

SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT! NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD, A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM! EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

INHUMANS ATILAN RISING

A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS KNOWN AS *THE VOICE UNHEARD* HAS RISEN UP IN OPPOSITION TO DOOM'S RULE.

ON A RECENT MISSION, ONE OF THEIR NUMBER, THE UNDEAD G-MAN, WAS CAPTURED AND TAKEN TO *QUEEN MEDUSA*, REGENT OF MANHATTAN, TO BE INTERROGATED.

NOW, AURAN, CHIEF OF MEDUSA'S GUARD, IS FOLLOWING UP ON THE ONE LEAD THEY WERE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE G-MAN BEFORE HE DIED...

A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REBELLION AND *THE QUIET ROOM*.

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THE QUIET ROOM.

WELL, SURPRISE SURPRISE. BLACK BOLT'S CHATTING UP A PRETTY CUSTOMER.

I SWEAR, HE PUTS US TO SHAME, MURDOCH--AND WE'RE IRISH, FOR DOOM'S SAKE!

CAN'T FAULT A MAN FOR ENJOYING THE SOUND OF HIS OWN VOICE, MCGEE.

I'M NOT SURE IT'S HIS VOICE HE PLANS TO ENJOY. YOU KNOW WHO HE'S TALKING TO, BY THE WAY? HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN HERE BEFORE.

BLACKAGAR SAID SHE'S AN AGENT OF QUEEN MEDUSA.

WHAT? AND HE LET HER IN?

EASY, FRANK. YOUR HEART JUST WENT ALL AFLUTTER. AND FROM WHAT I CAN SENSE OF THE LASS OVER THERE...

"...I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR IT."

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK MEDUSA SENT ME?

THIS IS MY CLUB. THE MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD COME THROUGH HERE.

THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE MY CLIENTELE IS TO KNOW AS MUCH AS I CAN ABOUT THEM.

AND THAT ABSOLUTELY INCLUDES KNOWING WHO'S WORKING FOR WHO. YOU ARE A MEMBER OF MEDUSA'S SPECIAL SECURITY UNIT. AURAN, ISN'T IT?

IT WOULD BE OUR GREAT HONOR TO HOST THE QUEEN ANY TIME SHE WISHES, BUT ANY MEMBER OF HER STAFF IS JUST AS WELCOME.

HERE, LET ME GIVE YOU A TOUR. THE QUIET ROOM IS A FASCINATING PLACE.

YOU KNOW...I'D LOVE THAT. I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THIS PLACE FOR YEARS.

AND WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?

THAT THIS IS THE PLACE THAT HOLDS THE WORLD TOGETHER. THIS IS WHERE THE *REAL* DEALS GET MADE.

OH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. *LORD DOOM* HOLDS THE WORLD TOGETHER. BUT PERHAPS WE DO OUR PART, IN SOME SMALL WAY.

"THE DOMAINS MAKE FOR A COMPLEX MIX--SO MANY CULTURES, SO MANY ENMITIES OLD AND NEW.

"EVERYTHING HERE IS SOURCED FROM ACROSS THE DOMAINS.

"TONIGHT'S SPECIAL IS PRE-ROASTED QUAIL FROM THE VALLEY OF FLAME, SEASONED WITH GENETICALLY ENGINEERED SPICES FROM DYSTOPIA.

"THE QUIET ROOM PROVIDES A LESS FORMAL SETTING THAN THE NEGOTIATION TABLES AT DOOMSTADT. WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SAFETY AND COMPLETE DISCRETION.

"SEEMED APPROPRIATE, WITH PETER QUILL ON STAGE. IT'S QUILL AND QUAIL NIGHT."

SOME SAY PATIENCE IS THE HEART OF DIPLOMACY, AND MAYBE SO.

BUT I THINK ONE HELL OF A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE DOESN'T HURT.

IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT, THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.



DOES IT HAVE TO BE? TRAVEL BETWEEN DOMAINS IS INCREDIBLY EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT, EVEN WITH THE ELDRAC NETWORK IN PLACE.

OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT. THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED WHILE I'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS PLACE...

AS IT SHOULD BE. YOU MENTIONED CHAOS--IF THE DOMAINS COULD MIX FREELY IT WOULD BE A THOUSAND TIMES WORSE.



"WHY YOU NEVER SEAT A DELEGATION FROM HIGHER AVALON NEXT TO THE FOLKS FROM THE MONARCHY OF M.



"WHY YOU NEVER LET ANYONE FROM THE WASTELANDS IN.



"AND A THOUSAND OTHER THINGS, BIG AND SMALL.

"BUT REALLY, THEY ADD UP TO ONE THING.

"IF YOU COME TO THE QUIET ROOM WITH A MIND TO CAUSE TROUBLE..."



...THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET.

CLINK



SO THAT'S MY LITTLE PLACE. STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE. ENJOY YOURSELF. ANYTHING YOU NEED IS ON THE HOUSE.

AND PLEASE DO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO MEDUSA TO JOIN US SOME EVENING. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET LORD DOOM'S REGENT IN MANHATTAN.

OF COURSE. THANK YOU FOR THE TOUR.



WELL, HELLO THERE.



MY NAME'S **ANTHONY STARK**, OF THE GEARSPIHERE STARKS. I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE.