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**ENEMY**  
WITHIN...



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Riri Williams was a young girl who dreamed of becoming an astronaut—until her best friend and stepfather were killed in a drive-by shooting. Determined to find a way to protect her hometown of Chicago, Riri reverse engineered Tony Stark's Iron Man design to create her own armor. Now she soars the skies as...

# RIRI WILLIAMS

# IRONHEART

Following a lead from Doctor Strange, Ironheart traveled to Wakanda, hoping to locate a previously undiscovered gateway to the Wellspring of Power before the villainous Ten Rings could exploit its mystical resources. Princess Shuri was reluctant to help Riri until shadow creatures conjured by the Ten Rings attacked Birnin Zana, Wakanda's capital city, spurring her to action.

But before they could leave to search for the Wellspring, they were interrupted by a former New Warrior, Silhouette, who believes she can help them track down her brother: the deadly Ten Rings member known as Midnight's Fire.

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I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO GET A FULL TOUR OF THE LAB YET, BUT THEY DO ALMOST EVERYTHING WITH THESE KIMOYO BEADS.

RIRI.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE ONLY SEEN THE HALF OF IT. PERSONAL BIOMETRIC DATA, PORTABLE ENERGY STORAGE--

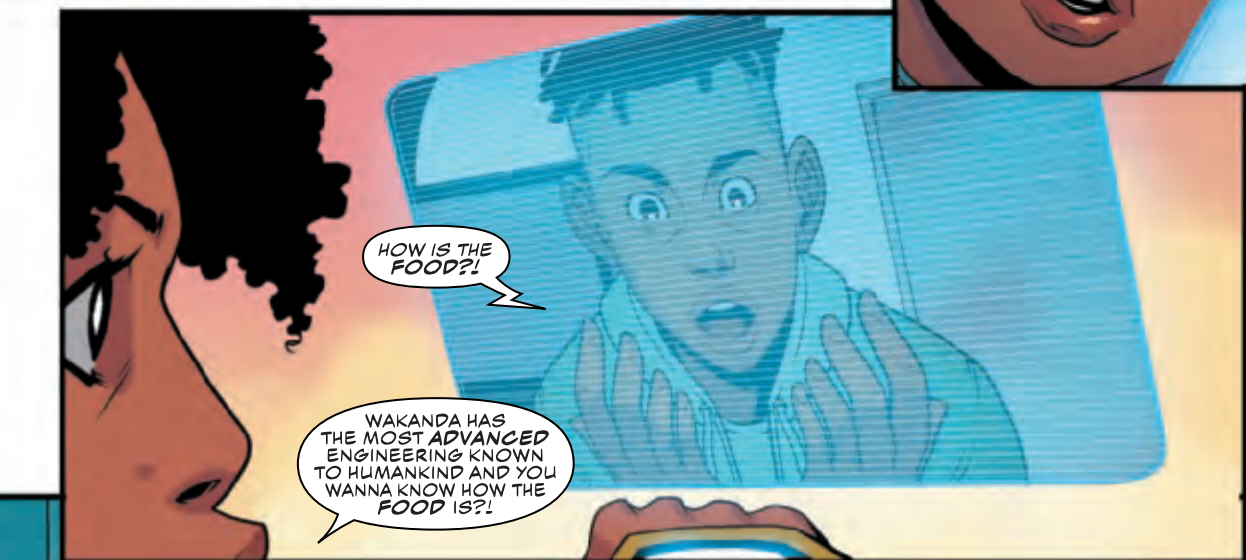
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AND THEIR PROJECTION CAPABILITY IS OFF THE CHAIN!

RIRI!

