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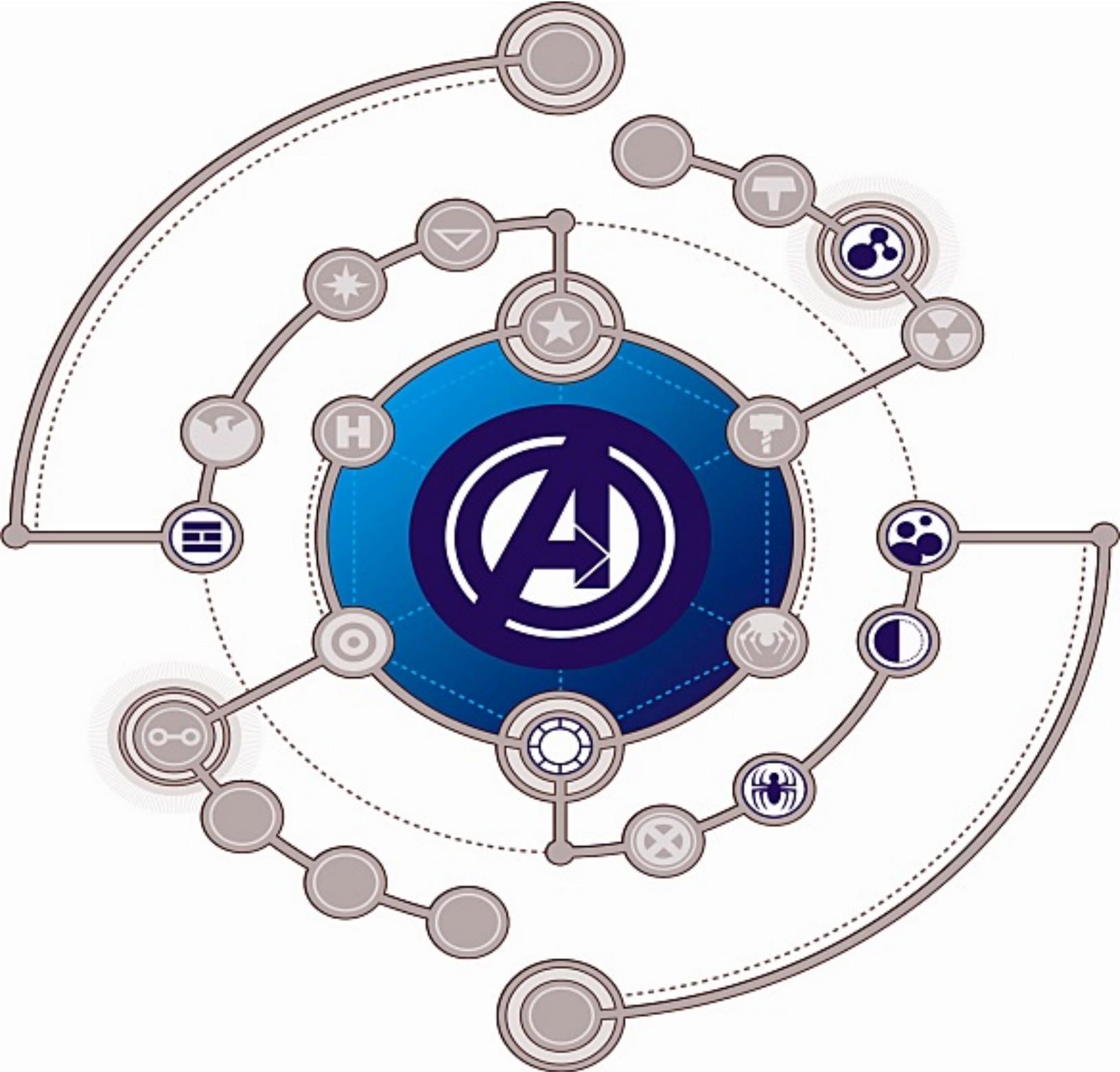
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PREVIOUSLY IN AVENGERS





EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

CAPTAIN AMERICA • IRON MAN • THOR • HAWKEYE • BLACK WIDOW • HULK
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THERE WAS
NOTHING.

