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HIS NAME IS...
YELLOWJACKET!



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NIGHT BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN SOME MEN... AND THE WORST IN OTHERS...

MOVE IT, CHARLIE!

I DIDN'T PAY OFF THE WATCHMAN SO YOU COULD SLEEPWALK THRU THIS JOB!

I'M WORKIN' FAST AS I CAN, BIG EDDIE!

BELIEVE ME, I'M AS EAGER TO GET THESE SKINS TO A FENCE AS YOU!

THE SOONER WE DO, THE SOONER I CAN HOTFOOT IT OVER TO...

...THE STATE PEN, PIGEON!

HUH? WHO SAID THAT?

HOLD IT! UP THERE... ON TOP'A THE WAREHOUSE!

WHO IN THE EVER-BUGGIN' WORLD???

"THE NAME IS... YELLOWJACKET!"



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STILL, IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A SPOIL-SPORT ABOUT IT...

I'LL GO... BUT DON'T WALK DOWN ANY DARK ALLEYS ON HALLOWEEN!

I'LL WALK ANYWHERE I WANT, YOU WEB-SPINNING WEASEL!

...THOUGH, IT JUST SO HAPPENS I'LL BE OUT OF TOWN ON HALLOWEEN!

BUT NOW, BEFORE EVERYBODY FORGETS WHOSE MAG THIS IS...

ALL RIGHT, AVENGER...

HIT IT!



I CAN NARROWLY EVADE IT, FRIEND HAWKEYE!

BUT, A NORMAL CRIMINAL IS SCARCELY AS AGILE AS THE BLACK PANTHER!



END OF SESSION, JUNGLE MAN... A SWINGIN', FEMALE-TYPE STRANGER JUST ENTERED OUR HUMBLE ABODE!

OOOPS! SORRY 'BOUT THAT, WASPIE... DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU WITHOUT HULKIN' HANK TOWERING OVER YOU!

YOU MEAN... HE ISN'T HERE YET?

BUT, HE KNEW THERE WAS A MEETING THIS MORNING!



YES... OF THAT, THERE'S NO DOUBT!

HE INFORMED ME HE'D BE HERE EARLY... TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH ME IN PRIVATE!

PERHAPS WE SHOULD GO LOOK FOR HIM...!

IN THAT CASE, LET YOUR NEWEST MEMBER MAKE A MORE PRACTICAL SUGGESTION...

THAT WE BEGIN OUR MEETING WITHOUT HIM... AND BRING HIM UP TO DATE WHEN HE ARRIVES!

NOW YER TALKIN', BRIGHT-EYES!

ME, I WANNA WATCH THE WORLD SERIES THIS AFTERNOON!

YOU DON'T KNOW OL' MAN-MOUNTAIN VERY WELL, VISION!

BELIEVE ME, A GUY TEN FEET TALL CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF!



BUT, BEFORE THE
FOUR AVENGERS
START THE SESSION,
FOUR MINDS DWELL
ON FAR MORE
SERIOUS
MATTERS...

"STRANGE...I KEEP
THINKING OF WHEN I
SAW HANK **LAST**
NIGHT... WORKING
LATE ON ANOTHER
OF HIS INNUMERABLE
PROJECTS...!"

"CAN'T HELP WONDERING
IF MY GREATER DESTINY
IS AS AN AVENGER
...OR AS PRINCE
OF THE PROUD
WAKANDA...!"

HENRY
PYM... WILL
YOU STOP TRYING
TO INVENT THE
25-HOUR DAY?

IT'S AFTER TEN...
BUT THERE STILL MUST
BE A **COFFEE-SHOP**
OPEN SOMEWHERE THAT
YOU CAN TAKE A
GIRL TO!

NO CAN
DO,
HONEY!

I'M TESTING
THAT MINATURE
SOLAR BATTERY
TO SEE HOW MUCH
ENERGY IT SOAKED
UP TODAY!

BUT, TELL YOU
WHAT... HAVE AN
EXTRA CUP OF
JAVA FOR ME,
HUH?

...AND I SAY
TO YOU, ON THIS
DAY, MY HIDDEN
KINGDOM TAKES
ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE
IN THE **COMMUNITY**
OF NATIONS!

OUR SCIENTIFIC
ADVANCES SHALL
BE SHARED WITH
THOSE WHO SEEK
PEACE... AND BE
DENIED THOSE WHO
GLORY IN WANTON
WARFARE!

THUS SPEAKS
T'CHALLA,
SON OF
T'CHAKA!

"I THOUGH THE WORD HAS BEEN
GIVEN OUT THAT I AM NOW AN
AVENGER, STILL
THE WORLD HOLDS
NO WARMTH...
NO WELCOME
FOR ONE WHO
IS NOT FULLY
HUMAN...!"

