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The Grandmaster and the Challenger have stolen the Earth to use as a cosmic playing board. The Lethal Legion and the Black Order are their chess pieces, and they're fighting to claim Pyramids, which wreak elemental havoc on their surroundings. Most of the world's heroes and villains have been trapped in stasis to limit the number of "designated obstacles," leaving behind only a handful of Avengers as the planet's last line of defense.

With the title of "Grandmaster" on the line, the two competitors are pulling out all the stops to secure the final Pyramid. The Challenger has unleashed his resurrected Hulk, but the Grandmaster had the game rigged from the start: Voyager, the last founding Avenger who brought Earth's heroes so much hope, is his daughter, and has been using her false identity to tip the odds in her father's favor.

But Voyager is tired of doing the Grandmaster's bidding, and she teleported the last Pyramid into the vault of the Avengers Auxiliary Headquarters and locked herself inside, hoping to turn the tables on her father—but the Hulk followed her, and cut a swath through the handful of reserve and injured Avengers who tried to hold him off. The only Avenger who could get to the base in time to help was Wonder Man. But what can a pacifist do to stop the Immortal Hulk?

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THE CHALLENGER



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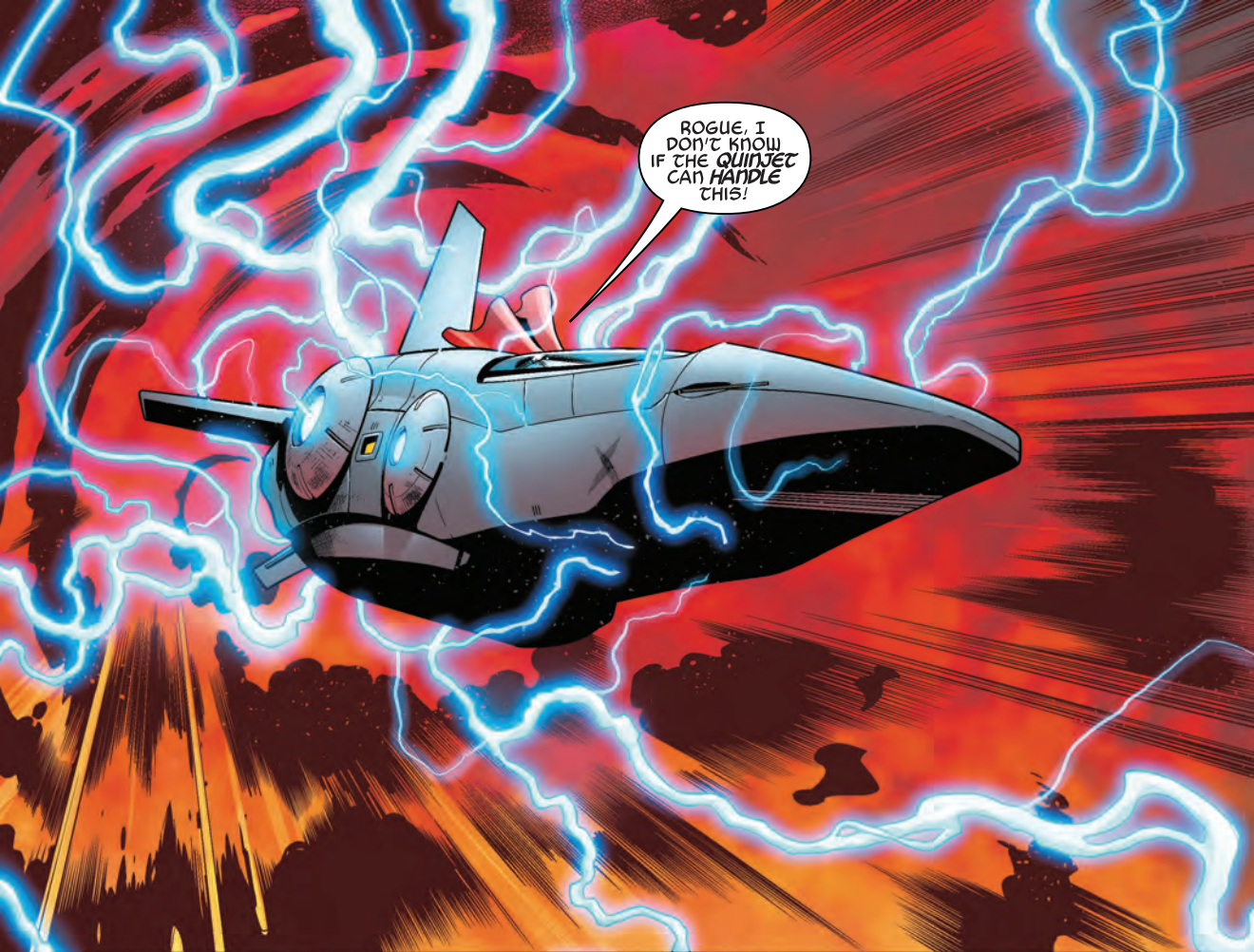


