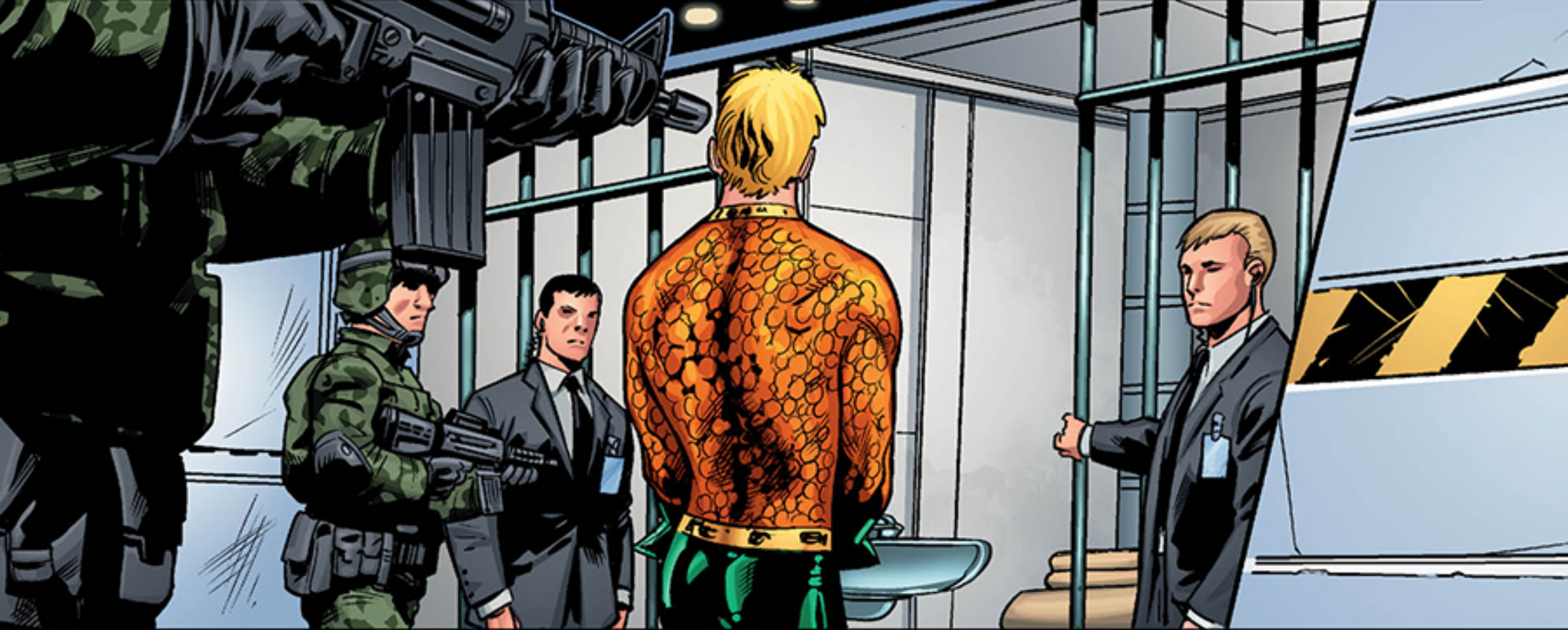
