

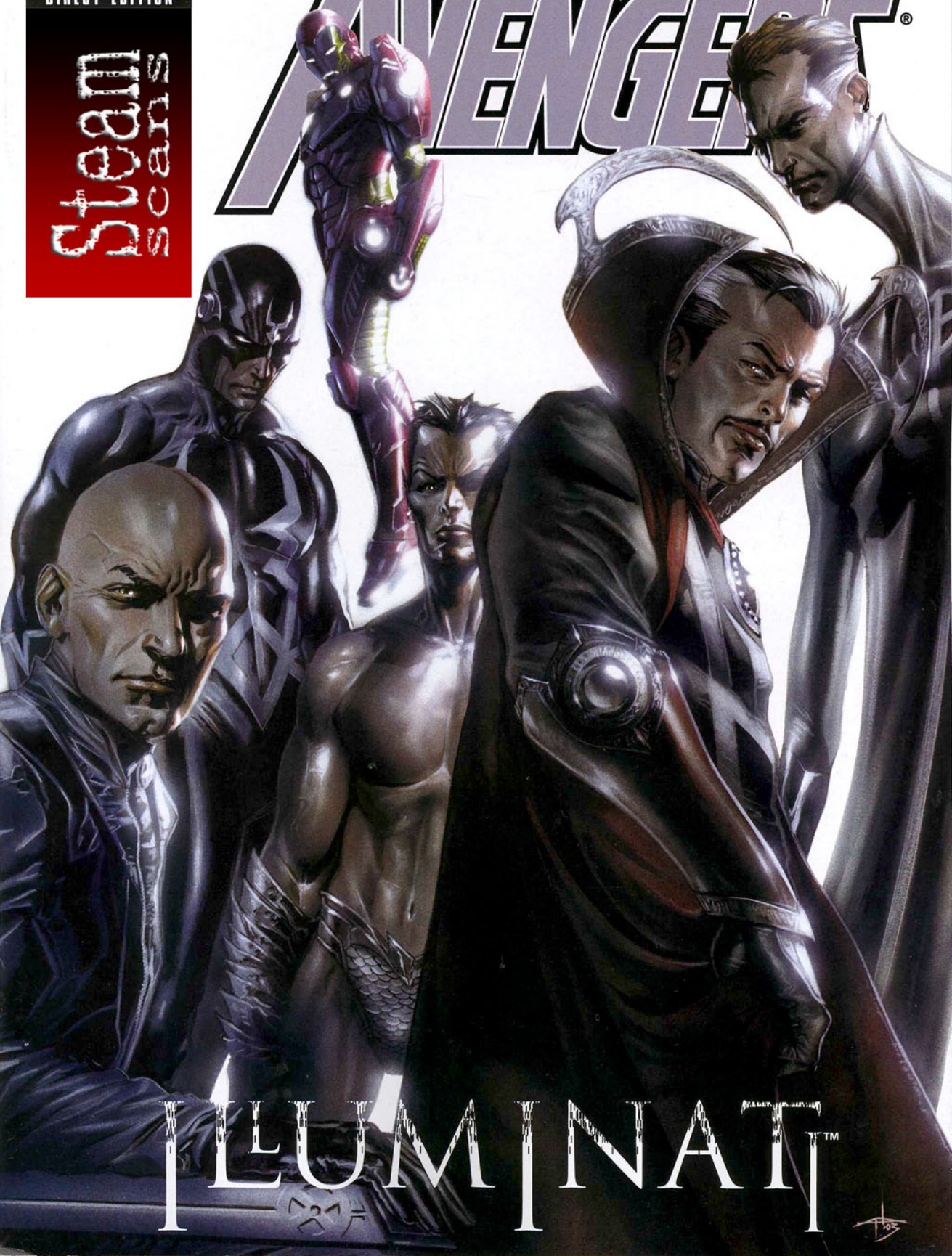
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WAKANDA, AFRICA
MANY YEARS AGO

HONORED
GUESTS OF THE
GREAT KINGDOM
OF WAKANDA...

IRON MAN,
AVENGER, OF THE
GREAT AMERICAN
STATE OF NEW
YORK...

...DOCTOR STEPHEN
STRANGE, MASTER
OF THE MYSTIC
ARTS...

...PROFESSOR CHARLES
XAVIER OF THE XAVIER
SCHOOL FOR GIFTED
YOUNGSTERS...

...DOCTOR REED
RICHARDS OF THE
WORLD-FAMOUS
FANTASTIC
FOUR...

...KEEPER OF THE
TERRIGEN MISTS...THE
INHUMAN KING, BLACK
BOLT...

AND PRINCE
NAMOR OF THE
GREAT UNDERWATER
CITY OF ATLANTIS...

IT IS THE HOUSE OF WAKANDA'S
HONOR TO INTRODUCE TO
YOU...

...KING T'CHALLA...
THE BLACK
PANTHER.





I WONDER--IF WE HAD A MORE UNIFIED STRUCTURE AMONGST OURSELVES--

--I WONDER IF THEY WOULD HAVE THOUGHT TWICE ABOUT ATTACKING THIS PLANET LIKE THEY DID.

WE WHO?



IF THE EARTH IS ATTACKED AGAIN... WHEN THE EARTH IS ATTACKED AGAIN...

...WE'RE THE ONES WHO WILL DEFEND IT. THERE IS NO ONE ELSE. NO ARMY IS READY.

SO, TO THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE WE'RE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THIS PLANET.

I'M SAYING-- MAYBE WE SHOULD GATHER TOGETHER AND DO JUST THAT.



AGAIN!

WE WHO??



THE HEROES. US. ALL OF US.

THE X-MEN, THE AVENGERS, THE INHUMANS, THE FANTASTIC FOUR, EVERYONE ELSE...

WE SHOULD GATHER.

WE SHOULD MAKE OUR OWN DELEGATION.



INSTEAD OF THESE LITTLE FACTIONS OF HEROES AND MUTANTS WE'VE CONCOCTED, RUNNING AROUND DOING THE BEST THEY CAN--

--MAYBE WE COULD POOL ALL OF OUR RESOURCES AND ALL OF OUR INFORMATION AND DO IT RIGHT.



NO.



WELL, THANKS FOR THINKING ABOUT IT.



YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL THE GROUPS YOU'RE ALREADY IN.

HOW ON EARTH COULD YOU HOPE TO CONTROL THEM AS A LARGER BODY?



THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS.

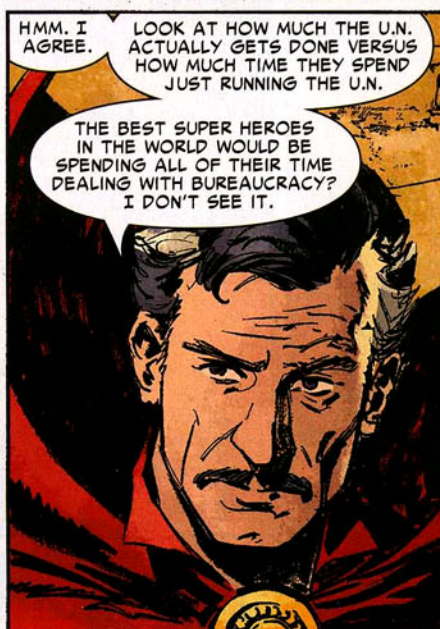


NO.

THOUGH NAMOR ALWAYS FINDS THE *RUDEST* WAY TO SAY IT, HE MAY BE RIGHT. IT'S TOO BIG.

IT'S TOO HARD TO DECIDE WHO WOULD *BE* IN THIS COALITION. WHO *DECIDES* WHO'S IN IT?

WHO *RUNS* IT? WHO WOULD IT *ANSWER* TO?



HMM. I AGREE.

LOOK AT HOW MUCH THE U.N. ACTUALLY GETS DONE VERSUS HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPEND JUST RUNNING THE U.N.

THE BEST SUPER HEROES IN THE WORLD WOULD BE SPENDING ALL OF THEIR TIME DEALING WITH BUREAUCRACY? I DON'T SEE IT.



I THINK, IF I MAY...



THE SKRULLS TRIED TO TURN THE PUBLIC AGAINST YOU. AND THEY CAME CLOSE.

IT'S A NEW FEELING FOR YOU, THAT KIND OF ANIMOSITY, AM I RIGHT?

WELL, YES.



AS MUTANTS...WE FEEL WHAT YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW...EVERY DAY.

ALL DAY.

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.

AND YOU WANT TO TURN THAT FEELING INTO SOMETHING-- SOMETHING POSITIVE-- AND THAT'S NOBLE.

BUT THIS IDEA...

BUT DON'T YOU SEE...?



A UNIFIED GROUPING OF HEROES THAT INCLUDED MUTANTS COULD SMASH DOWN BARRIERS...

...INSTILL TRUST IN MUTANTS ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

WE COULD CHAMPION YOUR CAUSE AND AT THE SAME TIME...



IT WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE.

THEY WOULD LUMP US IN WITH THE MUTANTS AND HAVE AN EXCUSE TO HATE US ALL.

NO OFFENSE, PROFESSOR.

NO.

AND AS IT IS, MOST HEROES, NOT YOU OR THE FANTASTIC FOUR-- BUT MOST HEROES...LIKE SPIDER-MAN, DAREDEVIL...

...THEY ARE REBELS. COUNTER-CULTURE.



WE'RE NOT ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT, BUT WE'RE NOT ESTABLISHMENT.

WE'RE COUNTER-ESTABLISHMENT.



I JUST THINK IT'S WORTH A TRY. IT'S WORTH DISCUSSING.

WE CAN MAKE THE WORLD BETTER THAN IT IS. WE CAN DO MORE THAN WHAT WE'RE DOING.

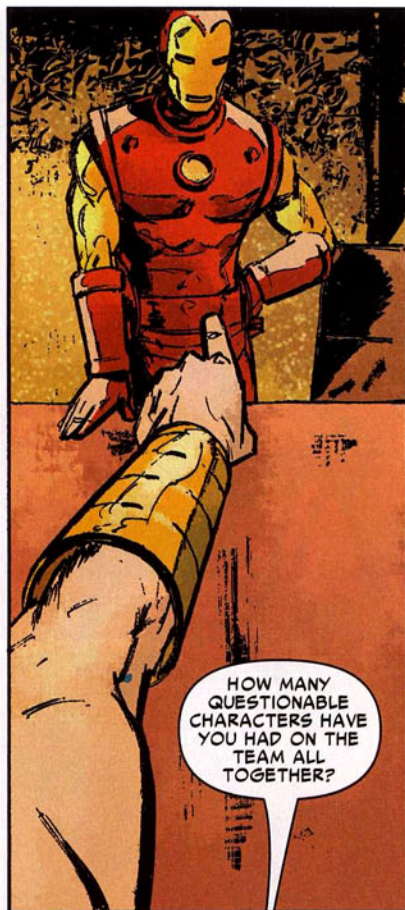
I WANT TO DO MORE.



