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Kyle Williams (Matthew Le Nevez)  
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sheriff in the sleepy town of Bywater  
would be exactly the change of  
pace he needed. But the peaceful  
town is not what it seems.....



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Four simultaneous attacks  
by powered guys with HYDRA  
insignia and an uncanny  
resemblance to members of the  
Avengers, past and present.

In each case,  
the good guys  
drove off the  
bad guys.

Some might call  
that a victory.

I call it  
a diversion.  
A feint.

A set-up, designed to make  
us think we were dealing with  
a series of ill-planned  
robberies, when in fact it was  
an expertly timed maneuver  
to divert attention from  
their efforts to smuggle  
something into the country.



The problem is figuring out what the heck it all means before it's too late, and convincing the others that I'm right...especially since I'm still the new kid on the block around here.



Because guys like Steve Rogers, Captain America...he's seen it all, and you've really got to have your game on if you're going to play in his playground.

SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?

I'M SAYING... THAT FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, HYDRA HAS BEEN JUST ONE MORE CRIME CARTEL. IT HASN'T BEEN NEARLY THE THREAT IT USED TO BE.

"AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHEN IT WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE SUPREMACIST IDEALS OF THE NAZIS, HYDRA WAS A REAL THREAT TO THE WORLD.



"BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT MONEY CAN BE BOUGHT OUT... PEOPLE WHO CARE ONLY ABOUT POWER CAN BE BROKEN, OR SCARED AWAY.

"BUT EXTREMISTS WHO GENUINELY BELIEVE THAT THEIR CAUSE IS JUST...THOSE ARE THE ONES TO WATCH OUT FOR.



"BECAUSE THEY WOULD SOONER DESTROY THE WORLD THAN LET IT BECOME SOMETHING THEY DON'T LIKE."



SO LIKE I SAID...YOU THINK I'M WRONG.

I'M SAYING YOU COULD BE WRONG, BECAUSE I THINK YOU ARE WRONG. AND BECAUSE--

--WELL BECAUSE THE IDEA OF GOING UP AGAINST THE HYDRA OF OLD ISN'T SOMETHING I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT.



THE OTHER OPTION...IS THAT YOU'RE RIGHT... AND AHEAD OF THE CURVE.

AHEAD OF US OLD FOGIES WHO REMEMBER WHAT THAT SHADOW LOOKS LIKE, AND WHO KEEP HOPING THAT MAYBE THIS TIME IT'S GONE FOR GOOD.



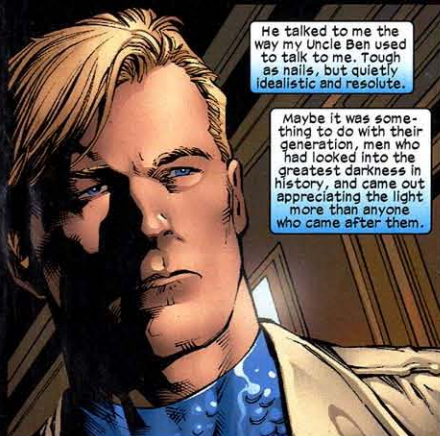
BUT THE TRUTH IS THE TRUTH, PETER. GO FIND IT.



And as he walked away from me, I realized something.

He talked to me the way my Uncle Ben used to talk to me. Tough as nails, but quietly idealistic and resolute.

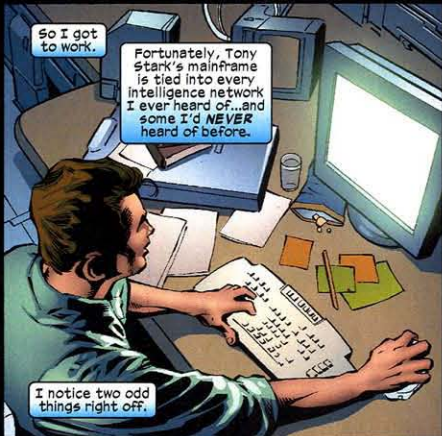
Maybe it was something to do with their generation, men who had looked into the greatest darkness in history, and came out appreciating the light more than anyone who came after them.



