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FOR MONTHS HE HAS TRAINED LORNA DANE IN THE USE OF HER MAGNETIC POWERS.


MAYBE HE TAUGHT HER TOO WELL.

IS SHE STRONG ENOUGH TO PREVENT MAGNETO FROM USING THE GENETIC ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT HIDDEN IN THESE CAVES--

--TO RESTORE HIS OWN MUTANT POWERS TO FULL STRENGTH?

BY SIDING AGAINST ME, YOU SACRIFICE YOUR ONLY CHANCE--

--TO FIND YOUR LOST LOVE, ALEX SUMMERS!



SHE KNOWS HE'S LYING, BUT THAT MOMENT OF DOUBT IS ENOUGH--

--FOR MAGNETO TO ACCESS THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVELENGTH SHE WAS SPITTING OUT AT HIM--

--AND THROW IT RIGHT BACK AT HER!



THEY ARE MUTANTS, BORN WITH INCREDIBLE ABILITIES THAT MAKE THEM OUTCASTS FROM HUMANITY.



MAGNETO BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE USED TO DOMINATE.



TO APPEASE HIS TERRORIST THREATS--

SOME--LIKE HIS FOES, THE X-MEN--BELIEVE THAT POWER SHOULD BE USED TO CREATE HARMONY BETWEEN BOTH SPECIES OF MAN.

--THE UNITED NATIONS CEDED CONTROL OF THE STRIFE-TORN ISLAND NATION OF GENOSHA TO MAGNETO.



THE NEW KING HAS ALL BUT ENDED THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN GENOSHANS AND THEIR BIOENGINEERED MUTATE SLAVE CASTE.

HE RESTORED THE NATION'S RAVAGED INFRASTRUCTURE.

HE BROUGHT ORDER TO THE COUNTRY WITH AN IRON HAND.

AND NOW, WITH THE SECRET OF CARRION COVE REVEALED--

--A SECRET MANY FOUGHT TO KEEP FROM HIM--

--MAGNETO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGAIN THE POWER HE WILL NEED TO FORCE THE SAME THINGS UPON THE ENTIRE WORLD.



AND YET THIS ABANDONED EQUIPMENT MIGHT JUST AS SURELY KILL YOU, MAGNUS...

GET OUT OF MY HEAD, NOW!

I DO NOT NEED, OR DESIRE-- YOUR FOOLISH ATTEMPTS TO SWAY ME FROM MY PATH.



I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I AM DOING.

I HAVE SINCE FIRST UNDERTAKING THE GAMBIT THAT ACQUIRED THIS ISLAND.

I KNOW THAT BOTHERS YOU AS MUCH AS THE FACT...

...THAT THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO STOP ME!

RSHASHKK

POLARIS--?

YOU HAVE LEARNED MUCH...

...BUT SURELY YOU KNOW THAT IN THE END, IT WILL NOT BE NEARLY ENOUGH.

MAYBE.

BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO STAND ASIDE WHILE YOU DESTROY EVERYTHING ALEX EVER BELIEVED IN.

YOU'RE A MONSTER, MAGNUS. AND THE SAD PART IS THAT YOU CAN'T SEE--

A RACIST. AN OPPRESSOR.

--THAT YOU'VE BECOME EXACTLY WHAT YOU CLAIM TO BE FIGHTING AGAINST.

IT WOULD ANGER ME TO HEAR YOU REFER TO ME THAT WAY, LORNA...

...IF IT DIDN'T AMUSE ME MORE.

YOU CANNOT STOP ME. THE ENORMOUS POWERS YOU HAD JUST BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND HAVE SEEN TO THAT.

...OF EVICTING YOU AND YOUR BAND OF FOOLS FROM MY LAND ONCE AND FOR ALL!

AND WHEN I EMERGE FROM THE MUTAGENIC CHAMBER, I WILL PERSONALLY COMPLETE THE TASK--

NO!

