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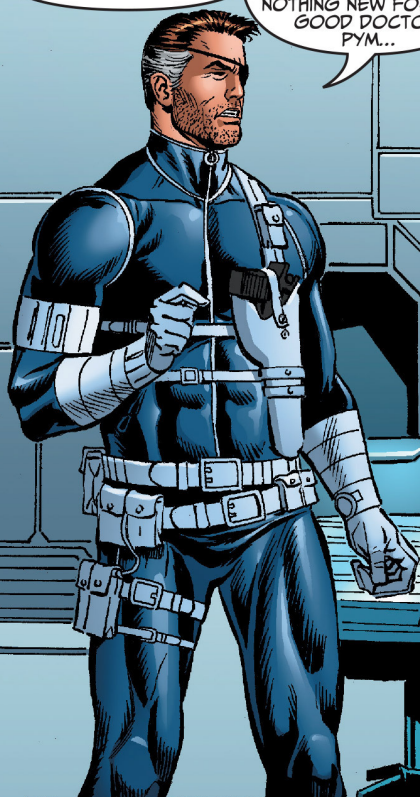
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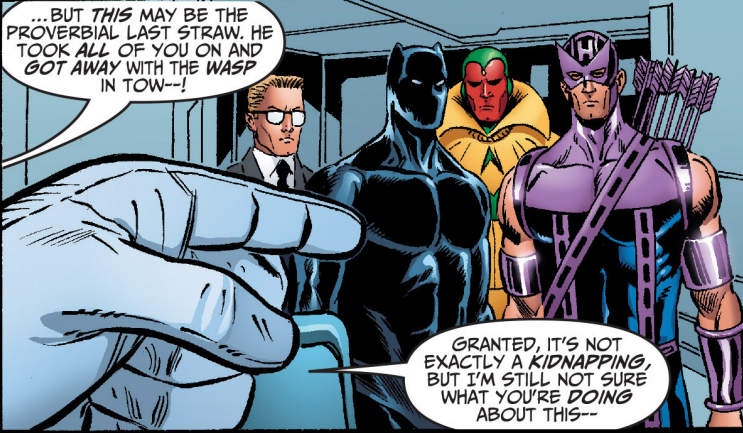
YOU PEOPLE ARE JUST BATTIN' A THOUSAND, AREN'T YA...?

I MEAN, *FORGET* THE ADAPTOID RUNNIN' LOOSE OUT THERE--THERE'S ENOUGH DRAMA RIGHT HERE!

SO, YOUR CHAIRMAN'S GONE A LITTLE NUTTY. CHANGED HIS COLORS. CHANGED HIS NAME. NOTHING NEW FOR THE GOOD DOCTOR PYM...



... BUT *THIS* MAY BE THE PROVERBIAL LAST STRAW. HE TOOK ALL OF YOU ON AND GOT AWAY WITH THE WASP IN TOW--!

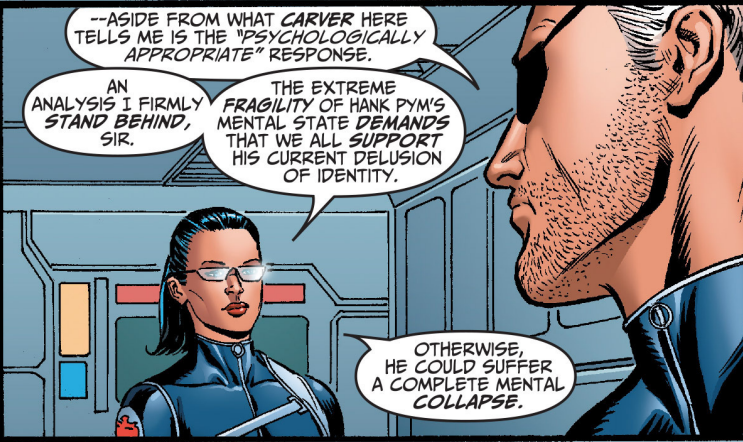


GRANTED, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A KIDNAPPING, BUT I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE *DOING* ABOUT THIS--

--ASIDE FROM WHAT CARVER HERE TELLS ME IS THE "PSYCHOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE" RESPONSE.

AN ANALYSIS I FIRMLY STAND BEHIND, SIR.

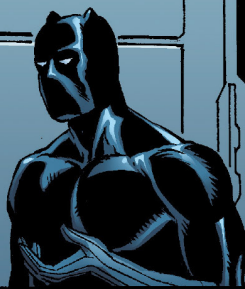
THE EXTREME FRAGILITY OF HANK PYM'S MENTAL STATE DEMANDS THAT WE ALL SUPPORT HIS CURRENT DELUSION OF IDENTITY.



OTHERWISE, HE COULD SUFFER A COMPLETE MENTAL COLLAPSE.

AN OUTCOME WE WILL TAKE GREAT PAINS TO AVOID, COLONEL FURY. WE OWE HIM THAT.

HOWEVER, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IF MURCH GETS WIND OF THIS SITUATION, HE'LL SHUT THE AVENGERS DOWN FOR GOOD.



THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY, PANTHER. RIGHT NOW, HE THINKS THIS "YELLOWJACKET" CHARACTER IS JUST THE NEW KID ON THE STREET.

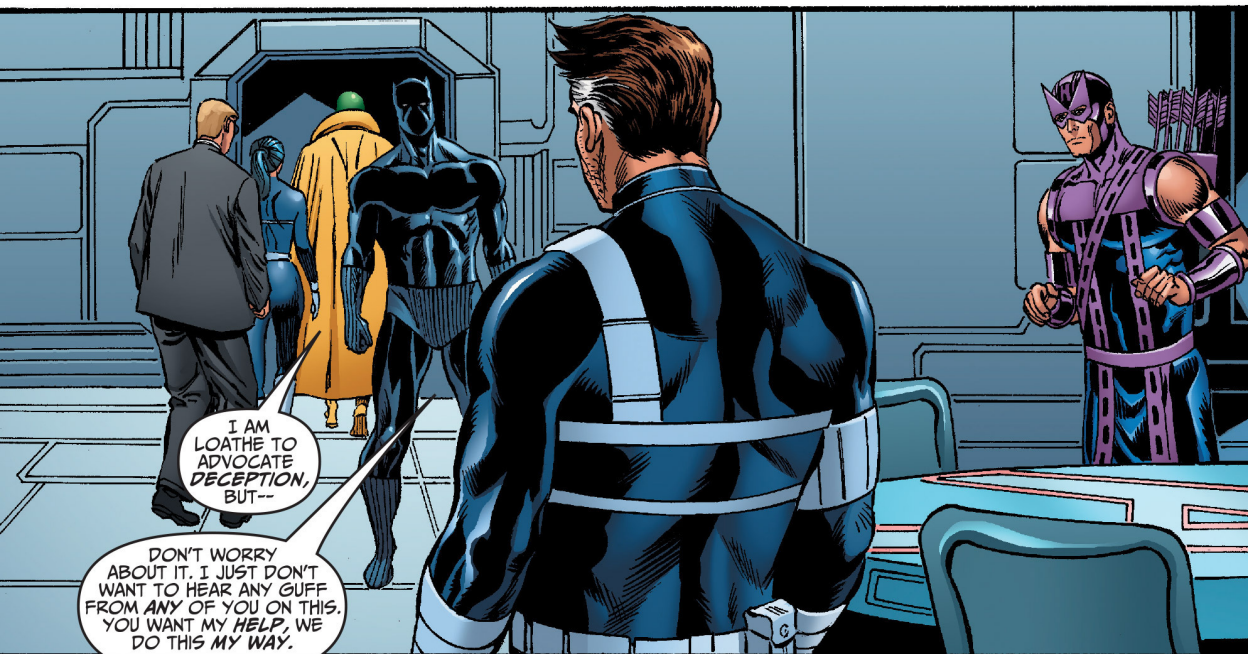
LOOK, I DON'T WANT THE N.S.C. TO PUT THE LOCKDOWN ON YOU, EITHER. SO, FOR NOW...WE'LL JUST KEEP THIS QUIET. THAT'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SORT IT OUT INTERNALLY.





