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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!

THEY COME FROM THE DISTANT PLANET OF CYBERTRON—AN ENTIRELY MECHANIZED SOCIETY OF GIANT ROBOTS. THE WARRING FACTIONS OF AUTOBOTS AND DECEPTICONS BATTLE FOR LIFE-GIVING ENERGON, AND THEIR STRUGGLE HAS BROUGHT THEM TO OUR PLANET. ABLE TO INFILTRATE OUR SOCIETY BY DISGUIISING THEMSELVES AS SIMPLE EARTH VEHICLES, THEY LIVE AMONG US, UNDETECTED. THEY ARE... THE TRANSFORMERS!



# MAN AND MACHINE

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**LATVERIA: the Eastern European nation ruled by Dr. Doom...**

THE ENGINES  
OF WAR.

A NECESSARY EVIL,  
SOMETIMES. BUT A  
DARK REFLECTION  
OF OUR BETTER  
SELVES.

ONCE THOSE ENGINES  
ARE SET IN MOTION...

...THEY CAN BE  
VERY HARD TO  
STOP.

CAP?

YOU  
WITH US,  
MAN?

I'M  
WITH  
YOU.

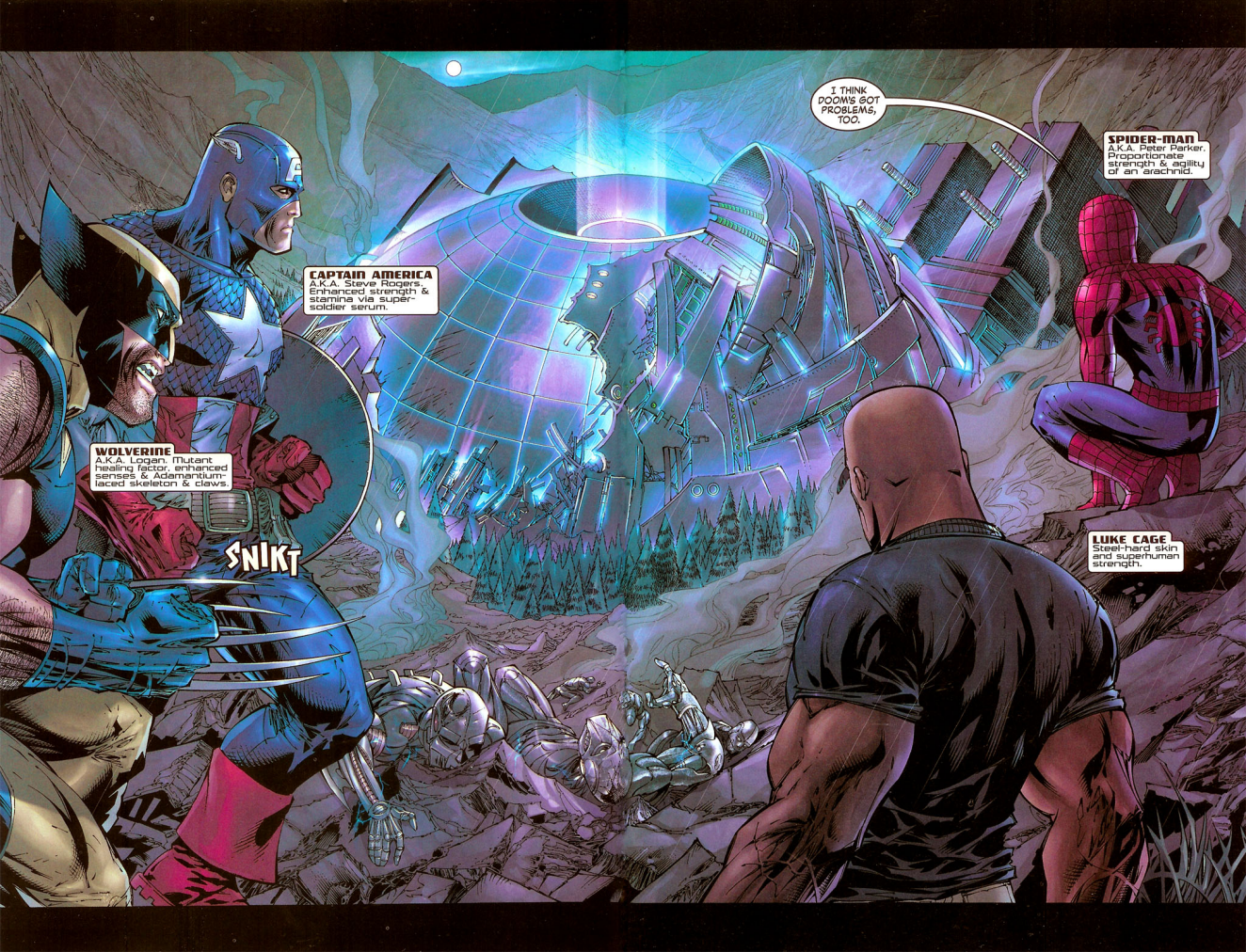
**FWOOM**

S.H.I.E.L.D.  
RISKED A LOT OF  
AGENTS' LIVES SO WE COULD  
SLIP IN HERE BY QUINJET. WHAT-  
EVER DR. DOOM IS UP TO, THE  
RADIATION SIGNATURE IS  
COMING FROM JUST UP  
AHEAD.

WE'VE GOT  
TO SHUT IT DOWN--  
**FAST--**

UH...  
GUYS?





I THINK  
DOOM'S GOT  
PROBLEMS,  
TOO.

**CAPTAIN AMERICA**  
A.K.A. Steve Rogers.  
Enhanced strength &  
stamina via super-  
soldier serum.

**WOLVERINE**  
A.K.A. Logan. Mutant  
healing factor, enhanced  
senses & Adamantium-  
laced skeleton & claws.

SNIKT

**SPIDER-MAN**  
A.K.A. Peter Parker.  
Proportionate  
strength & agility  
