

In the aftermath of the second superhuman civil war, the world has become disillusioned with its heroes. The next generation has to be better. They have to be...

CHAMPIONS



MS. MARVEL



SPIDER-MAN



NOVA



HULK



VIV VISION



CYCLOPS



THE CHAMPIONS' REPUTATION HAS BEEN UNDER ATTACK BY THE FREELANCERS, A GROUP OF SUPER-POWERED CORPORATE MERCENARIES. JUST WHEN THE CHAMPIONS THOUGHT THEY WERE IN THE CLEAR, THE FREELANCERS REVEALED THAT THEY'D COPYRIGHTED THE CHAMPIONS SYMBOL--AND PLANNED TO CASH IN ON IT.

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HE WILL, TOO!

IT'S A BAD IDEA. HE WON'T.

HE'D BETTER!

LET ME GO!

YOW. GLAD THIS BUILDING IS CONDEMNED.

RUN, NOVA! SAVE YOURSELF!

IS SHE UNDER MIND CONTROL OR SOMETHING, SPIDEY? WHAT DOES SHE WANT? WHAT'S GOING ON? SHE SOUNDED CALM WHEN SHE CALLED!





I MEAN IT!

SHE GOT HER SECOND WIND.

SHE WANTS YOU TO FLY HER TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IS THAT A BIG ENOUGH--



--CLUUUUUUUE--!

SKRAKAKKAKK



SKRAKAKKAKK

AAAND THERE GOES THE ROOF.



EVERYONE OKAY?

GET ME OUT OF HERE!

JUST FLY ME TO CALIFORNIA!

ANSWERS THAT.



I KNOW THE TEAM IS DELIBERATELY AVOIDING OLD-SCHOOL, BUT WE REALLY OUGHT TO FIND AN ACTUAL HEADQUARTERS...

CALIFORNIA!

HEARD OF IT.

ARE YOU DONE THROWING A FIT?

... TAKE ME TO CALIFORNIA. PLEASE.

UH-OH, IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE--!

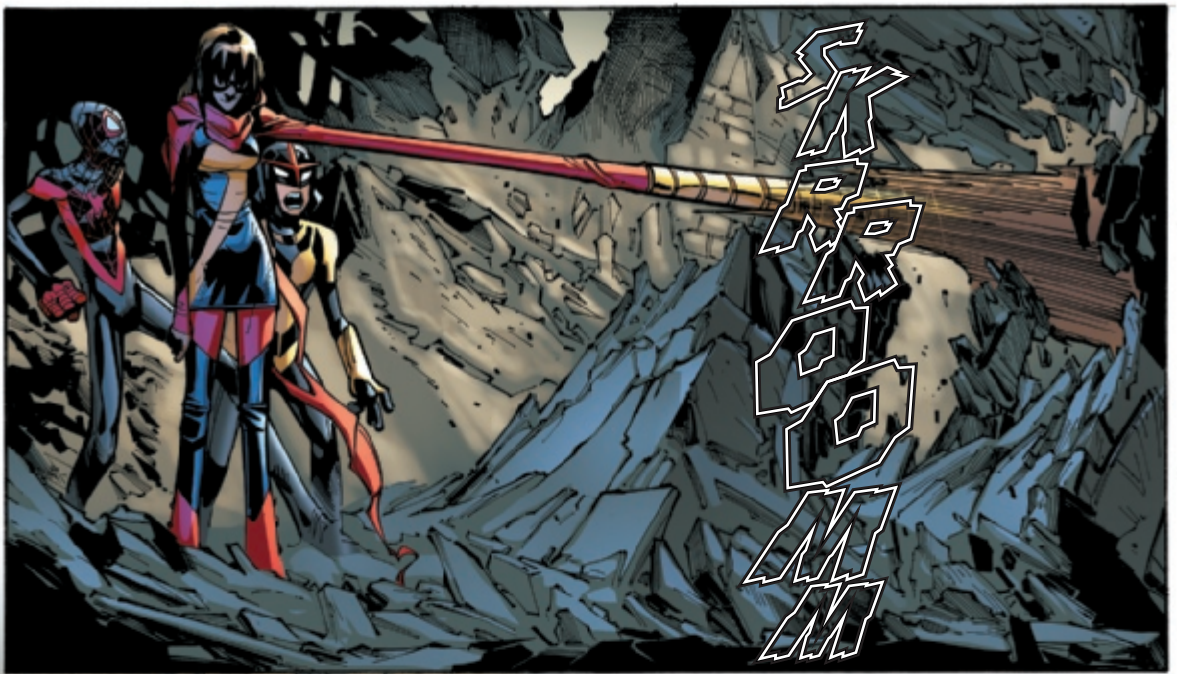
GIVE THAT AN HOUR OR SO, IT'LL MELT AWAY.

MARV, I KNOW THE FREELANCERS SCREWED US, AND IT STINGS, BUT THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL.

RELAX, OKAY, MS. MARVEL? BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WE'LL GET YOU LOOSE!

NOVA CAN'T JUST DROP YOU OFF AT THEIR FRONT DOOR SO YOU CAN KNOCK HEADS. THAT'LL JUST MAKE THIS WORSE. YOU KNOW THAT.





HEY...
HEY...

THE
FREELANCERS ARE
PUKES. THEY RIPPED OFF OUR
SYMBOL AND TRADEMARKED
IT JUST FOR SPITE.
SUCKS.



BUT
LIKE SPIDEY
SAID, THEY DIDN'T
BREAK THE LAW,
Y'KNOW?

JERK MOVE,
BUT THEY'LL CROSS
SOME OTHER LINE
SOONER OR LATER, AND
YOU CAN BE MAD
AT THEM FOR
THAT.



YOU'RE
RIGHT, EW
NOT MAD AT
THEM.

I
CAN'T HEAR.
WHAT?



I SAID,
I'M NOT
MAD AT
THEM!

I'M MAD AT
MYSELF!

HWUFF!



I'M
MAD THAT
I COULD'VE
STOPPED
THIS.