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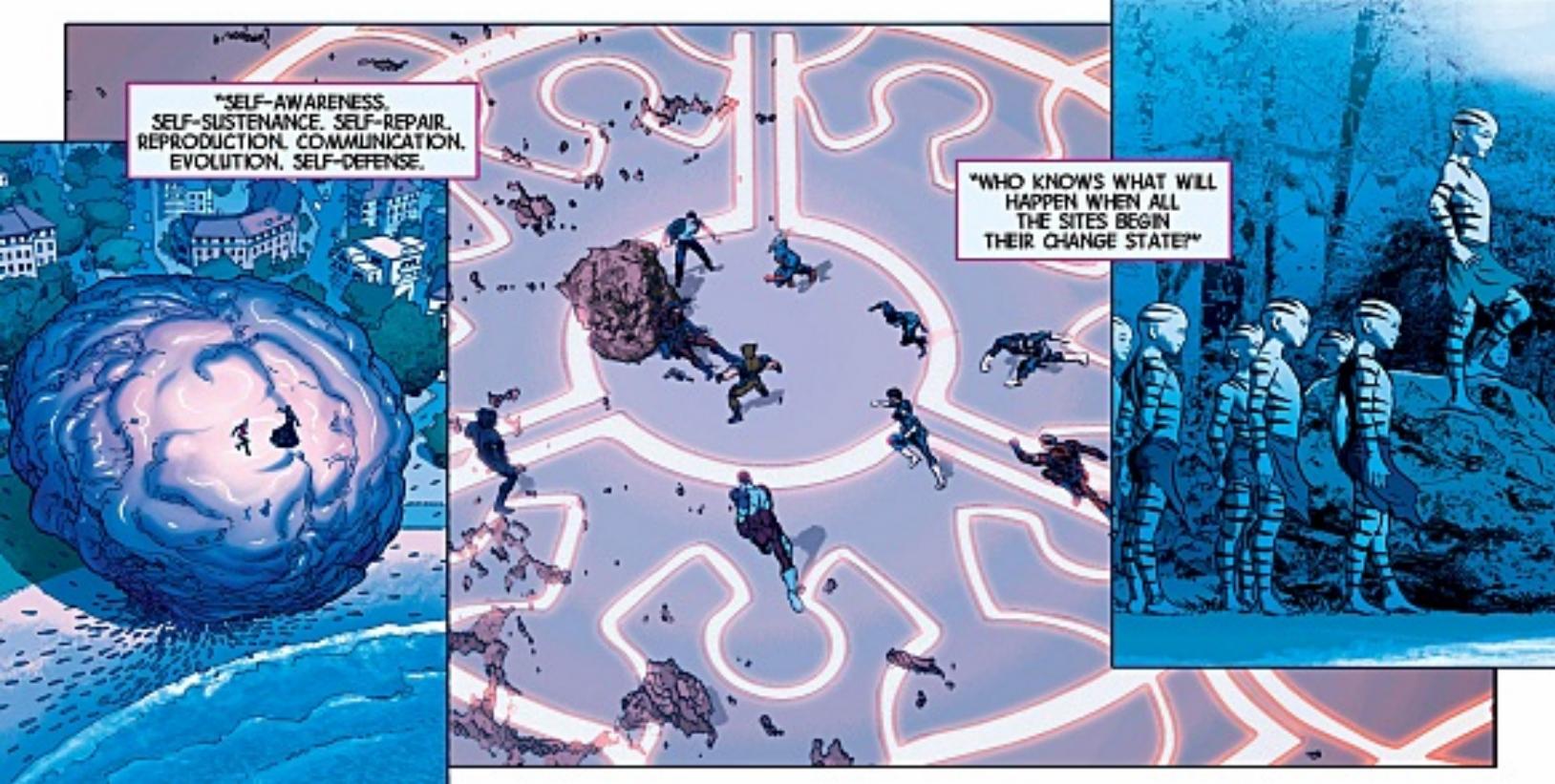
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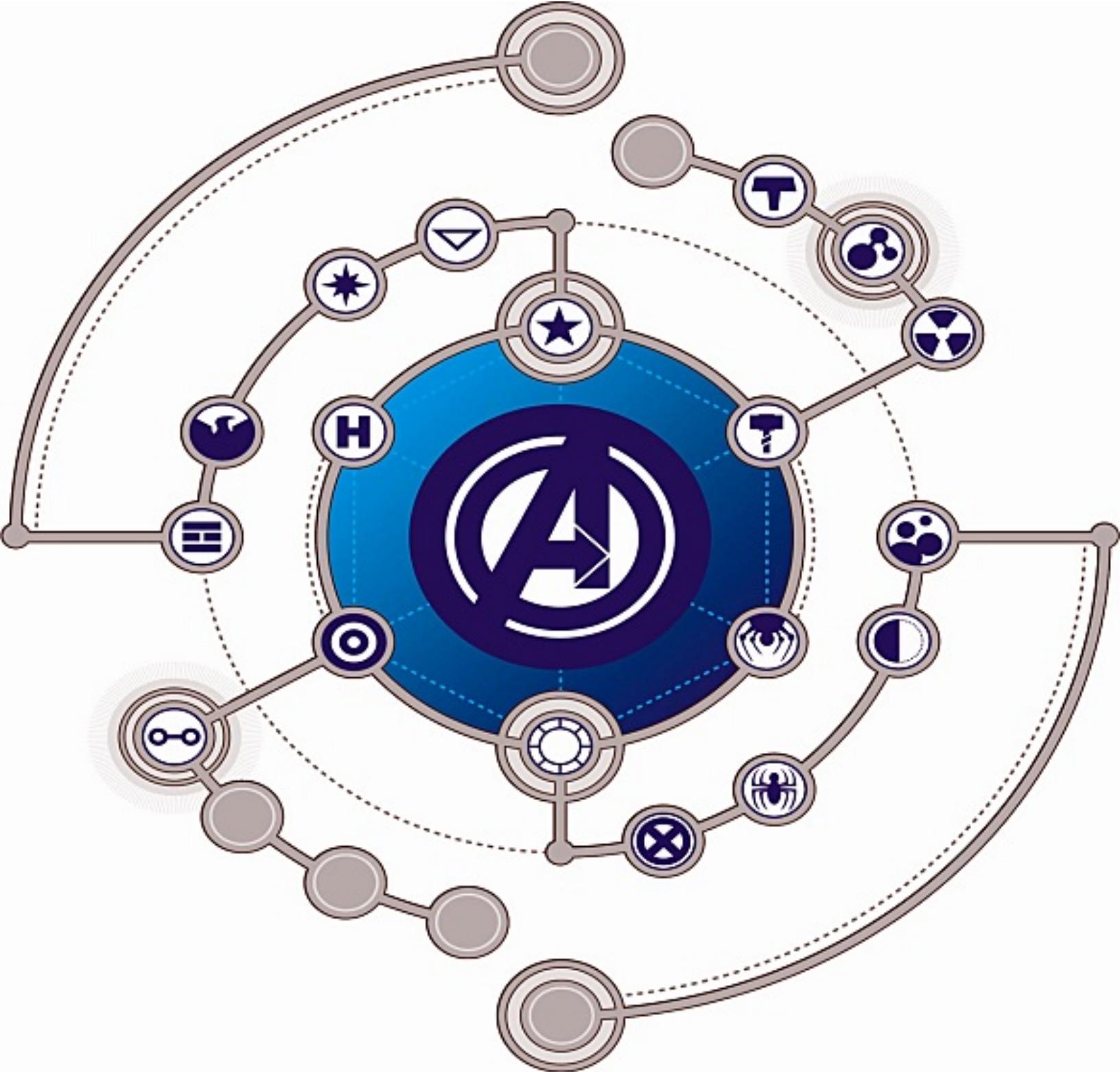
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PREVIOUSLY IN AVENGERS





