



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!

LANG ALREADY LIVES A PRETTY WEIRD LIFE, BUT THINGS HAVE ONLY GOTTEN PROGRESSIVELY 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 GOT SUPER COMPLICATED FOR SCOTT. HOW COMPLICATED? WELL...THERE WAS A FACE-OFF WITH HIS OLD ENEMY **DARREN CROSS** AND IT SEEMED LIKE SCOTT CAME OUT ON TOP, BUT NOW HE'S BACK IN PRISON.



THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS OF CIVIL WAR II

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So yeah,
that's how I
ended up back
in prison--

Mystery
solved.

Or--mostly
maybe? Let's
recap:

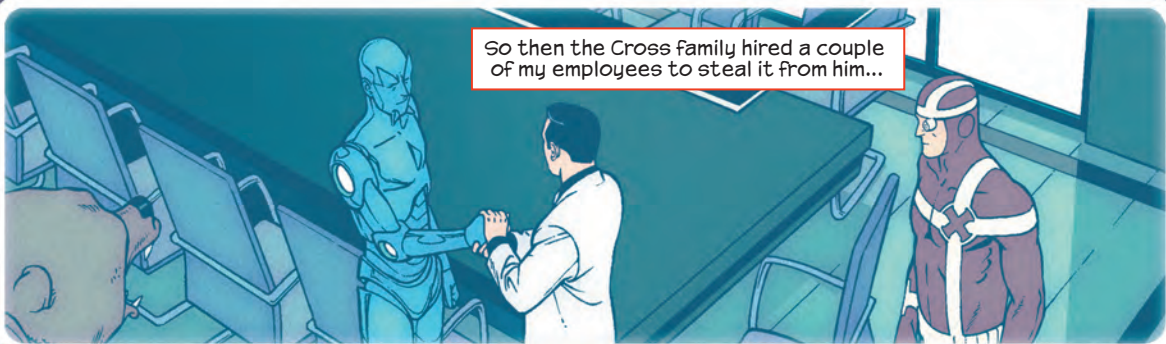
There's this bad-guy tech developer--the **Power Broker**. He started up an app that allows you to hire super villains on demand.



HENCH

Called it *Hench*.

So then the Cross family hired a couple of my employees to steal it from him...



That led Power Broker to double down and launch *Hench X*, which offers to turn anyone into a super villain.



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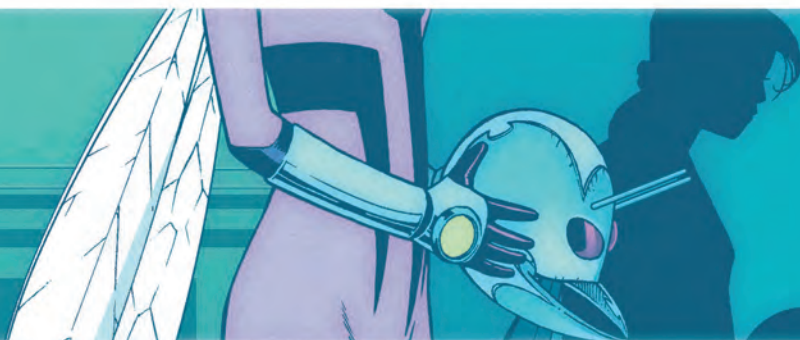
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Which, of course, my daughter Cassie couldn't wait to sign up for.



The Broker turned her into *Stinger* and sent her on a mission of revenge for both of them--robbing Cross Technological...

Which meant I had to put together a gang to stop her before it was too late.



And the whole operation actually went pretty well...



...until it, um...didn't.



Eventually, me and Cassie got away from those jerks, though, and we were in the clear--



--'til the cops showed up, I mean.

FREEZE!

Now, don't get me wrong-- getting arrested is always terrible-- well, unless it's by the *hotness* police--

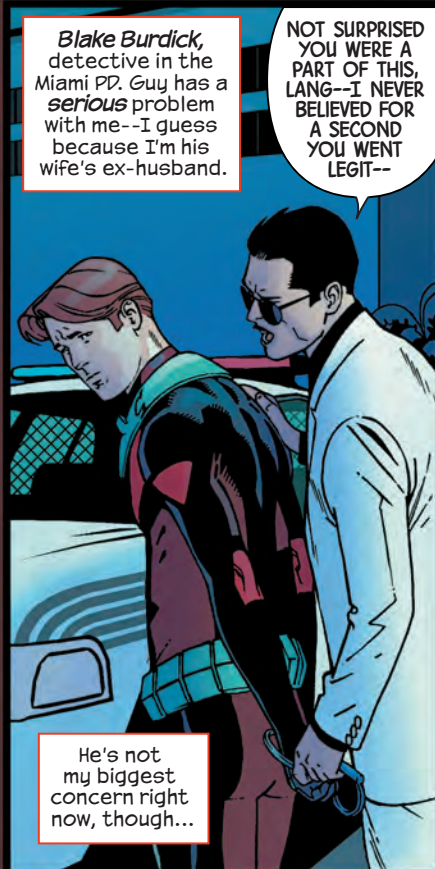




--but getting arrested by your ex-wife's new husband?

WAIT-- SCOTT?! CASSIE?!

That's a special kind of awful.



Blake Burdick, detective in the Miami PD. Guy has a serious problem with me--I guess because I'm his wife's ex-husband.

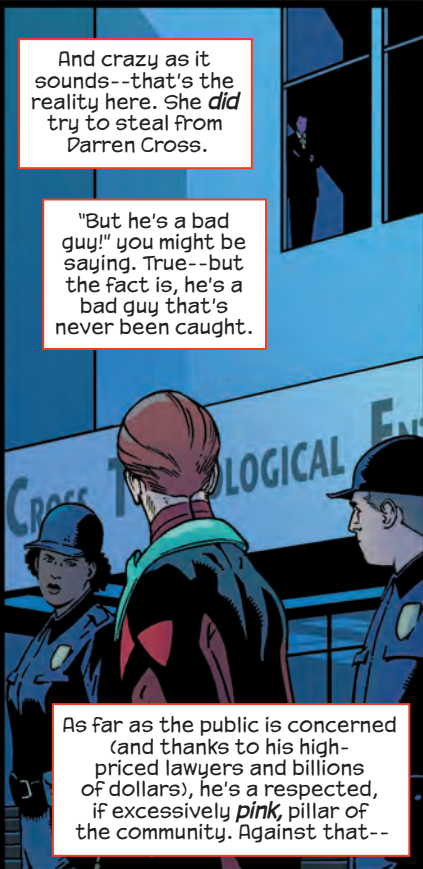
NOT SURPRISED YOU WERE A PART OF THIS, LANG--I NEVER BELIEVED FOR A SECOND YOU WENT LEGIT--

He's not my biggest concern right now, though...



She is. Cassie is supposed to spend the next couple of years getting yelled at by guidance counselors for not knowing what to do with her life--

--not rotting away in some juvenile detention facility for breaking into this place!



And crazy as it sounds--that's the reality here. She did try to steal from Darren Cross.

"But he's a bad guy!" you might be saying. True--but the fact is, he's a bad guy that's never been caught.

As far as the public is concerned (and thanks to his high-priced lawyers and billions of dollars), he's a respected, if excessively pink, pillar of the community. Against that--



--Cassie doesn't stand a chance.

BUT YOU, CASSIE--HOW COULD YOU BE A PART OF THIS?!

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