



# THE ASTONISHING ANT-MAN

**CASSIE LANG: FORMER SUPER HERO, A.K.A. STATURE; CURRENT JUNIOR VARSITY POINT GUARD, A.K.A. A TOTALLY AVERAGE TEENAGE GIRL.**

**EXCEPT WHEN YOUR DAD IS SCOTT LANG, A.K.A. ANT-MAN, BEING AVERAGE ISN'T REALLY IN YOUR BLOOD.**

**CASSIE THOUGHT SCOTT HAD LATELY BEEN AVOIDING HER, AND SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHY, BUT SHE RECENTLY FOUND OUT HE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN SECRETLY WATCHING OVER HER AT ANT-SIZE. SO NOW CASSIE'S MAD AT SCOTT FOR NOT HAVING BEEN AROUND AND SHE'S MAD THAT HE THINKS SHE NEEDS WATCHING OVER. LET'S HOPE SHE DOESN'T DO SOMETHING DRASTIC...**



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So yeah, this is me--  
**Cassie Lang.**  
Daughter of  
Scott Lang, the  
Astonishing  
**Ant-Man.**

I'm actually the reason he's  
a super hero. See, I had a  
heart condition when I was  
a kid, and he stole the ant  
suit in order to save my life.

Not that  
that's *all*  
I am--



When my dad died in an  
attack on Avengers Mansion,  
I used his *Pym Particles* to  
become a super hero--the  
giant-sized Young Avenger  
codenamed **Stature!**

