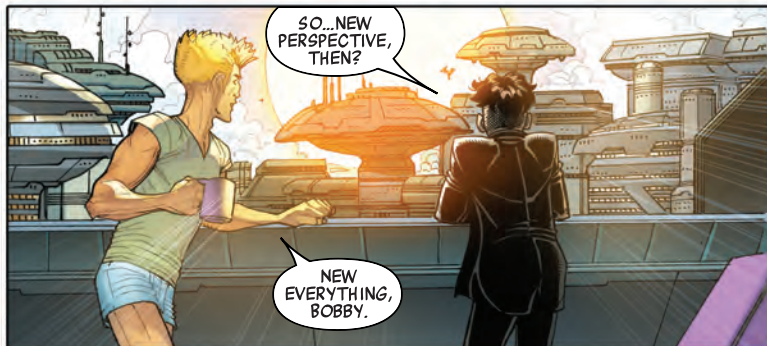


THE FUTURE



THE PAST



THE PRESENT...



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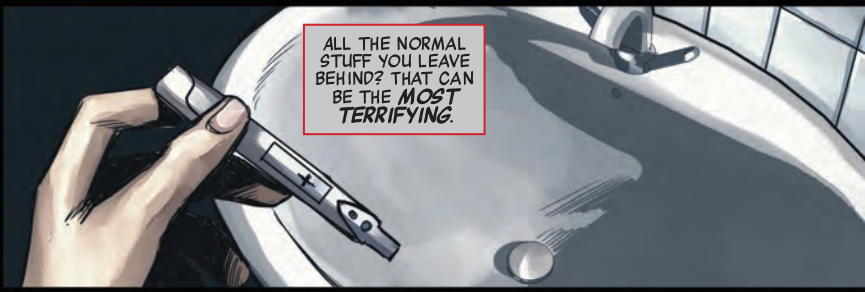
CRAP.

MY NAME'S **IZZY KANE**. I USED TO BE A MILD-MANNERED ASTRONOMER, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE I GOT DRAFTED INTO AN **ELITE INTERGALACTIC SECURITY FORCE**.

THESE DAYS I'M MAINLY IN THE BUSINESS OF **PUNCHING ALIENS** AND **SAVING THE WORLD**. BETWEEN DEALING WITH SUPER VILLAINS AND INTERSTELLAR MONSTROSITIES, I TEND TO LOSE TRACK OF **THE LITTLE THINGS**.



BUT WHAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE...




ALL THE NORMAL STUFF YOU LEAVE BEHIND? THAT CAN BE THE **MOST TERRIFYING**.



CRASH

THE HELL WAS...?



THE IMPERIAL GUARD?!

ISABEL KANE,
DESIGNATE
SMASHER OF EARTH--
YOUR PRESENCE IS
REQUIRED ON THE
SHI'AR HOMEWORLD
IMMEDIATELY.

AND
APOLOGIES
ABOUT YOUR
EARTH
LAMP.

THE GUTHRIE FARM.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

IT SMELLS AMAZING IN HERE, MRS. GUTHRIE.

OH, YOU'RE TOO SWEET, BOBBY. BUT I KNOW MY CASSEROLE AIN'T THE ONLY REASON YOU BOYS'VE DROPPED IN ON US.

YEAH, SPILL THE BEANS, SAMMY. WHERE'S THIS MYSTERY GAL OF YOURS?

SHE'LL BE HERE, MELODY. AS YOU ALL KNOW, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I MET ANYONE... **SPECIAL.**

WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING TO SEE YOU SETTLE DOWN, SON. I'M SURE SHE'S WORTH THE WAIT. I'M JUST SORRY THE REST OF YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS COULDN'T BE HERE TO MEET HER.

SERIOUSLY, LAST TIME I REMEMBER YOU HAVING A GIRLFRIEND I HADN'T EVEN DEVELOPED **MUTANT POWERS** YET.

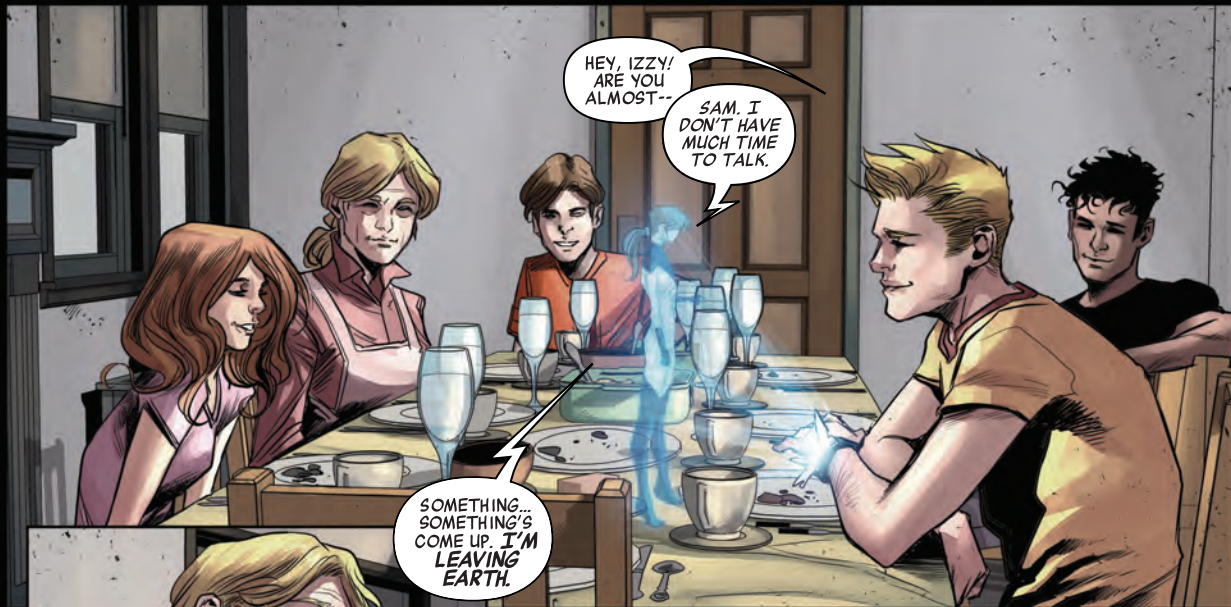
YOU GUYS ARE GONNA LOVE HER. SHE'S SO SMART, AND A REAL STRONG GAL--