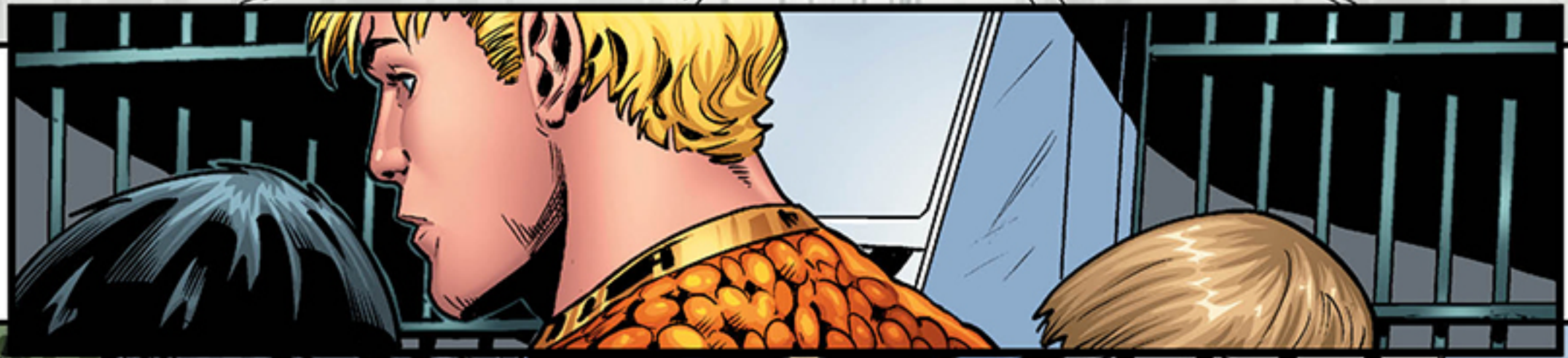
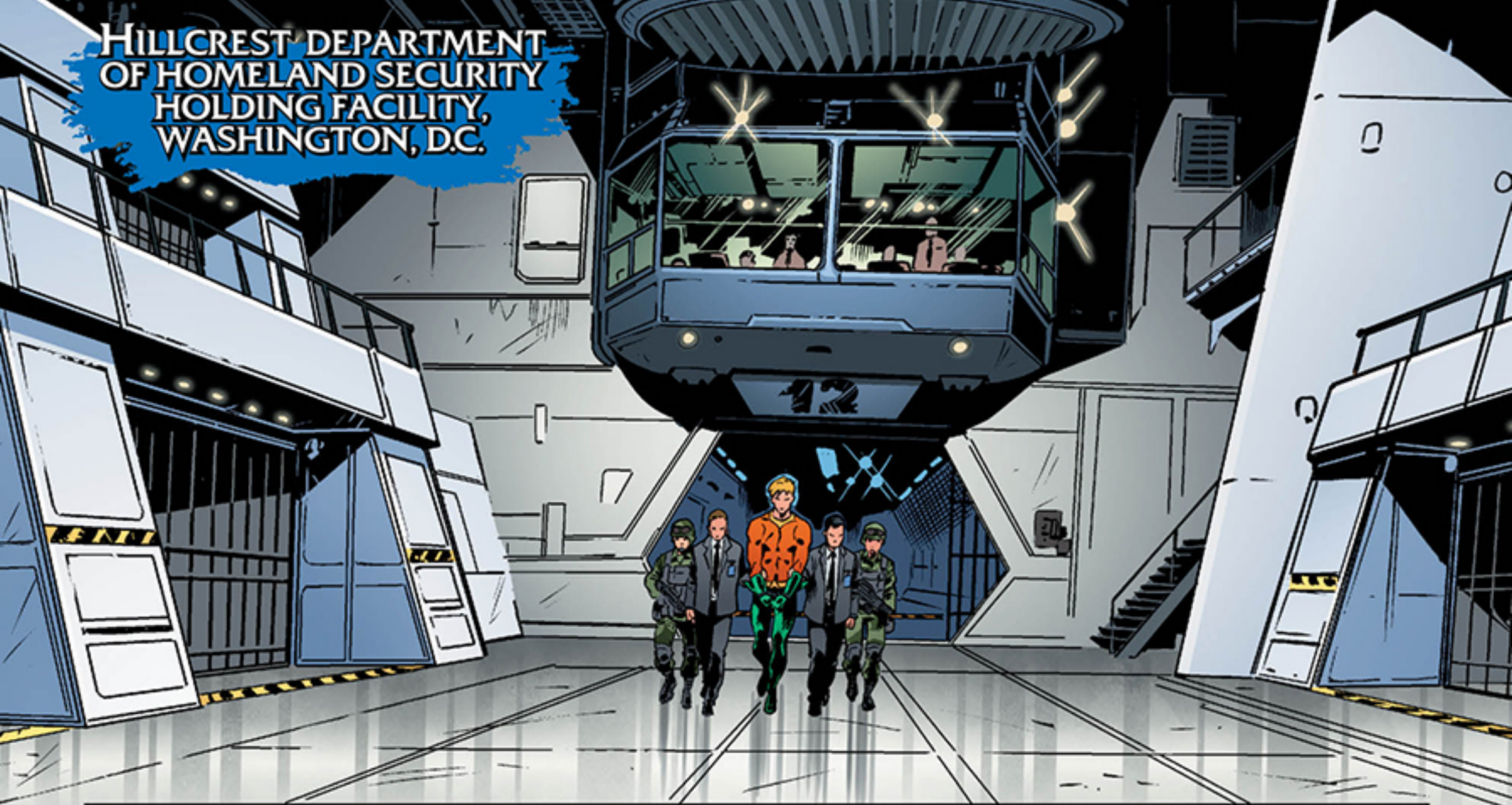
