

THE REAL WORLD.

AMANDA ARMSTRONG'S APARTMENT.



NOT SURE HOW YOU TAKE YOUR COFFEE, AMANDA. I'M ALMOND MILK, TWO SUGARS, SO I FIGURED...UM...

HEY. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S LOST IN THOUGHT.

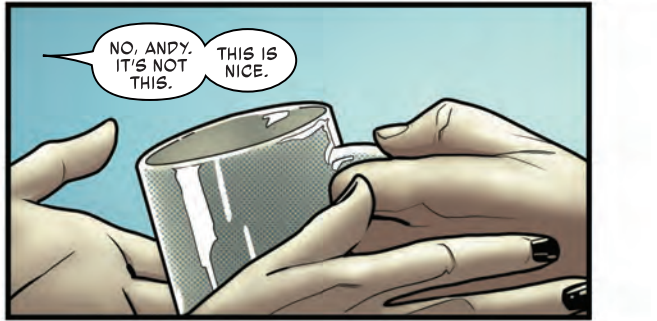


JUST WONDERING WHAT I'M DOING HERE.

OH, GOD. THIS IS ABOUT *US*, ISN'T IT?

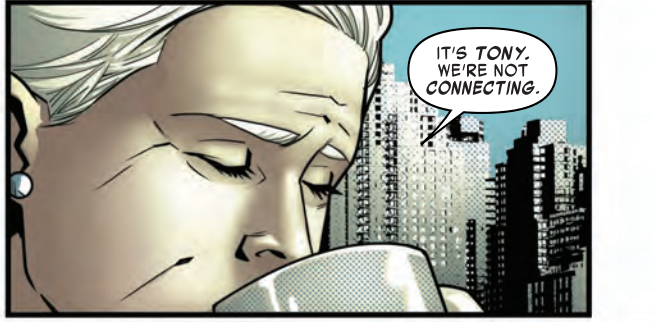
YOU THINK THINGS ARE MOVING TOO FAST.

STARK UNLIMITED



NO, ANDY. IT'S NOT THIS.

THIS IS NICE.



IT'S TONY. WE'RE NOT CONNECTING.



WHEN I LEARNED I WAS HIS BIRTH MOTHER, I TRIED TO RE-ENTER HIS LIFE...

...THEN HE WENT AND **DIED**. AND EVER SINCE HE'S COME **BACK**, THERE'S BEEN **NOTHING** BETWEEN US.

HE'S JUST BARRELED FROM ONE CRAZY ADVENTURE TO THE NEXT. **AND** THROWN HIMSELF INTO ONE BIG, ALL-CONSUMING PROJECT.



THE ESCAPE?

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IT'S HERE, EVERYBODY! **ESCAPE DAY!**

