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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

THE AVENGERS



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One million years ago, an impossible assembly of gods, mutants and monsters led by Odin vanquished a mad Celestial, and the First Host was sent to Earth in retaliation.

A million years later, the Avengers reassembled as the Final Host of Dark Celestials marched on Earth, led by Loki, God of Mischief. While Thor and Hulk traveled to Old Asgard to get answers about Odin's involvement in the invasion, Loki has brought a captive Captain America to the body of a dead Celestial known as the Progenitor. According to Loki, this Progenitor is not only the father of the Avengers...he's the father of all superhumans.



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"AGAMOTTO
LITERALLY INVENTED
THE IDEA OF THE
SURLY WIZARD WHO
SPEAKS IN
POMPOUS RIDDLES.

"I FOUND HIM
SO FREQUENTLY
INFURIATING, I
STILL SWEAR HE
HAD SOME TROLL
IN HIS LINEAGE.

"WHAT THE
SCARBRAND
LACKED IN WITS,
WHICH WAS DAMN
NEAR EVERYTHING,
HE MADE UP
FOR WITH PURE
COSMIC MIGHT.

"THE RIDER
WAS A
FRIGHTENED
BOY WITH A
DEVIL WHERE
THERE'D
ONCE BEEN
A SOUL.

"THE PANTHER WAS THE
FIRST TO DISCOVER SOME
MANNER OF VIBRATING
ROCK OR SOME SUCH, AND
THE FIRST TO BEGIN TO
UNLOCK ITS MANY SECRETS.
NEVER HAVE I BEEN MORE
IMPRESSED BY A MORTAL.



"THE PHOENIX. SHE WAS... A GOOD FRIEND...FOR MANY YEARS. EVEN LONG AFTER THE OTHERS HAD TURNED TO DUST. AND THAT'S...ALL I CARE TO SAY ABOUT HER.

"I NEVER MUCH CARED FOR THE IRON FIST. ANY OF THEM, FOR THAT MATTER. NEVER TRUST ANYONE FROM K'UN-LUN. I SHOULD HAVE BURNED THAT WRETCHED DRAGON'S NEST TO THE GROUND WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE.

"AND THEN THERE WAS ME. THE DASHING YOUNG ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD. WITH A POWERFUL YET... TEMPERAMENTAL HAMMER.

"WE WERE A RAGGED ASSORTMENT, TO BE SURE. BUT THERE AT THE DAWN OF MAN, WE WERE ALL THAT MIDGARD HAD, AND WE SAVED IT MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT.



"PERHAPS ONE TIME TOO MANY."

OLD ASGARD.

I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE YOU NEVER TOLD ME OF THESE EXPLOITS, FATHER.

IT'S BEEN A LONG LIFE, BOY. THE STARS WOULD GO BLACK BEFORE I COULD TELL YOU ALL OF IT.

EVEN THE PARTS THAT ARE FIT FOR TELLING IN THE COMPANY OF A...LADY.

HHRRRGH.

AND THERE ARE SOME SECRETS THAT THE ALL-FATHER WILL TAKE WITH HIM TO VALHALLA.

NOT THE ONE I SEEK, YOU WON'T.

ONE MILLION YEARS AGO, YOU AND YOUR PRIMORDIAL ALLIES DEFEATED A DARK CELESTIAL. I NEED TO KNOW HOW.

AYE, WE FELLED ONE WEAKENED, SICKLY CELESTIAL, STILL IN THE THROES OF SUCCUMBING TO ITS COSMIC CORRUPTION.

LOKI'S FINAL HOST ARE A DIFFERENT BREED, NOT EVEN THE ODINSWORD OR YOUR ENCHANTED JARNBJORN COULD CRACK THEIR DARK ARMOR.

NOTHING WILL STOP THEM, MY SON.

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, ALL-FATHER.



WITH ALL THE SECRETS THAT'VE BEEN BURIED IN ASGARD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, THERE MUST BE **SOMETHING** HERE THAT WE CAN USE.

OH, OF COURSE THERE IS. BUT IT WILL NOT DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES. IT WILL ONLY MAKE YOUR ULTIMATE DEATH...FAR MORE **SPECTACULAR**.

SHOW ME.



I'VE RACED EVERY HALL IN ASGARD SINCE I WAS FIRST ABLE TO WALK, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS ONE BEFORE.

NO ONE HAS. THAT'S BY DESIGN. MY DESIGN.



WHAT'S BEHIND THIS DOOR COULD END THE **WORLD**. OR PERHAPS **SAVE** IT.

OPEN IT IF YOU DARE, PRINCE OF ASGARD.



TELL ME WHAT LIES BEHIND IT BEFORE I...

HRRGH.