

# BIRDMAN

IN



## THE DEADLY DISTANCE!

### VORTEXTALES

Step into the swirling blend of time and space.  
To points before the events of **FUTURE QUEST**.  
See the strange and powerful heroes begin their trajectory...  
...that will bring them together as **ONE!**

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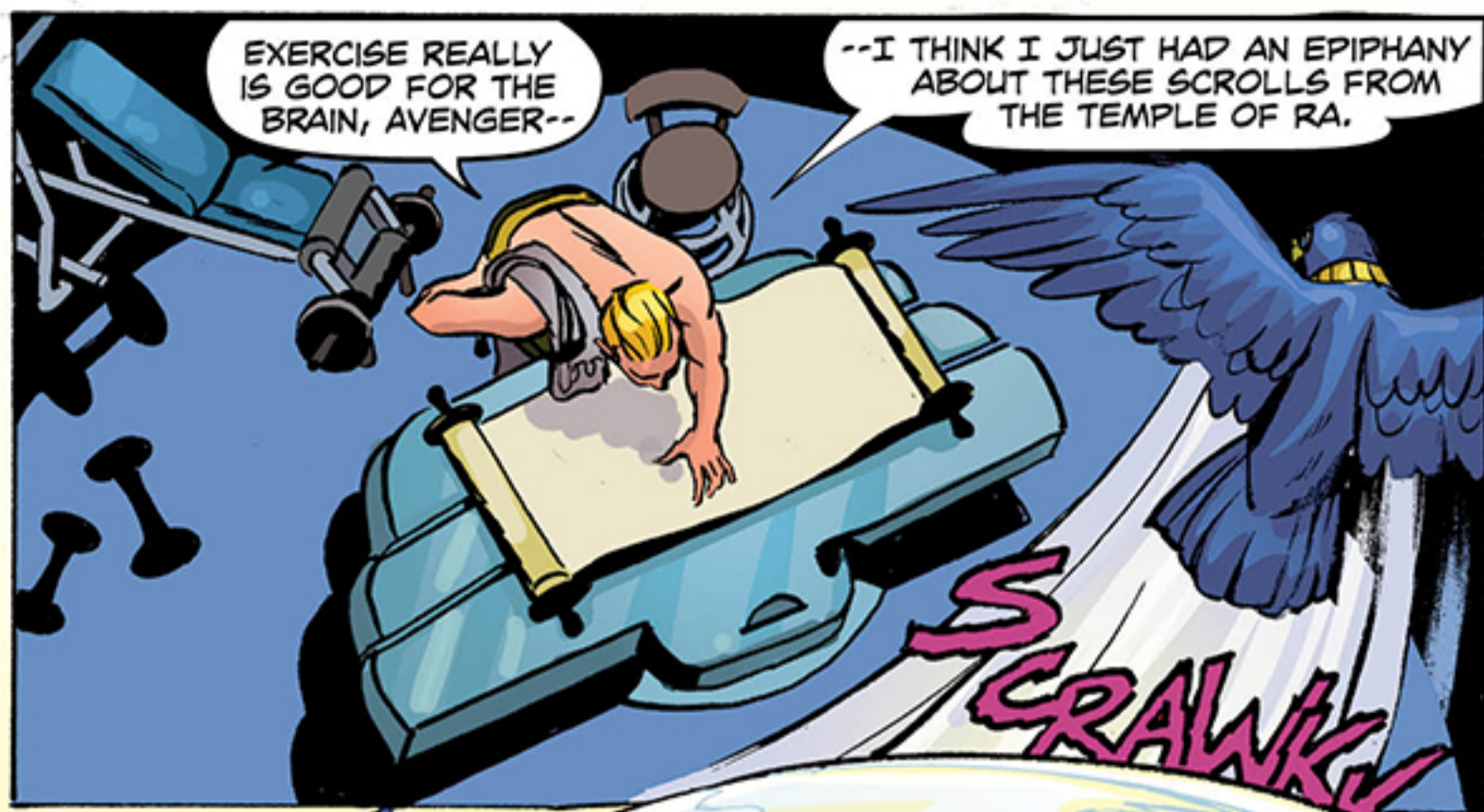
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**B**Y CLOUD CREST SITS THE DORMANT VOLCANO, MT. AVIA.

