



**VENICE BEACH,
CALIFORNIA.**
SURPRISINGLY EARLY.

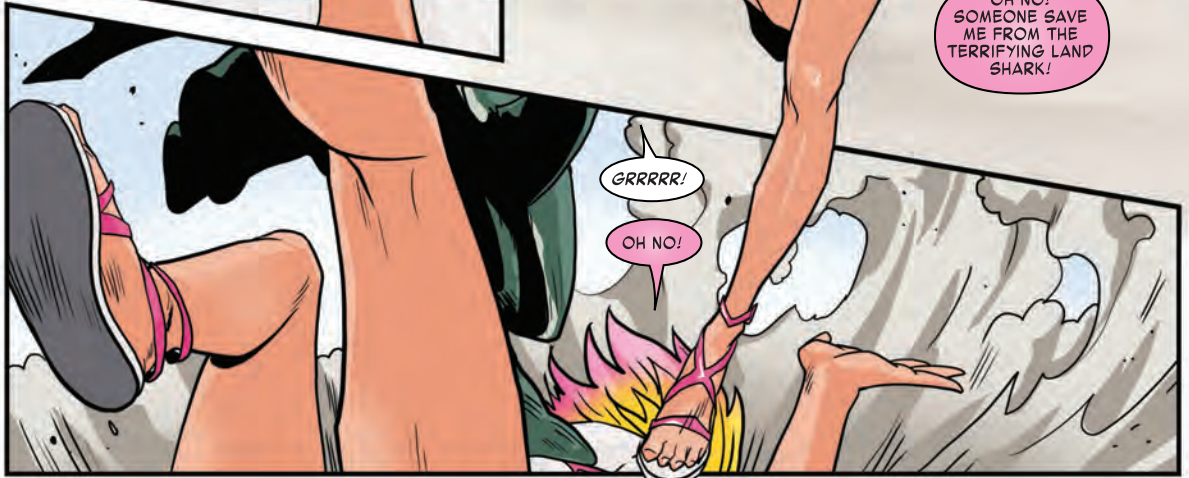
AHHHHHHH!

**GWENDOLYN
POOLE, A.K.A.
GWENPOOL.**

KNOWS A LOT ABOUT A LOT.
SERIOUS FIGHTING SKILLS.
ACTUAL POWERS UNCLEAR,
AND SHE SUSPECTS SHE'S
BEEN REBOOTED TO FIT
ON A TEAM.



OH NO!
SOMEONE SAVE
ME FROM THE
TERRIFYING LAND
SHARK!



GRRRRR!

OH NO!



YOU
WIN AGAIN,
JEFF!

PANT
PANT

**JEFF THE BABY
LAND SHARK.**
DEFINITELY WON'T BITE
YOU. PROBABLY.



THE
INSURANCE
DOESN'T COVER
PETS.

JEFF'S
NOT A PET, HE'S
A TEAM MEMBER.
WANT ME TO SIC
HIM ON YOU TO
PROVE IT?

...NO.

REC.

AMERICA CHAVEZ.
INTERDIMENSIONAL
TELEPORTER.
STRENGTH AND
INVULNERABILITY.
HAS A SOFT SPOT
FOR RAMONE.

JEFF IS SO
GOING TO BITE
SOMEONE.

I DON'T
KNOW, I SAW HER GIVE
HIM THREE HUGE CHUNKS OF
RAW PRIME RIB, LIKE, AN HOUR
AGO, SO WE'RE PROBABLY
SAFE FOR...TEN MORE
MINUTES?

WELL,
WE'D PROBABLY
BETTER GET
BACK ANYWAY. KATE
SEEMED...
STRESSED.

RAMONE WATTS. L.A. LOCAL
AND SURF SHOP OWNER. SISTER
TO FUSE. B.F.F. TO KATE BISHOP.
PATING AMERICA FREAKING CHAVEZ.

AND THAT'S
OUR PROBLEM
HOW?

BECAUSE
WE'RE HER BEST
FRIENDS?

PFFT. I
CAME HERE TO HELP
HER AND SHE'S MOSTLY
BEEN USING ME AS A
GLORIFIED CAB SERVICE
THAT CAN ALSO PUNCH
THINGS.

I MEAN...
SHE'S IN OVER HER
HEAD, DON'T YOU THINK?
IT'S BEEN ONE CRISIS TO
THE NEXT EVER SINCE THOSE
FIRST LAND SHARKS HIT. SHE
JUST KNOWS HOW POWERFUL
YOU ARE AND THAT YOU CAN
HANDLE YOURSELF...
SHE RELIES
ON YOU.

SHE'D
BE LOST
WITHOUT
YOU.

IF YOU'RE
TRYING TO
TALK ME INTO
SOMETHING...IT'S
WORKING.

I'LL ALSO BUY YOU
YOUR WEIGHT IN
MINI-DONUTS.

