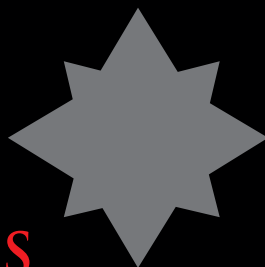




CIVIL WAR II



CHOOSING SIDES

EARTH'S HEROES PREVENTED A CATAclySMIC EVENT THANKS TO A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES, WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE THE FUTURE.

IRON MAN WARNED AGAINST USING ULYSSES' POWERS AGAIN, BELIEVING THAT THE FUTURE MUST BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ITS COURSE. CAPTAIN MARVEL DISAGREED, ARGUING THAT SAVING LIVES IS WORTH THE RISK.

AS TENSIONS RISE, EACH HERO WILL HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE:
PROTECT THE FUTURE OR CHANGE THE FUTURE?

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“POST PROLOGUE” PART SIX

NICK FURY WAS RECENTLY DEPLOYED TO TAKE DOWN A ROGUE HYDRA CELL THAT ULYSSES FORESAW WOULD BRING ABOUT THE END OF S.H.I.E.L.D. IF NOT STOPPED. BUT FURY SOON LEARNED THAT THE TRUE THREAT WAS WITHIN S.H.I.E.L.D.'S RANKS. FAKING HIS OWN DEATH, FURY TRACKED DOWN THE CELL'S LEADER, BUT THE TRAITOR ESCAPED. FURY THEN HACKED S.H.I.E.L.D.'S SYSTEMS IN HOPES OF PICKING UP THE TRAIL AGAIN. THE LEADER WAS IN FACT A LIFE MODEL DECOY OF HIS FATHER, NICK FURY SENIOR.

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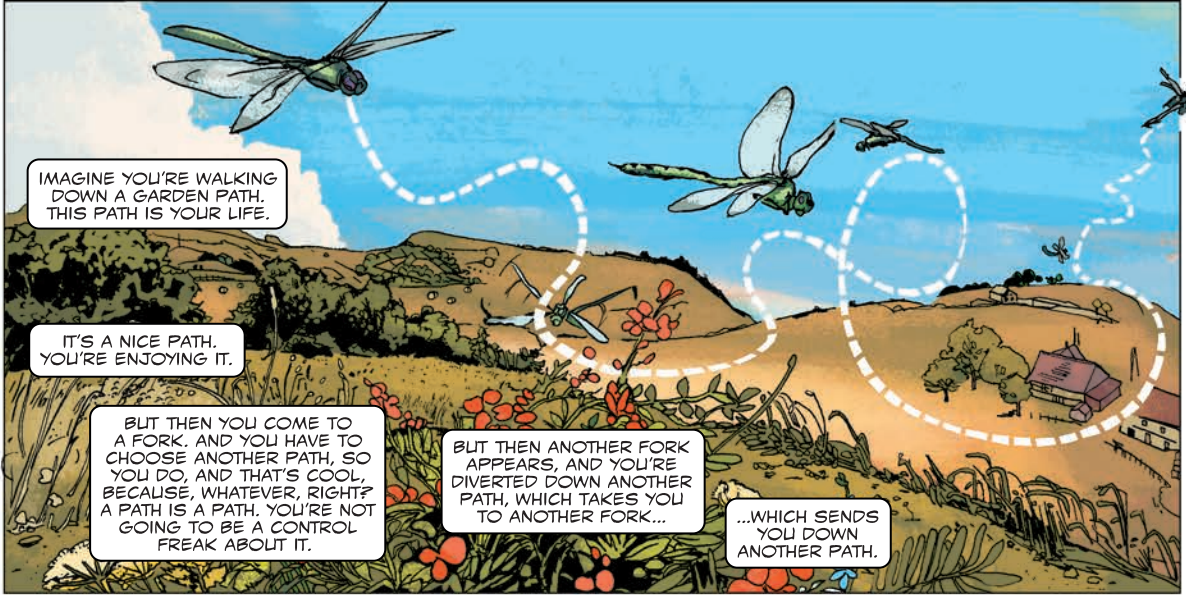
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IMAGINE YOU'RE WALKING DOWN A GARDEN PATH. THIS PATH IS YOUR LIFE.

IT'S A NICE PATH. YOU'RE ENJOYING IT.

BUT THEN YOU COME TO A FORK. AND YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE ANOTHER PATH, SO YOU DO, AND THAT'S COOL, BECAUSE, WHATEVER, RIGHT? A PATH IS A PATH. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE A CONTROL FREAK ABOUT IT.

