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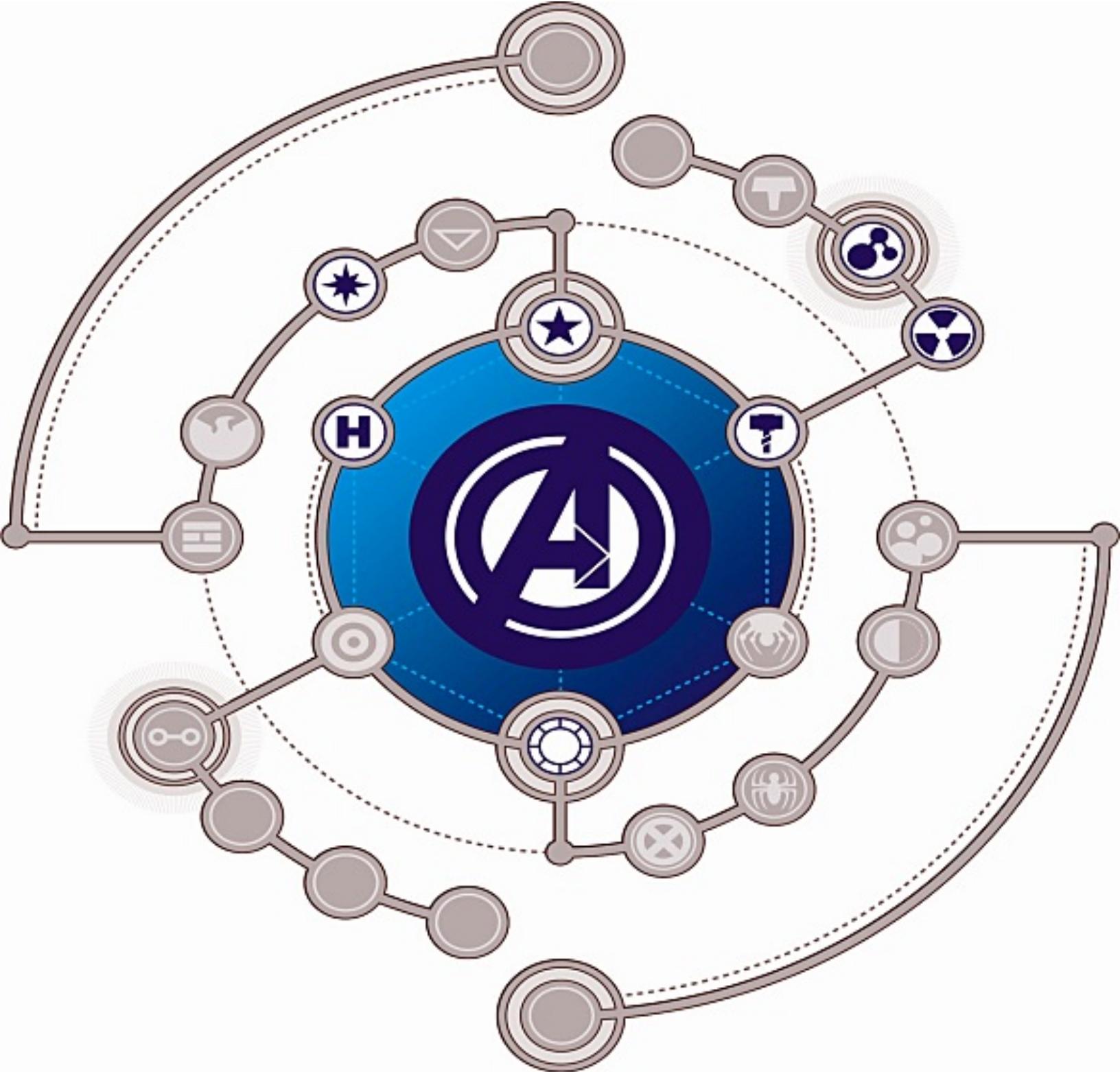
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PREVIOUSLY IN AVENGERS





EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

CAPTAIN AMERICA • IRON MAN • THOR • HAWKEYE • BLACK WIDOW • HULK
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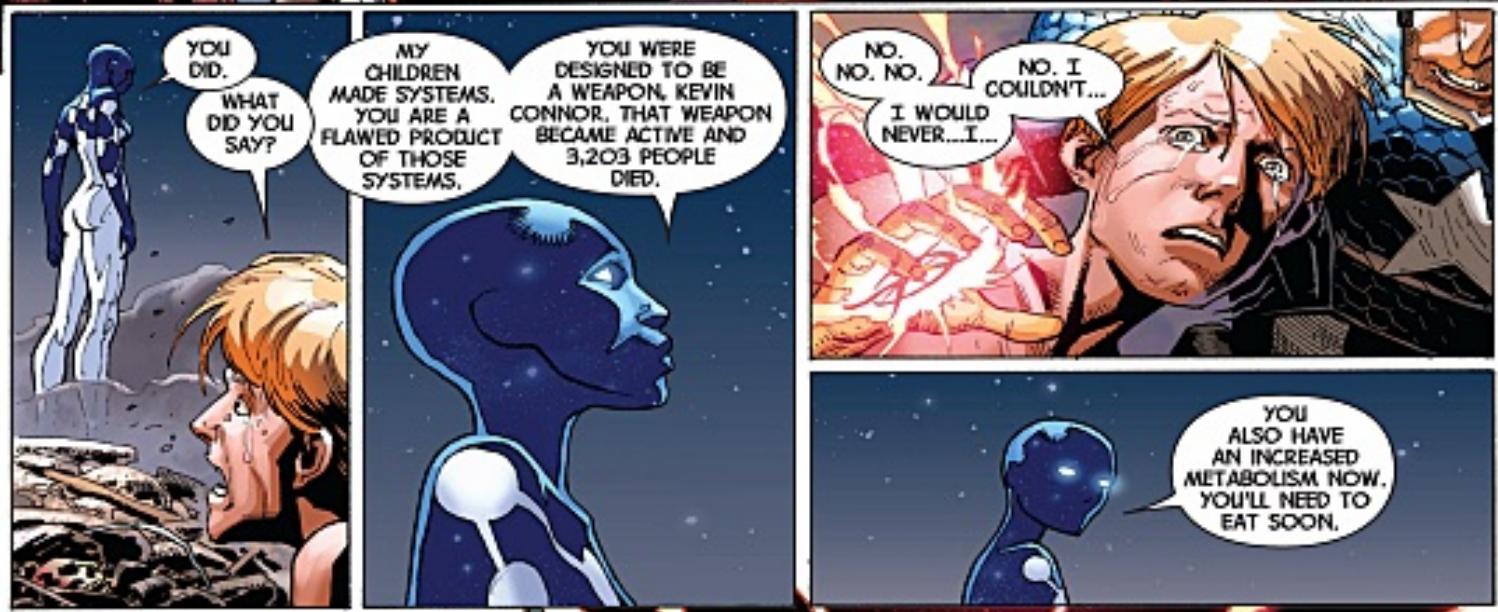
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SUBJECT FOUND:
CONNOR,
KEVIN KALE













NOW...ARE YOU CAPABLE OF DOING AS YOU ARE TOLD, OR DO YOU CRAVE FURTHER INSTRUCTION?









I SEE IT NOW.
THE SYSTEM IS MORE
THAN BROKEN.

THE SYSTEM IS
CONFLICTED.

"YOU'RE GOING TO
MAKE THINGS WORSE."

YES.
AND NOW...

NOW,
THOR!

DO IT!

AARRRRRRRR!



WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN, KEVIN CONNOR. THIS RESULTED IN A COMPROMISED TRANSITION OF THE STARBRAND AVATAR...

SO I MOVED US FROM THERE TO HERE, TO EASE THAT TRANSITION...TO EASE YOUR TRANSITION.

AS YOU ARE NOW THE STARBRAND,



RIGHT.
SUPER.
THANKS.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

LOOK AT YOUR HAND.

