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is the king of the Inhumans, an off-splinter of humanity imbued with amazing abilities. But these gifts sometimes come with a price: Black Bolt's slightest whisper can shatter mountains. His voice has destroyed many lives, but it has saved countless others.

When the Silent King speaks, the world hears him.

After abdicating the throne, Black Bolt spent months being tortured in an alien prison, thanks to the treachery of his brother, Maximus the Mad. He and his fellow prisoners broke free and destroyed the psychotic Jailer, losing Black Bolt's new friend Crusher Creel, A.K.A. the Absorbing Man, in the process.

Black Bolt returned to Earth, accompanied by his teleporting dog Lockjaw and the psychic alien child Blinky, to bring the news of Crusher's death to his wife, the super villain Titania. While attending Crusher's funeral, they were ambushed by Black Bolt's bloodthirsty rival, Lash. When Lash kidnapped Blinky, Black Bolt allowed himself to be taken prisoner in exchange for her freedom, but Lash betrayed him and poisoned his blood. Black Bolt and Titania broke free to fight side by side, only to find themselves facing a far greater threat:

Inside of Blinky, the Jailer has lain dormant. And now, it's taken over her body and her powers.

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NAME YOUR
CRIMES! REPENT
YOUR CRIMES!

POISON FLOWS THROUGH BLACK BOLT'S BLOOD, AND HIS MIND CAN HARDLY HOLD WHAT HIS EYES ARE SEEING.

HIS YOUNG CHARGE HAS TRANSFORMED, HER SHAPE TWISTED INTO THAT OF THE ANCIENT FOE WHO ONCE TORTURED THEM BOTH.

THE JAILER IS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD. BUT IT IS HERE, AND IT HAS STOLEN BLINKY'S BODY.



LASH, THAT... THAT THING JUST KILLED CHAINS! RUN!

BAH! VERY WELL, COWARDS. PROVE YOURSELVES UNFIT TO HELP LEAD OUR PEOPLE!



WHAT TRICK IS THIS YOU'VE UNVEILED, LITTLE KING? AN ILLUSION? A CONSTRUCT? MOST IMPRESSIVE, BUT IT WILL NOT STAND BEFORE MY POWER.



WHA-- WHAT?



NAME YOUR CRIMES!



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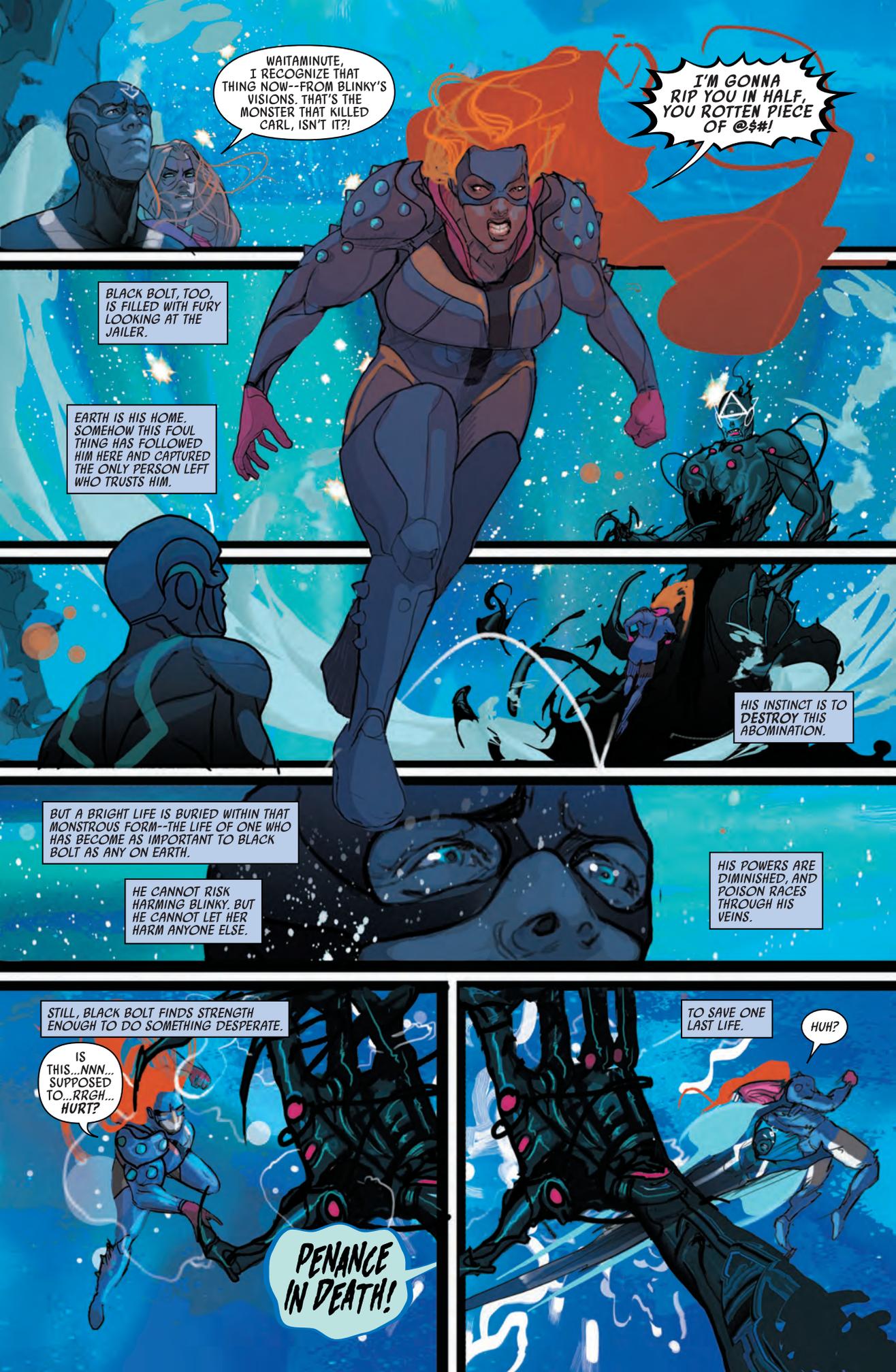


ARRROGHHH!



REPENT YOUR CRIMES!

UGGGGGHHHH



WAIT A MINUTE, I RECOGNIZE THAT THING NOW--FROM BLINKY'S VISIONS. THAT'S THE MONSTER THAT KILLED CARL, ISN'T IT?!

I'M GONNA RIP YOU IN HALF, YOU ROTTEN PIECE OF @\$\$!

BLACK BOLT, TOO, IS FILLED WITH FURY LOOKING AT THE JAILER.

EARTH IS HIS HOME. SOMEHOW THIS FOUL THING HAS FOLLOWED HIM HERE AND CAPTURED THE ONLY PERSON LEFT WHO TRUSTS HIM.

HIS INSTINCT IS TO DESTROY THIS ABOMINATION.

BUT A BRIGHT LIFE IS BURIED WITHIN THAT MONSTROUS FORM--THE LIFE OF ONE WHO HAS BECOME AS IMPORTANT TO BLACK BOLT AS ANY ON EARTH.

HE CANNOT RISK HARMING BLINKY. BUT HE CANNOT LET HER HARM ANYONE ELSE.

HIS POWERS ARE DIMINISHED, AND POISON RACES THROUGH HIS VEINS.

STILL, BLACK BOLT FINDS STRENGTH ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING DESPERATE.

IS THIS...NNN... SUPPOSED TO...RRGH... HURT?

TO SAVE ONE LAST LIFE.

HUH?

PENANCE IN DEATH!



WHAT IN THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? TAKE ME BACK THERE!



THAT THING KILLED CARL! IF YOU DON'T TURN AROUND RIGHT NOW, BLACK BOLT, I'LL PUNCH YOUR \$@%# HEAD OFF!



ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! MY MAN DIED SAVING YOUR ASS. YOU OWE ME THIS.



TAKE ME BACK THERE!



WHAT THE--? BLACK BOLT?! GET BACK HERE, YOU DIRTBAG!

BLACK BOLT!