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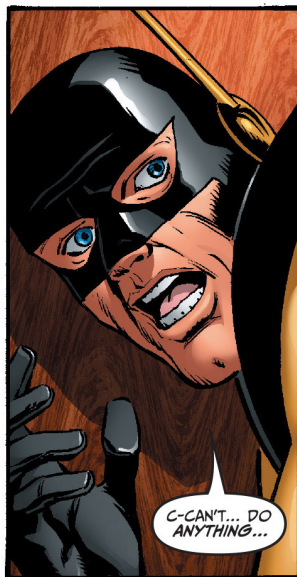
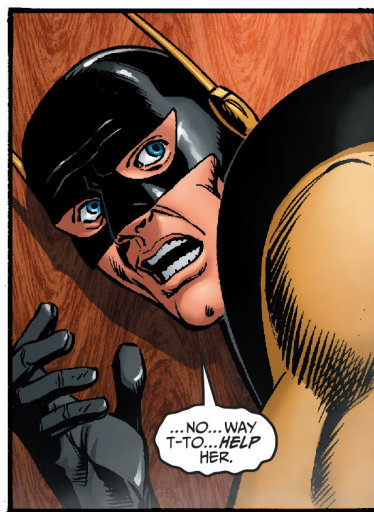
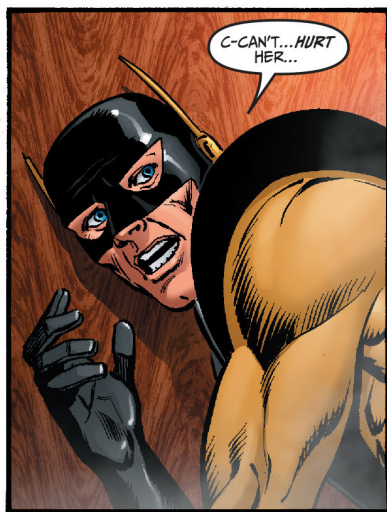
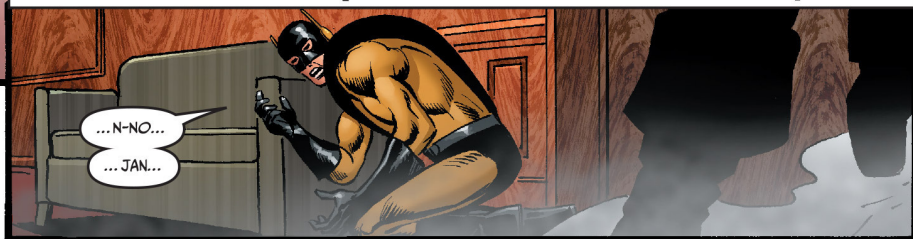
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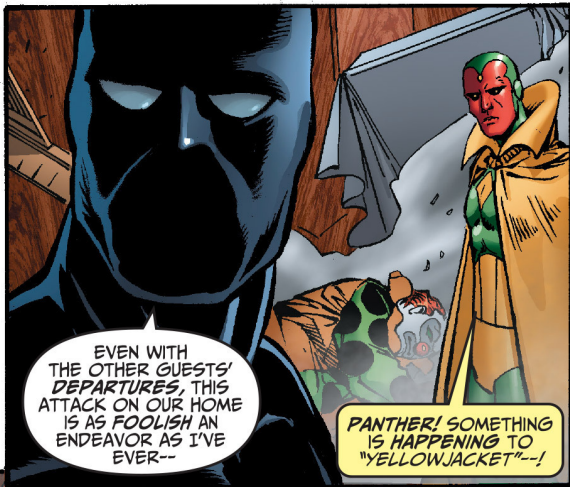
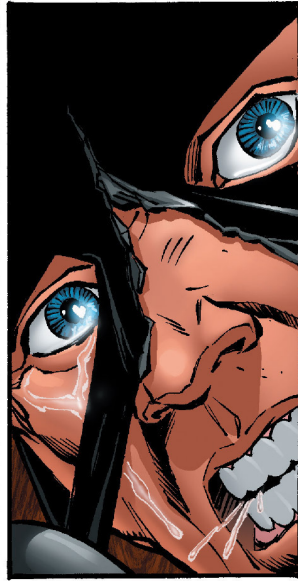
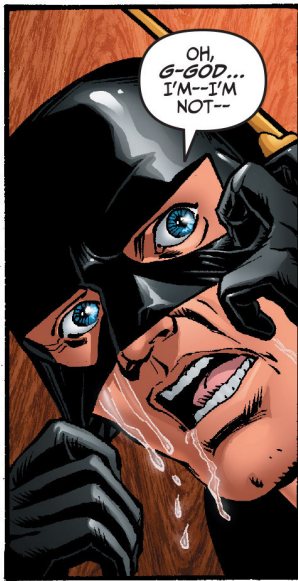
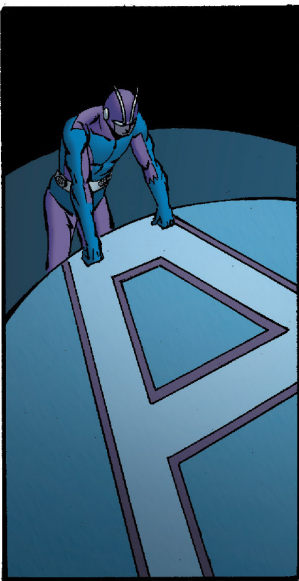


AVENGERS MANSION, THE WEDDING OF YELLOWJACKET AND THE WASP.

