

**MARVEL
NOW!**

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JOIN THE
REVOLUTION

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PREVIOUSLY IN AVENGERS

"SO...THIS IDEA HAS BEEN RUNNING THROUGH MY MIND. IT'S OVERWHELMING-- ALL-CONSUMING-- AND I CAN'T SHUT IT OFF."



THE
BEST IDEAS
ARE ALWAYS THE
SIMPLEST. AND
LAST WEEK WHEN
WE WERE TALKING
ABOUT HOW
THINGS KEEP
ESCALATING...

...HOW THE
WORLD IS EVER
MORE DANGEROUS,
HOW THREATS ARE
MORE FREQUENT...
HOW OUR ENEMIES
ARE SEEMINGLY
ENDLESS...

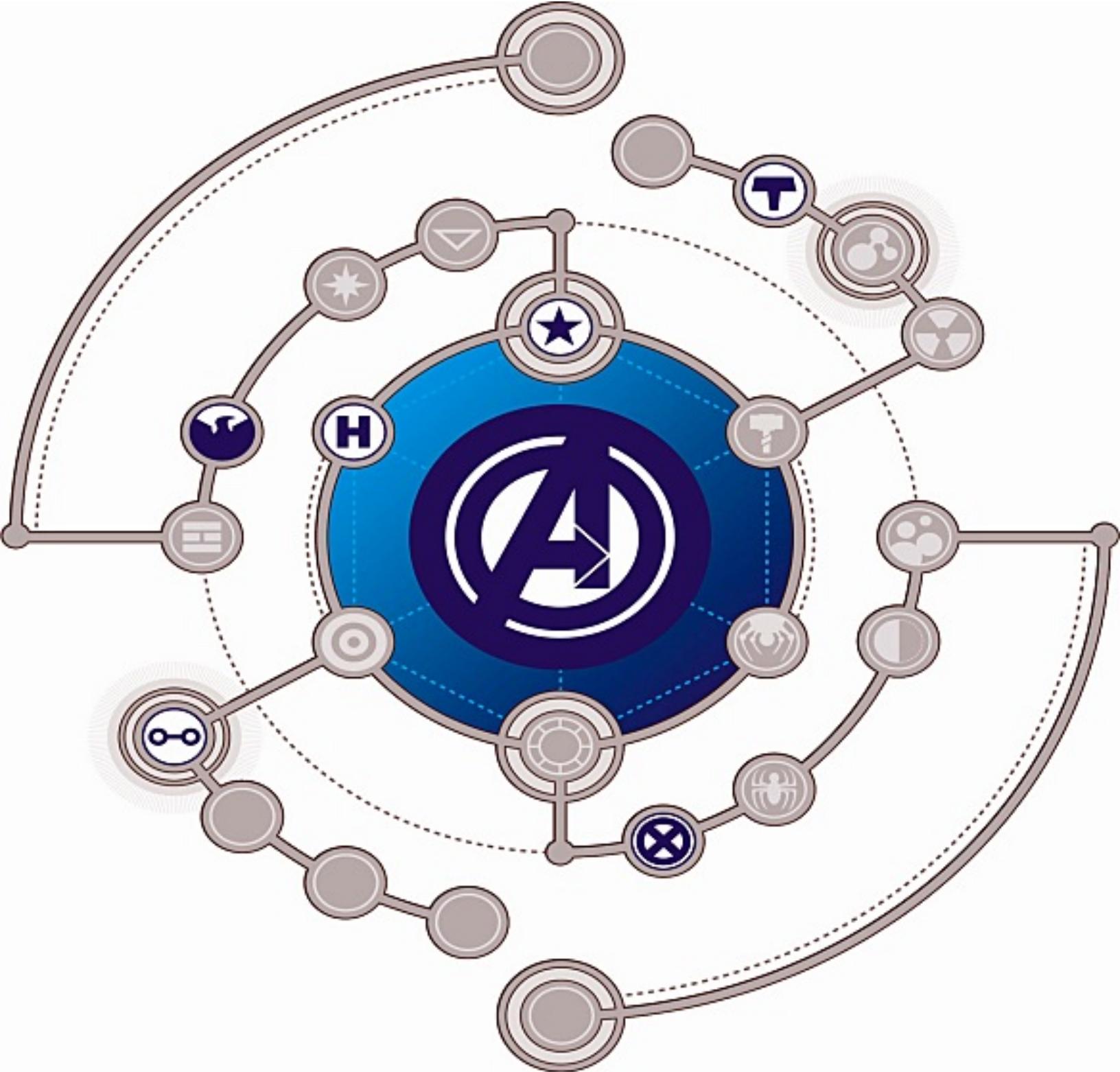
WELL, STEVE,
THAT'S A COMPLEX
PROBLEM, BUT YOU HAD
A PRETTY SIMPLE
ANSWER...

