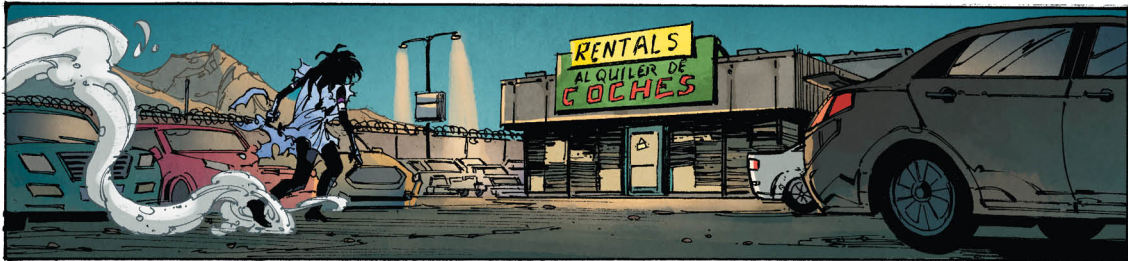


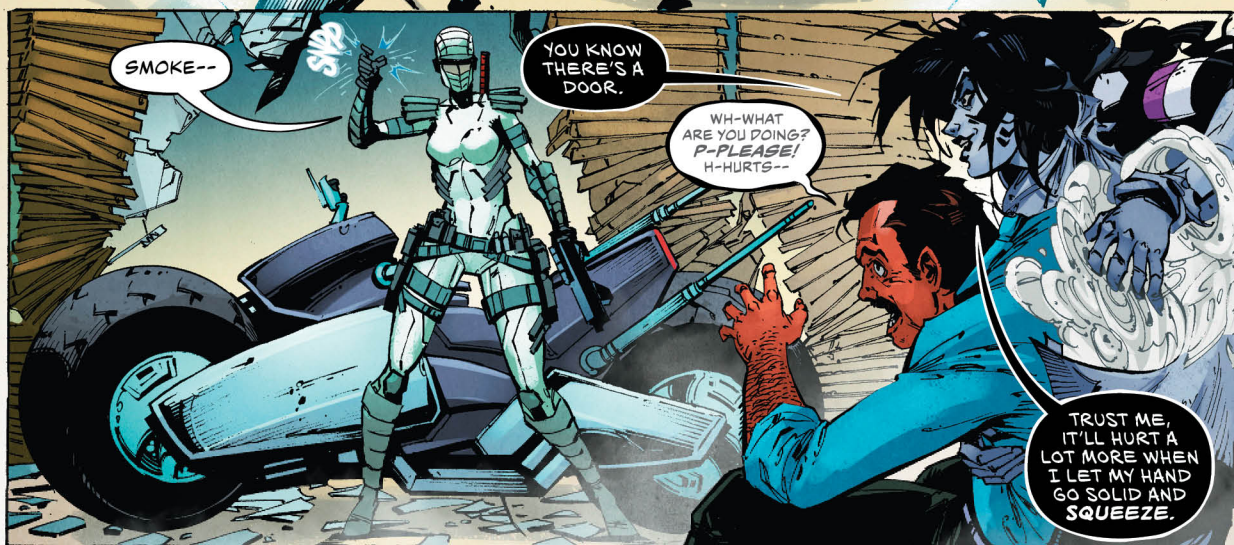
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WAVE WAS SLOW

PART 1



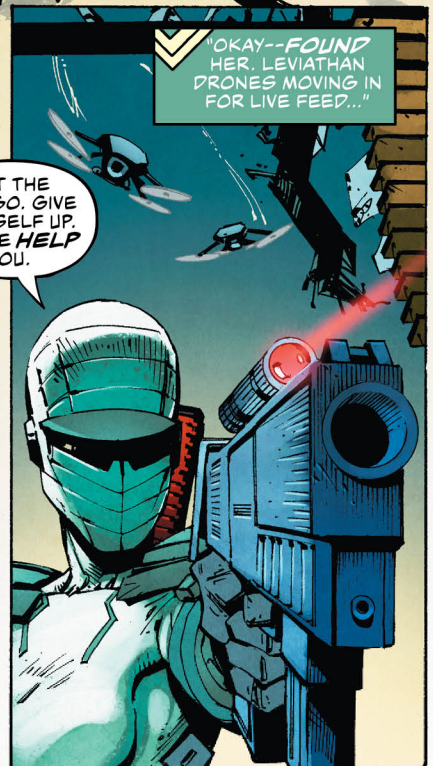
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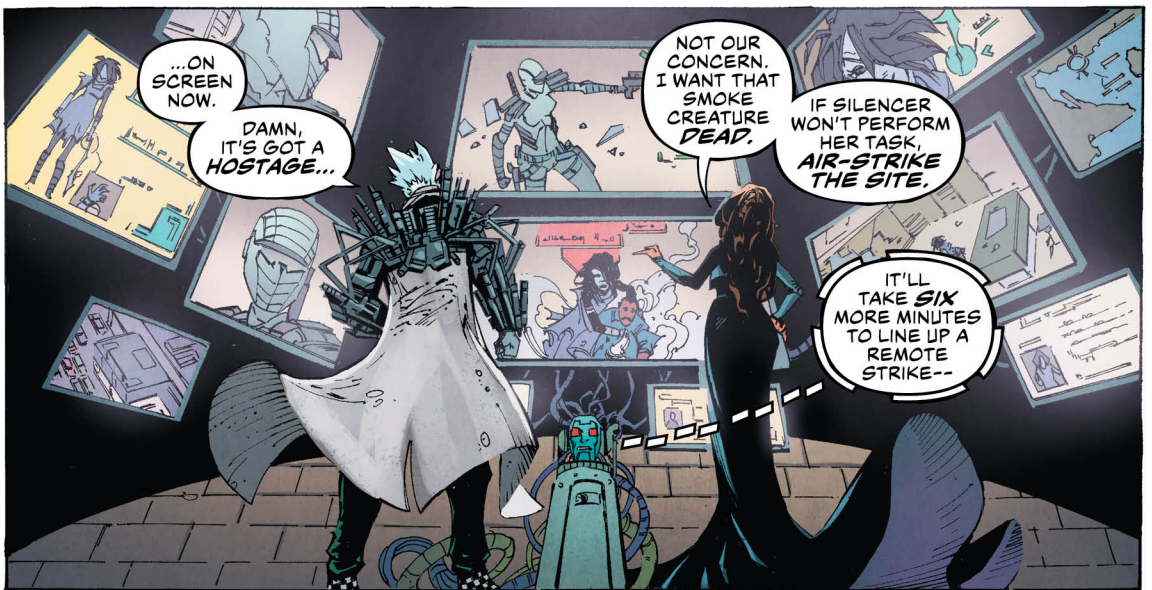
YOU KNOW
THERE'S A
DOOR.

