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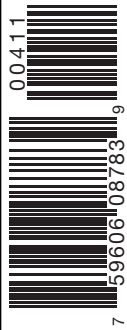
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FALCON

Sam Wilson stepped away from the mantle of Captain America to build a legacy of his own--as the high-flying FALCON! Along with his new protégé, Rayshaun Lucas, A.K.A. the PATRIOT, he's embarking on a mission to decide what kind of hero he wants to be.



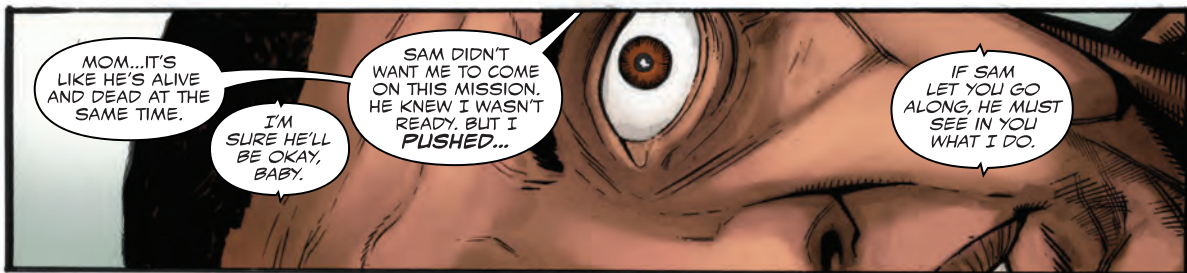
Falcon and Patriot tried to broker a truce between warring gangs in Chicago--but Blackheart, disguised as the mayor, was spurring both sides to violence. As riots raged across the city, Falcon and his allies tried to take the fight to Blackheart, but the son of Mephisto responded by ripping the soul out of Sam's body!

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MOM...IT'S LIKE HE'S ALIVE AND DEAD AT THE SAME TIME.

I'M SURE HE'LL BE OKAY, BABY.

SAM DIDN'T WANT ME TO COME ON THIS MISSION. HE KNEW I WASN'T READY, BUT I PUSHED...

IF SAM LET YOU GO ALONG, HE MUST SEE IN YOU WHAT I DO.

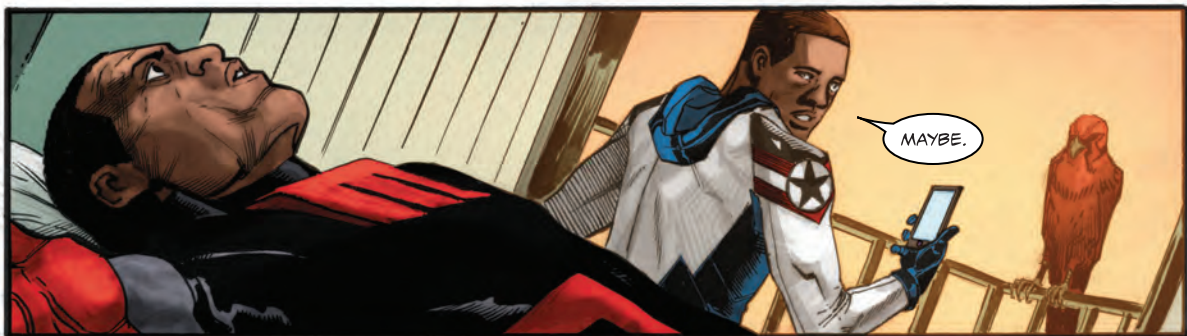


IF HE'D HAD A BETTER PARTNER... JOAQUIN MAYBE...

JOAQUIN?

THE OTHER FALCON. HE WAS SAM'S PARTNER BEFORE ME, DUDE IS COOL AS ALL GET-OUT, HE COULD FLY! LIKE, FOR REAL!

IF HE WAS ALL THAT, SOUNDS LIKE Y'ALL SHOULD GIVE HIM A CALL.



MAYBE.



SHALIN, WHEN YOUR FATHER GOT SICK, I WAS TERRIFIED, NOT JUST FOR HIM, BUT FOR MYSELF.

I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD RAISE YOU ON MY OWN, BUT I KNEW I HAD TO.

WHATEVER THAT WAS...THAT THING THAT MAKES US STAND UP TO THE WORST THINGS AND BE OUR BEST SELVES, IT'S IN YOU.



I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL LIKE I'M JUST A KID WHO WANTED TO PLAY SUPER HERO.



I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COOL TO HANG WITH SUPER HEROES, WEAR A COSTUME... HAVE PEOPLE LOOK UP TO ME.

BUT **THIS**... DEMONS RIPPING THE SOULS OUT OF PEOPLE?



IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD HAPPEN TO HIM, IT COULD HAPPEN TO ME.



MY SHALIN CAN WEATHER ANY STORM THAT COMES HIS WAY.

