





# HEROES

## CHAPTER 28

# WAR BUDDIES INTRODUCTIONS

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After a tip from Mr. Bennet, Hana Gittelman breaks into the pentagon in search of information. She finds a report of two soldiers, Dallas and Austin, and their mission up the river to rescue a downed airplane during the Vietnam War. En route, their squad is attacked and all are killed except Austin and Dallas, who is mortally wounded. Miraculously Austin heals Dallas with just his hands.

The two soldiers find the downed aircraft next to its target, a village that has abnormally large crops growing in its fields. They discover that the crops are created by Au Co, a young girl who has the ability to make vegetation grow at a rapid rate.

Dallas forces Austin to help him complete the mission by destroying the village. However, Austin wants to save this other “special” person, the two clash but Dallas is able to get off a shot – BANG!



A secret mission to find one of our downed jets turned into taking out an entire enemy village. We all thought Au Co was the name of the village. It wasn't. It was a girl. I had to kill her.

Au Co, [redacted] with just a wave of her arms.

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*Story*

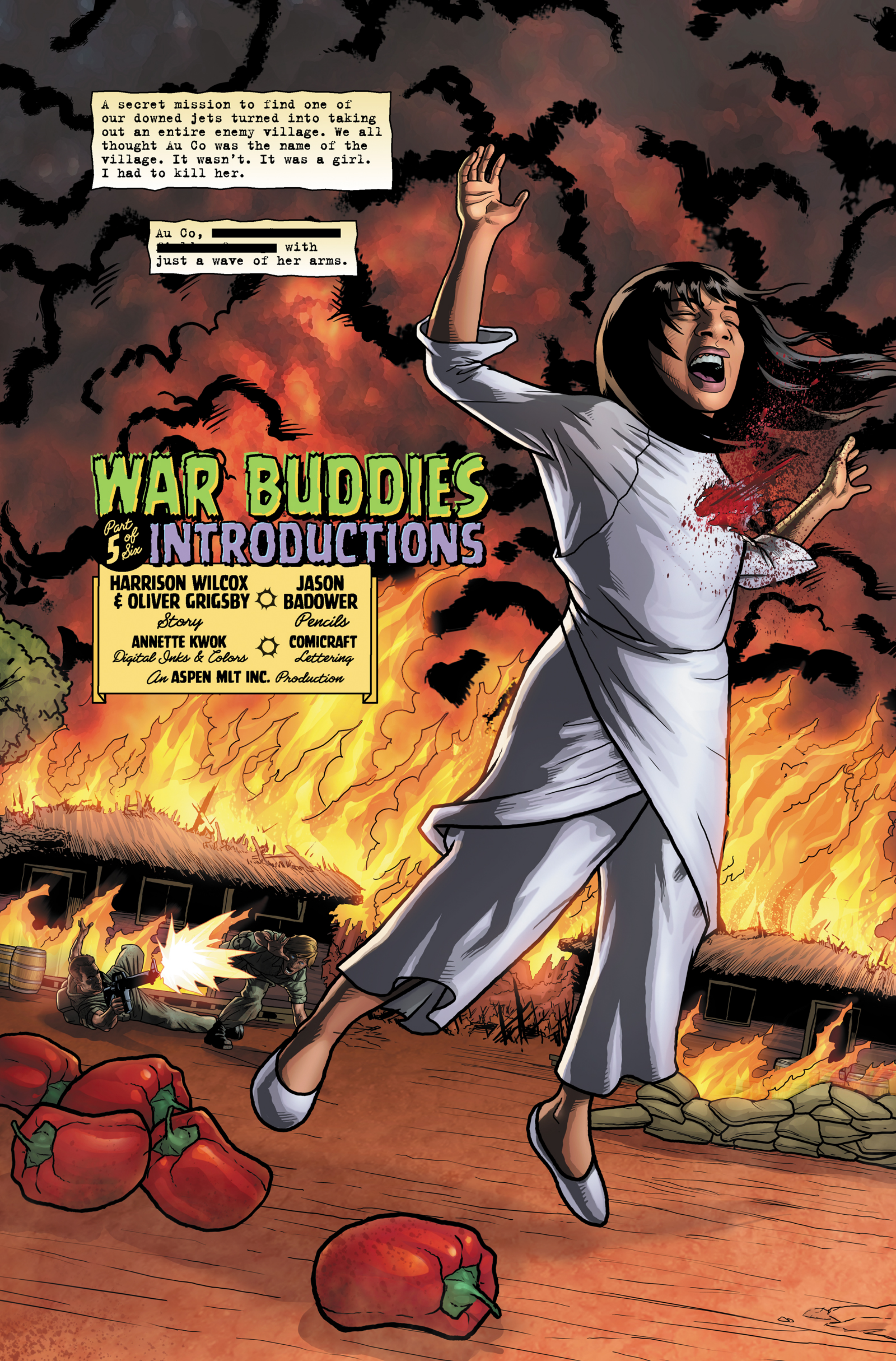
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Days earlier,  
most of the unit  
was gunned down.  
Only Austin the  
medic and I were  
left. I was shot  
in the chest.

I should  
have died.

Austin [redacted]  
[redacted] No scars, no blood.  
Nothing. I should be dead.



He didn't want to go through with the  
mission. To kill Au Co. Understandable.  
[redacted] she was special.



But Austin  
couldn't see the  
bigger picture.

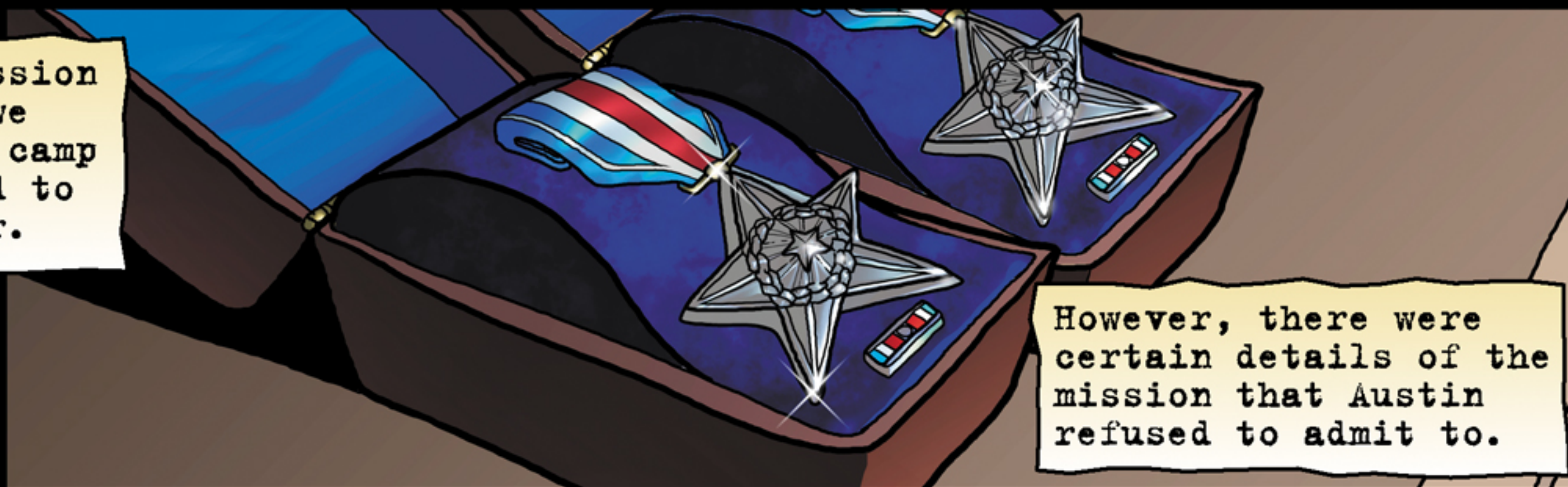


Au Co had to  
die. I wouldn't  
let him save  
her. Not like  
he saved me.

YOU'LL  
THANK ME FOR  
THIS ONE DAY. WE  
JUST SAVED A LOT  
OF LIVES.



With our mission completed, we returned to camp and reported to our superior.



However, there were certain details of the mission that Austin refused to admit to.

I have decided to give full disclosure in this report. Although some might consider me crazy. The things that Austin can do [redacted] essential to the Army.



AM I TO BELIEVE THIS REPORT, SERGEANT?

SIR, I BELIEVE THE SERGEANT MAY BE DELUSIONAL.



WHY WON'T YOU TELL THEM THE TRUTH?

THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT?