BUT, KEEP IN MIND, I'LL BE WATCHING DAMN CLOSE. THINGS GET ANY MORE OUT OF CONTROL... WELL, THERE'LL BE HELL TO PAY.

YOU TWO, REPORT BACK TO THE HELICARRIER AND ARRANGE FOR A SECURITY DETAIL TO BE STATIONED HERE UNTIL THIS BLOWS OVER.



I AM LOATHE TO ADVOCATE DECEPTION, BUT--

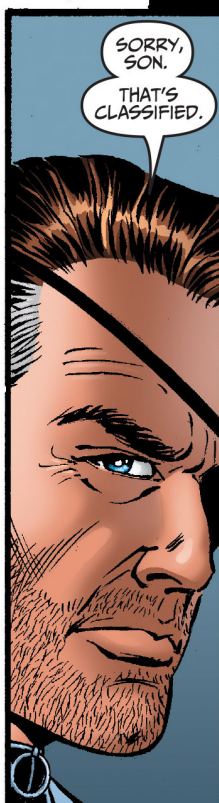
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I JUST DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY GUFF FROM ANY OF YOU ON THIS. YOU WANT MY HELP, WE DO THIS MY WAY.



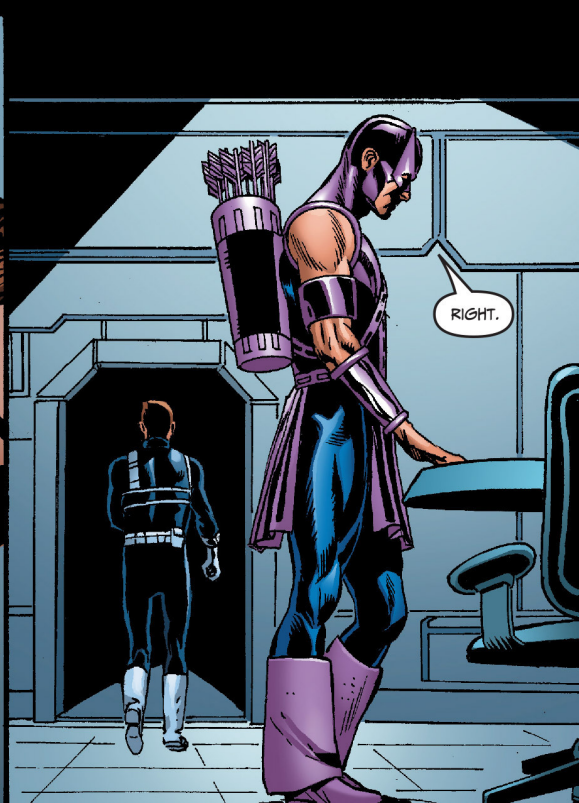
LISTEN... AHMM... FURY...?

I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT... WELL, ABOUT NATASHA ROMANOFF. YOU GUYS PUT HER ON THE PAYROLL AND I'M JUST... WELL... A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HER.

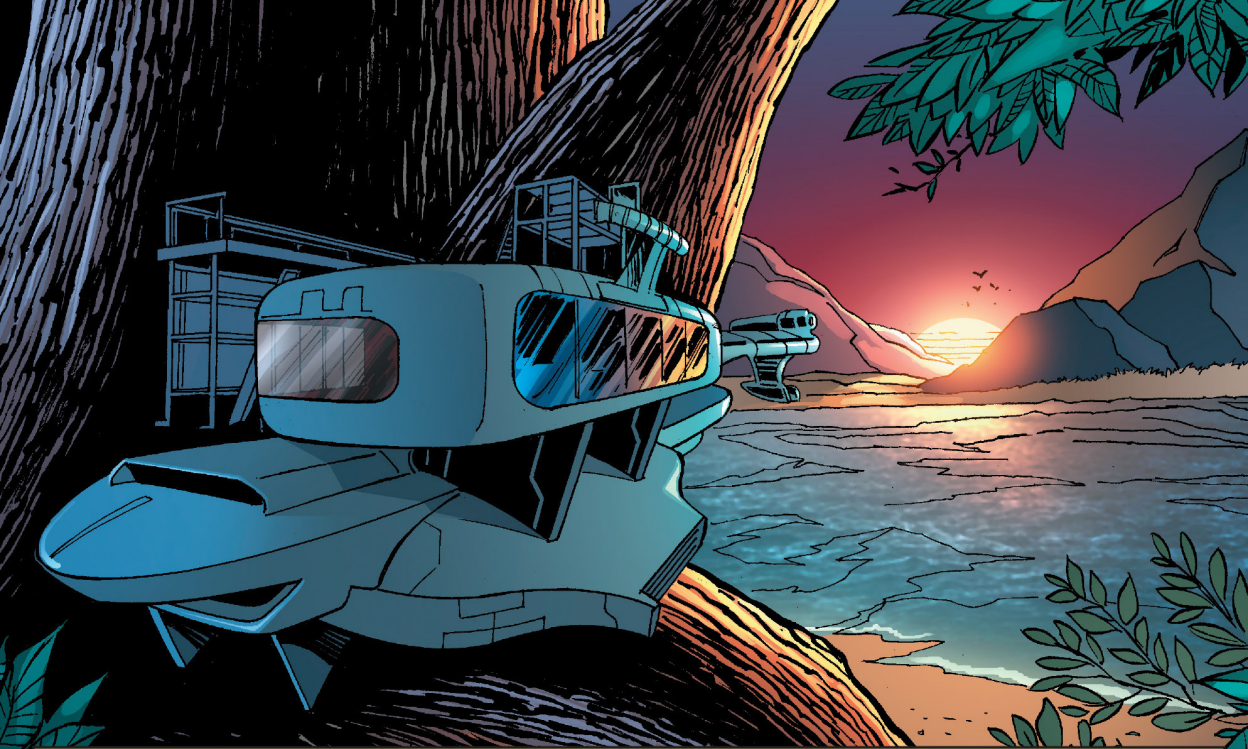
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD... Y'KNOW... AT LEAST TELL ME WHAT--



SORRY, SON.
THAT'S CLASSIFIED.

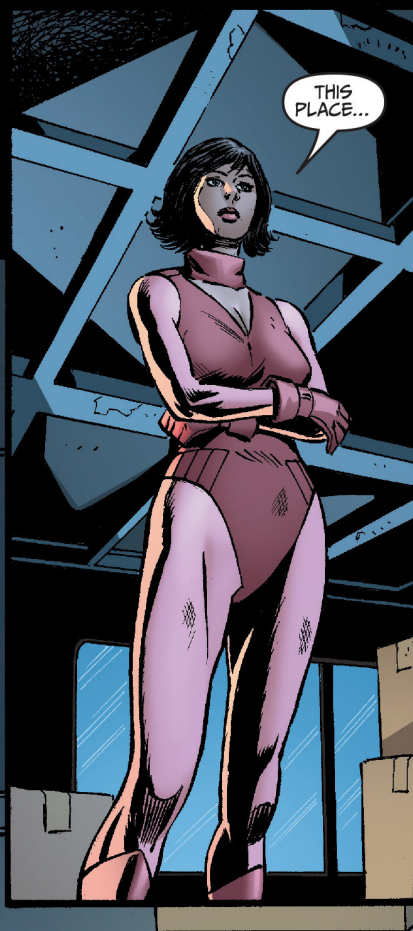


RIGHT.



