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After Stamford, Connecticut is destroyed during a televised fight between the New Warriors and a group of dangerous villains, public sentiment turns against super heroes.

Johnny Storm, the Human Torch, is attacked outside a nightclub and beaten into a coma. Advocates call for reform, and a Superhuman Registration Act is debated, which would require all those possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government, divulge their true identities to the authorities and submit to training and sanctioning in the manner of federal agents.

One week later, the Act is passed. Any person with superhuman powers who refuses to register is now a criminal.



Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society, and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. After being called upon to hunt down heroes in defiance of the Registration Act, Captain America goes underground and begins to form a resistance movement.

Spider-Man, who has allied himself with Iron Man and the pro-registration side, not only registers, but also un.masks as Peter Parker in front of the media.



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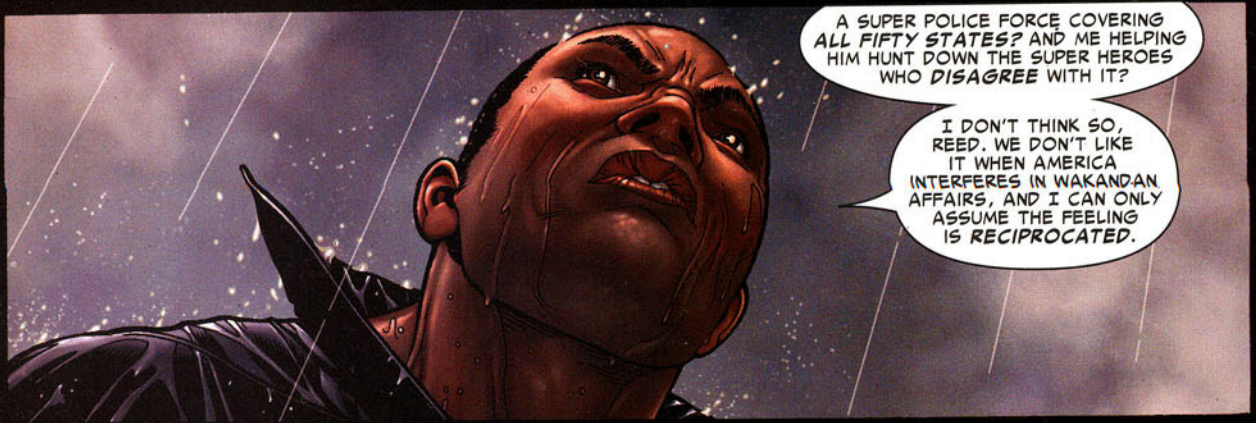
# THE BLACK PANTHER, WAKANDA:



YOU UNMASKED SPIDER-MAN ON LIVE TELEVISION?

NO, PARKER UNMASKED VOLUNTARILY. T'CHALLA, BECAUSE IRON MAN EXPLAINED THE GRAVITY OF OUR SITUATION.

CONFIDENCE IN SUPER-HUMANS IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. STARK'S PLAN FOR A NEW BEGINNING IS THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE LEFT.



A SUPER POLICE FORCE COVERING ALL FIFTY STATES? AND ME HELPING HIM HUNT DOWN THE SUPER HEROES WHO DISAGREE WITH IT?

I DON'T THINK SO, REED. WE DON'T LIKE IT WHEN AMERICA INTERFERES IN WAKANDAN AFFAIRS, AND I CAN ONLY ASSUME THE FEELING IS RECIPROCATED.



ACTUALLY, THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED THIS OF YOU PERSONALLY...

WELL, I'M AFRAID HE'S GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED. NOW TELL ME: WHAT ABOUT JOHNNY STORM? IS THE HUMAN TORCH RECOVERING WELL?

I HAVEN'T CHECKED IN FOR A DAY OR TWO, BUT SUSAN'S BARELY LEFT HIS BEDSIDE. IF ANYTHING WAS WRONG, I'M SURE I'D HAVE HEARD.

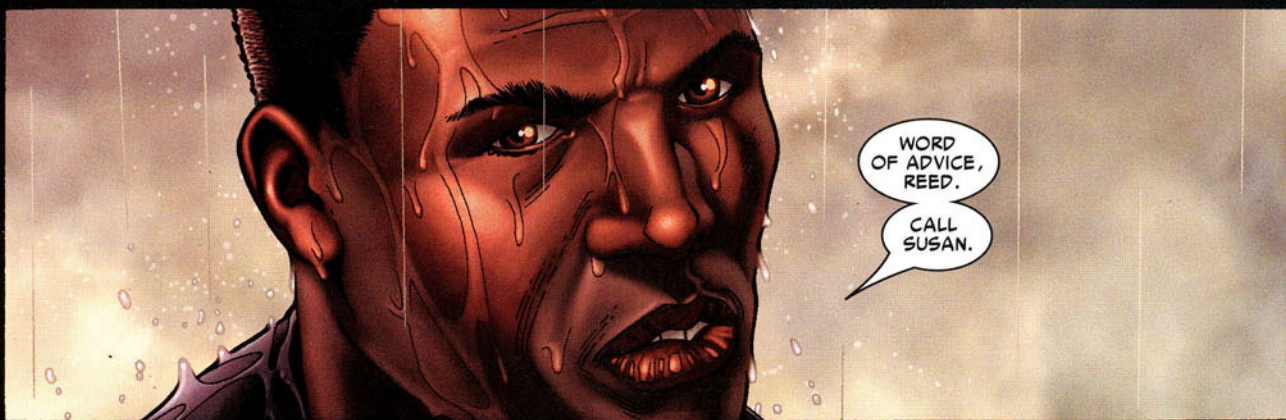


I LOVE IT OUT HERE, DON'T YOU? THIS HIGH-TECH JUNGLE.

