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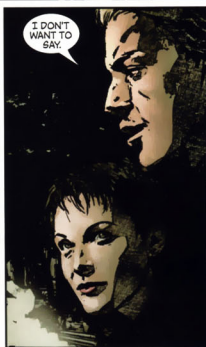
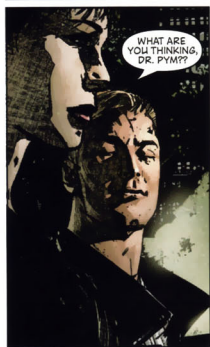
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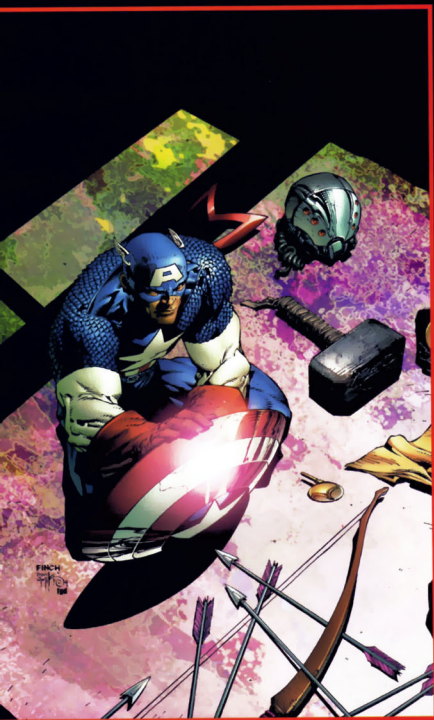




And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born—to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand! Stan Lee presents...

PREVIOUSLY

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES THE AVENGERS FINALE



It was the worst day in Avengers history. The Scarlet Witch suffered a total nervous breakdown after losing control of her reality-altering powers.

In the chaos created around the breakdown, beloved Avengers Hawkeye, Ant-Man and the Vision lost their lives.

Avengers Mansion was all but destroyed after the Vision was forced against his will to crash a Quinjet into it and the recomposed corpse of ex-Avenger Jack of Hearts exploded in the courtyard.

Many of the other Avengers were hurt, both emotionally and physically.

That was three months ago...



--FAVORITE THING ABOUT CLINT WAS THAT NO MATTER *WHAT* CAP SAID, HE DISAGREED.

--NOT JUST DISAGREED, BUT *CRAZY* DISAGREED. IF CAP SAID: I LIKE TURKEY...




JARVIS...?

HMM...?

THAT'S... NOT NECESSARY.

SORRY, SIR. HABIT.



...HAWKEYE WOULD YELL: TURKEY SUCKS AND YOU SUCK AND WHO MADE YOU BOSS?

HA.

VERY GOOD, MADAM.

HI, GUYS...

JANET?!

I'M OK, CAROL.



YOU CAN'T RETURN A PHONE CALL?

I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE COUNTRY.

THAT'S WHY GOD *INVENTED* TELEPHONES.

I WASN'T BLOWING YOU OFF, CAROL. *ANY* OF YOU.

I WAS IN RECOVERY. A LOT OF SLEEPING AND A LOT OF BAD TV.

I WAS WORRIED.




I'M SORRY, GUYS. I THOUGHT EVERYONE WAS...

JENNIFER?

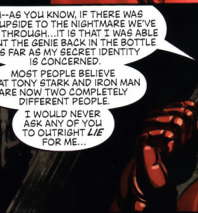


JEN, WHY AREN'T YOU HULKED UP FOR THE BIG REUNION?

WHY ARE YOU HERE AS JENNIFER WALTERS AND NOT SHE-HULK?



I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IN BAD TASTE, CONSIDERING.



AND I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT
THIS IS ABOUT THE HARDEST THING
I HAVE EVER HAD TO SAY
OUT LOUD...

...BUT BECAUSE
OF THE PHYSICAL AND
MENTAL DAMAGE WANDA'S
BREAKDOWN...