FOLLOWED BY
EVERYTHING.

SWIRLING,
BURNING SPECKS
OF CREATION
THAT CIRCLED
LIFE-GIVING
SUNS.

AND
THEN...

WE
RACED TO
THE LIGHT.

THAT IS YOUR STORY...AND THEREFORE MY STORY.

AS ALL THE STORIES ARE THE SAME, IN THAT ALL THE STORIES ARE MINE.

UNDERSTAND?

IN THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH THINGS CAN BE UNDERSTOOD... I THINK I DO.

WE ALL HAVE IN US SOME BITS OF CELESTIAL UNIFORMITY.

WE ARE COMPOSED OF THE AFTERBIRTH OF THE UNIVERSE.

OF YOU-- WHO BORE US ALL.

I AM MOTHER.

YES. HOWEVER...

THE OTHERS-- SPECIFICALLY ANTHONY AND STEVEN--ASKED ME TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU REGARDING SOME... DELICATE ISSUES.

SO, AS APPRECIATIVE-- AND GRATEFUL--AS I AM, PERSONAL ILLUMINATION IS NOT THE PATH I WISH TO TRAVEL TODAY.

ARE THEY NOT ALL THE SAME PATH?

I NEED TO SPEAK TO HER.

THE HOST IS BROKEN.

EVERYTHING IS BROKEN.

YOU BEING HERE IS SIGNIFICANT, SO YOU HAVE BEEN SCANNED, PRODDED, PROBED AND QUESTIONED...AND YET, STILL NO ONE UNDERSTANDS WHY YOU ARE HERE.

AND THEN I THOUGHT OUR PROBLEM MIGHT BE THAT WE ARE TALKING TO THE WRONG PERSON.

I NEED TO SEE HER, MOTHER. EVEN IF SHE IS WEAK. EVEN IF SHE IS BROKEN.

AND IF SHE DOESN'T WANT TO MANIFEST?

TELL HER, I BROUGHT PIE.

TELL HER, BE HERE NOW.

OHH!

WHERE... WHERE AM IT?

I BLACKED OUT AGAIN... LOST TIME, WHO...WHO ARE YOU?

IS THAT FOR ME?

YES... THE PIE IS FOR YOU.

AND I AM SHANG-CHI. REMAIN CALM—BREATHE—THIS IS A SAFE PLACE, TODAY I AM GOING TO HELP YOU FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE.

WELL, I
DON'T REMEMBER
NOTHING. NOTHING
AT ALL.

I...I CAN'T
EVEN REMEMBER
MY NAME.

THIS SMELLS
WONDERFUL.

WE KNOW
YOUR NAME.
IT'S TAMARA
DEVOUR.

HERE.
YOU'RE GOING
TO WANT
THIS.

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
THAT?

TAMARA,
DOESN'T FEEL
RIGHT.

YOU SURE?

YES, WE'RE
SURE. BUT YOUR
NAME NOT FEELING
RIGHT IS NO
SURPRISE.

SOMETIMES
WHO WE HAVE
BEEN OUR ENTIRE
LIVES GETS WIPE
OUT IN A SINGLE
DAY, OR BY A
SINGLE EVENT.

SO IT'S
REALLY NOT
IMPORTANT TO
RECALL ALL THE
SUBTLETIES OF WHO
YOU USED TO BE—
WE SHOULD START
WITH WHAT
WAS LEFT.

CAN YOU
TELL ME YOUR
EARLIEST
MEMORY?

I REMEMBER
A LIGHT.

AND
THEN A
CRASH.

SHAKING...
VIOLENCE...

AND THEN
NOTHING.



