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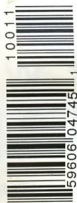
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Bruce Banner has long viewed his alter ego, the Incredible Hulk, as a monster. So when he saw the chance to use Hulk's strength for good, Banner accepted a mission from S.H.I.E.L.D. (Strategic Hazard Intervention Espionage Logistics Directorate) to destroy a dangerous rogue satellite. But when the mission was complete, a group of Marvel heroes, including Reed Richards, Iron Man, Dr. Strange and Black Bolt (members of the mysterious Illuminati), exiled Hulk from the Earth, sending his shuttle towards an idyllic, uninhabited planet where he would pose no threat to himself or others.

But the shuttle flew off-course, passing through a wormhole that deposited Hulk on the savage planet of Sakaar. Weakened by his trip through the portal, Hulk was sold into slavery and sent to the Great Arena to die in gladiatorial battle. But he survived along with a ragtag group of battle-tested survivors. Facing horrific monsters and enemies, Hulk and his crew took an oath — they became Warbound to each other, no matter what might come. Over time, the Hulk's legend grew, leading some to believe that he is the Sakaarson, the prophesized savior of the planet.

Miek, still bent on revenge for the horrors done to him and his fellow Natives, and now transformed into a giant Native King, attacked Hulk to prevent him from abandoning their group. Enraged, the Hulk swung his fist to smash Miek — but Korg stepped in to take the blow and stop the fight. The team then split in two, with Hulk, apparently accepting his savage destiny, traveling with Miek and Elloe to fight the Emperor's forces while Korg and Hiroim led the refugees into the Steppes to escape.

The Emperor ordered Caiera the Oldstrong to kill Hulk, but their final confrontation was interrupted by the arrival of the Spikes, infectious creatures that violently bond with organic beings, also sent by the Emperor to destroy Hulk's army. Meanwhile, Miek discovered and rescued one of the last Native Queens, imprisoned by farmers who had enslaved her and sold her eggs. After the Emperor proved his infamy by incinerating the civilians she was trying to save from the Spikes, Caiera became Warbound with Hulk. Now the ragtag alliance of rebels, monsters, and gladiators flees from the ever-growing mass of Spikes — and plans the next step for taking the fight back to the Emperor...



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KORG



BROOD



HIROIM



ELLOE



MIEK



CAIERA

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THE GREEN SCAR FELL FROM THE SKY.



WEAKENED BY HIS JOURNEY, HE BLEED WHEN THEY CUT HIM.

AND SO THEY SLAYED HIM. SOLD HIM.



...SENT HIM TO DIE FIGHTING THE RED KING'S MONSTERS IN THE SANDS OF DEATH.

BUT WHAT DO YOU KNOW?



HE WAS A BIGGER MONSTER THAN ANY OF THEM.



GRRROW!

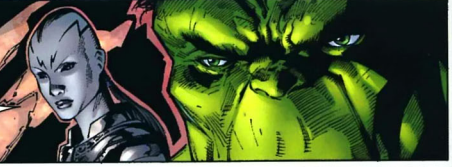
HE PULLED THE REST OF US MONSTERS TOGETHER, AND WE FOUGHT. WE SURVIVED.

WE WON OUR FREEDOM.

YAAAAAHHHH!

TELL IT AGAIN!
YEAH! RRRROW!

GREEN SCAR. IT'S TIME.





LET'S MOVE!

IT'S JUST AS WE THOUGHT, THE IMPERIAL FORCES ARE BOMBING FROM THE WEST, DRIVING THE SPIKES TOWARD US.

COME ON, MIEK.



HER BLEEDING ALMOST STOPPING. ONE MORE HOUR, TWO-HANDS.

NO.



THIS THE QUEEN, TWO-HANDS. THE LAST QUEEN. THE SPIKES TRIED INFECTING HER, BUT WE SAVING HER. NOW WE NOT MOVING.



THEN WE'LL BURN YOU WHERE YOU STAND.

