

**CHICAGO.**

I LIVE IN A CITY  
THAT PEOPLE CALL  
DANGEROUS.

AND IT IS,  
I GUESS.

PEOPLE USED TO CALL  
US THE "HOG BUTCHER  
FOR THE WORLD!"

TAMALES  
CAFÉ

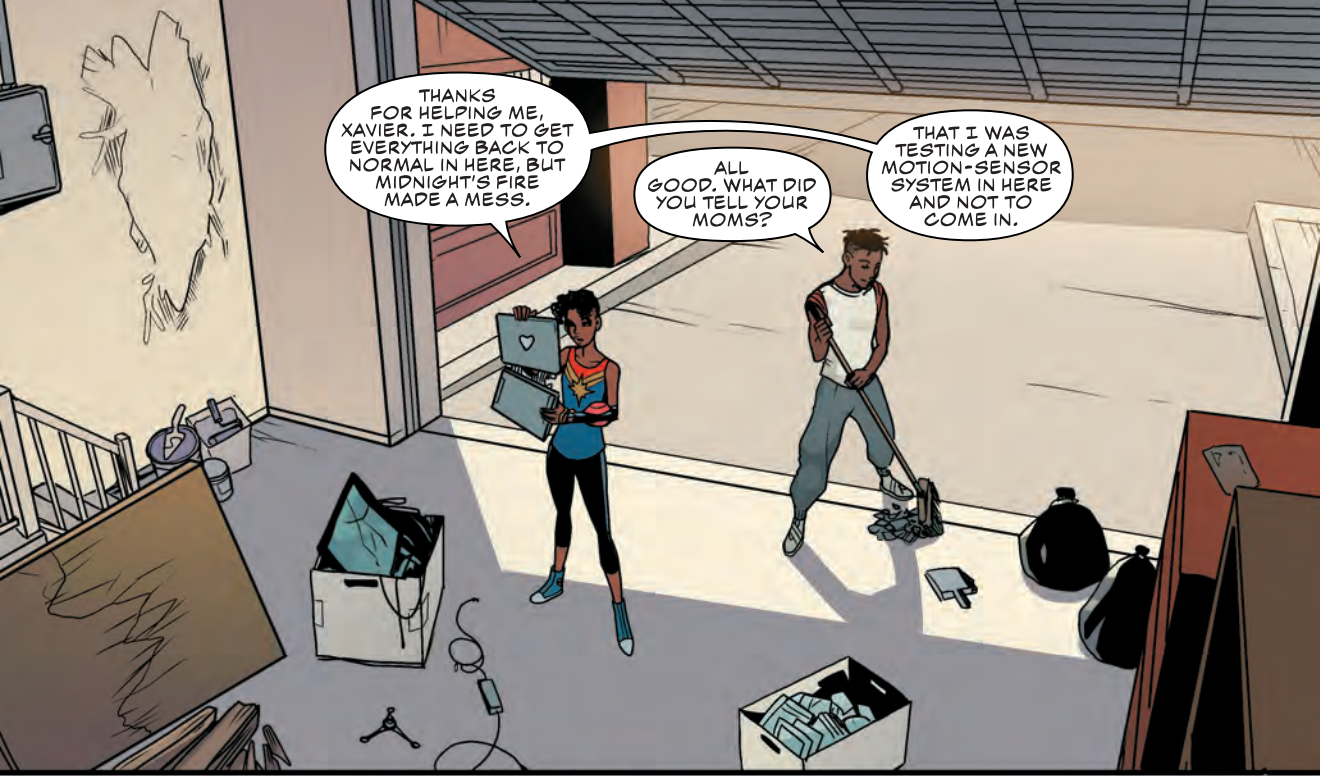
AND IF WE HAVE  
TO BE THE  
BOGEYMAN...

...THE PLACE THAT MAKES  
OTHER PEOPLE FEEL  
GOOD ABOUT WHERE THEY  
LAY THEIR HEADS AT NIGHT...

...SO  
BE IT.

PEOPLE HERE ARE STRUGGLING  
TO SURVIVE.

