

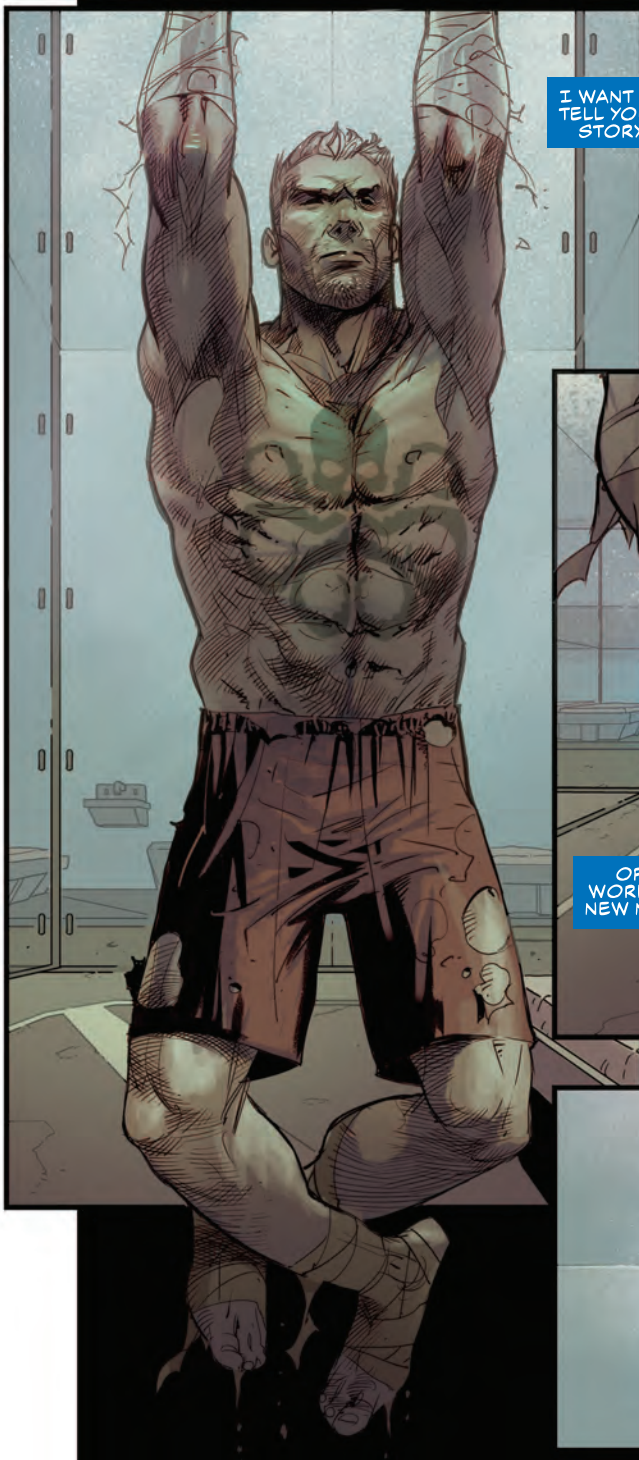
BLACK SITE.



**UNDISCLOSED
LOCATION.**



I WANT TO
TELL YOU A
STORY.



OF NEW
WORLDS AND
NEW NAMES...

A STORY
OF LIFE...



...AND
DEATH.





WHAT
TOOK YOU
SO LONG,
ALEXA?

FORGIVE
ME,
STEVEN.

BUT
PRESIDENTIAL
PARDONS CAN'T
BE BOUGHT LIKE
SO MANY HEADS
OF LETTUCE.

