

# CHAMPIONS MONSTERS UNLEASHED!

WHEN GIANT MONSTERS KNOWN AS LEVIATHONS START RAINING FROM THE SKY AND WREAKING HAVOC ALL OVER THE WORLD, IT IS UP TO THE HEROES OF EARTH TO STOP THEM. BUT EVEN WORKING TOGETHER, THE AVENGERS, CHAMPIONS, X-MEN, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY AND INHUMANS MIGHT BE UP AGAINST A THREAT TOO LARGE FOR THEM TO TACKLE. WAVE AFTER WAVE OF LEVIATHONS ATTACK, INTENT ON RAZING THE WORLD, AND IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE EARTH NOW...

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WE'RE COMING TO YOU FROM THE SCENE OF WHAT'S BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY INTENSE PROTEST HERE AT THE PLAYA DEL ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR-- ROXXON OIL HAS GOT TO GO!

# XIMENA XINGTAO.

Playa del Angeles National Forest.

THE NATIONAL FOREST SITS BETWEEN ROXXON'S WEST COAST HEADQUARTERS AND THEIR NEWEST DEEPWATER DRILLING PLATFORM OFF THE COAST.

LAST MONTH ROXXON WAS APPROVED TO RUN A PIPELINE THROUGH THE FOREST BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AGAINST VIGOROUS PROTESTS FROM CONSERVATION GROUPS.

Hey, you guys seeing this thing in California?

SINCE THE STATE APPROVED THE PIPELINE, PROTESTERS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING AT THE FOREST IN DROVES, VOWING TO KEEP ROXXON WORKERS OUT AND THE LAND PROTECTED.

Has your dog been taking an California?

Go to it. And before you say it, I've never taken an iPhone to the government of California!

I GREW UP HIKING HERE WITH MY FATHER. THIS PLACE IS SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTED. THE STATE ISN'T DOING ITS JOB!

I see it. And before you say it, is it our job to take on the state government of California?

Roxxon isn't actually doing anything illegal.

TODAY, ROXXON HAS ESCALATED THE SITUATION FURTHER BY BRINGING IN A GROUP OF SUPER-POWERED SECURITY CONTRACTORS KNOWN AS THE FREELANCERS TO "MONITOR THE SITUATION."

ALREADY THERE ARE REPORTS OF THESE CONTRACTORS ASSAULTING AND DETAINING PROTESTERS, THOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THESE REPORTS.

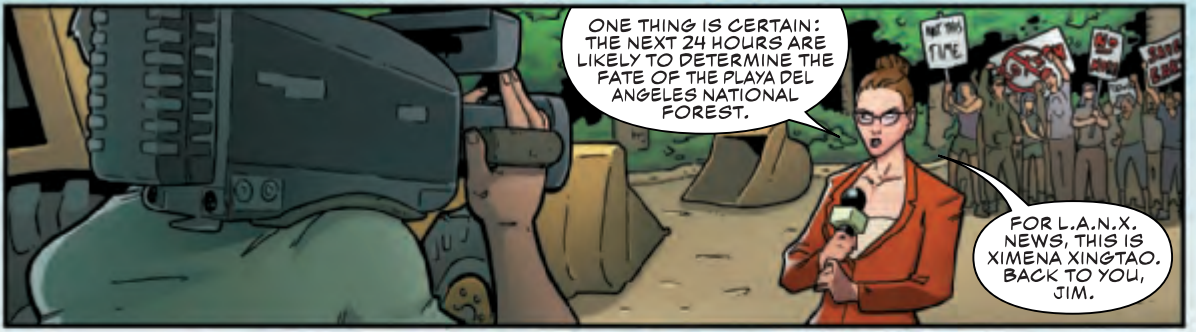
And now they have super villains beating up protesters. It's like they DM'd us personally.

WAIT! Did you say California?! Are we finally doing a mission on the West Coast? I don't have to fly to the other side of the country for once?

YEEEESSSS!

We're still gonna need a pickup, though.

AWWW, MAN!



ONE THING IS CERTAIN: THE NEXT 24 HOURS ARE LIKELY TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF THE PLAYA DEL ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST.

FOR L.A.N.X. NEWS, THIS IS XIMENA XINGTAO. BACK TO YOU, JIM.



AND...WE'RE CLEAR.

THANK GOODNESS, I'M NOT COMFORTABLE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS.

YOU DID GREAT. IT'LL BE ANOTHER HOUR BEFORE THEY WANT TO CHECK IN.

OKAY, SO LET'S GO BACK TO THE VAN, THEN--

THEN YOU START DRIVING AND DON'T LOOK BACK.