YOU'RE A FOOL, AND HERE'S WHY.

HOW MANY CONVICTED CRIMINALS AND SUPPOSED EX-MUTANT TERRORISTS DO YOU HAVE ON THE AVENGERS RIGHT NOW?

THE SCARLET WITCH, QUICKSILVER, HAWKEYE, WHO ELSE?



HOW MANY QUESTIONABLE CHARACTERS HAVE YOU HAD ON THE TEAM ALL TOGETHER?



EXACTLY HOW DO YOU **SCREEN** THESE MUTANT STUDENTS YOU TAKE IN AT YOUR SCHOOL, XAVIER??

I HEAR RUMORS OF A MUTANT **ASSASSIN** WORKING FOR CANADIAN SECRET SERVICES.

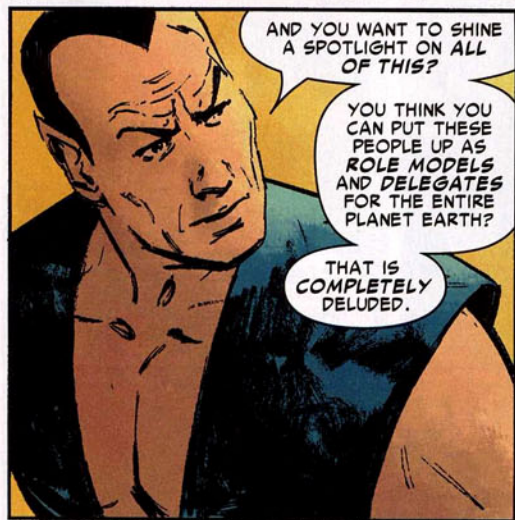
WOULD YOU ALLOW **HIM** ON YOUR TEAM?



WASN'T **BLACK BOLT'S BROTHER** AN ARCHITECT OF THIS KREE INVASION OF EARTH?

ISN'T THAT WHAT WE'VE HEARD?

HAVE YOU **KILLED** THIS MAN FOR HIS CRIMES, OR IS HE IN YOUR CASTLE RIGHT NOW?



AND YOU WANT TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON ALL OF THIS?

YOU THINK YOU CAN PUT THESE PEOPLE UP AS **ROLE MODELS** AND **DELEGATES** FOR THE ENTIRE PLANET EARTH?

THAT IS **COMPLETELY** DELUDED.



UM...

...YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, IRON MAN.

THE INFORMATION.

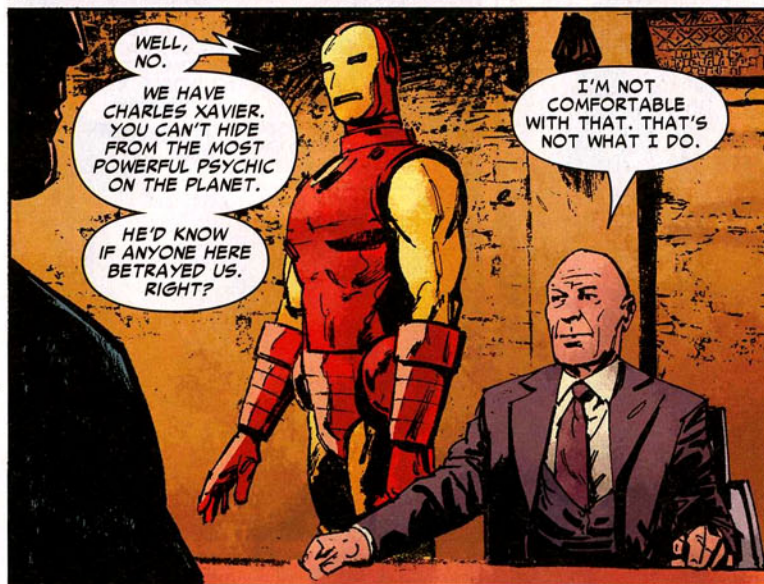
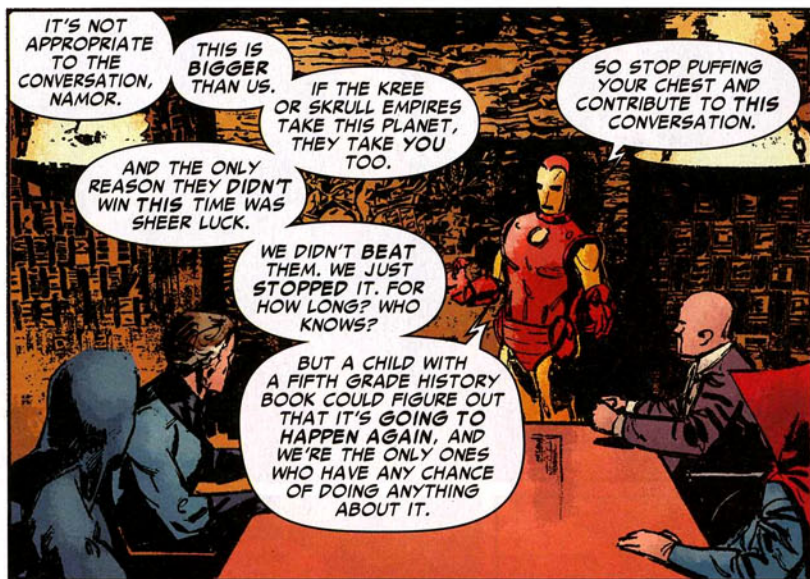
WE ALL HAD PIECES OF INFORMATION-- LITTLE PIECES OF THE KREE-SKRULL SITUATION BEFORE IT ESCALATED.

WE **COULD** HAVE DEALT WITH IT SOONER HAD WE MET.

A MEETING JUST LIKE THIS COULD HAVE SAVED A LOT OF PEOPLES' LIVES--











WELL...

I ACTUALLY
THINK IT'S ONE OF
THE BEST IDEAS I'VE
EVER HEARD.

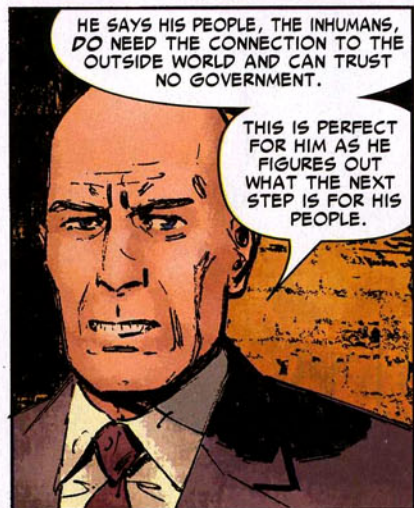
I'LL
TALK TO
HIM.

IF IT
DOESN'T WORK,
WE DO WALK
AWAY.



BLACK BOLT? I KNOW IF YOU SPEAK OUT
LOUD YOU COULD BRING THIS ENTIRE
COUNTRY DOWN AROUND OUR EARS...

CAN YOU READ
HIS THOUGHTS,
PROFESSOR?
I'D LIKE TO
HEAR WHAT
HE'S THINKING.



HE SAYS HIS PEOPLE, THE INHUMANS,
DO NEED THE CONNECTION TO THE
OUTSIDE WORLD AND CAN TRUST
NO GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS PERFECT
FOR HIM AS HE
FIGURES OUT
WHAT THE NEXT
STEP IS FOR HIS
PEOPLE.



SO WE AGREE THEN.
WHEN NEXT WE MEET,
ANYTHING DISCUSSED
HERE...

STAYS
HERE.



I RARELY
LEAVE MY
HOUSE AS
IT IS.



ANYTHING ELSE WE WANT
TO TALK ABOUT NOW BEFORE
T'CHALLA'S GUARDS HAVE
US REMOVED?

ACTUALLY...



I'D LIKE TO
TALK ABOUT AN
ISLAND IN THE
SOUTH PACIFIC...

IT'S CALLED
KRAKOA.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
ONE MONTH AGO

**HULK
SMASH!!**

**WELCOME
TO LAS VEGAS
NEVADA**



S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER,
1000 FEET OVER AKRON, OHIO

HOW MANY THIS
TIME, COMMANDER
HILL?

26. TWO
KIDS AND A
DOG.

HE CAN'T
CONTROL IT.



WHO DO YOU
THINK HAD MORE
CONTROL OVER WHAT
HAPPENED? THE 26
PEOPLE AND THE
DOG, OR HIM?

THE THING I WANT TO
KNOW IS...WHY DO YOU
LET THIS CONTINUE?



ME?

LET?



ONE OF MY AGENTS WAS GOING
OVER A REPORT AND HE SAID
TO ME--

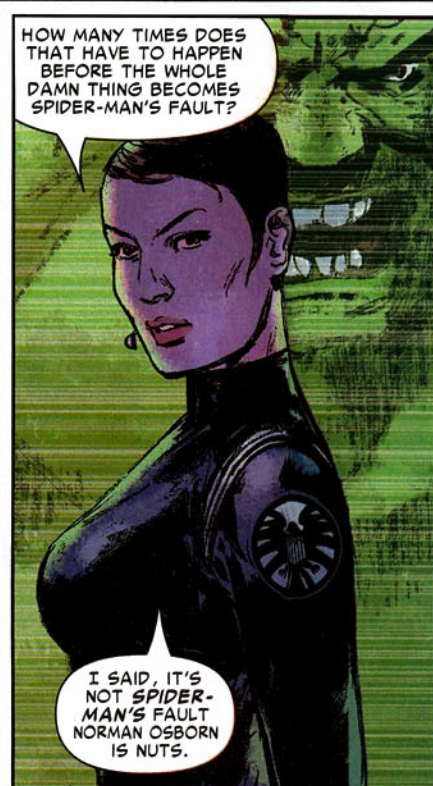
--YOU KNOW ALL THOSE
PEOPLE NORMAN OSBORN
KILLED AS THE GREEN GOBLIN?
WHEN DOES IT BECOME
SPIDER-MAN'S FAULT?

AND I SAID,
WHY WOULD IT
BE SPIDER-MAN'S
FAULT?



HE SAID, SPIDER-MAN'S THE
ONE WHO HAS OSBORN BY THE
THROAT THREE TIMES A YEAR,
BUT HE NEVER DOES WHAT
HE HAS TO DO.