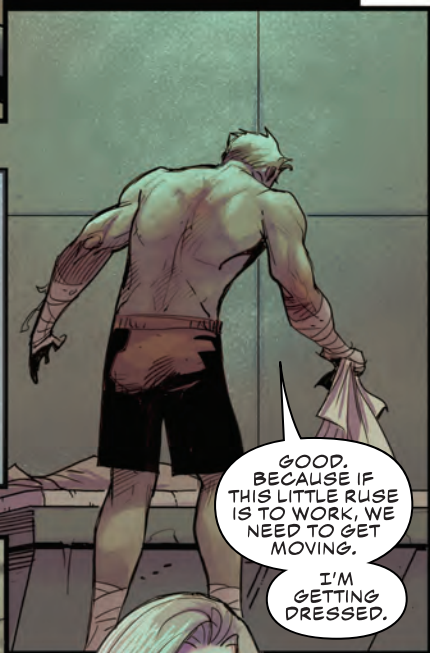
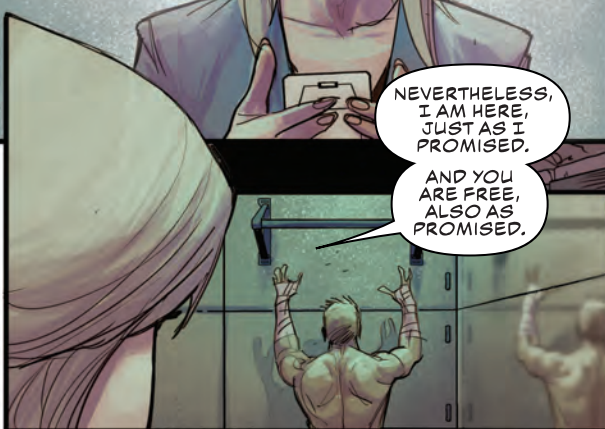
OH,
WHO AM I
KIDDING?

IN TIMES
SUCH AS
THESE? OF
COURSE
THEY CAN.



NEVERTHELESS,
I AM HERE,
JUST AS I
PROMISED.

AND YOU
ARE FREE,
ALSO AS
