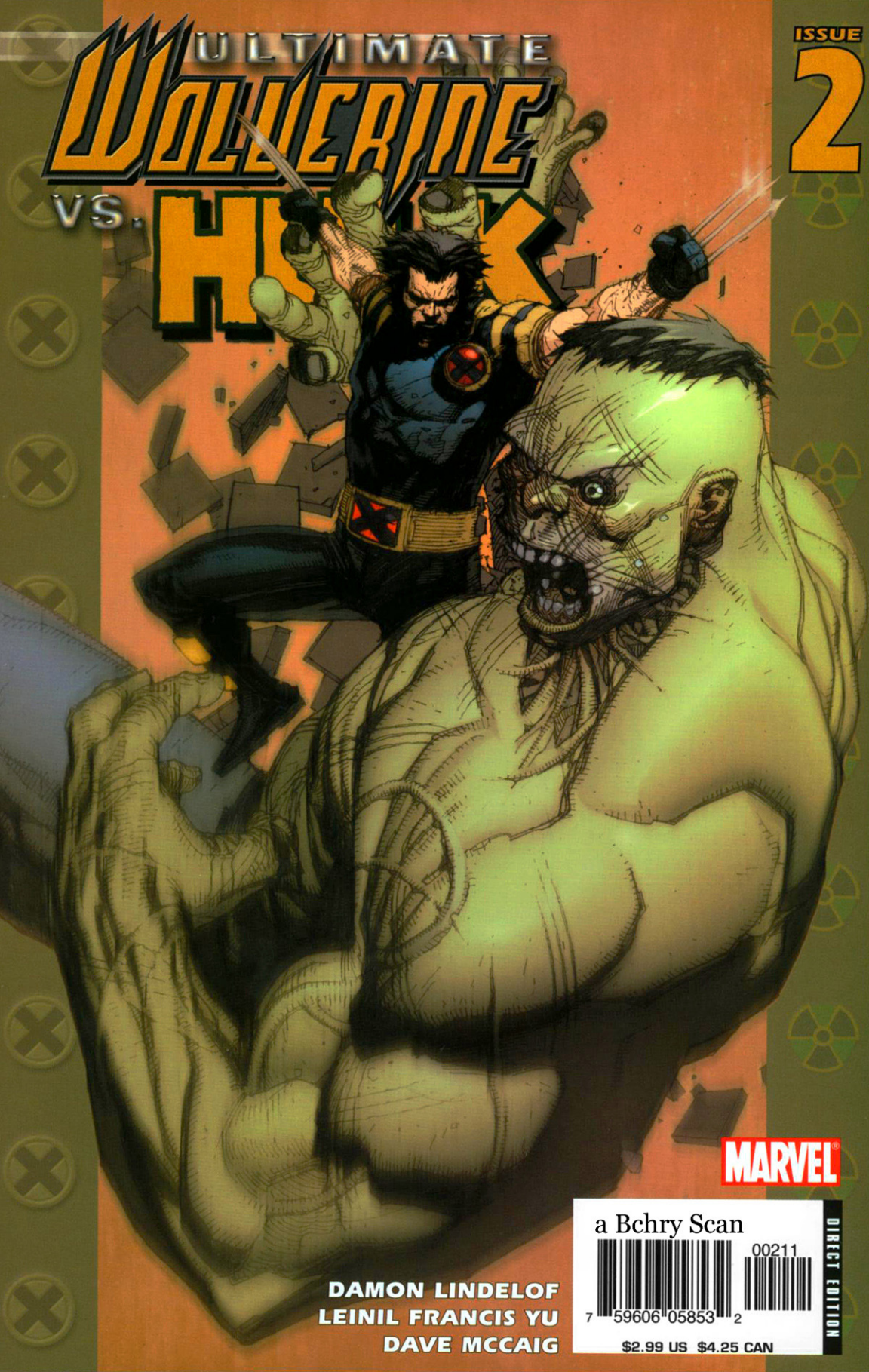


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PREVIOUSLY...

Dr. Bruce Banner, in an effort to recreate a decades-lost formula for giving humans super powers, caused himself to transform—in times of stress—into a vicious, rampaging brute called the Hulk.

After devastating Manhattan, Banner was incarcerated and eventually executed for his crimes. Or so it seemed...

The government spy organization codenamed S.H.I.E.L.D. has learned Banner is still alive. They've sent the X-Man known as Wolverine to find and kill him.

But where has Banner been...?



