

THE CONTINUUM. SOMEWHERE IN KANSAS.

TODAY.

--SO GUYS,
TELL ME IF YOU'VE
HEARD THIS ONE. A FELLA
CALLS UP HIS DOCTOR AND
THE DOC TELLS HIM HE HAS
**BAD NEWS AND
WORSE NEWS.**



THE BAD
NEWS IS YOU
ONLY HAVE
24 HOURS TO
LIVE.



OH CRAP,
THE GUY SAYS,
WHAT COULD BE
WORSE THAN
THAT? THEN THE
DOC SAYS...



...I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
REACH YOU
SINCE--



BACK ← |||
||| **TO THE** |||
||| **FUTURE** →

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--YESTERDAY...?





LEAVE NOW, NATHANIEL. AVOID CELL PHONE PHOTOS.




THAT'S ONE WEIRD-LOOKING DUDE.

I GIVE UP. WHO'S HE SUPPOSED TO BE?

WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S ABOUT TO GO VIRAL.

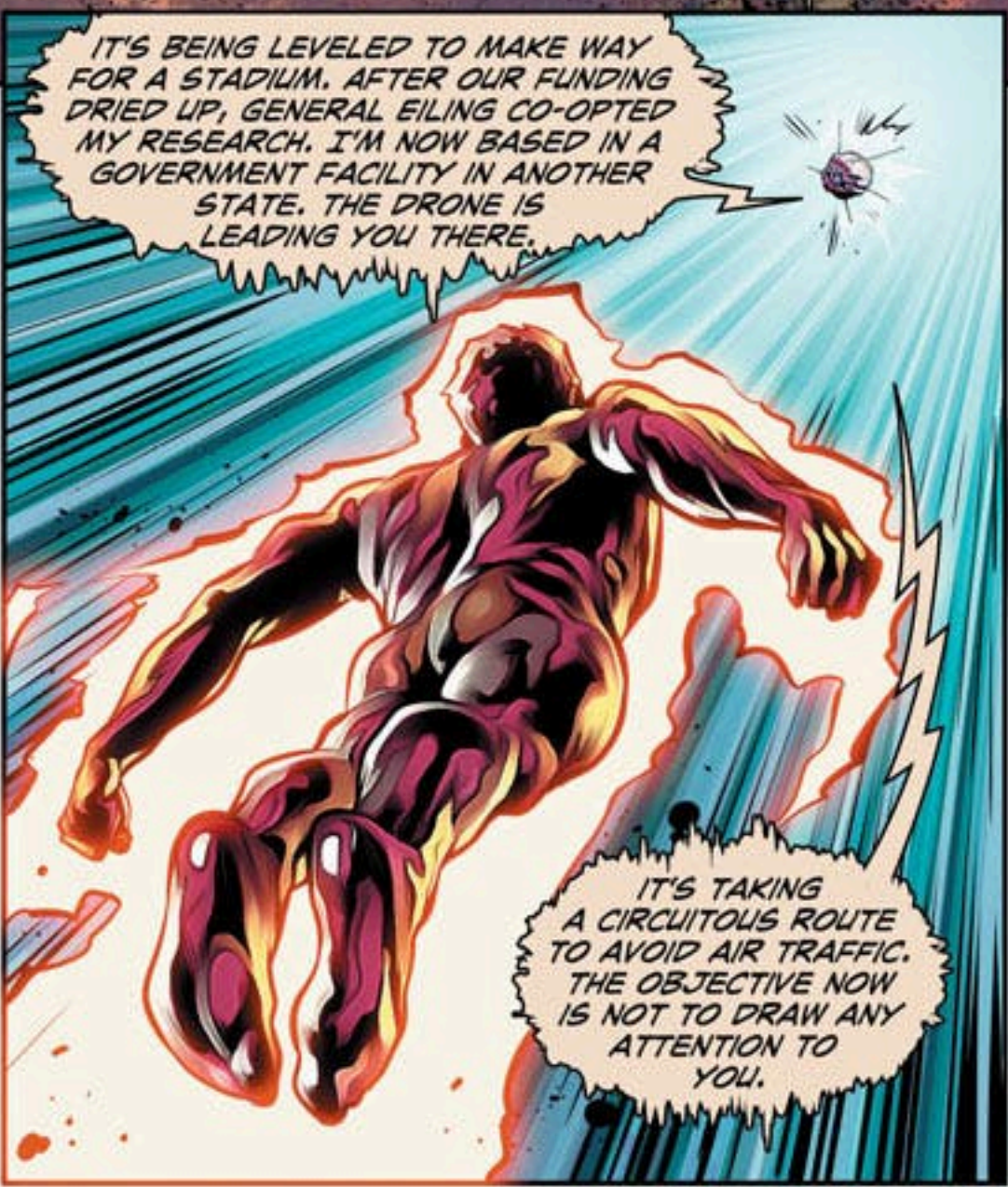
MY VOICE IS BEING TRANSMITTED FROM A DRONE 12,000 FEET ABOVE YOU.

