



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.

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

IS THIS THE END FOR THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS AND ITS GLORIOUS RULE?

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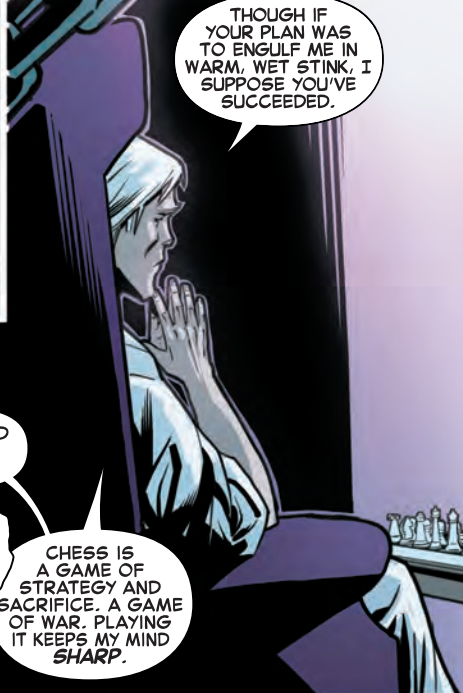
I HAD YOUR FLAME  
SNUFFED LONG  
AGO, OLD FOE.

YOU'RE  
WASTING YOUR  
BREATH.



# MAGNETO'S PRIVATE STUDY.

THOUGH IF  
YOUR PLAN WAS  
TO ENGLUF ME IN  
WARM, WET STINK, I  
SUPPOSE YOU'VE  
SUCCEEDED.



I PLAN TO  
PICK CHUNKS OF  
YOU OUT FROM  
BETWEEN MY TEETH  
WITH SHARDS OF  
YOUR CHILDREN'S  
BONES.

IT'S GOOD  
TO HAVE  
GOALS.

WHY DO  
YOU SPEND  
SO MUCH TIME  
MOVING PIECES  
AROUND THAT  
BOARD?

CHESS IS  
A GAME OF  
STRATEGY AND  
SACRIFICE. A GAME  
OF WAR. PLAYING  
IT KEEPS MY MIND  
SHARP.



HOW MUCH  
SATISFACTION DO  
YOU GET WINNING  
A WAR AGAINST  
YOURSELF?

VERY  
LITTLE.

BUT AS ALL  
OF MY WORTHY  
ADVERSARIES ARE  
EITHER SHACKLED  
PRISONERS...OR  
DEAD AND GONE--

--I  
MAKE  
DO.

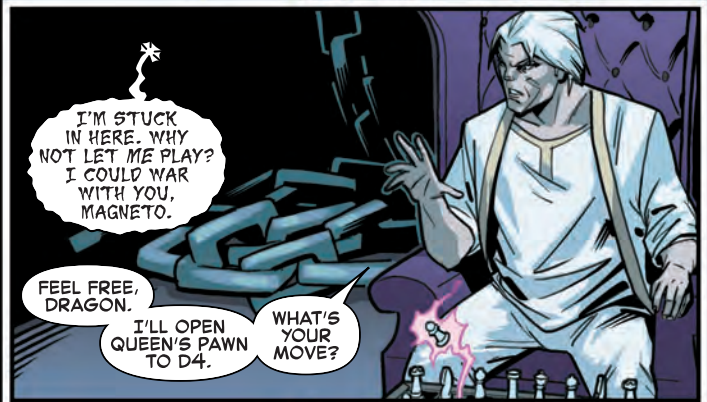


I'M STUCK  
IN HERE. WHY  
NOT LET ME PLAY?  
I COULD WAR  
WITH YOU,  
MAGNETO.

FEEL FREE,  
DRAGON.

I'LL OPEN  
QUEEN'S PAWN  
TO D4.

WHAT'S  
YOUR  
MOVE?



I'D START  
BY RIPPING OUT THAT  
TINY HORSE'S THROAT  
AND SPITTING IT IN YOUR  
QUEEN'S FACE WHILE I  
SNAP HER HUSBAND'S  
NECK WITH THE TIP  
OF MY TAIL.