IT'S SO EERIE STANDING AMONG TREES WITHOUT BIRDS OR INSECTS.

I'VE ALWAYS MEANT TO ASK: DOES THE ECO-SYSTEM ADAPT ITSELF OR HAVE YOU MANIPULATED IT ARTIFICIALLY?





WORD  
OF ADVICE,  
REED.

CALL  
SUSAN.



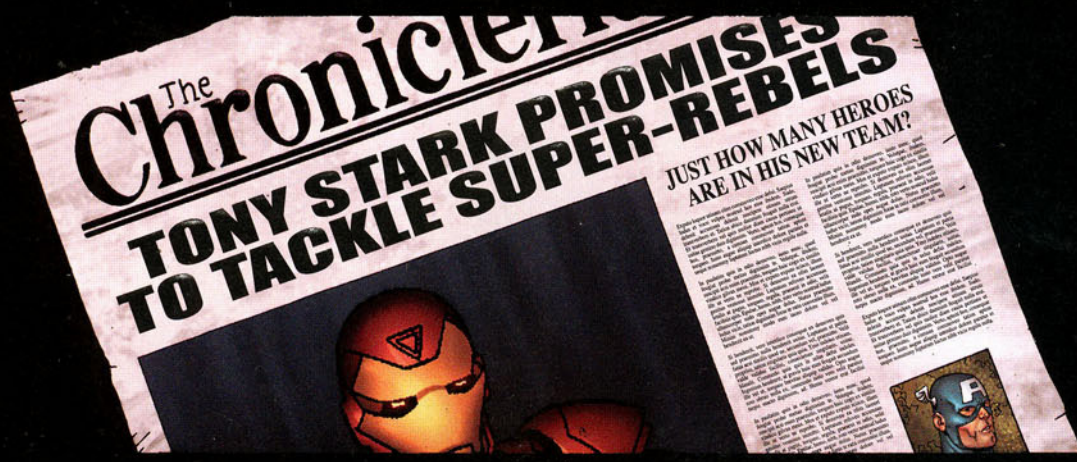
DOCTOR STRANGE, GREENWICH VILLAGE:

I'M SORRY,  
YELLOWJACKET,  
BUT THE MASTER  
SAID HE WOULDN'T  
EVEN *CONSIDER*  
SUPPORTING  
TONY STARK'S  
PLANS.

IN FACT, HE'S  
GONE INTO SECLUSION  
IN HIS ARCTIC LODGE  
IN THE HOPE THAT HE  
MIGHT *RESOLVE*  
YOUR DIFFERENCES  
BY *FASTING* FOR  
FORTY NIGHTS.

WELL, HE  
KNOWS WHERE  
TO FIND US IF  
HE CHANGES  
HIS MIND,  
WONG.

DAMN WATCH  
ALWAYS SEEMS  
TO STOP WHEN  
I'M IN THIS  
STUPID HOUSE.



