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SO  
THAT'S IT,  
THEN.

LOOK... I KNOW WHAT  
YOU MUST BE FEELING  
RIGHT NOW. RICK'S  
AN INNOCENT  
IN ALL THIS...

ZEMO'S  
OBVIOUSLY USING  
HIM TO GET  
TO YOU.

GUESS IT  
WORKED.

IT GETS...  
DIFFICULT TO  
MAINTAIN CIVILIAN  
RELATIONSHIPS.  
THEY INEVITABLY  
BECOME  
TARGETS.

BUT WE HAVE A  
RESPONSIBILITY  
TO--

I'VE ALREADY  
SPOKEN TO NICK  
FURY OVER AT  
THE C.I.A.

HE'S BEEN GATHERING  
INTELLIGENCE REPORTS  
ON ZEMO'S LAST KNOWN  
WHEREABOUTS. SOMEWHERE  
IN SOUTH AMERICA,  
THEY THINK...

CAP...

...ARE YOU  
LISTENING  
TO ME...?













ZEMO WON'T  
HESITATE TO KILL  
RICK. THAT'LL  
ONLY BE THE  
BEGINNING...

THE LONGER  
I WAIT, THE  
WORSE IT'LL  
GET.

NOW  
HOLD ON A  
MINUTE--

THE REST OF  
YOU SHOULD *STAY*.  
DEAL WITH WHATEVER  
THE MASTERS OF EVIL  
ARE GOING TO  
THROW AT YOU...

...BUT I  
HAVE TO  
DO THIS.

LIKE I SAID, I  
JUST...DON'T HAVE  
A CHOICE. NOT  
ANYMORE.

CAP, YOU NEED TO  
UNDERSTAND SOMETHING.  
YOUR AVENGERS MEMBERSHIP  
HAS MEANT A LOT. NOT  
ONLY TO *US*...

...BUT  
TO THE NATIONAL  
SECURITY COUNCIL.  
FINALLY OBTAINING OUR  
PRIORITY STATUS WAS  
CONTINGENT UPON YOUR  
INVOLVEMENT.

THEY MADE IT  
PERFECTLY *CLEAR*  
TO ME... WITHOUT *YOU*,  
THEY WON'T HESITATE  
TO YANK THAT SECURITY  
CLEARANCE WITHOUT  
BATTING AN EYE.

SO IF  
YOU WALK  
OUT THAT DOOR...  
YOU'RE RISKING  
*EVERYTHING*  
WE'VE BUILT  
HERE.

I'M  
SORRY, IRON  
MAN.

I  
REALLY  
AM.







HOW'D  
YOU FIND  
ME...?

WAIT. DON'T TELL ME. PROBABLY TRACKED  
ME DOWN WITH SOME *SUPERCOMPUTER*  
YOU KEEP NEXT TO THE FINE CHINA...

SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT.

MAY I ASK...  
HOW DO YOU OBTAIN  
THE *TECHNOLOGY*  
FOR YOUR  
ARROWHEADS...?

WELL, I'VE TAKEN DOWN  
A *DRUG DEALER* OR TWO.  
THERE'S USUALLY A BIT OF  
*CASH* LYING AROUND AFTER  
A BUST LIKE THAT...

...THEN I GO TO THIS  
GUY, *PHINEAS MASON*.  
HE SPECIALIZES IN THIS  
KIND OF THING. TECH  
STUFF, HARD-TO-FIND  
WEAPONRY,  
ONE-OF-A-KIND  
WORKMANSHIP...

...THEY CALL  
HIM *THE  
TINKERER*.

A KNOWN  
CRIMINAL.

THERE ARE  
MORE *SENSIBLE*  
WAYS OF ARMING  
YOURSELF.

YEAH,  
WHATEVER.

Y'KNOW...  
NOT EVERYONE  
HAS ACCESS TO  
TONY STARK'S BANK  
ACCOUNT. SOME OF  
US JUST HAVE TO  
MAKE DO...



AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE STRIVING FOR A **BETTER** LIFE... DIDN'T YOU GET **ANYTHING** OUT OF OUR LAST CONVERSATION?!



WHO AM I?! I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO HELP YOU PULL YOURSELF OUT OF THIS DEAD-END SITUATION! IF YOU WEREN'T SO HORRIBLY **ARROGANT**, MAYBE YOU'D SEE THAT!

