

THE SAVAGE LAND.

"...AND AS THE CELLS DIVIDE, THE MIRACLE OF HUMAN LIFE BEGINS."



THUS WE CONCLUDE OUR LESSON ON THE PROCESSES OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION.

I WONDER WHY PEOPLE CLAIM TO HAVE SUCH A HARD TIME TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT THIS...

NOW IF EVERYONE WOULD PARTNER UP AND BEGIN--

SHOOOM



WHAT'S THIS...?



HYPERION,
MY MAN!
LONG TIME
NO SEE!

LOVE WHAT
YOU'VE DONE
WITH THE
PLACE!

MANIFOLD,
ROBERTO, WHAT IS
THE MEANING OF
THIS INTRUSION?
YOU HAVE NO
BUSINESS
HERE.

WOW, THE
BIRDS AND BEES
TALK ALREADY?
THEY GROW UP
SO FAST...

I SHOULD
GET THESE GUYS
SOME DOPE LITTLE
SUITS. CAN'T WEAR
LOINCLOTHS ALL
THEIR LIVES...

IF THIS IS
ABOUT **HUNTING
DOWN OUR ALLIES**, I
THINK I'VE ALREADY MADE IT
QUITE CLEAR THAT I'LL
TAKE NO PART--

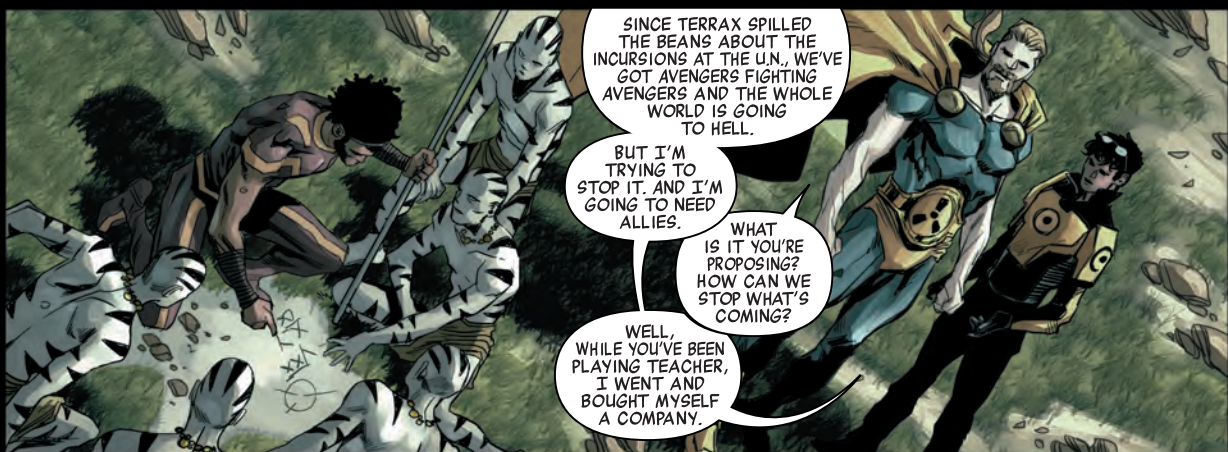


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SLOW DOWN, BIG GUY. I'M HERE BECAUSE I NEED YOUR HELP.

AND NOT JUST WITH WHERE BABIES COME FROM.



SINCE TERRAX SPILLED THE BEANS ABOUT THE INCURSIONS AT THE U.N., WE'VE GOT AVENGERS FIGHTING AVENGERS AND THE WHOLE WORLD IS GOING TO HELL.

BUT I'M TRYING TO STOP IT. AND I'M GOING TO NEED ALLIES.

WHAT IS IT YOU'RE PROPOSING? HOW CAN WE STOP WHAT'S COMING?

WELL, WHILE YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING TEACHER, I WENT AND BOUGHT MYSELF A COMPANY.

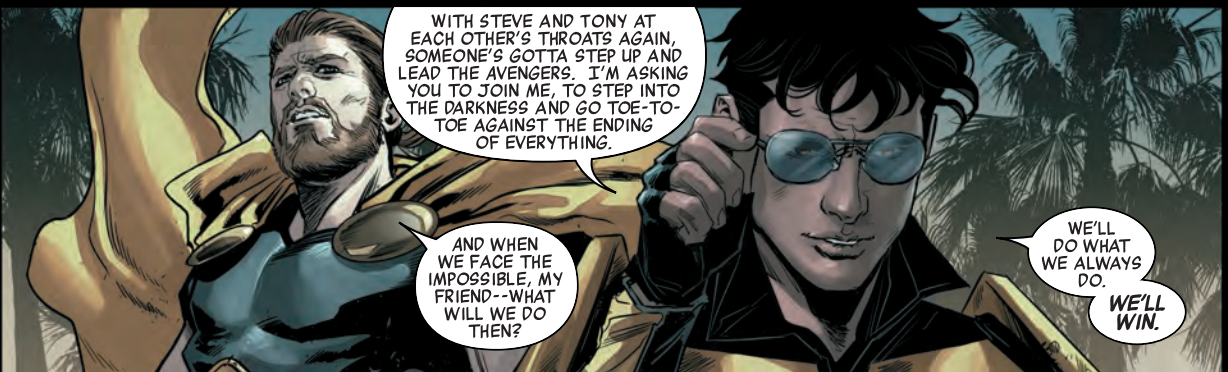


A LITTLE OPERATION CALLED **ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS**. EVER HEARD OF 'EM?

A.I.M.? THAT'S... THAT'S CRAZY. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE WITH THOSE MADMEN?

THOSE YELLOW-HATTED EGGHEADS ARE OUR BEST BET AT STOPPING THE END OF THE WORLD. THEY'VE GOT ALL SORTS OF GIZMOS TO DEAL WITH EXTRADIMENSIONAL THREATS.

AND THOSE **MADMEN** ARE THE ONES WHO RESCUED YOU, SO CUT 'EM A LITTLE SLACK. ANYHOW, I'VE GOTTA GO SETTLE A LITTLE OWNERSHIP DISPUTE AT A.I.M. ISLAND AND I COULD USE SOME MUSCLE TO BACK ME UP.



WITH STEVE AND TONY AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS AGAIN, SOMEONE'S GOTTA STEP UP AND LEAD THE AVENGERS. I'M ASKING YOU TO JOIN ME, TO STEP INTO THE DARKNESS AND GO TOE-TO-TOE AGAINST THE ENDING OF EVERYTHING.

AND WHEN WE FACE THE IMPOSSIBLE, MY FRIEND--WHAT WILL WE DO THEN?

WE'LL DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO. **WE'LL WIN.**