YEAH, SEE, HERE'S THE THING: I HAVE ALL OF THAT PROFESSIONALLY PREPARED.

I HIRED A SPECIALIST, WHICH LED TO HIRING A NUTRITIONIST, WHICH LED TO HIRING A MACROBIOTIC CHEF WHO COMES IN ONCE A WEEK TO COOK ALL OF SAM'S FOOD.

HE'S ON A SPECIAL DIET.

IT'S LIKE I WANNA GET RIPPED, BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BULK UP.

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?

HERE.

IT'S DISGUSTING ANYWAY.

EVERONE THINKS YOUR NEW COSTUME SUCKS, DON'T THEY, SAM?

TRYING TOO HARD TO BE BAD WHEN HE AINT BAD AT ALL.

YES, WELL... I SPIT IN THAT

I KINDA HATE THAT GUY NOW.

A LIGHT
AND THEN A
CRASH?

YES.
THAT'S WHAT
I SAW.

THAT'S YOUR
EARLIEST MEMORY...
AND YOU CAN'T
REMEMBER ANYTHING
ELSE SURROUNDING
IT?

NO.
NOTHING.

THAT'S
OKAY...THAT'S
FINE.

IF IT'S
ACCEPTABLE TO
YOU, I'D LIKE TO TRY
SOME ASSOCIATIVE RECALL--
THE TWO OF US NOT
FOCUSING ON WHAT YOU
SAW, BUT ON THE OTHER
THINGS THAT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN HAPPENING AT
THE SAME TIME.

THIS, IN TURN,
SHOULD HOPEFULLY
UNLOCK OTHER
THINGS IN YOUR
MEMORY.

WOULD
THAT BE
OKAY?

I THINK
SO.

THEN
PLEASE CLOSE
YOUR EYES, BOTH
HERE AND IN YOUR
MIND. IMAGINE
YOU ARE FLOATING
IN WATER.

EVERWHERE
AT ONCE, AND
NOWHERE AS
WELL.

SAFE.
SERENE.
PERFECTLY
CALM.

NOW, OPEN
YOUR EYES IN
YOUR MIND--YOU
SEE THE EARLIEST
MEMORY YOU HAVE--
LOCK THAT IMAGE
IN, AND STEP
OUTSIDE OF IT.

FOCUS
ON THE
LIGHT, AND
THEN--

NO.
LIGHTS.

THERE
WERE TWO
LIGHTS.

GOOD. OKAY, WITH THAT FIXED IN YOUR MIND, I WANT YOU TO STOP SEEING AND FOCUS ON YOUR OTHER SENSES. THINK BACK AND SEE IF YOU REMEMBER FEELING ANYTHING OR HEARING ANY SOUNDS...

CAN YOU DO THAT?



YES, MY HANDS WERE HOLDING SOMETHING TIGHT. SQUEEZIN' SOMETHIN'.

I HEAR...

I HEAR...TIRES SQUEALING.



WERE YOU IN A CAR, TAMARA?

YES, OH, GOD...

OH, GOD, WE'RE GONNA CRASH!

NO. EVERYTHING IS FINE. YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF THIS MOMENT.



YOU CONTROL WHETHER WE STAY IN THIS MOMENT OR IF WE MOVE FORWARD INTO ANOTHER ONE.

STAY HERE, IN THIS MOMENT.

CAN WE DO THAT, TAMARA?



I...I'LL TRY.



GOOD. NOW, CONCENTRATE. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN MAKE OUT?

I THINK I CAN HEAR SOMETHING... SOMETHING ELSE.

I THINK I HEAR CRYING.

LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HEAR CLOSELY... IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE THERE WITH YOU?

IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE IN THE CAR?



IT'S COMING FROM BEHIND ME,
AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD AT
THE LIGHTS.

I CAN'T
SEE IT.

OF
COURSE YOU
CAN.

JUST
TURN YOUR
HEAD.



CAN
YOU SEE,
TAMARA?

