

Natasha Romanoff is an ex-KGB assassin, an ex-agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., and a sometime Avenger. She has tried to use her unique skill set to atone for her past, but atonement is not erasure. Sooner or later, the past comes prowling back.

# BLACK WIDOW

The Weeping Lion, who gathers secrets through psychic eavesdropping, blackmailed Black Widow into working for him, until she failed a task and her secret was released...causing the Lion to lose his leverage. Natasha tracked down and defeated the Lion. Now Black Widow intends to use him against old enemies: the former Red Room Headmistress and her daughter, Recluse, who founded the Dark Room, a new school for child assassins. The Widow won't allow more girls to share her own fate.

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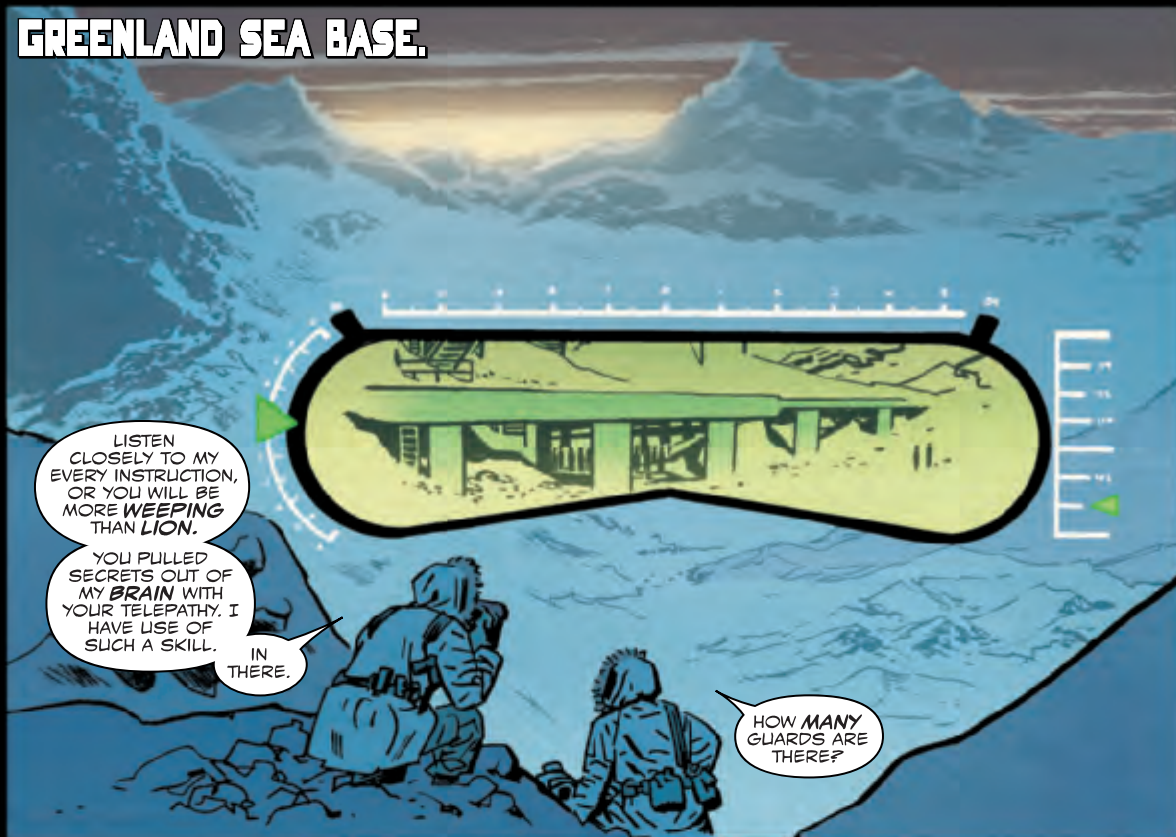
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# GREENLAND SEA BASE.



LISTEN CLOSELY TO MY EVERY INSTRUCTION, OR YOU WILL BE MORE **WEEPING** THAN **LION**.

YOU PULLED SECRETS OUT OF MY **BRAIN** WITH YOUR TELEPATHY. I HAVE USE OF SUCH A SKILL.

IN THERE.

HOW MANY GUARDS ARE THERE?



NEVER ENOUGH.



THESE AREN'T THE DROIDS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?



JUST PRACTICING, OY.



NATASHA ROMANOFF

FIRST KILL MISSION:

THE YUGOSLAVIAN

PAPA!

MAMA SAID NOTHING OF YOU BEING RELEASED TODAY!

WE WANTED TO KEEP IT A SURPRISE.

WHOA.

YOU LIKE? IT'S BRAND NEW. YOUR FATHER RIDES IN STYLE. ALWAYS.





YOU **DESERVE** IT. AFTER WHAT THOSE AWFUL MEN **DID** TO YOU...THE **LIES** THEY TOLD TO PUT YOU IN JAIL...

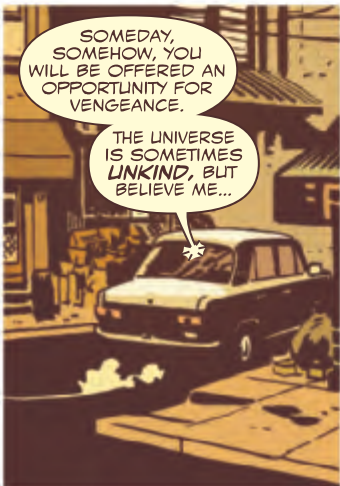


I'M SORRY. I SHOULDN'T DWELL.

ON THE **CONTRARY**.



**KNOW THIS**, YOU AND YOUR **COUSIN BOTH**: WHEN SOMEONE **WRONGS** YOUR **FAMILY**, **REMEMBER** IT. FOR WHAT GOES **AROUND** COMES **AROUND**.



SOMEDAY, SOMEHOW, YOU WILL BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VENGEANCE.

THE UNIVERSE IS SOMETIMES **LINKIND**, BUT BELIEVE ME...



...IT BENDS TOWARDS **JUSTICE**.