...OR
WHATEVER WE
ARE CALLING
IT...

...BECAUSE
OF THE DAMAGE TO
US, TO ME AND MY
COMPANY...
I'M NOT GOING
TO BE IN A POSITION TO
FINANCE THE AVENGERS
ANYMORE.



OR, MORE TO THE POINT, THE
FOUNDATION THAT I CREATED
THAT FUNDS THE AVENGERS JUST
DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH
IN IT TO REPAIR THIS.

REALIZE THAT
WHEN SOMEONE
LIKE ME HAS A
BAD DAY--

--LIKE *THAT*
DAY--

--THE PUBLIC
HUMILIATION--

--BILLIONS OF
DOLLARS ARE LOST,
THOUSANDS OF *JOBS*
ARE LOST.

NO
EXAGGERATION.

I HAVE TO
THINK ABOUT THE
PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES
DEPEND ON ME.



AND AS LONG AS I HAVE
THAT PRIORITY HANGING
OVER MY HEAD...

...I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE
TO BRING THE FOUNDATION
BACK TO A PLACE LIKE THE ONE
WE WOULD NEED TO REBUILD.

I DON'T THINK IT WOULD
SURPRISE ANY OF YOU THAT THE
SHEER FINANCIAL *MAGNITUDE* THE DAILY
UPKEEP OF THE MANSION WAS--

AND WITH THE U.N.
OFFICIALLY TREATING US LIKE A
DATE THAT WOULDN'T PUT OUT...

...IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE
GOVERNMENT FUNDING
WE WOULD NEED.

I KNOW THAT WHINING ABOUT
MONEY WHEN CLINT, SCOTT, WANDA
AND THE VISION ARE NO LONGER
WITH US SEEMS *CRASS* ON
THE SURFACE...

... BUT IT
AFFECTS YOU ALL--
OR I WOULDN'T EVEN
BRING IT UP.



I'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF STARTING THE PROPER PAPERWORK WITH THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THEY *WILL* DECLARE THIS PROPERTY A LANDMARK.

I'VE SEALED THE TUNNELS AND CLEANED OUT ALL THE SENSITIVE MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY.

I HAVE HAD THE CRASHED QUINJET GUTTED FOR PARTS--IT'S EMPTY--BUT I AM GOING TO LEAVE *IT* AND THE *PROPERTY* AS IS.

I KNOW SOME OF YOU DON'T *AGREE* WITH THIS IDEA.

BUT IT'S MY PROPERTY...AND RIGHT NOW THIS IS WHAT I NEED TO DO WITH IT.



I THINK IT'S A FITTING MEMORIAL.

I THINK IT SAYS A LOT.

BUT I DO FEEL LIKE I'VE LET YOU DOWN.

I AM IN ONE OF THOSE POSITIONS WHERE THERE IS NO WAY TO DO *ANYTHING* WITHOUT LETTING *SOMEONE* DOWN.



I'M SO MAD AT HER. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS--I *DON'T FORGIVE* HER. I *NEVER* WILL.



I KNOW THIS ISN'T A PARTICULARLY GENEROUS THOUGHT--

--BUT IT'S BEEN MONTHS NOW, AND IT'S ALL I'VE BEEN FEELING.

I *HATE* WANDA FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE.

I *HATE* HER MORE THAN I'VE EVER HATED ANYONE.

I *DON'T* FORGIVE HER.

I HAVE GONE THROUGH--WE'VE *ALL* GONE THROUGH JUST AS MUCH NIGHTMARE CRAP IN OUR LIVES AS *SHE* HAD. I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM AND ALL I *SEE* ARE LOVES LOST. CHILDREN LOST. MEMBERS GONE.



I *HELD* IT TOGETHER. I *DIDN'T* GO ON A RAMPAGE.

AND I *COULD* HAVE YOU KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

DAMN HER FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE TO US.

SHE WOULD HAVE FORGIVEN YOU.



NO! *NO!* SHE--



YES, SHE WOULD HAVE.



