



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!**

**NEEDLESS TO SAY, SCOTT LEADS A PRETTY WEIRD LIFE. AND THINGS HAVE
ONLY GOTTEN WEIRDER FOR HIM SINCE HE STARTED INVESTIGATING THE
CREATORS OF HENCH AND LACKEY, TWO RIVAL APPS THAT PLACE FREELANCE
SUPER VILLAINS AT THE FINGERTIPS OF ANYONE WITH A SMARTPHONE.**

**HOW WEIRD? WELL, SCOTT'S DAUGHTER CASSIE (A FORMER SUPER
HERO HERSELF) USED THE APP AND IS NOW MIXED UP WITH SOME
PRETTY SHADY CHARACTERS. THE RESULTING KERFUFFLE HAS LANDED
SCOTT BACK IN PRISON. BUT WE'RE NOT QUITE THERE YET...**



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Okay, so yes, *this* is usually the part where I remind you I'm in prison.



But you get it, right? Boo-hoo, here's Scott looking all sad behind bars.

Right now there are more pressing things to worry about--

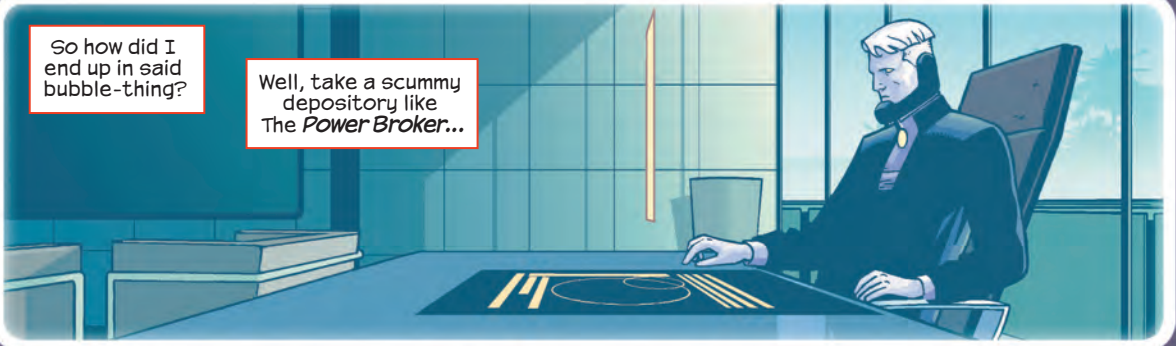
Like *this*, specifically.

Some kinda weird energy bubble-thing.

I believe *that's* the scientific definition.

So how did I end up in said bubble-thing?

Well, take a scummy depository like *The Power Broker*...



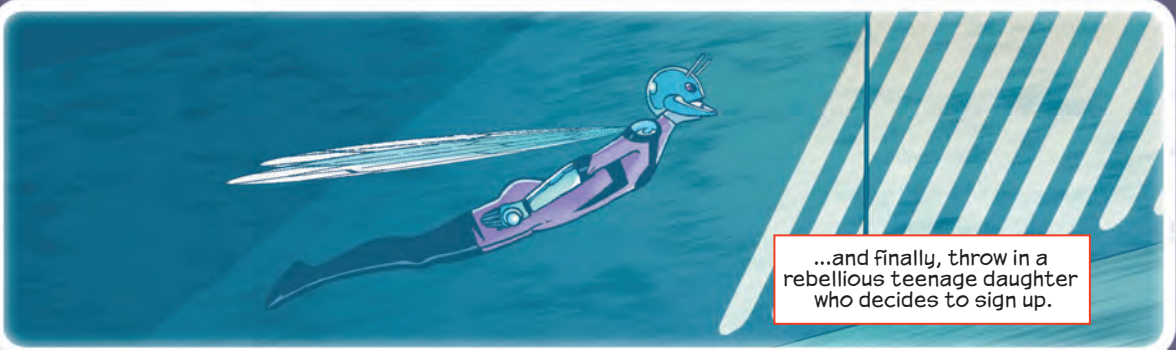
Add in some less-than-loyal-to-the-brand employees of mine.



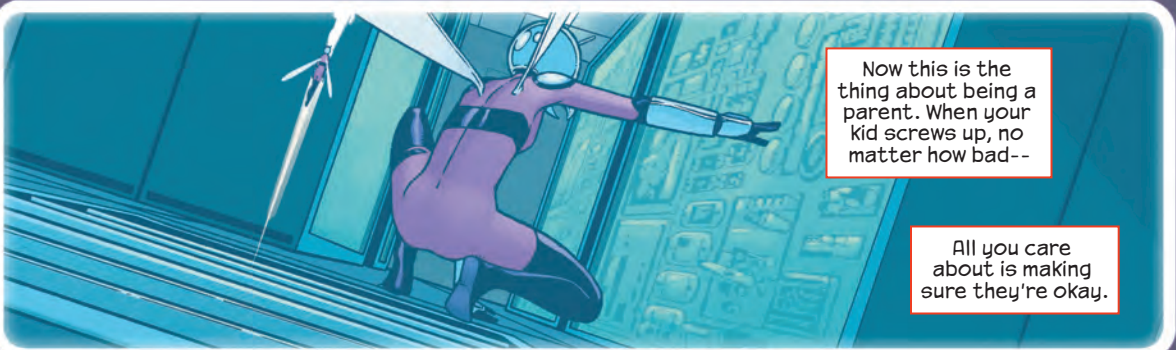
...a mobile app that lets you hire super villains directly from your phone...