HE WEBS HIM UP,
THEY THROW HIM IN JAIL,
THEN OSBORN BREAKS OUT
AND HE GOES ON ANOTHER
HOMICIDAL RAMPAGE...



HOW MANY TIMES DOES
THAT HAVE TO HAPPEN
BEFORE THE WHOLE
DAMN THING BECOMES
SPIDER-MAN'S FAULT?

I SAID, IT'S
NOT SPIDER-
MAN'S FAULT
NORMAN OSBORN
IS NUTS.



HE SAID,
THAT'S TRUE,
BUT--IT IS HIS
FAULT THE GUY'S
STILL ALIVE.

COMMANDER...

I'M DOING
EVERYTHING I
CAN TO STOP
THE HULK.

MY
QUESTION
IS, ARE
YOU?



AND I GOTTA
TELL YOU...

THE RUMBLINGS
I'M HEARING ON
CAPITOL HILL...

...THEY ARE
LOOKING FOR
THINGS TO BLAME
ON YOU GUYS.



HYDROBASE, THE AVENGERS' FORMER BASE OF OPERATIONS.

INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE HE WALKS THE EARTH.

INNOCENT PEOPLE DIE EVERY DAY, TONY.

SO IT'S OKAY, REED?

NO, I'M SAYING THAT THERE IS A NATURAL ORDER OF--

ONE MINUTE BRUCE BANNER IS YOUR ALLY AND THE NEXT YOU WANT TO SHOOT HIM INTO SPACE??!!

NAMOR, THAT'S NOT--

BECAUSE ONE MINUTE HE'S UNDER CONTROL AND A HERO, AND THE NEXT, LAS VEGAS IS DESTROYED!!

HE CAN'T CONTROL IT.

YOU USED TO HAVE QUITE THE DRINKING PROBLEM. MAYBE WE SHOULD THROW YOU INTO THE SUN?

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT DO YOUR PEOPLE CALL THEM? BLACKOUTS??

HE'S A PROBLEM. AND WE HAVE A SOLUTION.

AND NO ONE GETS HURT.

MAYBE IF YOU AND "DOCTOR" REED RICHARDS HERE TOOK A MINUTE AWAY FROM YOUR TALK SHOW APPEARANCES AND MEETINGS ABOUT YOUR ACTION FIGURES AND SPENT SOME TIME TRYING TO CURE HIM WITH YOUR LOFTY SCIENTIFIC ACUMEN--

HOW DARE YOU, NAMOR? REALLY?

IT'S NOT THE SAME THING, AND I NEVER KILLED ANYONE.

HOW DARE YOU??!

I HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS TRYING TO CRACK THE GENETIC SEQUENCE THAT TURNED BANNER INTO THE HULK.

NOT ONLY TO CURE HIM BUT TO CURE MY FRIEND BEN GRIMM AS WELL.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THAT YOU COME HERE AND SPEAK TO US LIKE THIS??

IF YOU KNEW THE FIRST THING ABOUT THE GENETIC SCIENCES, YOU'D KNOW IT WOULD TAKE A MILLION SCIENTISTS WITH A MILLION COMPUTERS A THOUSAND YEARS TO CRACK EVERY GENETIC SEQUENCE THAT MAKES THIS PLANET WORK, AND BANNER'S ISN'T EVEN ONE OF THEM!!!

I HAVE MET WITH EVERY GREAT MIND ALIVE ON THIS PLANET TO FIND SOME SORT OF CURE!

OR AT THE VERY LEAST, SOME SORT OF INVENTION WE COULD USE TO DAMPEN HIM!!

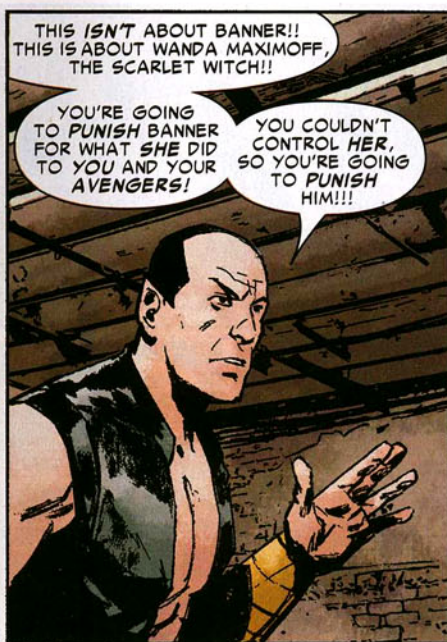
AND DOCTOR STRANGE HAS--

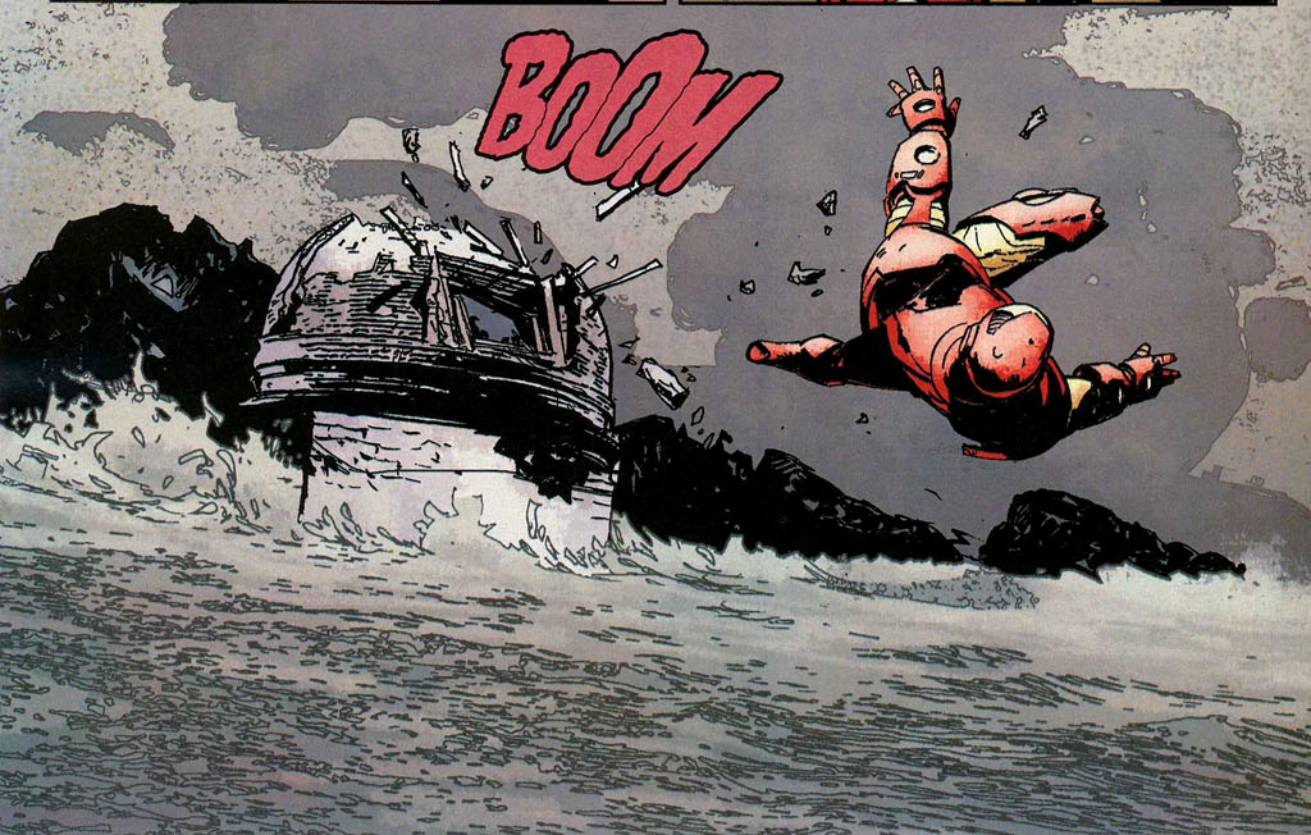
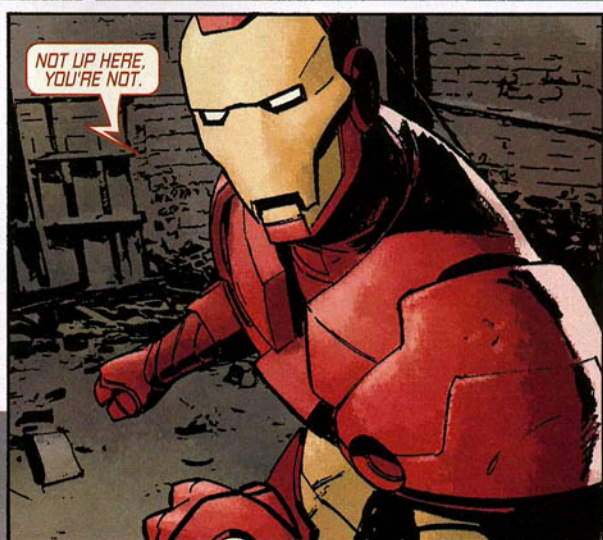
YES. HE'S TRAVELED THE ENTIRE ASTRAL PLANE LOOKING FOR ANYTHING, ANYTHING AT ALL THAT COULD--