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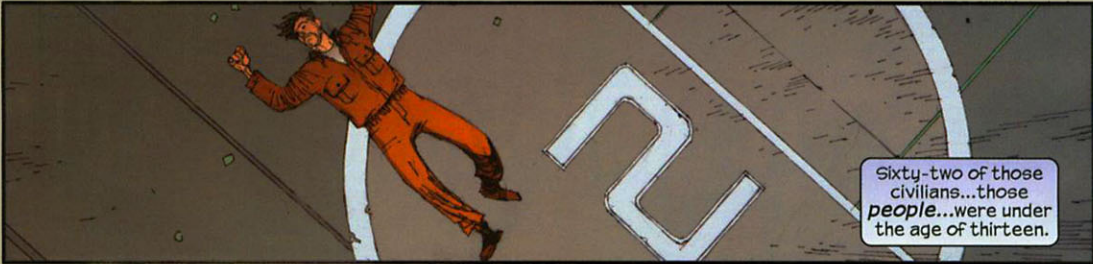
They are going
to kill me.



And they are
going to do it
with a one
megaton bomb.



I am single-handedly
responsible for the
deaths of 815 innocent
civilians in New York City.



Sixty-two of those
civilians...those
people...were under
the age of thirteen.



Kids.



I am responsible...
I...*no*--

I murdered
sixty-two kids.



My name is
Bruce Banner.



And I
deserve
to die.





No such
luck.





THEY TRY
BLOW HULK
UP.



STUPID
BANNER.



STUPID
BANNER TRUST
BETTY.



BETTY TRY
BLOW HULK UP.



OOOH!
FISHIE!!!

OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY



D'you know how many brave men died that day, Jimbo?

It's James.



Peh. You kids don't know what a war is.

When I was your age?

I couldn't wait to fight the Krauts.

Wow. I'm jealous.



That's the problem with these damn...

Super soldiers and mutants.

They fight your damn battles for ya...



One man with a gun in his hands can't make a difference no more.



Holy @#%\$.



Bonjour.

ONE MONTH LATER

How do you feel today?



Good. I feel good.

Did you call her?

Yeah.

And?

I hung up.

How do you expect the anger to go away if you don't talk to her, David?

I'm not angry. Aren't you?

No.



We've been working together for a month now, David.

You're a vastly intelligent man. A quick study. Brilliant, really.

So much so that I can't even detect your accent anymore.

You could pass for a genuine Parisian.



Huzzah for me.



But I fear your intelligence gets in the way of your growth.

Maybe my intelligence is responsible for my growth.

You can't grow if you're in denial, David.



I'm not in denial. She doesn't love me. I get it. She's over...

I get it.



Why won't you let yourself be angry at Betty?





I'm not angry at Betty.



You understand, David, that I am one of the best therapists in Europe.

Trust me. You're angry.



Seriously. I'm not.



Then why do you hang up when you call her? What are you afraid she'll say?

Are you afraid she'll tell you why she left you?

Are you afraid she'll tell you why she betrayed you?



Are you afraid she'll say you're impotent, David?

ROOOOOOOOOOAAAAR!



HULK
NAME NOT
DAVID!!!



HULK NO
IMPOTENT!



HULK NO
ANGRY!!

ONE MONTH LATER

MEEP MEEP
MEEP MEEP

Why do I keep
doing this to
myself?

Hello?

What would I
even say?

"Betty, I
love you."

Hello?

"I love you
and...and I..."

Hello?

"I miss you and
I'm still alive..."

Uh...
hello?

CLICK!

"I'm still alive,
you @e&%."

COUNTY CLARE, IRELAND



Whatcha eatin' there, Bixby?

Sandwich.

What kinda sandwich?



Leave 'im alone, Pat.

What?

I just wanna know what kinda sandwich our friend Bixby's fixed 'imself today. Izzat so...?



Lettuce. Tomato.

And tofurkey.



Wha' the hell is "tofurkey"?



I've been working this ranch with you boys two weeks now, Pat.

And every day we go through this.

How amusing it is that I'm a vegan.



You din't answer my question.



It's tofu, Pat.

Tofu that tastes like turkey.



Well at least the cows ain't got nothin' to worry about!



Know what they say about men who don't eat meat, Bixby?

WHAT THEY SAY?!

YOU TELL HULK WHAT THEY SAY!!!

TOFURKEY NOT FUNNY!

Moooooooooooooooooooo!



ONE MONTH LATER



CLICK!