MY
SISTER LOVED
YOU.



PIETRO!!

WHERE
HAVE YOU
BEEN?



I WAS ON A
VACATION. SITTING
IN GREENLAND...IN A
SMALL RENTED
CABIN.

READING
NOVELS.

THAT'S
WHAT I WAS
DOING WHEN *THIS*
HAPPENED. I WAS
READING.

BUT WE
SAW YOU THAT
DAY.

THAT
WAS NOT ME. SO
IT MUST HAVE
BEEN MY SISTER'S
DOING.

OH
MY GOD...



DO--DO
YOU KNOW WHERE
WANDA IS?

SHE'S
WITH MY
FATHER.

MAGNETO HAS
LEFT THE COUNTRY
AND TAKEN HER TO
CHARLES XAVIER.

XAVIER'S TRYING
TO REPAIR HER MIND
THROUGH ANY NUMBER
OF, THEY SAID, *PSYCHIC*
TECHNIQUES.

XAVIER WILL
TRY TO MAKE HER
WHAT SHE ONCE WAS.
TO HEAL HER
MIND.

BUT,
EVEN IF HE
DOES...

MY SISTER,
WHEN SHE REALIZES
WHAT SHE HAS
DONE HERE...

I THINK
IT WILL BE
IMPOSSIBLE
TO *EVER*
HEAL HER.

SHE WILL
NEVER BE THE
WOMAN SHE
ONCE WAS.



NOT AFTER
THIS.

NO ONE
COULD RECOVER
FROM *THIS*.



I CAME HERE TO
APOLOGIZE.

I--



I CAME HERE
TO--



PIETRO??

HE CAN'T HEAR YOU, SIMON--HE'S NOT IN THE CITY ANYMORE.

POOR GUY.

HE SHOULD HAVE TOLD US WHERE SHE IS.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE?

HAS, UH, ANYONE HEARD FROM THOR? HAS ANYONE SEEN HIM?

COULD MS. MAXIMOFF'S "REACH" HAVE GONE AS FAR AS THOR'S HOME IN ASGARD?

IT GOT ALL THE WAY TO THE KREE ARMY.

IF THAT WAS THE KREE ARMY.

SHE MIGHT HAVE CREATED THAT ENTIRE SITUATION OUT OF THIN AIR.

AND WE WEREN'T THE ONLY VICTIMS HERE--IT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE THAT DAY.

I KEEP HOPING THIS WAS--

THAT I'D WAKE UP IN THE MANSION AND EVERYTHING WOULD BE LIKE IT WAS. BUT--

I WANT TO KNOW WHY SHE KILLED *SOME* OF US, BUT ONLY *HURT* OR *EMBARRASSED* OTHERS...

...DESTROYED SOME THINGS AND NOT OTHERS...

...HOW FAR WAS IT GOING TO GO IF SHE WENT ALL THE WAY WITH IT?

JUST HOW POWERFUL IS SHE?

DID SHE SLOWLY DIP INTO MADNESS, OR DID SHE SNAP?

HOW MUCH CONTROL DID SHE HAVE OVER IT ALL?

WAS IT ONLY THAT DAY OR WAS IT SLOWLY BUILDING? WHAT ELSE DID SHE AFFECT THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE?

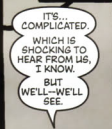
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S EATING AT ME? I WANT TO KNOW WHAT WANDA'S OVERALL PLAN WAS.

SO THIS IS IT, RIGHT? WE'RE DONE.

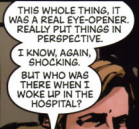




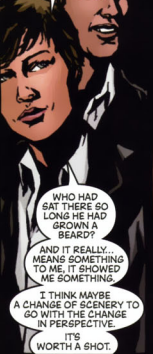
ARE-ARE
YOU GUYS, YOU
KNOW, BACK
TOGETHER?



IT'S...
COMPLICATED.
WHICH IS
SHOCKING TO
HEAR FROM US,
I KNOW.
BUT
WE'LL--WE'LL
SEE.