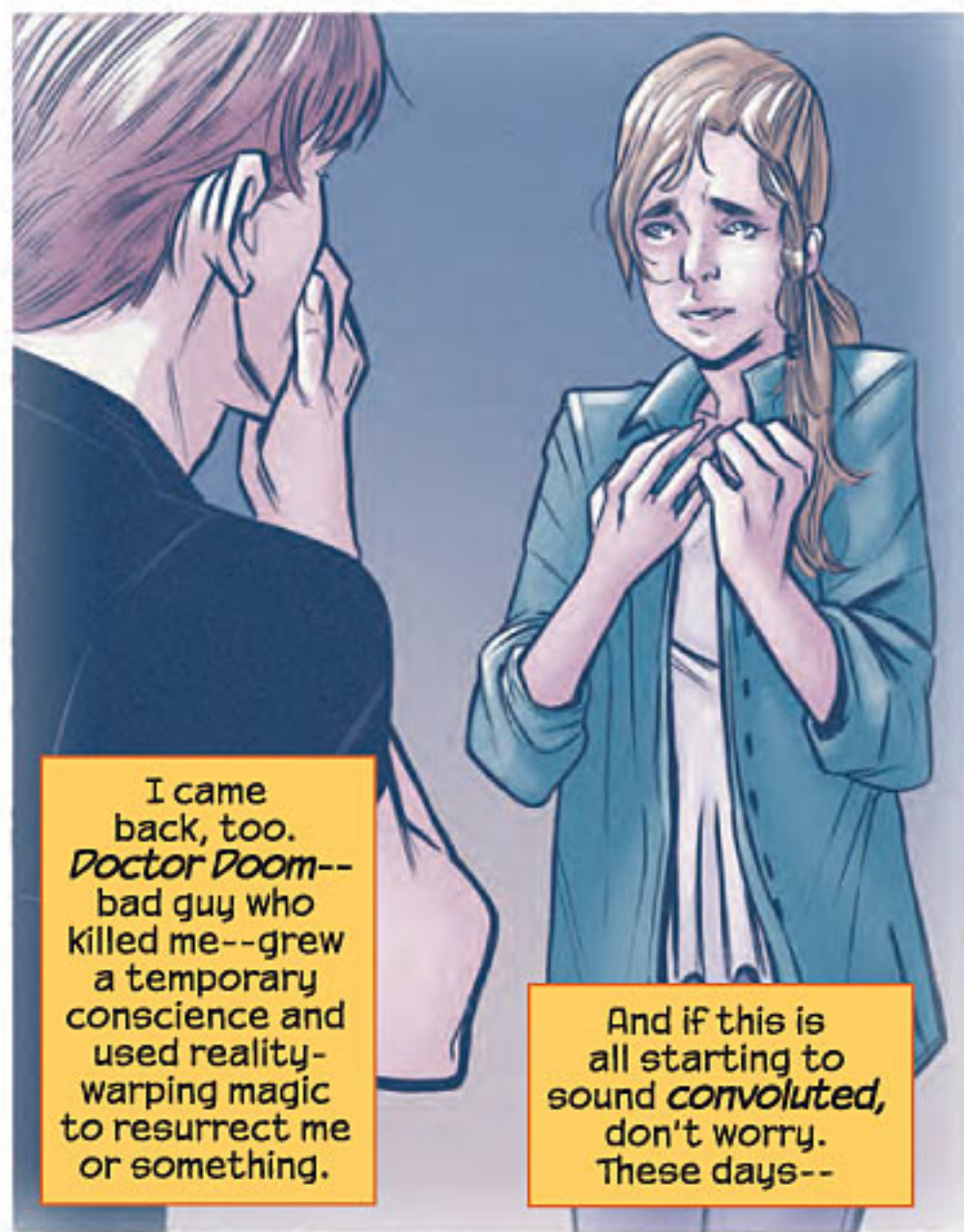


But then the best thing ever happened--my dad  
came back to life. Except--ironic twist!--I got  
killed like five minutes later. But don't worry--



I came  
back, too.  
**Doctor Doom**--  
bad guy who  
killed me--grew  
a temporary  
conscience and  
used reality-  
warping magic  
to resurrect me  
or something.

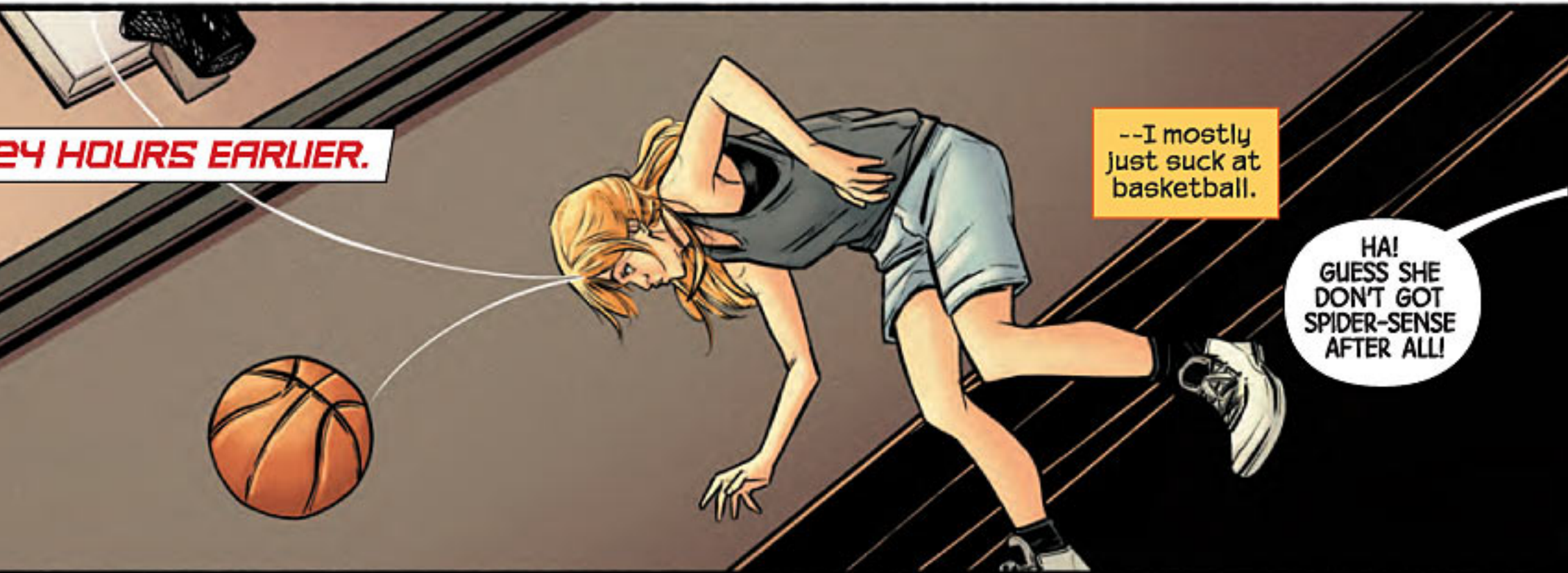
And if this is  
all starting to  
sound *convoluted*,  
don't worry.  
These days--



**24 HOURS EARLIER.**

--I mostly  
just suck at  
basketball.

