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PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL ASCENDED INTO THE TERRIFYING RED ONSLAUGHT AND SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. DETERMINED TO STOP HIM, A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO THE SKULL ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD'S FIERCEST VILLAINS.



OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME RED ONSLAUGHT: SCARLET WITCH AND DOCTOR DOOM USED THEIR MAGICAL ABILITIES TO SUBVERT RED SKULL'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND BRING XAVIER TO THE FORE. BLANKETING GENOSHA IN THEIR SPELL, THE RED SKULL WAS RENDERED DORMANT.

IN THE WAKE OF GENOSHA, THE CAPTIVE RED SKULL WENT MISSING; THE AVENGERS WHO WERE PRESENT IMPRISONED MOST OF THE WORLD'S REMAINING HEROES; THE X-MEN CREATED A GENE BOMB TO DESTROY ALL NON-MUTANTS; AND THE SCARLET WITCH ATTEMPTED TO KILL A PENITENT DR. DOOM IN LATVERIA, ONLY TO BE FOILED BY MAGNETO AND QUICKSILVER. MEANWHILE, STEVE ROGERS AND THE FEW FREE REMAINING HEROES HAVE GATHERED A GROUP OF UNLIKELY ALLIES...THE INVERTED VILLAINS!

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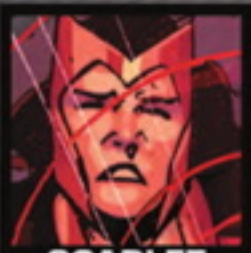
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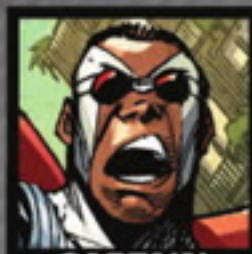
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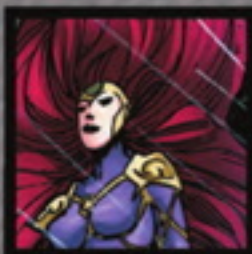
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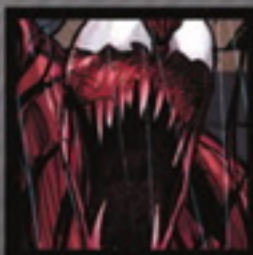
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ABSORBING
MAN



CARNAGE



JACK O'
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ENCHANTRESS



SABRETOOTH



HOBGOBLIN



MYSTIQUE



DEADPOOL



DOCTOR
DOOM



MAGNETO

HEROES



SPIDER-MAN



QUICKSILVER



APOCALYPSE'S SHIP.

JANET WAS THE ONLY THING THAT KEPT ME GOING BACK ON PLANET X.*

THE ONLY THING THAT KEPT ME SANE.

*YOU CAN GLIMPSE HAVOK AND WASP'S ADVENTURES ON PLANET X IN **UNCANNY AVENGERS #1B!**

SHE SAVED MY LIFE--OUR DAUGHTER'S LIFE--**COUNTLESS** TIMES.

PUTTING HERSELF AT RISK WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.

THE GENE BOMB...

THERE'S NO WAY TO SPARE JUST **ONE** HUMAN?

IT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS, ALEX.

COULD YOU DO IT?

COULD YOU ALLOW YOUR WIFE TO DIE?

FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE, TO END THIS WAR--

YES.

BUT THE REAL QUESTION--

CAN YOU?

KURT?


BAMF

ROGERS HAS AMASSED HIS ARMY--

WHO COULD HE HAVE FOUND TO ATTEMPT SUCH A **HOPELESS** ASSAULT?!

COME--





"--YOU'LL HAVE TO SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES."



ALL RIGHT, YA NUGS--
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!




"TWO ARMIES MEET ON THE ROAD TO NOWHERESVILLE."



"HUNKS AND FOXY MAMAS ALL WILLING TO LAY DOWN WHAT THE GOOD UNIVERSE GAVE 'EM--"

"--LOCKED IN A DOMINATION GROOVE."



BUT Y'ALL CALLIN' YOURSELVES AVENGERS NOW--THAT MAKES IT SO MUCH SWEETER.