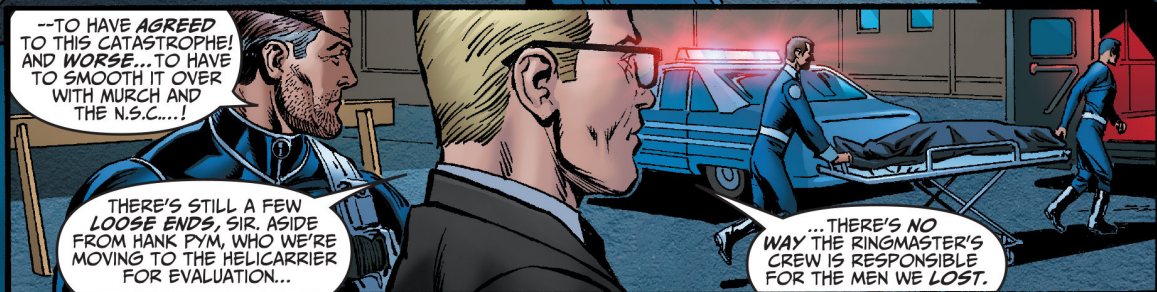


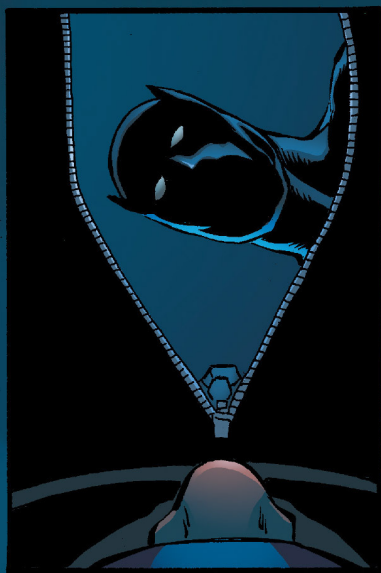
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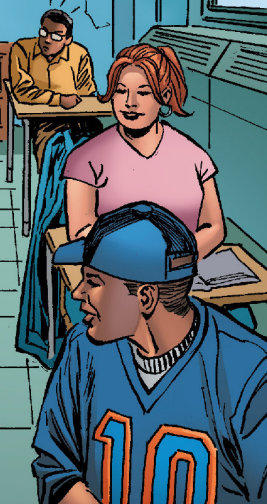
...WHEN
FIFTEEN OF THEM SIGNED
THE TREATY, EFFECTIVELY
ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES.

CONTRAST
THAT WITH ANOTHER
BLOODY COUP IN
NIGERIA...

...NO DOUBT,
NINETEEN SEVENTY-FIVE
WAS AN EVENTFUL YEAR
ON THE AFRICAN
CONTINENT--



YO, DAT'S
A WAYS BACK. LI'L
DELOY WASN'T EVEN
A GLEAM IN HIS
DEADBEAT DAD'S
EYE...!

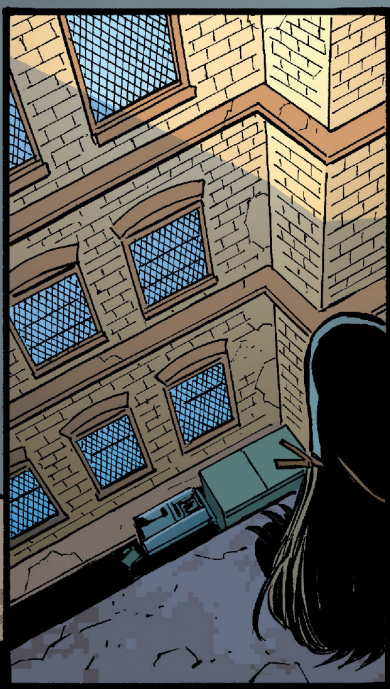


BE AWHILE
BEFORE HE MAKES
DAT MISTAKE
AGAIN--!

