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HULK®



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While trying to save the life of an innocent, Doctor Bruce Banner was caught in the blast of a gamma bomb and became

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

...a rampaging monster with near-limitless power.

Fearing the threat he posed to humanity, Earth's most powerful heroes shot Hulk into space.

Landing on a faraway planet, Hulk became an Emperor and fell in love.

But the shuttle that sent Hulk away from Earth exploded, killing millions of people, including Hulk's pregnant queen.

Filled with rage, Hulk and his Warbound warriors have arrived on Earth, to bring revenge upon those he holds responsible for destroying his world...

Meanwhile, Amadeus Cho has been feverishly recruiting heroes sympathetic to the Hulk:



AMADEUS CHO



HERCULES



ANGEL



NAMORA

As boy genius Cho and his Renegades attempt to quell Hulk's rage, two of Hulk's most loyal allies go unnoticed...

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WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP.

THEY'RE
ALL HERE TO
HELP.

SO AFTER A YEAR ON AN
ALIEN PLANET, THE HULK'S
COME BACK TO EARTH
WITH AN ARMY OF ALIENS
TO SMASH THE PUNY
HUMANS WHO EXILED HIM.



WILL
YOU LET
US?

...AND THESE
MORONS THINK
HE'S GONNA BE
THEIR FRIEND?

...STUPID
HUMANS.

DON'T THEY
KNOW?

LOOK AT THAT
KID. CAN'T BE MORE
THAN SIXTEEN. SO
EAGER. SO HOPEFUL.

HE'LL
LEARN SOON
ENOUGH...





...JUST
LIKE I
DID.

I'M MIEK, THE
UNHIVED, THE
HULK'S FIRST
FRIEND FROM
PLANET SAKAAR...



I'M
RICK JONES,
THE HULK'S FIRST
FRIEND ON
PLANET EARTH...



...AND I FIGURE
I'VE GOT ABOUT TEN
SECONDS TO GET
DOWN THERE
BEFORE--



NUTS.



SAW IT COMING.

AND HERE I AM, ANYWAY...

...KNOCKED INTO A DITCH.



...JUST LIKE THAT VERY FIRST DAY.

CRAZY TWO-HANDS, ALWAYS TEARING THINGS UP.



FIRST THING HE EVER DID TO ME WAS SHOVE ME.



NOTHING HAD EVER HIT ME HARDER.



BUT HE
WASN'T TRYING
TO HURT ME

...HE WAS
SAVING
MY LIFE.

KIND OF A
SURPRISE.

...CAUSE NO ONE
EVER CARED
THAT MUCH ABOUT
ME BEFORE

TEMPEST TOWN
HOME FOR TROUBLED
TEENAGERS



I WAS AN
ORPHAN IN
A CAGE.



WHEN I TRIED
TO STAND
UP, THEY BEAT
ME DOWN.



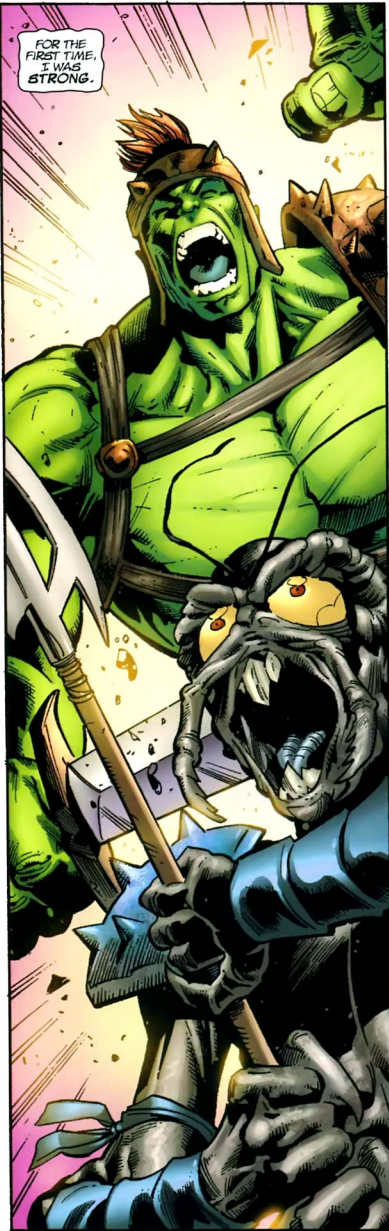
AND WHY
NOT?

LOOK AT
ME, WHO WAS
WEAKER?

WHAT COULD
I DO TO
STOP THEM?







FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS STRONG.



FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS FREE...

**BAM!
BAM!
BAM!**

...FOR ABOUT TEN SECONDS.

AND THEN I REALIZED I WAS MORE TRAPPED THAN EVER.

**BAM!
BAM!
BAM!**

I WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, AND BRUCE BANNER HAD MADE ME RESPONSIBLE FOR RESTRAINING THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE ON THE PLANET.

AND I DID IT, BECAUSE HE WAS MY ONLY FRIEND.

GRRRAAAAA!

**BAM!
BAM!
BAM!**

DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT IT'S ALWAYS THE FRIENDS WHO GETCHA THE WORST.