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



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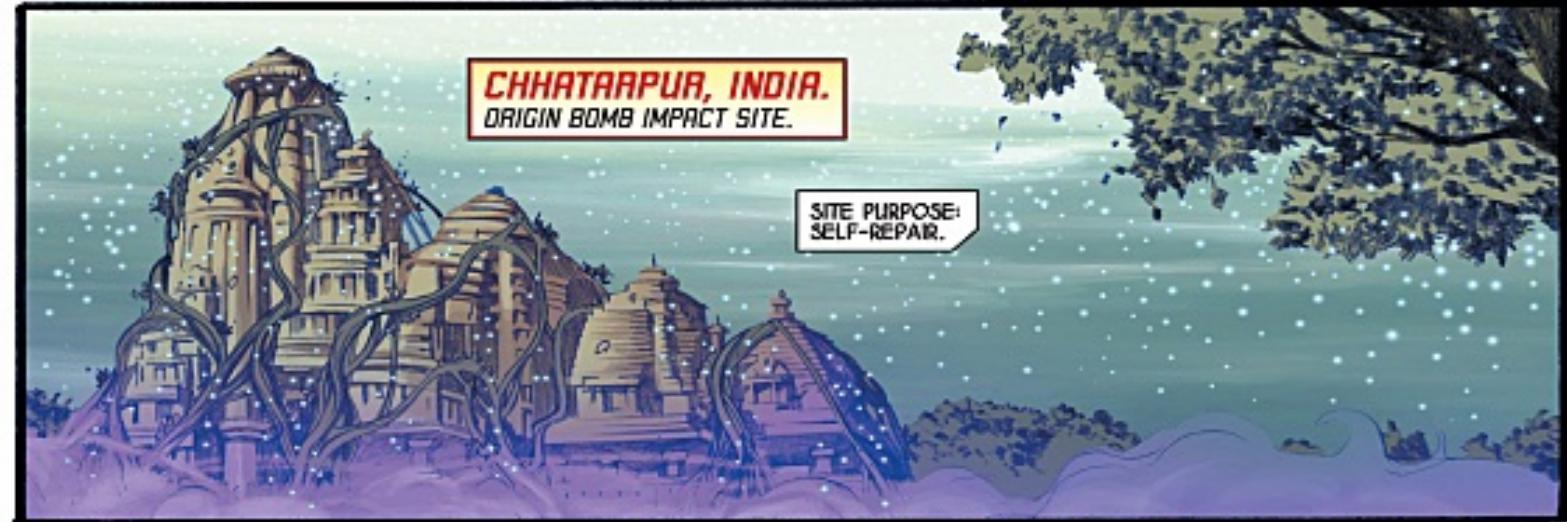
