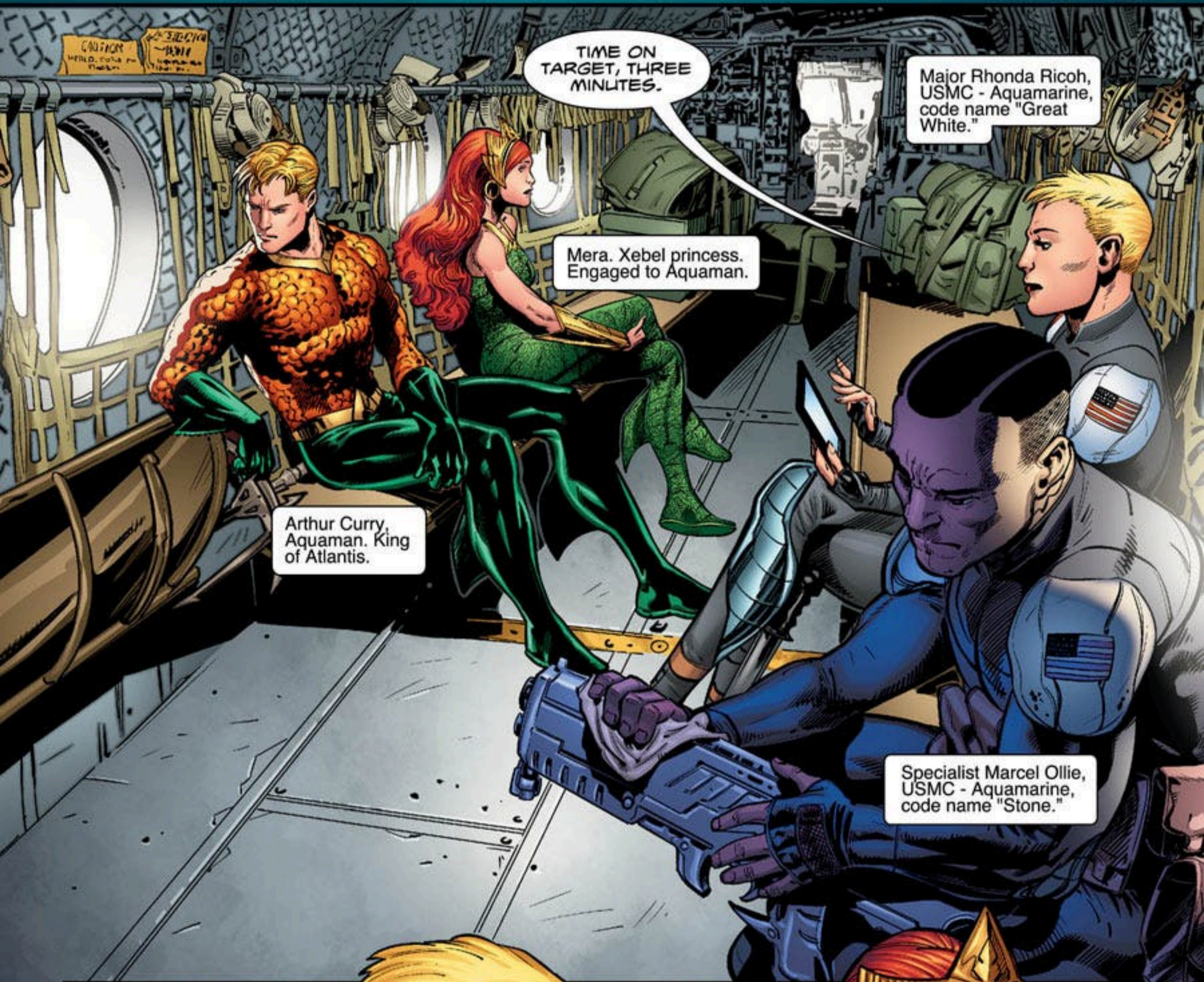


CAPE VALEZ,  
GULF OF MEXICO.



TIME ON  
TARGET, THREE  
MINUTES.

Major Rhonda Ricoh,  
USMC - Aquamarine,  
code name "Great  
White."

Mera. Xebel princess.  
Engaged to Aquaman.

