



# THE ASTONISHING ANT-MAN

**WHEN EX-CON SCOTT LANG INHERITED THE MANTLE OF ANT-MAN, HE SWORE TO CLEAN UP HIS ACT AND DO THE RIGHT THING. A LITTLE OVER EIGHT MONTHS AGO, HE MOVED TO MIAMI TO BE CLOSER TO HIS DAUGHTER AND STARTED HIS OWN COMPANY, ANT-MAN SECURITY SOLUTIONS. EVERYTHING WAS PEACHY.**

**EXCEPT IT TOTALLY WASN'T! THE POWER BROKER'S NEW HENCH APP MADE IT EASIER THAN EVER TO CROWDSOURCE YOUR SUPER VILLAIN NEEDS AND ALLOW FOLKS LIKE DARREN CROSS TO MAKE BIG HEADACHES FOR SCOTT ON A RAPIDLY RECURRING BASIS.**

**JUST AS SCOTT WAS ON THE VERGE OF SLIPPING BACK INTO HIS OLD RUT, SAM WILSON, A.K.A. CAPTAIN AMERICA, CALLED ON HIS OLD FRIEND TO FORGET THE PAST AND STEP UP FOR A BIG-TIME SUPER HERO MISSION!**

**BUT THE PAST IS TOUGH TO SHAKE, AND SCOTT LANG EX-CON WILL BE SCOTT LANG CURRENT-CON BEFORE LONG...**



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**NOW.**

I'm no hero.

I mean, that goes without saying, right?

A hero is someone people can count on when things get tough.




Me? I'm decidedly below-average on that front.

Everyone who depends on me, I just end up letting them down.

Letting Cassie down, letting Ms. Morgenstern down, letting Parla down...

Honestly--



--I dunno why anybody still bothers.

ANT-MAN-- I NEED YOU!

OH. HEY, SAM.

Which is probably not the reaction he was looking for.

UH...THIS A BAD TIME?

NO, HEY, SORRY, GOOD TO SEE YA. JUST-- KINDA WORKING THROUGH SOME INNER MONOLOGUE STUFF.

WELL-- IF YOU CAN PUT THAT ASIDE, I'VE GOT INTEL MIAMI'S FACING A SERIOUS CRIMINAL THREAT--

THEN.

AND YOU WANT TO TEAM UP...

I FIGURED WHO KNOWS THE TOWN BETTER THAN ITS RESIDENT HERO, RIGHT? WE PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER, MAYBE WE CAN STOP THIS. WHAT DO YOU SAY, SOLDIER?

WELL, THING IS--I'M IN A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH MY BOSS ALREADY OVER THIS SUPER-HERO STUFF.

YOUR BOSS?

YEAH, I'VE GOT THIS PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY NOW, DIDN'T YOU HEAR?

BUT THEN WHEN I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SIGN MY BIGGEST CLIENT TO DATE, THIS SUPER VILLAIN-- NOT EVEN MY SUPER VILLAIN!-- COMES CRASHING IN AND WRECKS EVERYTHING.

THEN I GOT A NEW GIG, BUT IT'S WITH MY EX-GIRLFRIEND, WHO CAN'T STAND ME.

AND THAT'S NOT EVEN GETTING INTO MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY DAUGHTER, WHO I CAN'T BE AROUND BECAUSE OF THE SUPER-HERO STUFF--

SCOTT.

HUH?



ARE YOU SERIOUSLY TALKING TO ME ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW?

SORRY--

DUDE-- THINK ABOUT THIS-- CAPTAIN AMERICA JUST SHOWED UP AND ASKED YOU IF YOU WANT TO GO BE A HERO.

WELL, YEAH, OKAY, BUT COME ON--



IT'S NOT CAPTAIN AMERICA CAPTAIN AMERICA.



I CANNOT BELIEVE YOU JUST SAID THAT...

NO, HEY, NO OFFENSE--I MEAN, I GET IT ALL THE TIME, TOO! IT'S JUST-- WE WERE ROOMIES AT AVENGERS MANSION! I'VE SEEN YOU IN YOUR HUMAN TORCH ONESIE.



I'M TRYING TO PROJECT MY VOICE MORE...

IT'S GOOD! YOU'RE DOING GREAT--I SEE YOU ON T.V. ALL THE TIME. AND I LIKE HOW YOU CALLED ME SOLDIER! "TAKE IT TO THE HOTLINE" AD. CATCHY STUFF.



IT'S THE POSTURE, YOU KNOW? HOW DOES HE STAND UP *THAT STRAIGHT* ALL THE TIME?

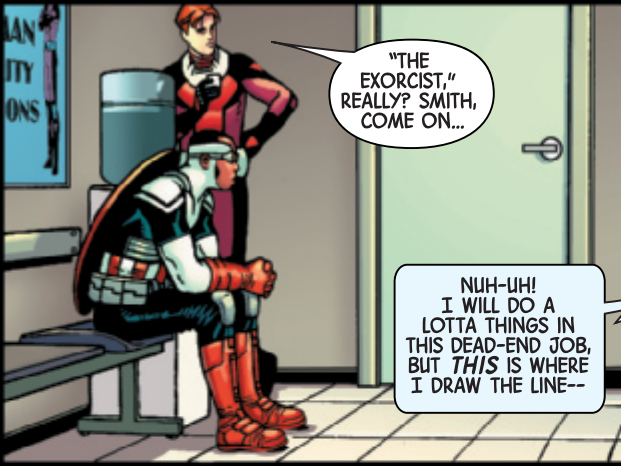
HEY, DON'T ASK ME, I'VE HAD SCOLIOSIS SINCE I WAS NINE. COME ON, BUDDY, LET'S GO GET SOME DETAILS ON YOUR BIG CRIMINAL THREAT--