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ARE YOU...
SURE HE'S REALLY
DEAD...?
LOOK
AROUND YOU. LOOK
AT THIS PLACE. I THINK...
MAYBE...THERE'S A
POSSIBILITY YOU'RE NOT
CONSIDERING...



DON'T
YOU THINK
THAT--
LOOK,
SWEETHEART--
TALKING YOUR WAY
OUT OF THIS IS NOT
AN OPTION!

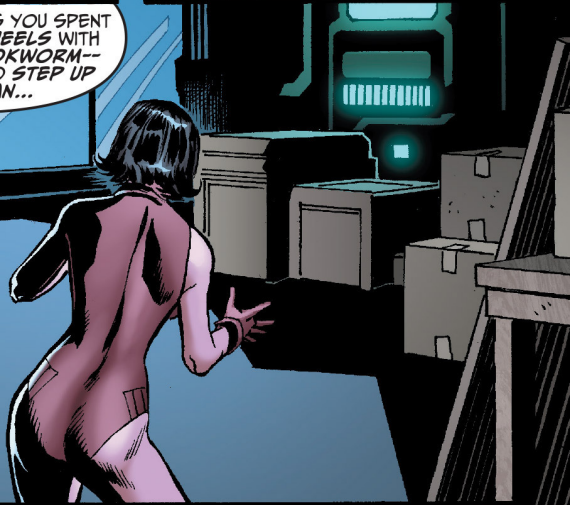


IN FACT, WE
MIGHT AS WELL
GET THIS PARTY
STARTED--!
WAIT.
DON'T--



WHAT'S THE **MATTER?**
DON'T TELL ME THIS
ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT
YOU WANT...!

AFTER ALL THE YEARS YOU SPENT
SPINNING YOUR WHEELS WITH
THAT IMPOTENT **BOOKWORM**--
WAITING FOR HIM TO **STEP UP**
AND BE A MAN...



...WHEN WE
BOTH KNOW THAT
WASN'T HAPPENING.
P.Y.M. DIDN'T KNOW
JACK ABOUT
BEING A MAN.
JUST A
COMPLETE
WASTE
OF YOUR
TIME...



THAT'S NOT
TRUE. HANK P.Y.M.
WAS A **GREAT**
MAN. A **GREAT**
LEADER.
AND YOU...I
DON'T BELIEVE YOU
MURDERED ANYONE.
ESPECIALLY
NOT HANK...

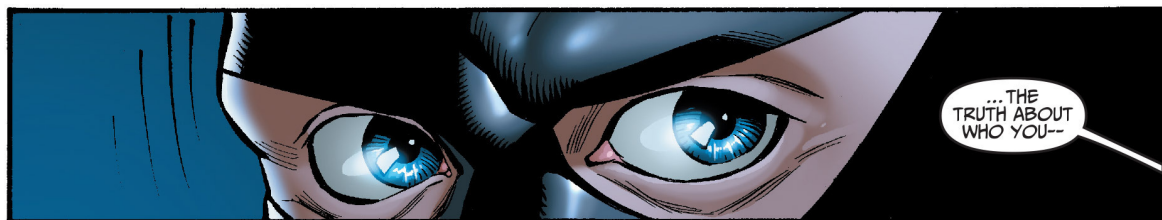


... THERE'S
NO PROOF.
N-NO...
BODY.

CORPUS
DELICTI... CAN'T
PROSECUTE
WITHOUT IT...



THE REAL
QUESTION IS...
WHO'RE
YOU...?
YOU'RE NOT
SURE, ARE YOU,
YELLOWJACKET?
THERE'S SOMETHING
MISSING IN YOU...
SOMETHING THAT
YOU'RE NOT
ACCEPTING...



... THE
TRUTH ABOUT
WHO YOU--



ENOUGH WITH
THE MIND GAMES,
LADY! WHAT'RE YOU--
A SHRINK?! THAT'S NOT
WHY I BROUGHT
YOU HERE--!

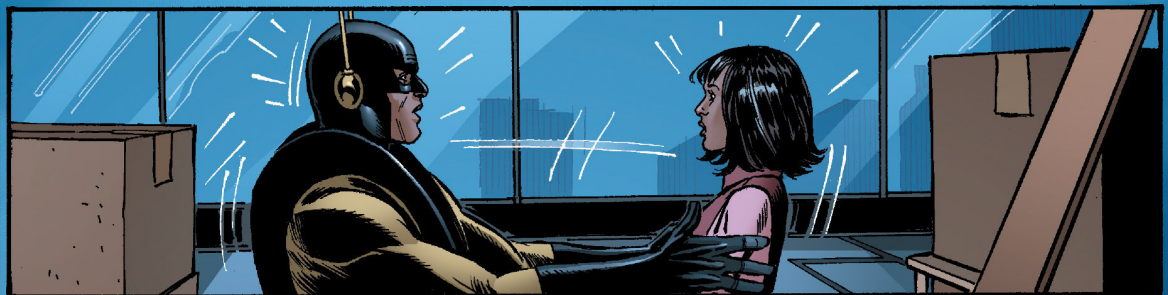
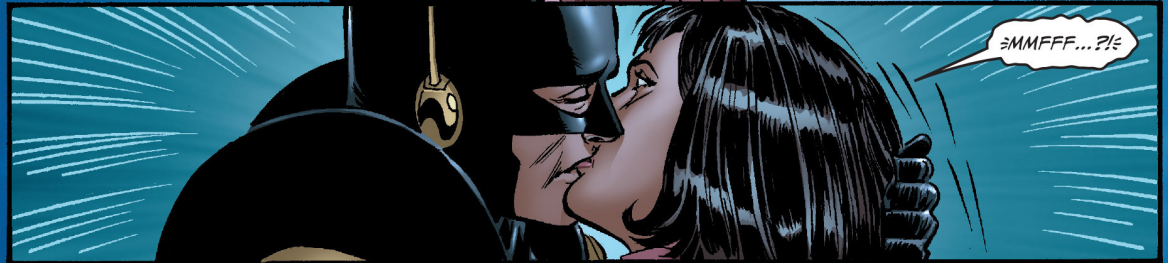
THIS "TRUTH"
YOU'RE SO CONCERNED
ABOUT...? I KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT IT IS!



THE TRUTH IS...
IT'S ALL ABOUT
YOU AN' ME.
AND I'M--

WHAT...
THE HELL ARE
YOU --

JUST...
CAN WE--



**THIRTY-SIX HOURS
LATER**



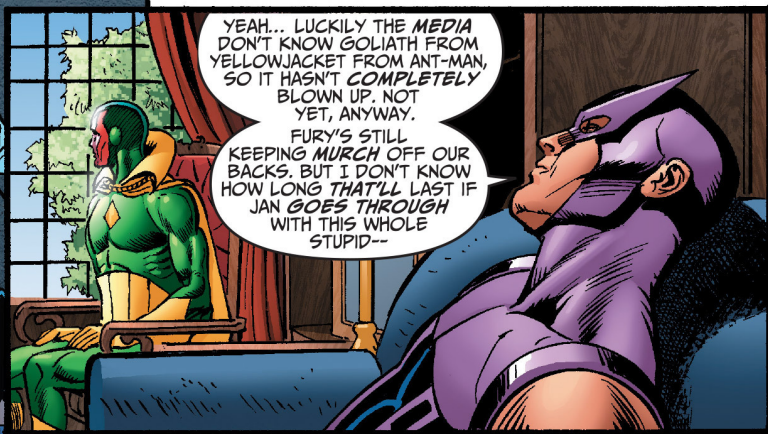
ARE YOU
TELLING ME
THIS IS FOR
REAL?!

