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# STAN LEE PRESENTS:



...NEAR THE TULAROSA BASIN IN NEW MEXICO, ANOTHER INTENSE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN U.S. MILITARY FORCES AND THE CREATURE KNOWN ONLY AS THE HULK.



SEVERAL REPORTED CASUALTIES RELATED TO THIS CONFLICT ONLY ADD TO THE LIST OF CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST THE CREATURE...

MY GOD...

...IT'S JUST GETTING WORSE, ISN'T IT...?



I MEAN, THEY'RE GOING TO END UP KILLING HIM, AREN'T THEY...?

I... UHHH... COULDN'T SAY, JAN.

PERSONALLY, I THINK HE'S TOO MUCH FOR THE ARMY TO HANDLE...



Y'KNOW, I THINK I'LL HEAD INTO THE LAB FOR AWHILE.

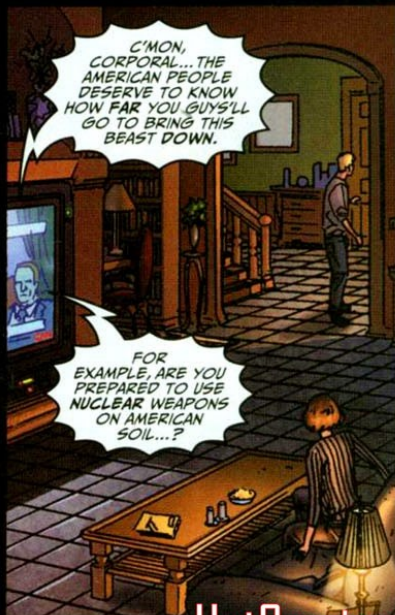
YOU'LL... UMMM... BE OKAY IN HERE, WATCHING THE NEWS CHANNELS, RIGHT...?

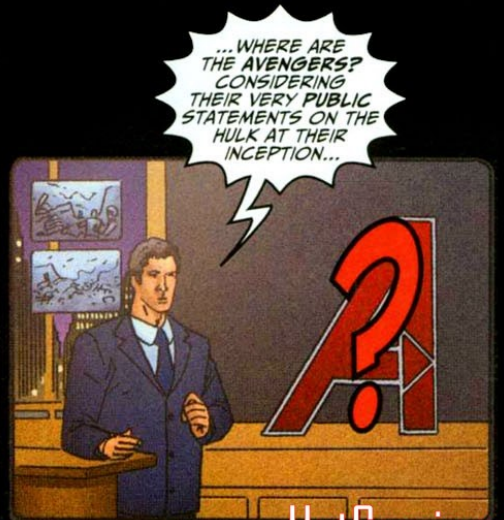
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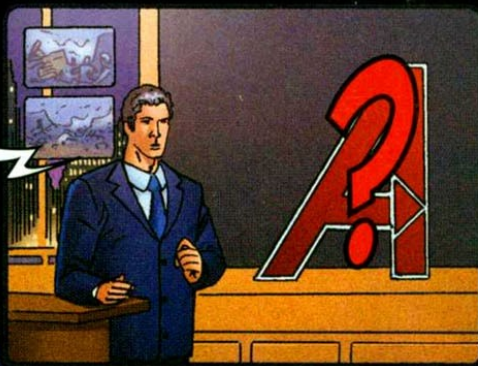
C'MON, CORPORAL... THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE TO KNOW HOW FAR YOU GUYS'LL GO TO BRING THIS BEAST DOWN.

FOR EXAMPLE, ARE YOU PREPARED TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON AMERICAN SOIL...?





...AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR EXPRESSED INTENT TO DEAL WITH THREATS OF THIS EXACT NATURE, I THINK WE ALL NEED TO FACE CERTAIN HARD TRUTHS ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION.



FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THIS IS A MYSTERIOUS AND SCARY GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS.

THE FACT THAT THEY STOOD UP FOR THE HULK IN THE FIRST PLACE MAKES THEM SUSPECT!



I KNOW I WOULDN'T CALL THEM IF MY CAT WAS STUCK IN A TREE!