DO YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT YOU
SAID?

I DO.
WELL, NOW
I'M SURE YOU
WERE RIGHT...

"WE HAVE TO
GET BIGGER."





EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

CAPTAIN AMERICA • IRON MAN • THOR • HAWKEYE • BLACK WIDOW • HULK
WOLVERINE • SPIDER-MAN • CAPTAIN MARVEL • SPIDER-WOMAN
FALCON • SHANG-CHI • SUNSPOT • CANNONBALL • MANIFOLD
SMASHER • CAPTAIN UNIVERSE • HYPERION

OUTER SPACE. THEN.

EMPERSS!
MY EMPRESS!

THE
WHEEL IS
BROKEN!

THE
WORLD IS
LOST!



IMMUNDRA
HAS FALLEN!

GO,
SMASHER!
WARN THE
EARTH!

YOU
HAVE MY
VOW...
I WILL
NOT FAIL...

"I WILL NOT."



BLOWN

HERE'S SOMETHING THEY DON'T
TEACH YOU IN SCHOOL IN IOWA,
OR COLORADO...OR
ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH
FOR THAT MATTER.

SYNTHETIC TRI-PLATED
SPECTRA-FORMS ARE
ACTUALLY ORGANIC
CONSTRUCTS.



ORGANIC.

MEANING THEY
ARE ALIVE.



ISN'T THAT
SOMETHING?



HUH.





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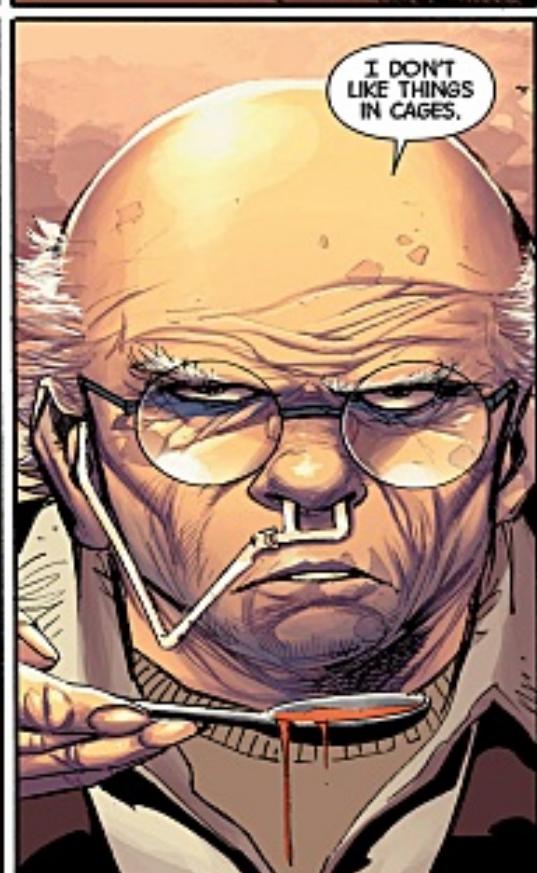
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IOWA.
THEN.





LATER.

HELLO,
BEAUTIFUL.

WHAT THE—

PUT
ME ON.

OKAYYYY.

WOW.





WWHOAAAAAA!

HRMPT! NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

BROADCASTING PRIORITY SIGNAL, AERIE PRIME.

RE-CLOAKING.

WHAT IS THAT?

NONCOMMERCIAL, STEALTH-GRADE STARGATE.

SECRETLY PLACED IN THIS NON-IMPERIAL SYSTEM—CATEGORIZED AS: STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

STARGATE!

AN EGRESS FOR THE SH'AR INTERSTELLAR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

IN THIS CASE, TO THE SH'AR HOMeworld...

