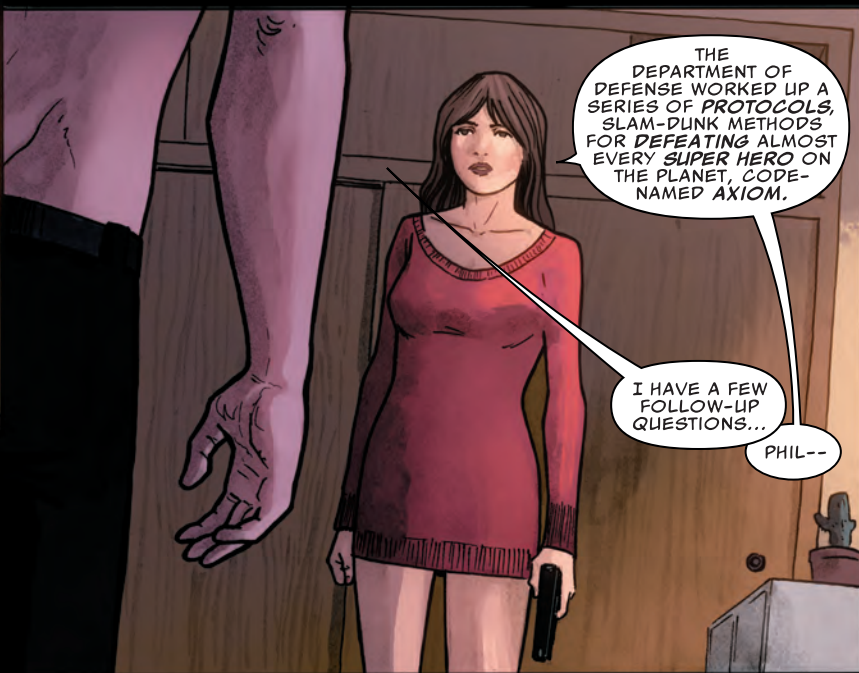


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SAY THAT
AGAIN.

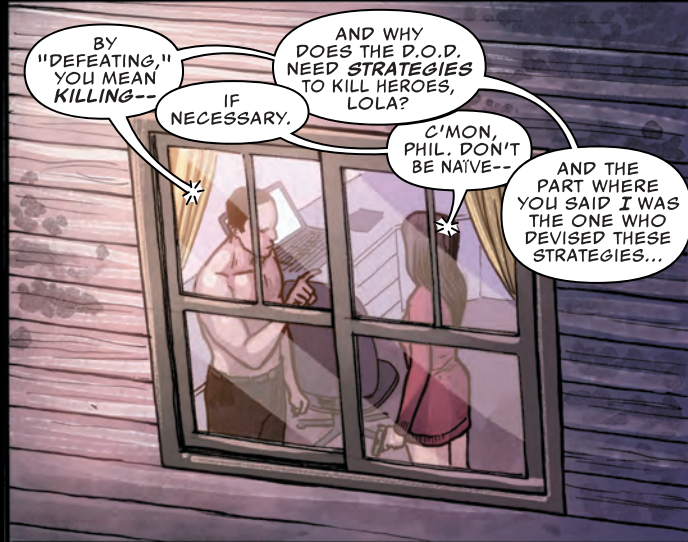
AGENT PHIL
COULSON.



THE
DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE WORKED UP A
SERIES OF **PROTOCOLS**,
SLAM-DUNK METHODS
FOR **DEFEATING** ALMOST
EVERY **SUPER HERO** ON
THE PLANET, CODE-
NAMED **AXIOM**.

I HAVE A FEW
FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONS...

PHIL--



BY
"DEFEATING,"
YOU MEAN
KILLING--

IF
NECESSARY.

AND WHY
DOES THE D.O.D.
NEED **STRATEGIES**
TO KILL HEROES,
LOLA?

C'MON,
PHIL. DON'T
BE NAIVE--

AND THE
PART WHERE
YOU SAID I WAS
THE ONE WHO
DEvised THESE
STRATEGIES...



WELL,
THAT'S--

DO NOT SAY
"CLASSIFIED."

I WAS
GOING TO SAY
COMPLICATED.



I'D
CERTAINLY
THINK SO, GIVEN
THAT I'D REMEMBER
IF I DEvised ANY
ANTI-HERO
TACTICS...

YOU DID,
PHIL.

SO I
WROTE THEM
DOWN AND THEN
A TELEPATH, WHAT,
ERASED ANY
MEMORY OF MY
DOING SO?

IF THE
D.O.D. HAD
A TELEPATH
WORKING FOR
THEM...



...YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO
WRITE THEM
DOWN.

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BATTLECARRIER
BRIEFING ROOM.

THESE
PROTOCOLS--
AXIOM--ARE OUT
IN THE OPEN,
PEOPLE.