THIS WHOLE THING, IT
WAS A REAL EYE-OPENER.
REALLY PUT THINGS IN
PERSPECTIVE.
I KNOW, AGAIN,
SHOCKING.
BUT WHO WAS
THERE WHEN I
WOKE UP IN THE
HOSPITAL?



WHO HAD
SAT THERE SO
LONG HE HAD
GROWN A
BEARD?

AND IT REALLY...
MEANS SOMETHING
TO ME, IT SHOWED
ME SOMETHING.

I THINK MAYBE
A CHANGE OF SCENERY TO
GO WITH THE CHANGE
IN PERSPECTIVE.

IT'S
WORTH A SHOT.



YEAH,
ME TOO.
IF
YOU ALL
CARE...
...I'M
PRETTY MUCH
DONE HERE
TOO.



NOT WANTING
TO BE A "LEAVING-
THE-SINKING-SHIP"
KIND OF GUY... BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE I'D
BE SITTING IN HERE
ALL BY MYSELF
ANYHOW.

I GOT SOME
STUFF GOING ON
PERSONALLY, AND
IT AIN'T ABOUT
YOU GUYS...

NOT AT
ALL.



I MIGHT
RETIRE THE
FALCON WINGS
ALTOGETHER.



IF I MAY... HI--UM...

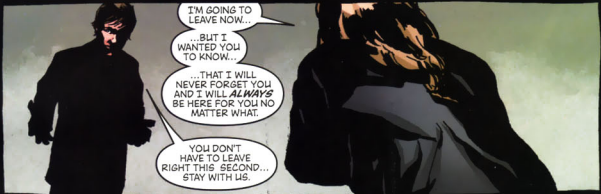
IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME... SO MUCH OF MY LIFE HAS CHANGED...

SO MUCH SO, THAT THE WOMAN I AM NOW DOESN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE THE WOMAN I WAS BEFORE I MET YOU ALL.

BEFORE I BECAME CAPTAIN BRITAIN.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM RETURNING TO ENGLAND WITH--WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE IN LIFE... AND IT'S *BECAUSE* OF ALL OF YOU.



I'M GOING TO LEAVE NOW...

...BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW...

...THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU AND I WILL *ALWAYS* BE HERE FOR YOU NO MATTER WHAT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE RIGHT THIS SECOND... STAY WITH US.



FAREWELL AVENGERS.



WE DID DO GOOD THINGS, RIGHT? I MEAN... WE DID DO *SOMETHING* GOOD.

I--I JUST NEED TO KNOW IT WAS WORTH IT.



TONY, WHAT WAS OUR BEST MOMENT?

BEST MOMENT?

YOUR OPINION...

BEST MOMENT.

I THINK, FOR ME...

"THE BEST THING
WE EVER DID WAS
GETTING TOGETHER IN
THE FIRST PLACE.

"I WAS SO NEW TO THE ARMOR
AND TO THE ADVENTURE, AND WHEN
THIS TEAM GOT TOGETHER...

"...HULK INCLUDED...

"...I SAID TO MYSELF:
THIS IS WORTH DOING.
THIS IS IMPORTANT."

"A SUPERGROUP.

"DON'T TELL ANYONE I EVER SAID THIS
OUT LOUD, BECAUSE I KNOW IT SOUNDS ARROGANT
BEYOND COMPREHENSION, BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT
OF US AS 'THE BEATLES' OF SUPER HEROES.

"IT WILL NEVER BE
MORE PROUD OF ANYTHING
IN MY WHOLE LIFE.

"THAT'S WHY I PICKED
UP THE CHECK IN
THE FIRST PLACE.

"IT WAS THE
BEST MONEY
I EVER SPENT.

"HOW ABOUT YOU, JANET?
YOU'VE BEEN HERE WITH ME
SINCE DAY ONE..."





"HONESTLY? FINDING
CAPTAIN AMERICA.

