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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom—but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

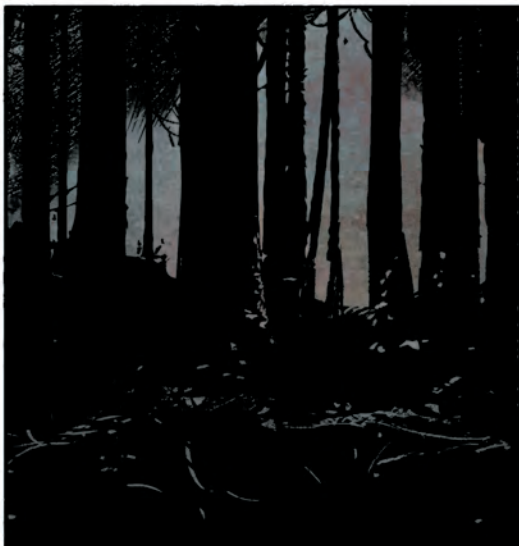
Victor recently discovered that his mother, the dark arts master Cynthia Von Doom, was alive and wanted to rekindle their relationship—but there's a dark version of Reed Richards whispering in her ear at every turn, and his motives are still unknown. This version of Reed also approached Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, and asked him to kill the man who was Doctor Doom.

Unaware of the dangerous forces closing in around him, Victor used an encounter with Tony Stark's successor, Ironheart, to peer into the future, but the vision incapacitated him, and Ironheart turned him in to S.H.I.E.L.D. while he was unconscious.

When a few rogue S.H.I.E.L.D. agents decided to take justice into their own hands and eliminate the captive Victor, his mother came to his aid—destroying the Helicarrier and whisking him away to safety.

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LATVERIA.
MANY YEARS AGO.





THE VILLAGERS CALL YOU A WITCH.

TO THEM, I AM.

THEY SAID IT--LIKE IT WAS A MEAN THING.

TO THEM, IT IS.



I AM A PRACTITIONER OF THE SORCERIES.

I AM WORKING WITH ENERGIES AND IDEAS SO FAR BEYOND WHAT THOSE PEOPLE KNOW THAT, TO THEM, IT JUST LOOKS LIKE MADNESS.

THEY ARE PULLARDS.

THEY ARE NOT LIKE US.



US?

YOU AND I.

THIS IS WHERE I GO WHEN I'M NOT WITH THE OTHERS.

MOST OF MY WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE IN PRIVATE.

BUT TONIGHT, I NEED YOU.



WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO IS SACRIFICE THIS RABBIT SO THAT HIS SPILLED BLOOD MAY PURIFY THE SURROUNDINGS AND ALLOW US TO SUMMON THE ELDER DEMON CHTHON.

I WOULD LIKE TO TRADE HIM SOMETHING.

I WOULD DO IT MYSELF, BUT MY DAYS OF BLOOD PURITY ARE, SAPPLY, LONG GONE.



YOU WANT ME TO KILL A BUNNY?



SACRIFICE.

I KNOW IT SEEMS MESSY AND A LITTLE BARBARIC. THE GOAL IS TO EVOLVE ALL OUR POWERS PAST THE NECESSITY FOR BLOOD...



...BUT SACRIFICES HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT LEVEL.