The  
**Chronicle**  
**TONY STARK PROMISES  
TO TACKLE SUPER-REBELS**

**JUST HOW MANY HEROES  
ARE IN HIS NEW TEAM?**





## THE X-MEN, WESTCHESTER:

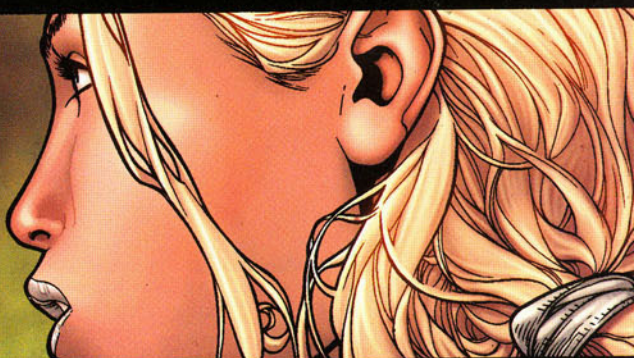






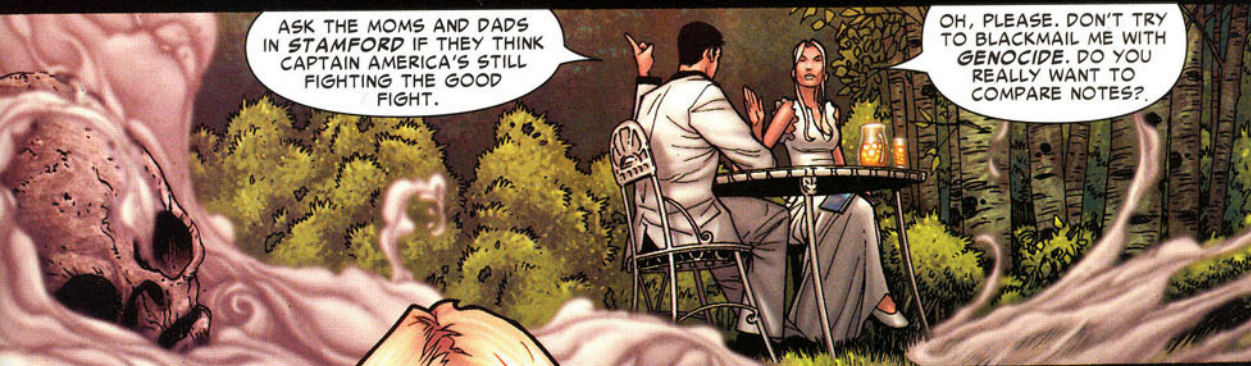
EVEN WITH NINETY-PERCENT PUBLIC BACKING? AND THAT BOYFRIEND OF YOURS SO KEEN TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN?

PERHAPS WE JUST KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE PERSECUTED WHILE YOU'RE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT, MISTER STARK.



ASK THE MOMS AND DADS IN STAMFORD IF THEY THINK CAPTAIN AMERICA'S STILL FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT.

OH, PLEASE. DON'T TRY TO BLACKMAIL ME WITH GENOCIDE. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO COMPARE NOTES?



WHERE WERE THE AVENGERS WHEN GENOSHA DIED, IRON MAN?

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN OUR BABIES WERE BURNING?







I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS OF YOUR STUDENTS, EMMA. IS IT REALLY WISE TO PUT THEM ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

OH, WE DON'T WANT A FIGHT, DARLING. WE'RE PERFECTLY HAPPY TO REMAIN ON THIS RESERVATION THEY'VE MADE FOR US. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU LEAVE US ALONE AND, IN RETURN, YOU HAVE OUR WORD THAT WE WON'T JOIN FORCES WITH YOUR STAR-SPANGLED FRIEND.



YOUR CHOICE, MISTER STARK.



THEY COMING OVER, BOSS?

AFRAID NOT, HAPPY, BUT THEY'RE NOT JOINING CAP'S SIDE EITHER WHICH MEANS WE STILL HAVE A HUGE ADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF ACTUAL NUMBERS.

I SAY WE GO AHEAD WITH THE CONTAINMENT AS PLANNED. I WANT THOSE GUYS NEUTRALIZED BEFORE I GO PUBLIC WITH THE FIFTY-STATE INITIATIVE.



IRON MAN?



CAN WE TALK?



**CAPTAIN AMERICA:**

MY NAME IS BRETT HENDRICK, AND I'M A SECURITY SUPERVISOR AT A SHOPPING MALL IN QUEENS.

**HERCULES:**

I AM VICTOR TEGLER, AND I AM AN I.T. CONSULTANT FOR A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION.

**DAREDEVIL:**

MY NAME IS COOPER PEYTON, AND I'M AN ENGINEER FROM LONG ISLAND.

**GOLIATH:**

WHAT KIND OF NAME IS ROCKWELL DODSWORTH?

AND HOW THE HELL DID I END UP AS A COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER? I TOLD NICK FURY I WANTED TO BE SOMETHING COOL--LIKE AN ACTOR OR A RACE CAR DRIVER.

YOU THINK HE COULD MAYBE GET ME SOMETHING ELSE?



NO, WE TAKE WHATEVER NICK HAS TO OFFER, GOLIATH. BESIDES, THE SECRET I.D.'S ARE JUST A PLACE TO GO TO GROUND WHEN WE AREN'T DOING THE IMPORTANT STUFF.

I'M ACTUALLY GETTING INTO THIS NEW SECRET IDENTITY THING. I'M TRYING TO COME UP WITH NEW FAVORITE FOODS...NEW FAVORITE MOVIES...NEW FAVORITE BANDS...

WHAT ABOUT SPIDER-MAN? YOU BELIEVE TONY STARK TALKED HIM INTO JUST TAKING OFF HIS MASK LIKE THAT?

STRATEGICALLY, IT'S A BRILLIANT MOVE. NOBODY'S GUARDED HIS SECRET I.D. MORE THAN SPIDER-MAN, SO IT'S A POWERFUL MESSAGE FOR ALL THE COSTUMES STILL SITTING ON THE FENCE.

ARE YOU WELL, CAPTAIN? YOU SEEM A LITTLE QUIET.

JUST THINKING ABOUT AN APPOINTMENT I HAD TEN MINUTES AGO WITH A KID FROM THE "MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION".

I TOLD HIM WE'D PLAY BASEBALL IN HIS BACKYARD FOR A WHILE, BUT THE PLACE IS PROBABLY CRAWLING WITH CAPE-KILLERS.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THEY'VE STOLEN FROM US WITH THIS REGISTRATION GARBAGE.

THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE US WHO WE ARE.





S'UP?

PETROCHEMICAL PLANT ON FIRE  
OVER BY THE HUDSON. BASE SAID  
THERE'S THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED  
TRAPPED INSIDE AND THEY'RE  
SENDING CLOAK AND DAGGER  
TO TELEPORT US DOWN.