"WE NEEDED HIM.
THE COUNTRY
NEEDED HIM.
LOOK AT HIM...
WE *STILL* NEED
HIM.

"FROM THE VERY
SECOND HE
JOINED THE
AVENGERS...
THE ENTIRE TEAM
WAS ENERGIZED.

"I THINK OF THAT DAY
AND I *STILL* GET CHILLS.

"WOW, WHEN I SAW THAT SHIELD...
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

"CAPTAIN AMERICA IS HERE.

"THANK GOD.

"HANK? TELL THEM YOURS.
I KNOW IT, BUT TELL THEM..."



"YOU MIGHT FIND THIS
ODD, CONSIDERING I WAGNT
THERE FOR MOST OF IT..."

"...BUT THE ONE THING I
WISH I *COULD* HAVE BEEN
A BIGGER PART OF... WAS
THE KREE-SKRULL WAR.

"THIS WAS
THE AVENGERS AT
THEIR VERY BEST.

"TWO ALIEN RACES
USING THE PLANET EARTH—
USING NEW YORK CITY
AS A BATTLEFIELD.

"AND YOU, ALL OF
YOU, STANDING RIGHT
IN THEIR WAY.

"AT LEAST FROM THE
OUTSIDE, IT LOOKED LIKE
A *PURE* VICTORY.

"SOMETIMES, THESE BATTLES
WE WAGE, THE FIGHTING CAN FEEL
SOMEWHAT...COMPROMISED.

"SHALLOW.
CONFLICTED.

"BUT NOT
THIS ONE. NO.

"REALLY WISH I
HAD BEEN MORE
A PART OF IT.

"SIMON!"



"THIS--THIS
MIGHT SEEM IN
TERRIBLE TASTE
TO SOME OF YOU,
CONSIDERING...

"BUT I THOUGHT
THE VISION MARRYING
WANDA WAS--WELL...

"IT WASN'T THE
MOST VICTORIOUS MOMENT,
OR THE MOST HEROIC, BUT
IT WAS THE *BEST* MOMENT.

"AND I THINK I'M
GOING TO STICK TO
MY GUNS ON THIS.

"I'M JUST GOING TO
DECIDE TO REMEMBER
THEM LIKE THIS.

"HANK?"



"REMEMBER THAT GUY...MICHAEL?"

"KORVAC. YEAH."

"KORVAC."

"THAT WAS THE ONE TIME--TO ME-- THAT WAS THE ONE TIME I THOUGHT WE COULDN'T--NOT WOULD'NT, BUT *COULDN'T*--SAVE THE DAY."

"BUT WE *DID*."

"THAT GUY HAD THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE IN HIS HANDS. AT LEAST HE *SAID* HE *DID*. WHO KNOWS?"

"ANYWAY, IT LOOKED LIKE WE COULDN'T WIN, AND WE *DID*."


"AS A TEAM."

"WE SAVED THE UNIVERSE."

"THE *ENTIRE* UNIVERSE."

"THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY DAMN GOOD DAY."

"CHEERS."



"HERE'S ONE THAT I PERSONALLY
WASN'T EVEN AN AVENGER FOR.
I WASN'T EVEN A SUPER HERO YET.
I WAS JUST CAROL DANVERS.

"BUT WHEN YOU AND
CAPTAIN MAR-VELL KICKED
THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS
OUT OF THANOS.

"THE STORIES YOU GUYS
TELL ABOUT THAT—
THOSE ARE MY FAVORITE.

"THAT REALLY
MUST HAVE BEEN
SOMETHING.

"AND TRY DESCRIBING A
SITUATION *THAT* FANTASTIC TO
ONE OF YOUR CIVILIAN FRIENDS...

"THEY HAVE NO *IDEA* WHAT YOU
ARE TALKING ABOUT. THEY HAVE
NO FRAME OF REFERENCE.

"ALSO, I THINK YOU ALL KNOW
HOW INSPIRATIONAL MAR-VELL WAS
TO ME IN MY DEVELOPMENT AS A
SUPER HERO, OR WHATEVER I AM.

