

DARK AGES



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A being of immense power called the Unmaker was sealed away inside the Earth. Billions of years later, the Unmaker awakened and began to destroy the planet from within, causing massive destruction. Earth's heroes sent a small strike force to combat the threat. Dr. Strange released an E.M.P. wave that halted the Unmaker. However, with Strange now dead, the portal remained open and the E.M.P. wave encompassed the entire planet, wiping out all electricity.

Now, seven years later, the survivors have formed a new society without the use of electricity. But other, darker forces are also at work...

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AFTER OUR WORLD WENT DARK, PEOPLE WERE SCARED AND GRIEVING, AND THEIR FEAR AND HURT TURNED INTO ANGER.

THERE WERE WARS FOUGHT OVER BORDERS, RESOURCES, IDEOLOGIES.

IT WAS CHAOS.

BETWEEN THE INITIAL EARTHQUAKES, THE LOSS OF POWER AND THE WARS, BILLIONS OF LIVES WERE LOST.

BUT THEN, CUTTING THROUGH ALL THAT FEAR, RAGE AND CHAOS, CAME VOICES OF CALM.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS.

AND A MESSAGE STARTED TO SPREAD.



IT DOESN'T... HNNNG...HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS.



IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS, CHILDREN.

IMAGINE SOMETHING BEYOND THIS.



HEY, SO, A FEW OF MY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN BRAINSTORMING AND THEY HAVE A THOUGHT.

YOU UP FOR HEARING IT, OR SHOULD I GO AHEAD AND RAM THIS SWORD THROUGH YOUR EYE SOCKET?





THERE'S
ANOTHER
WAY!



THERE'S
ANOTHER
WAY.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT. THERE'S
A BETTER WAY,
SON.



WE
CAN FIND IT,
TOGETHER.

WHO SAYS A
POSTAPOCALYPTIC
WORLD HAS TO BE A
BAD PLACE?

FORGET YOUR BARREN WASTELANDS,
YOUR FASHION DOMINATED BY LEATHER
AND SKULLS AND THE ALL-TOO-COMMON
PROBLEM OF ROVING CANNIBALS. AFTER
THE FALL OF OUR CIVILIZATION...

...CAME
SOMETHING
BETTER.

WOOOO!!!

I GOTCHA!

UCHHH

THAT
WASN'T FAIR,
DAD.

YOU WERE
YELLING WOO,
MAY. THAT MAKES
YOU A LOT EASIER
TO LOCATE. IT'S A
LOUD HOLE IN
YOUR STEALTHY
PLANS.

TIME TO
HEAD HOME,
YOU TWO.

SURE THING,
MJ. I JUST HAVE
TO SPIN SOME
WEBS FIRST.

HONESTLY,
IT BECAME A
DECENT PLACE
TO RAISE A
FAMILY.



WITH A SMALLER POPULATION WITHOUT ELECTRICITY, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND MASS PRODUCTION, THE WORLD STARTED COMING BACK FROM THE BRINK OF CLIMATE DESTRUCTION.



PEOPLE FLED THE MOST INHOSPITABLE PLACES AND CAME TO THRIVING CENTERS.

WHAT WAS LEFT OF HUMANITY SHELTERED FROM THE DARKNESS TOGETHER.



THE CENTER OF OUR NEW WORLD, EARTH'S CAPITAL, WAS WAKANDA.

WAKANDA
CHECKING IN.



LUNELLA LAFAYETTE, SHURI, TONY STARK, VALERIA RICHARDS, T'CHALLA, NADIA VAN DYNE, AMADEUS CHO AND VICTOR VON DOOM JOINED THE GREATEST OF NON-POWERED THINKERS.

THEY REIMAGINED WHAT THE WORLD COULD BE.

THEY DREAMED UP LIGHTING AND REFRIGERATION, WHOLE NEW SYSTEMS OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION, SHELTER AND GOVERNANCE. TOGETHER, THEY CREATED A POSTAPOCALYPTIC UTOPIA.

