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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

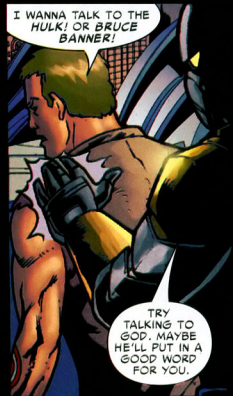
...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

HOUSE OF M

Bruce Banner has a secret side that hides behind his unassuming exterior. In times of stress and rage he transforms into something more than human: a hulking monster capable of incredible mayhem and destruction, putting those close to him in certain danger.

Following years of self-exile, he seeks to repress his inner ferocity so he might no longer live as a monster, but simply as a man. After finally finding peace among a tribe of Aborigines called the True People, Bruce is forced to intervene when invading mutant soldiers under the leadership of the fascist ruler Exodus attack a nearby A.I.M. refugee camp. To deliver his tribe from danger, Hulk helps to thwart the mutant attack, teaming with A.I.M. to stand against Exodus's oppressive mutant rule.

Bruce, seeking a civilized resolution, arranges a meeting with Exodus to discuss peace. Soon after their arrival, Exodus attacks and Banner's rage consumes him! The Hulk takes down Exodus—making him a hero to the freed Australians! Now Banner is put into a position of power, and with scientist Monica Rappaccini, her daughter Scorpion and the rest of A.I.M. behind him, he hopes to be a fair and just leader...



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**HULK
SMASH PUNY
PAPERWORK!!!!**



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OH, THAT'S FUNNY.
IT'S NOT. WHAT IF IT HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

YOU MEAN IF YOU'D ACTUALLY "HULKED OUT" OVER EXCESS PAPERWORK?

I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT ABOUT DOING IT.



MY IMPRESSION IS THAT YOU DIDN'T "THINK" ABOUT IT. IT JUST HAPPENS.

IT'S... COMPLICATED. THERE'S GRAY AREAS.

GREEN ONES, TOO.



IT'S NOT A JOKE!
THE POWER I...

...IF I LOSE CONTROL, EVEN OVER SOMETHING IMBECILIC LIKE PAPERWORK OR A STUBBED TOE OR...



I GET IT.

IT'S JUST...IT'S NOT A JOKE.

I SAID I GET IT.

DO YOU?



YES.

BECAUSE IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU--







DIME PROP YET?



"NICKY." UH-HUH.

SHORT FOR "NICOLE"...



EXCEPT WHEN IT'S SHORT FOR...

"MONICA."

KA-CHING.

IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, I'VE GOTTEN OVER YOU NOT CALLING THE FOLLOWING WEEK... OR EVER.



MONICA, I'M...I'M SO SORRY...

IT'S OKAY.

COLLEGE WAS A VERY DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR ME...OF COURSE, SO WAS HIGH SCHOOL...

ACTUALLY, ADULTHOOD HASN'T BEEN A CAKEWALK EITHER.



BRUCE...I SAID IT'S OKAY.

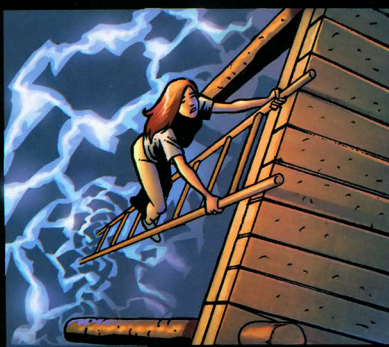
I MEAN... SERIOUSLY! WE'RE RUNNING AUSTRALIA! WE'VE TURNED IT INTO A REFUGE FOR ANY HUMAN WHO FEELS THEIR RESPECTIVE MUTANT GOVERNMENTS ARE GIVING THEM SHORT SHRIFT!

WE'RE PROCESSING APPLICATIONS, ADJUDICATING OVER DISPUTES, WORKING OUR BUTTS OFF...

...AND, BY THE WAY, HAVING A LITTLE FUN ON THE SIDE...



DOESN'T WORRYING ABOUT THE PAST SEEM...A WASTE OF ENERGY?





DIDN'T KNOW THE CIRCUS WAS IN TOWN...

SHUT YOUR MOUTH! THAT...THAT'S DR. RAPPAZZINI'S DAUGHTER...THE SCORPION!



GEEZ. OKAY, LOOK, MISS. WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE AND ALL, WORKING FOR A.I.M. ...

