

Everything has its weakness, even the bonds of death.

To him, weakness is a weapon.

He sees it and exploits it. He is...

KARNAK

Tasked by S.H.I.E.L.D., Karnak sought to recover Adam Roderick, an abducted Inhuman boy, from the I.D.I.C., a dark science organization and religious cult that worships him as their messiah.

Karnak's search led him to the Chapel of the Single Shadow. It was there that he confronted Adam and his disciples. Adam escaped, but Karnak and S.H.I.E.L.D. descended on the rest of Adam's followers.

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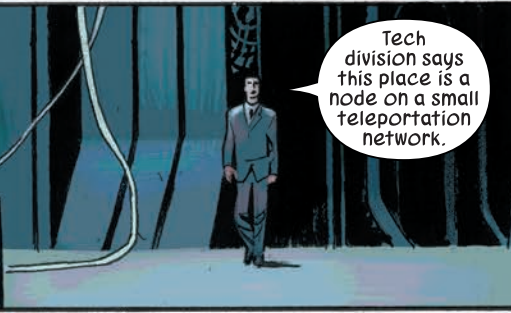
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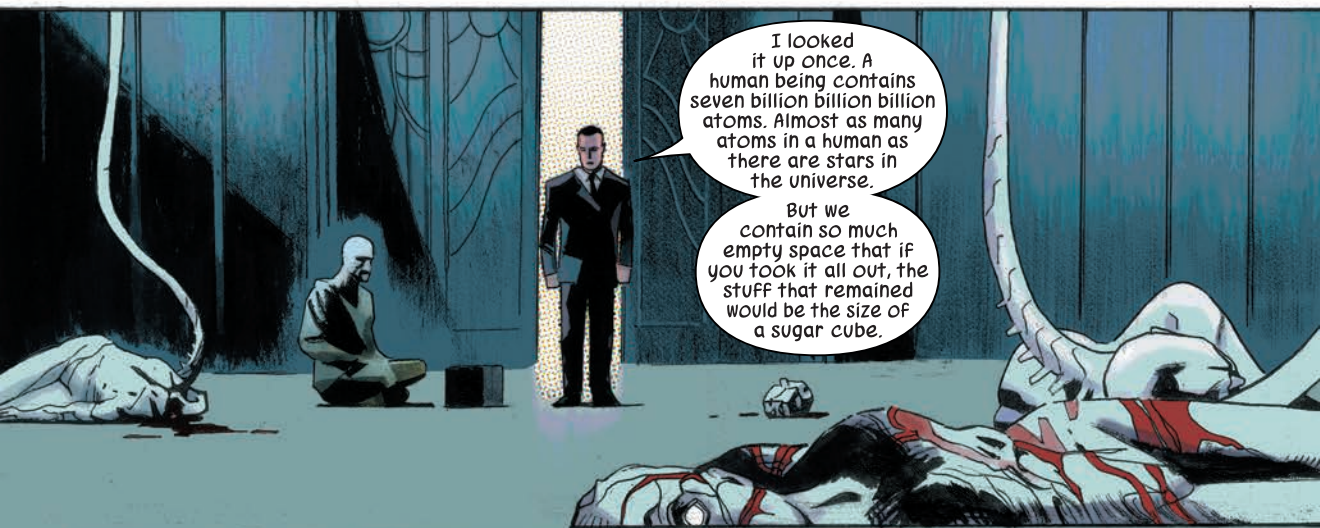


Tech division says this place is a node on a small teleportation network.



What a life, Magister Karnak.

What a life, that I can say that out loud as if it's an ordinary thing.



I looked it up once. A human being contains seven billion billion atoms. Almost as many atoms in a human as there are stars in the universe.

But we contain so much empty space that if you took it all out, the stuff that remained would be the size of a sugar cube.



A cube, you say?



And yet we somehow have a system that can teleport a human stack of atoms from place to place and keep them all in the same order. It doesn't seem possible, does it?

A world of marvels, Magister. Are these things you consider?

Why do you look at the cube?



Why do *you* think I look at the cube?



It seems...artificial?
Outside nature.
Man-made.

No. Perfect cubes occur in nature. We can make perfect cubes, but so can pyrites. We are nature too.

We all of us come from the same thin smear of minerals and slurry atop the rock on which we ride through the universe.



This is the perfect expression of...presence.

It's your sugar cube, Agent Coulson. It's everything that isn't empty space.



You want miracles and wonders?

They are all right here.

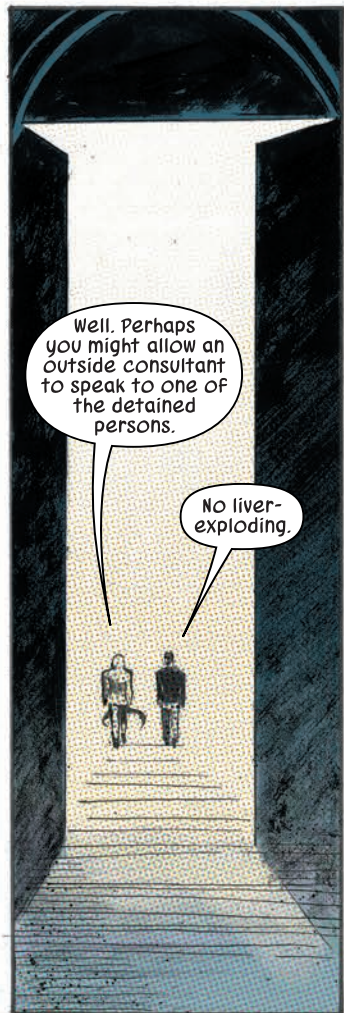
What are you doing with the idiots who served here at the Chapel?



Interning them on the Helicarrier until we work out where to put them.

I am certainly aware that this is now a S.H.I.E.L.D. operation.

Because you made it one. Well played, by the way. Making it our problem.



Well. Perhaps you might allow an outside consultant to speak to one of the detained persons.

No liver-exploding.