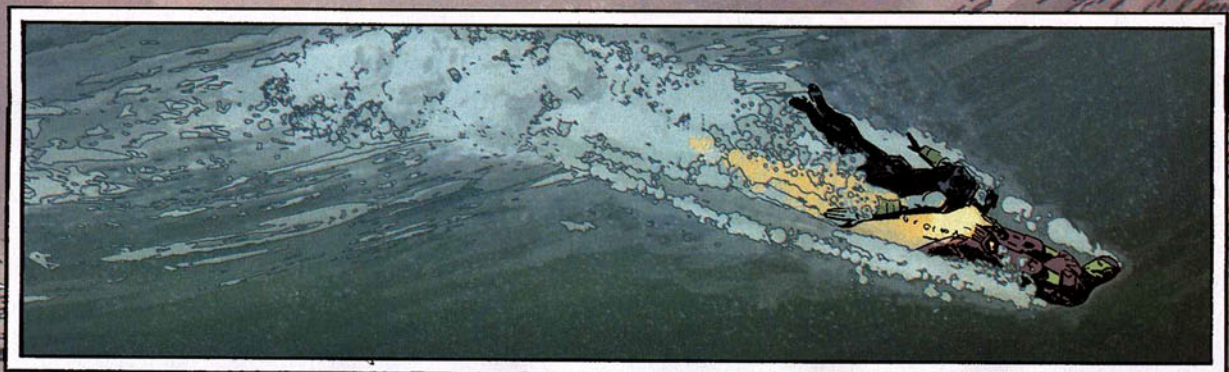
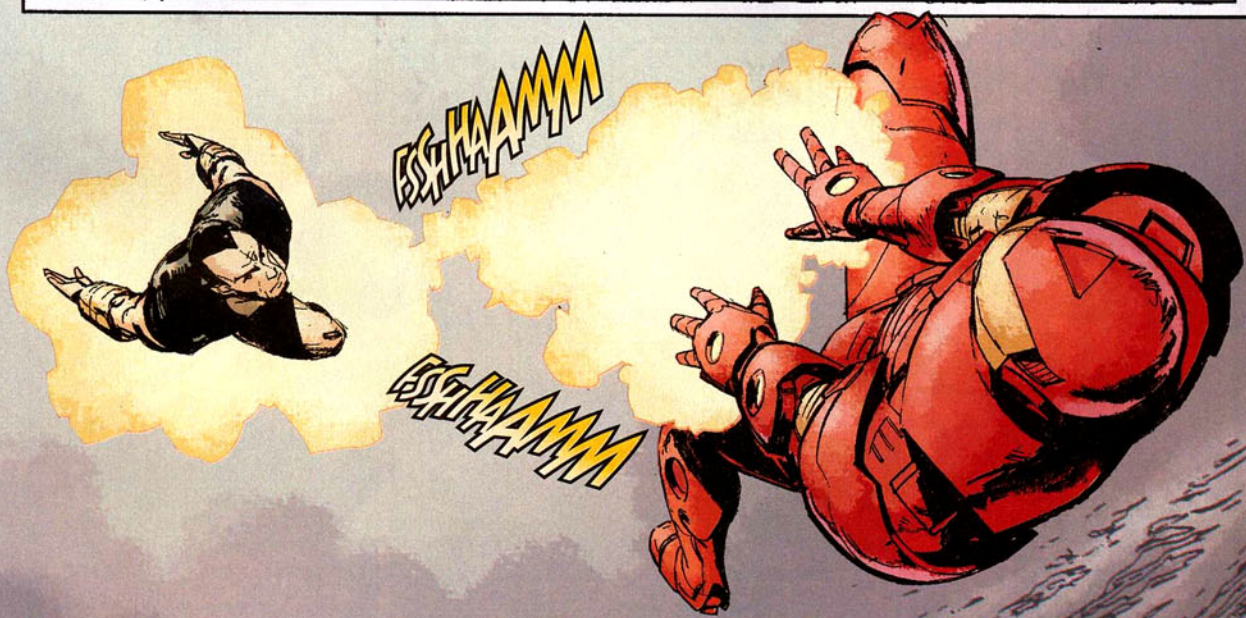
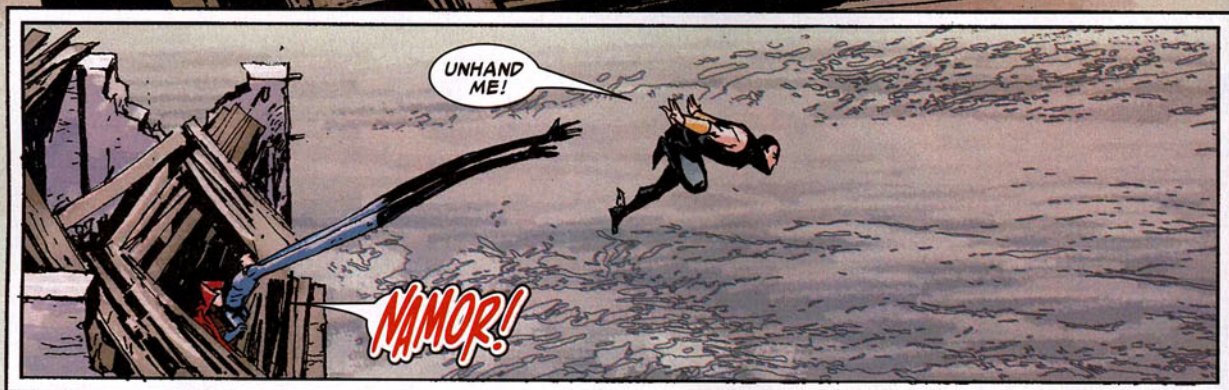
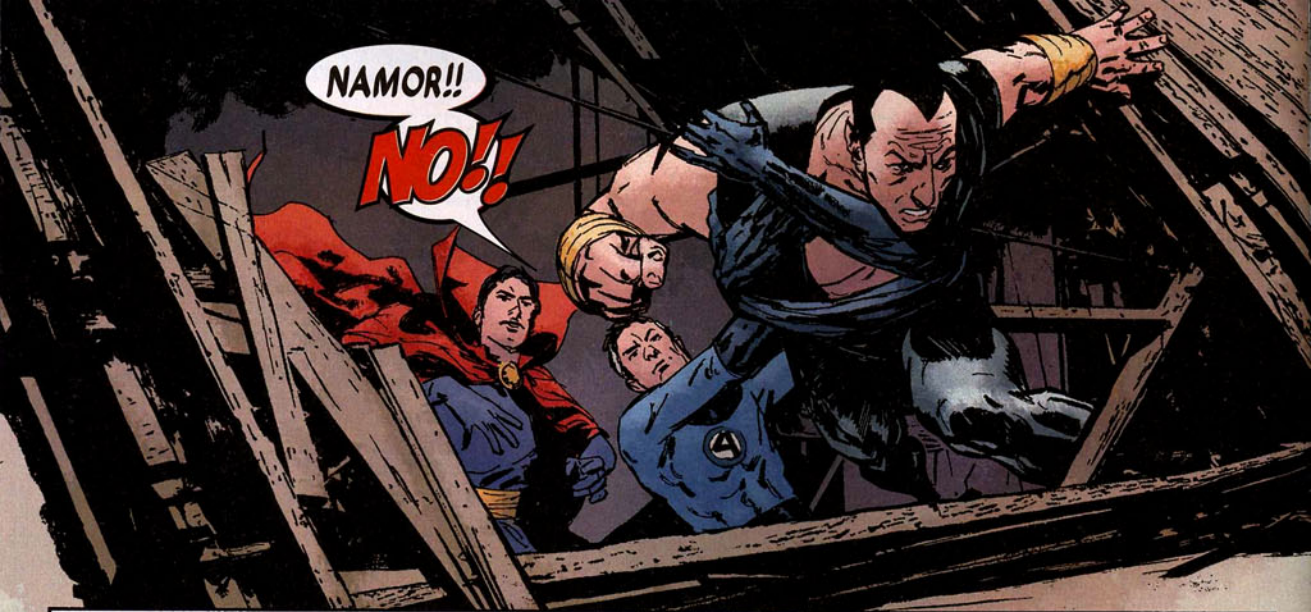
I TRIED TO BANISH HIM ONCE, TO THE CROSSROADS, BUT IT WASN'T AS SAFE AS THIS.

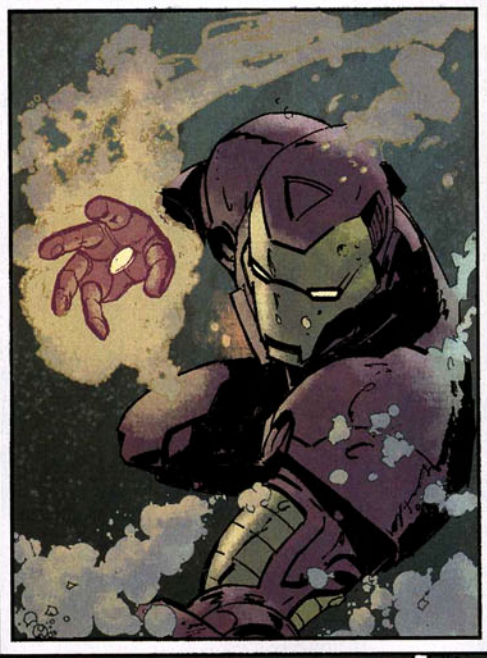
AND WE'VE SAT BANNER DOWN WITH XAVIER.

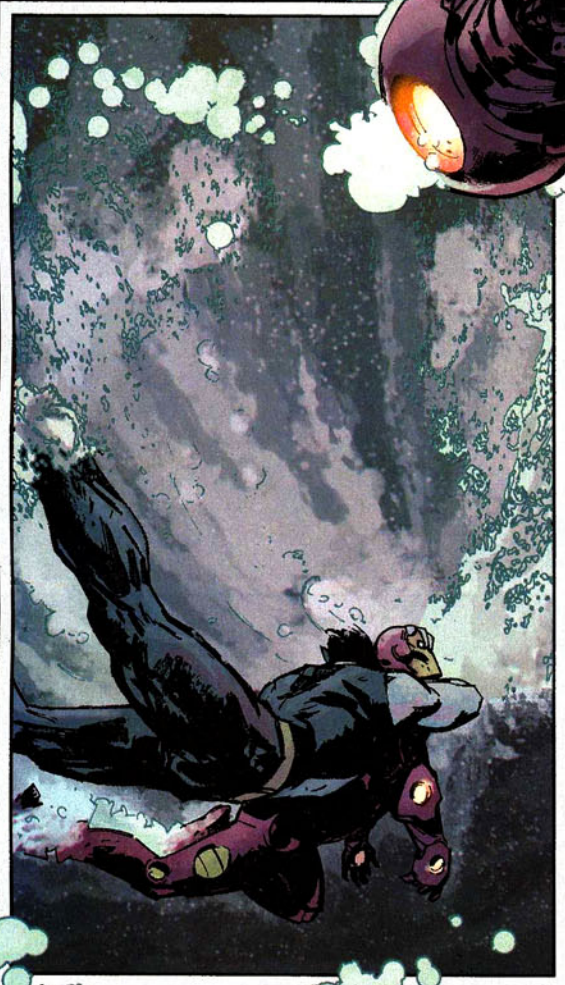
AND WHAT DID WE LEARN?