of an arachnid.

**LUKE CAGE**  
Steel-hard skin  
and superhuman  
strength.





DOOM'S **ROBOT**  
ARMY. SOMEBODY DID  
A FULL DRIVE-BY ON  
'EM...

...IN  
THEIR OWN  
'HOOD.



EVERYBODY  
ZIP IT FOR A  
MINUTE.

DIRECTOR  
HILL...

WHAT?  
I CAN TALK  
'STREET'!



HQ of S.H.I.E.L.D., the world's pre-  
eminent peace-keeping organization.

...ARE  
YOU MONITORING  
THIS?

ROGER  
THAT, CAPTAIN  
AMERICA.

THAT **STRUCTURE**--  
WHATEVER IT IS--IS DEFINITELY  
THE SOURCE OF THE ANOMALOUS  
READINGS, BUT THE ARCHITECTURE  
DOESN'T MATCH ANY OF DOOM'S  
KNOWN TECHNOLOGY.



OUR  
SPY-SATS SHOW  
LATVERIA CONTINUING  
THEIR SHELLING OF  
SYMKARIA--THEIR  
NEIGHBOR  
COUNTRY.

WITH  
STRANGE AIRCRAFT.  
I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH  
THAT DESIGN...

**FWOOM**



THE MAKE OF DOOM'S PLANES IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE **LEAST** OF OUR PROBLEMS, CAPTAIN.

UNLESS LATVERIA CALLS OFF THE AIR STRIKES, SYMKARIA HAS VOWED **FULL RETALIATION** IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. THAT'LL MEAN ALL-OUT WAR...

AND A LOT OF **NEEDLESS DEATHS.**



STILL NO WORD FROM DOOM?

NEGATIVE. HE'S GONE COMPLETELY DARK. BUT ALL OUR INTEL CONNECTS HIM WITH THE STRUCTURE.

CAP, YOU'VE GOT TO INFILTRATE IT AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AND IF IT HAS ANY CONNECTION TO THE RISING HOSTILITIES. BOTTOM LINE: **STOP THE WAR.**

HILL OUT.



NO SIGN OF AN AIR STRIKE HERE...AND NO HUMAN SCENTS LINGERIN' AT ALL.

