

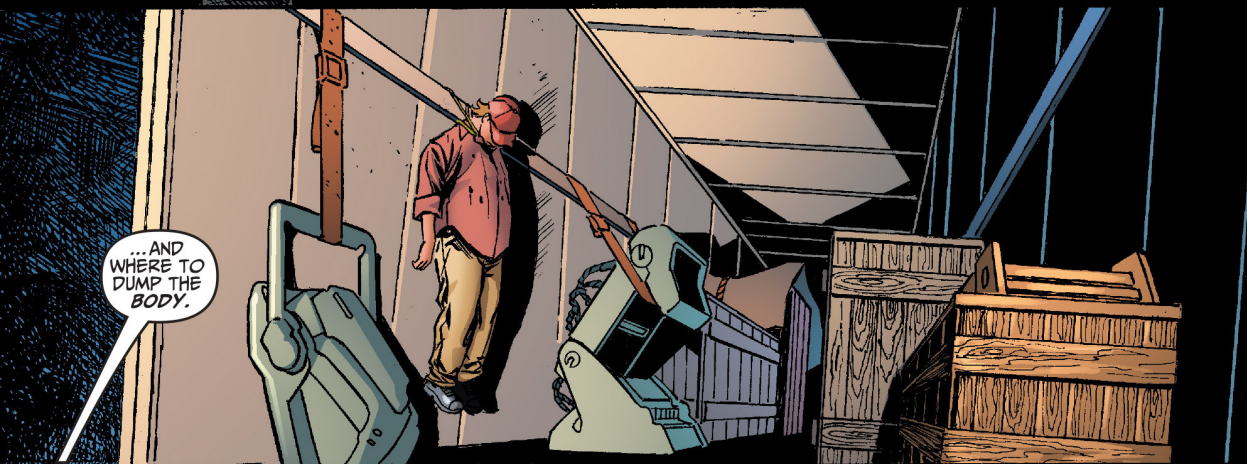
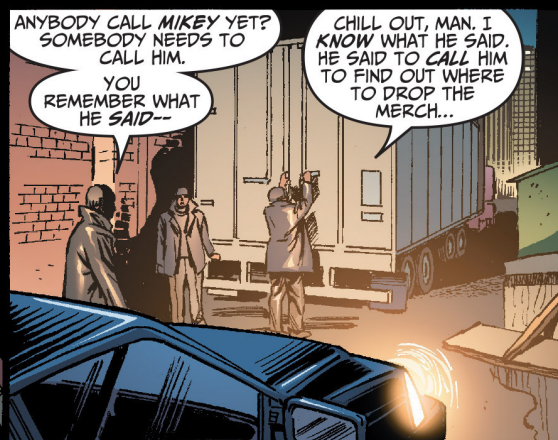
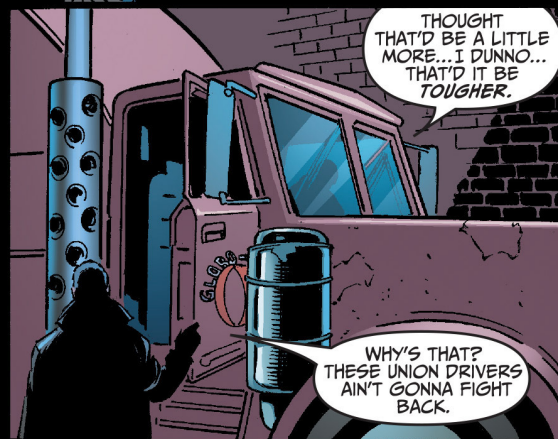
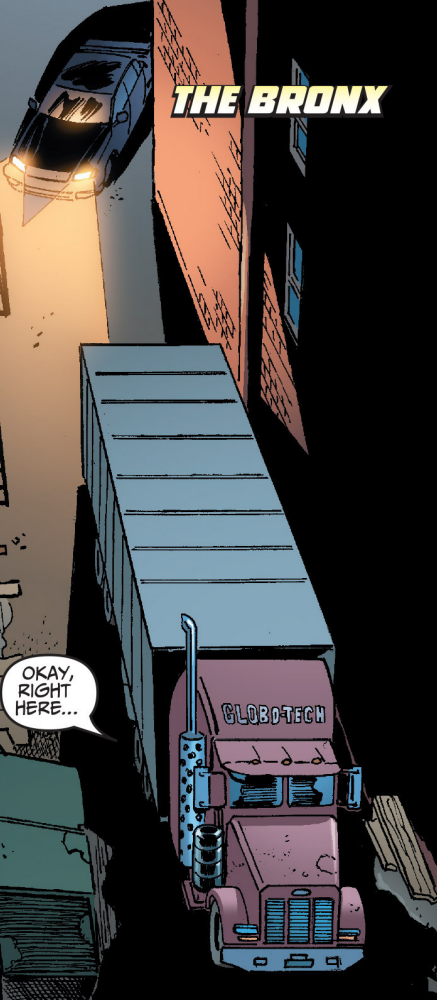
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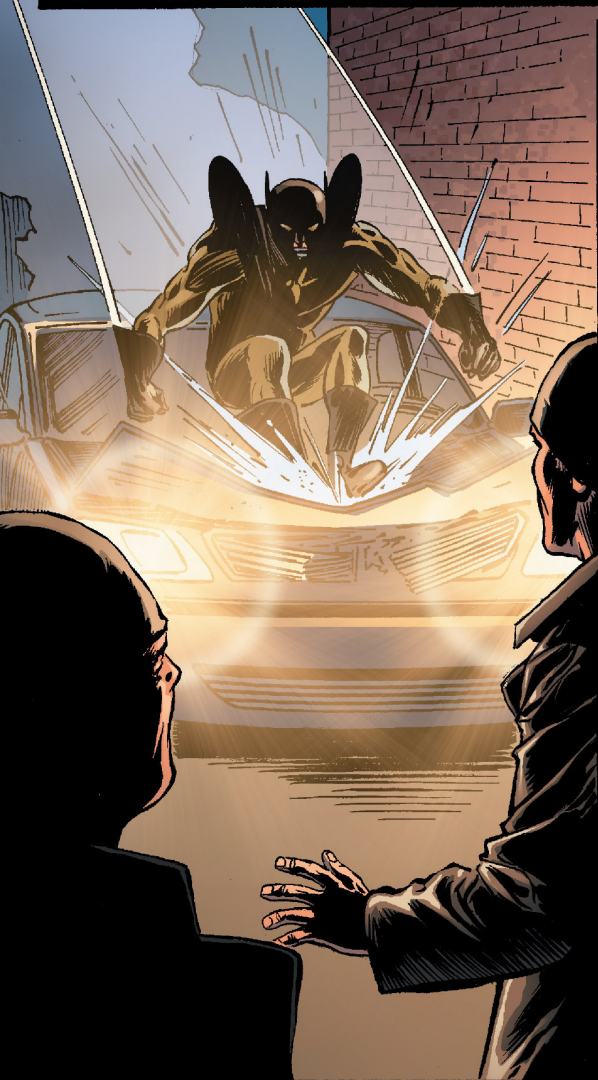
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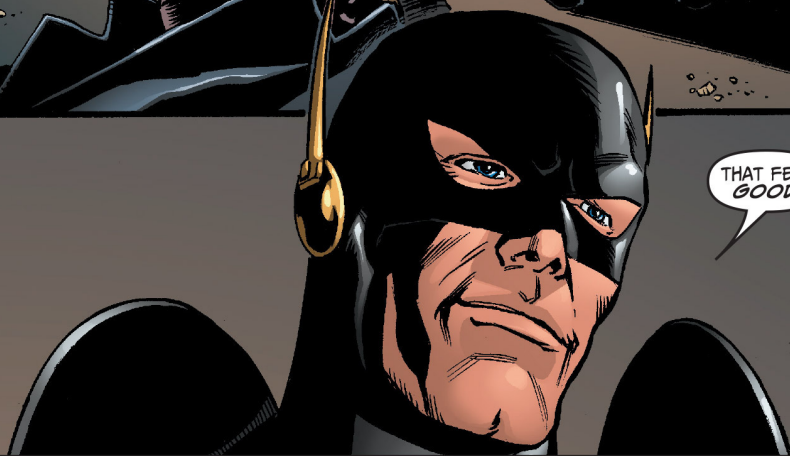
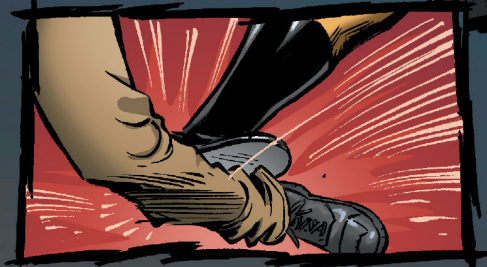