SHMM



HE--HE'S ACTIVATED THE EQUIPMENT--

--CAN FEEL MY POWER RETURNING TO ME--

--BUT HIS ARE GROWING--



--THE MACHINERY IS RESTORING HIS DAMAGED DNA!

HAVE TO TRY--TO DO TO HIM WHAT HE DID TO ME--



--ACCESS THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FREQUENCIES HIS POWERS OPERATE ON.

TAKE THEM FROM HIM BEFORE HIS BIOLOGICAL RECONFIGURATION--



--GETS TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN!

OUTSIDE THE FENYICK
CAVES, IN THE DECIMATED
CITY OF CARRION COVE,
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES--

--GOLIATH, SHE-HULK,
TRIATHLON, IRON MAN,
WARBIRD AND THE WASP--

--KNOWN COLLECTIVELY
AS THE AVENGERS--
FEVERISHLY TRY TO SAVE
INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

HOW
YOU HOLDIN'
UP, HIGH-
POCKETS?

WELL ENOUGH,
SHE-HULK-- HOW GOES
THE EVACUATION,
TRIATHLON?

SLOW,
BUT STEADY,
PYM.

WE
HAVE POLARIS
TO THANK FOR
THAT!

LUCKILY,
EVERYONE
WE'VE PULLED
OUT IS ALIVE!

IF SHE HADN'T
SLOWED THE AVALANCHE
AFTER MAGNETO RIPPED
THE CITY PLATEAUS OFF
THE CLIFF SIDE--

STILL
A LOT OF
WOUNDED,
JAV.

I'M
TRYING TO
CONTACT
GENOSHA'S
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS
IN HAMMER
BAY--

--BUT
NO ONE'S
ANSWER-
ING!

--WE'D HAVE A
DEATH TOLL IN THE
HUNDREDS!





THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A SURPRISE, SHELLHEAD-- THE GENOSHANS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST THE CARRION COVE REBELLION FOR WEEKS!

YEAH, BUT WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO REALIZE THAT MAGNETO IS THE COMMON ENEMY?



THINGS ARE NEVER THAT BLACK AND WHITE, TRIATHLON.

IN LESS THAN EIGHT MONTHS, MAGNETO HAS ALMOST ENDED YEARS OF CIVIL WAR IN THIS COUNTRY, RESTORED ITS BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE--

--AND PROVED TO THEM THAT THE CARRION COVE REBELLION WAS BEING FUNDED BY OUTSIDE INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS.

MORE, HE'S MADE THE SLAVES THE RULERS.

"IS IT A SURPRISE, THEN, THAT THEY APPEAR TO SUPPORT HIM?"



AND WITH YOUR WORDS, DR. PYM, YOU'VE SUMMARIZED AN ENTIRE NATION'S INTERNAL CONFLICT.

TRANSMAT PAD IS HUMMING-- PIPELINE'S MUTANT POWERS--

--ARE TRANSPORTING MORE DIGITIZED RESCUED VICTIMS THROUGH.

PIPELINE-- YOU'RE EXHAUSTED--



YUP. NOT MUCH CHOICE IN THE MATTER, RANSOME.



JENNY RANSOME, FORMER GENOSHAN ELITE, FORMER MUTATE SLAVE, CURRENT CABINET MEMBER--

--WONDERS WHEN-- IF-- GENOSHANS WILL EVER HAVE A CHOICE AGAIN...



...ESPECIALLY IF POLARIS, THE SCARLET WITCH AND QUICKSILVER FAIL TO STOP MAGNETO...

I CAN FEEL THE CALL AGAIN--

--THE ABILITY TO COMMUNE WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL FORCES OF NATURE.



AND NOTHING WANDA TRIES WILL SILENCE THE SCREAMING INSIDE ME!

SISTER!

PIETRO? YOU'RE CONSCIOUS. HOW ARE YOU?

AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED. THE SITUATION?

OFFHAND, I'D SAY THIS CLOSE TO HOPELESS!



