







I AM MURK, COMMANDING THE ATLANTEAN ROYAL GUARD, AND--

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, SIR.

YOU CAN'T ENTER THE SITE AT THIS TIME.



THIS SITE IS SPINDRIFT STATION. IT IS THE ATLANTEAN EMBASSY.

SIR...MR. MURK...

COMMANDER!

OKAY...



...COMMANDER MURK, RIGHT NOW IT'S U.S. SOIL. AND WE HAVE JURISDICTION HERE.

YOU CANNOT ENTER THE SITE AT THIS TIME.

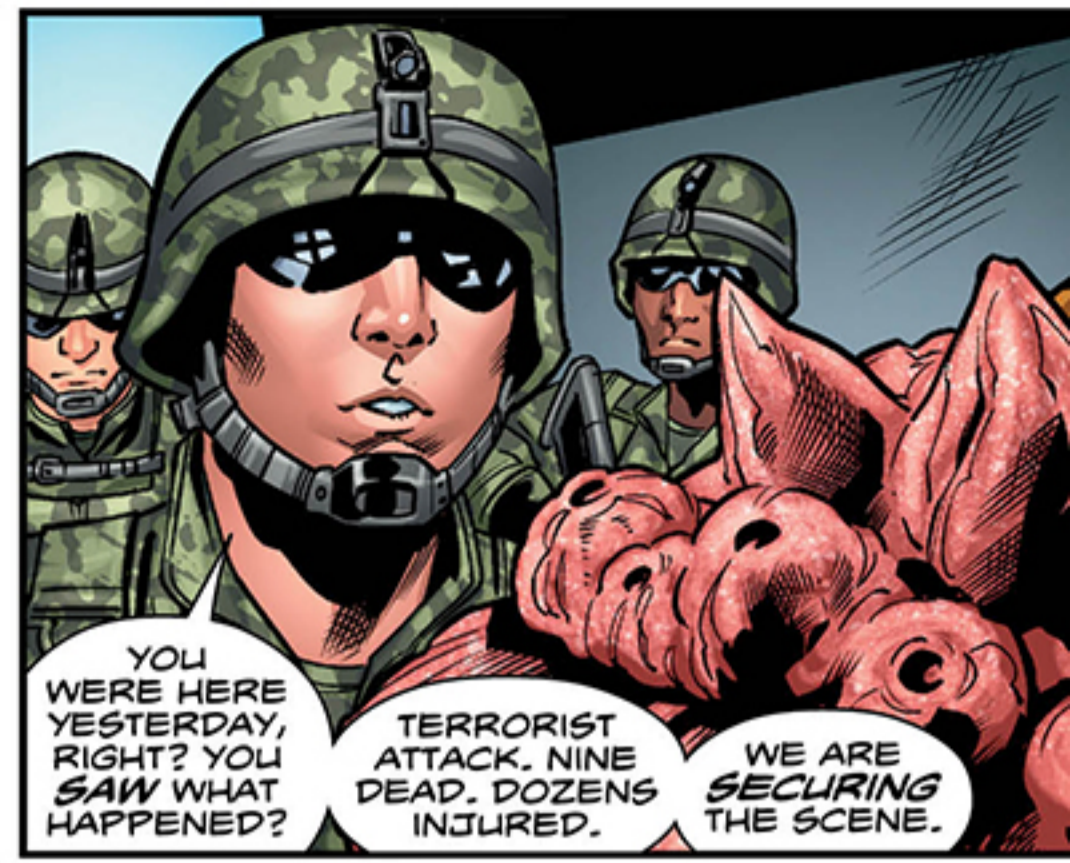




WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT IS SOVEREIGN TERRITORY OF ATLANTIS!

BRO, THIS COULD GET UGLY FAST.

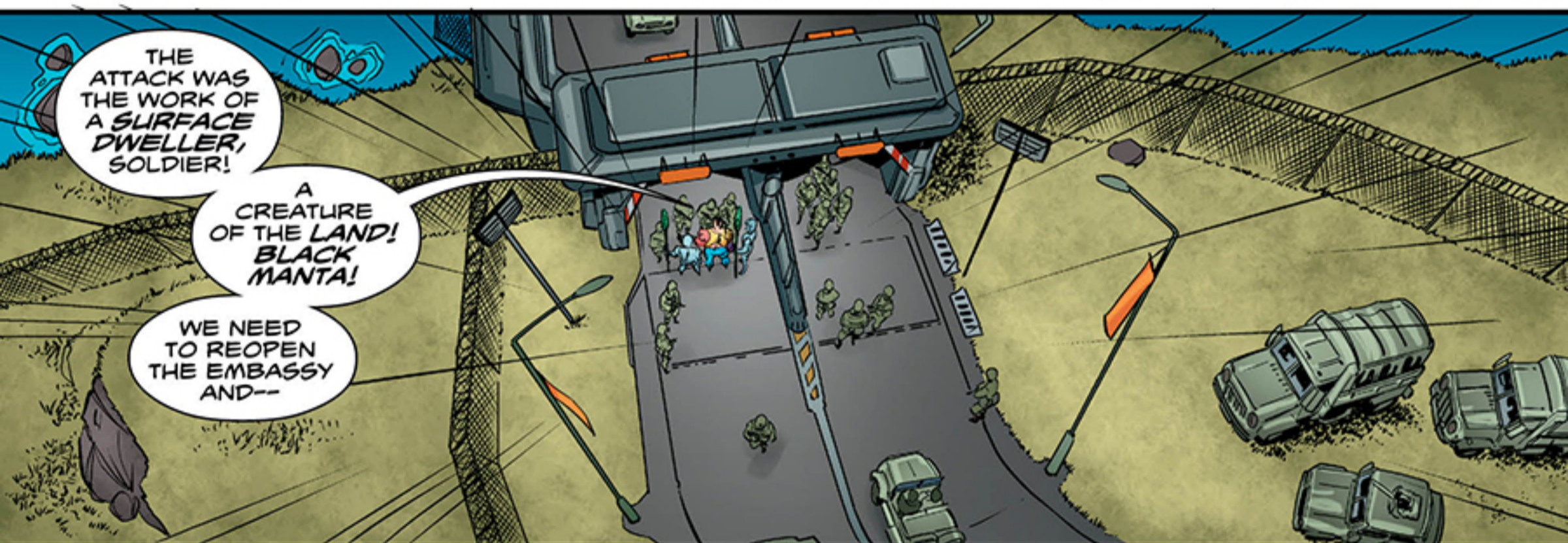
LOCK AND LOAD, MAN.



YOU WERE HERE YESTERDAY, RIGHT? YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED?

TERRORIST ATTACK. NINE DEAD. DOZENS INJURED.

WE ARE SECURING THE SCENE.



THE ATTACK WAS THE WORK OF A SURFACE DWELLER, SOLDIER!

A CREATURE OF THE LAND! BLACK MANTA!

WE NEED TO REOPEN THE EMBASSY AND--



SIR, YOUR EMBASSY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

I THINK I WAS CLEAR, SIR.

WE HAVE TO REBUILD!



ATLANTIS WILL NOT STAND FOR TH--

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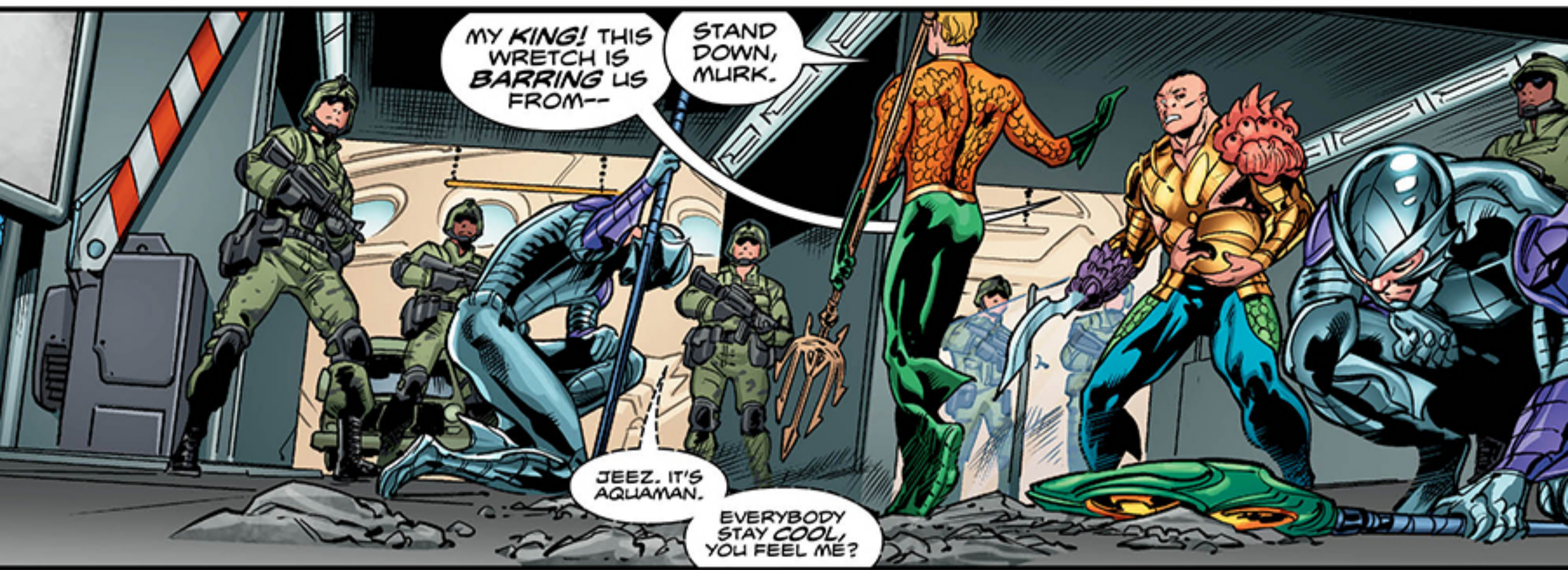
## PART THREE: CAPITOL CRIMES

