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CAPTAIN AMERICA, AKA STEVE ROGERS, HAS BEEN WORKING FOR S.H.I.E.L.D. UNDER DIRECTOR NICK FURY. FURY BRIEFED ROGERS ON PROJECT INSIGHT: A SPY PROGRAM WITH A WIDE SCOPE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THREATS.

WHEN FURY WAS LOCKED OUT FROM THE PROJECT DATA, HE BECAME SUSPICIOUS AND REQUESTED THAT SENIOR S.H.I.E.L.D. OFFICIAL ALEXANDER PIERCE DELAY IT.

LATER, FURY'S CAR WAS AMBUSHED BY A MYSTERIOUS ASSASSIN CALLED THE WINTER SOLDIER. FURY ESCAPED TO CAP'S APARTMENT, AND WARNED HIM THAT S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS COMPROMISED.

WHILE AT THE APARTMENT, FURY WAS SHOT AND KILLED. BUT BEFORE HE DIED, HE HANDED ROGERS A FLASH DRIVE. WHEN CAP REFUSED TO HAND THE INFORMATION OVER TO PIERCE, HE WAS DECLARED A TRAITOR.

USING DATA IN THE FLASH DRIVE, CAP AND BLACK WIDOW DISCOVER A SECRET S.H.I.E.L.D. BUNKER, WHERE THEY ACTIVATE A SUPERCOMPUTER CONTAINING NONE OTHER THAN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ARNIM ZOLA!

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CAMP LEHIGH,
FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. BASE.

ARNIM ZOLA.
SCIENTIST WHO WORKED
FOR THE RED SKULL.

IN 1972, I RECEIVED A TERMINAL DIAGNOSIS. SCIENCE COULD NOT SAVE MY BODY. MY MIND, HOWEVER, WAS WORTH SAVING ON 200,000 FEET OF DATABANKS.

YOU ARE STANDING IN MY BRAIN.

ACCESSING ARCHIVE.

HYDRA WAS FOUNDED ON THE BELIEF THAT HUMANITY COULD NOT BE TRUSTED WITH ITS OWN FREEDOM. WHAT WE DID NOT REALIZE WAS THAT IF YOU TRY TO TAKE THAT FREEDOM, PEOPLE RESIST.

THE WAR TAUGHT US MUCH. HUMANITY NEEDED TO SURRENDER ITS FREEDOM WILLINGLY.

GERMAN JEW

AFTER THE WAR, S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS FOUNDED AND I WAS RECRUITED.

THE NEW HYDRA GREW. A BEAUTIFUL PARASITE INSIDE S.H.I.E.L.D.

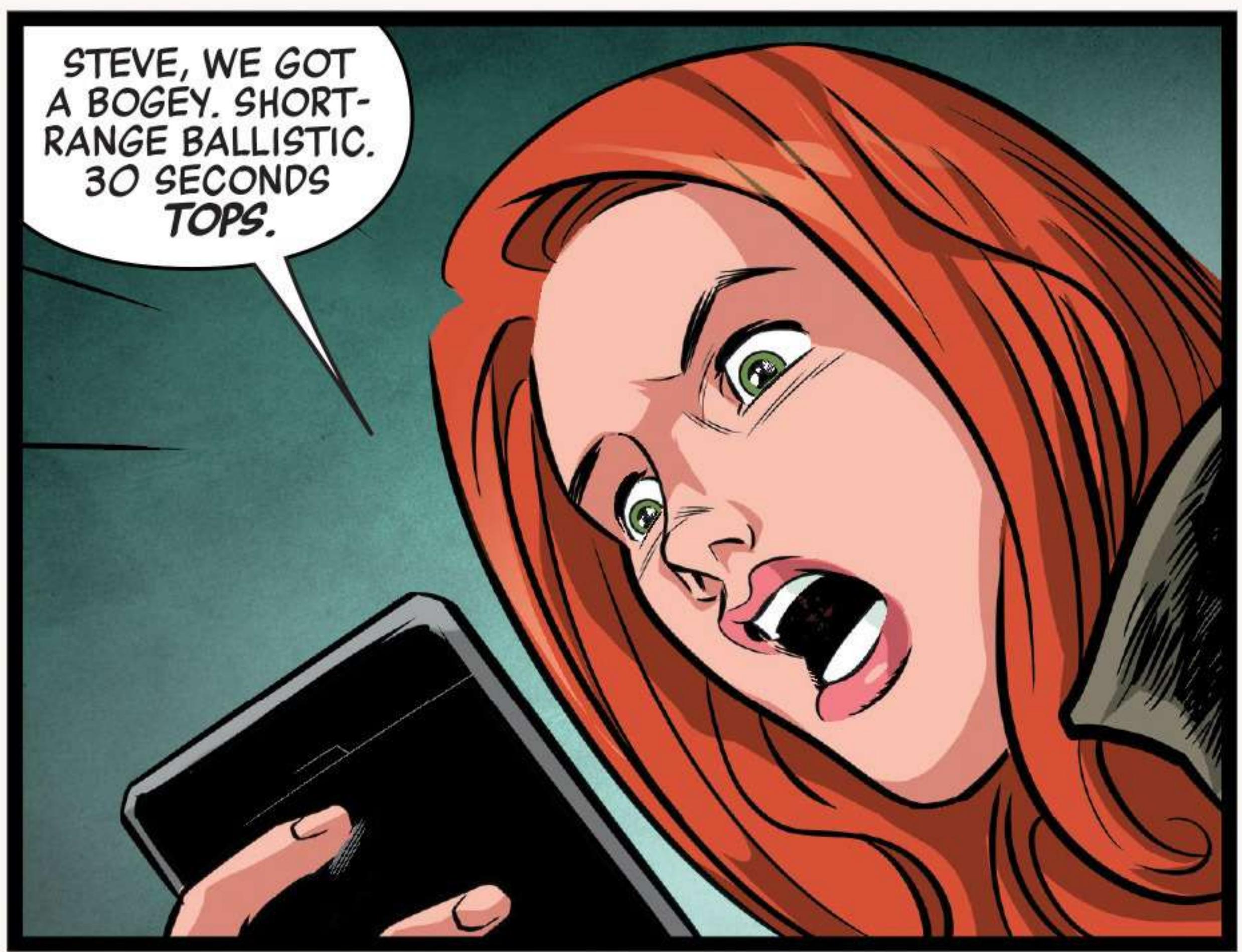
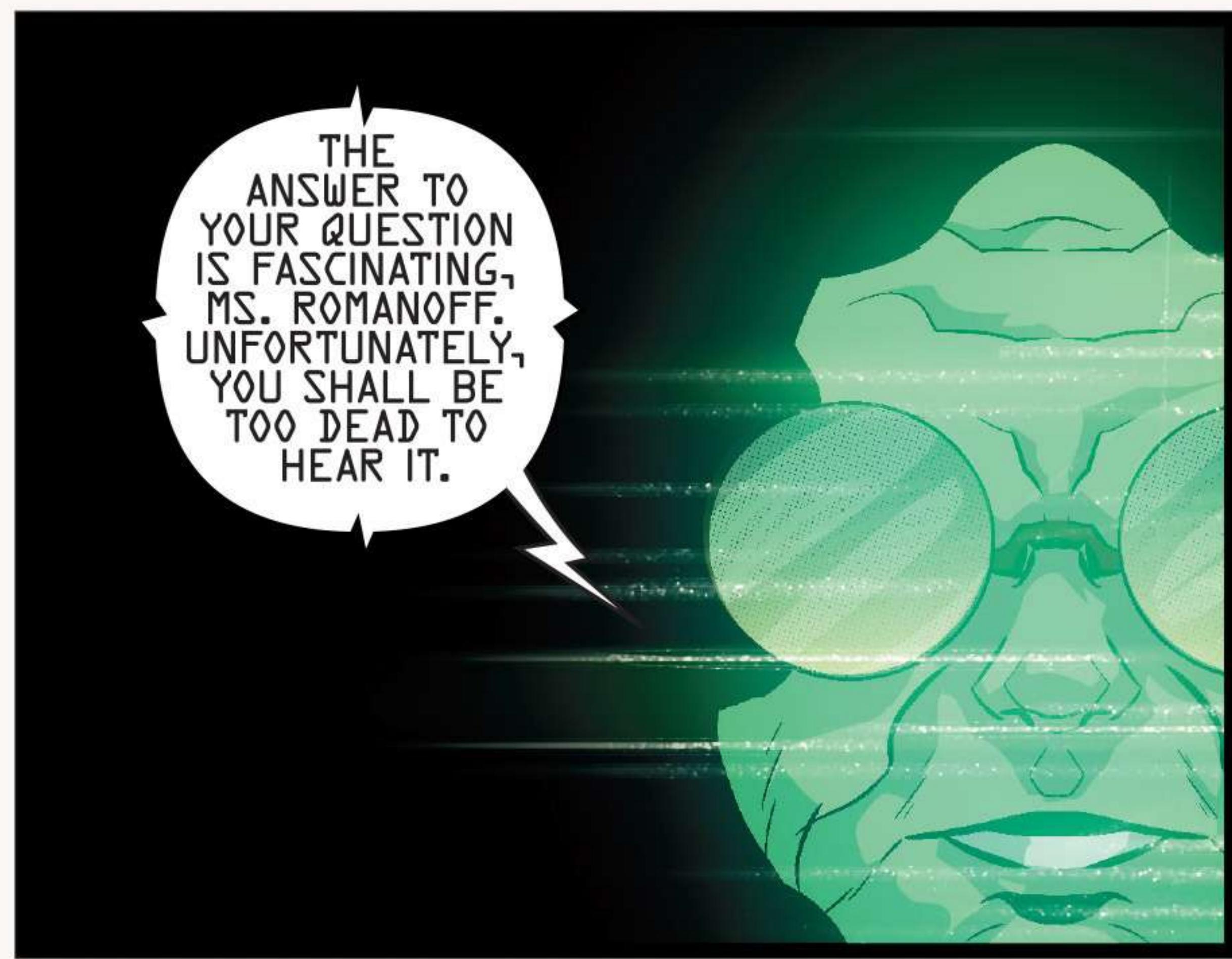
FOR 70 YEARS HYDRA HAS BEEN SECRETLY FEEDING CRISIS, REAPING WAR...AND WHEN HISTORY DID NOT COOPERATE, HISTORY WAS CHANGED.

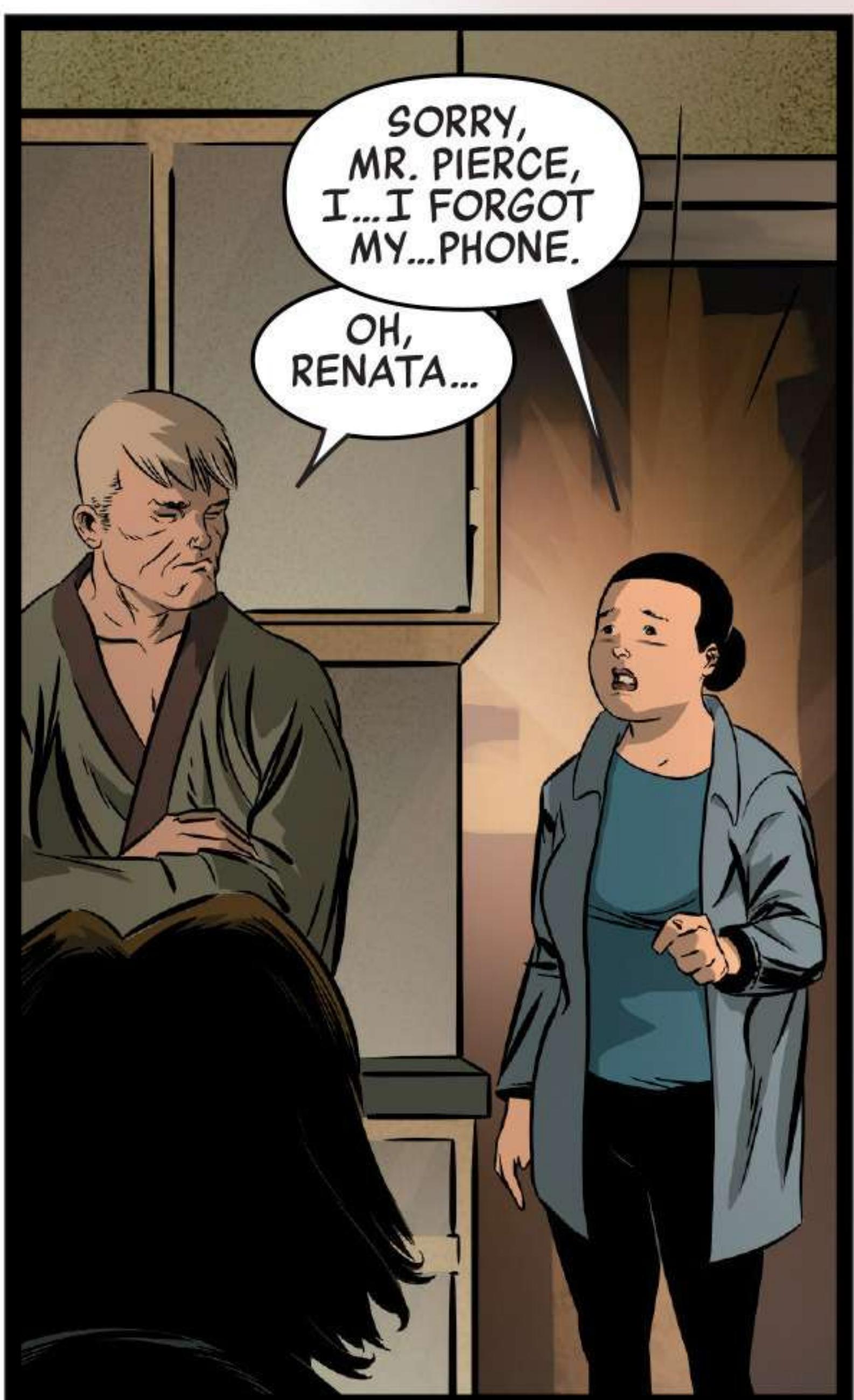
WARD STARK KILLED

WHAT'S ON THIS DRIVE?