WAS THERE
SOMEONE ELSE
IN THE CAR?



YES.

A
LITTLE
GIRL.

MY
LITTLE
GIRL.









HOW LONG?

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?

TEN YEARS.

YOU WERE
IN A COMA
FOR TEN
YEARS.

NO, NO,
NO NO NO
NO...

TAMARA!
DON'T!

AAAAHHHHH!



THERE WAS
NOTHING.



FOLLOWED BY
EVERYTHING.

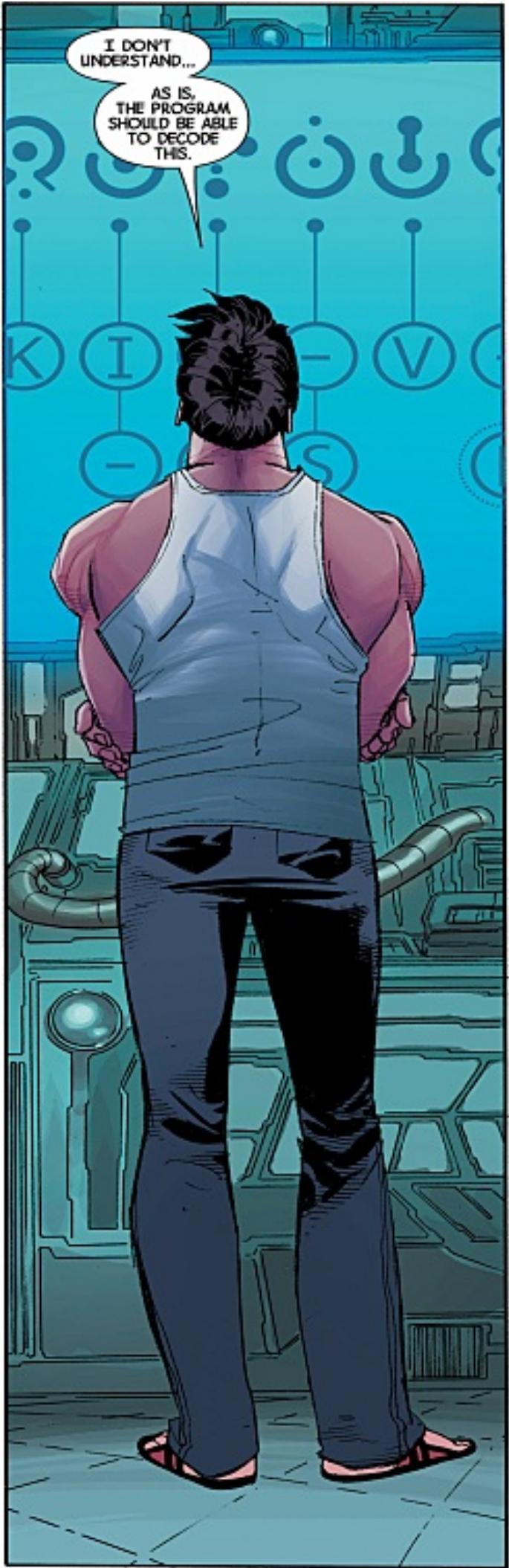


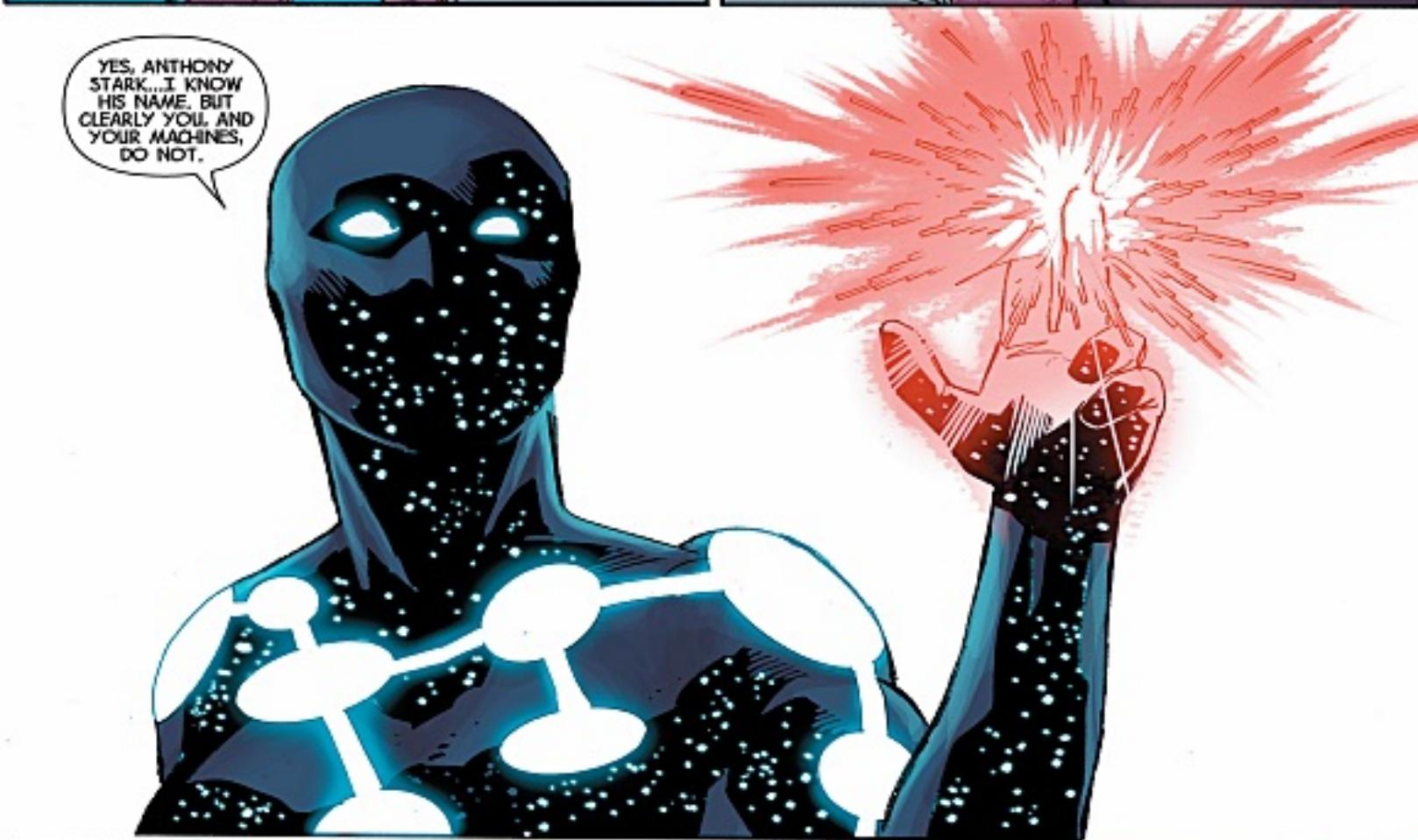
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CIRCLED LIFE-
GIVING SUNS.