NO ONE STAYS BEHIND. BECAUSE EVERYONE THE SPIKES CATCH BECOMES ANOTHER MONSTER TRYING TO KILL US.

WE CAN'T ALLOW THAT, OR THE WHOLE PLANET WILL DIE.



DON'T YOU HEARING? SHE'S THE LAST QUEEN. WITHOUT HER, MIEK'S PEOPLE ALREADY DEAD.

THUNDER



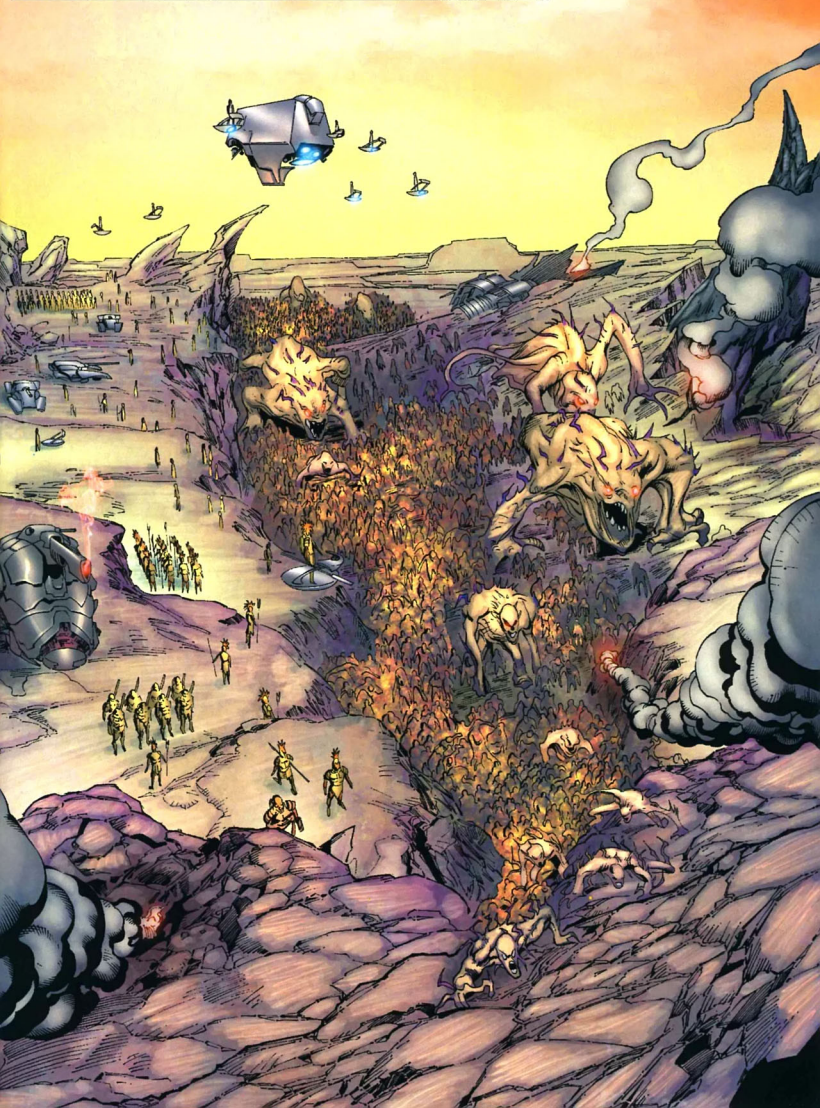
SSSSILLY CHILDREN. NO FIGHTING EACH OTHER, NOW...

...NOT WHEN THEY'RE NEARLY--



BRRZZAAAAAT!

IT'S THE IMPERIALS!





SOLDIERS OF THE EMPIRE! I AM CAIBRA THE OLDSTRONG! WHEN I WAS THE EMPEROR'S SHADOW, YOU SERVED ME WELL! NOW LISTEN TO MY WORDS!



WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMY. THE SPIKES ARE. EVERY SECOND YOU LET THEM LIVE, THEY--

WE SERVE THE EMPEROR! AND THE EMPEROR COMMANDS THIS!



DRIVE THE SPIKES FORWARD! AND DO NOT REST UNTIL EVERY REBEL'S DEAD!

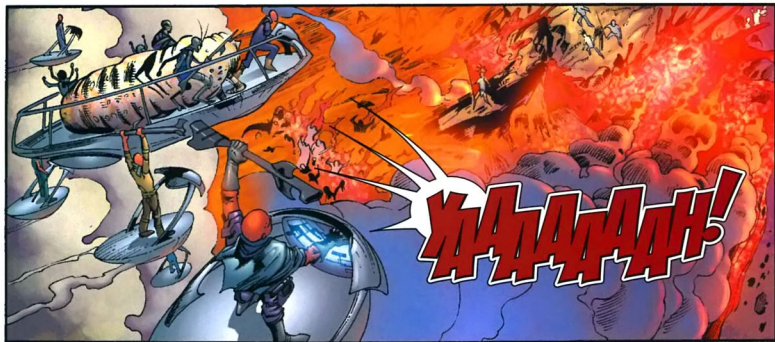


THAT TEARS IT.

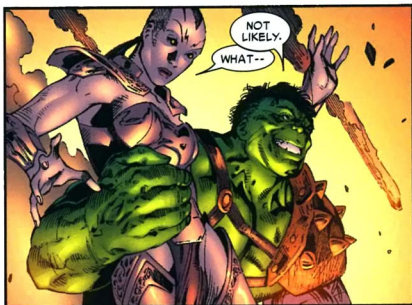




...SPIKES DONT SURF.









LOOK AT TWO-HANDS, KORG!

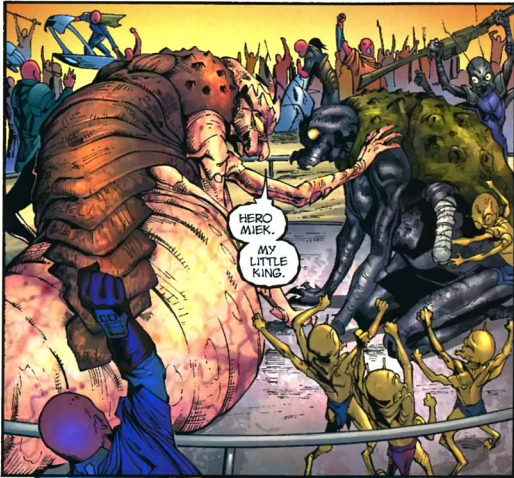
HEH.



IT'LL BE TOUGH FOR HIM TO TOP THAT ON THE SECOND DATE.

WHAT'S A "DATE"?

ONE HOUR LATER AND SEVEN STONESTEPS SOUTH...



HERO MIEK.
MY LITTLE KING.



THREE MORE SPIKE SHIPS HAVE LANDED AND RELEASED THEIR SPORES. NORTH, EAST AND WEST.



THE IMPERIALS ARE DRIVING THEM THROUGH THE FORESTS AND THE VILLAGES. BUILDING THEIR STRENGTH AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TOWARDS US.



THEY WON'T STOP UNTIL THEY KILL EVERYTHING.

I DON'T GET IT. WHY DON'T THEY JUST BOMB US? WHY USE THE SPIKES?



THIS IS STUPID. THE REFUGEES ARE SAFE NOW. I'M GONNA GO STOP THIS.

HULK, I KNOW YOU'RE GETTING STRONGER, BUT EVEN YOU CAN'T TAKE ON THE ENTIRE EMPIRE BY YOURSELF.