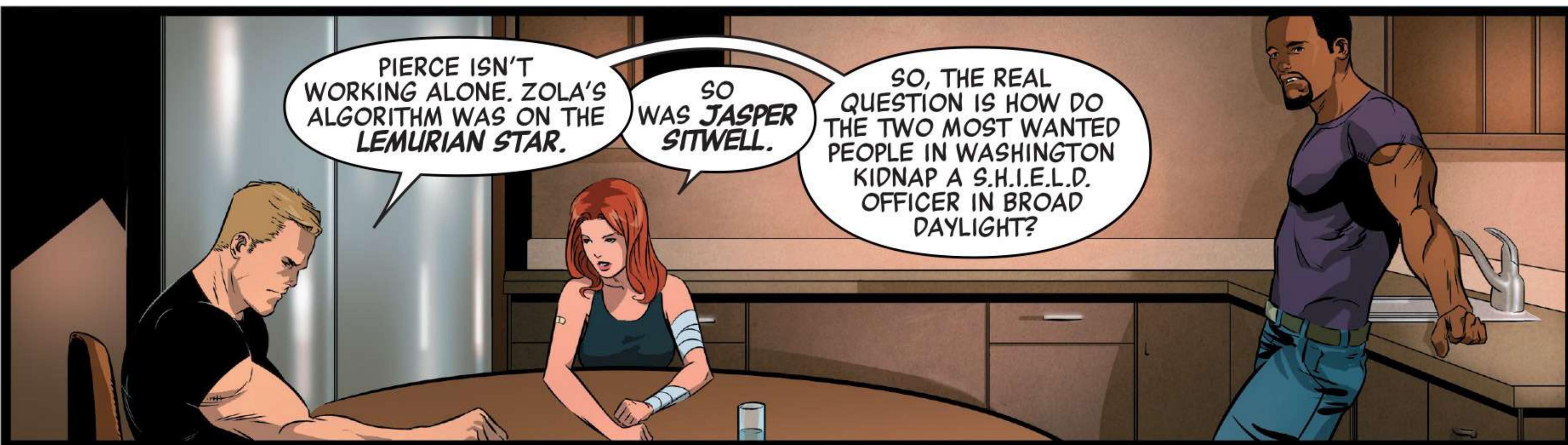
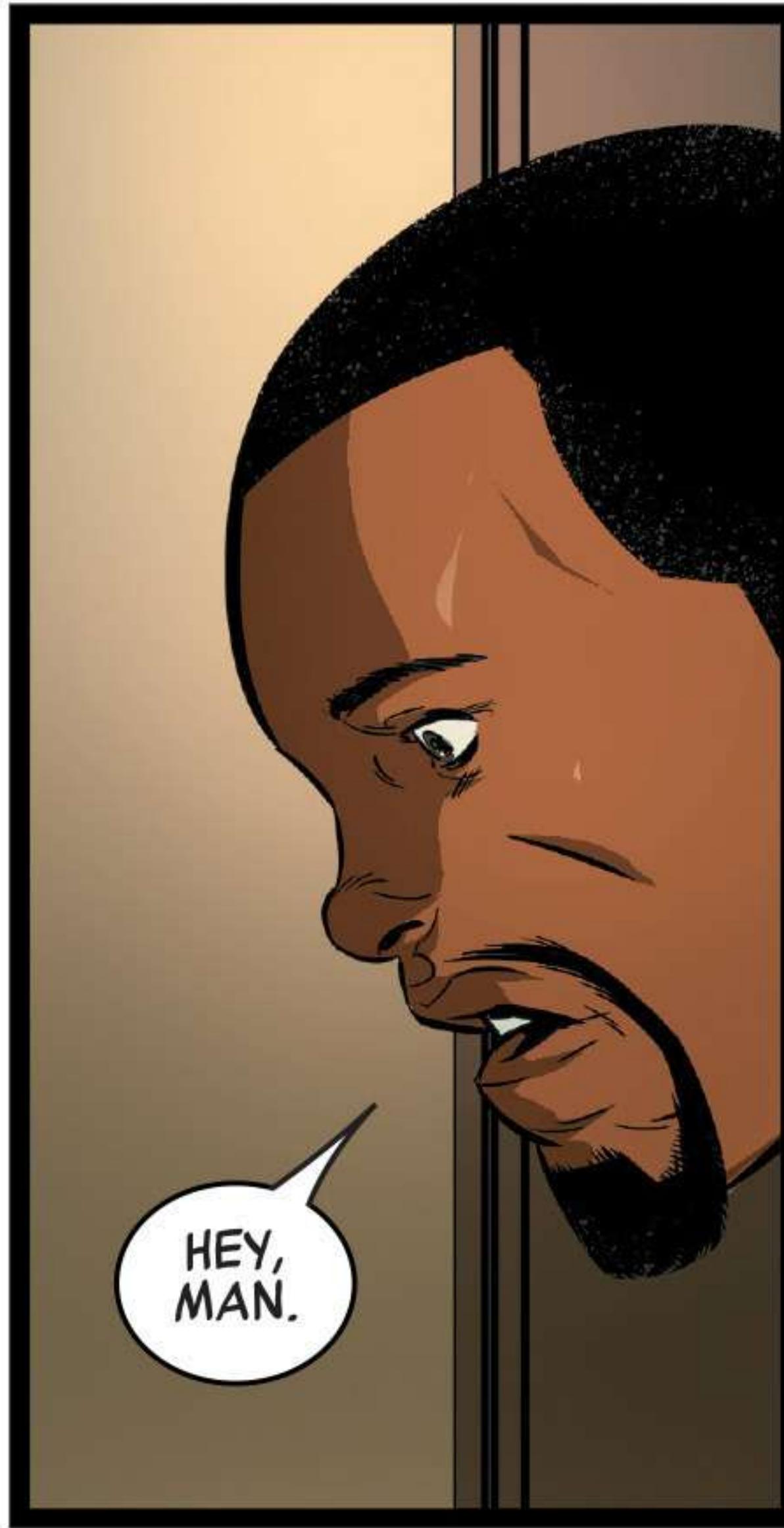
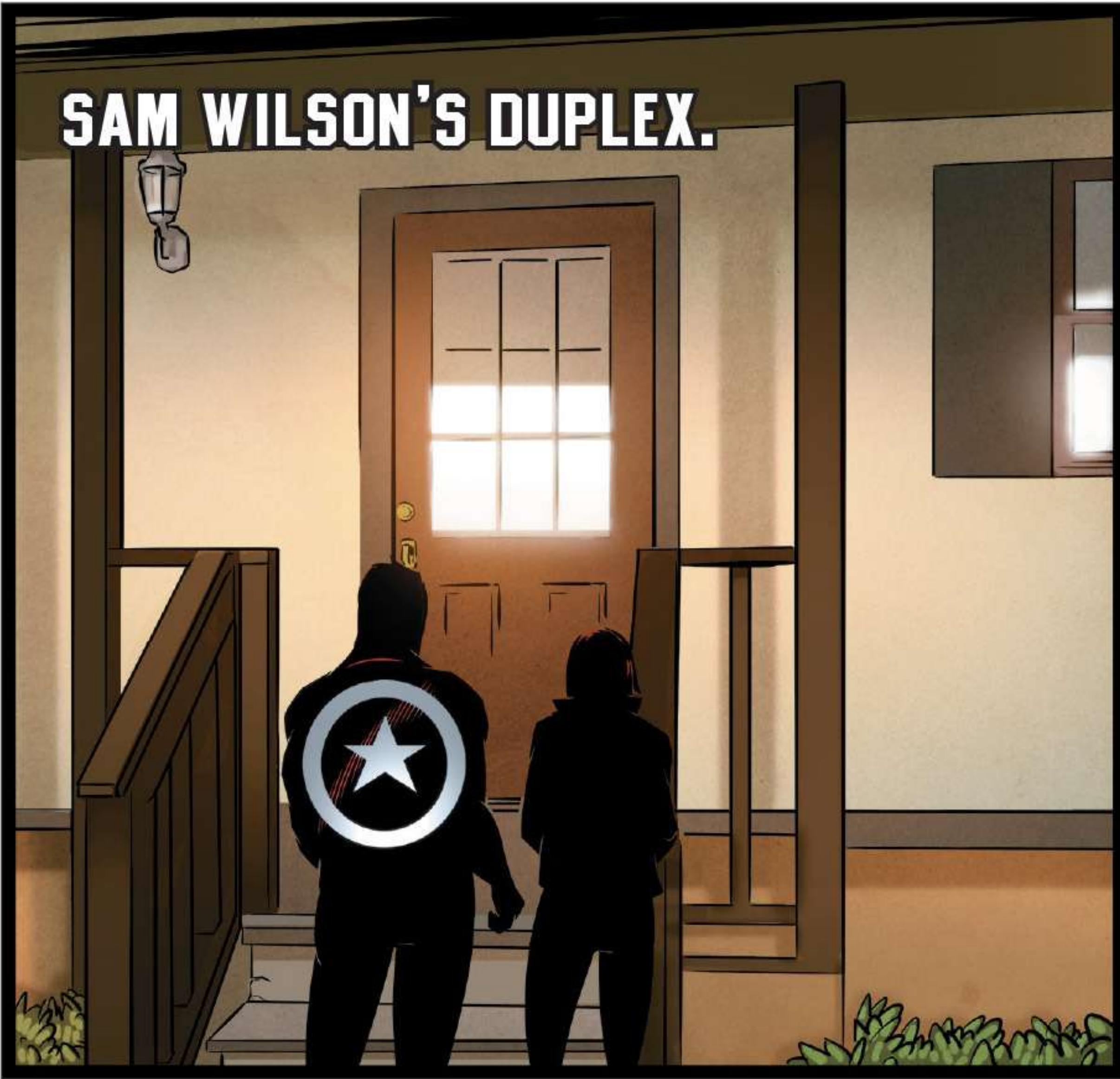
PROJECT INSIGHT REQUIRES INSIGHT. SO, I WROTE AN ALGORITHM.

WHAT KIND OF ALGORITHM? WHAT DOES IT DO?





SAM WILSON'S DUPLEX.



LATER...

WAIT.
WHAT ABOUT
THAT GIRL FROM
ACCOUNTING,
LAURA--

LILLIAN.
LIP PIERCING,
RIGHT?

YEAH,
SHE'S CUTE.

YEAH.
I'M NOT
READY FOR
THAT.

BWAHAHA!



HUFF/
HUFF!

HELLO,
SITWELL...

...TELL ME
ABOUT ZOLA'S
ALGORITHM.

LATER...ON THE HIGHWAY...

IT'S A PROGRAM
FOR CHOOSING INSIGHT'S
TARGETS. THE 21ST CENTURY
IS A DIGITAL BOOK. ZOLA
TAUGHT HYDRA HOW
TO READ IT.

IT EVALUATES
PEOPLE'S PASTS TO
PREDICT THEIR FUTURES.
THEN THE INSIGHT
HELICARRIERS CREATE
A LIST OF POTENTIAL
THREATS TO HYDRA, AND
SCRATCH PEOPLE OFF
THE LIST...A FEW
MILLION AT A
TIME.

INSIGHT
LAUNCHES
IN 16 HOURS.
WE'RE CUTTING
IT CLOSE HERE,
STEVE.