ALTHOUGH YOUR QUANTUM FOOTPRINT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED, IT'S STILL QUITE UNIQUE. SATELLITES DETECTED THE ANOMALY WITHIN MOMENTS OF YOUR ARRIVAL.




I SUSPECT YOU'RE FEELING DISORIENTED. AND NO DOUBT BESIEGED WITH QUESTIONS.

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. START WITH WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THE CONTINUUM.




IT'S BEING LEVELED TO MAKE WAY FOR A STADIUM. AFTER OUR FUNDING DRIED UP, GENERAL EILING CO-OPTED MY RESEARCH. I'M NOW BASED IN A GOVERNMENT FACILITY IN ANOTHER STATE. THE DRONE IS LEADING YOU THERE.

IT'S TAKING A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE TO AVOID AIR TRAFFIC. THE OBJECTIVE NOW IS NOT TO DRAW ANY ATTENTION TO YOU.



ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN EXPECTING ME, DR. MEGALA.



TO A DEGREE, YES. EVER SINCE WE CONFIRMED YOUR QUANTUM OVERLOAD HURTTLED YOU INTO THE PAST.

WE HAVE AMASSED VOLUMES OF DATA ON YOUR FIVE-YEAR SOJOURN IN THE 1990s.

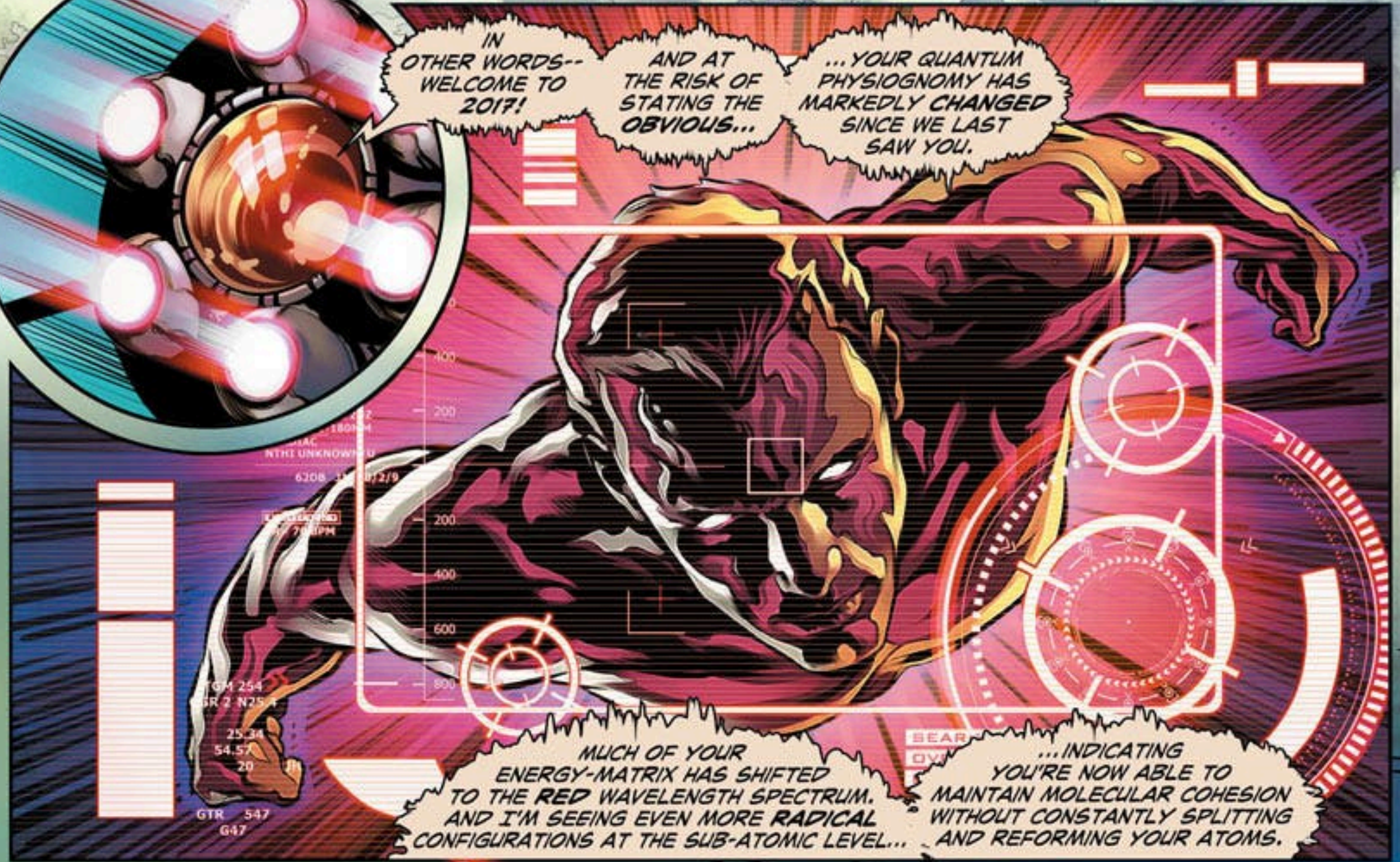
WHATEVER TRIGGERED YOUR RETURN TRIP, IT CATAPULTED YOU TO OUR PRESENT-- NOT THE ONE YOU LEFT BEHIND.