AVIA LAST ERUPTED 45,000 YEARS AGO...

...YET IT IS FILLED WITH POWERFUL ACTIVITY IN OUR TIME.



EXERCISE REALLY IS GOOD FOR THE BRAIN, AVENGER--

--I THINK I JUST HAD AN EPIPHANY ABOUT THESE SCROLLS FROM THE TEMPLE OF RA.

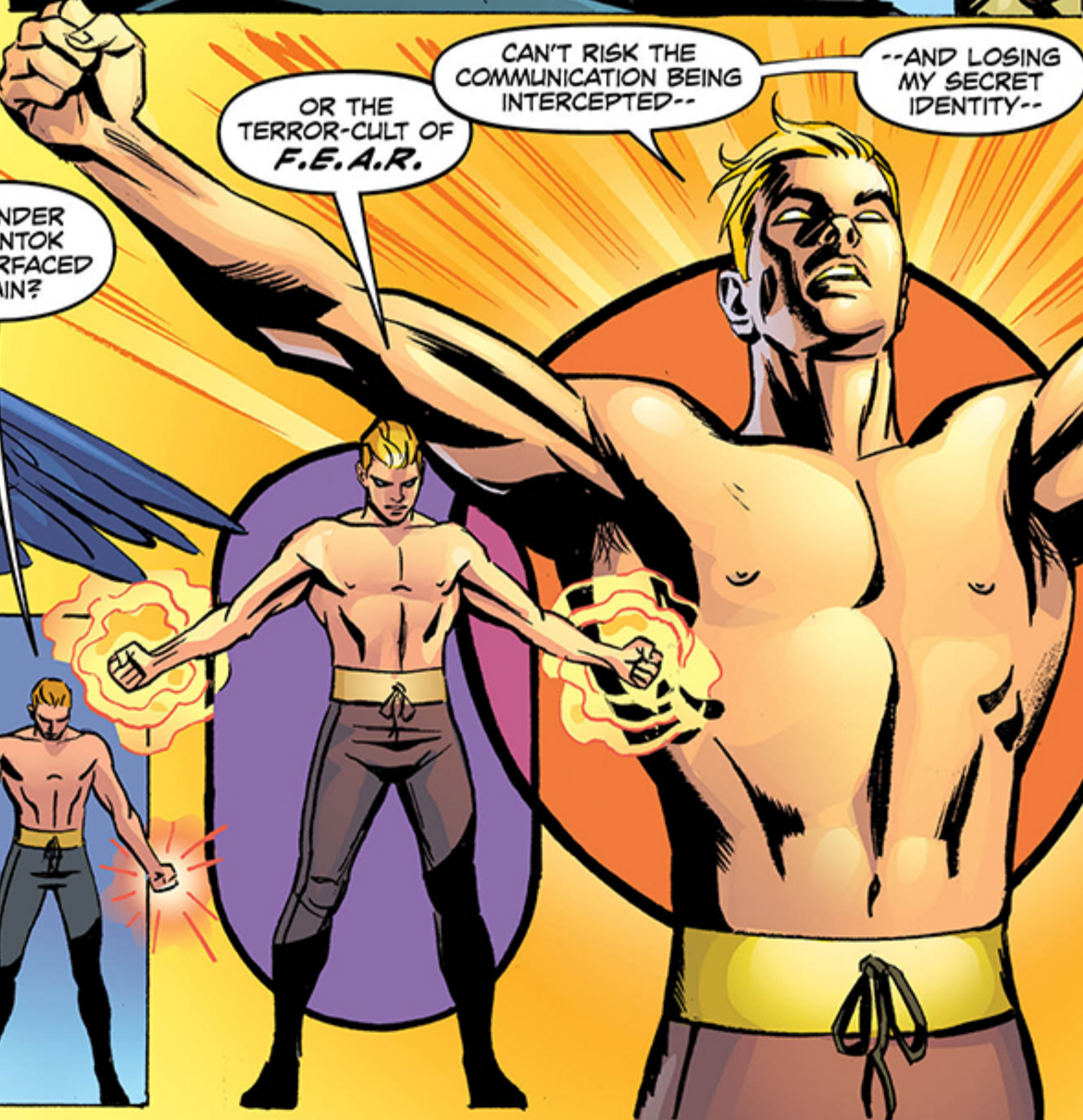


WHAT IF THEY'RE ACTUALLY AN ANCIENT FORM OF CODE?

