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THE AVENGERS[®] #5

BACK TO BASICS



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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat. On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

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New Avenger **Kamala Khan**, A.K.A. the Inhuman polymorph **Ms. Marvel**, was recently gifted a virtual-reality visor by the Vision. With it, she can watch and join any Avengers' battle as though she'd been there herself. Recently, she watched Thor, Hulk and Iron Man save the world from Ragnarok, and saw Captain Marvel and the Avengers rescue reality itself from the clutches of the cosmic despot the Magus. But all the while, someone has been watching her. And after Kamala's last adventure, that shadowy someone got their hands on her visor...

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JERSEY CITY. THE HOME OF KAMALA KHAN, A.K.A. MS. MARVEL.

CRAP. BEEN LYING HERE FOR, LIKE, AN HOUR.

I NEED SOMETHING TO PUT MY BRAIN TO SLEEP.

SEEING THE MAESTRO SHOW UP IN MY LAST "ADVENTURE" MAKES ME WONDER...

... WHAT WAS THE HULK LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS? WHEN HE AND THE AVENGERS DIDN'T GET ALONG.

INDEX, SEARCH RECORDS FOR A REALLY EARLY ADVENTURE WHERE THE HULK FOUGHT THE AVENGERS.

MATCH FOUND. KEY MEMBERS INVOLVED: THOR, IRON MAN, GIANT-MAN, THE WASP, THE HULK, SUB-MARINER.

WOW. BEFORE CAPTAIN AMERICA, EVEN.

PLAY IT.

OKAY... WE'RE ON GIBRALTAR. HULK AND NAMOR HAVE CHALLENGED THE AVENGERS TO A--

WHOA! NAMOR IS REALLY RIPPED.



I HAVE MODIFIED THIS OLD AIR RAID ALARM SO THAT ITS SHRILL, HIGH PIERCING BLAST WILL DESTROY ANY LIVING BEING WHO COMES TOO CLOSE!*

*LOOKS LIKE WE'VE LANDED SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF AVENGERS (1963) #3, TRUE BELIEVER! FIND THE ORIGINAL, UNALTERED TALE ON MARVEL UNLIMITED! --SNICKERIN' SARAH



YOU'RE TOO LITTLE TO BE PLAYING WITH SUCH DANGEROUS TOYS, FELLA!

WELL DONE, GIANT-MAN!



THOUGH YOU ARE TWICE MY SIZE, MY STRENGTH IS STILL FAR GREATER THAN YOURS!

UGHH!



BACK, SUB-MARINER! DO NOT FORCE ME TO STRIKE YOUR MORTAL BODY WITH MY ALL-POWERFUL MALLET!

ALL-POWERFUL! BAH! I'LL PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL HOW OVERRATED YOU ARE, YOU COSTUMED CLOWN!



YOU'RE THE CLOWN, FLAT HEAD, IF YOU THINK YOU CAN LICK THOR ALONE!

BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE PROVED YOU CAN FIGHT, I'LL JUST STEP IN AND LEND YOU A HAND!



THIS IS SO FREAKING COOL!
MAN, I WISH I HAD POPCORN!



OUTSTANDING! THAT'S--



WHOA!



WHAT THE--



INDEX, SHIFT ME BACK TO MY CIVVIES!
INDEX!



YOU!

HUH?!?

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!



YOU... YOU CAN'T SEE ME! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

OH, SO YOU'RE AN INVISIBLE GIRL, HUH? WELL, YOUR POWERS FAILED YOU!

AND I'M NOT GONNA GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO USE SOMETHING ELSE AGAINST ME!



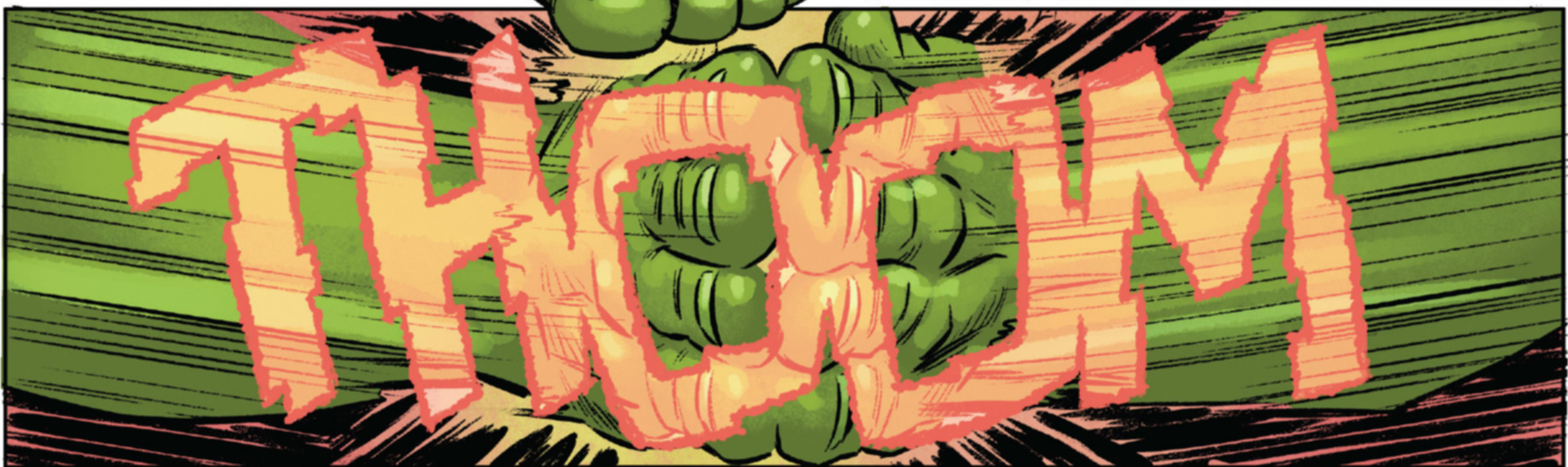
OH, YA STRETCH, TOO! LIKE REED RICHARDS!

