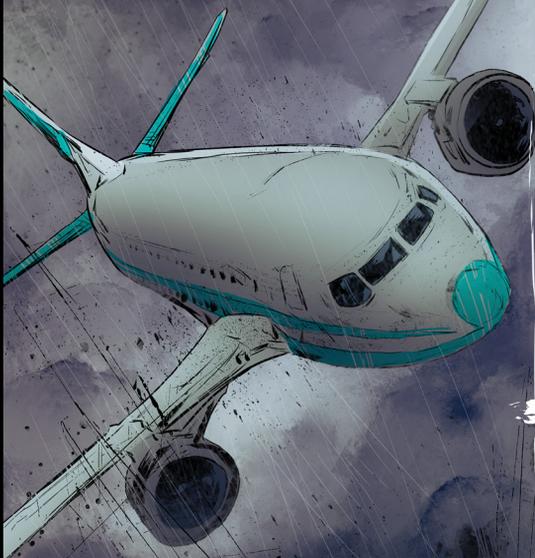


THEY'VE BOTH BEEN FAIRLY SILENT SINCE BOARDING THEIR PLANE. BUT THIS IS A FLIGHT THAT WILL TAKE OVER TWELVE HOURS TO REACH ITS DESTINATION. SLEEPING AND WATCHING MOVIES, WILL ONLY DISTRACT THEM FOR SO LONG. EVENTUALLY THEY NEED TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION BOTH ARE DREADING.

THE REASON FOR THEIR RETURN TO NEW YORK IS THE ABJECT FAILURE TO KEEP CYAN SAFE. SHE NEEDED REASSURANCE THAT THE FORCES FROM HEAVEN AND HELL WOULD LEAVE HER ALONE.



OR BETTER YET, THAT THOSE FORCES WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND HER SO QUICKLY. BUT NONE OF THAT WORKED OUT. \*



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL YOUR DAD WHEN WE LAND? HE'S... YOU KNOW, HE'S GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS.



WHAT?

YOU SAY SOMETHING?



I SAID WE'RE GOING TO BE LANDING IN A FEW HOURS.

OKAY.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TELL EVERYBODY. AND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU.



I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.  
IS THAT RIGHT?

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO LECTURE ME ABOUT WHAT I CAN OR CAN'T DO, I'M NOT LISTENING TO IT.  
NOT ANYMORE.



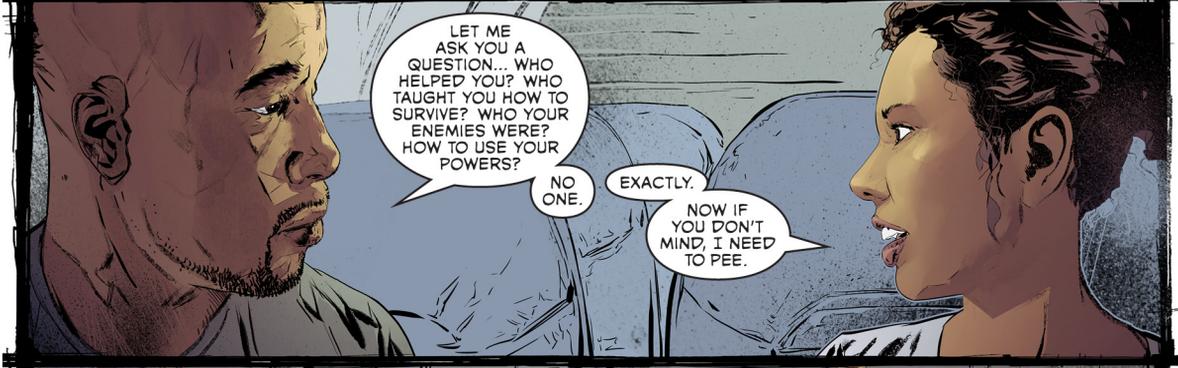
CYAN, I'M NOT TRYING TO LECTURE YOU. I'M TRYING TO WARN YOU AND TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT READY. AT LEAST NOT YET. AND THEY'LL COME AFTER YOU KNOWING YOU'RE NOT PREPARED.

OH, GIVE ME A BREAK! IF YOU WANT ME TO BE SCARED-- I'M NOT. NOT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED IN TOKYO. NOT AFTER THEY KILLED MY FRIENDS.



I GET YOUR ANGER. KEEP THAT. I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR POWERS AND HOW TO USE THEM. I'VE BEEN AROUND YOU WHEN YOU SPOKE LIKE YOU WERE ANOTHER PERSON.

I'M FINE.  
YOU'RE NOT, AND THE SOONER YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE BETTER YOU'LL BE. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, NEITHER OF US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.  
THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO LEARN, WON'T I?



LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION... WHO HELPED YOU? WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO SURVIVE? WHO YOUR ENEMIES WERE? HOW TO USE YOUR POWERS?

NO ONE.

EXACTLY.

NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, I NEED TO PEE.







"...AFTER THAT, I NEED TO BE ON MY OWN."

HEY, TERRY. I'M SORRY THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT THE WAY I'D HOPED.

YOU BROUGHT HER BACK, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS RIGHT NOW.

JAKE! KATE! YOU'RE BOTH SO BIG.



YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU NEED ANSWERED, GIVE ME A CALL.

I WILL, BUT DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP TOO BADLY, YOU DID YOUR BEST. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. YOU SURE YOU DON'T NEED A RIDE?

NO. I'M GOOD.



WE MISSED YOU, CYAN.

I MISSED YOU TOO. MAYBE WE CAN WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER TONIGHT.

AWESOME! YOU HEAR THAT, KATE?

MOMENTS LATER, THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR CAR.



I KNOW I'VE BEEN ROUGH ON YOU, BUT I LOVE YOU UNCLE AL. I WON'T FORGET WHAT YOU DID FOR ME.





HE STEPS IN THE SHADOWS...

...TRANSPORTING TO OTHER SHADOWS FORTY MILES AWAY.



THEY FOUND HER.

I'VE HEARD. AND IT CAME FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT. THOUGH THE PLAYER IN JAPAN FOUND HER MORE BY ACCIDENT THAN INTENT.

THAT WON'T MATTER. ALL THEY'LL CARE ABOUT IS THAT SHE EXISTS.

DID YOU TALK TO HER? TELL HER WHAT SHE CAN EXPECT?



AS MUCH AS I COULD. DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH SHE TOOK IN.



THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH!