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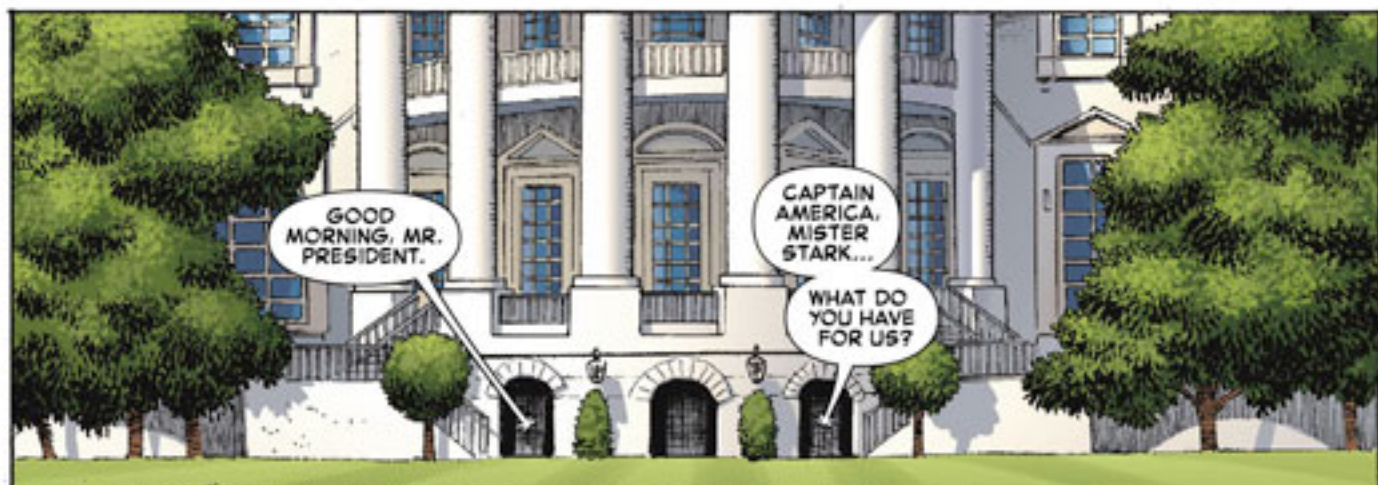
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GOOD MORNING, MR. PRESIDENT.

CAPTAIN AMERICA, MISTER STARK...

WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR US?



I KNOW THAT SINCE THE SKRULL INVASION YOU'VE ASKED TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF ANY INTERSTELLAR SITUATIONS THAT WE COME ACROSS.

LAST NIGHT, WE INTERCEPTED THE ARRIVAL OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERGALACTIC NOVA CORPS.

HE CAME WITH A RATHER VAGUE, YET ALARMING, WARNING AND THEN LAPSED INTO A COMA.