HEY!  
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU TO TELL ME WHAT'S WHAT?! YOU THINK I **DON'T KNOW** I'M HANGIN' ON BY MY **FINGERNAILS** HERE?!



YEAH, WELL...  
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA DO ABOUT IT? PLAY FAIRY **GODMOTHER**...?  
I GOT NO **ILLUSIONS** ABOUT WHAT I AM, JARVIS. THIS IS MY LIFE...

...IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN DO MUCH TO **CHANGE** IT!





HELLO...?

SOMEONE  
IN HERE...?



AYE.

THOR...

...WHAT IN GOD'S  
NAME ARE YOU *DOING*  
SITTING ALL ALONE?  
THE *LAST* THING WE  
NEED AROUND HERE IS  
MORE *STRANGE*  
BEHAVIOR...!



I GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO  
TELL YOU...CAP'S ABRUPT  
DEPARTURE HAS PUT US  
IN A PRECARIOUS  
POSITION.

I DON'T KNOW IF  
HE'S EVER COMING BACK.  
AND THAT MEANS...PRETTY  
SOON MURCH IS GOING  
TO START SNIFFING  
AROUND AGAIN.

WE'VE WORKED  
SO HARD...COME SO FAR.  
IF HE FOLLOWS THROUGH  
ON HIS THREAT TO STRIP US  
OF OUR SECURITY  
CLEARANCE JUST BECAUSE  
CAP'S GONE...



...I'M JUST NOT  
SURE IF WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO HOLD IT  
TOGETHER--

BEFORE YOU  
GO ANY FURTHER,  
THERE IS SOMETHING  
YOU SHOULD  
KNOW...

...I, TOO,  
MUST TAKE MY  
LEAVE.

EFFECTIVE  
IMMEDIATELY.





WH-WHAT...?!

THOR... WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU PICK NOW, OF ALL TIMES, TO TAKE OFF?! YOUR TIMING COULDN'T BE WORSE!



WHEN WILL YOU--

THERE ARE MATTERS ELSEWHERE WHICH REQUIRE MY ATTENTION.



AND THUS... THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT I SHALL NOT RETURN AT ALL.

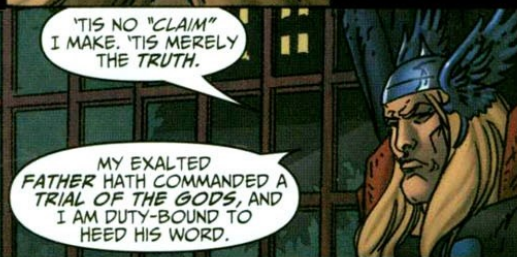
I TRULY REGRET THIS TURN OF EVENTS. BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN EVEN A THUNDER GOD MUST ANSWER A HIGHER CALLING.



DON'T TELL ME THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH "ASGARD" AND "ODIN" AND THIS MYTHICAL PANTHEON OF "GODS" YOU CLAIM TO COME FROM...!



YOU'RE HANGING US OUT TO DRY!



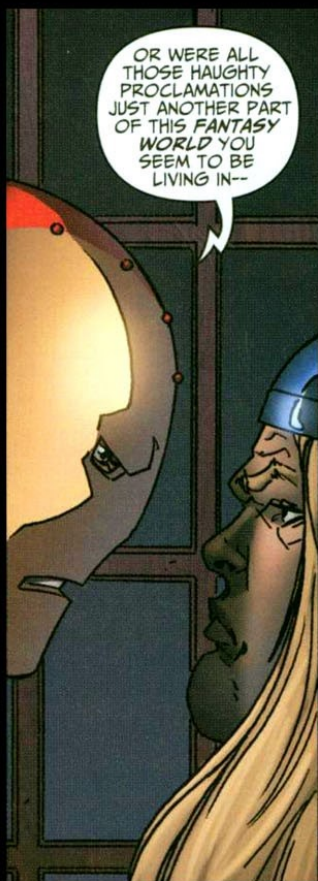
'TIS NO "CLAIM" I MAKE. 'TIS MERELY THE TRUTH.

MY EXALTED FATHER HATH COMMANDED A TRIAL OF THE GODS, AND I AM DUTY-BOUND TO HEED HIS WORD.



AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR DUTY TO US?! TO WHAT WE'VE STRUGGLED TO ACCOMPLISH HERE?!

I CAN SWALLOW YOUR HIGH AND MIGHTY ATTITUDE... MOSTLY BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOUR COMMITMENT WAS WITHOUT QUESTION!