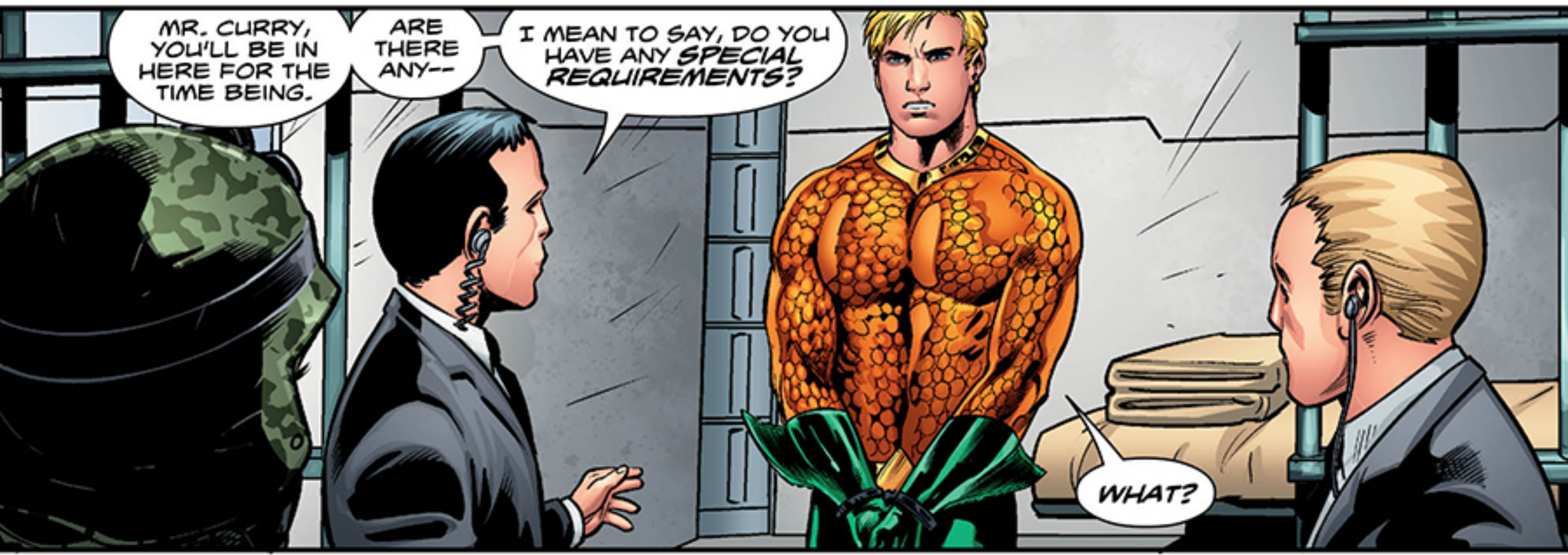