THAT'S
ENOUGH--



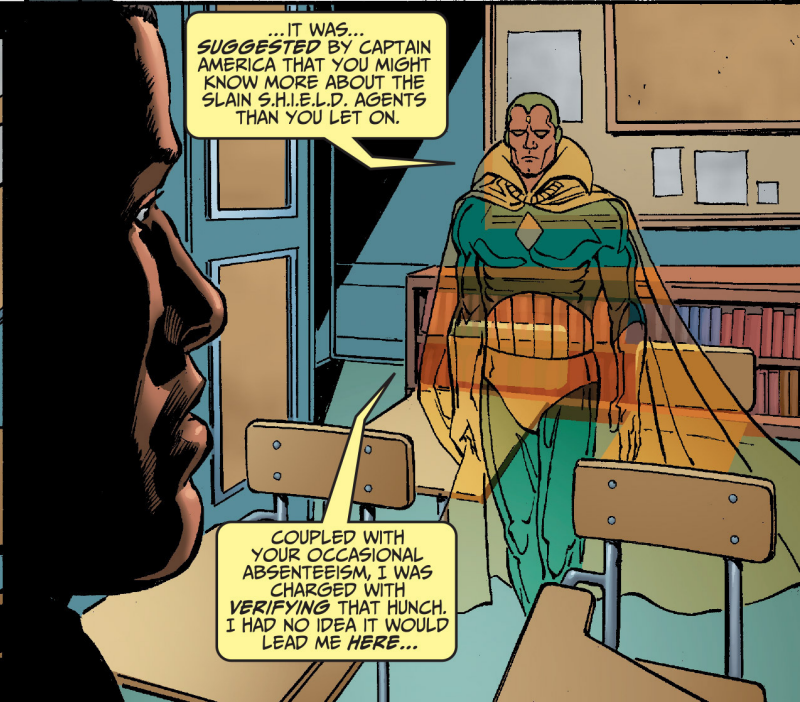
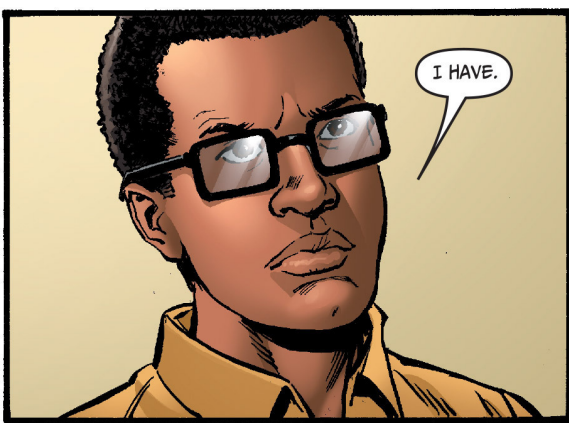
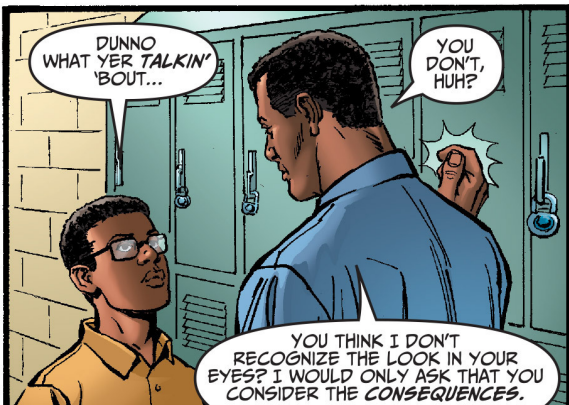
HEY--
PROJECT YOUR
DYSFUNCTION
SOMEWHERE ELSE,
MACK. OR DO
YOU PREFER
"THE"...?
NOW,
AS I WAS
SAYING...





...I WOULD HIGHLY ADVISE AGAINST IT. **SOME ACTIONS...** YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK.

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE THE **FIRST** PERSON THAT EVER FELT LIKE UTTERLY **DESTROYING** HIS ENEMY? IT'S AN IMPULSE AS OLD AS **TIME ITSELF...**



I TAKE NO OFFENSE, FRIEND VISION. I'M THE ONE ENGAGING IN SUBTERFUGE. HOWEVER, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I FELT IT WAS NECESSARY.

BUT I HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO ENSURE THAT THIS ENDEAVOR AS "LUKE CHARLES" IN NO WAY INTERFERES WITH MY OBLIGATIONS AS AN AVENGER.

I WOULD NEVER SUGGEST OTHERWISE. THE PUBLIC'S DISTRUST OF ME MAY THREATEN TO EAT AWAY AT ANY EMPATHY I MIGHT HAVE FOR THEM... BUT THAT DOES NOT EXTEND TO YOU.

MY CONFUSION STEMS FROM YOUR DECISION TO KEEP THIS A SECRET AT ALL...

MY MISSION AS THE PANTHER ONLY SERVES A CERTAIN STRATA OF SOCIETY'S ILLS.

IN THIS PLACE, I CAN EFFECT CHANGE ON A MUCH MORE INTIMATE LEVEL. AND IT CERTAINLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DEAD S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS. ARE YOU GOING TO TELL THE AVENGERS...?

NOT IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO.

BEEN AN INTERESTING COUPLE OF DAYS, I KNOW...

...JUST BE AWARE THAT WE'RE KEEPING THIS WHOLE THING QUIET. THAT MEANS, OUTTA THE PAPERS. OUTTA CERTAIN GOVERNMENT FILES, EVEN.

YA NEED MORE COFFEE...?

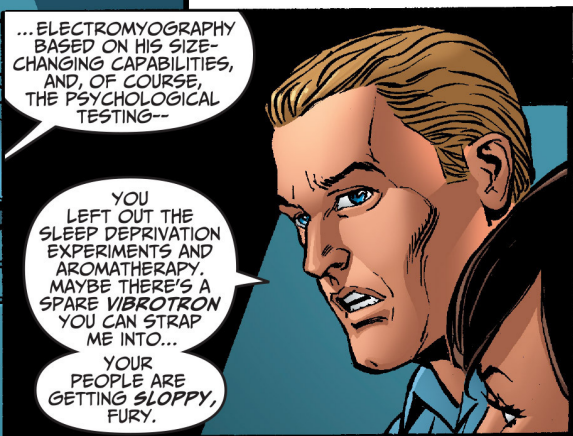
NO THANKS.



WE HITIN' THE **HOMESTRETCH**, AGENT CARVER? GIVE US THE NEWS...

WELL, OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN ONLY ASSESS SO MUCH THIS CLOSE TO THE EVENTS IN QUESTION.

