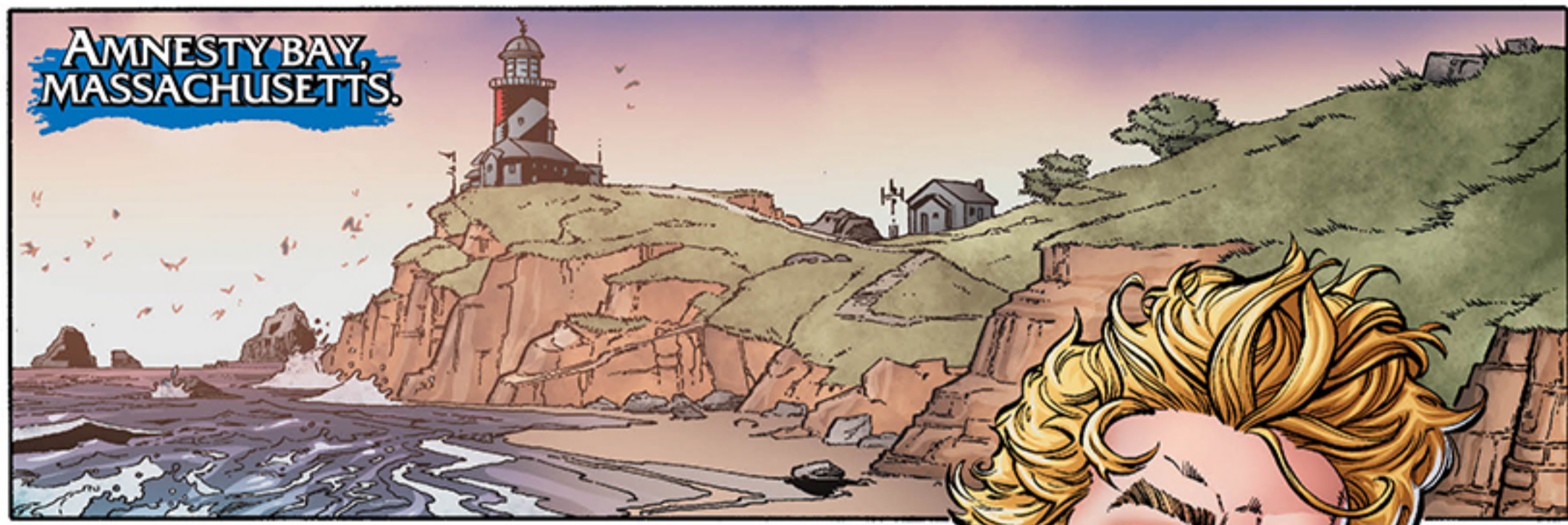


AMNESTY BAY,
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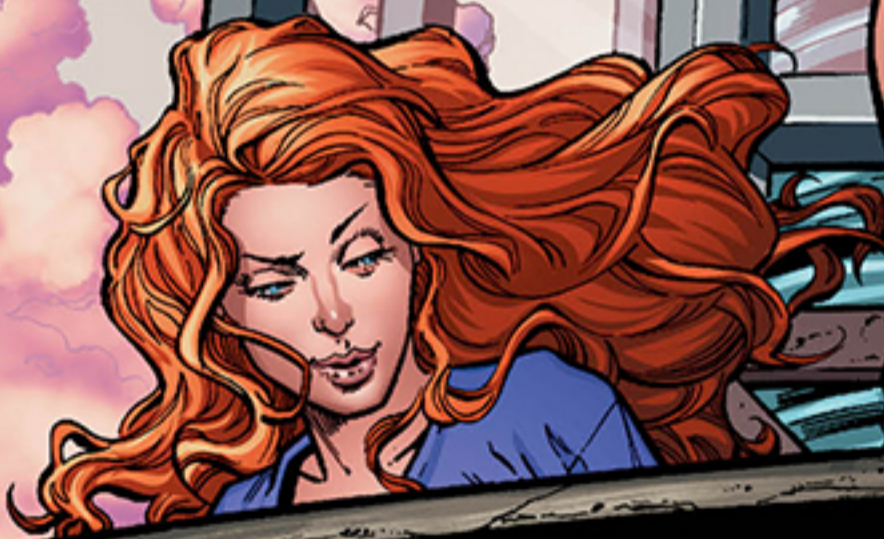


YOU'RE
UP EARLY.

BIG
DAY
AHEAD
OF US,
MERA.

DON'T
THINK I
SLEPT
MUCH.

COFFEE?



THANKS.

YOU NERVOUS?

I AM BETROTHED TO THE KING OF ATLANTIS, ARTHUR. I DON'T GET NERVOUS.

YOUR DREAM OF DRAWING THE PEOPLE OF LAND AND SEA CLOSER TOGETHER.

THIS BRIDGE YOU WANT TO BUILD...

I DON'T THINK WE'LL SEE IT DONE IN OUR LIFETIMES.

MAYBE.

THE SURFACE FEARS ATLANTIS. IT HAS FEARED IT FOR A LONG TIME.

THAT'S A FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN.

AND ATLANTIS HAS NEVER TRUSTED THE LAND-DWELLERS. THAT'S WHY WE KEEP OURSELVES HIDDEN.

IT'S TIME FOR THAT TO CHANGE. BEFORE WE REACH A PLACE WE CAN'T COME BACK FROM.

WAR?

YESTERDAY THE DRIFT INTERCEPTED A CHINESE NUCLEAR SUB. IT WAS HUNTING FOR ATLANTIS.

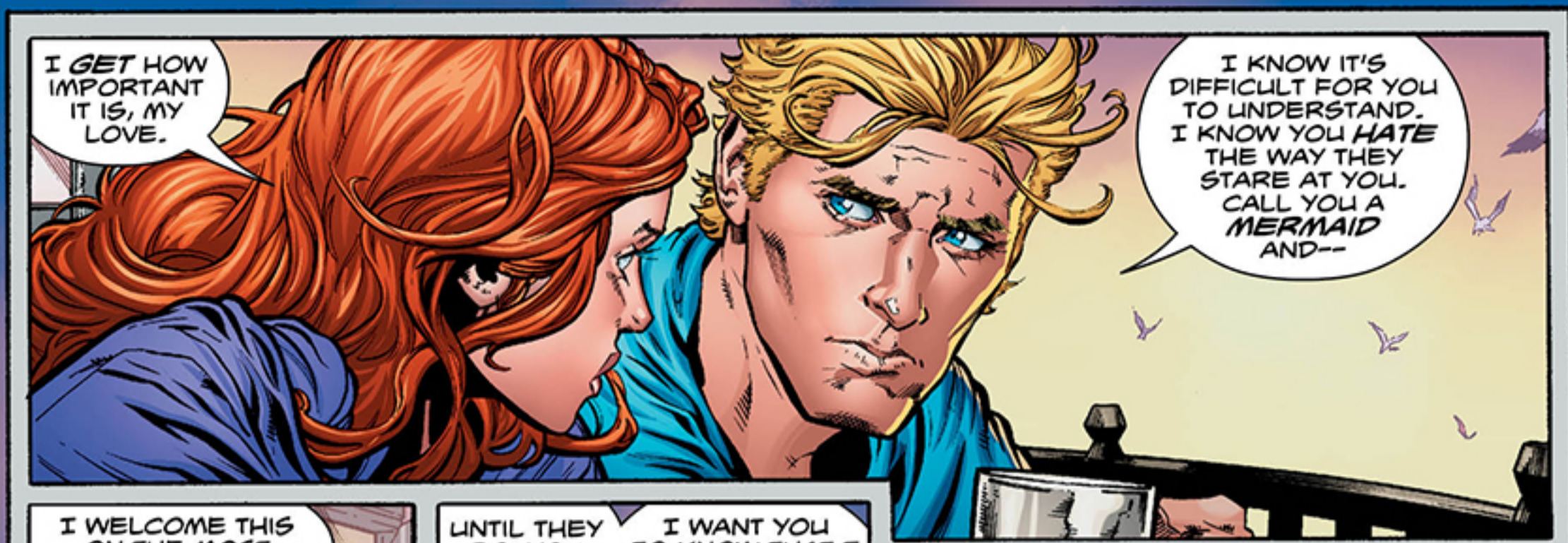
THE DRIFT ARE OUR ELITE FORCES. THEY AVOIDED AN OUTRIGHT CLASH.

BUT THERE'S TOO MUCH FEAR AND TENSION.

AND THANKS TO THE LIKES OF MY DEAR BROTHER ORM, THE SURFACE HAS PLENTY OF REASONS TO FEAR ATLANTIS.

MY KINGDOM IS A NATION OF THE WORLD, MERA. IT'S TIME IT TOOK ITS PLACE ON THE WORLD STAGE.

WE NEED TO SECURE ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.



I GET HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, MY LOVE.

I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND. I KNOW YOU HATE THE WAY THEY STARE AT YOU. CALL YOU A MERMAID AND--



I WELCOME THIS ON THE MOST PERSONAL LEVEL, ARTHUR.

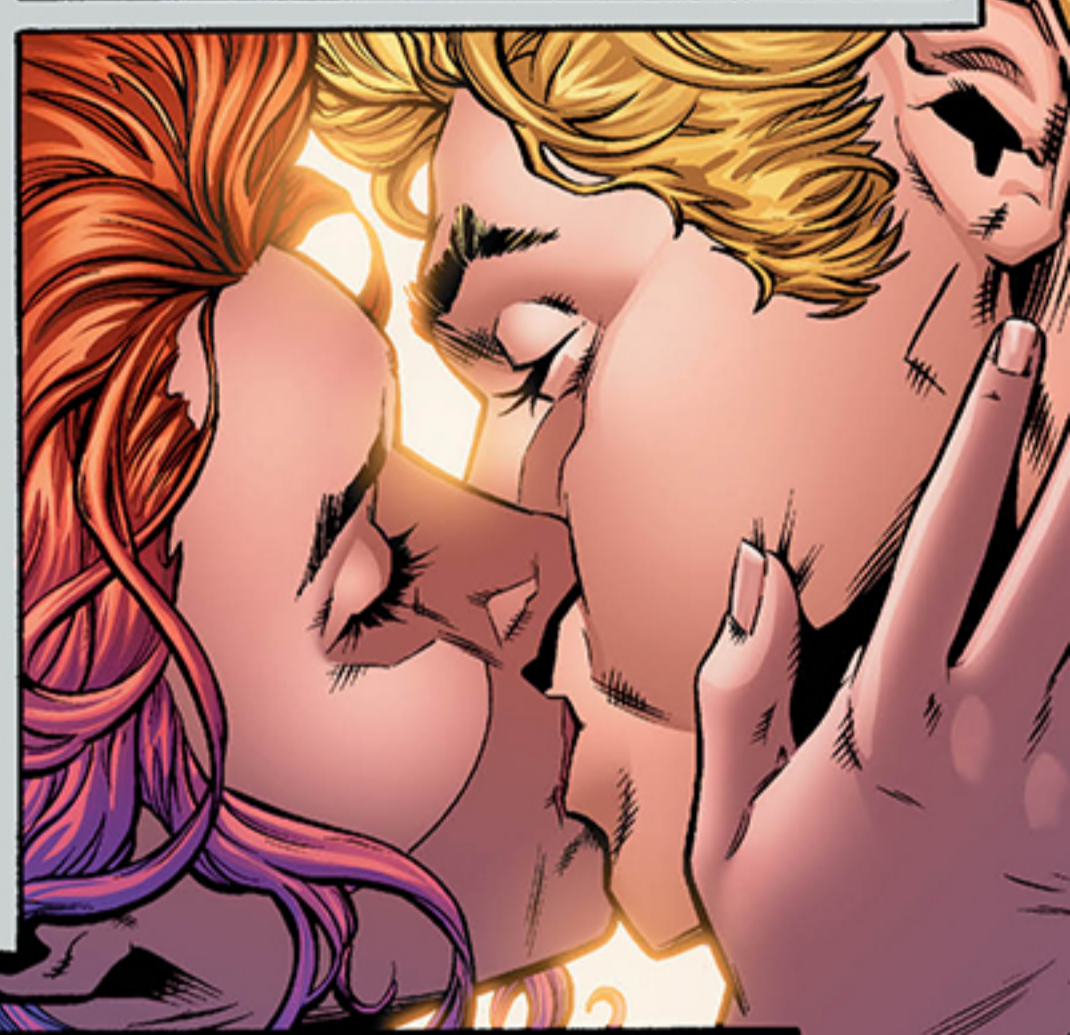
DRAWING LAND AND SEA TOGETHER RECONCILES THE TWO HALVES OF YOU.

YOU ARE A MAN OF TWO WORLDS AND YOU WANT THEM TO UNITE.



