

CHICAGO.
KING COLLEGE PREP HIGH
SCHOOL. FIVE YEARS AGO.

ARGH!
WHY WON'T THIS
STUPID THING
WORK?!

WOW,
FOR REAL?
IN FRONT OF
THE KID?

HUSH! IF
SHE WASN'T
READY TO BE WITH
THE **GROWN-UPS**, SHE
WOULDN'T HAVE COME
TO HIGH SCHOOL.
RIGHT, SHORTY?

I...
LM...

WE BETTER GET
TO CLASS.

YOU TOO, LI'L
MAMA. YOU DON'T WANT
DETENTION.

BUT MY...

...MY
BOOKS ARE ALL
IN HERE.

AY! WHAT YOU
DOING? NO TEARS
ALLOWED!



THE SPINDLE CONNECTS TO THE DRIVE CAM. BUT WHEN I TAPPED THE CASING, I COULD TELL THAT THE DRIVE PIN WAS--



MY COMBINATION LOCK WON'T WORK. AND NOW I'M LATE.

MMM. THOSE THINGS GAVE ME TROUBLE WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN TOO.

SOMEONE SHOVED GUM INTO IT.

...OH.

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE SECURITY DESK. THEY CAN CUT THE LOCK AND WRITE YOU A PASS.



I'M DAIJA HAMILTON, BY THE WAY.

RIRI WILLIAMS.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

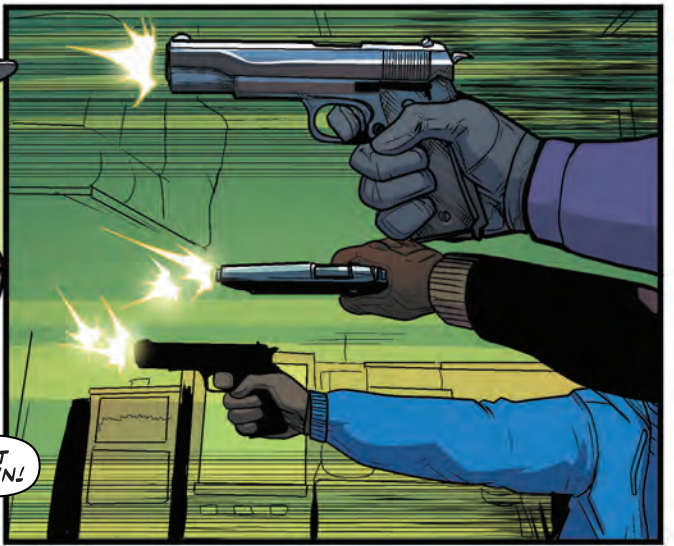
NICE TO MEET YOU. BUT IF YOU TAKE ME TO THE SECURITY DESK, WON'T YOU BE LATE FOR CLASS?

GIRL, DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT IT.

"SOMETIMES YOU DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO TO LOOK OUT FOR YOUR PEOPLE."

BOSTON.
DORCHESTER
NEIGHBORHOOD.
PRESENT DAY.







THANK YOU, LITTLE IRON.

IRONHEART.

YES, THANK YOU.

ANY TIME. DO YOU MIND IF I PAY YOU FOR THESE LATER?



MR. JEAN, MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME KIND OF DISTRESS SIGNAL. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A PROTOTYPE--

WHY? I WOULD BE HITTING THE BUTTON EVERY DAY. BETTER I GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT.

DON'T GIVE IN! IRONHEART CAN PROTECT US!



SHE CAN'T BE HERE ALL THE TIME!

I... I WISH I COULD BE. THERE ARE JUST SO MANY PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP.



YOU DO WHAT YOU CAN. AND IF THEY KILL ME, AT LEAST I LEAVE A HANDSOME CORPSE.

AAAAHAHAHA!
HA HA HA!

WE APPRECIATE YOU, GIRL.

BUT IT'S NOT FAIR. THE CITY SHOULD--



REEEE