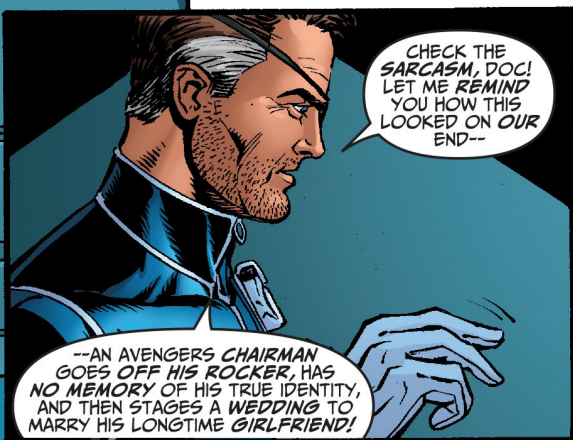
I'VE REVIEWED DOCTOR PYM'S CT SCANS, CEREBRAL ARTERIOGRAM, MRI AND MVC....



...ELECTROMYOGRAPHY BASED ON HIS SIZE-CHANGING CAPABILITIES, AND, OF COURSE, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING--

YOU LEFT OUT THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION EXPERIMENTS AND AROMATHERAPY. MAYBE THERE'S A SPARE **VIBROTRON** YOU CAN STRAP ME INTO...

YOUR PEOPLE ARE GETTING SLOPPY, FURY.



CHECK THE **SARCASM**, DOC! LET ME REMIND YOU HOW THIS LOOKED ON OUR END--

--AN AVENGERS CHAIRMAN GOES OFF HIS **ROCKER**, HAS NO MEMORY OF HIS TRUE IDENTITY, AND THEN STAGES A **WEDDING** TO MARRY HIS LONGTIME **GIRLFRIEND**!



AND DON'T THINK I'M NOT INCLUDING **YOU** IN THIS CALAMITY, MISS VAN DYNE--

I KNOW WHAT I DID. FRANKLY, I THINK THE RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WE'VE GOT **HANK BACK**. THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT...!

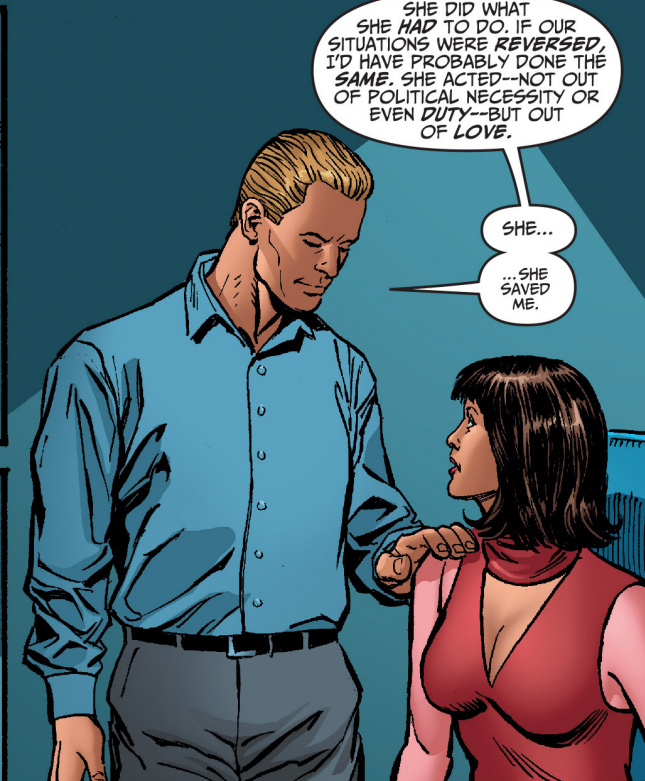
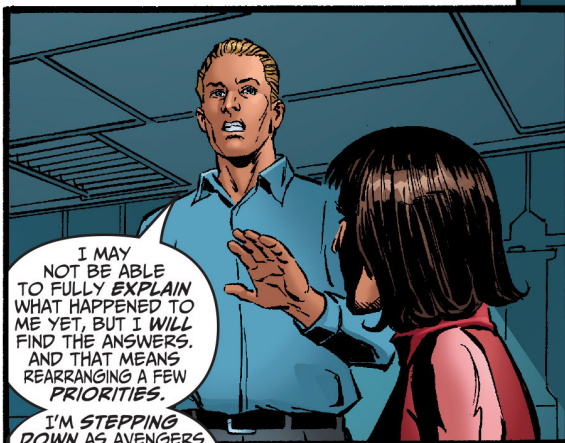


THAT MAY BE A...**PREMATURE** EVALUATION. BEING **YANKED BACK** TO "NORMALCY" COULD BE JUST AS **TRAUMATIC** AS WHATEVER ORIGINALLY **CAUSED** THIS... **PERSONALITY** DISPLACEMENT.

AT THIS POINT, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T CLASSIFY DOCTOR PYM AS **STABLE**...



... FAR FROM IT, I'M SORRY TO SAY.





...UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A CRYSTAL BALL, MR. CHARLES, WE'RE AT AN IMPASSE.

I COULD ALWAYS GET A FEW ACQUAINTANCES FROM THE LOCAL PRECINCT TO COME IN AND DO A LOCKER SEARCH. MAYBE THAT MIGHT--

TURNING THE SCHOOL INTO A POLICE STATE ISN'T THE ANSWER. THAT'S SIMPLY ANOTHER FORM OF OPPRESSION FOR THESE KIDS, ISN'T IT...?

