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**EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES**

# THE AVENGERS #1



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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's might

On that day, the Ave

To fight the foes no single su

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mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat.  
The Avengers were born.  
No super hero could withstand.

# MIGHTIEST HEROES

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**EARTH.  
NOW.**

"HERE YOU GO, BOYS."

BEER,  
MEAD AND  
A SHIRLEY  
TEMPLE.  
  
CAN  
I GET  
YOU FELLAS  
ANYTHING  
ELSE?

THINK  
THAT'LL DO  
FOR A START.  
THANKS.

A TOAST,  
BROTHERS.

TO  
SEIZING  
THE DAY.

BY ITS  
ODIN-DAMNED  
THROAT.

TO THE  
FUTURE.

ONE  
WITHOUT  
ME IN A  
COMA.

TO THE  
GOOD OLD  
DAYS.

TO THE  
AVENGERS.





ONE DRINK, STEVE. WE COULDN'T EVEN GET THROUGH ONE DRINK WITHOUT YOU SAYING THE A-WORD.

I AM THROUGH WITH MY DRINK.

BARTENDER! ANOTHER!

I DON'T KNOW, TONY, FEELS TO ME LIKE IT'S BEEN A MILLION YEARS SINCE I'VE SAID IT. OR MORE THAN THAT, FELT IT.



WELL, I SUPPOSE I'M STILL JUST HAPPY TO BE FEELING ANYTHING AT ALL.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF ME BEING MY USUAL AMAZING SELF AND DOING ALL SORTS OF AMAZING ME-STUFF?

BEING BRAIN-DEAD.



WE GET IT. YOU WERE IN A COMA. FOR WHAT, A FEW WEEKS?

I WAS TRAPPED IN ICE FOR THE FIRST 40 SUPER BOWLS.

AND LATELY IT'S A MATTER OF OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT I SHOULD STILL BE IN THERE.



I ONCE BROKE INTO MY FATHER'S PRIVATE CASHHOUSE AND DRANK MYSELF INTO A STUPOR THAT LASTED NINE MOON TURNS.

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT DOING THAT AGAIN. EVERY TIME I REACH FOR A Mjolnir THAT IS NO LONGER THERE.

AND THAT I PROBABLY COULD NOT LIFT EVEN IF IT WERE.



WE MAKE QUITE THE TRIO. HYDRA CAP, COMA TONY AND THE UNWORTHY THOR.

CLEARLY IT'S BEEN A BUMPY RIDE FOR ALL THREE OF US LATELY. BUT WE'RE HERE NOW, AREN'T WE? GOOD AS NEW.

ISH.



I'VE GOT A WORKING BRAIN AND NEW ARMOR. THOR'S GOT NEW HAMMERS. CAP IS...THE SAME OLD CAP AGAIN. WHAT MORE DO WE NEED?

YOU KNOW WHAT WE NEED.

WE NEED TO PUT IT ALL BACK TOGETHER.



STEVE...I'M NOT SURE WE'RE THE ONES TO DO THAT ANYMORE.



TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

SO HAVE WE, TONY.

THEN WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE WHEN IT'S TIME TO STEP ASIDE.

WE DID THAT. NOW IT'S TIME TO STEP UP AGAIN. IN THE WAY ONLY WE CAN.



WE'RE NOT AS SPECIAL AS WE USED TO BE.

DID I REALLY JUST SAY THAT?

I COULD GIVE YOU TWENTY NAMES OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, STEVE. PEOPLE WHO COULD TAKE WHAT WE BUILT AND MAKE SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW AND EXCITING FROM IT.

SOMETIMES WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN. STORY OF MY LIFE.

WE'LL HAVE TO DO THIS, TONY. SOONER OR LATER. WE ALWAYS HAVE TO. WE NEED TO BE READY.





WE'VE TRIED BEFORE TO BE READY FOR EVERYTHING. THAT GOT UNWIELDY. AND GOD-AWFUL EXPENSIVE.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. I'M TALKING LEAN. WITH US AT THE CORE. LIKE IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING.

IN THE BEGINNING IT JUST HAPPENED. IT WASN'T US. IT WAS ACTUALLY MORE LOKI THAN US. AND WHO SAYS IT HAS TO BE THE THREE OF US ANYMORE AT THE--



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THOR, GOD OF THUNDER... SAYS...

...AS THE STARS ARE MY WITNESS...

...IT MUST BE US.

WE... NEED THIS. NOW MORE THAN EVER. WE THREE NEED ONE ANOTHER.

WE CANNOT RUN FROM THAT, MY BROTHERS. WE MUST EMBRACE IT.



OKAY. SO... WOW, SUDDENLY BEING CLINICALLY DEAD HAS A NICE, SOOTHING RING TO IT.

SO TELL ME SOMETHING, CAPTAIN AND TENNILLE, SINCE YOU TWO SEEM TO HAVE THIS ALL FIGURED OUT...

...EXACTLY WHO THE HELL ALL AM I SUPPOSED TO BE EMBRACING THIS TIME AROUND?

