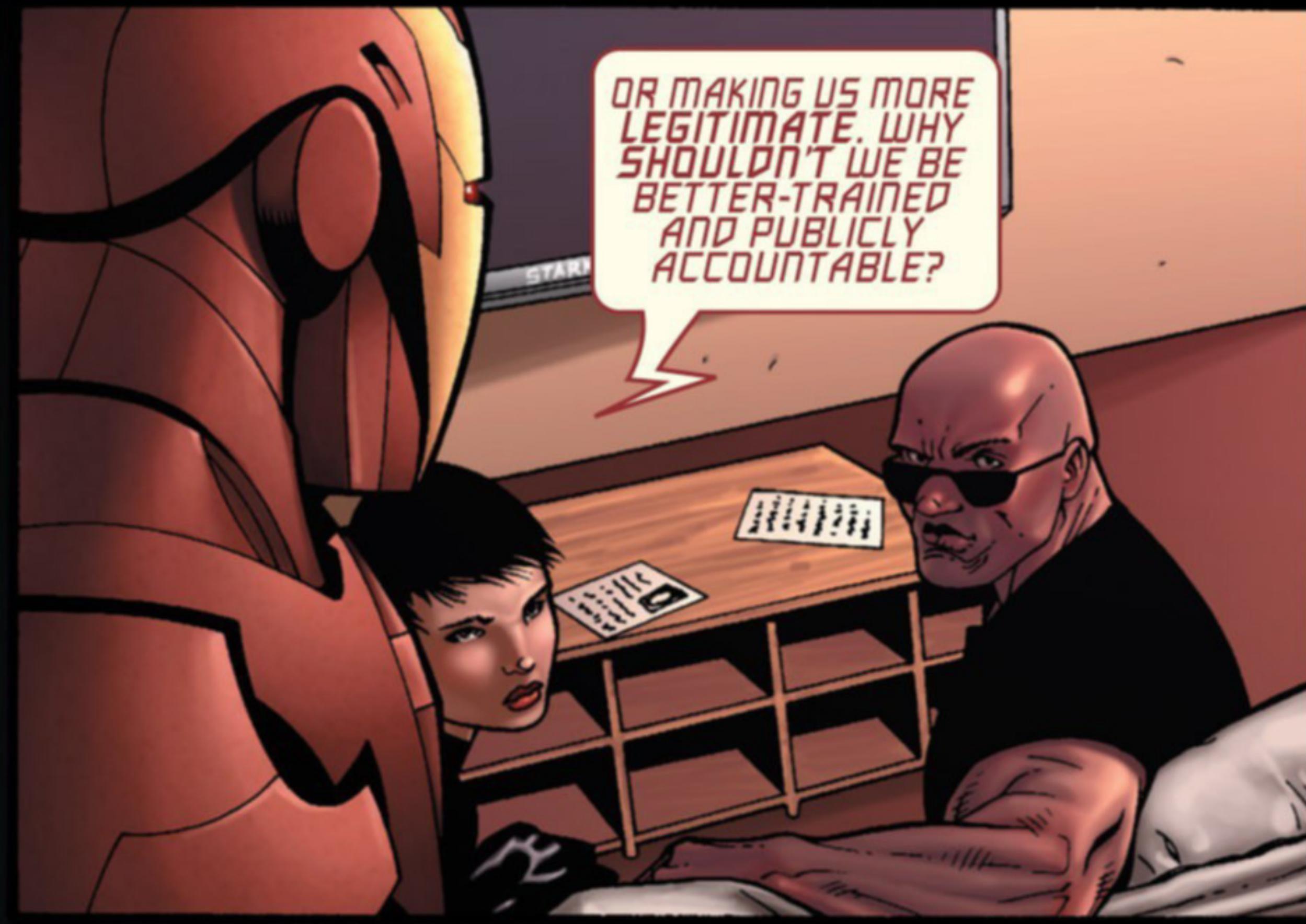




BRYAN DEEMER

THE BAXTER BUILDING:





WHO KNOWS? BUT IF THEY'RE FORCING EVERYBODY TO WORK FOR UNCLE SAM, I THINK A WHOLE LOTTA PEOPLE MIGHT JUST HANG UP THEIR TIGHTS.

SPIDER-MAN!

THE SECRET IDENTITY THING ISN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL. THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE BEEN PUBLIC SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING, AND IT'S NEVER REALLY BEEN A SERIOUS CONCERN.

YEAH, WELL...NOT UNTIL THAT DAY I COME HOME AND FIND MY WIFE IMPALED ON AN OCTOPUS ARM AND THE WOMAN WHO RAISED ME BEGGING FOR HER LIFE.

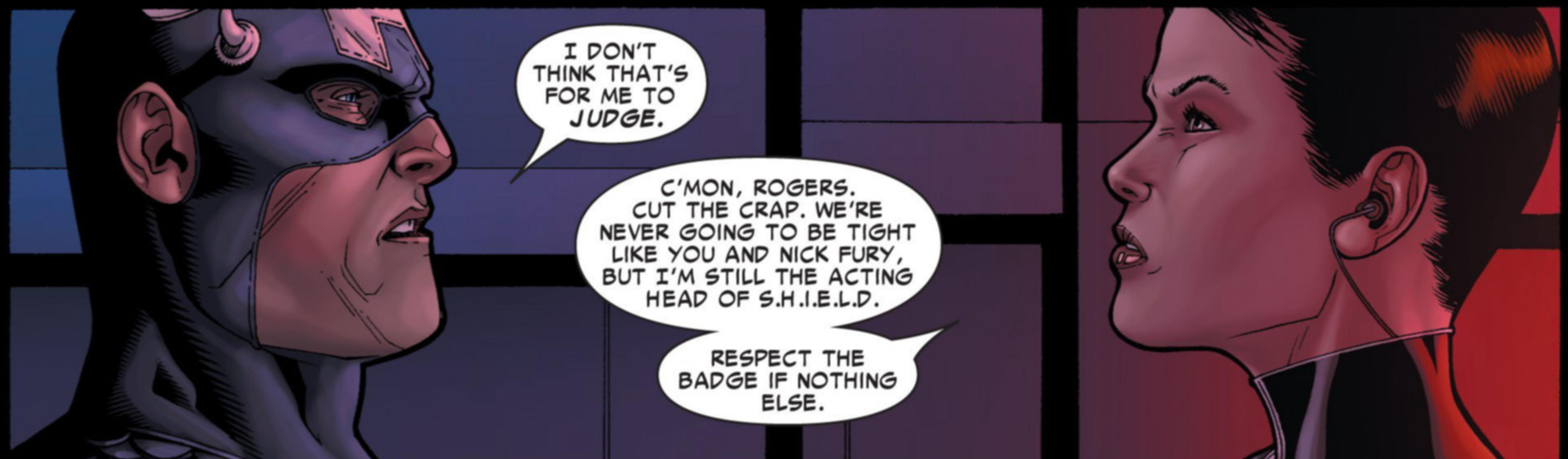
UH, DOES ANYBODY ELSE THINK WE'RE BEING A LITTLE PARANOID HERE? AFTER ALL, THIS IS ALL STILL JUST SPECULATION AT THE MOMENT, RIGHT?

