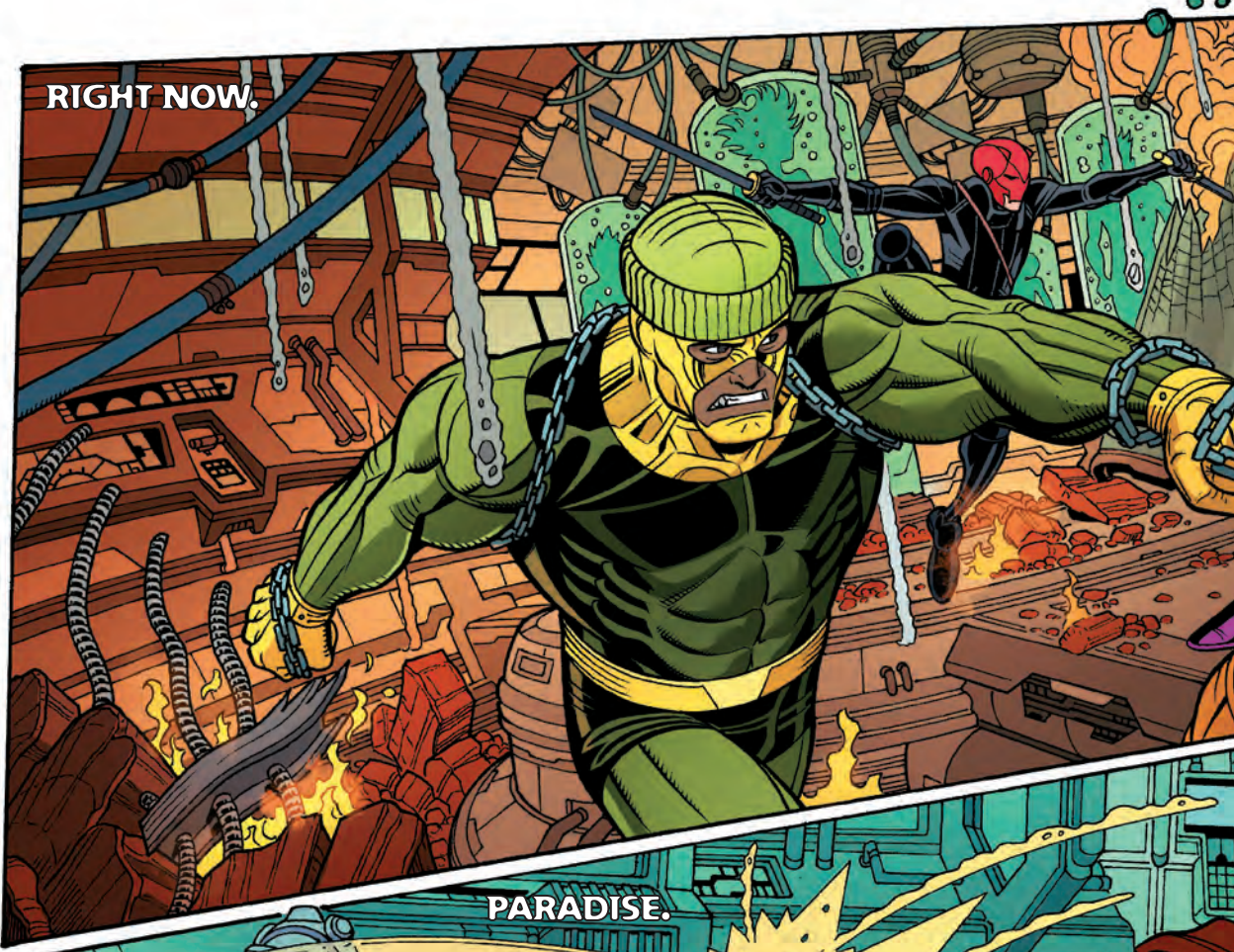


RIGHT NOW.



PARADISE.



DAKEN, IS THAT--?