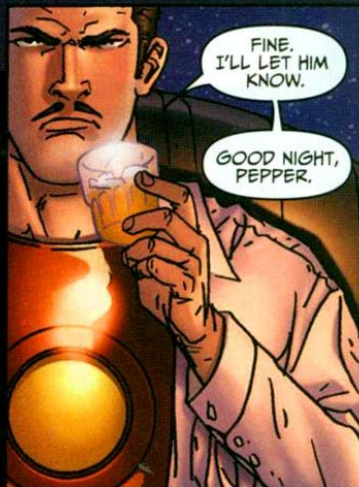
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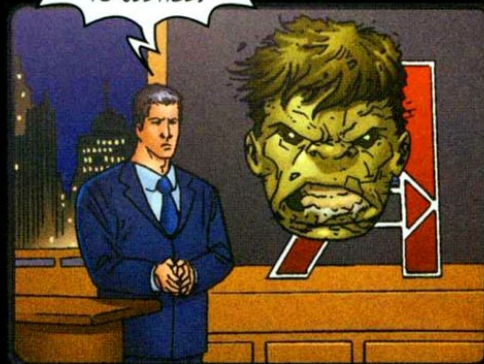
JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW BEFORE I LEFT FOR THE DAY... SPECIAL AGENT MURCH CALLED. HE'S REQUESTING A MEETING WITH IRON MAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FINE. I'LL LET HIM KNOW.

GOOD NIGHT, PEPPER.



...SHOULD WE STILL CONSIDER THE HULK TO BE THEIR ALLY? AND, IF HE'S NOT, WHY HAVEN'T THEY BROUGHT HIM TO JUSTICE?



IS THE HULK'S BEHAVIOR MERELY INDICATIVE OF THE QUESTIONABLE NATURE OF THIS GROUP?

THEY SAY THEY'RE HEROES. SHOULD WE BELIEVE THEM...?



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JEEZ...  
I WAS JUST  
TRYING TO  
BE NICE...!

I UNDERSTAND  
THAT. AND YOUR  
HEART'S IN THE  
RIGHT PLACE.

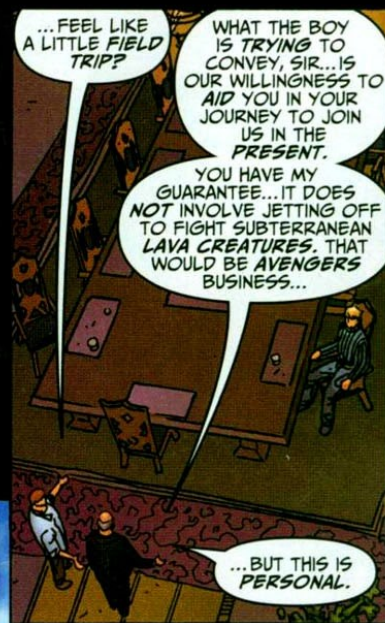
THE PROBLEM  
MAY JUST BE...HE  
WANTS TO FILL IN THE  
GAPS, BUT HE DOESN'T  
KNOW WHERE TO  
BEGIN...



...BUT  
PERHAPS WE  
CAN HELP.



EARTH  
TO CAPTAIN  
AMERICA...



...FEEL LIKE  
A LITTLE FIELD  
TRIP?

WHAT THE BOY  
IS TRYING TO  
CONVEY, SIR...IS  
OUR WILLINGNESS TO  
AID YOU IN YOUR  
JOURNEY TO JOIN  
US IN THE  
PRESENT.

YOU HAVE MY  
GUARANTEE...IT DOES  
NOT INVOLVE JETTING OFF  
TO FIGHT SUBTERRANEAN  
LAVA CREATURES. THAT  
WOULD BE AVENGERS  
BUSINESS...

...BUT THIS IS  
PERSONAL.

