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CIVIL WAR CAPTAIN AMERICA

PRELUDE part four

CAPTAIN AMERICA, AKA STEVE ROGERS, HAS BEEN WORKING FOR S.H.I.E.L.D. UNDER DIRECTOR NICK FURY. FURY BRIEFED ROGERS ON PROJECT INSIGHT: A SPY PROGRAM WITH A WIDE SCOPE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THREATS.

WHEN FURY WAS LOCKED OUT FROM THE PROJECT DATA, HE BECAME SUSPICIOUS AND REQUESTED THAT SENIOR S.H.I.E.L.D. OFFICIAL ALEXANDER PIERCE DELAY IT.

LATER, FURY'S CAR WAS AMBUSHED BY A MYSTERIOUS ASSASSIN CALLED THE WINTER SOLDIER. FURY ESCAPED TO CAP'S APARTMENT, AND WARNED HIM THAT S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS COMPROMISED.

WHILE AT THE APARTMENT, FURY WAS SHOT AND KILLED. BUT BEFORE HE DIED, HE HANDED ROGERS A FLASH DRIVE. WHEN CAP REFUSED TO HAND THE INFORMATION OVER TO PIERCE, HE WAS DECLARED A TRAITOR.

USING DATA IN THE FLASH DRIVE, CAP AND BLACK WIDOW DISCOVER A SECRET S.H.I.E.L.D. BUNKER, WHERE THEY ACTIVATED A SUPERCOMPUTER CONTAINING NONE OTHER THAN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ARNIM ZOLA!

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CAMP LEHIGH,
FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. BASE.

ARNIM ZOLA,
SCIENTIST WHO WORKED
FOR THE RED SKULL.

IN 1972, I RECEIVED A
TERMINAL DIAGNOSIS. SCIENCE
COULD NOT SAVE MY BODY. MY *MIND*,
HOWEVER, WAS WORTH SAVING ON
200,000 FEET OF DATABANKS.

YOU ARE
STANDING IN
MY *BRAIN*.

ACCESSING
ARCHIVE.

HYDRA WAS
FOUNDED ON THE BELIEF
THAT HUMANITY COULD NOT
BE TRUSTED WITH ITS OWN
FREEDOM. WHAT WE DID NOT
REALIZE WAS THAT IF YOU
TRY TO *TAKE* THAT
FREEDOM, PEOPLE
RESIST.

THE WAR
TAUGHT US MUCH.
HUMANITY NEEDED
TO SURRENDER
ITS FREEDOM
WILLINGLY.

AFTER THE
WAR, S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS
FOUNDED AND I WAS
RECRUITED.

