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THE PUNCHER IS SHE-HULK, A MEMBER OF THE TEAM OF HEROES CALLED THE AVENGERS.

THEY CAME TO THE SMALL ISLAND COUNTRY OF GENOSHA TO HELP A TEAMMATE IN TROUBLE.

THE PUNCHER IS GARGILL, A SOLDIER IN GENOSHA'S ARMY, AND A FOLLOWER OF MAGNETO--

--THE MUTANT TERRORIST WHO WAS CEDED CONTROL OF THE RAVAGED COUNTRY MONTHS AGO.

IT WAS AN ACT OF DESPERATION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THEY'D HOPED GENOSHA'S CIVIL WAR-- FOUGHT ALONG GENETIC LINES, BETWEEN THE HUMAN RULERS AND THEIR GENETICALLY ENHANCED MUTATE SLAVES-- WOULD OVERWHELM AND NEUTRALIZE MAGNETO.

TO THEIR HORROR, THEY'VE LEARNED THAT THEY MAY HAVE INSTEAD GIVEN HIM THE KEY TO WORLD DOMINATION.



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**MAGNETO**  
PART 3  
**SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR**

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ROCKWITZ/SARPEFONT & PT/  
POWERS/HARRAS



SO MUCH FOR TALKING IT OUT, HUH?

ON ONE SIDE, JOINING CARGILL'S ATTACK, IS HER FELLOW SOLDIER, THE PHOTOELECTRIC MUTANT NAMED SCANNER--

--AND MEMBERS OF MAGNETO'S INNER CIRCLE, JENNY RANSOME AND PIPELINE.

THE ROSTER OF AVENGERS INCLUDES IRON MAN, GOLIATH, WASP, WAR BIRD, TRIATHLON AND THE CURRENTLY CAREENING SHE-HULK.



TO BE EXPECTED, TRIATHLON, CONSIDERING WE'RE DEALING WITH MAGNETO'S PAWNS!

THEY SHARE HIS DREAM OF MUTANT DOMINATION--

--AND LIKE HIM, THEY'VE BECOME MURDERERS TO ATTAIN THAT GOAL.

THERE'S SOMETHING HERE IN CARRION COVE MAGNETO WANTS, PEOPLE--

--LET'S MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GET IT!



WELL, THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK OUT.

UNLESS...

CHIK

AS A MUTATE, PIPELINE CAN TRANSFORM PEOPLE INTO DIGITIZED ENERGY--

--IN ORDER TO TRANSPORT THEM--OR IMPRISON THEM!

IN THIS CASE, IT WAS THE LATTER, AND THE PRISONER WAS HIS FELLOW CABINET MEMBER, PIETRO MAXIMOFF, EX-AVENGER AND THE SON OF MAGNETO--

QUICKSILVER?!

HANK PYM?

PIPELINE! I PRAY YOU HAVE A SUITABLE EXPLANATION FOR--

LATER, MAGNUSSON--I WANT THE SAME THING YOU AND THE AVENGERS DO--BUT FOR DIFFERENT REASONS!

IMPLIED IN THOSE WORDS: "AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STRADDLE BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE TO STOP THIS FIGHTING!"

QUICKSILVER CAME HERE TO STOP MAGNETO FROM THE INSIDE-- AND TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GENOSHA.

A MAJOR BATTLE BETWEEN SUPERHUMANS ONLY CONTINUES THE DESTRUCTION THAT HAS DECIMATED THE ISLAND IN RECENT TIMES.

FORGIVE ME, JENNY RANSOME--

--BUT THIS MADNESS MUST END!

WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON PREVENTING MY FATHER FROM ACQUIRING THE TECHNOLOGICAL SECRETS OF CARRION COVE.

THAK

KRAK



IT IS SADDENING TO SEE YOU BETRAY ME, PIETRO...

NO!

...THOUGH SUCH TREACHERY WAS NOT UNEXPECTED.

TOO MUCH DEBRIS--

--NO ROOM TO MANEUVER!

WITH A FLEX OF HIS FINGERTIP, METALLIC DEBRIS DANCES--

--ENSNAERING SOME AVENGERS IN ITS VIOLENT THROES.

AS FOR THE OTHERS--

--HE LATCHES ON TO THE VERY IRON IN THEIR BLOODSTREAM, REVERSING ITS FLOW AND--

I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF YOU TO LEAVE MY COUNTRY.



