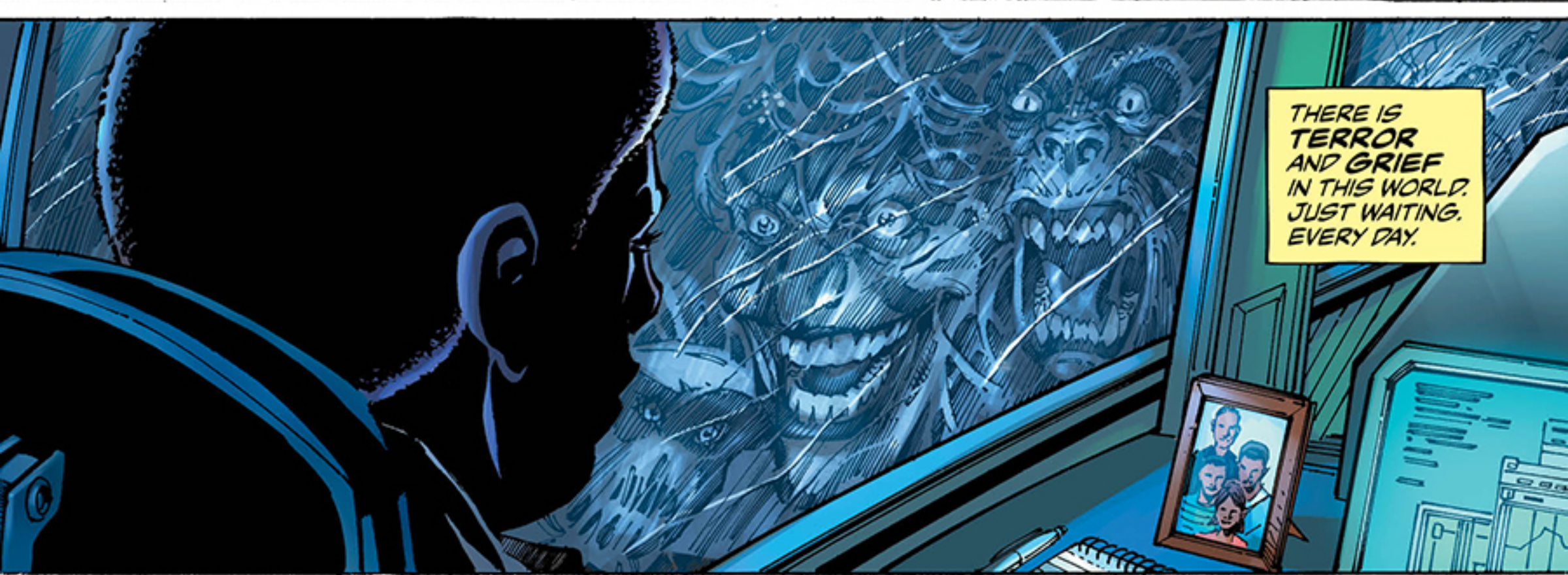




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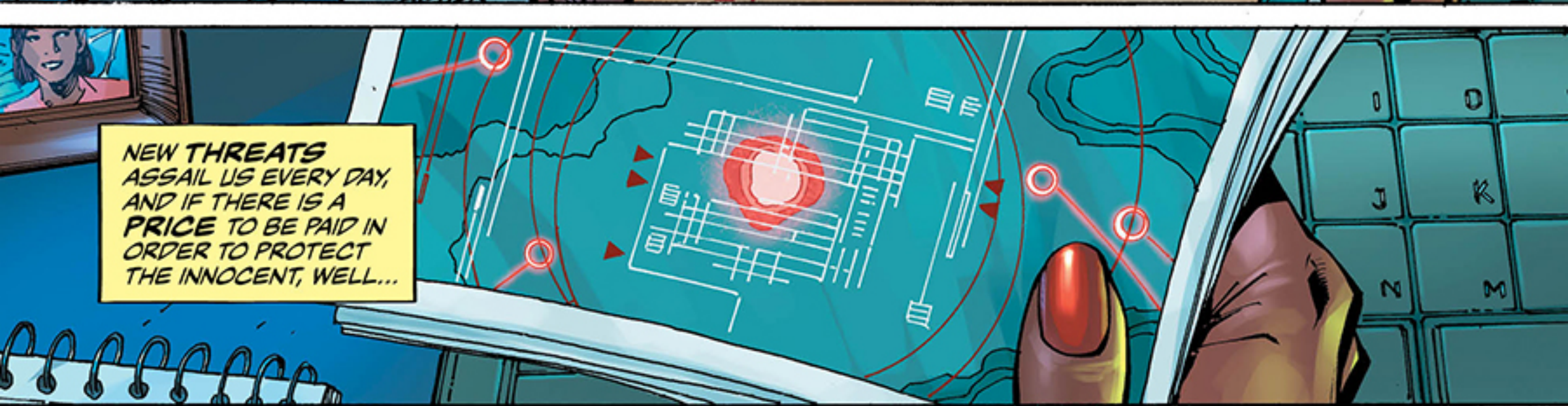


