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While trying to save the life of an innocent, Doctor Bruce Banner was caught in the blast of a gamma bomb and became

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

...a rampaging monster with near-limitless power.

Fearing the threat he posed to humanity, Earth's most powerful heroes shot Hulk into space.

Landing on a faraway planet, Hulk became an Emperor and fell in love.

But the shuttle that sent Hulk away from Earth exploded, killing millions of people, including Hulk's queen and the baby growing inside of her.

Filled with rage, Hulk and his Warbound warriors have landed on Earth, to bring revenge upon those he holds responsible for destroying his world...



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YEARS AGO. A MILITARY BASE IN NEW MEXICO...



JOHN?

GENERAL?



DID YOU HEAR
WHAT I SAID,
JOHN?

IT'S
CANCER.

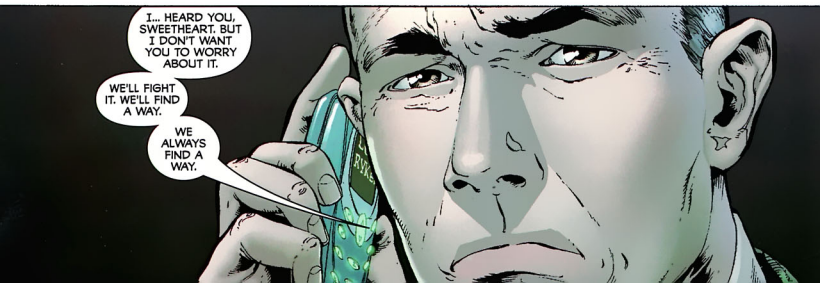
SIR?



GENERAL,
THE MEETING
IS ABOUT TO
START.

TELL THEM
TO START
WITHOUT ME,
JOHNSON.

I'LL BE
THERE IN A
MINUTE.



I... HEARD YOU,
SWEETHEART, BUT
I DON'T WANT
YOU TO WORRY
ABOUT IT.

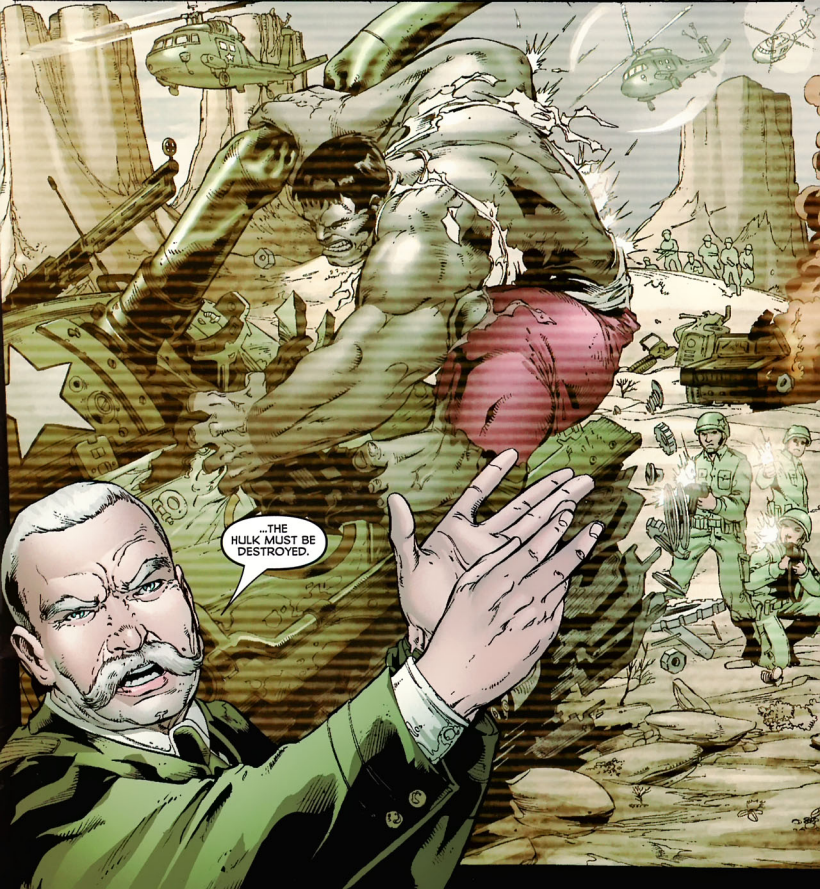
WE'LL FIGHT
IT. WE'LL FIND
A WAY.

