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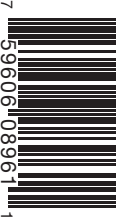
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A large panel showing Mephisto, a devil-like figure with horns and a purple cape, standing in a city of rubble. The sky is blue with lightning bolts striking down. Debris is flying through the air.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THIS ALL STARTED WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS.

I HAD PLANNED TO RESURRECT LAS VEGAS FROM THE ASHES. AND IT WORKED! I REALLY FEEL LIKE I NEED TO POINT THAT OUT, EVEN IF, ADMITTEDLY, THERE WERE SOME HICCUPS--

--NAMELY, THAT SOMETHING ELSE CAME BACK WITH IT.


A vertical panel showing a tall, twisted, spire-like structure rising from a city of ruins. The sky is dark and stormy.

SOMETHING STRAIGHT FROM THE PIT OF HELL.

A close-up panel of Mephisto's face, showing a menacing, wide-eyed expression with a slight grin. He has dark, spiky hair and glowing eyes.

AND WHERE HELL GOES...SO GOES MEPHISTO.

WHEN THE CITY WAS DESTROYED, IT FELL TO HIS REALM. AND WHEN I BROUGHT IT BACK HE WAS...NOT THRILLED.

A panel showing several people in a state of combat or struggle amidst the ruins of a city. The scene is lit with a red, hellish glow.

HIS CORRUPTING INFLUENCE SPREAD ACROSS THE CITY, TEMPTING EVERYONE IN IT INTO SIN, AND THEN PUNISHING THEM FOR IT.

A panel showing a close-up of hands playing cards on a table. The cards are scattered, and the lighting is dramatic.

SO THIS IS HOW I FOUND MYSELF PLAYING CARDS AGAINST THE DEVIL, WITH THE FATE OF MILLIONS AT STAKE.

AND WITH SO MUCH ON THE LINE, I DID THE ONLY THING ANY SENSIBLE PERSON WOULD DO...

...I CHEATED.



TURNED OUT ABOUT AS WELL AS YOU'D EXPECT.

APPARENTLY MEPHISTO LIKES TO DEAL WITH CHEATERS THE SAME WAY ANY OLD-SCHOOL CASINO BOSS WOULD--

--GETTING ONE OF HIS ENFORCERS TO BREAK MY LEGS.



HIS "ENFORCERS" IN THIS CASE BEING A GROUP OF AVENGERS HE'S TURNED INTO GHOST RIDERS.

WHICH, YES, AGAIN, IS TECHNICALLY MY FAULT--



BUT MAYBE NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO RUB THAT IN.

MAYBE NOW, I COULD USE SOME FRIENDLY ASSISTANCE--

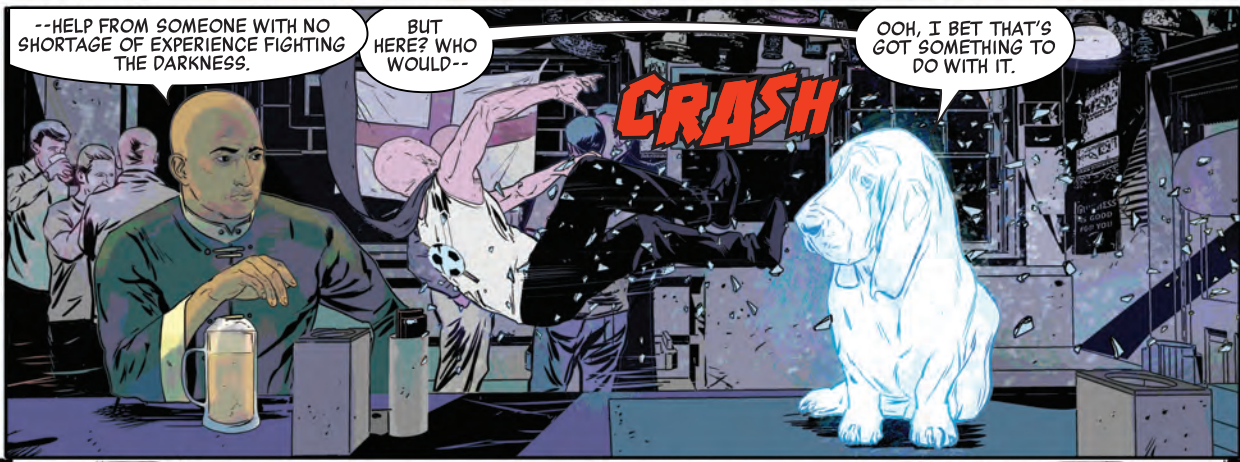


--TOO BAD I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS LEFT.