THERE IS TERROR AND GRIEF IN THIS WORLD. JUST WAITING. EVERY DAY.



I'VE KNOWN IT.

AND I KNOW THAT ANYTHING WORTHWHILE REQUIRES SACRIFICE.



NEW THREATS ASSAIL US EVERY DAY, AND IF THERE IS A PRICE TO BE PAID IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT, WELL...



...I AM CONTENT WITH THAT.

HEY, ROOKIE. YOU LOOK KINDA NERVOUS. WHAT'S THE MATTER?



YOU'VE NEVER DELIVERED THE DEVIL TO HELL BEFORE?

# THE BLACK VAULT

PART ONE: I WANNA BE SEDATED

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INMATES:  
SUPER-VILLAINS.

HOME BASE:  
TASK FORCE X.





COLONEL RICK FLAG,  
SUICIDE SQUAD FIELD  
COMMANDER.

GLAD  
TO HEAR IT,  
COLONEL  
FLAG.

RETRIEVE  
THE BRAIN  
BOMB CODES,  
PLEASE.

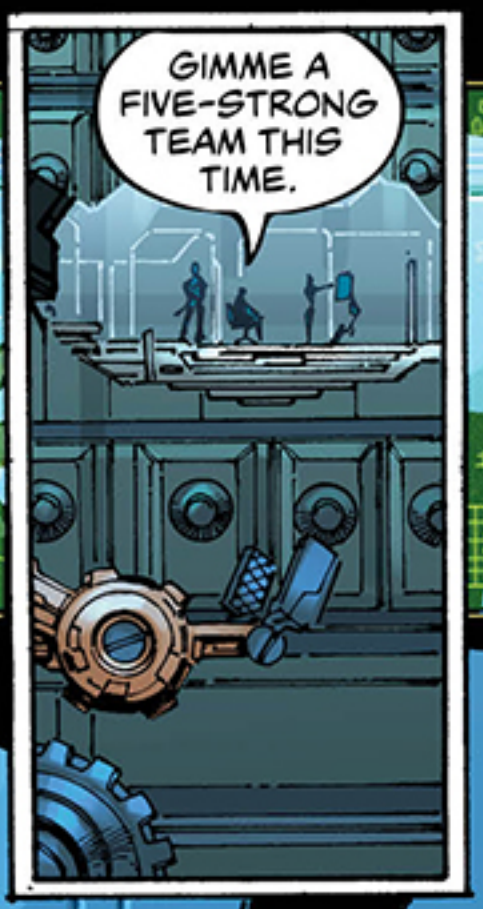


OKAY,  
KATANA.

RELEASE  
THE  
FREAKS.

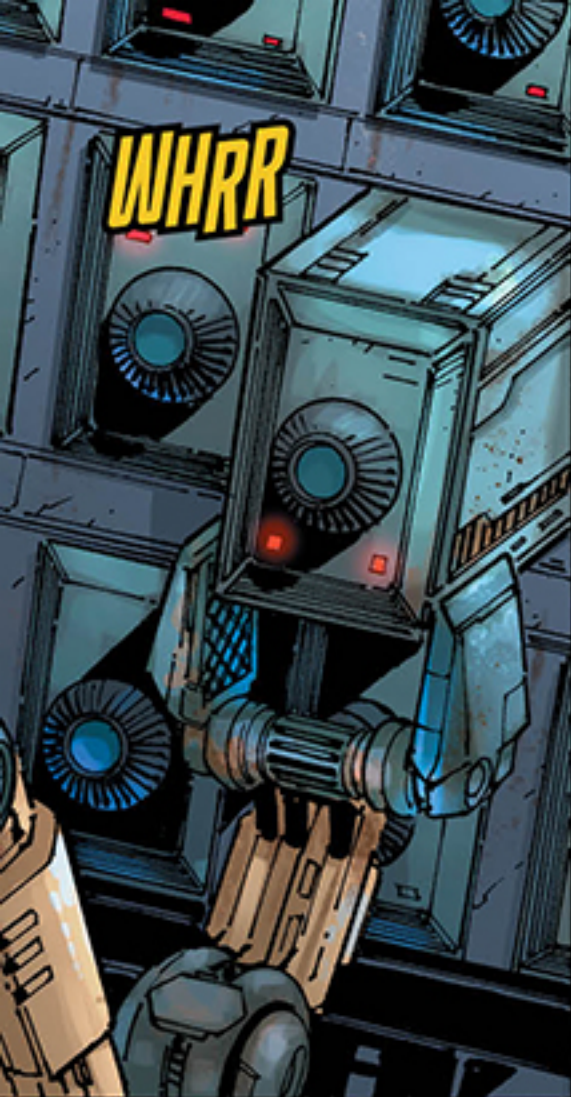
KATANA,  
BADASS.