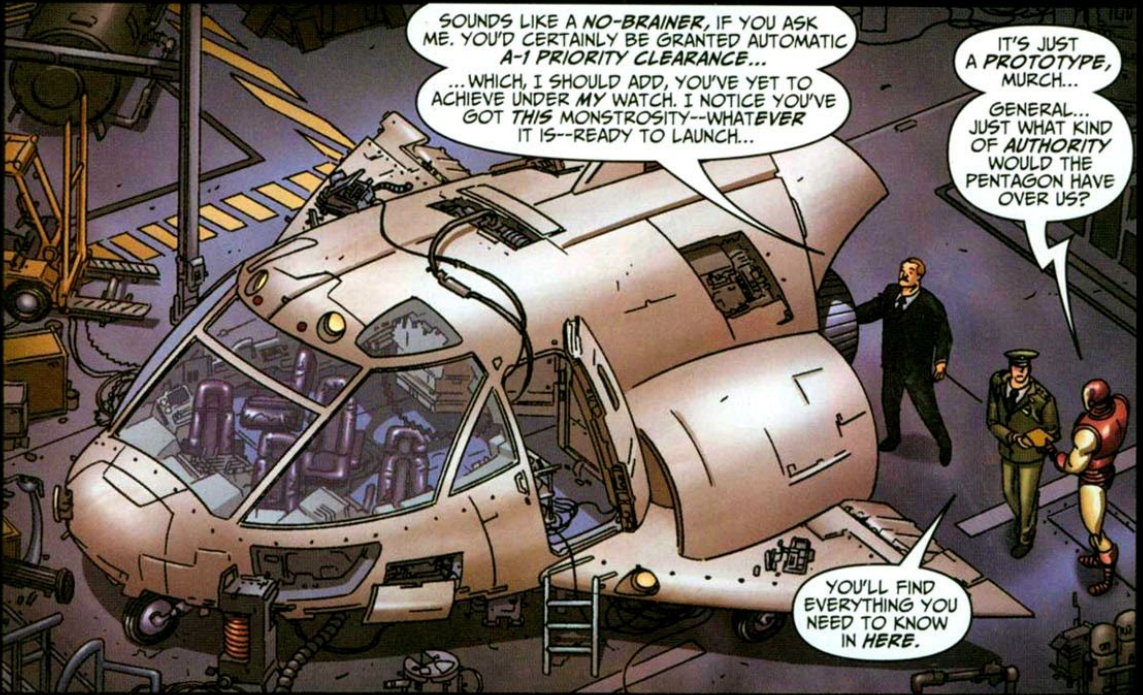






AN  
OFFICIAL...  
WHAT...?!

TECHNICALLY,  
YOU'D BE OPERATING  
AS A SUPER-POWERED  
**SPECIAL FORCES**  
DIVISION...  
...ORGANIZED  
EMPLOYMENT OF A  
PARAMILITARY UNIT IN  
SUSTAINED COMBAT  
AGAINST A DETERMINED  
ENEMY.



SOUNDS LIKE A **NO-BRAINER**, IF YOU ASK  
ME. YOU'D CERTAINLY BE GRANTED AUTOMATIC  
**A-1 PRIORITY CLEARANCE...**  
...WHICH, I SHOULD ADD, YOU'VE YET TO  
ACHIEVE UNDER MY WATCH. I NOTICE YOU'VE  
GOT **THIS MONSTROSITY--WHATEVER**  
IT IS--READY TO LAUNCH...

IT'S JUST  
A **PROTOTYPE**,  
MURCH...  
GENERAL...  
JUST WHAT KIND  
OF **AUTHORITY**  
WOULD THE  
PENTAGON HAVE  
OVER US?

YOU'LL FIND  
EVERYTHING YOU  
NEED TO KNOW  
IN **HERE**.



I DON'T THINK YOU'VE GOT ANY RIGHT  
TO BE **PARANOID** ABOUT THIS. THE  
JOINT CHIEFS ARE WILLING TO OFFER  
THIS ARRANGEMENT IN ALMOST  
COMPLETE ACCORDANCE WITH  
YOUR EXISTING **BY-LAWS**.  
THAT MEANS YOUR SECRET  
IDENTITIES WILL **REMAIN SECRET**.  
AGAINST MY BETTER  
**JUDGMENT...**