AND A WISE PERSON  
ONCE TOLD ME THAT THE  
BUSINESS OF SURVIVAL  
AIN'T ALWAYS PRETTY.



THANKS FOR HELPING ME, XAVIER. I NEED TO GET EVERYTHING BACK TO NORMAL IN HERE, BUT MIDNIGHT'S FIRE MADE A MESS.

ALL GOOD. WHAT DID YOU TELL YOUR MOMS?

THAT I WAS TESTING A NEW MOTION-SENSOR SYSTEM IN HERE AND NOT TO COME IN.



SO WHAT'S THE NEXT MOVE?

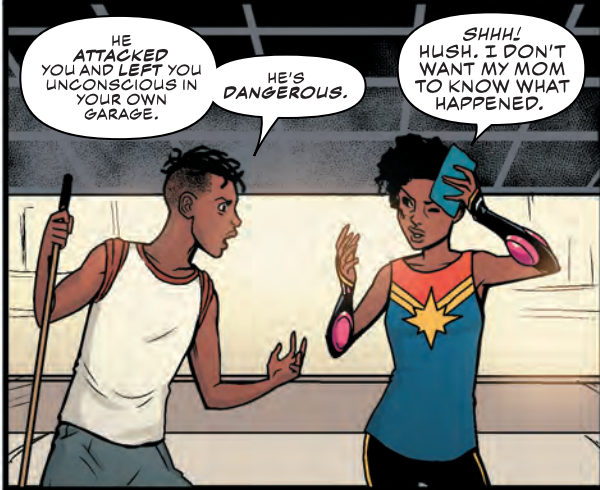
I'M THINKING OF RUNNING SOME SURVEILLANCE ON DAIJA. FOLLOW HER AND SEE WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON.



YOU'RE GONNA DO WHAT?! FIRST OF ALL, THAT'S INTRUSIVE.

AND LOOK AT YOU! YOU'RE ALL BEAT UP! MIDNIGHT'S FIRE ATTACKED YOU--

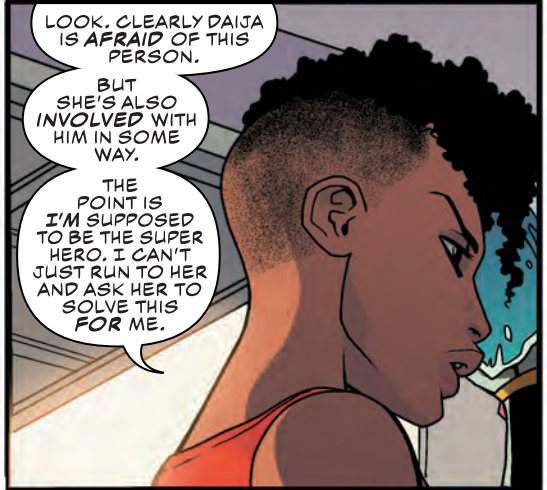
WOULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN?



HE ATTACKED YOU AND LEFT YOU UNCONSCIOUS IN YOUR OWN GARAGE.

HE'S DANGEROUS.

SHHH! HUSH. I DON'T WANT MY MOM TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.



LOOK. CLEARLY DAIJA IS AFRAID OF THIS PERSON.

BUT SHE'S ALSO INVOLVED WITH HIM IN SOME WAY.

THE POINT IS I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE SUPER HERO. I CAN'T JUST RUN TO HER AND ASK HER TO SOLVE THIS FOR ME.

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? SOMETIMES SUPER HEROES MAKE MISTAKES. AND GET HURT.



SUPER HEROES CAN'T FIX EVERYTHING.

SUPER HEROES NEED HELP SOMETIMES.



**BEEP BEEP**  
**BEEP BEEP**

RIRI, THE MOTION SENSORS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF DAIJA'S HOUSE ARE GOING OFF IN A WAY THAT MATCHES HER AMBULATORY SIGNATURES.

AH, THANKS, N.A.T.A.L.I.E.

SO... YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT TRACKING HER...



...YOU ARE TRACKING HER.

