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"BIRTH OF A DRAGON" PART THREE

After trying and failing to steal Captain Marvel's powers — and going to prison for it — former reporter Ripley Ryan discovered a new power: The extraordinarily dangerous Reality Stone has somehow bonded to her.

Ripley escaped from the Raft, but word is getting out. Already the trickster god Loki knows she has the stone... and now so does Thanos' former guard, the Black Order.

Only partially aware of the powers coming for her, Ripley sought out Jessica Jones for protection. Jones was less than friendly, but before the two could tear each other apart, The Scarlet Witch arrived...and she and Star suddenly found themselves in a strange cave inhabited by mysterious shadow creatures!

Wanda claimed the creatures were protecting a dragon, but when Star reached the "dragon," she found something much worse...

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THE INFINITY STONES

SOUL



Whereabouts:
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MIND



Whereabouts:
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SPACE



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POWER



Whereabouts:
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TIME

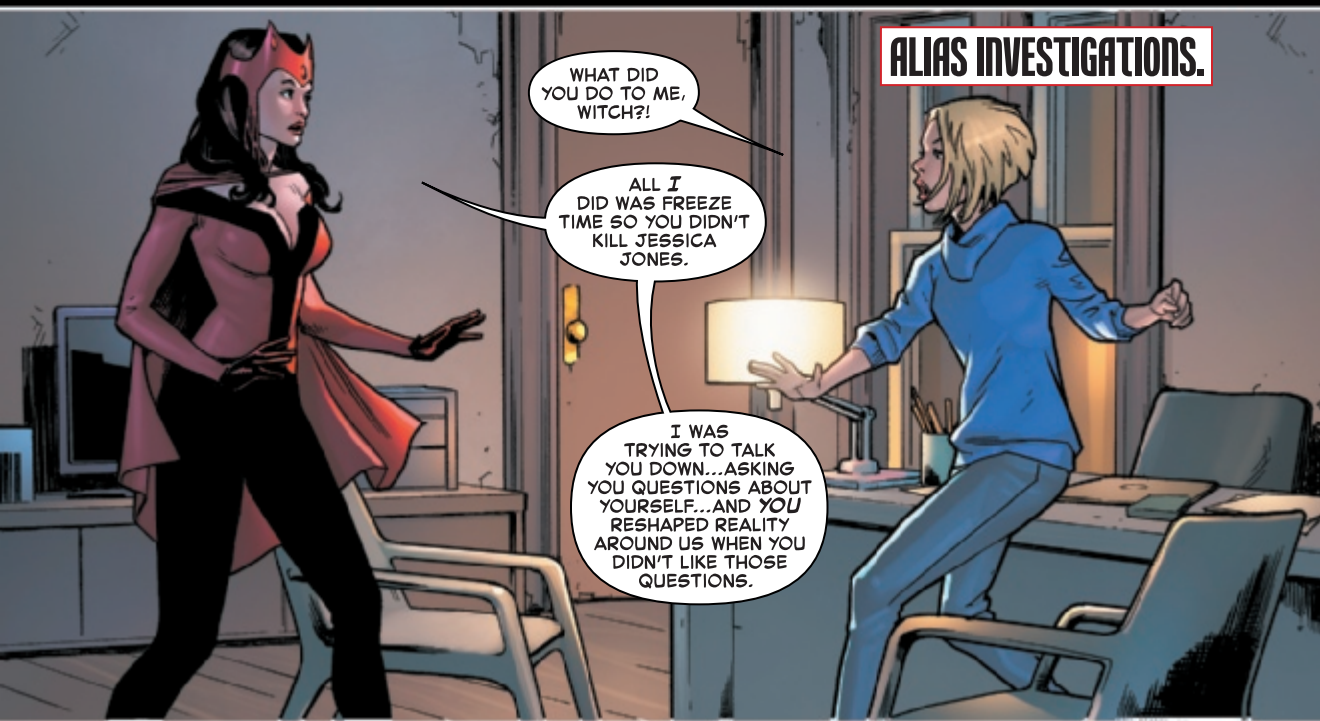
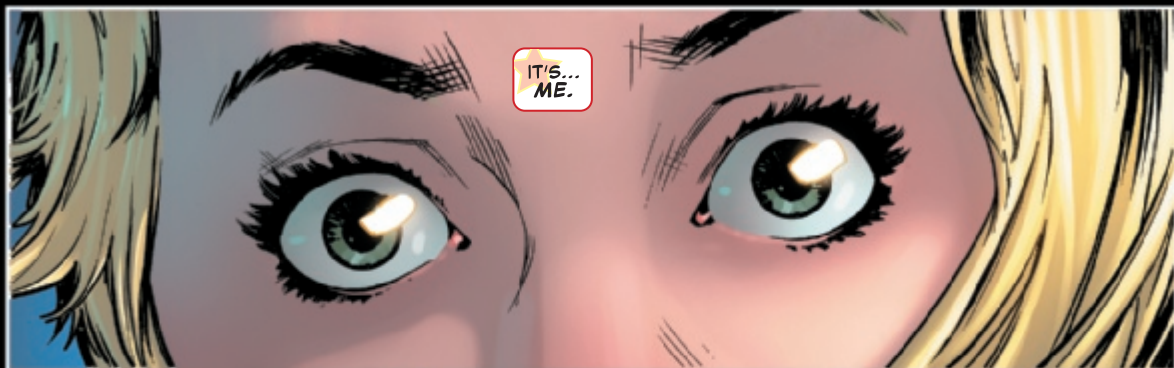


Host:
Hector Bautista

REALITY



Host:
Ripley Ryan



THAT'S INSANE...WHY WOULD I DO THAT? IF THAT WAS ALL ME...EVEN THOSE CREATURES... THEN I WAS ATTACKING *MYSELF*. WHY WOULD I DO THAT?