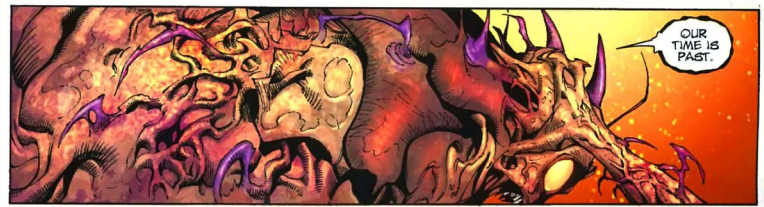
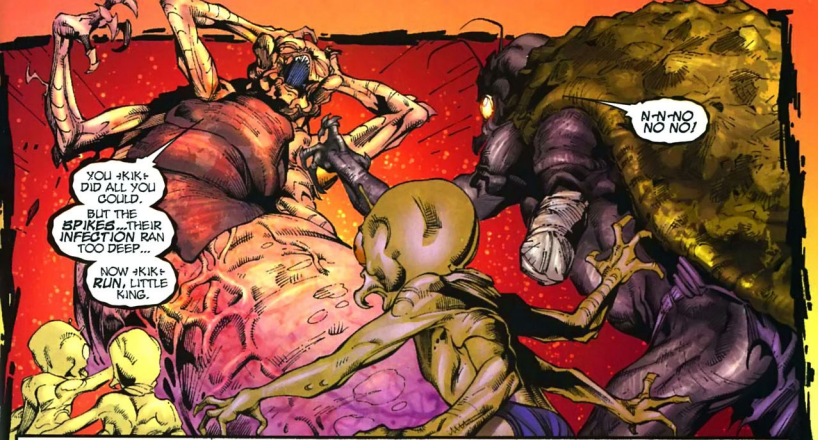
YOU DON'T GET IT, KORG. I'M MAD.

BECAUSE THEY KNOW BOMBS WON'T KILL THE GREEN SCAR.



AND THE MADDER I GET, THE STRONGER I--

NOOOOO!





GET BACK!

NO!



SHE'S MY QUEEN!

SHE'S INFECTED!

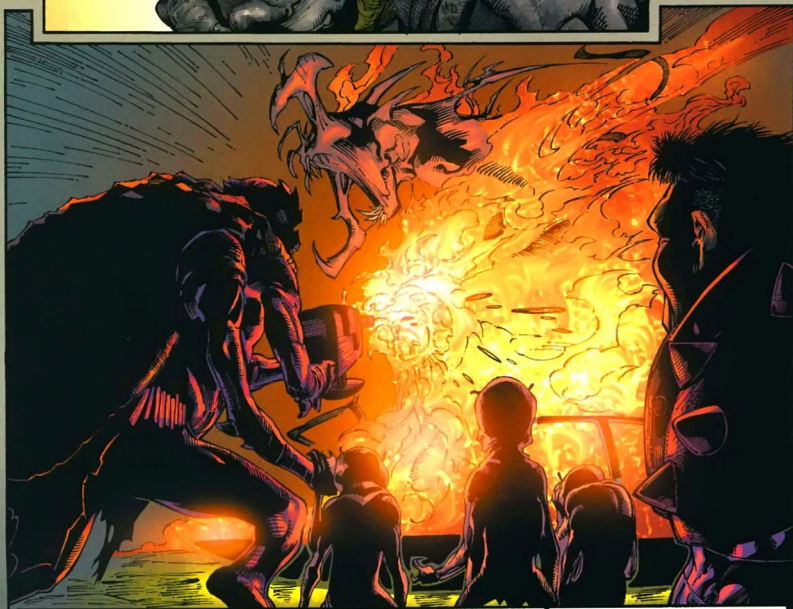


AND YOU NOT KILLING HER.



YOU STUPID LITTLE--







OLDSTRONG, THE TIME HAS COME. WE MUST GO TO OUR PEOPLE, CALL ON THE SHADOW ELDERS.

IT'S USELESS, HIROM. WE'RE OATHBREAKERS. ANATHEMA.

NO. THEY WILL LISTEN. AND THEY WILL HELP.



BECAUSE OF HIM.

FORGET IT. I DON'T NEED YOUR CRUMMY--

EVEN YOU CANNOT DO THIS ALONE. YOU MUST COME.