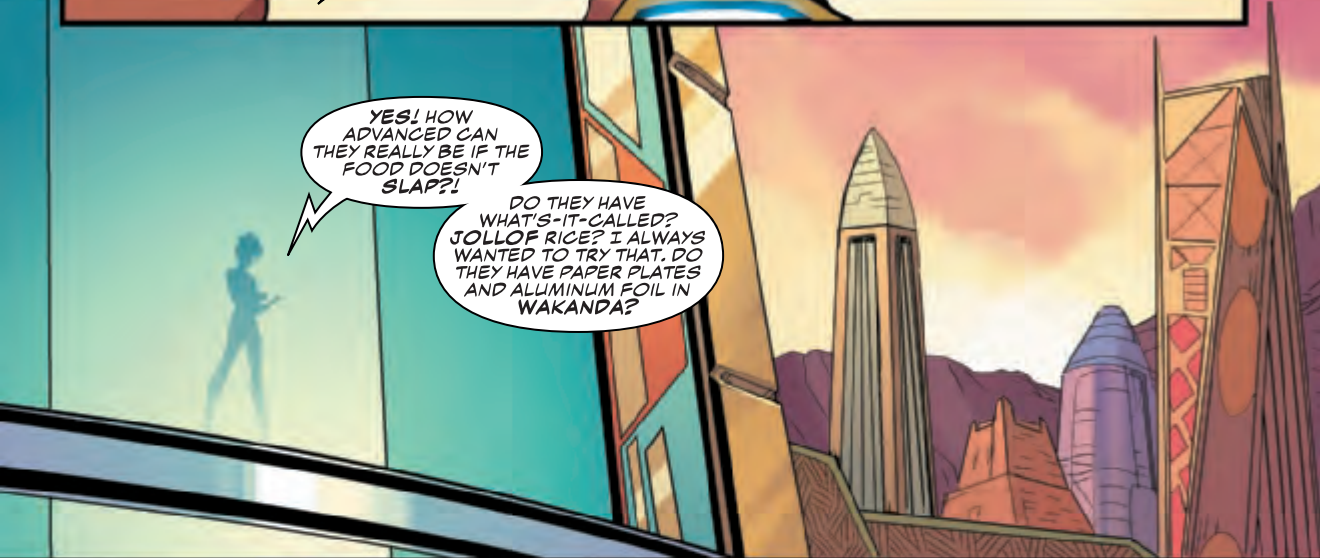


WHAT?!



HOW IS THE FOOD?!

WAKANDA HAS THE MOST ADVANCED ENGINEERING KNOWN TO HUMANKIND AND YOU WANNA KNOW HOW THE FOOD IS?!



YES! HOW ADVANCED CAN THEY REALLY BE IF THE FOOD DOESN'T SLAP?!

DO THEY HAVE WHAT'S-IT-CALLED? JOLLOF RICE? I ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY THAT. DO THEY HAVE PAPER PLATES AND ALUMINUM FOIL IN WAKANDA?



RIRI! MEETING IS GOING ON WITHOUT YOU!

I GOTTA GO. I'LL BRING YOU BACK A TUPPERWARE OR SOMETHING.





FINALLY,  
THE GANG'S ALL  
HERE.

SO  
LISTEN,  
HERE'S WHAT WE  
NEED TO DO,  
**SHURIRI--**

SILHOUETTE--  
DID YOU JUST CALL  
US **SHURIRI**?



THAT'S A NO.  
HARD PASS.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
THAT IS.