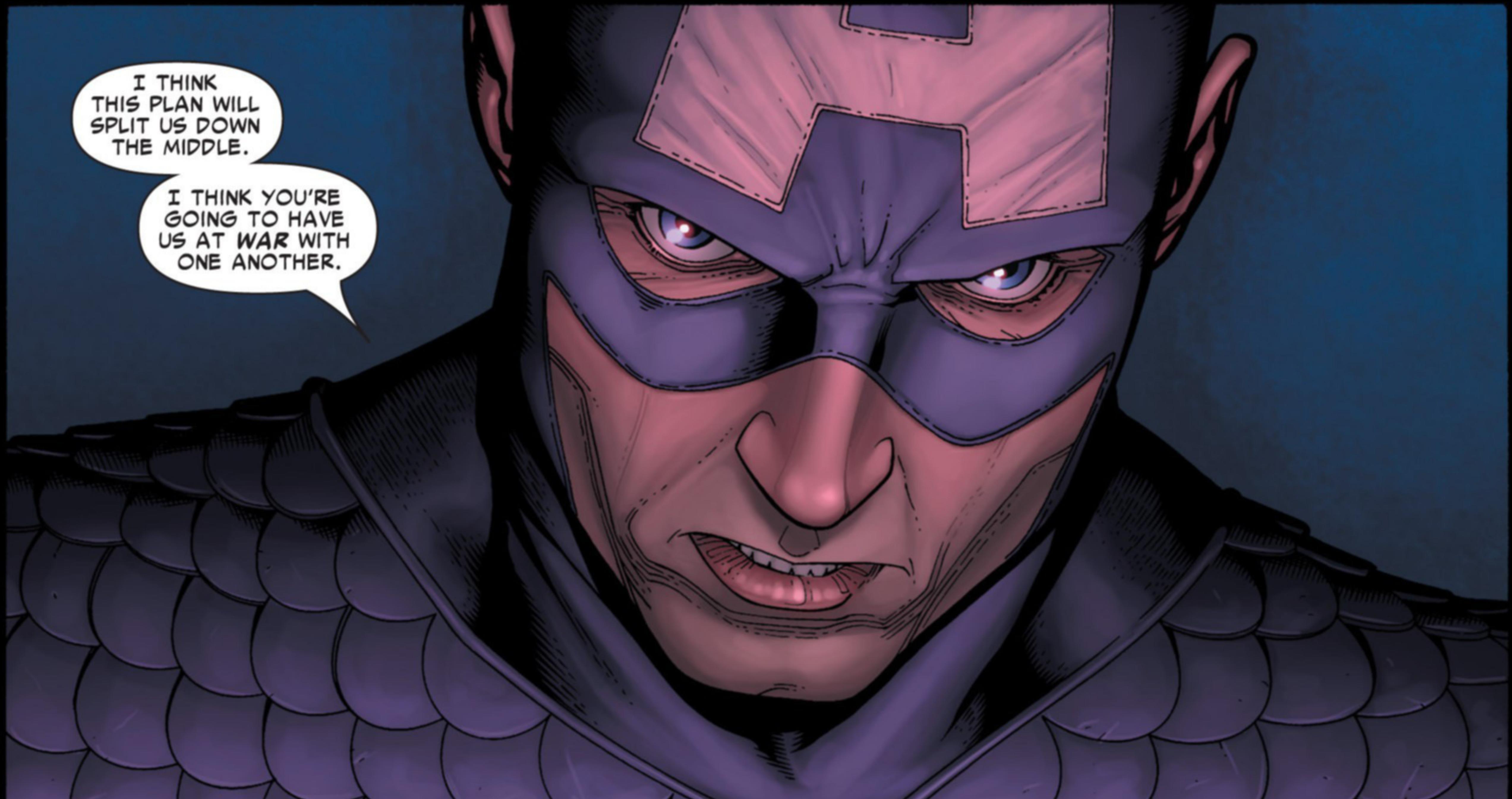
NO, THIS HAS BEEN BUILDING UP FOR A LONG TIME, NIGHTHAWK. STAMFORD'S JUST THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK.

THIS IS THE END OF THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS.

YOU CAN SMELL IT IN THE AIR.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER,
SIX MILES ABOVE NEW YORK:





I THINK THIS PLAN WILL SPLIT US DOWN THE MIDDLE.

I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE US AT WAR WITH ONE ANOTHER.



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THESE GUYS? HOW CAN ANYONE ARGUE WITH SUPER HEROES BEING PROPERLY TRAINED AND PAID FOR A LIVING?



HOW MANY REBELS DO YOU ESTIMATE HERE, CAPTAIN?

A LOT.

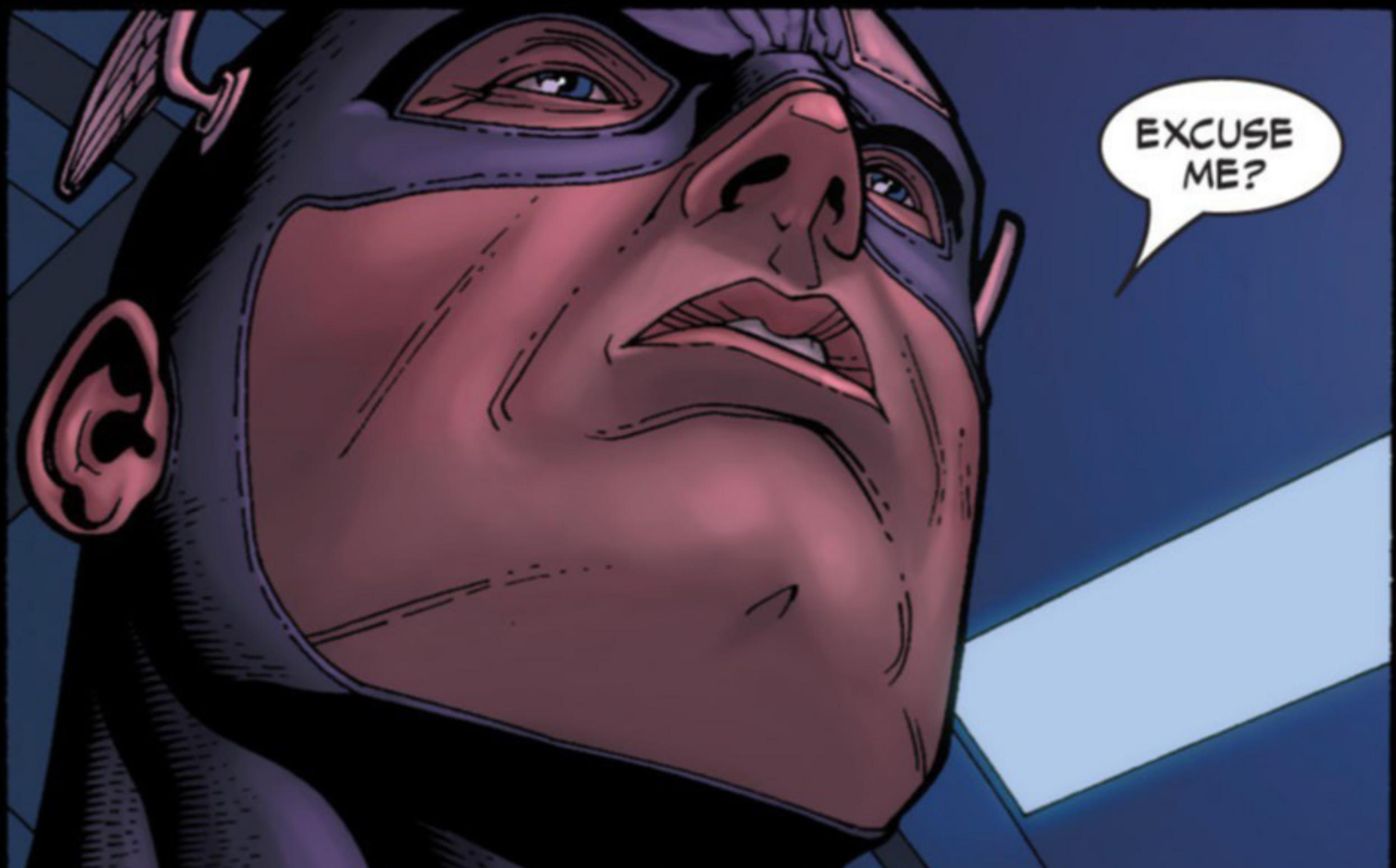
ANY MAJORS?



A FEW, BUT MOSTLY THE HEROES WHO WORK CLOSE TO THE STREETS LIKE DAREDEVIL AND LUKE CAGE.



SO NOBODY YOU CAN'T HANDLE?



EXCUSE ME?



YOU HEARD.

THIS PROPOSAL GOES TO A VOTE IN TWO WEEKS' TIME AND COULD BE LAW IN AS LITTLE AS A MONTH. BUT WE CAN'T GO IN HALF-COCKED.