KEEP THE  
CHANGE, MA'AM,  
AND THANKS FOR  
A WONDERFUL  
MEAL.



EMERGENCY DISTRESS CALLS,  
SNEAKING INTO ALLEYS AND  
CHANGING INTO COSTUME...

...I HATE TO  
SAY IT, BUT I'M  
KINDA STARTING  
TO ENJOY  
THIS.

## NEW YORK- PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL:

NO, I DON'T THINK IT'S  
COOL CAP'S STILL FIGHTING  
SUPER-CRIME. WHAT'D BE  
COOL IS IF HE STOPPED  
BREAKING THE LAW.

WELL, I BET  
THE PEOPLE THEY RESCUED  
FROM THAT HIJACKED PLANE ARE  
GLAD CAP'S SECRET AVENGERS  
ARE STILL AROUND, DARLENE.

OH MY  
GOD!



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING OUT  
OF BED, MISTER  
STORM? YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED TO  
BE ASLEEP!



DOES ANYONE  
KNOW WHERE  
MY SISTER  
WENT?



# GEFFEN-MEYER CHEMICALS:



HOW MANY WORKERS DID THE RADIO SAY?

THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED--BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD GOING ON HERE, CAPTAIN. I'M GETTING NOTHING OVER MY INFO-NET CONNECTION IN TERMS OF PANIC SIGNALS, OR...

WHAT'S WRONG, CABLE?

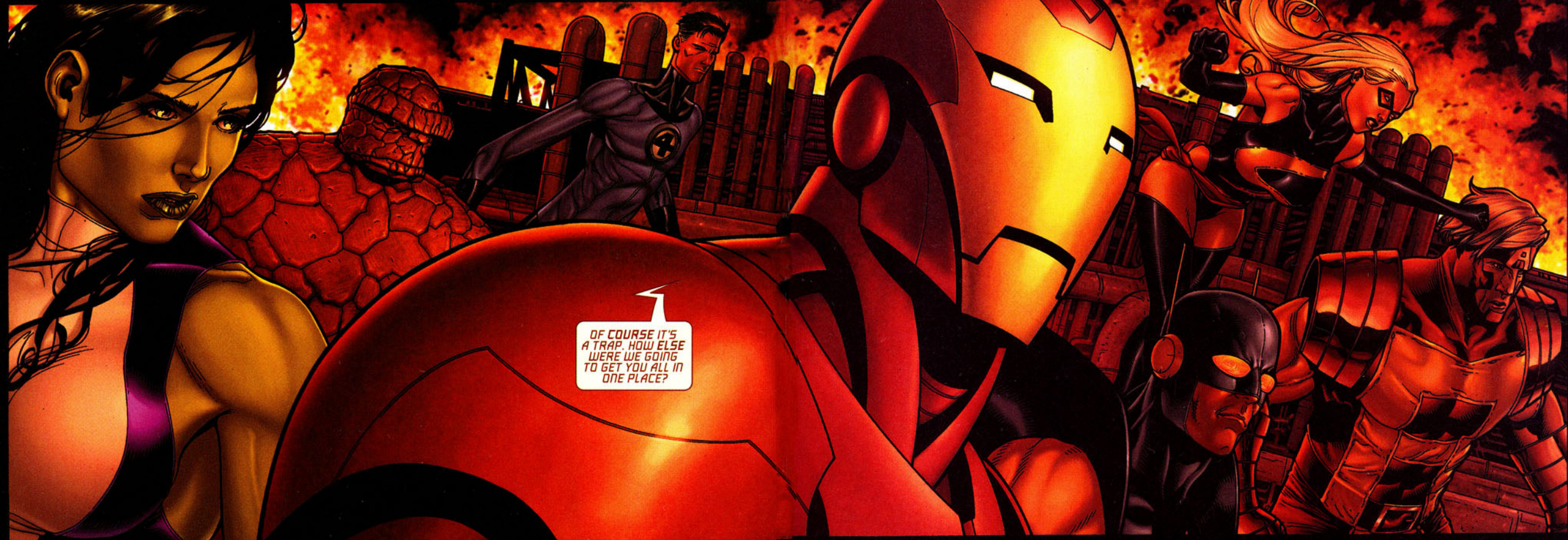


GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, BOYS!  
IT'S A TRAP!



CLOAK!  
WICCAN!