THE D.O.D.
IS WORKING ON
RECOVERY, BUT
YOU CAN JUST TRY TO
IMAGINE MY LACK OF
FAITH IN THEM AT
THIS MOMENT.





I HAVE A QUESTION.

YES, DAISY.

HOW MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE IS IT THAT THIS EX-GIRL-FRIEND OF YOURS HAS THE SAME NAME AS YOUR FLYING CAR?

"LOLA..."

DAISY JOHNSON (A.K.A. QUAKE).

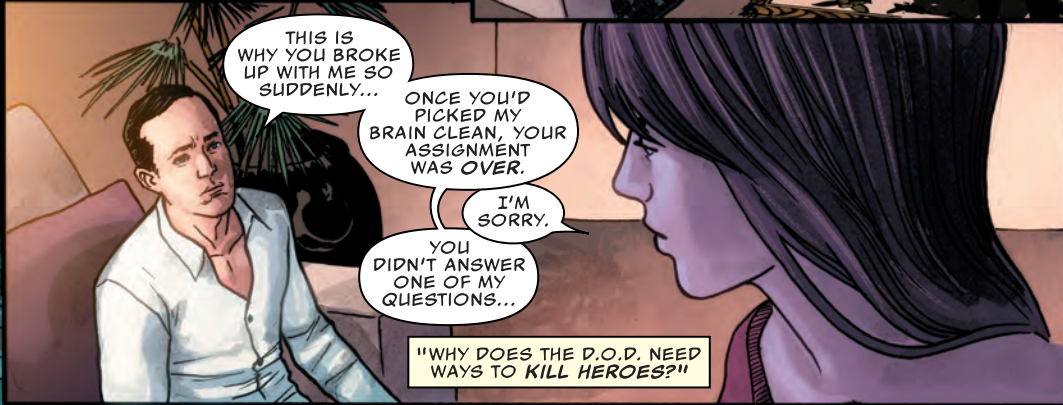


...WHEN WE MET...WHEN WE STARTED DATING...YOU SAID YOU WORKED FOR A K STREET LOBBYIST...

I'M SORRY, PHIL.

LOLA...

I'M A MIND-READER. I WAS RECRUITED BY THE D.O.D. OUT OF COLLEGE.



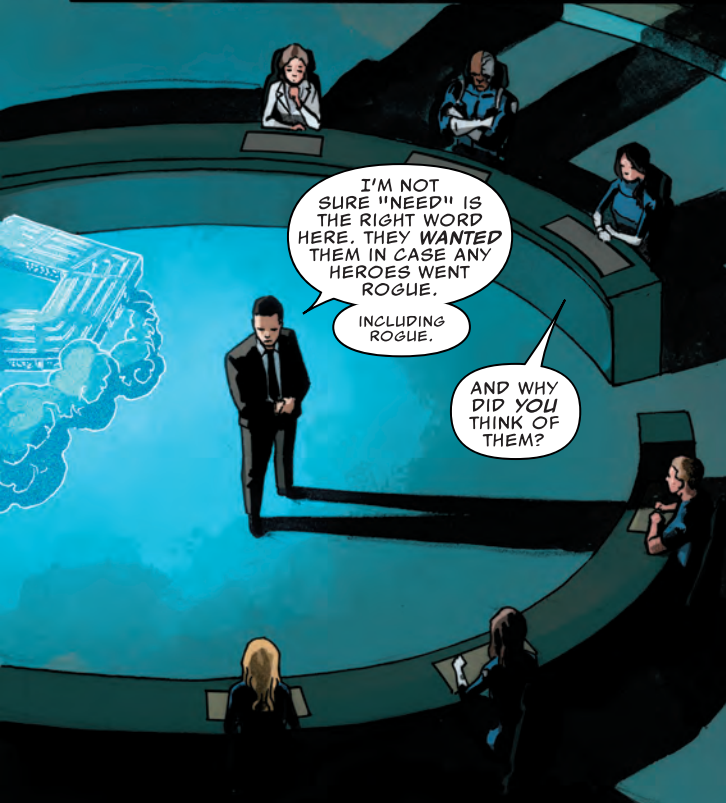
THIS IS WHY YOU BROKE UP WITH ME SO SUDDENLY...

ONCE YOU'D PICKED MY BRAIN CLEAN, YOUR ASSIGNMENT WAS OVER.

I'M SORRY.

YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ONE OF MY QUESTIONS...

"WHY DOES THE D.O.D. NEED WAYS TO KILL HEROES?"



I'M NOT SURE "NEED" IS THE RIGHT WORD HERE. THEY WANTED THEM IN CASE ANY HEROES WENT ROGUE.

INCLUDING ROGUE.

AND WHY DID YOU THINK OF THEM?



SORRY, PHIL, BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE ALL ASKING OURSELVES THAT QUESTION.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF. AS A SUPER HERO AFICIONADO, I COULDN'T KEEP MY MIND FROM GOING THERE.

AGENT MELINDA MAY.