

**AVENGERS TOWER.  
NOW.**

MY ALLIES HAVE  
GONE MAD.

DROP THE NAZI OR I'LL  
KILL YOU, OLD  
MAN!

YOU'RE TOO  
SMART NOT TO  
SEE WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE, SAM.

AVENGERS, X-MEN,  
OR INHUMANS--ANYONE  
ON GENOSHA WHEN THE  
SPELL WAS CAST--

**KWUNGG**

--THE INVERSION ECHOED  
BY SKULL'S TELEPATHY--  
HITTING THEM ALL.

THE HATED  
MONSTER WHO I  
NOW HAVE TO SAVE--

--IN HOPES OF  
REVERTING THIS  
MADNESS.

YOU KNOW  
WHAT'S GOING ON  
HERE?

FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN MY LIFE--  
I'M FREE.

**TWOKK**

UGN--!



FREE OF YOUR REGULATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS--

FREE TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR ME!

I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM TAKE THAT AWAY!

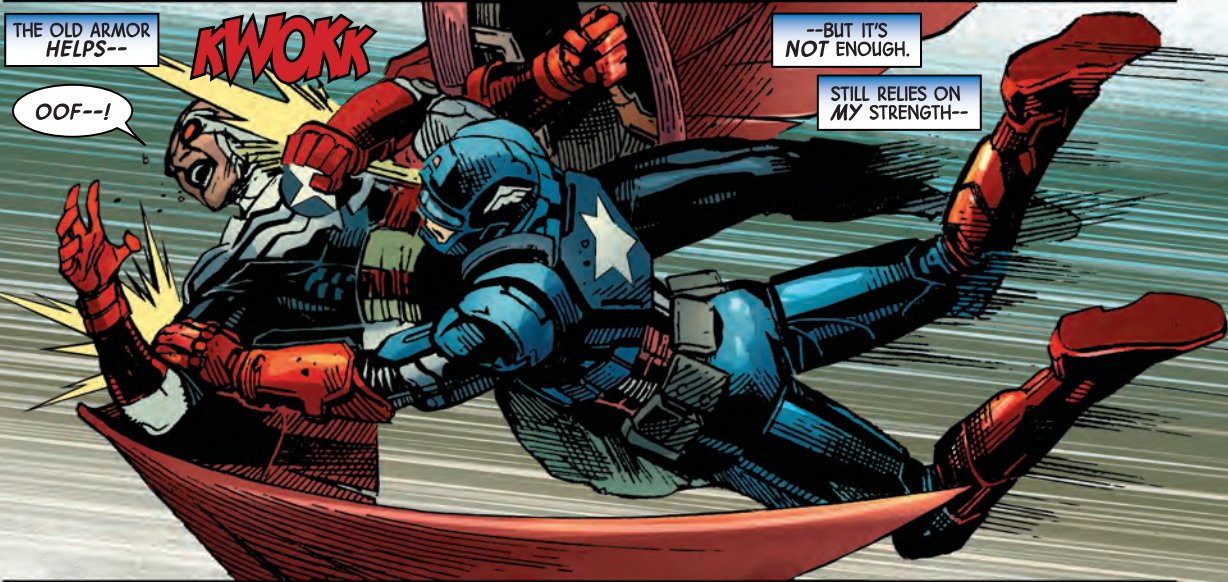
THE OLD ARMOR HELPS--

**KWOKK**

--BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

OOF--!

STILL RELIES ON MY STRENGTH--



--STRENGTH I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE.

THE TWO OF YOU DYING TOGETHER-- IT'S PERFECT REALLY.

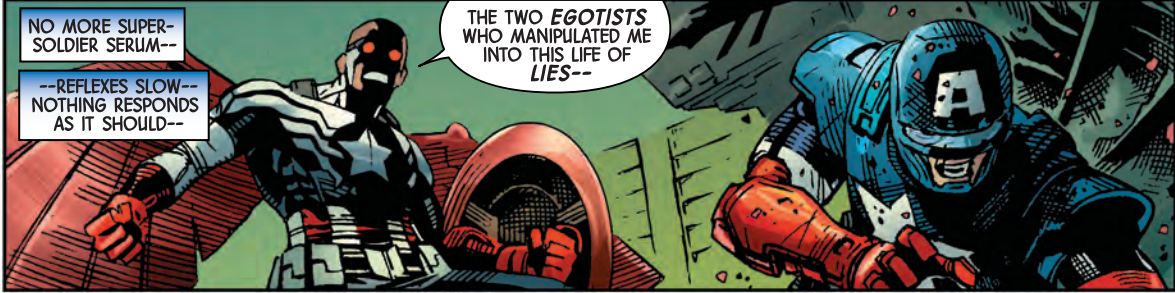
YERAGH--!

**KRAKK**



NO MORE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM--  
--REFLEXES SLOW--  
NOTHING RESPONDS AS IT SHOULD--

THE TWO EGOTISTS WHO MANIPULATED ME INTO THIS LIFE OF LIES--



--THIS LIFE OF EMPTY SACRIFICE!