FLAG'S  
SECOND-IN-  
COMMAND.



GIMME A  
FIVE-STRONG  
TEAM THIS  
TIME.





**WHRR**



**WHRR**

A BEYOND-TOP-SECRET TEAM OF SUPER-VILLAINS, WORKING FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT...



**WHRR**

...THE IDEA: WE SEND IN THE BAD GUYS TO DO SOME GOOD.



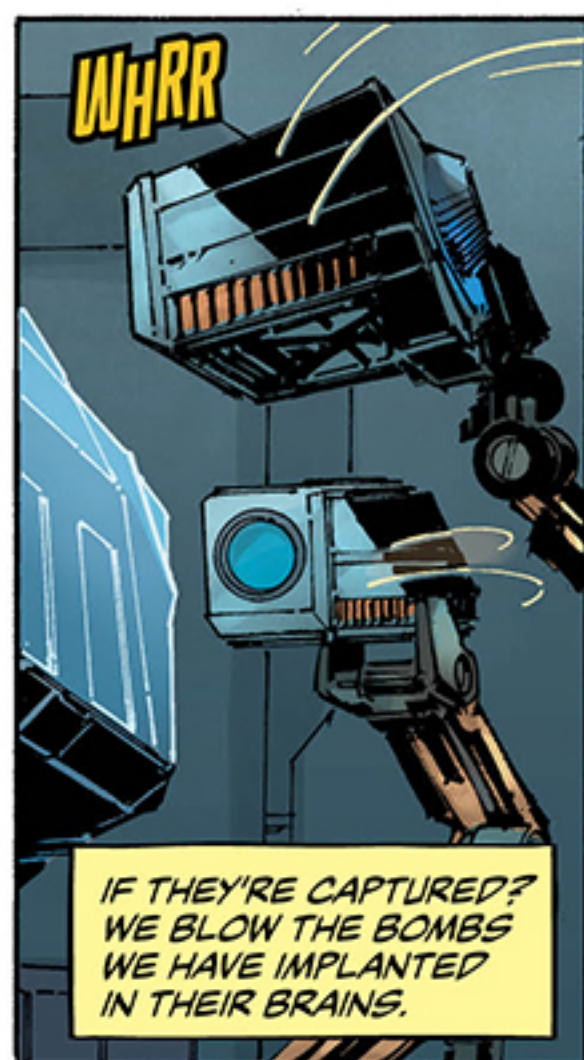
**CLUNK**

SUICIDE MISSIONS.



**PSSHH**

IF THEY DIE, BOO-HOO. TOO BAD.