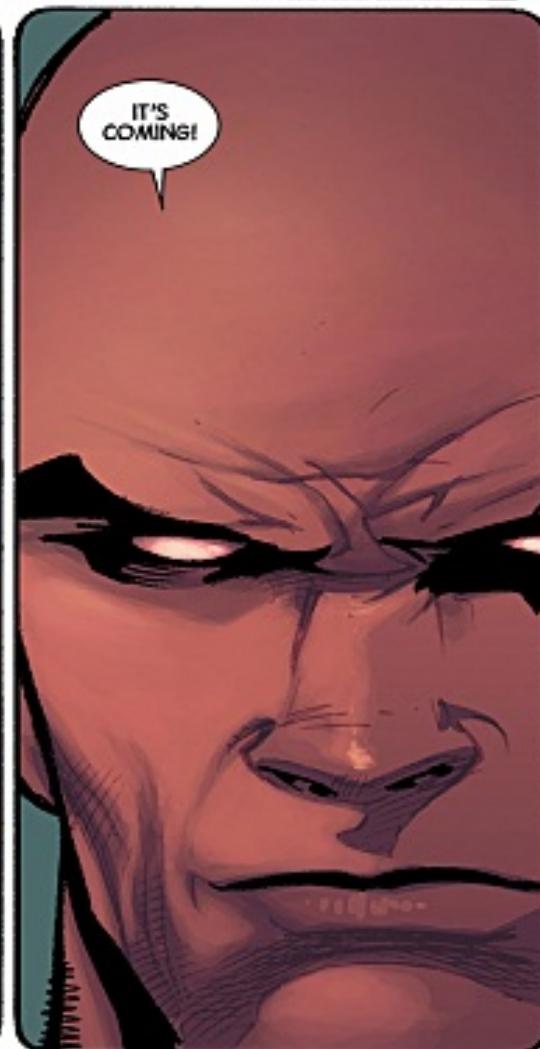
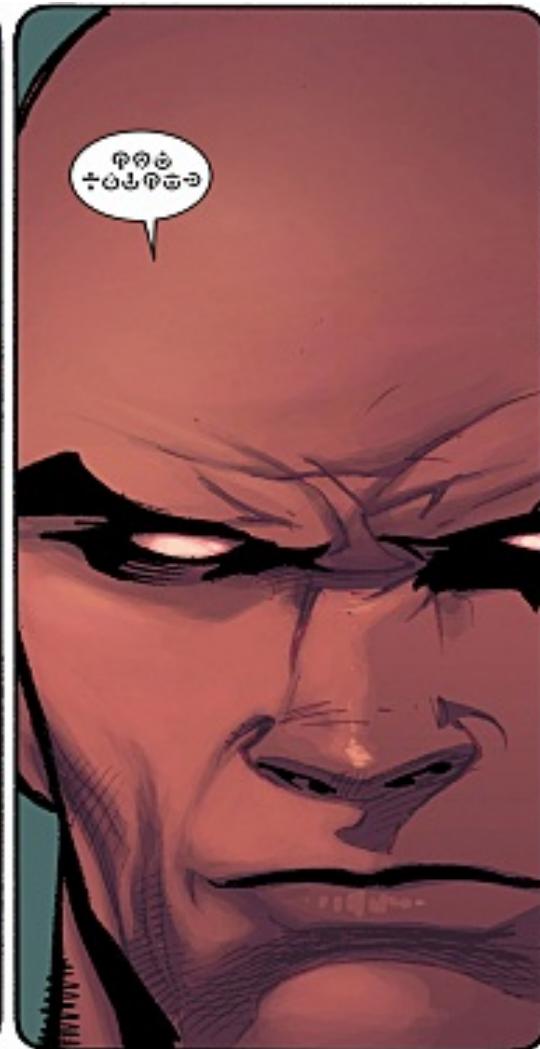