WE'RE ALL
MEANT TO GO ALONG
WITH THIS CHARADE
FOR THE SAKE OF HANK'S
MENTAL WELL-BEING?!
WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO
HAVE A WEDDING?!



T'CHALLA,
IS FURY REALLY
ONBOARD WITH
THIS---?!

RELUCTANTLY,
TO SAY THE LEAST. IT
WAS ONE THING TO MERELY
KEEP THINGS QUIET...HANDLE
THIS SITUATION INTERNALLY.
BUT THE WASP HAS TURNED
THINGS INTO A PUBLIC
SPECTACLE.



YEAH... LUCKILY THE MEDIA
DON'T KNOW GOLIATH FROM
YELLOWJACKET FROM ANT-MAN,
SO IT HASN'T COMPLETELY
BLOWN UP. NOT
YET, ANYWAY.

FURY'S STILL
KEEPING MURCH OFF OUR
BACKS. BUT I DON'T KNOW
HOW LONG THAT'LL LAST IF
JAN GOES THROUGH
WITH THIS WHOLE
STUPID--

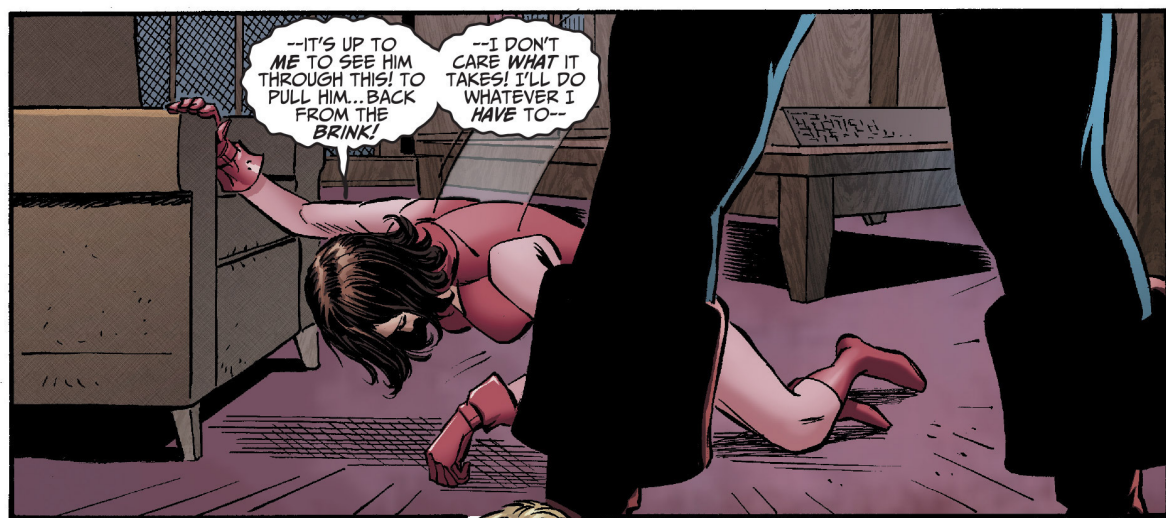
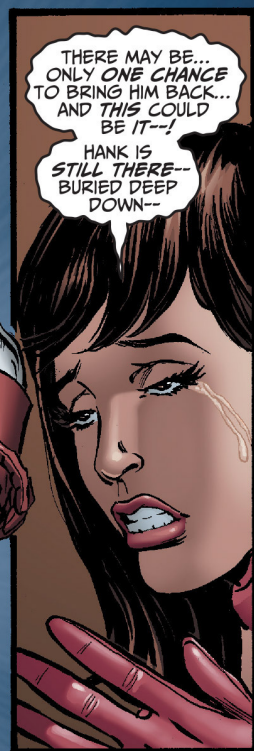
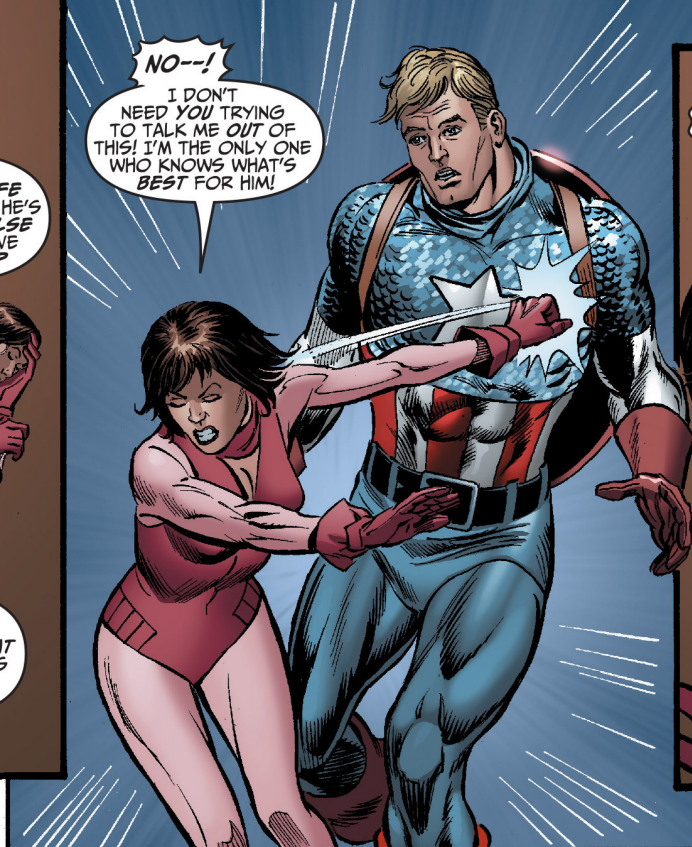
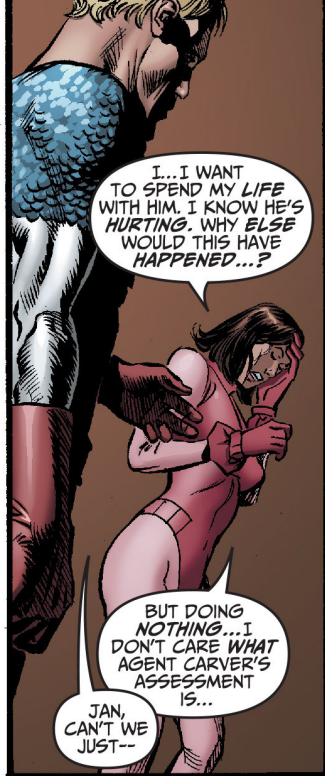


WHAT WAS
THAT, HAWKEYE?
WERE YOU SAYING
SOMETHING...?

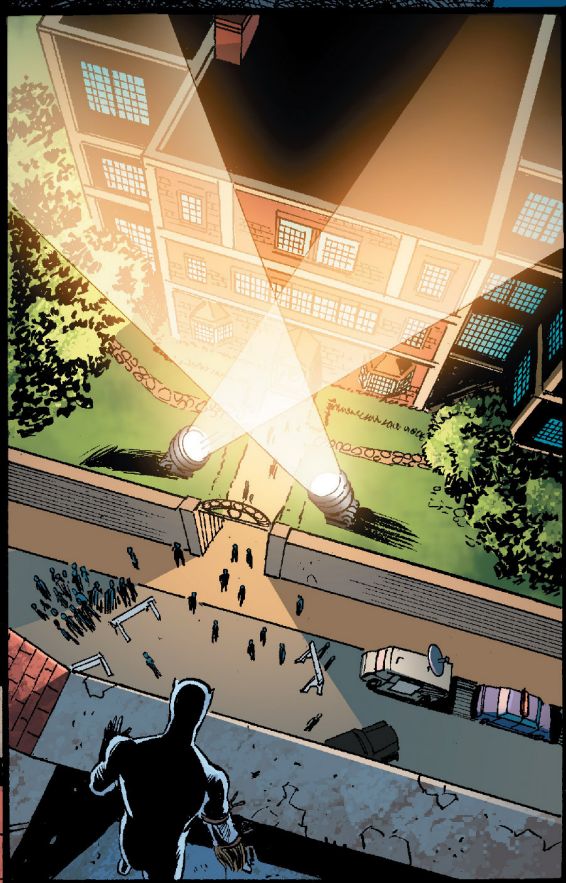
I FIGURED
YOU'D BE THE LAST
PERSON WHO WOULD
WANT TO CAUSE
TROUBLE ON THE
DAY I'M GETTING
MARRIED...