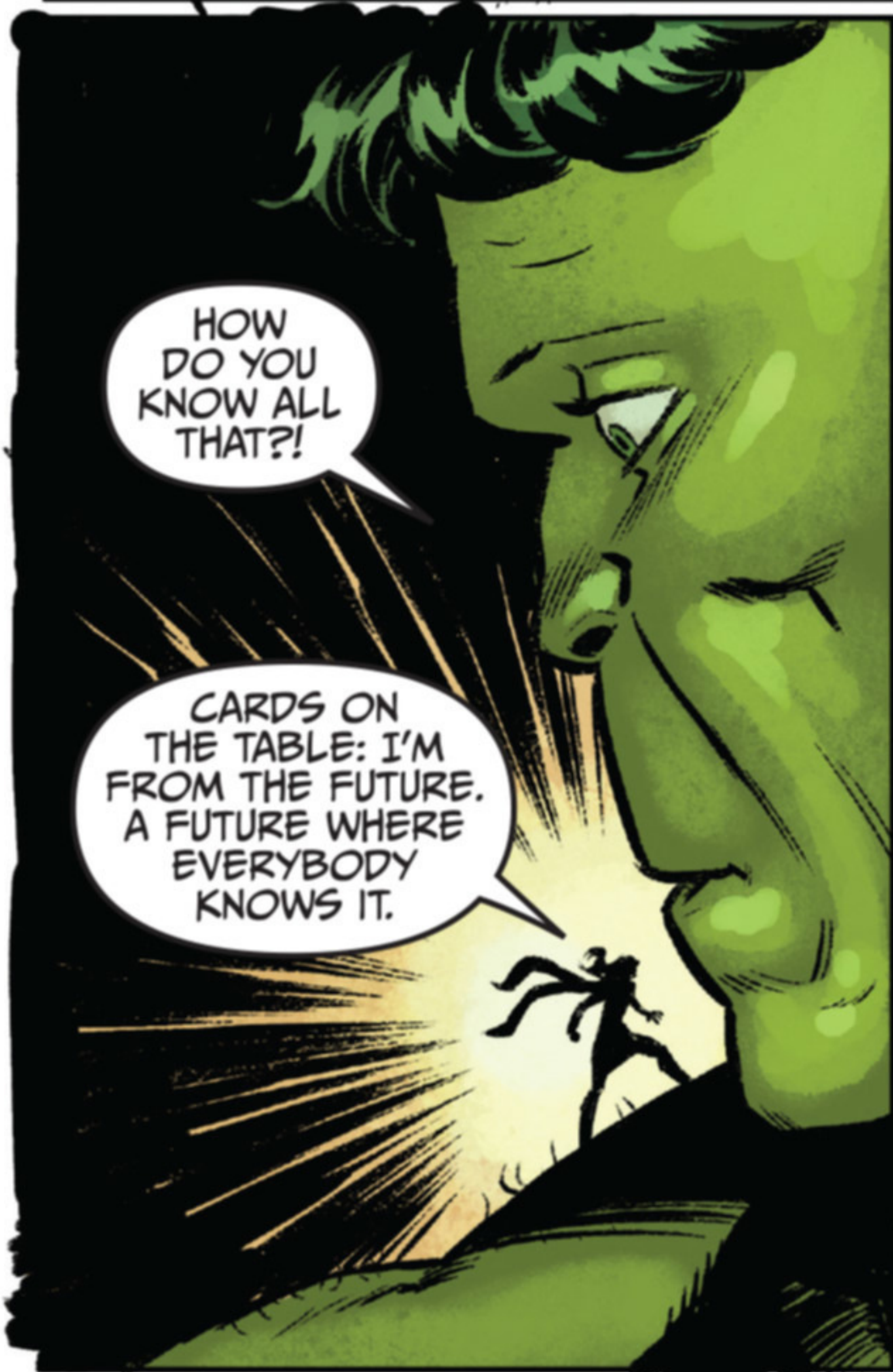
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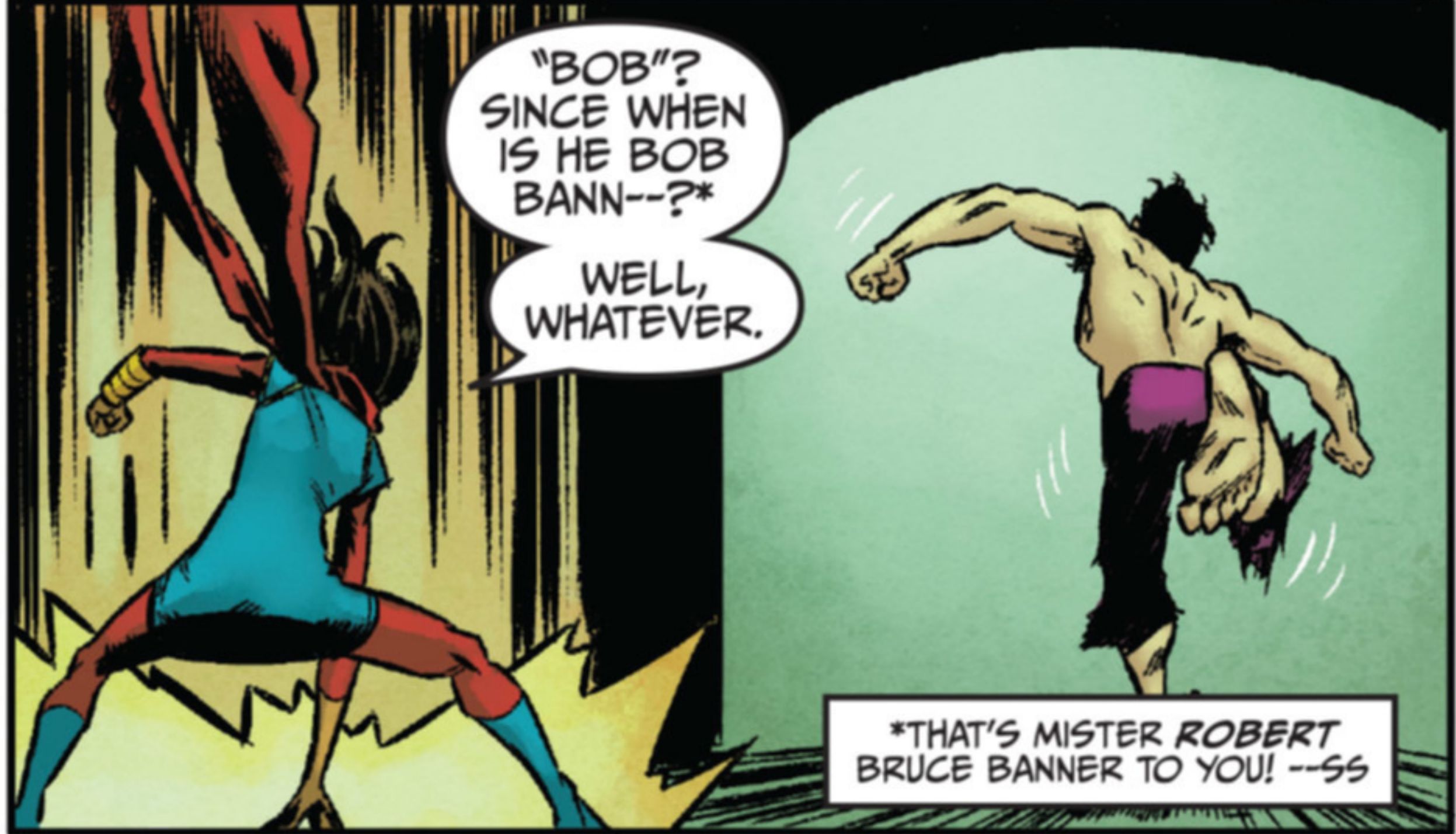