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MR. CURRY, YOU'LL BE IN HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.

ARE THERE ANY--

I MEAN TO SAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS?**

WHAT?

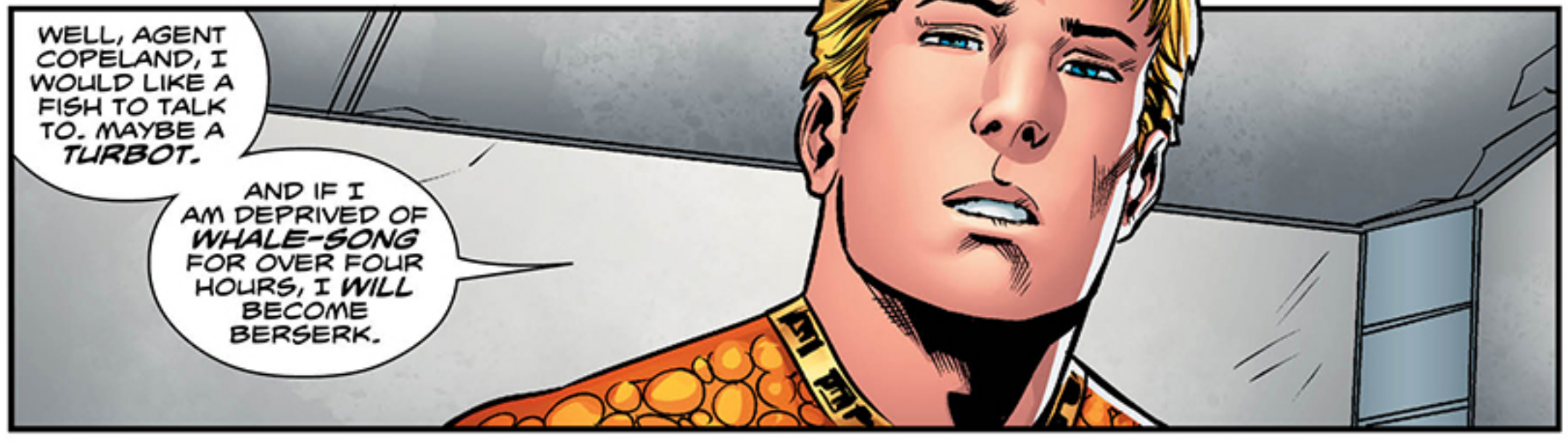


ANY... **BIOLOGICAL NEEDS** WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF DURING DETENTION?