**FOURTEEN
HOURS
LATER**





...I'LL TELL YA SOMETHIN', KID. I DIDN'T SEE THIS ONE COMIN'...!

MAYBE NOT. BUT THEY SURE THROW ONE HELLUVA PARTY IN THIS HOUSE.

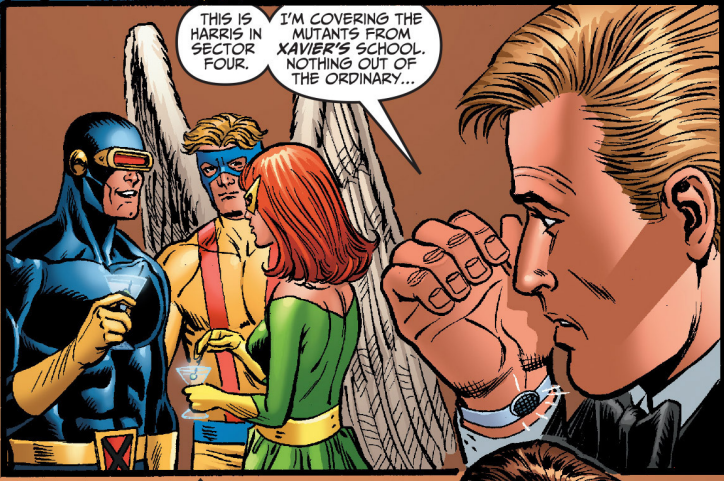
YEAH, I'LL GIVE 'EM THAT...

...LOOKS LIKE HALLOWEEN EXPLODED IN HERE.



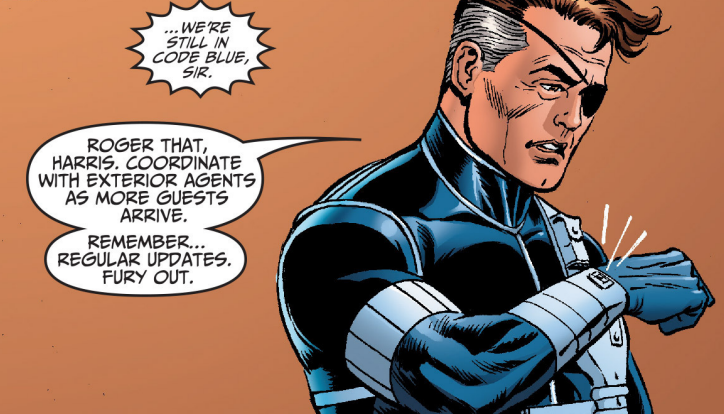
ANYONE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS YELLOWJACKET GUY? I MEAN, I FIGURED THE INSECT MOTIF HAD BEEN PLAYED OUT...

AND YOU'D KNOW, WALL-CRAWLER. BUT I THINK WE'RE BETTER OFF JUST ENJOYIN' THE FREE EATS AND NOT THINKIN' ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.



THIS IS HARRIS IN SECTOR FOUR.

I'M COVERING THE MUTANTS FROM XAVIER'S SCHOOL. NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY...



...WE'RE STILL IN CODE BLUE, SIR.

ROGER THAT, HARRIS. COORDINATE WITH EXTERIOR AGENTS AS MORE GUESTS ARRIVE.

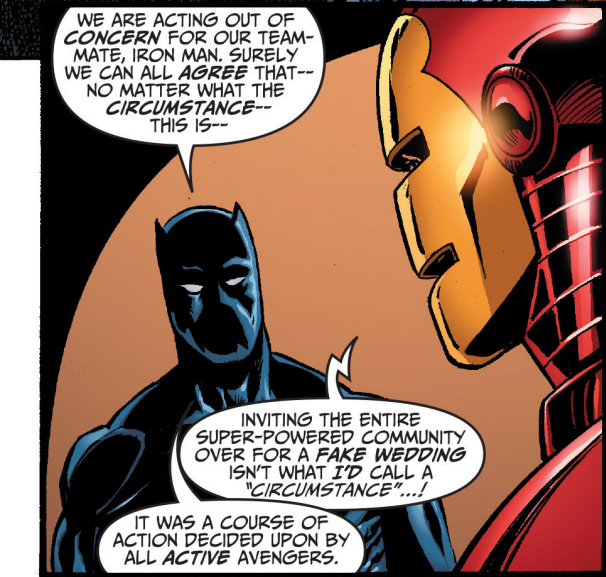
REMEMBER... REGULAR UPDATES. FURY OUT.



THIS WHOLE THING... A COMPLETE FARCE. AND NOW I'M HIP-DEEP IN IT...!

SECURITY TEAMS INSIDE AND OUT. I CAN'T BELIEVE THE MANPOWER I'M WASTING ON THIS THING!

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE TAKEN OFF GUARD BY THIS, FURY.



WE ARE ACTING OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR TEAM-MATE, IRON MAN. SURELY WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT-- NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE-- THIS IS--

INVITING THE ENTIRE SUPER-POWERED COMMUNITY OVER FOR A FAKE WEDDING ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL A "CIRCUMSTANCE"...!

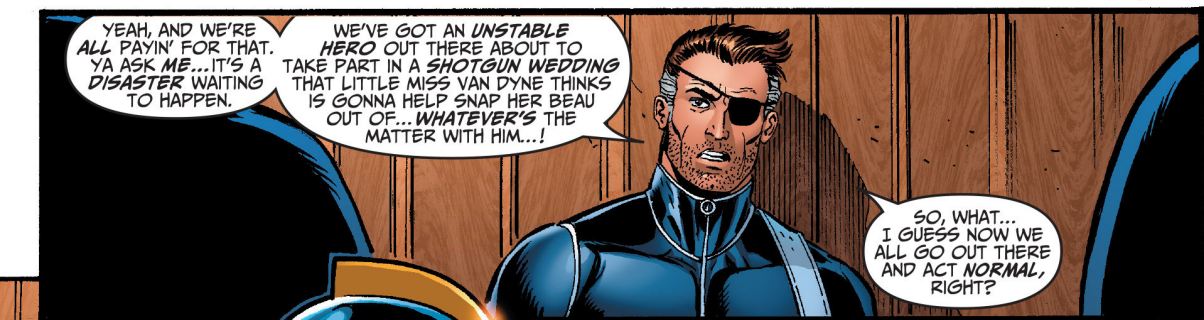
IT WAS A COURSE OF ACTION DECIDED UPON BY ALL ACTIVE AVENGERS.



NOW WAIT A MINUTE--

GENTLEMEN, PLEASE. LET'S NOT DO THIS. WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH WITHOUT HURLING ACCUSATIONS AT EACH OTHER.

RECOMMENDATIONS ASIDE, JAN WAS THE SENIOR MEMBER...



YEAH, AND WE'RE ALL PAYIN' FOR THAT. YA ASK ME... IT'S A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN.