PROMISED.



GOOD.
BECAUSE IF
THIS LITTLE RUSE
IS TO WORK, WE
NEED TO GET
MOVING.

I'M
GETTING
DRESSED.



IF YOU
MUST...

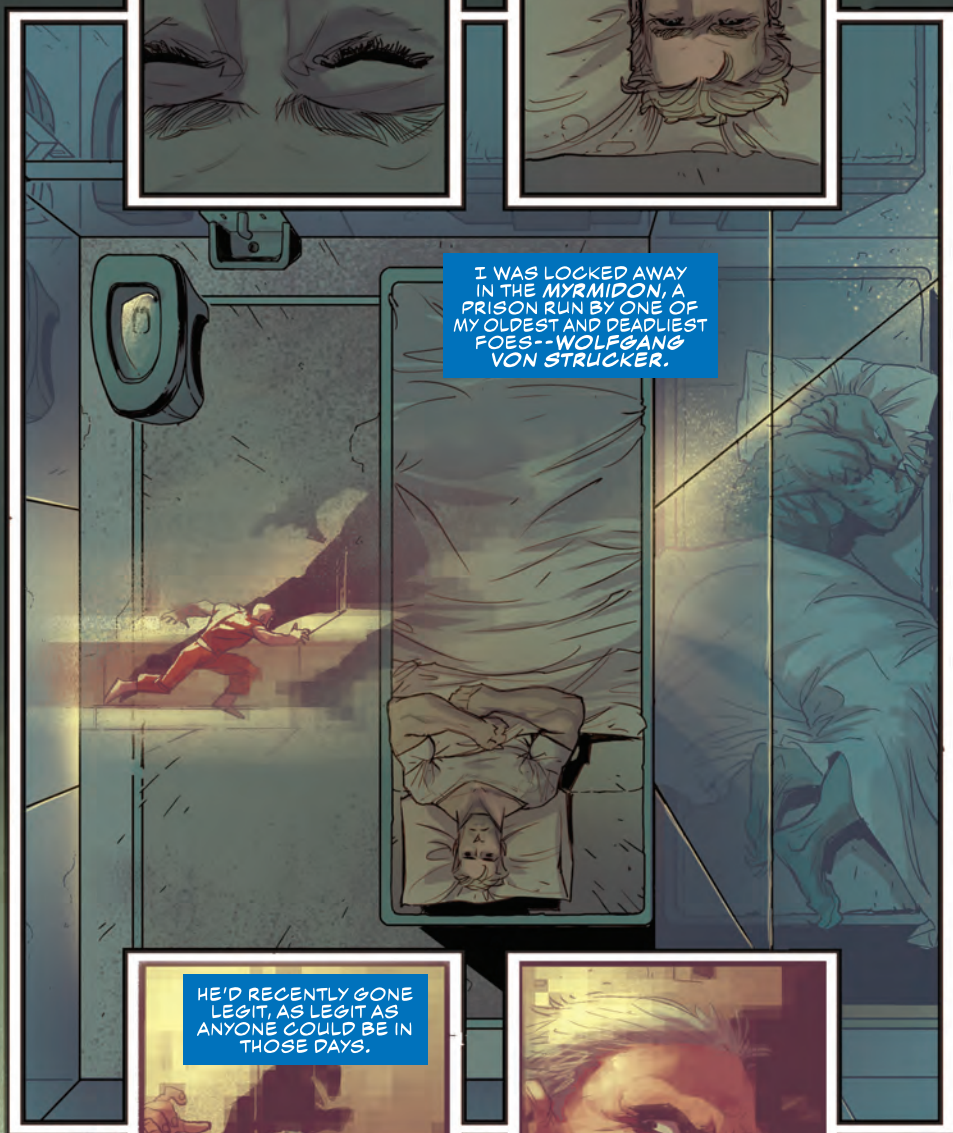
I'LL GRANT YOU
THAT THINGS
LOOKED BAD,
LIKE ALL MY
STORIES.