WHICH MEANS WHATEVER TURNED THESE DOOMBOTS INTO CURBSIDE RECYCLING CAME FROM IN **THERE.**

UH, CAP... EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS DOES SYMKARIA HAVE?

THEY JUST JOINED US IN THE **NUCLEAR CLUB.**



YOU FIND SOMETHIN'?

YEAH...A SEAM...



...RIGHT HERE.

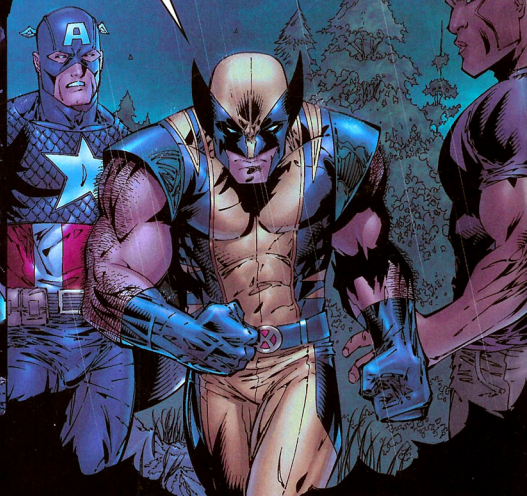


BA-  
DAAAAM

HEY!

WHAT'S  
WRONG, CAP?  
WE'RE GOIN' IN,  
RIGHT?

YES.  
BUT ON *MY*  
ORDER!



FROM NOW  
ON--YOU TWO HANG  
BACK, *SHUT UP*--AND  
FOLLOW THE CHAIN  
OF COMMAND.

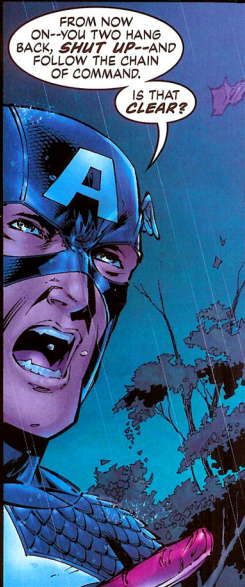
IS THAT  
*CLEAR*?

SPIDER-  
MAN, TAKE  
POINT.

THAT'S  
THE SECOND  
TIME HE'S TOLD  
ME TO SHUT  
UP.

IF IT  
HAPPENS A  
THIRD TIME...  
WE GOT A  
*PROBLEM*.

I  
HEAR THAT.





SO ARE WE THE AVENGERS **STEALTH TEAM**, NOW? LIKE NINJAS?

COOL.



ANY REAL NINJAS HEARD **THIS** GROUP TROMPIN' AROUND, THEY'D WET THEMSELVES LAUGHING.

ONE MORE TIME--CAN THE CHATTER!

PERIMETER VIOLATION--SECTOR EIGHT, EXTRAHUMAN PLANETARY DEFENSES DETECTED.



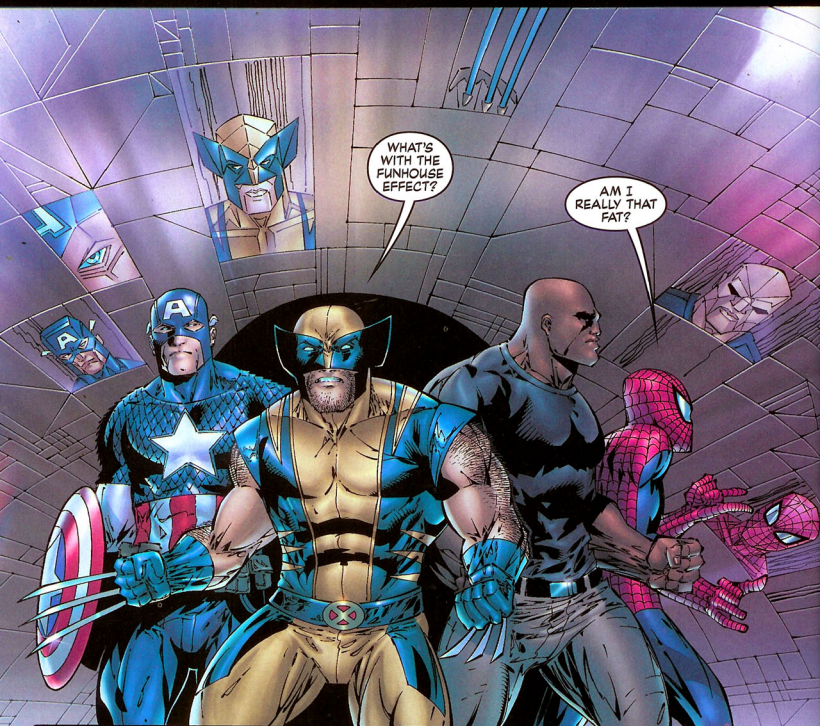
YOU MIGHT WANT TO EASE OFF THE GENERAL PATTON ROUTINE... **STEVE.**

I'M JUST SAYIN'.

**SHINK**

INITIATE MIRROR RESPONSE MODE





WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
FUNHOUSE  
EFFECT?

AM I  
REALLY THAT  
FAT?



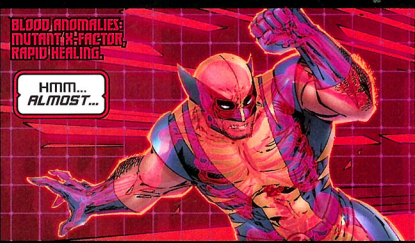
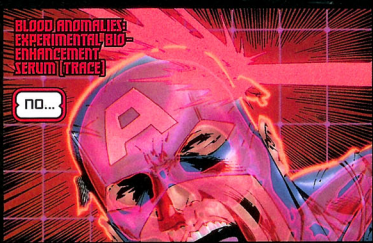
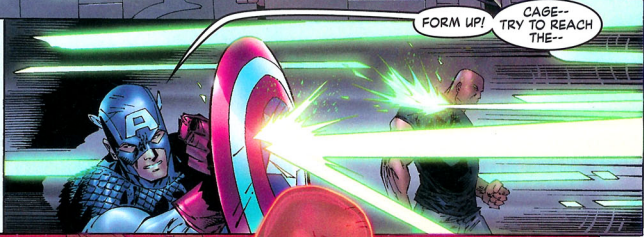
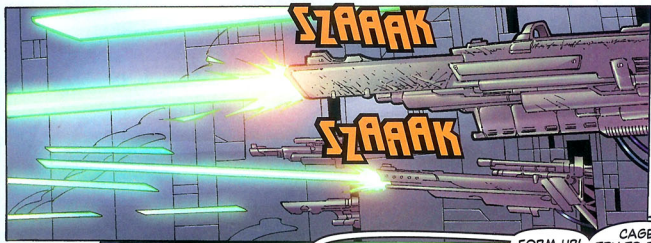
A DARK  
REFLECTION.

THE ENGINES  
OF WAR...



LOOK  
OUT!

**SZAAAK**





**SZAAAK**

**THWIP**

COME ON,  
**DOOM**--IF THAT  
**IS** YOU--

--YOU DON'T  
GOTTA START A **WAR**  
JUST TO GET YOUR OLD  
BUDS TO COME  
VISIT!

**THWIP**

**THWIP**

**THWIP**

**THWIP**

**THWIP**

**BLOOD, ANOMALIES,  
IRRADIATION,  
EXTREME CELLULAR  
ALTERATION!**

**MATCH  
MATCH  
MATCH**

**RIHHH...  
PERFECT.**

NEXT TIME  
YOU FEEL LONELY, JUST  
**TEXT** ME.

OR BETTER  
YET--DROP BY MY  
PLACE. WE'LL PLAY  
XBOX FOR A  
WHILE...

