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THE NAME'S
MISTY
KNIGHT.

MY PARTNER--
AND I USE THAT TERM
IN EVERY COMPLICATED,
CONFUSING-AS-HELL
SENSE OF THE WORD--
SAM WILSON
IS HAVING A ROUGH
TIME OF IT.



WHICH AIN'T SURPRISING,
I GUESS--BEING CAPTAIN
AMERICA--BEING A **BLACK**
CAPTAIN AMERICA--NOBODY
EVER SAID THAT WOULD BE THE
EASIEST JOB. EVEN STILL--



LATELY THINGS
SEEM TO BE
WORSE THAN EVER.
NO SHORTAGE OF
BAD LUCK--



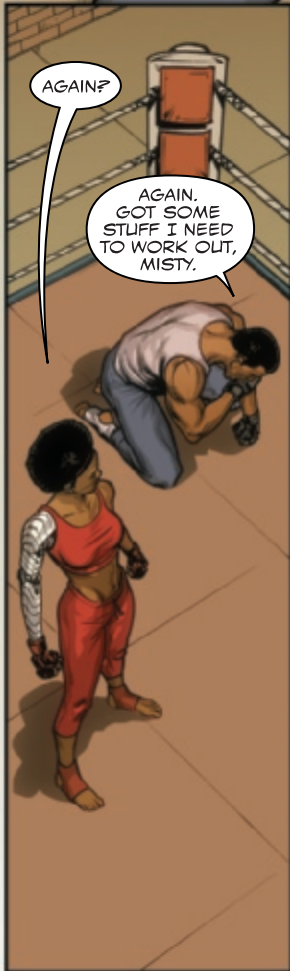
--AND I'M
WORRIED IT'S
STARTED TO DO
SOME REAL
DAMAGE.

SO I TRY TO DO
WHAT I CAN TO BE
THERE FOR HIM,
SUPPORT HIM--



--MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER.

UNFF!



AGAIN?

AGAIN. GOT SOME STUFF I NEED TO WORK OUT, MISTY.

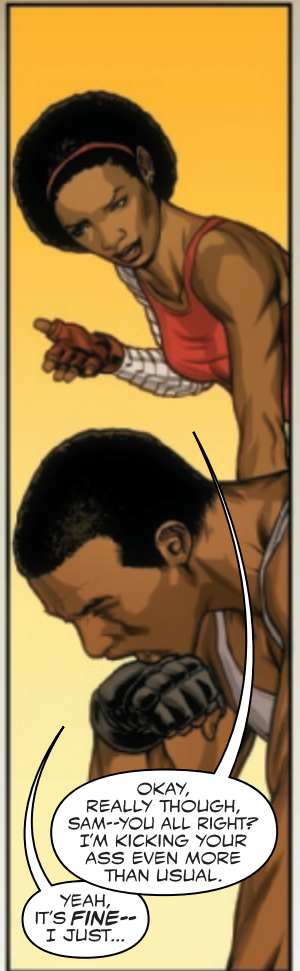


YOU REALIZE, IN ACTUAL THERAPY, YOU GET HIT IN THE FACE A LOT LESS?

YEAH, BUT THIS IS CHEAPER--



ONLY IF YOU GOT DENTAL.



OKAY, REALLY THOUGH, SAM--YOU ALL RIGHT? I'M KICKING YOUR ASS EVEN MORE THAN USUAL.

YEAH, IT'S FINE-- I JUST...



IT'S HIS FUNERAL TODAY.