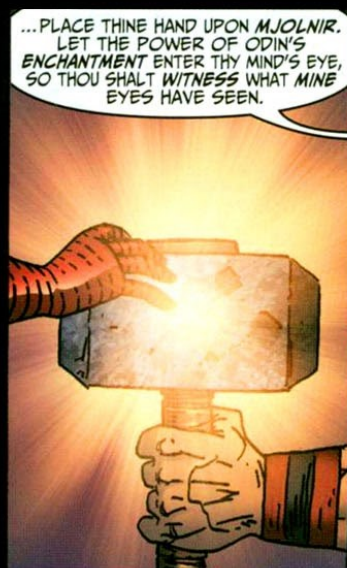


OR WERE ALL THOSE HAUGHTY PROCLAMATIONS JUST ANOTHER PART OF THIS FANTASY WORLD YOU SEEM TO BE LIVING IN--



HAVE A CARE, IRON MAN.









GOOD  
GOD...!

YOU HAVE  
GAZED UPON  
SIGHTS NO  
OTHER MORTAL  
HAS.  
YOU HAVE  
SEEN THE  
GLORY THAT  
IS ASGARD.



WAIT A  
MINUTE...  
YOU  
REALLY  
ARE--



AYE...



... 'TIS NO *FABRICATION*.  
THERE IS INDEED A HIGH SEAT  
OF POWER THAT EXISTS FAR  
BEYOND THE FIELDS  
YOU KNOW.

MINE OWN  
JOURNEY SPANS MORE  
THAN A MILLENNIA, AND  
NOW IT TAKES ME  
BACK HOME.



IT WAS NEVER  
MY INTENTION TO  
ABANDON ALL  
THAT WE HAVE  
CONSTRUCTED.



THE  
AVENGERS...  
'TIS A DREAM I  
SHARE EQUALLY  
WITH THEE.



BUT I AM OF  
*TWO WORLDS...*  
AND THE WORLD OF  
MY BLOOD CALLS  
TO ME. I MUST HEED  
THAT CALL.

THIS OCCASION--  
'TIS NOT A *HAPPY* ONE. SOON  
I WILL FACE MY HALF-BROTHER  
UPON THE ROCK OF *SKORNEIM*...  
FOR MINE OWN FATHER HAS DENIED  
MY WORD AS BOND. HE ALSO  
REQUIRES *PROOF* OF MY  
VIRTUE, AS YOU HAVE...



I... NEVER CONCEIVED  
THAT SUCH A PLACE  
COULD EXIST...

IT'S JUST...  
I'M A MAN OF  
*SCIENCE*...

I'M... SORRY  
I *DOUBTED* YOU.  
I PROMISE I'LL NEVER  
MAKE THAT MISTAKE  
AGAIN.





MAYBE...I SHOULD JUST TAKE ALL OF THIS AS A SIGN. THE WASP GETTING SHOT... CAP OFF ON HIS OWN... NOW YOU'RE LEAVING...

NOT TO MENTION... EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED WITH THE HULK. I STILL HAVE TROUBLE ACCEPTING THAT I-- THAT WE--COULDN'T REIN HIM IN.

I'VE ALWAYS PRIDED MYSELF ON BEING SO CAPABLE. SNATCHING VICTORY FROM THE JAWS OF DEFEAT. TURNING A NEGATIVE INTO A POSITIVE. STORY OF MY LIFE...



I GUESS I'M JUST NOT USED TO FAILURE.

'TIS NO FAILURE I SEE BEFORE ME, AVENGER.

ALREADY OUR BAND OF PROTECTORS HAS COME TO MEAN SOMETHING TO THE DENIZENS OF MIDGARD. THEY HAVE BEGUN TO COUNT ON OUR VIGILANCE...JUST AS WE HOPED THEY WOULD.

DO NOT ALLOW THYSELF TO BECOME MIRED IN SUCH POLITICAL CONCERNS. OUR ENDEAVORS ARE BEYOND THEIR PETTINESS.

BUT MURCH--

THE AVENGERS IS A CONCEPT MUCH LARGER THAN ANY ONE MEMBER...YOU OR I INCLUDED. THAT IS OUR LEGACY. YOU MUST NOT GIVE UP.