So I got to work.

Fortunately, Tony Stark's mainframe is tied into every intelligence network I ever heard of...and some I'D NEVER heard of before.

I notice two odd things right off.



First, several S.H.I.E.L.D. agents assigned to keep an eye on HYDRA from inside have been reported as missing in the last few weeks.



Second, a bunch of the guys who have been running HYDRA for the last ten years have also gone missing.

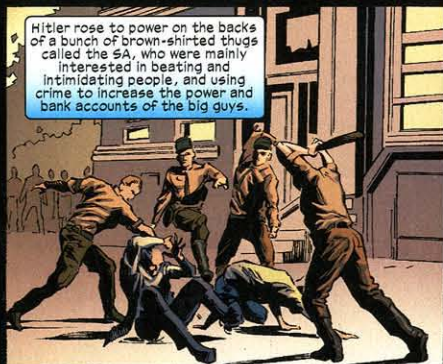
Could be they've gone into hiding after taking out the S.H.I.E.L.D. agents.



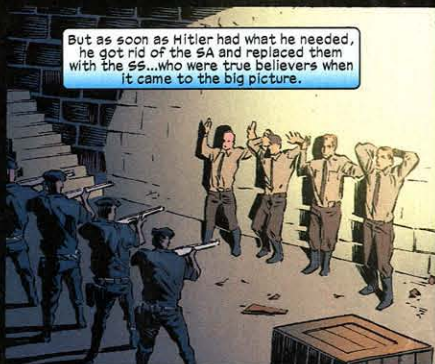




Then I remember what Steve said about how the worst of these guys were true believers in Nazi ideals and traditions...and another possibility comes to mind.



Hitler rose to power on the backs of a bunch of brown-shirted thugs called the SA, who were mainly interested in beating and intimidating people, and using crime to increase the power and bank accounts of the big guys.



But as soon as Hitler had what he needed, he got rid of the SA and replaced them with the SS...who were true believers when it came to the big picture.



Maybe that's what happened here. Why else would they all just vanish like that right before launching a campaign bigger than anything HYDRA's done lately?

Have they been replaced by guys who believe in the big picture?



And if I'm right... then what *is* the big picture?

It's a question I'd like to pursue in more detail--



--but I have places to be and promises to keep. And for this particular promise--

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When you live with someone day after day, it's easy to forget sometimes who they really are, and what they can do.

Then when you see it, when you're reminded just what they can do...it's a revelation.

People see me swinging around skyscrapers and they think I'm pretty special.

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"--I'LL JUST  
CATCH A LIFT."

I don't understand why  
my spider-sense is working  
overtime on this, but it's  
never led me astray yet.



Well, except that time  
it told me there was  
something wrong in the  
girl's locker room back  
in high school.

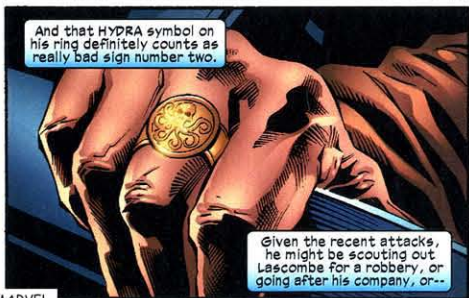


At least, that's  
how I chose to  
**INTERPRET** it,  
anyway.

End of the line,  
let's see where  
this goes.



Okay, bad sign  
number one on  
display.



And that HYDRA symbol on  
his ring definitely counts as  
really bad sign number two.

Given the recent attacks,  
he might be scouting out  
Lascombe for a robbery, or  
going after his company, or--

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Moves fast for a little guy. Got to draw his fire then take him out quick, before one of those bullets goes through a window. Shouldn't be hard.