DO YOU NEED **WATER?**

OF COURSE. IF I GET **THIRSTY.**

I MEAN, DO YOU...NEED THE HOLDING CELL TO BE **FLOODED OR...**

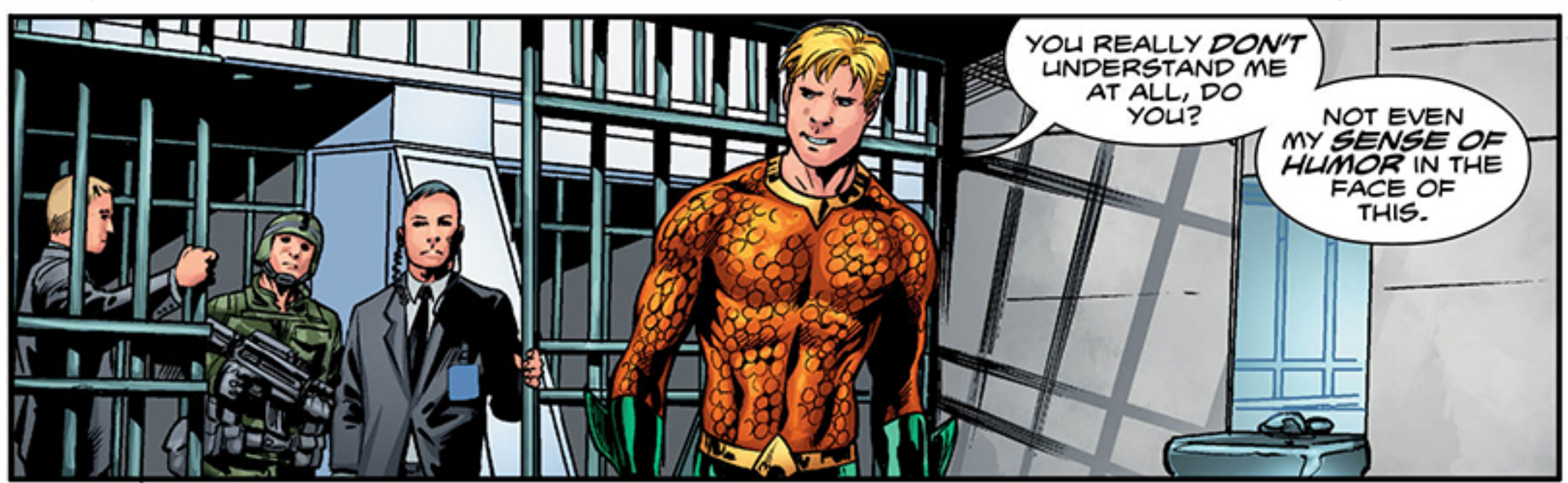


WELL, AGENT COPELAND, I WOULD LIKE A FISH TO TALK TO. MAYBE A **TURBOT.**

AND IF I AM DEPRIVED OF **WHALE-SONG** FOR OVER FOUR HOURS, I WILL BECOME **BERSERK.**



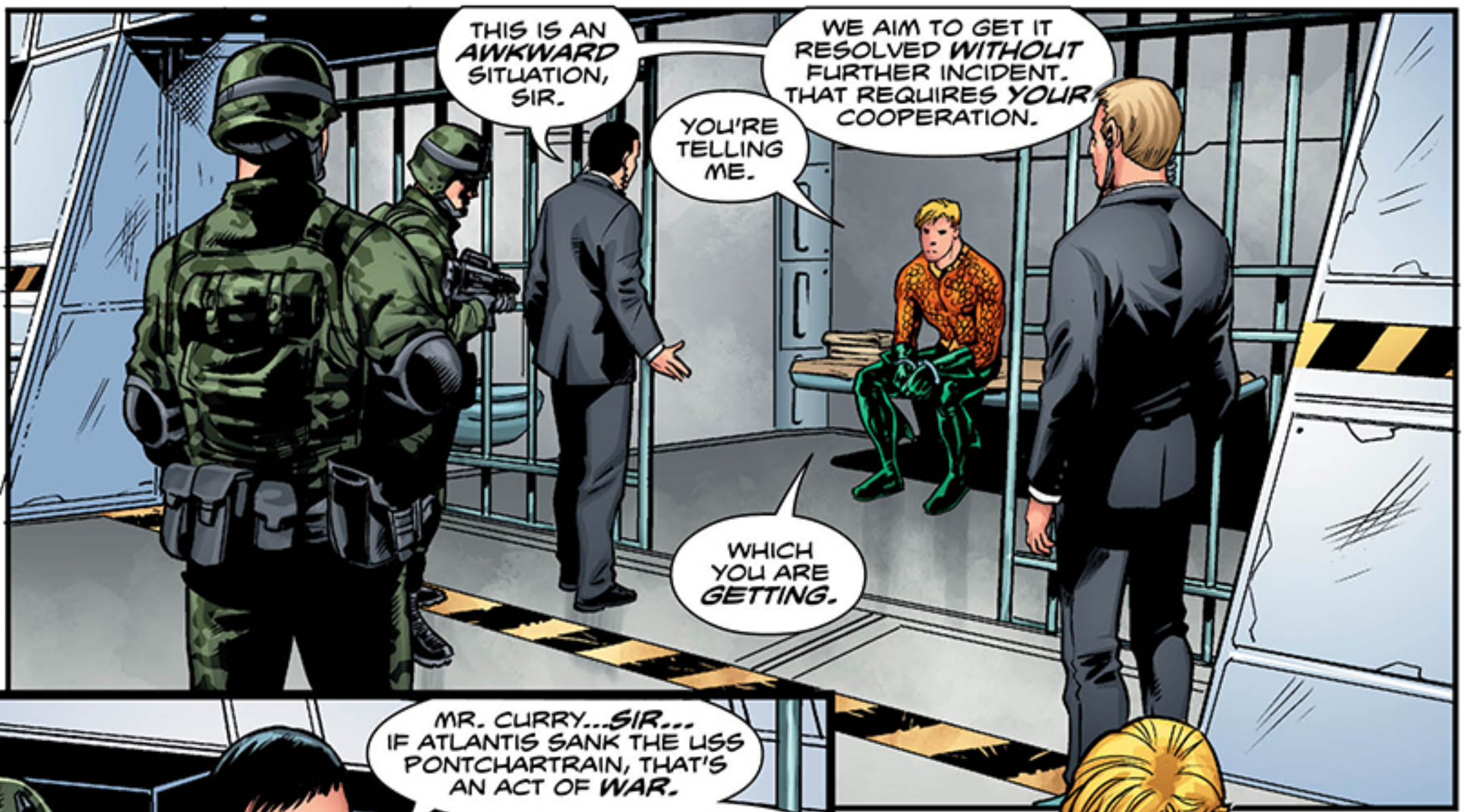
UH...