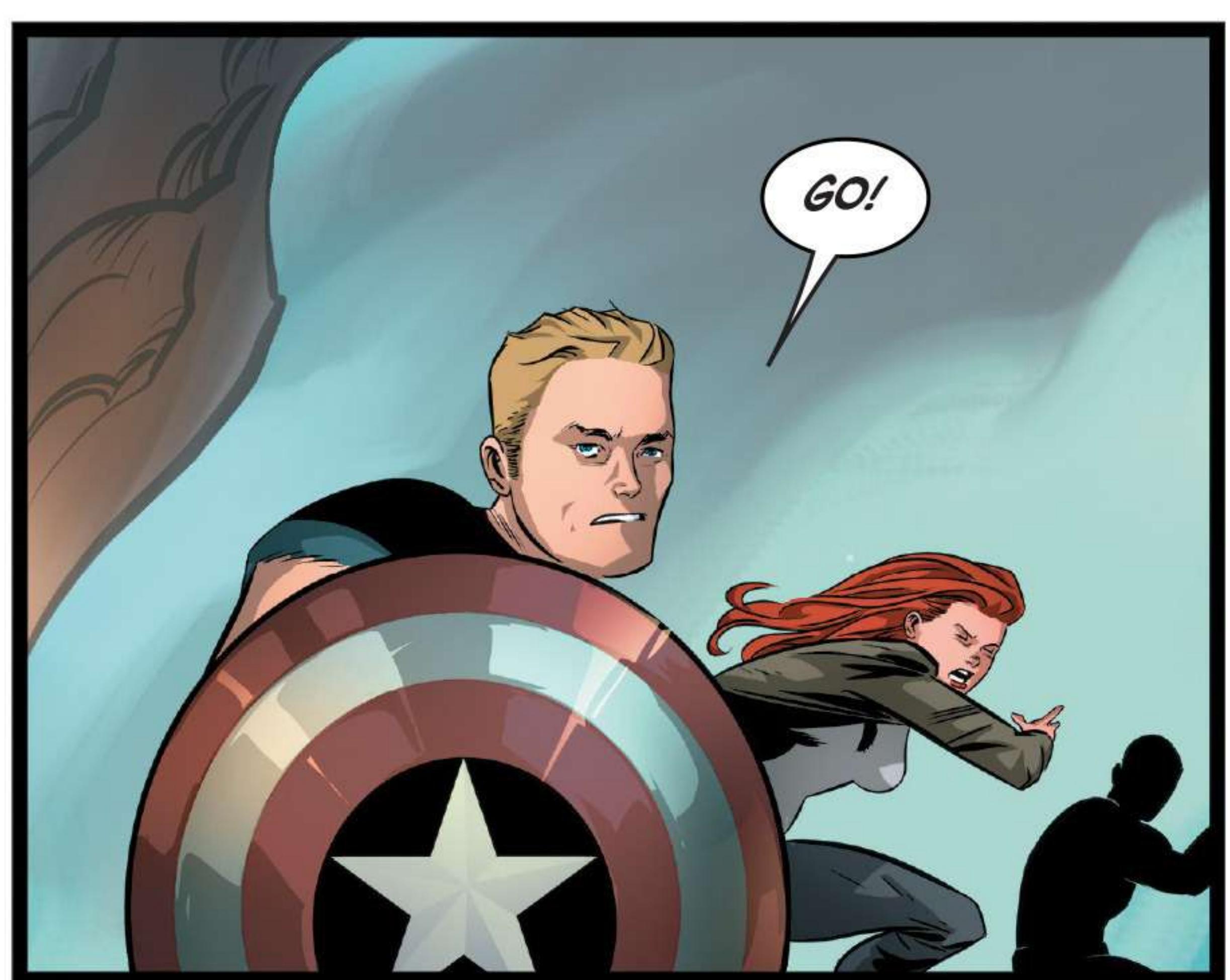
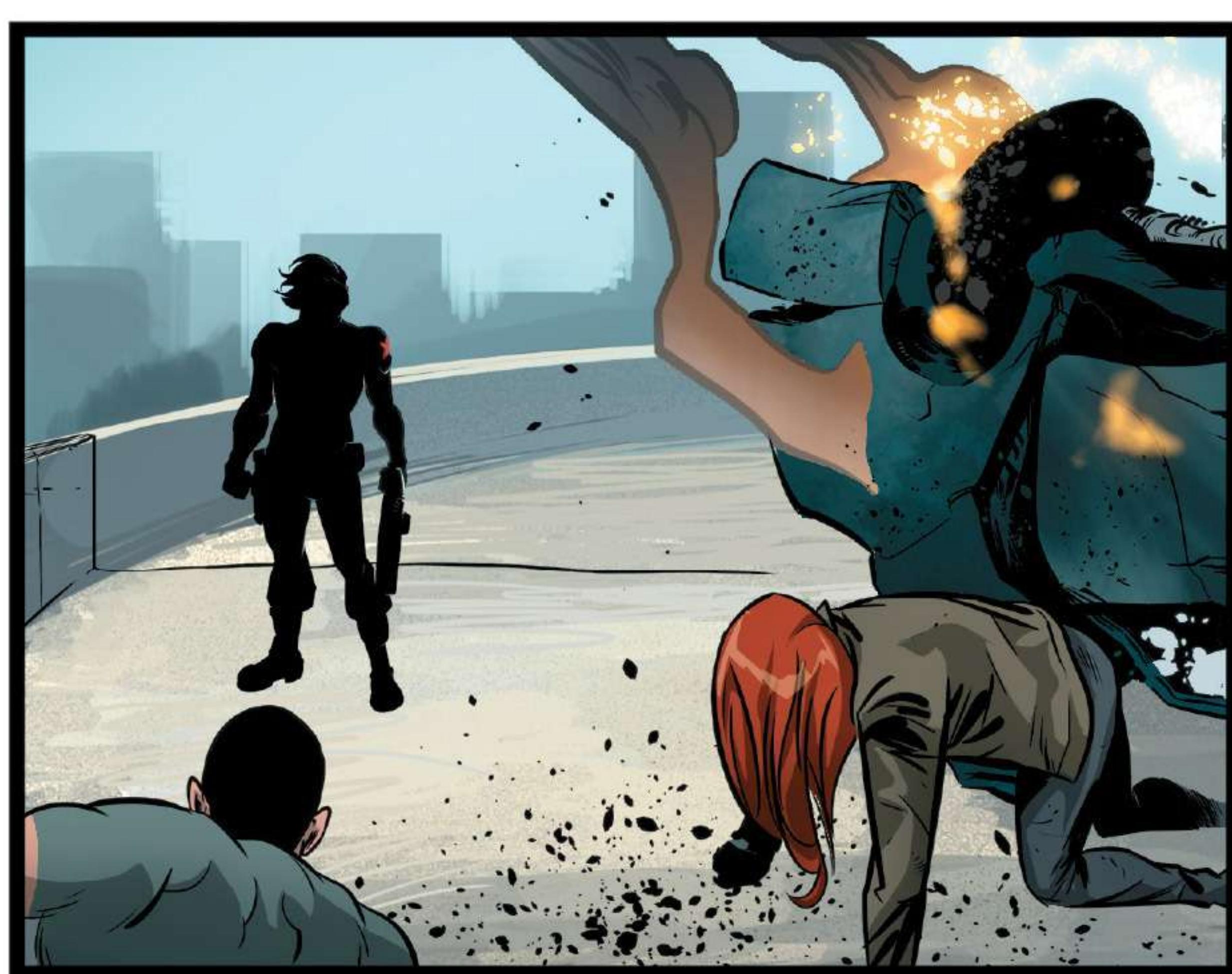
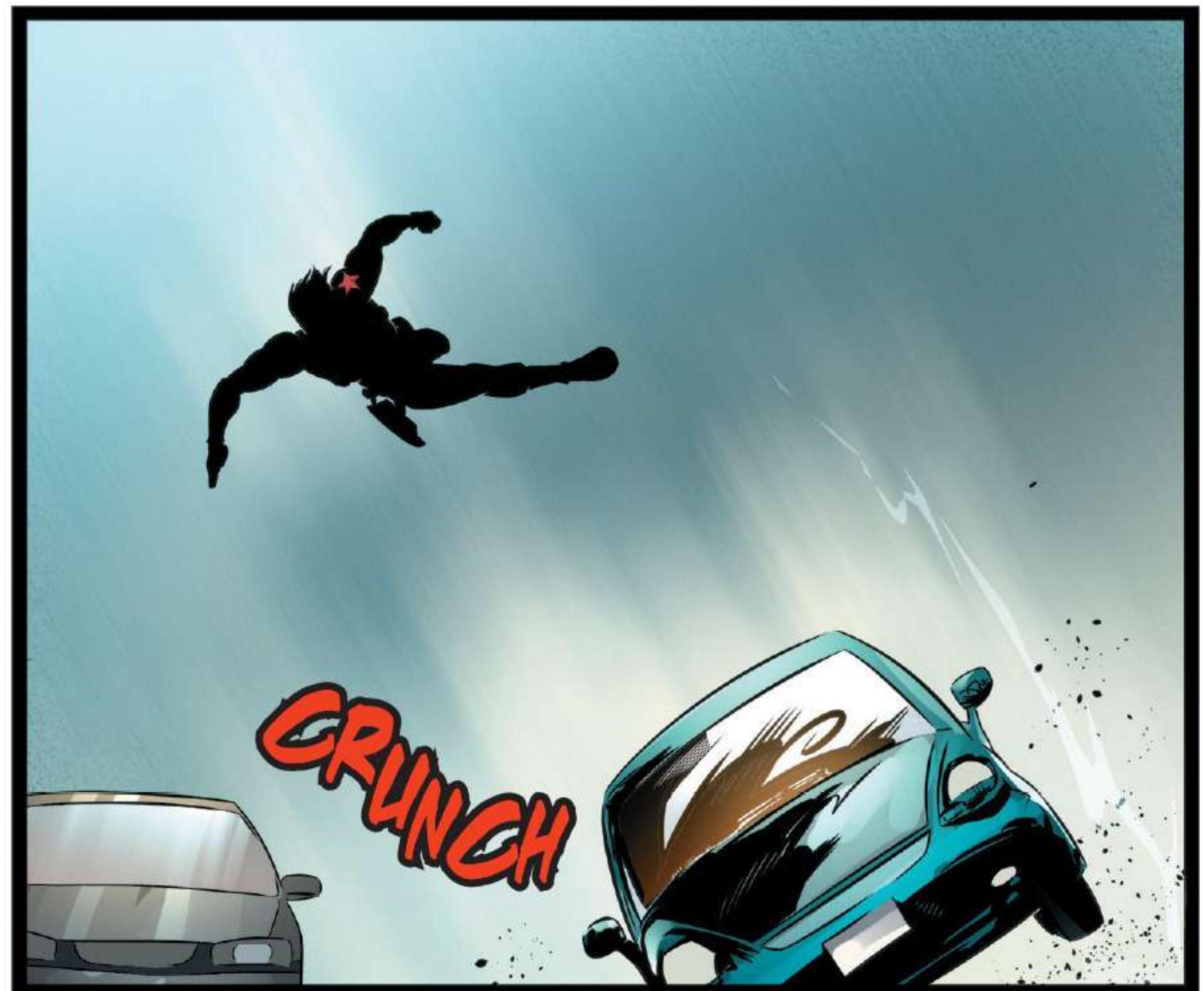
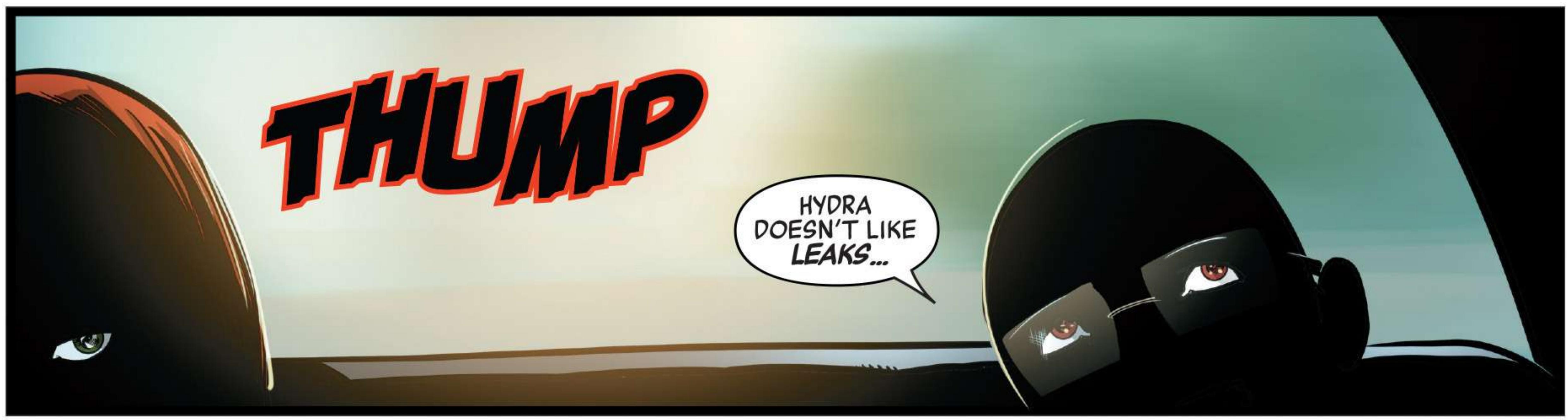
I KNOW. WE'LL
USE SITWELL TO
BYPASS THE DNA
SCANS AND
ACCESS THE
HELICARRIERS
DIRECTLY.

