

# SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

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!

IAN ROGERS IS **NOMAD**: BIOLOGICAL SON OF ARNIM ZOLA, ADOPTED SON OF STEVE ROGERS AND SHARON CARTER, AND PARTNER TO SAM WILSON, THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA.

NOMAD PASSED THROUGH THE INFINITE ELEVATOR AND EMERGED IN A NIGHTMARE VERSION OF NEW YORK CITY RULED BY HYDRA AND DEFENDED BY LEOPOLD ZOLA, THE MAN NOMAD WAS MEANT TO BECOME!

BROKEN AND DEFEATED AFTER HIS BATTLE WITH LEOPOLD ZOLA, A.K.A. CAPTAIN HYDRA, NOMAD FLED INTO THE SEWERS AND WAS TAKEN IN BY AN UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT LED BY STEVE ROGERS.

BUT NOMAD'S TIME WITH HIS PARENTS AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ELLIE, WAS CUT SHORT WHEN VENOM AND HIS HYDRA SYMBIOTE VIPERS ATTACKED. THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS WERE SLAUGHTERED AND ELLIE AND NOMAD HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RUN...



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FREE, CITIZENS OF  
NEW YORK!

YOU TRUST  
YOUR AVENGERS  
TO ALWAYS PROTECT  
YOU--AND WE  
HAVE!



THE  
TERRORISTS  
HAVE BEEN  
TRAMPLED!

THE DEMOCRATIC  
RATS SCURRYING IN  
OUR MIDST WERE DRAWN  
INTO A TRAP, AND  
CLEANSED FROM  
OUR UTOPIA!



HAIL ARNIM  
ZOLA, OUR GLORIOUS  
LEADER, FOR TIRELESSLY  
HUNTING THOSE WHO WOULD  
TAINT THE PURITY OF THE  
PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS  
WITH TOXIC IDEAS FULL OF  
RUINOUS AND GREEDY  
CAPITALISM!

**HAIL  
ZOLA!**



I NOW GIVE YOU THE MAGNIFICENT CAPTAIN HYDRA, THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIEGE THAT CLEANSED THIS DISEASE FROM OUR MIDST!

THANK YOU, IRON BARON.



THE HELL IS STRUCKER GOING ON ABOUT, ELLIE?

MY DOPPELGÄNGER DIDN'T SET FOOT INTO THE SEWERS--IT WAS THE SYMBIOTE.

I GUESS THEY DON'T HAVE NEPOTISM WHERE YOU COME FROM, IAN.



WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED TODAY WAS NO EASY TASK!

THE DEMOCRATS HAD EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES. THEY'D AMASSED AN ARSENAL, AND THOUGH I KNEW I WAS OUTNUMBERED--I ALSO KNEW IT WAS NOW OR NEVER.



I WENT DOWN INTO THE DARK PLACE TO SECURE THE HOMELAND AT ANY COST, FOR YOU, MY PEOPLE!

AND BECAUSE OF THAT INSTINCT, AN INSTINCT TAUGHT TO ME BY MY GREAT FATHER, ARNIM ZOLA--



--I WAS ABLE TO VANQUISH OUR FOES AND KEEP US ALL SAFE!

HURRY, WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE SAFEHOUSE BEFORE YOU'RE SPOTTED.

SLOW  
DOWN,  
ELLIE.

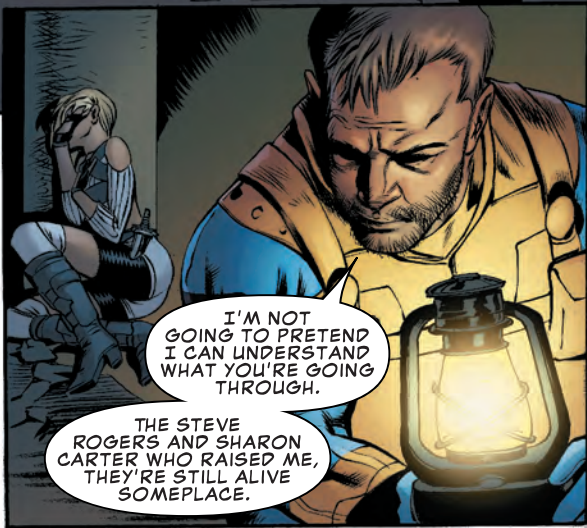
NO ONE  
FOLLOWED  
US.



IT  
WOULDN'T  
MATTER IF  
THEY HAD.

MY PARENTS  
ARE DEAD, AND  
THE HEART OF THE  
RESISTANCE  
WITH THEM.

NOTHING  
MATTERS  
NOW.



I'M NOT  
GOING TO PRETEND  
I CAN UNDERSTAND  
WHAT YOU'RE GOING  
THROUGH.

THE STEVE  
ROGERS AND SHARON  
CARTER WHO RAISED ME,  
THEY'RE STILL ALIVE  
SOMEPLACE.



OR  
SO I LIKE TO  
THINK.

I CAN'T  
IMAGINE LOSING  
THEM.

SEEING  
WHAT YOU  
SAW...



THERE'S  
NOTHING I CAN  
SAY THAT'S GOING  
TO HELP  
THAT.

BUT YOU  
ARE WHAT'S  
LEFT OF THEIR  
DREAM.

AND IF THE  
STEVE AND SHARON  
WHO RAISED YOU ARE  
ANYTHING LIKE THE  
PEOPLE WHO  
RAISED ME--



--THIS IS  
THE LAST  
THING THAT  
THEY WOULD  
WANT.

DID YOU  
EVER FEEL THAT  
THERE WAS NO WAY  
THAT YOU COULD  
EVER MEASURE  
UP TO THEM?