**RRRAH!!**



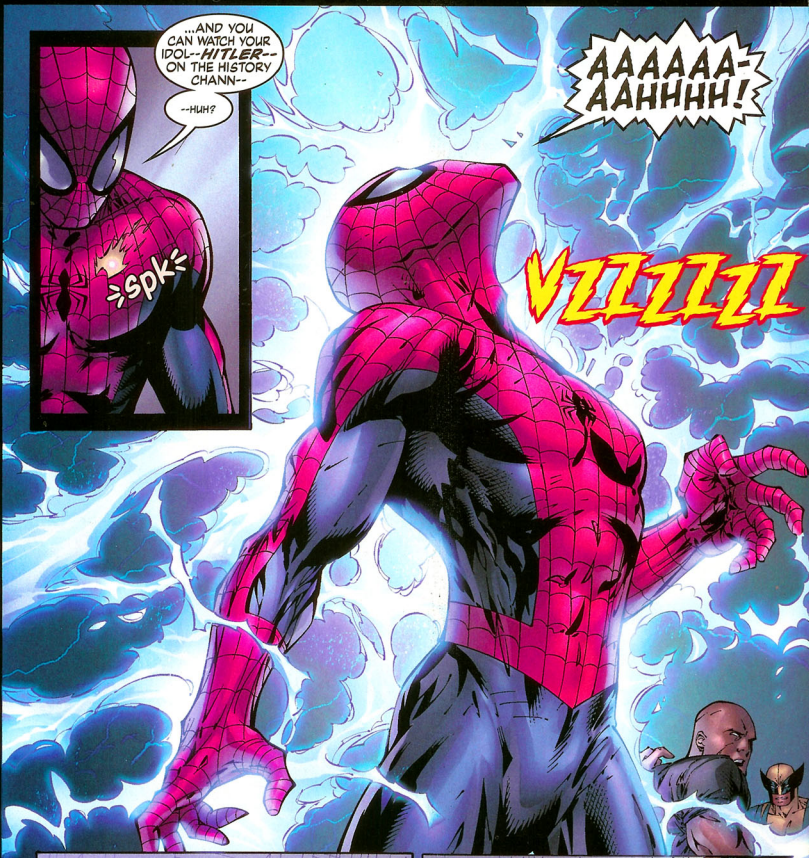
...AND YOU  
CAN WATCH YOUR  
IDOL--**HITLER**--  
ON THE HISTORY  
CHANN--

--HUH?

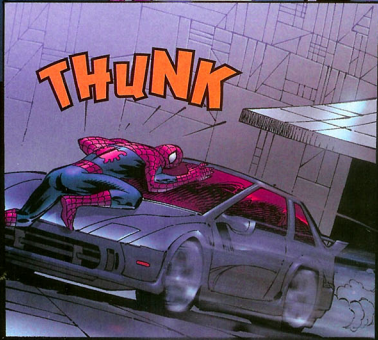
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**AAAAAA-  
AAHHHH!**

**VZZZZZZ**



**THUNK**



A CAR?  
WHAT THE--?



**RRRRRR**





ARRRRHHH!



LOGAN!  
SLOW  
DOWN!



DO YOU  
KNOW WHICH WAY  
YOU'RE--



GOT TO  
GET US *OUT*  
OF THIS...



...BLASTED...  
**PLACE!**




CAP'S  
OKAY--JUST  
STUNNED.



LET'S  
GET BACK IN  
THERE AND  
FIND--







IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.  
THE HUMANS ARE ALREADY AT  
EACH OTHER'S THROATS.

SEE?

MMM...AND THIS IS  
BECAUSE OF THAT  
STRUCTURE? THAT  
*ARRAY?*

YES,  
SIR.

IT'S EMITTING A KIND OF...  
*AGGRESSION WAVE*, I GUESS  
YOU COULD CALL IT. IT WORKS  
DIRECTLY ON THE HUMANS'  
MINDS...RAISES THEIR  
*SEROTONIN LEVELS* AND  
SCRAMBLES THEIR  
NEUROTRANSMITTERS.

IT'S MAKING THE  
COSTUMED ONES  
ACT MORE VIOLENT-  
LY THAN USUAL...

...AND IT'S WHIPPING  
THOSE TWO NATION-  
STATES UP TO A  
*XENOPHOBIC WAR  
FEVER.*

WHICH  
MEANS  
WE'VE GOT  
A *NEW*  
GAMBIT  
BEING  
PLAYED  
BY AN *OLD*  
ENEMY...

...MEGATRON.



THE DECEPTICONS?

HE'S RIGHT--IT'S  
THEIR USUAL  
STRATEGY.

INCITE *HAVOC* ON A PLANET.  
THEN STRIP THAT WORLD OF  
LIFE-GIVING *ENERGON* AFTER  
ITS INHABITANTS WIPE EACH  
OTHER OUT.



AND WE ALREADY  
KNOW EARTH IS RICH  
IN *ENERGON*...AND  
SUBSTITUTES.

IT ALL  
ADDS UP.

BUT THE DECEPTICONS  
HAVE NEVER USED TECH-  
NOLOGY LIKE THAT BEFORE...



THEY MUST HAVE  
ACQUIRED IT HERE  
ON EARTH.

WE'VE GOT TO  
HELP THOSE  
HUMANS. THEY  
HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT'S HAPPEN-  
ING TO THEM.

AND ONE OF  
THOSE NATIONS  
HAS *NUCLEAR*  
WEAPONS!



WE ARE  
SUPPOSED  
TO KEEP  
A LOW  
PROFILE--

I KNOW THAT. I  
GAVE THE ORDER.  
REMEMBER?

BUT THIS IS WAR--  
AND THE ENEMY JUST  
FIRED A SHOT ACROSS  
OUR BOW.



'JACK--HOLD  
THE FORT HERE.  
THE REST OF YOU...

...LET'S  
ROLL  
OUT.





Spider-Man is shown from the waist up, leaning against a metallic structure in a high-tech laboratory. He is wearing his iconic red and blue suit with silver gauntlets. The background is filled with blue light and mechanical components.

uuuuuhh...

RAHH...  
WELCOME  
BACK, HUMAN...

...I WANTED YOU  
TO BE *CONSCIOUS*  
FOR THIS.

YOU NEEDN'T STRUGGLE.  
WE'VE ENTERED FULL *MIRROR  
RESPONSE MODE*...ALL SUPER-  
HUMAN ASSAULTS ARE BEING  
EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZED BY  
CORRESPONDING FIREPOWER.



A close-up of Mega-Tron's face, which is a metallic, purple-hued mask with glowing red eyes. He has a stern, almost menacing expression.

I AM *MEGA-TRON*...  
FUTURE OWNER OF  
THIS WORLD.

YOUR FRIENDS  
HAVE GONE, AND I'M  
AFRAID THEY'RE IN NO  
CONDITION TO HELP  
YOU... THANKS TO A  
RECENTLY ACQUIRED  
DEVICE, HIDDEN ELSE-  
WHERE IN THIS  
COMPLEX.

MERELY A CRUDE  
PROTOTYPE... BUT  
SUFFICIENT TO RE-  
DUCE ALL HUMANS  
TO THE MINDLESS,  
CLAWING ANIMALS  
YOU TRULY ARE.



Spider-Man is shown from the chest up, looking down at a piece of equipment. He is wearing his red and blue suit with silver gauntlets. The background is a dark, industrial setting.

THANKFULLY,  
THIS LABORATORY IS  
SHIELDED FROM ITS  
EFFECTS.

AFTER ALL... WE  
WOULDN'T WANT YOU  
RAGING WITH ANGER  
WHILE YOU HELP US  
ACHIEVE OUR *GREAT-  
EST TRIUMPH*.



A close-up of Spider-Man's face, showing his red and blue mask with large white eyes. He has a concerned expression.

...RUH-  
ROH...



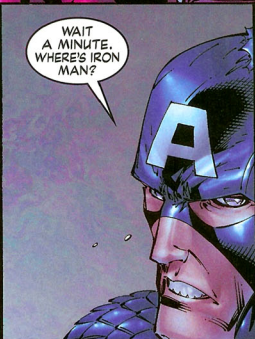
FALCON,  
MS. MARVEL--THANKS  
FOR ANSWERING THE  
CALL.