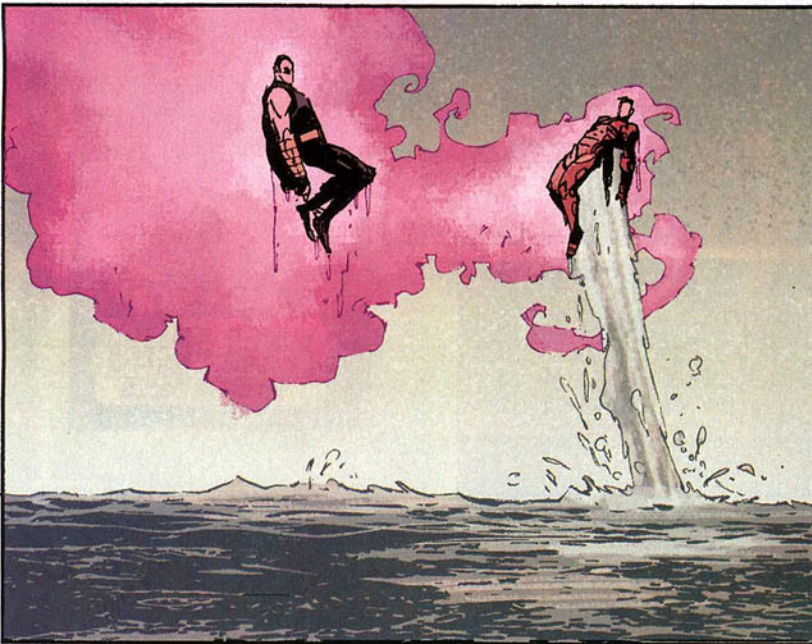
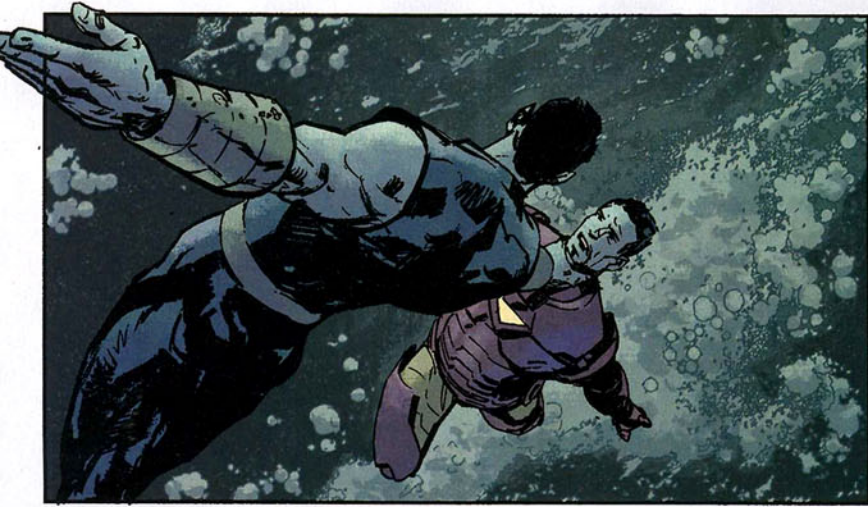


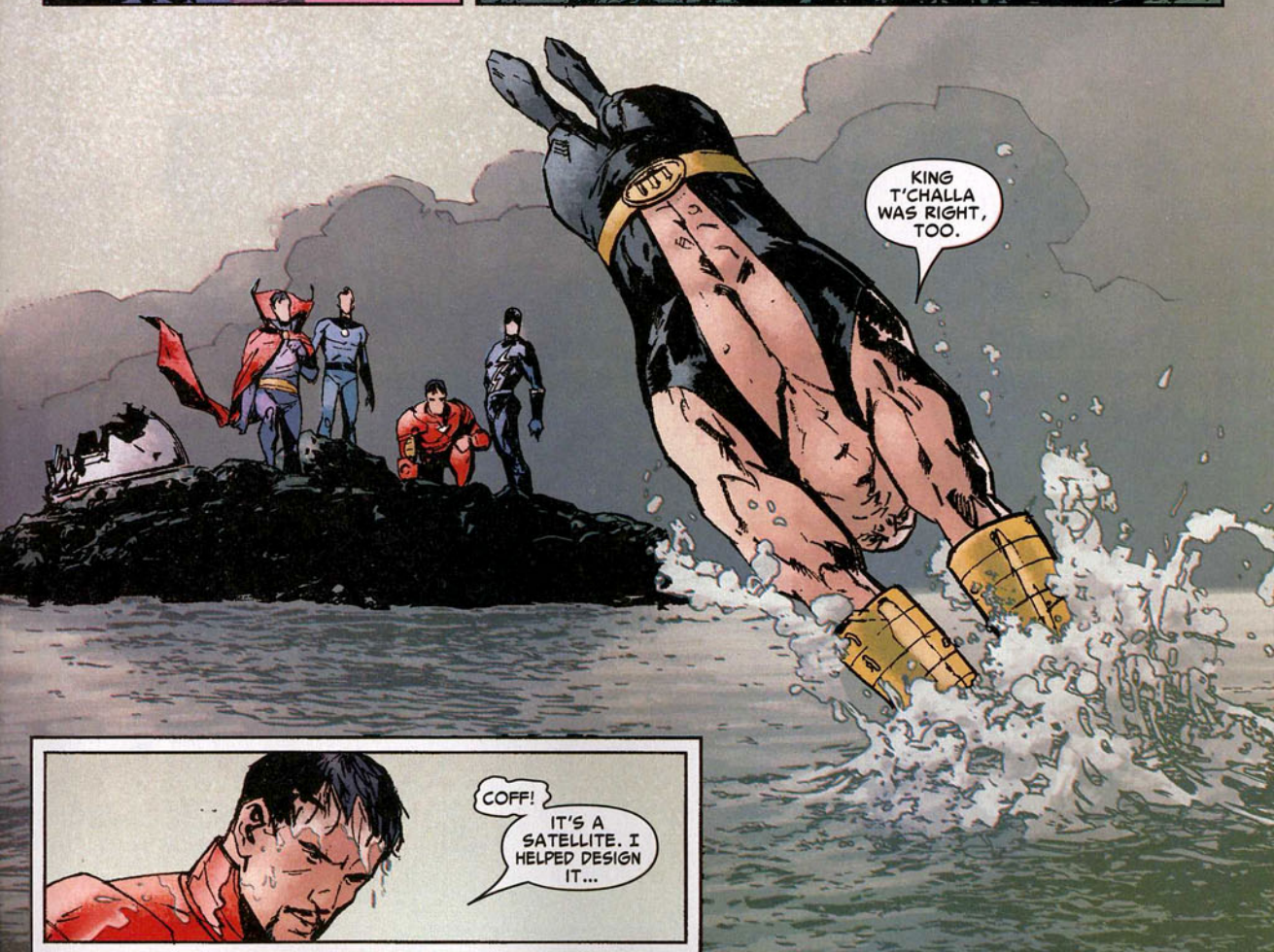


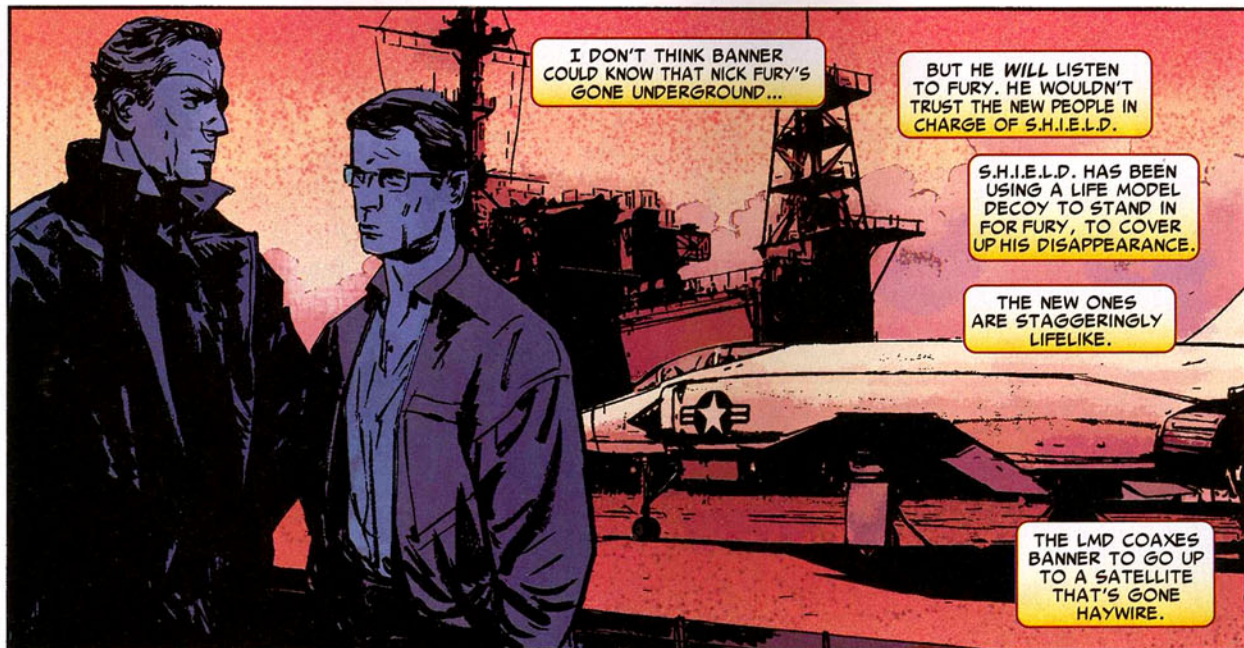












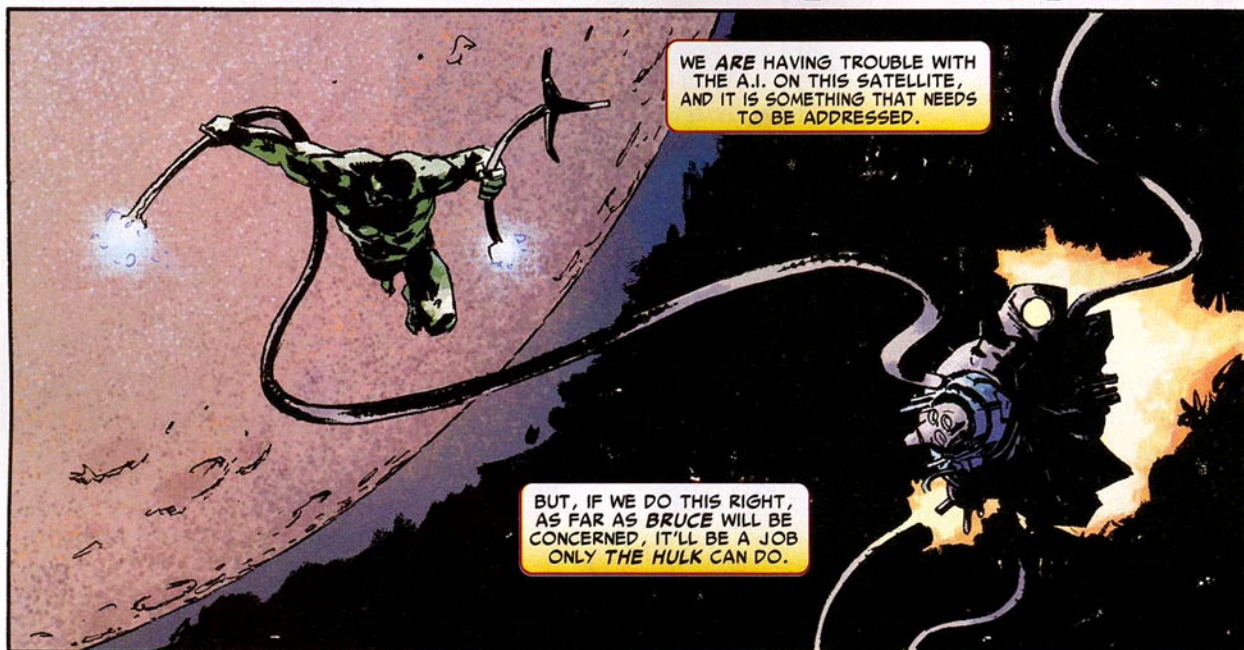
I DON'T THINK BANNER
COULD KNOW THAT NICK FURY'S
GONE UNDERGROUND...

