

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED...ALL THAT REMAINS IS
BATTLEWORLD!

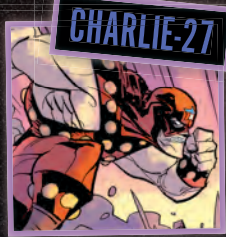
GUARDIANS - DUTY ROSTER:



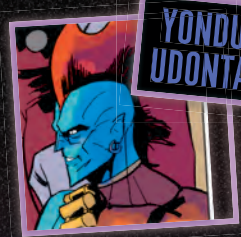
STARHAWK
(MANSION SANCTUM-OVERWATCH)



MAJOR VICTORY
(MOBILE COMMAND)



CHARLIE-27



**YONDU
UDONTA**

MARTINEX



**NICHOLETTE
GOLD**



GEENA DRAKE
(ASSISTANCE, MANSION
SANCTUM-OVERWATCH)

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GUARDIANS OVERWATCH CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

"MADNESS" ESCALATION

MORE INCIDENTS OF "MADNESS OUTBREAKS" HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE LAST WEEK. ADVISOR STARHAWK IS CONDUCTING A FULL INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN ORIGIN OF THE INFECTION. DETAILS OF THE ISSUE MUST BE WITHHELD FROM PRESS OUTLETS, BY ORDER OF BARON KORVAC, AND EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO KEEP INFORMATION AWAY FROM BARON WILLIAMS AND HIS ENTOURAGE.

"MADNESS" PRESENTS INITIALLY AS TROUBLED SLEEP PATTERNS AND VIVID DREAMS, FOLLOWED BY STATES OF PARANOIA AND CONFUSION, LEADING TO SUDDEN ESCALATION AND TRANSFORMATION, INCLUDING PHYSICAL TRANSMUTATION, BERSERK RAGE AND FRENZY. IF IDENTIFIED, ANY CASE OR POTENTIAL CASE MUST BE FLAGGED AS AN ALPHA STAR PRIORITY AND THE GUARDIANS MUST BE SUMMONED.



WELL...

ROUTE OF THE WELCOME PARADE, NEAR 10TH STREET.



...THERE'S NOT A WHISPER OF ENERGETIC RESIDUE, MAJOR VICTORY.

NOTHING TO INDICATE WHAT TRANSMUTED CARINA KORVAC INTO THAT... MONSTER.

BIG SURPRISE, CAPTAIN. NO PREVIOUS MANIFESTATIONS HAVE LEFT EVIDENCE EITHER.

STARHAWK'S CONDUCTING AN ASTRAL SEARCH--



I KNOW. I ASKED MOONDRAGON TO ASSIST HIM.

REALLY? IS THE WONDER MAN HAPPY WITH HIS AVENGERS COLLUDING WITH MY GUARDIANS?

I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN TO MENTION IT TO HIM.



VANCE, I WANT TO HELP, EVEN IF IT HAS TO BE OFF THE RECORD.

GUILT'S A TOXIC THING, MAR-VELL. LET IT GO.

A MONSTROSITY WAS ASSAULTING YOUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. YOU HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SANCTION--

HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN FRIENDS, VANCE?

I DON'T KNOW. YEARS.



AND THE STORIES, HUH?

IN THE ULTRON WARS, WE WERE BROTHERS-IN-ARMS.

WE WERE.

THEN THE MIGHTY **BARON KORVAC** NEEDED A PRAETORIAN, AND YOU AND YOUR GUARDIANS ANSWERED THE CALL.

HIS RIVAL, THE **WONDER MAN** OF THE HOLY WOOD, REQUIRED A BODYGUARD, AND I TOOK MY AVENGERS INTO HIS SERVICE.

IT COULD'VE EASILY BEEN THE OTHER WAY AROUND.



SURE DO YOU HAVE A POINT ASIDE FROM REMINDING ME HOW OLD I'VE GOTTEN?

JUST THAT **WE** GO BACK.

THIS *ISN'T* ABOUT GUILT. **BARON WILLIAMS** IS WORRIED. HE THINKS IF **KORVAC** DOESN'T FIX THIS PROBLEM FAST, IT'LL DRAW THE **WRATH OF DOOM** DOWN ON US ALL.

THEN **WE ALL** LOSE.



