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DEEP...

... WITHIN...

... THE FIERY
CORE...

... OF THE PLANET
KNOWN AS ...

... EARTH...

... THERE IS A
BEING OF IMMENSE
POWER.

WITHIN RECENT MEMORY
HE CAME FROM BEYOND
THE FARTHEST REACHES
OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE
AND IGNITED A SECRET WAR.

A WAR WHICH
THREATENED TO
DESTROY THE
PLANET.

A GATHERING OF HEROES...
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST... BARELY
DEFEATED THIS BEING FROM
BEYOND.

NOW HE
SLEEPS.

PRAY THAT
NOTHING
CAUSES HIM
TO STIR ANEW.

PRAY VERY
HARD.



YOU SAY YOU WANT A RESOLUTION?

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SOMEWHERE NEAR THE
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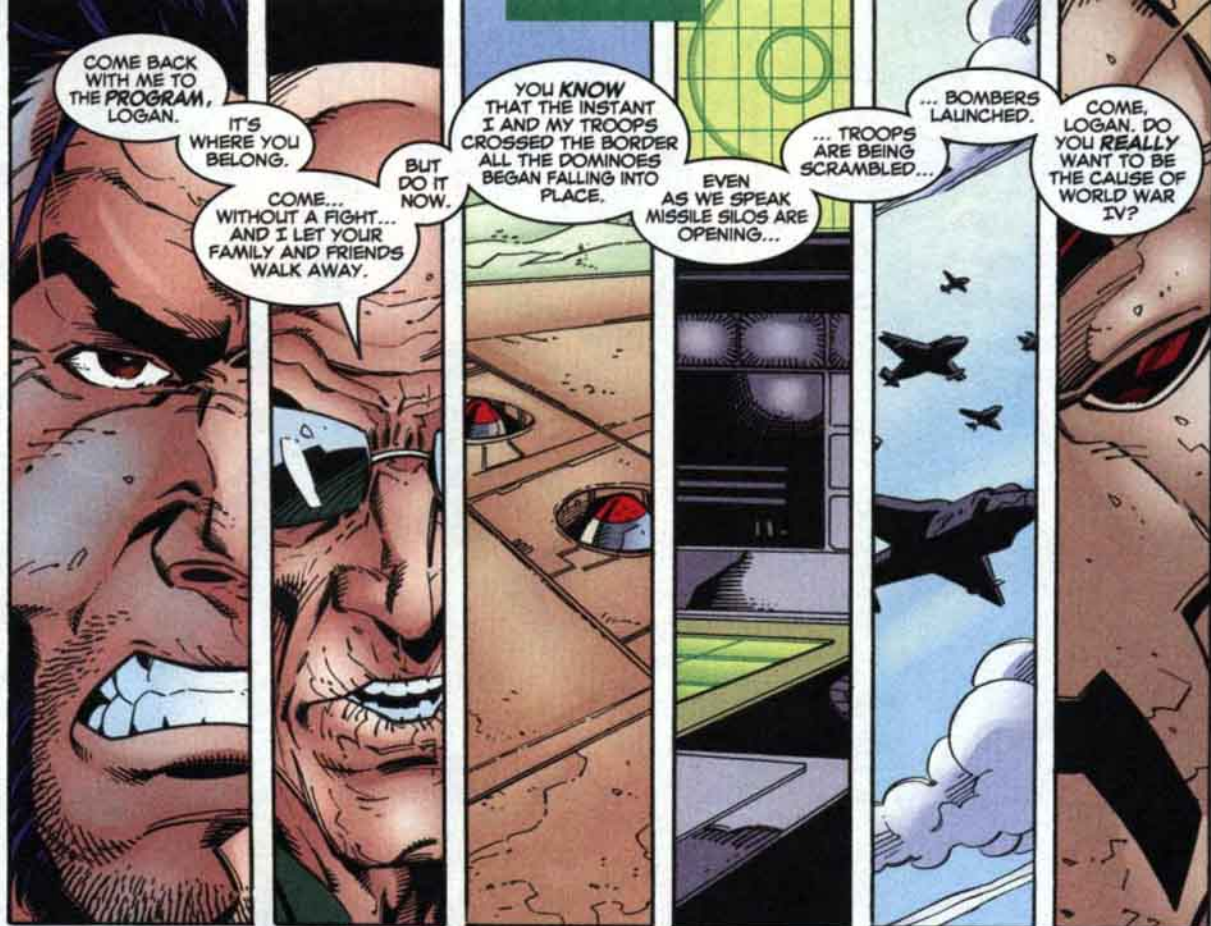
... AN UNWITNESSED
BATTLE HAS ENDED...