YOU REALLY **DON'T UNDERSTAND ME** AT ALL, DO YOU?

NOT EVEN MY **SENSE OF HUMOR** IN THE FACE OF THIS.



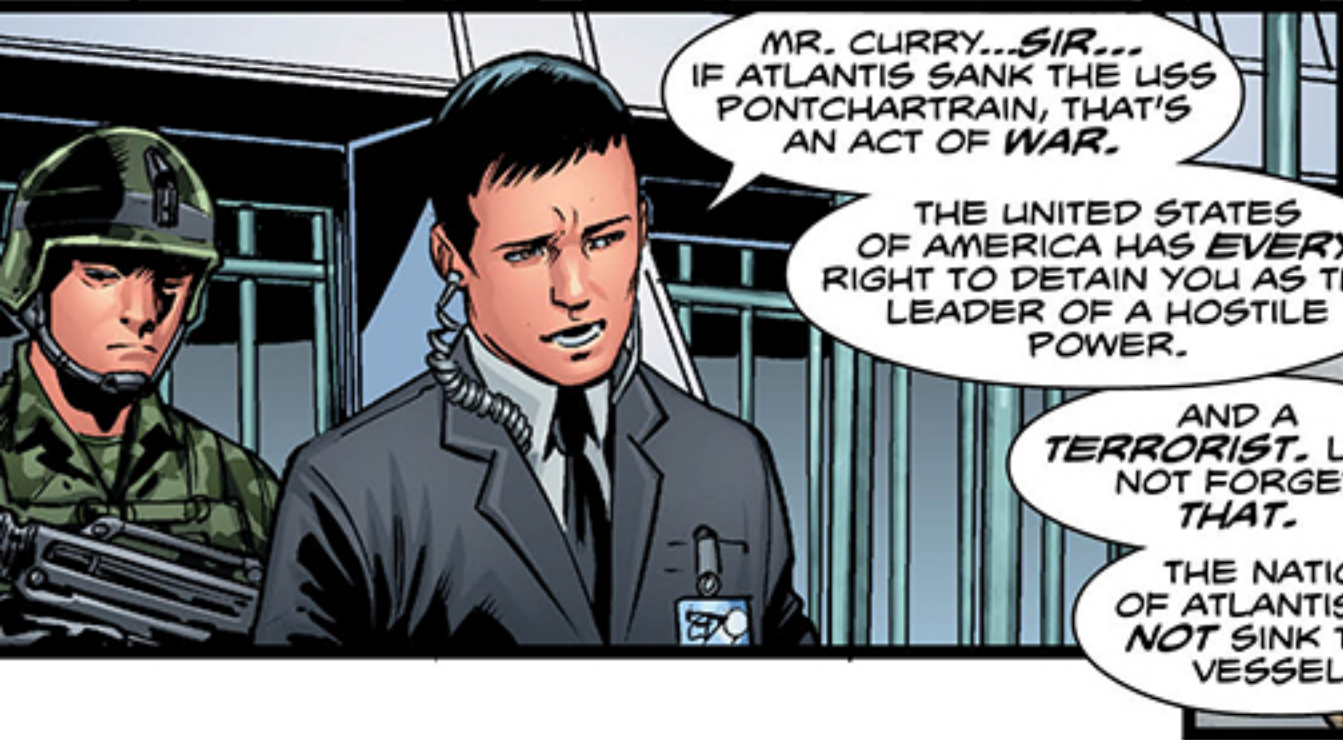


THIS IS AN **AWKWARD** SITUATION, SIR.