VALERIE VECTOR

GRANDMASTER







ROGUE, I DON'T KNOW IF THE QUINJET CAN HANDLE THIS!



KEEP THAT WIND VORTEX GOING, THOR!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU BURN THE PLANE OUT, AS LONG AS WE GET THERE QUICKER!

AYE!

TAKE US TO THE BATTLEGROUND WITH GREAT HASTE, MY FRIEND!



HERCULES HUNGERS FOR COMBAT!

SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO FIGHT.

I'M NOT ONE OF THEM.



**AVENGERS AUXILIARY HQ.**

MY NAME IS *SIMON WILLIAMS*. I'VE BEEN AN *AVENGER*. I'VE BEEN AN *ENEMY* OF THE AVENGERS. I'VE BEEN *DEAD*.

NOW I'M *ALIVE* AGAIN-- AND I TRY TO LIVE THAT LIFE ACCORDING TO *ONE SIMPLE TRUTH...*

LISTEN TO ME, *BRUCE*.

I'M NOT--

*VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER.*

--I'M NOT LETTING YOU INTO THAT VAULT.

IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'VE HAD... *ISSUES* WITH THE AVENGERS' METHODS.

FOR ALL OUR *POWER*-- ALL OUR *RIGHTEOUSNESS* IN THE FACE OF EVIL--WE ALWAYS SEEM TO RESORT TO *ONE THING...*



...OUR FISTS.

AND I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THE BEST WE CAN DO IS PUNCH THE WORLD INTO SUBMISSION.

OKAY?  
NOW, YOU CAN KEEP HITTING ME IF YOU WANT TO, BRUCE, BUT... YOU CAN'T HURT ME.

AND I WON'T HURT YOU.



THE HULK IS A PRIME EXAMPLE.



I JUST WON'T.  
SO WHAT'S THE POINT, RIGHT?

ALL HITTING HIM EVER DID WAS FEED HIS ANGER. BUT TALKING TO HIM... TALKING TO THE GOOD MAN INSIDE HIM... BRUCE BANNER...



...THAT MIGHT JUST WORK.

COME ON, BRUCE. IT'S ME. SIMON.

WE'RE FRIENDS.



...  
FRIENDS.





THANK HEAVEN YOU'RE IN THERE.

ALL RIGHT, BRUCE. I WANT YOU TO BREATHE IN...VISUALIZE A CALM MEADOW... AND...



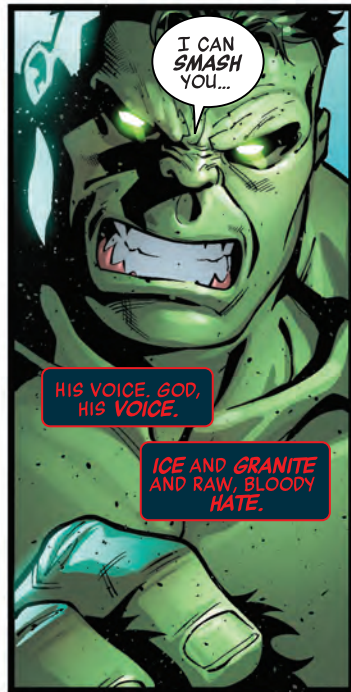
WHOOOM

WE'RE NOT FRIENDS.



YOU'RE A HOLLYWOOD *SNOB*, PROWNING IN *EGO*. PREACHING *NONVIOLENCE* WHEN IT'S *EASY*--WHEN VIOLENCE CAN'T EVER REACH YOU.

WELL, I CAN REACH YOU, WILLIAMS. AND I CAN HURT YOU.



I CAN SMASH YOU...

HIS VOICE. GOD, HIS VOICE.

ICE AND GRANITE AND RAW, BLOODY HATE.



THIS ISN'T BRUCE.

THIS IS THE OTHER GUY.

HULK...?



WHAT'S WRONG, SIMON?

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO TALK...