OH,  
COME ON. IT'S  
AN **ADORABLE**  
NICKNAME. LIKE  
**BRANGELINA.**

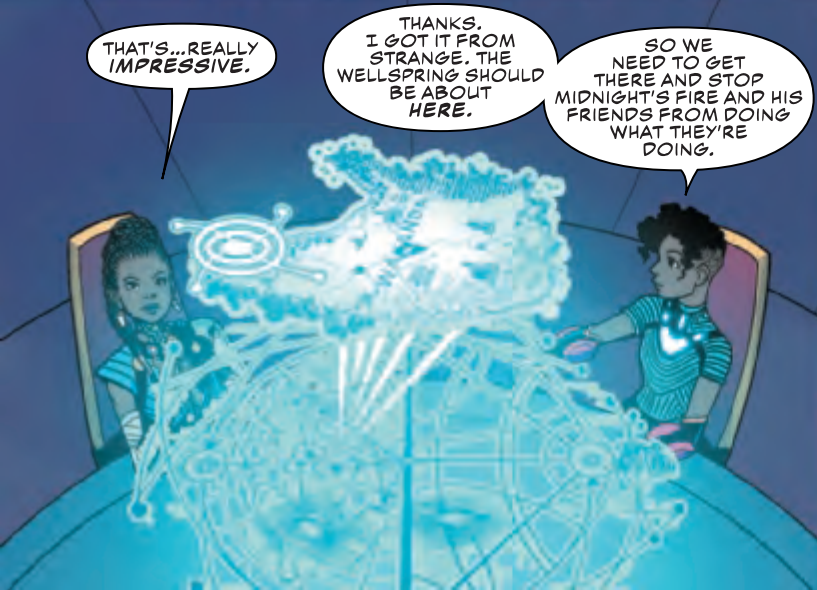


LET'S FORGET  
IT AND MOVE ON TO  
**BUSINESS.**

I WAS  
SAYING, WE  
NEED SOME  
SENSE OF  
**WHERE--**



YOU  
MEAN LIKE  
A **MAP**?



THAT'S...REALLY  
**IMPRESSION.**

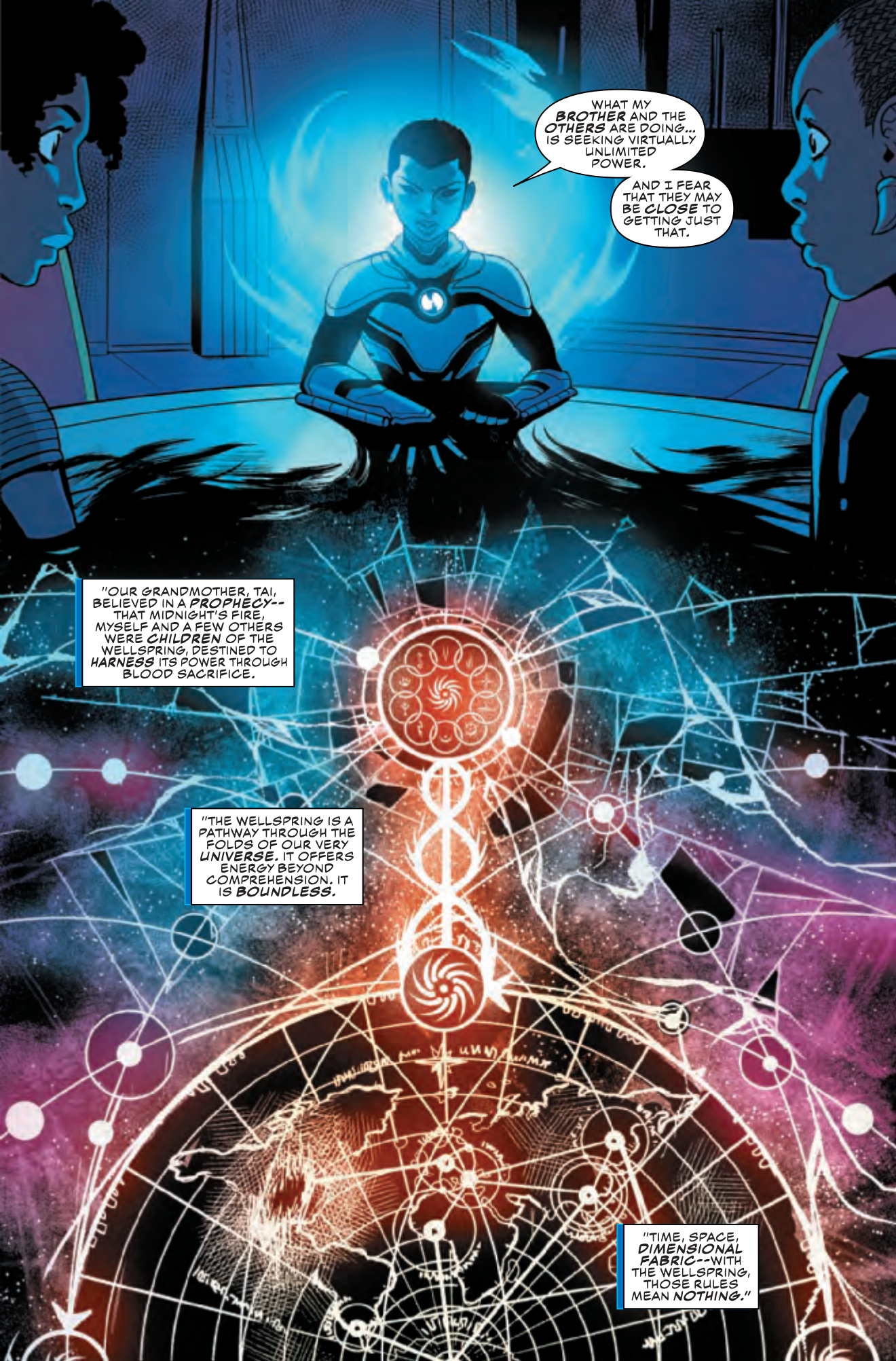
THANKS.  
I GOT IT FROM  
STRANGE, THE  
WELLSPRING SHOULD  
BE ABOUT  
**HERE.**