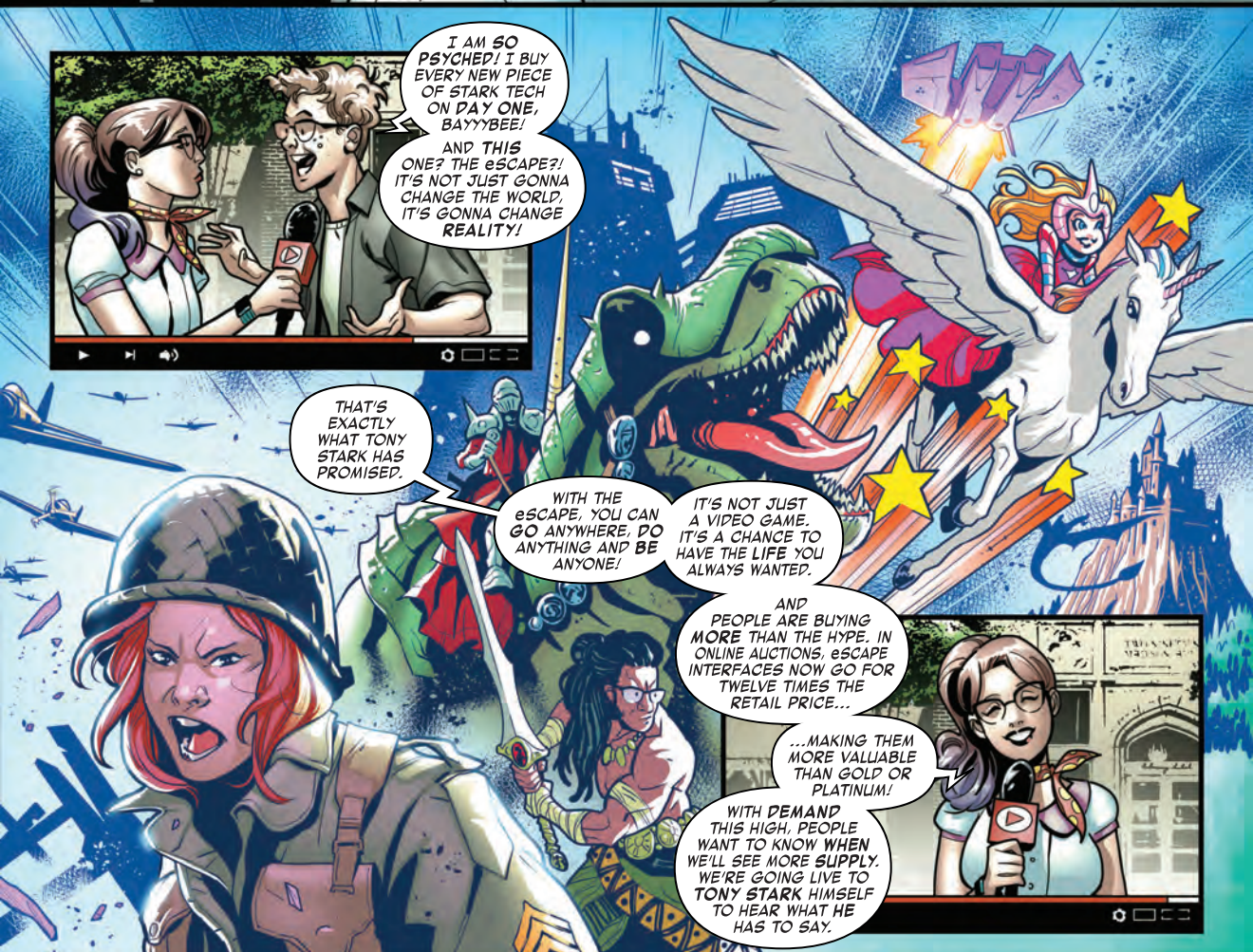
LINE'S ARE AROUND THE BLOCK! PEOPLE HAVE CAMPED OUT OVERNIGHT! ALL IN THE HOPE THAT STORES WILL RESTOCK THE MUST-HAVE ITEM OF THE SEASON!

STARK UNLIMITED'S **ESCAPE INTERFACE** IS ALL ANYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.



I AM SO PSYCHED! I BUY EVERY NEW PIECE OF STARK TECH ON DAY ONE, BAYYBEE!

AND THIS ONE? THE **ESCAPE**? IT'S NOT JUST GONNA CHANGE THE WORLD, IT'S GONNA CHANGE REALITY!



THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT TONY STARK HAS PROMISED.

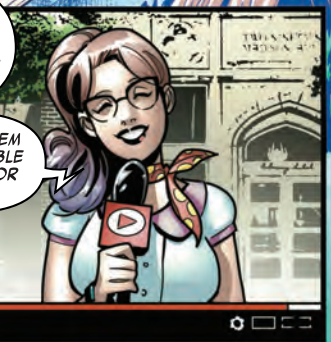
WITH THE **ESCAPE**, YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE, DO ANYTHING AND BE ANYONE!

IT'S NOT JUST A VIDEO GAME, IT'S A CHANCE TO HAVE THE LIFE YOU ALWAYS WANTED.

AND PEOPLE ARE BUYING MORE THAN THE HYPE. IN ONLINE AUCTIONS, **ESCAPE INTERFACES** NOW GO FOR TWELVE TIMES THE RETAIL PRICE...

...MAKING THEM MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD OR PLATINUM!

WITH DEMAND THIS HIGH, PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW WHEN WE'LL SEE MORE SUPPLY. WE'RE GOING LIVE TO TONY STARK HIMSELF TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.



I WANT TO ASSURE OUR CUSTOMERS THAT STARK UNLIMITED IS HARD AT WORK TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE WHO WANTS AN INTERFACE TO THE **ESCAPE** CAN GET ONE.

SORRY, I HATE TO CUT THIS SHORT, BUT I'M A LITTLE BUSY AT THE--

RHODEY! ON YOUR TEN!

GOT HIM, TONY. NOW EXPLAIN TO ME AGAIN...

...WHY WE'RE FIGHTING HIGH-TECH GOONS--IN THE MIDDLE OF RUSH HOUR--TO SAVE A TRUCK FULL OF VIDEO GAMES?

