





FINE.
THE HARD
WAY.

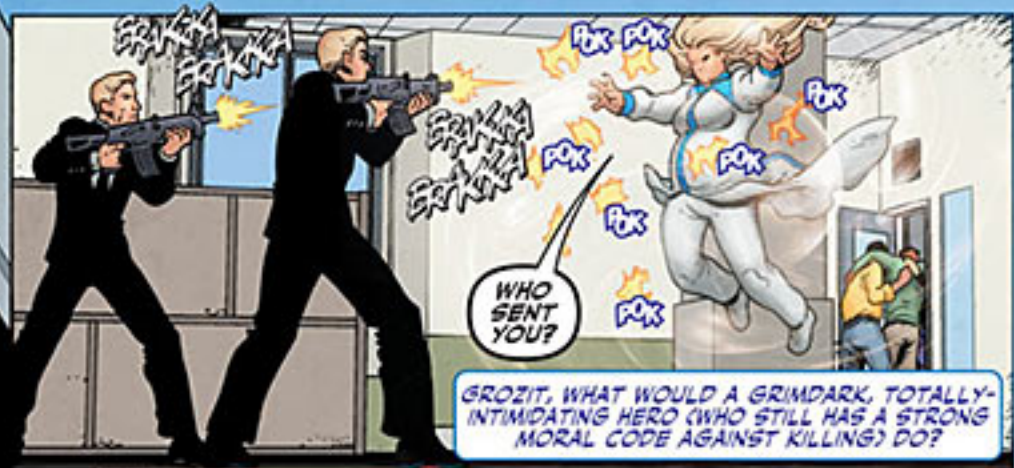
PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE
FIGURED OUT WHAT THE
HARD WAY IS FIRST...

THE COMPANION FIELD CAN
PROTECT ME FROM BULLETS
IF I CONCENTRATE HARD
ENOUGH, BUT NOT FOR LONG.



THESE GUYS DIDN'T HESITATE.
A LOT MORE PROFESSIONAL
THAN THOSE PUPPY THIEVES
I TOOK DOWN.

GO!
HURRY!



WHO
SENT
YOU?

GROZIT, WHAT WOULD A GRIMDARK, TOTALLY-
INTIMIDATING HERO (WHO STILL HAS A STRONG
MORAL CODE AGAINST KILLING) DO?



OH. RIGHT.

MAKE THE BAD GUYS THINK I
DONT HAVE A STRONG MORAL
CODE AGAINST KILLING.

COME ON,
BOYS. WHERE WE'RE
GOING, WE DONT
NEED ROADS.





ACTUALLY KIND OF TRUE. CANT MANAGE TWO IN THE COMPANION FIELD FOR TOO LONG...





THEY'RE...
THEY JUST...

DID MY
POWERS...



NO. I COULDN'T
HAVE KILLED THEM.
PRETTY SURE I'D
KNOW IF I WAS
PHOENIXING OUT.



THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO
KNOW IT WAS COMING,
NOT LIKE THE ONE AT
THE HOUSE.

THAT MEANS SOMEONE DID
THIS TO THEM. MURDERED
THEM LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.



THAT'S THREE MEN
WHO DIED BEFORE THEY
COULD TALK. WHAT THE
FRAK IS GOING ON?

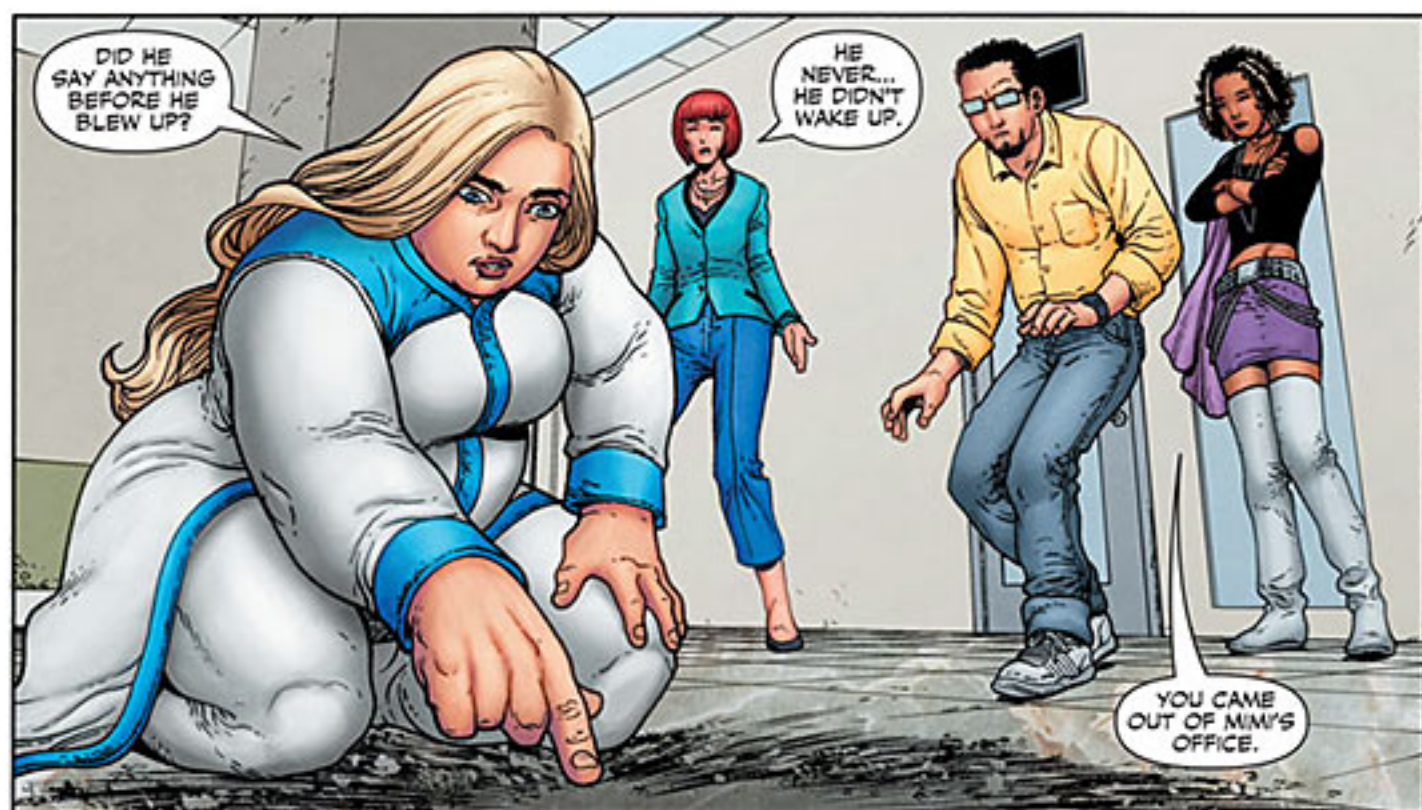
LET'S HOPE THEIR FRIEND
I CLOCKED WITH THE FILE
CABINET IS STILL TAKING A NAP.



FRELL.

ZEPHYR!
THE MAN, HE
JUST...HE
JUST...

SPONTANEOUS
HUMAN
COMBUSTION.



DID HE SAY ANYTHING BEFORE HE BLEW UP?

HE NEVER... HE DIDN'T WAKE UP.

YOU CAME OUT OF MIMI'S OFFICE.



THE ONLY OTHER PERSON IN THERE WAS SUMMER.

WHO IS THIS "SUMMER"?

OH FEWMETS.



ZEPHYR WAS HERE FOR AN INTERVIEW! I THOUGHT YOUR IDEA WAS ACTUALLY A DECENT ONE, JAY.

NO YOU DIDN'T. WE'RE NOT IDIOTS, MIMI.

BESIDES, SUMMER'S CLOTHES WERE IN A PILE ON THE FLOOR. JUST A TAD SUSPICIOUS.



MAYBE SHE... BECAME ONE WITH THE FORCE?



GORRAM IT.