

HELLO AGAIN!
Glad we didn't scare you off!

My name is Parker Robbins,
but you may call me
THE HOOD.

As you saw in our last tale, Titania wishes to walk the straight and narrow, but I made some... **VIOLENT MOVES** to ensure she joined my all-new, all-different Illuminati.

In the past I would have gone easy when there was something I wanted, but that never worked out, now did it? It's long past time I entered the ranks of the big leagues and I need an army of like-minded individuals to get it done.

I searched the globe for just the right villains for the job...



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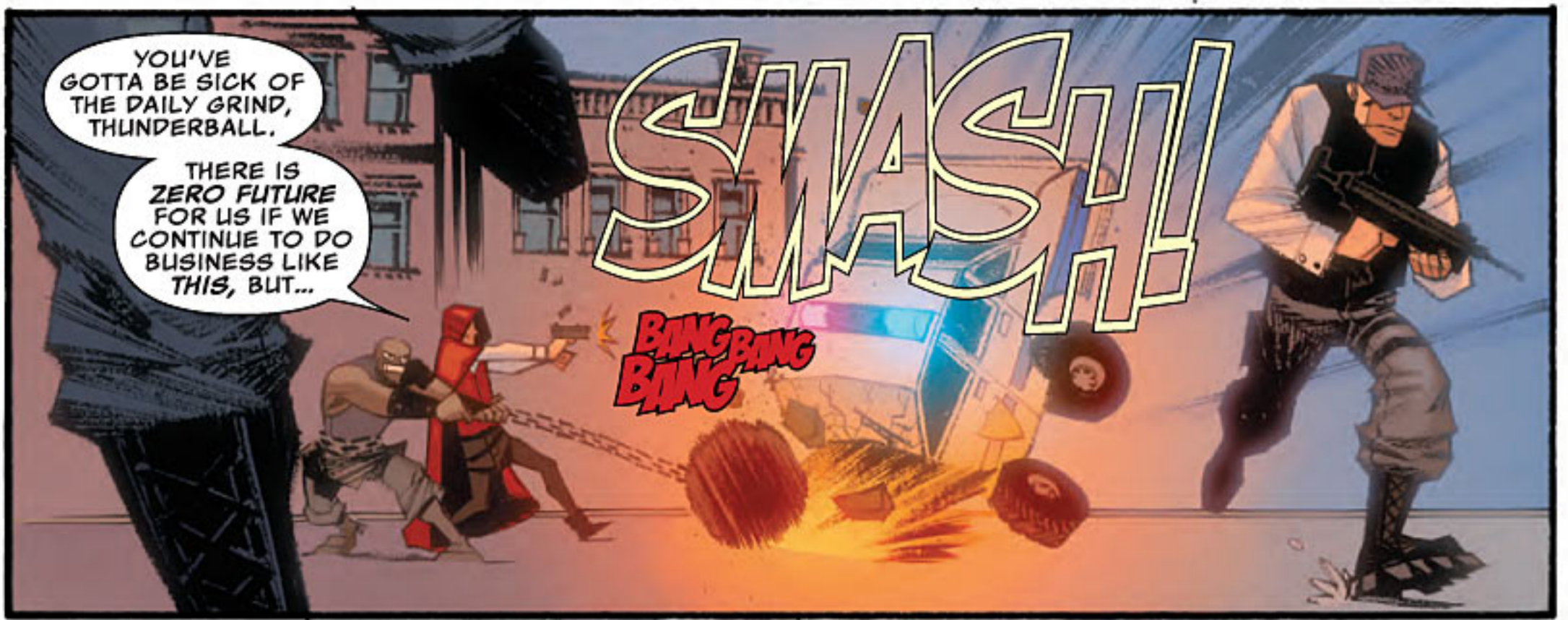
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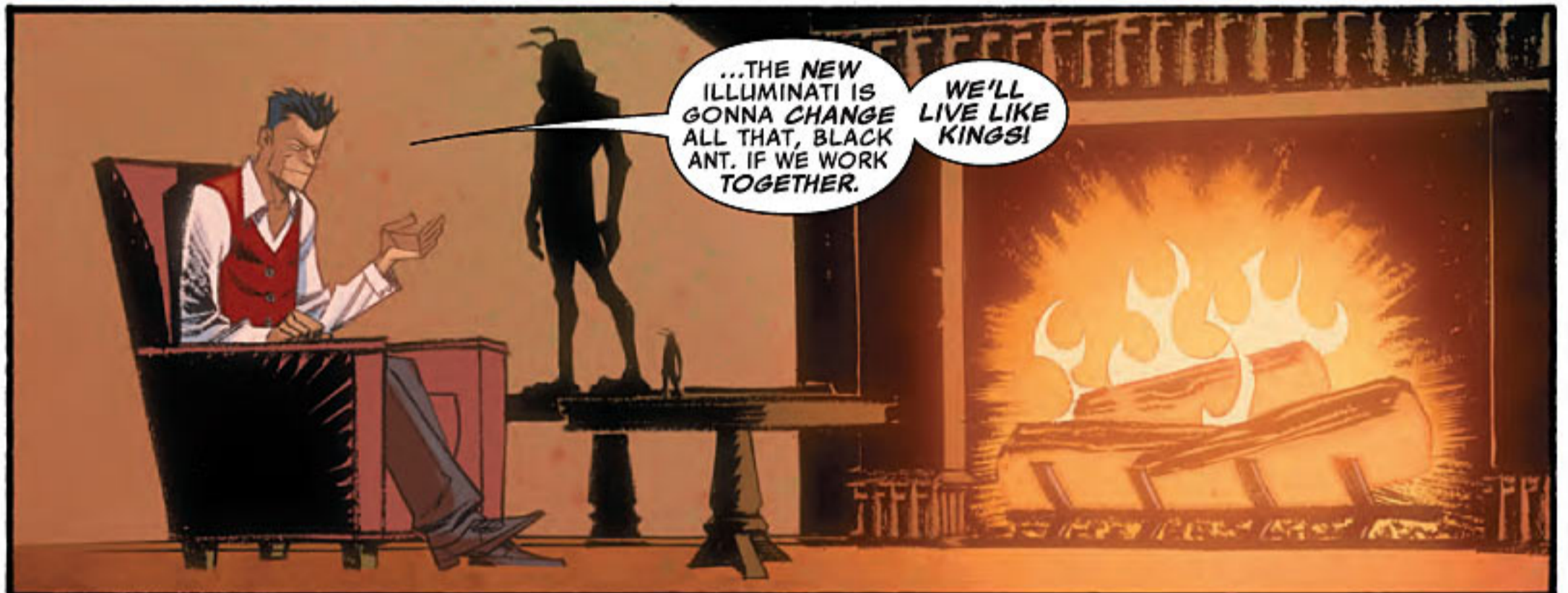