... AND A SHOWDOWN
IS JUST BEGINNING.

HAVOK!
GET MARIKO
THE KIDS AND
JEANNIE
OUTTA
HERE!

I'LL
HANDLE THE
PROFESSOR
AND HIS SUPER-
SOLDIERS!







... DEFEND!



MUST...



... DESTROY ...



... ENEMIES ...



... OF
AMERICA!



MY GOD! I HAD HEARD
RUMORS OF THIS, BUT
ASSUMED IT WAS THE
C.I.A.'S DISINFORMATION
MACHINE AT
WORK.

THE AMERICANS...
BEFORE OUR FORCES
PILFERED THEIR SUPER-
SOLDIER PROGRAM
AND KILLED ITS
INVENTOR...

... THEY
EXPERIMENTED ON
A LONE INDIVIDUAL...
HE TURNED OUT TO
HAVE A LATENT
MUTANCY... IT WAS
A DISASTER.





TOO MANY
ENEMIES...
WITHIN...
WITHOUT...

... MUST
DESTROY
THEM
ALL!



MY GOD!
HE'S INSIDE
MY MIND!

HUDSON!
LOGAN!
SUPER-
SOLDIERS!



THIS
ABOMINATION
MUST BE DESTROYED
BEFORE IT KILLS
US ALL!

KILL HIM!
KILL HIM NOW
BEFORE HE SUCKS
IT ALL OUT OF MY
HEAD! BEFORE
HE LEARNS IT
ALL!



DO IT!

NOW!



LOGAN...?
WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

IF HE WAS CAPABLE
OF TAKING DOWN THE
REST OF THE SIX AND THE
AVENGERS, TWO OF
THE EARTH'S GREATEST
SUPER-HEROIC
TEAMS...



THEN I DON'T
WANT TO SEE
WHAT HE COULD
DO TO THE REST
OF US!

THIS IS OUR
CHANCE.

LET HIM
HANDLE THE
CANLICKS...

...AND LET'S
GET MY WIFE
AND KIDS AS FAR
AWAY FROM HERE
AS WE CAN!







I AM
THE SENTINEL
OF LIBERTY!

THE LIVING
EMBODIMENT OF
THE AMERICAN
IDEAL!

LET
FREEDOM
RING!







HIT THAT
MOMENT...

...AT THE
EARTH'S
CORE...

...THERE
IS...

...A
STIRRING.









YOU
COULD NEVER
SEE THE TRUTH,
STARK!



YOU WERE
ALWAYS MORE
LOYAL TO YOUR
MACHINERY THAN
THE FLAG!

A FLAG
STAINED WITH
THE BLOOD OF
THE FALLEN
PATRIOTS
BEFORE
ME!



YOU, AND
YOUR KIND,
DISGUST
ME!



AMERICA
MUST BE
PURGED
OF YOU
ALL!



IT'S
OVER,
CAP!

OH, NO,
HAVOK...

...IT
HAS ONLY
BEGIN!

YOU ARE
THE MOST
TRAITOROUS
OF THEM
ALL!

YOU ARE
NOT EVEN OF
THIS WORLD... OF
THIS TIME... OF
THIS DIMENSION!

BUT
WE ARE,
CAPTAIN!



THOOM!

AND THE
AVENGERS WILL
NOT STAND BY
AS YOU DESTROY
EVERYTHING WE
BELIEVE IN! EVERYTHING
WE ARE LOYAL
TO!



YOU DARE
TALK TO ME
OF BELIEFS... OF
LOYALTY?!!

YOU ARE
TRAITORS
ONE AND
ALL.

LOYAL
ONLY TO THE
FACADE OF SUPER-
HEROICS!

AND
NOW... YOU
ARE...



...NOTHING!



BLOODSTORM!

TAKE THE
SIX... LEAVE...
NOW.



WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING TO DO,
ALEX?

AS MUCH
AS IT DISGUSTS
ME TO BE SO
PREMEDITATIVE...

...I'M GOING
TO HAVE TO
KILL HIM.



"AND I AM
GOING TO HAVE
TO DO IT..."



"... BEFORE THE
WORLD DESTROYS
ITSELF."

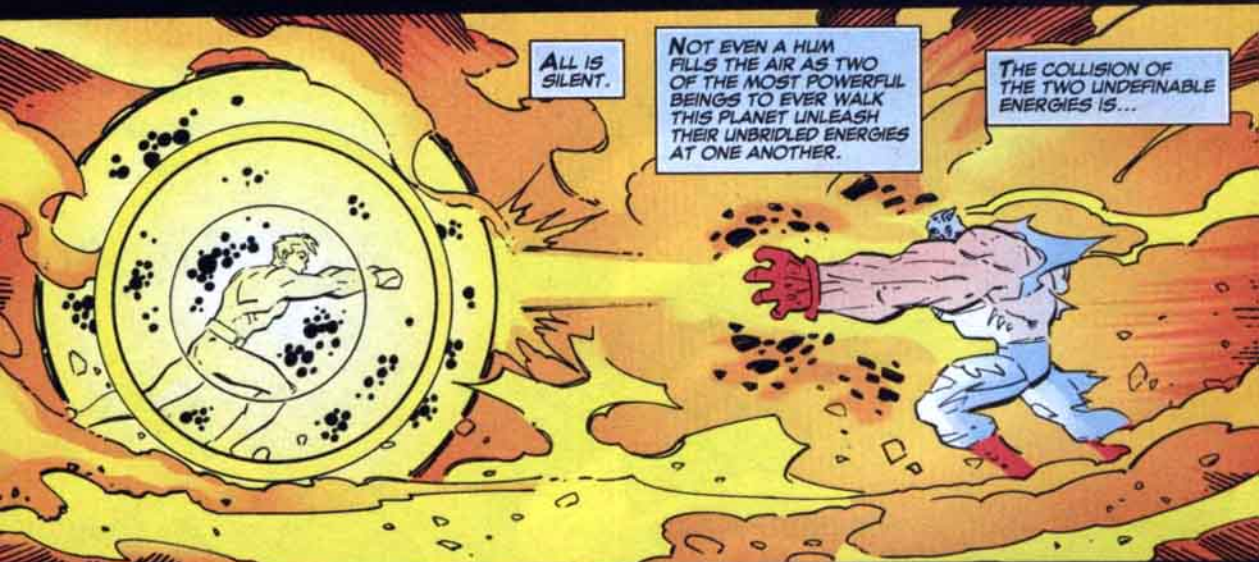


THE CENTER OF
THE EARTH.

AN AWAKENING.