SEE, I ONLY HALFWAY LIED TO MY MOM.

I AM TESTING OUT SOME NEW MOTION SENSORS.



I DON'T LIKE ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

I GET THAT. I REALLY DO.

BUT I STARTED THIS THING, AND I NEED TO FINISH IT.

THANKS AGAIN FOR COMING OVER. I GOTTA GO.

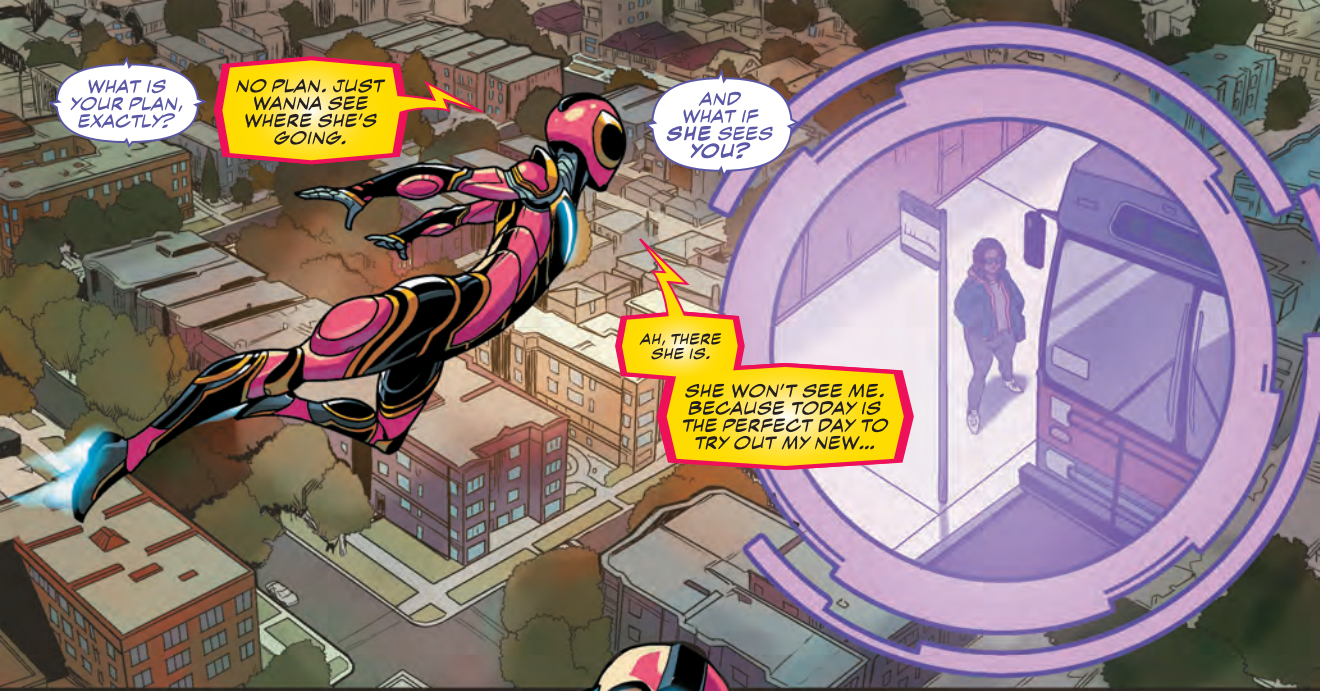


I'LL HOLLER AT YOU LATER.

LET ME KNOW IF...

...YOU NEED ANY HELP.





WHAT IS YOUR PLAN, EXACTLY?

NO PLAN. JUST WANNA SEE WHERE SHE'S GOING.

AND WHAT IF SHE SEES YOU?

AH, THERE SHE IS.

SHE WON'T SEE ME, BECAUSE TODAY IS THE PERFECT DAY TO TRY OUT MY NEW...



...STEALTH MODE.

NOT BAD, NOT BAD.

AND ANYWAY, DON'T YOU READ COMICS?

FIRST RULE OF SUPER HEROES: NOBODY EVER LOOKS UP.