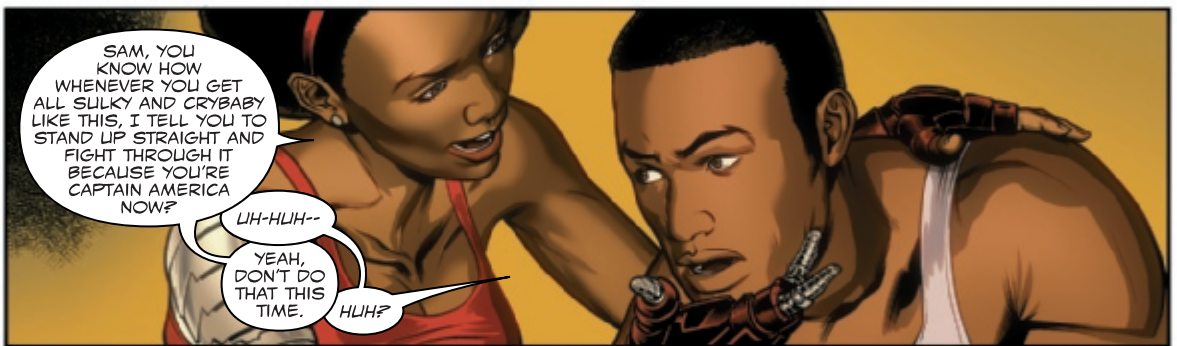
SAM...

THEY THINK I LET HIM DIE, MISTY. THEY THINK I WOULD--SENATOR HERALD AND I HAD OUR DIFFERENCES, THAT'S FOR DAMN SURE, BUT--



--WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THIS COUNTRY IN IF THEY THINK I WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

AND EVERY TIME I THINK I'M GETTING PAST IT, I JUST--HEAR THIS HARRY HAUSER GUY, OR READ SOMETHING ON THE INTERNET, AND IT'S ALL JUST BACK IN MY HEAD SPACE AGAIN--



SAM, YOU KNOW HOW WHENEVER YOU GET ALL SULKY AND CRYBABY LIKE THIS, I TELL YOU TO STAND UP STRAIGHT AND FIGHT THROUGH IT BECAUSE YOU'RE CAPTAIN AMERICA NOW?

LH-HUH--

YEAH, DON'T DO THAT THIS TIME.

HUH?



YOU'VE BEEN PUSHING. HARD. AND LET'S BE HONEST--A WHOLE LOT'S NOT GOING YOUR WAY. SO HOW ABOUT THIS--

--HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF? JUST GO BE SAM WILSON. RELAX. DECOMPRESS. TRY TO GET OVER YOURSELF A LITTLE.



I WISH I COULD DO THAT RIGHT NOW--

OH, YOU CAN. IN FACT, YOU'RE GONNA.

WAIT-- WHAT?



I ALREADY CALLED YOUR BROTHER, GIDEON. HE'S GOT BIG PLANS, SOME KINDA WEEKEND ROAD TRIP. I DON'T GET IT, BUT HE'S VERY EXCITED--THAT GUY LOVES WATCHING LEAVES CHANGE COLOR, APPARENTLY.

AND WHEN IS THIS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN?



IMMEDIATELY.

HEY, SAM!

OH, NO...



THIS IS GONNA BE GREAT, LITTLE BROTHER! I FOUND US A COUPLE OF REAL NICE BED-AND-BREAKFASTS. RHODE ISLAND THIS TIME OF YEAR--WE'RE GONNA GET SOME SWEET PICTURES, AND THE FOOD! FARM-TO-TABLE ALL THE WAY--

UFF-- THANKS, GID-- BUT GIMME A SEC--



MISTY--THERE IS NO WAY I CAN DO THIS. WHAT IF SOMETHING COMES UP ON THE HOTLINE--??

SAM, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO FIND THIS OUT, BUT I AM A GENUINE, REAL DEAL SUPER HERO MYSELF. YOU CAN TELL BY THE WAY YOU NEVER WIN A FIGHT AGAINST ME.



TRUST ME ON THIS, ALL RIGHT? GET SOME FRESH AIR, GET SOME TIME OUT OF YOUR HEAD.

SAM--TELL ME SOMETHING-- HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HORSEBACK RIDES?

OH, THIS IS JUST TOO GOOD. NOW HO-- **BZZT BZZT**



LET ME HANDLE THE BUSINESS.

HELLO? THIS IS MISTY. HOLD UP--SLOW DOWN--



BECAUSE, YEAH--