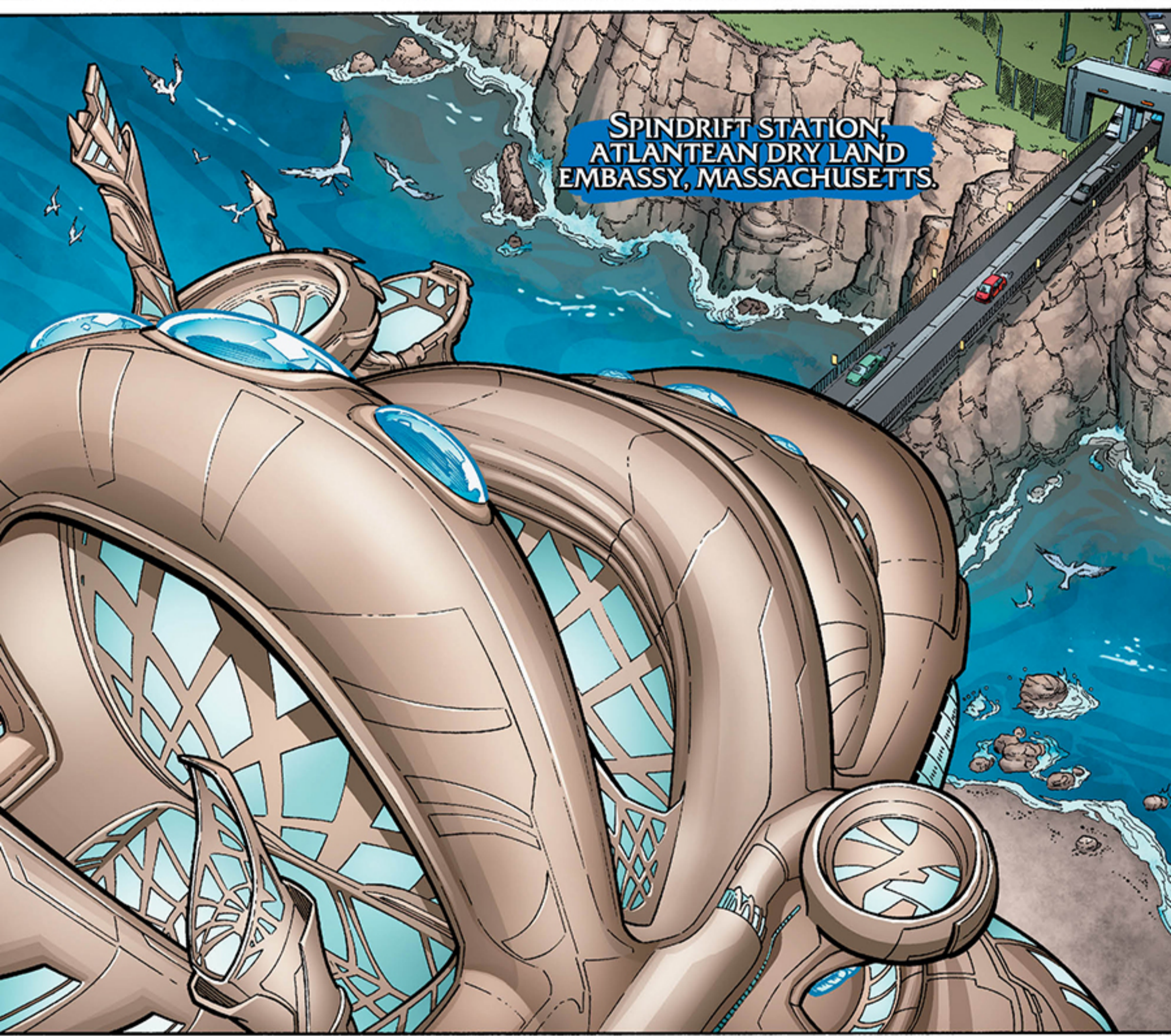
UNTIL THEY DO, YOU ARE NOT WHOLE.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM PROUD OF YOU, AND I WILL BE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.



BIG DAY. LET'S GO AND FACE IT.







HELLUVA PLACE, RIGHT?

YES.

HELLUVA PLACE. ADD A LITTLE LENS FLARE, WE COULD BE IN A J.J. ABRAMS MOVIE, RIGHT?



RAY DELANE. DAILY PLANET.

HELLO.

CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT THIS GIG. ATLANTEANS. "THEY WALK AMONG US." RIGHT?

IT'S A VERY BIG DEAL, MR. DELANE.



...RAY DELANE, DAILY PLANET. IS THERE GOING TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR Q&A?

I'D LOVE SOME FACE TIME WITH AQUAMAN, OR HIS GIRLFRIEND, YOU KNOW, THE REDHEAD MERMAID...

LIEUTENANT JOANNA STUBBS, ROYAL NAVY.

ROYAL?

BRITISH. BRITISH NAVY.

I'M HERE TO TAKE UP MY POST AS BRITISH NAVAL LIAISON TO ATLANTIS.