ONE HUNDRED HOURS OF CHEMILUMINESCENCE FROM A SINGLE ACTIVATION.

HOW DID WE PROTECT OUR UTOPIA...?

...WE BUILT
WEBs.

TNG

DING
DING
DING

WHERE?

THEY'RE
HEADING FOR
THE SOUTHWEST
CORNER OF THE
CITY.

CONSIDERING
WHO WE HAVE
THERE, THAT'S THE
WORST PLACE TO BE
A BLOODTHIRSTY
CREATURE OF THE
NIGHT.

SHOULD
I SEND A
FLARE UP?

NO NEED,
FOGGY...

"...WOLVERINE
WILL KNOW
BY NOW."

WHAT
IS IT?

WEREWOLVES.

SNIKT

WITH DELICATE
BUT FRAGRANT
UNDERTONES OF
VAMPIRE.

SNIKT

COATING
WITH SILVER.

SHNK

LET'S
HUNT.

READY
FOR VAMPIRES,
GABBY?

STAKE
FISTS ARE
GO!

BLADE?

OF COURSE, WITH THE
LIGHTS GOING OUT
ACROSS THE WORLD...

...DARKNESS
THRIVED.

THE NIGHT HORDE RAIDS
WERE FREQUENT, BUT WE
HAD PROTECTORS WHO
WERE FAR MORE FEARSOME
THAN ANY MONSTERS.

RARGHHH!!



RARGHHHH!!

RAARGHHHH!!

AH, THE
SERENE SOUNDS
OF THE FOREST
AT NIGHT.

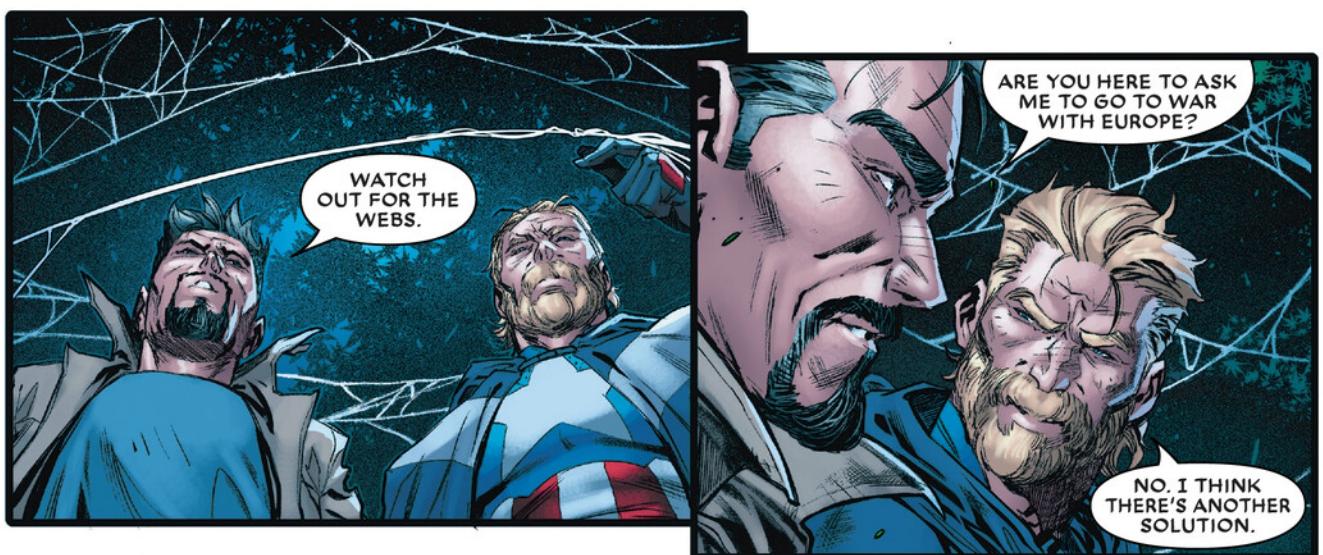
SOUNDS LIKE
A NIGHT HORDE
MAKING A VERY
BAD MISTAKE,
PEPPER.