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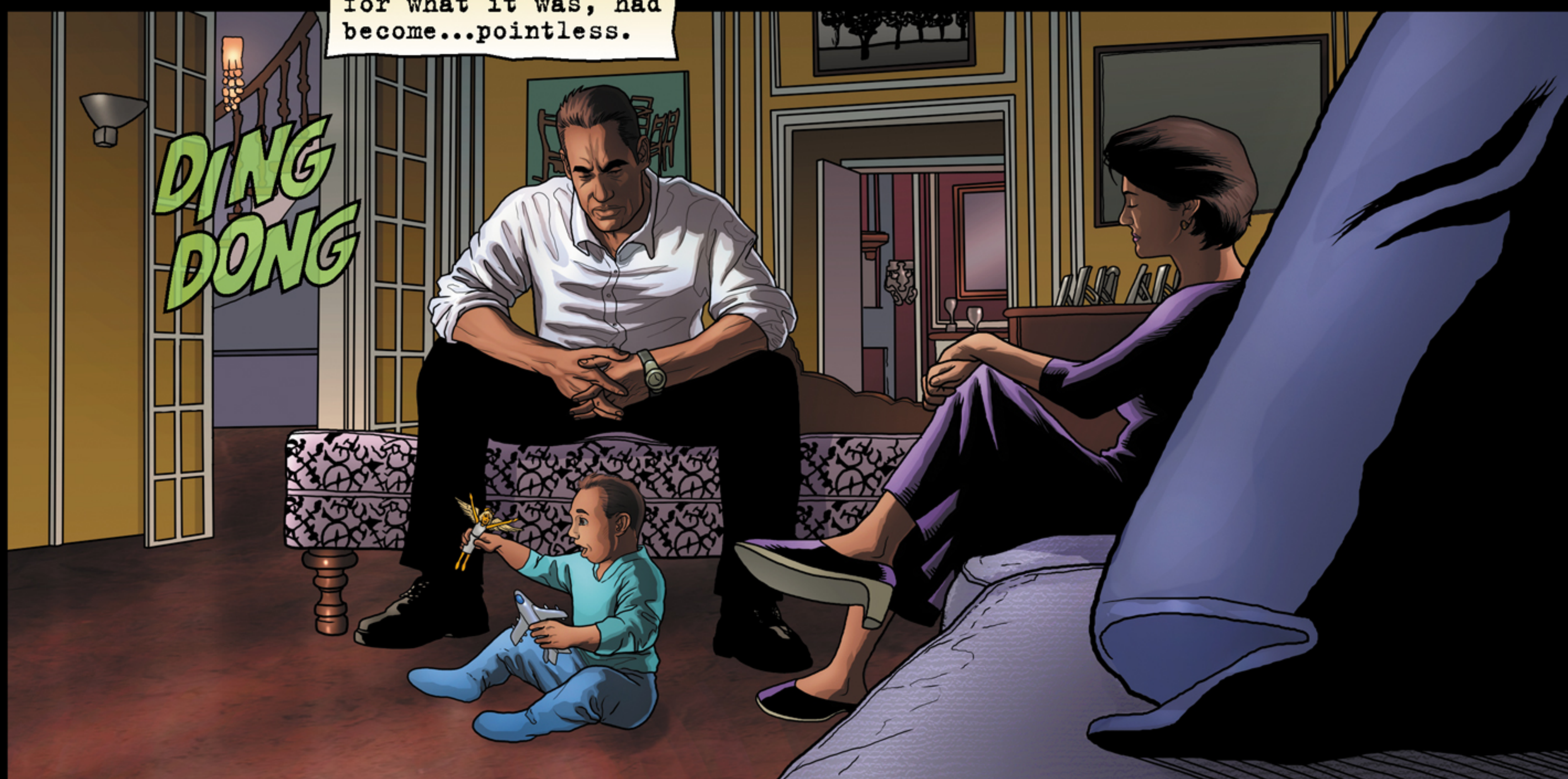
Austin's refusal to admit the truth ended up costing me greatly.

Silenced. Discharged. Ignored. The desire to [REDACTED] destroyed everything I had built for myself in the military.

My life, my family, for what it was, had become...pointless.



**DING  
DONG**



Until Austin showed up at my home. Older and different. With what appeared to be a change of heart.

I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY.







CODENAME "DALLAS" :  
PETRELLI .  
CODENAME "AUSTIN"  
LINDERMAN .

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