WE'RE ALREADY DEVELOPING AN ANTI-SUPERHUMAN RESPONSE UNIT HERE, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE AVENGERS ARE ONSIDE AND THAT YOU'RE OUT THERE LEADING THE AVENGERS.

FORGET ABOUT IT.

YOU'RE ASKING ME TO ARREST PEOPLE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR THIS COUNTRY EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK.

NO, I'M ASKING YOU TO OBEY THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, CAPTAIN.

DON'T PLAY POLITICS WITH ME, HILL. SUPER HEROES NEED TO STAY ABOVE THAT STUFF OR WASHINGTON STARTS TELLING US WHO THE SUPER-VILLAINS ARE.

I THOUGHT SUPER-VILLAINS WERE GUYS IN MASKS WHO REFUSED TO OBEY THE LAW.

CHIK-CHAK

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IS THIS THE HIT SQUAD YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING TO TAKE DOWN HEROES?

NOBODY WANTS A WAR, CAPTAIN. THE PEOPLE ARE JUST SICK AND TIRED OF LIVING IN THE WILD WEST.

MASKED HEROES HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS COUNTRY FOR AS LONG AS ANYONE CAN REMEMBER.

SO'S SMALLPOX. NOW GROW UP AND STOP BEING AN IDIOT, HUH? NOBODY'S SAYING YOU CAN'T DO YOUR JOB.

IT'S JUST TIME YOU WENT LEGITIMATE LIKE THE REST OF US, SOLDIER.

WEAPONS DOWN, BOYS.

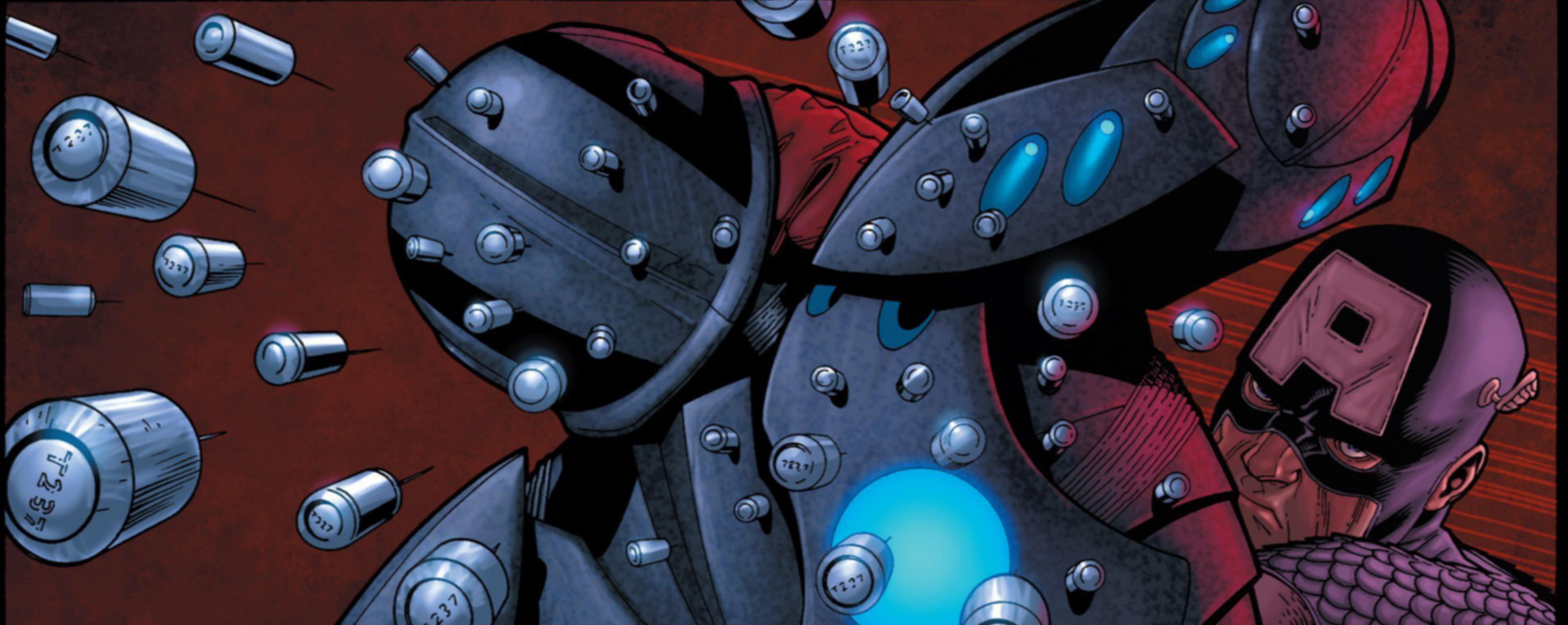
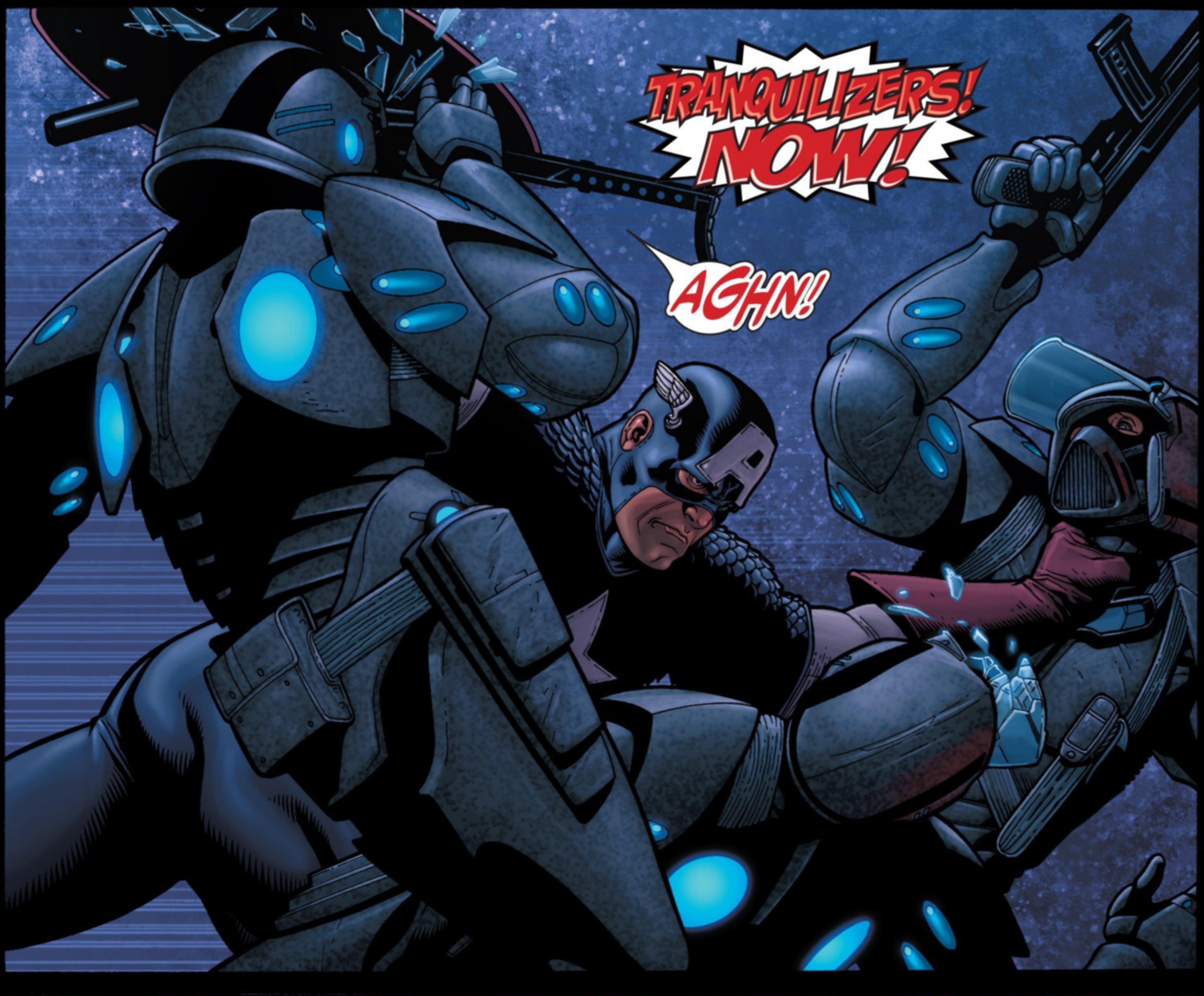
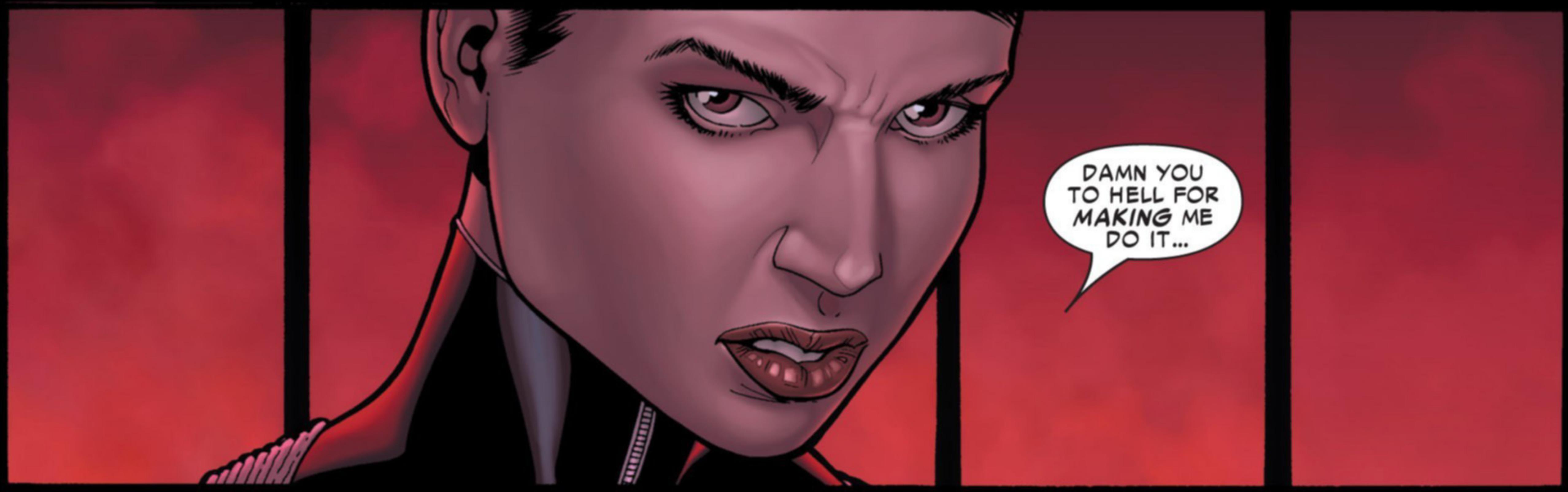
STAND YOUR GROUND, GENTLEMEN. CAPTAIN AMERICA IS NOT IN COMMAND HERE.

