



PETER QUILL IS THE HALF-ALIEN, HALF-HUMAN SON OF THE FORMER KING OF SPARTAX AND MEREDITH QUILL OF EARTH. ARMED WITH HIS ELEMENT GUNS AND ALIEN HELMET, QUILL HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE ROAMING THE COSMOS IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE AS A PART-TIME GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY AND A FULL-TIME GUNSLINGER.

# STAR-LORD

PETER QUILL IS ALONE, ON PROBATION IN NEW YORK CITY AFTER LOSING HIS SHIP, FIGHTING WITH THE GUARDIANS, AND GETTING ARRESTED FOR BRAWLING. HE WAS STARTING TO GET USED TO HIS COURT-MANDATED COMMUNITY SERVICE—SPENDING TIME WITH RETIREE EDMUND ALLEN—AND HIS JOB AT THE BAR EDMUND'S SON MANAGES. SUPER VILLAIN HANGOUT THE BAR WITH NO NAME, WHEN DAREDEVIL SHOWED UP LOOKING FOR CASH MISSING FROM A ROBBERY PETER AND EDMUND HELPED FOIL. IT SEEMS EDMUND HAS A HIDDEN SIDE. PLUS, THERE MIGHT BE AN EVEN DARKER SIDE TO THE BAR! LOUDMOUTH PATRON DIAMONDHEAD'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY BLACK CAT! SHE'S BEEN MONITORING HIS DRUNKEN BOASTS AND WANTS TO HARVEST DIAMONDS FROM HIS WEIRD BODY!

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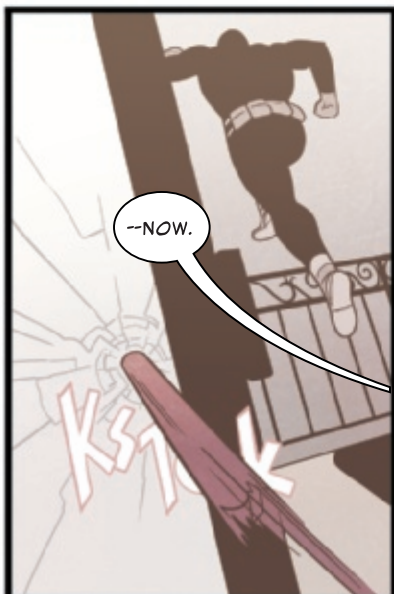
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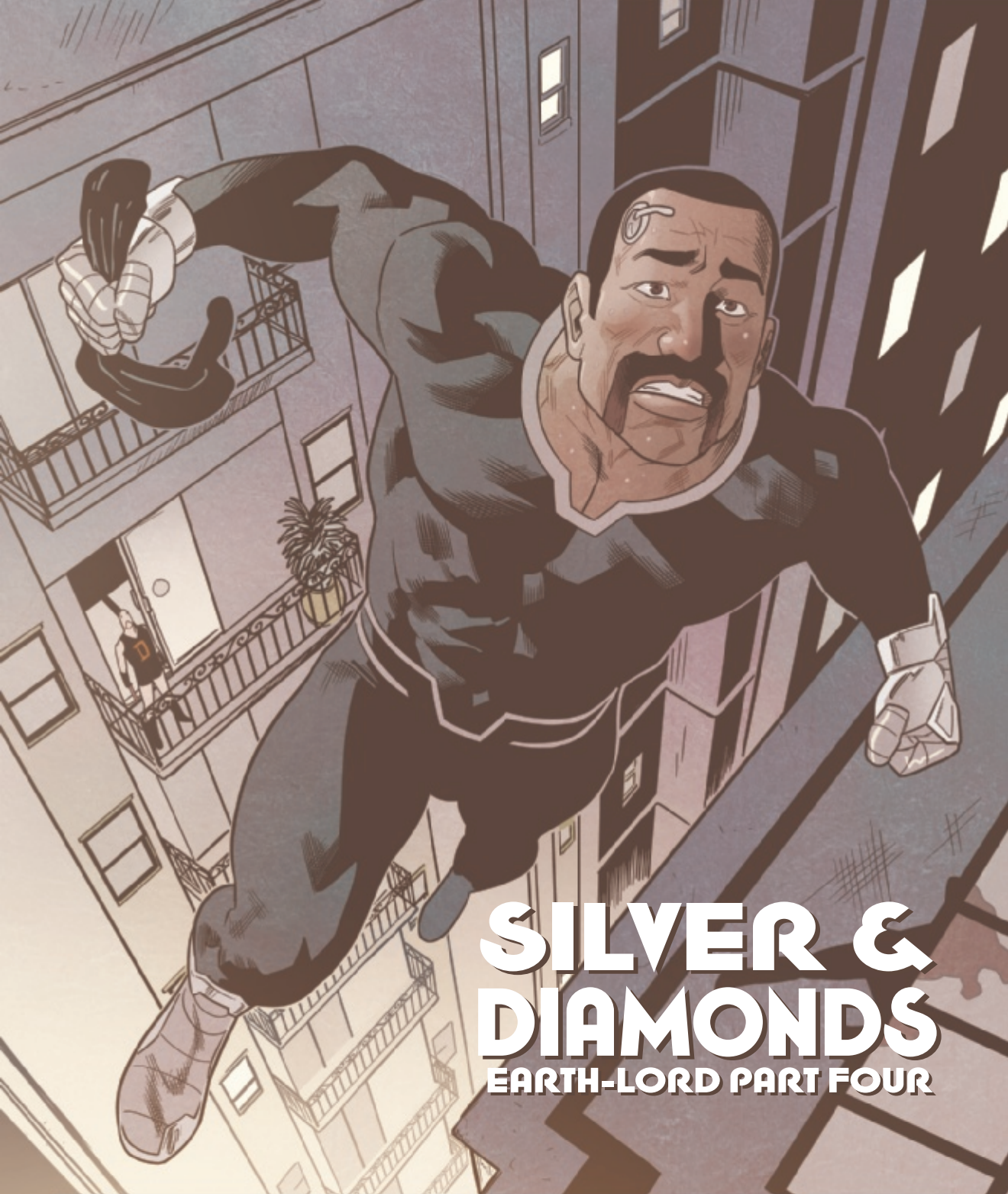
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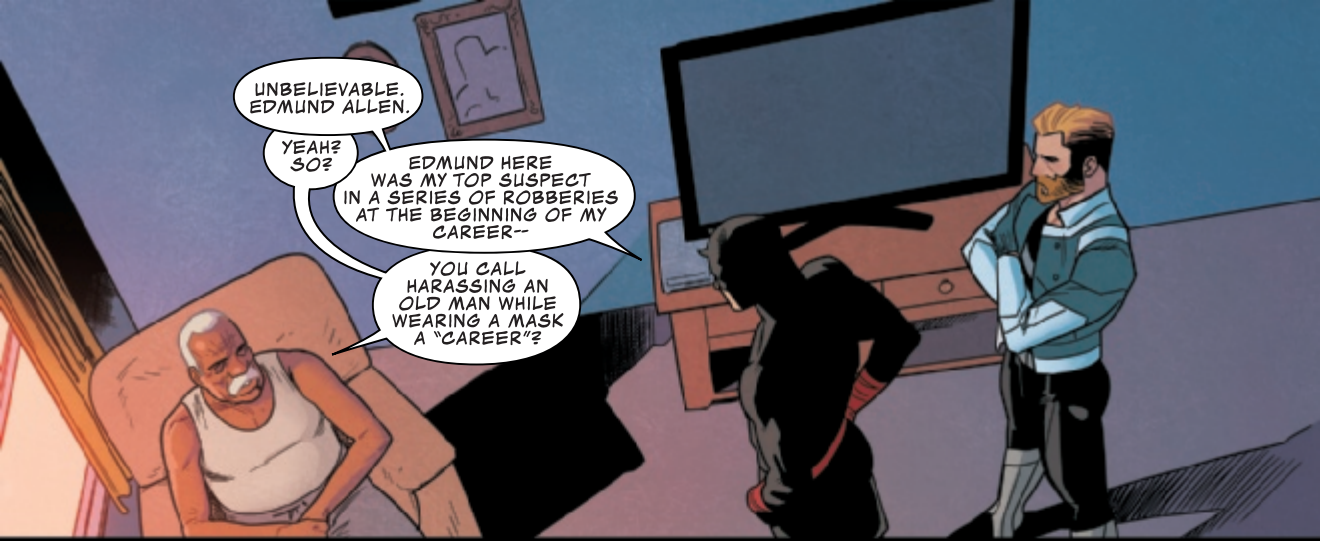