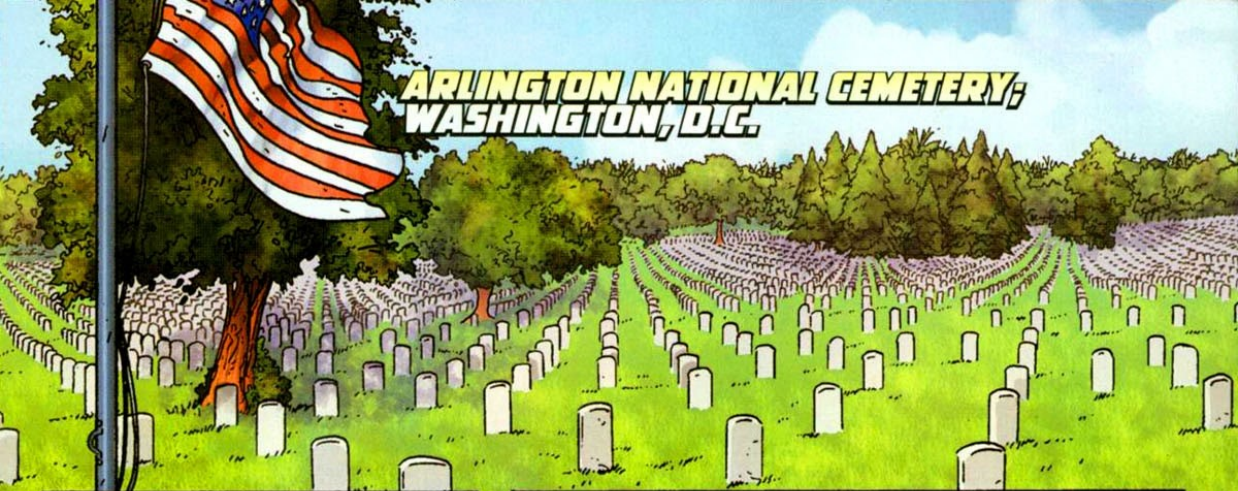


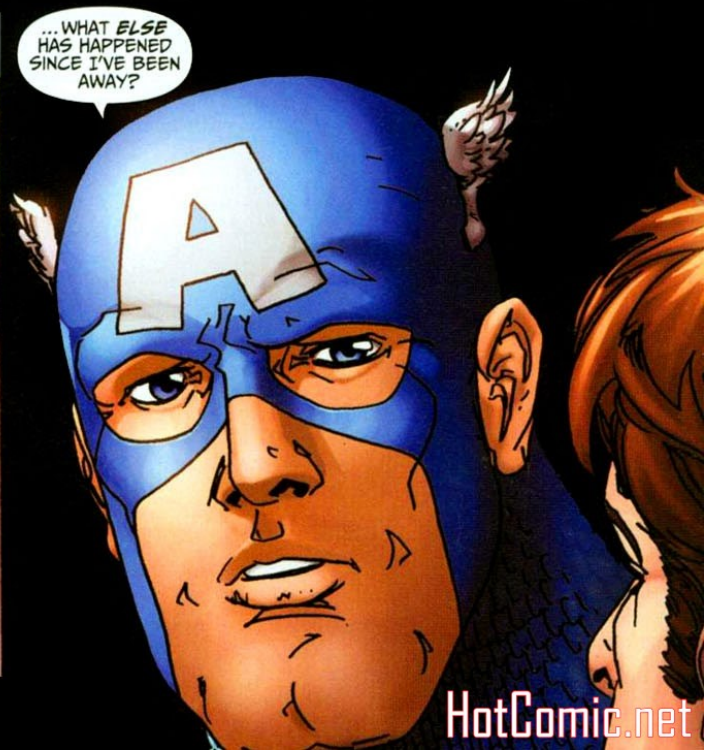
THIS IS **NEW**  
**TERRITORY** FOR US,  
AGENT MURCH.  
THE AVENGERS WERE  
A **BIG HELP** TO US IN  
ARIZONA. THE PRESIDENT  
**HIMSELF** SUGGESTED  
THIS MERGER...



...WORKING  
**TOGETHER**, THERE'S  
A LOT WE COULD  
**ACCOMPLISH**.

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SO, THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL...

UNBELIEVABLE. THE U.S. ARMY WANTS TO PUT *US* ON THE PAYROLL!

SO WHAT'S THE UPSIDE?

WELL, FOR STARTERS, OUR AVENGERS PRIORITY STATUS WOULD BE GRANTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. FROM THE BEGINNING, I TOLD YOU HOW *ESSENTIAL* THAT IS IF WE'RE TO DO OUR JOB WITH THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INTERFERENCE...



BUT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FREEDOM TO ACT. HOW MUCH FREEDOM ARE WE GOING TO HAVE UNDER *THIS* ARRANGEMENT?

I THINK WE NEED TO STOP AND CONSIDER WHAT THE PENTAGON *GAINS* FROM HAVING *US* AT THEIR BECK AND CALL...

...I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WANT TO END UP INVADING LIBYA OR SOME OTHER THIRD-WORLD NATION THE PRESIDENT *DISAGREES* WITH...



THERE IS *WISDOM* IN YOUR WORDS, GIANT-MAN.