GOODNESS
...IT'S THAT
VISION
CREATURE!

HE LOOKS TOO
AWFUL TO WALK
ON THE STREETS
WITH DECENT
FOLKS!

DON'T LET
'EM BUG
YOU, VIZH...
WADDA THEY
KNOW?

THEY KNOW
WHAT THEY DIS-
TRUST, HAWKEYE...
WHAT THEY HATE!

AND NOW...
SO DO I!

CRUMMY
ANDROIDS...
TRYIN' TO TAKE
OVER FROM
REAL PEOPLE!

THEY OUGHTTA
STRING 'EM UP BY
THEIR OWN JUMP-
CABLES!

"IMAGINE ME... ACTIN'
LIKE I CARE ABOUT A
BALL GAME... WHEN
THE GIRL I'M NUTTY
ABOUT IS OFF SOME-
WHERE PREPARIN'
FOR A SHIELD
JOB... AND I MAY
NEVER SEE HER
AGAIN...!"

DUM DUM...
THE BLACK
WIDOW'S GETTIN'
AN OVERDOSE OF
THAT NEW NERVE
GAS!

HIT THAT EXHAUST
SWITCH, MISTER... AND
HIT 'ER HARD!

IT'S DONE,
NICK... BUT I'M
WONDERIN' IF
I REACHED IT...
IN TIME...!

MEANWHILE, A GENIAL GENT,
NAMED JARVIS IS ENGAGED IN
SOMEWHAT MORE PLEBEIAN
ACTIVITIES...

...AND ANOTHER
ONE AS SHINY
AS NEW!

JUST TWO MORE,
AND I CAN GET BACK TO
MY REGULAR BUTLERING
DUTIES!

I'VE GOT
NEWS FOR
YOU, CHUM...
YOU'RE
TAKING THE
DAY OFF!



...THOUGH,
MAYBE I'LL
COME BACK
AND UNTIE YOU
LATER...

AFTER I'VE
HASHED OUT A
FEW THINGS
WITH YOUR
AVENGING
EMPLOYERS!



...WE CAN WAIT
NO LONGER!
THIS DELAY IS
INTOLERABLE!

TARDINESS ISN'T
ONE OF HANK PYM'S
OUTSTANDING
CHARACTER TRAITS,
VISION!

IT'S MY BET THAT
HE'S ON HIS
WAY HERE,
RIGHT NOW!

SAVE YOUR
SHEKELS,
TABBY...
YOU'D
LOSE!

WHAT..?!



WHO
IN...??

THE NAME, AS I KEEP TELLING
PEOPLE, IS **YELLOWJACKET!**

IF YOU
MISSED
MY WRITE-
UP IN THE **DAILY
BUGLE**, I'LL DRAG
OUT MY **PRESS
CLIPPINGS!**

AND, SINCE
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY
WONDERING WHY
I **FLITTED BY...**

I CAME
TO SIGN
UP...
WHAT
ELSE?



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"IF IT IS A FAIRY TALE, BOWMAN," BEGINS YELLOWJACKET, "THEN IT IS ONE WHICH DOES NOT END HAPPILY FOR EVERYONE! IT BEGAN LATE LAST NIGHT..."

HERE'S A FORGOTTEN **SHAFT**, INTO GOLIATH'S RENOVATED **SUBURBAN H.Q.**!

BUT, I SEEM TO HAVE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO LISTEN IN ON PAUL BUNYAN'S **SOLILOQUY**!

HOW I WANT TO MARRY JAN... BE MORE THE KIND OF MAN SHE WANTS...

BUT, I CAN'T... NOT WHILE THERE ARE STILL SO MANY **SECRETS** LEFT TO UNLOCK... SO MUCH THAT MAN DOES NOT KNOW...!

AND THE **FIRST** THING HE SHOULD KNOW, AVENGER...
...IS NEVER TO STAND UNDER A LOOSE **GRATING**!

BUT, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A GIANT WHO TALKS TO HIMSELF?

KCHUNK!

THAT SOUND ABOVE ME! WH...?

UNNGHHH!

HMMM... LUCKY FOR ME HE WASN'T GIANT-SIZED JUST NOW!

OTHERWISE THAT GRATING MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN HIM OUT!

AND, I'VE GOT PLANS FOR HANDSOME HANK PYM!

BIG PLANS!

SPEAKING OF **BIG PLANS**, LITTLE MAN... I'VE GOT ONE OR TWO MYSELF... FOR YOU!

YEEOWW! HE'S AWAKE...

...AND GROWING LIKE A HOUSE ON FIRE... I CAN'T CARRY HIM...!





KRAAKK!

