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December 1941.

Wars end.

We bury the Fallen.

We go about our lives promising --
as we did in the *First* World War --
that *this* war will be our last.

History tells us otherwise.

SKULL!

DEDICATED TO:
JOE SIMON &
JACK KIRBY
SUPER-SOLDIERS ALL!



I now know how *World War II* ended
even though I was frozen at sea at the time.

The Fall of the Third Reich.
The Atomic Bomb.
The cost in human lives.

IT'S A
SIMPLE CHOICE,
**CAPTAIN
AMERICA.**

YOU CAN
SAVE *PARIS* --

-- OR YOUR
PARTNER.

**CAP! FORGET
ABOUT ME! YOU
CAN'T LET HIM
BLOW UP THE
CITY!**





But on that fateful night in *Paris* --

-- all that mattered to me was saving *your* life, *Bucky*.



HANG IN THERE, PARTNER!

HELP IS ON THE WAY!



CAP'S
GONNA
STRANGLE
YOU.

I DREAM OF
A TIME WHEN YOU
FALL TO YOUR
DEATH, *WHELP*.

BUT I HAVE
LEARNED FROM
OUR PREVIOUS
ENCOUNTERS --

-- THAT THE
CAPTAIN HAS A --
HOW IS IT YOU
AMERICANS
SAY IT--?

A
"SOFT SPOT"
FOR YOU.



A SPOT
I INTEND TO
PUT A *BULLET*
INTO THIS EVENING
AND *END* THIS
WAR.



I'M
COMING
FOR YOU,
SKULL.



Keeping you safe, *James*.

In some ways, that's all I ever
wanted to do throughout the war.

I hope you'll understand
why *your death* will always
be *my greatest failure*...