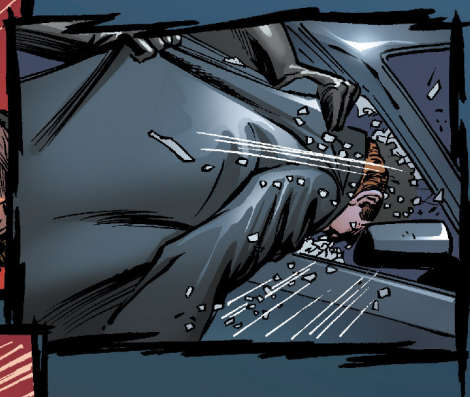
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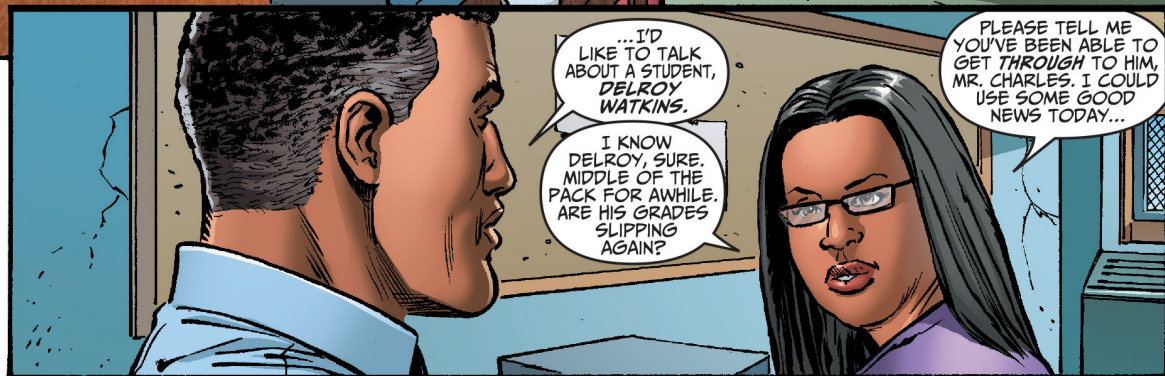
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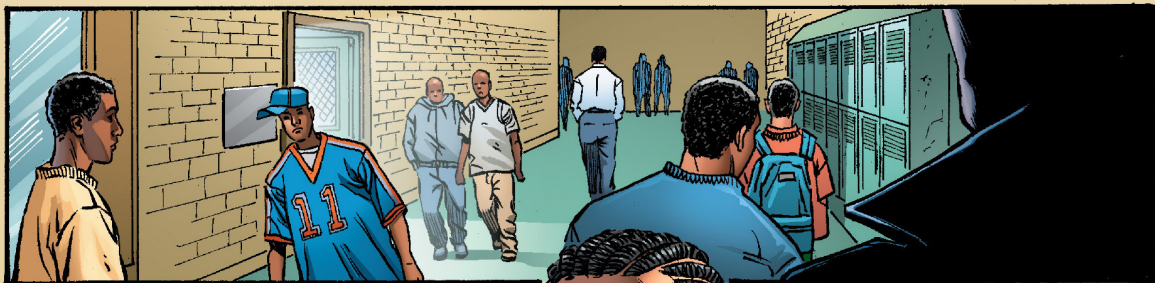
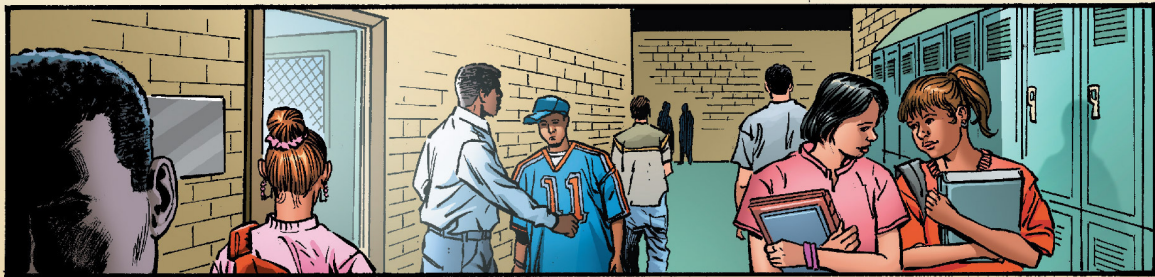
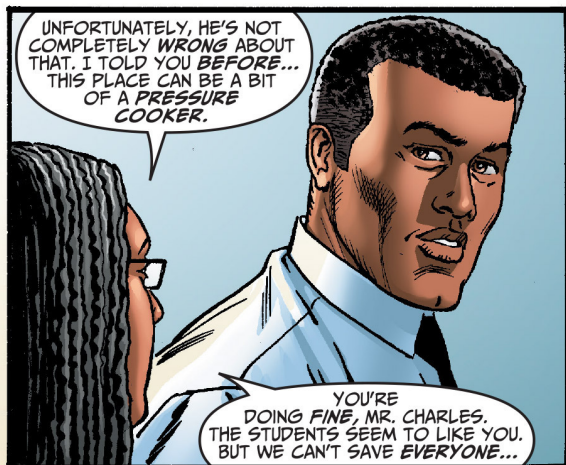
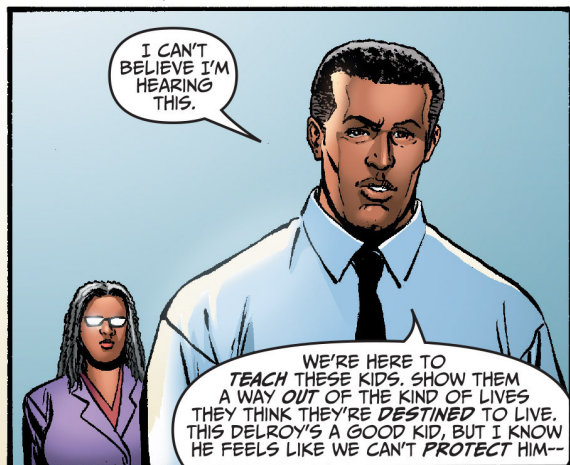
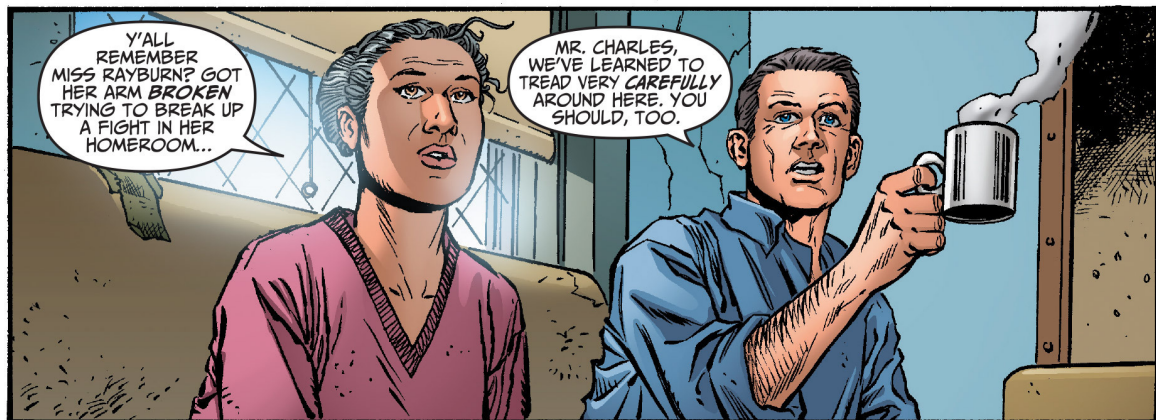


