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WE'VE GOT TO STOP THESE IRRADIATED CREATURES BEFORE THEY REACH CIVILIAN AREAS!



OUR VEHICLES ARE HOMING IN ON OUR SIGNAL. LET'S GET READY FOR THE DROP!

I THINK MY MOTORCYCLE-HELICOPTER THINGIE GOT WRECKED.



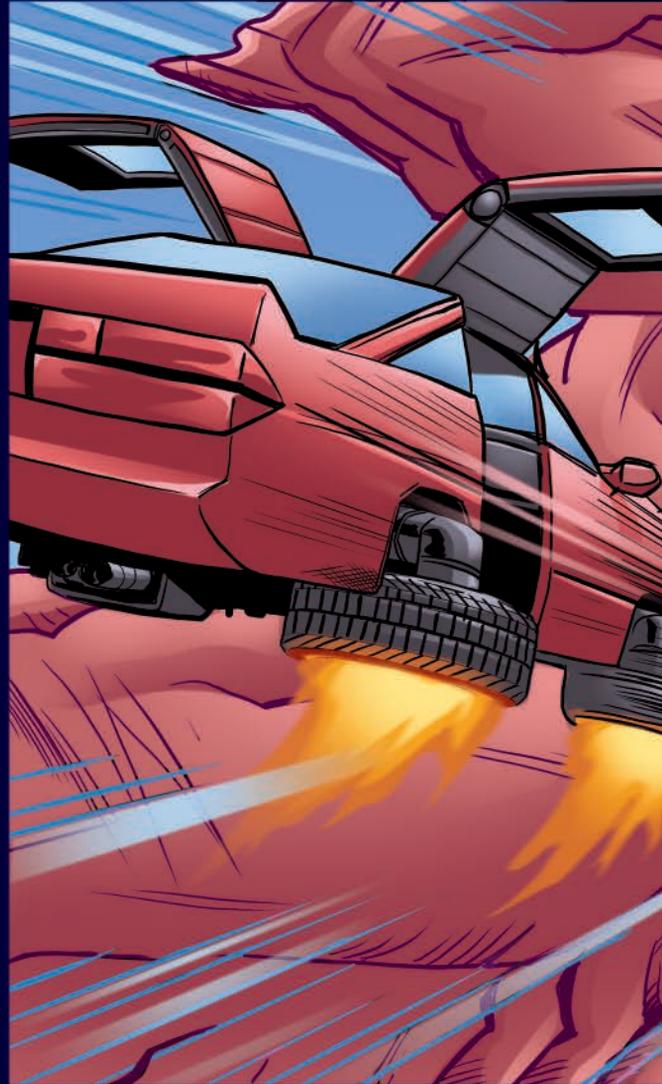
IT'S NOT "YOUR" CONVERSION VEHICLE. YOU INFILTRATED OUR TEAM AND KIDNAPPED BRAD TURNER!

HE'LL BE FINE... ONCE I'M RETURNED TO MY PEOPLE SAFE AND SOUND.



I'M ANGLING DOWN SO YOU CAN JUMP OUT. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR US TO STOP.

ON MY MARK! THREE... TWO...