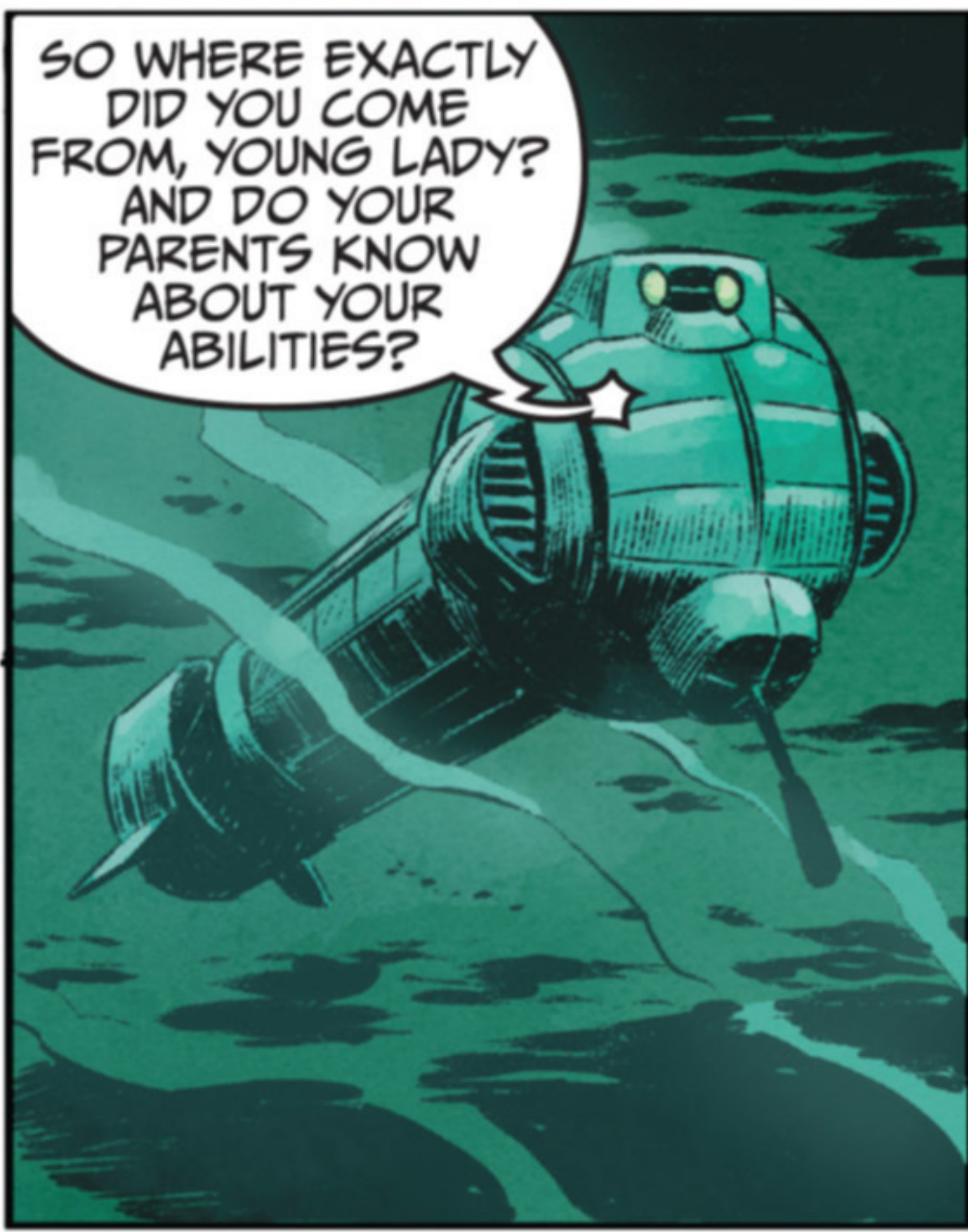
AND NOW YA GOT YOUR INVISIBILITY THING GOING AGAIN!

WELL, LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE THIS!

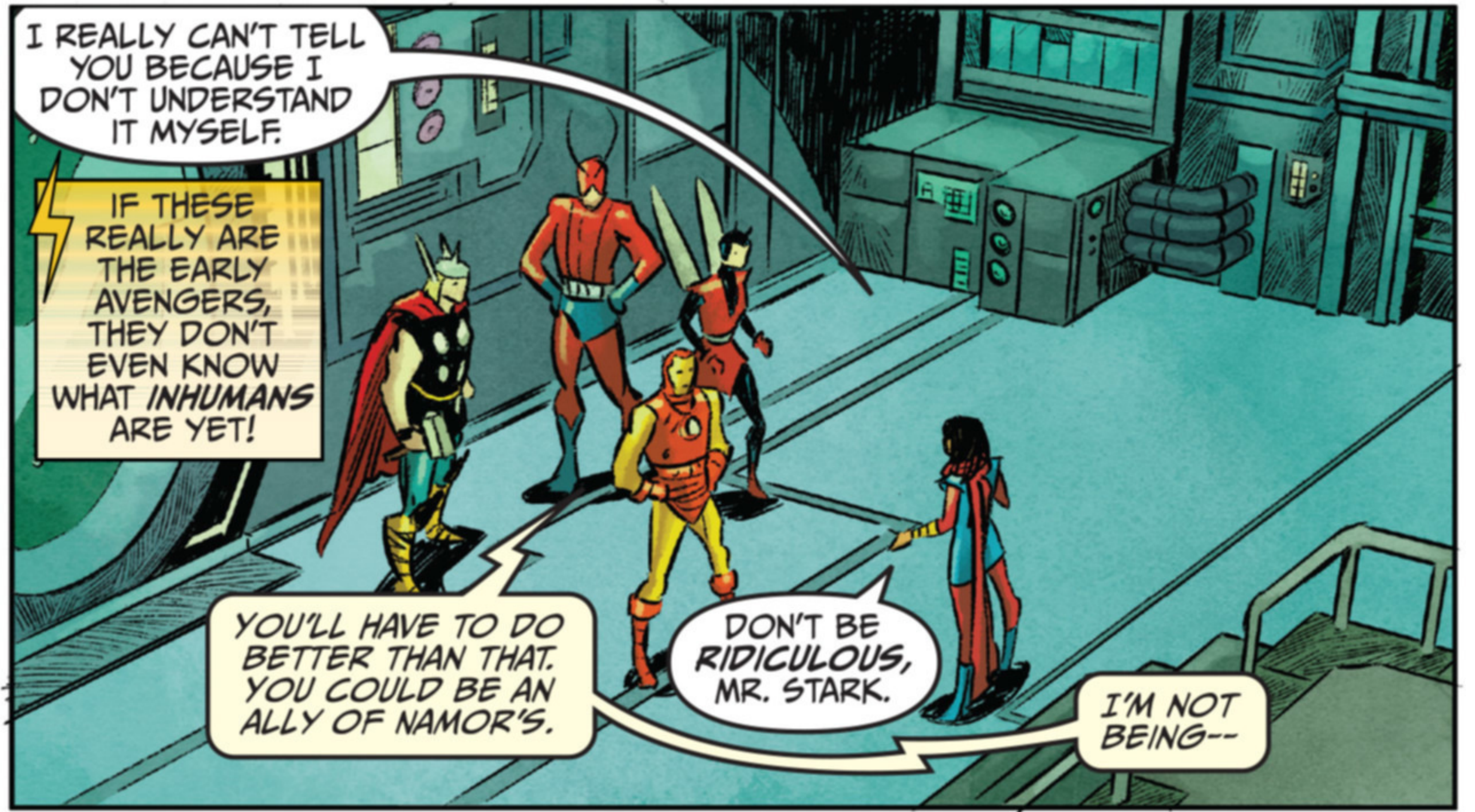








SO WHERE EXACTLY DID YOU COME FROM, YOUNG LADY? AND DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES?



I REALLY CAN'T TELL YOU BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF.

IF THESE REALLY ARE THE EARLY AVENGERS, THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT INHUMANS ARE YET!

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT. YOU COULD BE AN ALLY OF NAMOR'S.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, MR. STARK.

I'M NOT BEING--



I...I MEAN... WHO--?

MR. STARK?!



OH MY GOD. I'M...I'M SO SORRY... I JUST...

I FORGOT. I JUST TOTALLY...



IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE NOT ANTHONY STARK'S "BODYGUARD."

THAT NEVER MADE ANY SENSE. HOW ARE YOU GUARDING HIM WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND WITH US?

YOU'RE REALLY HIM, AREN'T YOU?

AREN'T YOU?

I...



≡SHIIIIGH≡



HAPPY?

ECSTATIC. YOU'RE SO MUCH HANDSOMER WITHOUT--

JANET!

RIGHT. SORRY.



HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT, ANYWAY? HOW IN THE HELL DID YOU KNOW?!