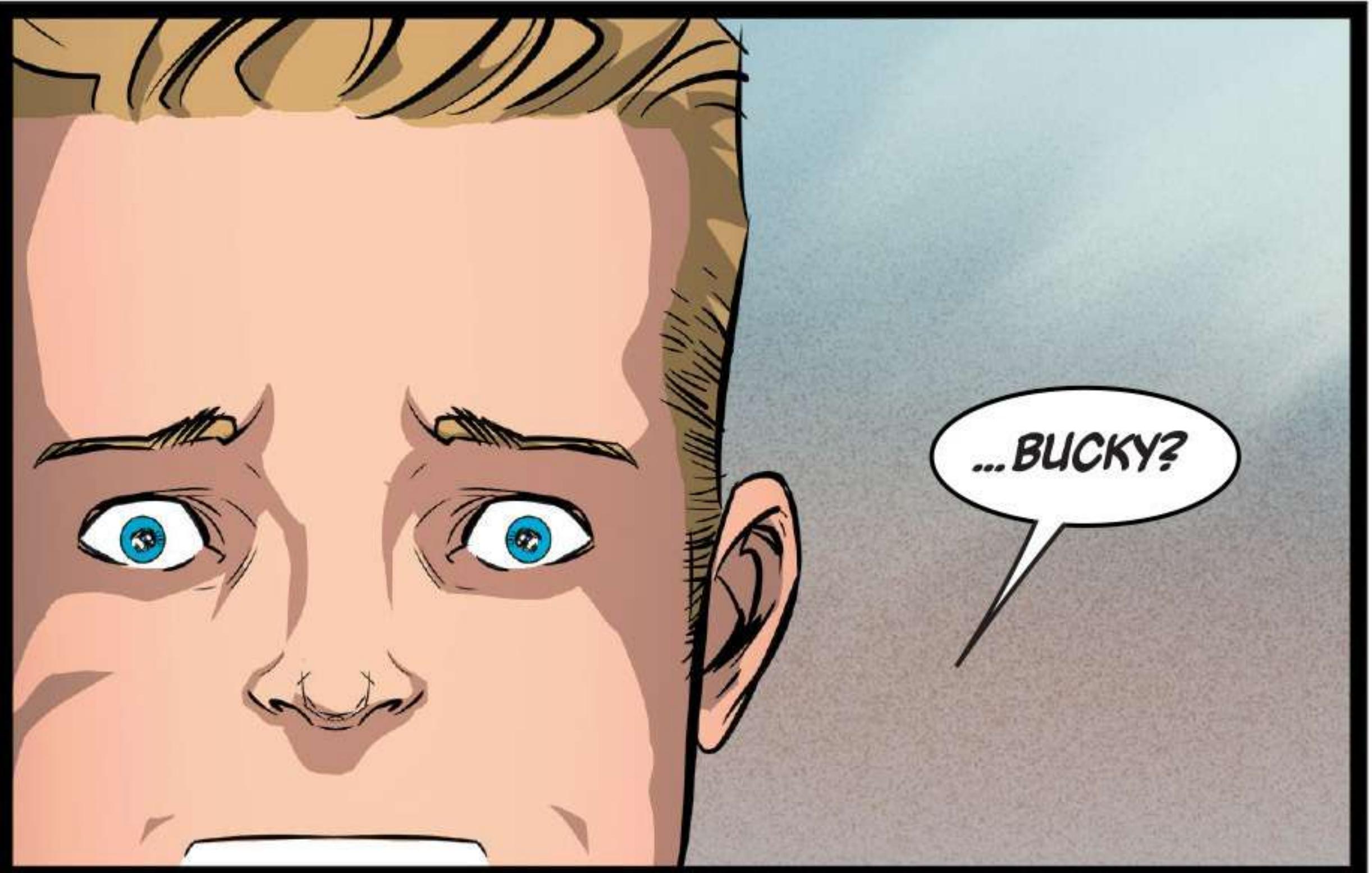
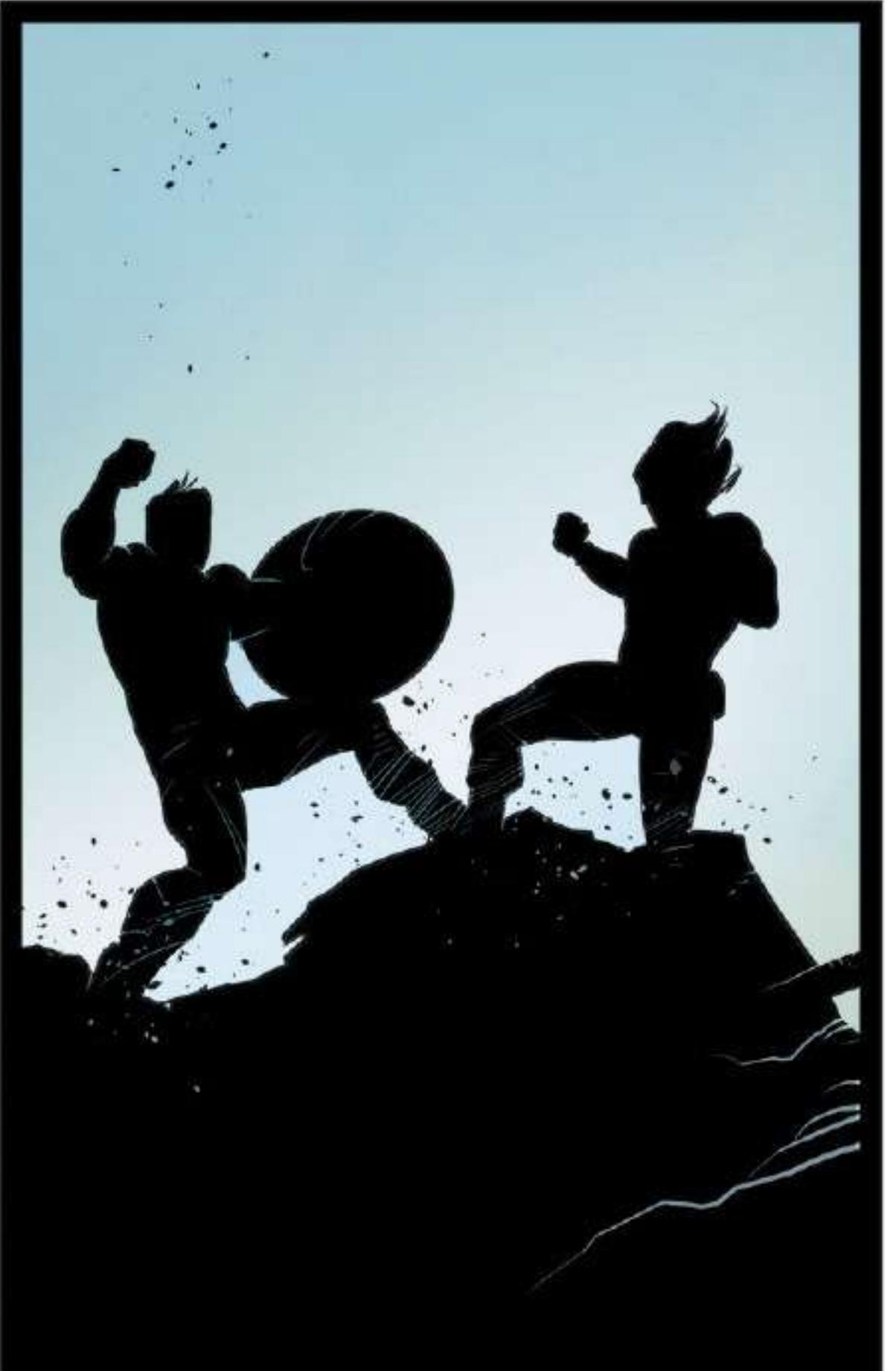
WHAT?!

ARE YOU
CRAZY?

THAT IS A
TERRIBLE,
TERRIBLE
IDEA.





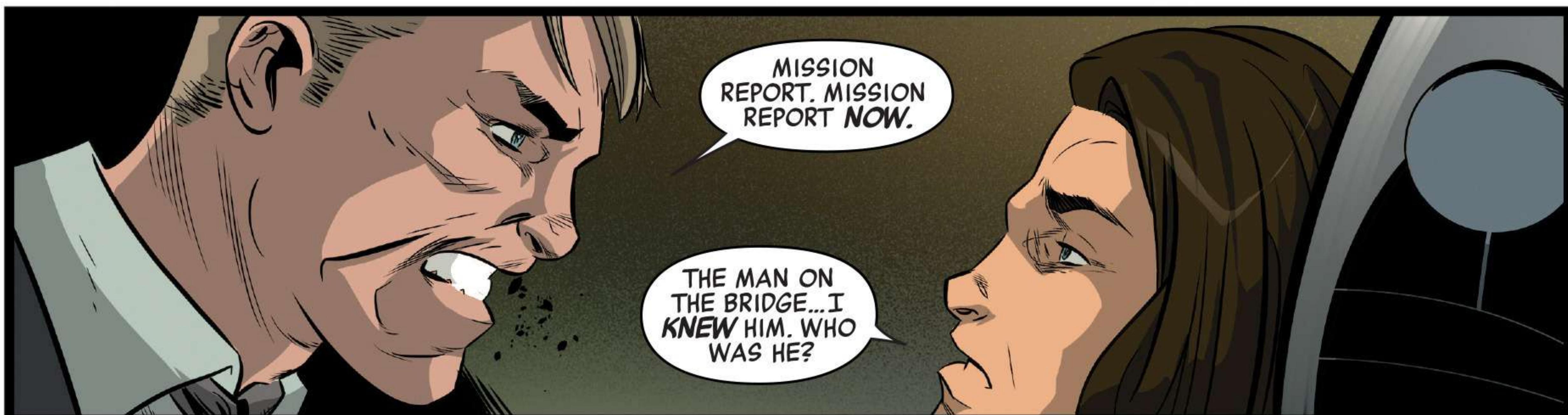
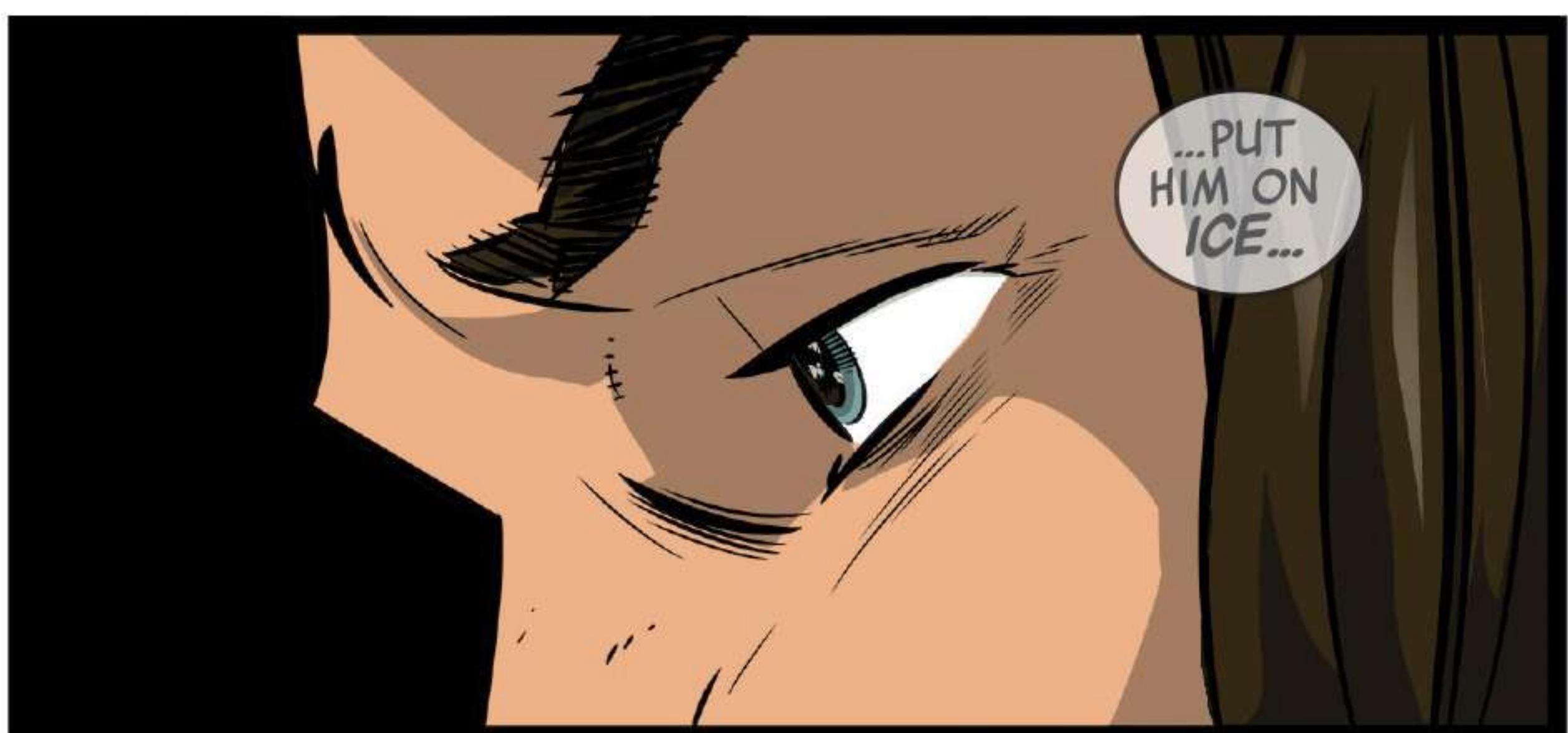




LATER...



