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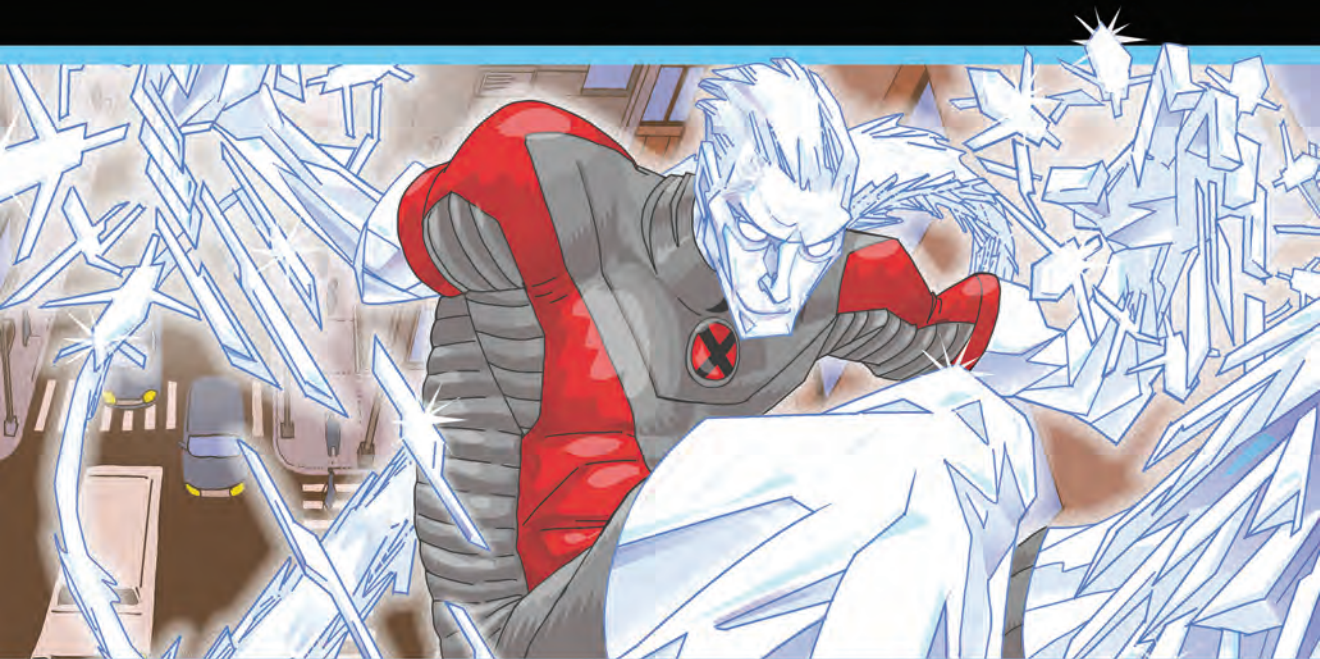
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THIS IS CRIMINAL.
AS IF WE COULDN'T GET CRAPPED ON ANY MORE...
SERIOUSLY, THIS IS ##\$%&.

MAYBE IT'S BLACK WIDOW'S DEATH THAT'S GOT YOU TWISTED, BOBBY... BUT IS THIS REALLY THAT BIG OF A DEAL?



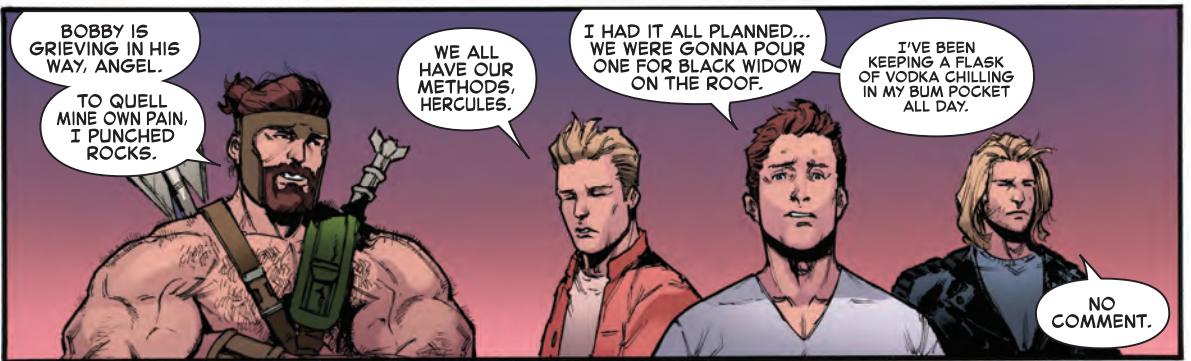
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE, BLAZE...THIS REQUIRES MAJOR SCORN!