THAT IS A STARBRAND, A WEAPON DESIGNED TO PROTECT A PEOPLE AS THEY PROGRESS THROUGH A CHANGE PERIOD, BECOMING A MORE ADVANCED SOCIETY.

IT'S A DEFENSE SYSTEM OF PLANETARY SCALE.

IT IS WHAT YOU HAVE BECOME.

YOU ARE A STARBRAND.

YOU SAID IT WAS BROKEN.

DOES THAT MEAN SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ME?

YES, BUT SOMETHING FAR BEYOND YOU BEING AN IMPERFECT VESSEL.

IT'S MORE THAN EITHER OF US.



IT'S THE SYSTEM, ALL OF IT. EVERYTHING.

TURN AROUND.



THIS IS THE SUPERFLOW OF THE UNIVERSE.

IT IS A DYING NETWORK CREATED BY THE BUILDERS. IT IS BROKEN.

THAT LARGE MACHINE IS THE USELESS HUSK OF A COMMUNICATION STATION—A SYSTEM OF THE BUILDERS. THE DELIVERY MECHANISM FOR PRODUCING AVATARS SUCH AS OURSELVES.

THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN OTHERS, BUT THIS WAS A FRACTURED, FAILED EVENT AND THEY DID NOT MANIFEST.

WE ARE, MOST LIKELY, ALONE.

SO, THINGS ARE PRETTY MUCH HOW THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN EXCEPT I CAN BLOW UP A PLANET?

NO, KEVIN. NOTHING IS THE SAME.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO FEEL ABOUT ANY OF THIS...

CAN WE JUST HANG OUT HERE? I JUST KNOW THAT I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK THERE...TO WHAT I DID.

NO, WE MOVE FORWARD--WE DO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ENGINEERED TO DO.

BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH OUR WORLD. THE BUILDERS HAD OTHER, OLDER SYSTEMS THAT CAME BEFORE OUR SYSTEM. THESE SYSTEMS WERE NOT MEANT TO BE USED IN TANDEM.

THERE IS A CONFLICT, KEVIN CONNOR. WE HAVE TO FIX IT.

CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

ADAM.

COOL. THANKS FOR SAVING ME BACK THERE, ADAM. I OWE YOU ONE.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

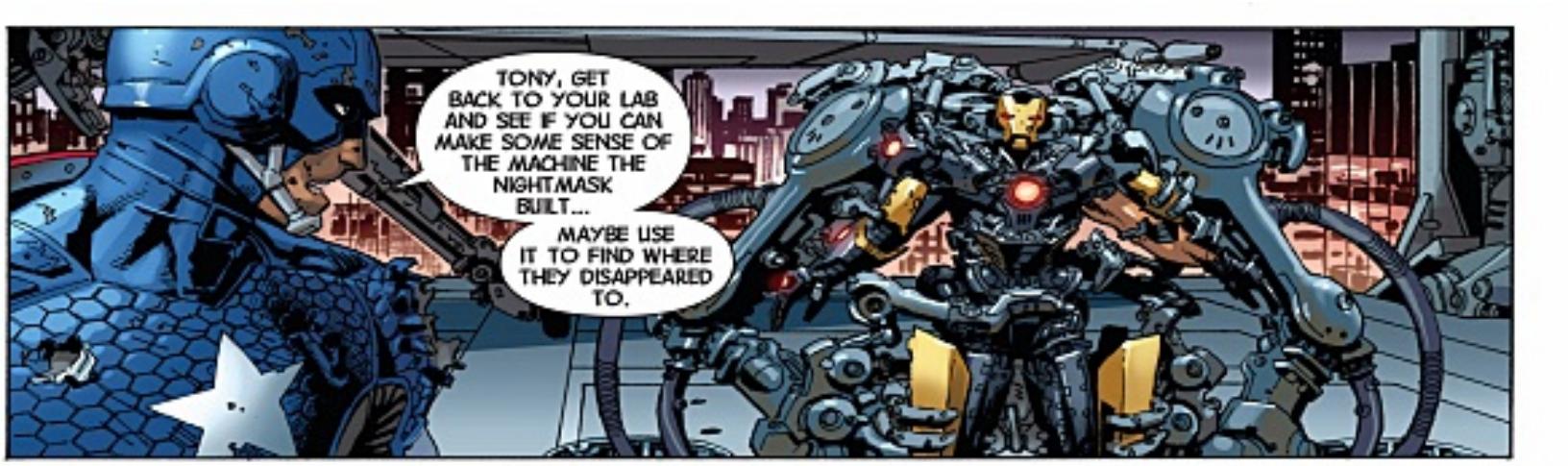
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