...and finally, throw in a rebellious teenage daughter who decides to sign up.



Now this is the thing about being a parent. When your kid screws up, no matter how bad--



All you care about is making sure they're okay.



So I started a gang. Stay with me here--



Things were going great.



Everyone was doing their part--



Working together towards a common goal.



Okay, two guys-- they were in it to get rich--

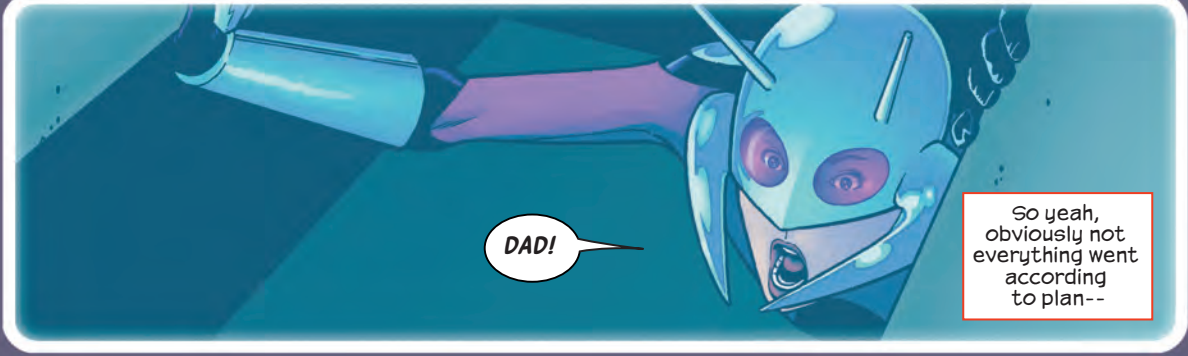
I was in it to rescue Cassie from *this* guy--



--Darren Cross.

I'VE GOT YOU NOW, LANG!

I think we can legitimately call him my archenemy at this point.



DAD!

So yeah, obviously not everything went according to plan--



--but it wasn't a *total* loss.

HEY, WHIRLWIND, DIDN'T THAT MACHINESMITH GUY GIVE YOU A LIST OF STUFF TO GRAB?

EH, WHATEVER-- LOOK AT THIS STUFF, IT'S ALL EXPENSIVE AS HELL! JUST TAKE ALL OF IT.

UH, OKAY, IF YOU SAY SO--



PUT IT IN THE HAT.



NOW COME ON! WE GOTTA MOVE FAST--

HE'S RIGHT, KID...



...YOU DON'T WANNA GET HIT WITH SURGE PRICING.

NICE GETAWAY RIDE, RIGHT?



NICE AND ROOMY IN THE BACK.



UNREAL, MAGICIAN. WHERE'S YOUR HAUL? I GOT MINE, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I'M A PROFESSIONAL?

BEETLE'S RIGHT, GENTLEMEN. YOU DON'T APPEAR TO HAVE LIVED UP TO YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN.

YEAH, WELL--



--LOOKS...



...CAN BE...



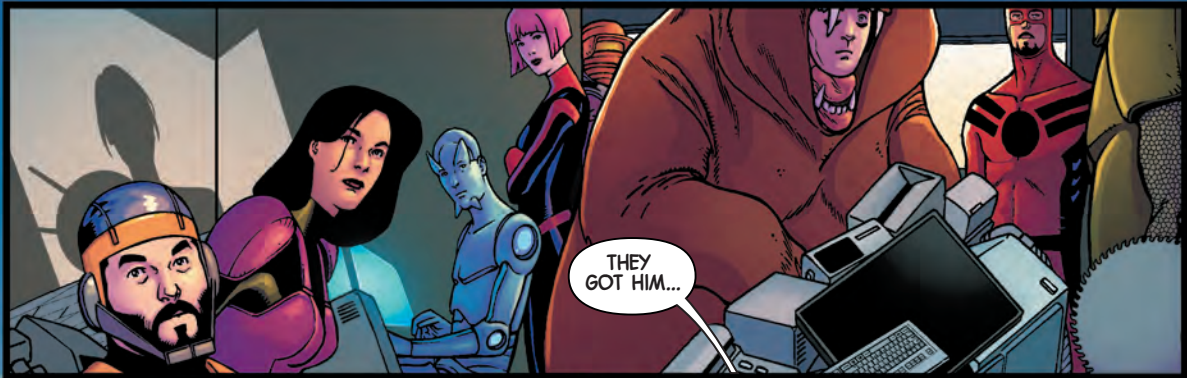
...DECEIVING.



WHOA, NICE PILE.

YEAH, GREAT JOB STEALING STUFF, CAREER CRIMINALS. BUT WHERE'S SCOTT? HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE BACK BY NOW--

HE'S NOT COMING BACK.



THEY GOT HIM...



...THEY GOT MY DAD.

Aw, see that? You *can* count on family--