

# THE CITADEL OF THE GALACTIC COUNCIL.

WE ARE GOING TO LOSE THIS WAR!

PLANET AFTER PLANET HAS FALLEN TO THE BUILDERS' FORCES.

THE REALITY IS THAT WITH CAPTAIN UNIVERSE IN A COMA, WE HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF FINDING AND BOARDING THE BUILDER COMMAND SHIP.

EMPEROR J'SON...I'VE SEEN TOO MANY WARS AND I CAN ALREADY TELL WE'RE OUTGUNNED HERE.

IT'S TIME FOR A HAIL MARY PASS. SOMETHING THE BUILDERS WOULD NEVER EXPECT.

YOU ARE A WISE TACTICIAN FOR A HUMAN, CAPTAIN AMERICA.

AND CORRECT, WHICH IS WHY I HAVE BROUGHT A BIT OF... HELP.



THANOS.

BEFORE YOU RUSH TO ATTACK, AVENGERS, HEED MY WORDS.  
AS MUCH AS I LIVE TO SEE THIS UNIVERSE DIE, THIS IS NOT THE WAY I WISH FOR IT TO HAPPEN.

THE BUILDERS ARE NOT TRULY ABOUT DEATH...BUT ABOUT EVOLUTION... ABOUT LIFE.

THAT IS AGAINST MY VERY BEING.

IT IS MY REQUEST THAT YOU ALLOW ME AND MY BLACK ORDER TO JOIN YOUR ASSAULT ON THE BUILDERS. WILL YOU HAVE ME?



YOU WANT US TO PRETEND YOU HAVEN'T TRIED TO DESTROY THE UNIVERSE YOURSELF MULTIPLE TIMES, THANOS?!

THE AVENGERS WOULD NEVER WORK ALONGSIDE A POWER-HUNGRY, MAD GOD, J'SON.

THANOS IS OUR LAST HOPE, CAPTAIN! IF YOU KNOW OF OTHER OPTIONS, PLEASE SHARE THEM, BECAUSE THE UNIVERSE IS OUT OF TIME!



CAPTAIN AMERICA, YOU CAN'T EVEN CONSIDER...

CAP?

STEVE?



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**A FEW DAYS LATER.**

"THAT'S ANOTHER FLEET PUT DOWN."

"TELL ANNIHILUS THAT HIS WAVE WILL NOT BE NEEDED."



IT APPEARS THAT THANOS AND HIS BLACK ORDER WERE THE CATALYST THAT WE NEEDED TO TURN THE TIDE OF THE WAR.



AS MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT, THANOS HAS BEEN A GODSEND. BUT THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE.





NO KIDDING. A CONTINGENT OF ALEPHS JUST LANDED ON HALA AND ARE DEMANDING THE KREEES' SURRENDER.

DON'T THEY KNOW THAT'S A BAD IDEA?



THE BUILDERS ARE NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT, CAPTAIN MARVEL.

ANYONE INTERCEPTING?

WHO DO YOU THINK?