DID  
S.H.I.E.L.D. BRIEF YOU ON THE  
SITUATION WHILE  
BRINGING YOU  
IN?

WE  
GOT IT,  
CAP.

**FALCON**  
A.K.A. Sam Wilson.  
High-tech wings.  
Aerial expert.

**MS. MARVEL**  
A.K.A. Carol Danvers.  
Alien-enhanced strength,  
invulnerability and flight.



WAIT  
A MINUTE.  
WHERE'S IRON  
MAN?



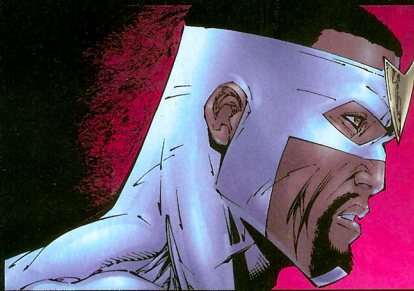
HE'S HANDLING A PROBLEM  
BACK IN THE U.S., SAID HE'D  
MONITOR OUR PROGRESS  
AND JOIN US AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE.



ARE WE GOIN' IN,  
OR NOT?

GREAT.  
MEANWHILE,  
WE GOT A  
MAN DOWN  
IN THERE!

STEP  
BACK NOW,  
BROTHER--

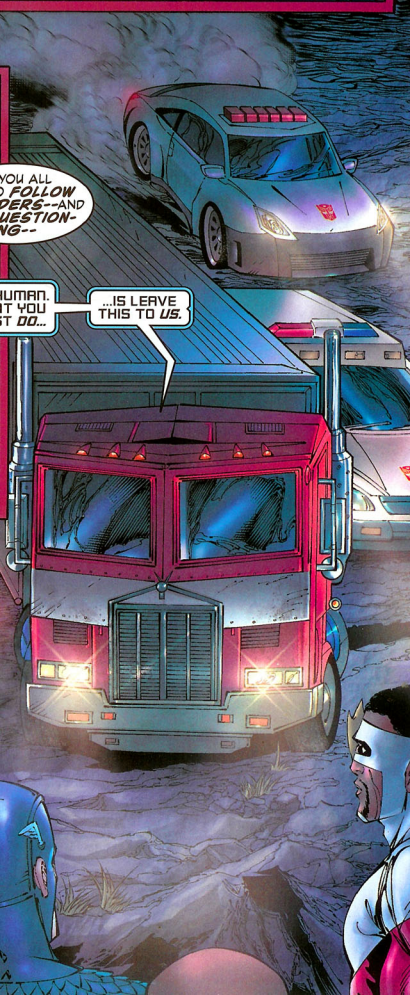


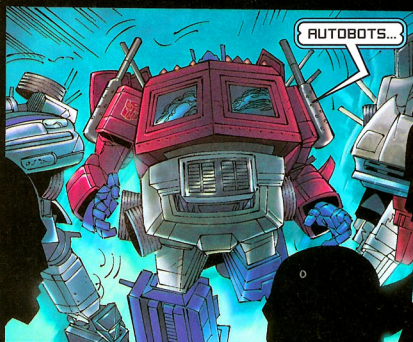
WE  
AIN'T YOUR  
BROTHERS.



YOU WANNA TRY  
THOSE *PIGEON WINGS*  
AGAINST ME?









I AM OPTIMUS PRIME...LEADER OF THE AUTOBOTS.

THIS IS OUR WAR... OUR BURDEN. A CONFLICT THAT HAS RAGED ACROSS THE COSMOS, FOR GENERATIONS WITHOUT END.