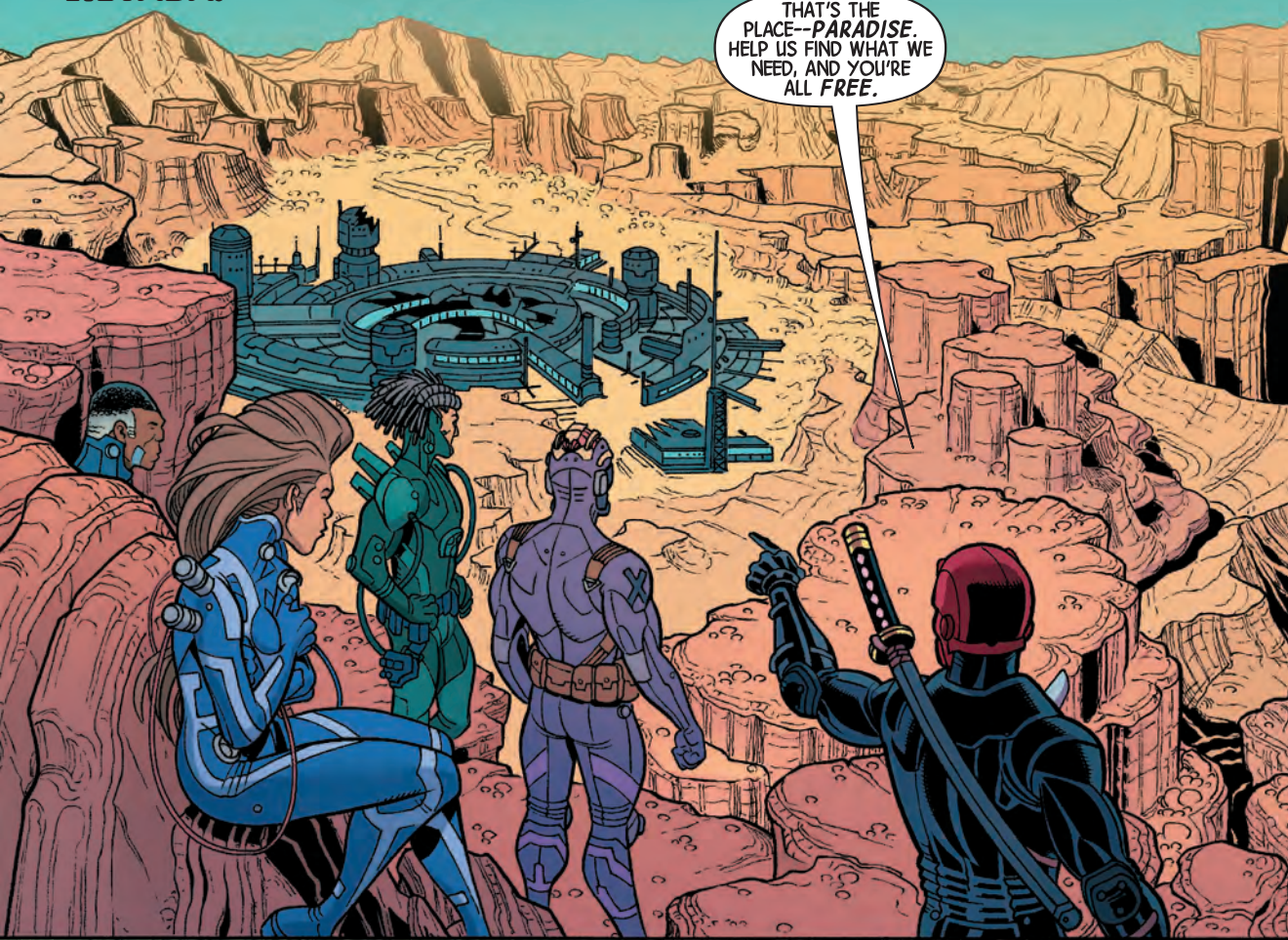


I THINK SO, LAURA. IT HAS TO BE.

HUH.

AN HOUR AGO.
NEVADA.

THAT'S THE PLACE--PARADISE.
HELP US FIND WHAT WE
NEED, AND YOU'RE
ALL FREE.



WHAT DO YOU
THINK, NEURO? THE
FACILITY SEEMS
ABANDONED.
NO?

I AGREE. IT
BURNED A MONTH
AGO, AND IT WAS BEING
STRIPPED CLEAN EVEN THEN. I
CAN'T IMAGINE WHY ANYONE
WOULD BE THERE
NOW. IT'S JUST A
HUSK.

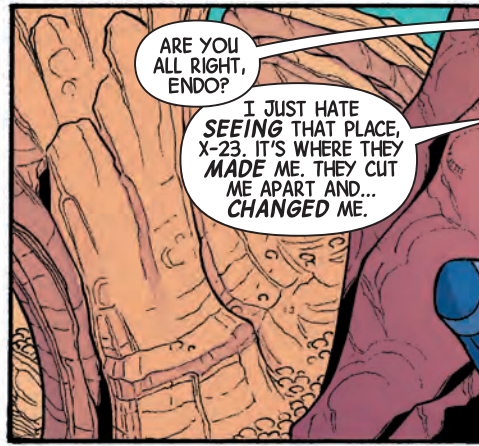
MM. HOW
ABOUT YOU,
JUNK? YOU HEAR
ANYTHING? PEOPLE
MOVING AROUND?
VEHICLES?