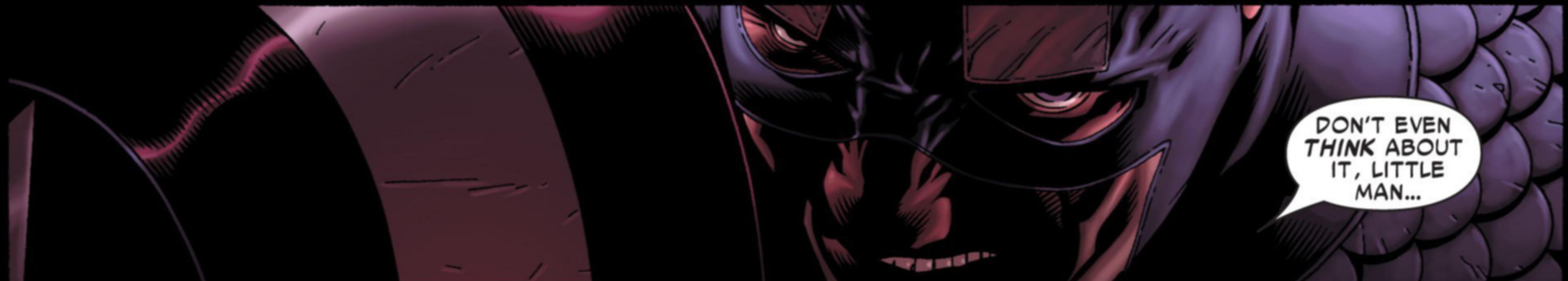
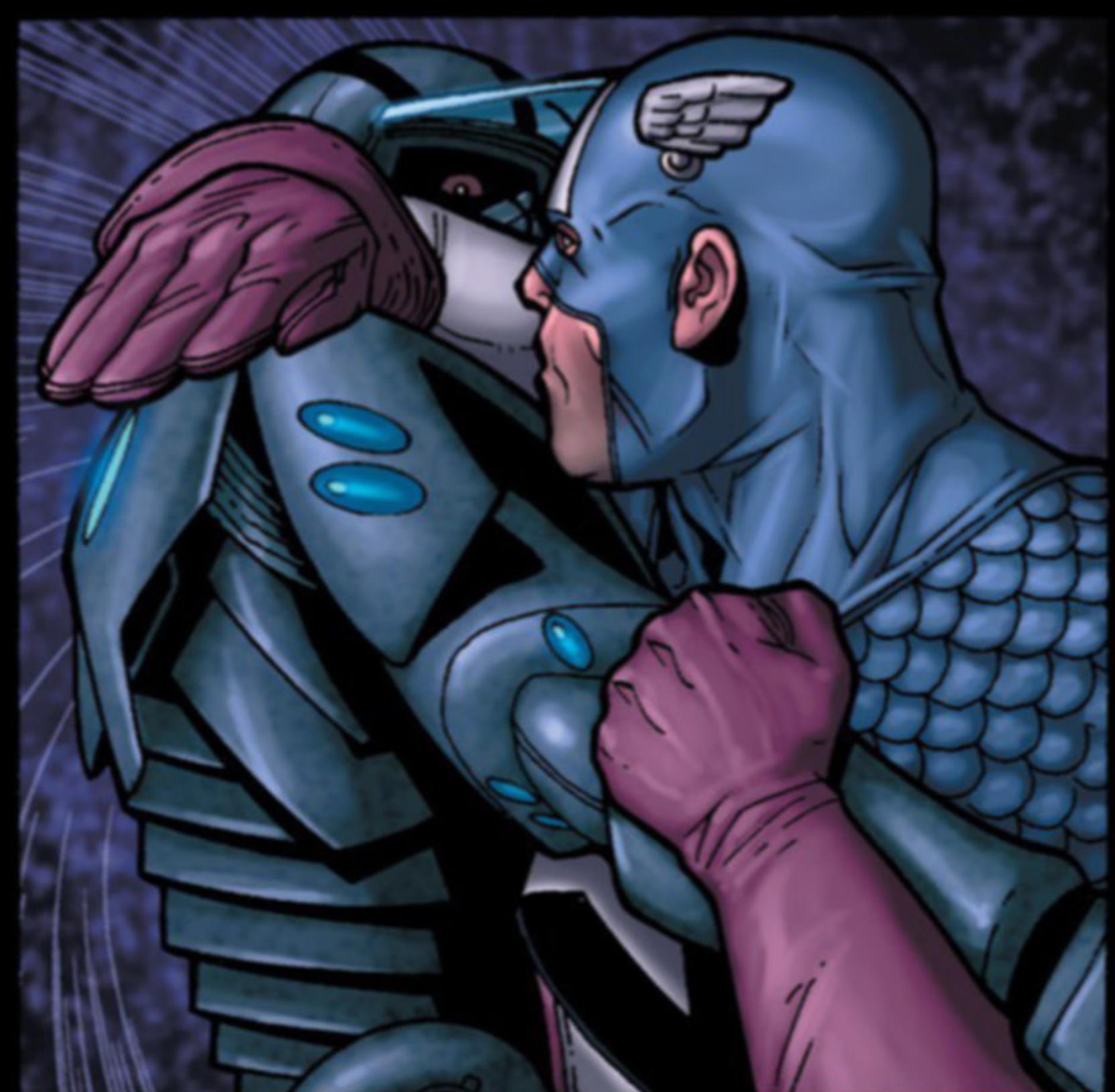
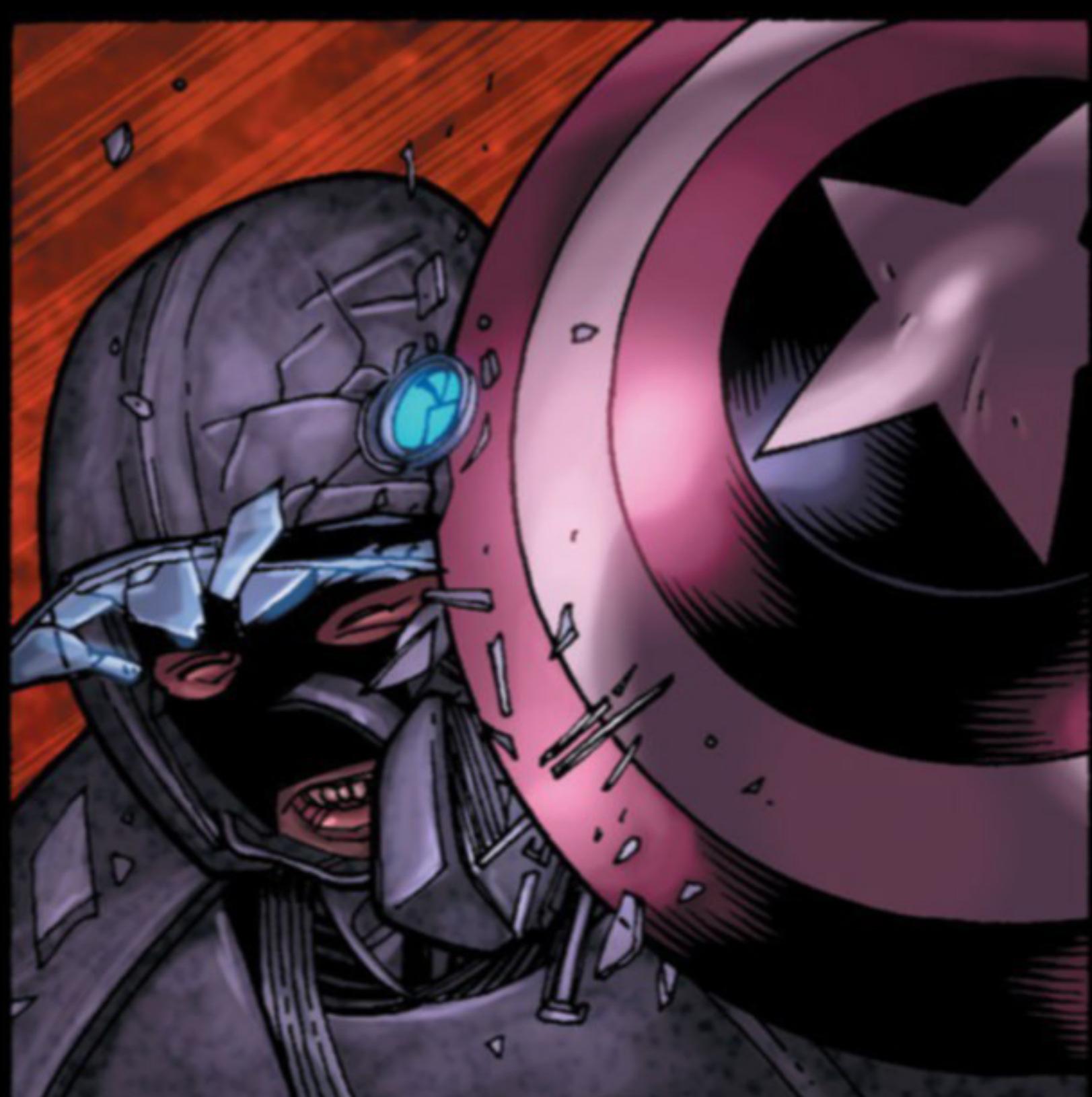
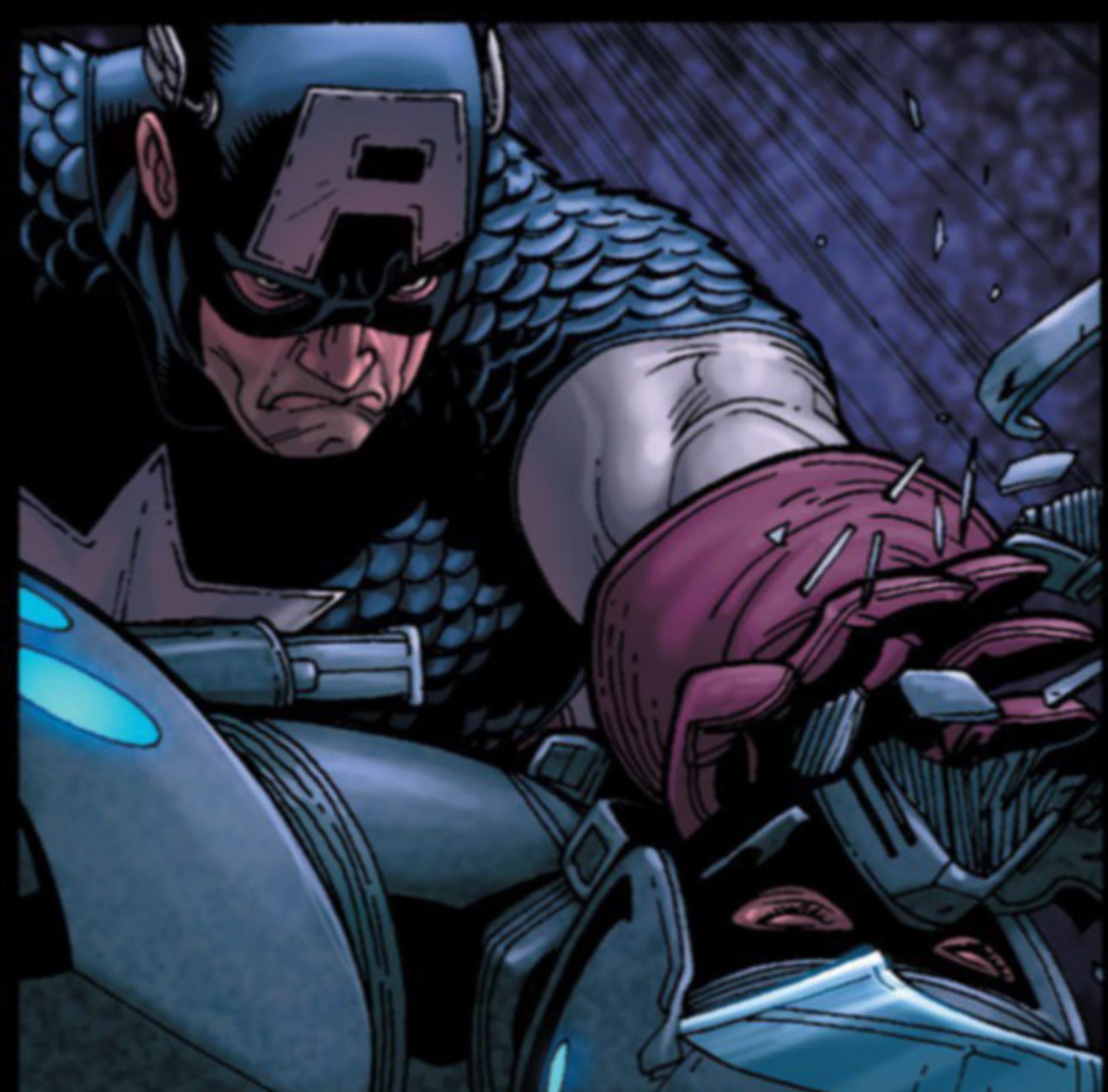