LORNA--?

I--I CAN'T FEEL THINGS THE WAY MAGNETO HAD SHOWN ME--

--AFTER SURFING THAT WAVE OF POWER, I FEEL SO... EMPTY AGAIN...



THIS

IS

STILL

MACHINE

AND

MACHINES

CAN

BE

DISMANTLED!



"THE
MASTER
OF
MAGNETISM
HAS
RETURNED!"





OUTSIDE...

SCANNER, A MUTANT SOLDIER IN MAGNETO'S GENOSHAN ARMY, SURVEYS THE DEVASTATION, USING HER PHOTOELECTRIC POWERS TO SEND THE IMAGES TO HER SUPERIORS--

--WHO WATCH THE EFFORTS OF THE AVENGERS WITH GROWING RESPECT...

THEY'RE SAVING SO MANY LIVES-- OF ALLIES AND FOES ALIKE.

THAT WAS AN ELECTROMAGNETIC DISCHARGE!

IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE IT CAME FROM POLARIS, BUT THAT WOULD MEAN--



IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF HAMMER BAY...

WE LOST OUR TRANSMISSION FEED FROM SCANNER!

THEY ARE PHILLIP MOREAU AND DR. ALDA HUXLEY, THE LONE HUMANS IN MAGNETO'S INNER CIRCLE--

--AND THEY HAVE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE VISIONS OF WHAT GENOSHA CAN BE.

AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, ONLY ONE OF THEM REALIZES THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FEEDBACK MEANS MAGNETO HAS WON!



IT WORKED.

WHAT WORKED? ARE YOU SAYING MAGNETO KNEW WHAT WAS IN CARRION COVE ALL ALONG--?



TRY TO RESTORE CONTACT WITH SCANNER.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DOCTOR?

TO PLAY OUT THE ENDGAME WITH...



...FABIAN CORTEZ.

THIS CHARADE IS ALMOST OVER, I TAKE IT?



I GAVE YOU ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEEDED TO **BLACKMAIL** THE UNITED NATIONS MUTANT AFFAIRS COUNCIL.



PERHAPS. THEIR COVERT SUPPORT OF THE REBELLION MAY HAVE BEEN ILLEGAL...

...BUT FEW WOULD COMPLAIN IF IT RESULTED IN MAGNETO'S DEMISE, AND THE ISLAND'S RETURN TO **HUMAN** CONTROL.

YOU BETRAYED US BECAUSE YOU KNEW THAT IF MAGNETO SUCCESSFULLY ACQUIRED THE HIDDEN CONTENTS IN THE FENYICK CAVES--

--HE WOULD NO LONGER NEED YOU TO SERVE AS HIS MUTANT **POWER BATTERY**.



AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT HAD BEEN THE ONLY THING KEEPING HIM FROM **KILLING** YOU.

YET I'M STILL **ALIVE**.

WHAT DO YOU GAIN FROM THIS, **WOMAN**?

KNOWLEDGE.

AND AS THE SAYING GOES, **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.**



MAGNETO KNOWS EVERYTHING... THAT I TELL HIM.

THE **WAR** IS COMING, CORTEZ.

AND SOONER OR LATER, HIS SIDE WILL WIN.

I PLAN TO BE ON THE **WINNING** TEAM.

GO, WHILE MAGNETO IS OTHERWISE OCCUPIED.

CARRION COVE...



YOU SAID AN **ELECTROMAGNETIC** DISCHARGE?

YES.

DOES THAT MEAN WHAT I THINK IT MEANS, **MAN-O-MINE**?

THAT THIS SITUATION HAS JUST GONE FROM **UNTENABLE**...



IN AN INSTANT, ALL THE METAL IN IRON MAN'S ARMOR LOCKS UP.

...TO IMPOSSIBLE!

SHE-HULK FINDS HERSELF UNABLE TO STOP HER FIST FROM POUNDING WARBIRD'S FACE.