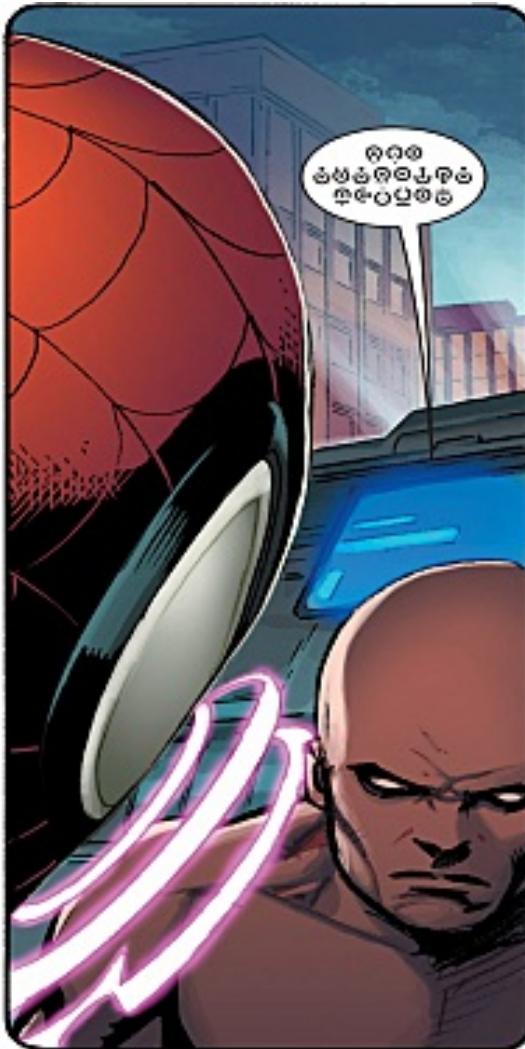
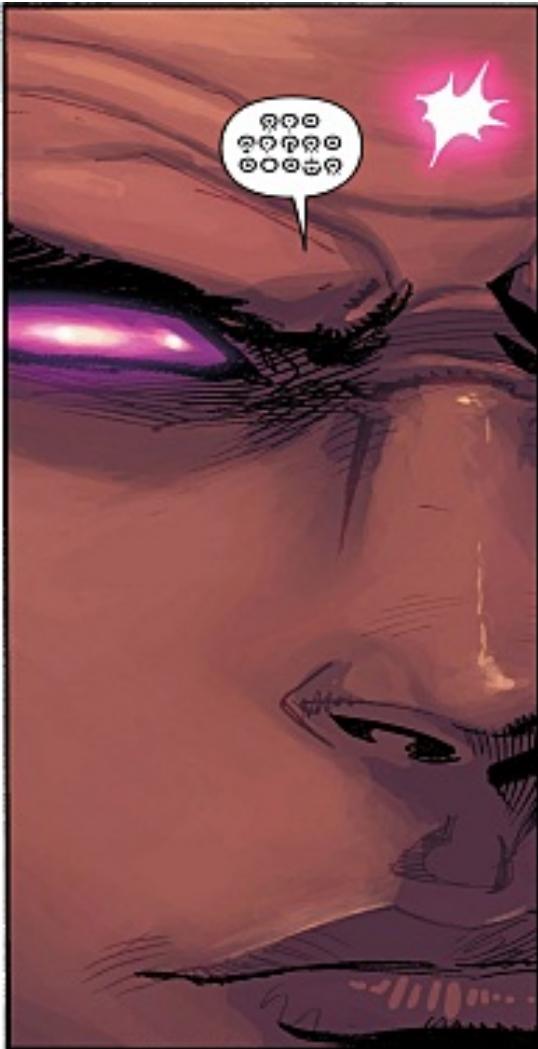