BUT THEN ANOTHER FORK APPEARS, AND YOU'RE DIVERTED DOWN ANOTHER PATH, WHICH TAKES YOU TO ANOTHER FORK...

...WHICH SENDS YOU DOWN ANOTHER PATH.



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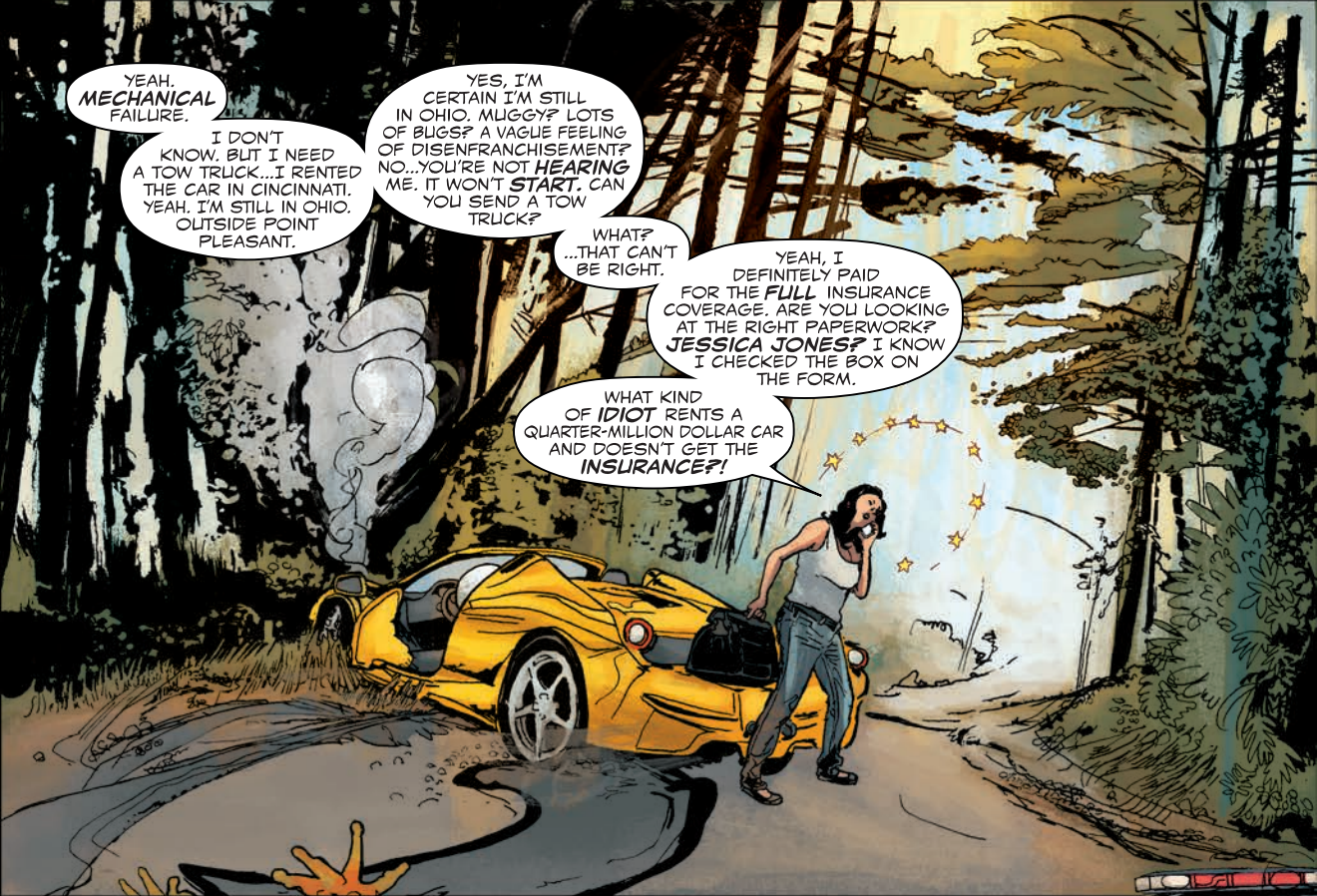
AND THEN THE PATH ENDS.

MOTHER



THE POINT IS, I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN PUTTING ON DEODORANT BEHIND THE WHEEL.

SQRREEECH



YEAH. MECHANICAL FAILURE.

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I NEED A TOW TRUCK...I RENTED THE CAR IN CINCINNATI. YEAH, I'M STILL IN OHIO. OUTSIDE POINT PLEASANT.

