

**BRAZILIAN BILLIONAIRE AND INTERNATIONAL TROUBLEMAKER
ROBERTO DA COSTA STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE U.S. TO
TRANSFORM A.I.M. FROM A ROGUE ORGANIZATION INTO
AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE MECHANICS. THEY ARE NOW...**

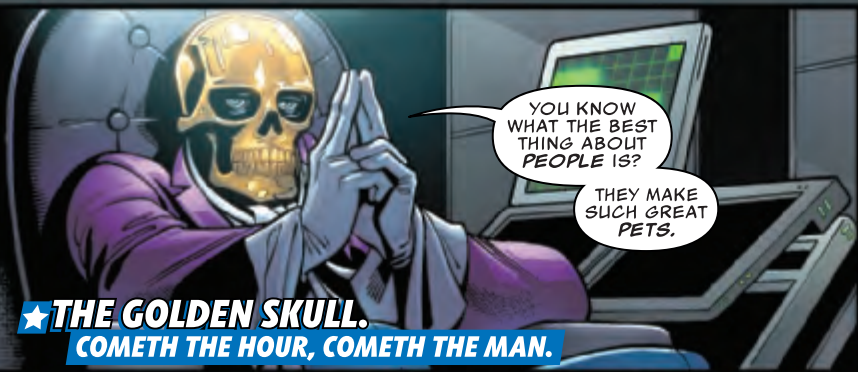
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**AND SPEAKING OF WEIRD--DANIELLE CAGE, A VERSION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA FROM AN
ALTERNATE FUTURE, HAS ENLISTED THE TEAM TO HELP HER FIND A VILLAIN FROM HER TIME:
THE GOLDEN SKULL, A MANIAC WHO WANTS TO CREATE A GLOBAL KLEPTOCRACY. BELIEVING
THAT THE GOLDEN SKULL WAS TARGETING BILLIONAIRES, ROBERTO AND CO. CRASHED A
HIGH-END PARTY, ONLY TO FIND THAT THE SKULL HAD REPLACED ALL THE PARTYGOERS
WITH ROBOTS!**



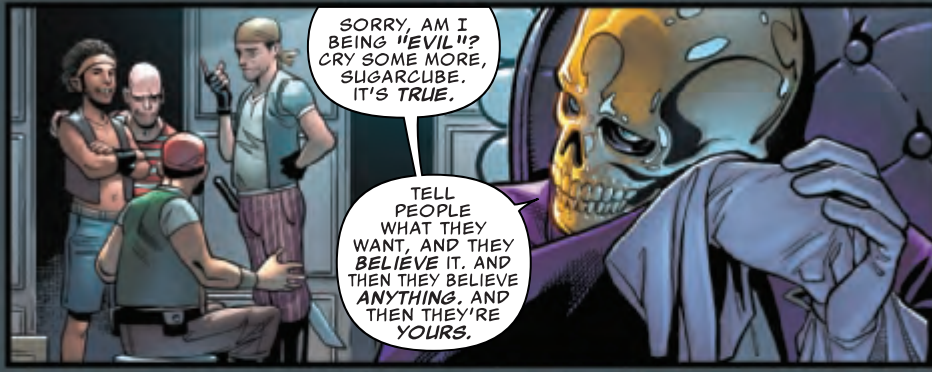
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YOU KNOW WHAT THE BEST THING ABOUT PEOPLE IS?

THEY MAKE SUCH GREAT PETS.

★ **THE GOLDEN SKULL.**
COMETH THE HOUR, COMETH THE MAN.



SORRY, AM I BEING "EVIL"? CRY SOME MORE, SUGARCUBE. IT'S TRUE.

TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT, AND THEY BELIEVE IT, AND THEN THEY BELIEVE ANYTHING. AND THEN THEY'RE YOURS.



EVEN YOUR ENEMIES.

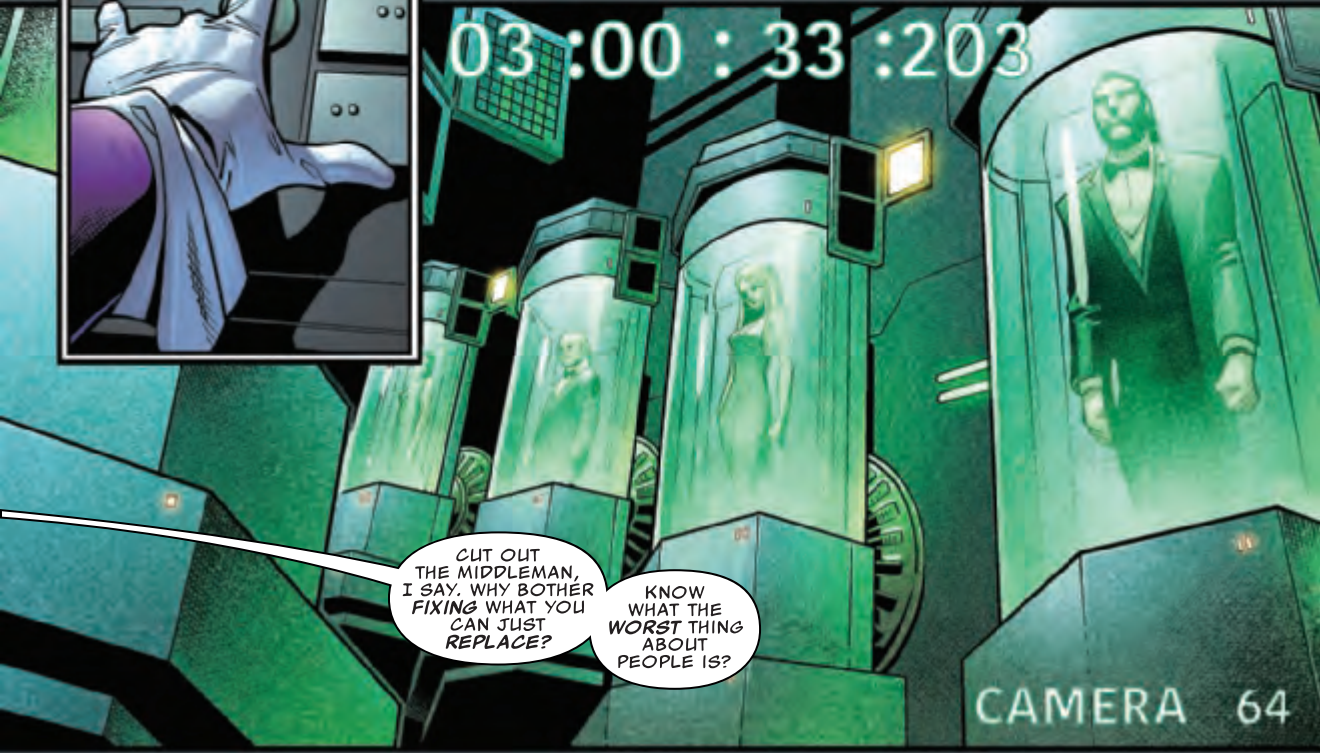
LET THEM THINK YOU'RE PLAYING BY THE RULES-- ANY RULES AT ALL, "STANDARDS," "MORALITY," "PRINCIPLES," ALL THAT FAKE NOISE--

