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DANCING IN THE DARK

CAUGHT IN THE HEART OF A GAMMA-BOMB EXPLOSION, DR. BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS HIMSELF TRANSFORMED INTO A POWERFUL, DARK, AND DISTORTED REFLECTION OF HIMSELF.
STAN LEE PRESENTS:

**THE INCREDIBLE
HULK**

NEW YORK
CITY...

BOO.

FOR ONSLAUGHT EVENTS
LEADING UP TO THIS, SEE
UNCANNY X-MEN #356!

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AAAAHH!

DON'T
KILL ME!
DON'T KILL
ME!

SHIT
UP.

YOU'RE
HERE...
WHY?

I'M... I'M
A **MOTORMAN**...
MY SUBWAY'S
STUCK... NO
POWER...

I'M
SCOUTING
AHEAD... TO LEAD
PEOPLE TO
SAFETY...



WHERE'S
THE TRAIN?



LADY,
WILL YOU SHUT
THAT BRAT
UP!

HE'S
SCARED,
AWRIGHT?! HE'S
HUNGRY AND TIRED
AND IT STINKS
IN HERE!

MOMMMY...
I GOTTA GO SO
BAAAAAD!



WHOA!

UNHH!

WE'RE
MOVIN'!



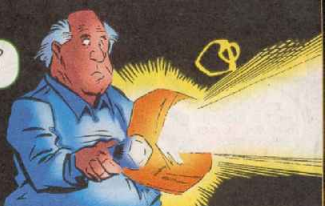
MOMMY!
IS THIS LIKE
THE KING KONG
RIDE AT
LINNEBORG? ARE WE
GONNA SEE A
MONSTER?

NO
MONSTERS,
HONEY.
THAT WAS





IDIOTS. SHOULD
LEAVE THEM TO
ROT.



BUT HE'D LIKE
THAT. ONSLAUGHT
WOULD LOVE TO
SEE SUFFERING
AND PAIN.

THAT'S A SOLID
ENOUGH REASON
TO HELP.



FIRST HE TOOK
OVER MY MIND.
THEN HE TOOK
OVER THIS CITY.



BY HELPING
THESE PEOPLE,
I TAKE BACK A
SMALL PIECE.



AND THAT'S HOW
WE'RE GOING TO
GET HIM.

ONE SMALL
PIECE AT A
TIME.



MOMMY!
I KNEW IT!
THERE WAS A
MONSTER,
MOMMY!

I TOLD
YOU IT WAS
PRETEND.
LET'S GO!

LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT...

LOOK,
I NEED TO
GET A TICKET
FROM L.A. TO
NEW YORK...
FAST!

SIR,
MAYBE YOU
HAVEN'T SEEN THE
NEWS... BUT THERE'RE
NO FLIGHTS INTO
OR OUT OF NEW
YORK. THERE'S A
PROBLEM --

I
KNOW THERE'S
A PROBLEM!
THAT'S WHY I'M
TRYING TO GET
THERE!

HEY...
AIN'T YOU **RICK**
JONES?

NO.

LOOK,
I'VE BEEN TO
TWO OTHER AIRLINES.
SOMEBODY **MUST**
BE RUNNING
FLIGHTS...

A
CHARTER!
WHO DO I
TALK TO ABOUT
CHARTERING A
PLANE?

I
DOUBT ANYONE
WOULD TAKE YOU! IN ANY
EVENT, THE AIRPORTS ARE
CLOSED, YOU COULDN'T LAND.

I COULD
SKYDIVE.

YOU
ARE **RICK JONES!**
CAN I GET YOUR
AUTOGRAPH?


I BEEN
IN L.A. TWO WEEKS!
I GOT AUTOGRAPHS
FROM THOSE "SPACE
CASES" GUY... **WALTER**
JONES AND **RAHI**
AZIZI...

BUT
YOU'RE THE
FIRST TALK
SHOW HOST
I MET.

SIR, TO BE BLUNT...
IT'S **SUICIDE**
HEADING OUT
THERE.

IT'S NOT
THAT! PEOPLE
WHO **MEAN**
SOMETHING TO
ME ARE IN
DANGER!







IT'S NOT ONE OF THE GREAT MOMENTS IN HERO HISTORY.



THEY'VE GONE TO GROUND. FALLEN BACK.




MURMURING, MUTTERING TO EACH OTHER.



FACED WITH HARD TRUTHS ABOUT THEIR LIMITATIONS. FORCED TO RETREAT TO AN UNDER-CONSTRUCTION SUBWAY STATION INSTEAD OF THEIR USUAL FANCY DIGGS.