WE
ALWAYS
FIND A
WAY.



...IN ALL MY YEARS, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. HELL, I DON'T THINK I'M EXAGGERATING WHEN I SAY THIS QUITE POSSIBLY MAY BE THE GREATEST DAMNED THREAT THIS BLASTED COUNTRY EVER FACED.

MAKE NO BONES ABOUT IT, GENTLEMEN...



...THE HULK MUST BE DESTROYED.



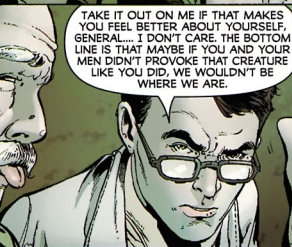
I COULDN'T AGREE WITH GENERAL ROSS MORE. IN FACT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND AFTER TALKING WITH THE MEN WHO WERE ACTUALLY THERE THOSE BRAVE MEN WHO ACTUALLY FOUGHT THIS THING...

IMAGES SUCH AS THIS CANNOT DO THIS CREATURE JUSTICE. ANNIHILATE THIS MENACE, I SAY. THE QUICKER THE BETTER.

SPOKEN LIKE THE TYPE OF MAN I WISH I HAD ON MY TEAM, TALBOT.



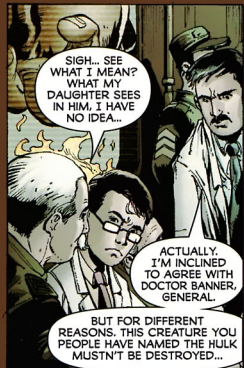
INSTEAD, THOSE GENIUSES UP IN WASHINGTON SADDLE ME WITH MILKSOPS LIKE DOCTOR BANNER OVER HERE.



TAKE IT OUT ON ME IF THAT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT YOURSELF, GENERAL.... I DON'T CARE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT MAYBE IF YOU AND YOUR MEN DIDN'T PROVOKE THAT CREATURE LIKE YOU DID, WE WOULDN'T BE WHERE WE ARE.



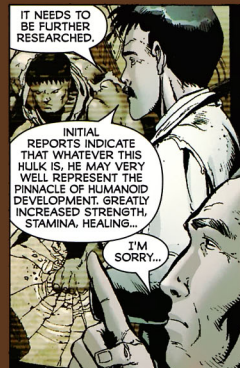
MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE TO DESTROY IT--YOU EVER THINK OF THAT? MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE IT THE HELL ALONE.



SIGH... SEE WHAT I MEAN? WHAT MY DAUGHTER SEES IN HIM, I HAVE NO IDEA...

ACTUALLY, I'M INCLINED TO AGREE WITH DOCTOR BANNER, GENERAL.

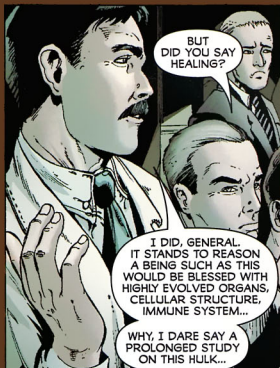
BUT FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. THIS CREATURE YOU PEOPLE HAVE NAMED THE HULK MUSTN'T BE DESTROYED...



IT NEEDS TO BE FURTHER RESEARCHED.

INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT WHATEVER THIS HULK IS, HE MAY VERY WELL REPRESENT THE PINNACLE OF HUMANOID DEVELOPMENT. GREATLY INCREASED STRENGTH, STAMINA, HEALING...

I'M SORRY...



BUT DID YOU SAY HEALING?

