



FROM THE DESK OF
DUM DUM DUGAN...



STANDOFF

I've been assigned to S.H.I.E.L.D.'s S.T.A.K.E. division—that's Supernatural Threat Analysis for Known Extranormalities—and placed in charge of their field team, the HOWLING COMMANDOS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. What began as a ragtag group of monsters has quickly become a group of soldiers I'm glad to call family.

It's been a rough beginning, but I thought all of it was behind us...that is, until I realized that Orrgo, our communications expert, has gone missing. His disappearance might be tied to Pleasant Hill, a secret S.H.I.E.L.D. prison where it's rumored that reality itself has been warped to keep the inmates in check...



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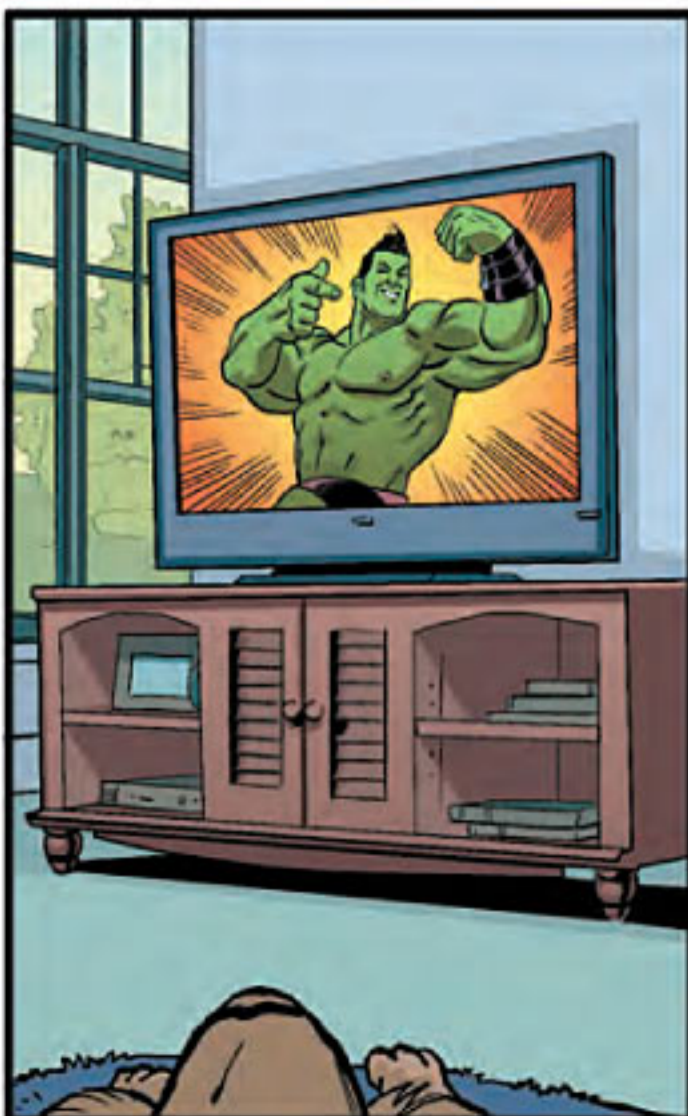
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LOOSE.

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S.H.I.E.L.D. THOUGHT THEY COULD CONTAIN US? LIKE PLAY-THINGS?

PLEASANT HILL IS GONNA BE A MASS GRAVE! SO SAYS THE GREY GARGOYLE! HAAAAH--!



--GAH! WHAT THE HELL...?



HEY, GARGOYLE--



--BOO.



POW

NICE JOB, GLYPH AND TEEN ABOMINATION.