GOT TO SHOOT UP TO FULL HEIGHT... GAIN TIME TO THINK!



STICKING YOUR OVERSIZED HEAD IN THE CLOUDS WON'T HELP, PAUL BUNYAN!

COME DOWN HERE AND FIGHT IT OUT... MAN TO MAN!

STILL... CAN'T SEE...!



MY ONLY HOPE... IS TO GET OUT IN THE OPEN...!

YEEOW!
IT'S A GIANT... GOLIATH... BUSTIN' OUT OF THAT BUILDING!

IT'S GETTIN' SO YOU NEED DOUBLE INDEMNITY JUST TO TAKE A STROLL THRU THIS TOWN!



"BUT, WHEREVER THE BLINDED, BLUNDERING BEHEMOTH LUMBERED... YELLOWJACKET FOLLOWED...!"

FACE IT, LUMMOX... YOU'VE HAD IT!

EVEN YOUR FRAME CAN'T TAKE MANY MORE OF MY STINGERS!

ZZAT!

IF ONLY... YOU WEREN'T RIGHT... YOU DEVIL...

CAN'T FIGHT AN OPPONENT THAT I CAN'T EVEN SEE!

CAN'T EVEN **CONCENTRATE** ENOUGH...TO **SHRINK** IN SIZE...BECOME **ANT-MAN**!

THEN...MIGHT STAND AT LEAST...A **FIGHTING CHANCE**!

OR, IF I COULD SUMMON THE **AVENGERS**...!

BUT **NO**! IN SOME WAY I DON'T UNDERSTAND...THIS IS **MY BATTLE**!

MUST **WIN** OR **LOSE** IT...ON MY OWN...!

NOBLE SENTIMENTS, BIG-WIG... BUT THE FACT IS, YOU'VE ALREADY TOSSED IN THE **TOWEL**, AND DON'T KNOW IT!

THE WINNER AND **NEW** INSECT-POWERED CHAMP IS...**YELLOW-JACKET**!

BUT, SINCE YOU SEEM TO WANT TO **SHRINK** SO BAD...



...HERE'S WHERE YOU DO JUST THAT...

...FOR **GOOD**!

SOME SORT OF... **GAS**!

I CAN ALREADY **FEEL** MYSELF... GROWING **SMALLER** ...**SMALLER**...!



"AND THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED, WITH ME AS THE ONLY **WITNESS**! FIRST HE BECAME THE SIZE OF A **NORMAL MAN**! THEN OF A **SMALL, CRINGING DOG**...A **GASPING RODENT**...A **GROVELING INSECT**...!"

NOTHING I CAN DO...TO **HALT** THE PROCESS...!

WHERE WILL IT **STOP**?

WHERE??



HERE'S YOUR ANSWER, FOOL!

THIS IS THE WAY YOUR WORLD ENDS!

NOT IN HIGH-
FLOWN BATTLE
WITH SOME POWER-
CRAVING SUPER-
VILLAIN...

...BUT AMONG
THESE ROTTING
TIMBERS... AT
THE HANDS OF A
CREATURE YOU ONCE
COULD HAVE
CONTROLLED!

THAT SPIDER...
IT DOESN'T OBEY
MY MENTAL
COMMANDS!

ONLY ONE
CHANCE! GOT
TO RUN...
RUN..!



THAT WAS THE
LAST I SAW OF
HENRY PYM... BUT
I CAN WELL IMAGINE
THE DENOUEMENT...



...A FITTING END TO ONE WHO WAS
CONSTANTLY GROWING **TOO BIG**
FOR HIS TIGHT-FITTING **BRITCHES!!**

IF GOLIATH IS
DEAD... YOU ARE
HIS KILLER!

AND YOU DARE
ASK TO BECOME
AN AVENGER??

NEVER!
...NOT WHILE
THE VISION
LIVES!

BUT...
HANK...
HOW CAN WE
LEARN IF HE'S
TELLING THE
TRUTH ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED?

WE MUST QUESTION
HIM... MAKE HIM
TELL US!

THERE'S JUST
ONE TYPE OF
QUESTIONING
THAT HIS KIND
UNDERSTANDS,
LADY...



THESE WASPS CAN'T STING ME THRU MY PROTECTIVE **COSTUME**... BUT THEY MIGHT HARM **JAN AND HAWKEYE!**

MUST GUIDE THEM AWAY... LET MY **FELLOW AVENGERS** HANDLE **YELLOWJACKET!**



BUT, EVEN AS THE BESIEGED BLACK PANTHER BEATS A STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL...

UH OH! TIME FOR MY **GRAND-STAND PLAY!**

NO BOTHERSOME INSECTS WILL STAY THE **VISION'S** HAND, VILLAIN!

AND NOW...