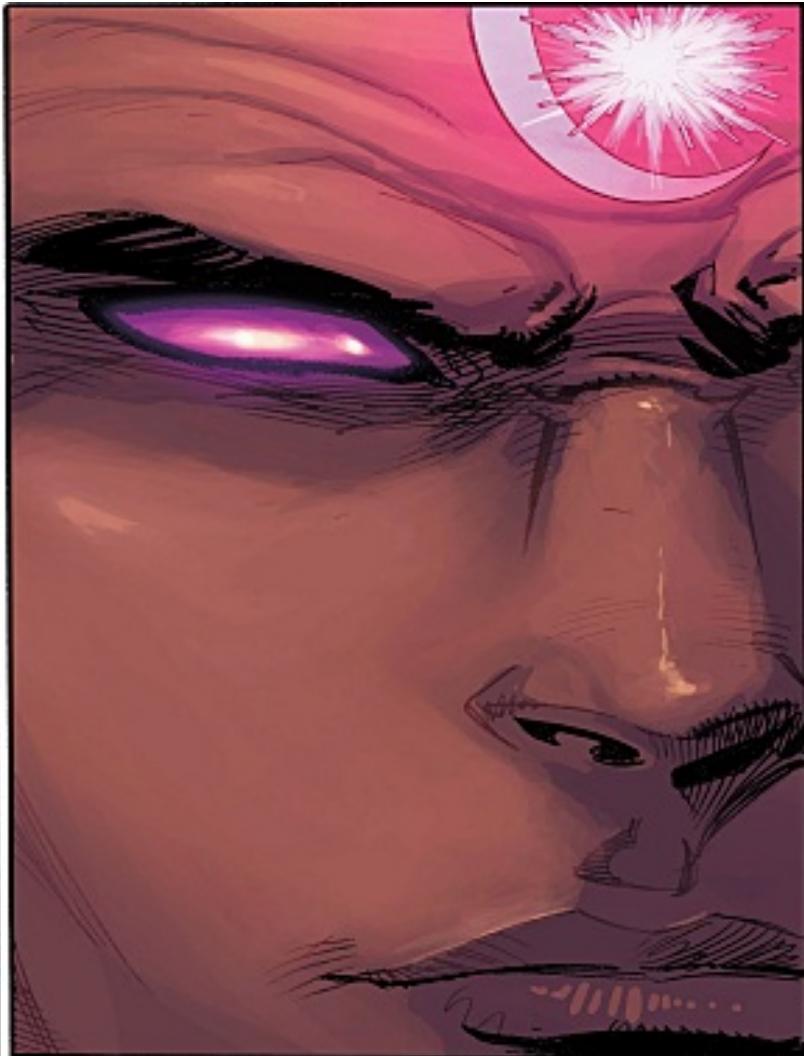
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THE LIGHT.