WE AIM TO GET IT RESOLVED **WITHOUT** FURTHER INCIDENT. THAT REQUIRES **YOUR** COOPERATION.

YOU'RE TELLING ME.

WHICH YOU ARE GETTING.

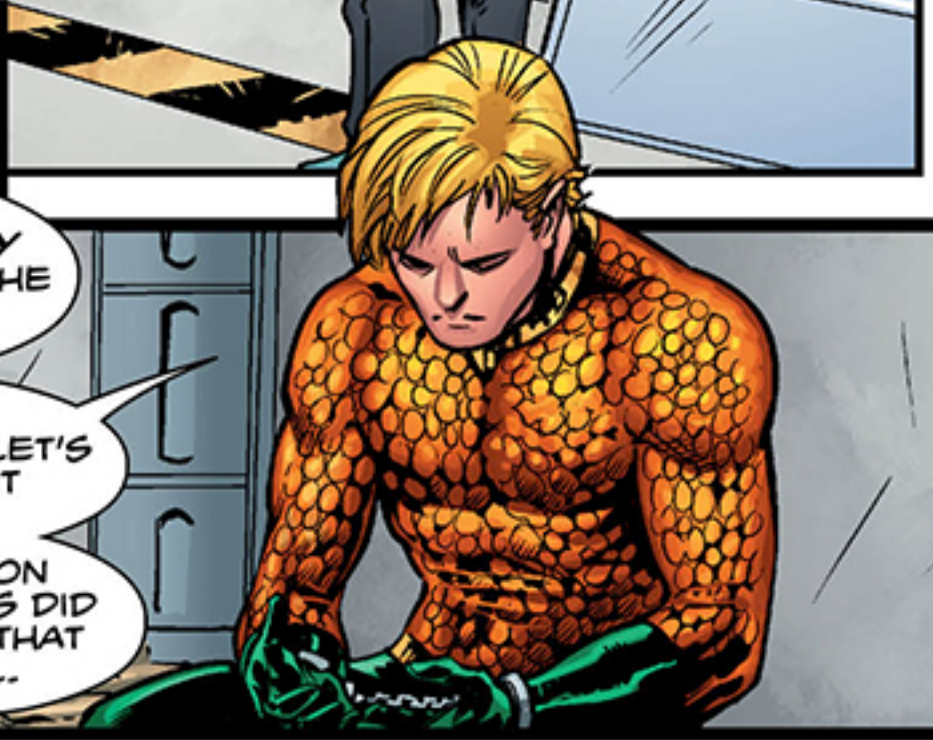


MR. CURRY...**SIR...** IF ATLANTIS SANK THE USS PONTCHARTRAIN, THAT'S AN ACT OF WAR.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS **EVERY** RIGHT TO DETAIN YOU AS THE LEADER OF A HOSTILE POWER.

AND A **TERRORIST**. LET'S NOT FORGET THAT.

THE NATION OF ATLANTIS DID NOT SINK THAT VESSEL.