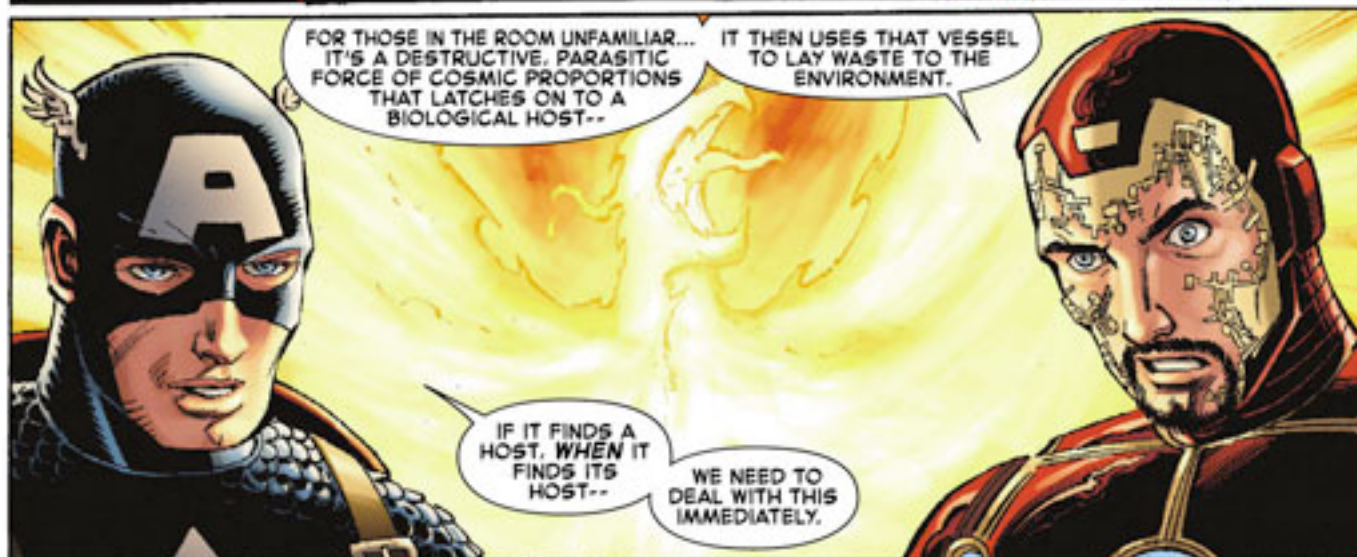


THE SCORCH MARKS AND WEAR AND TEAR ON HIS UNIFORM LEAD US TO BELIEVE HE SURVIVED A CONFLICT WITH AN IMMENSE ENERGY SOURCE.



WE HAD BOTH THOR AND TONY HERE DO PERSONAL AND SATELLITE INTERSTELLAR RECON--

WHAT WE FOUND WAS, WELL, DISTURBING.





WE ARE SENDING A TEAM OF AVENGERS TO TRY TO INTERCEPT AND DESTROY THE PHOENIX BEFORE IT GETS HERE.

WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT THERE IS A--

WE SHOULD BE CLEAR, THOUGH. IT'S A SUICIDE MISSION.



OH MY GOD.

REET

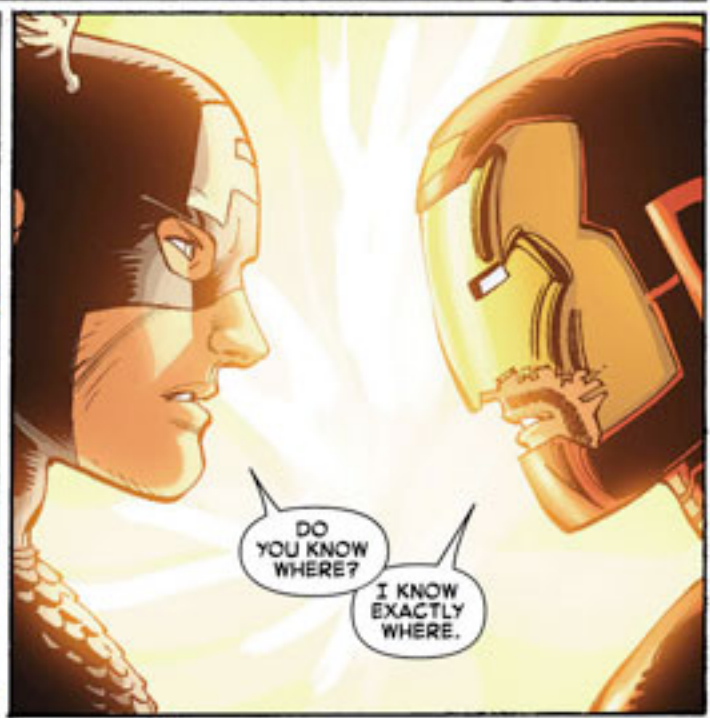


WHAT WAS THAT?

I SET PROGRAMS TO ALERT ME IF AN ENERGY SIGNATURE SIMILAR TO THE PHOENIX FORCE FLARES UP ANYWHERE ON THE GLOBE.