?SIGH?

THOSE WORTHY  
ADVERSARIES...ONCE  
SO WIDESPREAD...

NOW...



"...DEAD AND GONE."

BACK BEFORE THE WAR, MY DAD DESIGNED **CYBERNETIC ENHANCEMENTS** FOR THE MILITARY.

AFTER THE MUTANTS ROSE UP, HE STARTED **OPERATION DEATHLOK**. THE OLD GOVERNMENT WANTED DAD TO BUILD **CYBORG SUPER-MEN** OUT OF ALL THE DEAD HUMAN SOLDIERS THEY HAD PILING UP.

DAD KNEW IT WAS GROSS. HE DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT, BUT PEOPLE WERE **DYING**.

DAD SAYS THE **DEATHLOKS** MIGHT HAVE TURNED THE TIDE, IF THEY'D BEEN FINISHED SOONER...

**MEANWHILE,**  
DEATH LOCKET'S UNDERGROUND ARMORY.

...MAGNETO **TORCHED** DAD'S LAB IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. MY MOM AND BROTHER DIED IN THE BLAST. **MOST** OF ME MADE IT OUT.

DAD, UM... REBUILT THE REST.

WE'VE BEEN DOWN HERE EVER SINCE, BUILDING A **DEATHLOK ARMY** FOR THE NEXT WAR AND DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THE HUMAN RESISTANCE.

THAT'S QUITE A THING. WHERE'S YOUR FATHER NOW?

THE HUMAN REEDUCATION CENTER. HE GOT PICKED UP IN ONE OF KING MAGNUS' RAIDS A FEW WEEKS BACK.

OH...

SORRY TO HEAR THAT, UM, DEATH LOCKET. I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE. WE'D ALL BE IN A **CELL** RIGHT NOW WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

AND I'LL APPRECIATE IT WHEN YOU SINK A COUPLE OF THOSE **ARROWS** INTO MAGNETO'S THICK HEAD, HAWKEYE.

I'M SORRY, WHAT NOW?

WE'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU GUYS FOR A WHILE. I KNOW LUKE CAGE HAD A PLAN TO ASSASSINATE MAGNUS.

I'M GONNA HELP YOU GUYS CARRY IT OUT.

THAT PLAN WAS FOR AN **ARMY, GIRL**.

MISTY'S RIGHT. THERE'S ONLY THE THREE OF US LEFT.



EVEN IF HE DIDN'T HAVE A CASTLE FULL OF GUARDS AROUND HIM, KING MAGNET'S AN **OMEGA-LEVEL MUTANT**.

HE'D SWAT US DOWN LIKE THREE LITTLE GNATS.

THERE ARE **FOUR GNATS** NOW, BLACK CAT.

ONE IS THE **WORLD'S GREATEST CAT BURGLAR**.

ONE JUST GOT A **SENTINEL-GRADE PLASMA CANNON** MOUNTED TO HER WRIST.



ONE IS SUCH A **GOOD SHOT** THAT HE CARRIES A **PURPLE BOW** AND A BUNCH OF **ARROWS** INSTEAD OF A GUN.

**GUILTY AS CHARGED.**

AND THE **FOURTH ONE** IS **ME.**



THIS BULLET ATTACKS THE **NERVOUS SYSTEM** AND **NEUTRALIZES** MUTANT POWERS.

DAD WAS WORKING ON **MASS PRODUCTION** WHEN THEY TOOK HIM.

I CAN'T MAKE ANY MORE OF THESE WITHOUT HIM... BUT THE **PROTOTYPE** IS METAL FREE--

--AND WILL FIT NICELY ON THE END OF AN **ARROW.**



YOU'LL ONLY GET **ONE SHOT**, BUT...

ONE IS ALL I'LL NEED.



CLINT, YOU AREN'T SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THIS?

WHY NOT?

FOR **STARTERS**, THE **MAN DOES** HAVE A CASTLE FULL OF **MUTANT GUARDS** AND **NUTSO OFFSPRING** AROUND HIM.