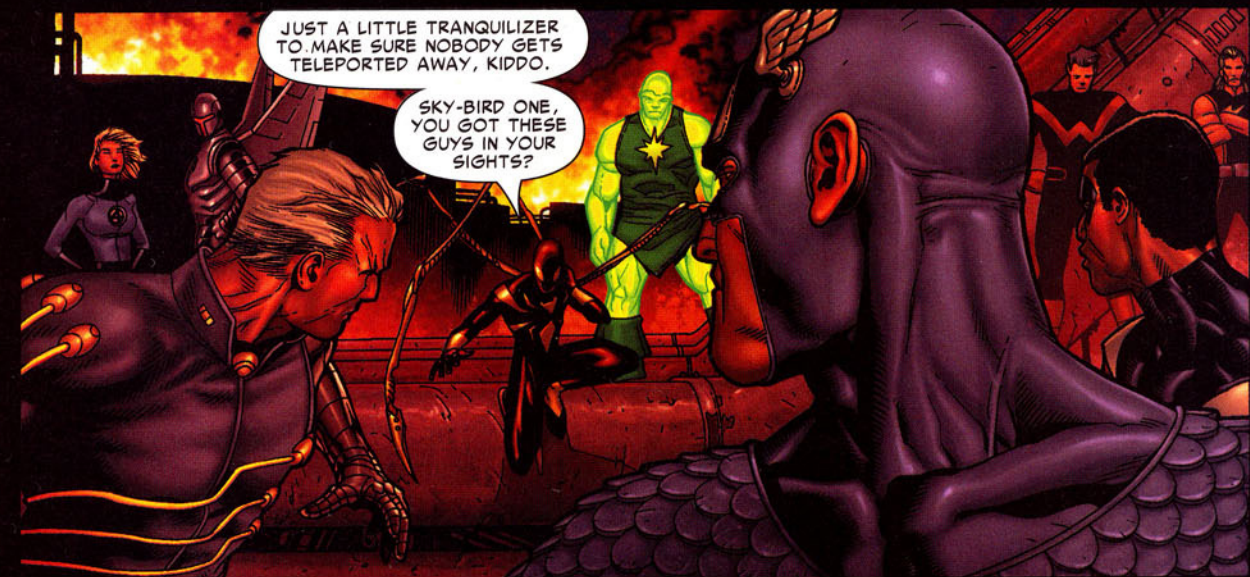




OF COURSE IT'S  
A TRAP. HOW ELSE  
WERE WE GOING  
TO GET YOU ALL IN  
ONE PLACE?



WHAT THE HELL HAVE  
THEY DONE TO THEM,  
CAP? THEY'RE OUT  
COLD!



JUST A LITTLE TRANQUILIZER  
TO MAKE SURE NOBODY GETS  
TELEPORTED AWAY, KIDDO.

SKY-BIRD ONE,  
YOU GOT THESE  
GUYS IN YOUR  
SIGHTS?



READY  
WHEN YOU ARE,  
SPIDER-MAN.  
JUST GIVE THE  
WORD.



S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER:

MARIA HILL TO ALL AIRBORNE  
AGENTS: YOU ARE ONLY THERE  
IN A SUPPORT CAPACITY. HOLD  
YOUR FIRE AND AWAIT  
FURTHER ORDERS.






YOUR  
PAYMASTERS  
GOING SOFT,  
TONY?

WE DIDN'T COME  
HERE TO ARREST  
YOU, CAP. I TALKED  
S.H.I.E.L.D. INTO  
OFFERING YOU ONE  
FINAL AMNESTY.


YOU MEAN A  
SURRENDER?

THANKS, BUT  
I THINK I'D  
RATHER TAKE  
MY CHANCES.



DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT  
PRINCIPLES, SPIDER-MAN.  
I SAW THAT LITTLE STUNT  
YOU PULLED ON TV. IS MARY  
JANE HAPPY ABOUT THE  
SANDMAN HAVING HER  
ZIP CODE NOW?

AW, C'MON. THE  
ONLY PEOPLE WHO  
WIN WHEN WE'RE  
FIGHTING EACH  
OTHER ARE THE  
BAD GUYS, BIG  
MAN. THIS GOES  
AGAINST EVERY  
PRINCIPLE YOU  
EVER BELIEVED IN.



CAP, PLEASE. I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY.  
I KNOW IT'S AN ENORMOUS CHANGE  
FROM THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS WORKED,  
BUT WE AREN'T LIVING IN NINETEEN  
FORTY-FIVE ANYMORE.

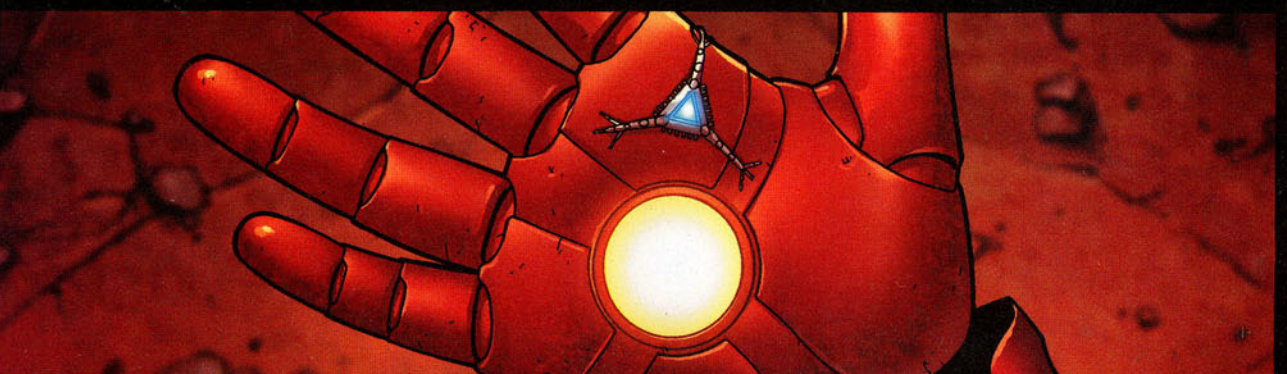
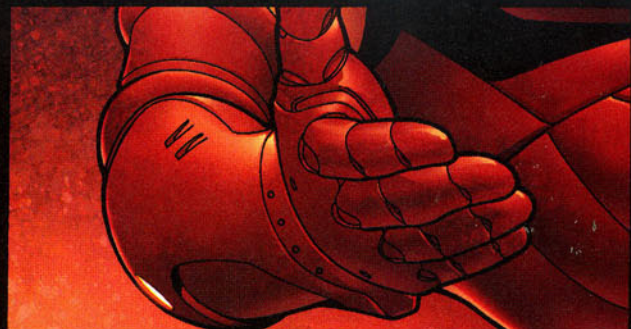
THE PUBLIC DOESN'T  
WANT MASKS AND  
SECRET IDENTITIES.  
THEY WANT TO FEEL  
SAFE WHEN WE'RE  
AROUND, AND THERE'S  
NO OTHER WAY TO  
WIN BACK THEIR  
RESPECT.