TONY! LANGUAGE!

NOT NOW, WASP. YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED OUR QUESTION, YOUNG LADY.



IT'S REALLY BEST IF I DON'T TELL YOU WHAT I DO KNOW. I COULD MESS THINGS UP.

WHAT THINGS?!

ALL THINGS. I SWEAR, I--



HOLY--!!!



OH HELL NO. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DISTRACT US FROM--

THERE'S A MAN FLOATING OUT THERE!!!



WHA--

SHE'S RIGHT! I SEE HIM!

I'LL GET TO THE HATCH! BRING HIM IN!

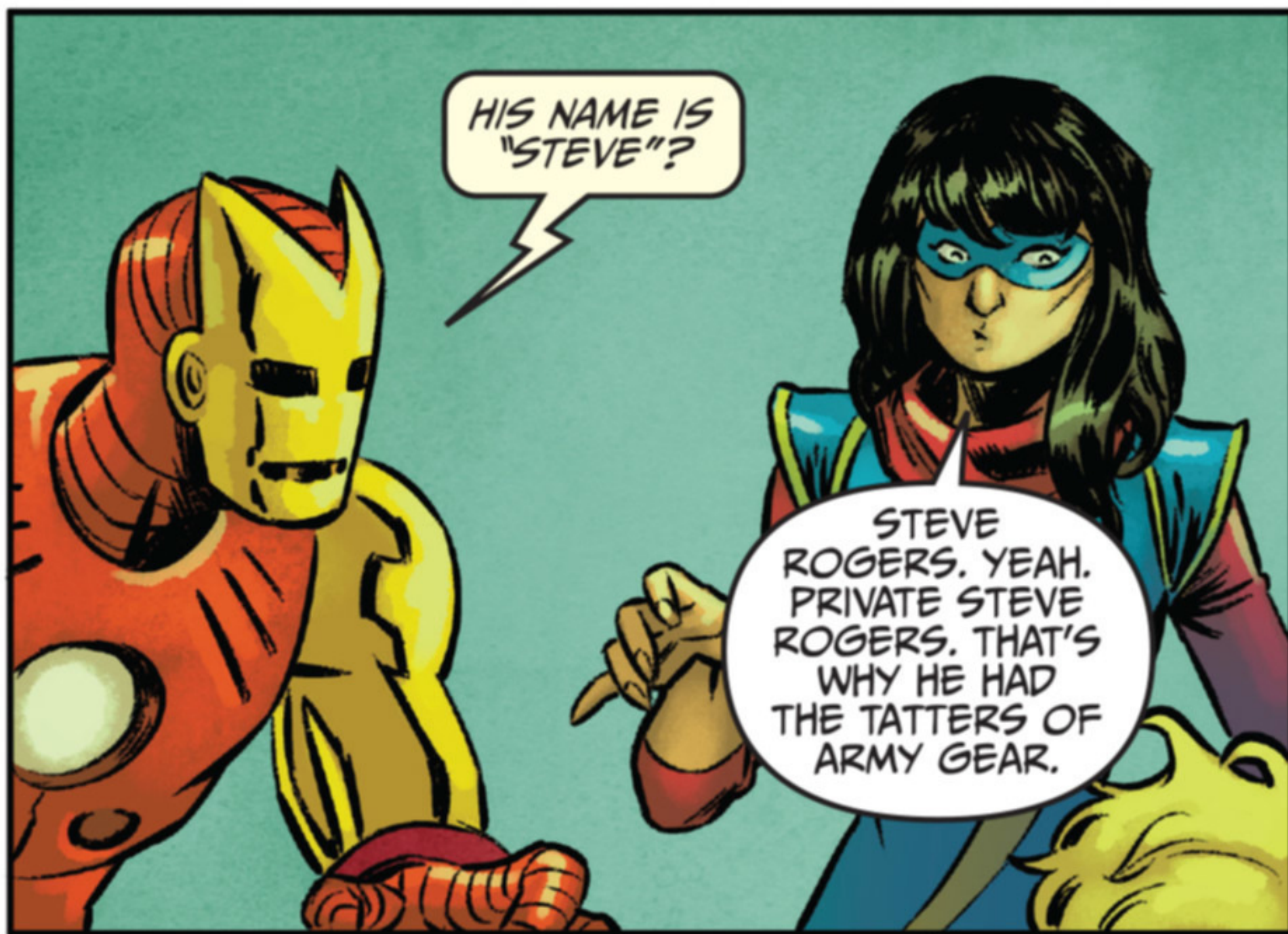


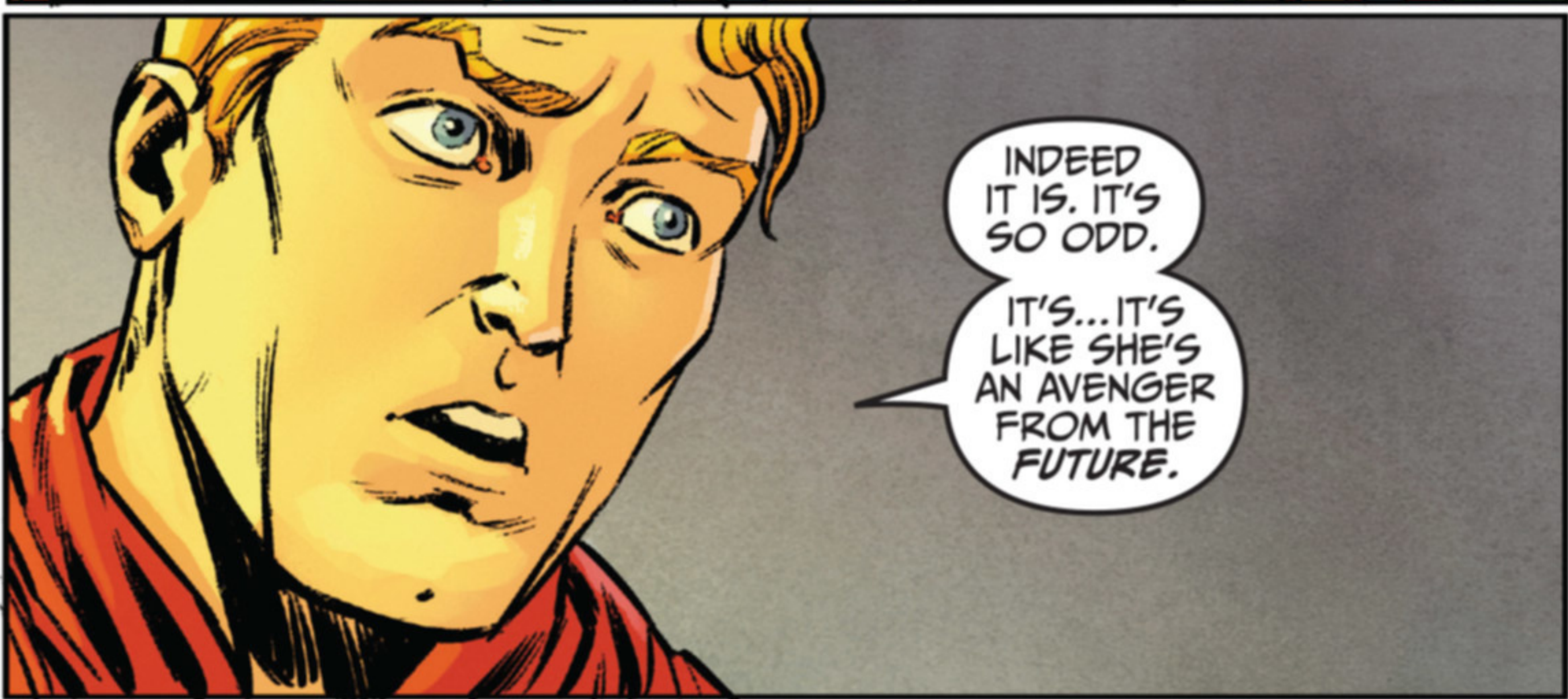
HE'LL BE BACK AS THE WINTER SOLDIER. PROOOBABLY BETTER TO LET YOU FIND THAT OUT YOURSELF...