YES, I'M CERTAIN I'M STILL IN OHIO. MUGGY? LOTS OF BUGS? A VAGUE FEELING OF DISENFRANCHISEMENT? NO...YOU'RE NOT HEARING ME. IT WON'T START. CAN YOU SEND A TOW TRUCK?

WHAT? ...THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.

YEAH, I DEFINITELY PAID FOR THE FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE. ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE RIGHT PAPERWORK? JESSICA JONES? I KNOW I CHECKED THE BOX ON THE FORM.

WHAT KIND OF IDIOT RENTS A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLAR CAR AND DOESN'T GET THE INSURANCE?!



JUST INITIAL HERE THAT YOU'RE DECLINING COVERAGE, MS. JONES.

ONLY SUCKERS PAY FOR THAT. I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES.



TONY? YEAH, IT'S ME. YOU MIGHT HEAR ABOUT A WEIRD CHARGE ON THAT STARK CORPORATE CARD YOU GAVE ME. ON A TOTALLY UNRELATED NOTE, DO YOU HAVE A TRIPLE-A MEMBERSHIP?



LIH-OH. IT'S THE PO-PO. GOTTA GO. CALL ME BACK.



LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE HAD SOME BAD LUCK. HOP IN, I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE INTO TOWN AND WE CAN SEND A TOW FOR YOUR CAR.

IT'S NOT MY CAR.

IT'S A RENTAL.

I ASKED FOR A MIDSIZE. THEY UPGRADED ME.

THE BRAKES WENT OUT.

BEFORE OR AFTER YOU HIT THE TOAD?

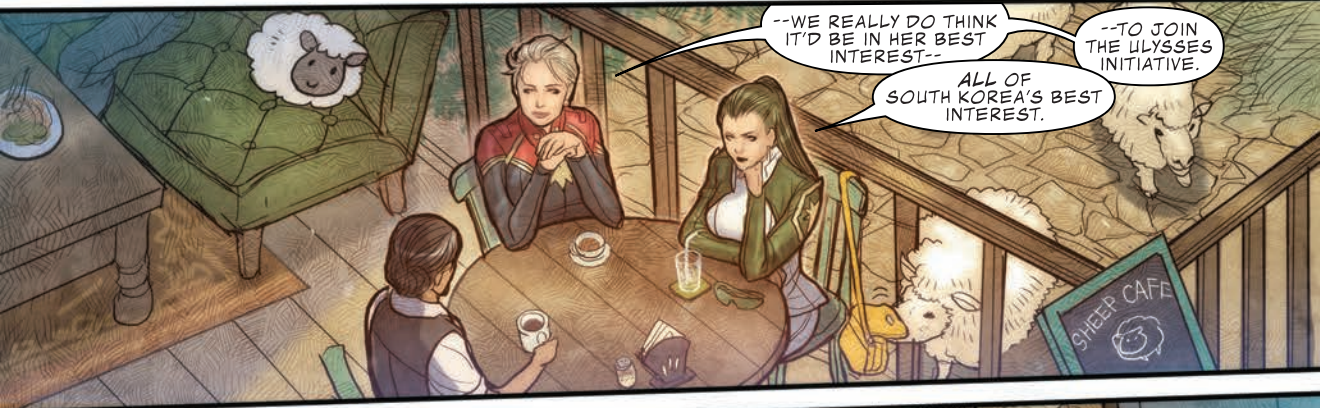
AFTER I HIT THE TREE.

SEOUL,
SOUTH KOREA.



HAVING
WORKED
WITH
THE WHITE FOX IN THE
PAST, AGENT
HAN--

--AMI, IF
IT'S OKAY FOR
ME TO CALL
YOU THAT--



--WE REALLY DO THINK
IT'D BE IN HER BEST
INTEREST--

--TO JOIN
THE ULYSSES
INITIATIVE.

