



THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS... IS **BATTLEWORLD!**

A PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS--AND THEIR KINGS.

MAGNETO RULES THE MUTANT PARADISE OF GENOSHA, HIS DREAM FULFILLED: HOMO SUPERIOR IS TRULY SUPERIOR OVER HUMANITY, AT LONG LAST.

BUT PARADISE IS NOT AS IT SEEMS. THE ROYAL GRANDSONS, CALLING THEMSELVES SPEED AND WICCAN, KEEP S.H.I.E.L.D. BUSY, PROTESTING AGAINST THEIR GRANDFATHER'S INHUMANE ANTI-HUMAN LAWS BY ATTACKING REEDUCATION CENTERS.

PLOTS TO TOPPLE MAGNETO'S REGIME COME FROM ALL SIDES, FROM THE OPPRESSED HUMAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT TO HIS VERY OWN SON AND HEIR, PIETRO, WHO SCHEMES AGAINST HIS FATHER WITH MANIPULATIVE ATLANTEAN RULER, NAMOR.

THESE TRAITOROUS PLANS COLLIDED WHEN THE REMAINING FIGHTERS IN THE HUMAN RESISTANCE--MISTY KNIGHT, HAWKEYE AND FELICIA HARDY, AIDED BY DEATH LOCKET--ATTACKED THE KING, SUCCESSFULLY DEPOWERING MAGNETO, WHILE AT THE SAME MOMENT NAMOR STRUCK WITH HIS BATTALIONS OF THE DEEP--RIDING A MASSIVE TIDAL WAVE OF DESTRUCTION INTO CASTLE MAGNUS ITSELF!

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**CASTLE  
MAGNUS.**  
MAGNETO'S  
PRIVATE STUDY.

YOU COULD  
MAKE THE  
ARGUMENT THAT  
I DESERVE THIS  
WATERY GRAVE.

**POETIC  
JUSTICE.**

A MAN WHO SPENDS  
HIS MORNINGS IN  
SILK ROBES--

--SIPPING JUICE  
AND BEMOANING  
HIS BORING LIFE OF  
LEISURE AND  
OPULENCE--

--MIGHT BE  
**BEGGING** FOR  
A ROUGH  
AFTERNOON.

I LONGED FOR  
THE CONFLICT  
AND DISCORD OF  
MY YOUTH--

--YET NOW HERE  
I FLOAT IN WHAT'S  
LEFT OF MY FLOODED  
ROYAL LIBRARY.

SHOT IN THE  
CHEST WITH AN  
**ASSASSIN'S  
ARROW--**

--MY MUTANT  
POWERS  
INEXPLICABLY  
**NEUTRALIZED.**

YOU COULD  
CERTAINLY SAY  
I HAD ALL OF IT  
COMING.

GO  
AHEAD.  
**SAY IT.**

SAY IT TO  
MY FACE.

