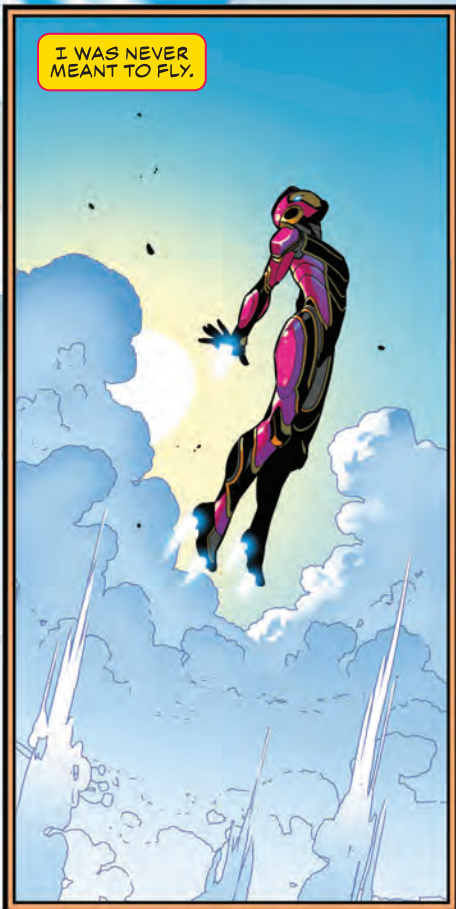
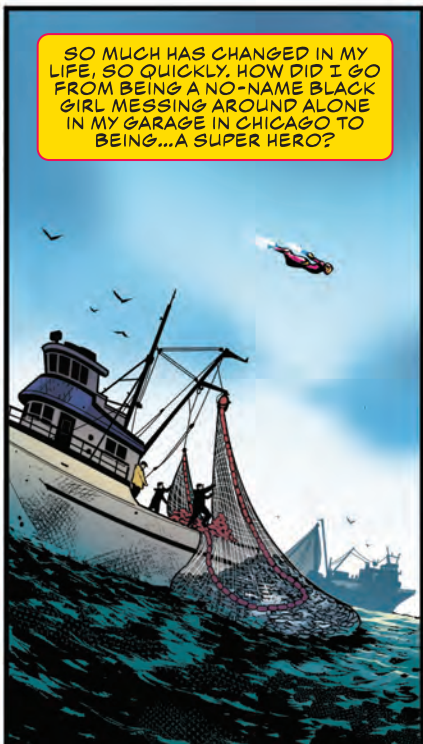


I WAS NEVER
MEANT TO FLY.



SO MUCH HAS CHANGED IN MY
LIFE, SO QUICKLY. HOW DID I GO
FROM BEING A NO-NAME BLACK
GIRL MESSING AROUND ALONE
IN MY GARAGE IN CHICAGO TO
BEING...A SUPER HERO?



AND YEAH, I GET IT. EVERY
SUPER HERO HAS THEIR
GOLLY-GEE, MILD-MANNERED,
HUMBLE ORIGIN STORY.



BUT COMING FROM
WHERE I COME
FROM, I REALLY MEAN
IT. I SHOULDN'T BE
HERE.

MY FATHER--DEAD
BEFORE I WAS BORN.
MY STEPDAD, WHO
RAISED ME--SHOT AND
KILLED. NATALIE, WHO
WAS MY UNDISPUTED
BEST FRIEND BY VIRTUE
OF BEING MY ONLY
FRIEND--SHOT AND
KILLED.





BUT HOW DOES THE POEM GO? "INTO A DAYBREAK THAT'S WONDROUSLY CLEAR..."



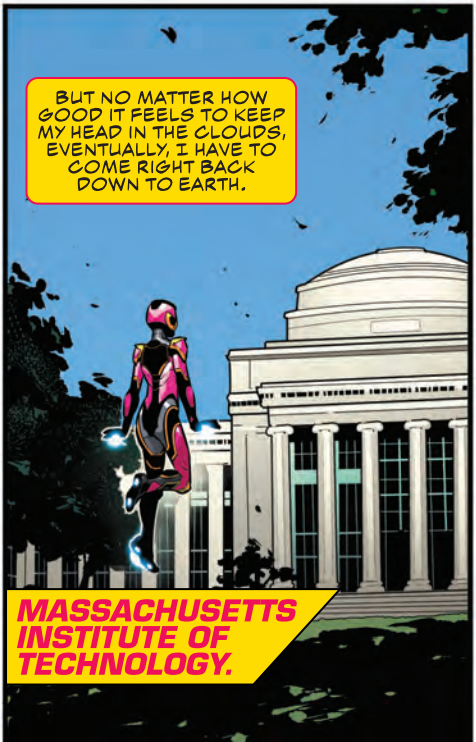
"...I RISE."



WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE TO LIVE WHEN THEY DIDN'T? WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE TO FLY?



THESE DAYS I SPEND SO MUCH TIME UP HERE, ALONE, HOPING TO FIGURE THAT OUT. HONESTLY, I COULD STAY UP HERE ALL DAY.



BUT NO MATTER HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO KEEP MY HEAD IN THE CLOUDS, EVENTUALLY, I HAVE TO COME RIGHT BACK DOWN TO EARTH.