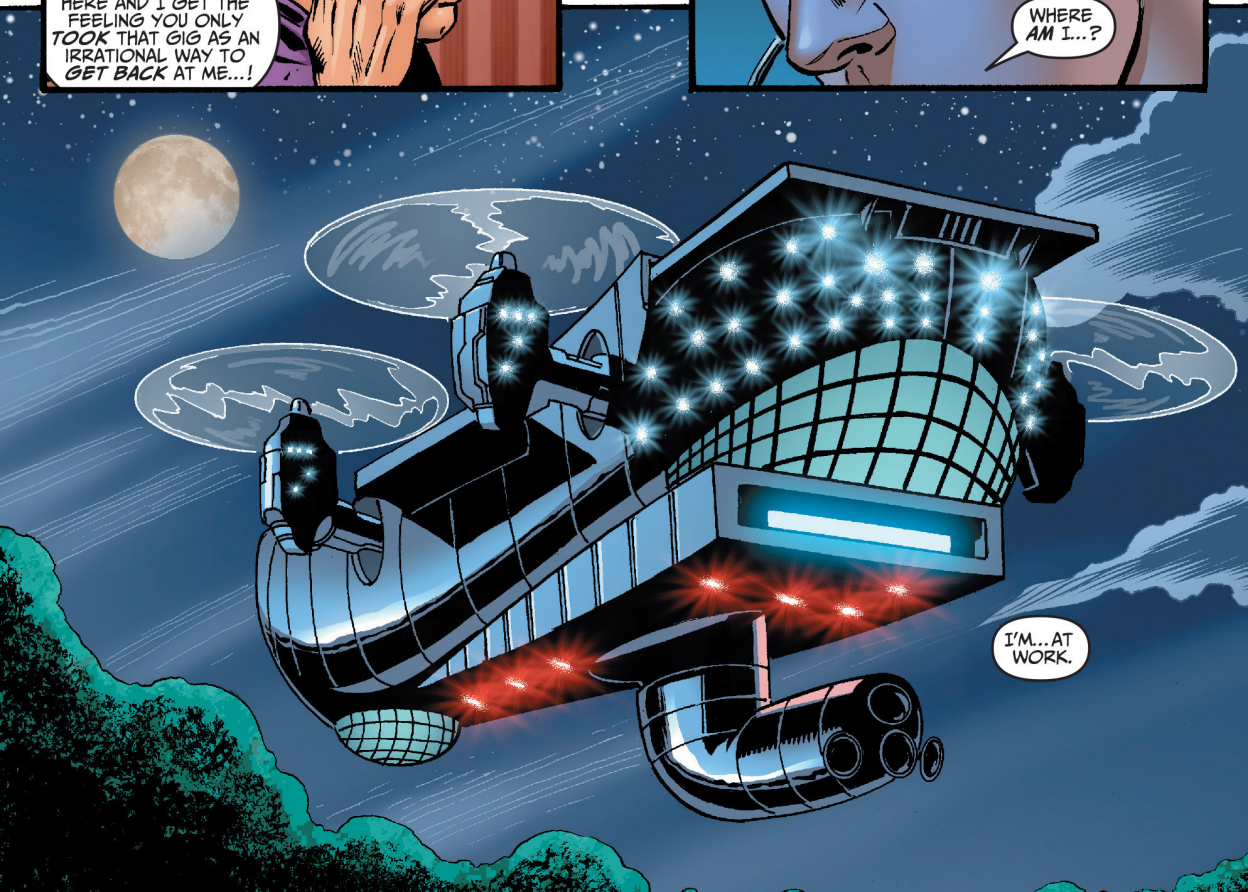
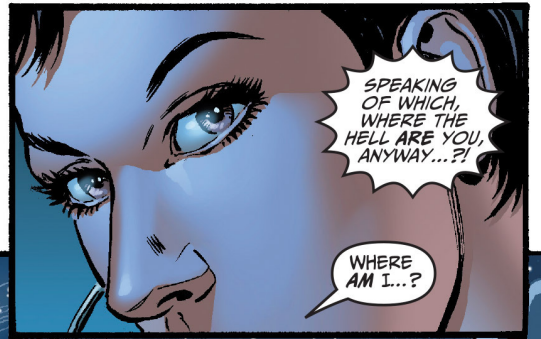
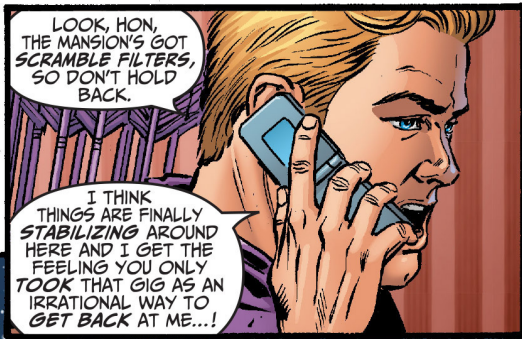