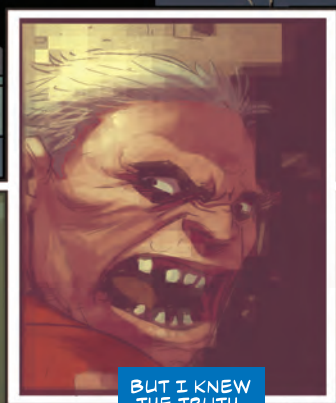
AND THEY
WERE ABOUT
TO GET
WORSE.



I WAS LOCKED AWAY
IN THE MYRAMIDON, A
PRISON RUN BY ONE OF
MY OLDEST AND DEADLIEST
FOES--WOLFGANG
VON STRUCKER.



HE'D RECENTLY GONE
LEGIT, AS LEGIT AS
ANYONE COULD BE IN
THOSE DAYS.



BUT I KNEW
THE TRUTH.

I'VE BEEN
TANGLING WITH
VON STRUCKER
SINCE THE WAR.

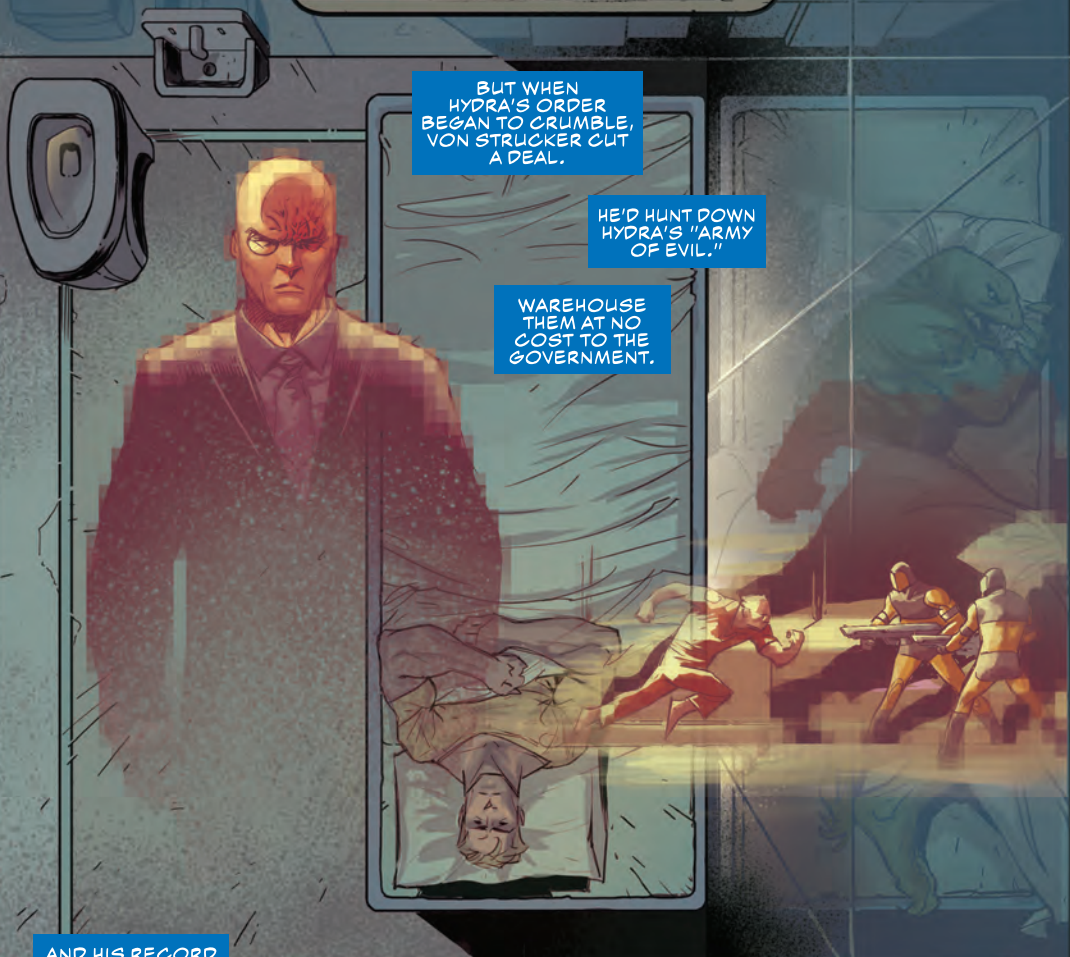
HE WAS HYDRA
TO THE CORE.



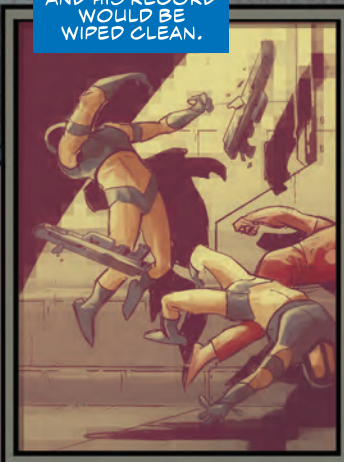
BUT WHEN
HYDRA'S ORDER
BEGAN TO CRUMBLE,
VON STRUCKER CUT
A DEAL.

HE'D HUNT DOWN
HYDRA'S "ARMY
OF EVIL."

WAREHOUSE
THEM AT NO
COST TO THE
GOVERNMENT.



AND HIS RECORD
WOULD BE
WIPED CLEAN.



HIS SERVICE
AGAINST HYDRA
HONORED...