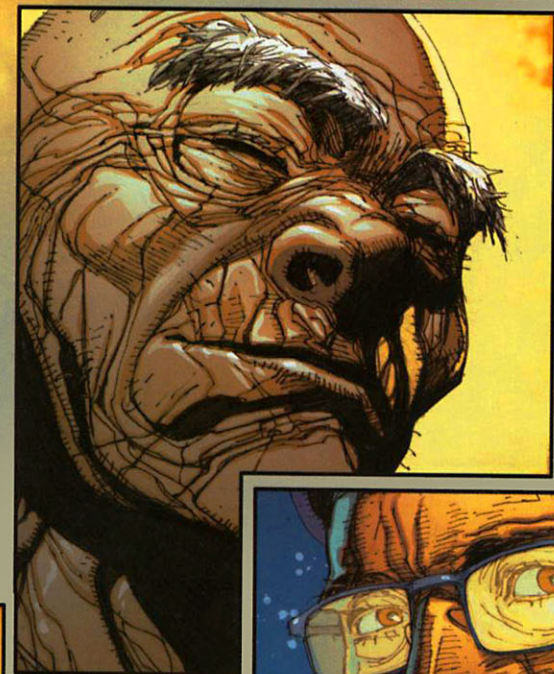


ONE MONTH LATER



CRRREEEEEEAAK





You speak English.

So do you.

Uh... right.

How did you find the door?

Huh?

Oh... I have a map.

You have a good mule.

I do?

Most of them turn around. Or die.

THUMP





How am I supposed to know?

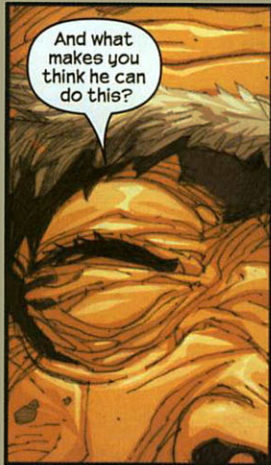


I think he can cure me.

Cure you of what?



Anger.



And what makes you think he can do this?



Because he's the wisest man on Earth.

You flatter the Panchen Lama.



Oh. Wait.

This is a Yoda thing, isn't it?

You play dumb.

Talk about him like he's another person...

But *you're* the Panchen Lama.

A... "Yoda thing"?



I am not the Panchen Lama.

My name is Steve.



Oh.



Would you like a hot cocoa?



You might want to blow on it...



...Steve makes it too hot.



Let me guess...

You thought I'd be younger.



Uh...oh.
That's...
Ha?



Let me ask you something...

Bruce.
Bruce.

What do you know about me?

Or...what do you *think* you know?



I know the Panchen Lama is considered the greatest scholar in Buddhism.

That you are second only to the Dalai Lama.

That when he dies--

--the Dalai Lama--

--that you're the one responsible for finding him again.

Finding the body he's...

...reincarnated into.

And do you know who found me?

Who found the body I was "reincarnated into"?







Aren't they awesome?



So...you know why I'm here?



Yes. When angry, you transform into a large creature with almost limitless strength and appetite with green...

...or is it gray skin?



It kinda...changes sometimes.



Changes.

Yes.

Well, I suppose that's the point, isn't it, Bruce?

The point?

This thing you change into...

...this "Hulk."

What if you were to look at things another way?

What other way is there?

Hulk is...

He's out of control...

Dangerous.

A murderer.

You speak of him as if he is not you.

He's not.

Ah...but *this* is the other way--

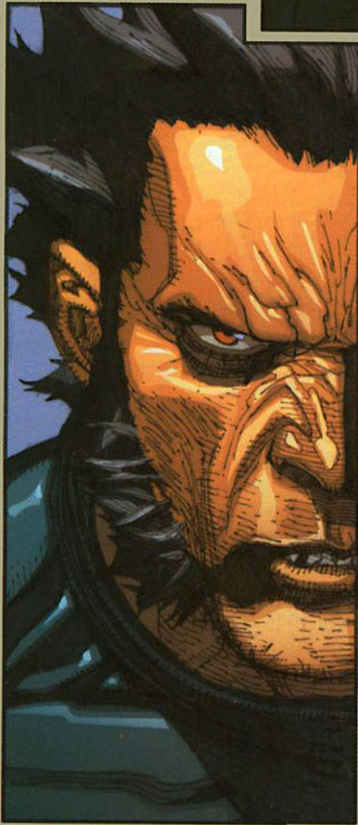
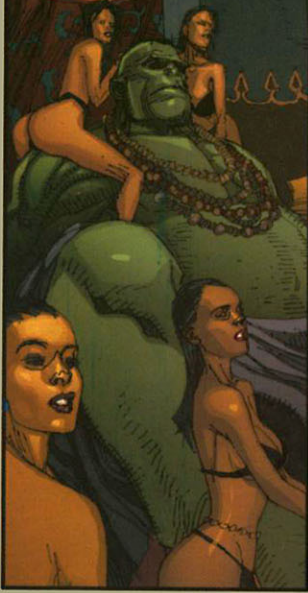
Ask yourself...

What if it is not you who changes into the Hulk...

But the Hulk who changes into *you*?

Chickens and eggs, Bruce.

ONE MONTH LATER
TEN MINUTES AGO



**NEXT ISSUE:
ENOUGH CHIT-CHAT=LET'S GET
TO THE DAMN FIGHT!!!**