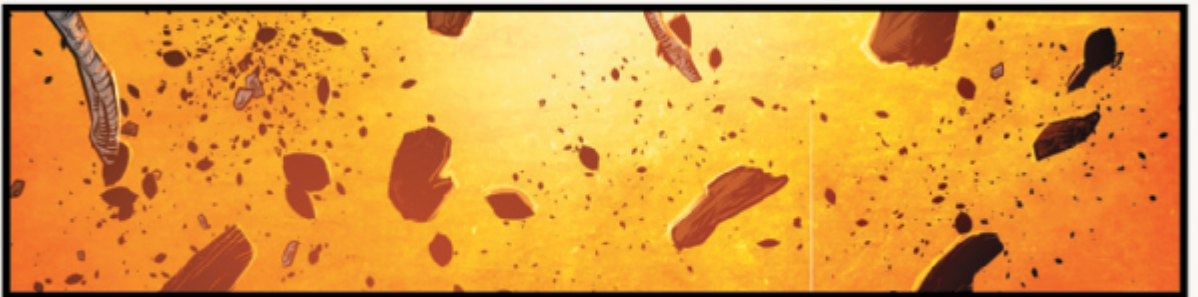
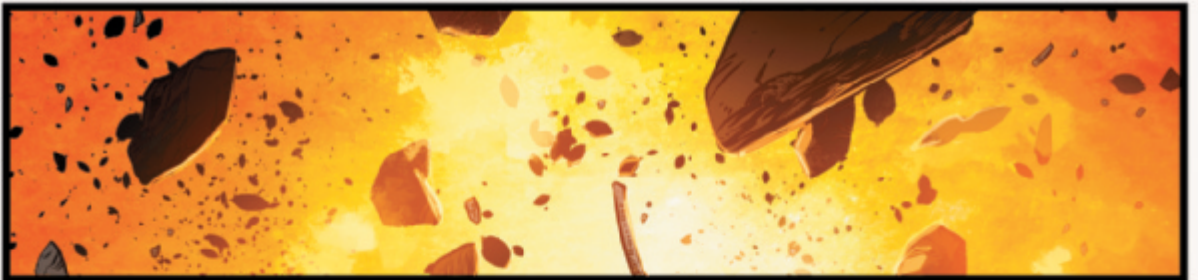
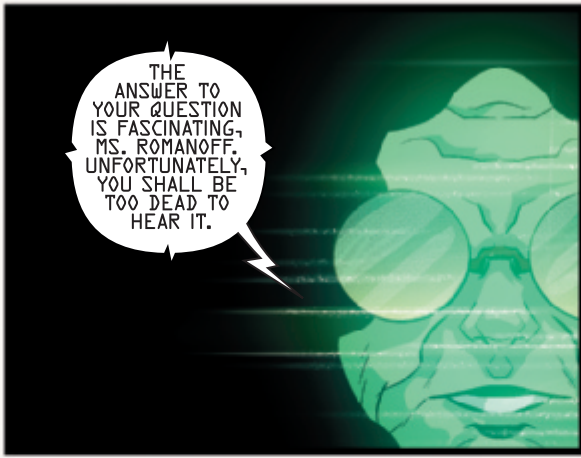
THE NEW
HYDRA GREW.
A BEAUTIFUL
PARASITE *INSIDE*
S.H.I.E.L.D.

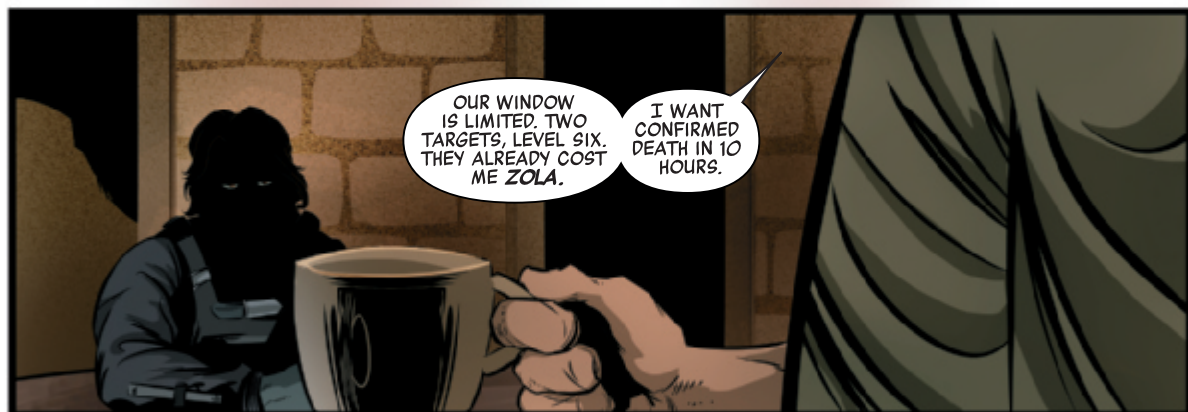
FOR 70 YEARS HYDRA HAS
BEEN SECRETLY FEEDING CRISIS,
REAPING WAR... AND WHEN HISTORY
DID NOT *COOPERATE*, HISTORY
WAS *CHANGED*.

WHAT'S
ON THIS
DRIVE?