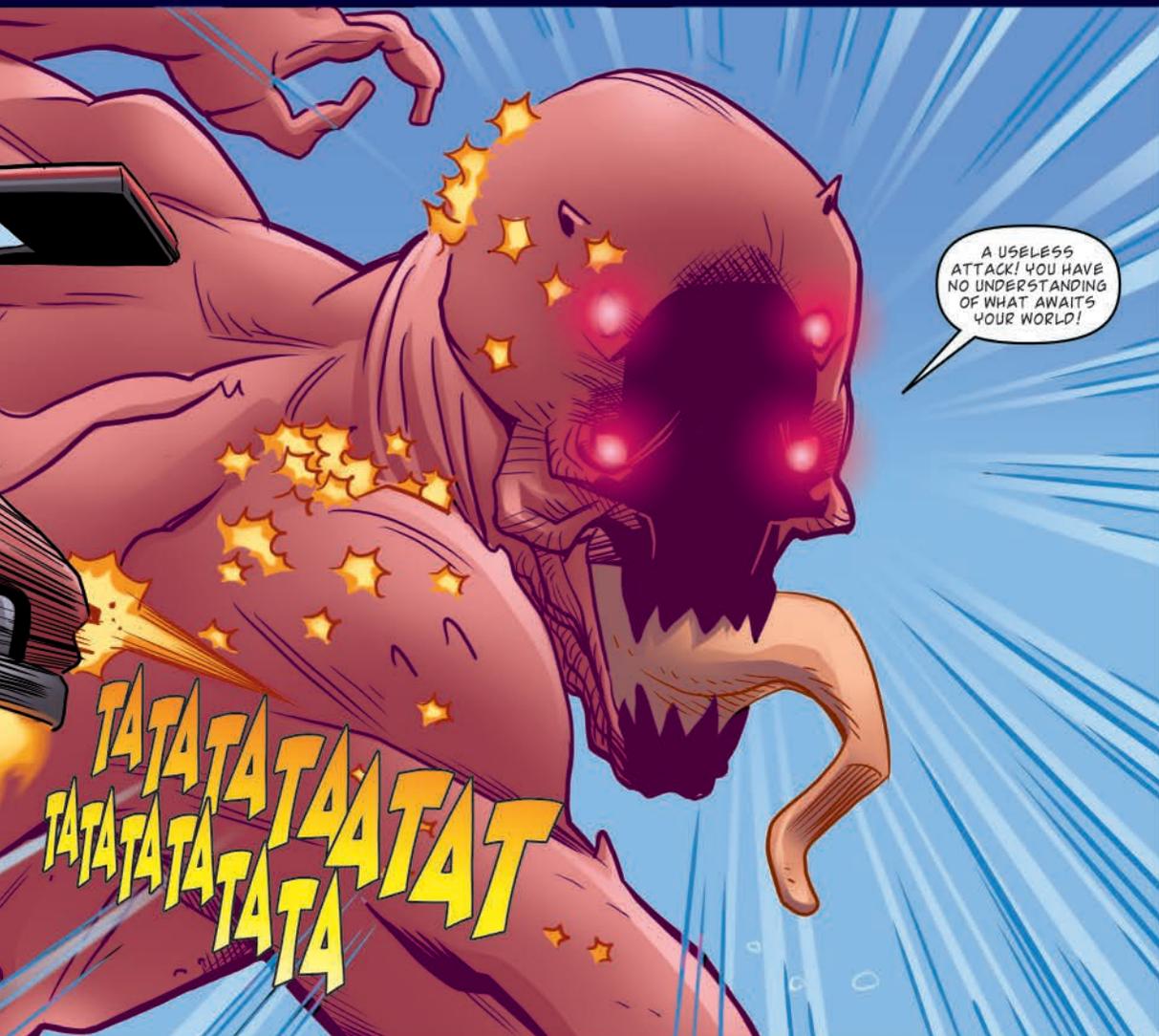


WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE? OR IS YOUR CONFIDENCE FOUND IN SUBTERFUGE?

MY CONFIDENCE IS TIED TO EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT. AND IF YOU CAN'T TELL, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.



WHOA!



A USELESS ATTACK! YOU HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT AWAITS YOUR WORLD!

TATATATATATAT
TATATATATATAT
TATATATATATAT



THE MORE YOU ANGER ME, THE MORE I'LL MAKE HUMANITY SUFFER WHEN I ENSLAVE YOU ALL!



SKIKIRGH



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND'S FLYING SKILLS? SUDDENLY HE'S LIKE "GOOSE" WHEN BEFORE HE WAS "MAVERICK."

ACTION MOVIE REFERENCE ASIDE, YOU'RE CONFUSED ON TWO COUNTS.

ONE: MATT'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND.



"TWO: MATT'S A FANTASTIC PILOT. BUT WITHOUT OUR MASKS, WE HAVE EXCELLENT—BUT NOT FULL—CONTROL OVER THE VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY."



WITH YOUR CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY, I ASSUMED YOU KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT OUR OPERATION.

I LEARNED ENOUGH TO DESTROY YOU FROM WITHIN.

A SHAME TRAKER WASN'T SMART ENOUGH TO REALIZE WHEN YOUR TEAM WAS COMPROMISED.

YOUR USELESS EMOTIONAL BONDS CLOUDED THE WARRIOR'S INSTINCT. THAT'S WHY I'M SITTING HERE AND BRAD ISN'T.



JULIO! I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BULLETS TO TAKE CARE OF THESE CLONES! ANY CLOSER TO GETTING A READ ON OUR MASKS?

BRATA TATATAAT



SPLURCH SPLURCH

I CAN'T GET A READ ON MUCH OF ANYTHING BETWEEN THE IRRADIATED LAVA AND THE ORE-13 AURA COMING OFF THE PLASMID CLONES.

AND I'M GETTING A LITTLE SICK WIPING MONSTER GUTS OFF MY WINDSHIELD.



WHOOOOOOM



IT'S TIME YOU PAID THE PRICE FOR YOUR LACK OF RESPECT!

KKKKRRRRUNNCHHHH



IS HE TRIGGERING ANOTHER ERUPTION?

NO. THIS ISN'T A SEISMIC EVENT...



"...I'M GETTING A SURGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL ENERGY READINGS."