WE'VE GOT AN UNSTABLE HERO OUT THERE ABOUT TO TAKE PART IN A SHOTGUN WEDDING THAT LITTLE MISS VAN DYNE THINKS IS GONNA HELP SNAP HER BEAU OUT OF... WHATEVER'S THE MATTER WITH HIM...!

SO, WHAT... I GUESS NOW WE ALL GO OUT THERE AND ACT NORMAL, RIGHT?



I THOUGHT JAN AND HANK WERE A LONG-TERM THING...

INDEED. THIS UNION IS A CONFUSING TURN OF EVENTS, TO SAY THE LEAST--

UMMM... WHAT CAN I TELL YOU, DOC? SHE'S GOT A WILD HAIR YOU-KNOW-WHERE...



T'CHALLA...!

I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WERE.



GREETINGS, REED. I ASSUME YOU'RE NOT HERE ALONE...

SUE'S IN THE BACK WITH JAN, HELPING HER WITH HER DRESS. BUT I HAVE TO ASK...

...HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THIS "YELLOWJACKET"? AND, MY GOD, WHERE IS DOCTOR PYM IN ALL THIS...?!

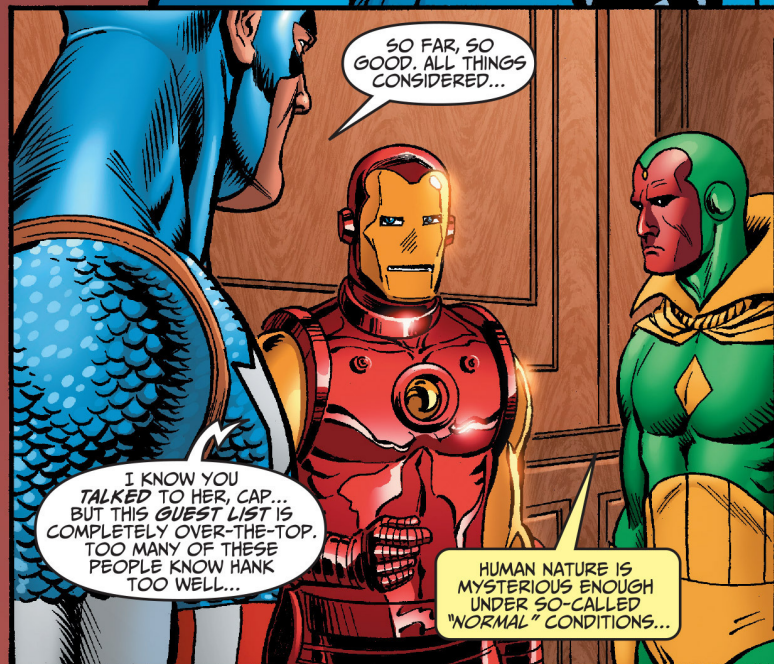
I'M... AHHH... NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE --



SO, WHEN ARE THEY GONNA GET WITH THE NUPTIALS?! I'M GETTIN' ANTSY...

SEEMS LIKE THERE'S ENOUGH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED FOR EVEN YOU TO ENJOY YOURSELF, BEN...

I DUNNO, STRETCHO... THERE'S A WEIRD VIBE IN HERE. DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T FEEL IT...



SO FAR, SO GOOD. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED...

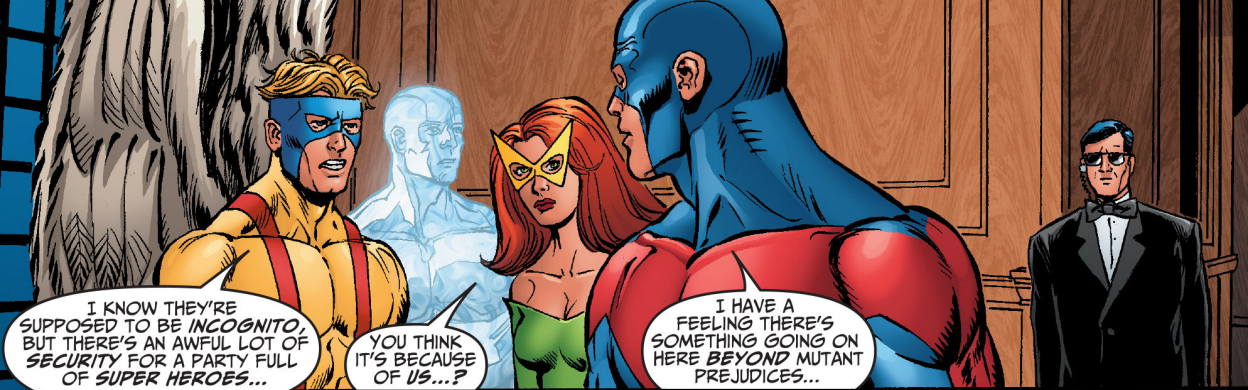
I KNOW YOU TALKED TO HER, CAP... BUT THIS GUEST LIST IS COMPLETELY OVER-THE-TOP. TOO MANY OF THESE PEOPLE KNOW HANK TOO WELL...

HUMAN NATURE IS MYSTERIOUS ENOUGH UNDER SO-CALLED "NORMAL" CONDITIONS...



...I'VE FOUND THERE IS A LEVEL OF TOLERANCE FOR ABERRANT BEHAVIOR WHEN PERPETRATED BY THOSE WHO NATURALLY ENGENDER TRUST. THE WASP CERTAINLY FALLS INTO THAT CATEGORY.

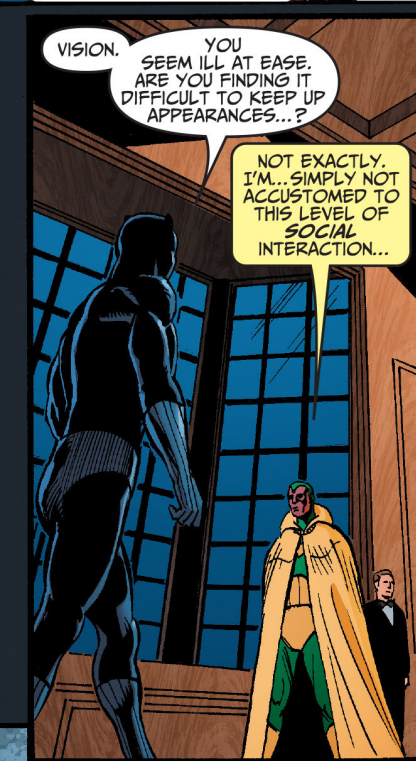
ONE THING IS CERTAIN: PEOPLE SEE WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE.



I KNOW THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE **INCOGNITO**, BUT THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF **SECURITY** FOR A PARTY FULL OF **SUPER HEROES**...

YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF **US**...?

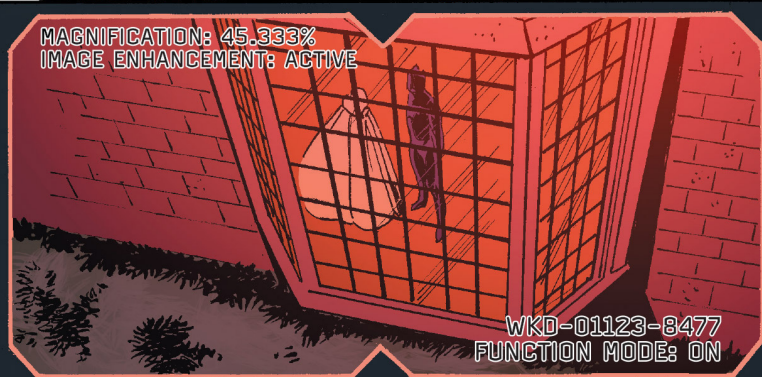
I HAVE A FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON HERE **BEYOND** MUTANT PREJUDICES...



