



THE ASTONISHING ANT-MAN

**SCOTT LANG: BUSINESS OWNER, DIVORCED DAD, EX-CON...OH, AND HE'S ANT-MAN--
A SUPER HERO WITH THE ABILITY TO SHRINK AND TALK TO ANTS!**

**AS A SUPER HERO AND OWNER OF A PRIVATE SECURITY FIRM IN MIAMI, LANG LEADS
A PRETTY WEIRD LIFE. BUT THINGS HAVE ONLY GOTTEN WEIRDER SINCE HE BEGAN
INVESTIGATING THE CREATORS OF HENCH AND LACKEY, RIVAL APPS THAT PLACE
FREELANCE SUPER VILLAINS AT THE HANDS OF ANYONE WITH A SMARTPHONE.**

**AND WHEN HIS SUPER-ANGSTY TEENAGE DAUGHTER CASSIE (A FORMER SUPER HERO
HERSELF) USED HENCH TO BECOME A SUPER VILLAIN, THINGS WENT FROM WEIRD TO
DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS. HOW DANGEROUS? AFTER A FACE-OFF WITH OLD FOE
DARREN CROSS, SCOTT TOOK THE FALL FOR CASSIE'S TURN FOR THE WORSE AND
ENDED UP BACK IN PRISON.**

AND NOW HE'S ON TRIAL FOR A CRIME HE DIDN'T COMMIT...



THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS OF CIVIL WAR II

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Jennifer Walters, a.k.a. *The Sensational She-Hulk*.

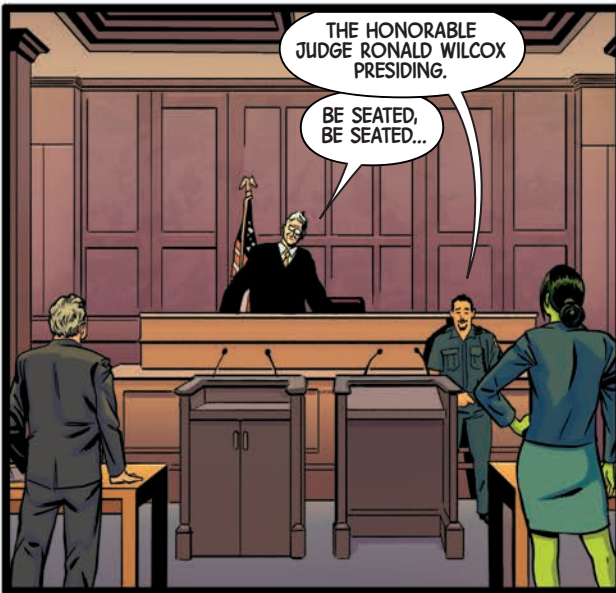
My old *Future Foundation* teammate-- now doing me a solid, acting as my legal counsel.

THANKS, JEN. GUESS IT'S JUST COURTROOM JITTERS. I DON'T EXACTLY HAVE THE BEST LUCK WITH TRIALS--CRIMINAL, CUSTODY...

WELL, ALLOW ME TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE. I WAS LOOKING OVER YOUR CASE, AND I THINK WHAT YOU SAID AT VISITATION IS BASICALLY RIGHT--YOU'RE PROBABLY LOOKING AT A FRIENDLY JURY THANKS TO DARLA'S REALITY SHOW--