# SILVER & DIAMONDS

EARTH-LORD PART FOUR



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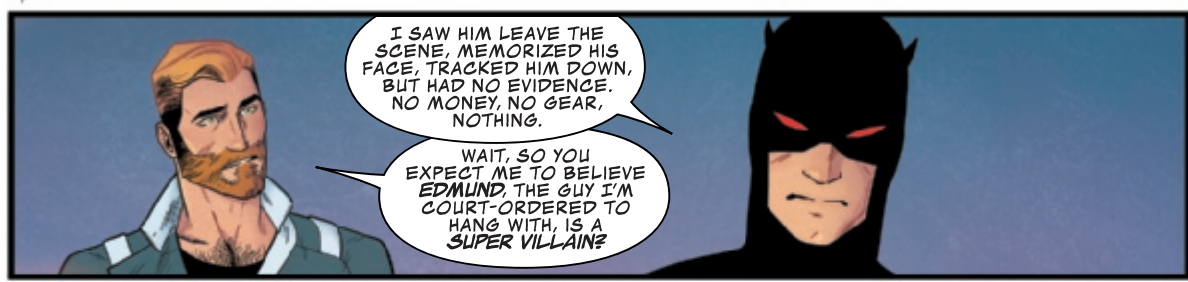


UNBELIEVABLE. EDMUND ALLEN.

YEAH? SO?

EDMUND HERE WAS MY TOP SUSPECT IN A SERIES OF ROBBERIES AT THE BEGINNING OF MY CAREER--

YOU CALL HARASSING AN OLD MAN WHILE WEARING A MASK A "CAREER"?



I SAW HIM LEAVE THE SCENE, MEMORIZED HIS FACE, TRACKED HIM DOWN, BUT HAD NO EVIDENCE. NO MONEY, NO GEAR, NOTHING.

WAIT, SO YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE EDMUND, THE GUY I'M COURT-ORDERED TO HANG WITH, IS A SUPER VILLAIN?



CAT BURGLAR. SUPER VILLAINS ARE IDIOTS.

WAIT, YOU'RE ADMITTING IT?

SURE, WHY NOT?



YOU GONNA TAKE THE STAND? YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE?

BUT YOU--

I QUIT AFTER YOU, Y'KNOW.



ALWAYS SWORE I'D STOP IF IT GOT TOO DANGEROUS, CLEAN MY TRACKS. DON'T CARE MUCH NOW, BUT BACK THEN I DID, WHEN I HAD SOMETHING TO LOSE.

ARE YOU... IS THIS FOR REAL? DO YOU HAVE, LIKE, POWERS OR--

NAH.



THAT WAS ALL MY BROTHER, JAMES...