HA!  
GUESS SHE  
DONT GOT  
SPIDER-SENSE  
AFTER ALL!





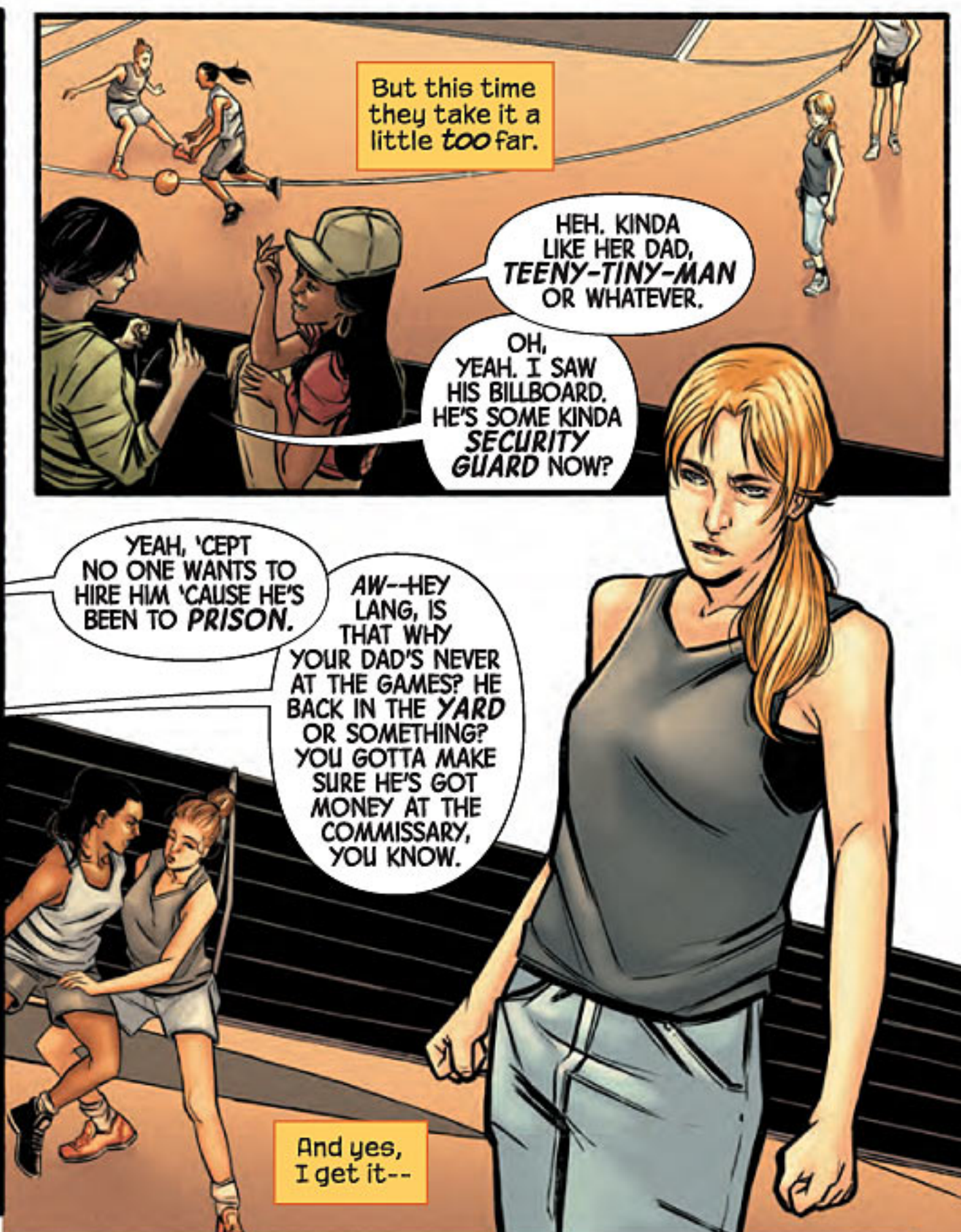


SEE? I TOLD YOU ALL SHE COULD DO WAS GET BIG.

SHE DON'T LOOK SO BIG NOW.

Bullies. Every school's got them, right?

And when you used to be (I lost my powers in the aforementioned resurrection thing) what I was--obviously they come after you *hard*. Usually I just shrug it off...



But this time they take it a little *too* far.

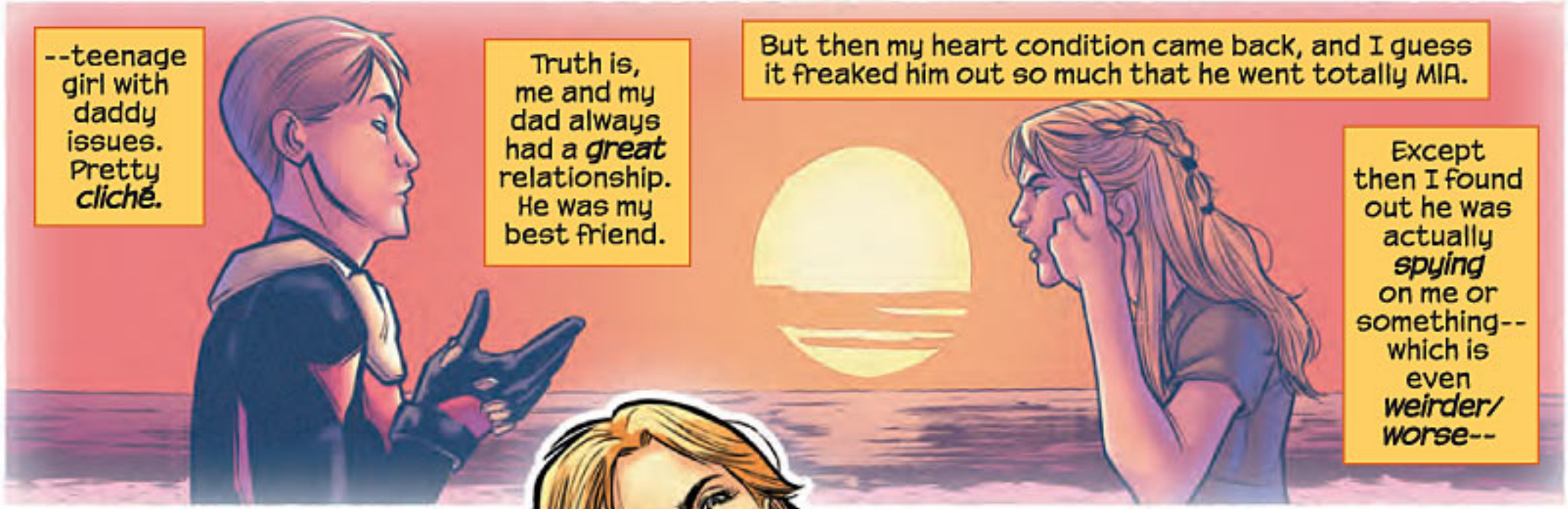
HEH. KINDA LIKE HER DAD, *TEENY-TINY-MAN* OR WHATEVER.

OH, YEAH. I SAW HIS BILLBOARD. HE'S SOME KINDA *SECURITY GUARD* NOW?

YEAH, 'CEPT NO ONE WANTS TO HIRE HIM 'CAUSE HE'S BEEN TO *PRISON*.

AW--HEY LANG, IS THAT WHY YOUR DAD'S NEVER AT THE GAMES? HE BACK IN THE *YARD* OR SOMETHING? YOU GOTTA MAKE SURE HE'S GOT MONEY AT THE *COMMISSARY*, YOU KNOW.

And yes, I get it--



--teenage girl with daddy issues. Pretty *cliché*.

Truth is, me and my dad always had a *great* relationship. He was my best friend.

But then my heart condition came back, and I guess it freaked him out so much that he went totally MIA.