OR MAYBE MY NEW ROLE IN THE SECRET AGENT BUSINESS IS BENDING MY ACADEMIC SIDE.

STILL, ANOTHER TRIP TO EGYPT IS IN ORDER IF I'M TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW I GOT MY POWER--

**FWEET FWEET FWEET**



OR THE TERROR-CULT OF F.E.A.R.

CAN'T RISK THE COMMUNICATION BEING INTERCEPTED--

--AND LOSING MY SECRET IDENTITY--

I WONDER IF MENTOK HAS SURFACED AGAIN?

--A SIGNAL IS COMING FROM FALCON 7!

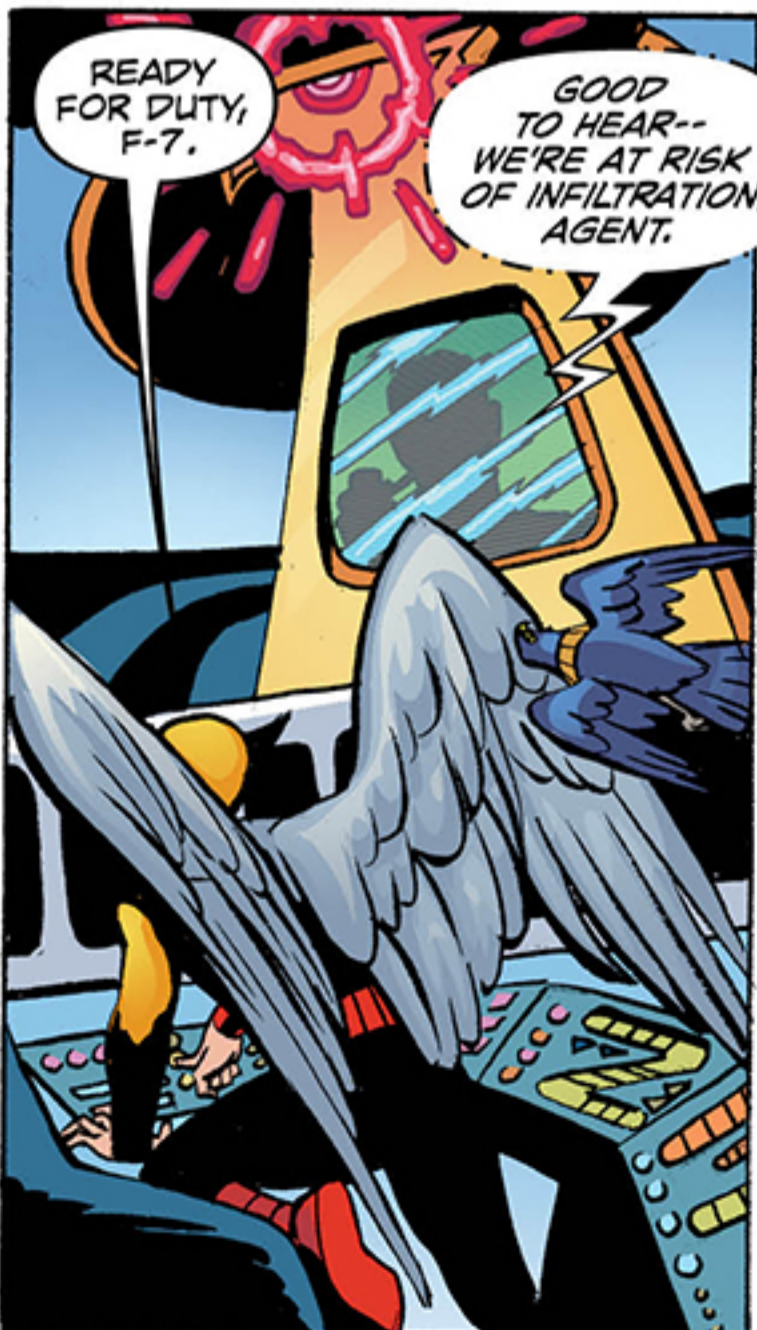




--I'LL TAKE THIS CALL AS

# BIRDMAN!

RAPTOR!  
OPEN THE  
SECURE CHANNEL  
TO FALCON 7 AT  
INTER-NATION  
SECURITY.