OUR OLD CHAMPIONS HQ IS A FRICKIN' GYM.

ALL OF IT.

YOU'RE REALLY LETTING THIS GET TO YOU.

BECAUSE IT'S WACK, WARREN! WE WERE LOCAL HEROES, AND OUR BUILDING IS A FITNESS FRANCHISE?!



BOBBY IS GRIEVING IN HIS WAY, ANGEL.

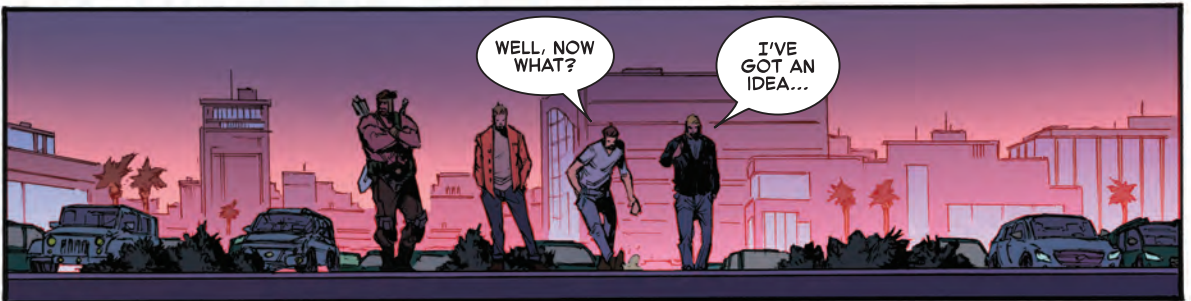
TO QUELL MINE OWN PAIN, I PUNCHED ROCKS.

WE ALL HAVE OUR METHODS, HERCULES.

I HAD IT ALL PLANNED... WE WERE GONNA POUR ONE FOR BLACK WIDOW ON THE ROOF.

I'VE BEEN KEEPING A FLASK OF VODKA CHILLING IN MY BUM POCKET ALL DAY.

NO COMMENT.



WELL, NOW WHAT?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA...

A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER...

A DEMON, AN ANGEL AND A GREEK GOD WALK INTO A BAR...

HA.

HMM...DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME YOU MET HER?

TO BE SO CLOSE TO A WARRIOR UPON THEIR DEATH...I AM PERPLEXED THAT MY MEMORY FAILS ME.

HUH?



I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE BLACK WIDOW.

OUR FIRST FIGHT AS CHAMPIONS IS AS CLEAR AS AN AMBER GLASS OF MEAD WITH SUNLIGHT POURING THROUGH...

...BUT WHEN DID I FIRST MEET HER?



IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME NAT MET ME, BUT I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER.

I WAS GETTING ACROSS TOWN, AND THERE THEY WERE. SHE AND DAREDEVIL MADE A REALLY GOOD CASE FOR ROOFTOP CANOODLING.



PRETTY SURE CHAMPIONS WAS WHEN I REALLY GOT TO KNOW HER...

... THIS NOT-REMEMBERING BUSINESS IS STRESSING ME OUT--BOBBY, WHAT ABOUT YOU?





I BARELY GET BACK INTO EARTH'S ORBIT, AND HAVE TO FIND CIVILIAN CLOTHES...

THAT'S MINE...

...AND THEN I MADE THE STUPID DECISION TO TAKE NORMAL TRANSPORTATION HERE.



THIS STUPID CITY'S STUPID TRAFFIC GETS WORSE AND WORSE AND I AM SITTING IN THIS CAB WONDERING, "WHY DIDN'T I FLY?"

NOW I AM LATE, DRESSED LIKE A SIMPLETON, AND ANGRY ABOUT THE MOST HUMAN, MORTAL THING ON EARTH--TRAFFIC.



THIS IS HOW I HONOR MY COMRADE--BY REVELING IN THE BANAL NATURE OF MORTALITY.

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT TODAY.



WE GET IT.