AND THEN EVERYTHING REALLY WENT TO HELL.



I ALWAYS KNEW THE HULK WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.

MISUNDERSTOOD... HATED AND FEARED.

BUT HE ALWAYS ENDED UP FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT SIDE...



...EXCEPT FOR ALL THOSE TIMES HE DIDN'T.

WHEN I SAW CAPTAIN AMERICA, I SAW A REAL HERO.



BUT WHEN I TRIED TO STOP THE HULK--



--HE NEARLY KILLED ME.



NNNNH...

FEELS LIKE OLD TIMES.

RICK TO SELF:

FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE, THINK THIS THROUGH.

TAKE A MINUTE TO REMEMBER WHAT HE'S DONE TO YOU...

HE HIT YOU
TWICE THE
FIRST DAY YOU
MET HIM.

TRIED TO
CRUSH YOU
TWO DAYS
LATER.

EVEN
BROKE YOUR
DAMN BACK

YOU KEEP
THIS UP, AND YOU
KNOW IN YOUR HEART
OF HEARTS THAT
YOU'RE GONNA
END UP DEAD

SELF TO
RICK:

SHUT
THE HELL
UP.



I'M HIS FRIEND...

...HIS ONLY FRIEND...

...HE NEEDS ME...



...AND I'M GONNA BE THERE...



...THE WAY I ALWAYS AM...



...NO MATTER WHAT.

DON'T WORRY, TWO-HANDS.

MIEK IS COMING.

BECAUSE YOU NEED ME.

BECAUSE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU START TO THINK THAT MAYBE IT'S TIME TO STOP.

THAT ALL YOU WANT IS TO BE LEFT ALONE.

BUT EVERY TIME YOU ALMOST GAVE UP...

...MIEK WAS THERE...

...REMINDED YOU WHO YOU ARE.

THE HUMANS' SHUTTLE *KIKIKIKI* KILLED CROWN CITY...

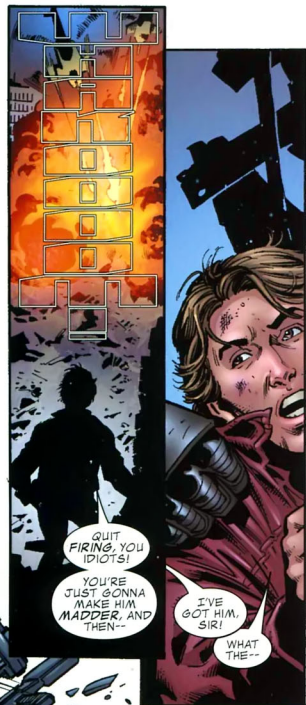
...KILLED YOUR QUEEN AND CHILD...

...AND YOU JUST WANTED TO DIE.

BUT MIEK REMINDED YOU...



... YOU WERE
MADE FOR
VENGEANCE.



QUIT FIRING, YOU IDIOTS!

YOU'RE JUST GONNA MAKE HIM Madder, AND THEN--

I'VE GOT HIM, SIR!

WHAT THE--



THAT'S RICK JONES, ALL RIGHT.

LEMME GO! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE HULK!

RELAX, ROCK STAR. THAT'S WHERE WE'RE TAKING YOU.

WHAT?!



SHIELD COMMAND SEEMS TO THINK YOU MIGHT BE OUR ACE IN THE HOLE.

YOU'VE CALMED THE HULK DOWN IN THE PAST. YOU'RE GONNA GET THE CHANCE TO TRY AGAIN.



AGH!

OR NOT.

UFF!



NNGH...

LEGGO, YA STUPID BUG! I'M TRYING TO HELP THE HULK!

YOU'RE TRYING TO STOP HIM.



BUT HE HAS TO STOP! OR SOMEONE'S REALLY GONNA GET HURT!

STUPID HUMAN.

THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA.



FINE.



WE'LL DO IT YOUR WAY.

HEH. THOSE PUNY HUMAN GUNS CAN'T CRACK MY SHELL.

NOT AIMING FOR YOUR SHELL.

WAAKOOORRRRUMMBLE



OH, *KIK*

BLAM!



GRAA--!

WHOOOPS...

DROP THE GUN, HUMAN...



...OR I'LL
RIP YOUR
FRIEND IN
HALF.

W-WAIT,
B-BROTHER MUNG,
THE SHADOW PRIEST
TOLD US--WE'RE ONLY
K-KILLING THE FOUR
WHO DESTROYED
CROWN CITY.

THESE
WE CAN G-OUT
A LITTLE, BUT
NOT--



GAH!

Subliminal



DID WE
FOLLOW
THE PRIEST
HERE?

OR DID WE
FOLLOW THE
HULK?

THE...THE
HULK.

AND
WHAT DID
THE HULK
TELL US?




N-NEVER...

NEVER...

...NEVER
STOP MAKING
THEM PAY.







...TO TAKE THE
WHOLE WORLD
DOWN WITH US.

"THAT'S THE
LESSON OF
THE HULK."





FINE,
YOU HELP
HIM YOUR
WAY.

I'LL
HELP HIM
MINE.

AND GOD
HELP US IF
I CAN'T.

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