READY  
FOR DUTY,  
F-7.

GOOD  
TO HEAR--  
WE'RE AT RISK  
OF INFILTRATION,  
AGENT.



I'M SENDING YOU  
COORDINATES.

AND NOTHING  
MORE.

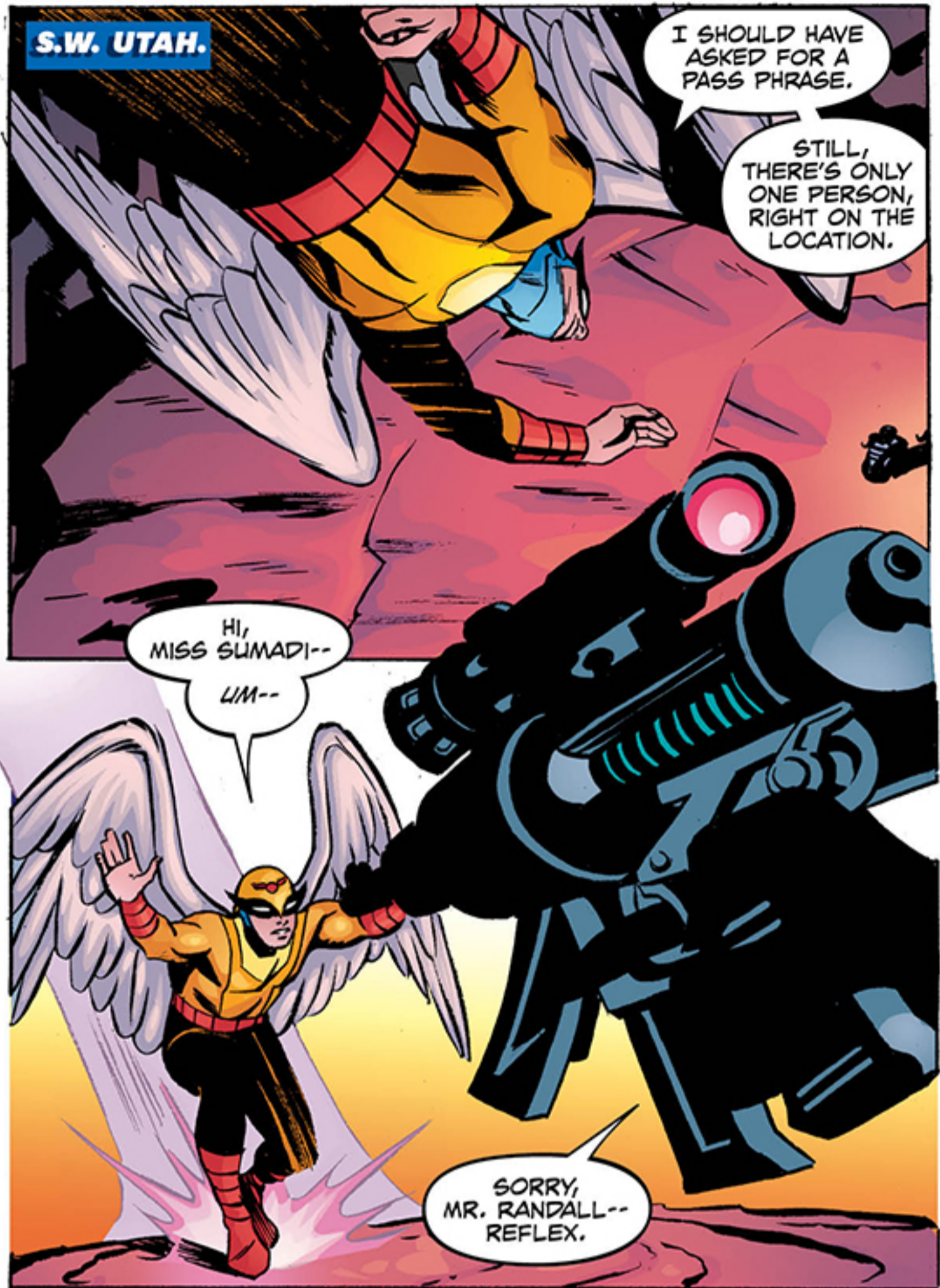
THIS TIME,  
YOU'LL BE BRIEFED  
IN PERSON BY A  
SPECIALIST I KNOW IS  
UNCOMPROMISED.