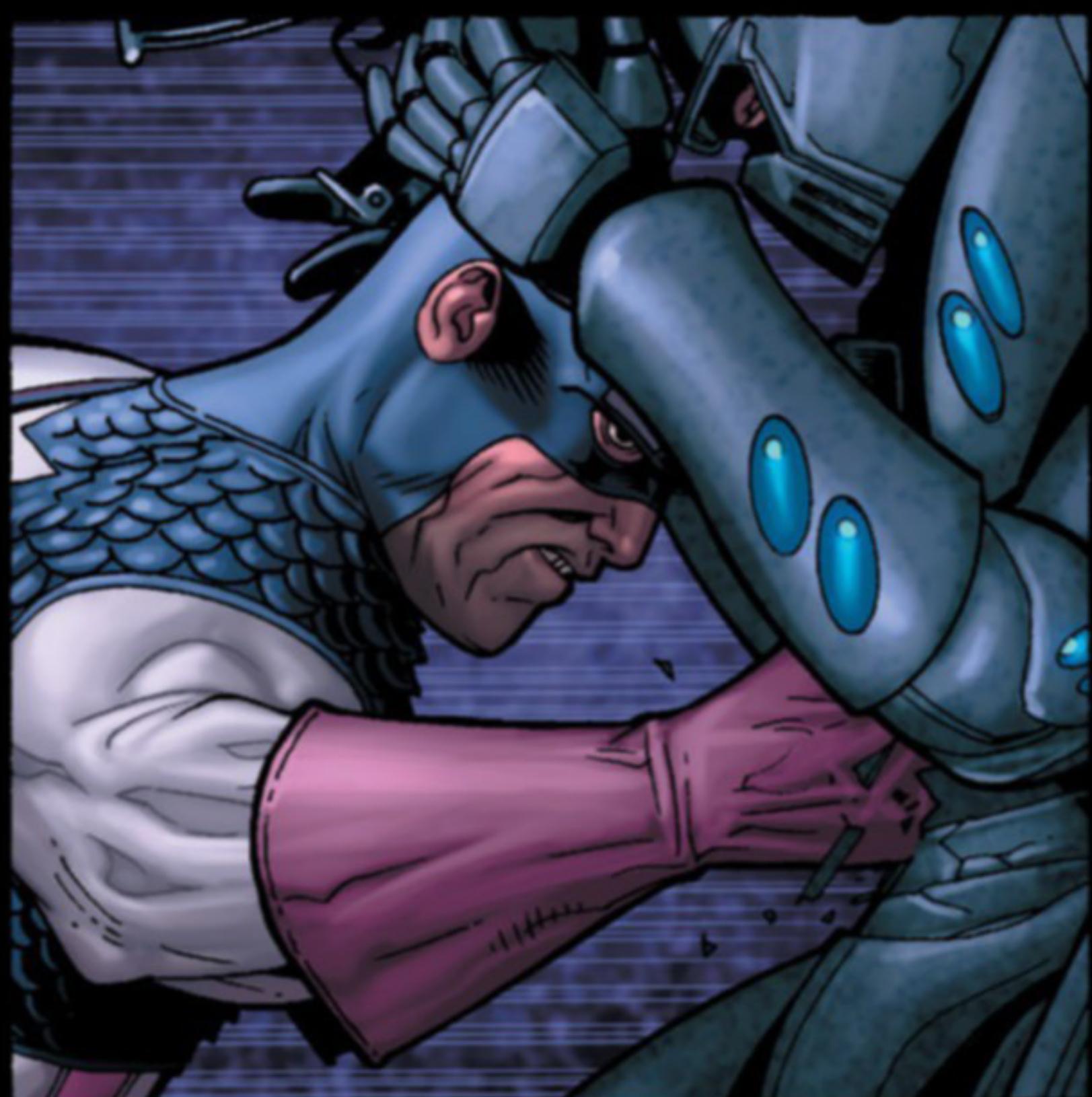
WEAPONS DOWN OR I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT COMES NEXT...