WHO IN TURN, IS UNABLE TO PREVENT HER BLOOD FROM REVERSING COURSE IN HER EVERY VEIN...

...WHILE TRIATHLON IS ENCASED IN A SHELL OF METAL DEBRIS AND FLOATING PARTICLES.



FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, DR. PYM, THIS SITUATION HAS JUST GONE FROM BEING A MINOR NUISANCE...



...TO BEING OVER.



NOW
GET
OUT
OF
MY
COUNTRY.



THE UNITED NATIONS AGREEMENT THAT CEDED YOU GENOSHA--

WAS WRITTEN--AND VIOLATED--BY HUMANS.



WHO DO YOU THINK PROVIDED THE TECHNOLOGY THAT ALLOWED FABIAN CORTEZ TO USE HIS MUTANT POWERS TO ACCELERATE THE ACOLYTE MERCENARIES?



WHO DO YOU THINK GAVE THE CARRION COVE REBELS ACCESS TO SUCH ADVANCED WEAPONRY?



YOUR AGREEMENTS, YOUR LAWS, MEAN NOTHING TO ME AND MY KIND!

YOU ARE BUT PUPPETS OF THE DEMAGOGUES WHO DESPISE AND FEAR US.

IN TIME, I WILL GIVE THEM EVERY REASON TO FEAR US!



THE AVENGERS DON'T WORK FOR THE UNITED NATIONS, MAGNETO.

WE SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, NOT JUST HUMANS--

--AND IT'S IN THEIR INTEREST THAT YOU BE STOPPED NOW!





YOU KILLED HIM!

AS HEAD OF STATE, I CHOSE TO EXECUTE HIM FOR VARIOUS CRIMES.

MANY OF YOUR STATES HAVE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT-- DO YOU PROTEST THE ACTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNORS?



THE ISLAND IS TOTALLY HIS.

THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT HIM NOW-- THE ONLY HOPE OF GETTING GENOSHA AWAY FROM MAGNETO--



--IS TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER DAY.



FIGHT ME NOW, AVENGERS, AND WORLD WAR III BEGINS THIS DAY!

EVEN AS WE SPEAK--



--I AM REPOSITIONING THIRTY-SEVEN ORBITAL SATELLITES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES.



AND ALTHOUGH I WOULD PREFER NOT TO ACT IN SUCH A FASHION--

--I AM PREPARED TO RAIN THEM DOWN ON CITIES ACROSS THE WORLD!

IRON MAN WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW ONE OF THEM IS POISED TO STRIKE HIS EMPLOYER, STARK SOLUTIONS, IN SEATTLE...

I'M PICKING UP EMERGENCY BROADCAST CODES--
--MY GOD, HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!

WAS THAT EVER IN DOUBT?

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, AVENGERS. I DID NOT SEEK THIS CONFLICT.



AT THIS TIME, I REMAIN PERFECTLY WILLING TO CONCENTRATE MY EFFORTS ON TURNING GENOSHA INTO A SAFE HOMELAND FOR MY PEOPLE.



ONE THING I HAVE LEARNED FROM MAGNETO, JAN...THERE IS ALWAYS TOMORROW...



AVENGERS...



...STAND DOWN.



YOU ARE ALL FREE...

...TO LEAVE!



YOU'D BEST CARRY IRON MAN. I RATHER DOUBT HIS ARMOR WILL BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL FOR SEVERAL HOURS.



AS FOR THE THREE OF YOU...

EVEN HAVING EXPECTED YOUR BETRAYAL...

...YOU STILL DISAPPOINT ME.



AND EVEN HAVING ANTICIPATED YOUR CRIPPLING ARROGANCE--

--AND SEEN PAST THE FACADE OF GENOSHA'S NEWFOUND PROSPERITY BARELY CONCEALING ITS NAKED FEAR--

--AND YOUR CONTINUED EMBRACING OF LEADERSHIP BY RIGHT OF FORCE--

...YOU STILL DISGUST ME!