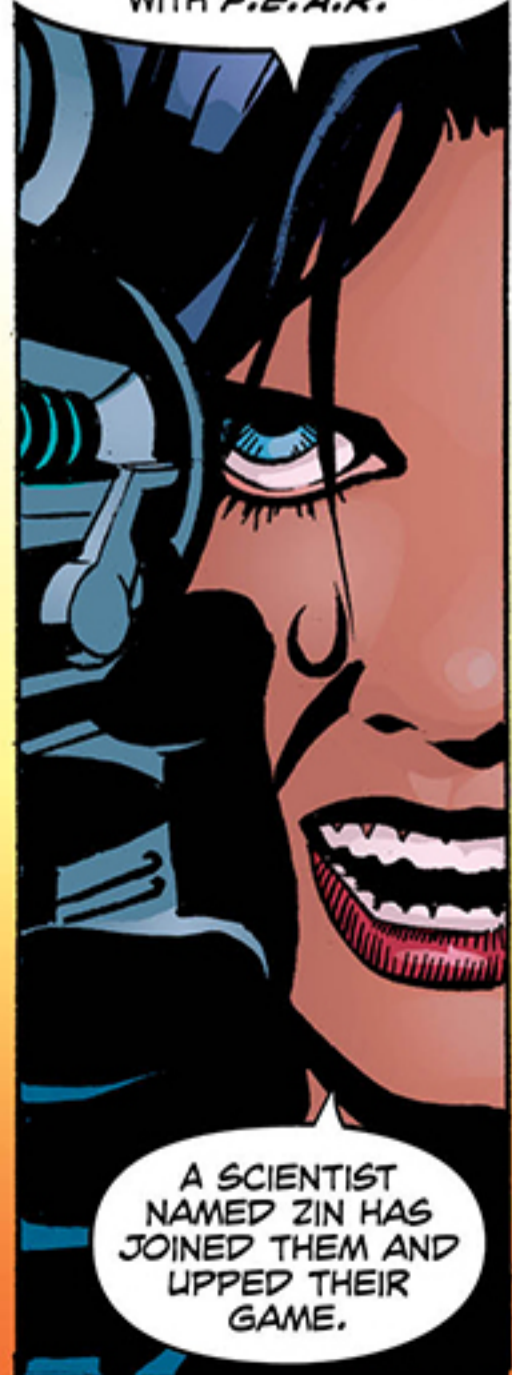
HER NAME IS  
DEVA SUMADI--FOLLOW  
HER LEAD.

WILL  
DO, F-7.  
BIRDMAN,  
OUT.

SORRY,  
AVENGER.