AFTER ALL, WE WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO THE DEAR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA. WOULD WE, FREELANCERS?

HOTNESS

MIGHT

PANIC

CURSED CASS

CRUSH

# THE FREELANCERS



HOW DARE YOU? ARE YOU THREATENING A REPORTER ON BEHALF OF ROXXON?

I WOULD NEVER. I'M JUST SAYIN' THERE ARE REASONS YOU'LL WANT TO LEAVE.

YEAH, AND WHAT ARE THOSE?



ALLOW ME TO LET MY COLLEAGUE EXPOUND ON THAT FOR YOU.

PANIC, DEAR?

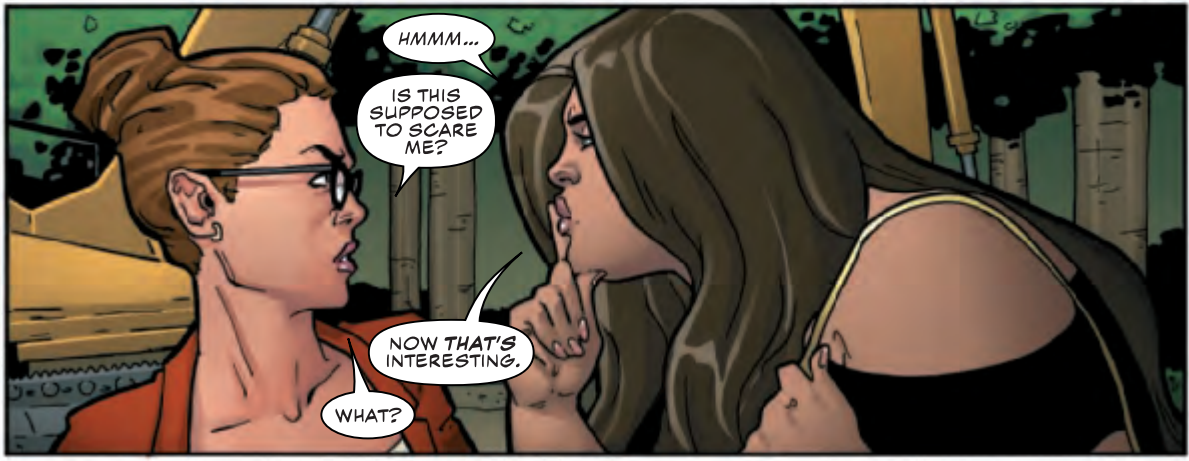
YES, MIGHT?

COULD YOU LET OUR FRIEND KNOW WHY SHE WANTS TO LEAVE?



CLICK

SURE.



HMMM...

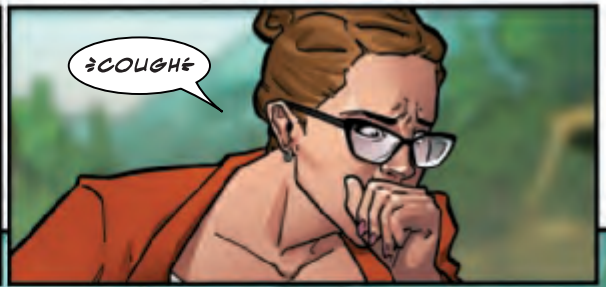
IS THIS SUPPOSED TO SCARE ME?

NOW THAT'S INTERESTING.

WHAT?



YOUR INSIDES ARE FULL OF SNAKES.



NOVA. SUPER-FAST. SUPER-FLYING. TEENAGE SPACE-COP.

VIV VISION. GIRL. COMPUTER. DAUGHTER OF VISION. WALKING WIFE.

THE IDIOTS ARE ALREADY HERE.

SPIDER-MAN. DOES WHATEVER A SPIDER (WITH ACTIVE CAMOUFLAGE AND ELECTRICAL STINGERS) CAN.

REALLY? I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING BY CHAMPIONS, BUT "THE IDIOTS" HAS A CERTAIN--

SHUT UP, HULK!

CYCLOPS. SHOOTS FORCE BEAMS FROM HIS EYES.

THE TOTALLY AWESOME HULK. IRONICALLY, ONE OF THE SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

YAAAAY!

NO MORE

MS. MARVEL. SUPER-STRETCHY. SUPER-EMBIGGENING. STILL GETTING THE HANG OF THE QUIPPY OPENING LINES.

TREES R BEST

MS. MARVEL! MS. MARVEL! LOOK OVER HERE!

IT'S THE CHAMPIONS!

NOVA IS THAT DUDE!

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