

FROM ACADEMY AWARD-WINNER

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(12 YEARS A SLAVE, GUERRILLA, AMERICAN CRIME)

America, 1972.
You can't serve AND
protect.



The American Way

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Special Sneak Preview

**BALTIMORE,
MARYLAND, 1972.**



WE AIN'T
THE ENEMY,
DIG? WE YOUR
LIBERATORS.

"I DON'T HAVE
A PROBLEM
WITH WHAT HE'S
PREACHING."

SELLING THE
MAN'S DRUGS
POISONS OUR
CHILDREN.

"I'VE GOT
NO PROBLEM
WITH HIS
PHILOSOPHY."

YOU
GONNA KILL
CHILDREN, THEN
YOU THE ONES
THAT NEED TO
DIE!

"BUT HE'S
PREACHING
HIS PHILOSOPHY
FROM THE END
OF A GUN."

"THAT I GOT
A PROBLEM
WITH."



JASON FISHER.

"WILLIE BETTS. SELF-STYLED RADICAL. HE FUNDS HIS REVOLUTION BY RIPPING OFF DRUG DEALERS. IN THE LAST MONTH, WILLIE AND HIS 'ARMY' HAVE KILLED THREE PUSHERS.

"NO MORE."

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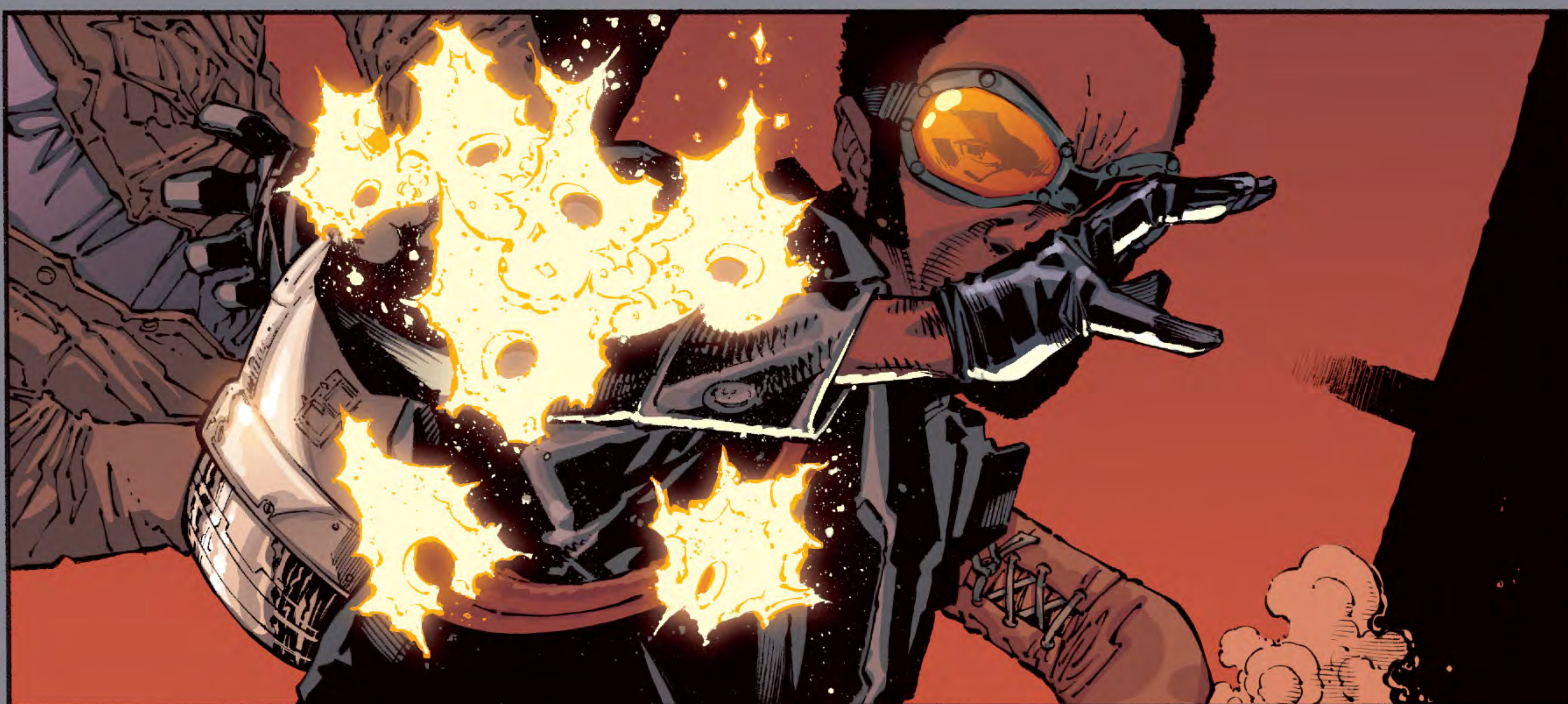
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"WHAT I LEARNED
OVER THE LAST
TEN YEARS..."



