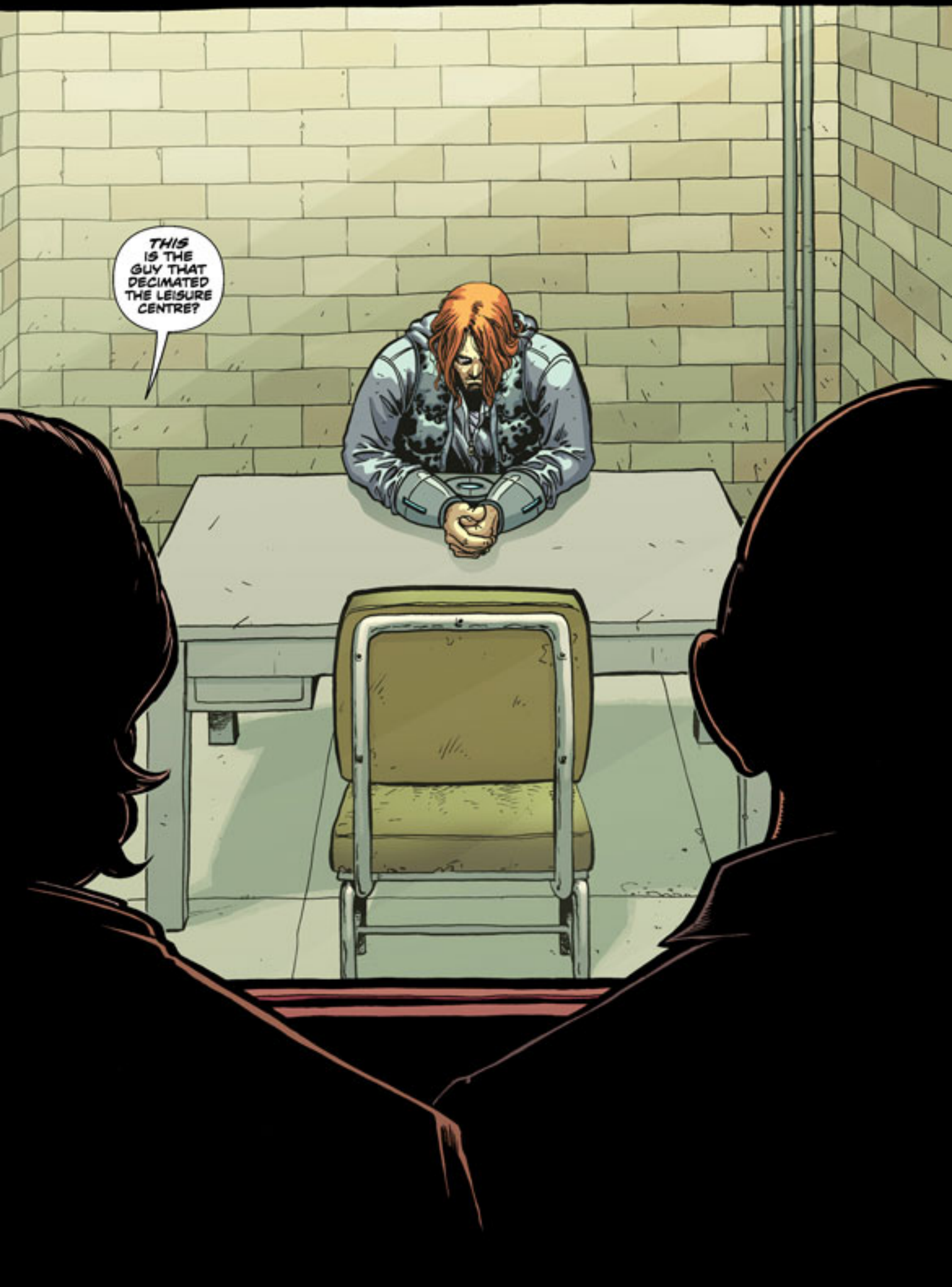
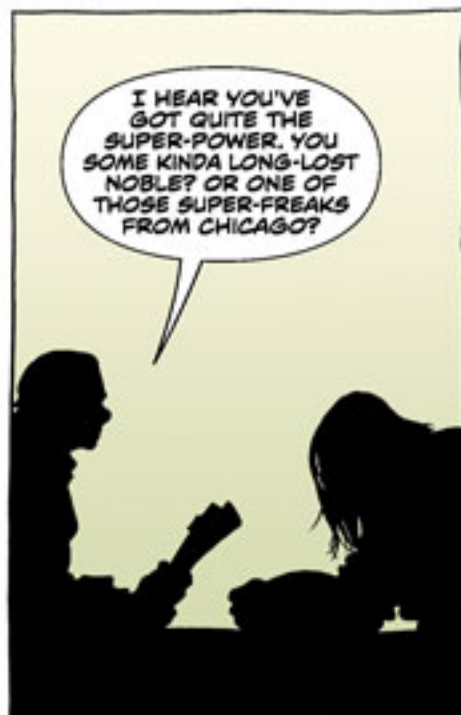
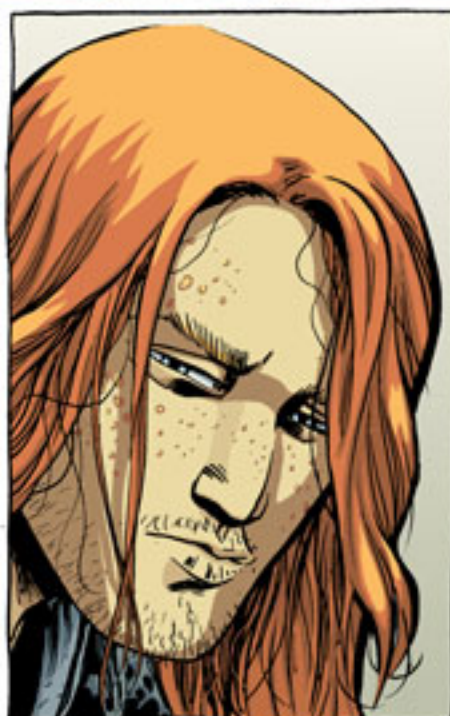


**MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA.
NINE MONTHS AGO.**

**THIS
IS THE
GUY THAT
DECIMATED
THE LEISURE
CENTRE?**







YOU PLAY BALL WITH ME AND ANSWER MY QUESTIONS, I MIGHT BE YOUR TICKET OUT OF HERE. UNDERSTAND?

I GUESS.



SO THE LEISURE CENTRE LOOKS LIKE A HURRICANE HIT IT.

CLOSE. MORE OF A TORNADO. I WAS EXPERIMENTING.

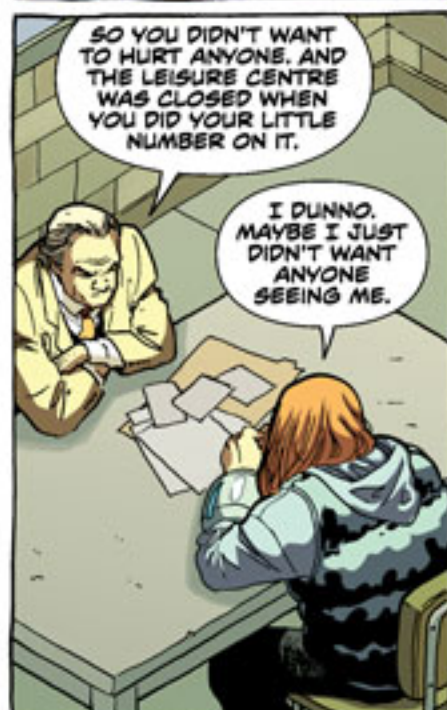


WHY THE LEISURE CENTRE?

WHY NOT?

WHY NOT DOWNTOWN?

TOO MANY PEOPLE.



SO YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE, AND THE LEISURE CENTRE WAS CLOSED WHEN YOU DID YOUR LITTLE NUMBER ON IT.

I DUNNO. MAYBE I JUST DIDN'T WANT ANYONE SEEING ME.



NO. NO, YOU MAY WANT ME TO THINK YOU'RE A BADASS, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE A KILLER.



MAYBE.



WANNA TELL ME WHY YOU CARE...?

HANG ON,
VESUVIUS! I'M
COMING!

DO WE REALLY
NEED HIS HELP,
VESUVIUS?
WOULDN'T IT BE
BETTER IF HE JUST
WENT AWAY...
PERMANENTLY?

THAT...
THAT SOUNDS
PERFECTLY
REASONABLE.

BE GRATEFUL
YOU'RE ALREADY IN
THE DEPRESSION
STAGE. BY THE
TIME I'M DONE
WITH YOU...

...YOU
WON'T BE
HAPPY.

WHICH OF
THE STAGES
DO WE FACE,
HELOT?

YOU ARE
ASKING
ME?!

ALIEN OR
NO, YOU'VE SPENT
MUCH MORE TIME
IN HUMAN
CIVILIZATION THAN
I HAVE!



LUMINARY!
WHAT ARE YOU
WEARING TO
THE GRAMMYS
NEXT WEEK?

WHAT
REALLY
HAPPENED TO
DIAMOND JIM?
THE PEOPLE
HAVE A RIGHT
TO KNOW!

I NOTICE
CROSSWIND IS
WITH YOU AGAIN.
HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
MAKING HIM A
MEMBER?

SOME SAY
THAT YOUR EXISTENCE
ATTRACTS THE VERY
SAME DANGEROUS
BEINGS YOU CLAIM YOU
WANT TO PROTECT US
FROM. WOULDN'T WE BE
SAFER IF YOU JUST
WENT AWAY?

POLICE
NIAGARA FALLS



DO NOT
LISTEN TO THEM.
IT IS THEIR JOB TO
GET A REACTION
OUT OF YOU.

I
KNOW, I
KNOW.



WAIT.



DONALD,
ABOUT YOUR
QUESTION.

I'M VERY
HAPPY TO
ANNOUNCE THAT
CROSSWIND WAS
RECENTLY NAMED
AN OFFICIAL
FRONT LINER.



WILL YOU BE
GOING TO THE
GRAMMYS?

YOU WANT
A STORY,
THERE'S
YOUR
STORY.

HOW'D YOU
GET YOUR
POWERS?

IS THIS
YOUR FIRST
SUPER-
TEAM?

BOXERS OR
BRIEFS?