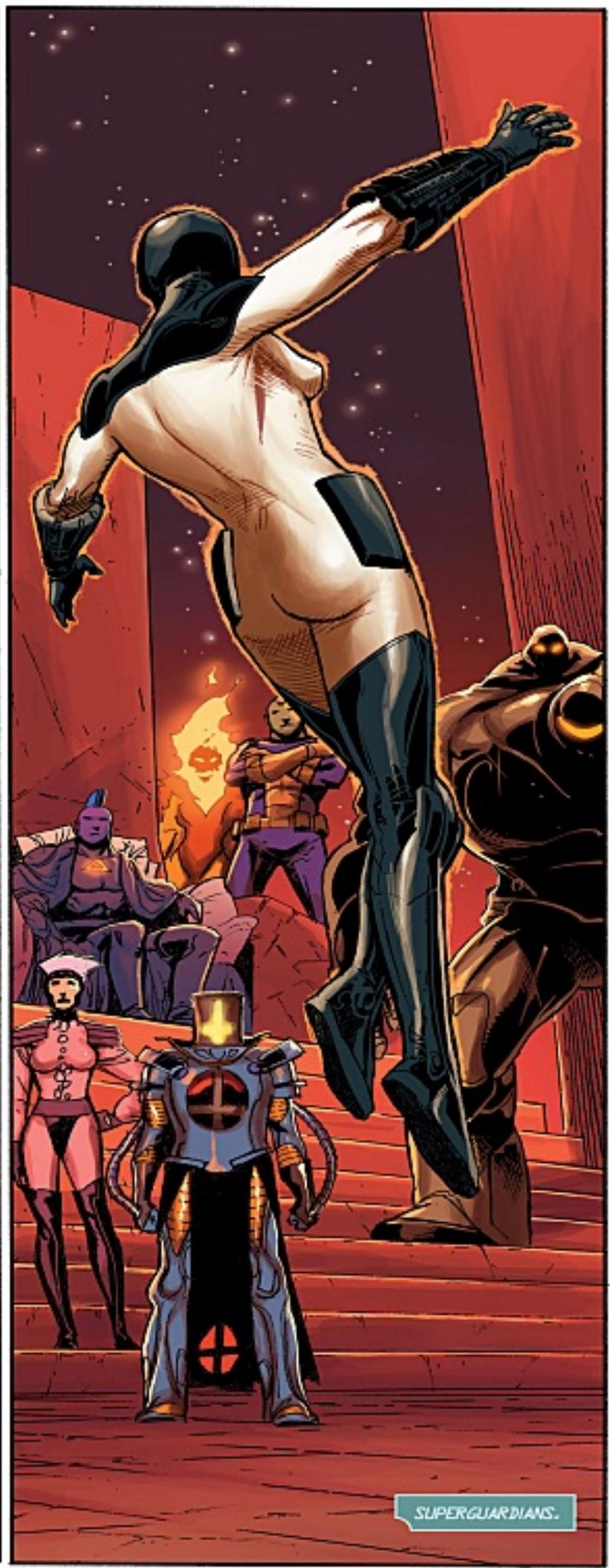
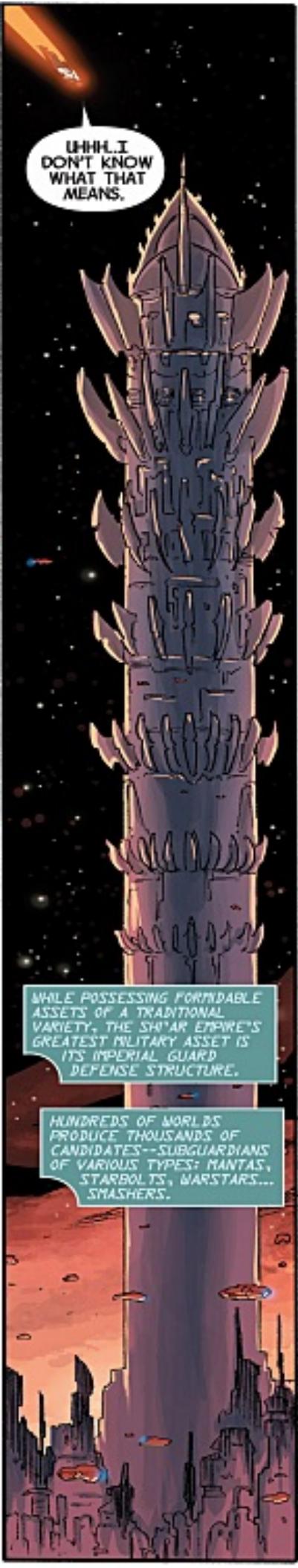
CHANDLAR.

THIS IS... ANOTHER PLANET...

