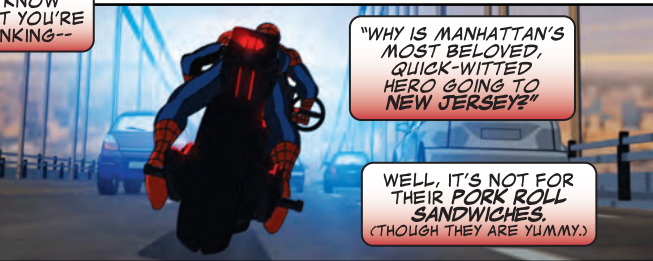


Welcome To New Jersey

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING--



"WHY IS MANHATTAN'S MOST BELOVED, QUICK-WITTED HERO GOING TO NEW JERSEY?"

WELL, IT'S NOT FOR THEIR PORK ROLL SANDWICHES. (THOUGH THEY ARE YUMMY.)



THERE'S ACTUALLY A SECRET S.H.I.E.L.D. BASE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HUDSON RIVER.

(ITS EXACT LOCATION IS CLASSIFIED, OF COURSE.)

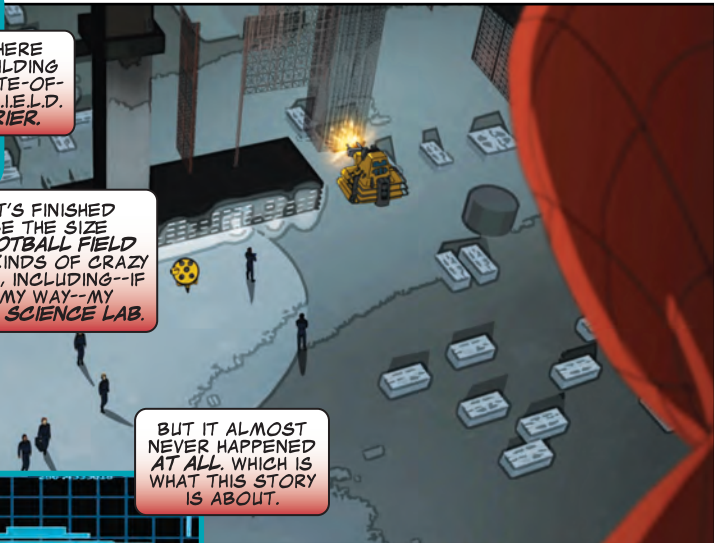
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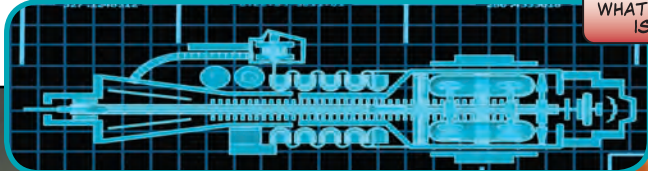
THIS IS WHERE THEY'RE BUILDING A NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER.



WHEN IT'S FINISHED IT'LL BE THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL FIELD WITH ALL KINDS OF CRAZY FEATURES, INCLUDING--IF I GET MY WAY--MY VERY OWN SCIENCE LAB.

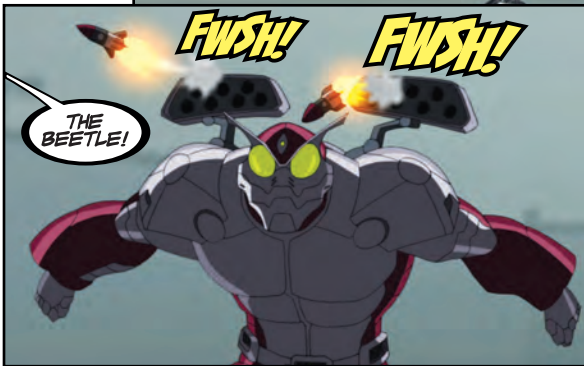


BUT IT ALMOST NEVER HAPPENED AT ALL, WHICH IS WHAT THIS STORY IS ABOUT.



ONE WEEK AGO.

BOOM!



BRAKKA-THWOOOM!

