

THEN.

WE NEVER MEANT TO BE A TEAM. WE WERE JUST A GROUP OF MISFITS, TRYING TO MAKE THE WRONG THINGS RIGHT...

...AND WE HAPPENED TO JOIN UP TO DO IT TOGETHER.



THEN CAME THE ULTIMATE WRONG-- AN EVIL OF EPIC PROPORTIONS THAT STRUCK QUICKLY, WITHOUT MERCY.



NO ONE SAW IT COMING, AND NO ONE COULD STOP IT--HYDRA TOOK CONTROL.



THE UNDERGROUND FORMED, AND THEY CAME FOR OUR HELP.

NOT OUR HELP SO MUCH AS HIS HELP-- THE LEADER OF OUR NONEXISTENT TEAM.



I SUPPOSE WE COULDN'T JOIN HIM...

...BUT THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE FIGHT TO BE FOUGHT.

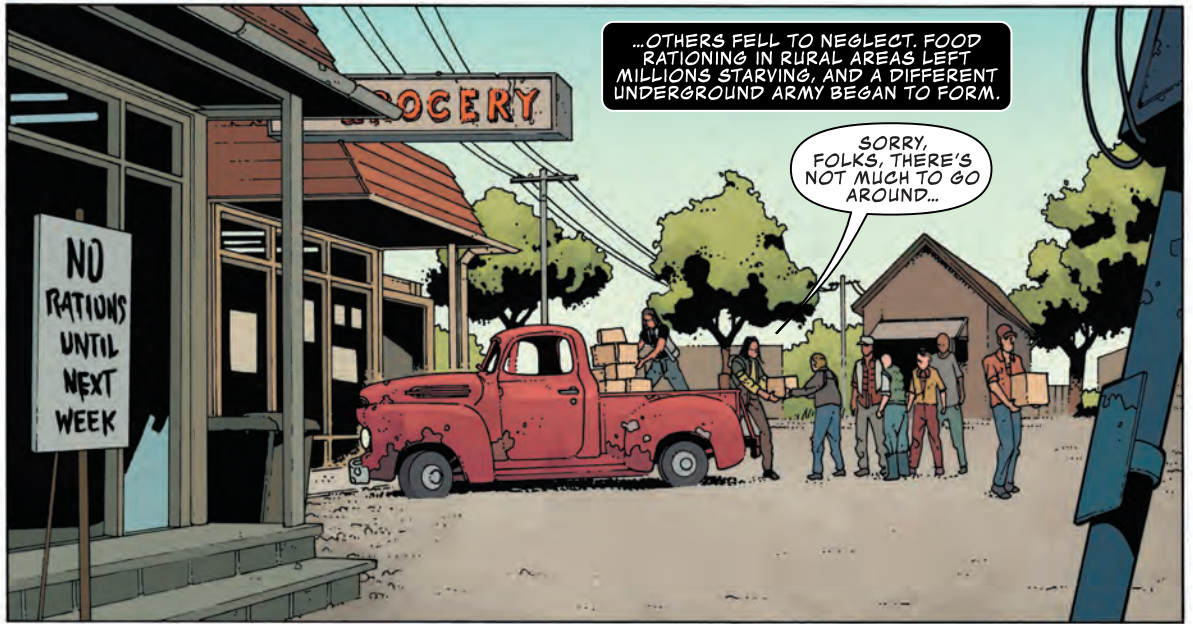


IT WASN'T JUST THE SUPER HEROES WHO'D BEEN CAUGHT WITH THEIR TIGHTS DOWN WHO NEEDED HELP...

...EVERYDAY PEOPLE WERE FALLING VICTIM TO HYDRA.



SOME FELL VICTIM TO THE JACKBOOTED VIOLENCE HYDRA USED TO TAKE CONTROL...