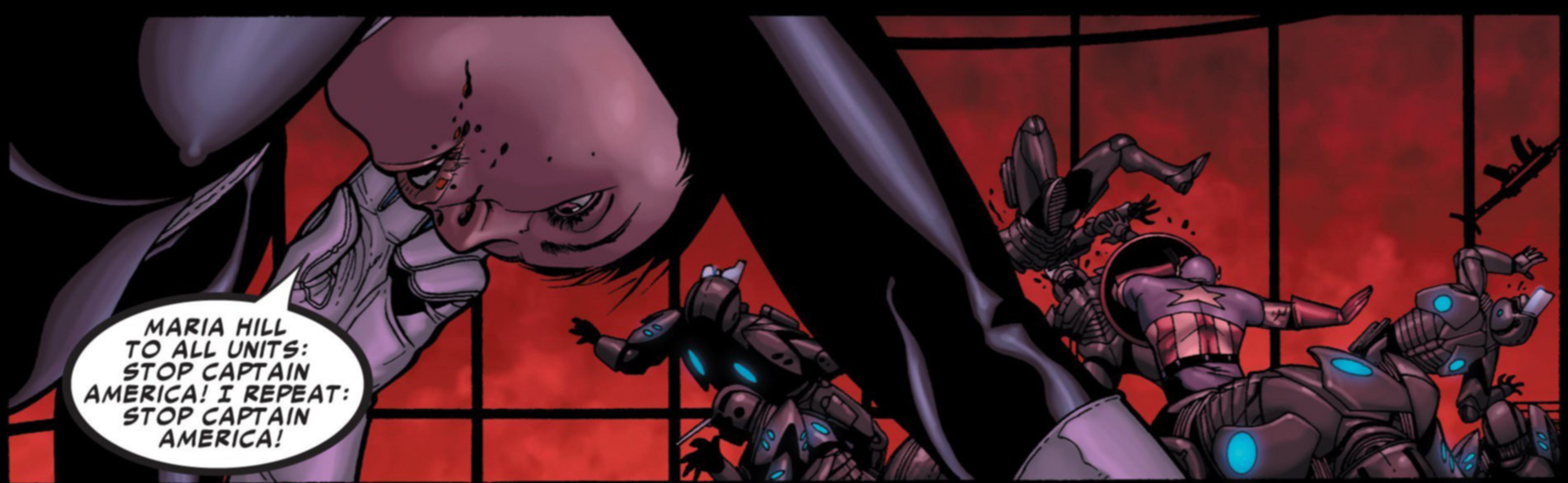
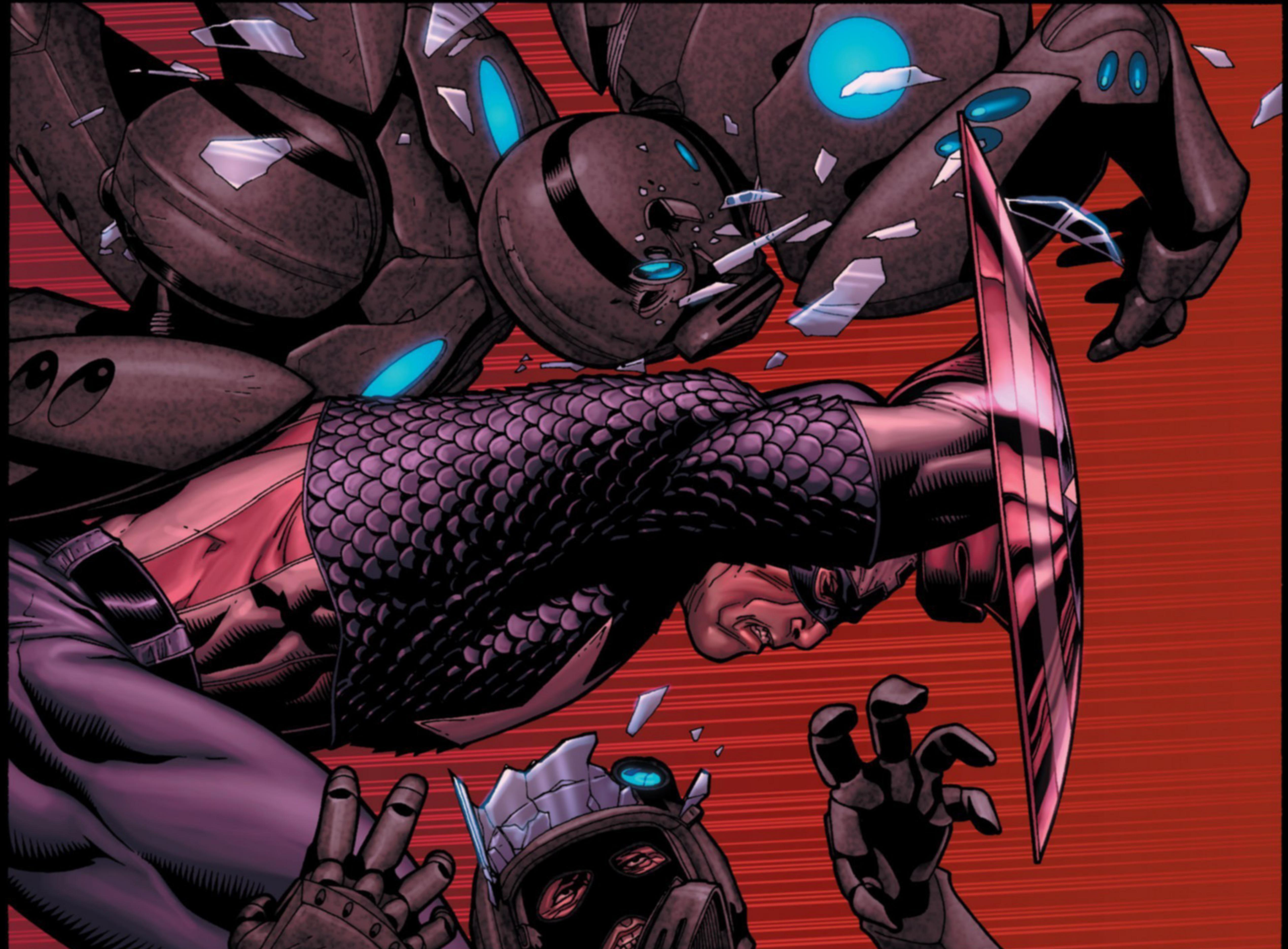
TRANQUILIZERS ON, BOYS. GET READY...