THAT'S... A FREAKING ALIEN PLANET. HOLY FERD... I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST HUMAN BEING TO SET FOOT ON A—

INCORRECT. MANY HUMANS HAVE BEEN TO CHANDLAR.

YOU, HOWEVER, ARE THE FIRST HUMAN SUBGUARDIAN IN THE HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE.



AVENGERS TOWER.
NOW.

BLACKVEIL?

EXCUSE ME,
MISTER STARK. WE
DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT
WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE
DOIN', BUT—

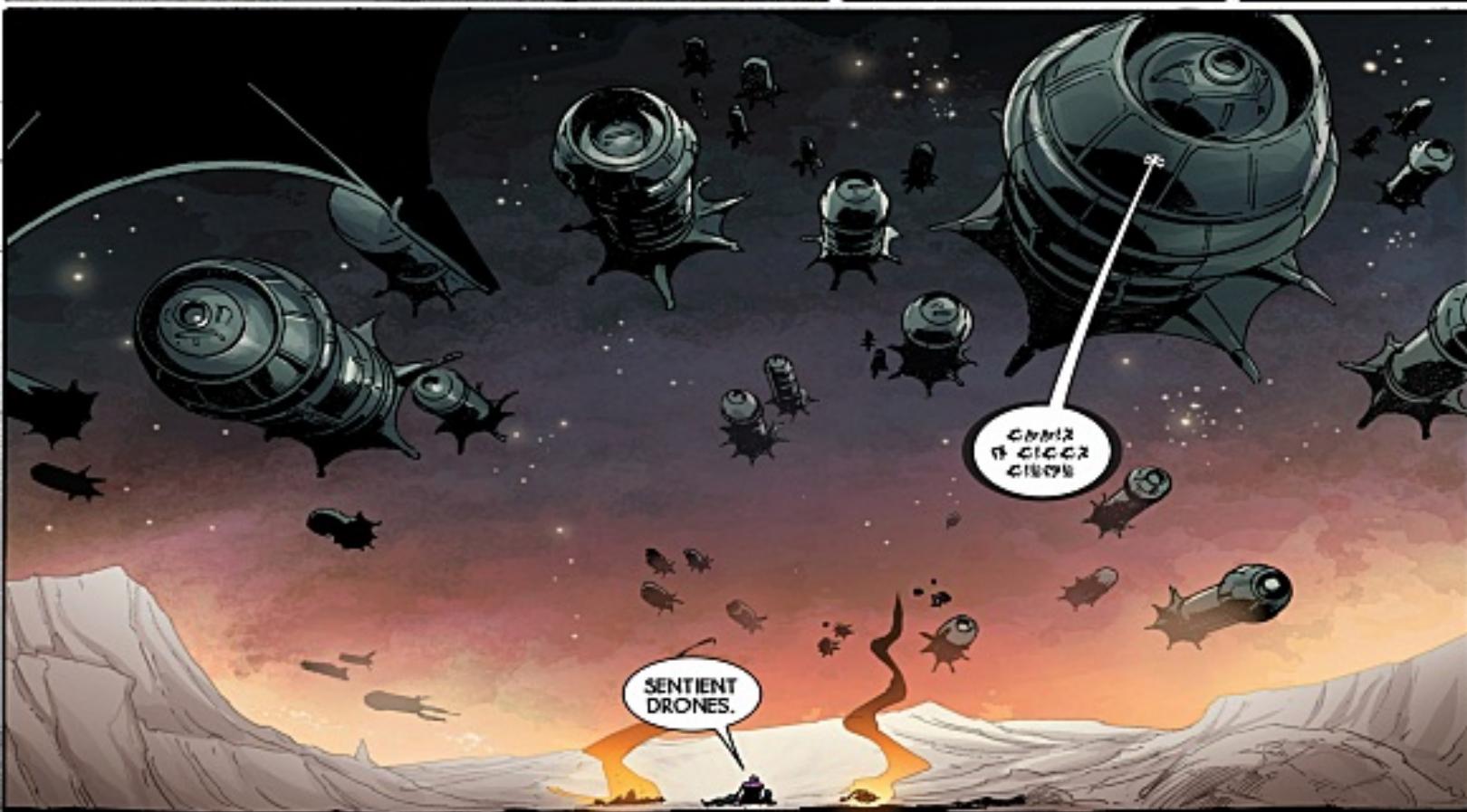
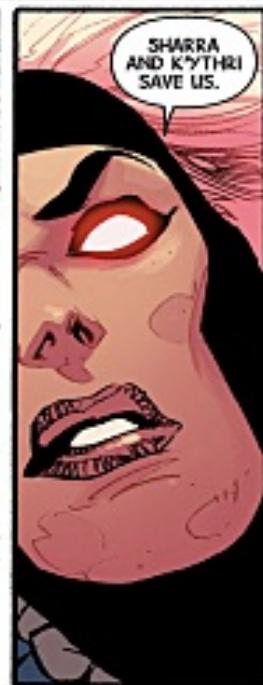
SAMI!
BOBBY! GET
IN HERE! LOOK
AT THIS.



