



THE ASTONISHING ANT-MAN

**SCOTT LANG: BUSINESS OWNER, DIVORCED DAD, EX-CON...OH, AND HE'S ANT-MAN--
A SUPER HERO WITH THE ABILITY TO SHRINK AND TALK TO ANTS!**

**TO PUT THINGS SIMPLY, LIFE'S PUT SCOTT THROUGH THE WRINGER MORE THAN A
FEW TIMES, BUT HE'S ALWAYS HAD ONE CONSTANT: HIS DAUGHTER CASSIE. SO WHEN
HE STARTED INVESTIGATING THE CREATORS OF HENCH AND LACKEY (TWO RIVAL
APPS THAT PLACE SUPER VILLAINS AT THE BECK AND CALL OF ANYONE WITH A
SMARTPHONE), SCOTT DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO KEEP CASSIE OUT OF
HARM'S WAY.**

**BUT CASSIE (A FORMER SUPER HERO HERSELF) FELT LEFT OUT OF THE ACTION AND
DECIDED TO REBEL IN THE WORST WAY: SHE USED THE LATEST HENCH UPDATE TO
BECOME A SUPER VILLAIN. HER PLAN BACKFIRED, OF COURSE, AND CASSIE FOUND
HERSELF CAUGHT IN THE CLUTCHES OF HER DAD'S OLD FOE, DARREN CROSS.
SCOTT SHOWED UP JUST IN TIME TO HELP CASSIE GET AWAY, BUT NOW HE'S ON
TRIAL FOR A CRIME HE DIDN'T COMMIT...**



THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS OF CIVIL WAR II

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So this is my secret origin story. How it all began.

With the birth of my little girl, *Cassie*.



Now, plenty of parents will tell you, life doesn't really start until your kids are born--

--but I think it's even more true in my case.



I've made a lot of mistakes.

There are *plenty* of things I'd take back if I could--



--but Cassie's the one thing I'd never change.



She's inspired me to do every decent thing I've ever done--

--made me
capable of more
than I could
ever imagine.



I've always
tried to make
her proud--



--even if I
come up short
sometimes.



And like any dad,
I see a lot of
myself in her--



--maybe
too much
sometimes.



But she still
manages to
surpass my every
hope and dream--



--she's stronger
than me--



--smarter
than me--



--and a better
person than
I could ever
hope to be.



So, yeah, if
it all starts
with her--

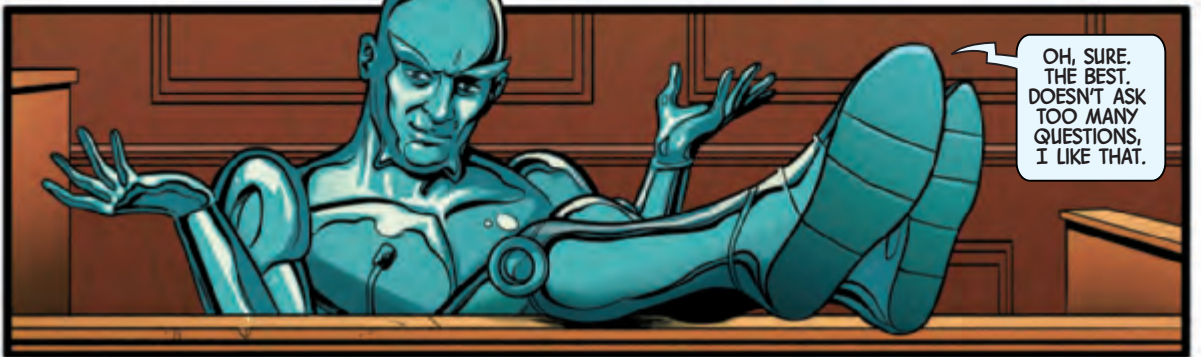




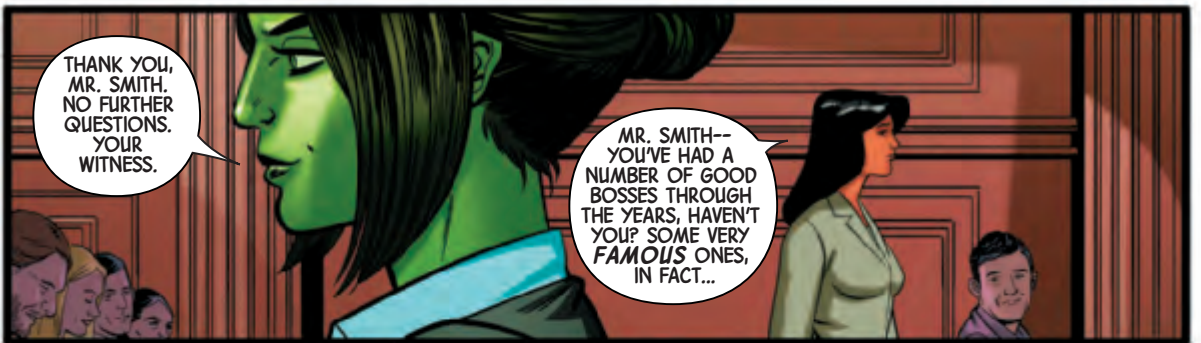
--I guess it should end there, too.



AND YOU WOULD SAY SCOTT LANG WAS A GOOD BOSS?



OH, SURE. THE BEST. DOESN'T ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS, I LIKE THAT.



THANK YOU, MR. SMITH. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. YOUR WITNESS.

MR. SMITH-- YOU'VE HAD A NUMBER OF GOOD BOSSES THROUGH THE YEARS, HAVEN'T YOU? SOME VERY FAMOUS ONES, IN FACT...



WELL, I DON'T LIKE TO BRAG, BUT I AM UNDER OATH-- SO YES, I AM THE GREATEST CYBERNETIC TERRORIST THAT EVER LIVED.
AS FAR AS THOSE BOSSES? WELL, **ARNIM ZOLA** WASN'T BAD. YOU MIGHT NOT EXPECT HIM TO BE SO HEAVY INTO THE BERLIN ALL-NIGHT RAVE SCENE, BUT HEY-- LITTLE GUY LIKES TO SHAKE IT. AND **BARON ZEMO** IS ACTUALLY QUITE THE FOODIE--



THAT'S ALL I NEEDED, MR. SMITH.

WAS THAT NOT HELPFUL?

No, as far as character witness testimony goes, it wasn't--