BUT HE WILL LISTEN
TO FURY. HE WOULDN'T
TRUST THE NEW PEOPLE IN
CHARGE OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS BEEN
USING A LIFE MODEL
DECAY TO STAND IN
FOR FURY, TO COVER
UP HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

THE NEW ONES
ARE STAGGERINGLY
LIFELIKE.

THE LMD COAXES
BANNER TO GO UP
TO A SATELLITE
THAT'S GONE
HAYWIRE.



WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH
THE A.I. ON THIS SATELLITE,
AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS
TO BE ADDRESSED.

BUT, IF WE DO THIS RIGHT,
AS FAR AS BRUCE WILL BE
CONCERNED, IT'LL BE A JOB
ONLY THE HULK CAN DO.



WE JUST
NEED HIM TO
GET INSIDE.

AND FROM THERE, THE
A.I. CAN DISTRACT HIM
WHILE WE SEND IT
WHERE HE CAN'T HURT
ANYONE AND NO ONE
CAN HURT HIM.

I'M SORRY,
BRUCE.

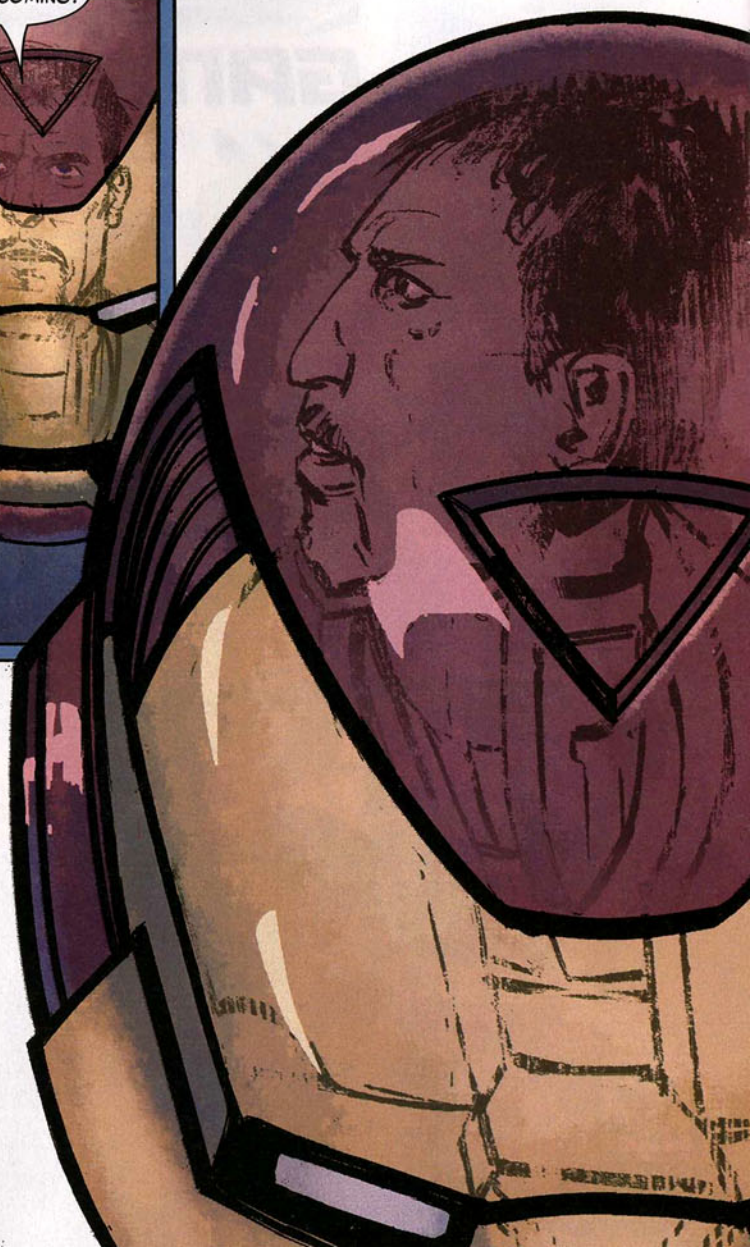
BUT FOR YOUR
SAKE AND OURS,
WE'RE SENDING YOU
AWAY. IT'S THE
ONLY WAY WE CAN
BE SURE.

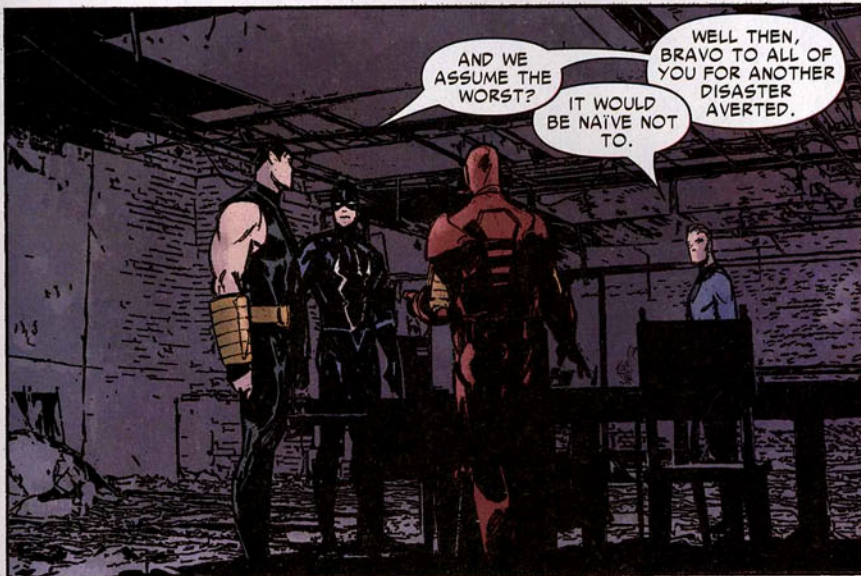
AND MAYBE
ONE DAY HE'LL
FORGIVE US.





APPROACHING.







HE WAS INVITED.

I KNOW WE AGREED NOT TO DO THIS ANY MORE, BUT SOMETHING LARGER THAN ANY ISSUES WE HAVE IS ON THE HORIZON...

... AND IF I DIDN'T COME TO YOU WITH IT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF.



THIS IS AN EARLY DRAFT OF A BILL THAT WILL HIT THE FLOOR OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN A MONTH OR TWO.

IT WAS SLIPPED TO ME UNDER THE TABLE.

IT'S THE SUPER HERO REGISTRATION ACT.

ANYONE WITH POWERS--ANYONE IN COSTUME--ANY MUTANT--

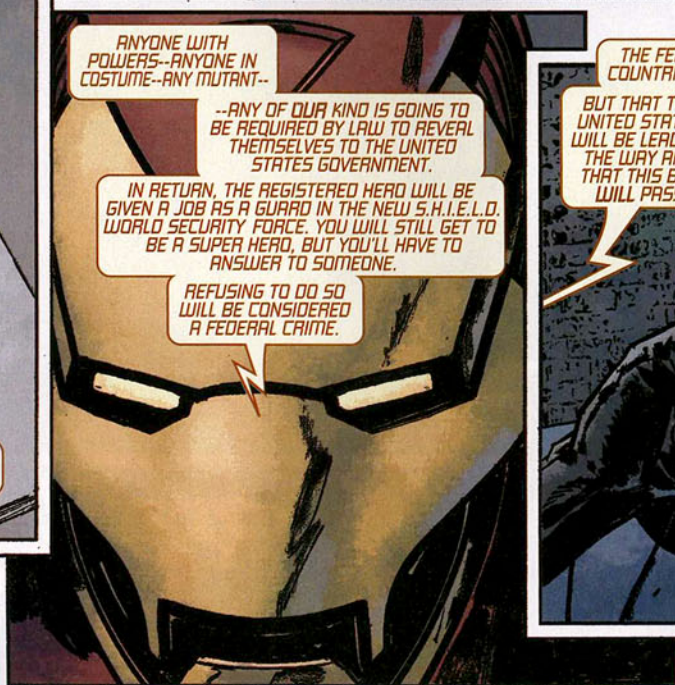
--ANY OF OUR KIND IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REVEAL THEMSELVES TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN RETURN, THE REGISTERED HERO WILL BE GIVEN A JOB AS A GUARD IN THE NEW S.H.I.E.L.D. WORLD SECURITY FORCE. YOU WILL STILL GET TO BE A SUPER HERO, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ANSWER TO SOMEONE.

REFUSING TO DO SO WILL BE CONSIDERED A FEDERAL CRIME.

THE FEELING IS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

BUT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE LEADING THE WAY AND THAT THIS BILL WILL PASS.



IF A PERSON WEARS A MASK, HOW WILL THEY KNOW WHO TO--?



S.H.I.E.L.D. IS DEVELOPING A SPECIAL UNIT TO HUNT DOWN ANYONE FLAGRANTLY DISOBEYING THE LAW.

WELL, THAT'S JUST DISGUSTING.