IF YOU VALUE YOUR WORLD--YOUR OWN LIVES, AND THOSE OF YOUR PEOPLE--

OPTIMUS PRIME

JAZZ

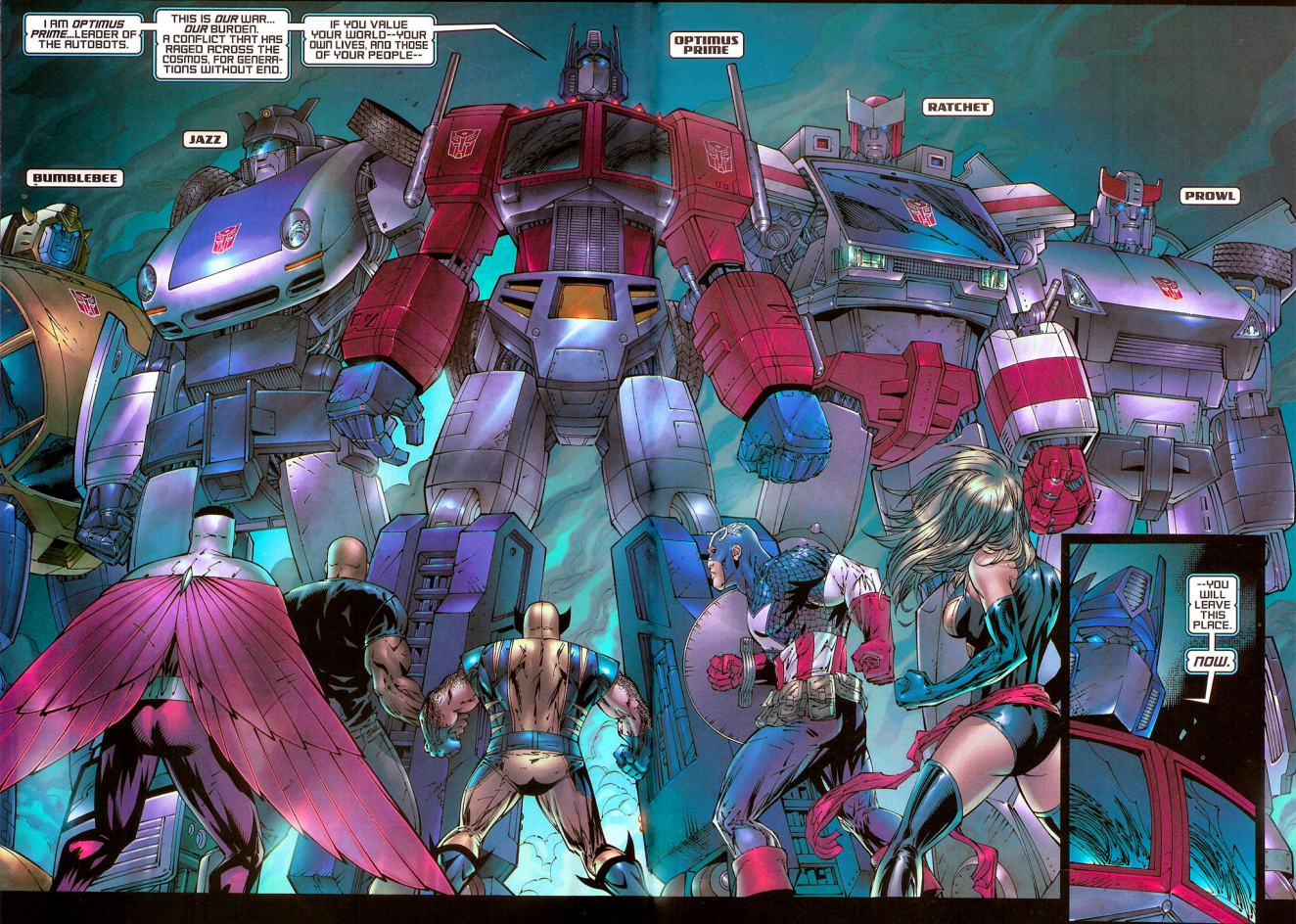
RATCHET

BUMBLEBEE

PROWL

--YOU WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE.

NOW.





THE ENGINES  
OF WAR,

SOMETIMES THEY GRIND SO  
LOUD IN YOUR BRAIN--THEY  
DROWN OUT EVERYTHING  
ELSE. AND ALL YOU CAN DO...

AVENGERS...

...IS HEED  
THEIR CALL.

...ATTACK!

TO BE  
CONTINUED!