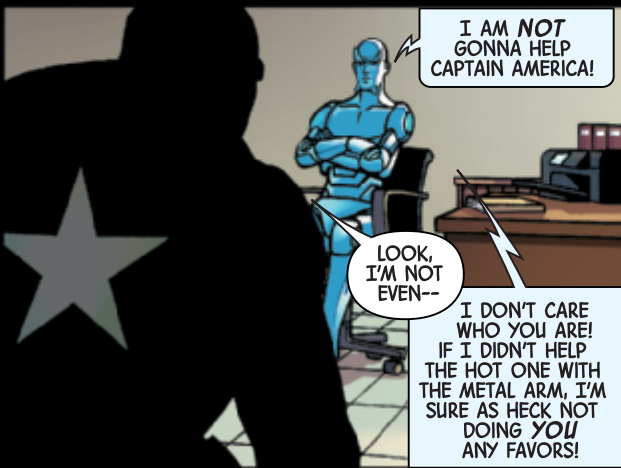
"--I MIGHT KNOW SOME GUYS WHO CAN HELP."

NO! NO! NO!

"THE POWER OF CHRIST COMPELS YOU! THE POWER OF CHRIST COMPELS YOU!!"



NUH-UH! I WILL DO A LOTTA THINGS IN THIS DEAD-END JOB, BUT **THIS** IS WHERE I DRAW THE LINE--



I AM **NOT** GONNA HELP CAPTAIN AMERICA!

LOOK, I'M NOT EVEN--

I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE! IF I DIDN'T HELP THE HOT ONE WITH THE METAL ARM, I'M SURE AS HECK NOT DOING **YOU** ANY FAVORS!

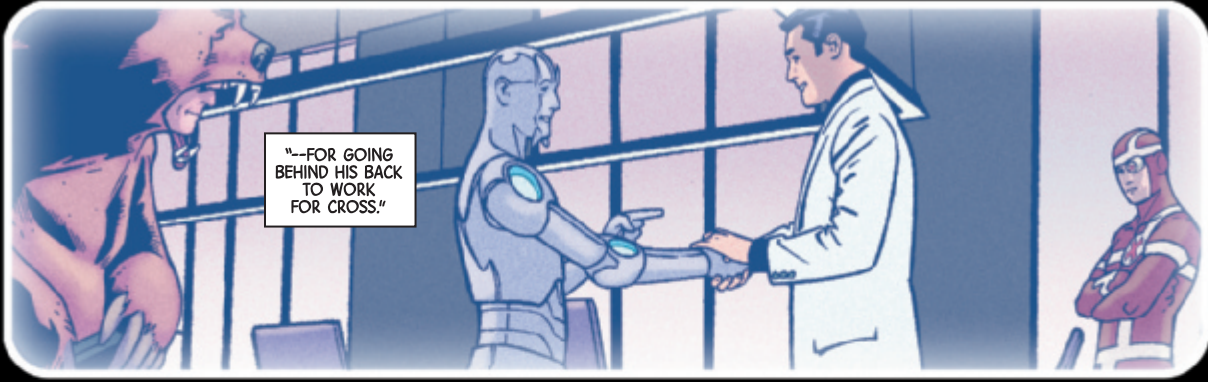


SMITH, YOU SHOULD HELP THEM. WE OWE SCOTT...

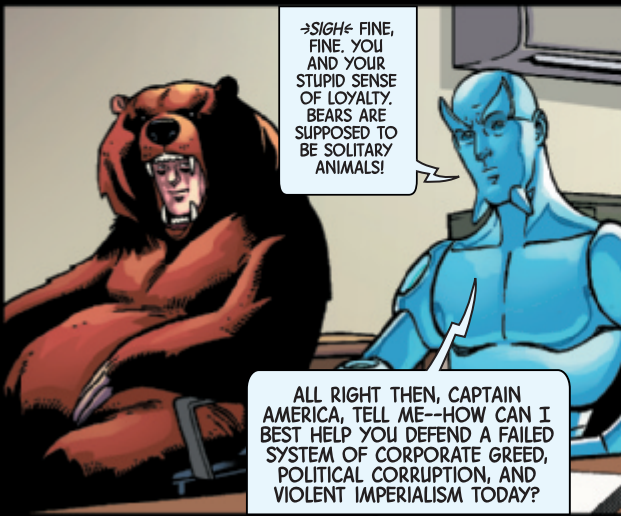
WHY ARE YOU GUYS WHISPERING? IS IT ABOUT MY CHRISTMAS PRESENT? BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THIS SHOULD COUNT.

YEAH, SMITH, WE DO--

I DON'T OWE HIM ANYTHING. IN FACT, I'M EVEN ON MY LUNCH BREAK. MY QUESADILLAS ARE GETTING COLD AS WE SPEAK!



...FOR GOING BEHIND HIS BACK TO WORK FOR SCOTT.



SIGH FINE, FINE. YOU AND YOUR STUPID SENSE OF LOYALTY. BEARS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SOLITARY ANIMALS!

ALL RIGHT THEN, CAPTAIN AMERICA, TELL ME--HOW CAN I BEST HELP YOU DEFEND A FAILED SYSTEM OF CORPORATE GREED, POLITICAL CORRUPTION, AND VIOLENT IMPERIALISM TODAY?



NOTHING QUITE LIKE THAT. I JUST NEED YOU TO HACK INTO SOME SHIPPING RECORDS FOR ME--

DANGIT. THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA BE A DRONE STRIKE.

THERE IT IS-- THAT'S THE ONE!