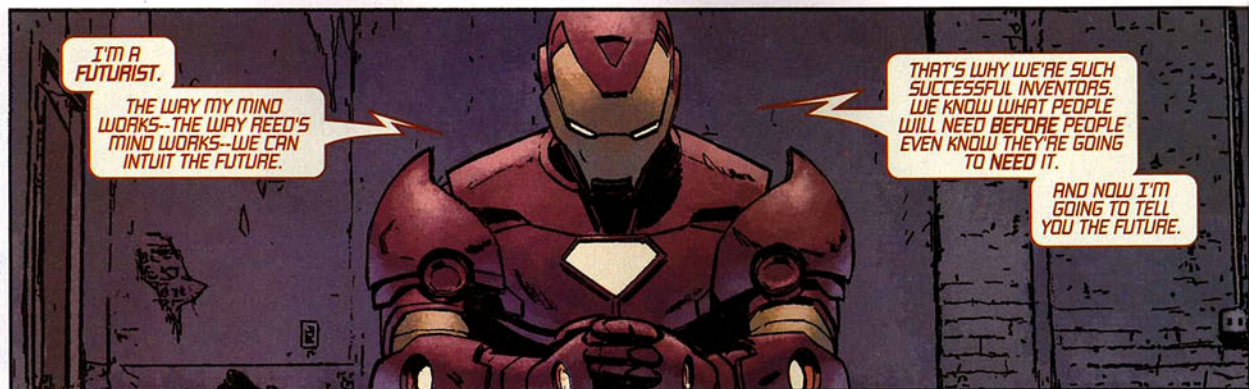


AND I THINK WE SHOULD ALL VOLUNTARILY SUPPORT AND OBEY THIS ACT BEFORE IT EVEN GOES TO A VOTE.

WE SHOULD HAPPILY COME OUT IN FAVOR OF IT.







I'M A
FUTURIST.

THE WAY MY MIND
WORKS--THE WAY REED'S
MIND WORKS--WE CAN
INTUIT THE FUTURE.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE SUCH
SUCCESSFUL INVENTORS.
WE KNOW WHAT PEOPLE
WILL NEED BEFORE PEOPLE
EVEN KNOW THEY'RE GOING
TO NEED IT.

AND NOW I'M
GOING TO TELL
YOU THE FUTURE.



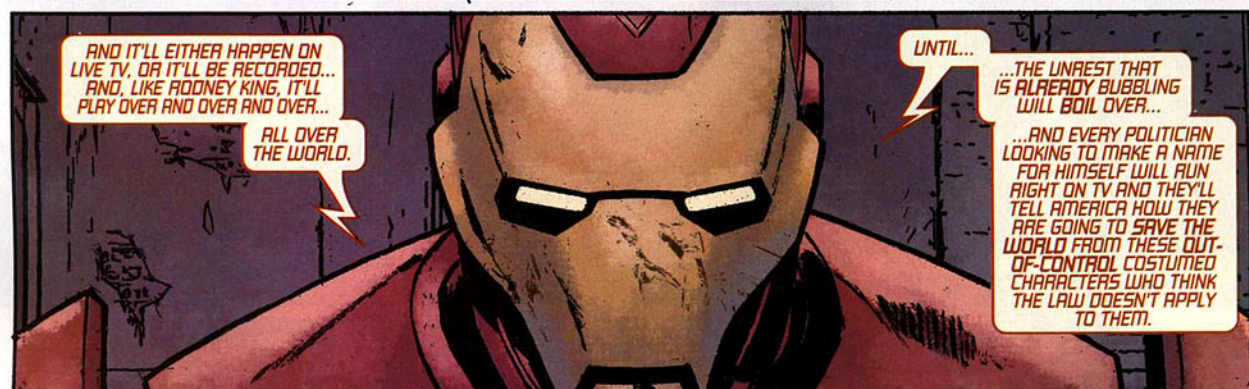
A HERO,
PROBABLY A
YOUNG ONE...

...ONE OF THE
YOUNG AVENGERS,
OR THOSE KIDS IN
LOS ANGELES...

...SOME CAREFREE, HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, WELL-
MEANING YOUNG PERSON, WITH THE BEST
OF INTENTIONS, WILL DO SOMETHING WRONG.

HE'LL BE TRYING TO SAVE
SOMEONE--DO SOMETHING
HEROIC--BUT HE'LL MAKE
A MISTAKE.

TURN TO THE LEFT
INSTEAD OF THE RIGHT
--AND PEOPLE WILL
BE HURT OR KILLED
BECAUSE OF IT.



AND IT'LL EITHER HAPPEN ON
LIVE TV, OR IT'LL BE RECORDED...
AND, LIKE RODNEY KING, IT'LL
PLAY OVER AND OVER AND OVER...

ALL OVER
THE WORLD.

UNTIL...

...THE UNREST THAT
IS ALREADY BUBBLING
WILL BOIL OVER...

...AND EVERY POLITICIAN
LOOKING TO MAKE A NAME
FOR HIMSELF WILL RUN
RIGHT ON TV AND THEY'LL
TELL AMERICA HOW THEY
ARE GOING TO SAVE THE
WORLD FROM THESE OUT-
OF-CONTROL COSTUMED
CHARACTERS WHO THINK
THE LAW DOESN'T APPLY
TO THEM.



AND HALF OF US WILL
GO ALONG WITH IT AND
HALF OF US WON'T.

AND BECAUSE OF THIS
MINI-REBELLION, OUR
LAWMAKERS WILL BE
FORCED TO MAKE AN
EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE.

SOMEONE
LIKE OUR FRIEND
SPIDER-MAN.

SOMEONE THEY
CAN MAKE A REAL
SPECTACLE OF.

SOMEONE THEY CAN
UNMASK ON TV, DESTROY
HIS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
AND PIN A CRIME OR
TWO ON!

ALL FOR THE
WHOLE WORLD
TO SEE.



AND THE COUNTRY
WILL RUPTURE.

SIDES WILL BE
TAKEN AND PEOPLE
WILL GET HURT.

FRIEND AGAINST FRIEND.
PEOPLE WHO USED TO BE
ADVERSARIES FINDING
THEMSELVES TEAMED UP
AGAINST A COMMON CAUSE.

FRIENDS DYING AT THE
HANDS OF A FORMER ALLY
OR TERMINATE.

THAT IS WHAT
WILL HAPPEN.

BUT IF WE COME TO THEM
NOW AS REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE MOST POWERFUL
OF ALL THE HEROES...

...COOPERATE AND
INCORPORATE
OURSELVES INTO
THE PROCESS...

...WE CAN
DIFFUSE IT.

CAN I HEAR THE PART
WHERE YOU TELL US THAT
IF WE WOULD HAVE CREATED
THIS DELEGATION OF HEROES
YOU FANTASIZED ABOUT
YEARS AGO, NONE OF THIS
WOULD HAVE EVER
HAPPENED?

YES.

YOU SHOULD
HAVE LISTENED
TO ME THEN, AND
I'M BEGGING
YOU TO LISTEN
TO ME NOW.

YOU BROUGHT IT ON
YOURSELVES. THIS IS
A SURFACE WORLD
SITUATION.

THEY'LL COME
FOR YOU IN
ATLANTIS, TOO.

NO. THAT
WOULD BE
AN ACT OF
WAR.

MOST PROBABLY
YOU'LL DESTROY
YOURSELVES BEFORE
THEY EVEN CONSIDER
US...

AND IT'LL
BE OUR PLANET
AGAIN.

EITHER WAY,
WE'RE FINE
WITH IT.



UM...

...IT'S
WRONG.



DOCTOR.

IT'S
WRONG.

IT'S GIVING IN
TO OTHER PEOPLES'
IGNORANCE AND
FEAR.

AND A LOT
OF OUR PEERS
WILL FIGHT FOR
THEIR RIGHTS.

TO THE
DEATH.

DOCTOR
RICHARDS,
PLEASE TELL
ME YOU--

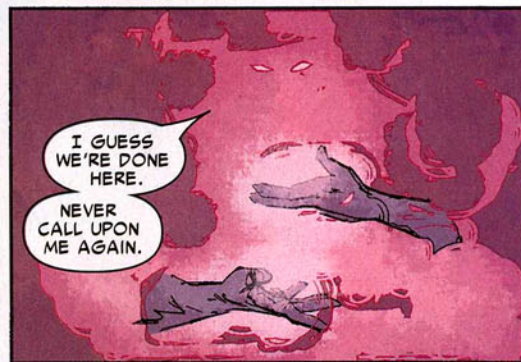
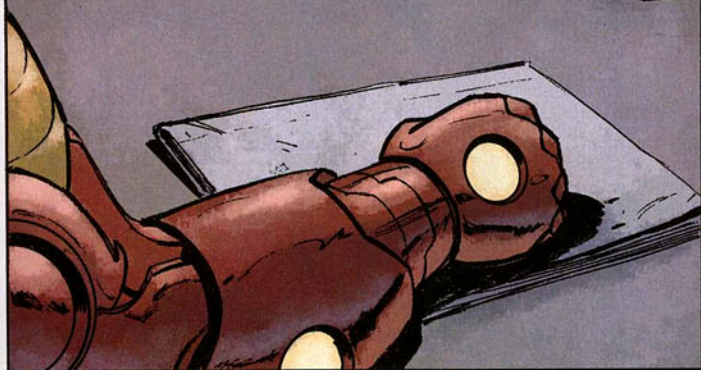
TONY'S
RIGHT.



MY
GOD.



HE'S
COMPLETELY
RIGHT.



I GUESS
WE'RE DONE
HERE.

NEVER
CALL UPON
ME AGAIN.



WELL.

I'M SORRY YOU
CAN'T COMMUNICATE
WITH US, BLACK BOLT.
I--



I THINK I
GOT THE GIST.

WELL, I HAVE
TO GO HOME AND
FIGHT WITH MY
WIFE ABOUT THIS
FOR THE REST
OF MY LIFE.

I'LL CALL YOU
AS SOON AS I
HEAR SOMETHING.

IT WAS
FUN WHILE IT
LASTED.



TO BE CONTINUED...IN CIVIL WAR, PLANET HULK, AND NEW AVENGERS

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OKAY, HOW
MANY SUPER-VILLAINS
ARE WE TALKING
HERE, SPEEDBALL?

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

THREE. NO, WAIT. I THINK I SEE
COLDHEART IN THE BACKYARD EMPTYING
THE TRASH. THAT'S FOUR OF 'EM IN
TOTAL, AND ALL FOUR ARE ON THE FBI
MOST-WANTED LIST, RIGHT?

COBALT MAN, COLDHEART,
SPEEDFREEK, NITRO...YEP, THEY
ALL BROKE OUT OF RYKER'S THREE
MONTHS BACK, AND ALL OF THEM
HAVE RECORDS AS LONG AS
YOUR ARM.

COLDHEART FOUGHT
SPIDER-MAN A COUPLE
OF TIMES AND--GET THIS--
SPEEDFREEK ALMOST
TOOK DOWN THE
HULK.



HE
WHAT?

THESE GUYS ARE
TOTALLY OUT OF OUR
LEAGUE, MAN. NO WAY
WE SHOULD BE GOING
IN THERE.