KTAKA-KA

IS THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING? I REMEMBER WHEN SUPER VILLAIN TRUCK HEISTS MEANT SOMETHING.

LIKE SHIPMENTS OF PLUTONIUM. OR A.I.M. WEAPONS. OR DIAMONDS.

DIAMONDS WOULD BE NICE.

IT'S WORTH MORE THAN DIAMONDS. KIND OF PROUD OF THAT, BY THE WAY.

ZKON

SO WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT WHEN THIS IS OVER...

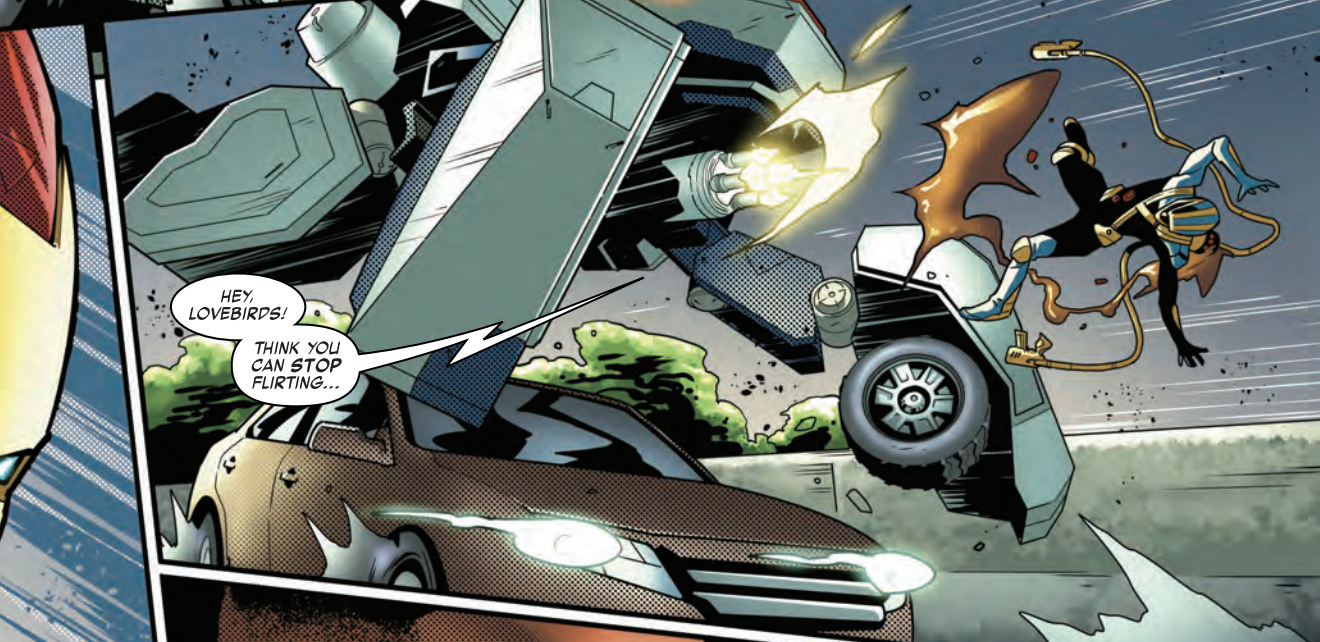
...YOU CAN AFFORD TO TAKE ME SOMEWHERE NICE TONIGHT.

MS. VAN DYNE, ANYWHERE WITH YOU IS--



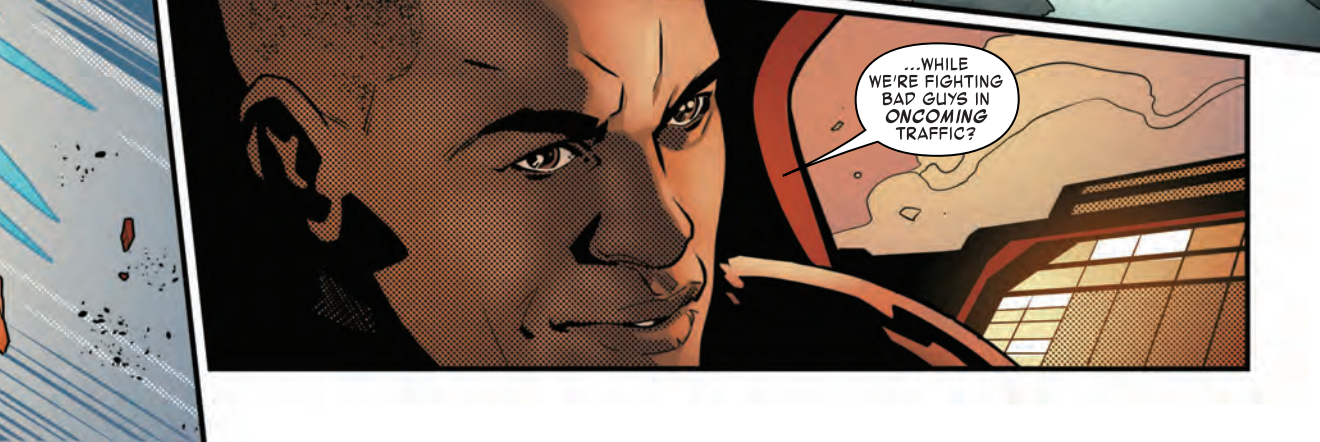
JANET, DEAR,
THE RAIPERS ARE
TRYING TO PULL
OFF THE HEIST OF
THE CENTURY.

