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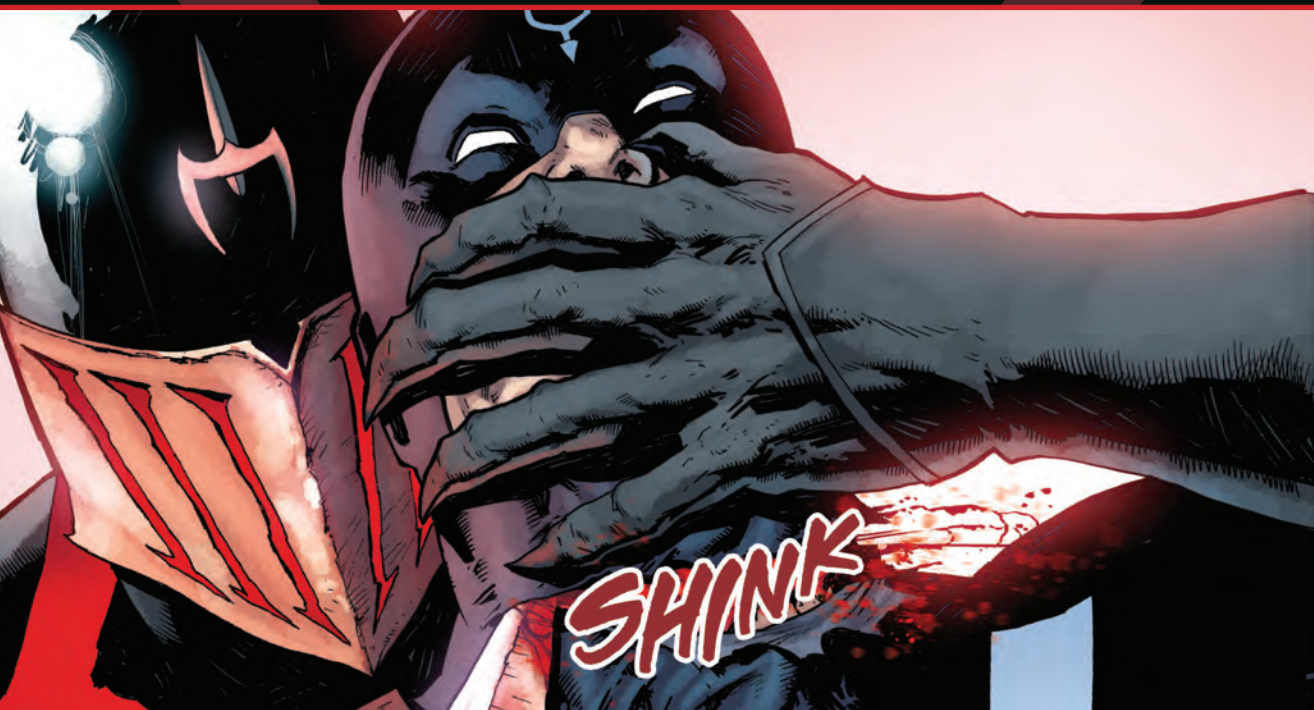
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## CHAPTER THREE: "SILENT KINGDOM"



Long ago, the Kree experimented on primitive beings across the universe, resulting in the creation of THE INHUMANS. But prophecy warned of THE MIDNIGHT KING, an Inhuman who would bring about the annihilation of the Kree, so they ended up destroying all but five of the then-fledgling Inhuman tribes. In time, BLACK BOLT of the Inhumans of Earth would come to rule those five tribes.

But now they are nearly all dead. A faction of the Kree, enraged at the devastation of their homeworld, have removed Ronan the Accuser and the Supreme Intelligence from power and intend to restore the glory of the Empire and wreak revenge on Earth. They have ordered all Inhumans to return to their rightful place under the thumb of the Kree. To join... or die.

To incentivize the answer, they sent a mysterious soldier named VOX to New Arcilan, where he murdered the entire population — including Black Bolt's brother MAXIMUS and faithful companion LOCKJAW. Black Bolt and Karnak then met the Kree on the ruins of Hala, where Vox found them...

...and slit the king's throat.

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THE MIDNIGHT QUEEN SITS IN SILENCE...  
AND SLOWLY COMES APART.

IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG  
SINCE HER KING WENT TO  
WAR. AND TOO LONG STILL  
SINCE HER HUSBAND HAS  
COME HOME.

AND AS SUCH, THE FEAR  
THAT BURROWS INSIDE OF  
HER NOW HAS NO CONCERN  
FOR THRONES OR EMPIRES.

NOR FOR BATTLEFIELDS OR  
THE WAR TO COME.

HERE, ALONE IN A  
SILENCE THAT USED  
TO COMFORT HER,  
HER GROWING DREAD  
IS COMMON.

IT IS THE HORRIBLE AND BASE  
CERTAINTY THAT LIVES IN ALL  
OF US WHO LOVE...AND ARE  
LOVED IN RETURN...

THAT SOMEDAY, IN THE  
BLINK OF AN EYE...

WE WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO  
LIVE WITH HALF OF OUR HEART.

MY  
QUEEN...

SISTER,  
WE FOUND  
HIM.

WHERE  
WAS HE?

HE WAS IN A STOLEN KREE SHIP. BARELY  
ALIVE, BLEEDING AND NEARLY  
FROZEN TO DEATH.

FROZEN?  
I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND...

HE HAD  
RUN OUT OF FUEL  
AND WAS THUS USING  
THE SHIP'S LIFE SUPPORT  
AND ATMOSPHERE TO GET  
AN EXTRA BOOST OUT  
OF THE ENGINE.

WELL, IF *ANYONE* COULD SURVIVE BEING  
CHASED ACROSS THE STARS BY THE  
KREE AND LIVE TO TELL THE  
TALE, IT'S--

CHASED?  
NO...



...KARNAK WAS CHASING THEM.



KARNAK... ARE YOU--

THEY HAVE HIM.



THEY SLIT HIS THROAT AND THEY TOOK HIM FROM US.



WE HAVE TO GO TO EARTH! WE HAVE TO TELL THE AVENGERS AND THE OTHER HEROES OF--

NO.



CRYSTAL IS RIGHT. THEY HAVE OUR KING! THIS IS--

NO. THEY HAVE MY HUSBAND.



AND THERE WILL BE NO PLACE FOR HEROES IN WHAT COMES NEXT.

MEANWHILE...