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM HERE?

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MY KING! THIS WRETCH IS BARRING US FROM--

STAND DOWN, MURK.

JEEZ. IT'S AQUAMAN.

EVERYBODY STAY COOL, YOU FEEL ME?



WE CAN'T COME IN?

UH, NO, SIR.

SORRY.

TO OUR OWN EMBASSY?



THE STATE DEPARTMENT REVOKED THE EMBASSY STATUS AT OH-SIX-HUNDRED THIS MORNING.

OUR ORDERS ARE TO NOT LET ANYBODY ONTO THE SITE.

SIR, WE DON'T NEED AN INCIDENT RIGHT NOW.

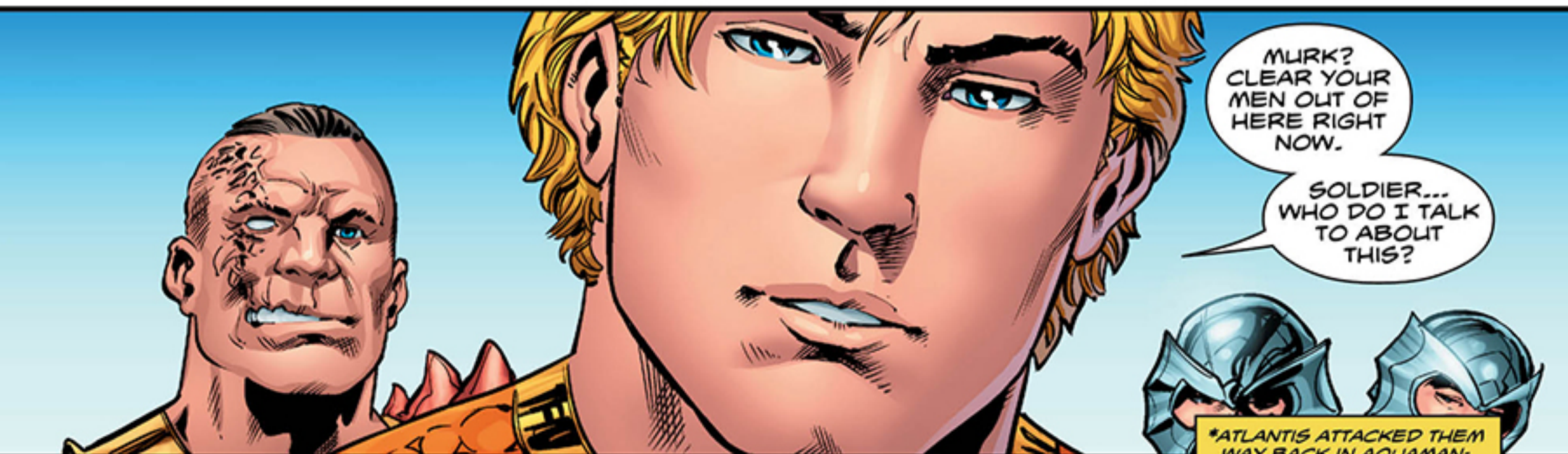


THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE AN INCIDENT.

GOD, ARE YOU AFRAID OF US?

I DON'T WANT TO BE, SIR, BUT WE HAVE GOOD REASONS.

BOSTON. NEW YORK. METROPOLIS. GOTHAM.\* NOW THIS.



MURK? CLEAR YOUR MEN OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW.

SOLDIER... WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT THIS?

\*ATLANTIS ATTACKED THEM WAY BACK IN AQUAMAN: THRONE OF ATLANTIS!