--AND THEY'RE JUST RATS IN YOUR MAZE.



BUT HEY, WHO HAS THE TIME?

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CUT OUT THE MIDDLEMAN, I SAY. WHY BOTHER FIXING WHAT YOU CAN JUST REPLACE?

KNOW WHAT THE WORST THING ABOUT PEOPLE IS?

CAMERA 64

"THEY DON'T
COME WITH
BUILT-IN DEATH
RAYS."

★ **CANNONBALL.**
SAM GUTHRIE.

★ **SQUIRREL GIRL.**
DOREEN GREEN.
★ **ENIGMA.**
AIKKU JOKINEN.

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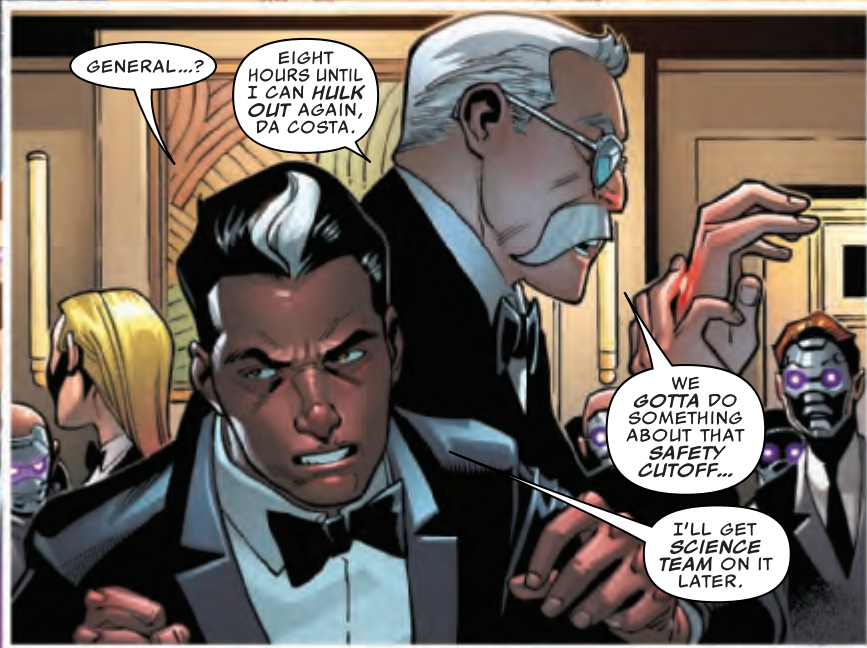
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**PART
THREE**



WE'RE TOO LATE.

THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST C.E.O.s WERE INVITED TO A STAR-STudded GALA TRAP--THEN KIDNAPPED AND REPLACED WITH ROBOTS.

THE GOLDEN SKULL'S TURNING THE WORLD ECONOMY INTO HIS PERSONAL PIGGY BANK...

★ RED HULK.
GEN. ROBERT L. MAVERICK.

AND KILLING US WHILE HE'S AT IT!

AIKKU-- SAM-- FORM A PERIMETER! DOREEN, ROBERTO, GENERAL--YOU'RE BACKUP!

LET'S GO!

★ CITIZEN V.
ROBERTO DA COSTA.

★ IRON PATRIOT.
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IF THERE IS A LATER...

GOT IT
IN HAND,
BOSS.

★ **IRON PATRIOT
STEALTH ARMOR.**
ACTIVATED.

FORCE
SCREENS
TO FULL
POWER.

★ **IMAGE INDUCER.**
HOLOGRAPHIC DISGUISE
MODE DEACTIVATED.

AND I
WILL SWITCH
OFF MY--
--OH,
WHAT IS THE
WORD FOR
IT--

--AND
THEN CHANGE THE
ENIGMA SUIT'S
DENSITY--

--AS
HARD AS
DIAMONDS!

GUESS
I'LL--NMF--
I'LL DO MY
THING--

YOU
OKAY?

JUST TRICKY
BRINGIN' UP MY
BLAST FIELD WITHOUT
ACTUALLY BLASTIN',
IS ALL.

TAKES
CONCENTRATION
NOT TO JUST SHOOT
OFF INTO THE
AIR--

★ **BLAST FIELD.**
HIGH-INVULNERABLE
MUTANT BIOENERGY SCREEN.