



AQUA-GIRL.

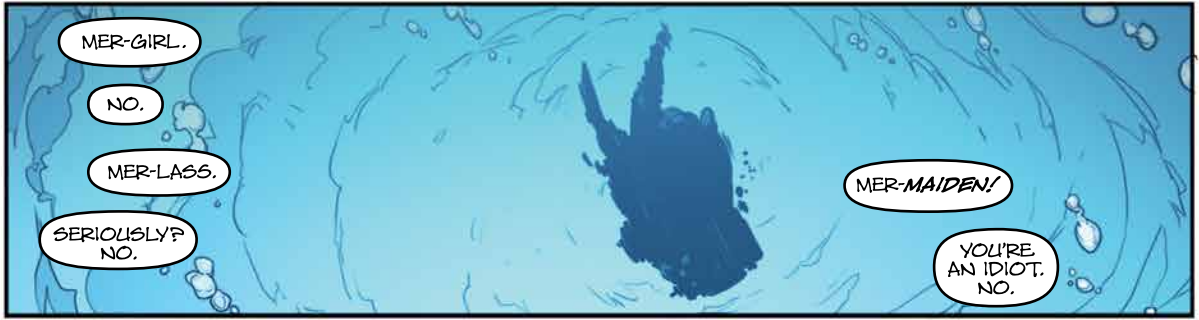
NO.

AQUA-LASS.

NO.

AQUA-MAIDEN.

NO!



MER-GIRL.

NO.

MER-LASS.

SERIOUSLY? NO.

MER-MAIDEN!

YOU'RE AN IDIOT. NO.



IT NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING STRONG. PREDATORY. SOMETHING THAT--

ORCA.

--ISN'T INSULTING EVERY TIME IT'S USED.



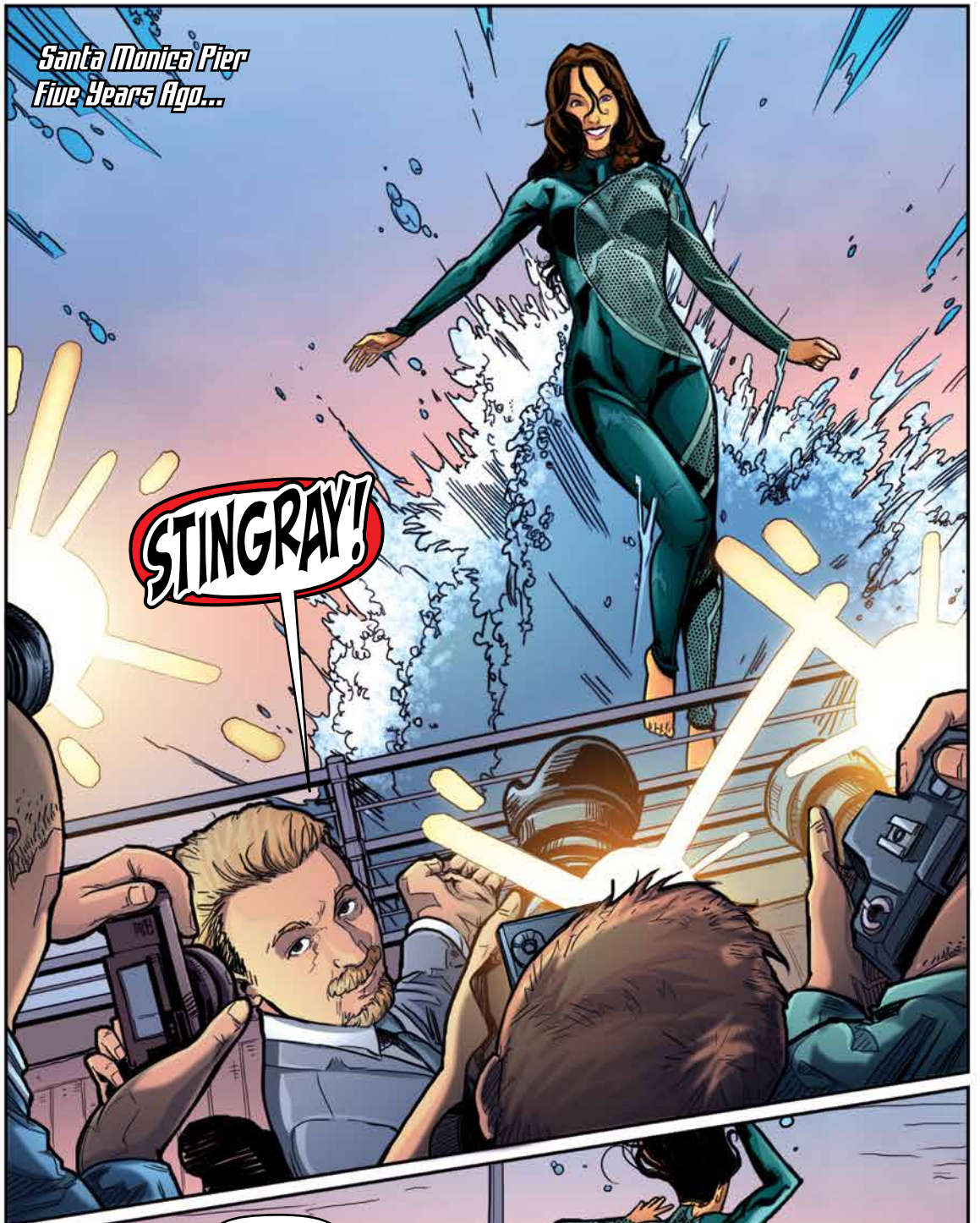
GORILLACUDA! STRONG LIKE A GORILLA, BUT IMPOSING LIKE A BARRACUDA.