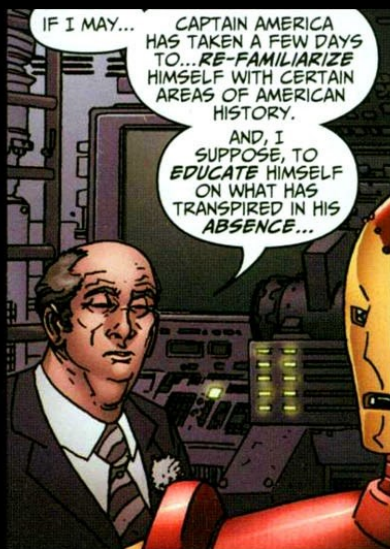
THE SON OF ODIN IS NO MAN'S LACKEY. AND NO POLITICIAN HATH EVER PUT ANOTHER'S NEEDS ABOVE THEIR OWN.

WE MUST KEEP OUR *OWN* COUNSEL WHEN IT COMES TO SERVING THE GREATER GOOD.



SPEAKING OF KEEPING OUR OWN COUNSEL, THERE'S AN OPINION I'D REALLY LIKE TO HEAR...

...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AN AVENGER SHORT.

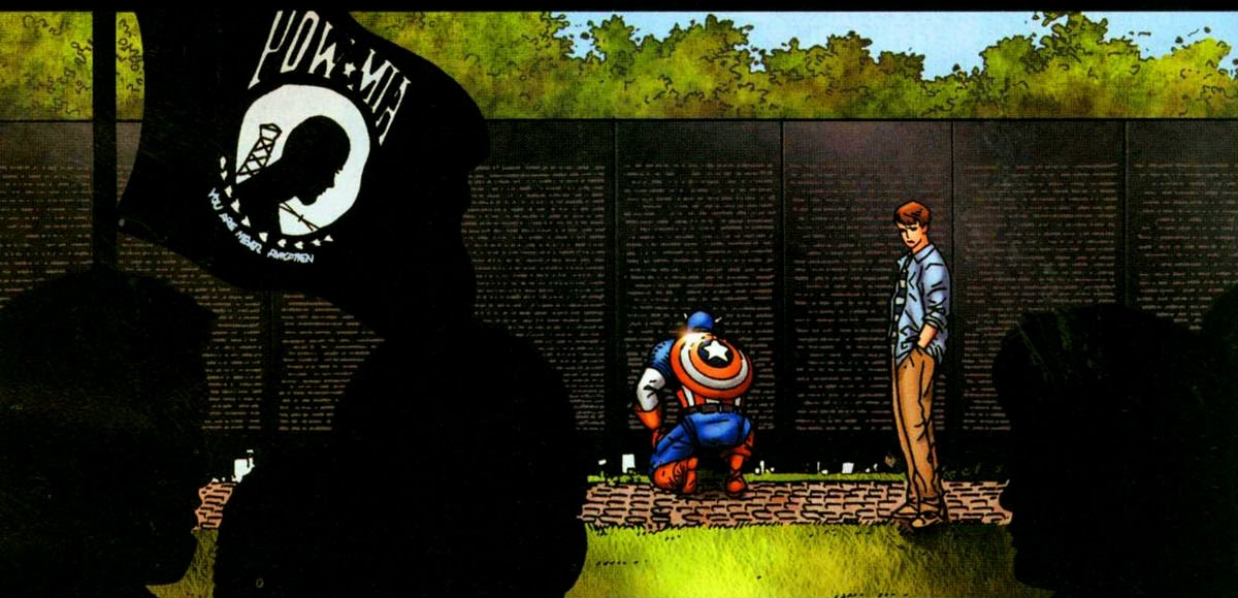


IF I MAY...

CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS TAKEN A FEW DAYS TO...RE-FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH CERTAIN AREAS OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

AND, I SUPPOSE, TO EDUCATE HIMSELF ON WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN HIS ABSENCE...

## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



UHHH, CAP...?

I WAS, UH, JUST WONDERING... HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GONNA BE HERE...?



FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES FOR ME TO READ EVERY NAME ON THIS WALL.

FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVERY SOLDIER THAT DIED...

...IN A WAR THAT I MISSED.

**ONE WEEK LATER**

**DON'T  
HOLD  
BACK!**  
WE HAVE  
OUR ORDERS!  
LET'S MOVE  
IT!





WHA--?!

OUR  
ENEMIES HAVE  
ARRIVED!



YA  
GOT THAT RIGHT,  
GLOW-WORM!

GVEARRROOH--!



