

NEW YORK IS NO MORE! IN ITS PLACE STANDS NUEVA YORK, A TOWERING METROPOLIS FILLED WITH NEW INCARNATIONS OF THE HEROES OF THE PAST! TAKING ON THE MANTLES OF SUCH HEROES AS CAPTAIN AMERICA, IRON MAN, AND HAWKEYE, THESE NEW AVENGERS FIGHT FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND MEGACORPORATIONS LIKE ALCHEMAX. THIS IS

# SECRET WARS 2099

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT! 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!

IN ONE SUCH DOMAIN, IN A FUTURISTIC METROPOLIS CALLED NUEVA YORK, THE AVENGERS ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY ALCHEMAX, A MASSIVE CORPORATION THAT CONTROLS SUPERHUMAN ACTIVITY.

WHEN AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON CAPTAIN AMERICA'S LIFE, THE AVENGERS BEGAN AN INVESTIGATION AND CROSSED PATHS WITH THE DEFENDERS, A GROUP OF HEROES OPERATING OUTSIDE OF ALCHEMAX'S CONTROL.

MIGUEL STONE, THE CEO OF ALCHEMAX, ORDERED THEIR IMMEDIATE ARREST TO THE DISMAY OF CAPTAIN AMERICA, WHO NOW FINDS HERSELF HAVING TO CHOSE A SIDE.

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HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE AVENGERS.  
THE YEAR 2099.**



I TOLD MIGUEL I WOULD GIVE UP DRINKING.

NOT SO WELL.

HOW DID YOU DO IT?

HOW DID THAT WORK OUT FOR YOU?

DO WHAT?



CAPTIVATE THE VALKYRIE? WHAT SAID YOU TO ENGAGE HER?

I WOULD TRULY LIKE TO KNOW.

WHY? YOU MUST HAVE WOMEN AT YOUR DISPOSAL.

YOU ARE A MUSCLED GOD. YOU MUST BE BEATING THEM AWAY WITH A STICK.



NAY. MODERN WOMEN ARE A MYSTERY TO ME. NOTHING I SAY SATISFIES THEM.

WOMEN NO LONGER WANT TO BE SWEEPED OFF THEIR FEET.

OF COURSE NOT. THEY WISH TO BE ENGAGED. MENTALLY STIMULATED.



YOU MEAN LIKE...CARD TRICKS?

NO! NOT CARD TRICKS! SELECT TOPICS THAT INTRIGUE THEM. DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THEM.



AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK?

FEATS OF STRENGTH.

THAT I CAN DO.

**HERCULES!**



ONE SIDE. WE'RE HERE TO ARREST THE SUB-MARINER.



ARREST HIM? FOR WHAT? HE MAY BE A BIT OF AN OAF, BUT HE IS NOT SO BAD, REALLY.

I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK.

WE WEREN'T GIVEN REASONS, SIR. JUST ORDERS FROM MR. STONE HIMSELF TO ARREST HIM AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM OF DEFENDERS.



WELL... THAT MAKES SENSE.

STEP ASIDE, SIR. WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO BRING YOU IN T--





SIR! BETA SQUAD IS REPORTING A PROBLEM WITH APPREHENDING THE SUB-MARINER!

APPARENTLY HERCULES IS OFFERING RESISTANCE.

OH, FOR...  
WIDOW, HAWK, GET DOWN THERE. SWEET-TALK HIM, TANIA. WE DON'T NEED A FULL-BLOWN BATTLE IN THE BUILDING.

SIR, I CANNOT SAY I'M ENAMORED OF THIS PROTOCOL.

I PROMISED THE DEFENDERS THEY COULD LEAVE. I GAVE THEM MY WORD.

AND MY WORD OUTRANKS YOURS.

MR. STONE, WE'RE TAKING THEM PRISONERS! AND THEY'RE HEROES!

NOT IF THEY DON'T WORK FOR US.



MR. STONE, YOUR FATHER...

I'LL CALL HIM BACK! WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER!

NO, HE'S HERE.

OH, PERFECT.



SIR, PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING. I BELIEVE THESE ARE FUNDAMENTALLY GOOD PEOPLE.

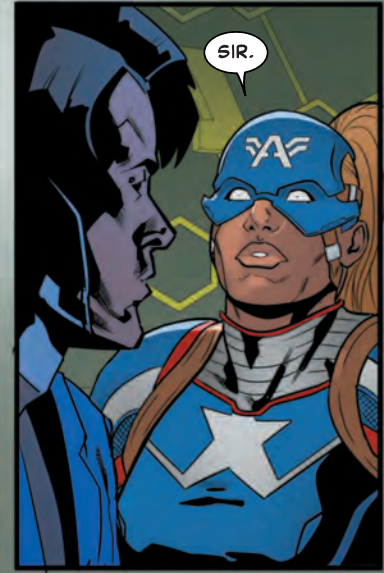
I KNOW THE LAW, BUT ISN'T THERE A WAY TO--

DISMISSED.



BUT... BUT ISN'T... I...

I SAID DISMISSED.



SIR.



CAPTAIN.  
GOOD  
DAY.

CAPT--?  
AH.  
TRANSITIONING.  
OF COURSE.

DAD, THIS  
IS A BAD  
TIME.

I JUST  
WANTED TO  
TALK. YOU NEVER  
HAVE TIME  
TO TALK.

I'M BUSY  
RUNNING THE  
COMPANY YOU  
HANDED TO ME.

HANDED?  
THAT YOU  
TOOK, AS I  
RECALL.



NO.  
NO, THIS  
IS...  
THIS IS  
WRONG.



HARRY?  
HARRY, HELP  
ME. I...

I DON'T  
NEED HELP.  
I NEED...



**WAAM**

I PROMISED!  
I GAVE MY  
WORD! MY WORD  
HAS TO MEAN  
SOMETHING!

AMERICA'S  
WORD HAS  
TO MEAN  
SOMETHING...!

IT...  
I...HAVE  
TO...



ASSEMBLE.

"WHAT THE  
SHOCK IS  
WRONG WITH  
HER?"