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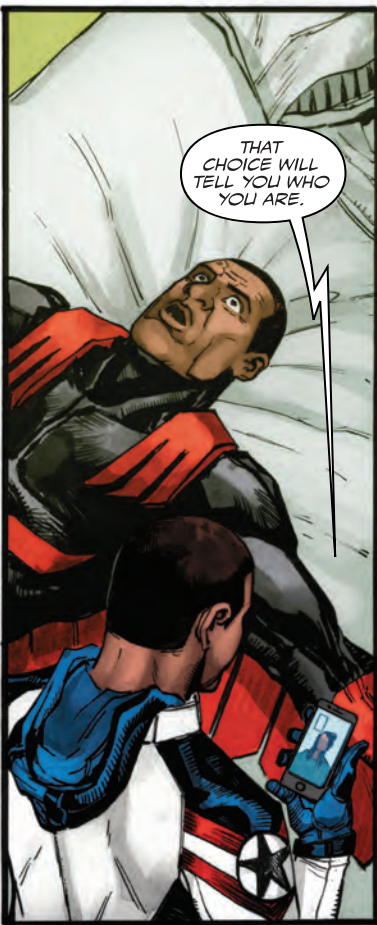
DON'T "MA" ME. I PRAY THAT SAM IS ALL RIGHT, BUT WHETHER HE IS OR NOT, YOU HAVE TO KEEP GOING.



WHAT IF I CAN'T?

A TIME WILL COME WHEN EVERYTHING YOU FEAR WILL BE COMING AT YOU, AND IF YOU LET IT PASS BY, SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT WILL PAY THE PRICE.

IN THAT MOMENT, YOU WILL MAKE A CHOICE.



THAT CHOICE WILL TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE.



I CAN'T IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT HIM, MOM. HE'S MY HERO.

RIGHT NOW, HE NEEDS YOU TO BE HIS.



WHERE AM I?



WHY DOES EVERYBODY ASK THAT? IT'S EITHER HELL OR KANSAS CITY.



MATT HAWK? THE TWO-GUN KID?!

SAM WILSON! AS I LIVE AND BREATHE! FIGURE OF SPEECH, 'CAUSE I AIN'T DOING MUCH OF EITHER THESE DAYS.

BUT... YOU WERE A HERO.

RECKON BEING A GUNSLINGER IS COOL AS CATNIP IN LIFE. POWERS THAT BE AIN'T THINKING 'BOLT COOL. ALL THEY SEE IS DEATH, AND I GOT THAT ON MY HANDS APLENTY.

PLACE AIN'T SO BAD, THOUGH...



YOU NEVER RUN OUT OF AMMO. AND THERE'S MORE VARMINTS THAN YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK AT.

MATT, I'M NOT DEAD.



YEAH, IT'S A SHOCK. KID COLT SAID THE SAME THING WHEN HE BIT THE BULLET. LUCKY FOR HIM, HE WENT INTO THE LIGHT.

LET'S GET GOING. BIG MAN WANTS TO SEE YOU. AND COVER UP YOUR BUSINESS OR IT'LL WIND UP A DEMON VIDDLE.



MY LIFE CAN'T END NOW. NOT ON A MISTAKE. I NEED TO GET BACK...

AW, DON'T GO BELLYACHING. 'CEPT YOUR FATE. GO DOWN EASIER IF N YA DO.



ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME? I'M NOT DEAD!

SON, I BEEN ALIVE AND DEAD MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT. CAN TELL YOU FOR A FACT THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE LESSEN' YOU WAS S'POSED TO BE.

GOD...THIS PLACE...IT'S HORRIBLE.

THAT'S THE POINT. AND 'ROUND HERE, THE G-WORD IS A NO-NO. JUST SAY "THE LIGHT" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

'BOLT TO SEE SOME RUGGED STUFF AHEAD. TRY NOT TO GET TOO CHATTY WITH 'EM. THEY'RE STUCK IN THE LIVES THEY LIVED. HAPPENS. SO, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?



MATT, IT WAS BLACKHEART! I WAS FIGHTING HIM AND HE DID SOMETHING TO ME...

YEAH, HE KILLED YOU.



I'M STILL AWARE OF MY BODY. IT'S IN A HOTEL IN CHICAGO.

HOPE IT'S ONE OF THEM FIVE-STAR JOINTS. GOT IN A TUB ONCE THAT HAD JET BUBBLES. TICKLED MY FUN PARTS. GOOD TIMES.

LOOK, YOU GOT ISSUES, YOU CAN TAKE THEM UP WITH THE BIG MAN.



HOW COULD GOD LET A PLACE LIKE THIS EXIST?

THERE YOU GO WITH THAT WORD AGAIN. -SIGH-

WE MADE THIS PLACE. CHOICES, SON. IF I COULD TAKE IT BACK, I'D BE A CARPENTER.

BUT I TRIED TO DO GOOD--I TRIED TO DO THE RIGHT THING.



HEY, I WAS AN AVENGER JUST LIKE YOU, IF YOU DON'T RECALL. HOW WE SEE OURSELVES AIN'T NECESSARILY THE TRUTH. NOW GET YOURSELF TOGETHER...

HE'S RIGHT UP HERE.

WHO?

SAM WILSON!
ONE OF
EARTH'S GREATEST
AVENGERS IN ALL
HIS **NAKED
GLORY!**

I'LL
APOLOGIZE
IN ADVANCE FOR
MY FOUL MOOD. IT
SEEMS **BLACKHEART**
HAS BEEN **QUITE**
THE NAUGHTY
BOY.

MEPHISTO--

YES!
BLACKHEART'S
THE REASON
I'M HERE!

MY PROBLEM
CHILD. AND
CONSIDERING I'M LORD
OF THE DARK REALM, THAT'S
SAYING A LOT. OPENING THE
GATES TO HELL, RIPPING OUT
SOULS...IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE
PLACE HAS GONE MAD.
WHICH, OF COURSE,
IT HAS.

IF IT'S ANY
CONSOLATION,
HIS PUNISHMENT
WILL BE QUITE
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SO I
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BACK?

