

SQUADRON SUPREME

THE SQUADRON SUPREME IS IN DISARRAY. HYPERION AND DOCTOR SPECTRUM BROUGHT NAMOR BACK TO LIFE IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR CAPTURED TEAMMATES--BLUR AND THUNDER--FROM JIM HAMMOND, THE ORIGINAL HUMAN TORCH AND AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

BUT NIGHTHAWK HAD PLANNED A RESCUE AS WELL--ONE THAT INVOLVED SHOOTING JIM HAMMOND IN THE CHEST AND UNLEASHING A "FLOCK" OF ROBOTIC HAWKS ON NAMOR AND HYPERION.

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(ON THE BOTTOM OF).
SQUADRON SUPREME
HEADQUARTERS.**

"I'M LEAVING
THE SQUADRON
SUPREME."





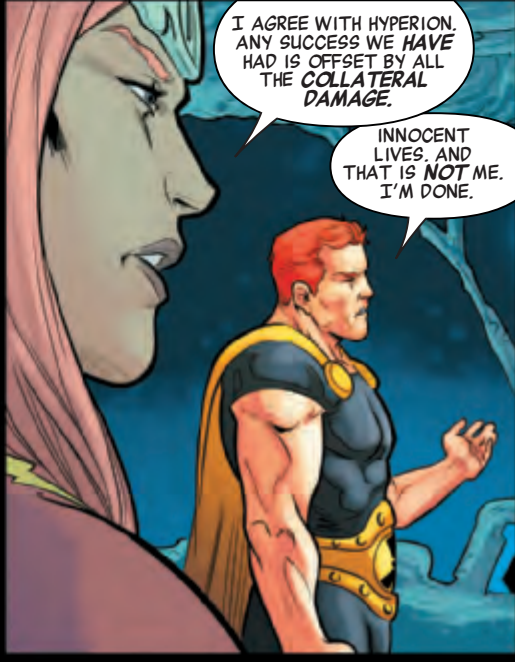
I HELPED GET US ALL HERE TO SAFETY-- ALL EXCEPT BLUR.

BUT THIS SQUADRON IS FAR FROM SUPREME.

APART FROM WHEN WE LIBERATED WEIRDWORLD FROM DOCTOR DRUID, WHAT HAVE WE REALLY ACCOMPLISHED? ANYTHING?

I AGREE WITH HYPERION. ANY SUCCESS WE HAVE HAD IS OFFSET BY ALL THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE.

INNOCENT LIVES. AND THAT IS NOT ME. I'M DONE.



HE KILLED HITLER, HE GOT THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. AND THE WORDS "COLLATERAL DAMAGE" AREN'T EVEN IN HIS VOCABULARY.

SO FLESH AND BLOOD OR ARTIFICIAL, HE'S STILL A BETTER MAN THAN YOU'LL EVER BE!

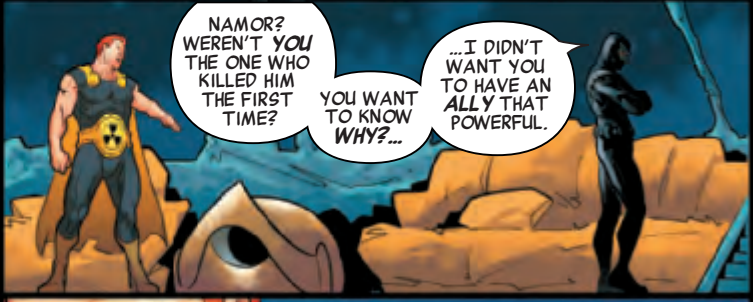
THEN YOU ATTACKED NAMOR.



NAMOR? WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED HIM THE FIRST TIME?

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY?...

...I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HAVE AN ALLY THAT POWERFUL.



ALLY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

NO. HONESTLY, DON'T BOTHER. I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ANYTHING YOU MIGHT SAY.



WHICH WAS HIS CHOICE-- TO STAY BEHIND WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.

POINT IS, I SAVED YOU, BUT NOW AS A TEAM MEMBER... I'M DONE.



I CERTAINLY WANT NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH THIS MANIAC.

I STAND BY EVERYTHING I'VE DONE.



EVERYTHING, NIGHTHAWK? YOU KILLED JIM HAMMOND.

I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE.

HAMMOND ISN'T HUMAN.

I WAS AN AVENGER, FOR GOD'S SAKE. AN AVENGER. AND I WAS PROUD OF THAT.

NOW, AS A PART OF THE SQUADRON SUPREME--SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE DONE...I CAN BARELY STAND TO LOOK AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR.

AND WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT YOU AND ME FIGHTING ONE DAY-- WHAT WAS THAT?



NOTHING TO SAY?

YOU WEREN'T QUIET BACK WHEN YOU UNLEASHED ALL THOSE ROBOTIC HAWKS.



HEAT OF THE MOMENT.



HEAT OF SOMETHING.

WHATEVER WAS GOING ON, YOU'D NEED MORE THAN THAT TO BRING ME DOWN.

ME AND NAMOR TOGETHER...



THEN.



I SAW THE INHUMAN, ULYSSES. HE SHOWED ME THE FUTURE.

YOU AND I--



--OUR BATTLE WOULD CONSUME EVERYTHING.

YOU WORRY ABOUT HAMMOND'S "LIFE"? THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO ALL THE HEROES WHO'D FALL.



"...YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!"



I WANTED TO END IT BEFORE WE GOT TO THAT.

NEVER OCCURRED TO YOU TO SIMPLY TELL ME.

NOT HOW I DO THINGS.



WELL, I HAVE BETTER SOLUTION.

I SIMPLY REFUSE TO FIGHT YOU.



THERE...