DOESN'T BOTHER ME.




I'VE HIDDEN IN CAVES... FORESTS... SEWERS. I'M NOT AS PICKY AS THEY ARE.

AND AS FOR LIMITATIONS...

DEVIL TAKE THEM.



AS I PASS BY, CONVERSATION DIES.



THEY STILL SEE ME AS AN ENEMY... NOT A TRUE ALLY.



STOP LOOKIN' AT ME LIKE THAT...
...UNLESS YOU'D PREFER I JOINED THE OTHER SIDE.



HULK... DON'T SWEAT IT.
WE'RE STRONGER WITH YOU THAN WITHOUT.



THAT RIGHT, FALCON?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. THEY KNOW IT... AND SO DO YOU.



WHY YOU COZYING UP TO HIM, FALC'?

BECAUSE... I OWE HIM.



OKAY... WE'VE LICKED OUR WOUNDS LONG ENOUGH. LET'S TAKE THE FIGHT TO HIM.

UNWISE. FOR THE MOMENT, WE HAVE TO TEND TO THE INJURED... PLAN STRATEGY...



ALL OF WHICH HE'LL BE EXPECTING US TO DO. BUT BATTLE'S NINETY PERCENT STATE-OF-MIND. LONGER WE HIDE, MORE CONFIDENT HE BECOMES. BUT IF WE STRIKE --

BEFORE WE'RE READY?

BEFORE HE'S READY.



DOCTOR...

"... AT THIS VERY MOMENT, ONSLAUGHT'S CASTLE CONSUMES SEVERAL SQUARE MILES OF CENTRAL PARK.

"FROM WHAT I'VE GATHERED, IT IS CONTINUING TO GROW. WE HURLED OURSELVES INTO BATTLE AGAINST HIM...

"...AND YOU SEE THE RESULTS.

"I WOULD HAVE TO GUESS THAT IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT ONSLAUGHT ALREADY IS...

"...IT'S READY".



I DON'T GET IT. OWE HIM FOR WHAT?

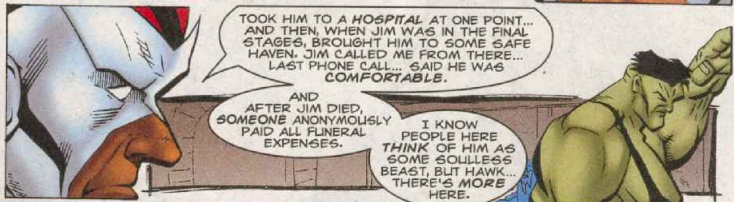
LOOK, YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T HEAR. THE FAMILY KEPT IT UNDER WRAPS 'CAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT A MEDIA CIRCUS...

...BLIT MY NEPHEW, JIM, DIED OF AIDS LAST YEAR.



MY GOD... SAM... I'M SORRY...

POINT IS, THE HULK WAS THERE FOR HIM.



TOOK HIM TO A HOSPITAL AT ONE POINT... AND THEN, WHEN JIM WAS IN THE FINAL STAGES, BROUGHT HIM TO SOME SAFE HAVEN. JIM CALLED ME FROM THERE... LAST PHONE CALL... SAID HE WAS COMFORTABLE.

AND AFTER JIM DIED, SOMEONE ANONYMOUSLY PAID ALL FUNERAL EXPENSES.

I KNOW PEOPLE HERE THINK OF HIM AS SOME SOULLESS BEAST, BLIT HAWK... THERE'S MORE HERE.



DO WHAT YOU FEEL YOU NEED TO, DOCTOR, IF YOU MUST.

I ALWAYS DO.



I'M TAKING A SHOT AT ONSLAUGHT. I'LL BE GOING THROUGH THE TUNNELS UNDER CENTRAL PARK.

ANYONE CARE TO COME?



I'M THERE.

ME TOO.



VISION! YOU'RE HARDLY IN SHAPE TO --

AT ANY MOMENT, CRYSTAL, ONSLAUGHT COULD UNLEASH ANOTHER, EVEN MORE DEVASTATING ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE.



I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION.

I PREFER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE WHILE I'M STILL ABLE.



CAP...
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

I
FEEL IT'S TOO
SOON, AND THIS IS
UNWISE. OF COURSE,
I COULD BE WRONG.

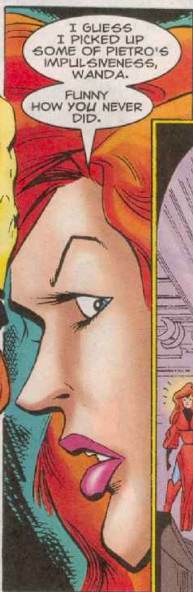


NICE
YOU ADMITTED
THAT.

LET'S GO,
PEOPLE.

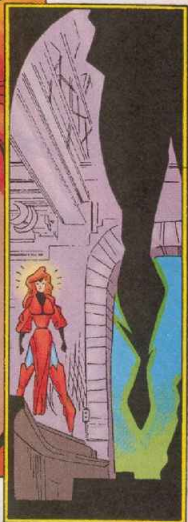


CRYS!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



I GUESS
I PICKED UP
SOME OF PIETRO'S
IMPLICIENESS,
WANDA.

FLINNY
HOW YOU NEVER
DID.



I PERCEIVE ONLY
ONE DRAWBACK
TO YOUR PLAN.



THERE ARE NO
TUNNELS UNDER
CENTRAL PARK.

THE
DAY'S
YOUNG.

SOMEWHERE,
IN A PANTHEON
SAFE HOUSE...

WHERE...

WHERE
AM I? WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

CAREFUL,
YOU'LL YANK
OUT THE I.V.
TUBE.

YOU
WERE BLURNING
UP WITH 104° FEVER
WHEN WE FOUND
YOU. DEHYDRATED,
WITH A KILLER
INFECTION.

A LOT OF
WHAT HAPPENED... IS
FUZZY. WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHO WAS THAT
WALKING LAND MASS
THAT FOUND
ME?

THE
LAND MASS
WAS AJAX. I'M
ATLANTA, AND
THAT PLACE WHERE
WE FOUND YOU
BELONGS TO
US.

WE
HADN'T
USED IT FOR
A WHILE.
WE'VE HAD
SOME...

...SETBACKS...
IN THIS
PART OF THE
WORLD.

BUT
WITH THIS
STUFF GOING
DOWN IN
NEW YORK, WE
THOUGHT IT BEST IF WE
STARTED GATHERING
A U.S. PRESENCE
AGAIN --

WHO'S
"WE"?



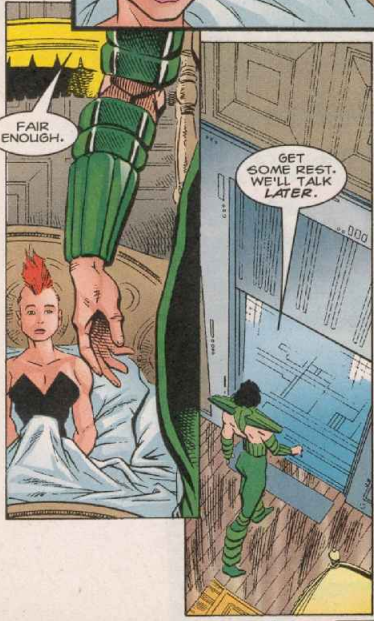
YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW. SO, WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME'S JANIS. A... FRIEND... BROUGHT ME TO THAT PLACE, "SAFE HOUSE," HE CALLED IT.

AND THAT "FRIEND'S" NAME WOULD BE..?



YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW.



FAIR ENOUGH.

GET SOME REST. WE'LL TALK LATER.



YOU THINK DOCTOR BOBBY BROUGHT HER HERE?

IF YOU MEAN THE HULK --

I CERTAINLY DO.

NO DOUBT IN MY MIND, PARIS. NONE AT ALL.



IT WOULD
APPEAR THE
HULK'S
BEARINGS
ARE CORRECT.



HIS SENSE OF
DIRECTION
BORDERS ON THE
SUPERNATURAL.



YO!
MUSCLES!
WATCH THE
FLYING DEBRIS,
WOULD'JA?

CRYSTAL,
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

THE
WALLS OF
EARTH AROUND US
ARE FAIRLY WEAK. THE
"EARTH" PART OF MY
ELEMENTAL POWERS
DOES MORE THAN
JUST CAUSE
QUAKES.

I CAN
ALSO PREVENT
CAVE-INS.



DARNED
GOOD
PLAN.

HULK... AT
PRESENT
HEADING,
YOU SHOULD
BE UNDER
THE --



ARRH!

ONSLAUGHT'S
ON TO US!

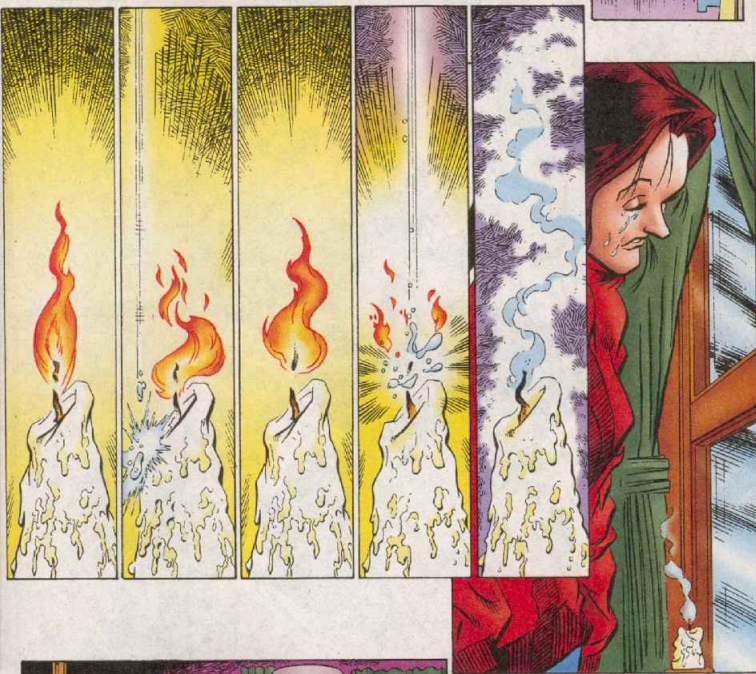


I PUSH HIM OUT
OF MY HEAD...
PUSH MY WAY
UPWARD.

SUNVILLE, FLORIDA. HOME OF BETTY BANNER...

REPORTS ARE SCATTERED AND CONFUSED, ALTHOUGH THE HEROES APPEAR TO HAVE FALLEN BACK TO PLAN FURTHER STRATEGY.

THE HULK, BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED BOTH TO NICK FLURY AND TO THE MYSTERIOUS "MAESTRO" ALLEGEDLY KILLED SEVERAL MONTHS BACK, HAS SURFACED TO ALLY HIMSELF --



THANK YOU... I KNEW HE WAS ALIVE... I JUST KNEW IT...



I WAS RIGHT.
I KNEW IT. I
CAN FEEL IT.

HIS MENTAL ASSAULT IS
WEAKER THAN BEFORE.
HIS DISPOSING OF US
EARLIER WASN'T SOME
CASUAL DISPLAY OF HIS
POWER. IT TOOK A LOT
OUT OF HIM.

AND EVEN AS HE
BATTERS ME NOW,
HE'S STILL NOT UP
TO SNUFF, WHICH
MEANS WE CAN...

**TAKE
HIM!**



HE'S
TOOK!

ONHHH!

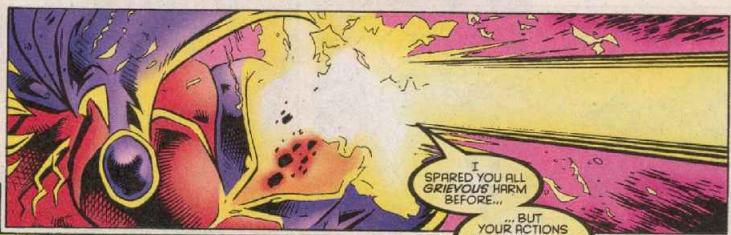
A DISPARATE GROUP SUCH AS YOU... DEFEAT ME!

IN YOUR DREAMS, I FEAR!

DREAMS, I THINK NOT. BUT I PERCEIVE YOUR FEAR IS GENUINE.

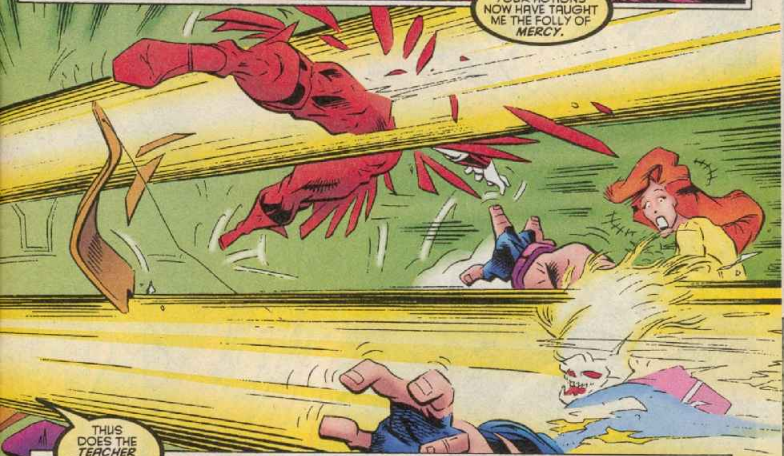
YOU PERCEIVE WRONGLY.





I SPARED YOU ALL
GRIEVOUS' HARM
BEFORE...

... BUT
YOUR ACTIONS
NOW HAVE TAUGHT
ME THE FOLLY OF
MERCY.



THUS
DOES THE
TEACHER
BECOME THE
PUPIL.

I
AM MOST
APPRECIATIVE
OF THE LESSON...
AND IT IS ONE
I SHALL NOT
FORGET.



AND
HERE'S ANOTHER
UNFORGETTABLE
LESSON.



THE
LESSON THAT
YOU CAN'T
OUTTHINK THE
HULK...

...OR
OUTFIGHT THE
HULK...

...OR
BEAT THE
HULK!

NO ONE
CAN!




I
DID
IT.



I
DID
IT!

THEY
SNERLED AT
ME OR TURNED
AWAY FROM ME...
LEFT ME ON MY
OWN!

BUT
I DID WHAT
THEY COULDN'T,
AND I'LL MAKE
THEM CHOKE
ON THAT!



THE OTHERS ARE CRIPPLED OR DEAD... BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER... AT LEAST...

AT LEAST YOU "GOT" ME, RIGHT, HULK?

THAT'S RI--

Eh?

HOW COMFORTING TO KNOW JUST HOW IMPORTANT YOUR "ALLIES" ARE TO YOU, I'M SURE THEY FIND IT A REVELATION AS WELL.

ONSLAUGHT... IN MY HEAD... HE'S...

EVERYWHERE, YES, THAT WAS JUST ONE SCENARIO, HULK, THERE'S MANY MORE I CAN AND WILL PROVIDE, AND EVERY TIME YOU THINK YOU'VE TRIUMPHED...



... YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF BACK WHERE YOU STARTED, AND EVERY TIME YOU DIE, YOU'LL WONDER IF THIS IS THE TRUE DEATH...

... OR IF NEW AGONIES AWAIT YOU.

COME TO ME, THEN, HULK... FOR ALL THE GOOD IT WILL DO YOU.





RICK, YOU PROMISED YOU'D PUT HEROICS BEHIND YOU...

I KNOW, BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT, MAR'. THIS ISN'T SOME TWO-BIT VILLAIN KNOCKING OVER A BANK.

THIS IS MAJOR! I SHOULD BE THERE SO I CAN --

GET KILLED?



HASN'T HAPPENED YET.

IT ONLY TAKES ONCE.

SOMETIMES MORE.

Huh?

NEVER MIND.

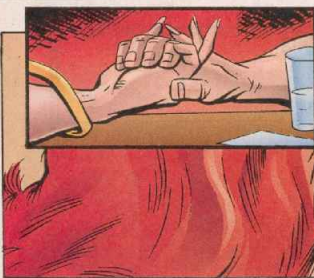


THE POINT IS, I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TO PEOPLE I KNEW BEFORE YOU AND I MET! YOU MATTER TO ME... BUT SO DO THEY!



RICK, IF YOU WENT... YOU'D BE ONE OF DOZENS. TO ME, YOU'RE ONE IN A MILLION.

RICK, I WANT TO HAVE A FAMILY AND FUTURE WITH YOU. DOESN'T ANY OF THAT MATTER?



SO... YOU'LL STAY WITH ME?

SURE.

'SPECIALLY SINCE I COULDN'T GET A FREAKIN' PLANE OUT THERE.



SO IF WE CAN MAKE HIM FIGHT THIS WAR ON MULTIPLE FRONTS, WE...

DOCTOR! THAT WAS FASTER THAN I'D HAVE THOUGHT. WELL?



I HAVEN'T DISMISSED THE NOTION OF MY TAKING ON ONSLAUGHT DIRECTLY...

...BUT I'VE CONCLUDED THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT MOMENT.



DOCTOR, IT'S DECISIONS SUCH AS THIS THAT WILL HELP YOU EARN THE CONFIDENCE OF OTHERS.



Oh, I'M SURE THEY'D TRUST ME WITH THEIR LIVES.

WHAT'S NEXT?
IN TWO WEEKS:
THE ULTIMATE
ONSLAUGHT
CHECK OUT...

MARVEL
ONSLAUGHT
UNIVERSE

AND BE HERE IN
THIRTY FOR:

AFTERMATH!