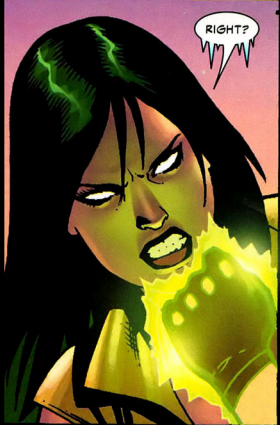
OOOOKAY...

BUT THIS GIRL...SHE'S A SECURITY RISK. SHE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...



SINCE I'D GUESS MY SECURITY CLEARANCE IS HIGHER THAN YOURS, I'LL TAKE HER INTO CUSTODY MYSELF, AND IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF...



RIGHT?



RIGHT.

ABSOLUTELY, YES.



TH-THANK YOU...I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO--

YEAH, WELL, JUST BE GLAD I GET UP EARLY TO FISH...

...AND YOU LOOKED PATHETIC ENOUGH THAT I TOOK YOUR SIDE AGAINST SOME EAGER A.I.M. GUYS WHO WERE KIND OF SMUG.



YOU'RE SOPPING WET, YOU KNOW...

THEY TOOK JONNY.

ALL RIGHT. THAT ANSWER DOESN'T REALLY FOLLOW WHAT I JUST SAID, BUT...



THEY SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FOR *SUBJECTS*. FOR ROUTINE MEDICAL STUFF. TESTS AND THINGS. Y'KNOW, PLUS ROOM AND BOARD FOR THE DURATION.

THEY PROMISED GOOD PAY. ME AND JONNY. WE JUST ARRIVED. HAD NO PLACE TO STAY. THE OFFER SEEMED...



BUT THERE'S...IT'S ALL WRONG! PEOPLE STARTED DISAPPEARING...

WE THOUGHT WE'D BE NEXT! SO WE GOT OUT! BUT THEY CAME AFTER US...

OH, GOD... THEY GOT JONNY. TOOK HIM AWAY...



IT'S GONNA BE OKAY. I SWEAR TO YOU.

PLEASE FIND HIM. HE'S GOT A TATTOO OF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SHIELD ON HIS ARM... HE...

I'LL FIND HIM. PROMISE.

PROMISE?

YOU
SWEAR THIS
IS THE LAST
STAFF MEETING
FOR THE
DAY?



ABSOLUTELY,
DR. BANNER.

I WAS
HOPING YOU'D
HAD THE CHANCE
TO LOOK OVER
THE HOUSING REPORTS
I GAVE YOU.

YES.
ACCORDING
TO THESE,
WE HAVEN'T
ENOUGH.

THAT'S
CORRECT, YES.
I HATE TO SAY
IT, BUT--



IF YOU'RE ABOUT
TO SUGGEST WE
PUT A CAP ON
IMMIGRATION...

IT'S
SOMETHING
WE HAVE TO
CONSIDER.

THERE'S
PLENTY OF
ROOM IN THE
OUTBACK, IF PEOPLE
ARE WILLING TO
LIVE OFF THE
LAND.

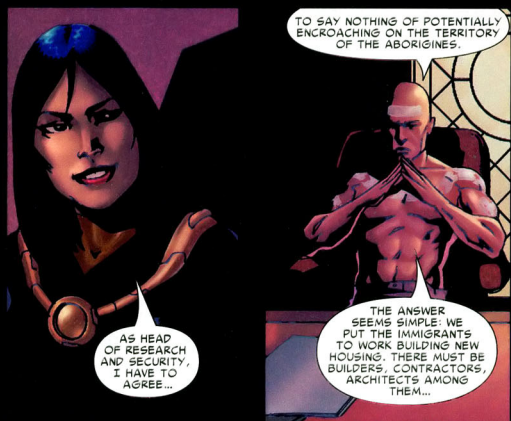
IT
PRESENTS
A MASSIVE
SECURITY
RISK--!



TO SAY NOTHING OF POTENTIALLY
ENCROACHING ON THE TERRITORY
OF THE ABORIGINES.

AS HEAD
OF RESEARCH
AND SECURITY,
I HAVE TO
AGREE...

THE ANSWER
SEEMS SIMPLE: WE
PUT THE IMMIGRANTS
TO WORK BUILDING NEW
HOUSING. THERE MUST BE
BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS,
ARCHITECTS AMONG
THEM...





BUT WE'LL NEED TO IMPORT THE RAW MATERIAL FOR BUILDING, SIR. IT MEANS DEALING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS...**MUTANT** GOVERNMENTS.

I'VE MADE PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES AND THEY ARE...

...**LESS THAN COOPERATIVE.**



OH. ARE THEY. NOW. **ADAM!!!**



YES, DOCTOR BANNER?