AND NOW, I'LL RESORT TO A PLAIN, OLD-FASHIONED **PISTOL!**

OF COURSE, YOU MAY BE IMMUNE TO A BULLET, SYNTHOZOID... BUT NOT SO THE **WASP!**

WHA...? LET GO...!



NOT A **CHANCE**, SWEETHEART!

IN FACT, JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU WON'T SHRINK DOWN TO **BUG-SIZE**...!

OHHHH!



I'M **WARNIN'** YOU, CRUMB... IF YOU'VE **HURT** THAT GIRL...

I JUST TOUCHED A LITTLE **NERVE** IN HER NECK, SIR GALAHAD... AND SHE WAS OUT LIKE A **LIGHT!**



STILL, I'M TAKING HER **BYE-BYE** FOR A WHILE!

AND, IN CASE YOU THINK IT'S SO YOU'LL THINK TWICE ABOUT ME BECOMING AN **AVENGER**...

WHY, WHO AM I TO **ARGUE** WITH YOU?



HE'S LEAPIN' AWAY LIKE A **BLAMED GRASS-HOPPER!**

IF I **SHOT** I'M NOW, **JAN** MIGHT GET HURT!

AND THAT **BEE-LININ' BUM** KNOWS IT!

AND NOW, LET US SKIP AHEAD
IN TIME... AND MANY MILES IN
PLACE... TO A MOST **SINGULAR**
RETREAT...

YOU MAY
HAVE REMOVED
MY **WRIST-
STINGS**, AND
MADE CERTAIN
I CAN'T CONTACT
THE **OTHERS**...

BUT, THAT WON'T
HELP YOU IMPRESS THE
AVENGERS INTO
LETTING YOU JOIN
THEM!

I CAN TELL
YOU'RE IMPRESSED,
THOUGH, DOLL... AT
MY **HORNET'S NEST**
HIDEAWAY!

IT COST ME
PLENTY!

NOTHING ABOUT YOU
IMPRESSES ME, MISTER...

LEAST OF ALL, NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT IT, YOUR WILD-
EYED TALE ABOUT **HANK!**

IF YOU
HAD
HARMED
HIM, YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE TOLD
US ABOUT
IT!

WHY **NOT**...
SINCE YOUR
AVENGIN' BUDDIES
KNOW THEY CAN'T
PROSECUTE ME
WITHOUT A **CORPUS**
DELICTI?

AND THEY'LL
NEVER **LOCATE**
ONE THAT'S JUST
A **FRACTION** OF
AN INCH TALL!

THAT'S HOW
CLEVER I AM!

THEN... YOU **DID** MEAN
IT! YOU HAVEN'T JUST
IMPRISONED HIM
SOMEWHERE!

TELL ME... TELL
ME WHERE HE **IS**
BEFORE I...
OHhhh!

TRY TO
SLAP ME!?
WILL YOU...?



NOT LONG AFTERWARD, A SLEEK
AEROCRAFT SLICES THRU THE
SKIES ABOVE UPSTATE NEW YORK...

...MY EVERY INSTINCT
CRIES **BEWARE**, MY
FRIENDS!

DON'T
LOOK A
GIFT
HORSE
IN THE
MOUTH,
T'CHALLA!

WHY SHOULD
THE WASP'S
INACTIVE **HOMING**
DEVICE SUDDENLY
BEGIN TO SEND
SIGNALS ONCE
MORE?

I THINK I
SENSE OUR
COMRADE'S
MEANING.
HAWKEYE!

THIS HAS
ALL THE
EARMARKS
OF A WELL-
LAID TRAP!

ME, I ALMOST
HOPE IT IS A
TRAP!

HANK PYM
WAS A **BUDDY**
OF MINE... AND,
CORPSE OR NO,
I'LL NEVER REST
TILL...

THE SIGNAL'S
COMIN' FROM
THAT SMALL
CITY BELOW...

...WHERE, SCANT MOMENTS
LATER...

THERE SHE IS...
STILL WITH THAT CREEP
YELLOWJACKET!

STAND ASIDE,
JAN... SO I CAN
CREAM 'IM!

WAIT,
HAWKEYE
...I...

WE'LL
SEE
WHO
FINISHES
OFF WHO!

HAWKEYE
MIGHT BE INCLINED
TO AIM TO **KILL**
JUST NOW...

SO PERHAPS IT'S
BEST IF THE **BLACK**
PANTHER ATTACKS,
INSTEAD!

WHAT
IN--??
THEY'RE
COMIN'
FROM ALL
SIDES...!

JUST ONE,
ASSASSIN!
AND NOW...

T'CHALLA
...NO!
DON'T...!!

JAN...
WHY IN
BLUE
BLAZES?