THE WHITE
EVENT.

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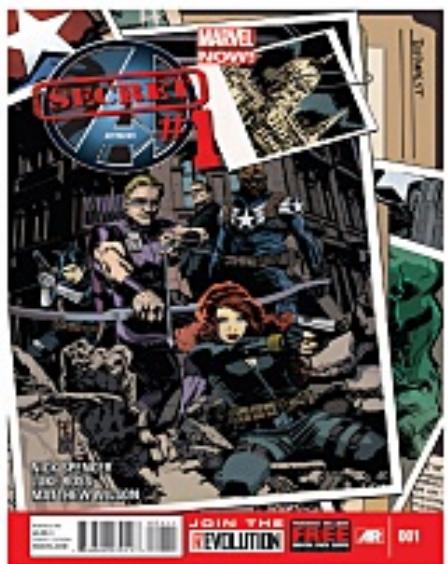
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THE ASSEMBLY!

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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THE WHITE EVENT!

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- AVENGERS ARENA #4** ■ THE RUNAWAYS VS AVENGERS ACADEMY!
- AVENGERS ARENA #5** ■ MAYHEM AMONGST THE BRADDOCK ACADEMY!
- AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #12** ■ THE BLACK WIDOW'S LEDGER!
- DARK AVENGERS #187** ■ ESCAPE FROM KING THING'S TORTURE PIT!
- NEW AVENGERS #3** ■ THE RETURN OF THE ILLUMINATI!
- SECRET AVENGERS #1** ■ WE'D TELL YOU, BUT YOUR SECURITY CLEARANCE ISN'T HIGH ENOUGH!
- UNCANNY AVENGERS #5** ■ OLIVIER COIPEL AND THREE NEW MEMBERS!
- YOUNG AVENGERS #2** ■ PARENTAL STRIFE! PLUS THE UNCANNY AVENGERS!
- A + X #5** ■ IRON MAN AND THE BEAST! IRON FIST AND DOOP!

ALSO ON SALE!

- MARVEL UNIVERSE AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES #11**