DEEP WITHIN THE
IDEAL FEDERAL
SAVINGS BANK...



DECades Ago...

MY FOLKS WANTED TO GIVE YOU A RIDE TO THE CEMETERY, STEVE.

I KNOW, I'M SORRY. I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO BE ALONE.

I WAS GONNA ASK...WE CAN PUT THE COUCH CUSHIONS ON THE FLOOR, LIKE WHEN WE WERE KIDS.

THANK YOU, BUCK, BUT I CAN GET BY ON MY OWN.

THE THING IS... YOU DON'T HAVE TO. I'M WITH YOU TO THE END OF THE LINE, PAL.

HE'S GONNA BE THERE, YOU KNOW.

I KNOW.

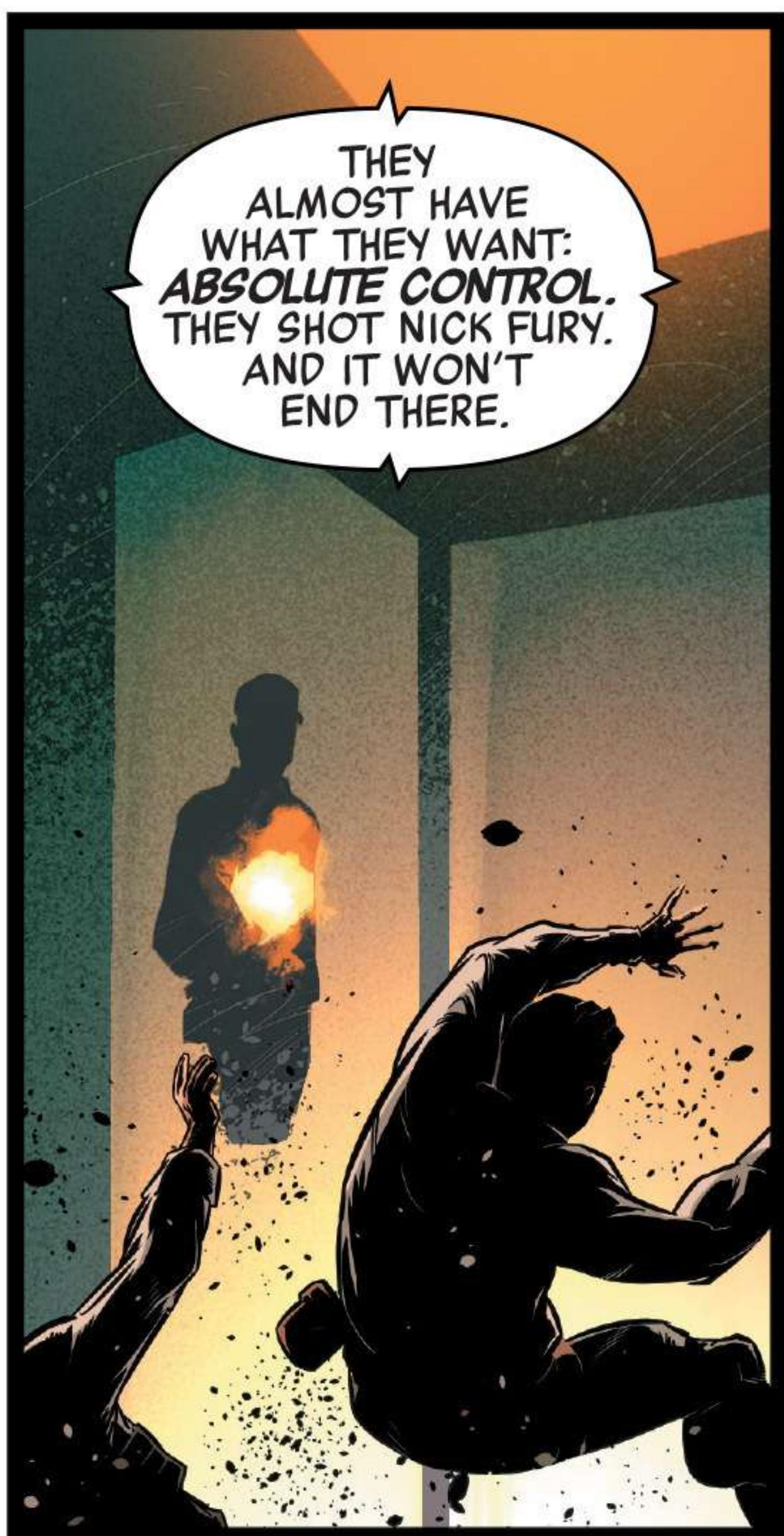
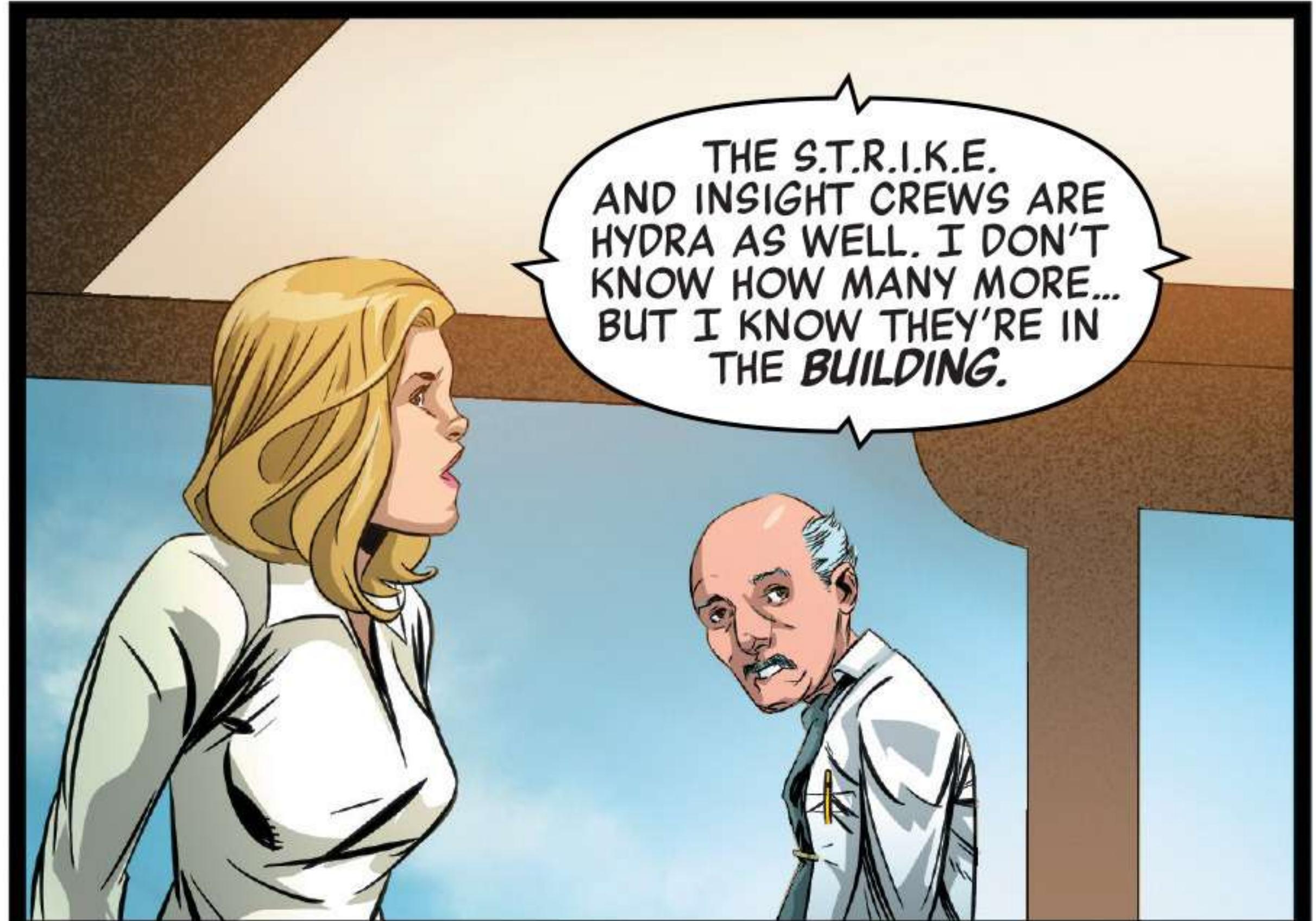
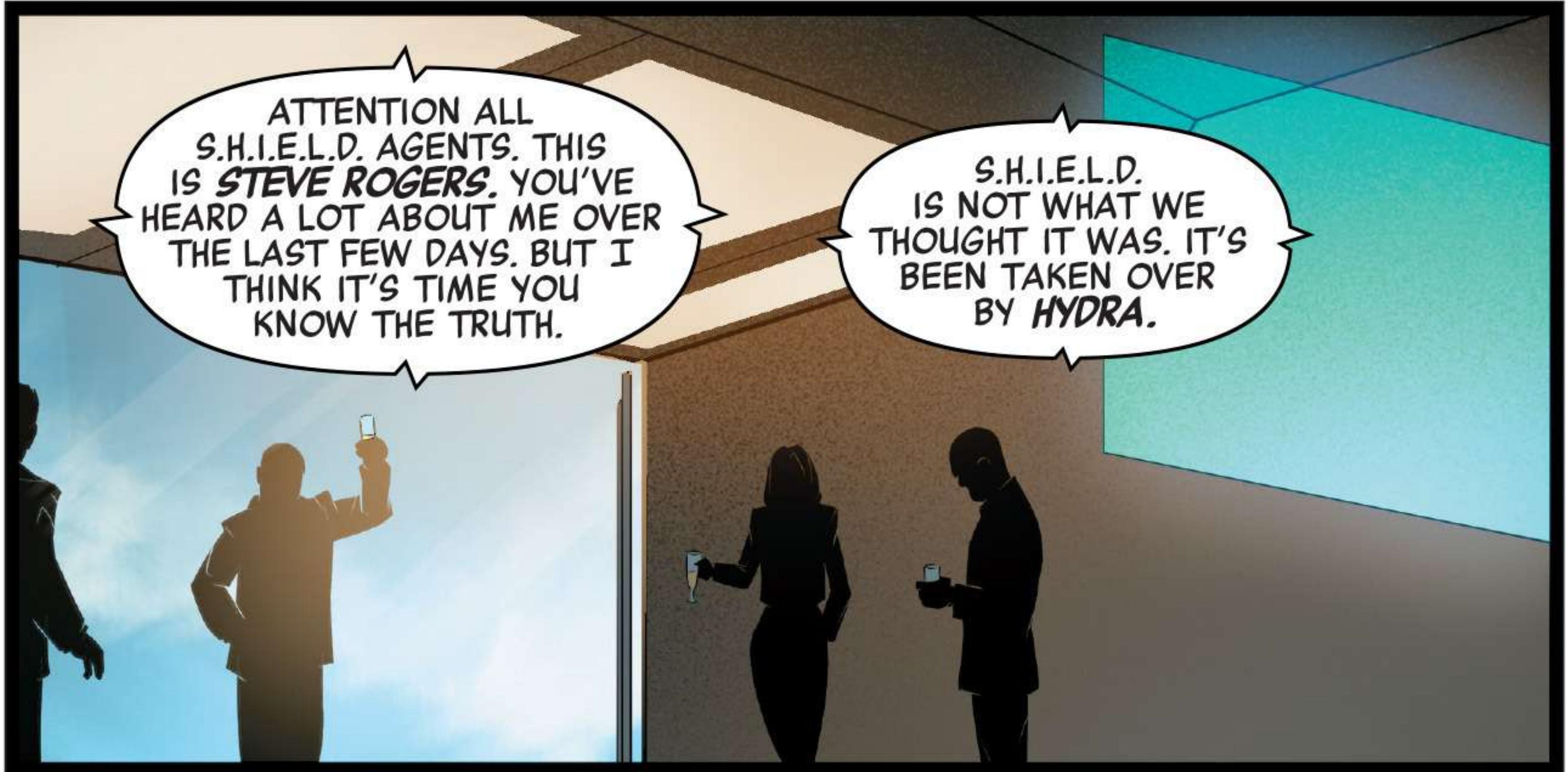
LOOK, WHOEVER HE USED TO BE AND THE GUY HE IS NOW, I DON'T THINK HE'S THE KIND YOU SAVE. HE'S THE KIND YOU STOP.