MY HEARING'S
NO GOOD OUT IN
THIS **WIND**. TOO
MUCH OPEN
SPACE.

AND ALL I CAN
SMELL IS THAT BIG HUNK
OF CHARCOAL OVER THERE.
CHEMICALS, BURNED
WIRING...SORRY, SHOGUN.

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
ENDO?

I JUST HATE
SEEING THAT PLACE,
X-23. IT'S WHERE THEY
MADE ME. THEY CUT
ME APART AND...
CHANGED ME.



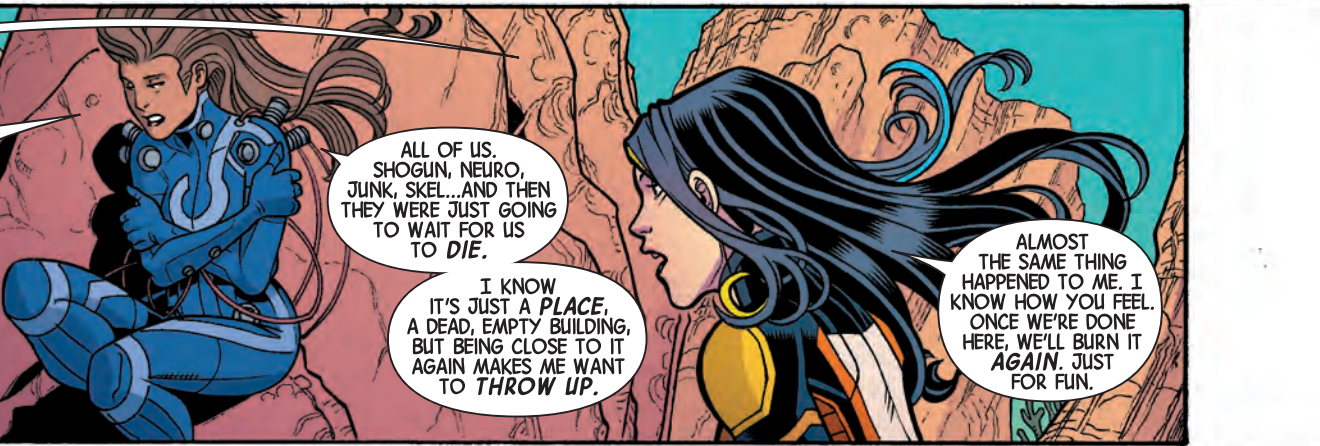


SOUNDS EASY ENOUGH, SHOGUN. LIKE A TREASURE HUNT.

NOTHING IS EASY, SABRETOOTH.

EVER.

GREAT ATTITUDE, DEATHSTRIKE.



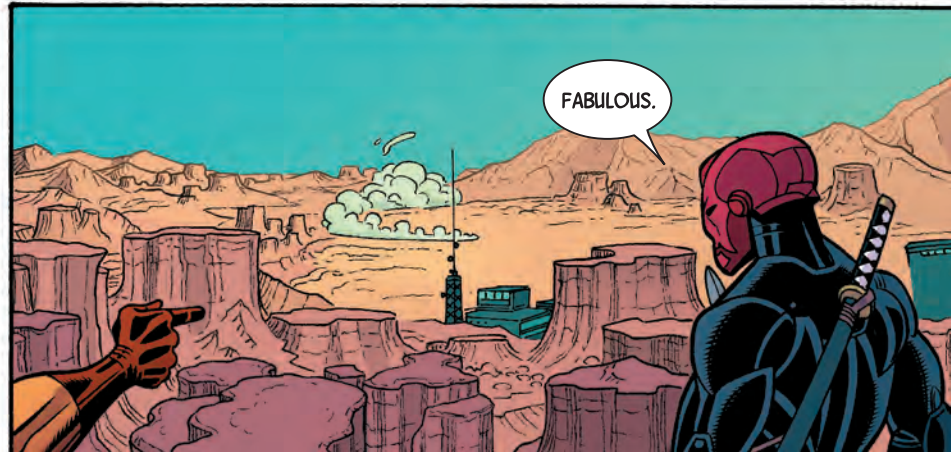
ALL OF US. SHOGUN, NEURO, JUNK, SKEL...AND THEN THEY WERE JUST GOING TO WAIT FOR US TO DIE.

I KNOW IT'S JUST A PLACE, A DEAD, EMPTY BUILDING, BUT BEING CLOSE TO IT AGAIN MAKES ME WANT TO THROW UP.

ALMOST THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO ME. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. ONCE WE'RE DONE HERE, WE'LL BURN IT AGAIN. JUST FOR FUN.



YOU SAID THIS PLACE WAS ABANDONED? MIGHT WANT TO RETHINK THAT.



FABULOUS.