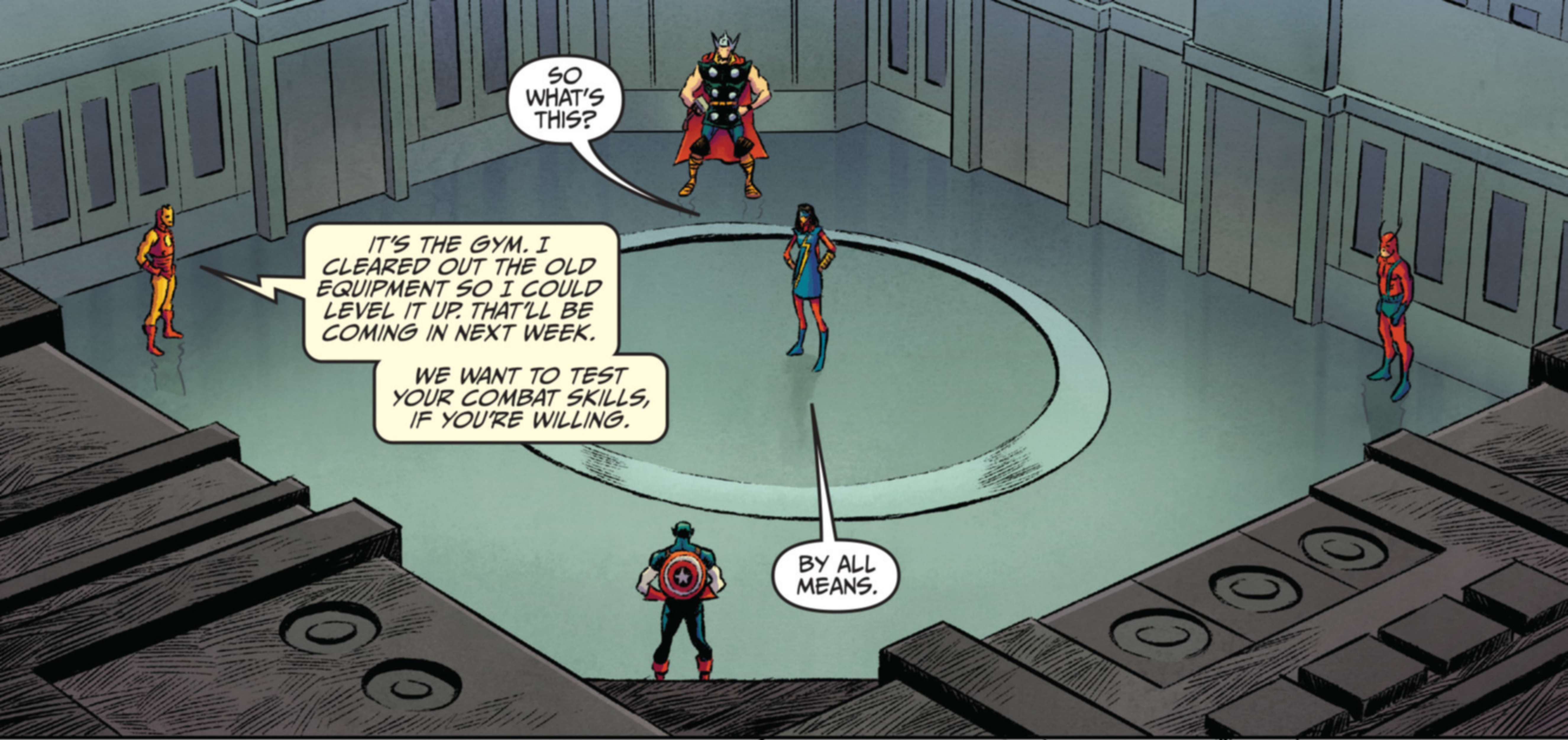
HE'S GONE. I... I FAILED HIM.



IT'LL BE OKAY, STEVE. I SWEAR. YOUR LIFE IS JUST STARTING.







SO WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S THE GYM. I CLEARED OUT THE OLD EQUIPMENT SO I COULD LEVEL IT UP. THAT'LL BE COMING IN NEXT WEEK.

WE WANT TO TEST YOUR COMBAT SKILLS, IF YOU'RE WILLING.

BY ALL MEANS.



THEN DEFEND YOURSELF, YOUNGSTER!



OKAY, GIANT-MAN. OH, AND BY THE WAY--



IF YOU WANT TO KEEP BEING THE GIANT IN THIS GROUP...



...YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO UP YOUR GAME.



YEAH, I'M OUT. GUYS? OVER TO YOU.



I HAVE DEALT WITH QUITE A FEW FROST GIANTS IN MY DAY, CHILD!
AND THEY HAVE ALL FALLEN BEFORE MY HAMMER MJOLNIR.



REALLY?
GIVE THEM MY REGARDS!



OOOOF!