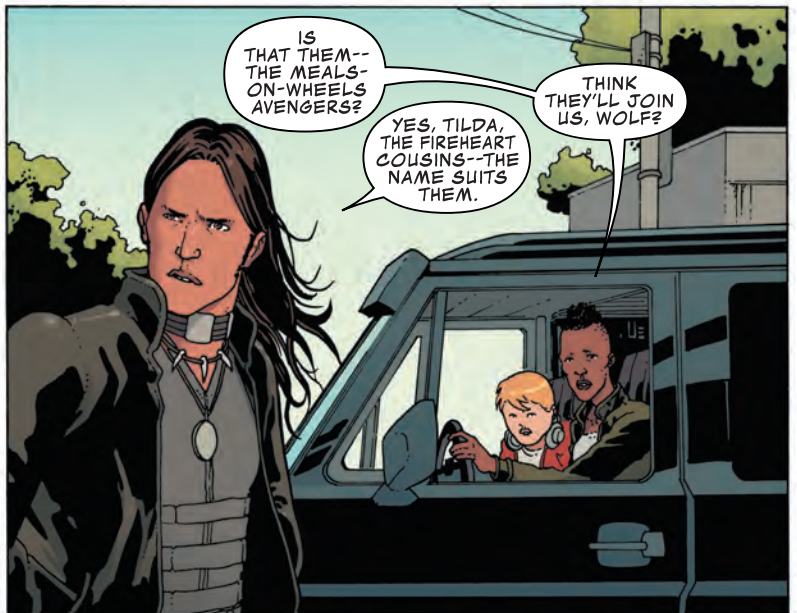
...OTHERS FELL TO NEGLECT. FOOD RATIONING IN RURAL AREAS LEFT MILLIONS STARVING, AND A DIFFERENT UNDERGROUND ARMY BEGAN TO FORM.

SORRY, FOLKS, THERE'S NOT MUCH TO GO AROUND...



DIFFERENT HEROES TOOK A STAND.

...BUT WE'VE GOT FOOD FOR EVERYONE. FAMILIES WITH INFANTS AND CHILDREN GET TOP PRIORITY.



IS THAT THEM-- THE MEALS-ON-WHEELS AVENGERS?

YES, TILDA, THE FIREHEART COUSINS-- THE NAME SUITS THEM.

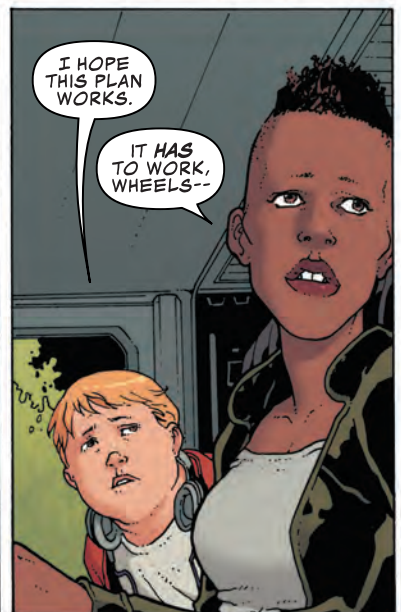
THINK THEY'LL JOIN US, WOLF?



THEY FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH HAWKEYE AND ME--RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR A CAUSE THEY BELIEVED IN.