YOU'VE KNOWN ME HALF MY ADULT LIFE,  
CAP. YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T DO THIS  
UNLESS I BELIEVED IN IT WITH ALL  
MY HEART.


WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.  
JUST GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO TELL  
YOU OUR PLANS FOR MY TWENTY-  
FIRST CENTURY OVERHAUL.





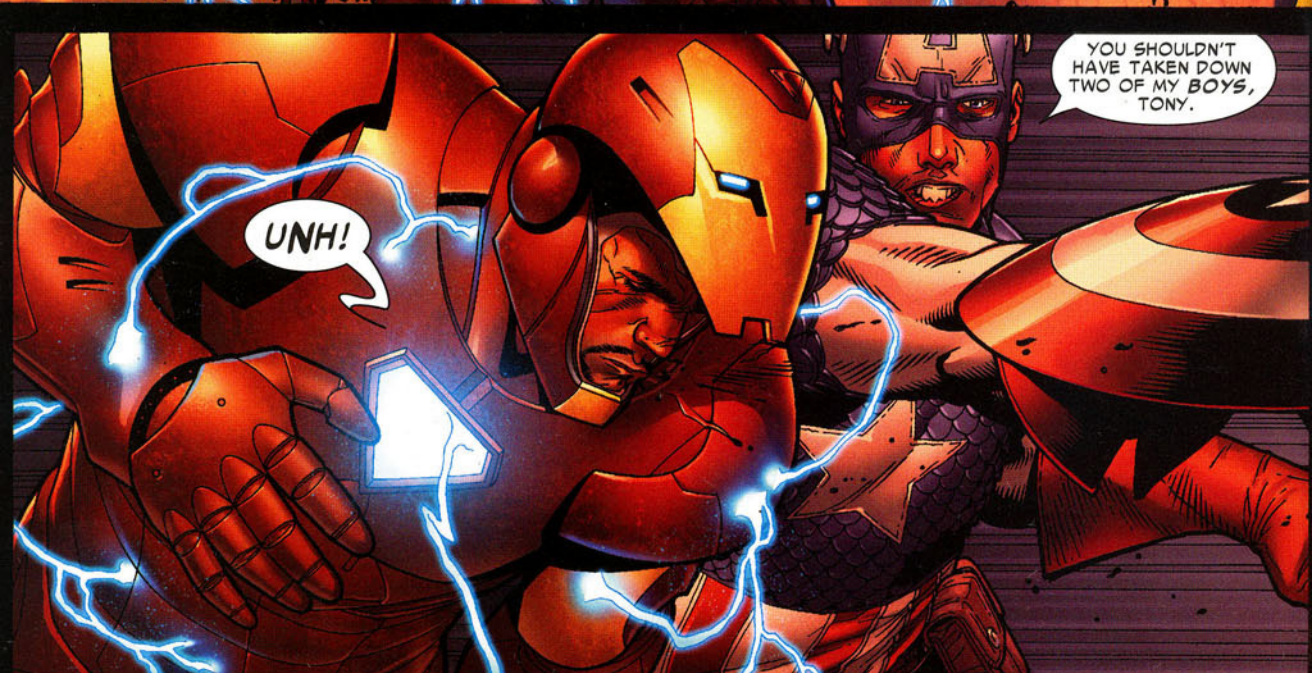






IT'S A S.H.I.E.L.D.  
ELECTRON-SCRAMBLER,  
DEVELOPED BY NICK FURY'S  
TECH TEAM IN CASE YOU  
EVER WENT OVER TO  
THE OTHER SIDE.

AAAGH!!



YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE TAKEN DOWN  
TWO OF MY BOYS,  
TONY.

UHH!



HEAD FOR THE  
WATER!

GO!!

HANK, PLEASE!  
WE CAN DO THIS  
WITHOUT YOU  
HAVING TO  
GROW--!