ALSO PRETTY EASY ON THE EYES!

AHEM... THANKS, BOBBY. ANYHOW, I'M SURE IZZY JUST GOT CAUGHT UP WITH--

BEEP BEEP

OH, HEY THAT'S HER NOW!



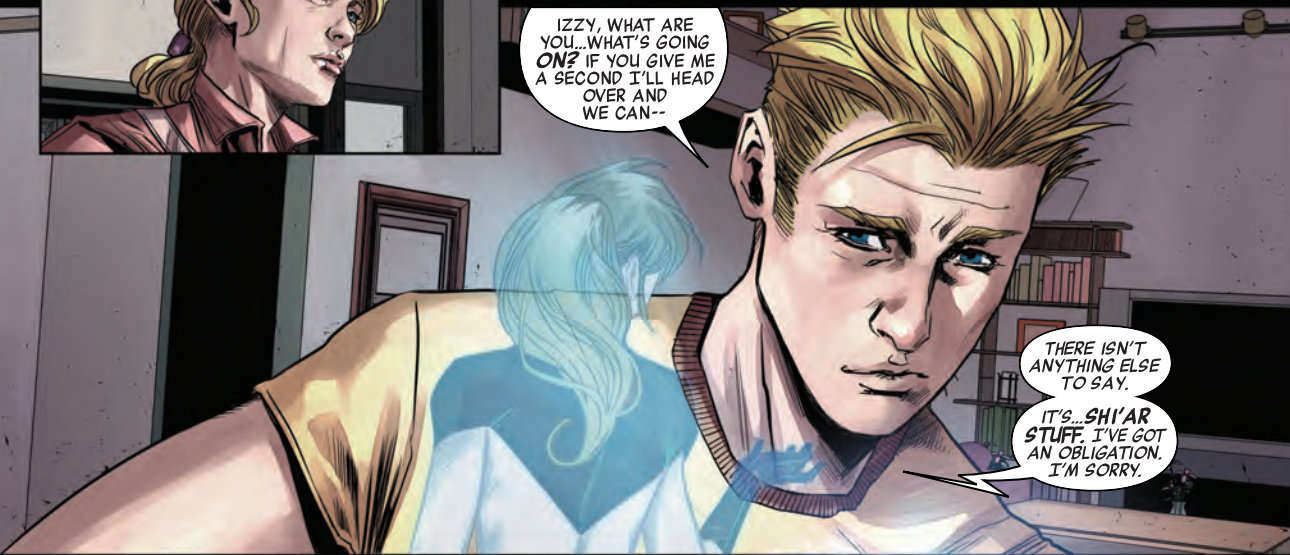
HEY, IZZY!
ARE YOU
ALMOST--

SAM. I
DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME
TO TALK.

SOMETHING...
SOMETHING'S
COME UP. I'M
LEAVING
EARTH.

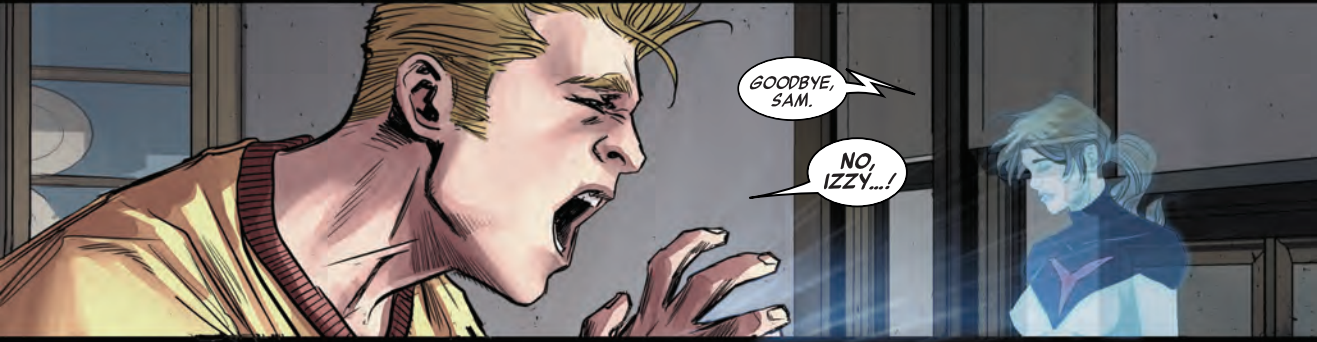


IZZY, WHAT ARE
YOU...WHAT'S GOING
ON? IF YOU GIVE ME
A SECOND I'LL HEAD
OVER AND
WE CAN--



THERE ISN'T
ANYTHING ELSE
TO SAY.

IT'S SHI'AR
STUFF. I'VE GOT
AN OBLIGATION.
I'M SORRY.



GOODBYE,
SAM.

NO,
IZZY...!!



OUCH.