THE SHI'AR GALACTIC RIM.
NOW.



BOPPAM









THEN.



NOW.



SPECTRA FORM SUPER-HEATED,
CONTINUED USE OF PENTA-VISION
WILL RESULT IN PERMANENT
RETINA DAMAGE.

SWITCHING TO
EXO-STRENGTH.

UPGRADING
GAUNTLET
GRADING.

SUBGUARDIAN,
IF YOU CONTINUE
AT THIS RATE
THE DEPLE--

WOULD
YOU SHUT
UP?

ALERT
SUBGUARDIAN.

I THOUGHT
I SAID--

MAJESTOR SUPERCAST.
SUPERVERSITY CHANNEL.

MAJESTOR...

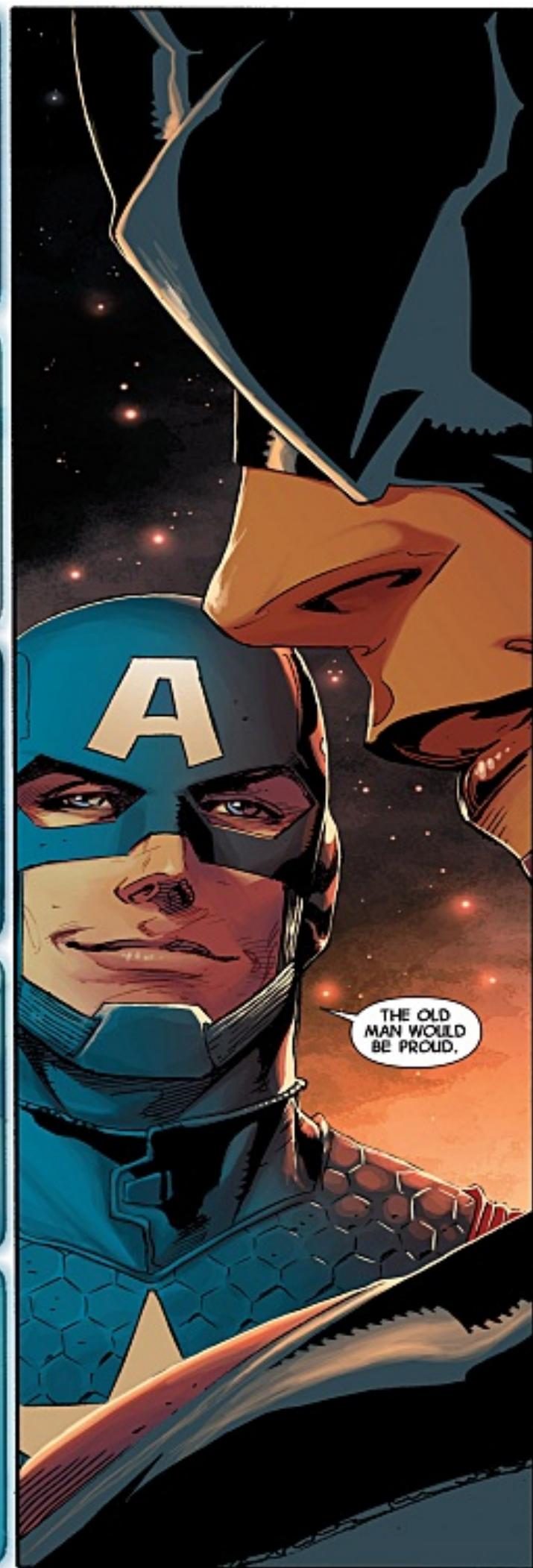
CONGRATULATIONS,
SUBGUARDIAN...YOU
HAVE HELD THE
LINE.

VICTORY CODES
TRANSMITTED.

VICTORY CODES
RECEIVED.







CHANDILAR.

WE LOST THE ENTIRE FRONTIER ARMADA. I DEMAND ANSWERS.

aaaaaaaahhhhhh?