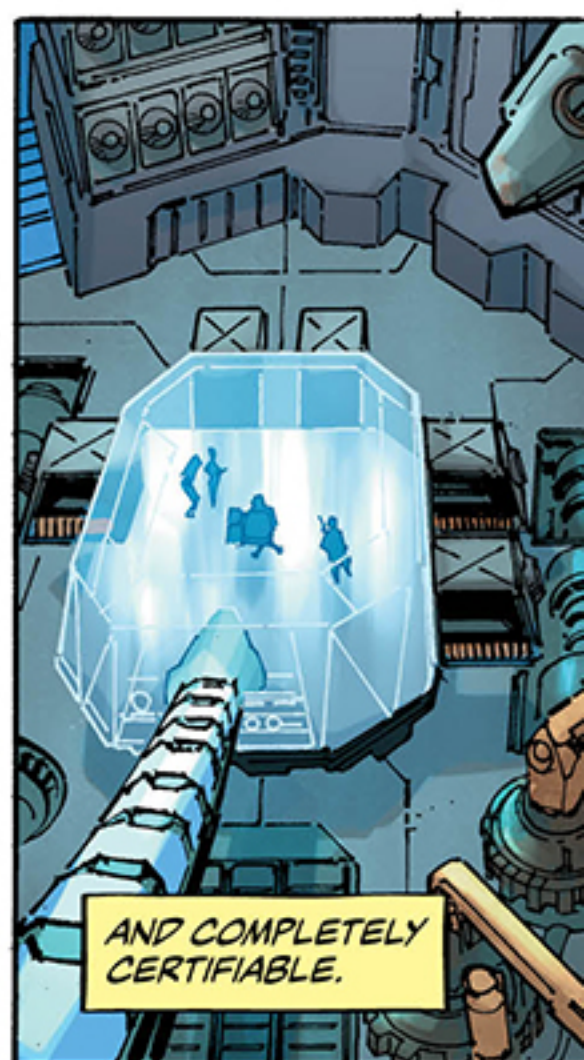
**WHRR**

IF THEY'RE CAPTURED? WE BLOW THE BOMBS WE HAVE IMPLANTED IN THEIR BRAINS.



**KER-THUNG**

THEY'RE PLAUSIBLY DENIABLE.

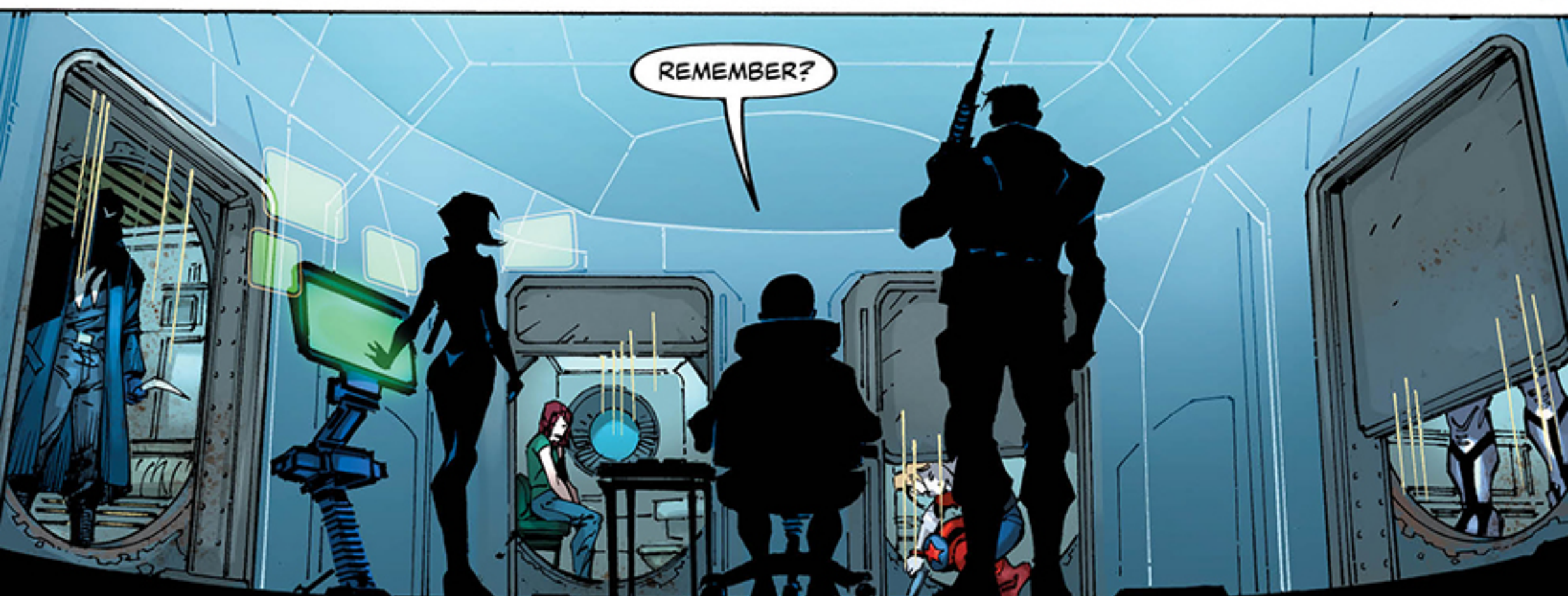


AND COMPLETELY CERTIFIABLE.



WHY DID I SIGN UP FOR THIS, AGAIN?

FOR FREEDOM, FLAG.



REMEMBER?