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU DOING?
P-PLEASE!
H-HURTS--

TRUST ME,
IT'LL HURT A
LOT MORE WHEN
I LET MY HAND
GO SOLID AND
SQUEEZE.

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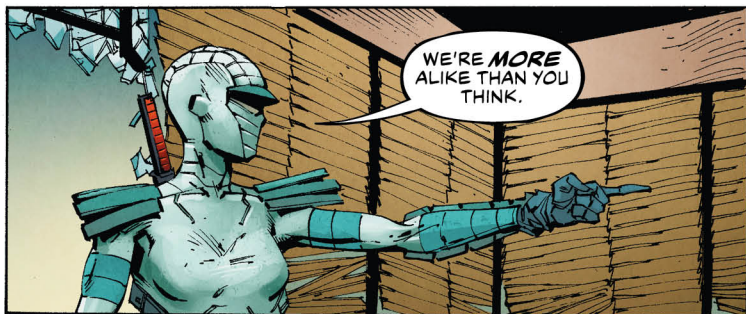




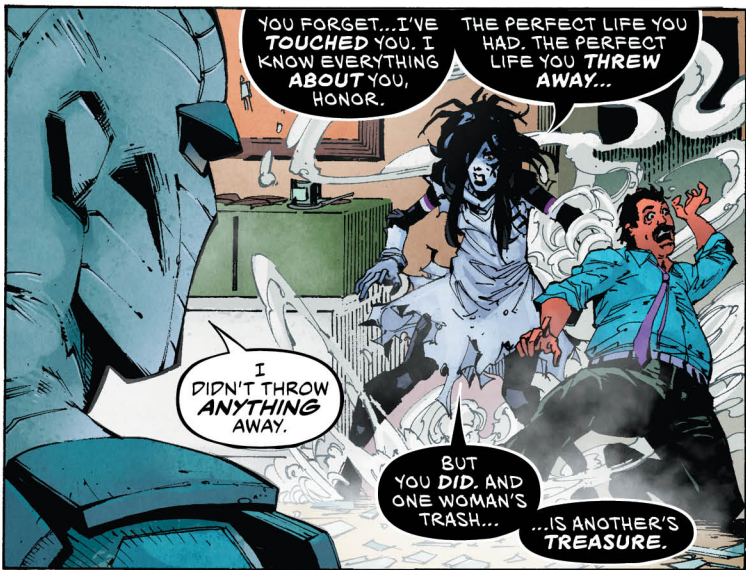
I CAN TAKE WHAT I LIKE. LIVE A LITTLE.

MY WHOLE LIFE, I'VE BEEN A SPECIMEN. PROPERTY OF TALIA AL GHUL.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA.



WE'RE **MORE** ALIKE THAN YOU THINK.



YOU FORGET... I'VE **TOUCHED** YOU. I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, HONOR.

THE PERFECT LIFE YOU HAD. THE PERFECT LIFE YOU **THREW AWAY**...

I DIDN'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY.

BUT YOU DID. AND ONE WOMAN'S TRASH...

...IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE.



DON'T.



I SUPPOSE IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.

YOU **HAD** TO PLEDGE LOYALTY TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY. YOU HAD TO **SACRIFICE** YOURSELF TO KEEP THEM SAFE.

PLAY ALONG WITH TALIA'S GAME. MAKE HER THINK YOU WERE **HERS** AGAIN.

H-HELP M-ME...