

Natasha Romanoff is an ex-KGB assassin, an ex-agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., and a sometime Avenger. She has tried to use her unique skill set to atone for her past, but atonement is not erasure. Sooner or later, the past comes prowling back.

BLACK WIDOW

Black Widow regrets much of her past, but the formidable Weeping Lion learned her most shameful secret and was using it to blackmail her. Natasha placated him—stealing files from S.H.I.E.L.D. and the Red Room—until she could get close enough to stop him. S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Agent Elder didn't know Natasha was in the midst of a triple cross. He attempted to intercept the files, but the Weeping Lion's men ambushed him and Natasha. With their backs against the wall, Elder destroyed the files and himself, saving Natasha. But since the files didn't make it into the Lion's hands, he released Natasha's secret to the world.

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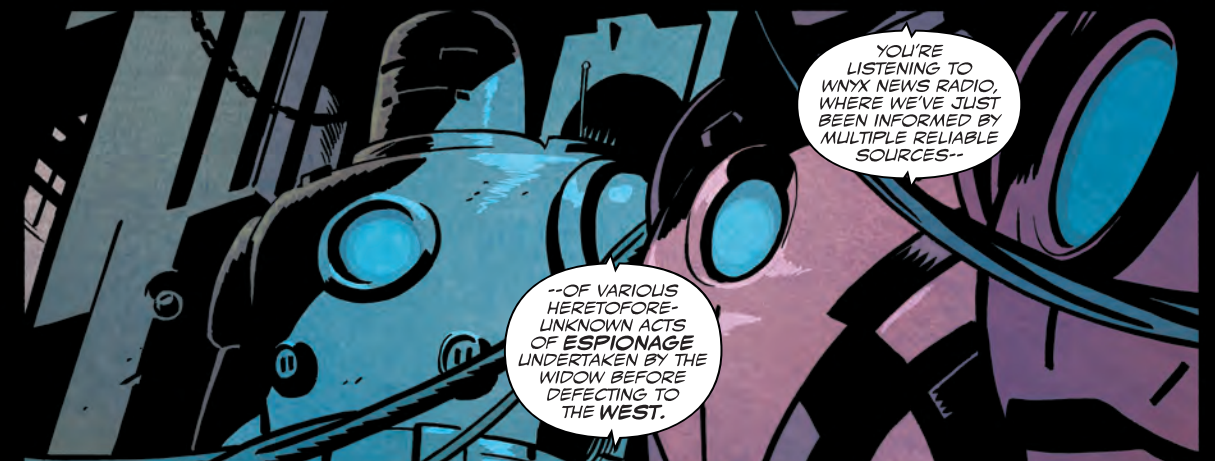
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--THAT'S CORRECT, LISA. AND LET ME STATE AGAIN, FOR EMPHASIS--


--THAT AGENT ROMANOFF, KNOWN TO MOST AS THE FORMER AVENGER **BLACK WIDOW**, NO LONGER HAS ANY TIES WITH **S.H.I.E.L.D.**

THANK YOU, COMMANDER CARTER. WE'LL BE BACK AFTER THE BREAK.



YOU'RE LISTENING TO WNYX NEWS RADIO, WHERE WE'VE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY MULTIPLE RELIABLE SOURCES--

--OF VARIOUS HERETOFORE-UNKNOWN ACTS OF ESPIONAGE UNDERTAKEN BY THE WIDOW BEFORE DEFECTING TO THE WEST.




THE **BIGGEST BOMBSHELL** REVEALED TO US IS THAT THE **BLACK WIDOW** WAS A **KEY PLAYER** SOME YEARS AGO IN THE ABDUCTION OF--LET ME GET THIS NAME RIGHT--



CHNK

--PROFESSOR HO YINSEN--

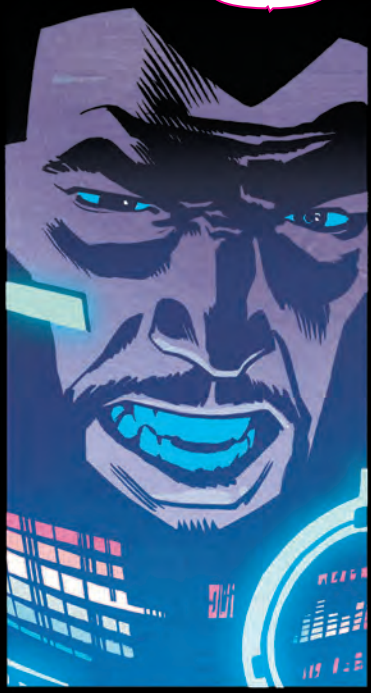


--THE SCIENTIST WHO MADE **IRON MAN** POSSIBLE BY GIVING HIS LIFE TO SAVE **TONY STARK**.



FRIDAY!
SEARCH ALL
OPEN SOURCES
FOR ANY TRACE
OF NATASHA
ROMANOFF!

TRACKING...



PARIS.