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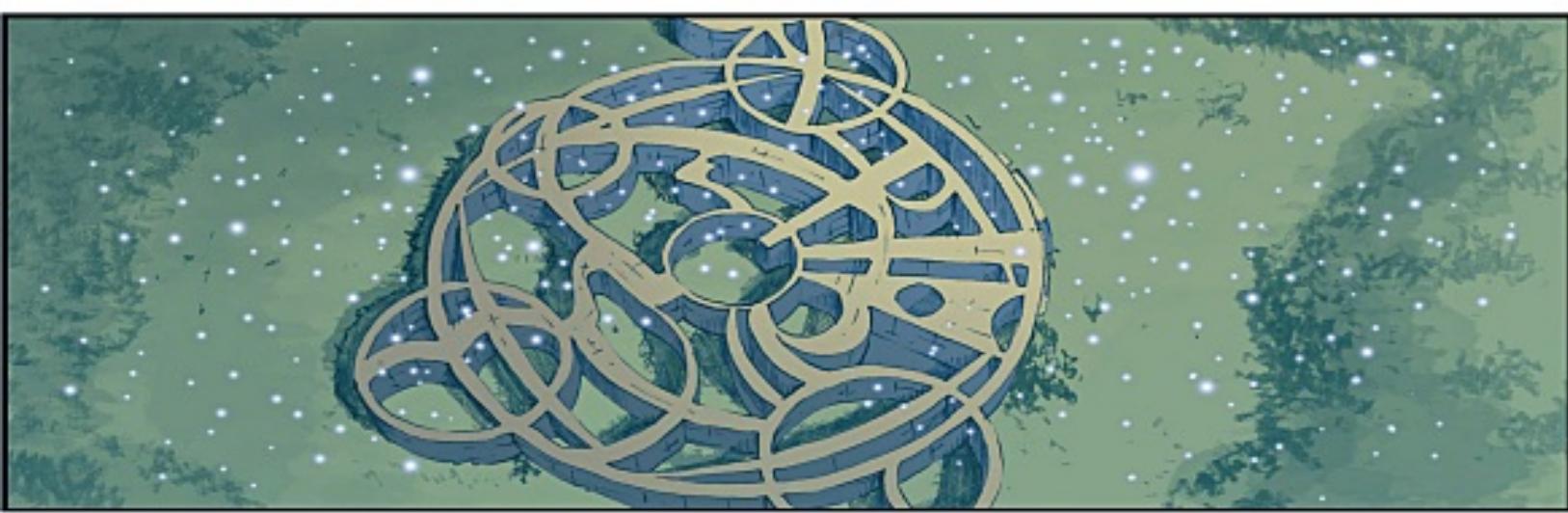
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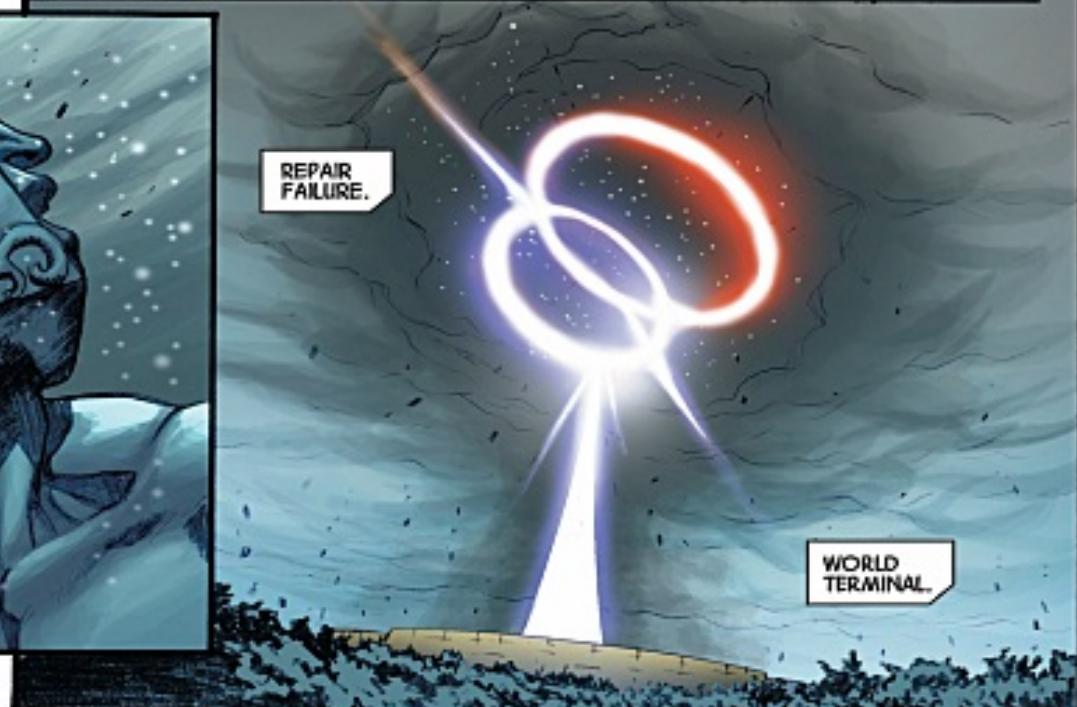
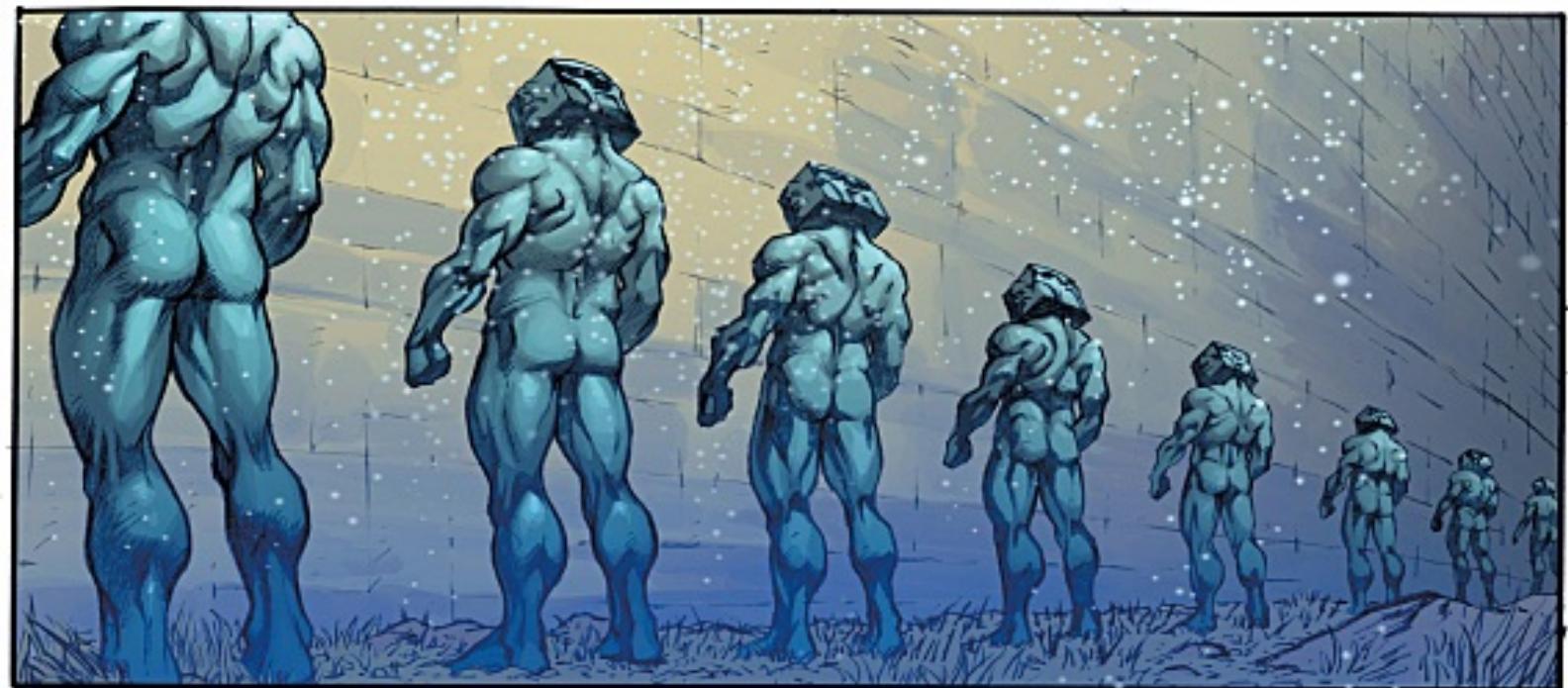
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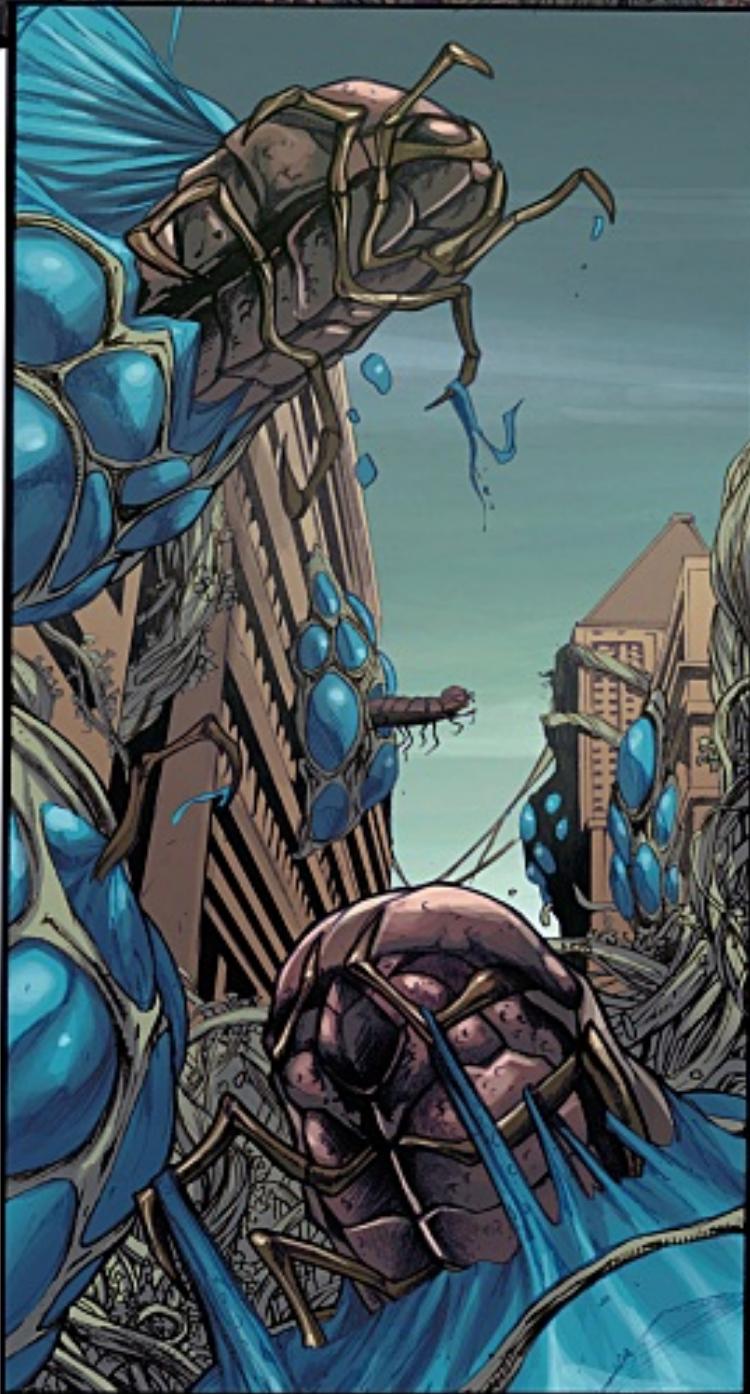