--IF I FALTER--

--HE'D KILL ME WITHOUT HESITATION--



--IF I WERE ACTUALLY THERE.

# SPRUNGG

IF I WERE **DUMB** ENOUGH TO ENGAGE HIM.

W-WHAT IS THIS?

**FACE ME, YOU COWARD!**

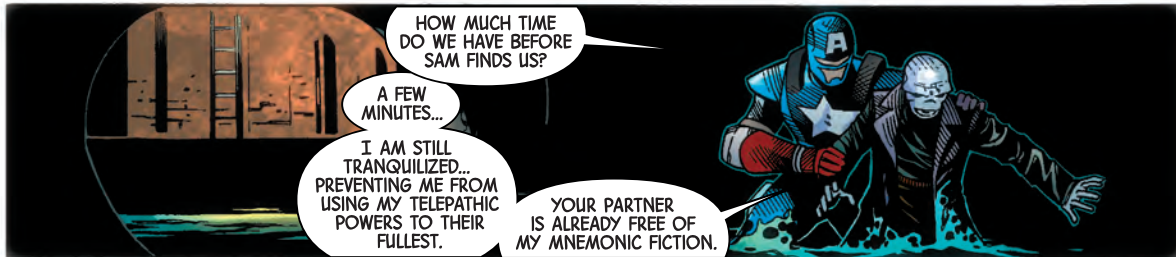


HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE BEFORE SAM FINDS US?

A FEW MINUTES...

I AM STILL TRANQUILIZED... PREVENTING ME FROM USING MY TELEPATHIC POWERS TO THEIR FULLEST.

YOUR PARTNER IS ALREADY FREE OF MY MNEMONIC FICTION.



I CANNOT CONTINUE THIS PACE.

I AM WEARY.

YOU LOOK TERRIBLE, STEVE.

STEVE? THE WAY YOU SAY THAT...

...KINDNESS.

THE HORROR I'VE CAUSED...I'M SORRY.

**I'M SO SORRY.**

ONE THING AT A TIME. THE AVENGERS PLAN TO KILL THE X-MEN...

CAN YOU REVERT THEM? CAN YOU FIX THIS?

I...



I CAN BROADCAST A REVERSION--IF WE CAN RECREATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ONSLAUGHT'S DEFEAT, THE CHAOS AND ORDER ENERGIES...

IS THAT A YES?

I'LL TRY, STEVE.

AFTER ALL...



A large panel showing Iron Man in his blue and gold armor standing in a city of rubble and fire. He is surrounded by several Red Skull soldiers in black uniforms. One soldier is in the foreground, looking towards Iron Man. The background is filled with smoke and flames.

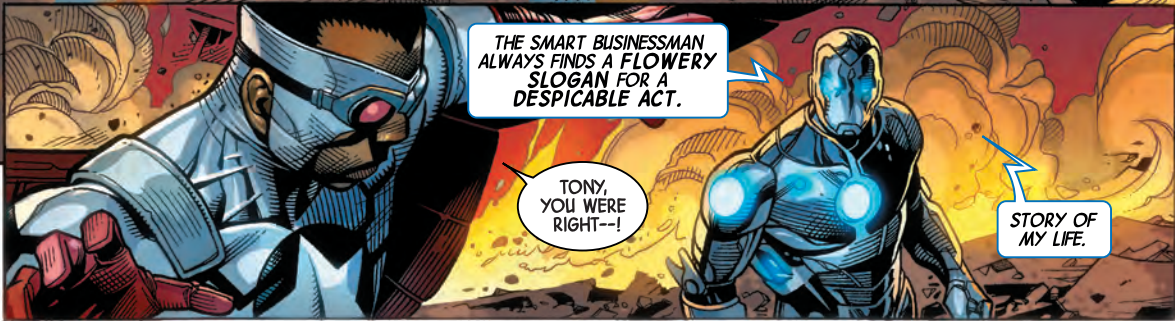
"...IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THE RED SKULL GETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE THE WORLD."

CAGE, ROUND UP THE STRAGGLERS. GOTTA GET OUR DICKS IN A ROW.

YOU WANNA BE A BIT MORE SPECIFIC, STARK?

JUST SAY IT, TINMAN-- MURDER 'EM.

KLUH AGREED TA TAKE OUT THE UNDESIRABLES--DON'T HAVE TA SIT FER NO PRETTY CORPORATE SPEAK.

A medium panel showing a close-up of Iron Man's helmeted face on the right and a Red Skull soldier's face on the left. The soldier is speaking to Iron Man.

THE SMART BUSINESSMAN ALWAYS FINDS A FLOWERY SLOGAN FOR A DESPICABLE ACT.

TONY, YOU WERE RIGHT--!

STORY OF MY LIFE.

A medium panel showing Iron Man in the center, flanked by two Red Skull soldiers. They appear to be in a tense conversation.

STEVE HAS THE SKULL--HE'S GOING TO REVERT US!

FINE. LET'S GO.

A medium panel showing a Red Skull soldier on the left, having just thrown Iron Man back. Iron Man is flying through the air, away from the soldier.

SEEMS NO MATTER HOW MANY MIDDLEMEN I EMPLOY--