SOLD.

SO IT'S
OFFICIAL. YOU
ARE DATING
RAMONE.

...YES.

CAN YOU
TALK ABOUT
THAT?

IT'S NEW.
IT'S GOOD. IT'S
NONE OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

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VENICE BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

WEST COAST AVENGERS
HEADQUARTERS.



SORTA. IT'S MORE LIKE
A CONSTRUCTION SITE?

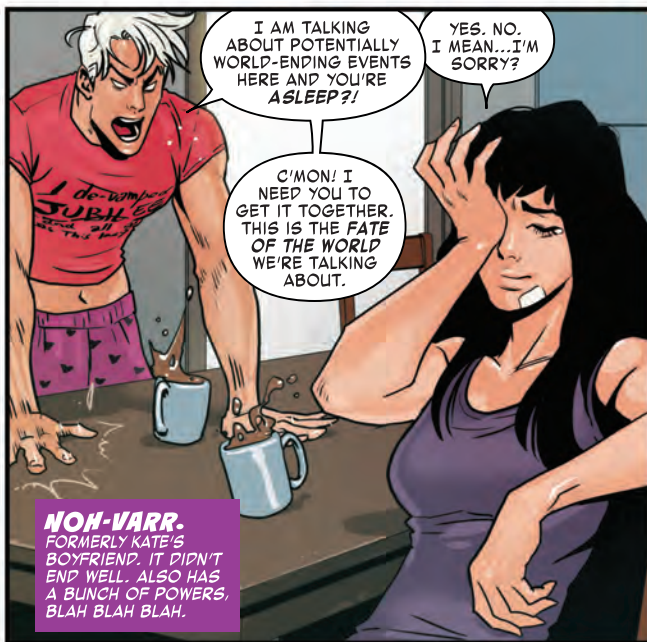
CONSTRUCTION IS LIFE'S
REAL SUPER VILLAIN.



ARE YOU
ASLEEP?!

HUWHAAZZAT?

**KATE BISHOP,
A.K.A. HAWKEYE.**
OLYMPIC-LEVEL ATHLETE. ONE
OF TWO BEST MARKSMEN IN
THE WORLD. VERY SLEEPY.



I AM TALKING
ABOUT POTENTIALLY
WORLD-ENDING EVENTS
HERE AND YOU'RE
ASLEEP?!

YES. NO.
I MEAN...I'M
SORRY?

C'MON! I
NEED YOU TO
GET IT TOGETHER.
THIS IS THE FATE
OF THE WORLD
WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT.

NON-VARR.
FORMERLY KATE'S
BOYFRIEND. IT DIDN'T
END WELL. ALSO HAS
A BUNCH OF POWERS,
BLAH BLAH BLAH.



THAT SEEMS
EXCESSIVE. EVEN BEFORE
I FELL ASLEEP, NONE
OF THIS MADE MUCH
SENSE.



WHAT? IT
MAKES PERFECT
SENSE!

¿SIGH
OKAY, START
AGAIN.

--THEN I FOUND A CONNECTION BETWEEN MADAME MASQUE AND THE TEMPLE AND SO I WENT UNDERCOVER WITH MASQUE... BUT BEFORE I FOUND ANYTHING I HAD TO SAVE YOU GUYS--AND I MEAN--IT'S THE TEMPLE OF THE SHIFTING SUN--IT'S RIGHT THERE IN THE NAME. SHIFTING. SHIFTING. AND SKRULLS CAN SHAPE SHIFT...IT'S ALMO... THEY WAN...

UH...

HEY. IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T BELIEVE YOU--

UH.

OKAY, SOME OF US DON'T BELIEVE YOU. BUT NOT ALL OF US.

**JOHNNY WATTS,
A.K.A.
FUSE.**

**CLINT BARTON,
A.K.A.
HAWKEYE.**

**AND QUENTIN QUIRE,
A.K.A. KID OMEGA.**

ALL ALSO NOT CONVINCED ABOUT THE "SKRULLS SITUATION."

WE HAVE TO GO NOW! THIS THING COULD BLOW WIDE OPEN ANY SECOND! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME!

I BELIEVE YOU. BUT MAYBE IT'S NOT SKRULLS...

SO I SUPPOSE PEOPLE ARE JUST ABDUCTING THEMSELVES? AND SACRIFICING THEMSELVES IN SOME BACKWARD SKRULL RITUAL?!

WAIT. PEOPLE ARE BEING ABDUCTED?

OF COURSE, KATE. DO YOU THINK SKRULL CULTS JUST WALK AROUND NOT ABDUCTING PEOPLE?

WAY TO BURY THE LEDE, KID.

WAIT, YOU'RE IN?

OF COURSE WE'RE IN. LET'S ROLL BACK TO HOW YOU GOT IN THE FIRST TIME... SHOW ME.

