

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 SUPER-HUMAN ACTIVITY. SOMEONE HAS TARGETED THEM, HOWEVER, AND CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS NEARLY ASSASSINATED IN HER HOME. ONE MAN, MARTIN HARGOOD, KNOWS WHY. THE AVENGERS TRACKED HIM DOWN, BUT CROSSED PATHS WITH THE DEFENDERS, A GROUP OF SUPERHUMANS OPERATING WITHOUT ALCHEMAX'S AUTHORIZATION.

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MARTIN HARGOOD.

WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ATTEMPT ON CAPTAIN AMERICA'S LIFE.

WHAT THE--

THE "DEFENDERS"? WEIRD NAME. WHAT ARE YOU DEFENDING, EXACTLY?

DOWNTOWN. FROM VARIOUS NASTY THREATS.

WHICH WE'RE QUITE SURE YOU DEFINITELY ARE NOT.

I AIN'T SURE OF THAT AT ALL.

THE AVENGERS.

HAWKEYE, IRON MAN, HERCULES, CAPTAIN AMERICA, AND BLACK WIDOW.

THE DEFENDERS.

DOCTOR STRANGE, THE HULK, AND SILVER SURFER.

LOOK...WE'RE OBVIOUSLY ALL INTERESTED IN MARTIN HARGOOD. WE CAN CERTAINLY SET ASIDE WHATEVER DIFFERENCES WE MAY HAVE AND FOCUS ON HIM.

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GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, HARGOOD?

SHOCK!

SO... IT'S GOING TO BE THAT WAY, IS IT? YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME!



YOU HAVE THE INTEREST OF OUR COMPATRIOTS. SO WE SUGGEST THAT YOU SURRENDER AND RETURN TO--



I HAVE NEVER BEEN MUCH FOR SURRENDERING.



SO, WHOEVER YOU ARE, I SUGGEST YOU GET OUT OF MY WAY!

FWAAAZOWWWW



WHAT WAS THAT?

WHERE'S HARGOOD?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE WATCHING HIM!

PERFECT. THAT'S JUST GREAT.



HE WILL NOT GET FAR.



OUT OF MY WAY, I SAID!



YOU DARE ASSAULT ME? YOU SLUG!



EEEYARRHHH!

YOU HAVE NOT EARNED THE PRIVILEGE!



AH. CAPTAIN, THIS IS THE REST OF MY TEAM.

VINDER
YOUR VIRTUAL PARTNER

MY TEAM.
YOU SERVE
BESIDE
ME.

THIS IS THE
SUB-MARINER.
I AM
VALKYRIE.

AND YOU
ARE--?