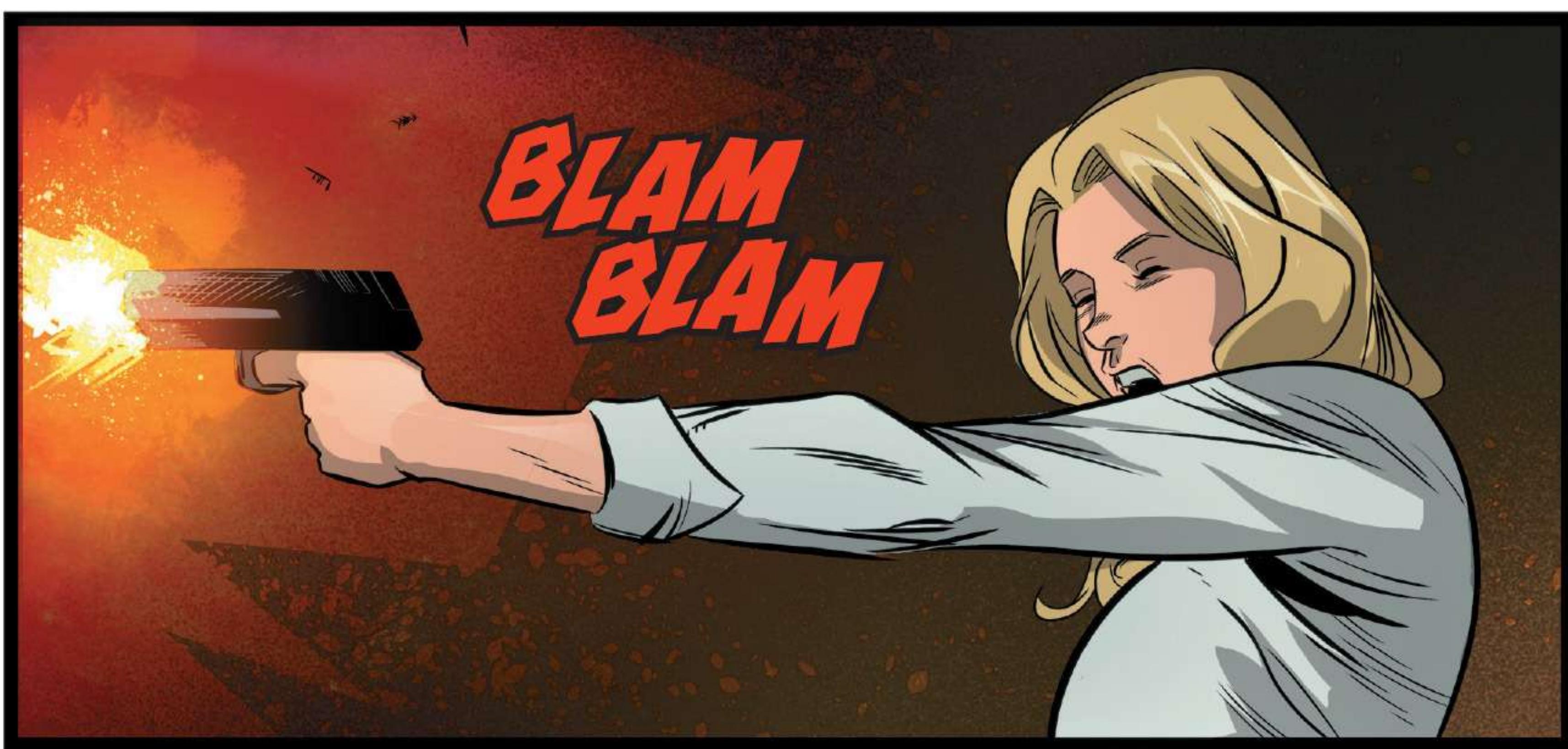
HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU.

HE WILL. GEAR UP. IT'S TIME.

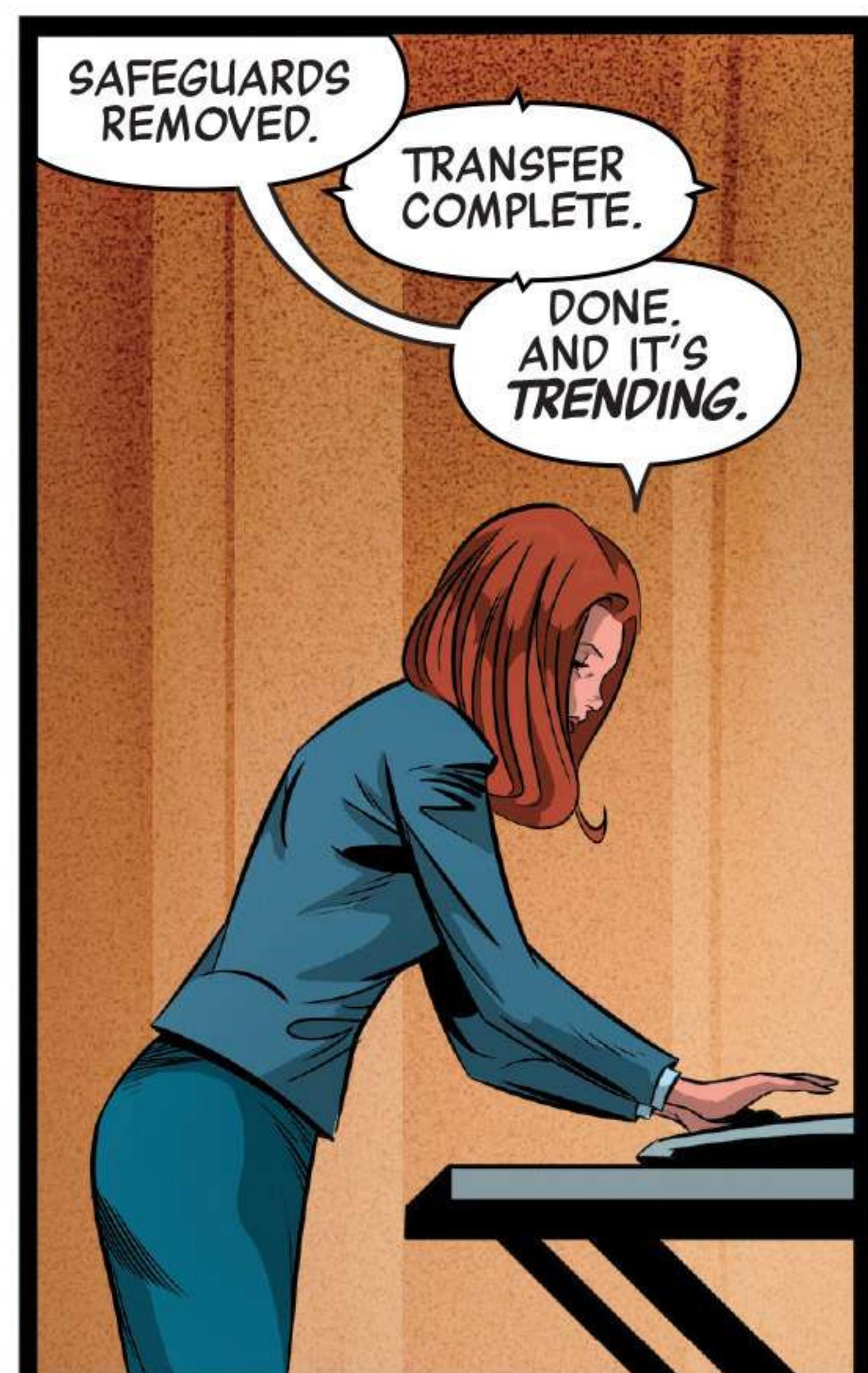
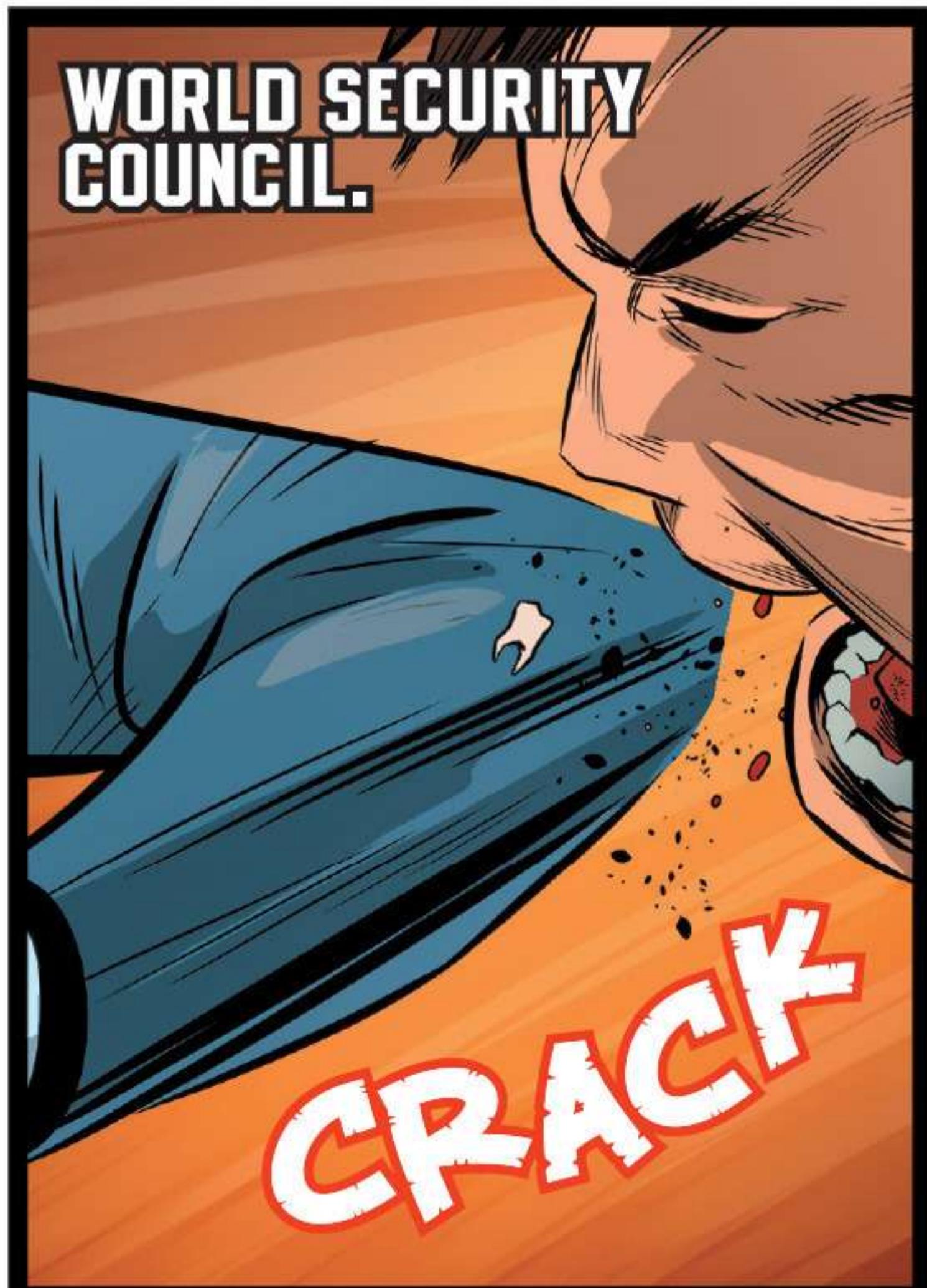
YOU GONNA WEAR THAT? NO, IF YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT A WAR, YOU GOT TO WEAR A UNIFORM.

