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**TWO HEROES. ONE MANTLE. NO QUARTER.**

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A Cosmic Cube transformed Steve Rogers, Captain America, into the ultimate Hydra sleeper agent—and he used a moment of international crisis to claim the country for Hydra. Earth's strongest heroes are trapped in Darkforce-enshrouded Manhattan or beyond the planetary defense shield. Inhumans are imprisoned in holding camps, and mutants have been exiled to a territory called New Tian.

Sam Wilson walked away from the Captain America mantle before Steve Rogers' true colors were revealed, and he's tried to make up for that by joining the anti-Hydra resistance. But with their base destroyed, their allies dying and their Cosmic Cube fragments lost to Steve Rogers, the Underground is ready to give up the fight.

It's time for Captain America to make a stand...

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IT WAS THE DAY  
WHEN THE AXIS  
OF THE WORLD  
BEGAN TO SHIFT.

THE DAY  
HISTORY WAS  
DETERMINED.

THAT DAY, TWO  
SPEECHES WERE  
DELIVERED, AND  
WITH THE FIRST  
CAME--

WAR.



THIS IS NOT A DECISION THAT I HAVE UNDERTAKEN LIGHTLY. WAR IS AN OPTION OF **LAST RESORT**.

THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE THE RESULT OF MUCH DELIBERATION BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE HIGH COUNCIL.



WE PREFER PEACE, ALWAYS. BUT PEACE IS ONLY DERIVED FROM **STRENGTH**. JUSTICE FROM **AUTHORITY**.

AS WE SEEK ORDER, WE MUST ALWAYS UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL TEST OUR RESOLVE.



FOR YEARS, THE NATION OF WAKANDA HAS BEEN A THORN IN OUR SIDE--PROLIFERATING DANGEROUS TECHNOLOGIES AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, IGNORING INTERNATIONAL LAW--

--AND THAT ENDS NOW.

WHEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COLLAPSED DUE TO ITS CORRUPTION AND WEAKNESS, A GROUP OF RADICAL MUTANT SEPARATISTS USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO FORM THE ILLEGAL TERRITORY CALLED NEW TIAN.

SINCE TAKING POWER, I HAVE PROMISED TO RESOLVE THAT INJUSTICE. TODAY, I **FULFILL** THAT PROMISE.



THE HEADS OF BOTH OF THESE SO-CALLED STATES HAVE IGNORED OUR REPEATED DEMANDS, AND INSTEAD HAVE CHOSEN A PATH OF **AGGRESSION** AND **DEFIANCE**.

THOSE BEHAVIORS ARE NO DOUBT DUE IN PART TO THE FACT THAT PREVIOUS REGIMES WERE MORE THAN WILLING TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY WHEN CHALLENGES AROSE. REST ASSURED--





--THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE.

WE ARE GOING TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT **DISOBEDIENCE** REAPS. HOW THE RULES HAVE **CHANGED**.



WE PUNISH THOSE WHO TRANSGRESS. WE FIGHT TO THE LAST.

CLUT OFF ONE LIMB, TWO MORE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE.



TO THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA AND NEW TIAN, THERE IS STILL TIME--URGE YOUR "LEADERS" TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED. RISE UP AND SAVE YOURSELVES.

BECAUSE WE ARE COMING. AND WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THIS IS FINISHED.



UNTIL WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY OURS IS RETURNED.

UNTIL WHAT WAS TAKEN FROM US IS RESTORED.



HAIL HYDRA.