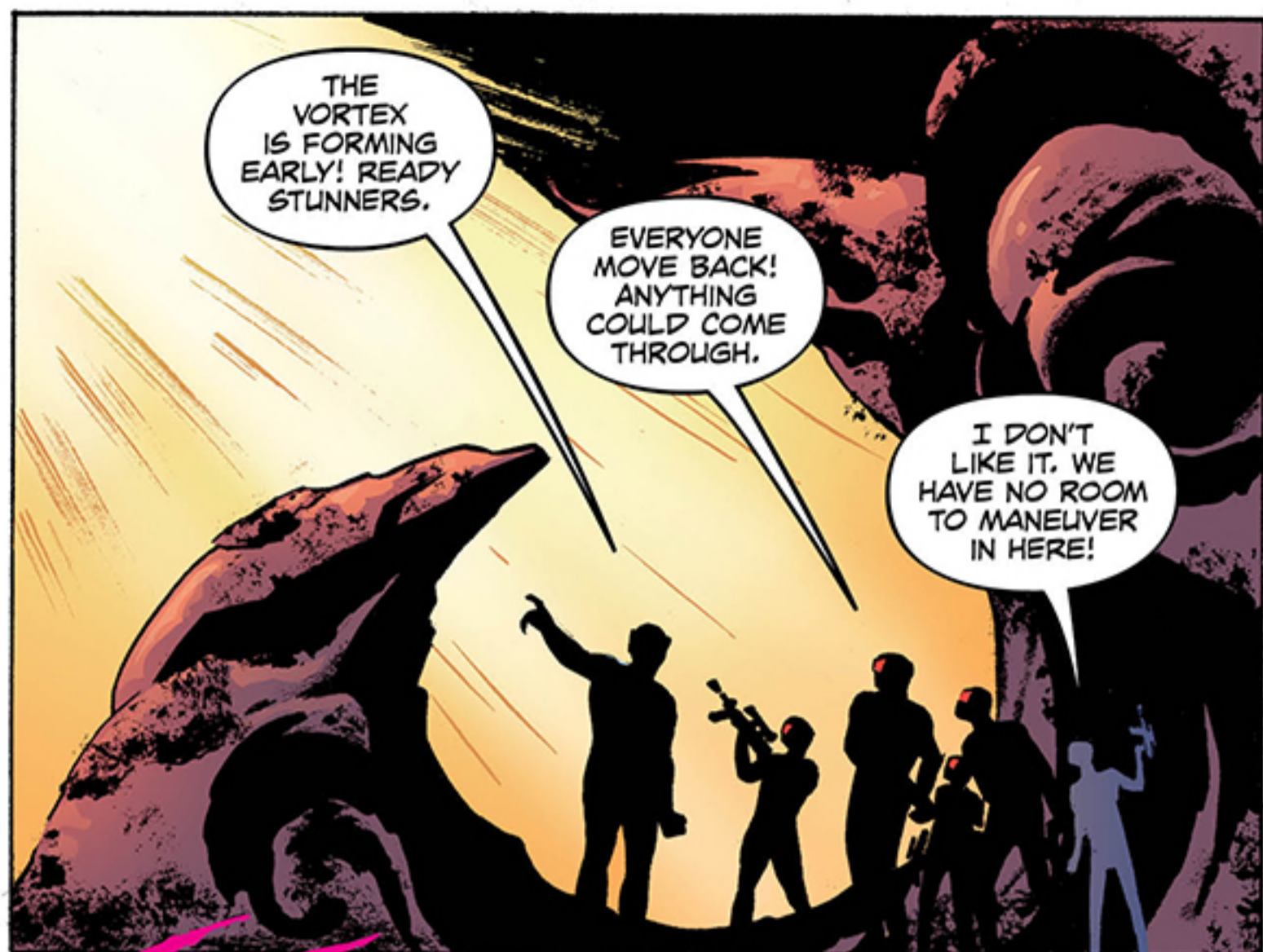
THINGS HAVE GOTTEN MUCH MORE DANGEROUS LATELY WITH F.E.A.R.





THEY'RE IN THERE--  
AND SOMETHING'S...  
MATERIALIZING...

DARK IN  
HERE, BUT I  
SHOULD BE  
CHARGED  
ENOUGH.



THE  
VORTEX  
IS FORMING  
EARLY! READY  
STUNNERS.