ADAM, COULD YOU USE YOUR FORMIDABLE RECORDING ABILITIES TO TAKE A BRIEF MEMO...

...AND CIRCULATE IT TO EVERY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT YOU CAN THINK OF?

ABSOLUTELY, SIR.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA.

COOPERATE WITH US ON ALL BUSINESS MATTERS...

...OR HULK WILL SMASH.

VERY TRULY YOURS, ETC., ETC. GOT ALL THAT?



I THINK SO, DOCTOR. WANT ME TO READ IT BACK?

I TRUST YOU. GET THAT RIGHT OUT, WOULD YOU?

YES, SIR.



THAT WRAP THIS UP?

ONE OTHER THING...

HAD A FEELING.



IT'S JUST...WELL... THE PEOPLE ADORE THE HULK, SIR. HE'S A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND POWER IN THE FACE OF MUTANT DOMINATION.

HIS PRESENCE HELPS...REMINDE EVERYONE OF WHO'S IN CHARGE.

SO IT MIGHT HELP IF HE COULD, WELL...



PUT IN AN OCCASIONAL APPEARANCE?

HOW ABOUT, FOR FIREWORKS FANS, WE SET OFF AN ATOMIC BOMB?

EXACTLY, SIR, YES. TROT HIM OUT ON THE BALCONY--

TO GIVE THE FOLKS A THRILL.

WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY "THRILL..."

SIR, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN--



HE DOESN'T GET TROTTED OUT.

HE DOESN'T DO THREE SHOWS A NIGHT.

HE HIDES IN ME, AND WHEN HE EMERGES, PEOPLE BLEED AND BUILDINGS COLLAPSE.



HE'S NOT A PARTY TRICK. HE'S THE HULK. DO YOU GET THAT?



Yessir.



GOOD. MEETING'S ADJOURNED.



IDIOTS.



WHAT HAVE I LET MYSELF GET PULLED INTO...



THE DREAMTIME. IT WILL NOT LAST. BUT IT CAN DO GREAT DAMAGE WHILE IT DOES.

PEOPLE ARE DISAPPEARING, TWO MINDS. HOW CAN YOU NOT HEAR THEIR SCREAMS?



WHAT THE--?

DOCTOR BANNER...?



I THINK WE MAY HAVE A SITUATION.

HELLO. WE HEAR YOU'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?



THAT'S RIGHT. FOR MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS.

INTERESTING. WHAT SORT?

OH, YOU'LL BE FINE, I ASSURE YOU.

THAT... REALLY WASN'T MY QUESTION.



WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU FILL OUT THIS RELEASE, AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE.



HOW ABOUT YOU GO TO SLEEP AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE?

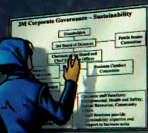
WHAT ARE YOU--?



UNFFFF...



WHAT...
PRECISELY ARE
WE LOOKING
FOR?



I DUNNO.
INCRIMINATING PAPERS.
JOURNALS. A SECRET
PASSAGEWAY TO AN
UNDERGROUND
LAB.

MOST OF
THIS IS RELEASE
FORMS. NOTHING
"INCRIMINATING."

CHECK
THE DESK ITSELF.
MAYBE THERE'S
SOME HIDDEN
SWITCH.

SCORPION, I KNOW
YOU PEOPLE WORK
WITH A MAJOR SPY
ORGANIZATION,
BUT STILL...

...YOU'VE
GOT A SERIOUS
OVERABUNDANCE
OF IMAGINA--

CLICH

WHOA!!!!





SCORPION!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

OHHH...
FINE...

IF IT
HELPS AT ALL,
I APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
"IMAGINATION"
CRACK.



NOT MUCH
HELP, NO.

GET
DOWN HERE
AND CHECK ME
FOR BROKEN
BONES, WOULD'JA
PLEASE?



YOU SEEM INTACT ENOUGH.
THE COSTUME YOU'RE WEARING
UNDER YOUR CLOTHES OBVIOUSLY
GIVES YOU ADDITIONAL
PROTECTION.

YES, WELL...
A GIRL CAN'T
GET ENOUGH
PROTECTION
THESE DAYS.



I HEAR
SOMETHING...
UP THIS WAY.

CLANKING.