PRESS YOUR  
ATTACK, "COMRADE"!  
SHE IS FAR TOO SMALL  
TO POSE ANY REAL  
THREAT!

OBSERVE  
HOW I STRIKE AT  
THEIR ACHILLES'  
HEEL!



VILE BRAGGART!  
THOU WOULDST FIRE  
UPON INNOCENT  
MORTALS?!

THOU ART  
TRULY MASTERS  
OF EVIL!



LUCKILY, WE  
DIDN'T COME  
UNPREPARED,  
PARTNER!





UNDERSTATEMENT OF  
THE YEAR, MELTER.



NO--!

STAY AWAY  
FROM ME! I'LL  
BRING THIS ENTIRE  
CITY DOWN ON  
YOUR HEAD--!



I'LL MAKE  
THIS OFFER UP  
FRONT...



...DROP YOUR  
WEAPONS AND  
SURRENDER  
NOW.  
OTHERWISE,  
I'LL HAVE TO GET  
ROUGH.



THAT VOICE...

AFTER ALL THESE DECADES... I COULD NEVER FORGET THAT UNMISTAKABLE HINT OF AMERICAN NAIVETE.

BUT THE TRUE QUESTION REMAINS...

...DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

--EXPERIMENTAL DRONE PLANE--

WE'RE TOO LATE--

--I CAN REACH IT, CAP--!

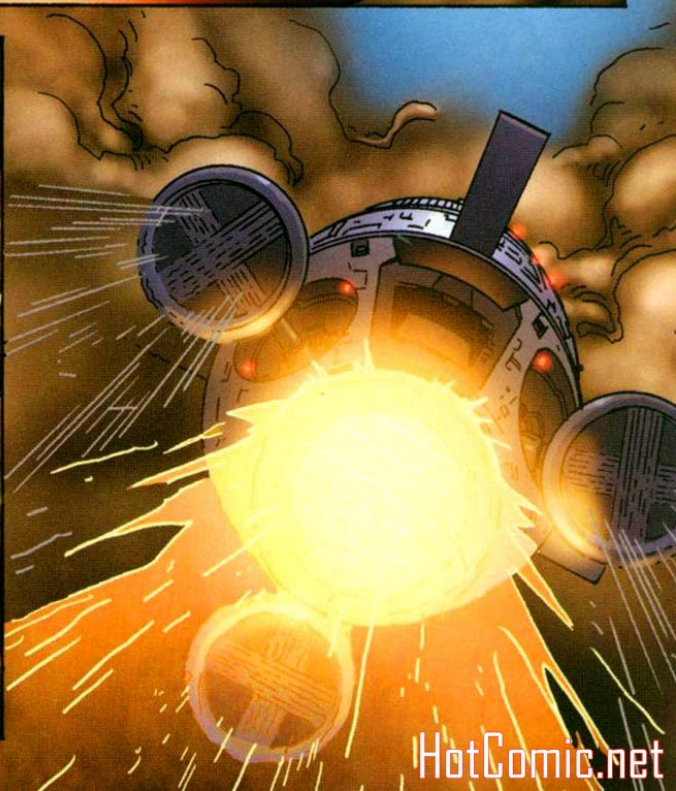
--BOOBY-TRAPPED--

--IT'S GONNA BLOW--!

NOOOO--!!

**ZEEEEEEMO!!**







ODD'S BLOOD--!



HOW FARE THEE, AVENGERS?  
I HAVE SUBDUED THE EVIL **BLACK KNIGHT**, BUT THE **RINGLEADER** OF THIS CACOPHONY HAS MADE HIS **ESCAPE**. SHALL I GIVE CHASE?

DON'T BOTHER, THOR.

I HAD **CAP** CHECKING THAT LAUNCH SITE AND **GIANT-MAN** HEADING IN FOR BACKUP. SPEAKING OF WHICH...

...**GIANT-MAN**, DO YOU COPY? OVER...



I'M RIGHT HERE, SHELLHEAD. THERE WASN'T MUCH TO DO... WHOEVER'S **BEHIND** ALL THIS WAS RUTHLESS ENOUGH TO SACRIFICE HIS OWN MEN DURING HIS GETAWAY.

AND CAP...?

HE'S... **HERE**, BUT NOT QUITE FIT FOR DUTY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT **HAPPENED** TO HIM, BUT **WHATEVER** IT WAS...



...IT WASN'T PRETTY.

...Z-ZEMO...

**CONTINUED...**