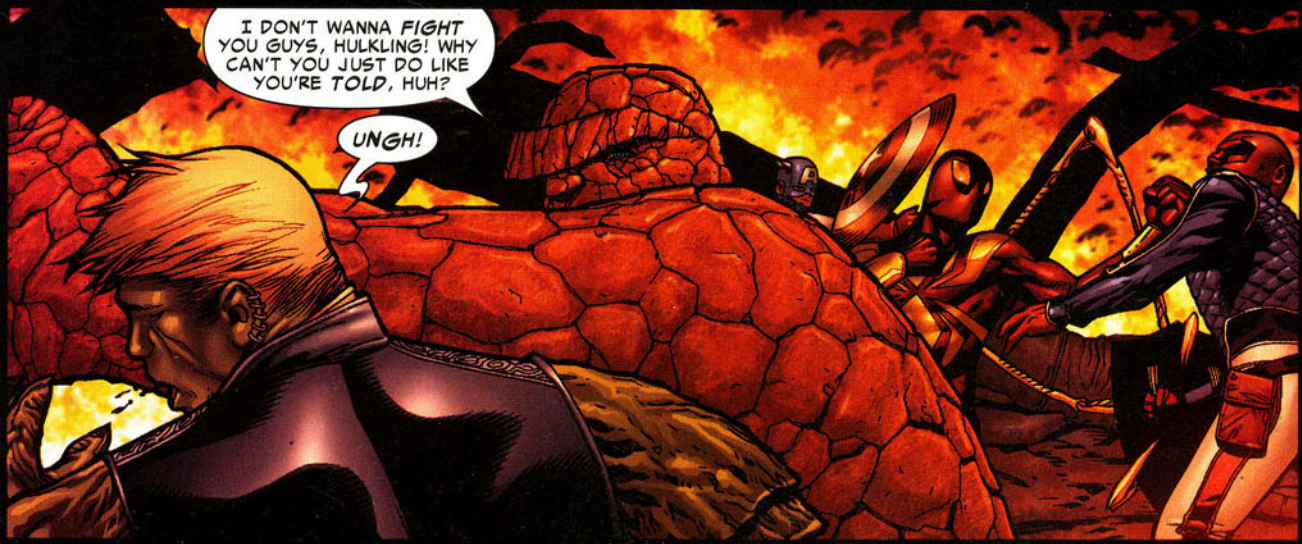
HURRK!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE SMART, BILL.



CONTROL TO AIRBORNE: DO NOT GET INVOLVED UNLESS PERIMETER IS BREACHED.

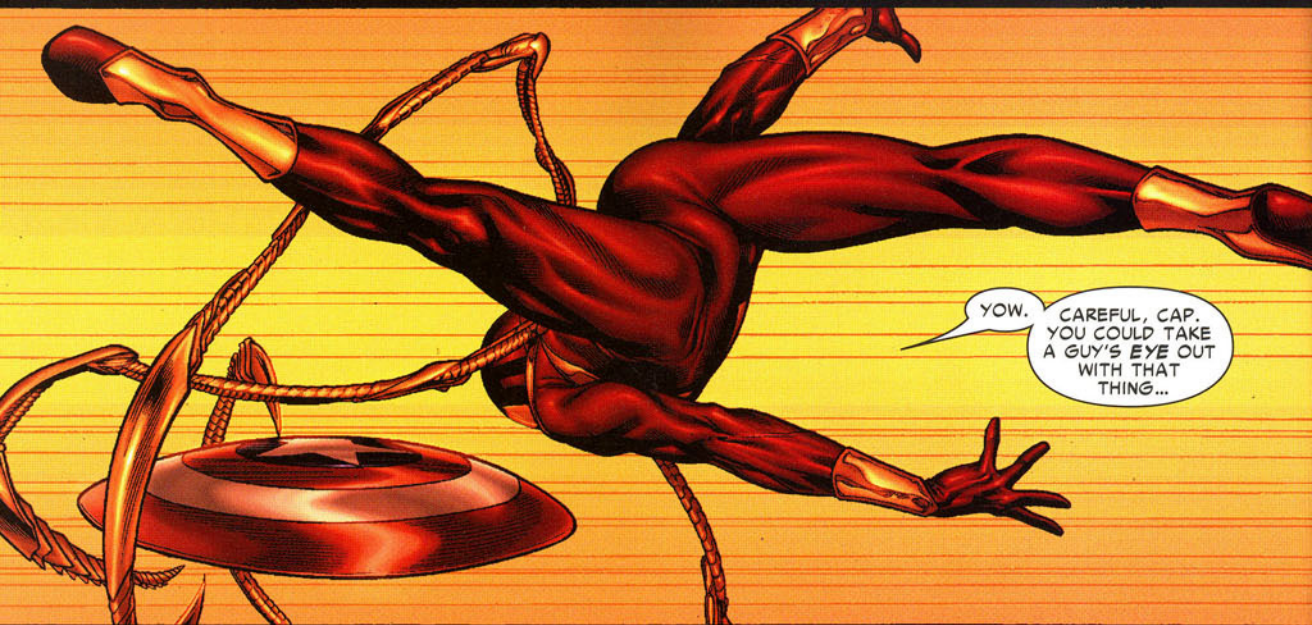
"CODENAME LIGHTNING" IS UP NEXT. I REPEAT, HOLD YOUR FIRE UNTIL IRON MAN GIVES THE GO-AHEAD.