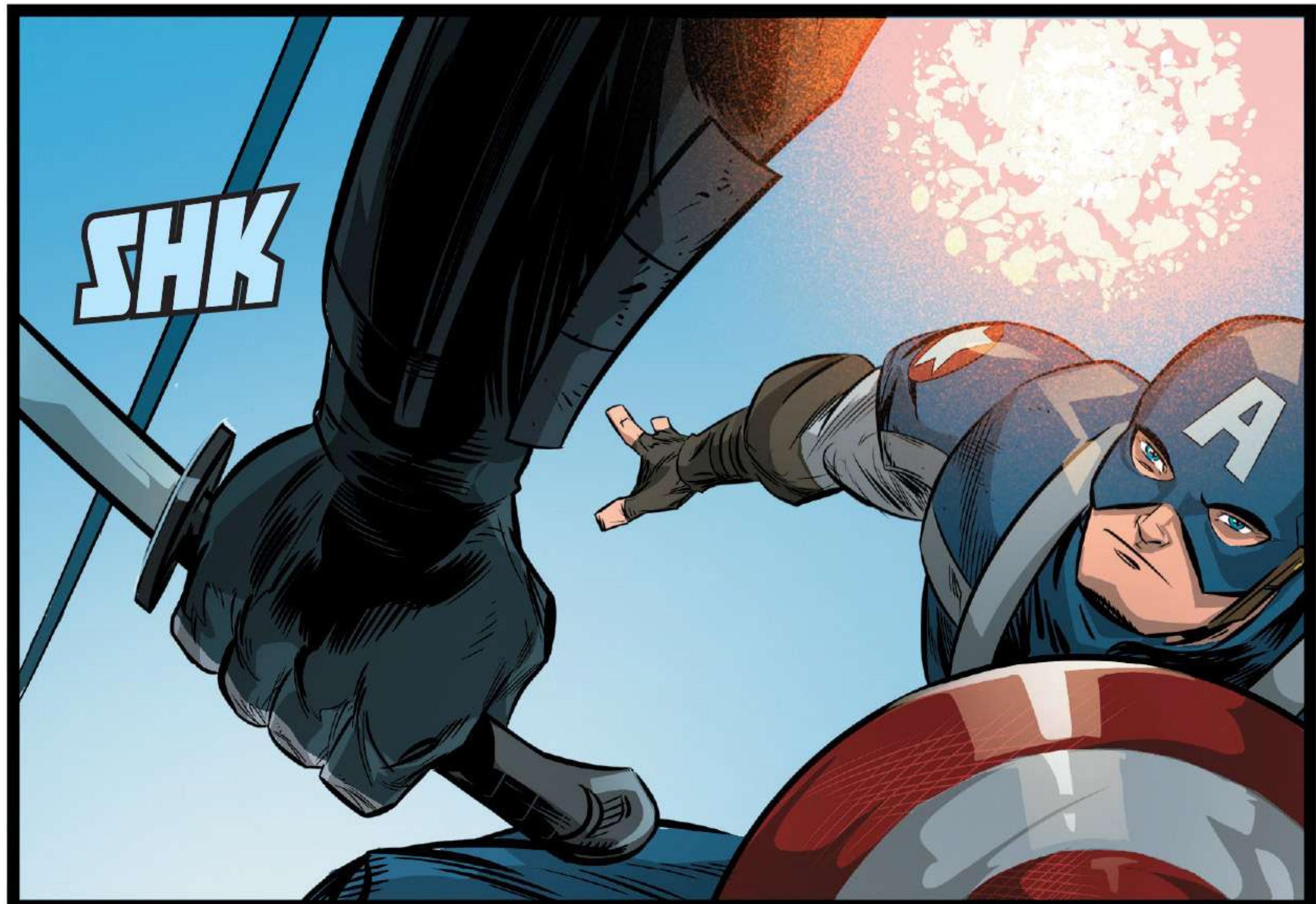
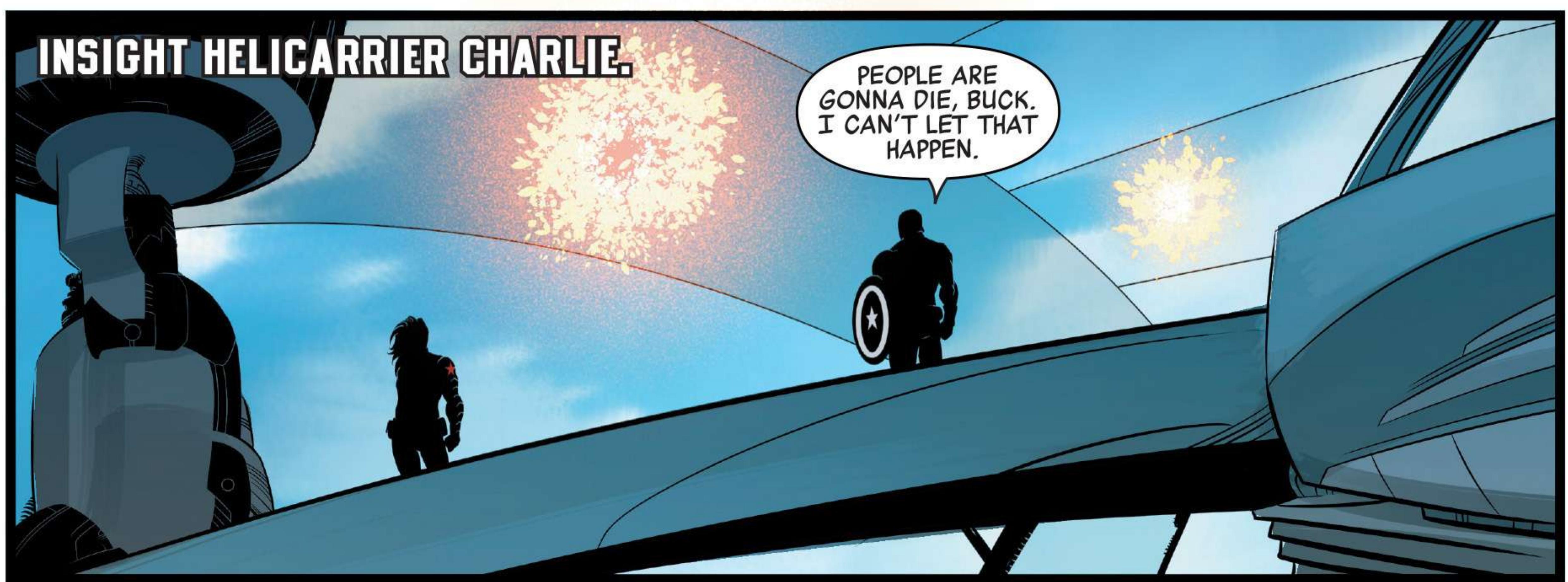
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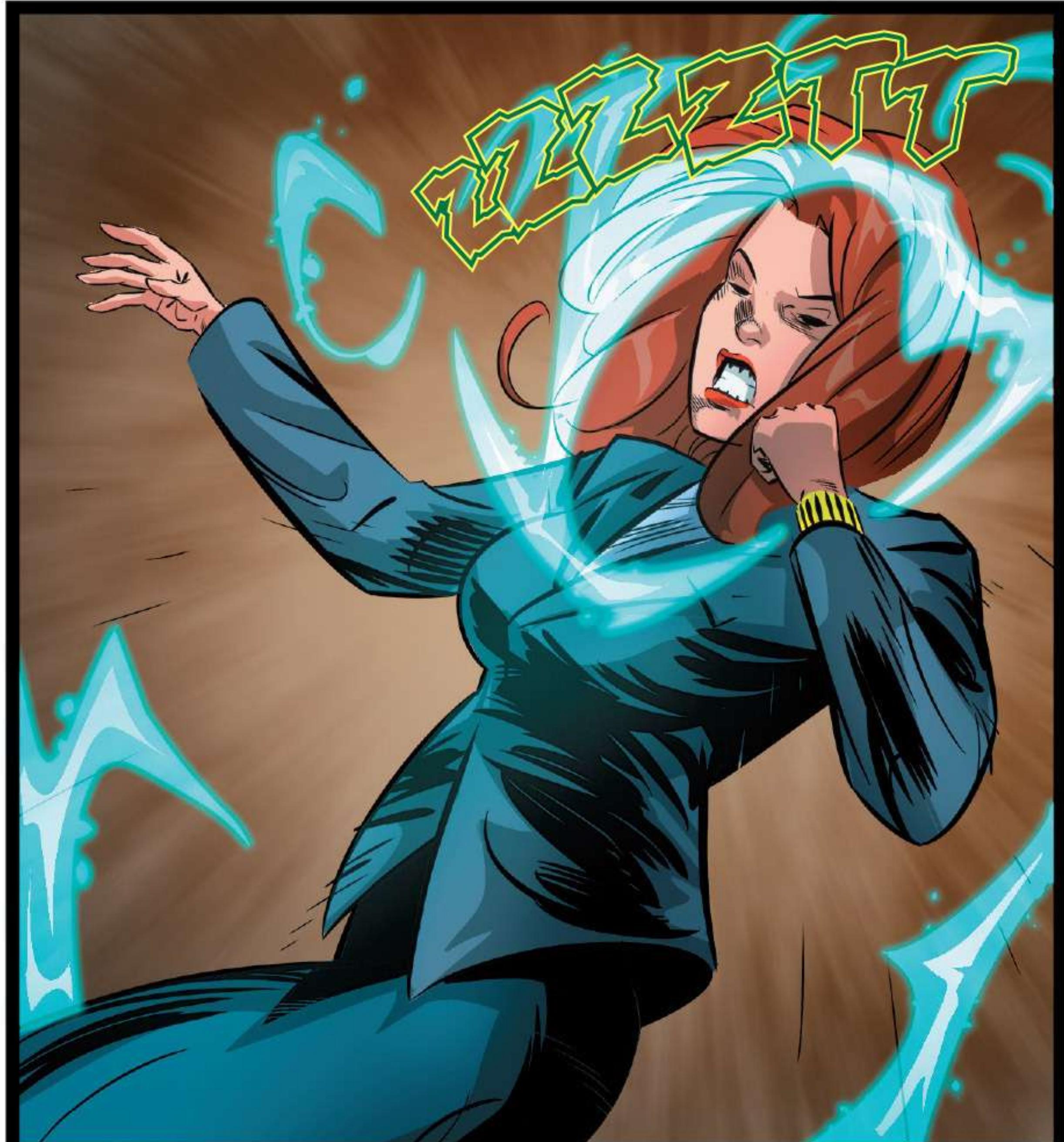




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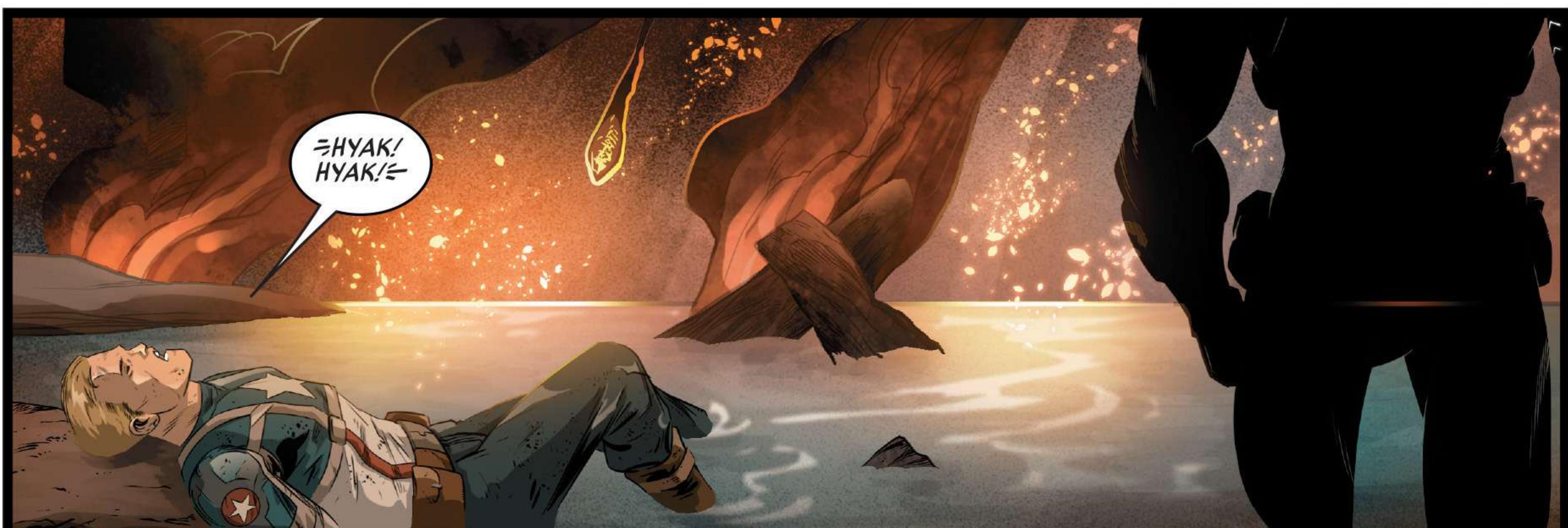
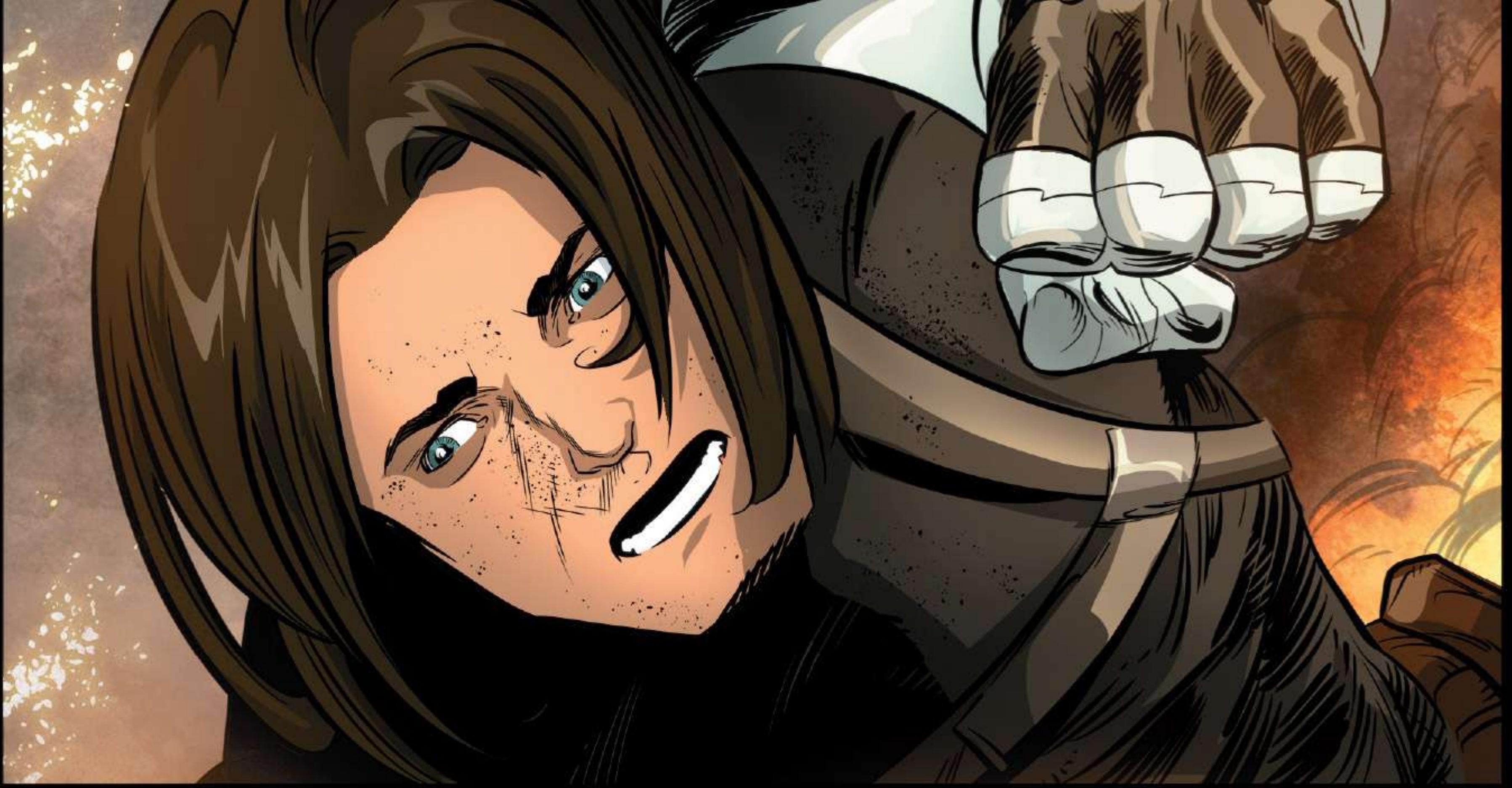