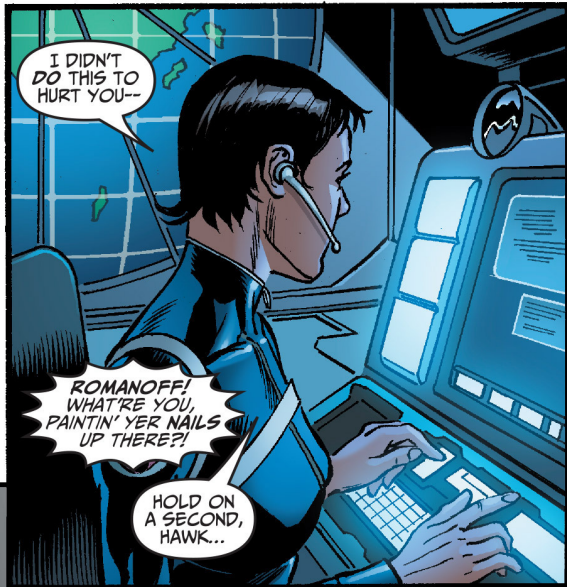


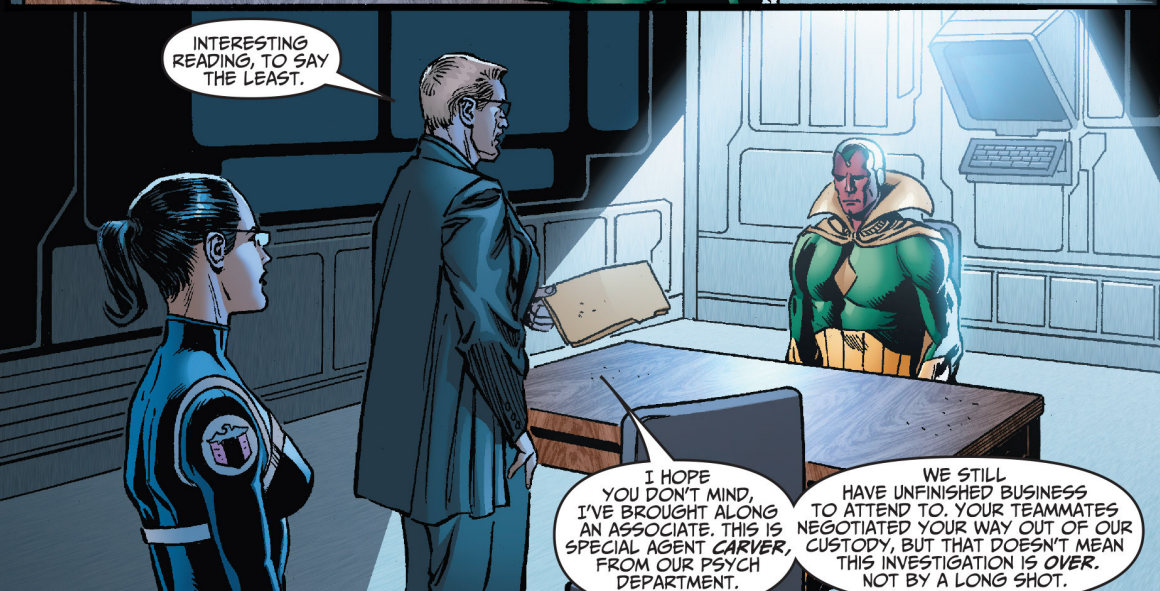
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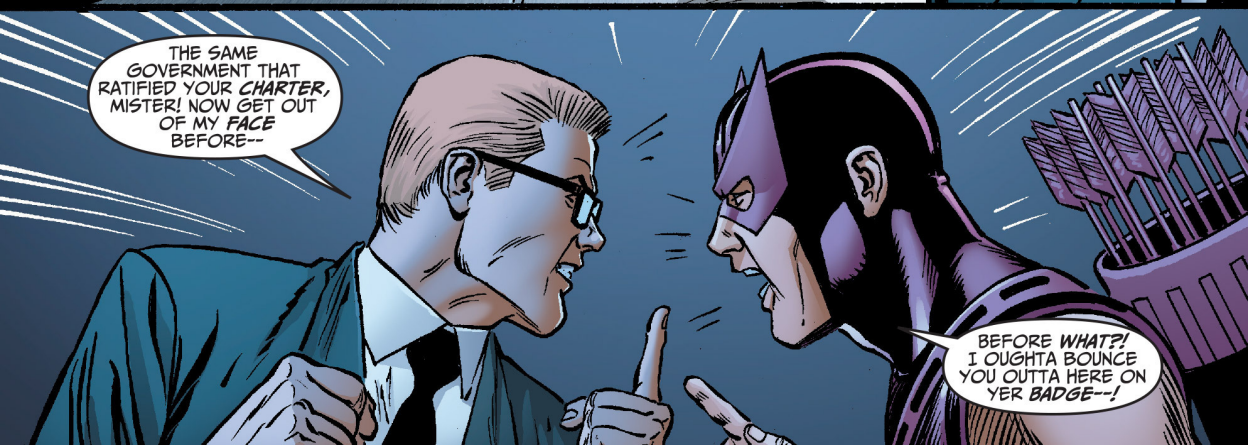
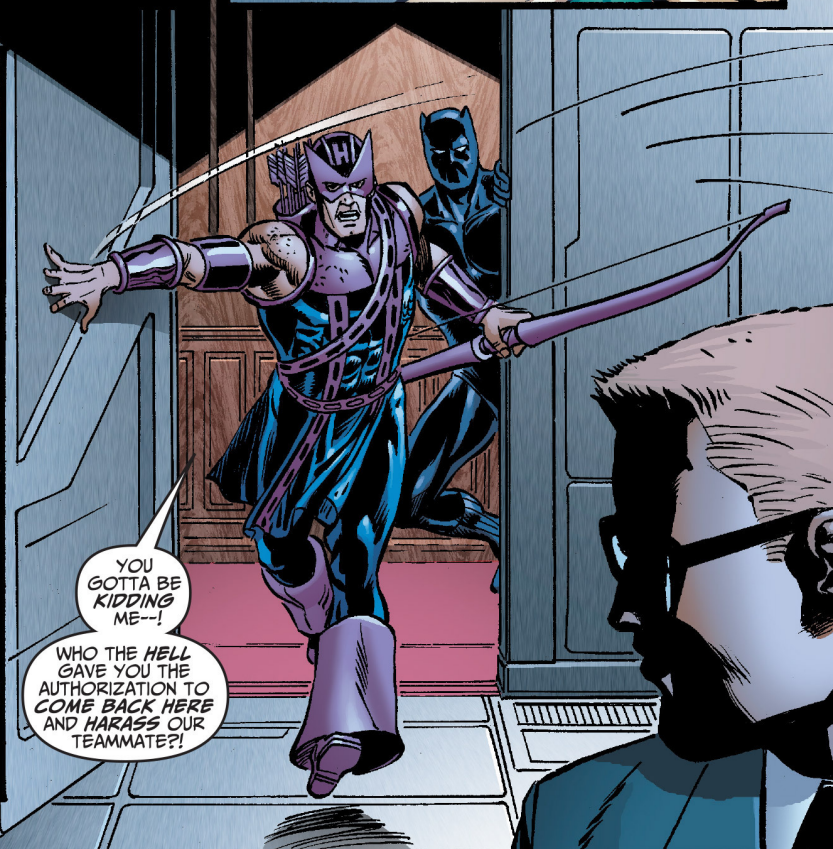