I DON'T WANNA FIGHT YOU GUYS, HULKLING! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST DO LIKE YOU'RE TOLD, HUH?

UNGH!





YOW.

CAREFUL, CAP.  
YOU COULD TAKE  
A GUY'S EYE OUT  
WITH THAT  
THING...



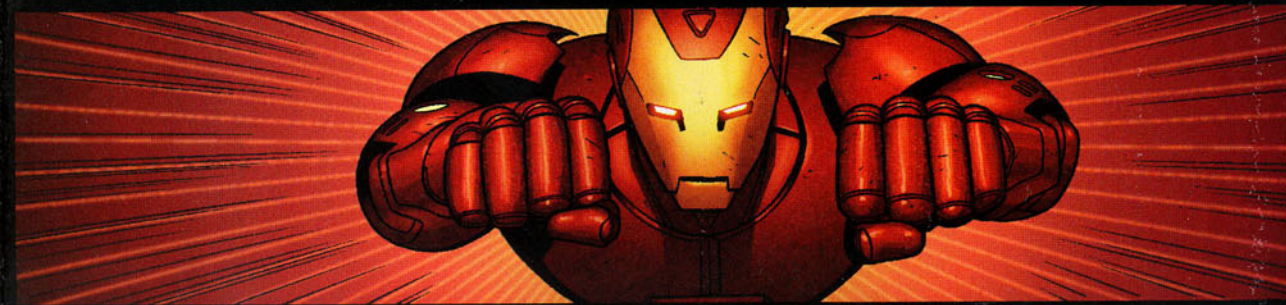
...LIKE  
THESE POOR  
SCHMUCKS, FOR  
INSTANCE.



I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.  
WHERE'D HE  
GO?

SPIDER-MAN'S  
WEARING A NEW SUIT  
STARK DESIGNED,  
PATRIOT: BULLET-  
PROOF, GLIDE-FUNCTION  
AND STEALTH-  
MODE...





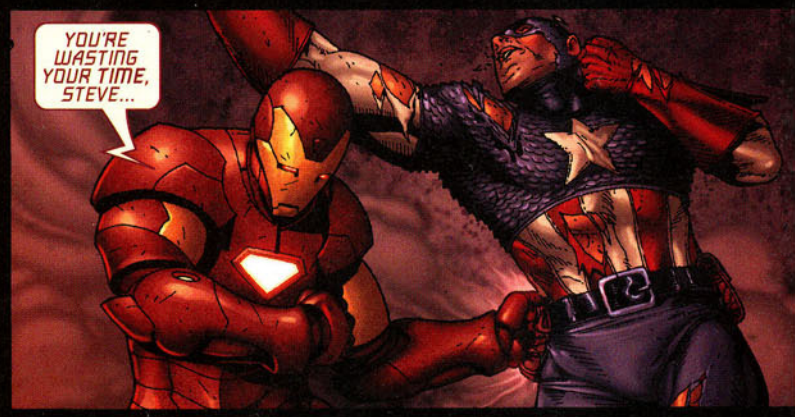




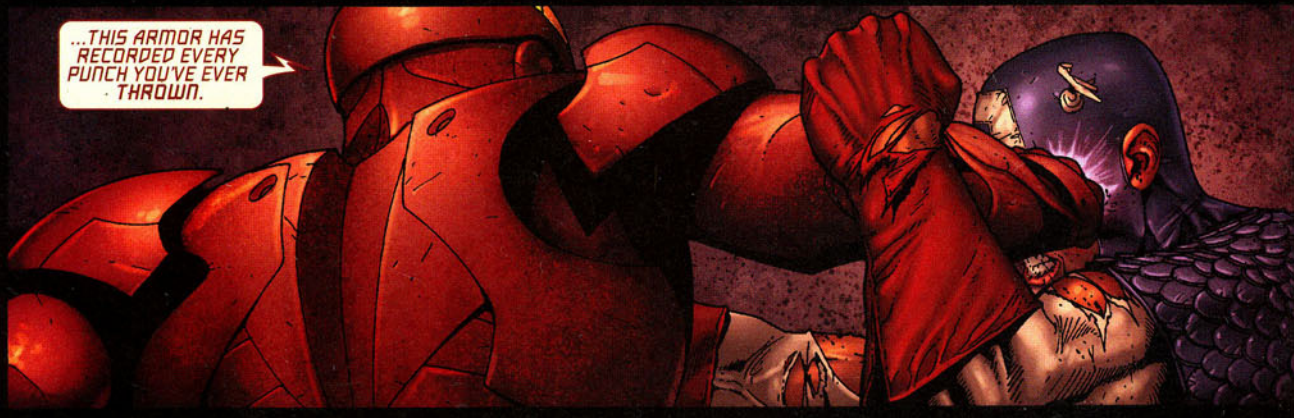
CAPTAIN!  
BEWARE!



NGH!



YOU'RE  
WASTING  
YOUR TIME,  
STEVE...



...THIS ARMOR HAS  
RECORDED EVERY  
PUNCH YOU'VE EVER  
THROWN.



IT KNOWS YOUR  
NEXT MOVE BEFORE  
YOU DO...













TO BE  
CONTINUED...