

JAMES BUCHANAN BARNES FOUGHT FOR THE U.S. DURING WORLD WAR II AS BUCKY. THE TEENAGE SIDEKICK OF CAPTAIN AMERICA. THEN HE FOUGHT FOR SOVIET RUSSIA AS A BRAINWASHED ASSASSIN CODENAMED THE WINTER SOLDIER. THEN HE FOUGHT TO HONOR HIS MENTOR'S LEGACY WHEN HE BRIEFLY SERVED AS CAPTAIN AMERICA.

NOW BUCKY BARNES FIGHTS FOR EVERYONE. HE IS "THE MAN ON THE WALL." CLANDESTINELY PROTECTING EARTH FROM ALL THREATS WITH HIS PARTNER, DAISY "QUAKE" JOHNSON. TWO HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW, BUCKY LIVES IN A UNIVERSE OF UTTER PEACE. BUT AFTER A REVIEW OF THE LIVES OF HIS VARIOUS SELVES ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE SHOWED HIM THE BUCKY OF THIS UNIVERSE BEING MURDERED, HE DECIDED TO TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AND ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE TO PREVENT IT.

IN THE PRESENT, DAISY AND "OUR" BUCKY WERE ON A MISSION ON THE PLANET MER-2-BOW WHEN A SEEMINGLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE MERCENARY KNOWN AS CROSSBONES ARRIVED TO KILL BUCKY. WHILE THE ASSASSINATION FAILED, THERE WAS ENORMOUS DESTRUCTION AND BOTH BUCKYS HAVE BEEN SIDELINED. MEANWHILE, CROSSBONES HAS REDOUBLED HIS EFFORTS AND GONE TO A PLANET-SIZED GUN THAT'S AIMED DIRECTLY AT MER-2-BOW! WITH CROSSBONES ABOUT TO WIPE OUT ALL LIFE ON THE PLANET, WHAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY INCITED HIS UNENDING QUEST FOR VENGEANCE? AND WHERE EXACTLY DID THIS CROSSBONES COME FROM?

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PLANET: FAR AWAY, IN
ANOTHER PART OF THE
MULTIVERSE.

TIME: A LONG TIME AGO.

YOU'RE
THE **SCIENTIST** HERE,
STARK. WHAT'S YOUR
ANSWER?





THERE'S...
THERE'S **NO ONE**
PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE
RESPONSE TO
REALITY.

BUT...
SOME THINGS ARE
WRONG AND SOME
THINGS ARE **RIGHT**,
AND I **KNOW** THEM
WHEN I **SEE**
THEM.



SAY IT.
GO ON.

MAKES
ME **WRONG**,
DON'T IT?