AAGH!!



THE AVENGERS ARE TOO SURPRISED BY THE ASSAULT TO NOTICE THE ENERGY LIMBICAL THAT LINKS MAGNETO--

--TO LORNA DANE, THE MUTANT KNOWN AS POLARIS!

BECAUSE MAGNETO IS SECRETLY IN A WEAKENED CONDITION, SHE IS HIS LIFELINE TO THE POWER OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD.

BUT A MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION THEY WILL SOON ASK IS...

...WHAT IS POLARIS GETTING OUT OF THE UNION?

MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARLY REBUILT GENOSHA CAPITAL OF HAMMER BAY...

WHERE DID THEY GO?!

LEAVING AS ABRUPTLY AS THEY DID-- AND LEAVING ME BEHIND IS--

COMPLETELY WITHIN HIS RIGHTS MS. MAXIMOFF. HE IS THE RULER OF THIS LAND, AFTER ALL...

---DOES NOT MUCH LIKE DR. ALDA HUXLEY, HER FATHER'S CABINET MINISTER. TOO MUCH AN OPPORTUNIST FOR WANDA'S TASTES.

DR. HUXLEY--A MESSAGE IS COMING IN FROM CARRION COVE FOR FABIAN CORTEZ, AND HE'S NOT HERE--

WANDA MAXIMOFF, THE SCARLET WITCH, MAGNETO'S ESTRANGED DAUGHTER, AVENGER AND DULY APPOINTED UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER TO GENOSHA--

BUT A CAREER POLITICIAN ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY...

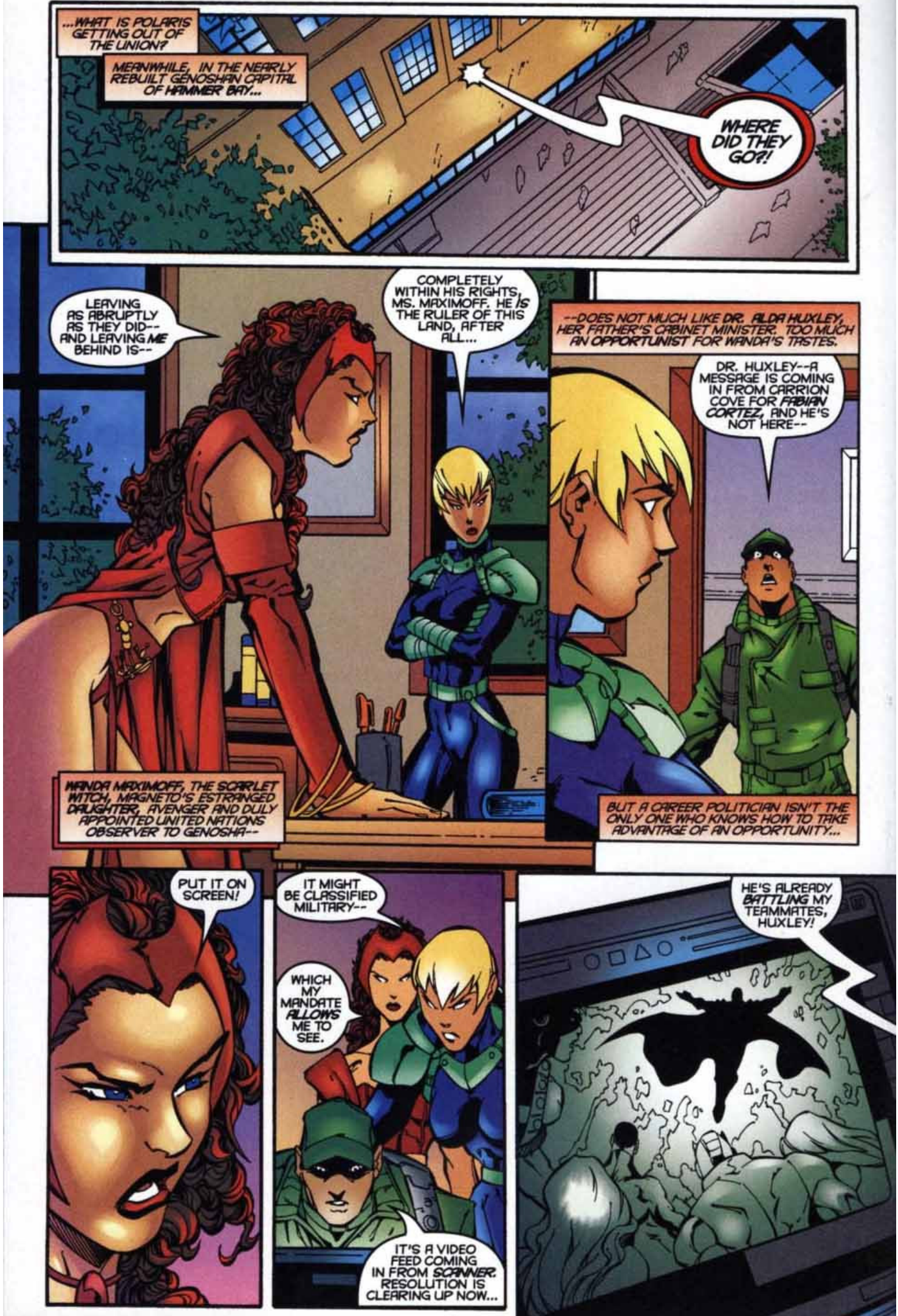
PUT IT ON SCREEN!

