

NATASHA ROMANOVA IS AN AVENGER, AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AND AN EX-KGB ASSASSIN, BUT ON HER OWN TIME SHE USES HER UNIQUE SKILL SET TO ATONE FOR HER PAST. SHE IS:

BLACK WIDOW

AFTER BRINGING DOWN THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CHAOS, NATASHA QUIT S.H.I.E.L.D. TO LIVE THE QUIET LIFE WITH HER CAT LIHO, HELPING THE AVENGERS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS. AND NEEDED SHE IS. THE AVENGERS RECRUITED NATASHA TO GATHER PEOPLE FOR A LAST-MINUTE SURVIVOR COLONY BEING ASSEMBLED AS THE END OF THE WORLD DRAWS NIGH, GIVING HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO ERASE SOME OF THE RED IN HER LEDGER...DEBTS SHE ACCRUED DURING HER RED ROOM DAYS YEARS AGO IN CUBA.

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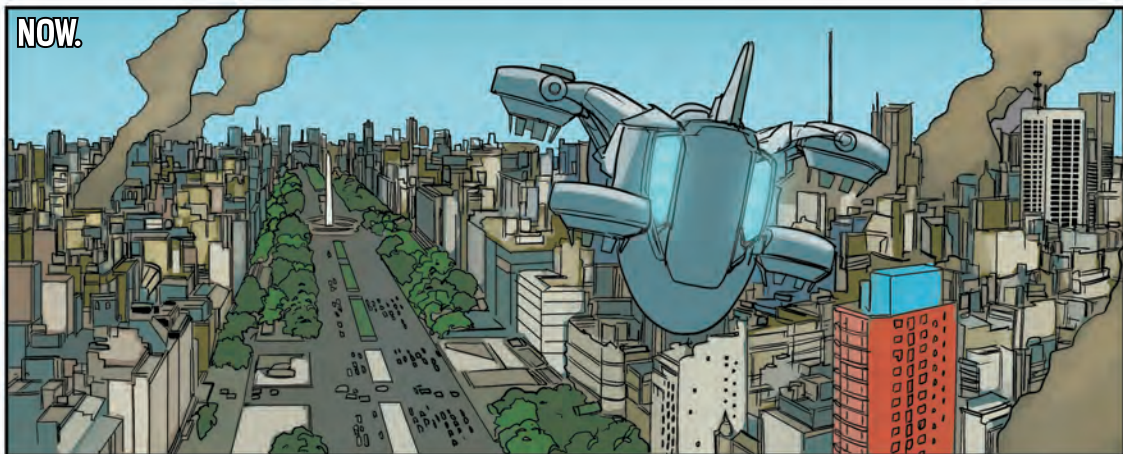
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WORLD IS
ON FIRE.



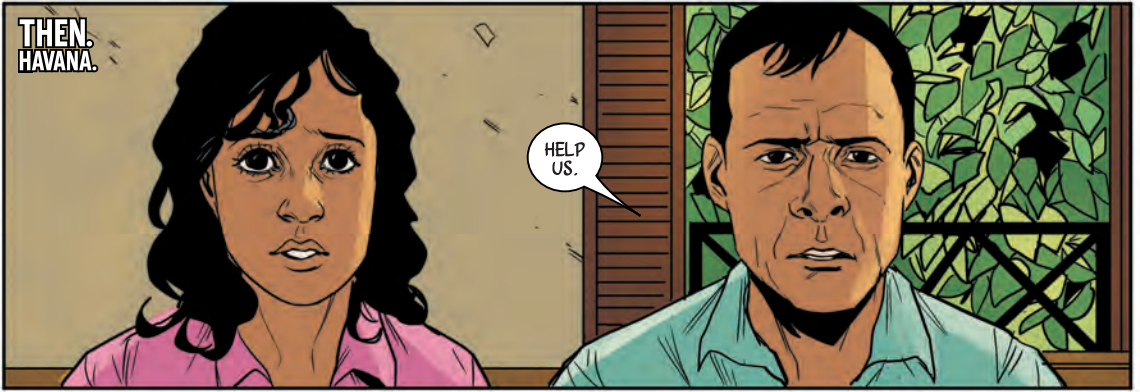
SO WE RUSH
INTO THE
FLAMES.



