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**THE UNIVERSAL INHUMANS!**

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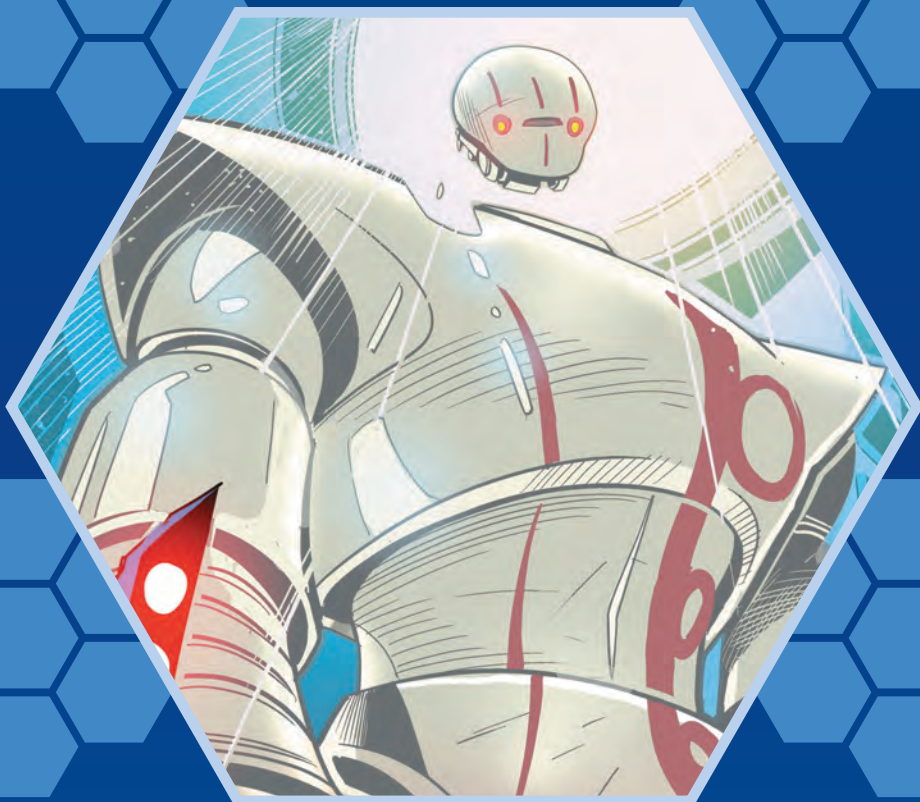
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EXPERIMENTED UPON LONG AGO BY ALIENS KNOWN AS THE KREE, *THE INHUMANS* ARE A RACE OF SUPER-BEINGS WHO CAN UNLOCK AMAZING ABILITIES VIA THE MYSTERIOUS ELEMENT *TERRIGEN*.

BUT AFTER LEARNING THAT TERRIGEN WAS POISONING EARTH'S MUTANT POPULATION, THE QUEEN OF THE INHUMANS, *MEDUSA*, DESTROYED ALL TRACES OF IT, MEANING THERE WILL BE NO MORE NEW INHUMANS. HEAVY WITH GUILT, MEDUSA ABDICATED THE THRONE—LEAVING THE INHUMANS WITHOUT THEIR ROYAL FAMILY.

BUT IF THE ROYALS CAN NO LONGER RULE INHUMANITY...THEY CAN STILL SAVE IT.

# ROYALS



MARVEL BOY CLAIMED THERE WAS A SECRET BURIED IN THE REMAINS OF HALA, THE KREE HOMEWORLD, WHICH COULD RESTORE THE FUTURE OF THE INHUMAN RACE. THE ROYAL FAMILY AND A COUPLE OF NEW INHUMANS JOURNEYED THERE WITH HIM. ALONG THE WAY, MEDUSA REVEALED SHE IS DYING FROM A MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS.

THE ROYALS FOUND SOMEONE HAUNTING DEAD HALA: RONAN, FORMER SUPREME ACCUSER OF THE KREE EMPIRE AND CRYSTAL'S EX-HUSBAND. HE TRAPPED THEM IN FALSE REALITIES TO FACE THEIR DARKEST FEARS, BUT THEY ESCAPED, AND MARVEL BOY EXECUTED HIS TRUE PLAN: TO PLANT THE SEED OF THE PLEX, THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE AND LEADER OF THE KREE FROM MARVEL BOY'S HOME DIMENSION, IN THE HOPES THAT IT WILL LEAD THE KREE INTO A NEW AGE.

THE PLEX REVEALED THE NEXT STEP IN THE ROYALS' JOURNEY: BEFORE THE KREE BEGAN THE EXPERIMENTS THAT CREATED THE INHUMANS, BEFORE THEY MADE TERRIGEN, THERE WAS PRIMAGEN—THE MATERIAL THAT CREATED THE KREE THEMSELVES. TO FIND IT AND ITS PROGENITORS, THE ROYALS MUST TRACK THE ORIGIN OF THE SKYSPARS, STRANGE, DEADLY OBELISKS THAT LANDED ON EARTH MONTHS AGO.

THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN THE FUTURE, THE LAST INHUMAN, A WORN MAXIMUS THE MAD, HAS WOKEN A DIFFERENT ACCUSER—AN OLDER NOH-VARR—TO FACE A TERRIBLE THREAT.

THE PROGENITORS ARE RETURNING.

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## MEDUSA

Wife of Black Bolt. Her hair is stronger than steel—and entirely under her control.