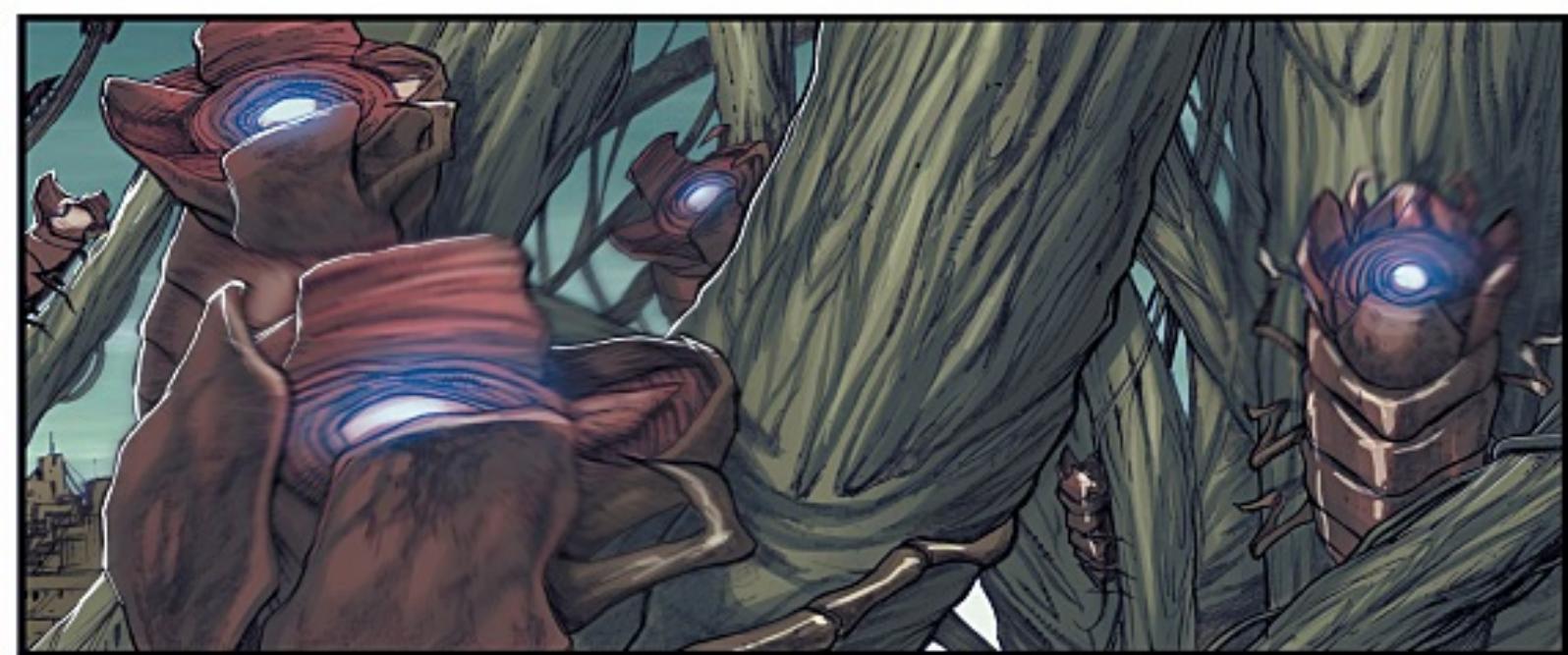




PERTH, AUSTRALIA.
ORIGIN BOMB IMPACT SITE.

SITE PURPOSE:
COMMUNICATION.