"HEY, JARVIS? WHAT
ABOUT YOU? I'D LIKE
TO HEAR THIS..."



"OH, UM, I SUPPOSE I HAVE A GOTT & SPOT FOR THE FISTICUFFS THAT TOOK PLACE RIGHT HERE WHEN THOSE VULGARIANs HAD THE AUDACITY TO FOUL THE MANSION WITH THEIR PRESENCE.


"THEY REFERRED TO THEMSELVES AS THE MASTERS OF EVIL, I DO BELIEVE.

"JUST REPULSIVE HUMAN BEINGS, EACH AND EVERY ONE.

"IN ALL THE TIME IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE THE AVENGERS IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS, NEVER BEFORE HAD I FELT SO HELPLESS AND VIOLATED.

"BUT THE AVENGERS WERE VICTORIOUS, AND THIS HUMBLE SERVANT'S LIFE WAS SPARED.

"THIS, YES, THIS TO ME ENDED UP BEING A LOVELY DAY."



"YOU KNOW WHAT? THIS IS FUNNY IN A WAY, BUT *MY* FAVORITE AVENGERS MOMENT WAS ONE THAT *THE FALCON* WASN'T AN AVENGER FOR EITHER.

"WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS THAT HALF OF US PICKED ADVENTURES WE WEREN'T PART OF?"

"MAYBE, ALL SAID AND DONE, WE ALL LIKED THE *IDEA* OF THE AVENGERS MORE THAN ACTUALLY BEING *IN* IT."

"BUT FOR *ME*, WHEN WORD CAME OUT THAT YOU ALL FINALLY PUT THE HOLY BEAT-DOWN ON THAT ANNOYING PAIN-IN-THE-ASS ROBOT, ULTRON..."

"...HOW GREAT MUST *THAT* HAVE FELT?"

"I'M SURPRISED, ACTUALLY, THAT *YOU* DIDN'T PICK THIS ONE, P.Y.M. CONSIDERING... (NO OFFENSE OR ANYTHING.)"

"ULTRON DOWN. LET'S HOPE HE STAYS DOWN."

"AND FOR A MINUTE THERE I THOUGHT—DURING ALL OF WANDA'S CHAOS WHEN THOSE ULTRONS APPEARED..."

"...I THOUGHT *HE* WAS THE ONE BEHIND IT ALL AND THAT HE WAS *BACK!*"

"SCARED THE CRAP OUT OF ME."

NOW I
WISH IT *WAS*
HIM.

HIM. IT.
WHATEVER.
CAP?

STEVE?

LIKE
YOU SAID
BEFORE...

THE AVENGERS HAVE BEEN A PART OF MY
LIFE SINCE THE VERY MOMENT I WOKE
UP TO THIS NEW WORLD.

AND EVEN WITH *ALL* THE
DRAMA AND TRAGEDY THAT HAS
ALWAYS SURROUNDED US...

...IT NEVER
OCCURRED TO ME
THAT IT COULD
EVER END.

I NEVER
THOUGHT IT WOULD
HAPPEN.

TO CLINT
BARTON.

TO
SCOTT
LANG.



TO THE
VISION.

TO
MAR-VELL.

YES, TO JACK
OF HEARTS. TO
JACK HART.

SWORDSMAN.

MOCKINGBIRD.

DOCTOR
DRUID.



WHIZZER.

TWO-GUN
KID.

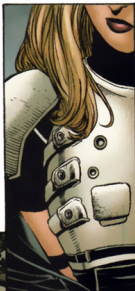
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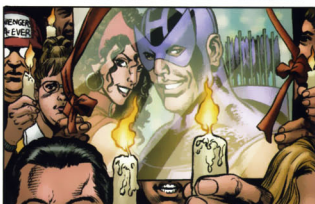
MARRINA.

THUNDERSTRIKE.

HOW ABOUT...
...TO ALL OF US.
WANDA, TOO.









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