IT MIGHT BE CLASSIFIED MILITARY--

WHICH MY MANDATE ALLOWS ME TO SEE.

IT'S A VIDEO FEED COMING IN FROM SCANNER. RESOLUTION IS CLEARING UP NOW...

HE'S ALREADY BATTLING MY TEAMMATES, HUXLEY!





I WANT A TRANSPORT TO TAKE ME THERE IMMEDIATELY!

DR. HUXLEY--

DO IT.

BLAST! HOW COULD THE AVENGERS HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE IMPENDING FALL OF THE CARRION COVE REBELLION--



--UNLESS THEY HAD INSIDE INFORMATION?!

ARE YOU COMING, HUXLEY?

NO--NO, MS. MAXIMOFF. I AM BETTER SERVED STAYING HERE--KEEPING OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

I'M SURE...



OPEN COMM-LINK TO CABINET MINISTER PHILLIP MOREAU, ACCESS LINE SEVEN...

DIALING...

HELLO?



MOREAU--THE LAST BATTLE REPORT YOU FILED STATES THE SUPERHUMAN MERCENARIES THE CCR HAD EMPLOYED WERE WINNING--

--WHO RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION?

CORTEZ, BUT THE SIGNAL CUT OFF--

--AND THEN ALL THAT EXTRA POWER THE RENEGADE ACOLYTES WERE SPEWING WAS JUST SORT OF...TURNED OFF.

SUPER-CHARGED ACOLYTES...CORTEZ'S MUTANT ABILITIES ARE TO AMPLIFY OTHER MUTANTS' POWERS...

WHICH LED TO OUR TROOPS GAINING CONTROL AND THE AVENGERS COMING.

...HE IS BEHIND THIS...



"...BUT WHY WOULD CORTEZ WANT TO ORCHESTRATE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MAGNETO AND THE AVENGERS?"

I WILL CAST YOUR FLATSCAN ALLIES FIFTY MILES INTO THE OCEAN, PIETRO--

--UNLESS YOU CAN CONVINCE THEM TO LEAVE GENOSHA PEACEFULLY!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, PIETRO, WE'RE GOOD SWIMMERS!

VERY AMUSING, MS. WALTERS.

KEEP PONTIFICATING, WINDBAG...JUST NEED FIVE MORE SECONDS...

MY SON, OF COURSE, KNOWS YOU WOULD BE TRYING TO SWIM WITH LEAD WEIGHTS WRAPPED AROUND YOUR ANKLES!

...TO COUNTER THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FREQUENCY YOU'RE USING--

IRON MAN IS--WHAT SHOULD I DO--?

NOW...

NNFF

GRRMM!



"THE *PHYSICAL* PAIN OF BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A MIST STATE SO AS TO FREE ME FROM THESE BINDS IS NOTHING..."

"...COMPARED TO THE *EMOTIONAL* TURMOIL OF WATCHING LORNA FIGHT ALONGSIDE MY FATHER AGAINST MY FRIENDS!"

SHE MUST GET *ANGRIER*-- SEE THAT THE AVENGERS ARE THE *AGGRESSORS*.

IRON MAN! YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF MY LAWFUL RULE!



PIETRO DOES NOT YET REALIZE--POLARIS IS HOLDING BACK!