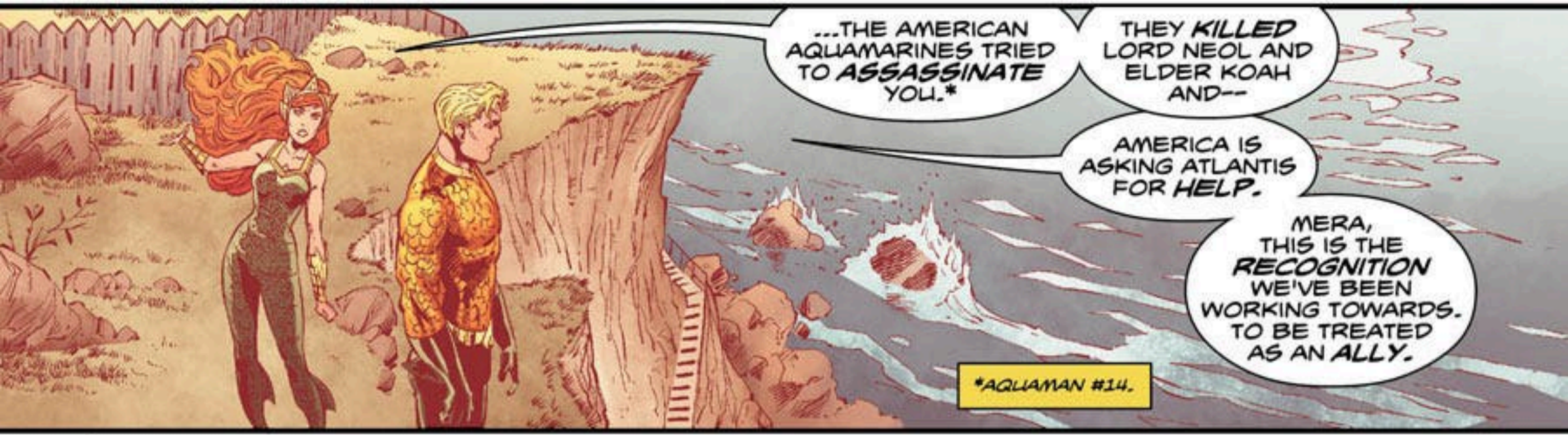
Arthur Curry,  
Aquaman. King  
of Atlantis.

Specialist Marcel Ollie,  
USMC - Aquamarine,  
code name "Stone."



"I DON'T KNOW  
WHY YOU'RE  
DOING THIS,  
ARTHUR..."





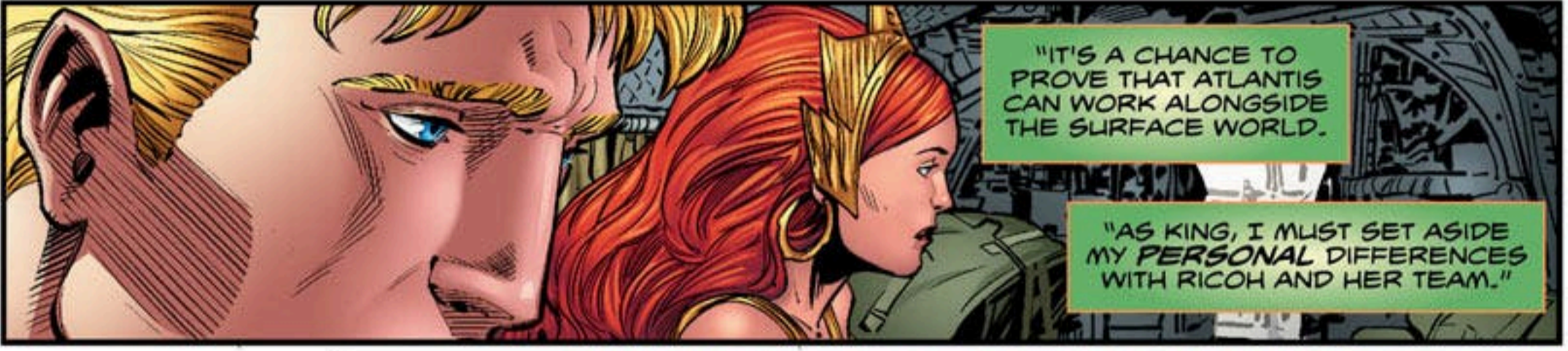
...THE AMERICAN AQUAMARINES TRIED TO ASSASSINATE YOU.\*

THEY KILLED LORD NEOL AND ELDER KOAH AND--

AMERICA IS ASKING ATLANTIS FOR HELP.

MERA, THIS IS THE RECOGNITION WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOWARDS. TO BE TREATED AS AN ALLY.

\*AQUAMAN #14.



"IT'S A CHANCE TO PROVE THAT ATLANTIS CAN WORK ALONGSIDE THE SURFACE WORLD."

"AS KING, I MUST SET ASIDE MY PERSONAL DIFFERENCES WITH RICOH AND HER TEAM."