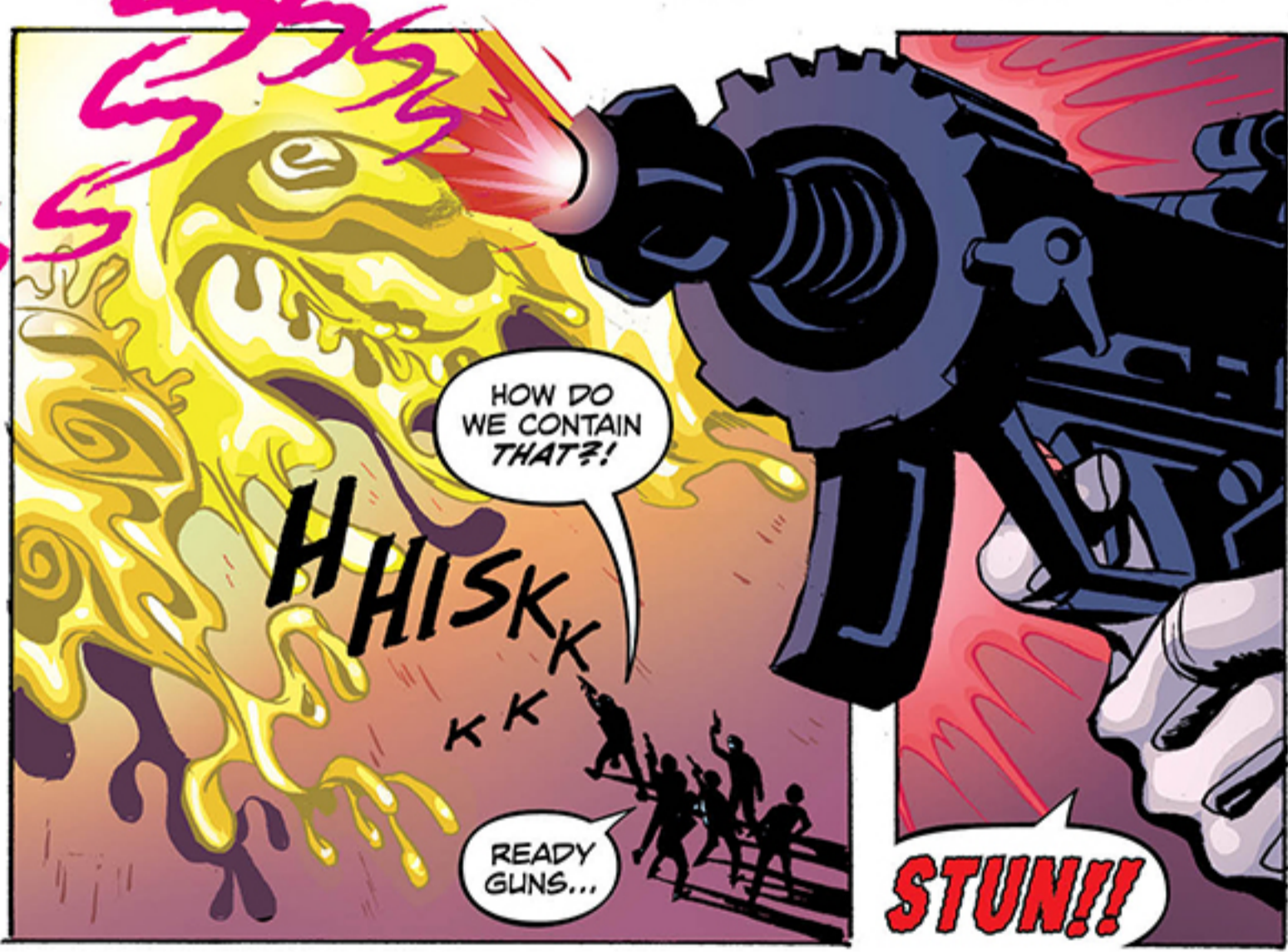
EVERYONE  
MOVE BACK!  
ANYTHING  
COULD COME  
THROUGH.

I DON'T  
LIKE IT. WE  
HAVE NO ROOM  
TO MANEUVER  
IN HERE!



WE'LL  
COLLECT  
TISSUE, JUST  
LIKE THE...

--THIS ISN'T  
LIKE THE  
OTHERS!



HOW DO  
WE CONTAIN  
THAT?!

**H H I S K K K**  
K K

READY  
GUNS...

**STUN!!**



**AHHHHH**

IT'S GOT  
32!!



**HELP!**

IT'S  
GOT ME!

**S H I L L O K**

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
TO ME--FEEL  
LIKE M--

--BODDY--  
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IT'S  
EATING  
THEM!

WORSE--  
--THEY'RE  
BECOMING  
IT.