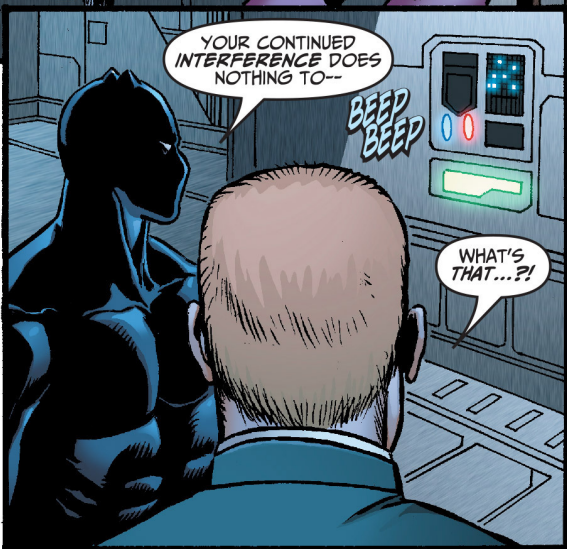
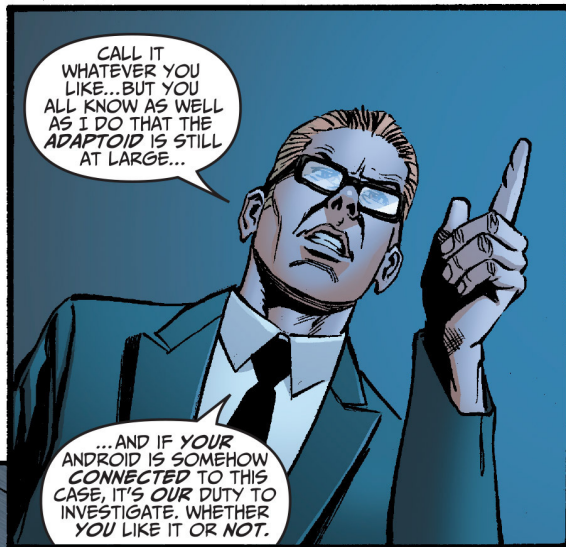














I DON'T
KNOW HOW MANY
OTHER WAYS I CAN
PUT THIS...

...THE NAME'S
YELLOWJACKET.

AND IF
YOU PEOPLE
HAD ANY *SENSE*
IN YOUR SKULLS, YOU'D
GET ME ON THE
ROSTER BEFORE
BREAKFAST!

I'VE BEEN
BUSTING HEADS
FOR A FEW NIGHTS
NOW, SO I FIGURED
I'D SHOW UP AND GET
DEPUTIZED... THEN I'D
SEE SOME *REAL*
ACTION.



"YELLOWJACKET"...?!

I...I
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT...

I-I
MEAN...
IT'S...

SEEING
AS YOU'RE A
BIT SHORT ON
MUSCLE--



--I'M
THE ANSWER
TO YOUR
PRAYERS!

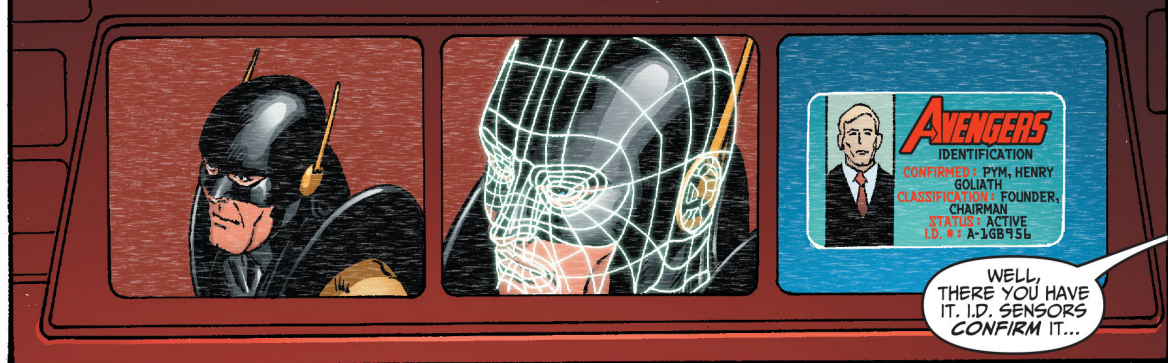
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HELL...

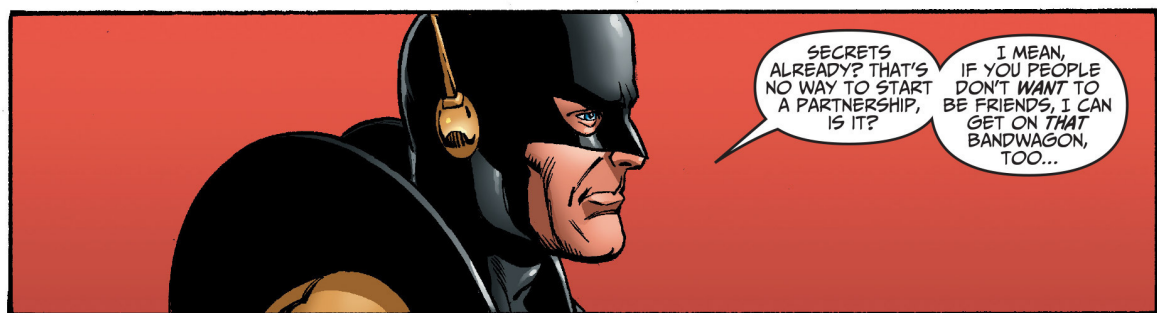
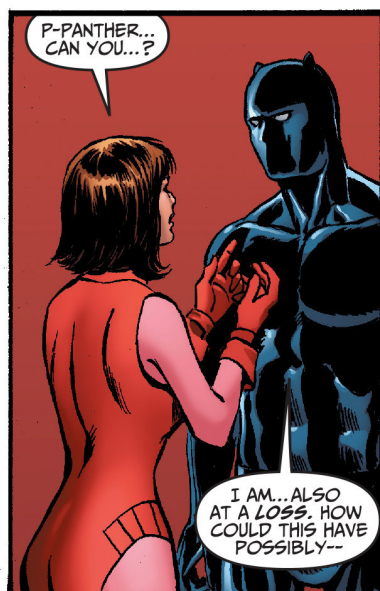


...IS THIS
SOME KIND OF
JOKE...?!

I CAN TELL
YOU THAT MY
GETTING *AMBUSHED*
WAS NO JOKE. I
DON'T ENJOY BEING
MANHANDLED!


TOOK
ME *FOREVER*
TO FREE
MYSELF...!







WHEN
IT RAINS, IT
POURS...
YOU--YOU
STAY HERE!
JUST TAKE A
LOAD OFF, BIG
SHOT--!



I'LL TELL
YOU WHAT--IF **THIS**
IS THE KIND OF DRAMA
THAT GOES ON HERE
ON A REGULAR
BASIS --




I'M
CERTAIN THERE'S
A REASONABLE
EXPLANATION,
SIR...!



SET HER
DOWN OVER
THERE, VISION.
GENTLY...