Except then I found out he was actually *spying* on me or something--which is even *weirder/worse--*



So yeah, I guess you could say it's a sore spot. Which is what these @#\$%\$ are gonna have. *All over their faces!*

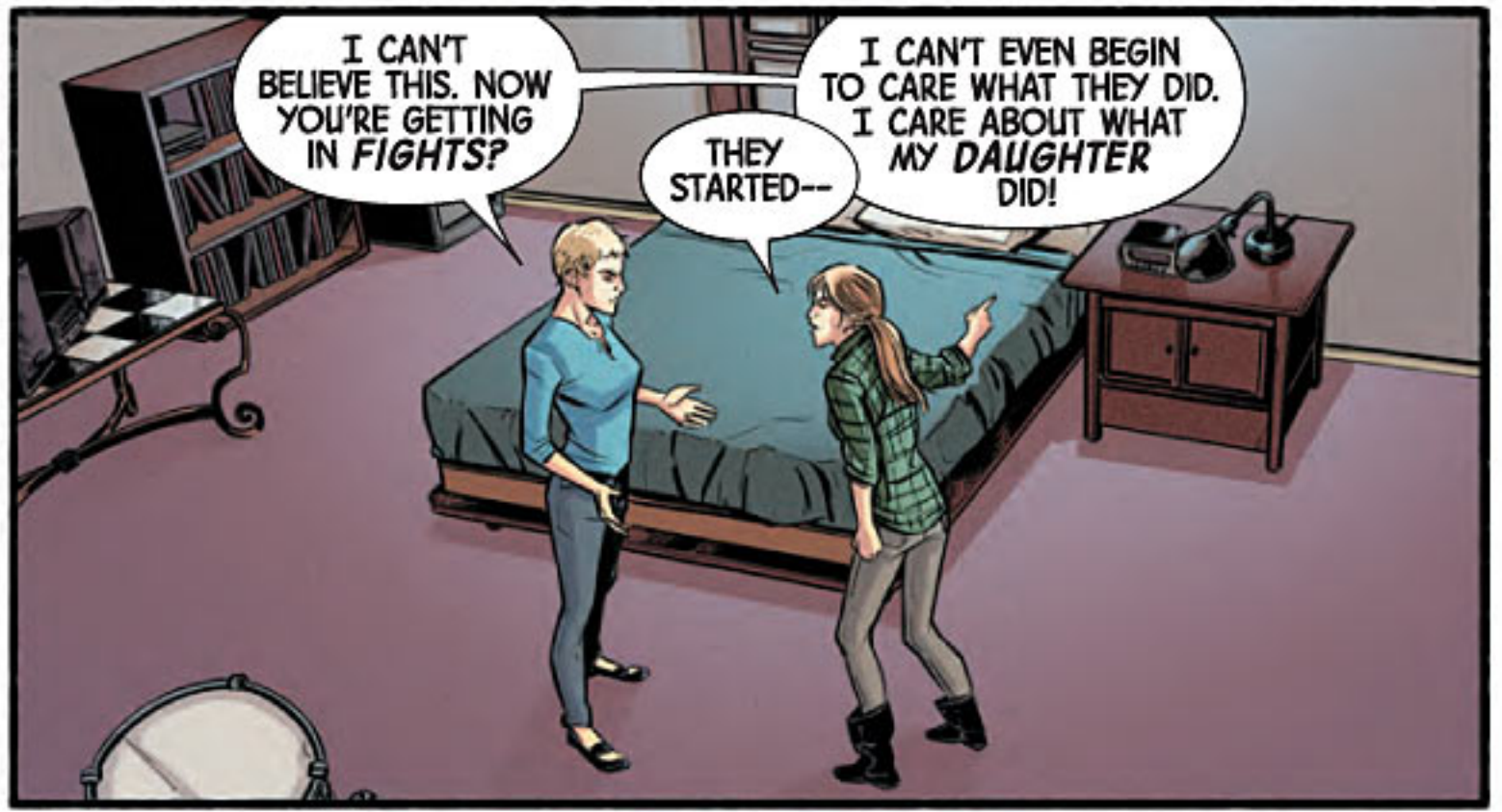
Disappointed in me?





You're not the only one.

A THREE-DAY SUSPENSION, CASSIE!



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. NOW YOU'RE GETTING IN FIGHTS?

THEY STARTED--

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO CARE WHAT THEY DID. I CARE ABOUT WHAT MY DAUGHTER DID!



YOU HAVE COMBAT TRAINING, CASSIE, YOU KNOW LIKE SIX KINDS OF MARTIAL ARTS--YOU'VE SPARRED WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA!

AND WOLVERINE.

