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THE SAHARA DESERT.
NOW.

SAFIYAH?!



18 HOURS
EARLIER. OVER
THE SAHARA
DESERT.



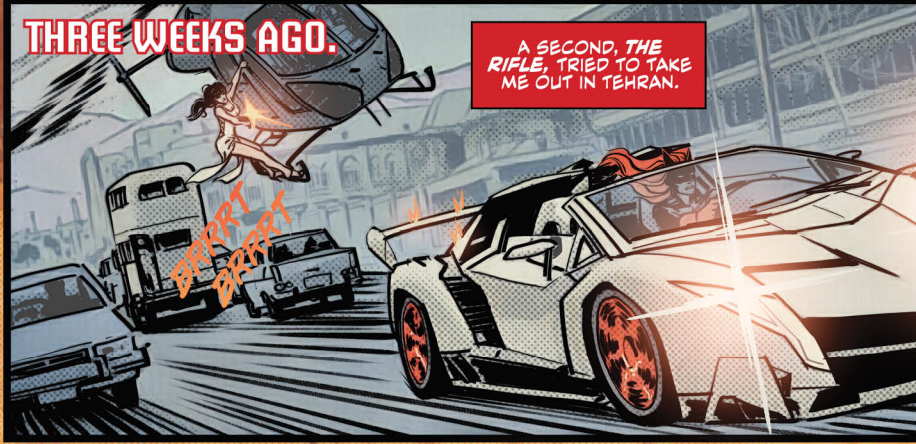
ONE MONTH AGO.

THEIR FIRST
WEAPON, **THE
KNIFE**, VANISHED
AFTER OUR CLASH
ON THE ISLAND OF
CORYANA.



THREE WEEKS AGO.

A SECOND, **THE
RIFLE**, TRIED TO TAKE
ME OUT IN TEHRAN.



THREE MONTHS AGO,
BATMAN SENT ME ON A
BLACK OPS MISSION TO
TRACK DOWN A RING OF
BIOTERRORISTS SELLING
EVERYTHING FROM
MONSTER VENOM TO
SOVIET ARALSK-7
SMALLPOX.

WE KNOW THEM
AS **THE MANY
ARMS OF DEATH**.

THEIR TARGETS
ARE ALWAYS
INTERNATIONAL.

MARKETS. TRAIN
STATIONS. TOURIST
DESTINATIONS.
UNIVERSITIES.

PLACES WHERE THEY
CAN HURT **THE MOST
PEOPLE FROM THE
MOST NATIONS**.

TWO WEEKS AGO.

A THIRD, **THE CHAIN**,
I CAUGHT UP WITH
OUTSIDE OF TOKYO.



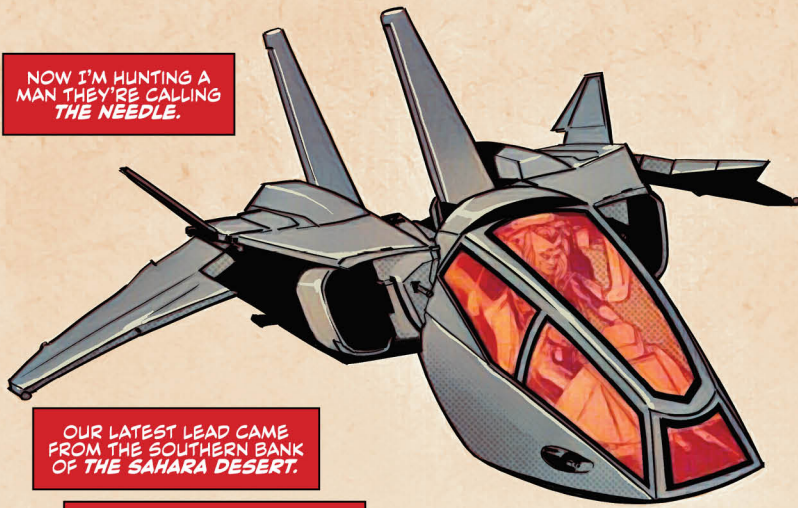
ONE WEEK AGO.

AND **THE TORCH**
GOT SNUFFED IN
MISSISSIPPI.

(GREAT BARBECUE,
BY THE WAY.)



NOW I'M HUNTING A
MAN THEY'RE CALLING
THE NEEDLE.



OUR LATEST LEAD CAME
FROM THE SOUTHERN BANK
OF **THE SAHARA DESERT.**

A VILLAGE IN MALI ASSISTED
BY **INTERNATIONAL AID
WORKERS** WAS ATTACKED
BY A BIOLOGICAL WEAPON.

ITS ORIGIN TRACED A PATH
BACK TO THE NOW-DEFUNCT **KALI
CORPORATION** THAT SOLD HALF THE
TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE
WORLD ITS **GUNS, GERMS
AND STEEL...**

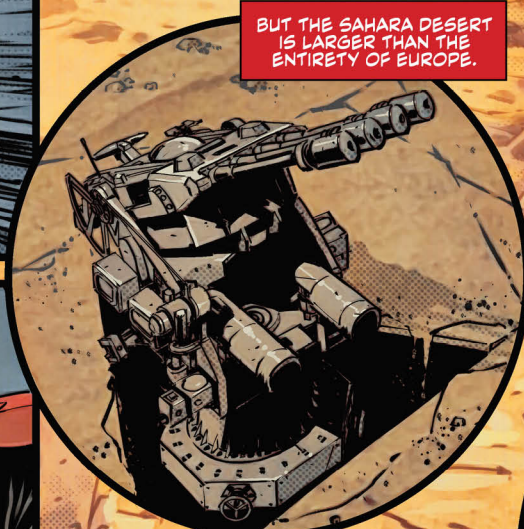


AND A PATH
POINTING TO
THE NEEDLE.



JULIA PENNYWORTH AND
THE **SEQUOIA** ARE DOCKED IN
THE PORT OF **NOUAKCHOTT**,
HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY...

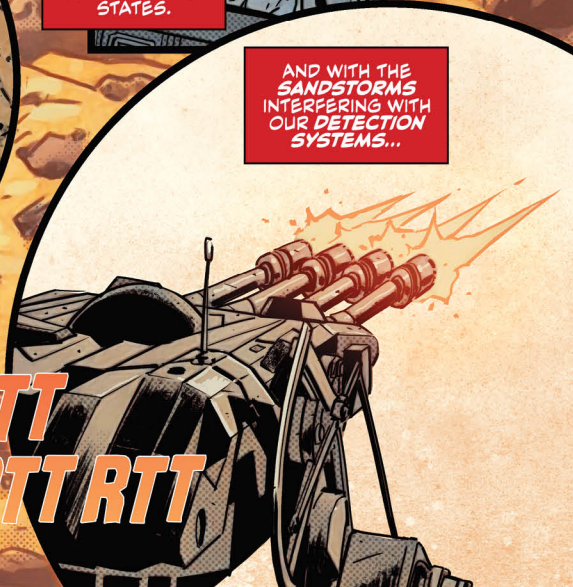
BUT THE SAHARA DESERT
IS LARGER THAN THE
ENTIRETY OF **EUROPE.**



NEARLY LARGER
THAN THE UNITED
STATES.



AND WITH THE
SANDSTORMS
INTERFERING WITH
OUR **DETECTION
SYSTEMS...**



**RTT RTT
RTT RTT RTT**



EMERGENCY

PROPULSION
OFFLINE

PREPARE
FOR EMERG-

SKREEEEEEEE-KENNNNNNN

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...I'M ON
MY OWN.