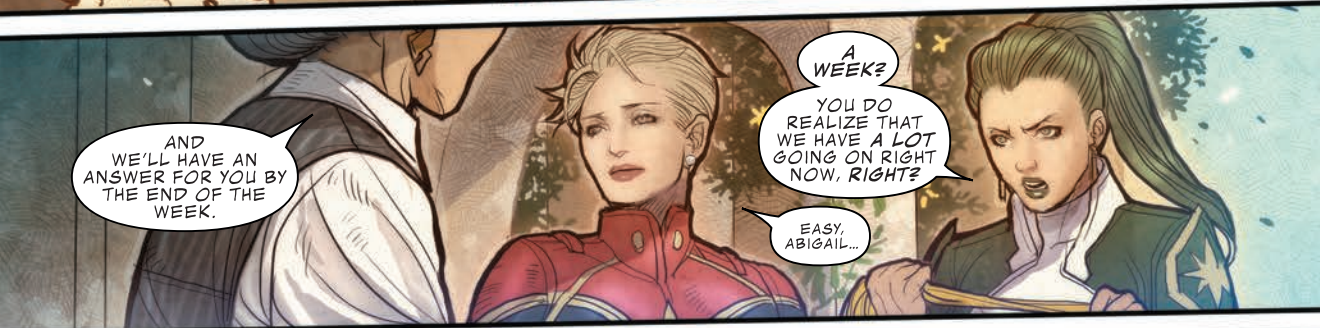
ALL OF
SOUTH KOREA'S BEST
INTEREST.



BAAAAH!

SO WE'D
APPRECIATE IT IF
YOU COULD PUT US
IN CONTACT
WITH--

I'LL
DISCUSS IT
WITH THE WHITE
FOX, CAPTAIN
MARVEL.



A
WEEK?

YOU DO
REALIZE THAT
WE HAVE A LOT
GOING ON RIGHT
NOW, RIGHT?

EASY,
ABIGAIL...

AND
WE'LL HAVE AN
ANSWER FOR YOU BY
THE END OF THE
WEEK.



OF
COURSE, MS.
BRAND. BY ALL MEANS,
TAKE CARE OF WHATEVER
IT IS YOU'RE IN THE
MIDDLE OF. WE'LL
BE HERE.

AND
AT THE END OF
THE WEEK, WE'LL
HAVE YOUR
ANSWER.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS.

WHITE FOX'S TRAINING ROOF.

NOT THAT THIS ISN'T ENTERTAINING--

--HUUFF?

--BUT DID MS. HAN BRIEF YOU ON OUR OFFER?

DO YOU KNOW WHY I'M THE LAST OF THE KUMIHO, MS. BRAND?

NO, BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE ABOUT TO TELL ME.

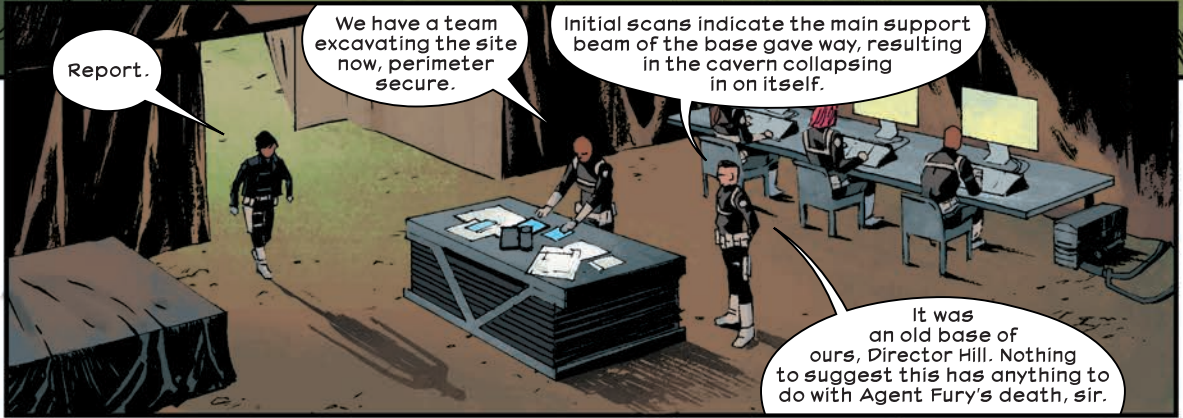
HISTORICALLY, HUMANS HAVE BEEN NOTHING MORE THAN PREY TO THE NINE-TAILED FOX.

BUT WHEN MY GRANDMOTHER FELL IN LOVE WITH MY GRANDFATHER--

--HE HELPED HER UNCOVER HER HUMANITY.

IF SHE'D BEEN PRECOGGED, SHE'D HAVE BEEN HUNTED AND KILLED.





Report.

We have a team excavating the site now, perimeter secure.

Initial scans indicate the main support beam of the base gave way, resulting in the cavern collapsing in on itself.

It was an old base of ours, Director Hill. Nothing to suggest this has anything to do with Agent Fury's death, sir.



Agent Fury is not dead. He's M.I.A.

Of course, sir.



I want access to that base in the next--

Sir!
Sir!



What is it, Agent?

Base KRATOS--we got access to the remains. Nothing but wreckage...

...and this...