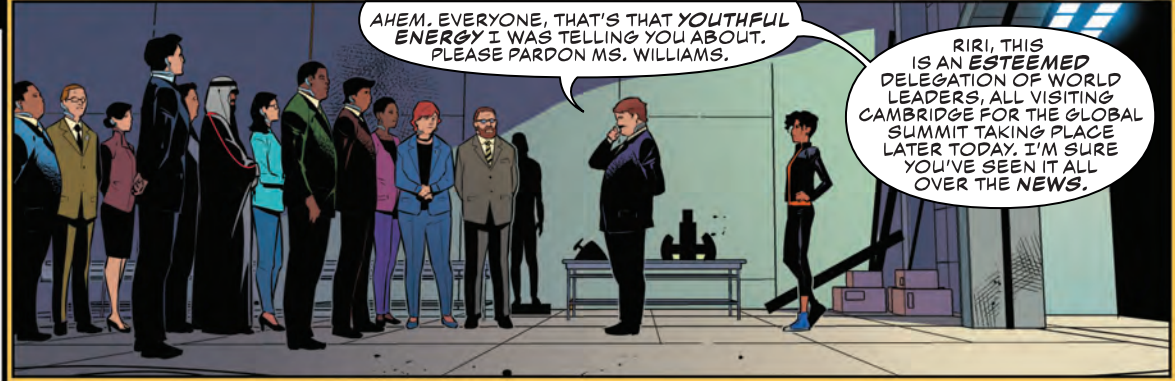
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WELL, LOOK WHO'S DECIDED TO JOIN US.

DEAN BRYANT. I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE.

WITH GUESTS. HI. WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY LAB?



AHEM. EVERYONE, THAT'S THAT YOUTHFUL ENERGY I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. PLEASE PARDON MS. WILLIAMS.

RIRI, THIS IS AN ESTEEMED DELEGATION OF WORLD LEADERS, ALL VISITING CAMBRIDGE FOR THE GLOBAL SUMMIT TAKING PLACE LATER TODAY. I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL OVER THE NEWS.



THESE VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE CAME HERE TO GET A SNEAK PEEK AT YOUR LAB AND I TOLD THEM YOU WOULD BE OVERJOYED TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE TOUR.



OKAY, I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR.

UH, HI, EVERYONE. I'M--I'M SORRY, I DON'T SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE. IS THERE A TRANSLATOR OR SOMETHING?

NO WORRIES, MS. WILLIAMS. WE'RE EQUIPPED WITH PORTABLE TRANSLATORS THAT TAKE IN YOUR LANGUAGE, PROVIDE AUDIO TRANSLATION IN OUR EARPIECES AND INSTANTLY TRANSLATE OUR RESPONSES TO YOU.

I AM SPEAKING TWI RIGHT NOW, AND YOU ARE HEARING ME IN ENGLISH.



THAT'S... ACTUALLY, THAT'S PRETTY COOL.

OKAY, WELL, WELCOME TO MY LAB. I'LL SHOW YOU A COUPLE THINGS IN DEVELOPMENT. UMMM...



WELL...

I'M WORKING ON A VISOR THAT INCORPORATES MICROSCOPIC-SCALE ANALYSIS FOR IMPROVED FORENSIC DATA INTAKE IN THE FIELD.

WITH THIS BABY, YOU CAN SEE BLOOD AND SKIN REMNANTS LEFT ON A SURFACE AT A CELLULAR LEVEL. TRY IT.



GOOD GOD! YOUR SKIN! EVERYTHING IN THIS ROOM! IT'S CRAWLING WITH BUGS AND VERMIN! IT'S WRETCHED!

YEAH, SORRY, I GUESS IT'S KINDA GROSS TO LIVE IN THE MICROSCOPIC WORLD.

WELL, I ALSO HAVE...



...THIS PLATE FROM AN EXPERIMENTAL SUIT RETROFIT THAT WOULD BE CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING VIRTUALLY INFINITE PRESSURE!

YOU COULD JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE OCEAN WITHOUT YOUR RIB CAGE COLLAPSING LIKE A USED PIECE OF ALUMINUM FOIL AND EVERY TISSUE IN YOUR BODY BEING REDUCED TO A SHREPPED, UNRECOGNIZABLE PIECE OF--



UHHHHH... SORRY ABOUT THE GRAPHIC IMAGERY.

AHEM. ANYTHING ELSE, MS. WILLIAMS?



AND, UH, THIS IS AN ARM CANNON THAT'S ALSO A 3D PRINTER.

AND IT GLOWS IN THE DARK.

OOOOH!

LET ME SEE!



MS. WILLIAMS, YOU'RE QUITE THE ENGINEER. IS THIS A LIFELONG INTEREST? PERHAPS AS A CHILD YOU ENJOYED TINKERING IN THE GARAGE WITH YOUR FATHER?

MY FATHER IS DEAD, SO NO. LIFELONG INTEREST. YES. NEXT QUESTION.



I DID READ THAT ABOUT YOU--YOUR FATHER WAS SHOT AND KILLED. AND YOUR BEST FRIEND, AND YET IRONHEART, MUCH LIKE IRON MAN, IS A WEAPON. DO YOU--

IRONHEART IS NOT A WEAPON. IRONHEART IS AN ENGINEER WHO USES MANY TOOLS. INCLUDING FORCE, SOMETIMES. BUT I TRY TO AVOID THAT.



WHAT KIND OF A.I. DOES THE SUIT HAVE? DOES IT HAVE A PERSONALITY, LIKE TONY STARK'S FAMOUS FRIDAY?

OH! FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK. RIGHT NOW, NO. BUT THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON. I'M RUNNING ANALYTICS ON MY OWN BEHAVIORS, WEAKNESSES, EVEN MY DREAMS! I WANT TO SYNTHESIZE AN A.I. SYSTEM THAT WILL SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE COMPLEMENT TO--