HEY, OVER HERE! C'MON, YOU CALL THAT GUNPLAY? YOUR MOM TEACH YOU HOW TO USE THAT OR SOMETHING?

Perfect, now to--



NO!

WHAT--



MA'AM, ARE YOU--

...OHMYGOD... OHMYGOD...

IT'S OKAY, IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT--

I CAN CONFIRM THAT.



I SAW THE WHOLE THING, MISS. YOU HAD NO WAY OF STOPPING IN TIME. AND UNLIKE THIS FELLOW, I CAN TESTIFY TO THAT EFFECT IN OPEN COURT.

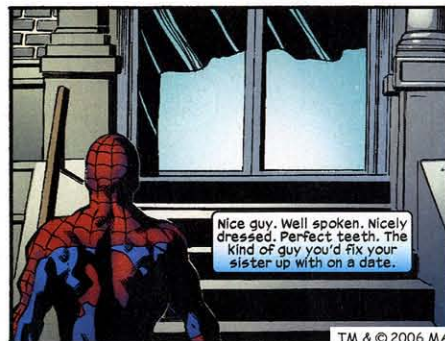
AS FOR YOU...WELL, I THINK YOU MAY HAVE SAVED MY LIFE. AT THE COST OF HIS OWN, IT WOULD SEEM, HOWEVER--



--IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO GET AN AMBULANCE HERE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, JUST TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S COVERED.

...OHMYGOD... OHMYGOD... OHMYGOD...





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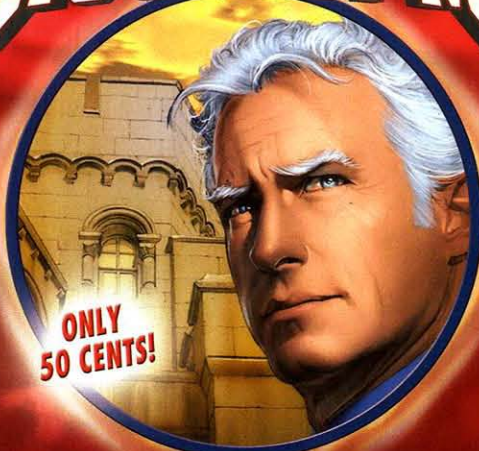








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CUP O' JOE



Okay, it's been a while since we've reached into the ol' bag of mail, so let's see what we can find.

Dear Q-meister:

**House of M**, wazzup wit dat?

Morgan Johnson

Ottawa, IL

Hey, Morgan, wazzup wit chu? Glad to hear from you and glad that you asked. If by now you're to figure out the latest and greatest in the world of M, don't fret, kiddo. This week we're bringing you the **Secrets of the House of M**, written by Mike Raicht, revealing startling new details of the moment that changed everything. **Secrets of the House of M** is an essential companion to the limited-series mega-event that will change everything. This keepsake volume includes Handbook-style bios of all the key players in the world of M as well as newspaper and magazine articles, personal journal entries and much, much more.

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It's been a heck of a month, faithful Marvellites, and summer's just beginning. If I were you, I wouldn't get too comfortable — come August is when we really turn the heat up!

See ya in the funnybooks,


JQ  
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EACH OF YOU REPRESENTS A FOREIGN INTEREST WHO WISHES TO SEE IF HYDRA'S BITE CAN NOW MATCH OUR BARK. WE HAVE NOT ASKED FOR MONEY OR SUPPORT FROM ANY OF YOU...ONLY YOUR RESPECT, AND A SEAT AT THE TABLE AS PLAYERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.



YOU'VE ALL BEEN FIGHTING A WAR OF ATTRITION AGAINST THE WEST. A LITTLE VICTORY HERE, A STALEMATE THERE... WE ARE TRYING A DIFFERENT WAY. WE ARE GOING TO ANSWER A SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION.

AND THAT QUESTION IS THIS:



HOW DO YOU KILL A COUNTRY?