I SINCERELY DOUBT THE MUTANTS OF THE WORLD WILL AGREE WITH THAT JUDGEMENT...

...WHEN THEY COME HERE TO LIVE FREE OF THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO ENDURE THEIR WHOLE LIVES.

WHEN THE DAY FINALLY COMES WHEN NATURE TAKES ITS COURSE...

...AND THE WORLD BECOMES OURS.

BUT TO WHAT END? YOU ARE TOO FILLED WITH HATE TO ACCEPT PEACE!



YOUR OFFER OF A MUTANT HAVEN IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE MEANS TO ATTAIN A MUTANT ARMY!

I AGREE WITH MY SISTER-- YOU DISGUST ME AS WELL. NOT ONLY FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE...



...BUT FOR WHAT I KNOW YOU WILL BE FOREVER INCAPABLE OF DOING!

TO HAVE A CHANCE TO BUILD A TRUE PARADISE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS AND TO REFUSE IT...

...BECAUSE YOU FEAR THAT SOMEONE WILL TAKE IT FROM YOU IS THE SADDEST KIND OF SHORTSIGHTEDNESS I COULD IMAGINE.

IT'S NOT A SURPRISE, REALLY, SINCE THAT IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH SO MANY COUNTRIES AND SOCIETIES ARE DEFINED.



WHY SHOULD I HAVE EXPECTED YOU TO RISE ABOVE YOUR VERY OWN...



...HUMAN NATURE?



AND WHAT OF YOU, LORNA DANE?

I HAD TO ASK MYSELF, "WHAT WOULD ALEX WANT ME TO DO?"



THEN MY DECISION WAS OBVIOUS.

IF IT BOTHERS MAGNETO, HE DOESN'T SHOW IT.



HE JUST WATCHES POLARIS JOIN THE AVENGERS AS THEY LEAVE IN THEIR QUINJET.



WELL, WE WON!

YES, WE DID, CARGILL...



...GOD HELP US ALL.

HAMMER BAY...

HE SPENT TWO DAYS RESTORING ORDER TO THE DESTRUCTION THAT HE HAD CAUSED IN CARRION COVE.

HE ENJOYED IT, REVELING IN THE RETURN OF HIS POWERS AND THE SENSE OF AWE AND FEAR THEY INSPIRE IN OTHERS.

--AND WHAT GENOSHA'S CONTINUED TRADE SANCTIONS AND ISOLATION FROM THE WORLD COMMUNITY WILL MEAN TO THEM.

...MADE WHAT HE LOST FAR LESS IMPORTANT THAN WHAT WAS GAINED.

HE MET WITH HUXLEY, GOING OVER THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS' EMBARRASSING FAILURE--

FOR MAGNETO, THE RESTORATION OF HIS POWER, THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ISLAND AND THE REMOVAL OF THE TRAITORS AROUND HIM...

INDEED...HE HAS WON...

EPILOGUE

IT IS A WINDLESS NIGHT,
AND THE OCEAN'S WAVES
LAP GENTLY AGAINST THE
SMALL BOAT.

THE STAR-FILLED SKY,
THE SILENT BEACH,
SPEAK OF PERCE...

...BUT THAT COULD
NOT BE FURTHER
FROM THE TRUTH.

SO...WHAT
NOW?

WHAT
NOW, MS.
DANE...?

WE
PREPARE
FOR
WAR.

MAGNETO
HAS WON
A MORE DECISIVE
VICTORY THAN
HE'S EVER BEFORE
ACHIEVED, ONE THAT
WILL ALLOW HIM TO
ENACT PLANS OF
WHICH HE'S ONLY
DREAMED.

THE
CONFLICT IS
COMING, AND
WE MUST
SOUND THE
ALARM.

IS IT
TOO LATE,
PIETRO? DO
WE HAVE A
CHANCE?

THAT IS A
QUESTION...

...I DARE
NOT ASK
MYSELF.

THE BEGINNING...