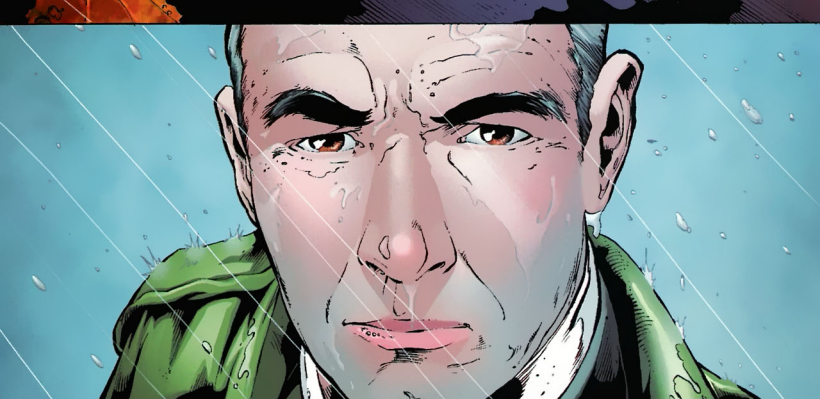
I DID, GENERAL. IT STANDS TO REASON A BEING SUCH AS THIS WOULD BE BLESSED WITH HIGHLY EVOLVED ORGANS, CELLULAR STRUCTURE, IMMUNE SYSTEM...

WHY, I DARE SAY A PROLONGED STUDY ON THIS HULK...



...COULD
VERY WELL RESULT
IN US WIPING
OUT HUMAN
DISEASE AS WE
KNOW IT.



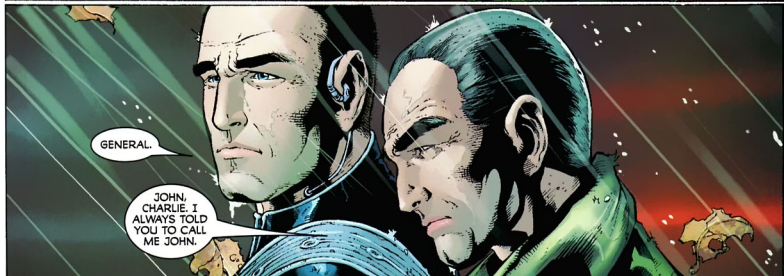


**NOW,
BATTLE HILL,
GREENWOOD CEMETERY,
BROOKLYN, NY**





HELLO, CHARLIE.



GENERAL.

JOHN, CHARLIE. I ALWAYS TOLD YOU TO CALL ME JOHN.



SHE DIED ALONE, MY LUCY. REFUSED TO SEE ME.

EVEN AT THE VERY END.

I'M SORRY...JOHN. SHE WAS A GOOD WOMAN.



YES, THAT SHE WAS.

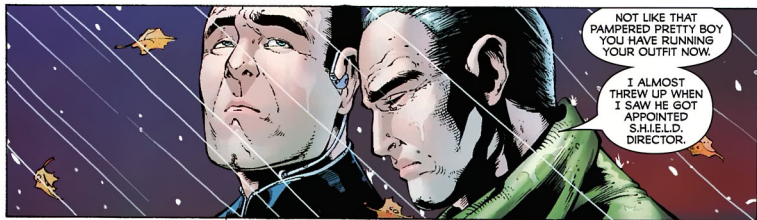
I'M GLAD YOU CAME, CHARLIE.

I WANTED TO, SIR. I FIGURED I OWED IT TO YOU. AT THE VERY LEAST FOR THAT TIME YOU PULLED MY BACON OUTTA THE FIRE AFTER THAT WHOLE YELLOW CLAW AFFAIR.



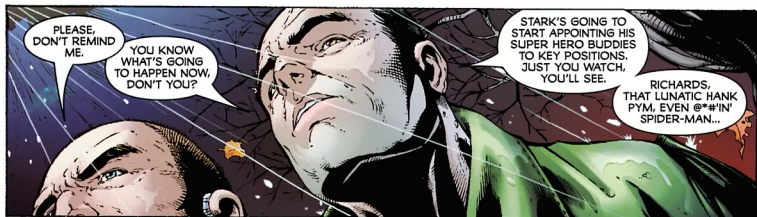
IT WAS NOTHING, SOLDIER. FURY SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU TAKE THE FALL LIKE THAT.

STILL THOUGH, AT LEAST NICK WAS A REAL MAN.



NOT LIKE THAT PAMPERED PRETTY BOY YOU HAVE RUNNING YOUR OUTFIT NOW.

I ALMOST THREW UP WHEN I SAW HE GOT APPOINTED S.H.I.E.L.D. DIRECTOR.



PLEASE, DON'T REMIND ME.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW, DON'T YOU?

