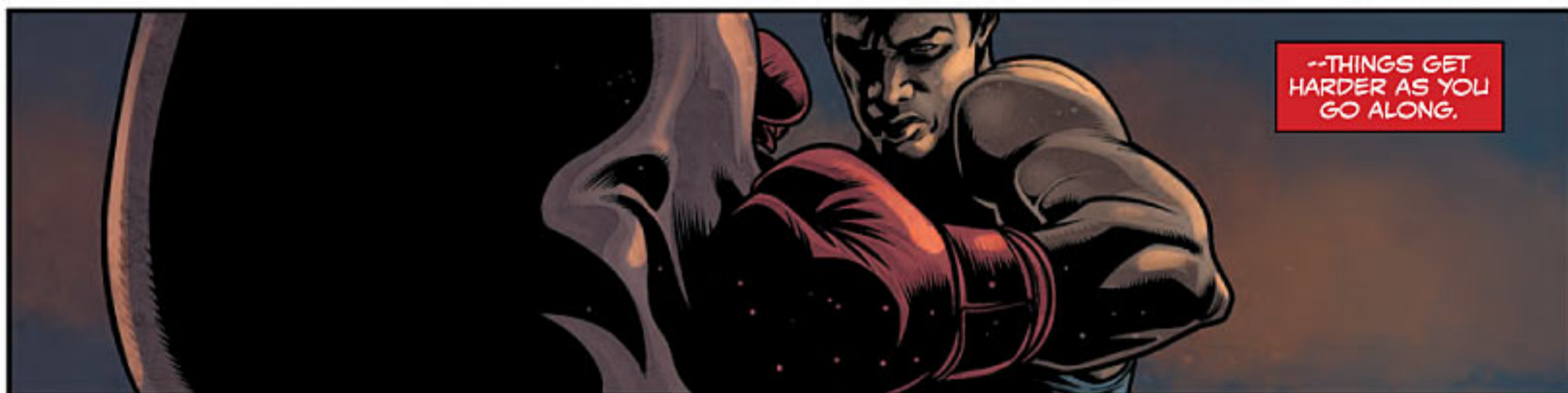




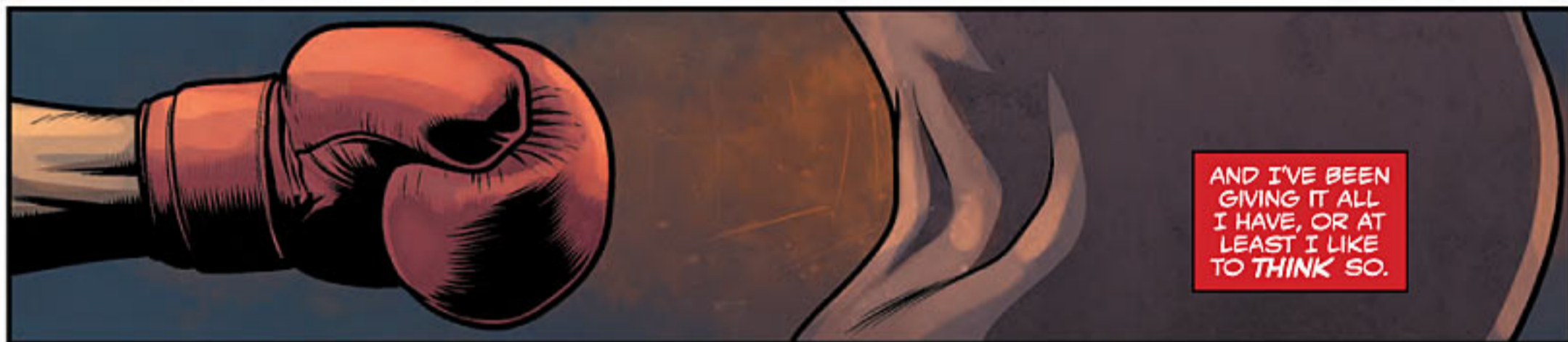
NO MATTER  
WHERE YOU  
START--



--THINGS GET  
HARDER AS YOU  
GO ALONG.



GLY LIKE ME, I  
STARTED THIS JOB  
FROM DAMN NEAR  
THE BOTTOM.



AND I'VE BEEN  
GIVING IT ALL  
I HAVE, OR AT  
LEAST I LIKE  
TO *THINK* SO.