WELL, THAT *IS* SORT OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION RIGHT NOW, RIPLEY. YOU WERE TRYING TO SHOW US SOMETHING, OR MAYBE PROTECT SOMETHING... AND KNOWING WHAT IT WAS WOULD REALLY HELP.



YOU'RE LYING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW *HOW* TO DO THAT!



WHICH BASICALLY PROVES MY POINT. YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE POWER INSIDE YOU, AND NO IDEA HOW TO WIELD IT.



AND WHAT? *YOU'RE* GOING TO HELP ME? WHY SHOULD I TRUST THE *SCARLET WITCH*?



I'M STILL NOT ENTIRELY SURE I *SHOULD* HELP YOU. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO BE A POPULAR CHOICE AMONG SOME OF MY FRIENDS. BUT, SELFISHLY, YOU ARE DISRUPTING MY POWER, AND THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR ME. ALSO SELFISHLY, I'D LIKE ONE FEWER BAD GUY IN THE WORLD.

UNSELFISHLY? YOU SEEM LIKE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP...WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE WHAT WE HEROES DO.



BEFORE I DECIDE WHETHER TO HELP YOU...I NEED YOU TO SHOW ME WHAT YOU SAW IN THAT CAVE. BECAUSE THAT, RIPLEY...THAT'S *YOUR MIND*... AND I NEED TO KNOW WHAT I'M DEALING WITH.



...
HOW DO I BEGIN TO EXPLAIN WHAT I SAW?



I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT IT
WAS. A VILLAIN? A
DEVIL? A **GOD**?

ME AS A LIVING
NIGHTMARE?

IS THAT THE
REAL ME? IS
THAT MY
FUTURE?

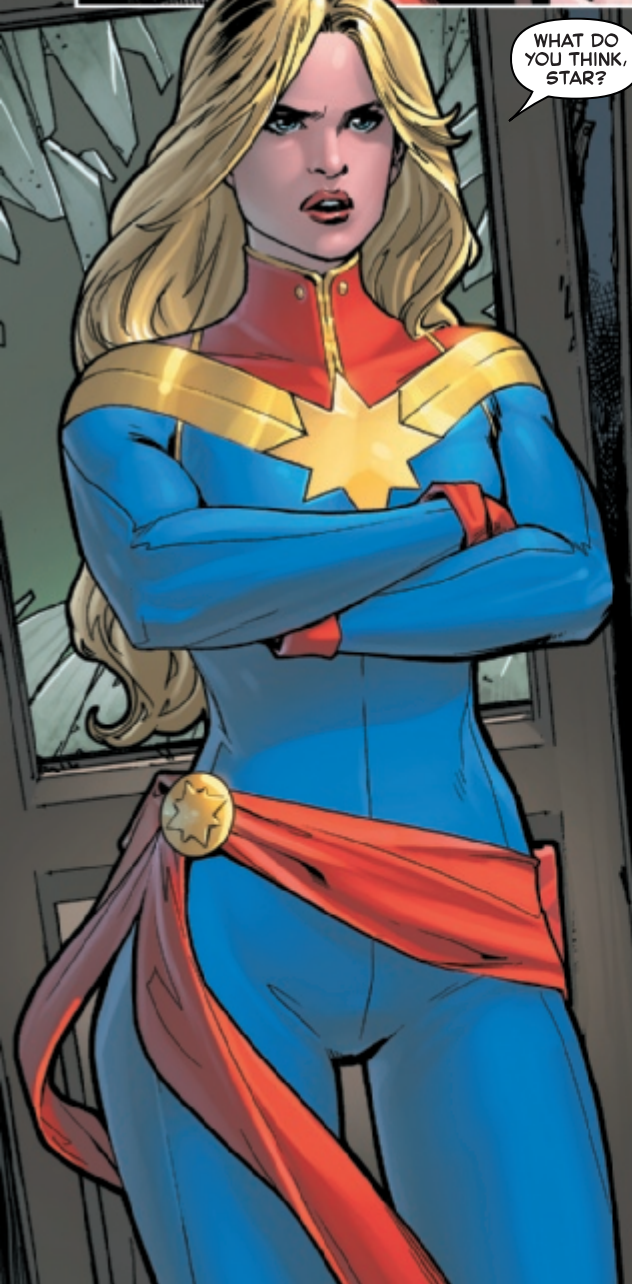


YOU CAN
TELL ME. YOU
HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
I HAVE SEEN, WHAT I
HAVE BEEN, WHAT I
HAVE DONE.



THERE ARE PATHS TO
REDEMPTION...WE CAN FIND
ONE TOGETHER.

MAYBE WE
SHOULD ASK STAR'S
VICTIMS HOW THEY
FEEL ABOUT
REDEMPTION.



WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
STAR?



Y-YOU
SET...YOU SET
ME UP.

I
DIDN'T,
RIPLEY. I
SWEAR.



D-DON'T...
DON'T COME ANY
CLOSER, CAPTAIN
MARVEL!

TRY
TO STOP
ME.



SAFETY.