WHEREVER HE GOES, THE SPIKES FOLLOW. DO YOU WANT TO WIPE OUT YOUR OWN PEOPLE, HIROM?



THE SPIKES WILL REACH THEM REGARDLESS.

HE MUST COME.

BECAUSE THE SHADOW ELDERS WILL ONLY JOIN THIS FIGHT IF THEY BELIEVE.

BELIEVE WHAT?

THEIR BLASPHEMOUS FOLLY. THAT HE IS THE ONE THEY HAVE BEEN CALLING.

THAT HE IS THE HEALER, THE SAVIOR...

...THE SAKAARSON.



HMPF.

HULK NOT THE SAKAARSON.



SAKAARSON IS MIER.





MIEK. LET THE LITTLE ONES STAY BEHIND.

NO. WE STAYING WITH MIEK.

FIGHTING FOR THE HIVE.

FOR THE HIVE!



... WHAT. I KNOW HOW THIS ENDS.



I'M MADE OF STONE. I'LL BE HERE LONG AFTER ALL OF YOU ARE DEAD AND BURIED.

SO I SHOULD JUST STOP CARING. BUT...

JUST SAY IT.

I LOOK INTO THE EYES OF THOSE HIVELINGS...



"...AND I FEAR WE'VE ALREADY FAILED.

"THEY ONLY KNOW HATE, GREENSKIN.

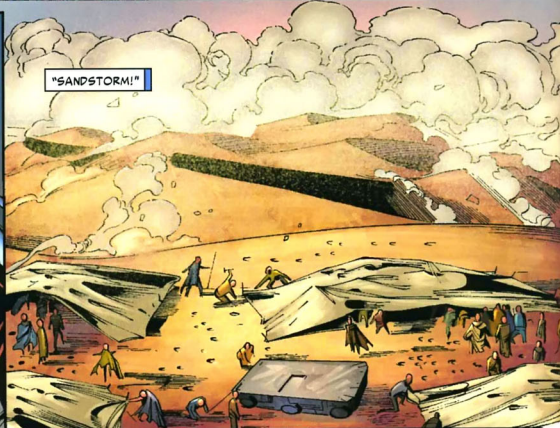


"BRING THEM BACK SOME HOPE."



EVERYBODY DOWN. UNDER THE TARPS.

WHAT--



"SANDSTORM!"

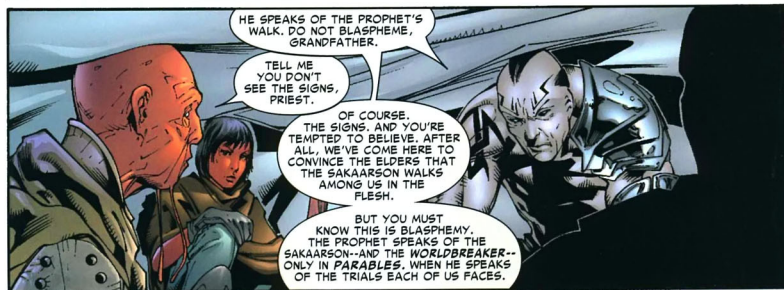


"ON THE FIRST DAY CAME FIRE..."



"...ON THE SECOND DAY, WIND."

WHAT'S THAT?



HE SPEAKS OF THE PROPHET'S WALK. DO NOT BLASPHEME, GRANDFATHER.

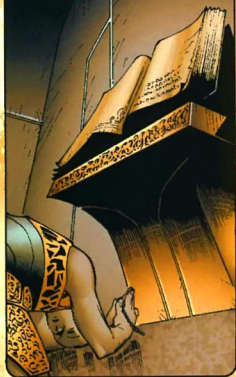
TELL ME YOU DON'T SEE THE SIGNS, PRIEST.

OF COURSE. THE SIGNS. AND YOU'RE TEMPTED TO BELIEVE. AFTER ALL, WE'VE COME HERE TO CONVINCHE THE ELDRS THAT THE SAKAARSON WALKS AMONG US IN THE FLESH.