GAAKRRANG

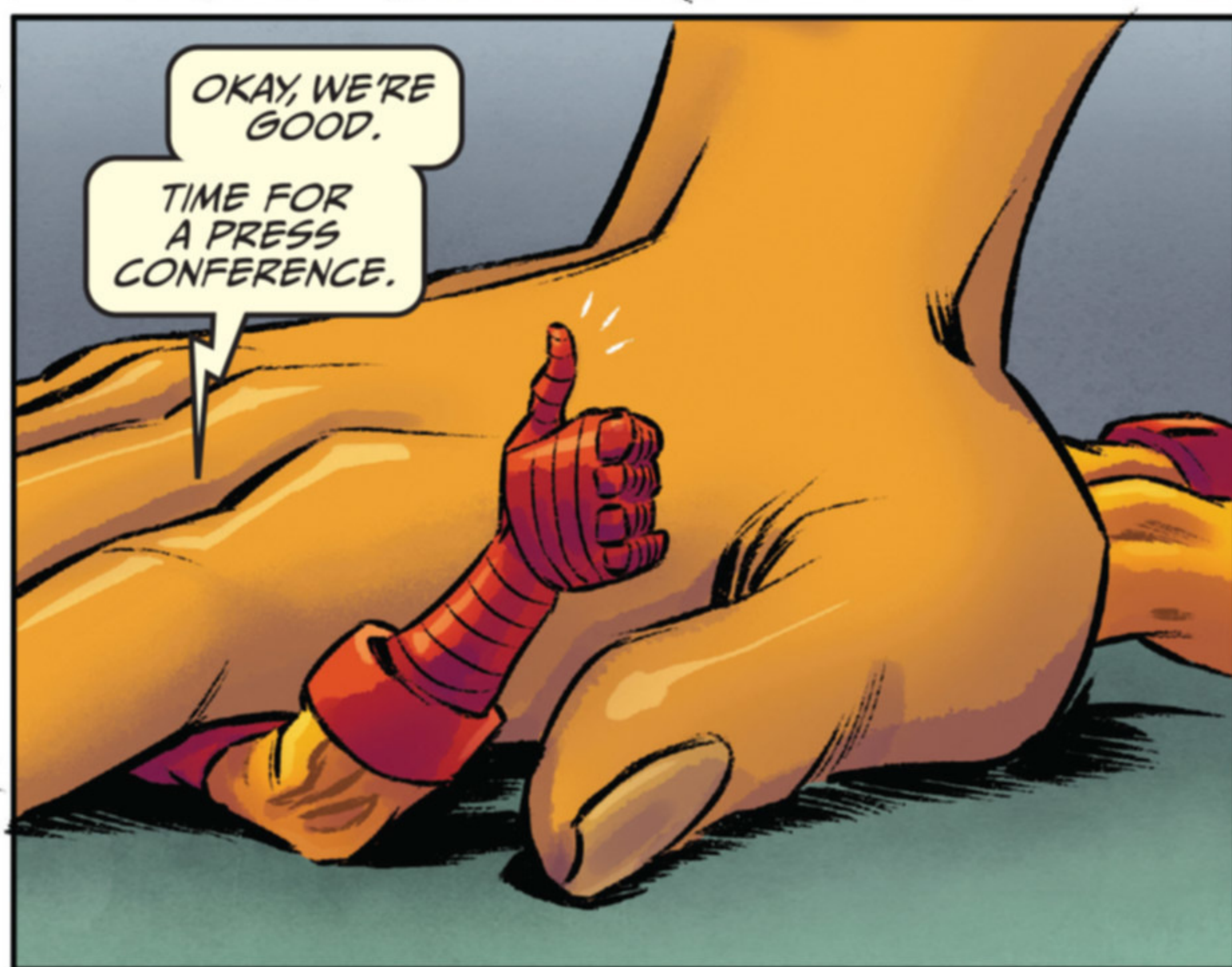


OKAY, KIDDO! LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE MY REPULSORS!

FWAZAAAM



PRETTY WELL. NOW LET'S SEE YOU DEAL WITH MY HAND.



OKAY, WE'RE GOOD.
TIME FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE.



I KNOW YOU MUST HAVE A THOUSAND QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW I'VE RETURNED, BUT BEFORE I ANSWER THEM...

I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE YOUNG LADY WHO ACTUALLY SPOTTED ME FLOATING IN THE WATER.

OUR NEWEST AVENGER...



...MISS MARVEL!

IT'S MS.... OH, NEVER MIND.

WHY DO YOU HAVE ME WEARING A CAPE?

IT LOOKS GORGEOUS. TRUST ME.

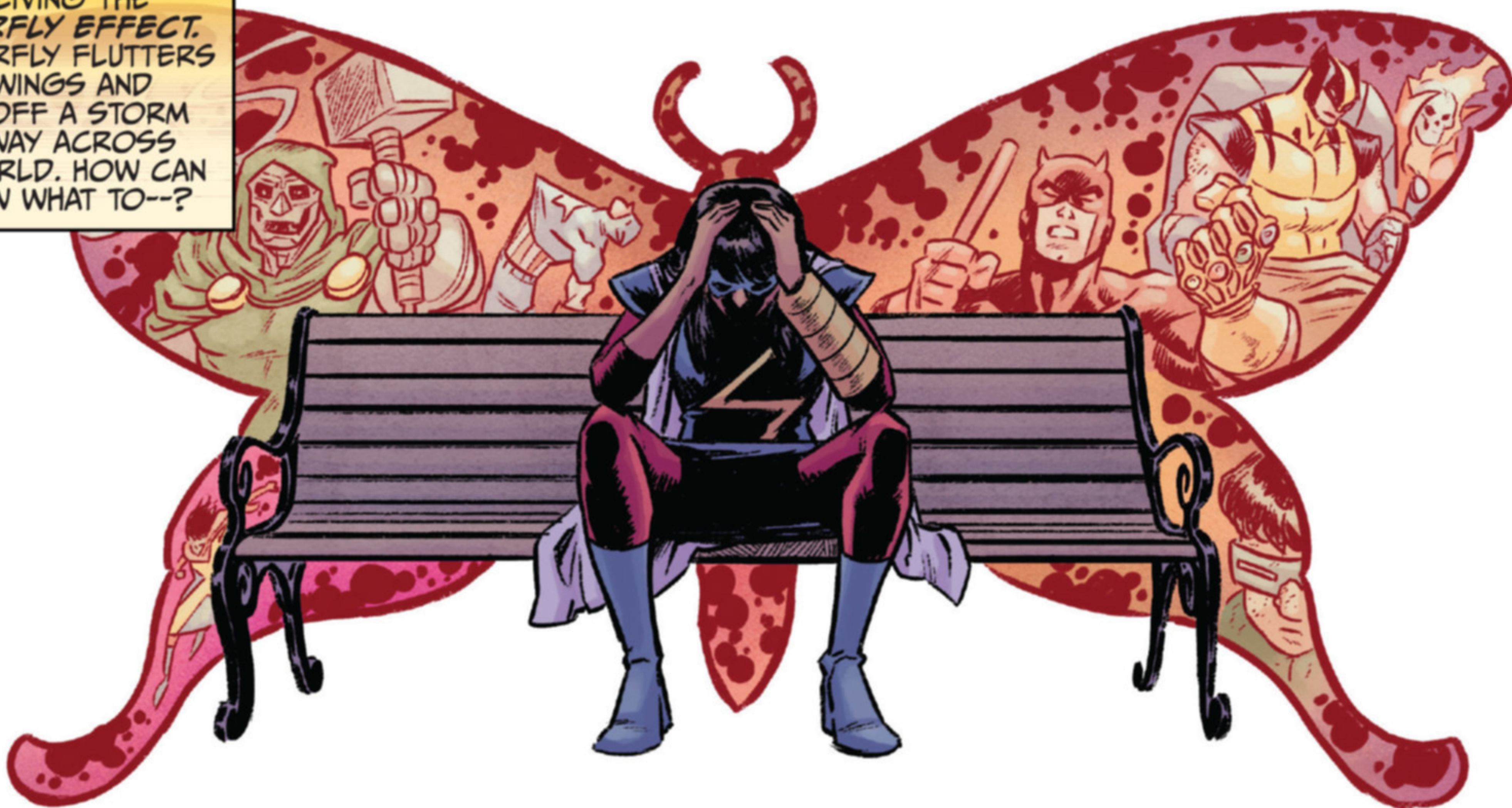


HI. UH. HOW'S IT GOING?