VISION.

YOU SEEM ILL AT EASE. ARE YOU FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES...?

NOT EXACTLY. I'M... SIMPLY NOT ACCUSTOMED TO THIS LEVEL OF **SOCIAL** INTERACTION...



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HOLD IT RIGHT THERE--



MAKE NO **MISTAKE**, PAL... THIS ISN'T THE **N.Y.P.D.** YOU'RE DEALING WITH. WE'RE **S.H.I.E.L.D.** AND WE DON'T MESS AROUND.

SO LET'S GO. HANDS ABOVE YOUR HEAD WHILE WE CALL THIS IN. NO SUDDEN MOVES...



...WE'RE FULLY AUTHORIZED TO USE DEADLY FORCE.



THEY SAY
CATERING IS
A CUTTHROAT
BUSINESS...



... THEY
HAVE NO
IDEA.

GAMBONNOS...
GET HIM TO HIS FEET.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH
TIME TO PREPARE.

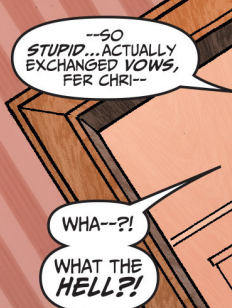


YOU HEARD
THE BOSS, JEEVES.
DON'T MAKE US
POUND YOU...



PREP THE
EXPLOSIVES, CLOWN.
AND SOMEONE CHECK
AND SEE IF THAT
BLUSTERING LONGHAIR
WHO THINKS HE'S A
GOD HAS SHOWN
UP...

WAIT--

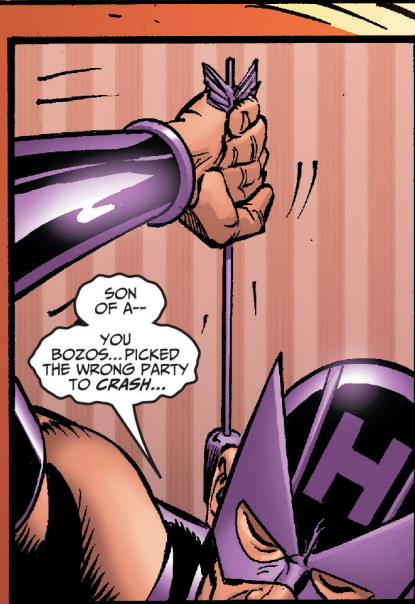
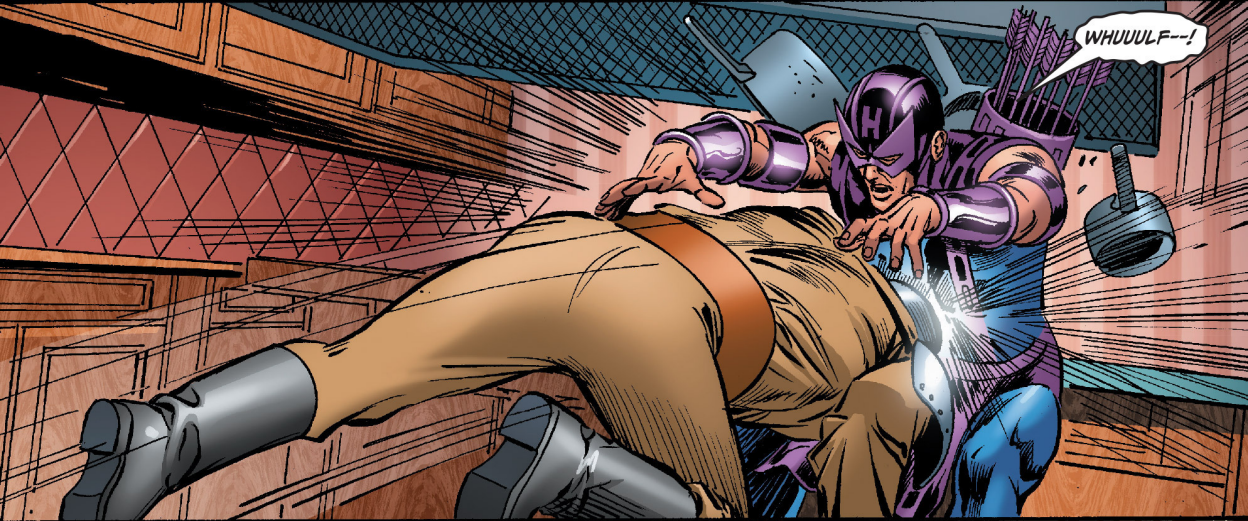


--SO
STUPID...ACTUALLY
EXCHANGED VOWS,
FER CHRI--

WHA--?!

WHAT THE
HELL?!

CANNONBALL!
HE'S YOURS--!





...I'M...
B-BLIND...

AWWW
YEAH,
BABY--!



SO... THE RINGMASTER
AND HIS CIRCUS OF
CRIME. FINALLY TAKING
A SHOT AT THE BIG
LEAGUES, HUH?

SORRY TO BE THE
ONE TO BURST YOUR
BUBBLE, MAYNARD.
BUT WE'VE GOT
ENOUGH PROBLEMS
RIGHT NOW
WITHOUT YOU
FREAKS--



THAT'S
QUITE ENOUGH
FROM YOU,
ARCHER.

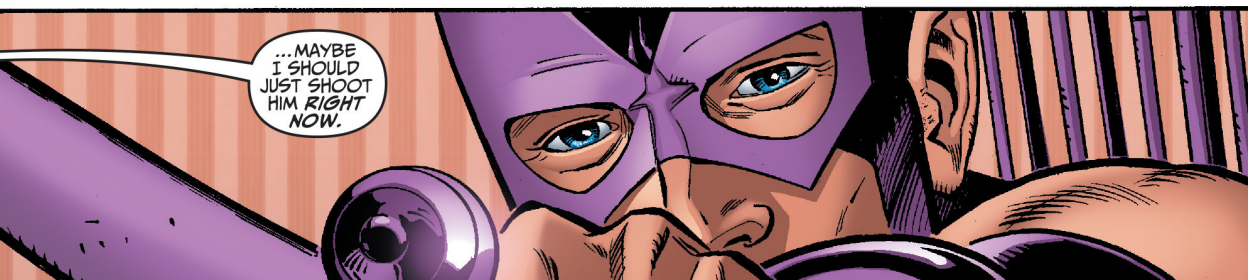
I'M
SURE YOU'RE
FEELING VERY
MANLY RIGHT
NOW, BUT I
CAN ASSURE
YOU...



...I'M
THE ONE IN
CONTROL
HERE.



UNLESS,
OF COURSE, YOU DON'T
CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE
HIRED HELP AROUND HERE.
WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME
ONE BIT. AND IF THAT'S
THE CASE...



...MAYBE
I SHOULD
JUST SHOOT
HIM RIGHT
NOW.



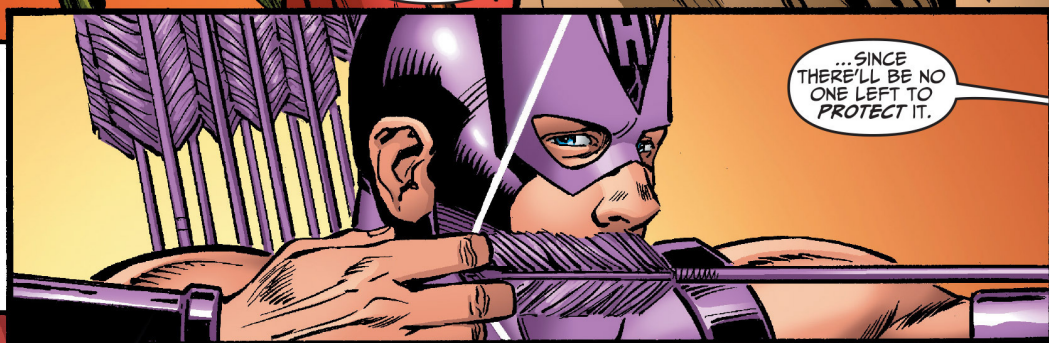
CAN WE
DROP THE
TESTOSTERONE
CONTEST AND
GET ON WITH THIS?
IF HAWKEYE'S
ALREADY MADE
US--

NO
WORRIES,
PRINCESS. IF
THIS IS THE KIND
OF MUSCLE THE
AVENGERS ARE
PACKIN'...
... THIS'LL
BE A PIECE
O' CAKE! HAH!
GET IT--?



