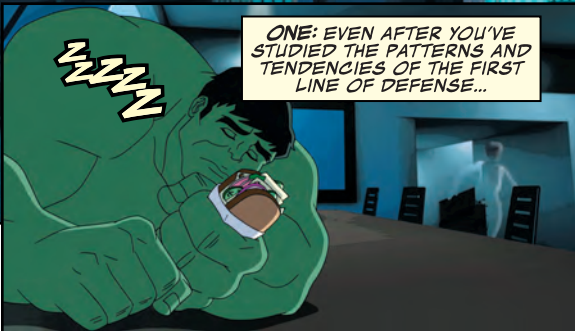


AVENGERS TOWER.

NEW YORK CITY.

FOUR THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PERFORMING A NON-COMBAT RETRIEVAL OPERATION ON A HIGH-TECH, HIGH-SECURITY FACILITY:

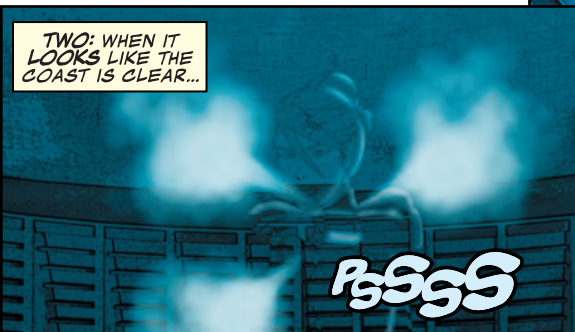
ONE: EVEN AFTER YOU'VE STUDIED THE PATTERNS AND TENDENCIES OF THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE...



...A SOLID DISGUISE IS VITAL.



TWO: WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE THE COAST IS CLEAR...



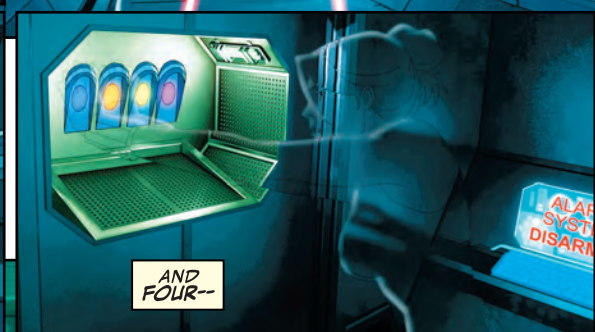
...YOU'RE ACTUALLY IN THE MOST DANGER.



THREE: ALWAYS CLEAR A PATH FOR A QUICK GETAWAY.



AND FOUR--



--DON'T GET CAUGHT.

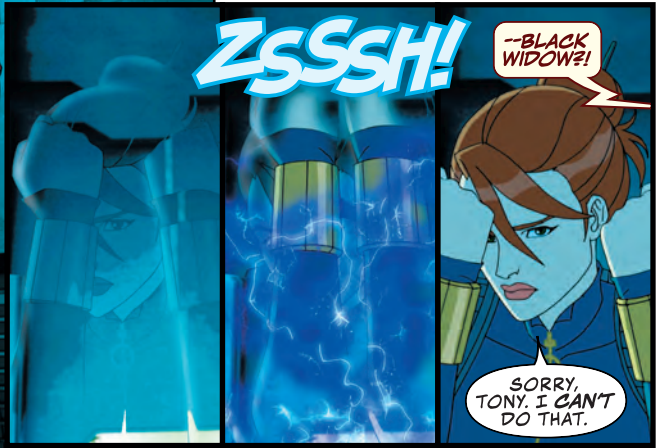
IDENTIFYING TARGET...





PUT THE INFINITY STONES BACK RIGHT NOW--

ZARK!



ZSSSH!

--BLACK WIDOW?!

SORRY, TONY. I CAN'T DO THAT.



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE STILL LOYAL TO S.H.I.E.L.D. OVER THE AVENGERS!

I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR S.H.I.E.L.D., I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU.

I DIDN'T SET OFF ANY ALARMS, SO I KNOW YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW ME IN. YOU WERE COMING HERE ANYWAY.

WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE STONES, TONY?