THAT IS, PERHAPS, THE **DUMBEST**-- NEVER MIND.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF DEFENDERS --

*Santa Monica Pier
Five Years Ago...*

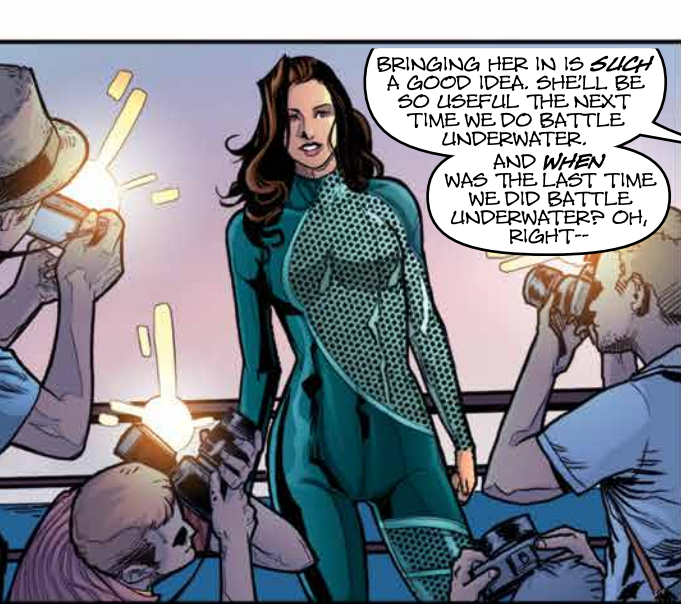
STINGRAY!



MY NAMES WERE BETTER.

WE HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT SHE WILL HELP US CONTINUE TO DO WONDERFUL THINGS FOR THE WORLD.





BRINGING HER IN IS *SUCH* A GOOD IDEA. SHE'LL BE SO USEFUL THE NEXT TIME WE DO BATTLE UNDERWATER. AND *WHEN* WAS THE LAST TIME WE DID BATTLE UNDERWATER? OH, RIGHT--



NEVER. AND I DON'T LIKE HER.



YOU DON'T LIKE *ANYONE*, WHICH IS AN ODD QUALITY FOR A TEAM LEADER TO POSSESS, DON'T YOU THINK?



A SPEEDSTER? YES. THAT GUY FROM CLEVELAND WHO CLAIMS TO BE AN ELEMENTAL? SURE. BUT WHY DO WE NEED A FISH -- AND A CHILD AT THAT?



AH. NOW I UNDERSTAND.



IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

THEN WHAT IS IT LIKE, FRANK?



SHE'S YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE, PERSONABLE, AND CHUNKS OF STUPID DON'T FALL OUT OF HER MOUTH EVERY TIME SHE OPENS IT.



SHE'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF FRESH "FACE" THIS TEAM NEEDS.



SORRY. I FORGOT WHAT THE LEAGUE OF DEFENDERS *TRULY* STANDS FOR: TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE COVER OF *US WEEKLY*.



KNOW WHAT "ZERO" IS, PRINCESS? THE NUMBER OF ENDORSEMENTS YOU'VE TURNED DOWN IN THE PAST YEAR.