JUST KEEP TALKING TO HIM. KEEP HAMMERING AWAY AND MAYBE YOU'LL GET THROUGH TO THE KID.

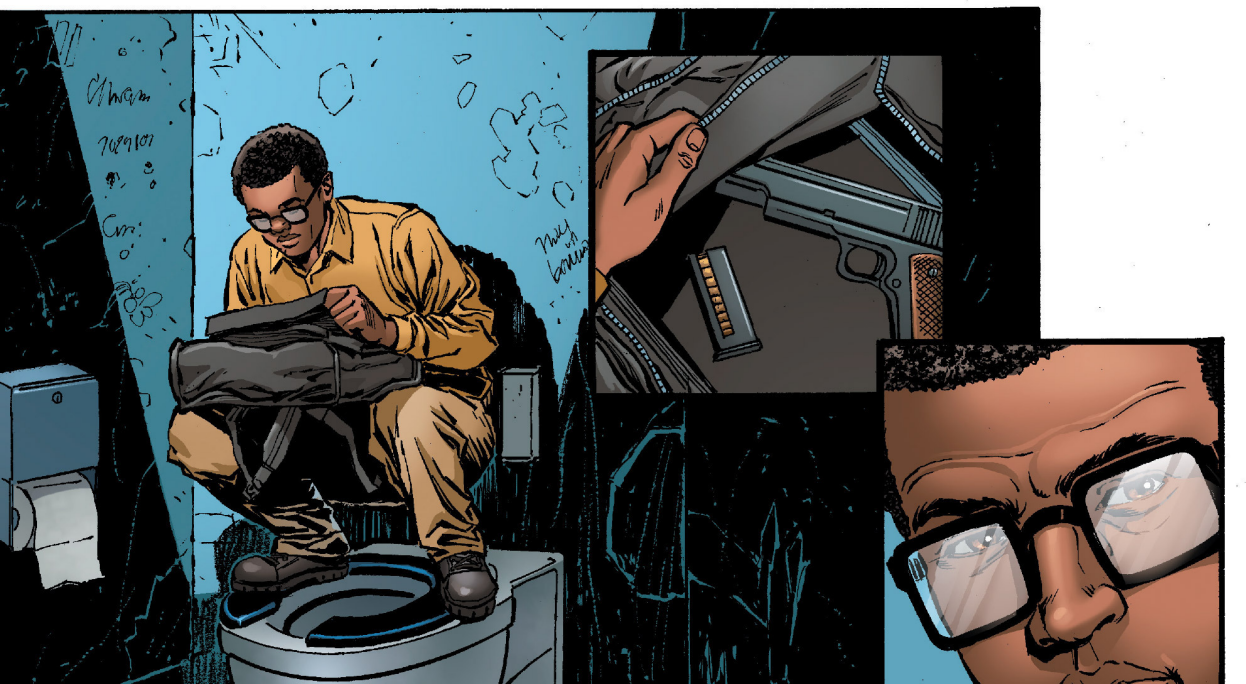
YOU'RE LEARNING, MR. CHARLES. THIS JOB IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT. IT'S ABOUT ALL OF US -- TEACHER AND STUDENT ALIKE -- SHOWING UP AGAIN TOMORROW.

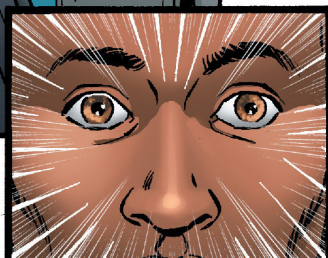
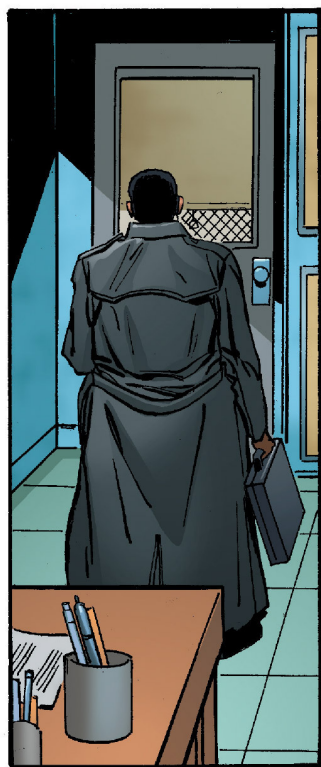
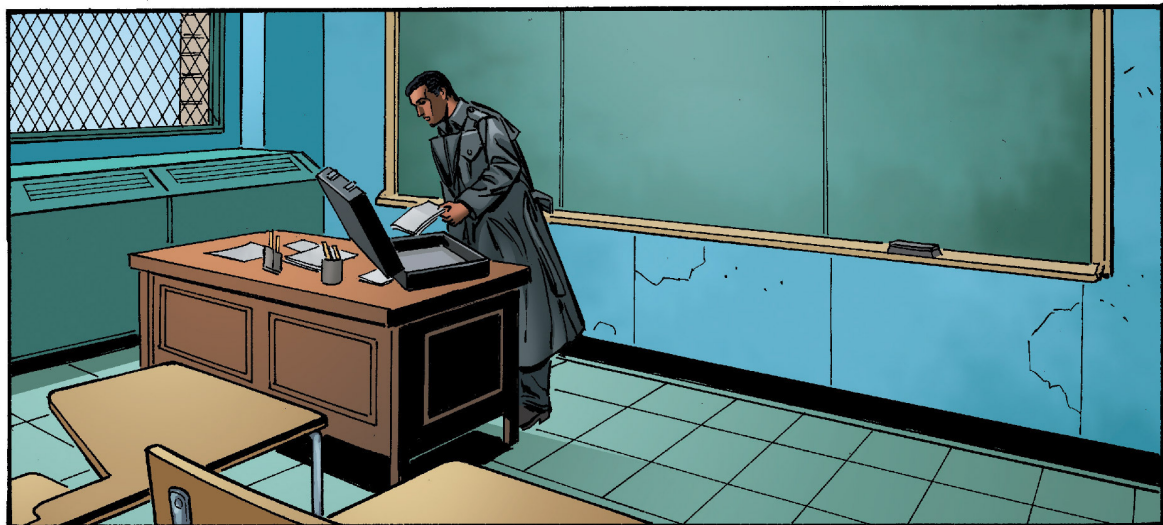
AND THE DAY AFTER.