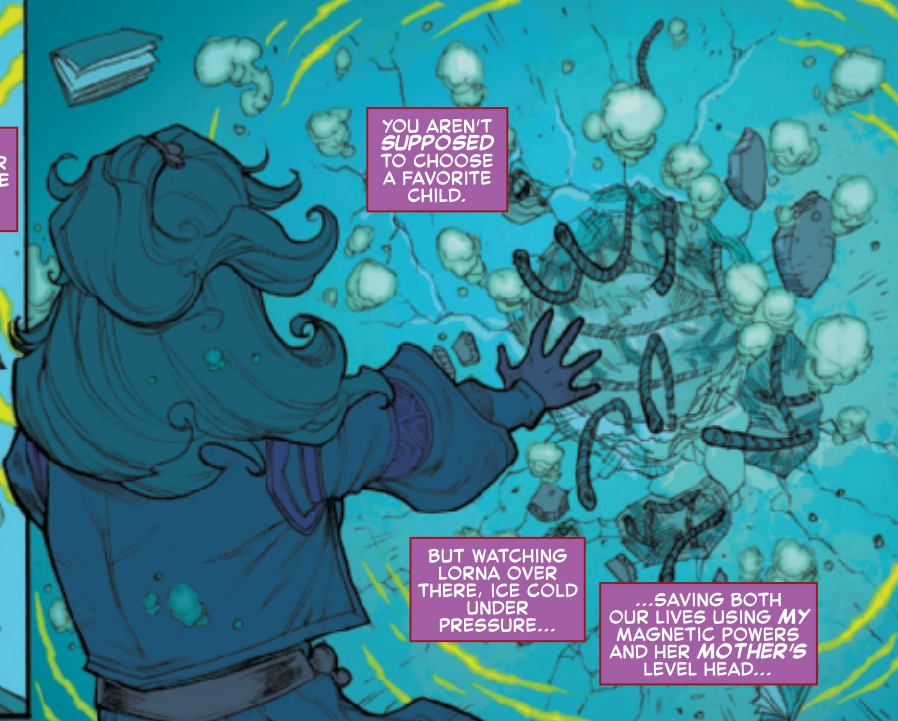
SEE WHAT  
**HAPPENS.**



YES, LORNA!

THE EXTERIOR WALL. THE STEEL REBAR.

GOOD MOVE.



YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO CHOOSE A FAVORITE CHILD.

BUT WATCHING LORNA OVER THERE, ICE COLD UNDER PRESSURE...

...SAVING BOTH OUR LIVES USING MY MAGNETIC POWERS AND HER MOTHER'S LEVEL HEAD...



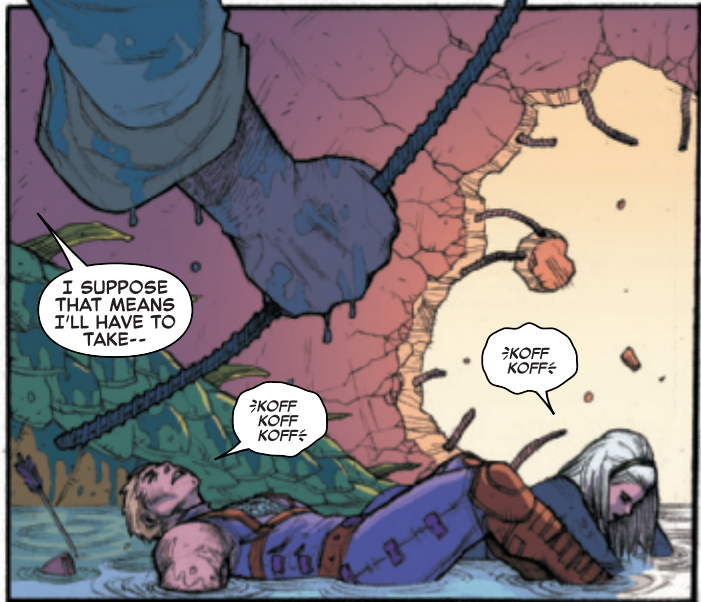
...WELL, IT'S REALLY NO CONTEST.

WHOOSH!

YOU HUMANS CLEARLY HAVE ME AT A DISADVANTAGE.

I'M TELLING THAT STEEL TO JUMP ♪KOFF♪--

--AND IT'S NOT ASKING "HOW HIGH?"