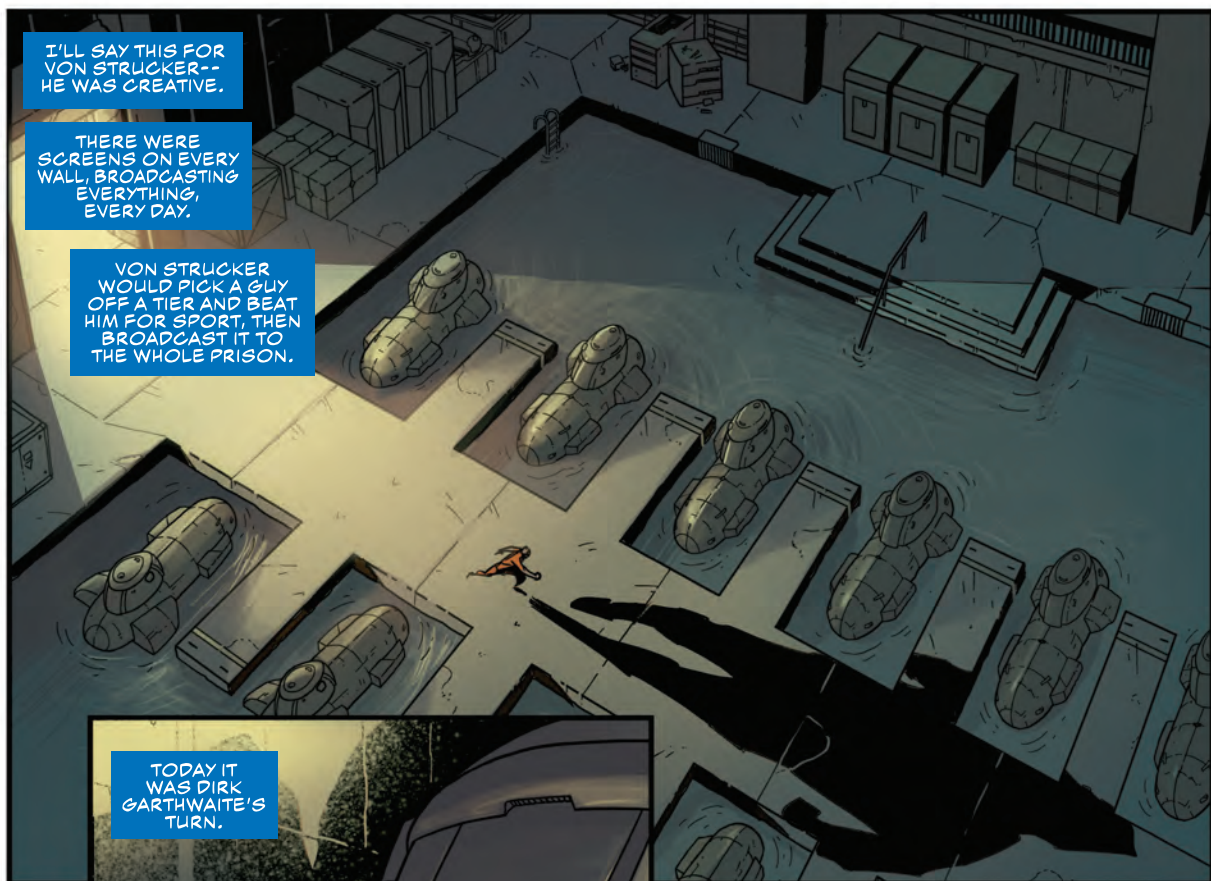
...AND THE ARMY OF EVIL
LEFT TO VON STRUCKER'S
SADISTIC DEVICES.



I'LL SAY THIS FOR
VON STRUCKER--
HE WAS CREATIVE.

THERE WERE
SCREENS ON EVERY
WALL, BROADCASTING
EVERYTHING,
EVERY DAY.

VON STRUCKER
WOULD PICK A GUY
OFF A TIER AND BEAT
HIM FOR SPORT, THEN
BROADCAST IT TO
THE WHOLE PRISON.



TODAY IT
WAS DIRK
GARTHWAITE'S
TURN.



OUT IN THE WORLD,
HE WAS "THE
WRECKER." THE GUY
WHO WENT TOE-TO-
TOE WITH THOR.



BUT HE WAS IN
A NEW WORLD
NOW, WHERE
ONLY ONE NAME
MATTERED.



VON
STRUCKER'S.