TO INCREASE MY POWERS, I NEED HER TO TRAP DEEPER INTO HER ABILITIES! THE MORE EMOTIONAL SHE GETS, THE LESS CONTROL SHE WILL HAVE.

YOU WANT ME TO CITE PARAGRAPH AND CLAUSE THAT SAY IT'S NOT?

THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AT STARK SOLUTIONS READ THE DOCUMENT.

SKARON!

BESIDES, WE'RE NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS--SO TREATY OR NO TREATY--

--THE AVENGER'S ARE GOING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT! AND IN THIS CASE--

--WHAT'S RIGHT ALSO HAPPENS TO BE WHAT'S FUN!





WASP, MY FATHER CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO OBTAIN THE TECHNOLOGY HIDDEN HERE!

NOR SHOULD ANY GOVERNMENTS OR CORPORATE INTERESTS!

THIS PRETTY MUCH LEAVES US ONLY ONE OPTION.

YES-- DESTROY IT BEFORE MAGNETO CAN GET TO IT!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE--

"--CONSIDERING WE'RE BARELY HOLDING OUR OWN AS IT IS!"



HEY, SHULKIE, I THOUGHT POLARIS WAS ONE OF THE "GOOD" MUTANTS?

SHE IS, OR WAS, TRIATHLON-- JUST LIKE YOU'RE ONE OF THE GOOD TRIUNES!

OUCH.

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S FIGHTING FOR MAGNETO--



"--BUT THERE MUST BE A GOOD REASON!"

BECAUSE SHE FEELS THAT INCREASING THE SCOPE OF HER POWERS IS THE ONLY WAY OF FINDING HER MISSING LOVER, ALEX SUMMER?



OR BECAUSE-- HEAVEN HELP HER--

--SHE IS BEGINNING TO ENJOY THE RUSH MAGNETO GIVES HER?



MAGNUS, RELEASE YOUR LINK WITH LORNA DANE.

SHE CANNOT HANDLE THE FULL NATURE OF YOUR POWERS.

NOW-- WOULD NOT BE A GOOD TIME--FOR THAT--



WE'LL KEEP MAGNETO AND POLARIS OCCUPIED--

WHILE I GO TO THE FENYICK CAVES TO DESTROY THE MACHINERY.

DO THIS, AND MAGNETO WILL KILL YOU.

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HIS SON WILL MEAN NOTHING.



I KNOW, AMELIA-- AND SINCE AN INSIDE PRESENCE IS NEEDED...

... I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE...

FOR WHAT?



GIVING YOU DENIABILITY!

KRAK



I WILL NOT HAVE MUCH TIME BEFORE HE NOTICES THAT I AM MISSING FROM THE FRAY.



BUT I CAN'T RUSH IT--IN DISABLING THE EQUIPMENT, I MUST ENSURE I DO NOT ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATE IT.

THAT COULD HAVE EVEN WORSE RAMIFICATIONS ON GENOSHA--AND THE WORLD!



GOING SOMEWHERE, MAGNLISSON?

SHUMPF

I REALLY DO WISH YOU FOOLS WOULD STOP CALLING ME THAT.

SERVES AS A REMINDER OF WHO YOU SHOULD BE SIDING WITH!

YOUR FRIENDS IN THE AVENGERS ARE HUMAN--

--AND JUST LIKE ALL THE REST, THEY'D SEE US DESTROYED, GIVEN THE CHANCE!

BUT THEY ARE MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO HELP ALL...

...NOT BY GREED AND THE SELFISH DESIRE TO LORD OVER THOSE LESS POWERFUL.

I'M BLACK AND I'M A MUTANT--DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT OPPRESSION--

--I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE DEALING WITH PEOPLE DOING IT TO ME!

YOU'RE WRONG, CAR'GILL. THE AVENGERS ARE PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU AND ME.

A SHAME THEN, ACOLYTE, THAT YOU COULD NOT LEARN TO RISE ABOVE THE WORST OF WHAT HUMANITY HAS TO OFFER.

WELL, THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE...

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU, PIETRO...

KKRRMM



...YOUR SISTER WILL ALWAYS BE AROUND TO PROTECT YOU!

MY SISTER NOW HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR.

HOW DELIGHTFUL.

SO, WHAT'S UP?



THE CAVES HAVE BEEN HOME TO A SECRET TECHNOLOGY--

--DECADES OLD--AS ADVANCED AS ANYTHING A GENETICIST LIKE SINISTER OR THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY HAS USED.