SO WE  
NEED TO GET  
THERE AND STOP  
MIDNIGHT'S FIRE AND HIS  
FRIENDS FROM DOING  
WHAT THEY'RE  
DOING.



I'M SORRY--  
WHICH IS WHAT,  
**EXACTLY?**





WHAT MY BROTHER AND THE OTHERS ARE DOING... IS SEEKING VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED POWER.


AND I FEAR THAT THEY MAY BE CLOSE TO GETTING JUST THAT.

"OUR GRANDMOTHER, TAI, BELIEVED IN A PROPHECY-- THAT MIDNIGHT'S FIRE, MYSELF AND A FEW OTHERS WERE CHILDREN OF THE WELLSPRING, DESTINED TO HARNESS ITS POWER THROUGH BLOOD SACRIFICE.

"THE WELLSPRING IS A PATHWAY THROUGH THE FOLDS OF OUR VERY UNIVERSE. IT OFFERS ENERGY BEYOND COMPREHENSION. IT IS BOUNDLESS.

"TIME, SPACE, DIMENSIONAL FABRIC--WITH THE WELLSPRING, THOSE RULES MEAN NOTHING."





TAI WAS GOING TO **SACRIFICE** US, TRADING OUR UNIQUE LINK TO THE WELLSPRING TO ACCESS THAT POWER.

OF COURSE, AARON--MY BROTHER--DOESN'T WANT TO DIE. BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE A WORK-AROUND.



WHEN ECLIPSE TURNED EVERYONE INTO ZOMBIES, SHE SAID SHE WAS PRACTICING.

AND THOSE SHADOW MONSTERS WERE TRYING TO DRAIN THE LIFE OUT OF WAKANDANS.

SO...

THEY WANT TO HARNESS THE ENERGY OF AS MANY BODIES AS THEY CAN?

I BELIEVE SO, YES. AND IN THAT WAY, THEY CAN ACTIVATE THE WELLSPRING WITHOUT SELF-SACRIFICE.



AND THEN THEY CAN TAKE OVER THE WORLD?



AT MINIMUM. MAYBE OTHER UNIVERSES, THE PAST, THE DISTANT FUTURE. THE ARCHITECTURE OF OUR REALITY.



SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS...

...WE NEED TO GET GOING. NOW.





I SAY WE FLY. SILHOUETTE, I CAN CARRY YOU.

THAT SOUNDS UNCOMFORTABLE.

NO ONE WHO'S EVER FLOWN IRONHEART AIR HAS EVER HAD A COMPLAINT!

IS THAT BECAUSE THEY ALL PLUMMETED TO THEIR DEATHS?



NO!

ONE TIME XAVIER ALMOST THREW UP IN MY HELMET. BUT THAT'S IT.