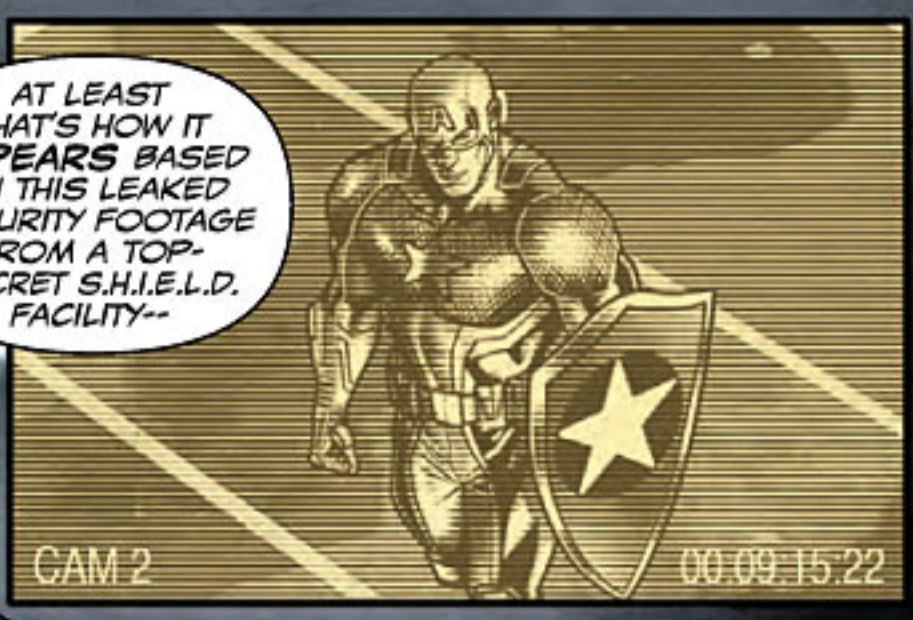
BUT ALL IT  
TAKES IS A  
COUPLE WRONG  
TURNS--



--AND YOU  
FIND  
YOURSELF  
LOST.

STEVE ROGERS--THE ORIGINAL AND, FOR MANY, THE ONLY-- CAPTAIN AMERICA, IS BACK IN FULL FIGHTING FORM--

AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT APPEARS BASED ON THIS LEAKED SECURITY FOOTAGE FROM A TOP-SECRET S.H.I.E.L.D. FACILITY--



--SO YEAH, CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG--



--OR AT LEAST PEEKING ITS HEAD OUT.

S.H.I.E.L.D. SET UP A SUPER-PRISON USING A SENTIENT COSMIC CUBE THAT THOUGHT IT WAS A LITTLE GIRL--AND USED HER TO REWRITE REALITY--REFORMING BAD GLYS.

ABOUT AS SICK AS IT SOUNDS.



WHEN IT ALL WENT WRONG, STEVE WAS ONE OF THE GLYS WHO RUSHED IN TO FIX IT. ALMOST GOT HIMSELF KILLED.



INSTEAD, HE GOT BETTER. WHICH IS GOOD NEWS, BUT NOT GONNA LIE--

--IT DOES MAKE MY LIFE A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED.



NOW OF COURSE THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CELEBRATION--

WELL, SURE, IT'S VERY EXCITING, MARTIN, BUT I THINK THE REAL QUESTION ON EVERYONE'S MIND IS--

--WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SAM WILSON?



--PROTESTS CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA, APPEARING TO PICK UP IN NUMBERS AND VOLUME WITH THE RETURN OF ROGERS--

--#GIVEBACKTHESHIELD HAS NOW BEEN THE TOP TREND ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR A REMARKABLE SIXTEEN DAYS STRAIGHT--



AND NOW EVEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS--SUCH AS SENATOR TOM HERALD OF TEXAS--ARE MAKING THEIR OPINIONS KNOWN--



I WILL SAY AGAIN--IF THESE NEWS REPORTS ARE TRUE, AND STEVE ROGERS REALLY IS HEALTHY AND ABLE TO SERVE, THEN I CALL UPON SAM WILSON TO IMMEDIATELY RESIGN AS CAPTAIN AMERICA.

EVEN AS SOMEONE WHO HAS OFTEN BEEN CRITICAL OF MISTER WILSON'S...BEHAVIOR, I AM WILLING TO COMMEND HIM ON HIS DEEPLY FLAWED EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY IF HE DOES THE RIGHT THING NOW. BECAUSE EVEN HE MUST SEE--

--IT'S TIME THIS NATION HAD A CAPTAIN AMERICA THAT UNITES US AGAIN!

TO WHICH I CAN ONLY SAY--