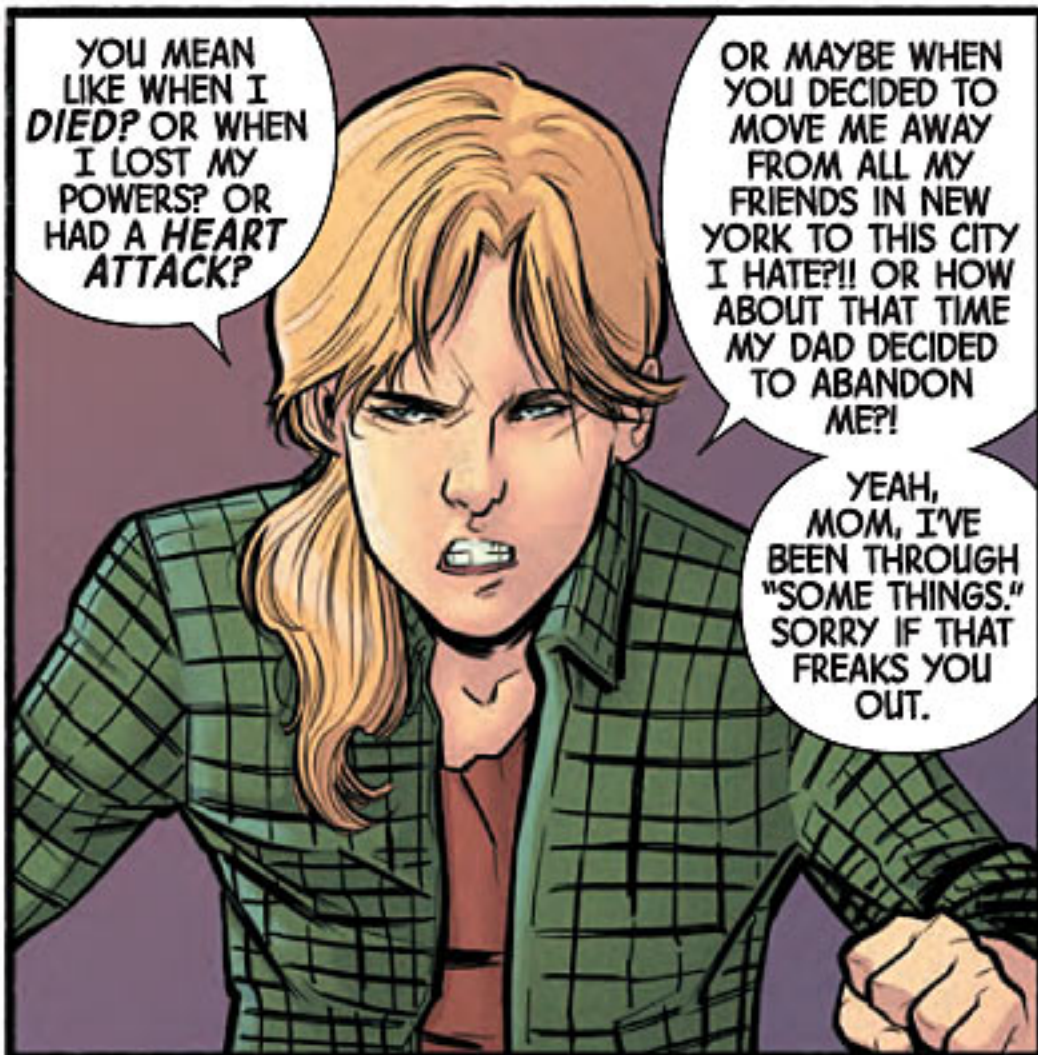
YOU COULD'VE REALLY HURT THOSE GIRLS!



MOM, COME ON! YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T DO THAT--

HONEY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU, OR WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR HEAD THESE DAYS. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME THINGS--