**S.H.I.E.L.D. OBSERVATION STATION:
THE HUB.**



BUT NO, POWER RESUMES AFTER CESSION EACH TIME, SO IT'S MORE DISRUPTIVE IN NATURE THAN DESTRUCTIVE, IT'S LIKE IT'S USING ALL OUR ENERGY SOURCES TO AMPLIFY ITS OWN STRENGTH.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL. THE LIGHTNING STORMS ARE AN EARLY WARNING--THIS AMOUNT OF ENERGY, IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT ATMOSPHERIC PROBLEMS AS WELL.

THEN WE WORK FASTER. HOW ARE YOU HANDLING THE STRESS, DOCTOR BANNER?

I'VE ACTUALLY SEEN MY WHOLE WORLD DIE IN FRONT OF MY EYES BEFORE, CAPTAIN--

I'M DOING WHAT I CAN TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.

WHAT ABOUT LOCATING THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL?

THERE'S NOTHING TO FIND, AS SOON AS THE SOUND STARTS, ALL ELECTRONICS STOP, AND WHATEVER I'D USE TO TRACK RESIDUAL ENERGY WHEN WE'RE BACK ONLINE--THERE'S SO MUCH OF IT, I'M LOOKING FOR ONE NEEDLE IN ALL THE WORLD'S COLLECTIVE HAYSTACKS.

YOU'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING,

CAP, LISTEN, I--I COULD USE ANOTHER SET OF EYES HERE. MAYBE WE COULD GET TONY IN THE ROOM, AND TOGETHER--

I WISH THAT WAS AN OPTION, BRUCE--

BUT IRON MAN HAS PROBLEMS OF HIS OWN RIGHT NOW.

UPPER ATMOSPHERE.
FORMERLY GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT.

CAPTAIN MARVEL...

A LITTLE HELP?

YOU WANT
ME TO WRECK
IT?

ONCE WE TEAR
INTO THE SATELLITE, THE
PIECES WILL BURN UP ON
REENTRY. I'M WORRIED
ABOUT THE CORE.
WE DON'T WANT—

UNDERSTOOD.

HRMPhi

SMASHER—WHAT'S
THE SITUATION ON
THE GROUND?

UNNNF...
UNNNF...YEAH...
GOOD...YOU
KNOW...

LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT,
UNITED KINGDOM.





WE'RE
TOO LATE.

ULJIN COUNTY, NORTH GYEONGSANG PROVINCE, SOUTH KOREA.
SITE OF THE ULCHIN NUCLEAR PLANT.

STAGE SEVEN
REACTOR MELTDOWN,
I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE.
THERE WON'T BE ANY
SURVIVORS. WE
SHOULD--

ENOUGH!!!

I AM ITS
GOD! THE
THUNDER AND
LIGHTNING ARE
MINE TO COMMAND,
AND STILL THEY
DEFY ME! I WILL
NOT SUFFER
THIS--THIS--

GRANDMA
ALWAYS SAID
EVERYBODY
GETS SICK.





YEP. ON
IT...BUT RUNNING
OUT OF TIME.



DOCTOR BANNER,
35 SECONDS TIL SIGNAL
COMMENCES--

NOT ENOUGH
TIME TO CHECK
THEM ALL...

SO START
SOMEWHERE.



I'LL GET
WHAT I CAN,
SIR--

TWENTY
SECONDS--

YOU--GET THESE OFF THE
MONITORS--GIVE ME SATELLITE
FEEDS ON THE ORIGIN SITES AND
ANY RELATED TARGETS: POINT
SOMETHING AT MARS...AND DIDN'T
SUNSPOT RECEIVE RELATED INTEL
ABOUT SOMETHING
HAPPENING ON A.I.M.
ISLAND?



TEN
SECONDS--

WHERE
ARE YOU?
NO...NO...