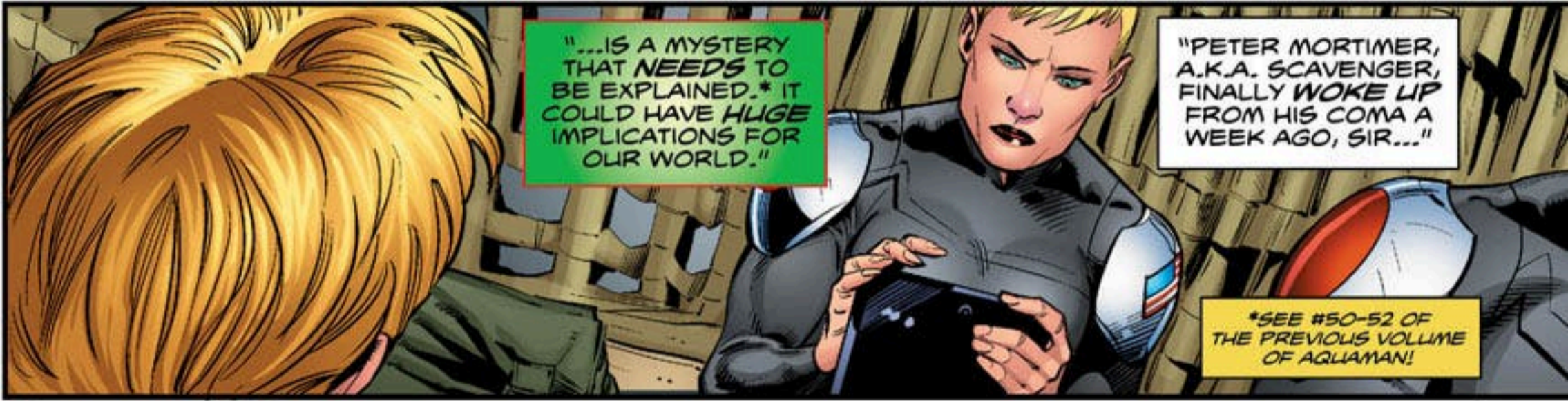


THERE'S A PRINCIPLE AT STAKE. IF WE WANT TO BE ACCEPTED AS A FRIEND, WE HAVE TO ACT LIKE ONE.

THEN I WILL GO WITH YOU. END OF DISCUSSION.

MERA, I DON'T NEED YOU TO WATCH MY B--

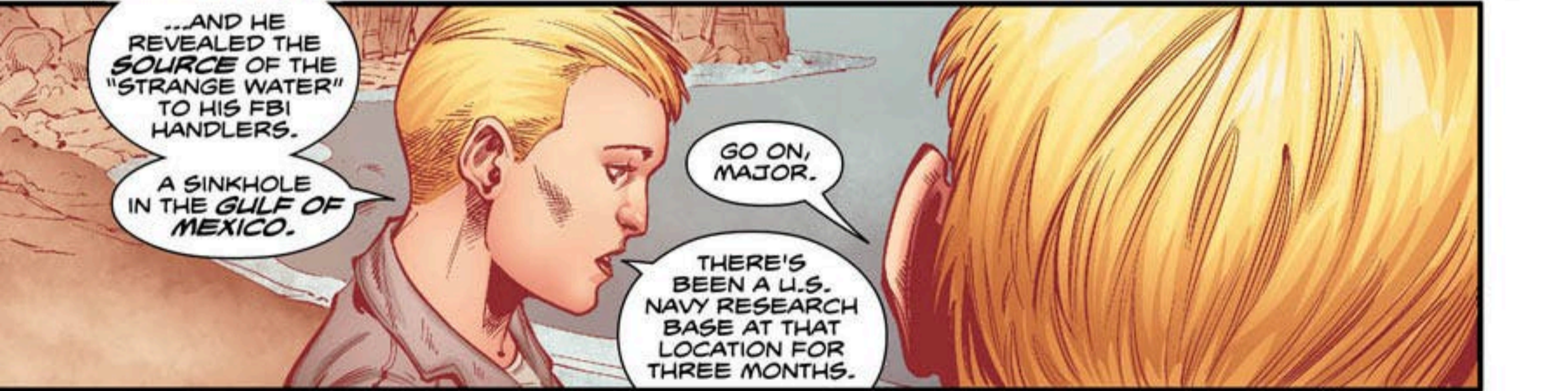
I INSIST. AND I AGREE. THE STRANGE WATER THAT TRANSFORMED PAYNE...



"...IS A MYSTERY THAT NEEDS TO BE EXPLAINED.\* IT COULD HAVE HUGE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR WORLD."

"PETER MORTIMER, A.K.A. SCAVENGER, FINALLY WOKE UP FROM HIS COMA A WEEK AGO, SIR..."

\*SEE #50-52 OF THE PREVIOUS VOLUME OF AQUAMAN!



...AND HE REVEALED THE SOURCE OF THE "STRANGE WATER" TO HIS FBI HANDLERS.

A SINKHOLE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.

GO ON, MAJOR.

THERE'S BEEN A U.S. NAVY RESEARCH BASE AT THAT LOCATION FOR THREE MONTHS.



AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THERE?

NOBODY DID UNTIL MORTIMER WOKE UP.

MAJOR, YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM.



VALEZ BASE WENT DARK TWO DAYS AGO.

YOU'RE GOING IN?

WE NEED TO SAFEGUARD THE BASE PERSONNEL. IT COULD JUST BE A FAULTY TRANSMITTER.

WE ALSO NEED TO INVESTIGATE THIS "STRANGE WATER", AND ASSESS THE THREAT POTENTIAL.

AN AQUAMARINE TAC TEAM LEAVES ANDREWS TONIGHT...



"...AND THE FEDS SAY YOU HAVE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH THIS PHENOMENON."

DROP ZONE, MAJOR.

COPY THAT, OLLIE.

SHARK UP.



COMBAT MODE, YES MA'AM.

LGH.



SURE YOU DON'T WANT US TO LAND, YOUR MAJESTY?



NO NEED.

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# FOOSSH

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