

PHIL COULSON.
FORMER AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.

I
IDOLIZED
THEM.

ALL OF
THEM.

EVEN THE
ONES YOU'VE
NEVER HEARD
OF.

TO
SUCH AN
OBSSIVE
DEGREE.

WHEN I WAS
A KID, I USED TO
MAKE LITTLE NOTE
CARDS, CHARTING THEIR
POWERS AND MY
EDUCATED GUESSES
AT THEIR ORIGINS.

SO
EMBARRASSING.

I SPENT SO
MUCH MONEY OVER
THE YEARS ON...VINTAGE
CAPTAIN AMERICA
TRADING CARDS.

I'M ONLY
TELLING YOU THIS
NOW BECAUSE I KNOW
YOU'LL NEVER TELL
ANYONE ELSE.

AND
BESIDES...I
DON'T IDOLIZE
SUPER HEROES
ANYMORE. I
GREW UP...

...ABOUT
FIVE SECONDS
BEFORE I
DIED.

ALL THAT
ADORATION BLEED
RIGHT OUTTA ME.
THROUGH THE GAPING
BULLET WOUND IN
MY CHEST.

HE EVEN
MURDERED MY
CAR. WHAT A
SICK, SICK
LITTLE MAN.

WHEREVER
YOU ARE,
DEADPOOL, I
OWE YOU FOR
MY LOLA.

BUT I SHOULD
BE **THANKFUL** TOO,
I KNOW. BECAUSE IF
I HADN'T DIED AS PART
OF SOME RIDICULOUS
SUPER HERO WAR, I
WOULDN'T HAVE
SEEN THE LIGHT.

I WOULDN'T BE
WHERE I AM TODAY,
WITH THE STRENGTH AND
CONVICTION TO DO WHAT
NEEDS TO BE DONE TO
PROTECT THIS
COUNTRY.

THOUGH I
SUPPOSE THAT
DOESN'T ANSWER
YOUR QUESTION,
DOES IT?

WHAT YOU
REALLY WANT TO
KNOW IS...WHY AM
I HOLDING THIS
GUN?

AND
WHY AM I
ABOUT TO POINT
IT AT YOUR FACE
AND PULL THE
TRIGGER?

THE
ANSWER IS
SIMPLE.

"BECAUSE OF THE AVENGERS."

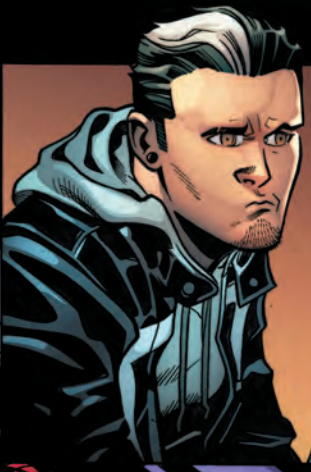
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.

SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU'VE NEVER *ONCE* CHANGED THE OIL IN THIS THING?

I'M SAYING I TRIED TO ONE TIME, AND THE CAR NEARLY BIT MY ARM OFF. I REALLY WOULDN'T GO POKING AROUND UNDER THAT HOOD IF I WERE YOU, MS. CAROL.

I SLEEP IN THE SAME MOUNTAIN AS THIS THING. IF YOUR *HELL CHARGER'S* EXHAUST IS POISON OR ITS GLOVE COMPARTMENT IS A GATEWAY TO HELL, I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW.

IT'S THE *TRUNK* THAT'S THE GATEWAY TO HELL.



OKAY, SEE, *NOW* YOU'RE BEING HELPFUL. YOU'RE AN AVENGER, *ROBBIE REYES*, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A WORKING HELL PORTAL MIGHT COME IN HANDY.

I COULD USE ONE RIGHT ABOUT NOW. I NEVER KNEW BEING AN AVENGER WOULD COME WITH SO MUCH *HOMework*.

HEH. YEAH, I REMEMBER STEVE'S SUPER VILLAIN RECOGNITION QUIZZES.

STILT MAN. HIS BATTLE SUIT'S TELESCOPIC LEGS CONTAIN POWERFUL HYDRAULIC RAMS. WEAKNESS: HE'S ON STILTS.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THOSE QUIZZES HAVE PROBABLY SAVED MY HIDE MORE THAN ONCE. SO STUDY LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT, KID.

BECAUSE IT DOES.

IS THAT A CARBURETOR OR AN EGG SAC? OR MAYBE BOTH?