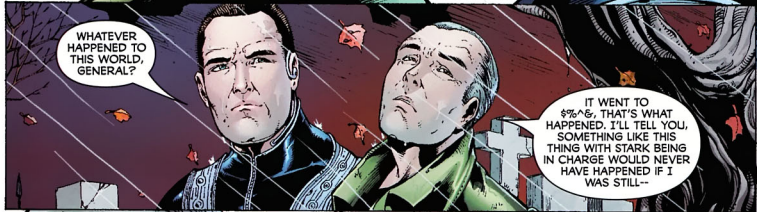
STARK'S GOING TO START APPOINTING HIS SUPER HERO BUDDIES TO KEY POSITIONS. JUST YOU WATCH, YOU'LL SEE.

RICHARDS, THAT LUNATIC HANK PYM, EVEN @**IN' SPIDER-MAN...



SPIDER-MAN... HMMMPH. I HEAR HE'S JUST SOME PUNK KID. IMAGINE THAT.

KID OR NO KID, HE'S JUST ANOTHER DAMNED SOUPED-UP FREAK RUNNING AROUND IN NANCY BOY TIGHTS TO ME. AND WE ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY OF THOSE.



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THIS WORLD, GENERAL?

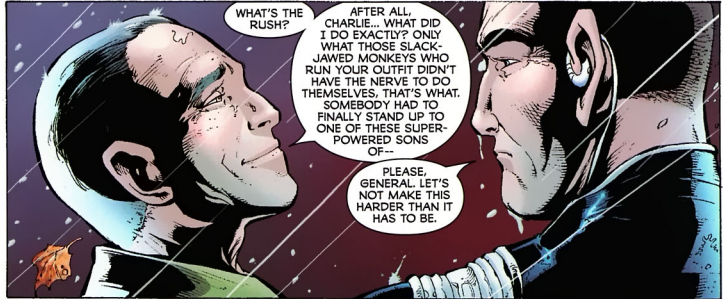
IT WENT TO ~~9/11~~ THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. I'LL TELL YOU, SOMETHING LIKE THIS THING WITH STARK BEING IN CHARGE WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED IF I WAS STILL--



UM, GENERAL... JOHN...LOOK, I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS, YA KNOW, I'D REALLY LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO SIT AROUND AND CHEW THE FAT WITH YOU ALL DAY, BUT...



...BUT WE REALLY HAVE TO GET GOING.



WHAT'S THE RUSH?

AFTER ALL, CHARLIE... WHAT DID I DO EXACTLY? ONLY WHAT THOSE SLACK-JAWED MONKEYS WHO RUN YOUR OUTFIT DIDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO DO THEMSELVES, THAT'S WHAT. SOMEBODY HAD TO FINALLY STAND UP TO ONE OF THESE SUPER-POWERED SONS OF--

PLEASE, GENERAL. LET'S NOT MAKE THIS HARDER THAN IT HAS TO BE.



AND HOW HARD WAS IT EXACTLY, CHARLIE?

EXCUSE ME?
I MEAN, @##\$, CHARLIE. GIVE ME MORE CREDIT THAN THAT.



HERE I AM, BEEN ON THE RUN FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. ALL THESE LONG MONTHS. I COULD'VE BEEN HIDING IN MARIA HILL'S UNDERWEAR DRAWER AND NONE OF YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ANY THE WISER.

AND I WOULDN'T KNOW THAT YOU GUYS WOULD BE WAITING FOR ME TO SHOW UP AT MY OWN WIFE'S FUNERAL?



COME ON. I KNEW YOU'D BE THE ONE TO COME AND GET ME, CHARLIE. I CAME HERE TO SEE YOU.

I DON'T SEE WHY YOU WOULD...



WELL...

I HEAR YOU PEOPLE HAVE YOURSELVES A BIT OF A HULK PROBLEM.



GEEZ,
WHATEVER
GAVE YOU THAT
IDEA?



DON'T SEE WHAT THAT HAS TO DO
WITH ANYTHING, THOUGH...

IT HAS
TO DO WITH
EVERYTHING.

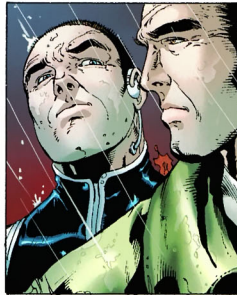
LET'S JUST
SAY I COULD
MAKE IT GO
AWAY...