THREE
SECONDS--

HELLO--
WHAT THE HELL
IS TH--

EEEEE EEEEEE EEEEEE EEEEEE EEEEEE EEEEEE

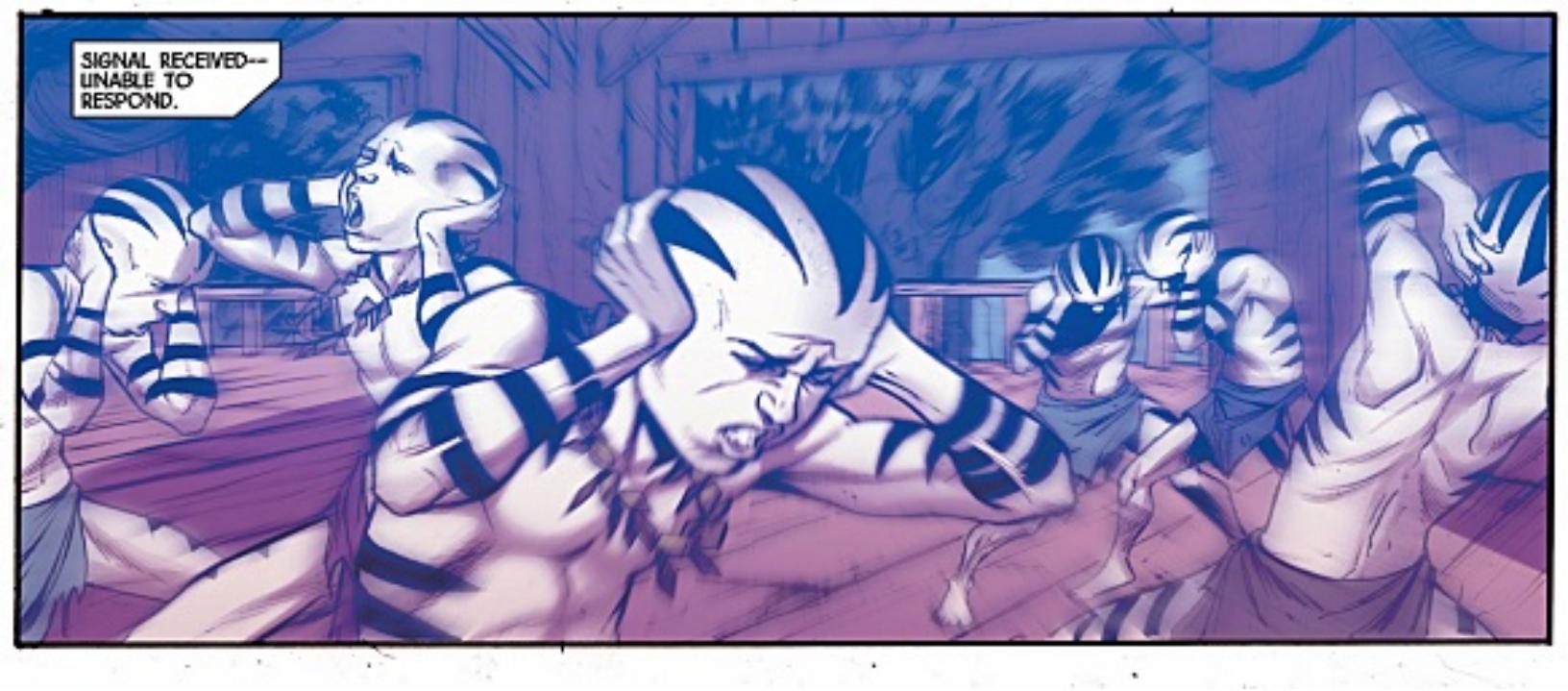




SIGNAL
TRANSMIT.



SIGNAL RECEIVED--
DECLINED.

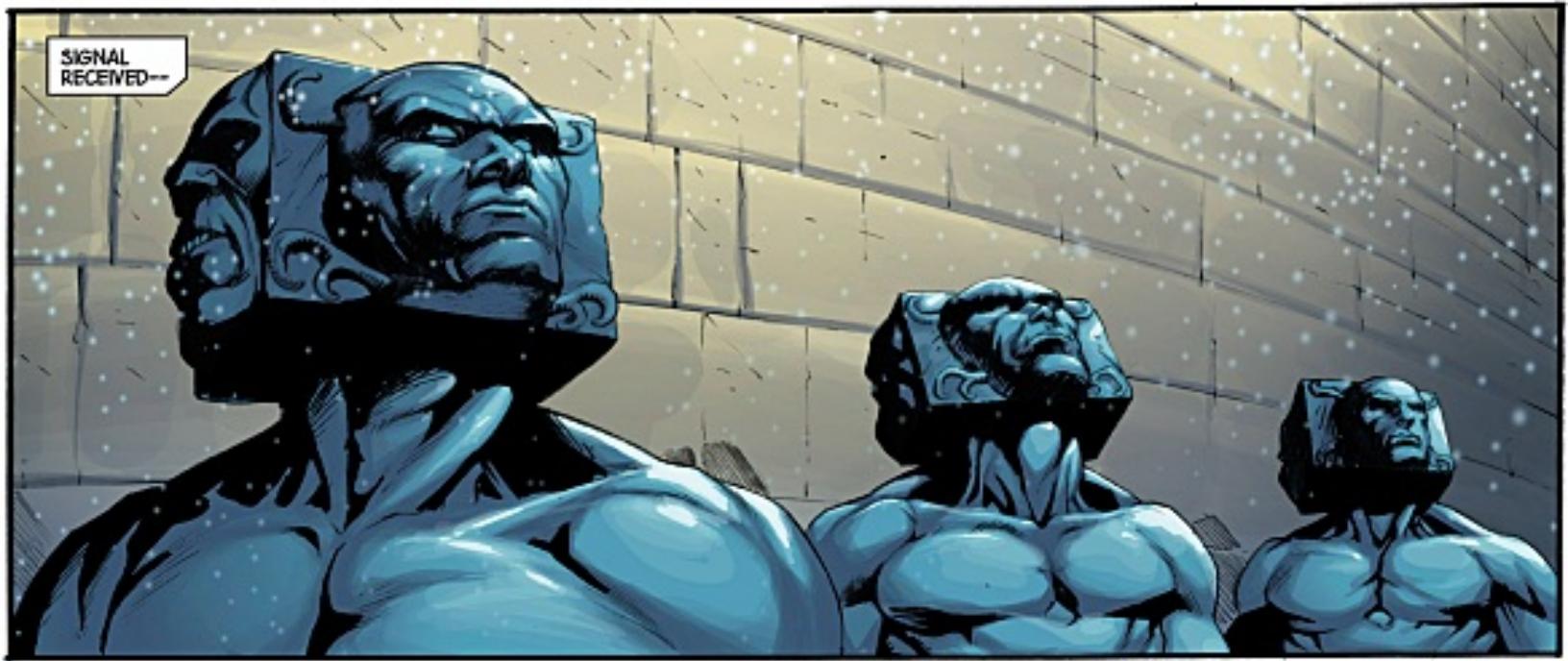


SIGNAL RECEIVED--
UNABLE TO
RESPOND.