ANYONE
HAVE ANY PERTINENT
THOUGHTS ON WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO OUR
CHAIRMAN...?



YOU MEAN, AN ANSWER TO WHY HANK PYM
IS DRESSED UP LIKE THAT AND ACTING
LIKE A COMPLETE NUT?!



I MEAN,
HE'S OUT OF
HIS GOURD!



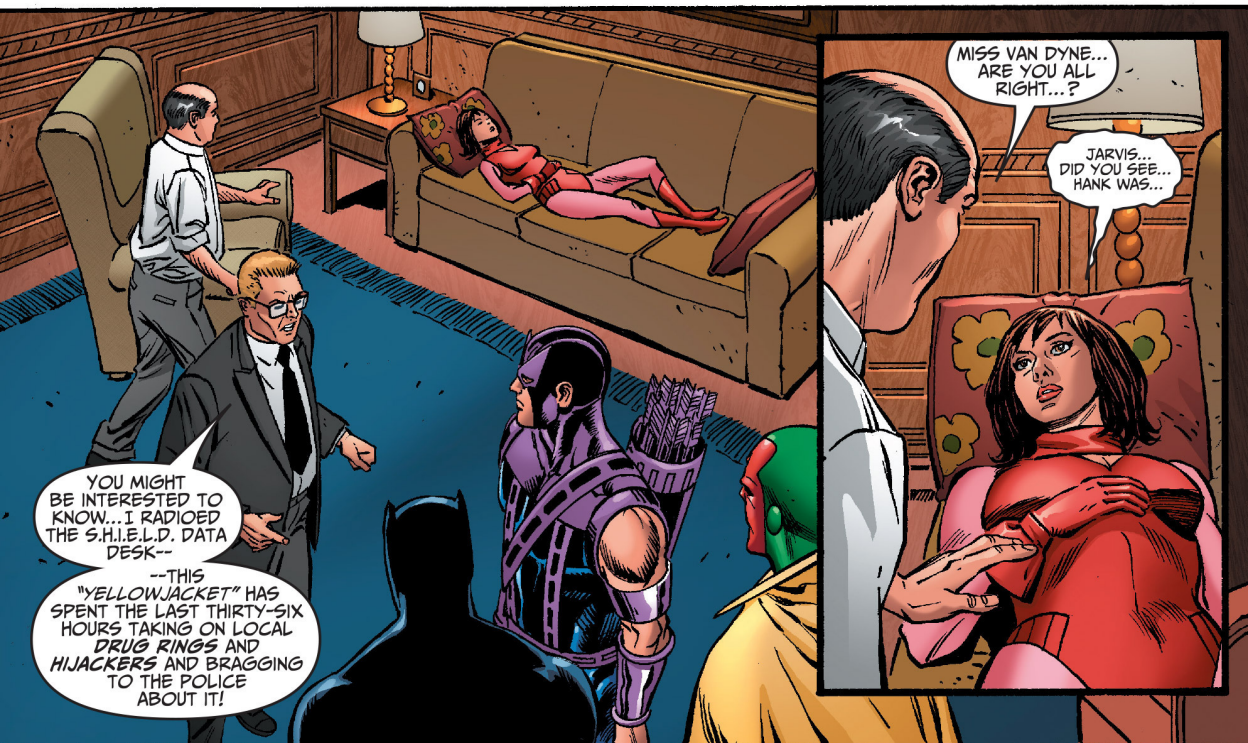
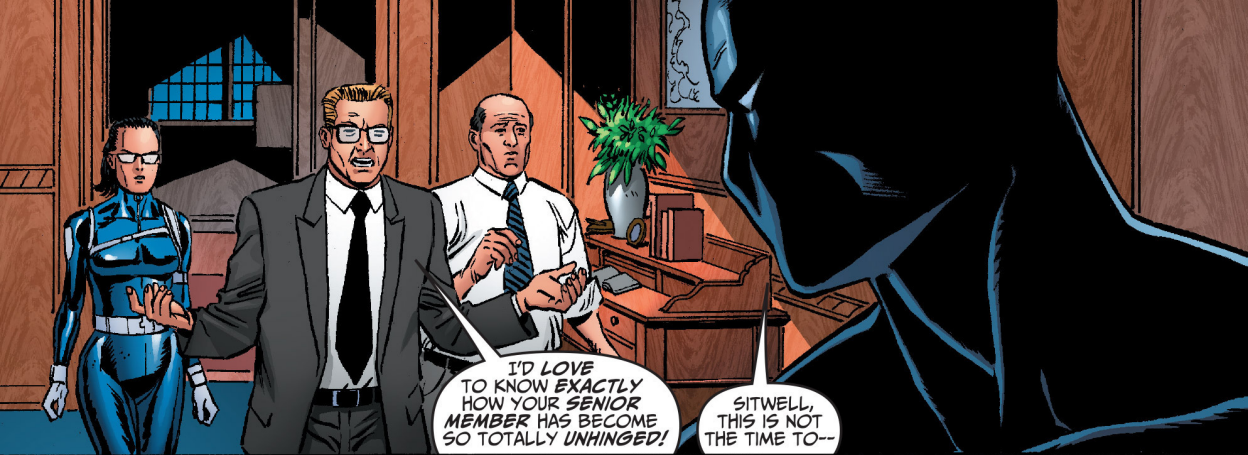
WHO
DOES HE THINK
HE'S FOOLING
WITH THAT
GETUP?!



...NNNN...
...THAT'S...
HANK... HE'S...



OKAY,
LET'S HEAR
IT--





IF THIS "YELLOW JACKET" IS INDEED YOUR LONGTIME TEAMMATE, HE COULD BE SUFFERING FROM SOME FORM OF SEVERE SCHIZOPHRENIA.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE MIND IS A FRAGILE THING...



...IF PYM HAS SOMEHOW CREATED AN ENTIRELY NEW PERSONALITY, DIVORCED FROM THE HANK PYM YOU'VE ALL KNOWN, YOU HAVE TO PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY IF HE'S TO RECOVER HIS TRUE, ORIGINAL SELF.

MY SUGGESTION...? HUMOR HIM FOR THE MOMENT.



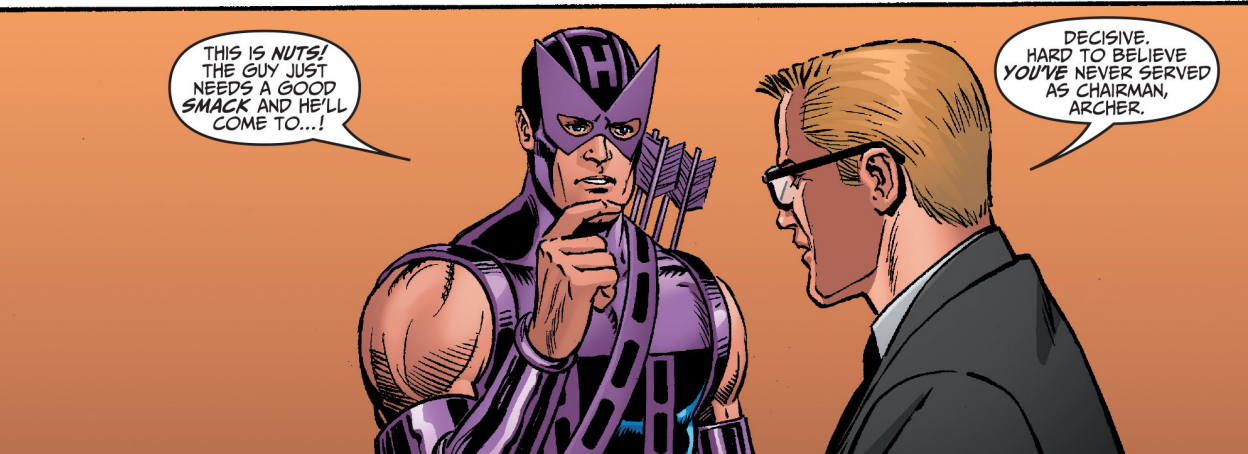
YOU... YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...!

