

The ultimate team has come together to solve the ultimate problems. Blue Marvel. Spectrum. Black Panther. Captain Marvel. Ms. America. They are...

# THE ULTIMATES

The impossible is where they start.

THIS IS THE PRIVATE AUDIO LOG OF PHILIP NELSON VOGT.

MY MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE NSA WAS TO COVERTLY MONITOR THE SUPERHUMAN RESPONSE TEAM KNOWN AS THE ULTIMATES--

--THEIR CORE MISSION: TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF COSMIC SCOPE BEFORE THEY BECAME PROBLEMS FOR EARTH--

--IN ORDER TO ASSESS THEIR STABILITY AND CURRENT THREAT LEVEL. I'M SAD TO REPORT THAT THEY HAVE FAILED THIS ASSESSMENT.

COLONEL DANVERS WAS USING THE ULTIMATES-- OUTSIDE THEIR STATED REMIT--TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATING THE FUTURE PREDICTIONS OF THE INHUMAN ULYSSES--

--PREDICTIONS THAT CAUSED THE RECENT SUPERHUMAN CIVIL WAR BETWEEN DANVERS' FORCES AND THOSE OF TONY STARK.

DURING THE COURSE OF SAID CIVIL WAR, THE ULTIMATES CAME TO BLOWS WITH EACH OTHER IN THEIR OWN HQ, RESULTING IN AN ESCAPE BY THANOS OF TITAN, WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECAPTURED--

(--HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE "GUARDIANS" FILES--)

--AND CONNER SIMS, THE ANTI-MAN, A DANGEROUS COSMIC BEING WITH UNCONTROLLABLE POWERS...WHO REMAINS AT LARGE.

IN A LATER BATTLE, CAROL DANVERS WAS PUBLICLY DISAVOWED BY KING T'CHALLA, THE BLACK PANTHER, AND AN EXPLODING SPACESHIP ALL BUT DESTROYED THE ULTIMATES' HEADQUARTERS, THE TRISKELION.

AND AFTER THAT...WELL, WE ALL KNOW HOW THE CIVIL WAR ENDED, OF COURSE.

ALL OF THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT. WE AWAIT HIS REACTION.

PERSONALLY... I FEAR FOR US. THE ULTIMATES STOOD BETWEEN EARTH AND COSMIC FORCES TOO TERRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE.

WHO CAN TAKE THEIR PLACE?



**DEEP SPACE.**

I'M *CONNER SIMS*.

I'M *ANTI-MAN*.

AND I'M *DROWNING*.

**THE SUPERFLOW.**

DROWNING IN *COSMIC AWARENESS*.

THE AWARENESS OF EVERYTHING I'VE *DONE*.

THE LIVES I'VE *TAKEN*, THE *MISTAKES* I'VE MADE.

**THE NEUTRAL ZONE.**

*CROWDING IN ON ME.*

*CRUSHING THE BREATH OUT OF ME.*

WHEN DID IT *HAPPEN?*

WHEN DID THE *CAGE CLOSE* AROUND US?

**THE OUTSIDE.**

WHO FORGED  
THESE CHAINS?  
THESE LOCKS?

HAVE THEY ALWAYS  
BEEN THERE? DID  
THE PAST CHANGE  
AND MAKE THEM  
ALWAYS THERE?

MY WHOLE  
LIFE, ALWAYS  
THERE.

I TRIED TO TELL THEM, BUT  
THEY CAN'T SEE LIKE I DO,  
CAN'T HEAR. THEY'RE CAUGHT  
IN REALITY, STUCK IN THE  
FLOW OF TIME...



AL EWING  
WRITER

CHRISTIAN WARD  
ARTIST

VC'S JOE SABINO  
LETTERER

KENNETH ROCAFORT  
COVER ARTIST

AND WHO COULD  
STAND KNOWING?  
WHAT COULD BEAR  
KNOWING THAT?

THAT ALL HOPE  
WAS GONE? THAT  
WE WERE TRAPPED  
IN DARKNESS?

WHO COULD  
SEE ETERNITY  
IN CHAINS AND  
SMILE?

NO HUMAN MIND.  
WE CAN'T TAKE  
IT. WE BREAK.

I BROKE. I  
LOST CONTROL  
AND KILLED  
PEOPLE.

AND THEN...  
THEN I DID  
IT AGAIN.

I BELONG OUT  
HERE. OUT IN THE  
NOTHING, WHERE  
I CAN'T HURT  
ANYONE ELSE.

AND IF I  
DIE HERE--

**NO,**  
CONNER SIMS.

ALANNA SMITH  
EDITOR

TOM BREVOORT  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

AXEL ALONSO  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

JOE QUESADA  
CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER

DAN BUCKLEY  
PUBLISHER

ALAN FINE  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



**EVERYTHING  
LIVES.**

**GALACTUS.  
THE LIFEBRINGER.  
SEEDER OF WORLDS.**