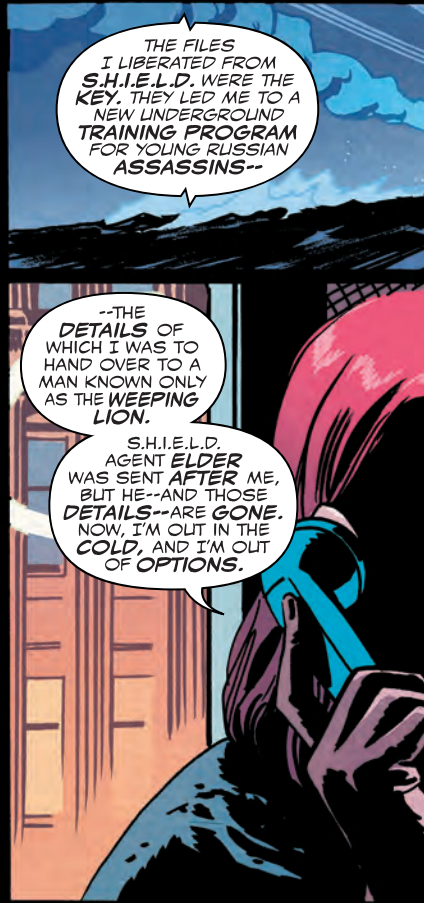
--AND THAT
WAS MY FAILING.
I SUCCLUMBED TO
BLACKMAIL TO
KEEP YINSEN A
SECRET.

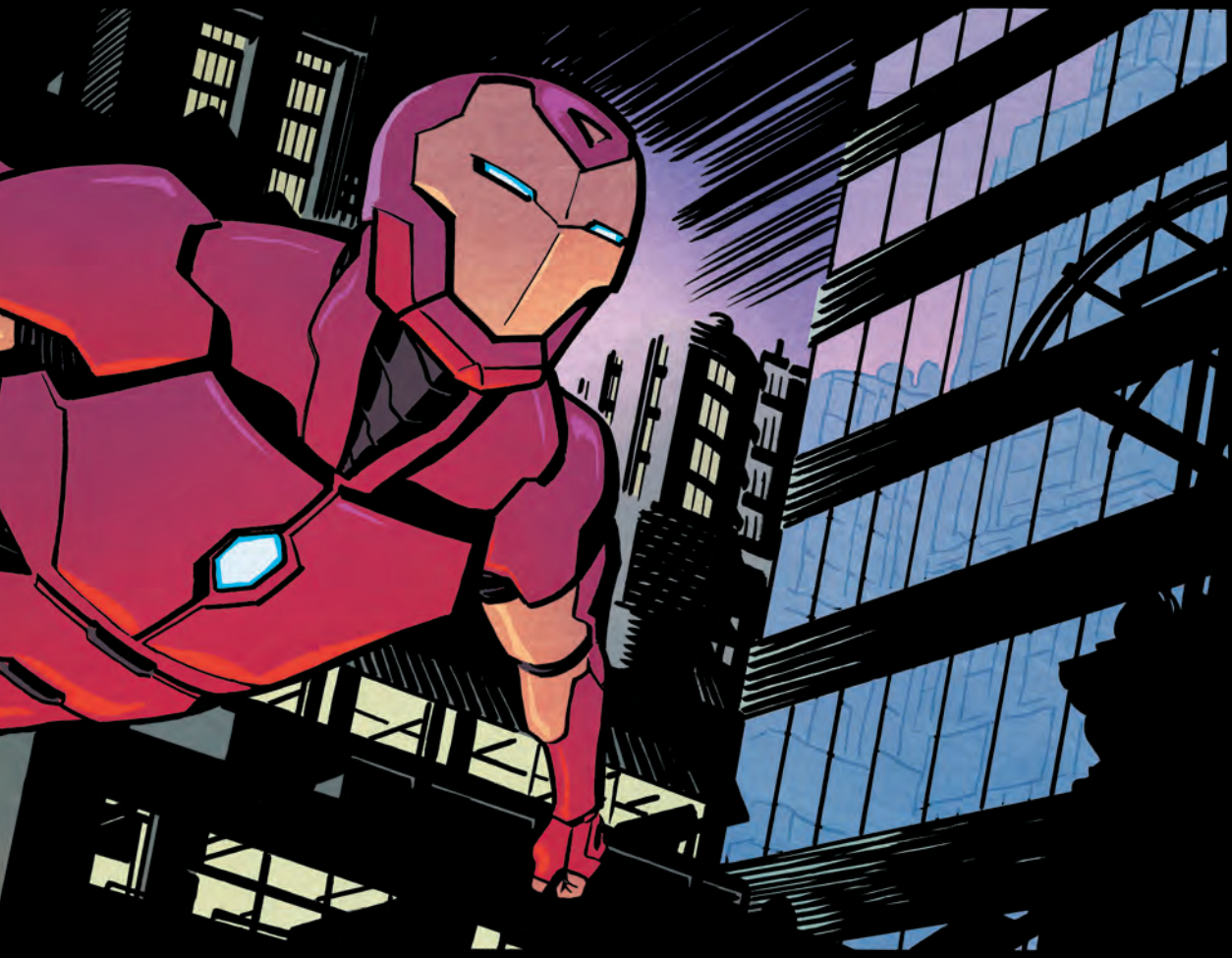


THE FILES
I LIBERATED FROM
S.H.I.E.L.D. WERE THE
KEY. THEY LED ME TO A
NEW UNDERGROUND
TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR YOUNG RUSSIAN
ASSASSINS--

--THE
DETAILS OF
WHICH I WAS TO
HAND OVER TO A
MAN KNOWN ONLY
AS THE WEEPING
LION.

S.H.I.E.L.D.
AGENT ELDER
WAS SENT AFTER ME,
BUT HE--AND THOSE
DETAILS--ARE GONE.
NOW, I'M OUT IN THE
COLD, AND I'M OUT
OF OPTIONS.





I WAS HOPING PERHAPS YOU MIGHT PROVIDE SOME PLACE TO TURN--

NO, I UNDERSTAND--



--I REAP WHAT I SOW.