FOLLOW ME. WE CAN USE THIS SPACE TO TRAVEL FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

HOME.

AVENGERS TOWER.
LATER.





TONY, GET BACK TO YOUR LAB AND SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE SOME SENSE OF THE MACHINE THE NIGHTMASK BUILT...

MAYBE USE IT TO FIND WHERE THEY DISAPPEARED TO.



ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE A PROBLEM...

WHEN WE WERE IN MY LAB, I TAGGED HIM WITH A UNIVERSAL TRACKER.



I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PINPOINT HIS LOCATION IF WE GET A PING, AND, FORTUNATELY, AS LONG AS HE'S CLOSE TO OUR OWN LOCAL UNIVERSE, WE SHOULD GET ONE.

SERIOUSLY? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D COOK UP.

YEAH, BANNER, THIS IS ONE OF REED RICHARDS' MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION, ACTUALLY.



WHAT IT IS?
WHAT'S WRONG?



UNBELIEVABLE.
HE'S ON MARS.



"EX NIHILO."

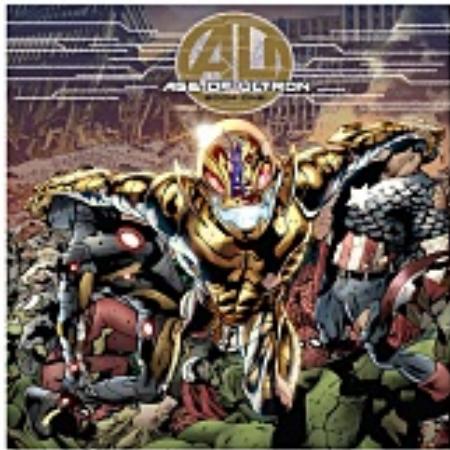


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THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

It's been a long time in coming—since last year's Free Comic Book Day at least! But at last, it's time to prepare for the **AGE OF ULTRON**—a monster storyline from the mind of Brian Michael Bendis and the drawing boards of Bryan Hitch, Brandon Peterson and Carlos Pacheco! The unstoppable A.I. known as Ultron strikes—and before the Marvel Universe knows what's happening, it's all over! And that's just where the story begins! For maximum excitement, AGE OF ULTRON will be coming at you multiple times each month (the first three amazing issues all shipping in March!) along with dedicated tie-in issues of your favorite titles!



This is the first month in forever that doesn't have a new Avengers-affiliated Marvel Now! title launching! So we figured this would be a good time to catch our breath, go to the mail bag, and get a sense of what you guys have thought about our dramatic creative relaunches:

I really did enjoy UNCANNY AVENGERS #1. John Cassaday's art alone is worth the price of admission.

-Chris Lopez

I just read UNCANNY AVENGERS #1 and I found it fascinating. There are so many great ideas exploited by Remender.

-Arcadio Balafos

I loved AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #9 and am so looking forward to see what Kelly & Stefano have in store for us. The snappy dialogue and perfect characterization was a welcome breath of fresh air.

-Rachael Sherwood

UNCANNY AVENGERS #1 was AMAZING! SPECTACULAR! UNCANNY! AWESOME! I really cannot wait to see where the series goes and what arcs you guys have in store for us in the future.

-Isaac Orr-Green

LOVE the direction you are taking this book!!!! I wasn't a huge fan of Rogue but she is coming off as a very powerful character, and less whiny.