I CAN SEE IN THINE EYES THAT YOU ARE STILL UNCERTAIN. AND SO I WILL TELL YOU WHAT I TOLD OUR FELLOW AVENGER, IN HIS TIME OF NEED...

... 'TIS ABOUT FAITH.



THE STRONGER YOURS IS... THE MORE OTHERS WILL SHARE IN THY DREAMS.







FARE  
THEE WELL,  
MY FRIEND.

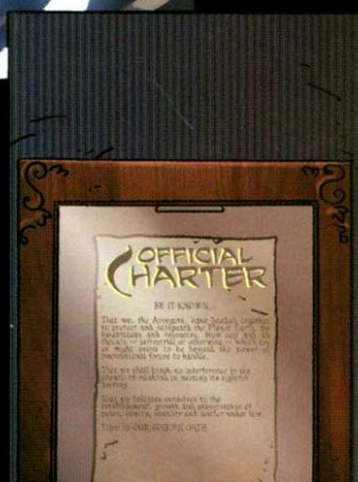
DO NOT LET  
OUR DREAM DIE.  
FOR THIS TRUTH  
SHALL EVER BE  
HEARD 'ROUND  
THE WORLD--

--ONCE AN  
AVENGER...  
ALWAYS AN  
AVENGER!



I GUESS  
WE'LL SEE,  
THOR...

...IF THERE'S  
ENOUGH FAITH TO  
GO AROUND.



That we dedicate ourselves to the  
establishment, growth and preservation of  
peace, liberty, equality and justice under law.  
THIS IS OUR SOLEMN OATH.



**BOLIVIA**











I'VE WAITED  
DECADES FOR  
THIS.

ALL THOSE  
YEARS... I NEVER *ONCE*  
BELIEVED I WOULD BE DENIED  
MY REVENGE. YOUR RETURN  
TO THE WORLD WAS  
DESTINED TO BE...

...ALONG WITH  
YOUR DEATH AT  
MY HANDS.



YOU'RE  
DISEASED,  
ZEMO.

YOU MURDERED  
MY PARTNER. IF YOU  
THINK YOU'RE NOT GOING  
TO ANSWER FOR  
THAT--

I AM BEYOND  
YOUR WORTHLESS  
JUDGMENTS.

THIS IS YET  
ANOTHER PRODUCT OF MY  
SUPERIOR INTELLECT. I SHALL  
BURN YOU WHERE YOU STAND.  
BUT NOT BEFORE I SEE  
YOU *BEG* FOR YOUR--



I DON'T  
BEG.



YOUR DEFIANCE  
ONLY FUELS MY  
HATRED!

YOURS WILL BE A  
SLOW DEATH! YOU WILL  
SUFFER AS I HAVE! YOUR  
BLOOD SHALL FEED THE  
SOIL! I SHALL HAVE  
YOUR HEAD ON A  
SPIKE!

MY  
WILL BE  
DONE!



GO  
AHEAD,  
THEN.  
TAKE  
YOUR BEST  
SHOT.



# BREMEN, GERMANY



--THE DETAILS OF REED RICHARDS' NEGOTIATIONS WITH NASA HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

NONETHELESS, THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S LAUNCH FROM CAPE CANAVERAL PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT--

--I'VE CHECKED THE TRAIN SCHEDULES. IT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO SNEAK ABOARD--

OH--!

CAREFUL, PIETRO!



MY APOLOGIES, SISTER. IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE I'VE HAD PROPER SLEEP. MY JUDGMENT...

I KNOW. THAT'S WHY...WE SIMPLY CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS...



HIDING IS NO LONGER THE ANSWER. NOT FOR US.

I REFUSE TO LET FEAR DICTATE OUR DESTINY. OUR MUTANT HERITAGE SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE--

WANDA!



DO YOU WISH TO GET LYNCHED RIGHT HERE AND NOW?! WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION...



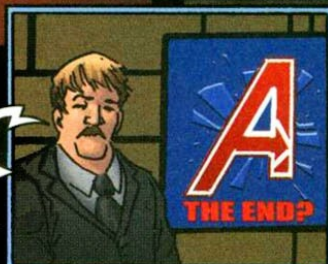
--IN OTHER NEWS ON THE AMERICAN SUPERPOWERED FRONT...

...I SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO STAND PROUD AND SERVE THE GREATER GOOD. TO REDEEM OURSELVES FOR PAST MISTAKES. BUT HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY--



...THE BBC HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT ONE OR POSSIBLY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE AVENGERS HAVE LEFT THAT ORGANIZATION.