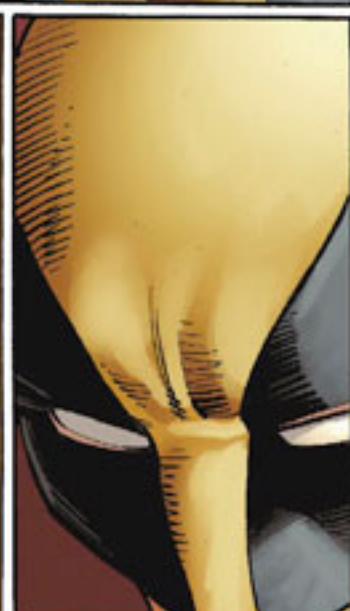
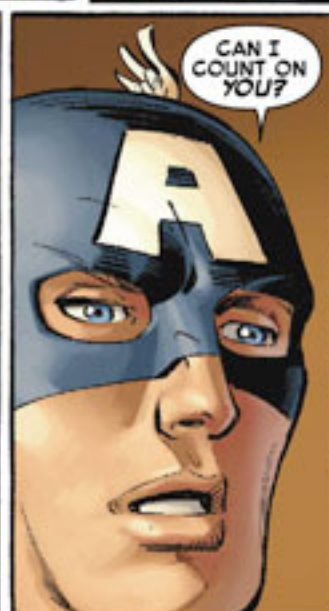
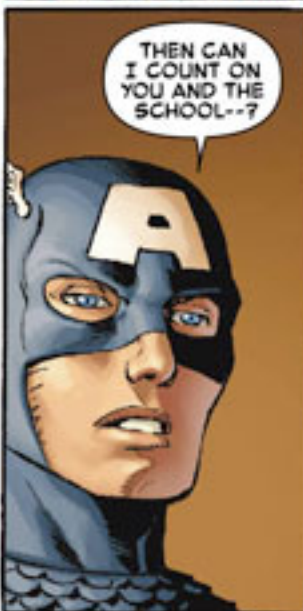
AND IT JUST DID.

YES.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE?

I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE.





WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, SCOTT?



HE IS THINKING THAT HOPE AS THE PHOENIX MIGHT BE THE GAME-CHANGER FOR THE MUTANT PEOPLE.

IT COULD TURN THE TIDE.

HOW?

POWER. TRUE POWER TO PUT THE WORLD BACK ON TRACK.



YOU'RE SOUNDING LIKE ME NOW, SCOTT.

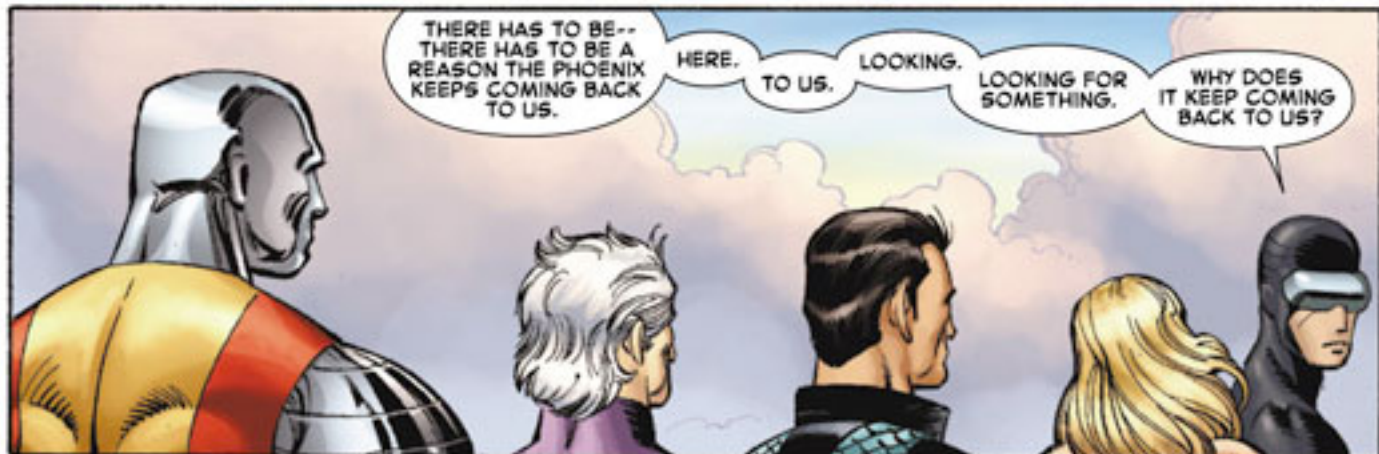


WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR PEOPLE WAS--IT WAS UNNATURAL.

99% OF US STRIPPED OF OUR POWERS. FEWER THAN 200 OF OUR KIND LEFT.



WE'RE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE NEXT STEP OF HUMAN EVOLUTION.



THERE HAS TO BE-- THERE HAS TO BE A REASON THE PHOENIX KEEPS COMING BACK TO US.

HERE.

TO US.

LOOKING.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.

WHY DOES IT KEEP COMING BACK TO US?