SIR, I'M NOT
SURE WHERE
YOU'RE GOING
WITH--

YOU'RE NOT
A STUPID MAN,
CHARLIE. YOU SEE
WHAT'S GOING
ON.

CIVIL WAR
WAS A BLACK
EYE FOR
YOUR NEW
BOSS.



"...IT'S BETTER
THAN GOOD."

**SECRET A.I.M. BASE
SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH AMERICA**

OK,
LET'S TRY THIS
AGAIN...

WHO
SENT
YOU?



I THINK
THE BETTER
QUESTION IS
WHO TAUGHT
YOU HOW TO
THROW A
PUNCH?

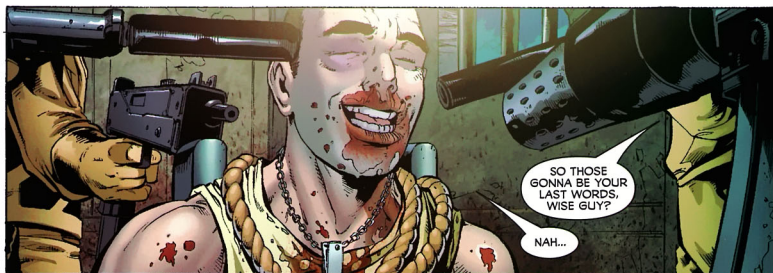
I'VE BEEN
HIT HARDER BY
DOUBLE AMPUTEE
SCHOOLGIRLS.



THAT BETTER,
WISE GUY?

MUCH, YOU
STEPPED INTO IT
THAT TIME.

GREY
SAYS TO STOP
FOOLING
AROUND.





HOW'S THIS?

DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY...

RIPPOP

RIPPOP

RIPPOP

RIPPOP





NOW THEN, WITH THAT OUT OF THE WAY... WAS ALL THIS NECESSARY? GETTING YOURSELF CAPTURED ON PURPOSE POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZING THE MISSION... ALL SO YOU CAN SCREW WITH SOME A.I.M. GOONS?

NECESSARY? NO, MORE FUN THAN A BARREL OF OLSEN TWINS? YES-AMUNDO.



GLAD TO HEAR IT, BECAUSE ACCORDING TO MY READINGS, A LOT MORE FUN'S HEADING YOUR WAY.

SLAM!

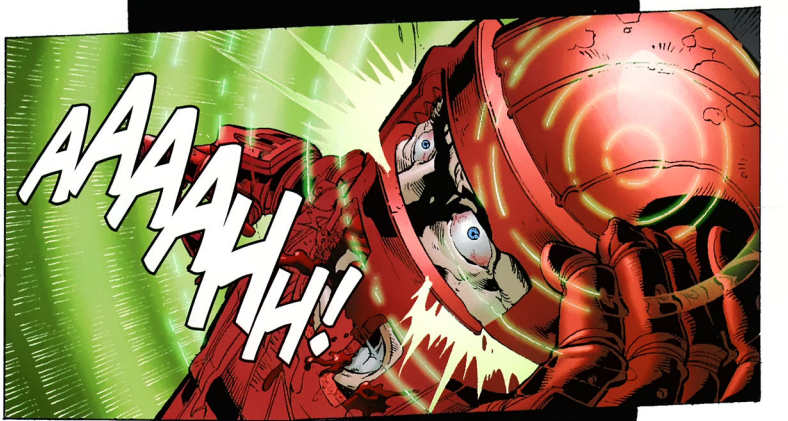
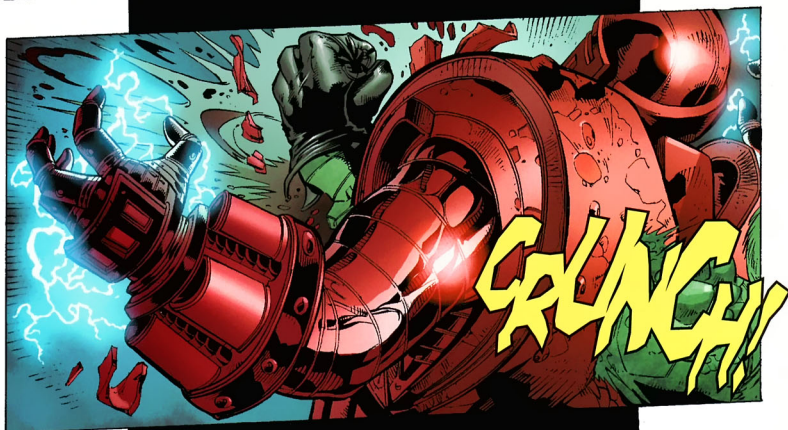


BLACK MARKET CRIMSON DYNAMOS? CHECK.