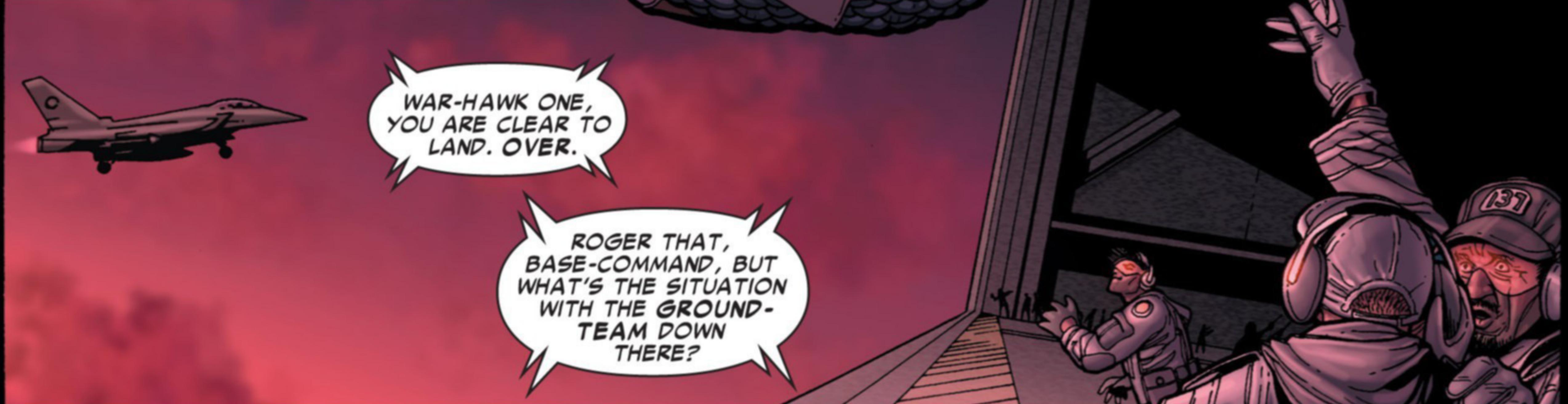
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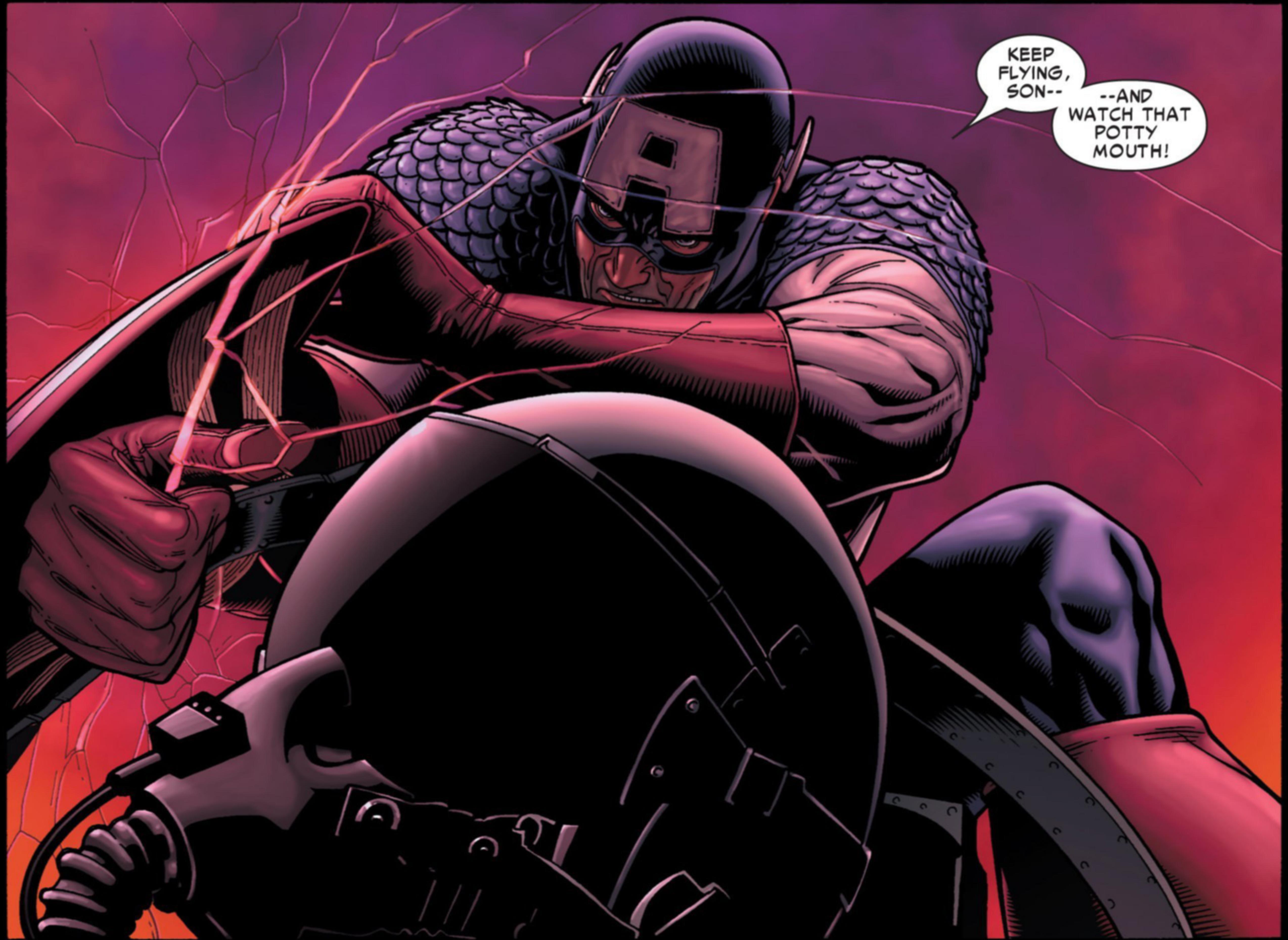
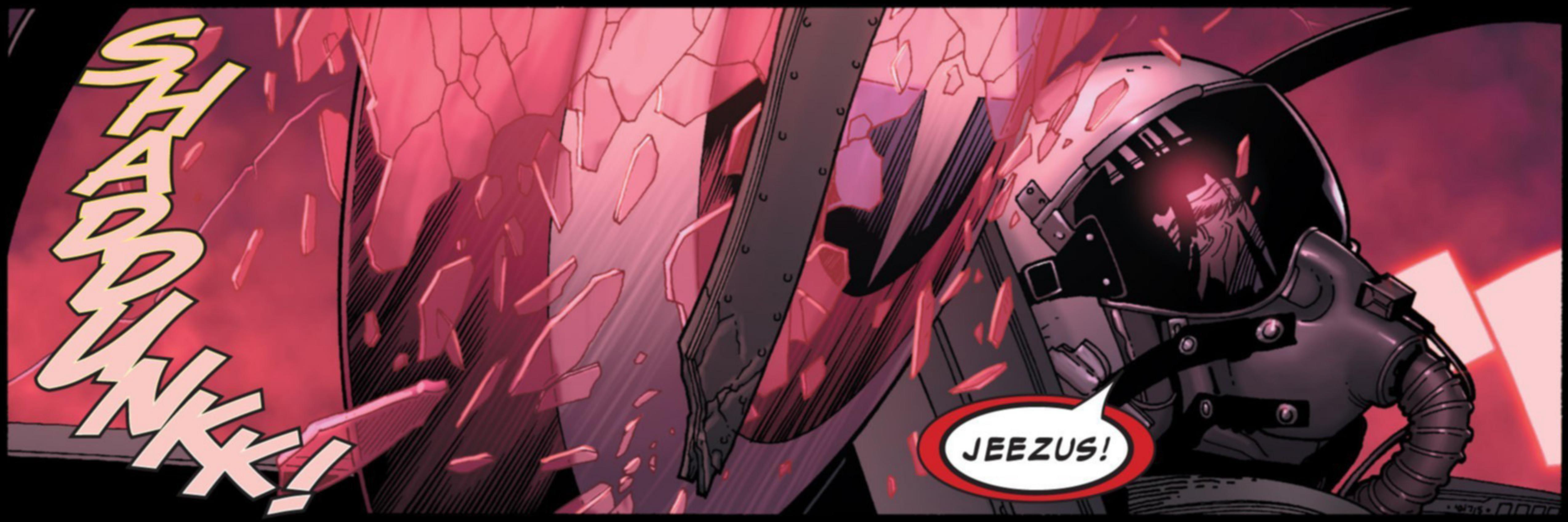
DAMN YOU TO HELL FOR THIS, HILL...