WELL?

HE IS BROKEN.

AND

SUCCESS,
MAJESTOR. HIS MIND
TORN ASUNDER—THERE
WAS NO SECRET HE
COULD KEEP FROM
ME.

TELL ME THEN--
WHAT WEAKNESS
DID THEY SEE,
ORACLE?

WHAT EMBOLDENED
THEM TO THINK THIS
EMPIRE WOULD
TOLERATE AN
INVASION?

I'M SORRY,
MAJESTOR,
BUT WHAT I
LEARNED...

THIS WASN'T
WHAT IT SEEMED.

THEY
WEREN'T
INVADING US,
GLADIATOR....

THEY WERE
RUNNING FROM
SOMETHING...

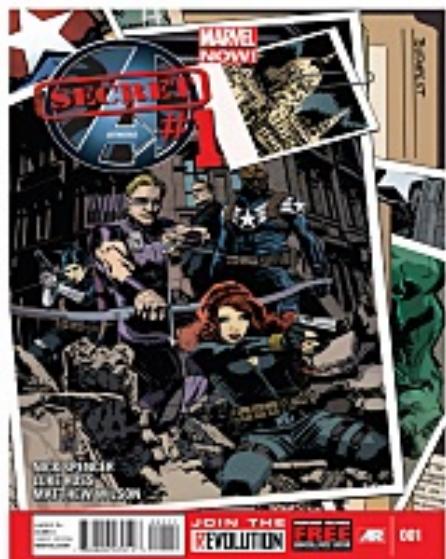
THEY WERE
RUNNING FROM
SOMEONE.



THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

The Marvel Now! train just keeps on a-chuggin' this month, with the debut of the all-new **SECRET AVENGERS #1**! It's a brand-new team with a brand-new mission as creators Nick Spencer and Luke Ross guide Nick Fury and Phil Coulson in assembling a crew of operatives for global missions so secret, even the heroes themselves can't know about them! If you loved the Black Widow sequence in the AVENGERS film (and, let's face it, who didn't?) then this is the book for you!



Two other Now! titles debuting this month that might be of interest to Avengers aficionados: Valkyrie and Misty Knight form the nucleus of a female-focused super-team in **FEARLESS DEFENDERS #1** by Cullen Bunn and Will Sliney! And the gone-but-not-forgotten Brian Michael Bendis teams with Steve McNiven to reveal the origin of Star-Lord in **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #0.1**! And both series come with the certified Avengers seal of approval!

You know what comic not enough of you are reading? **AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!** Want to know why you should? Here's a taste:

Dear Ms. DeConnick and Mr. Caselli,

I have just finished AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #9 and wanted to write to you immediately, partly because although I've never written to a comic before I wanted to contact you and show my appreciation, and partly to offer my hand in marriage to one or both of you, whatever you prefer.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #9 is the most perfect comic I've read since NEXTWAVE. I've been a huge fan of the Avengers for a while now, and Tony Stark in particular and his appearance in this was an absolute joy to read. Everyone was note-perfect, actually, and it's so rare, I think, to read a comic that's just so much fun and works the team dynamic so well. It's fantastic that Marvel isn't afraid to embrace the lighter side of super-heroics. I read it straight through three times, and then showed it to everyone else I met for the rest of the afternoon.

Thanks for such a great comic, and I can't wait to read issue #10!

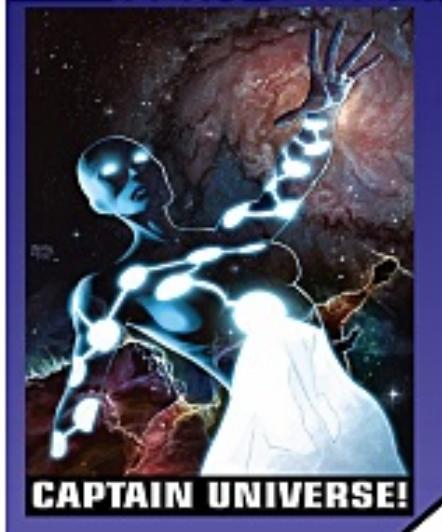
Olivia,
London, UK

And to close us out for the month, let's do another installment of Avengers Cosplay! This is Avengers fan Jason Childers rocking an outstanding classic Hawkeye outfit!



Photo by Judy Stephens for Marvel.com
There's no denying it, Jason—purple is definitely your color!

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