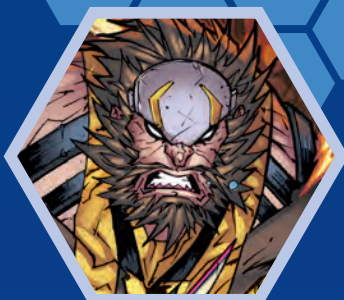
## MAXIMUS

Brother of Black Bolt. Super-genius and mind-controller. Completely insane.



## CRYSTAL

Sister of Medusa. She has total control over air, earth, fire, and water.



## GORGON

Cousin of Black Bolt. One stomp of his hooves makes the earth tremble.



## SWAIN

A new Inhuman. She can push emotions and opinions in her favor.



## MARVEL BOY

Kree explorer from another dimension. Engineered with insect traits for combat superiority.



## FLINT

A new Inhuman. Rock and stone obey his thoughts—the bigger, the better.

FIVE THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW.

EVEN AT MIDNIGHT,  
THE AIR IN THE STONE  
FOREST IS STIFLING.

# The Strangers Came Today

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PETRIFIED TREES SHIMMER  
LIKE DANCING BONES IN  
THE HEAT HAZE. BROKEN  
RIBS IN THE DEAD LUNGS  
OF THE WORLD.

THE ACCUSER,  
TAKING POINT,  
PAUSES FOR  
A MOMENT.



TASTES  
MICROPARTICLES  
IN THE AIR.

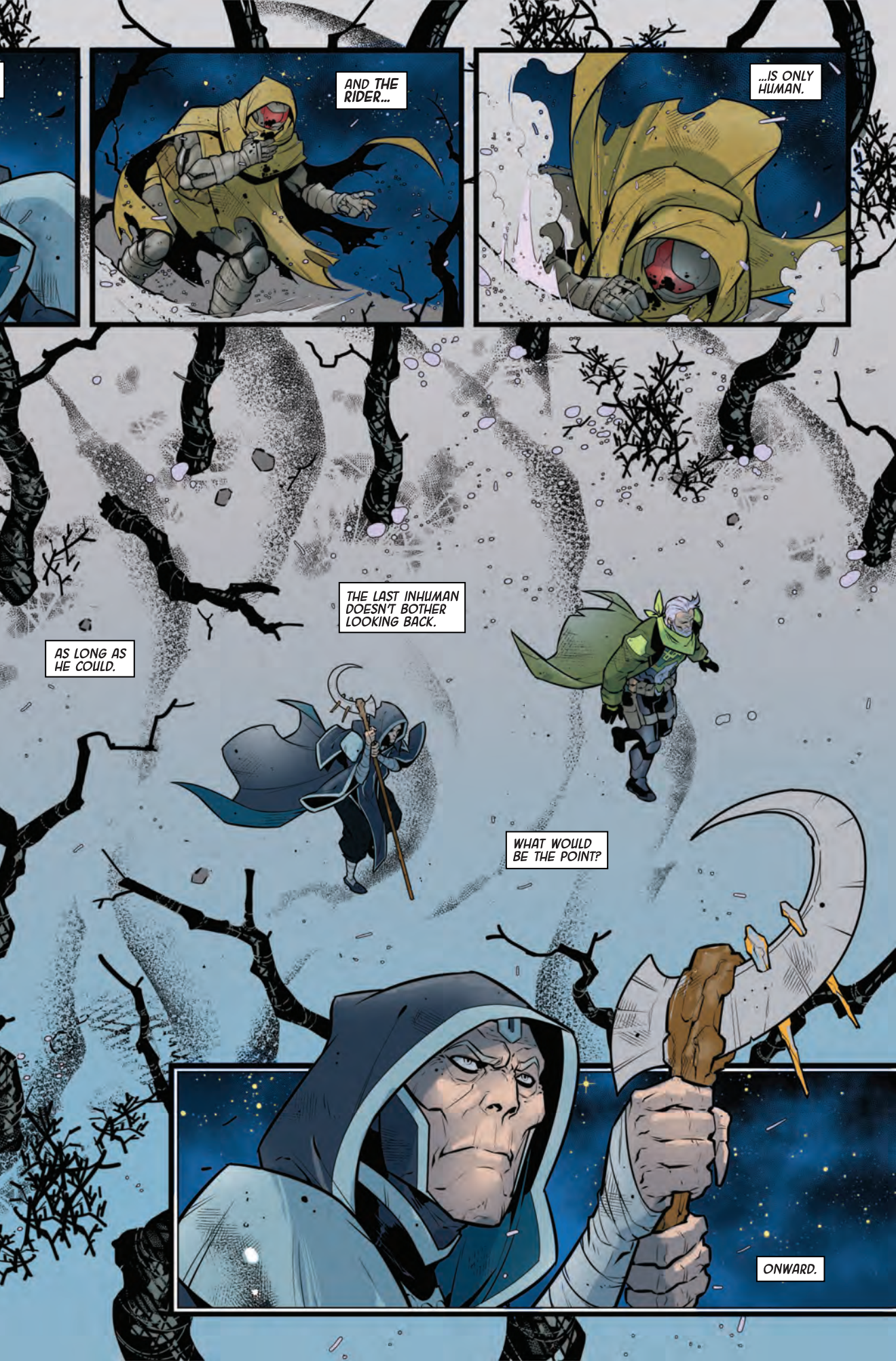
GAUGES  
DIRECTION.



THE LAST INHUMAN  
CURSES THE DELAY.



HIS MOUNT DIED OF HEATSTROKE  
SOON AFTER REACHING THE  
COAST. HE HAD NOWHERE ELSE  
TO GO BUT ON.



AND THE  
RIDER...

...IS ONLY  
HUMAN.

THE LAST INHUMAN  
DOESN'T BOTHER  
LOOKING BACK.

AS LONG AS  
HE COULD.

WHAT WOULD  
BE THE POINT?

ONWARD.