HURRY! FIND
A SEAT. MIND
THE PRECIOUS
CARGO!

WE SAVE THE
SOULS THAT
WE CAN.





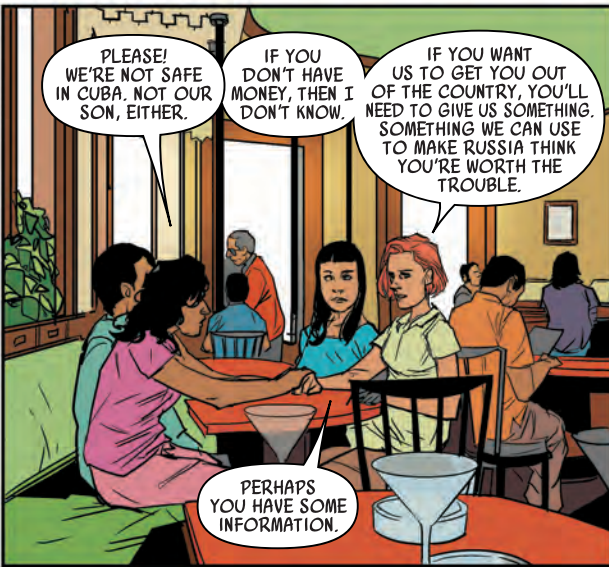
HELP US.



THAT WILL BE EXPENSIVE. VERY EXPENSIVE.

THEN WE CAN'T HELP YOU.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH SAVED.



PLEASE! WE'RE NOT SAFE IN CUBA. NOT OUR SON, EITHER.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY, THEN I DON'T KNOW.

IF YOU WANT US TO GET YOU OUT OF THE COUNTRY, YOU'LL NEED TO GIVE US SOMETHING. SOMETHING WE CAN USE TO MAKE RUSSIA THINK YOU'RE WORTH THE TROUBLE.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE SOME INFORMATION.



WE CAN'T.

WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING OF VALUE TO RUSSIA.

WHY DON'T YOU LET US DECIDE THAT?



WE KNOW SOME THINGS. SOME THINGS DANGEROUS FOR CUBA.

WE CAN SHARE SENSITIVE INFORMATION IF YOU WILL HELP US GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. WE WILL GIVE YOU ANYTHING.

WE JUST DON'T HAVE MONEY.



WRITE DOWN WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION.



THIS IS WHAT THEY FEARED.



THE RED ROOM IS DOING A FAVOR FOR CASTRO. THEY SUSPECTED THE COMIENZAS WERE AMONG SEVERAL WHO WISHED TO DEFECT WITH INFORMATION.



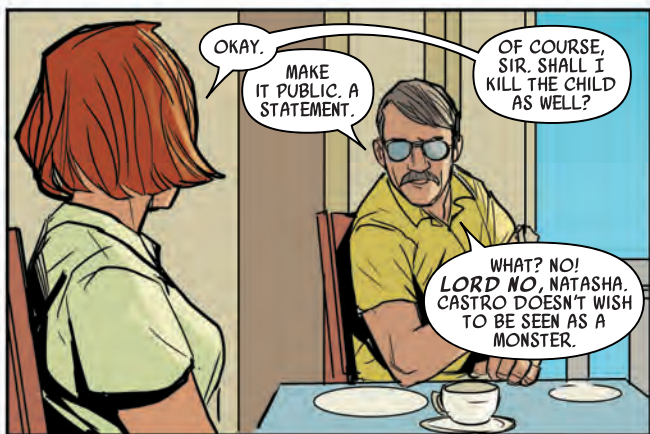
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE INFORMATION.



CASTRO JUST WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE AMERICANS WERE AFTER.



SO, WE LEARN THAT, THEN WE KILL THE COMIENZAS.



OKAY. MAKE IT PUBLIC. A STATEMENT.

OF COURSE, SIR. SHALL I KILL THE CHILD AS WELL?

WHAT? NO! LORD NO, NATASHA. CASTRO DOESN'T WISH TO BE SEEN AS A MONSTER.



IS MARINA TO ASSIST?

CERTAINLY NOT.