THAT
TRUCK'S FILLED
WITH ESCAPE
MERCH.



HEY,
LOVEBIRDS!

THINK YOU
CAN STOP
FLIRTING...

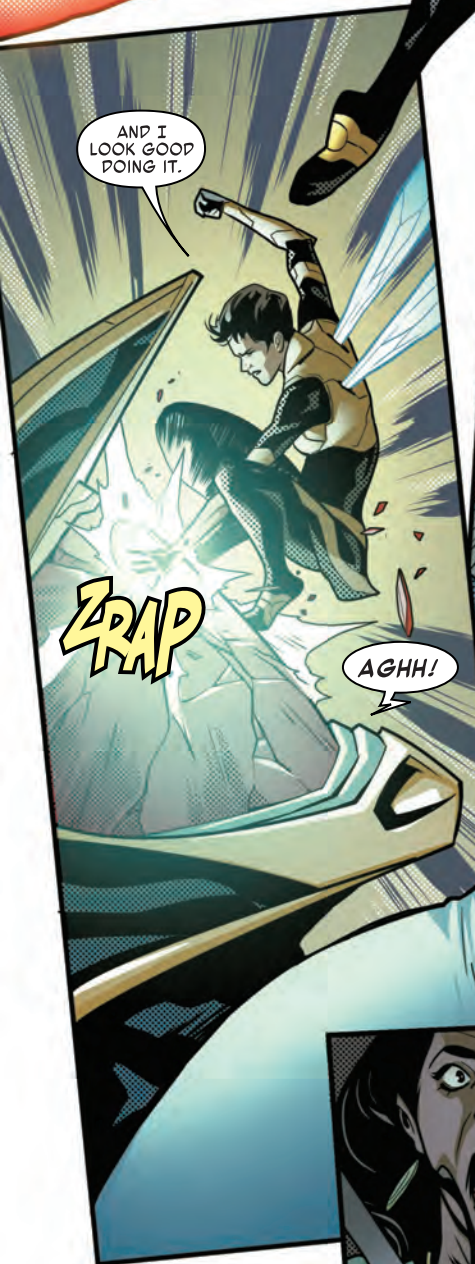


...WHILE
WE'RE FIGHTING
BAD GUYS IN
ONCOMING
TRAFFIC?



RHOPEY, HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN ME?
I'M THE WASP! IF THERE ARE TWO THINGS I CAN DO AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S FLIRT AND FIGHT BADDIES.

STAY STILL, DAMN IT!



AND I LOOK GOOD DOING IT.

ZRAP

AGHH!



CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T--



GERALD! THAT MAN! THE SIGN! THEY'RE GOING TO--



LOOK OUT!

I--I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY! HOLD ON!

CRASH

OH GOD!
WE'RE
GOING OVER!
WE'RE--

WHAT--
WHAT WAS
THAT?

EVERYBODY
OKAY IN
THERE?

YES! OH MY
GOD, THANK
YOU, IRON
MAN!

MOM!
DAD! CAN YOU
GUYS KEEP IT
DOWN?!

I'M TRYING
TO STORM A
CASTLE IN HERE!
GAWD!

MOTHERBOARD,
COULD YOU RUN
A QUICK BIO-SCAN,
MAKE SURE EVERYBODY
IN THIS CAR
IS OKAY?

THEY APPEAR
UNHARMED, TONY.
HOWEVER, I AM UNABLE
TO DEVOTE FURTHER
PROCESSING POWER TO
YOUR REQUEST.

I AM OVERSEEING
ALL CURRENT SESSIONS
ON THE eSCAPE...