

"...THESE WERE HIS FRIENDS."

MONTHS AGO...

HOLD IT. HOLD IT.

I'M... HOLDING, BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO HURRY THINGS UP A BIT, YA KNOW?

NOW!





I'VE SAID
IT BEFORE.
AND I'LL SAY
IT AGAIN...


OH, MY
STARS AND
GARTERS.

AVENGERS MANSION.




A SUITABLE
REACTION, BEAST,
TO BE CERTAIN.

AFTER ALL,
DANE...HAD I NOT
POSSESSED THE
ABILITY TO BECOME
INTANGIBLE, I WOULD
HAVE MOST CERTAINLY
BEEN INCINERATED
BY YOUR BLADE'S
REDIRECTION OF
MY OWN SOLAR
BLAST.



NOT TO
MENTION MY
READINGS ARE OFF
THE CHARTS! SO YEAH,
I'D SAY THAT PRETTY
MUCH SEALS IT. YOUR
SUSPICIONS ARE
ON THE MONEY.

THE
EBONY BLADE
HAS GOTTEN
STRONGER.



AND...STRANGER.
I CANNOT EVEN
PHASE THROUGH
IT ANY LONGER.

WELL, THANKS
FOR HELPING ME
CONFIRM IT, VISION. AND
YOU, HANK, COMING BY
THE MANSION FOR
THIS CONSULT.

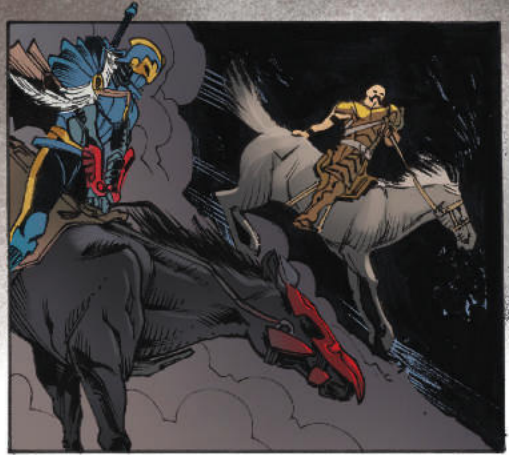
THOUGH
TO BE HONEST,
I DIDN'T REALLY
NEED THESE TESTS
TO KNOW IT'S
CHANGING...



I CAN...
...FEEL
IT.



NOW...



DANE.

STEVE.

I SEE YOU MADE THAT ROSTER EXPANSION WITHOUT ME. THAT'S OKAY... I HAVE A SNEAKING SUSPICION I WOULDN'T HAVE MADE THE CUT RIGHT NOW ANYWAY.

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