NOT SO MUCH KILL ALL ITS PEOPLE...THOUGH MANY WILL PERISH IN THIS... HOW DO YOU KILL THE NATION ITSELF?



"IN A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY ELSEWHERE IN THIS COMPLEX, A HALF TON OF GENETICALLY ENHANCED BACILLI OF ANTHRAX, TYPHUS AND BOTULISM TOXINS ARE BEING REAPED FOR DELIVERY."



OTHERS MIGHT CHOOSE TO USE THIS TO STRIKE AT A CITY...AND THEY WOULD SUCCEED IN KILLING EVERYONE IN THAT CITY. BUT ONLY THOSE PEOPLE.

AFTERWARD, AS WE HAVE SEEN, THE REST OF THE NATION WOULD RISE UP AND STRIKE DOWN THOSE RESPONSIBLE. THE NATION WOULD REMAIN.



"IN ANOTHER SECURE LOCATION, A MODIFIED SCUD MISSILE IS BEING REAPED FOR USE."



OTHERS WOULD LOAD UP SUCH A MISSILE WITH EXPLOSIVES, TO STRIKE AN IMPORTANT TARGET. BUT WE ARE DOING SOMETHING VERY, VERY DIFFERENT.



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THE ENTIRE AMERICAN MIDWEST WILL BECOME A DEADBED...AND A DUSTBOWL. CROPS DESTROYED FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS. FISH AND LIVESTOCK WIPED OUT. AND THE TENS OF MILLIONS NOT KILLED BY THE TOXINS WILL HAVE TO FLEE OR DIE.

IT WILL BE A MADHOUSE.



THE NATION WILL STARVE, BORDERS WILL BE OVERRUN, AND THE ECONOMY WILL COLLAPSE. EIGHT STATES WILL BE UNLIVEABLE, CAUSING MILLIONS OF PANICKED PEOPLE TO FLOOD INTO OTHER STATES. THE NATION WILL BE IN CHAOS: PARALYZED, UNGOVERNABLE, AND UNABLE TO STRIKE BACK.



THAT, GENTLEMEN, IS HOW YOU KILL A COUNTRY. AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN JUST A FEW DAYS TIME.

ANY QUESTIONS?



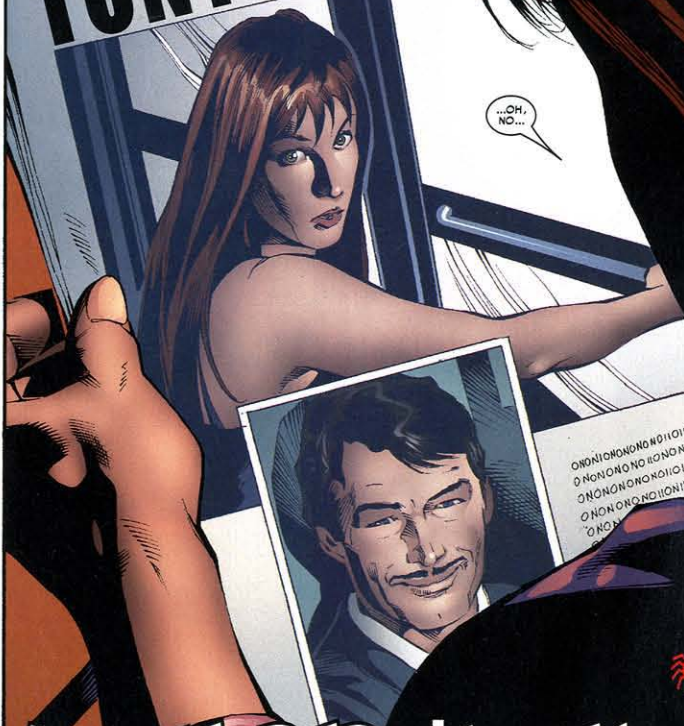






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