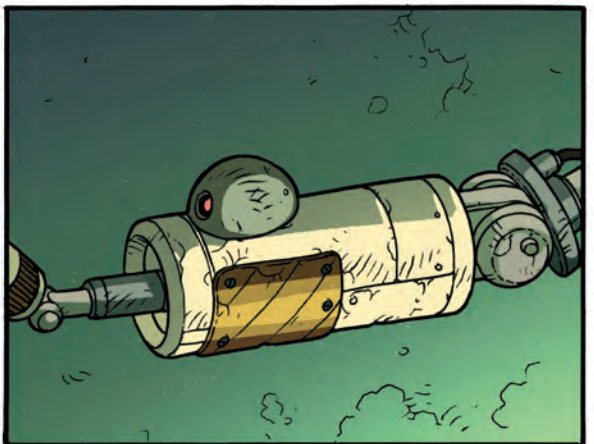
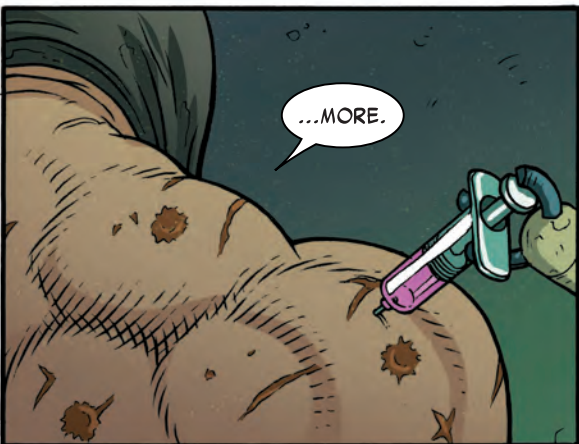
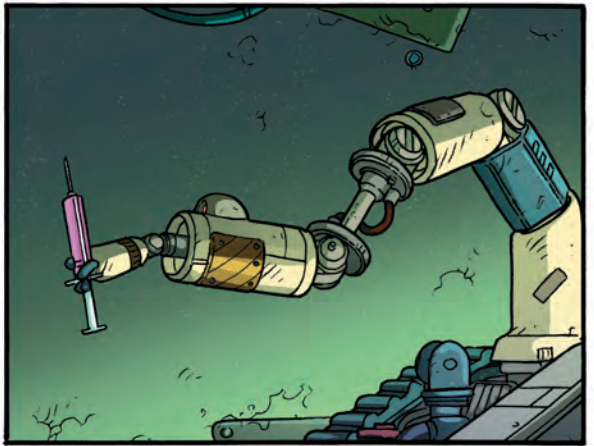
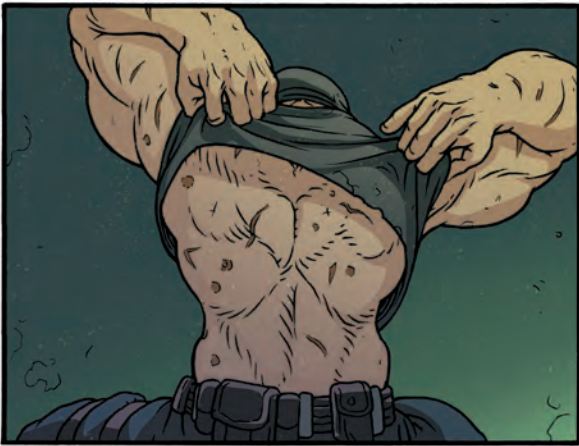
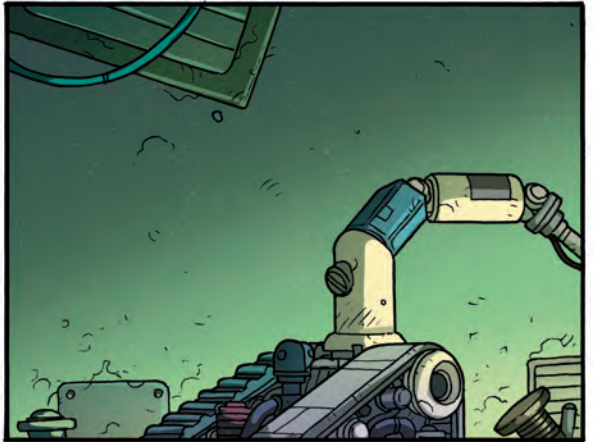
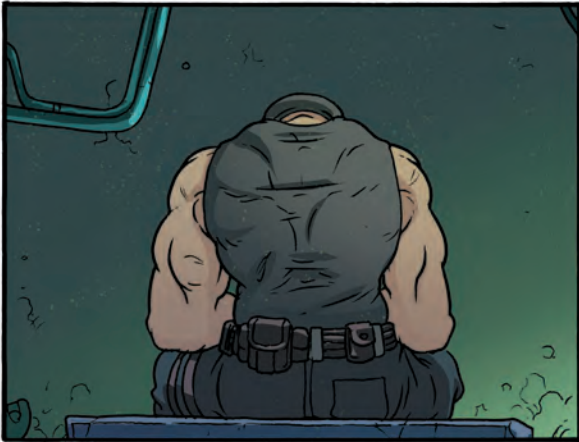
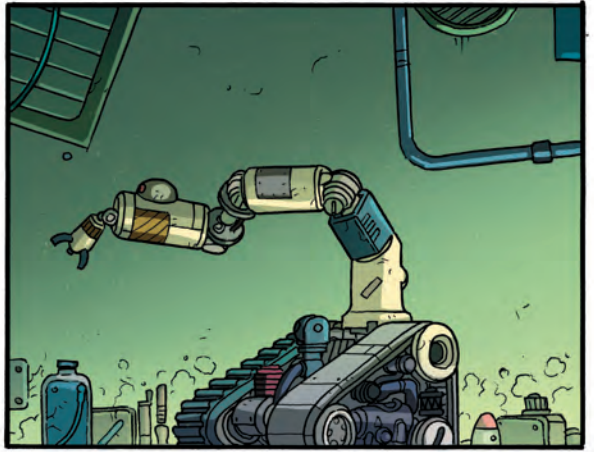


...MAKES YOU
INSANE.



WELL, THAT'S
THE THING, DON'TCHA
KNOW...?

"...SOMETIMES GOIN' INSANE IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE."



...MASTER NICHOLAS?

NOT NOW.

...I COULD SENSE YOUR DREAMWAVES. THEY WERE... DISTURBED.

IF YOU'RE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ENTERING DEEP SLEEP AGAIN, I COULD ADMINISTER SOME INTRAVENOUS MELATONIN TOGETHER WITH OPIATE DERIVATES AND A MILD DOSAGE OF A FEW NEW CONCOCTIONS DIRECTLY FROM MY LAB.

NOT N...

...SURE.

DO THAT.