

AND THERE CAME A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WHEN EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES DECIDED TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF AND WERE REPLACED WITH A GROUP OF UNTESTED, UNTRIED NEW RECRUITS: HAWKEYE, QUICKSILVER AND SCARLET WITCH. CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS TASKED WITH TURNING THE MEMBERS OF THIS RAGTAG TEAM INTO AVENGERS...AND BY USING THE POWER-ENHANCING ABILITIES OF CRESSIDA, A.K.A. AVENGER X, THE TEAM BECAME STRONGER--AND MORE POPULAR--THAN THEY EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

BUT CRESSIDA WAS SECRETLY PUSHING THE TEAM TOWARD SELF-DESTRUCTION, AND BY THE TIME HER FELLOW AVENGERS CAUGHT ONTO HER MACHINATIONS, SHE WAS ALREADY TOO POWERFUL TO BE STOPPED!

THE AVENGERS

in...

DEATH BE NOT PROUD!

PRODUCED BY
THE MOST NONSENSICAL,
NON-COSTUMED SUPER-HERO
STAFF IN COMICDOM!

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CAPTAIN
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HAWKEYE



SCARLET
WITCH



QUICKSILVER



WARNING! SHOULD A MARVELITE
SUDDENLY APPEAR BEFORE YOUR EYES WHO IS NOT
EMOTIONALLY ENRAPTURED BY THE
CONTENTS WITHIN THESE **PALATIAL PAGES...**
STRIP HIM OF HIS M.M.M.S. BUTTON!
CHANCES ARE HE'S AN AGENT OF **BRAND ECHH!**

LETTERING BY FERRAN DELGADO AFTER SAM ROSEN. HEADNOTES BY DON HECK AND FRANK BIACCHI

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

A TALE DESTINED TO
BECOME A MAGNIFICENT
MILESTONE IN THE
MARVEL AGE OF COMICS!

DEATH BE NOT PROUD!



THE
SHOCKING
CONCLUSION
TO THE TALE OF
THE ORIGINAL
NEW
AVENGERS!

FINALLY,
THEY
PAY!

FINALLY--
I HAVE MY
REVENGE!

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AND YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?



NEVER MIND! I'LL TELL YOU! YOU'RE LOOKING AT A NIGHTMARE THAT WON'T STOP UNTIL--



BLAP!

UNTIL THE ORIGINAL TEAM SHOWS UP--

BE CAREFUL, FOLKS. REMEMBER WHAT WE'VE PUT TOGETHER.

IN ORDER FOR HER TO USE HER "POWER-UP" ABILITY-- --SHE HAS TO SUMMON THE LIFE ENERGY OUT OF SOMEONE ELSE!

--TO AVENGE!





YOU DON'T FRIGHTEN ME-- NOT WITH THE POWERS I TOOK FROM THOSE FOUR!

LET'S MAKE IT FIVE!

FASP!



YOU LEAVE HER ALONE!

THWAP!

PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE--

--OR BIGGER!



GIANT-MAN, GRAB HER!

NEVER MIND! SHE'S MOVING LIKE...

...LIKE QUICKSILVER!



FASP!

HNNGH!

DO THY WORST AGAINST THOR, CHILD--

--BUT I DOUBT THY MAGICKS WILL BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST AN ASGARDIAN WHOSE LIFESPAN IS FAR GREATER THAN CAN BE IMAGINED!



NOT LIKELY! NOT ONLY AM I AS ACROBATIC AS CAPTAIN AMERICA--

IRON MAN! SMITE HER!



--I CAN WIELD SCARLET WITCH'S HEX POWERS--

FWASPO!

--FAR MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN SHE EVER COULD!

LET'S SEE YOU PULL YOURSELF FREE FROM SOLID PAVEMENT!

BRAM! **BRAM!**



NEXT TIME, I WON'T LET YOU OFF THIS EASILY!

THOR, I'LL EVEN FIND A WAY TO PULL FROM YOU!



I DEFEATED YOU USING THE POWERS OF THREE AVENGERS!

I SUPPOSE I COULD HAVE USED ALL FOUR--



"--BUT WHAT GOOD WERE HAWKEYE'S SKILLS ON A TEAM LIKE THIS, REALLY...?"