I--I--

HAIL, EMPEROR STARK!
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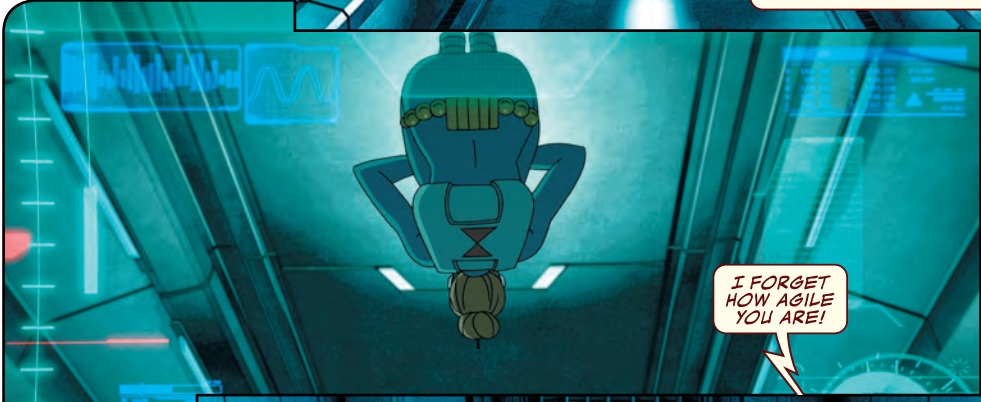


I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE THEM, NATASHA!

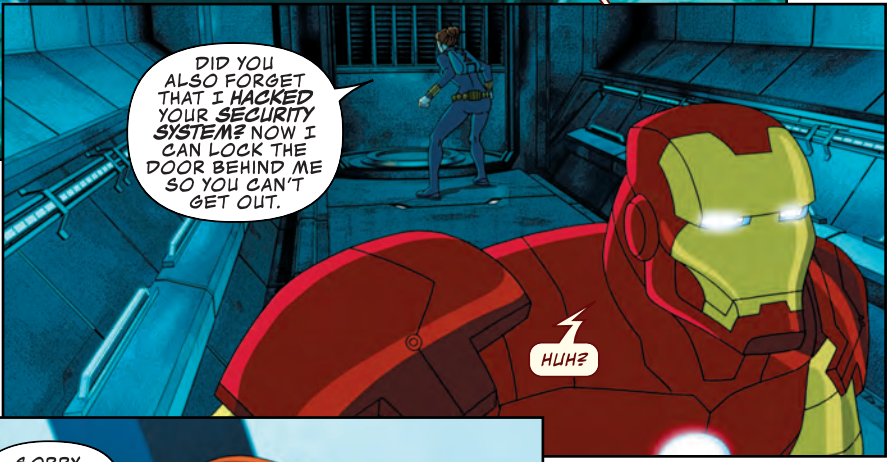


THE STONES ARE CORRUPTING YOU, TONY. ALL OF YOU. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY!

...
I CAN COUNT ON ONE HAND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO CAN DODGE MY ATTACKS AT CLOSE RANGE.

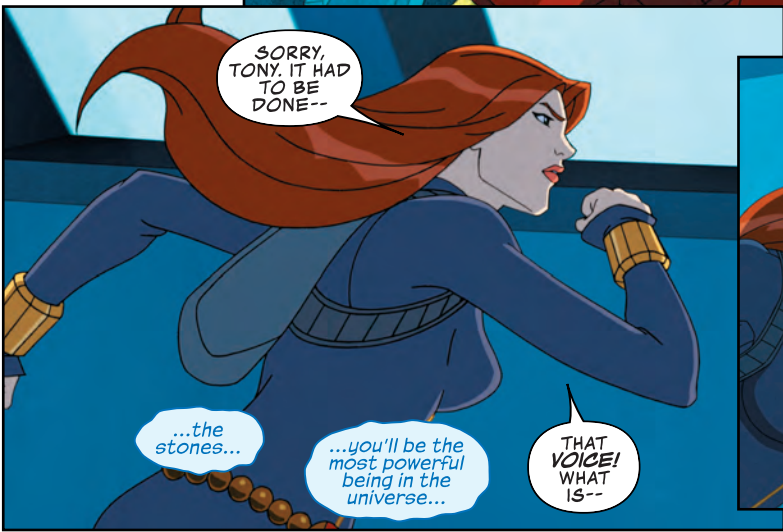


I FORGET HOW AGILE YOU ARE!



DID YOU ALSO FORGET THAT I HACKED YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM? NOW I CAN LOCK THE DOOR BEHIND ME SO YOU CAN'T GET OUT.

HUH?



SORRY, TONY. IT HAD TO BE DONE--

...the stones...

...you'll be the most powerful being in the universe...

THAT VOICE! WHAT IS--



SHUNK!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?