YOU'VE GOTTA BE SICK OF THE DAILY GRIND, THUNDERBALL.

THERE IS ZERO FUTURE FOR US IF WE CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS LIKE THIS, BUT...

SMASH!!

BANG BANG BANG



...THE NEW ILLUMINATI IS GONNA CHANGE ALL THAT, BLACK ANT. IF WE WORK TOGETHER.

WE'LL LIVE LIKE KINGS!



WE'LL BE BIGGER THAN DOOM!

PEOPLE WILL WORSHIP THE GROUND WE... YOU... WALK ON, ENCHANTRESS.

THE GOODY TWO-SHOES WILL STOP COMING AFTER US. YOU KNOW WHY?



BECAUSE THEY'LL BE TOO AFRAID.

WE'LL GO DOWN AS LEGENDS.

BAD GUYS WIN EVERY DAY, THINKER...

"...WHY NOT US?"

YEAH, HE
GAVE ME THE
SAME SPEECH.
THAT
SONOFA--

THE HOOD'S HIDEOUT.

WE'RE A
BUNCH OF
SUCKERS,
TITANIA.

YOU HERE
ALONE? IS
THE WRECKING
CREW--?

DITCHED
'EM. I NEEDED
A CHANGE AND
THE HOOD OFFERED
IT...SO, Y'KNOW, A
GUY'S GOTTA DO
WHAT A GUY'S
GOTTA DO.

YOU THINK
HE'S LEGIT,
THUNDERBALL?

THE HOOD?
I'LL TRUST HIM
AS FAR AS I CAN
THROW HIM. AND
HE'S LUCKY I CAN
THROW HIM A
LONG WAY.

YOU BEEN
SHACKED
UP HERE
LONG?