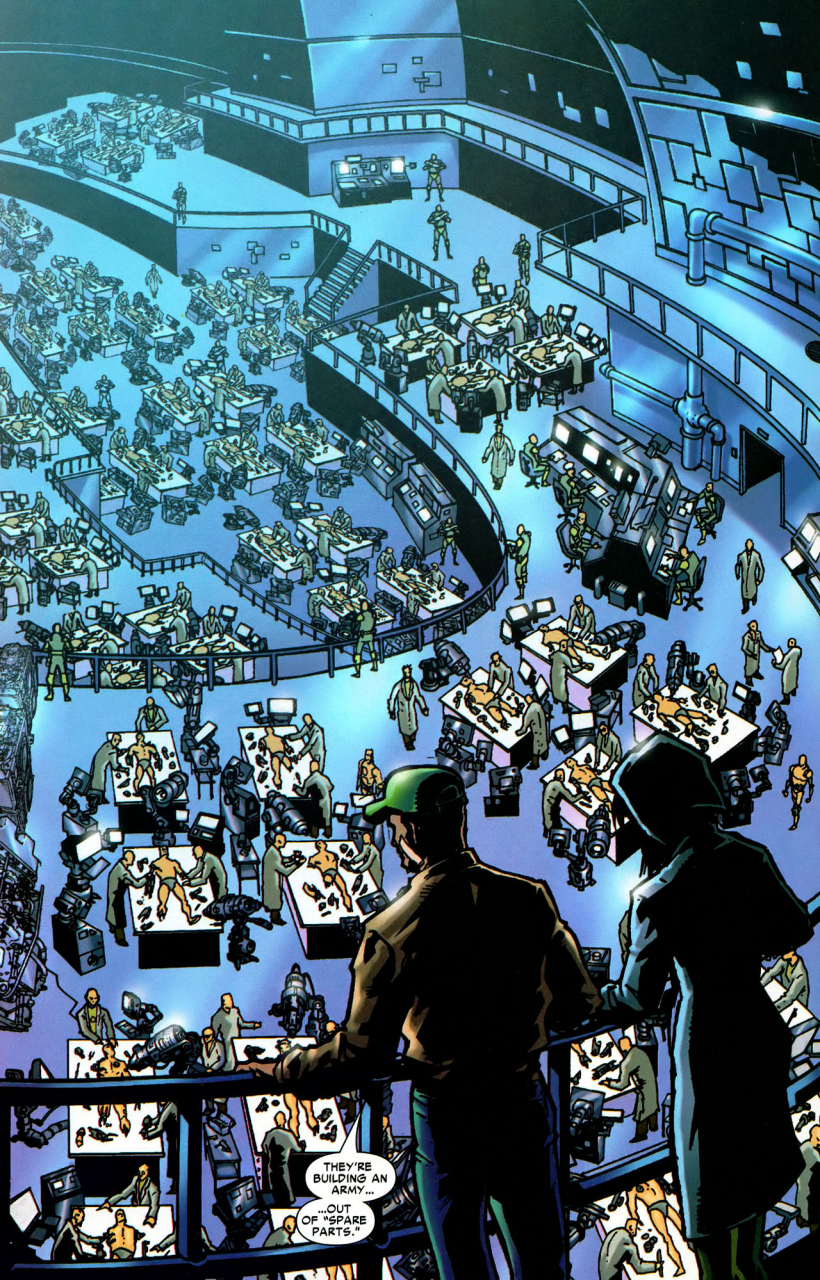
WHAT
KIND OF
SOMETHING?



OH,
YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING
ME.

WHAT
ARE THEY
DOING--?!

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?



THEY'RE
BUILDING AN
ARMY...
...OUT
OF "SPARE
PARTS."



INTRUDERS!!!



LORD, WOULD IT KILL THEM TO MAKE A "RED ALERT" KLAXON THAT WASN'T INCREDIBLY ANNOYING?

NOT A MAJOR CONCERN RIGHT NOW.



HANDLE THINGS HERE FOR A MOMENT.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!?



I THOUGHT I WAS DONE WITH STAFF MEETINGS FOR TODAY.



LOOKS LIKE I WAS...

...ARRRRHHH!!!

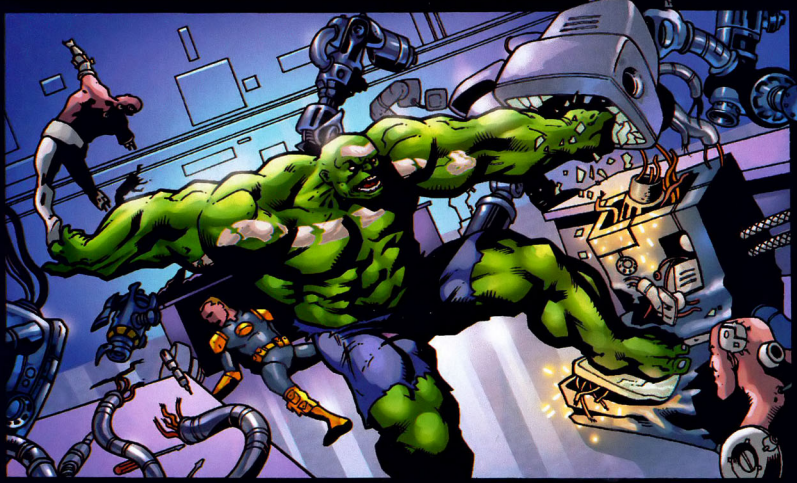


...WRONG...



AND I... HATE...





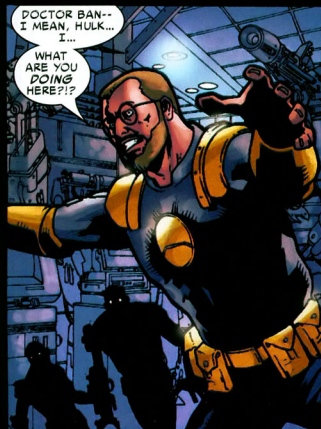
KIDDING, RIGHT?



STOP!
STOP THIS
IMMEDIATELY!

ALL
UNITS,
STAND
DOWN!

AND
SHUT
DOWN
THAT
INFERNAL
WARNING
NOISE!



DOCTOR BAN--
I MEAN, HULK...
I...

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?!



OHMM, NO! NO, WE GET
TO ASK THAT QUESTION,
DOCTOR ISAACS!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING
HERE?!

BEFORE
HE GOT HIS
"MAD" ON, BANNER
SPECULATED YOU
WERE BUILDING AN
ARMY HERE!



WELL...
WELL, YES.
THIS IS...
YOU HAVE
TO UNDERSTAND...
THE MUTANTS AREN'T
GOING TO STOP.
THE SITUATION IS...

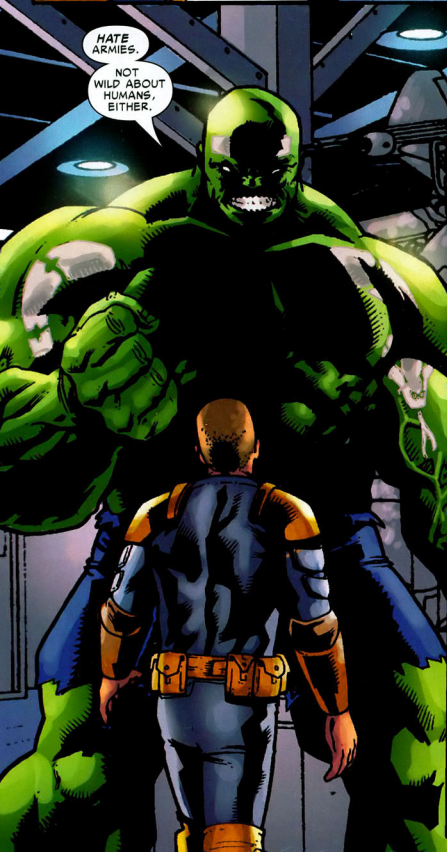


AN ARMY...
TO FIGHT
MUTANTS.

THAT'S
CORRECT,
UHM...SIR.
IT'S...

TO RECLAIM
EARTH...FOR
HUMANS.

EXACTLY.

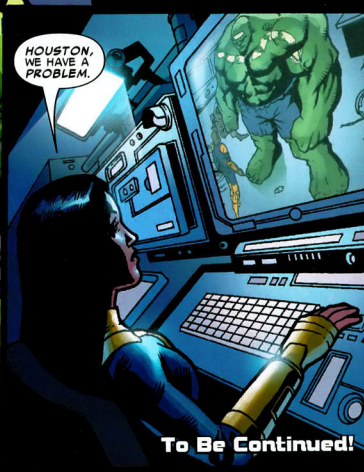


HATE
ARMIES.
NOT
WILD ABOUT
HUMANS
EITHER.



WASN'T
TOLD.
WHY?

WELL, UH...
DOCTOR RAPPACCINI
DECIDED IT'D BE BEST
IF THIS OPERATION WERE
KEPT...CONFIDENTIAL...
FOR NOW. YOU'D...HAVE
TO ASK HER WHY.



HOUSTON,
WE HAVE A
PROBLEM.

To Be Continued!

SHAZAM!