

SEATTLE.
ONE YEAR AGO.

TEXAS HAS OIL, CALIFORNIA HAS GOLD, WASHINGTON HAS TREES.

TIMBER WAS THE BONES AND SAP WAS THE LIFE BLOOD OF THIS STATE.

NO LONGER.

THANKS TO TREE-HUGGING HIPPIES AND GOVERNMENT TOADS.

RUM-RUM-RUM

RA-RAAA

OUR FATHERS WERE LOGGERS. OUR GRANDFATHERS, TOO.

WE'VE LOST OUR LEGACY.

TWO HUNDRED SAWMILLS HAVE CLOSED, FORTY THOUSAND JOBS HAVE VANISHED, AND WE DRAW UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS FOR A LIVING.

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WHO CARES ABOUT THE GODDAMN SPOTTED OWL...

...WHEN LOGGERS ARE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES.

EXCUSE ME...

...I'M LOOKING FOR THE ANGRY, WHITE, MOUTH-BREATHING, RED-MEAT *FASCISTS*. ANYBODY SEEN THEM?



OH, THERE YOU ARE. READY FOR PRISON?

YOU GET IN MY WAY, *GREENIE*, I'LL CARVE YOU UP LIKE A PIECE OF SHRUBBERY.

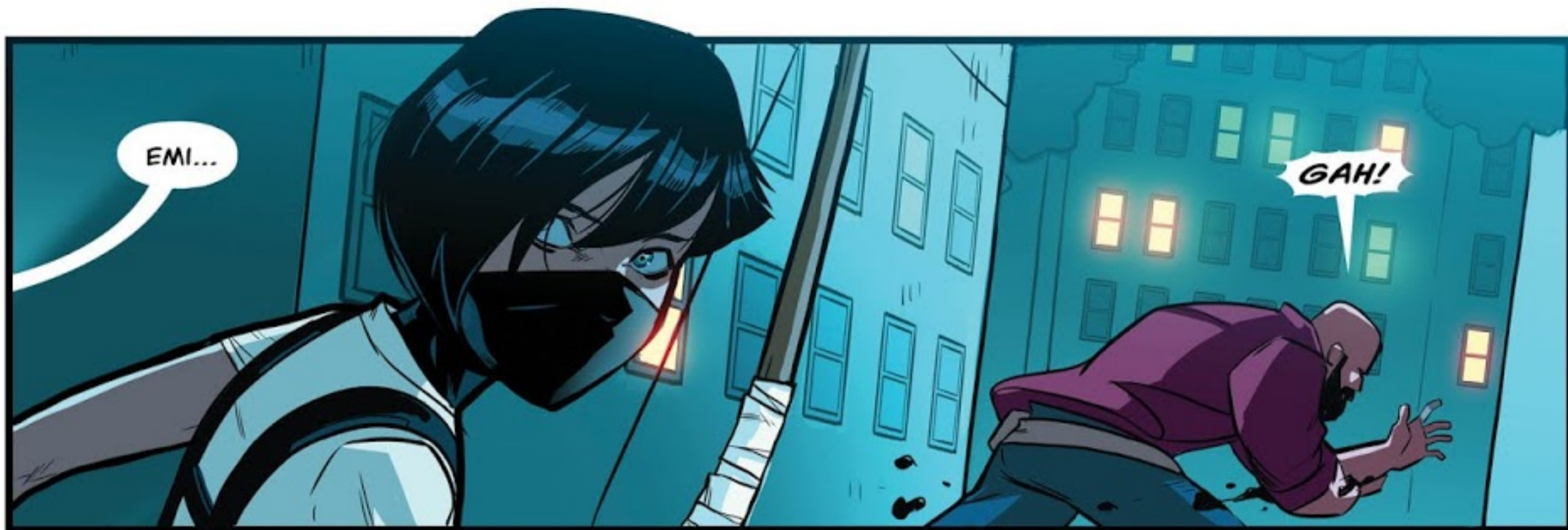


THIS *TRANQ* ARROW SHOULD MELLOW YOU OUT.



IMPACT!





EMI...

GAH!



WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I'M SORRY, OLLIE. I'M SO SORRY.

TICK
TICK



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE!

OLIVER QUEEN...



...IF YOU'RE LISTENING TO THIS RECORDING, IT MEANS YOUR SISTER HAS **BETRAYED** YOU.

SHE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE. NEITHER DID THAT TEENAGER WHO DIED IN JAIL. IF ANYONE'S TO BLAME, IT'S YOU, OLIVER.



MY NAME IS WILLIAM TOCKMAN, AND ALL I EVER WANTED WAS TO BE AN **ENGINEER**. BUT YOUR **FATHER** GOT IN THE WAY OF THAT.

ROBERT FIRED ME AND RUINED MY CAREER AND MADE MILLIONS OFF THE RESEARCH I HAD DONE FOR **QUEEN INDUSTRIES**.



THE COMPANY WAS WILLED TO YOU. SO YOU **INHERIT** THE BLAME. AND THE **DEBT**.

REMOVE THE WATCH AND YOUR HEART STOPS. DISOBEY ME AND YOUR HEART STOPS. BUT YOU CAN LIVE, OLIVER, SO LONG AS YOU PAY THE **CLOCK KING** WHAT HE'S DUE.



I'LL EXPECT THE **FIRST** MILLION DELIVERED **PERSONALLY** BY MIDNIGHT. AS A SECURITY DEPOSIT. FROM THERE WE'LL SET UP A SERIES OF DIGITAL TRANSFERS.

YOUR WATCH SHOULD HAVE ONE HOUR LEFT ON IT. THAT'S WHEN YOUR PULSE WILL TICK ITS WAY DOWN TO ZERO.



TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK.



LET ME HELP!

STAY AWAY FROM ME, EMI. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE.



NEITHER DO I.