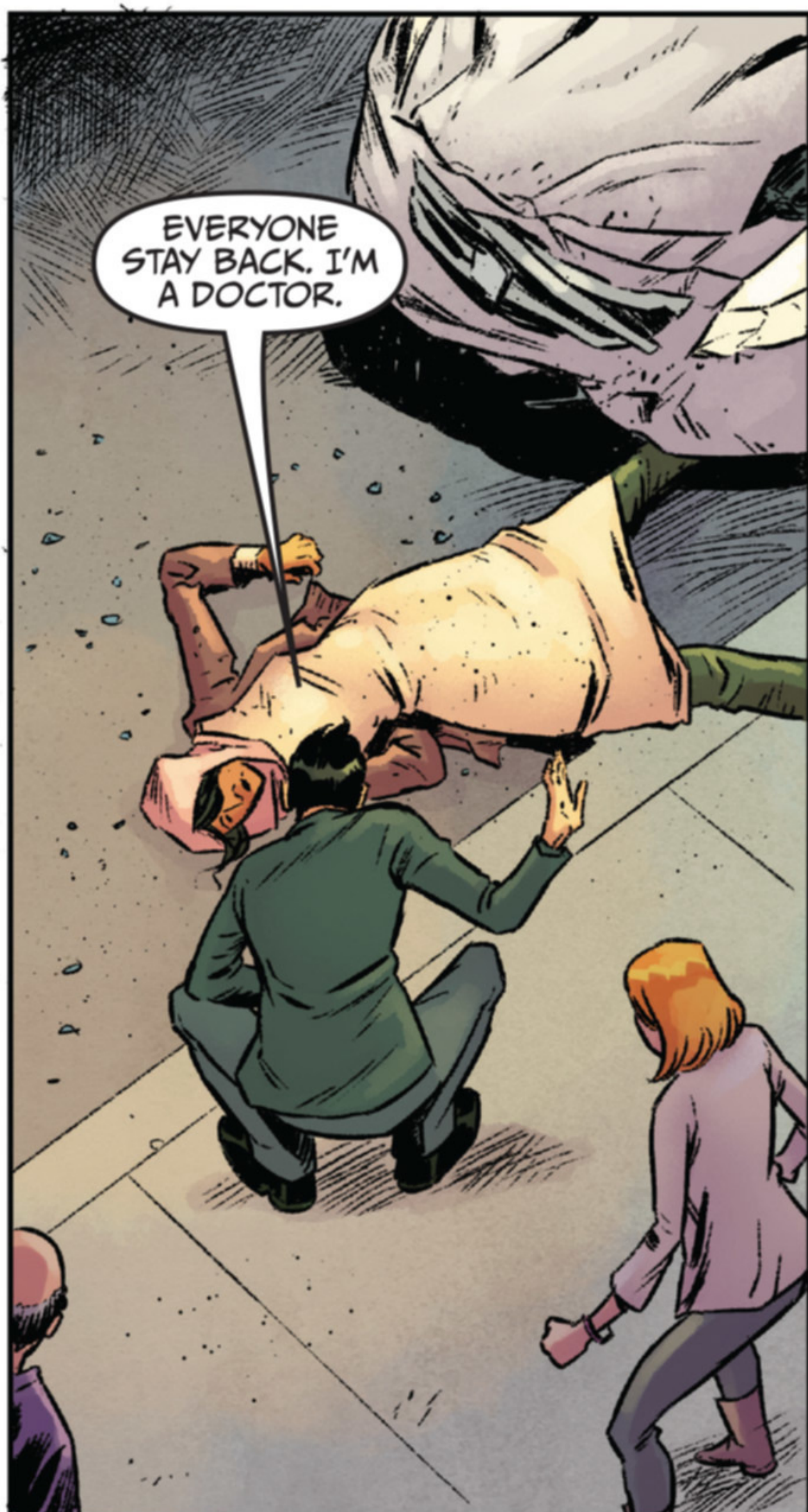
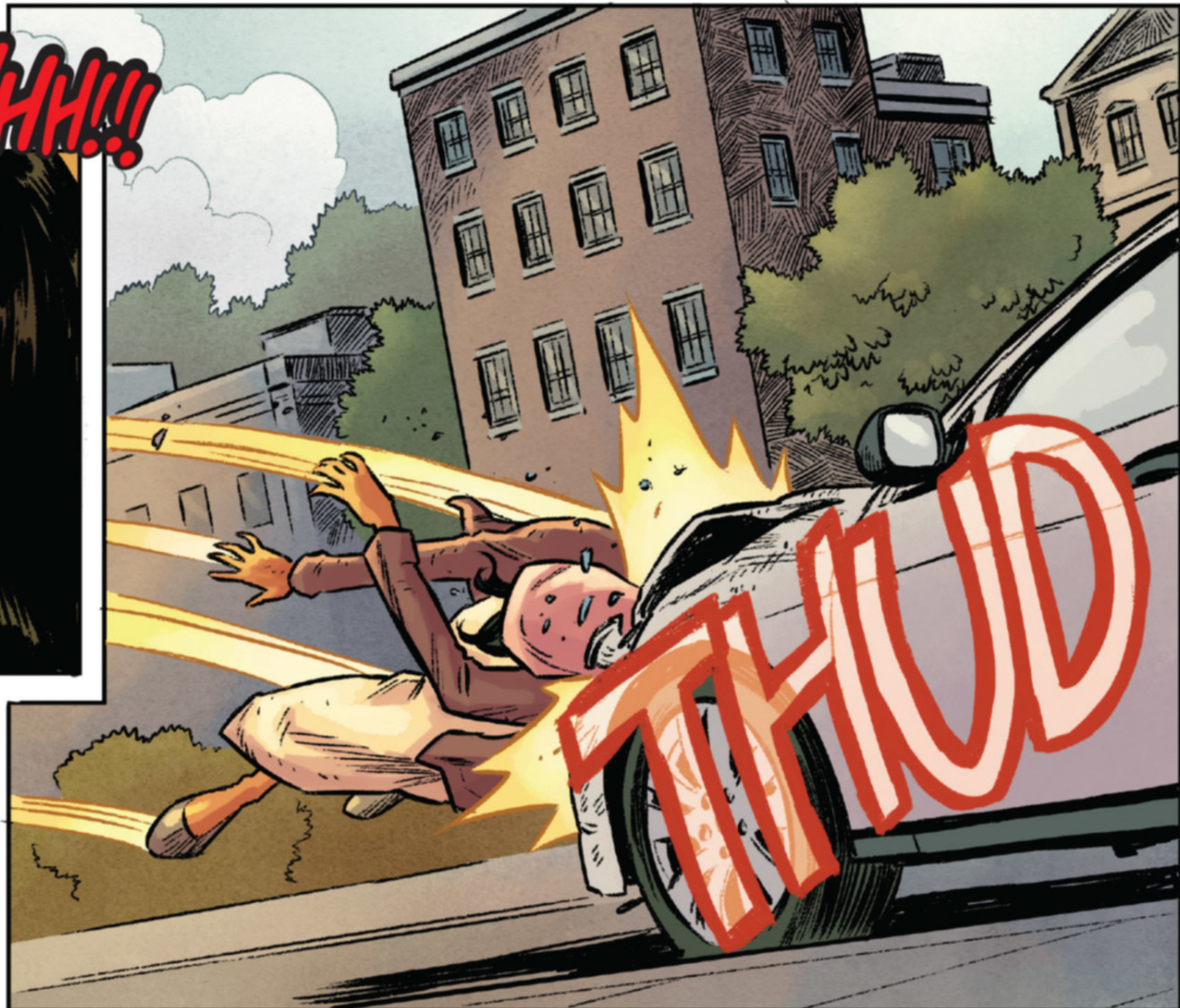
I FEEL LIKE I'M DREAMING.



I'M LIVING THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT. A BUTTERFLY FLUTTERS ITS WINGS AND SETS OFF A STORM HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD. HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT TO--?









SHE'S STILL BREATHING, BUT IT LOOKS BAD...



...I DON'T THINK SHE'S GOING TO MAKE IT.

DON'T PANIC, KAMALA. THINK ABOUT YOUR FIRST AID CLASS.

DON'T MOVE HER. YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO MOVE INJURED PEOPLE, RIGHT?