YOU'D TELL ME IF **WILLIAMS** WAS PREPARING TO **STRIKE**, WOULDN'T YOU?

OF COURSE.

BUT THE **WONDER MAN** *WILL* FIX THINGS IF **KORVAC** DOESN'T. HE'S ANXIOUS TO SHOW **DOOMSTADT** THAT HE IS THE MORE **VALUABLE ASSET**.

A WAR BETWEEN OUR MASTERS IS THE LAST THING *EITHER* OF US WANTS.

LET'S **TRUST** EACH OTHER AND PULL TOGETHER TO AVERT ANY DISASTERS.



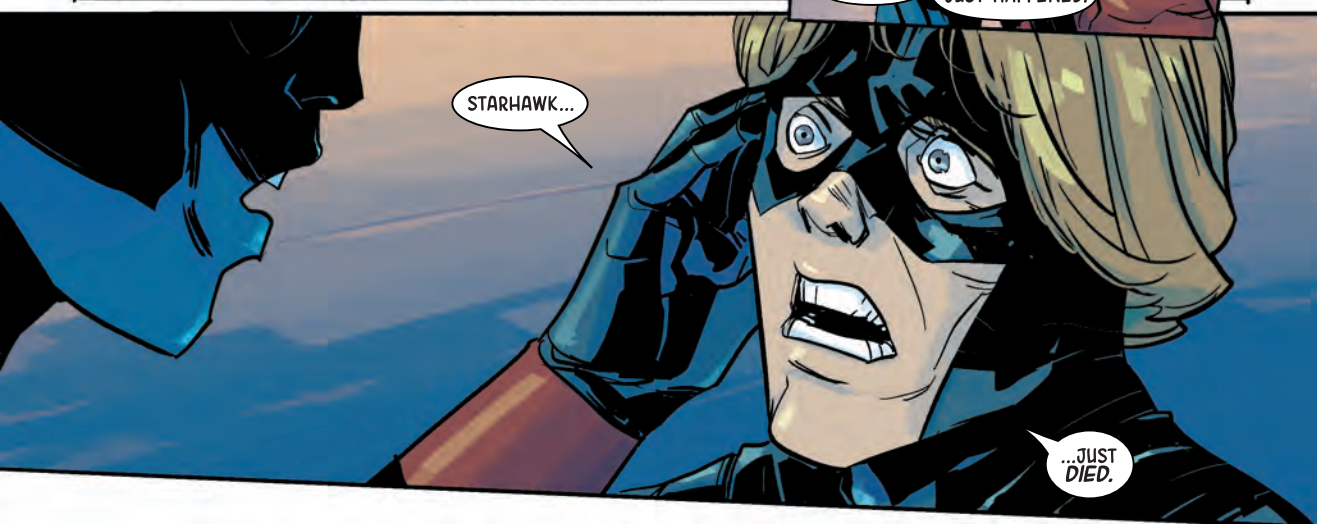
RIGHT. OR FACE THE REPRISAL OF THE **THORS** IF IT ALL GOES TO HELL IN--

--**MAR-VELL?**

NHH. DID YOU FEEL THAT?

PSYCHIC FEEDBACK.

SOMETHING JUST HAPPENED.



STARHAWK...

...JUST DIED.

THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

WHAT IN THE NAME OF DOOM JUST HAPPENED?

ANSWER ME!

WE D-DON'T KNOW, SIR.

STARHAWK? STAKARI!

STARHAWK WAS PROJECTING HIS ASTRAL SELF AND--

HIS MIND ENCOUNTERED SOMETHING, BARON KORVAC. AND IT...OBLITERATED HIM.

I FELT THE PSI-SCREAM, MOONDRAGON.

APOLOGIES, MY LORD. I FORGOT YOU ARE SENSITIVE.



I CHOOSE NOT TO PARADE MY POWERS THE WAY YOUR MASTER DOES.

A **CURIOUS** CHOICE, GIVEN THAT YOU ARE THE MOST **POWERFUL** PSIONIC IN THE KNOWN DOMAINS.

I HAVE MY REASONS. NOW BE QUIET AND LET ME PROBE HIS MIND.

GOD DOOM... HE'S JUST A HÜSKI BURNED OUT.