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BLACK BOLT

is the king of the Inhumans, an off-splinter of humanity imbued with amazing abilities. But these gifts sometimes come with a price: Black Bolt's slightest whisper can shatter mountains. His voice has destroyed many lives, but it has saved countless others.

When the Silent King speaks, the world hears him.

After abdicating the throne, Black Bolt has spent months in an alien prison, thanks to the treachery of his brother, Maximus the Mad. There he was tortured, killed and resurrected over and over again—until he and his fellow prisoners broke free and destroyed their jailer.

But freedom came at a cost. Crusher Creel, A.K.A. the Absorbing Man—a villain to some, and yet a friend to Black Bolt in that strange place—lost his life in the battle.

With a heavy heart, Black Bolt returns to Earth, accompanied by the teleporting dog Lockjaw and the psychic alien child Blinky. But in his absence, the Inhumans have suffered terribly at the hands of an evil Captain America and his corrupt government. And there are some who would hold their former king accountable...

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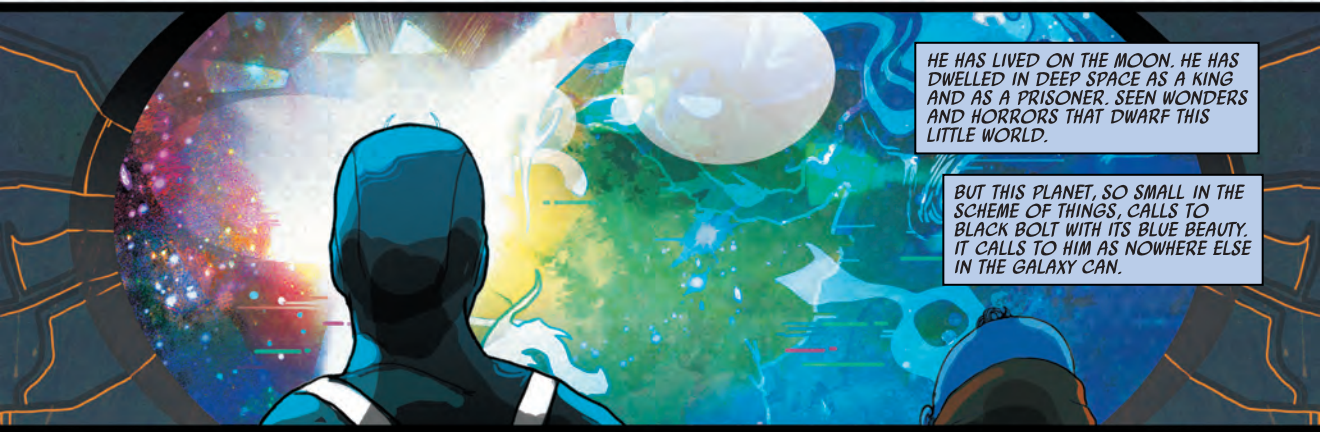
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EARTH.

THE SIGHT NEARLY
STOPS BLACK BOLT'S
HEART.



HOME.



HE HAS LIVED ON THE MOON. HE HAS DWELLED IN DEEP SPACE AS A KING AND AS A PRISONER. SEEN WONDERS AND HORRORS THAT DWARF THIS LITTLE WORLD.

BUT THIS PLANET, SO SMALL IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS, CALLS TO BLACK BOLT WITH ITS BLUE BEAUTY. IT CALLS TO HIM AS NOWHERE ELSE IN THE GALAXY CAN.

YET BLACK BOLT KNOWS TOO WELL THAT HOME ALWAYS OFFERS ITS OWN ORDEALS...

**BREEP
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INHUMAN VESSEL!
YOU ARE APPROACHING
THE SOVEREIGN NATION OF
NEW ATILAN. YOUR VESSEL
IS EMITTING SIGNALS
UNIQUE TO OLD INHUMAN
TECHNOLOGY. PLEASE
IDENTIFY YOUR--

B-BLACK
BOLT? HOW--
WHERE DID--

CAN...
YOU LAND
IN NEW ATILAN,
SIR? WE NEED TO...
DISCUSS SOME
THINGS.

SHE WAS
NERVOUS,
BLACK BOLT.
ALMOST...AFRAID.
IS EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT?

I KNOW,
I KNOW--"DON'T
WORRY, IT'S NOTHING."
WELL, I DON'T NEED TO
READ YOUR MIND TO KNOW
THAT YOU'RE NOT SURE IF
YOU BELIEVE THAT
YOURSELF.



THE CHILD IS SAVVY. RAISED ON THE HARD STREETS OF A PLANET-SIZED CITY, BLACK BOLT RESOLVES NOT TO OFFER HER FALSE PROMISES.



AND INDEED, HE IS WORRIED. ISO--DE FACTO LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE SINCE BLACK BOLT AND HIS QUEEN ABDICATED THE THRONE--IS HIDING SOMETHING FROM HIM. HE WILL LEARN WHAT SOON ENOUGH, HE SUPPOSES.



HIS OLD FRIEND LOCKJAW COULD TRANSPORT THEM INSTANTLY, BUT HAS ONLY JUST RECOVERED FROM NEAR-FATAL WOUNDS. BLACK BOLT DECIDES TO LAND THE SHIP HIMSELF.



SO WHAT'S THIS WORLD OF YOURS LIKE, BLACK BOLT? I'M GOING TO USE MY INNER EYE TO TAKE A PEEK.



I LIKE TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT A PLACE BEFORE I VISIT IT. IT'S HELPED ME STAY ALIVE. I DID IT EVERY TIME I VISITED A NEW BAZAAR BACK HOME.



BY THE LADY, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE.

AND THEY'VE MADE SO MANY... THINGS.

THERE ARE SOME **POWERFUL** MINDS OUT THERE, BLACK BOLT, AND THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.

SOME SCARY ONES, TOO.

I--I THINK I'M GOING TO STOP NOW.