AGAIN, THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THESE REPORTS...NOR HAS THERE BEEN WORD WHETHER OR NOT REPLACEMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT. PUNDITS ARE SPECULATING THAT THIS MAY INDEED SIGNAL THE END OF THE CONTROVERSIAL TEAM THAT HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO GAIN PUBLIC TRUST...

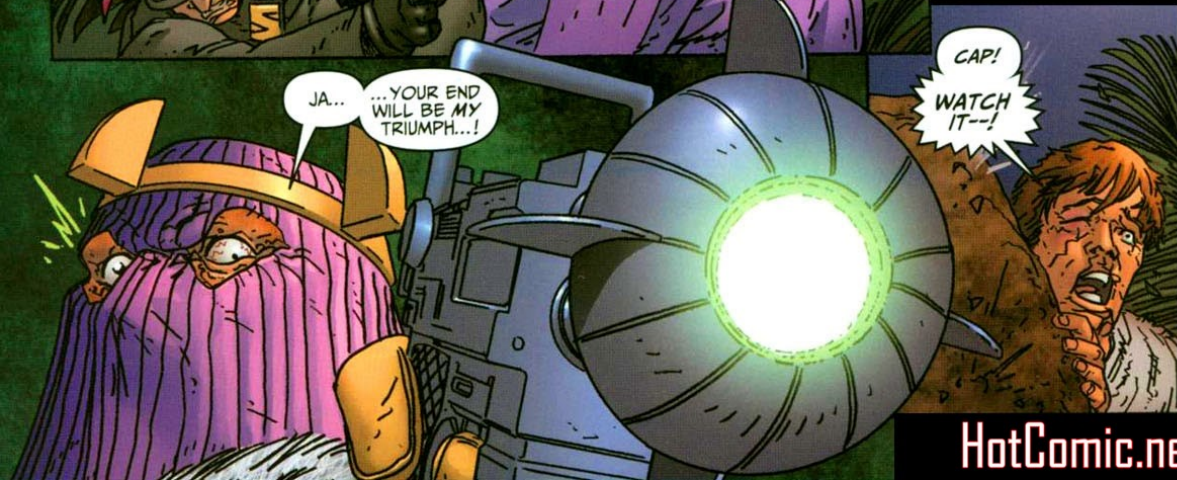






OUT  
OF MY WAY,  
MAGGOT!

I NEED  
A CLEAR  
SHOT--!



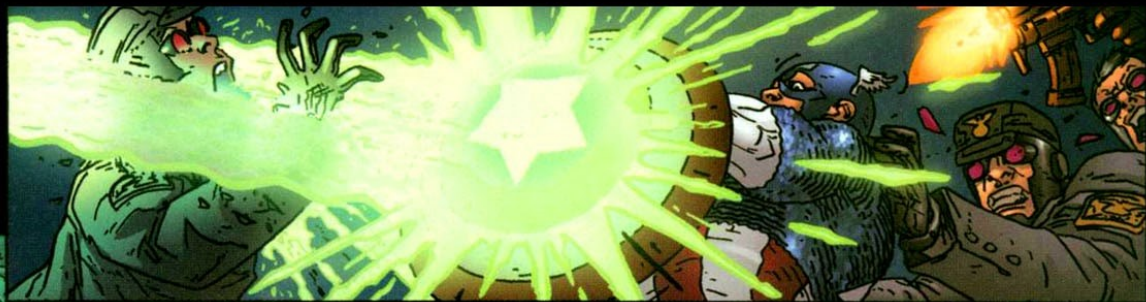
JA...

...YOUR END  
WILL BE MY  
TRIUMPH...!

CAP!  
WATCH  
IT--!



DRINK DEEP  
MY FURIOUS  
RETRIBUTION--!



DAMN  
YOUR  
EYES--!  
WÜRFEL!

YEEARRGHH--!



LOOKS  
LIKE YOU MISSED,  
OLD MAN.

MY  
VERACHTETER FEIND!  
YOUR NAME SHALL BE  
EXPUNGED FROM THE  
HISTORY BOOKS! YOU  
AND YOUR WHELP!

EVERY PATHETIC  
THING YOU REPRESENT  
WILL BE CRUSHED  
BENEATH MY BOOT  
HEEL!  
DEATH IS  
YOUR MISTRESS  
NOW!