YOU WANT US TO PRETEND THAT IT'S NOT HANK OUT THERE?! TO GO ALONG WITH HIS DELUSION?!

IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE'D PREFER TO SOLICIT THE OPINION OF SOMEONE MORE QUALIFIED TO--



I HAPPEN TO BE S.H.I.E.L.D.'S TOP PSYCH EXPERT, SO I'D SAY MY OPINION IS AS GOOD AS YOU'RE LIKELY TO GET.



THIS IS NUTS! THE GUY JUST NEEDS A GOOD SMACK AND HE'LL COME TO...!

DECISIVE. HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'VE NEVER SERVED AS CHAIRMAN, ARCHER.



HOLD IT--
WHOEVER YOU ARE--
WE'RE NOT IN SOME
LABORATORY
HERE...

...THE MAN
I LOVE IS NOT A
TEST CASE FOR
YOUR ACADEMIC
THEORIES...!



AGENT
CARVER, DO
YOU HONESTLY
THINK--

SIR, AN INDIVIDUAL
SUFFERING FROM SUCH
A FULLY FORMED
SCHIZOPHRENIC
EPISODE COULD BE
ON THE BRINK OF A
COMPLETE PSYCHOTIC
BREAKDOWN.

TRUST ME,
NO ONE WANTS
THAT...



...AT
THAT POINT,
YOU'RE LOOKING
AT IRREVERSIBLE
DAMAGE.

IF YOU
PEOPLE CAN SIMPLY
DEAL WITH HIM, THERE'S
A GOOD CHANCE HE'LL
COME BACK ON
HIS OWN.



I DUNNO, GUYS...
I DON'T THINK I CAN DO
ANY ACTUAL AVENGING
WITH "YELLOWJACKET"
OUT THERE...!

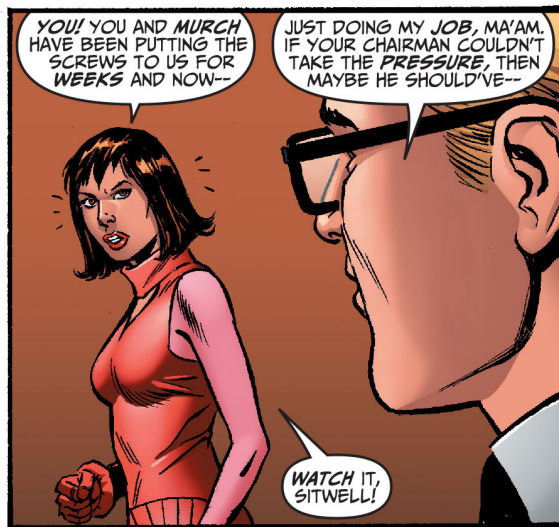
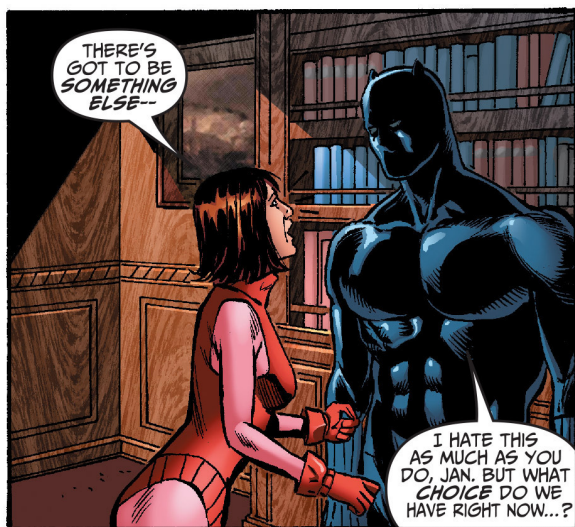
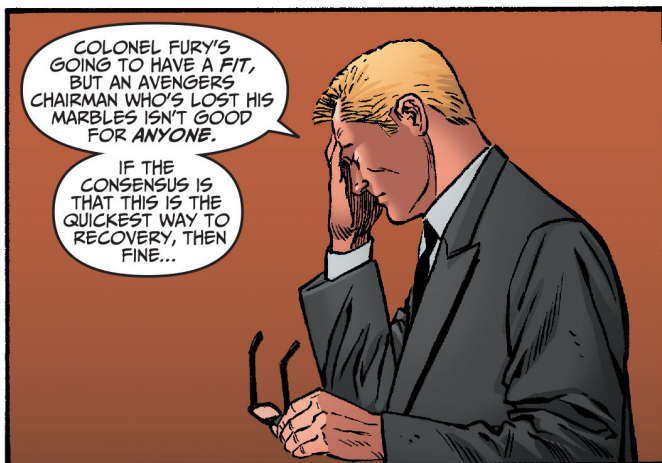
I MEAN,
I NEVER KNEW
TALL-SOCKS
COULD BE SO
ANNOYING--!

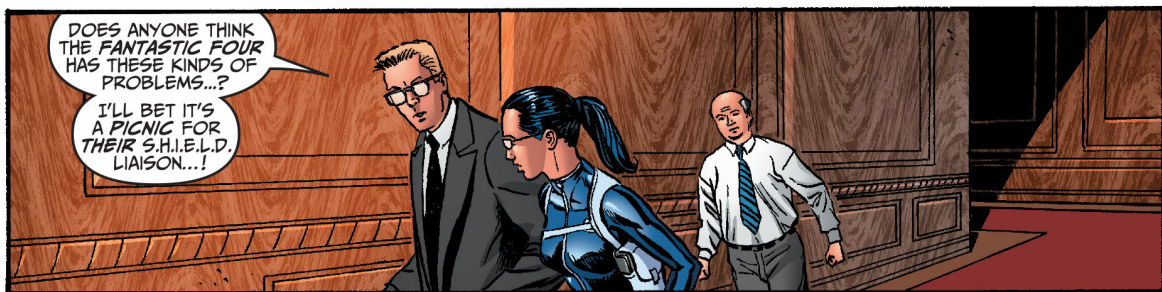


HAWKEYE HAS A POINT.
HUMORING HANK IS ONE
THING... BUT TO PLACE HIM
ON ACTIVE DUTY IS A RISK
WE CANNOT TAKE.

WE HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY TO
THE PUBLIC TO
CONSIDER...