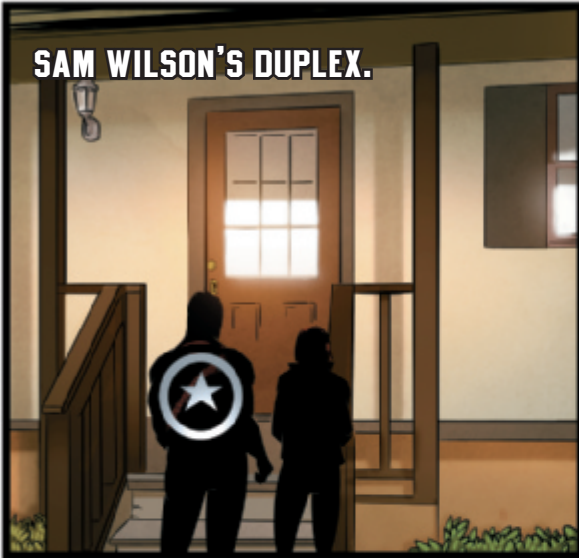
PROJECT
INSIGHT *REQUIRES*
INSIGHT. SO, I
WROTE AN
ALGORITHM.

WHAT
KIND OF
ALGORITHM?
WHAT DOES
IT *DO*?





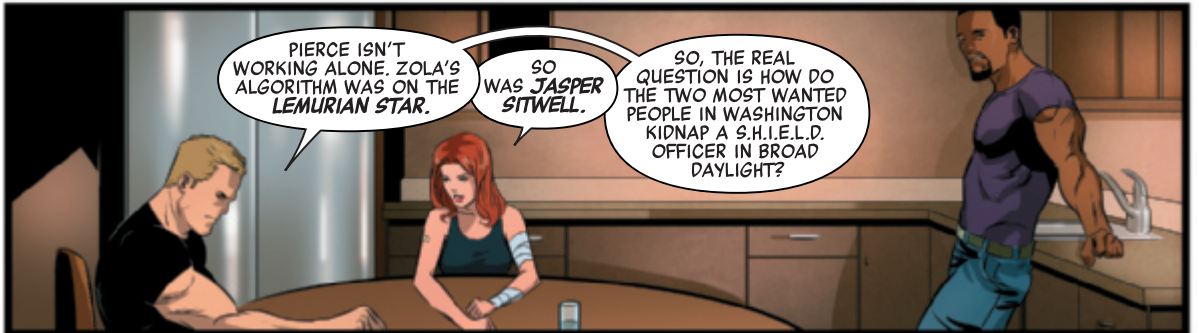
SAM WILSON'S DUPLEX.



HEY, MAN.



I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS. WE NEED A PLACE TO LIE LOW.



PIERCE ISN'T WORKING ALONE. ZOLA'S ALGORITHM WAS ON THE LEMURIAN STAR.

SO WAS JASPER SITWELL.

SO, THE REAL QUESTION IS HOW DO THE TWO MOST WANTED PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON KIDNAP A S.H.I.E.L.D. OFFICER IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?



THE ANSWER IS YOU DON'T.

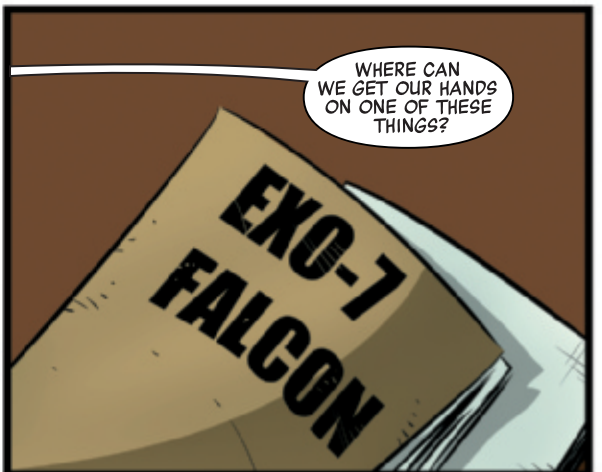


CALL IT A RESUME.

I CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO THIS, SAM. YOU GOT OUT FOR A GOOD REASON.



DUDE, CAPTAIN AMERICA NEEDS MY HELP. THERE'S NO BETTER REASON TO GET BACK IN.



WHERE CAN WE GET OUR HANDS ON ONE OF THESE THINGS?