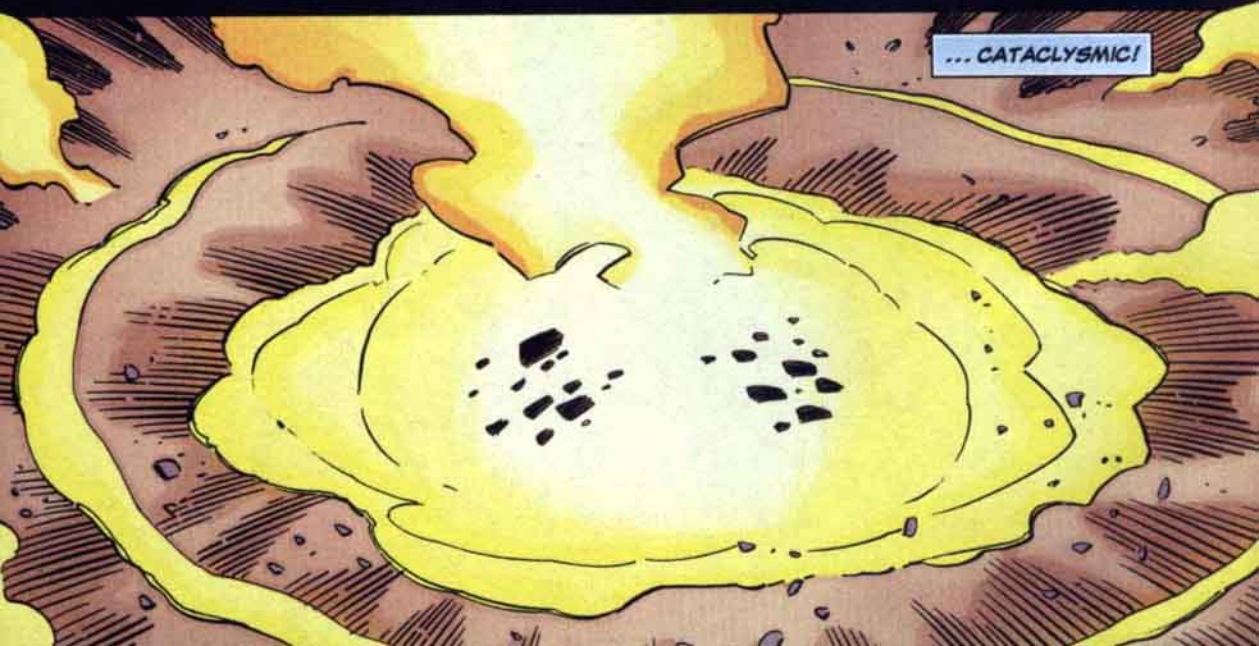
THE FINAL BATTLE
OCCURS WITHOUT
THE TUMULTUOUS
RAGE OF BATTLE.




ALL IS
SILENT.

NOT EVEN A HUM
FILLS THE AIR AS TWO
OF THE MOST POWERFUL
BEINGS TO EVER WALK
THIS PLANET UNLEASH
THEIR UNBRIDLED ENERGIES
AT ONE ANOTHER.


THE COLLISION OF
THE TWO UNDEFINABLE
ENERGIES IS...



... CATAclysmic!




EXPLOSIVE ENERGIES
SEND SHOCKWAVES
AROUND THE PLANET.




PLANES ARE
KNOCKED FROM
THE SKY.



MISSILES
EXPLODE IN
SILOS.



CANADA, ONCE THE MOST
MILITARILY AGGRESSIVE NATION
ON THE PLANET, IS SENT SEVERAL
STEPS CLOSER TO THE STONE AGE.



NEAR THE
EPICENTER OF
THE EXPLOSION...

... TWO BANDS
OF SURVIVORS
HANG ON FOR
DEAR LIFE.

ONE PROTECTED
BY A TELEKINETIC
SHIELD CREATED
BY JEAN GREY...

... THE OTHER
SEEKING SCANT
SHELTER BEHIND
ONE OF ICE-
MAN'S ICE WALLS.

AND STILL...

... THE BATTLE
RAGES ON.



SOMETIME
LATER...



COME.

I HAVE
MUCH TO LEARN
ABOUT THIS WORLD
SINCE I LAST
WALKED
ABOVE.

I HAVE
MUCH TO LEARN
ABOUT ALEX
SUMMERS.

THIS
TRANSDIMENSIONAL
WALKER.

THE SIX'S CASTLE
HEADQUARTERS...

WE'VE
GOT TO
START...

WE'VE
GOT TO
DO...

... SOMETHING.

THE
WORLD IS
IN A STATE
OF...

EARTHQUAKES...
FIRES... FLOODS...

I...

WE
ARE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT
TO DO! HOW DO WE
EVEN **BEGIN** TO HELP?
THIS ISN'T THE NORMAL
SUPER-VILLAIN
THREAT.

LET'S GET
THE WORD
OUT.

SEE WHO
AMONG THE
HEROES HAS
SURVIVED.

GET
ORGANIZED
AS ONE LARGE
GROUP.

START
PRIORITIZING
THE WORLD'S
HOT SPOTS
AND--

ACK!



YES
BLOODSTORM!
IT IS I...

...DRACULA...
LORD OF THE
VAMPIRES! YOUR
SIRE!

I THANK
YOU FOR THIS
TASTY MUTANT
TREAT. HIS BLOOD
HUMS WITH ENERGIES
THE LIKES OF WHICH
I HAVE NEVER
TASTED.

AND NOW
THAT I HAVE
FED...

...THE
REAL FUN
CAN BEGIN!

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