I HAVE.

THAT'S MY DEFINITION OF SUCCESS. THINK ABOUT IT.

VALID POINT...





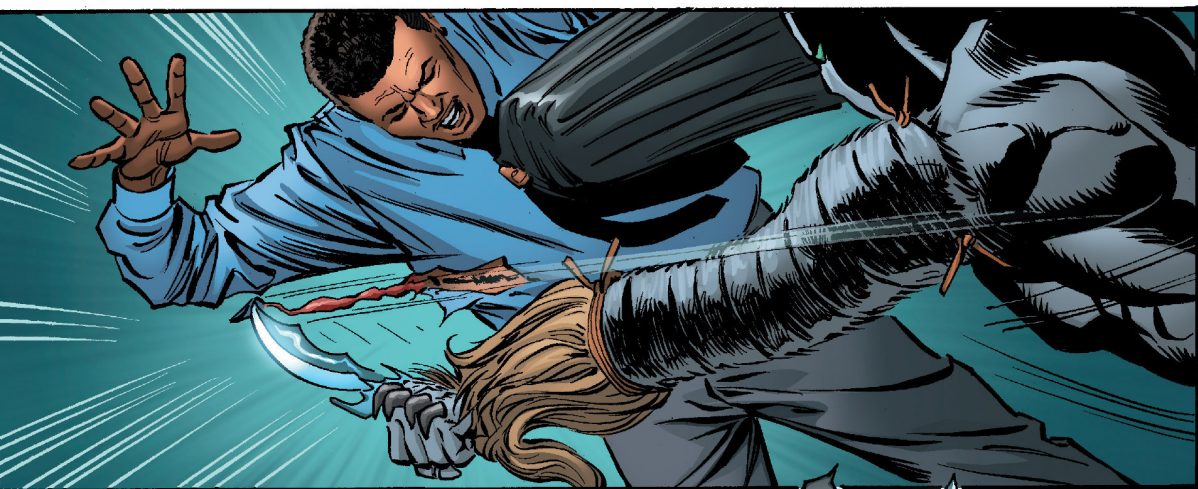


ASSIMILATION
TAKES MANY
FORMS, MIGHTY
CHIEFTAIN...

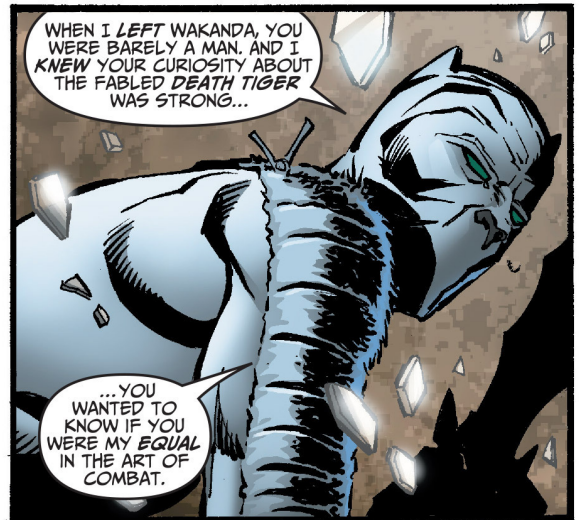


...UNFORTUNATELY,
THIS PATH OF DECEPTION
COMES WITH A PRICE. OUR
PEOPLE WILL NEVER KNOW
OF YOUR PASSING.

YOU WILL
DIE ANONYMOUS.
A LOST KING.