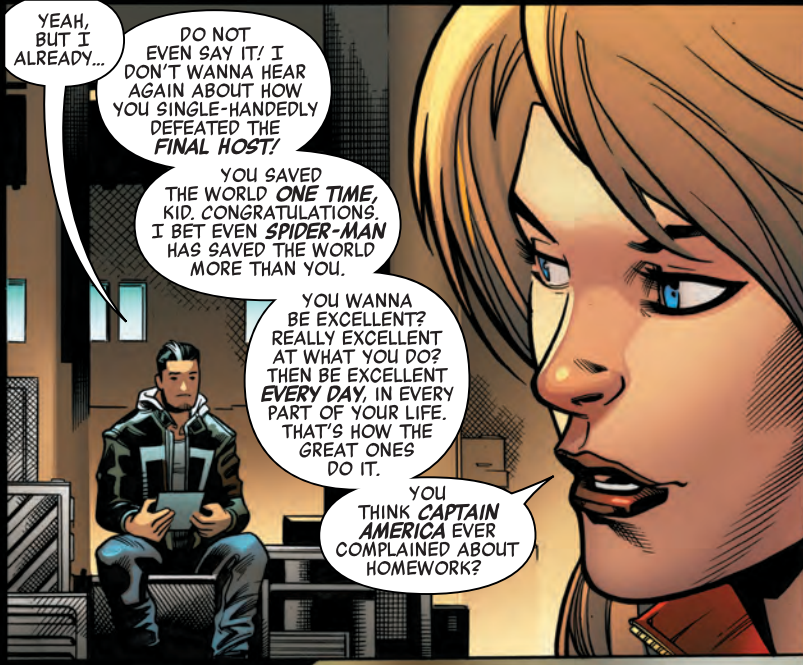
YEAH, BUT I ALREADY...

DO NOT EVEN SAY IT! I DON'T WANNA HEAR AGAIN ABOUT HOW YOU SINGLE-HANDEDLY DEFEATED THE FINAL HOST!

YOU SAVED THE WORLD **ONE TIME**, KID. CONGRATULATIONS. I BET EVEN **SPIDER-MAN** HAS SAVED THE WORLD MORE THAN YOU.

YOU WANNA BE EXCELLENT? REALLY EXCELLENT AT WHAT YOU DO? THEN BE EXCELLENT **EVERY DAY**, IN EVERY PART OF YOUR LIFE. THAT'S HOW THE GREAT ONES DO IT.

YOU THINK **CAPTAIN AMERICA** EVER COMPLAINED ABOUT HOMEWORK?



MEPHISTO, WHY DOES THAT NAME SOUND FAMILIAR?

GAGGH, CAN'T WE JUST GO FIGHT THE FISH PEOPLE AGAIN? WHERE *IS* EVERYBODY ELSE ANYWAY?

BLACK PANTHER IS HAVING A BIG IMPORTANT MEETING UPSTAIRS. DO NOT DISTURB HIM.

OUR HOUSE-GUEST **BLADE** IS STILL RECUPERATING IN THE INFIRMARY. HE'S A **VAMPIRE**. I WOULDN'T DISTURB HIM EITHER.

IF **TONY** WERE HERE, I'D GLADLY LET YOU DISTURB HIM ALL YOU LIKE, BUT HE AND **STEVE** ARE OFF HANDLING **TONY** AND **STEVE** BUSINESS.

AND I'M ABOUT TO GO HAVE A CONFERENCE CALL WITH EIGHT DIFFERENT INTERGALACTIC LEADERS, SO SORRY, YOU CAN'T DISTURB ME EITHER.

WASN'T THERE A TALKING GORILLA SWINGING AROUND HERE THE OTHER DAY? OR HEY, WHAT ABOUT **THOR** AND **HULK**?

UH, YEAH, THEY'RE...OFF ON A...SUPER-SECRET MISSION.

HIT THE BOOKS WHILE YOU CAN, **GHOST RIDER**. DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE THE NEXT MAJOR DISASTER WILL BE COMING ALONG...



"...ANY SECOND NOW..."

MORE MEAD?
UH, NO, NO, NO, I'M GOOD ON MEAD.



UM, SO... IS THIS WHERE YOU BRING ALL THE GIRLS YOU ASK OUT?

HMR? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. IS THIS NOT PLEASING TO YOU, LADY JENNIFER?

NO, IT'S GREAT, I MEAN...

...WHO DOESN'T WANNA GO ON A DATE IN THE SAVAGE LAND?

ARE THERE NOT ENOUGH BATTLE DRAGONS? I COULD HAVE KA-ZAR SUMMON MORE IF YOU...

NO, IT'S A FINE AMOUNT OF...BATTLE DRAGONS. JUST FINE.

TURKEY LEGS, MEAD AND DINOSAURS. SUPPOSE I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT'S WHAT A DATE WITH THOR WOULD BE LIKE.

I'M STARTING TO SEE WHY YOU'VE BEEN SINGLE FOR SO MANY CENTURIES.

HA! THOR HAS A GRAND IDEA! LET US GIVE MEAD TO THE DRAGONS!

FINAL HOST...PLEASE COME BACK.