IN OTHER WORDS-- WELCOME TO 2017!


AND AT THE RISK OF STATING THE OBVIOUS...

...YOUR QUANTUM PHYSIOGNOMY HAS MARKEDLY CHANGED SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU.



MUCH OF YOUR ENERGY-MATRIX HAS SHIFTED TO THE RED WAVELENGTH SPECTRUM, AND I'M SEEING EVEN MORE RADICAL CONFIGURATIONS AT THE SUB-ATOMIC LEVEL...

...INDICATING YOU'RE NOW ABLE TO MAINTAIN MOLECULAR COHESION WITHOUT CONSTANTLY SPLITTING AND REFORMING YOUR ATOMS.



IT LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE YOUR DAYS AS A WRAITH-LIKE ENERGY BEING PRONE TO RANDOM BOLTS OF VOLATILITY ARE TRULY OVER.

I'M SEEING A WHOLE NEW YOU WHO IS MUCH MORE--



STABLE?

I WAS GOING TO SAY EVOLVED.



--LET'S GET STARTED, SHALL WE? *POTUS* EXPECTS OUR RECOMMENDATIONS BY END OF DAY.

HOLD ON. WHAT HAPPENED TO *EILING*?



GENERAL *EILING* GOT A CALL, SIR. SAID THERE WAS *SOMEWHERE ELSE* HE HAD TO BE.

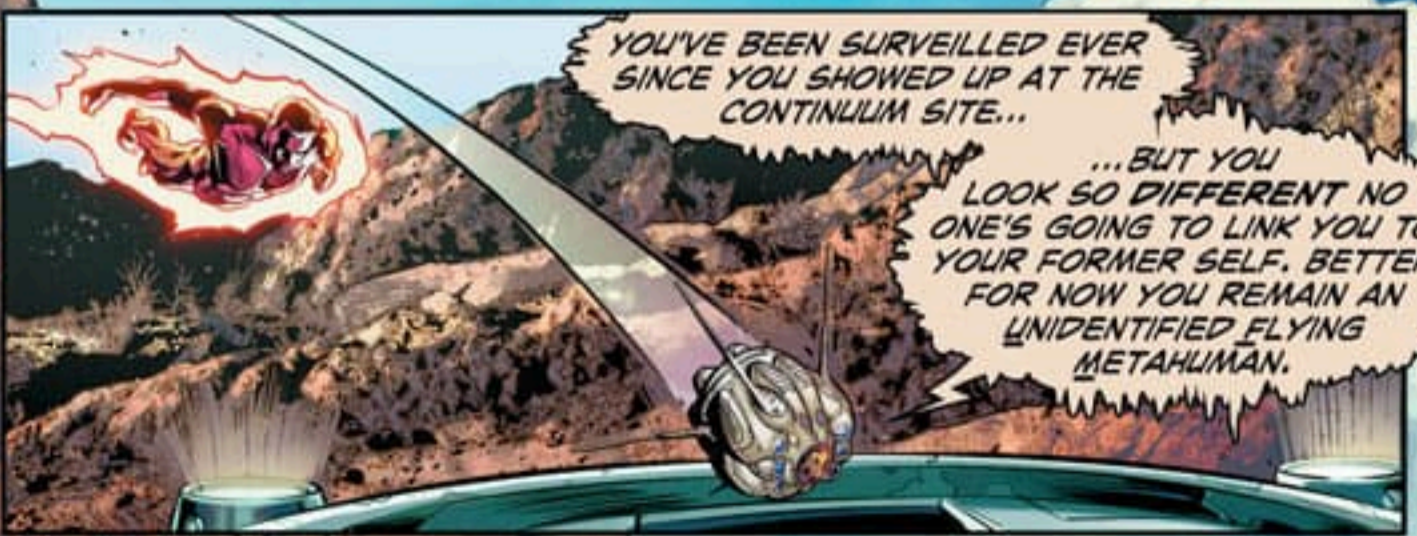
THAT A FACT.

ANYONE ELSE CURIOUS WHAT WADE *EILING* DEEMS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SERVING AT THE PLEASURE OF THE *JOINT CHIEFS*?

--THAT'S THE FACILITY UP AHEAD-- CODE-NAME *MESAPLEX*. ABOVE-TOP-SECRET CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED TO EVEN KNOW IT EXISTS.

I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE MINDSET.

IT WAS EITHER THIS OR A HOLLOWED-OUT VOLCANO.



YOU'VE BEEN SURVEILLED EVER SINCE YOU SHOWED UP AT THE *CONTINUUM* SITE...

...BUT YOU LOOK SO DIFFERENT NO ONE'S GOING TO LINK YOU TO YOUR FORMER SELF. BETTER FOR NOW YOU REMAIN AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING *METAHUMAN*.



BRINGING YOU IN VIA THE DRONE PORTAL ALLOWS US TO BYPASS THE USUAL VISITOR SCREENING PROTOCOLS.

WHOA. EVEN I DON'T RECOGNIZE ME.