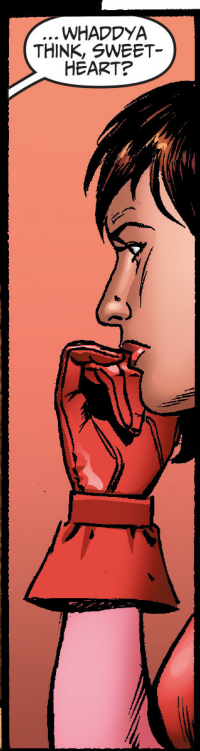
A CONUNDRUM, TO BE
CERTAIN. SURELY, WE
HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY
TO ONE OF OUR OWN...







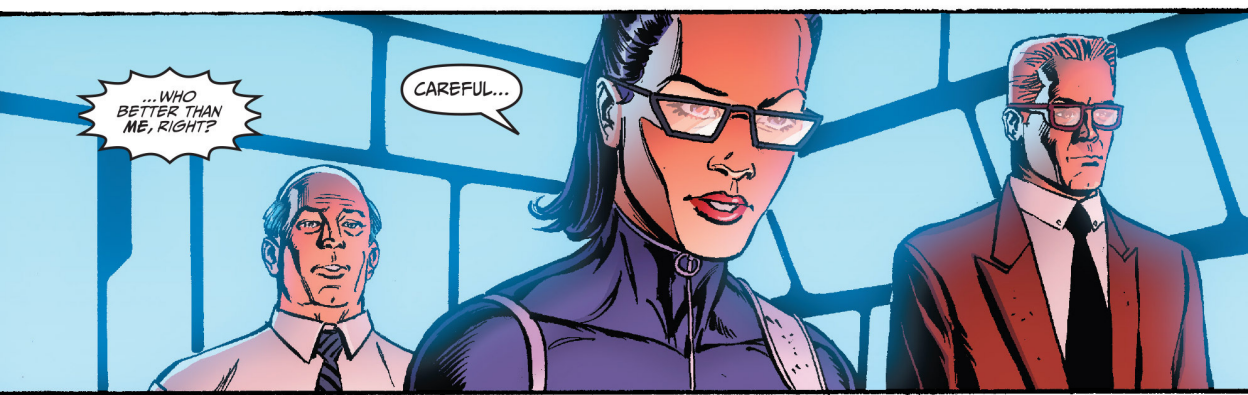
WELL, TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, I HAD SOMETHING MORE IN MIND. PERSONALLY, I THINK I'VE GOT "CHAIRMAN" WRITTEN ALL OVER ME...



...WHADDYA THINK, SWEET-HEART?



I KNOW DAMN WELL THAT YOU'RE IN NEED OF A NEW LEADER AT THE MOMENT...



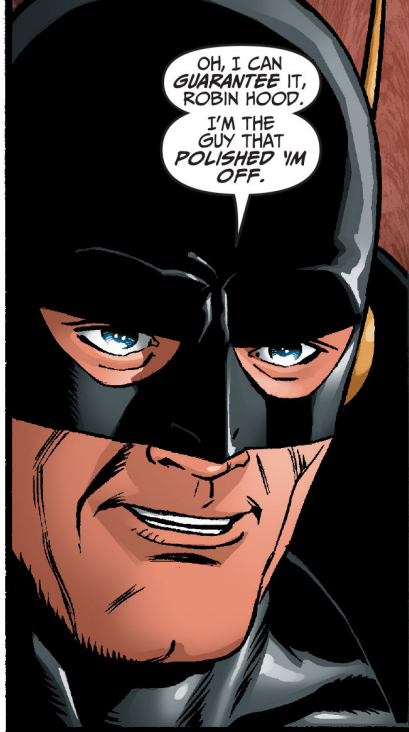
...WHO BETTER THAN ME, RIGHT?

CAREFUL...



NO DOUBT THAT LOSER PYM WON'T BE SHOWING UP AGAIN.

OH, MAN...! WHAT... AHHH... MAKES YOU SO SURE HE WON'T BE COMING BACK, PAL...?



OH, I CAN
GUARANTEE IT,
ROBIN HOOD.
I'M THE
GUY THAT
POLISHED 'IM
OFF.



OH
DEAR....!

GOD, IT'S
WORSE THAN
I THOUGHT.

WE NEED TO GET IN
TOUCH WITH COLONEL
FURY, ASAP.



YOU...YOU
K-KILLED...?

I MEAN...
Y-YOU THINK
YOU...

OH
YEAH. IT WAS
BEAUTIFUL...



...GOT THE
DROP ON HIM IN
HIS OWN LAB. A FEW
BLASTS FROM MY
STINGERS HAD
HIM REELING.

HAD HIM
SHRINKING DOWN
TO BUG-SIZE LIKE
THE COWARD
HE IS...!

FROM THERE,
I JUST LET THE INSECT
KINGDOM TEAR HIM LIMB
FROM LIMB. QUITE THE
HORROR SHOW...



THAT'S IT...!
I'M LEANIN' TOWARD
MY ORIGINAL COURSE
OF TREATMENT!

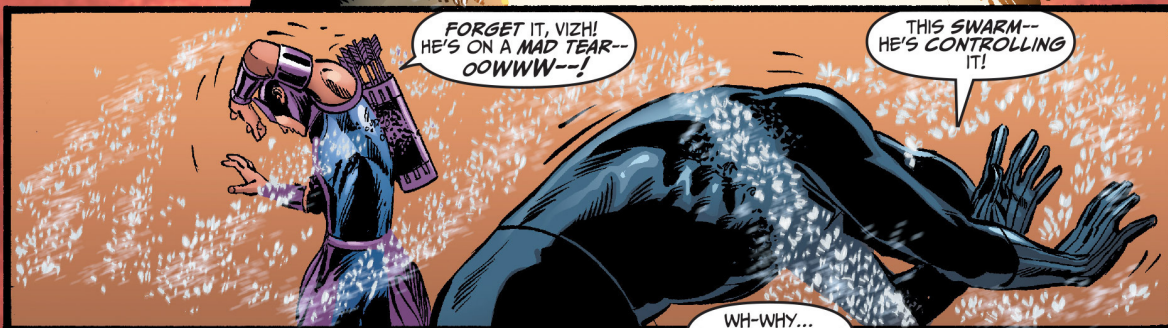
YOU GOT A SERIOUS SCREW
LOOSE AND I'M BACK TO THINKIN'
THE BEST MEDICINE IS FOR US
TO KNOCK IT BACK INTO PLACE--!



EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE--



THIS DISPLAY IS
UNNECESSARY.
SURELY WE CAN--



FORGET IT, VIZ!
HE'S ON A MAD TEAR--
OOWWW--!

THIS SWARM--
HE'S CONTROLLING
IT!



WH-WHY...
ARE YOU DOING
THIS...?

YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY SAY,
DARLIN'--IF YOU
CAN'T JOIN 'EM...
BEAT 'EM.

BUT I SEE
THAT LOOK IN YOUR
EYES. YOU WANT
SOMETHING MORE
OUTTA ME,
DON'T YA?

HERE'S A
THOUGHT... WHY
DON'T WE GET THE
HELL OUT OF HERE?
SEE WHAT LIFE'S LIKE
ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE TRACKS...

NOT
THAT I'M
GIVING YOU A
CHOICE...

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