TWOOOM



TODAY IT ENDS.

--BUT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WOULD RATHER FIGHT IT OUT THAN HUG IT UP.

OKAY--YOU HAVE TO SHUT UP NOW, DEADPOOL.

I DON'T THINK HE'S LEAVING.

NO, I THINK THIS MORE FALLS UNDER "ACTIVATING A BOMB," MY GROOVY SIDEKICK.



I'M NOT YOUR...UGH, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

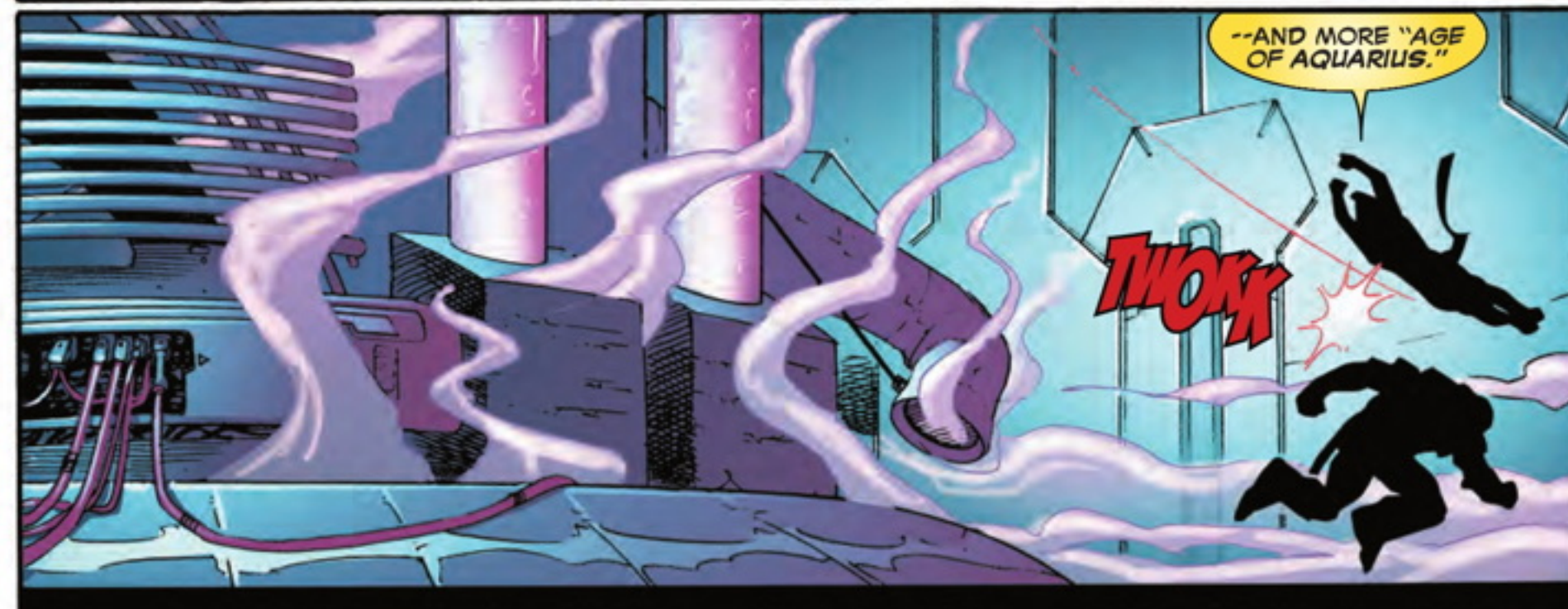
THIS IS A PROBLEM, WADE--THE POINT OF THE DIVERSION WAS TO GET HIM TO GO OUTSIDE...

THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN TAKE DOWN APOCALYPSE.

AW, SURE THERE IS, NEGATIVE NANCY.



WE JUST NEED TO TEACH HIM TO STRIVE FOR LESS "AGE OF APOCALYPSE"--



--AND MORE "AGE OF AQUARIUS."

THWONK