-Joseph D. Urbick

It has been a long time since I have sent an email into Marvel after reading a comic book but after reading AVENGERS #1 I had to write to say job well done!

-Scott Zachry

While I was a little sad to see J. Hickman leave FANTASTIC FOUR and FF, I'm glad he's

now writing AVENGERS. It's just what the title needed!

-Nigo Pm

I just finished AVENGERS #1, and as a 57 year old long time comic book reader, I have to say I was extremely disappointed. While I understand that it's simply the first issue, it seemed unstructured, "overwritten" and confusing with no clear cut point of view.

-Mike Vargas

I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know that I really enjoyed issue #9 of the AVENGERS ASSEMBLE series. It was difficult for me to stifle my heinous giggling at the hijinks of Stark and Thor vs. Spider-Woman and Hulk, and I actually had someone come over to me and ask what I was enjoying so much!

-Nikki N.

I was pleasantly surprised. The art by Jerome Opena has come a long way since UNCANNY X-FORCE #1. Hyperion, Smasher, a new Captain Universe? Pretty cool new members, too!

-Andrew J. Shaw

Just wanted to comment on how great this first AVENGERS issue is. The villains are intriguing and compelling right from the getgo. I love that the writing is drawing from classic religious references like Ex Nihilo. It makes the story and dialogue feel rich and interesting.

-Jenny Tarof

I'm absolutely loving the new era - love Jonathan Hickman's writing, love Jerome Opena's artwork - and I understand that the whole point of this storyarc is for the new Avengers team to save the butts of the old Avengers team. So you de-power Iron Man's armor, and you mind-control the Hulk, fine, fine - but in issue #2, you have Thor hanging helpless wrapped in...vines. Vines, people! Try remembering: he's not 'normal' guy plus enchanted hammer - he's 'Hulk-strong' guy plus enchanted hammer! Yeesh.

-Steve Donaghue

I am glad to see the Black Panther back on the scene and making big moves. He is my favorite character. He's also a great choice to lead the New Avengers.

-Vincent

Wow! This is one of the most beautiful books that I've seen in a long time. It's edgy and simply put, utterly brilliant.

-Brian Chamberlin

I was on the fence about AVENGERS... until I saw Cannonball and Sunspot recruited! Cannonball has been my absolute favorite character for years and Sunspot is next in line. Please let them represent the X by kicking major butt as Avengers!

-Isaac Woody

I have loved comics since I was a kid (I'm 31 now). I started collecting them again with the introduction of Marvel Now! I have yet to be disappointed. I just finished reading UNCANNY AVENGERS #3 and all I can say is Wow! That was one heck of a fun roller coaster ride. I loved seeing the Red Skull lose his hand and then Thor bowing down and pledging allegiance at the end. I can't wait to see what you guys do with the apocalypse storyline that is still to come.

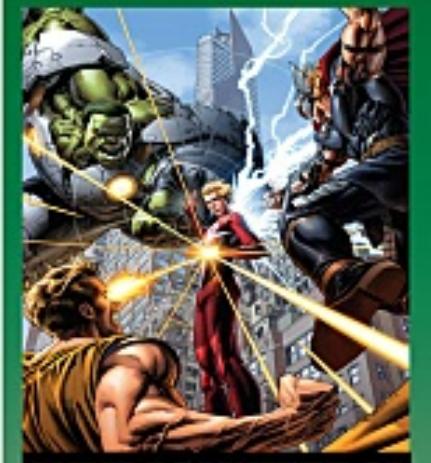
-Norman Shane Noah

Well, you've done it. You have officially won me over...big time! I just finished UNCANNY

AVENGERS #3 and I had to pick my jaw up off of the floor. Not only that, but for the first time in a long time, I can truly say that I have no idea what is going to happen next.

-Steven Taylor

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CAPTAIN MARVEL AND

WOLVERINE! PLUS, IRON MAN

AND BEAST!

ALSO ON SALE!

MARVEL UNIVERSE

AVENGERS: EARTH'S

MIGHTIEST HEROES #12