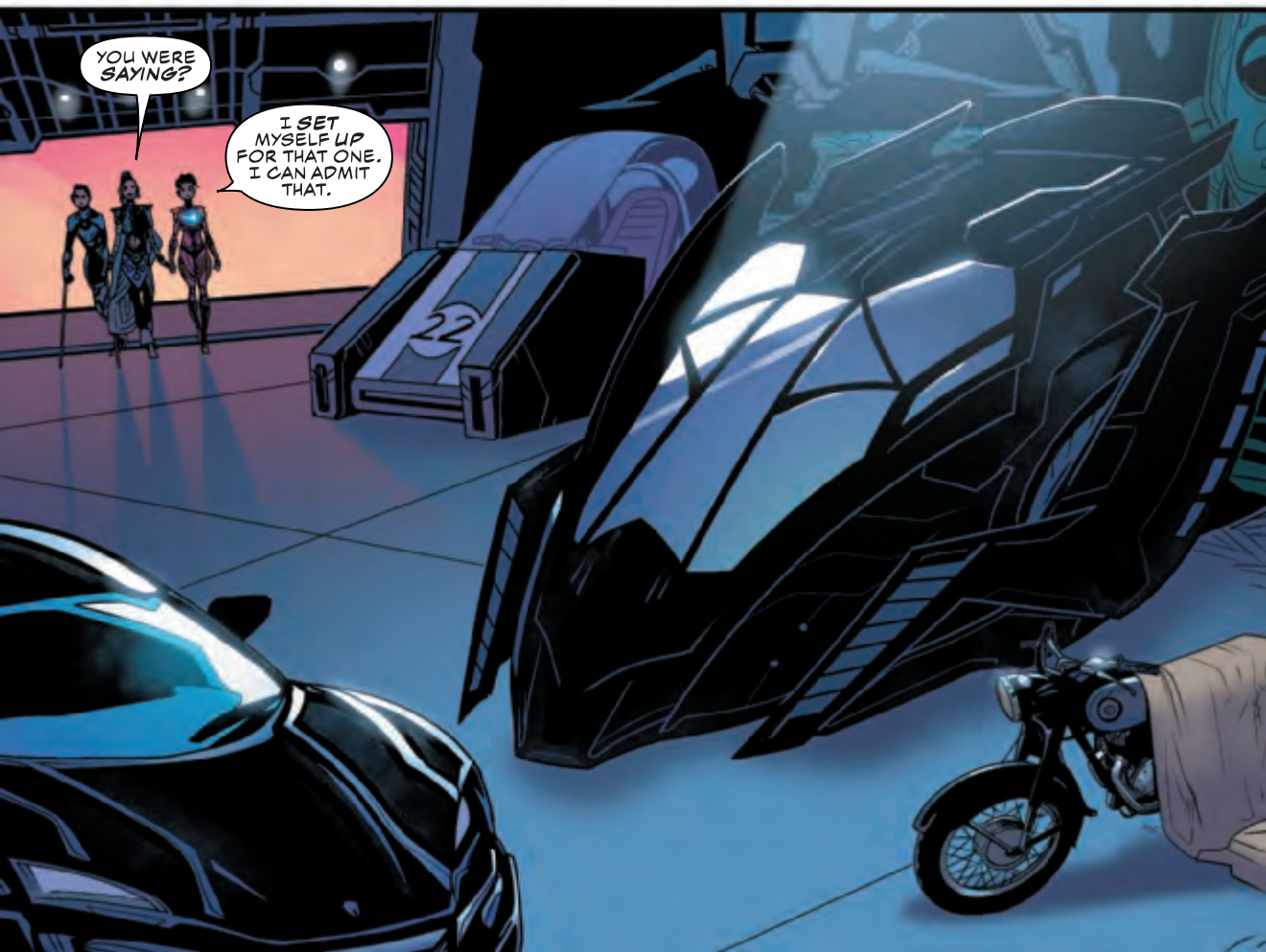
WE'LL GO BY LAND.



THAT WILL BE SLOW.

WE'RE LESS LIKELY TO BE SPOTTED.

I HAVE CLOAKING ABILITIES. I JUST DON'T SEE WHAT COULD BE AS GOOD AS THAT.



YOU WERE SAYING?

I SET MYSELF UP FOR THAT ONE. I CAN ADMIT THAT.