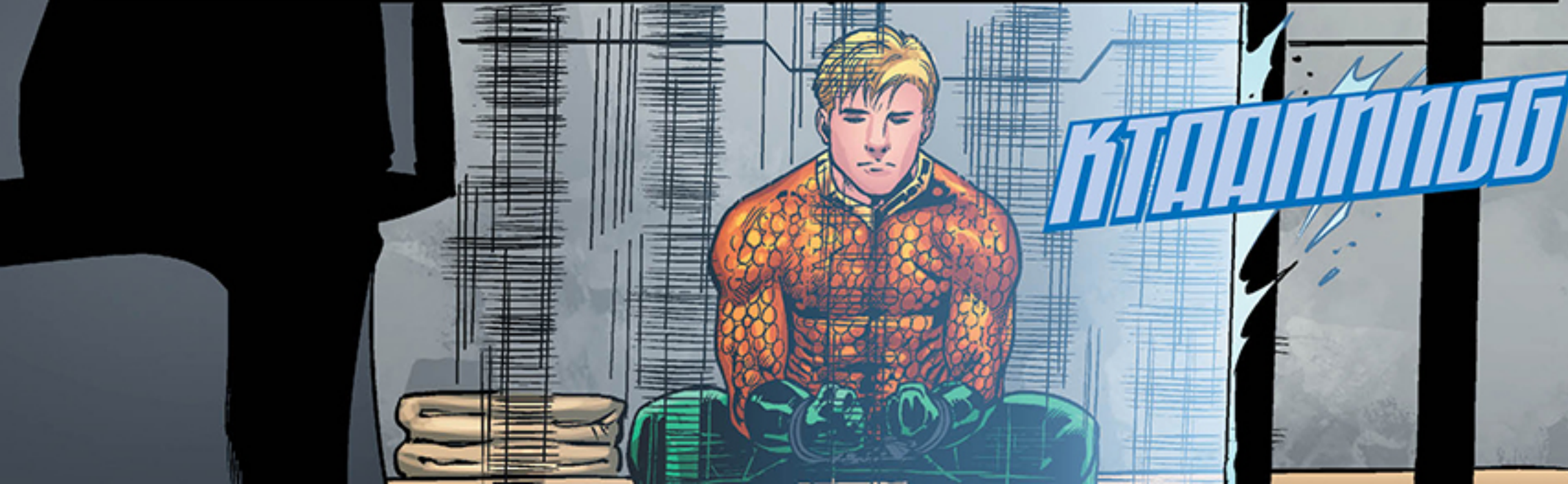
I CAN REMOVE THOSE CUFFS.

SO CAN I. WITH A FLEX OF MY WRISTS. I COULD JUST WALK OUT OF YOUR PRISON AND YOU WOULD BE **HARD PRESSED** TO STOP ME.



BUT I **WON'T**. BECAUSE I WILL **NOT** ALLOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES TO DETERIORATE ANY FURTHER.

LEAVE THE CUFFS ON. CONSIDER THEM SYMBOLIC OF MY WILLINGNESS TO **COMPLY** WHILE THIS SITUATION IS RESOLVED THROUGH GOOD SENSE AND DIPLOMACY.



**KRAANNINGG**



I AM WAITING FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH THEIR LEADERS...

...THEY SEEM IN NO RUSH TO SPEAK WITH ME.

THIS IS A TOTAL *OUTRAGE*. ARTHUR HAS BEEN THROWN INTO A *CELL*. IN *CHAINS*.

ARTHUR HAS TOLD ME-- *ORDERED* ME--TO TAKE NO PROVOCATIVE ACTION. TO JUST *SIT AND WAIT*.

I AM INCLINED TO *IGNORE* HIS INSTRUCTION.

THESE PEOPLE ARE *BARBARIANS*. SURFACE-DWELLING, AIR-BREATHING, UNCIVILIZED *PRIMITIVES*--

I WANT TO FIND THEIR PRESIDENT AND *PUNCH* HIM THROUGH A WINDOW--

PROBABLY NOT THE *BEST* COURSE OF ACTION, LADY MERA.



ATLANTIS.



PERHAPS NOT, TULA.

MY LADY, THE KING MADE ME REGENT OF ATLANTIS SO HE COULD FOCUS ON THE SURFACE INITIATIVE.

I AM SUDDENLY AWARE OF THE WEIGHT OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE UP IN ARMS OVER THE NEWS. THEY ARE DEMANDING I TAKE ACTION AND FREE THE KING.

I HAVE SELDOM SEEN HATRED OF THE SURFACE WORLD MORE OPENLY EXPRESSED.

BUT I AM CONSCIOUS OF THE KING'S AMBITION TO FORGE PEACE WITH THE LAND.

FOR HIM TO **SUBMIT** TO DETENTION PROVES HE IS **MORE DETERMINED** THAN WE REALIZED.



HE WANTS ATLANTIS TO BE CLEARED OF BLAME FOR THIS ACT. **VINDICATED.**

AND THAT VERY **VINDICATION** MAY BE THE THING THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO HIS DREAM.



I KNOW.

WHEN DID YOU BECOME SO WISE, TULA?