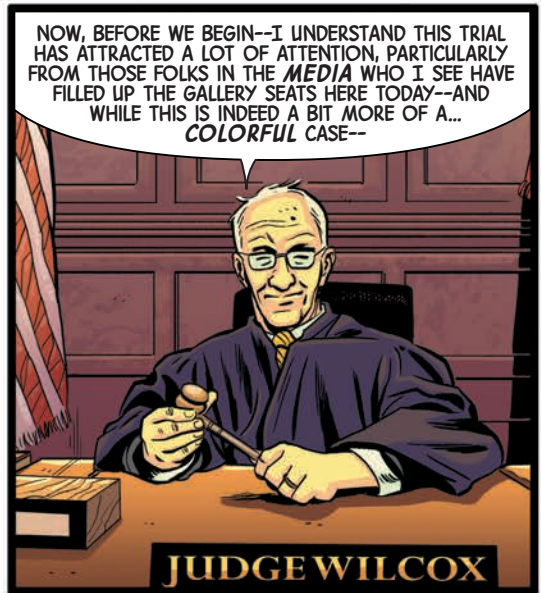


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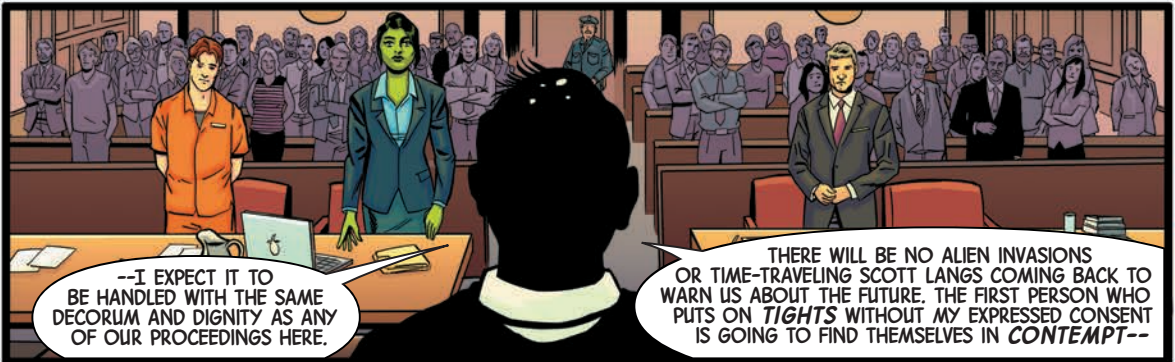
THE HONORABLE JUDGE RONALD WILCOX PRESIDING.

BE SEATED, BE SEATED...



NOW, BEFORE WE BEGIN--I UNDERSTAND THIS TRIAL HAS ATTRACTED A LOT OF ATTENTION, PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE FOLKS IN THE *MEDIA* WHO I SEE HAVE FILLED UP THE GALLERY SEATS HERE TODAY--AND WHILE THIS IS INDEED A BIT MORE OF A... *COLORFUL* CASE--

JUDGE WILCOX



--I EXPECT IT TO BE HANDLED WITH THE SAME DECORUM AND DIGNITY AS ANY OF OUR PROCEEDINGS HERE.

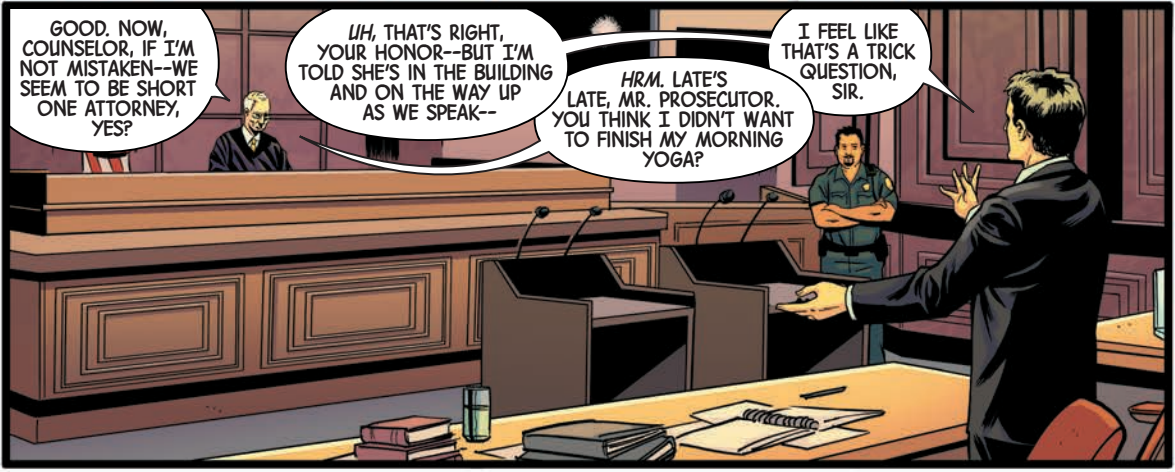
THERE WILL BE NO ALIEN INVASIONS OR TIME-TRAVELING SCOTT LANGS COMING BACK TO WARN US ABOUT THE FUTURE. THE FIRST PERSON WHO PUTS ON *TIGHTS* WITHOUT MY EXPRESSED CONSENT IS GOING TO FIND THEMSELVES IN *CONTEMPT*--



IS THAT UNDERSTOOD, MS. WALTERS, MR. LANG?

AW, NO, WE GOT THE *GHOSTBUSTERS II* JUDGE.

LOUD AND CLEAR, YOUR HONOR.



GOOD. NOW, COUNSELOR, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN--WE SEEM TO BE SHORT ONE ATTORNEY, YES?

UH, THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR HONOR--BUT I'M TOLD SHE'S IN THE BUILDING AND ON THE WAY UP AS WE SPEAK--

HRM. LATE'S LATE, MR. PROSECUTOR. YOU THINK I DIDN'T WANT TO FINISH MY MORNING YOGA?

I FEEL LIKE THAT'S A TRICK QUESTION, SIR.