FEW DAYS.
IT'S NOT BAD
FOR A SAFE
HOUSE.

WHERE
DID HE
GET THIS
JOINT?

TO QUOTE
THE HOOD,
"AIRBNB."

HAHA.
SUCH A CON
ARTIST.

YOU NOTICE
THAT THIS
PLACE HAS NO
WINDOWS?

AND ALL
PASSAGeways
LEAD BACK TO
THE MAIN ROOM?
THERE'S NO
EXIT.

JUST THE
HOOD'S
TELEPORTATION
SPELL?

BINGO.

C'MON,
LET ME SHOW
YOU THE LAB THE
MAD THINKER
SET UP.

WE SHOULD
INTRODUCE
YOU TO THE REST
OF THE CREW. I
KNOW YOU GOT THE
HOOD'S AWKWARD
INTRO LAST NIGHT,
BUT WE SHOULD
DO SOMETHING A
LITTLE BIT MORE
CASUAL.



AH... GREAT.

THE QUANTUM REALITY MEMORY DRIVE KEEPS FAILING...

CURSED A.I. EMOTIONS GET LOST IN COGNITIVE DISTORTIONS. CAN'T HAVE THAT.

MY CALCULATIONS MUST BE CORRECT. FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION...



AH, C'MON, MAN!

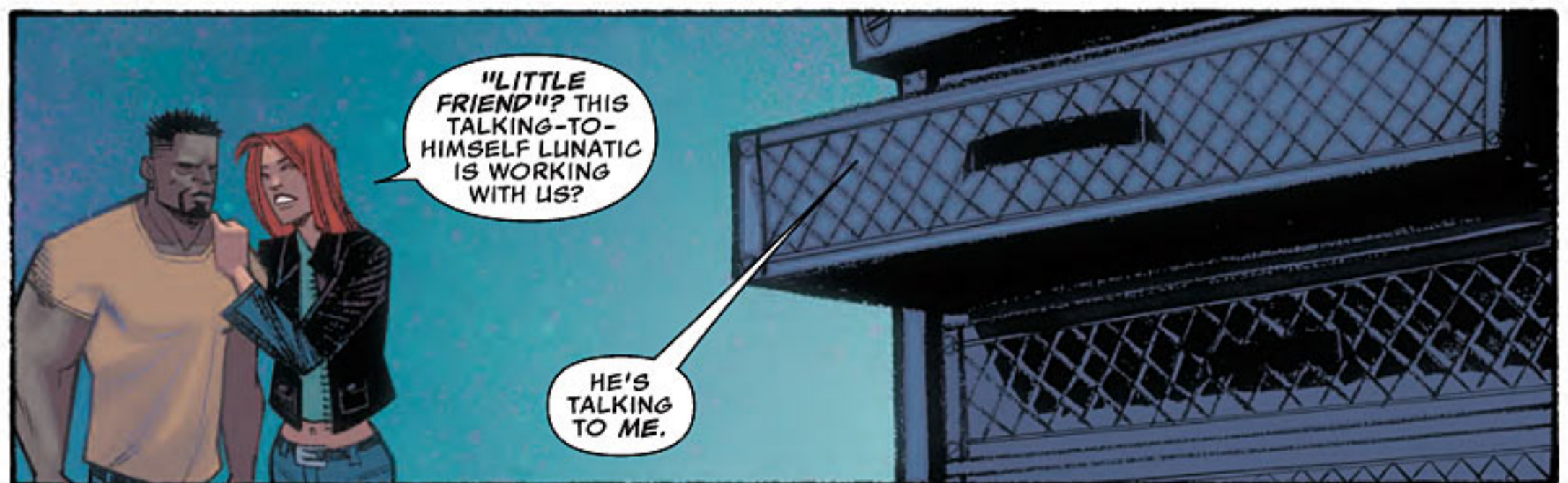
WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS...

I'VE SEEN MUCH WORSE.



MY GENIUS NEEDS TO BREATHE!

CLOTHING IS A MAN-MADE CREATION THAT I DO NOT NEED. I ONLY HONOR MY OWN CREATIONS. I KEEP TELLING MY LITTLE FRIEND, BUT HE NEVER LISTENS.



"LITTLE FRIEND"? THIS TALKING-TO-HIMSELF LUNATIC IS WORKING WITH US?

HE'S TALKING TO ME.