MEANWHILE...





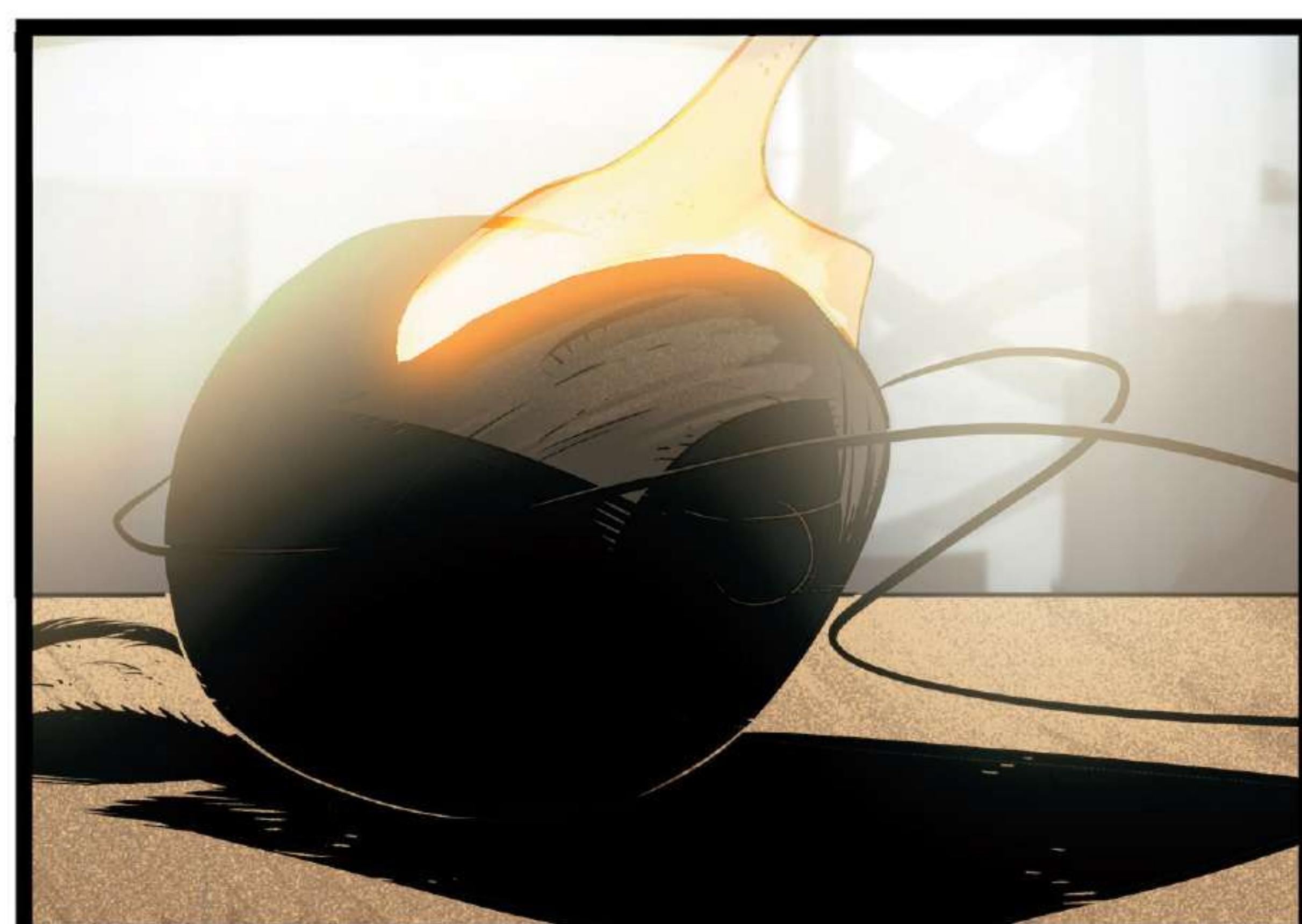
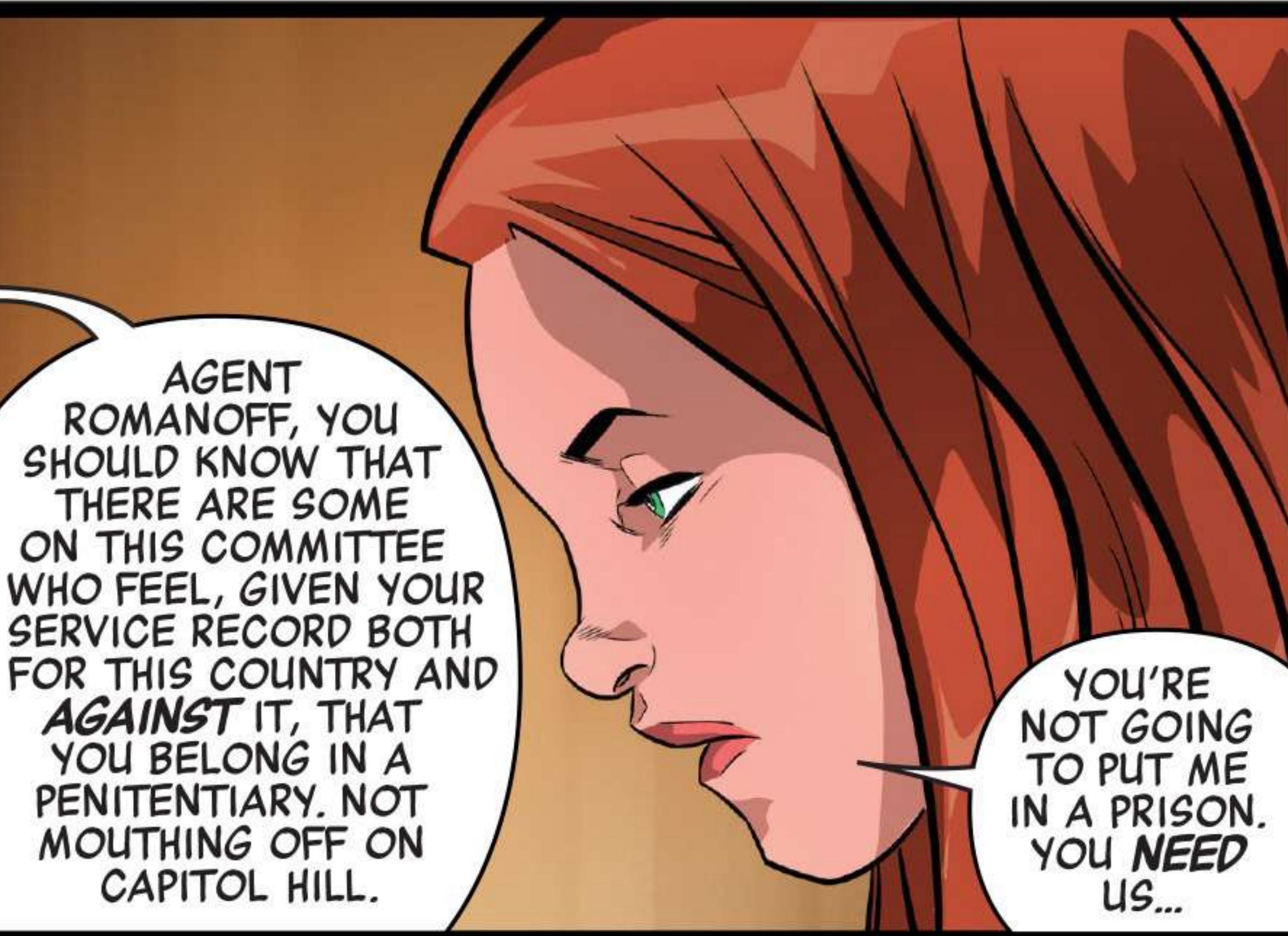
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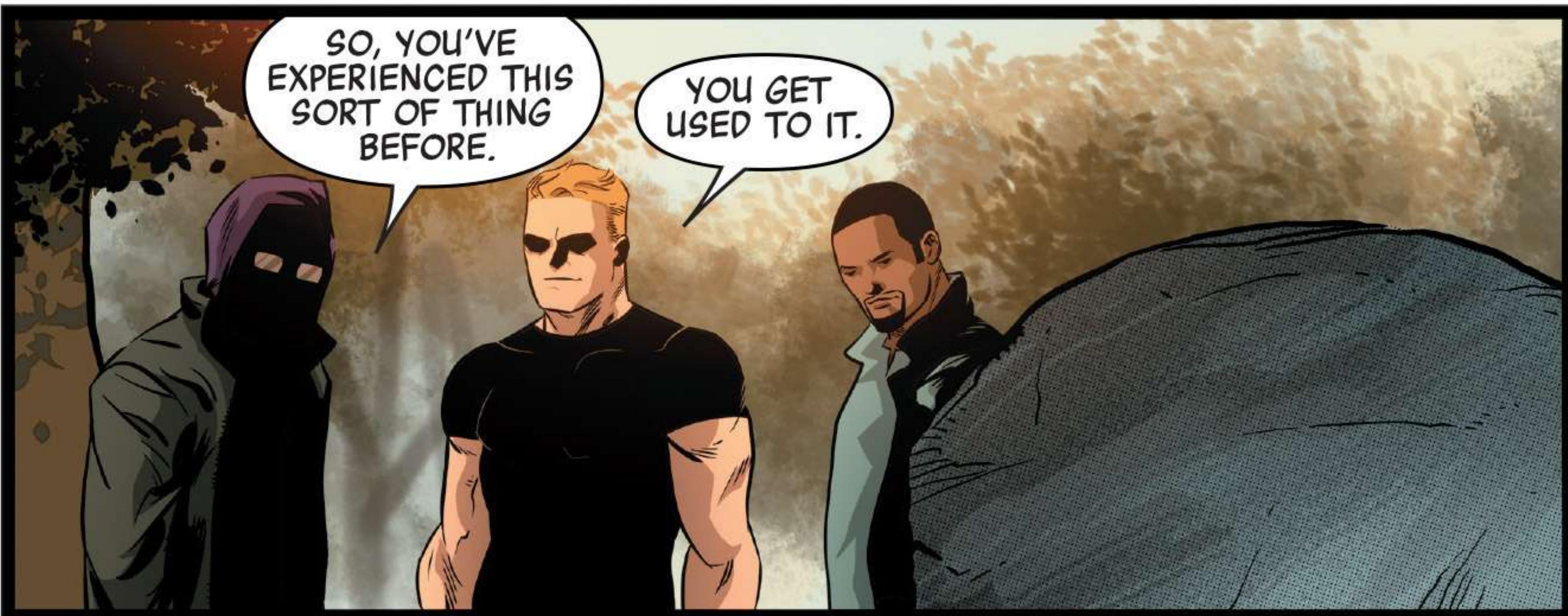
DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

I DO.

WHY HAVEN'T WE YET HEARD FROM CAPTAIN ROGERS?

I THINK THE WRECK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE POTOMAC MADE HIS POINT FAIRLY ELOQUENTLY.





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