BUT THINK ABOUT
THE RATINGS, MICROBE.
THIS COULD BE THE BEST
EPISODE OF THE ENTIRE
SECOND SEASON.



SIX MONTHS WE'VE BEEN DRIVING
AROUND THE MIDWEST LOOKING FOR
GOOFBALLS TO FIGHT, AND THE BEST
WE'VE MANAGED SO FAR WAS A BUM
WITH A SPRAY CAN AND A
WOODEN LEG.

THIS COULD BE THE
EPISODE THAT REALLY PUTS
NEW WARRIORS ON THE MAP,
DUDE. WE BEAT **THESE** GUYS
AND PEOPLE STOP BITCHING
ABOUT NOVA LEAVING THE
SHOW TO GO BACK INTO
SPACE.



SO
WHAT'S THE
PLAN?



THE PLAN IS YOU SPEND FIVE
MORE MINUTES IN MAKEUP, NAMORITA. YOU THINK PEOPLE
WANNA SEE THAT GREAT BIG UGLY ZIT ON YOUR CHIN?



THEN
WE--

UH-OH.

WHASSUP?



WE'VE BEEN
MARKED.







WAIT A MINUTE. I KNOW YOU GUYS. YOU'RE THOSE IDIOTS FROM THAT REALITY SHOW. I'M NOT GETTING TAKEN DOWN BY GOLDFISH-GIRL AND THE BONDAGE QUEEN.



BEG TO DIFFER, COLDHEART.

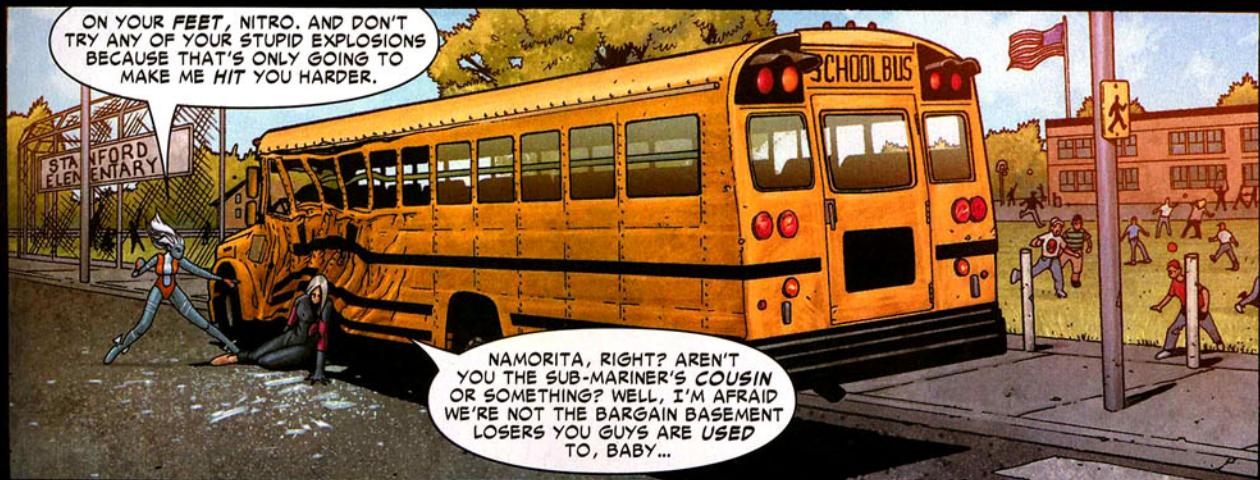
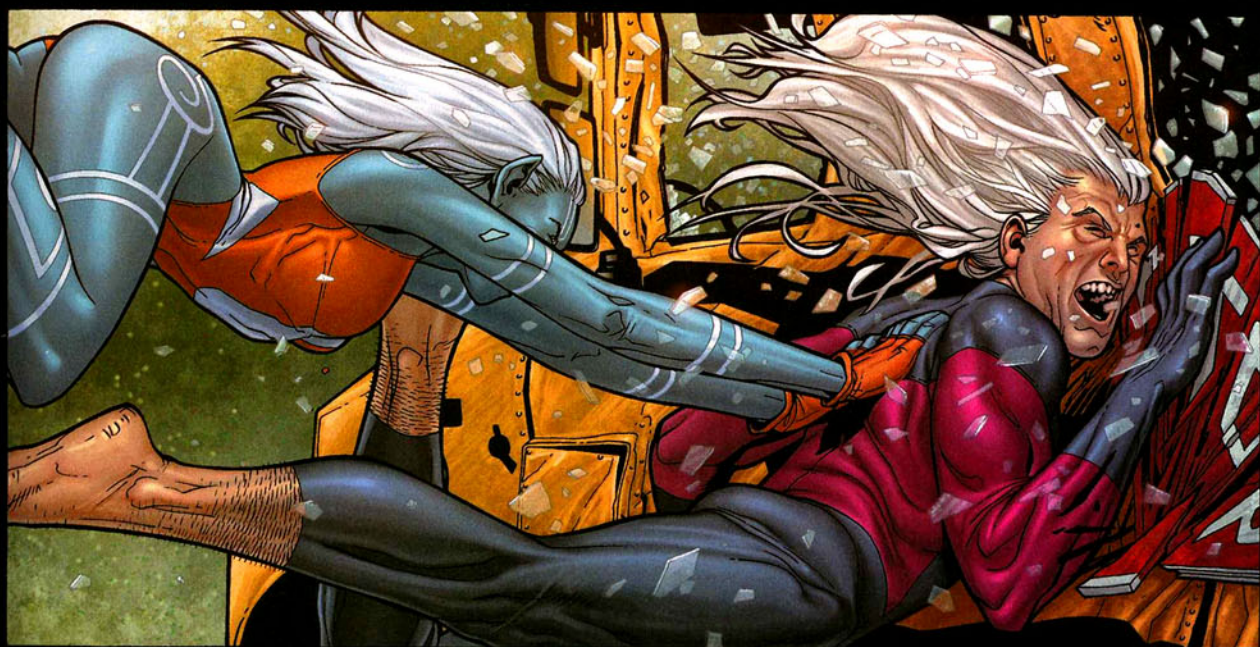
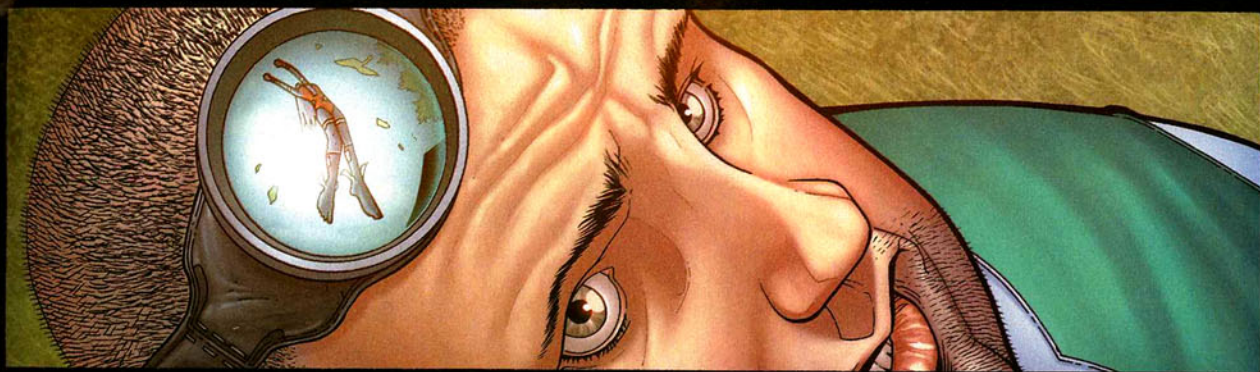


COULD WE CUT OUT THE PART WHERE SHE CALLED ME THE BONDAGE QUEEN?



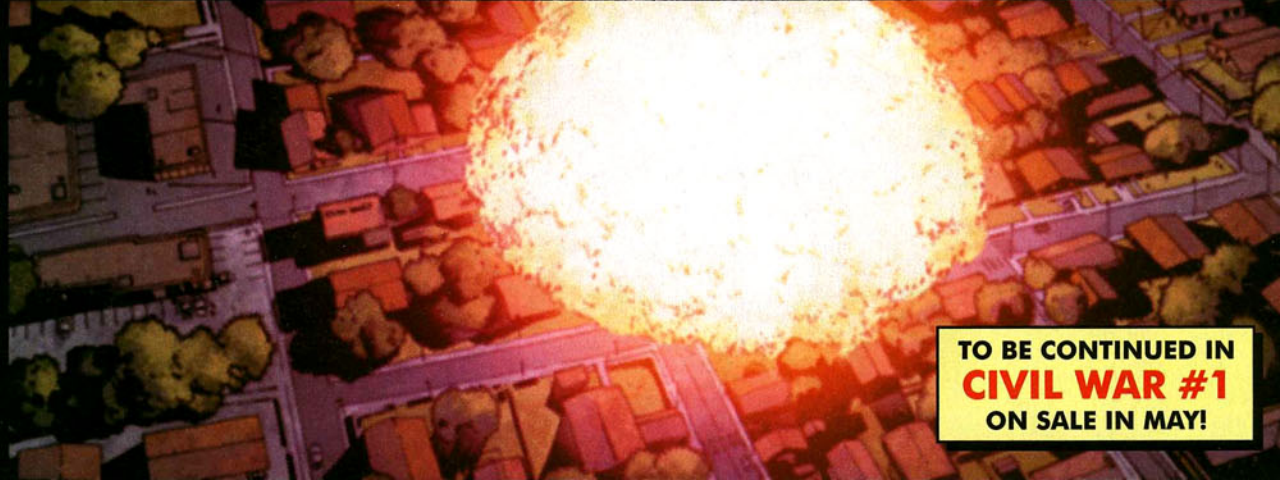
OH, YEAH. BECAUSE NIGHT THRASHER SOUNDS SO MUCH STRAIGHTER.

GOT MY BEASTIES RUSTING COBALT MAN IF ANYONE WANTS TO TRACK DOWN THAT OLD CAPTAIN MARVEL VILLAIN.



ON YOUR FEET, NITRO. AND DON'T TRY ANY OF YOUR STUPID EXPLOSIONS BECAUSE THAT'S ONLY GOING TO MAKE ME HIT YOU HARDER.

NAMORITA, RIGHT? AREN'T YOU THE SUB-MARINER'S COUSIN OR SOMETHING? WELL, I'M AFRAID WE'RE NOT THE BARGAIN BASEMENT LOSERS YOU GUYS ARE USED TO, BABY...



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