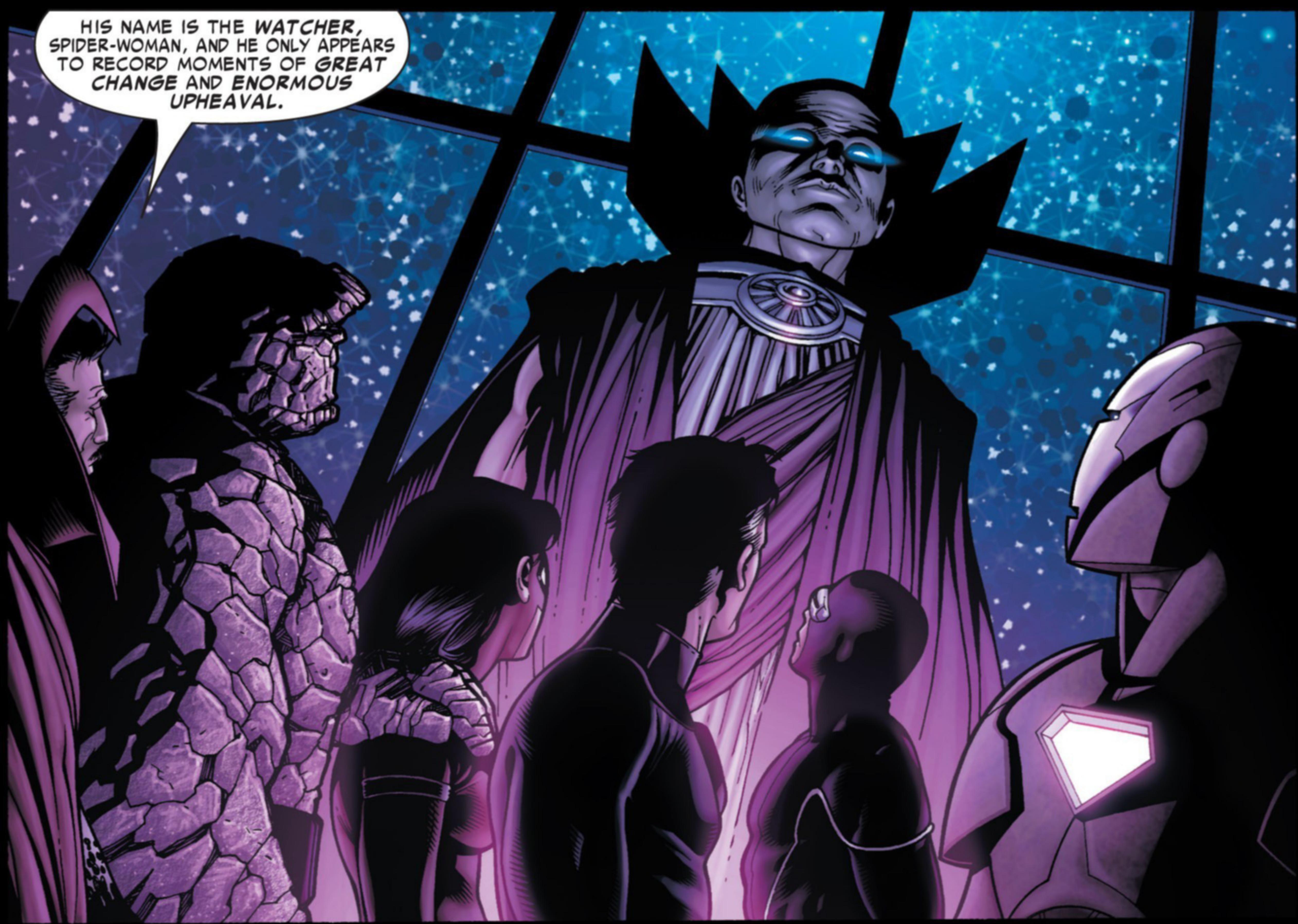












WASHINGTON, D.C.:



NO, THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HAS RESPONDED SO SWIFTLY JUST PROVES WHAT AN EFFECTIVE POLITICAL OPERATOR MIRIAM SHARPE HAS BECOME.

SHE AND THE OTHER STAMFORD REFORMISTS HAVE REALLY TAPPED INTO AMERICA'S QUIET DISCOMFORT WITH SUPERHUMAN MISBEHAVIOR HERE...



...AND THEN HE LANDED THE JET IN A FOOTBALL FIELD BEFORE TAKING THE PILOT FOR A HAMBURGER AND FRIES.

AIN'T THAT JUST LIKE CAPTAIN AMERICA? MAKING SURE A TWO-BILLION-DOLLAR WARPLANE DON'T GET DAMAGED NO MATTER HOW MUCH TROUBLE HE'S IN?

I'M GLAD YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY, MISTER SECRETARY. BECAUSE I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR REGISTRATION PLAN WAS CONTROVERSIAL ENOUGH.



CAP GOING UNDERGROUND
MEANS EVERY SUPER HERO WHO
DISAGREES WITH US SUDDENLY
HAS A FIGUREHEAD.

THEN WE FIND
OURSELVES A LEADER
OF OUR OWN, SIR.

WHAT ARE
YOU SUGGESTING,
MISTER STARK?

YOU PUSH AHEAD WITH
REGISTRATION AS
PLANNED, GENTLEMEN.

LEAVE CAPTAIN
AMERICA TO US.