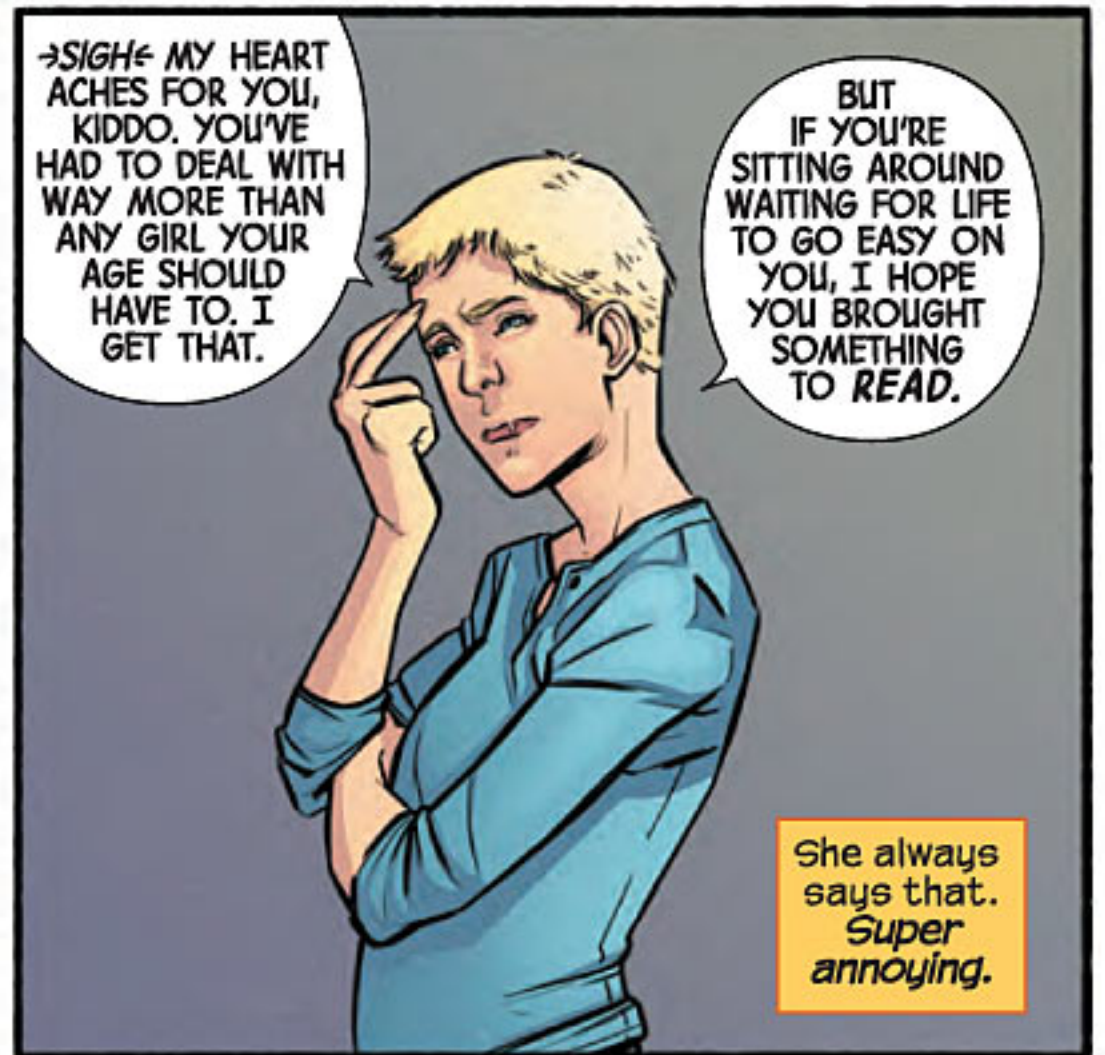
"SOME THINGS"?



YOU MEAN LIKE WHEN I DIED? OR WHEN I LOST MY POWERS? OR HAD A HEART ATTACK?

OR MAYBE WHEN YOU DECIDED TO MOVE ME AWAY FROM ALL MY FRIENDS IN NEW YORK TO THIS CITY I HATE?! OR HOW ABOUT THAT TIME MY DAD DECIDED TO ABANDON ME?!

YEAH, MOM, I'VE BEEN THROUGH "SOME THINGS." SORRY IF THAT FREAKS YOU OUT.



→SIGH← MY HEART ACHES FOR YOU, KIDDO. YOU'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH WAY MORE THAN ANY GIRL YOUR AGE SHOULD HAVE TO. I GET THAT.

BUT IF YOU'RE SITTING AROUND WAITING FOR LIFE TO GO EASY ON YOU, I HOPE YOU BROUGHT SOMETHING TO READ.

She always says that. Super annoying.