ITS ORIGINS?

UNKNOWN TO ME, THOUGH MOST CERTAINLY NOT NATIVE TO THE GENOSHANS.

I SUSPECT IT IS PART OF THE ORIGINAL MACHINERY THAT ENABLED THE COUNTRY'S FORMER GENEENGINEER--



--TO LEARN HOW TO CREATE THEIR MUTATE SLAVE LABOR.

AND SUCH EQUIPMENT IN MAGNETO'S HANDS--

WOULD ALLOW HIM TO GENETICALLY ENHANCE ANY MUTANT...CREATE AN ARMY OF SUPERHUMANS--



OR WORSE, PIETRO... HE COULD USE IT TO REGAIN HIS OWN POWER!



POWER GAMES?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...



FABIAN CORTEZ, YOU ARE FORMALLY ACCUSED OF TREASON--

--HAVING CONSPIRED AGAINST GENOSHA WITH OUTSIDE PARTIES AND EMPOWERED A MERCENARY ARMY TO FIGHT AGAINST YOUR COUNTRYMEN.

GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T HAVE YOU SHOT RIGHT NOW!



BECAUSE, DR. HUXLEY...

... ONLY I CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE INFORMATION YOU'LL NEED--

--TO BLACKMAIL A DOZEN CORPORATIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL!



THAT WOULD BE WHAT I CALL A GOOD START...



MEANWHILE, AT CARRION COVE...

THE CITY IS TOTALLY UNDER OUR CONTROL.

IN ESSENCE, MAGNETO HAS WON. SO THEN--



"--WHY DO THE AVENGERS CONTINUE TO FIGHT HIM?"

BUT POLARIS IS TIRING FROM THE STRAIN--

--AND WITHOUT HER, I WOULD BE VULNERABLE.

BRUMMM

TOPPLING A BUILDING WOULD NORMALLY BE CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME.

I HAVE TO END THIS QUICKLY--OR AT THE VERY LEAST...

...OCCUPY THEIR TIME SO I CAN ATTEND TO MY TRUE OBJECTIVE.

MAGNETO REACHES OUT TO POLARIS THROUGH HIS ENERGY LINK--

--GRASPING THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD LIKE THE CORNERS OF A BEDSHEET--

--YANKING THEM OFF HER AND--

AAA!

--IN ONE MADDENING  
SURGE OF POWER--

--MAGNETO TEARS  
DOWN THE CLIFFSIDE CITY  
OF CARRION COVE!





**NO!!**

THE POWER UNLEASHED BY MAGNETO'S TERRIFYING MANEUVER CASCADES EVERYWHERE.

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC "BEDSHEET" IS SPREAD OUT AND FLOATING IN THE AIR ABOVE HER.

LORNA DANE REACHES OUT FOR IT--GRABS IT--DRAGS IT TOWARDS HER--

--TAPPING INTO A FORCE AS POWERFUL AS LIFE ITSELF, KNOWING THAT HER CONTROL OVER IT HAS GROWN.

JUST AS MAGNETO HAD PROMISED HER IT WOULD.

AND IRONICALLY ENOUGH, THE VERY CONTROL HE TAUGHT HER IS NOW USED TO COUNTER HIS DISPLAY.

POLARIS RAISES A MAGNETIC SHIELD TOWARDS THE OVERWHELMING AVALANCHE.

UNABLE TO STOP THE STEADY SLIDE OF BUILDINGS, CARS AND DEBRIS--

--SHE DOES SLOW IT DOWN LONG ENOUGH FOR THE AVENGERS TO ACT.



I'D SAY MAGNETO'S DISTRACTION WORKED.

HE KNEW SAVING LIVES IS MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN STOPPING HIM!



ALTHOUGH, ONE COULD EASILY CALCULATE THAT STOPPING HIM WOULD ULTIMATELY SAVE MORE LIVES THAN JUST THOSE IN CARRION COVE.

SO, HIGH POCKETS, WHAT SAY WE--  
**NNFF--**  
DO BOTH?!



IT TAKES ALL I'VE GOT--THREE TIMES NORMAL--JUST TO KEEP UP!

MAN, THESE GUYS PLAY FOR BIG STAKES AND CARRY ON A CONVERSATION CASUAL AS CAN BE WHILE DOING IT!



AMELIA--?