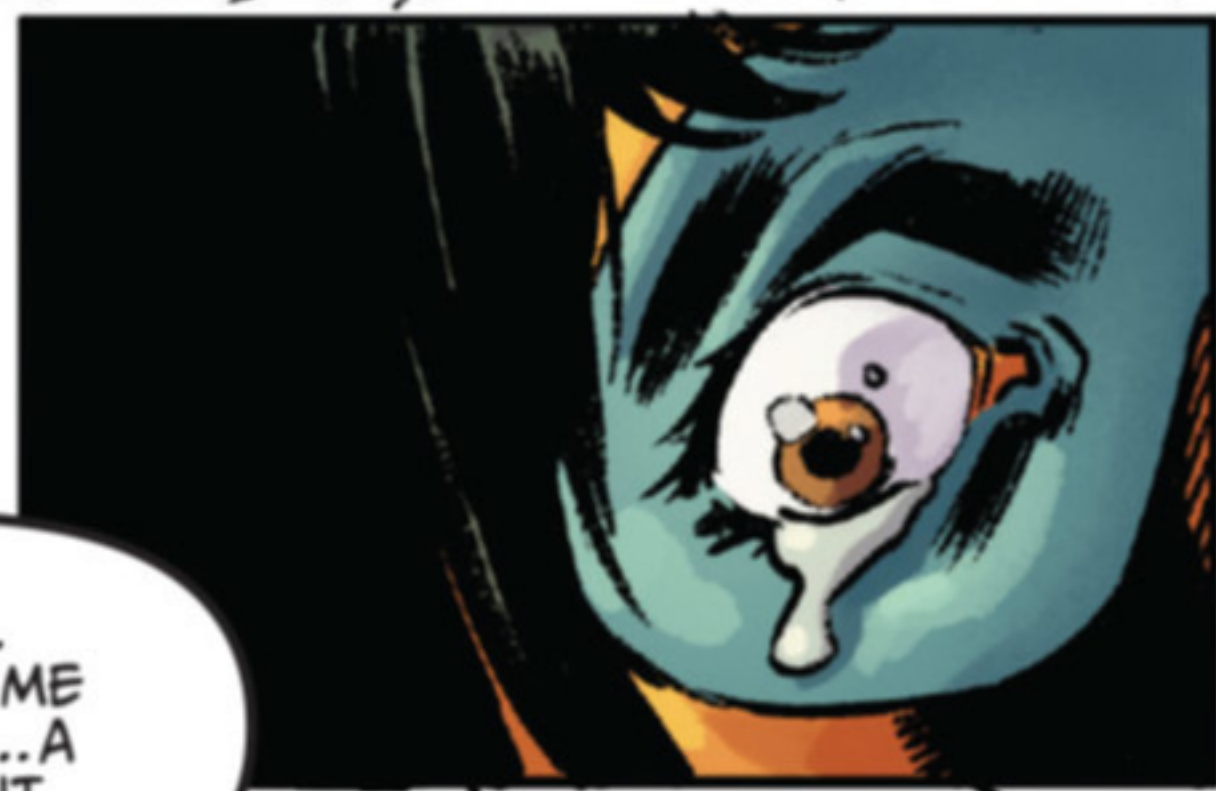
MO--MISS? YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE. JUST--JUST DON'T MOVE.



YUSUF WILL KILL ME FOR THIS...

NO, HE WON'T.

YOU'RE RIGHT...HE'S SUCH A GOOD MAN...HE...



YOU... REMIND ME OF HIM...A LITTLE BIT...

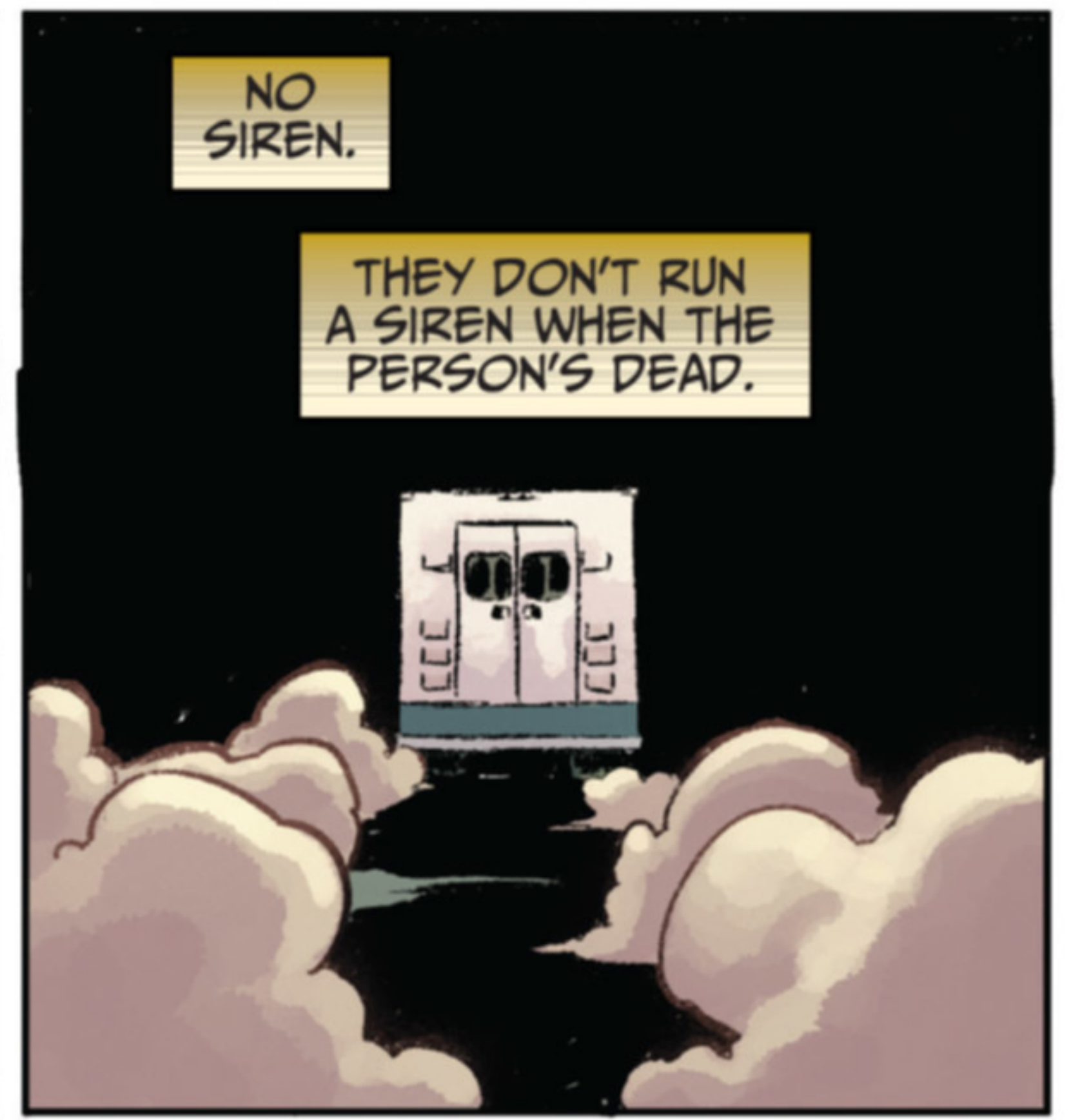
AROUND THE EYES, I THINK YOU HAVE HIS EYES...

SUCH... SWEET... SWEET EYES...





MOMMMMMMM!



NO SIREN.

THEY DON'T RUN A SIREN WHEN THE PERSON'S DEAD.

I SHOULD GO WITH HER, BUT I CAN'T. I JUST...

I CAN'T.

SHE'S DEAD. MY MOM IS DEAD. AND SO AM I.

...WHY AM I STILL HERE?



YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHY YOU'RE STILL HERE, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT? I DON'T-- YOU!!!

To Be Concluded.

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