HSSSS

STARK.









HELLO,
IRON MAN.

APOCALYPSE!

WHALE

YOU'VE
ALWAYS BEEN
TOO GOOD
AT KILLING,
STARK.

HRK.

SOME OF
THE VAMPIRES YOU
JUST INCINERATED
HAVE BEEN IN MY
SERVICE FOR
CENTURIES.

CAP! GET...HNNNG...
DRACULA OFF ME,
AND I'LL--

NO.

CRK



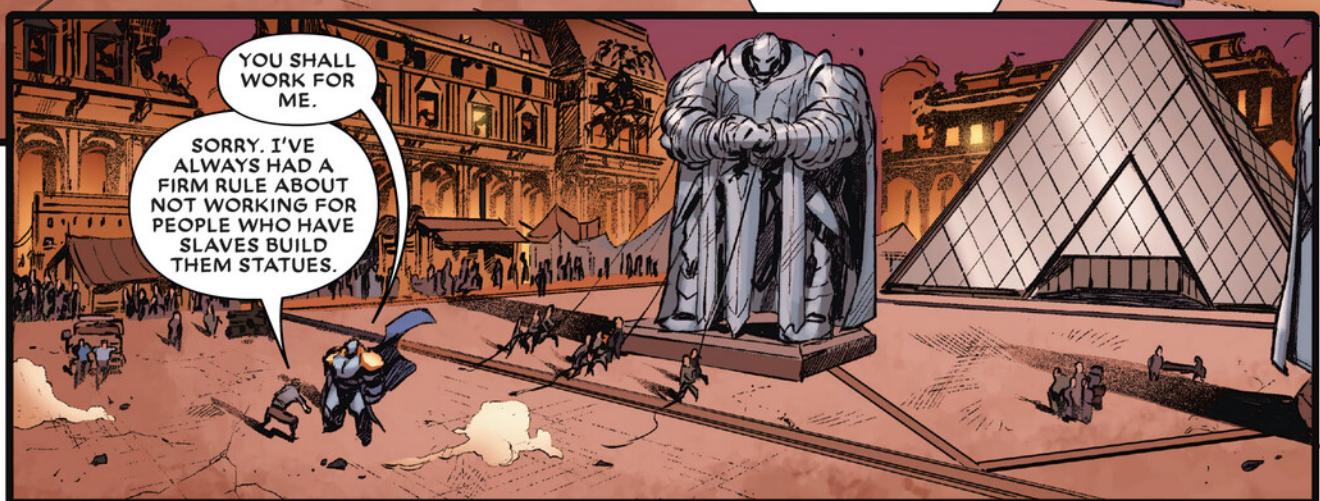
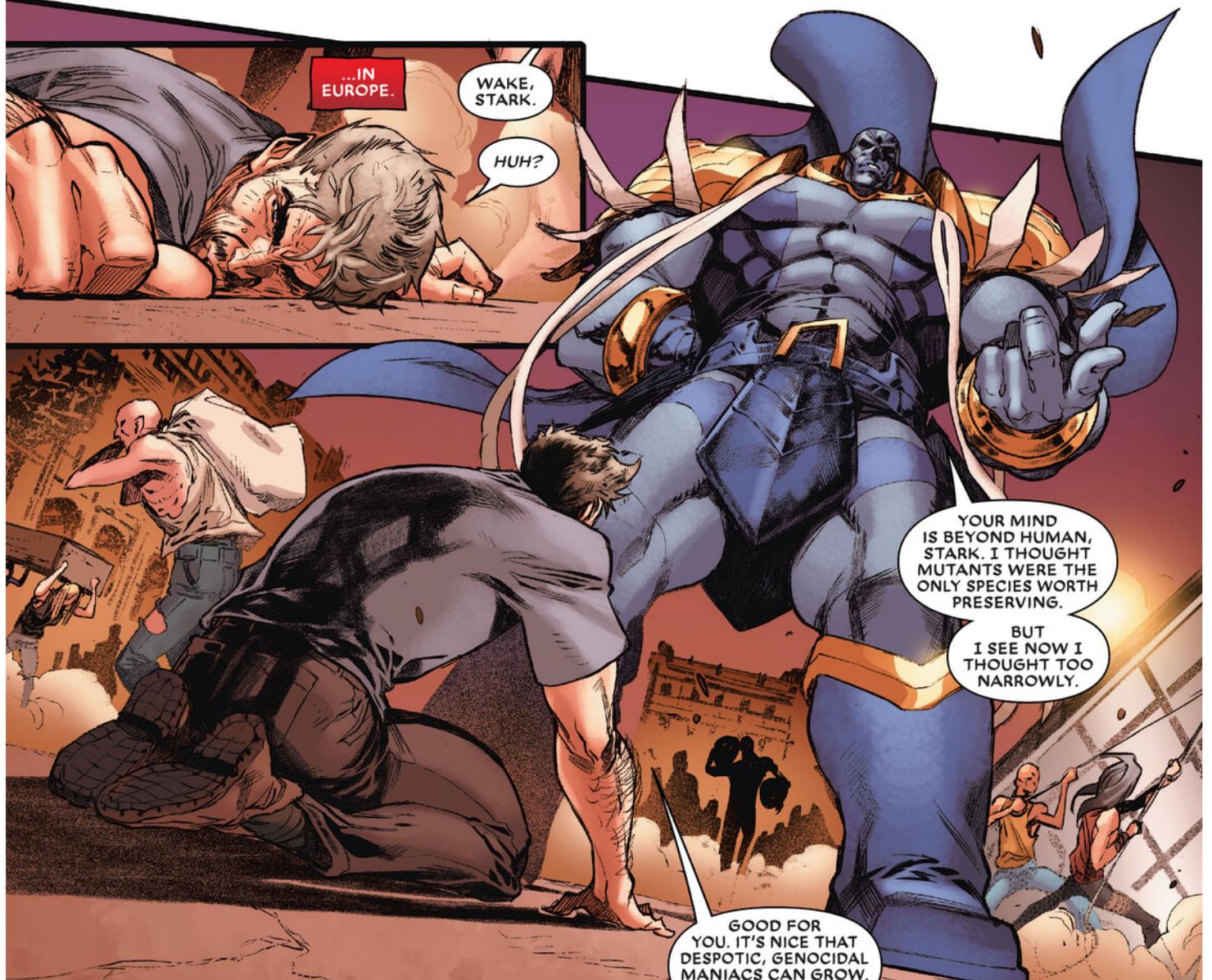
EXTRACTION
ACCOMPLISHED.