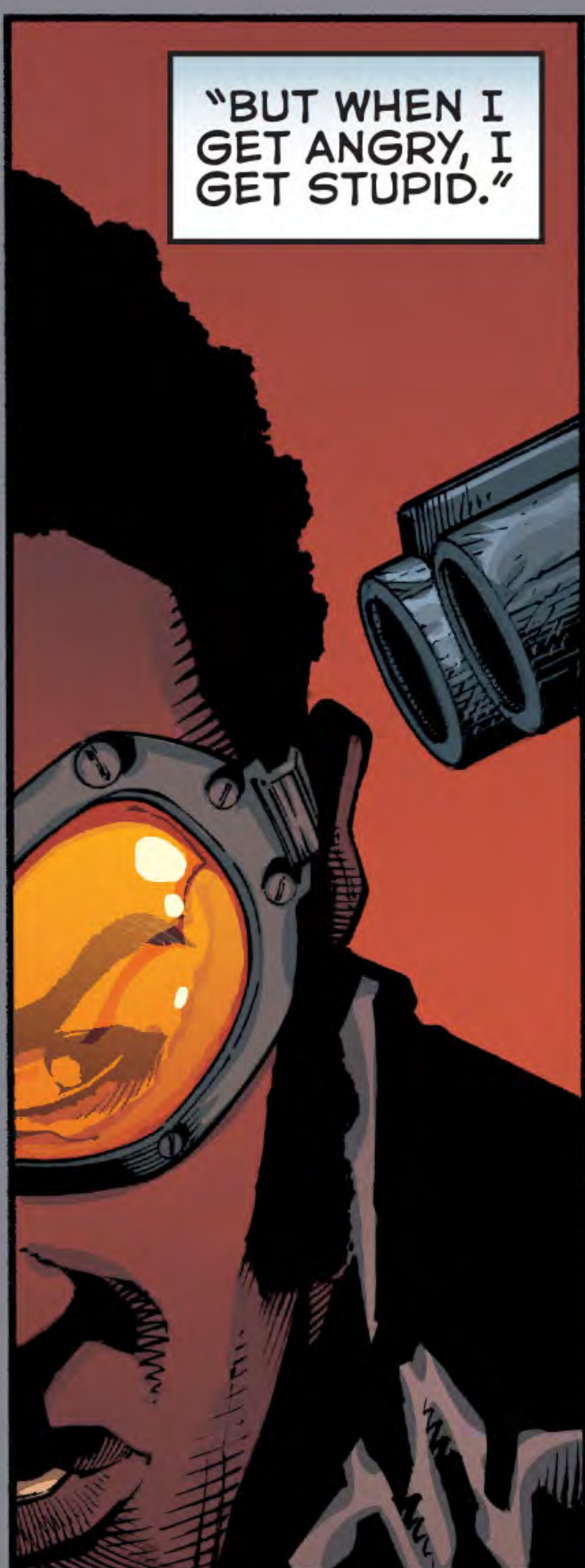
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HURT."



"BUT WHEN I
GET ANGRY, I
GET STUPID."



"...AW,
SHIII--"



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THOSE BELOW #1