CON--  
CENTRATING,  
PIPELINE--TURNING  
--PEOPLE--INTO  
MIST FORM--TO  
SAVE THEM--

YEAH, I'M TELEPORTING THE CIVILIANS OUT OF HARM'S WAY, BUT MY LAST 'PORT PACK CAN'T HOLD MUCH MORE!

AND WHILE AVENGERS AND GENOSHANS ALIKE FRANTICALLY WORK TO RESTORE ORDER...

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT I WAS FORCED INTO SUCH A DISTASTEFUL DISPLAY.

BUT ANY HUMAN LIVES SACRIFICED BY MY GAMBIT...

...WILL HAVE BEEN IN SERVICE TO THE GREATER GOOD OF MUTANTKIND.

I HAVE KNOWN THE SECRETS OF THE FENYICK CAVES FOR MONTHS...

...BUT COULD NOT RISK TOO OVERT A PLOY TO ATTAIN THEM, FOR FEAR OF DRAWING UNWANTED ATTENTION.

HUXLEY WAS RIGHT. THIS WAY WAS BETTER. I WALK IN AMIDST CHARGES OF INTERNATIONAL INTERFERENCE AND CORPORATE MANIPULATION...

AND ALL IT WILL HAVE COST ME...

...IS MY LAST CHANCE FOR A RECONCILIATION WITH MY CHILDREN.

...AND I WALK OUT WITH MY POWER FULLY RESTORED!





...IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THIS!

THE EQUIPMENT IS FAMILIAR, MACHINERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCED GENETIC ENGINEERING.

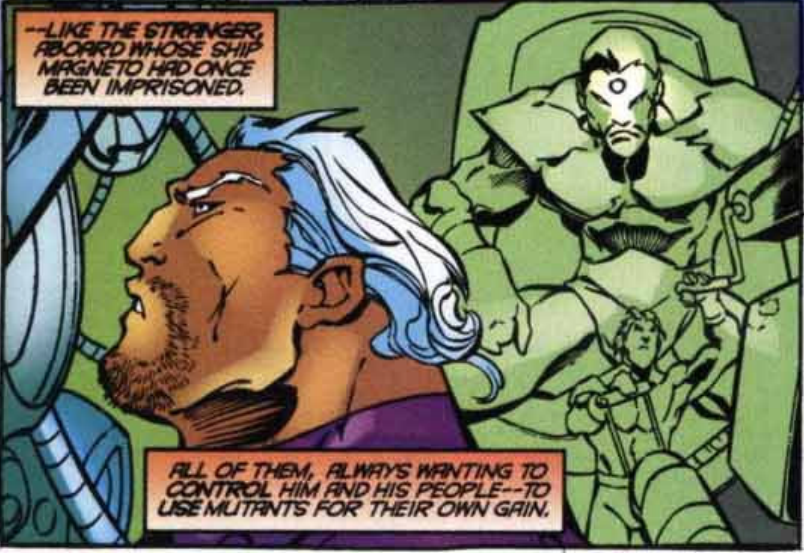
THIS TECHNOLOGY WAS USED TO JUMPSTART THE ORIGINAL GENENGINEERING PROGRAM THAT CREATED GENOSHA'S MUTATE SLAVE CASTE.

...TO THE WORK OF THE HUMAN GENETICIST, DR. MOIRA MACTAGGART.

FROM HUMANS TO MUTATES TO MISGUIDED MUTANTS TO MANIPULATIVE ALIENS--

HE HAS SEEN ASPECTS OF IT BEFORE...

...FROM THE NIGHTMARE LABS OF SINISTER AND ASTRA...





**EXCEPT ME!**

HE SEES HER, CRACKLING LIKE A DARK ANGEL...

...A PART OF HIM PROUD, ANOTHER DISAPPOINTED, BUT MOSTLY, MERELY ANNOYED AT THE DELAY.

A SIMPLE ENOUGH MATTER, HE THINKS, TO FLEX A FINGER--

--ACCESS LORNA'S CONTROL OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM, AND TURN IT AGAINST HER.

HE BEGINS TO DO SO--

--AND REALIZES THAT HE CAN'T. POLARIS IS BLOCKING HIM!

A PART OF HIM PROUD...

...ANOTHER DISAPPOINTED...

...BUT MOSTLY, JUST INFURIATED THAT THIS DELAY MIGHT COST HIM--

--THE WORLD!

**NEXT**  
**THE CONCLUSION!**