OKAY, WONG, MUCH AS I LOVE SPENDING TIME IN ANY COUNTRY WHERE DOGS GET TO SIT AT BARS-- WHY AM I SITTING AT A BAR AGAIN?

I TOLD YOU, BATS-- I WILL HELP STEPHEN, EVEN IF HE MIGHT PREFER I DIDN'T. BUT MEPHISTO IS A POWERFUL ENEMY. WE WILL NEED HELP TO DEFEAT HIM--





--HELP FROM SOMEONE WITH NO SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCE FIGHTING THE DARKNESS.

BUT HERE? WHO WOULD--

OOH, I BET THAT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

**CRASH**



HAGH!

**BLADE.**  
DAYWALKING  
SOCCER-HOOLIGAN-  
VAMPIRE SLAYER.



**TOTTENHAM,  
TOTTENHAM 'TIL I  
DI--AAAYEEEE!!!**



I'M GUESSING FROM THE FACT YOU AND THE DOG AREN'T DRINKING BLOOD THAT YOU GOT THE WRONG PUB...

YES...



AND THERE'S THE FACT THAT I SUPPORT ARSENAL.

I'LL TRY AND OVERLOOK IT. LONG TIME NO SEE, WONG. I'M GUESSING YOU'VE GOT A JOB FOR ME?

**THE MISTY MOUNTAINS OF WUNDAGORE.**

WE UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT YOUR WORK IS, YES--AND WE DO HATE TO INTRUDE--

YEAH, YOU LOOK PRETTY BUSY.



**ROARR!**

CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.

LAS VEGAS IS IN TURMOIL--THE PEOPLE ARE TEARING THEMSELVES APART IN THE STREETS.

AND THAT'S NOT EVEN GETTIN' INTO THE DEMONS--



SOMEBODY SAID DEMONS, YEAH?

WELL, DON'T WORRY, BOYS-- ELSA BLOODSTONE'S GONNA FIX YOU UP. RIGHT AFTER A LONG, HOT SHOWER.

**ELSA BLOODSTONE.**  
MONSTER HUNTER.  
GROSS.



**NEW YORK CITY.**

DANIEL, THERE IS SOMETHING HAPPENING IN LAS VEGAS. STEPHEN HAS--

I WATCH THE NEWS, WONG.

IT'S THE DEVIL THING, RIGHT?

**DANNY RAND.**  
THE IMMORTAL IRON FIST. IN NEED OF SOMETHING TO PUNCH.



LET'S DO IT.



NO. I'M SORRY, I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO ATTEND TO--I'M OUT.

BUT GOOD NEWS, GENTLEMEN--

**MOON KNIGHT.**  
OUT.



I'M IN.

**MISTER KNIGHT.**  
IN. BUT OUT OF HIS MIND.

**OUTSIDE  
CITRUSVILLE,  
FLORIDA.**

I CAME HERE  
TO RECONNECT WITH  
THE EARTH--TO FIND  
SOME PEACE IN THE  
INTERCONNECTEDNESS  
OF THE LIFE  
CYCLES.

I UNDERSTAND,  
DOCTOR VOODOO.  
AND WHO BETTER  
TO HELP YOU  
WITH THAT--

**JERICHO DRUMM.**  
BROTHER VOODOO, A  
VERY STRANGE DOCTOR.

--THAN  
THE LEGENDARY  
MAN-THING.

ONE THING  
PERPLEXES ME,  
THOUGH--I THOUGHT  
HE HAD LEARNED TO  
SPEAK AGAIN?

**MAN-THING.**  
GIANT-SIZED.

HE HAS SINCE LOST  
THE ABILITY TO SPEAK.  
WE COMMUNICATE  
THROUGH THE  
MOVEMENTS  
OF NATURE, THE  
WIND IN THE TREES,  
THE CURRENTS OF  
THE SWAMP.

AND WHAT  
IS HE SAYING TO  
YOU NOW?

HE  
SAYS--

--HE'D LIKE  
FOR YOUR DOG TO  
STOP URINATING  
ON HIS LEG.

I CAN'T  
HELP IT! IT'S  
INSTINCT!

WOW--THAT  
SURE IS A WHOLE  
LOTTA RIDICULOUS, WONG.  
WE GOT THE WHOLE  
GANG YET?

NOT YET,  
BATS--