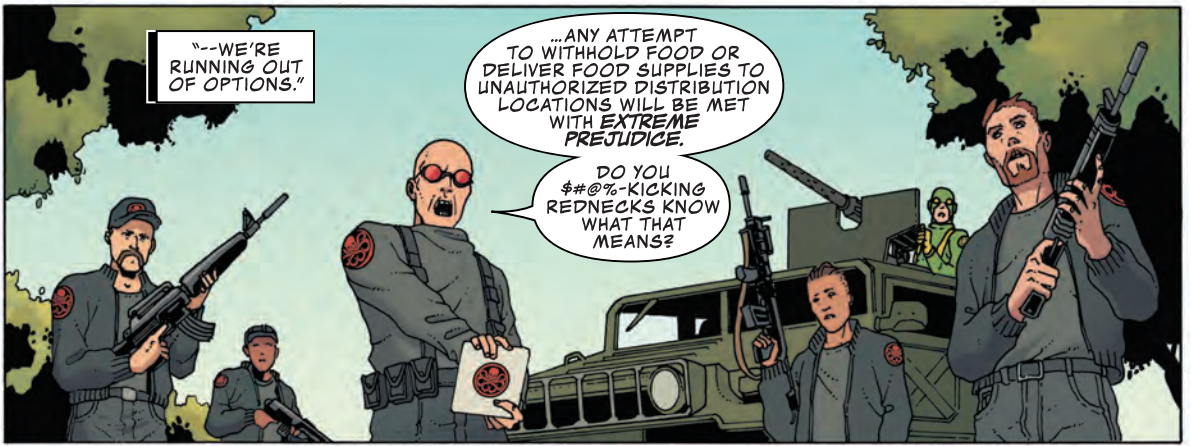


SILAS AND FRANK FIREHEART-- I WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU.



I HOPE THIS PLAN WORKS.

IT HAS TO WORK, WHEELS--



"--WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF OPTIONS."

...ANY ATTEMPT TO WITHHOLD FOOD OR DELIVER FOOD SUPPLIES TO UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS WILL BE MET WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE.

DO YOU \$#@%-KICKING REDNECKS KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?



IT MEANS THAT IF YOU TAKE ONE LEAF OF LETTUCE SOMEWHERE IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO GO, YOU WILL BE EXECUTED.

ANY QUESTIONS?

YEAH, I GOT A QUESTION...



...HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SURVIVE?!

WE AIN'T GETTIN' PAID FOR OUR CROPS AND LIVESTOCK!

YOU AIN'T EVEN LEAVIN' US ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED OURSELVES!

AIN'T A DAMN FAMILY IN NEBRASKA THAT AIN'T STARVIN' TO DEATH!



FROM WHAT I HEAR, IT'S THE SAME ALL OVER!

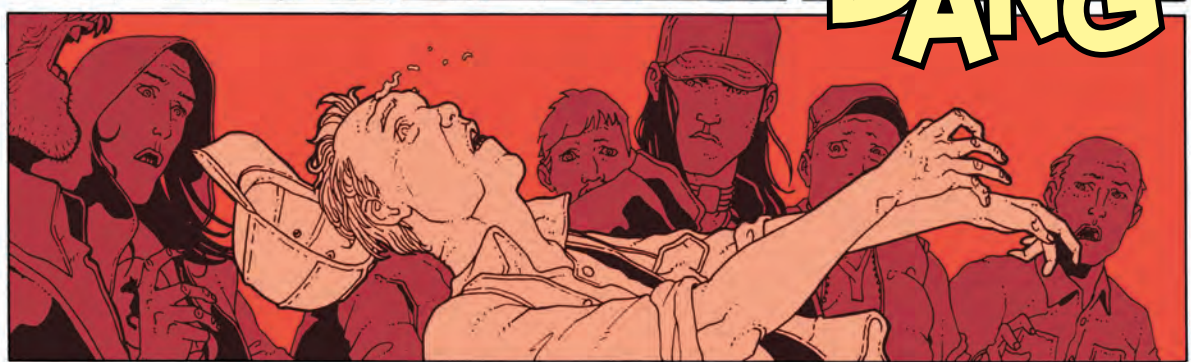
LET ME TELL YOU--IT'LL BE A COLD DAY IN HELL 'FORE I LET SOME CLOWNS IN GREEN MASKS STEAL FOOD FROM THE MOUTHS OF MY FAMILY!

YOU HEAR ME?!



MARTY?!

BANG





IN CASE I WASN'T CLEAR EARLIER-- ANY ATTEMPT TO WITHHOLD FOOD, OR DELIVER FOOD SUPPLIES TO UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS WILL BE MET WITH **EXTREME PREJUDICE.**

YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE YOUR FOOD RATIONS...



"...BUT NOT UNTIL THE FOOD HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO HYDRA'S PRIORITY PROTOCOLS."



NOW.



HERE THEY COME...



...LOOKS LIKE OUR INTEL WAS GOOD.



WE'VE GOT LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES UNTIL THEY GET HERE...