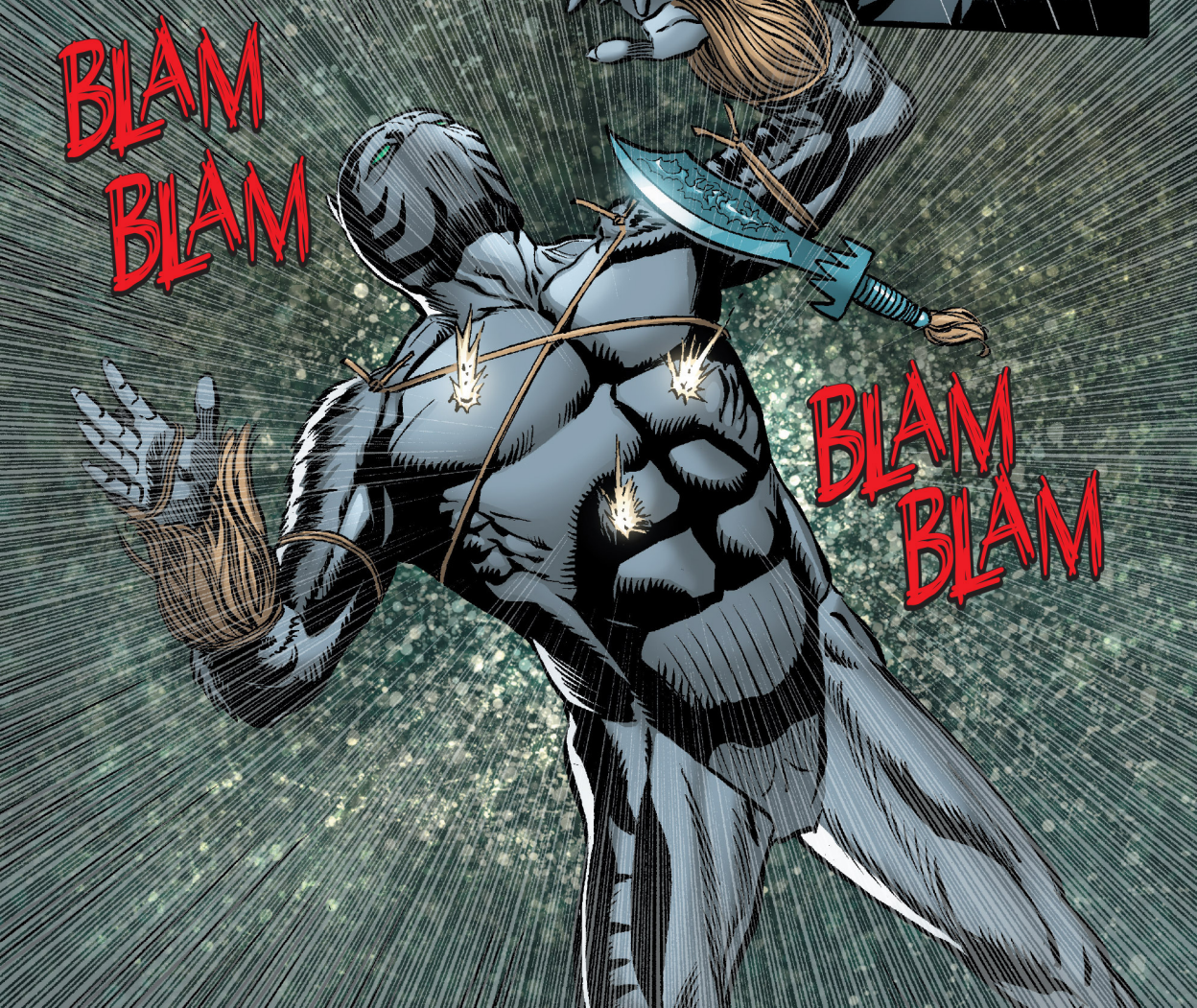
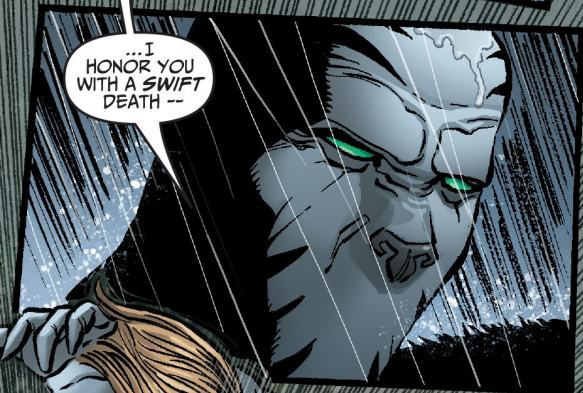


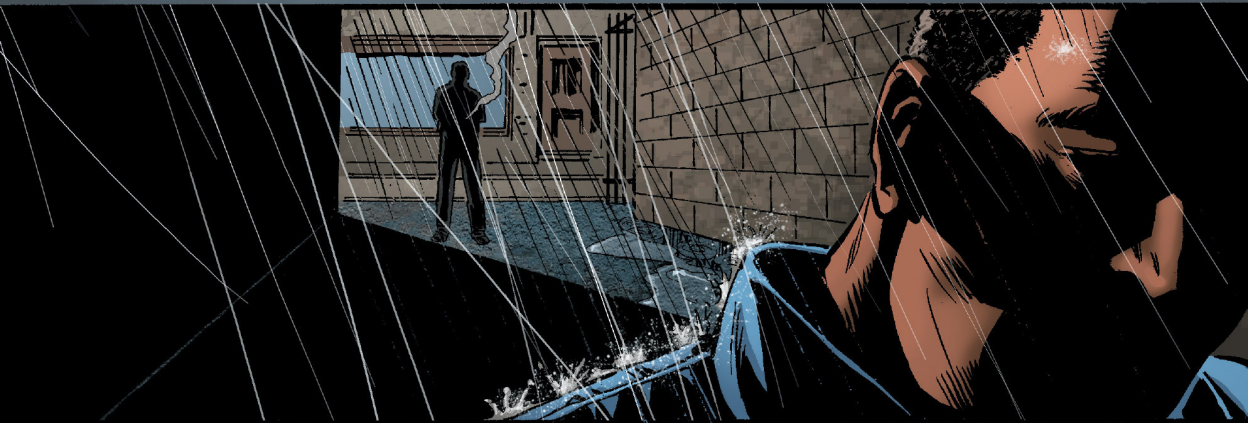
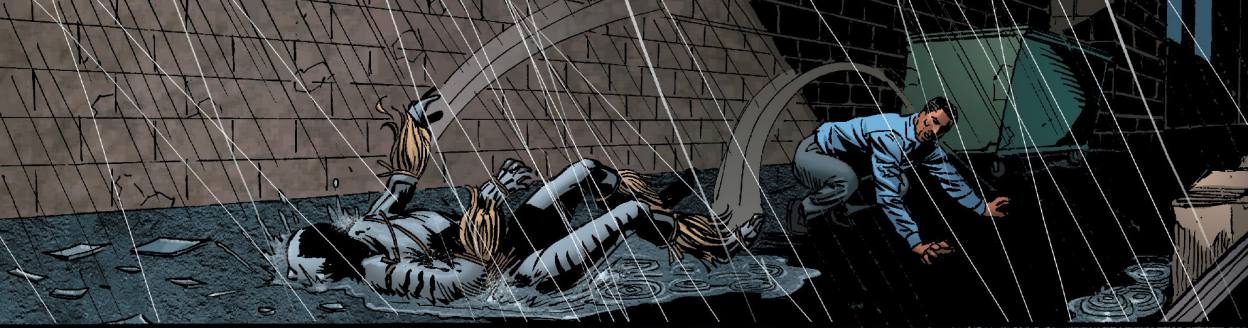
LET'S FIND
OUT.