ARMY OF P.O.'D A.I.M. GOONS? CHECK.

A LITTLE HELP HERE FOR YOUR OL' PAL GRIF? CHECK, CHECK, CHECK, CHECK...

RELAX...



CODENAME: GRIFFIN

...WE WERE EN ROUTE.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE JUST IN TIME TO SAVE YOUR SORRY BUTT.

CODENAME: PRODIGY

CODENAME: MESS

CODENAME: MISTER GIDEON



AND GREY?

BOSS MAN'S GONNA MEET US AT THE TARGET.

ONE SIDE. COMIN' THROUGH.





MY READINGS INDICATE THE TARGET'S IN THAT ROOM.

GOOD THING I DON'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO SIGNS, HUH?

WISH YOU'D PAY MORE ATTENTION TO PERSONAL HYGIENE THOUGH.

FUNNY, YA KNOW, I BET YA I CAN SPLIT YOUR #%%^IN' HEAD OPEN A LOT EASIER THAN I DID THAT DOOR, IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED.

OOOOH, YOU KNOW HOW I LOVE IT WHEN YOU TALK HURTY.

THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO.

HUH? WHAT THE--?

BAM!



BENNY TIBETS. THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWN IN SOME QUARTERS AS FLUX?

YEAH! YEAH, THAT'S ME!



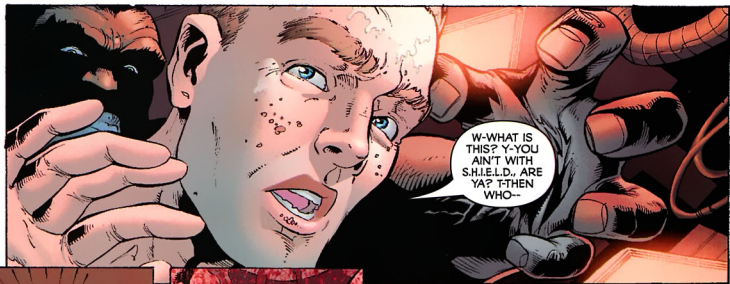
OH MY GOD, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU PEOPLE! THESE FOLKS HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTIN' ON ME NONSTOP AROUND THE CLOCK.

SMASH!

SO YOU GUYS ARE WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.?

RIGHT?

RIGHT...?



W-WHAT IS THIS? Y-YOU AIN'T WITH S.H.I.E.L.D., ARE YA? T-THEN WHO--



GENERAL RYKER.



GOLNCH!



A MAN WHO DOES NOT APPRECIATE LOOSE ENDS.

SPLORGH!

CODENAME: GREY



SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... I'M RECEIVING A TRANSMISSION FROM HIM NOW.



THE MISSION WAS A SUCCESS, GENERAL. YOU WON'T BE HEARING FROM BENNY TIBETS AGAIN.

THE HELL WITH THE MISSION.



THIS IS IT, SOLDIERS. THE ONE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

YOU DON'T MEAN--?

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN.



THE HULK.

ABOUT FRIGGIN' TIME.





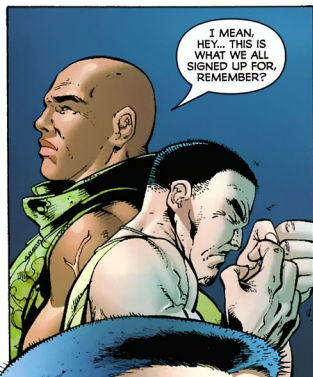


YOU'RE TENSE.

I THOUGHT I WAS ALWAYS TENSE.



OK, SO YOU'RE TENSE EVEN FOR YOU.



I MEAN, HEY... THIS IS WHAT WE ALL SIGNED UP FOR, REMEMBER?



JUST RELAX, BRIAN. YOU'RE GONNA DO THE TALBOT NAME PROUD.

THE HULK'S FINALLY ABOUT TO GET WHAT'S COMING TO HIM.

Continued...