BUT YOU MUST KNOW THIS IS BLASPHEMY. THE PROPHET SPEAKS OF THE SAKAARSON--AND THE WORLDBREAKER-- ONLY IN PARABLES. WHEN HE SPEAKS OF THE TRIALS EACH OF US FACES.

"I WAS BORN IN
A SAKA TEMPLE,
RAISED TO
BECOME A PRIEST.

"THE PROPHET'S
WORDS FILLED
ME FROM THE
DAY MY EYES
AND EARS
FIRST OPENED.

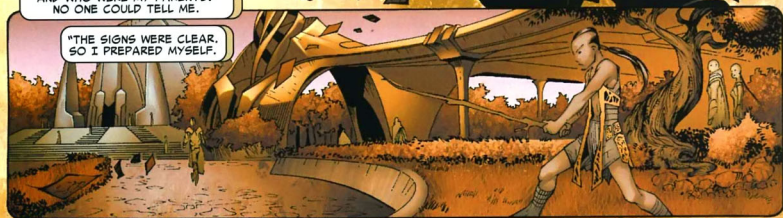


"BUT WHEN I WAS
A CHILD, I READ
AS YOU READ.
I DREAMED OF
THE HERO, THE
SAVIOR, THE
SON OF SAKAAR,
COME TO US IN
FLESH AND BLOOD.



"EVEN WORSE, I DREAMED
THAT I MIGHT BE HE, FOR THE
HERO COMES TO US FROM BEYOND,
AND WHO WERE MY PARENTS?
NO ONE COULD TELL ME.

"THE SIGNS WERE CLEAR.
SO I PREPARED MYSELF.



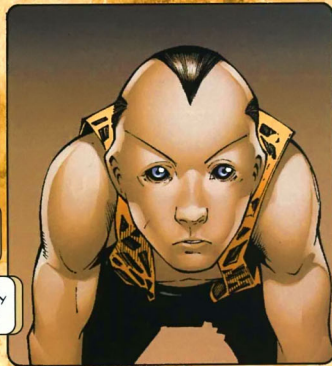
"I WOULD
NEVER LIE.

"NOR CHEAT.
NOR STEAL.

"NOR PROFANE THE
CREATOR'S GREAT
WORKS NOR
THE PURITY OF
MY OWN BODY.

"I WOULD GIVE UP ALL
MY OWN DESIRES TO
BECOME THE VESSEL
OF LIFE INCARNATE.

"AND THEN THE
DAY CAME FOR MY
INITIATION INTO
PRIESTHOOD...





"THE PRIESTS
FLOGGED ME.

"BLACK BLOOD
RAN DOWN MY
BACK AND LEGS.

"BUT I
STOOD
SILENT.

"I KNEW THE
PEACE OF
THE PROPHET.



"THE ACIDS
SCARRED ME.

"I SMELLED
MY OWN
BURNING
FLESH.

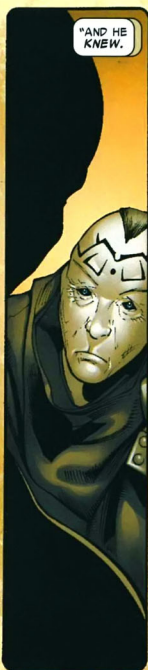
"BUT I
STOOD
SILENT.

"I KNEW THE
PEACE OF
THE PROPHET.



"AND THEN MY
MASTER SAT
BEFORE ME.

"AND STARED
INTO MY EYES.



"AND HE
KNEW.



"I TORE AWAY, KNOCKED
MY MASTER TO THE GROUND.
AND SO I EARNED MY NAME:

"HIROIM THE
SHAMED.

"FOR THE PROPHET
ENTREATS US
TO BE LIKE THE
SAKAARSON.

"BUT TO DREAM,
AS I DID,
OF ACTUALLY
BEING HIM?"