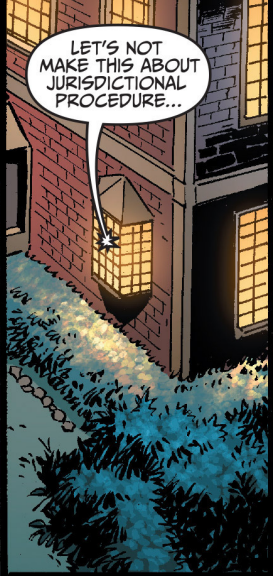




YOU HAVE
LEARNED THE
FINAL LESSON,
T'CHALLA...







LET'S NOT
MAKE THIS ABOUT
JURISDICTIONAL
PROCEDURE...



...IF
YOU'RE **SURE**
YOU DON'T NEED
A HAND.

WELL, LOOK...
SOMETIMES, THEY
JUST CRAWL OUT OF THE
WOODWORK, RIGHT?
OKAY, WE'LL SEE YOU
IN THE MORNING...



IS EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT?

PANTHER GOT JUMPED BY SOME
NUT FROM HIS HOMELAND. CALLED
HIMSELF THE **DEATH TIGER**.
HE'S FINE, THOUGH.



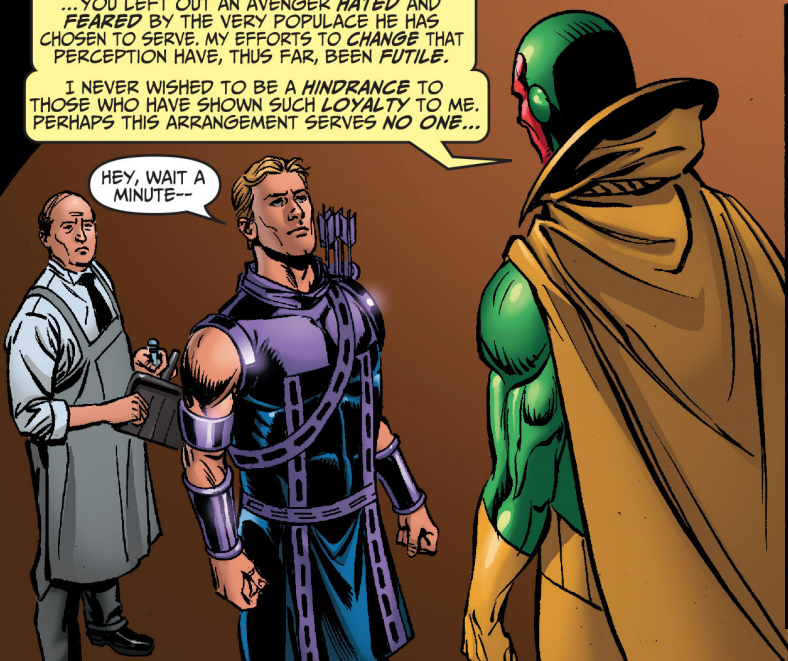
BETWEEN IDIOT WEDDING
CRASHERS, ADAPTOIDS
AT LARGE AND GENERAL
MENTAL INSTABILITY,
THIS IS THE **LAST** THING
WE NEEDED--

YOUR LIST OF
GRIEVANCES IS
INCOMPLETE,
HAWKEYE...

...YOU LEFT OUT AN AVENGER **HATED** AND
FEARED BY THE VERY POPULACE HE HAS
CHOSEN TO SERVE. MY EFFORTS TO **CHANGE** THAT
PERCEPTION HAVE, THUS FAR, BEEN **FUTILE**.

I NEVER WISHED TO BE A **HINDRANCE** TO
THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN SUCH **LOYALTY** TO ME.
PERHAPS THIS ARRANGEMENT SERVES **NO ONE**...

HEY, WAIT A
MINUTE--



HUH.

HE'S GOT
KIND OF A **DARK**
SIDE, DOESN'T
HE, JARV...?



TO BE CONCLUDED...