I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE--

♪KOFF KOFF KOFF♪

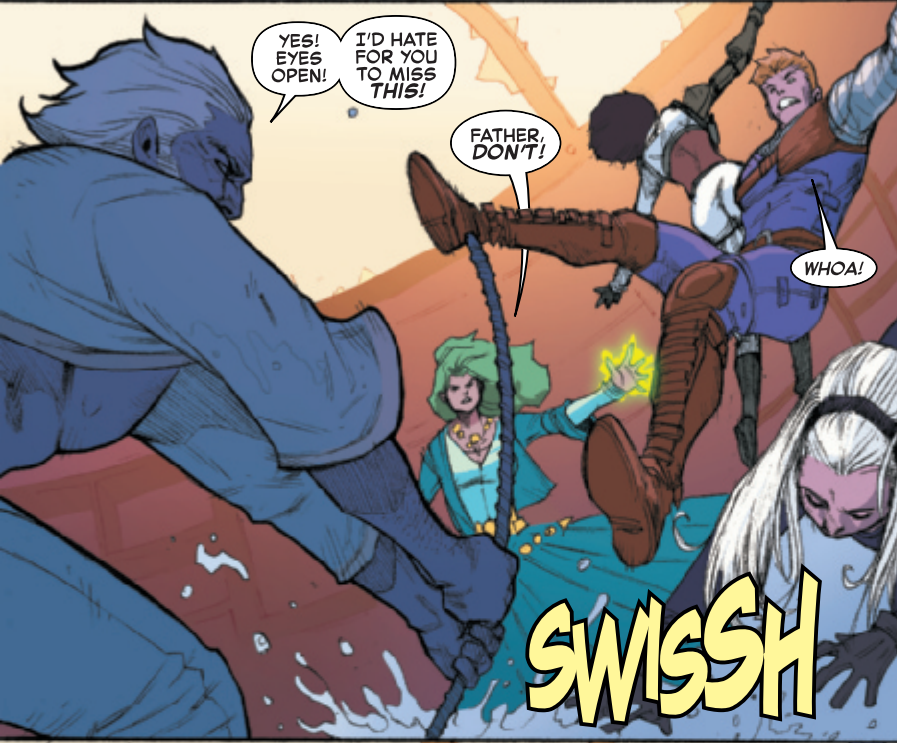
♪KOFF KOFF♪



--A MORE HANDS-ON APPROACH!

WHAT THE HELL WAS ~~SO~~ OFF THAT?

CLINT, WATCH OUT!



YES! EYES OPEN! I'D HATE FOR YOU TO MISS THIS!

FATHER, DON'T!

WHOA!

SWISSH



THUMP

DON'T KILL THEM YET.



WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HUMANS HAVE DONE TO TAKE YOUR MAGNETISM.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD KEEP THEM ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO ASK.

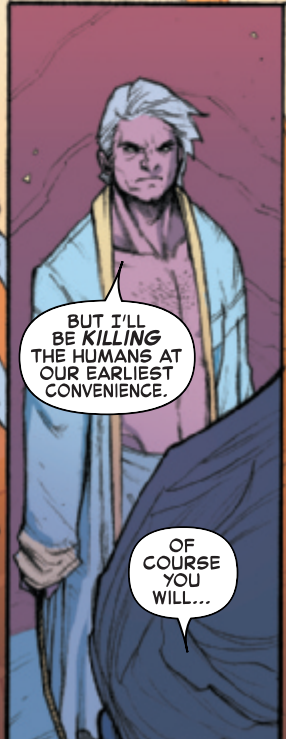
THEN WAKE ONE UP AND ASK.

YOU AREN'T THINKING STRAIGHT, FATHER. WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE.

SOMEONE JUST FLOODED THE CASTLE. THAT MAKES THREE ATTACKS TODAY.

DON'T YOU THINK A GRACEFUL EXIT IS IN ORDER? AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT IN THE HELL IS GOING ON?

...FINE.



BUT I'LL BE KILLING THE HUMANS AT OUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

OF COURSE YOU WILL...

"...THAT'S THE KINGLY PREROGATIVE THAT **INSPIRES** MULTIPLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS IN ONE DAY."

WELL, THAT WAS DISTURBINGLY EASY...

...AND I ALWAYS SLEPT SO SOUNDLY IN FATHER'S "IMPENETRABLE CASTLE MAGNUS."

YOUR FATHER'S ARROGANCE IS A MILE-WIDE BLIND SPOT.

I COULD'VE TAKEN HIS CASTLE ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.

THE TRICK WOULD'VE BEEN HOLDING IT. BUT NOW THAT I HAVE YOU--

MY KING.

YES?

KING... NAMOR.

WE'VE SWEEPED THE ENTIRE CASTLE. TWICE.

THERE'S NO SIGN OF MAGNETO OR PRINCESS LORNA.

THAT IS... DISAPPOINTING.

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? HE'S TRADED UP.

~KOFF~ PRINCE PIETRO ~KOFF~  
WHAT IS THIS? ~KOFF~ WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

PRINCE PIETRO-- HRRRRK!

**KRAAK**

AHEM. IT'S KING PIETRO.