WELL DONE,
MYSTIQUE.

WE WERE SO RESILIENT.
WE HAD SURVIVED
SO WELL.



WE COULDN'T
SEE THE DANGER
GROWING...





...IT
IS TIME
TO EVOLVE
AGAIN.

RIRI? REED?
WE THOUGHT
YOU WERE DEAD.
WE GAVE UP
SEARCHING.

SUE
THOUGHT--

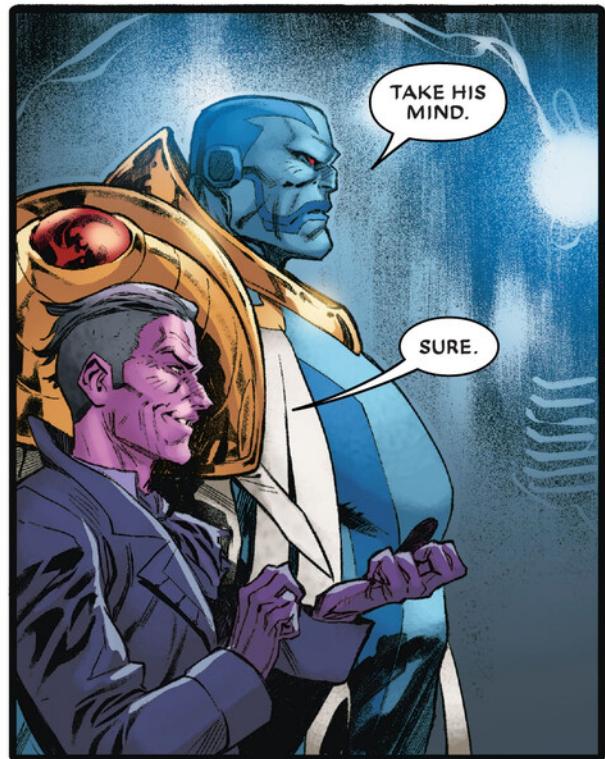
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

EVERYTHING
I CAN TO HELP
EN SABAH
NUR.

ARE
YOU BEING
THREATENED
OR....?

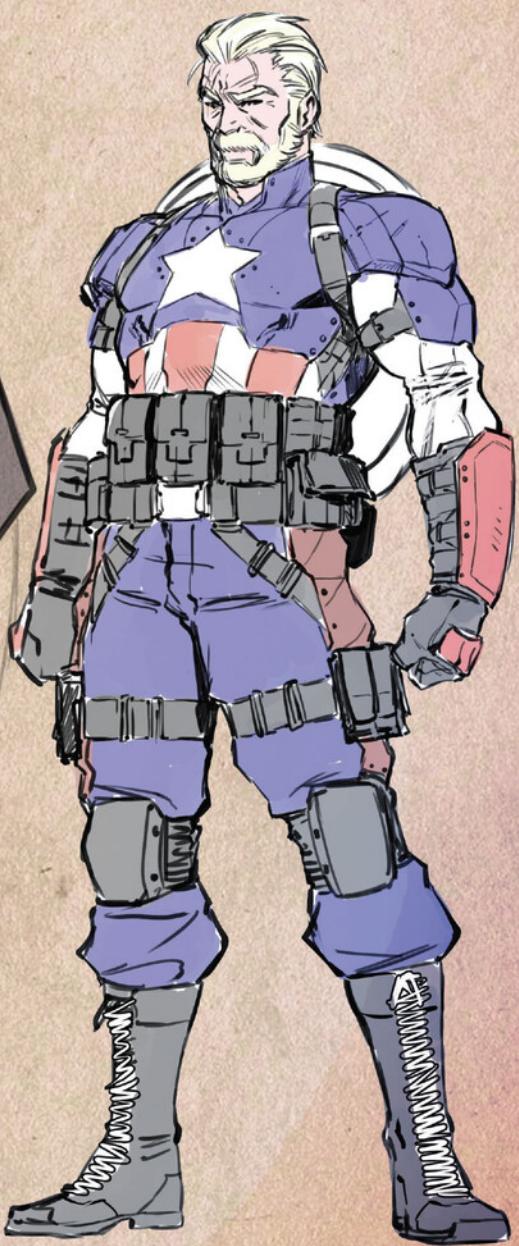
NO. WE
ARE BEING
GIVEN A
CHANCE.





HERE'S A LOOK AT
IBAN COELLO'S
DESIGNS FOR

DARK AGES



CAPTAIN
AMERICA



NEXT



The Earth has been plunged into darkness, and Avengers and X-Men have begun vanishing in the night. They have been taken and twisted by Apocalypse to serve an evil older than the world. A group of heroes will assemble to cross the dark planet in a desperate attempt to rescue their friends and save a civilization already on its knees.