SIGNAL RECEIVED--
NO RESPONSE.



SIGNAL
RECEIVED--



ACCEPTED.

SYSTEMS BACK
ONLINE. DAMAGE
ASSESSMENT
FORTHCOMING--

I FOUND IT,
CAPTAIN--

I FOUND
THE SOURCE...

AUSTRALIA
WENT DARK
FIRST...
IT'S
THE PERTH
SITE.

EDEN, YOU
READY? WE NEED
TO BE IN PERTH,
NOW--

COME WITH US,
THE MEN IN BRIGHTLY
COLORED CLOTHING SAID—
WE WILL SHOW YOU THE
WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE
AND HAVE GREAT ADVENTURES.
AND ONCE YOU HAVE
TASTED GLORY AND THE
THRILL OF VICTORY--

YOU SAY
THAT, BUT WHERE
I AM FROM, YOU
CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT
A BEER COSTS.

THEN, WE
WILL MAKE YOU
GO BACK TO
AUSTRALIA.

Pretty
sure we'll
survive it.

WELL, SEE,
THIS DON'T
LOOK TOO
BAD.

SAM--





AR



A.I.M. ISLAND.

THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF BARBUDA.



AH, YEAH--
I GOT THE IDEA
FROM MY WIFE, SEE,
WE'RE PREGNANT
AND SHE DOES THIS
THING TO MAKE
THE BABY KICK.

SHE PLAYS
MUSIC FOR HER,
SO I THOUGHT
IF IT REACTED
TO THE SIGNAL
ONCE...

_WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN IF WE
PLAYED IT ON
A LOOP?

YOU
IDIOT...
DO
KNOW WHAT
YOU DID?

YOU
WOKE IT
UP.

TO BE CONTINUED...!

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

This is the month that everything comes to a head in **AGE OF ULTRON #10**—and Avengers fans in particular will want to check out the aftermath in **AGE OF ULTRON #10A**! Writer Mark Waid teams with artist Andre Araujo to tell the definitive story of Hank Pym's formative years, and to position him for the future! It's also the entry point into next month's big **AVENGERS A.I.** launch—so you don't want to get caught napping! (And it wouldn't kill you to keep an eye on ADU #10 as well, for relevant developments in the world of Earth's Mightiest Heroes!) ■



Hey, didja happen to catch this year's MTV Movie Awards? Marvel Studios' own **MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS** film took home a hat trick's worth of Golden Popcorn statuettes, for Best Fight, Best Villain (Tom Hiddleston as Loki), and Movie of the Year! Director Joss Whedon was on hand along with Tom, Chris Evans and Samuel L. Jackson to accept the honors, and to tease 2015's **MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS** sequel as well! It's going to be a long wait—but we'll bide our time by taking in another showing of Shane Black's **IRON MAN 3** in the meantime! ■

Well, we asked for it, and you certainly delivered! No sooner had our call for votes concerning which AVENGERS title was the best gone out than our e-mailbox was flooded with responses! Here's where things stand at the moment:

Favorite Series: **UNCANNY AVENGERS** has the lead, with **NEW AVENGERS** close behind, and **AVENGERS** and **SECRET AVENGERS** tied for third (plus write-in votes for **HAWKEYE** and **ALL-NEW X-MEN**—Brian!!!) ■

Favorite Writer: Jonathan Hickman, with

Rick Remender and Kieron Gillen nipping at his heels. ■

Favorite Artist: A neck-and-neck race between John Cassaday, Steve Epting and Stefano Caselli. ■

Rick Magyar's walked away with the **Favorite Inker** category, Justin Ponsor, Rain Beredo and Matt Wilson are dueling it out for **Favorite Colorist**, and absolutely everybody loves the typography of Cory Petit on letters! ■

We're not quite ready to call this one over just yet, so there's still time for you to cast a vote if you've not already done so—just drop us a line at the address at the bottom of this page! ■

Finally, here's a young Avengers fan who could use everybody's good wishes:

Allow me to introduce Joshua Gabriel "Gabe" Lyall. Most of the time he is a typical 4-year-old boy with the ability to morph into any super hero that is needed. Our family has received the "Hulk Smash," a web from Spider-Man and protection from the shield of Captain America. Wolverine has also made an appearance to ward off the enemy when needed. March 23rd, 2013 our Super Hero began a battle for his life after being diagnosed with Stage 4 Hepatoblastoma (a rare liver cancer in children). This young soul has brought a small community together, strengthening each of us by his heroic example and bravery. He truly is our Super Hero who deserves his spot with his Marvel family. Keep the faith and fight the great fight....we'll all be here when this battle is over to welcome our Super Hero Gabe home. We love you!

*From A Very Grateful Heart,
Mary Ann "Sissy Bird" Robinson*



We'll keep Gabe in our prayers and hope for a speedy recovery! ■

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CAPTAIN?**

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CAPTAIN AMERICA AND WOLVERINE! SCARLET WITCH AND DOMINO!

ALSO ON SALE!

**MARVEL UNIVERSE
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