DON'T MAKE
ME HAVE TO
PUT YOU UNDER,
CLOWN.

EVERYONE JUST
REMEMBER THE PLAN.
AFTER TONIGHT, WE
CAN PRETTY MUCH PICK
THE BONES OF NEW
YORK CITY...



... SINCE
THERE'LL BE NO
ONE LEFT TO
PROTECT IT.

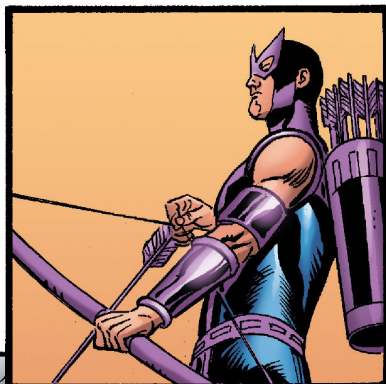
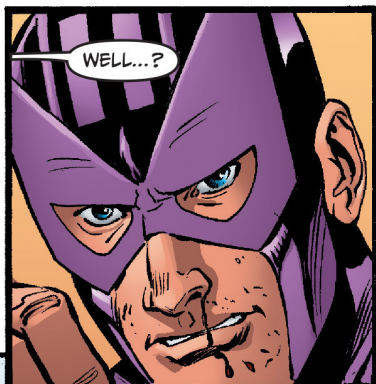
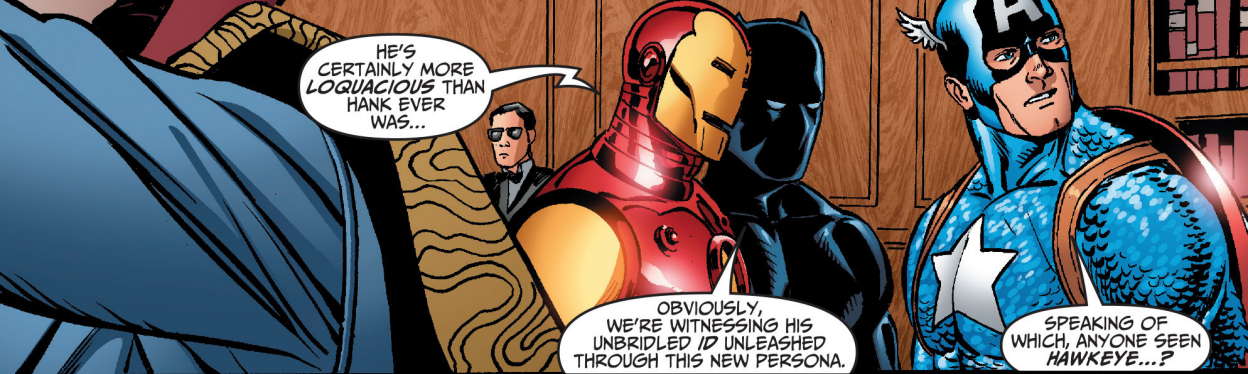


--I JUST WANT TO SAY...
I REALIZE A LOT OF YOU
DON'T KNOW ME VERY
WELL. THAT'LL CHANGE,
TRUST ME!

THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF
IN TOWN! SO LET'S ALL
TOAST TO THE SUPER HERO
CELEBRITY WEDDING OF
THE CENTURY--



--AND TO
MY ONE AND
ONLY BRIDE! I'LL
MAKE ALL HER
DREAMS COME
TRUE!





MAN...! I'M NOT FEELIN' RIGHT...

YEAH... ME TOO...

IF I MAY...

...I THINK YOUR PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER IS AFFECTING YOUR, SHALL WE SAY, *UNIQUE BODY CHEMISTRIES.*



HANK'S BEHAVIOR... ARE YOU NOTICING ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT...?

A FEW NERVOUS FACIAL TICS. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING...



NOW THIS IS A CAKE! NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR MY NEW WIFE!

CAN'T WAIT TO DIG INTO THIS SUGAR FIX, CAN YOU, HON?

AHHH... NO, IT LOOKS GREAT.



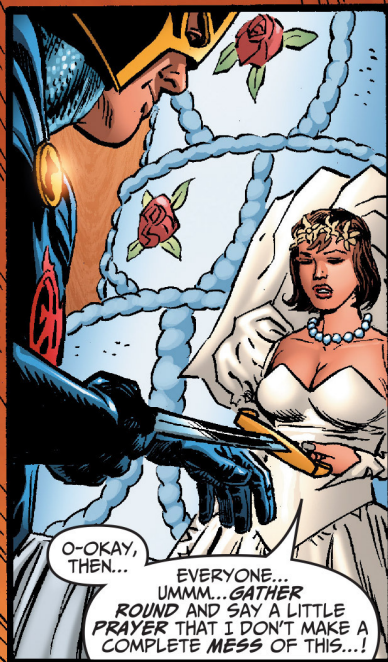
OH, FER THE LOVE OF-- JUST HOW LONG ARE WE GONNA ACT LIKE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WHAT?!

REMEMBER, JAN CALLED THIS PLAY. LET'S JUST SEE IF IT PANS OUT.



EVERYONE... I KNOW THIS LOOKS LIKE MY SWORD...

... BUT I SINCERELY DOUBT THE WASP NEEDS ANY ENCHANTMENT TO CUT THE WEDDING CAKE. THIS REPLICA WILL DO THE JOB JUST FINE.



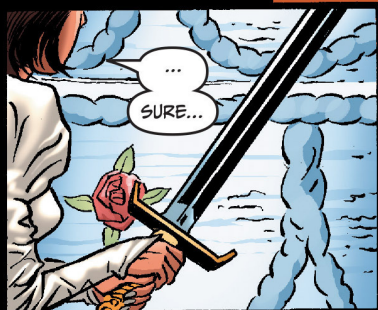
O-O-KAY,
THEN...

EVERYONE...
UMMM... GATHER
ROUND AND SAY A LITTLE
PRAYER THAT I DON'T MAKE A
COMPLETE MESS OF THIS...!

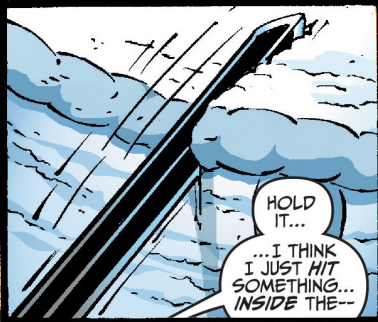


NOT POSSIBLE. BUT LET'S MAKE IT
SNAPPY, SWEETHEART. I'M GETTIN'
A LITTLE IMPATIENT OVER HERE.

I'M READY FOR THIS SHINDIG
TO BE OVER, SO YOU AND I CAN
GET STARTED ON THE HONEYMOON
PORTION OF THIS LOVE STORY.
KNOW WHAT I MEAN, BABE?



...
SURE...



HOLD
IT...

...I THINK
I JUST HIT
SOMETHING...
INSIDE THE...



CONTINUED...