

# SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!  
THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS  
TO SAVE IT! NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD: A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT  
NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL  
OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM! EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

ON SPIDER-ISLAND, THE SPIDER-QUEEN REIGNS SUPREME, RULING HER DOMAIN WITH AN ARMY OF SPIDER-MINIONS. NOT EVERYONE IS  
CONTENT WITH HER RULE, THOUGH, AND AGENT VENOM (A.K.A. FLASH THOMPSON) HAS RALLIED A CONTINGENT OF MILDLY MUTATED HEROES  
TO FORM A RESISTANCE. IN THEIR LATEST RAID ON AN A.I.M. FACILITY, THEY FREED RENOWNED GENETICIST STEGRON THE DINOSAUR-MAN  
AND LOCATED AN UNINFECTED PETER PARKER!

THE RESISTANCE WAS AMBUSHED BY A GROUP OF SPIDER-MAN'S EX-GIRLFRIENDS, ALL MUTATED INTO SPIDER-MINIONS OF THE QUEEN, WITH  
THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING SPIDER-MAN BACK INTO HER CLUTCHES! THE RESISTANCE WAS ABLE TO RELIEVE SOME OF THEIR SYMPTOMS, BUT  
NOT BEFORE TRACKING DEVICES EMBEDDED IN THEIR EXTRA ARMS LED THE QUEEN'S ARMY STRAIGHT TO THEM, LEAVING IRON MAN NO CHOICE  
BUT TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF SO THE RESISTANCE COULD SURVIVE!

# SPIDER-ISLAND



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AND DON'T MISS THE CONTINUING ADVENTURE OF MAYDAY PARKER-SPIDER-WOMAN-BY THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-GIRL TEAM!

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*The ruins of Avengers Mansion.*

"IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE QUEEN'S ARMY FINDS US."

*Sub-basement Three: Weapons testing and research.*

EVEN DOWN HERE, IT'S NOT SAFE. THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST PLACES THEY'LL LOOK, ONCE THEY'VE MOPPED UP OUR OLD BASE.

LET THEM, CAROL. WE ONLY NEED TO BE HERE LONG ENOUGH TO GET OUR EQUIPMENT COMBAT READY. THEN...

...WE TAKE THE FIGHT TO HER.







I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT WE JUST LOST IRON MAN... AND TOO MANY OTHERS.

MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO STRIKE BACK. MAYBE WE SHOULD GO UNDERGROUND, REGROUP...

JESS HAS A POINT, FLASH.



THE QUEEN'S SPIDER-FOLK'LL BE ON HIGH ALERT. YOU'RE THE MILITARY TACTICIAN, NOT ME...

BUT YOU'VE BEEN BONDED WITH THE SYMBIOTE, WHAT, CONTINUOUSLY SINCE THIS STARTED? I KNOW HOW IT AFFECTS PEOPLE. YOU GET MORE AGGRESSIVE...VIOLENT...



THAT USED TO BE TRUE.

IT WAS A CONSTANT STRUGGLE TO KEEP FROM LOSING CONTROL. BUT SINCE THE QUEEN TOOK OVER...



...IT'S LIKE THE SYMBIOTE KNOWS I NEED A CLEAR HEAD. I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT IT ANYMORE. THIS ISN'T IT TALKING, SPIDEY. IT'S ME.

WE'LL NEVER BE BETTER POSITIONED. WE WIN NOW...OR DIE.

I'M THE ONE STRUGGLING WITH A FERAL SIDE NOW. MY JUDGMENT'S NOT WHAT IT WAS. BUT SHARON AND I HAVE BEEN AROUND SOLDIERS ALL OUR LIVES.

ONLY ONE OF US HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THEIR HEAD ON STRAIGHT SINCE THE OUTBREAK.

AGENT VENOM IS OUR BEST SHOT. WE'RE WITH HIM... WHATEVER HE WANTS TO DO.



LISTEN UP, EVERYONE.  
MY NAME IS HOPE PYM. I USED  
TO BE CALLED THE RED QUEEN,  
BUT NOW...

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# I AM The AVENGERS!

THANKS  
TO ENTHRALLA'S  
ABILITY TO MANIPULATE  
PERCEPTIONS--

--WE  
OWN YOU  
IDIOTS.

HAPPY  
TO HELP,  
HOPE.

ARRGH!  
HEAD'S STILL  
ON SPIN CYCLE.

SPIDER-SENSE  
NEARLY FRIED  
MY BRAIN--







--NEED TO PLAY POSSUM A LITTLE LONGER.

WHO DO I KNOW CRAZY ENOUGH TO TAKE ON THE AVENGERS?



ANYTHING URGENT, NORMIE?

AFRAID SO, BEN.

MAYDAY NEEDS REINFORCEMENTS AT AVENGERS COMPOUND.

PLEASE TELL ME SHE'S HELPING THE AVENGERS.

WISH I COULD, PHIL.

*SIGH* I'LL ALERT THE OTHERS.



OTHERS?

YOU MEAN SHE RELIES ON OTHERS TO HELP HER?!

ALL THE TIME.

YOU WANT HER TO *SHARE* HER RESPONSIBILITIES, BEN...



"...THIS IS HER *SHARING*."

NOT ONLY WERE THE AVENGERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF MY PARENTS--

--YOU, MR. LANG, HAD THE UNMITIGATED GALL TO TAKE OVER MY DAD'S ANT-MAN IDENTITY.

THE PENALTY IS DEATH!

DON'T DO THIS, HOPE.



LOSING YOUR PARENTS WAS A TRAGEDY.

BUT YOU'VE BECOME SO OBSESSED WITH HOW THEY DIED, YOU'VE FORGOTTEN HOW THEY LIVED.

I KNEW YOUR FATHER.



HE MADE SOME TERRIBLE MISTAKES, BUT NEVER STOPPED TRYING TO ATONE FOR THEM.

HE BELIEVED IN REDEMPTION.

IN SECOND CHANCES!



YOU'RE BORING ME, LANG.

SABRECLAW, SHRED HIS JUGULAR.