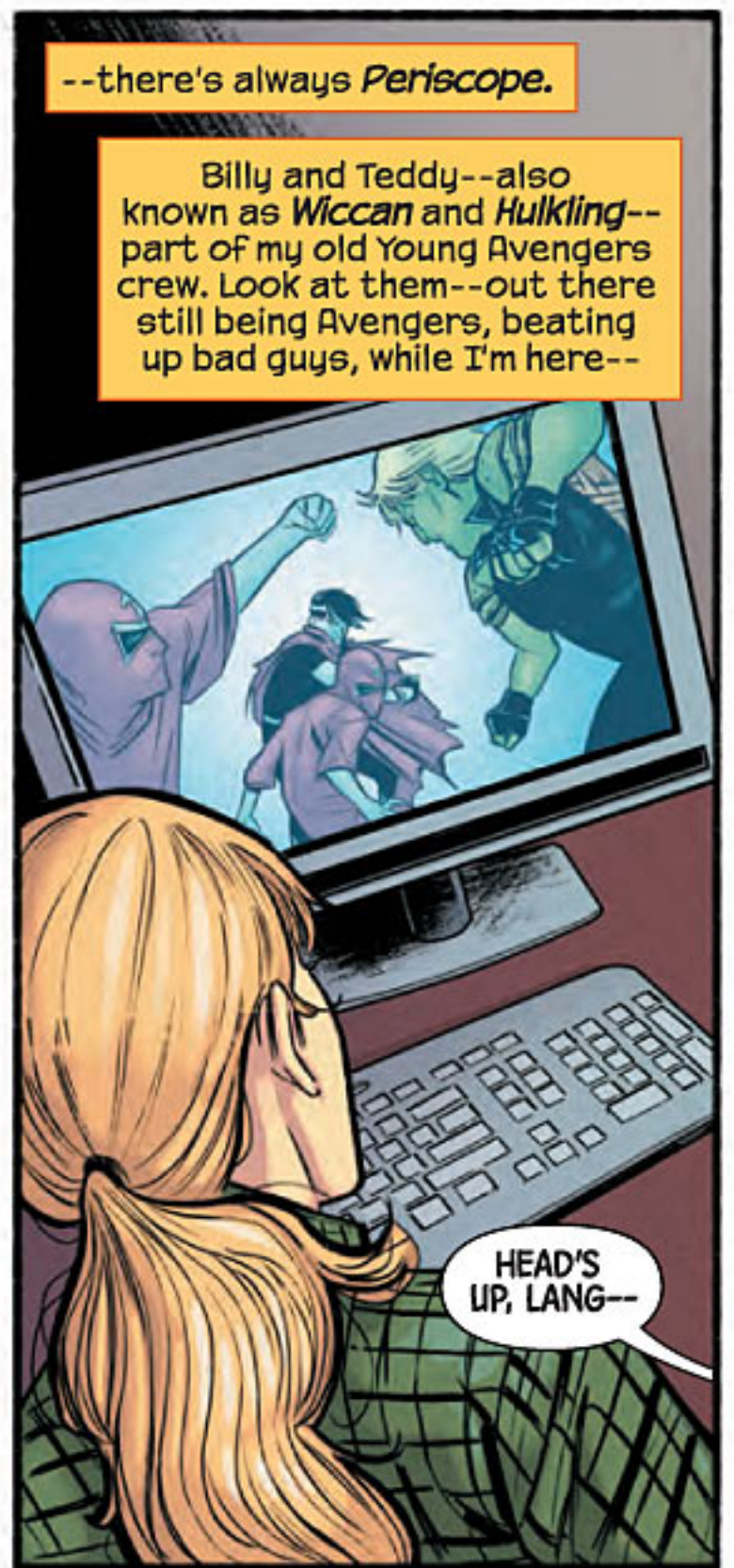
HOMWORK BY FIVE, DINNER AT SIX. WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOUR GROUNDING OVER CHICKEN PARM. THAT, AND YOUR APOLOGY LETTER TO THOSE GIRLS.



Apology letter? Her chicken parm? Why is today nothing but terrible things?

And why do I have to do homework if I'm on a three-day--

--you know what, forget it--



--there's always *Periscope*.

Billy and Teddy--also known as *Wiccan* and *Hulking*--part of my old Young Avengers crew. Look at them--out there still being Avengers, beating up bad guys, while I'm here--

HEAD'S UP, LANG--



--getting pizza arrows shot at me?!!

SPECIAL DELIVERY FROM JOE'S IN GREENWICH--

THOR



--I HAD THEM FREEZE IT ON THE QUINJET, SO IT SHOULD ONLY BE HALF-DISGUSTING BY NOW.

KATE?!!