

**SUNSPOT**  
ROBERTO  
DA COSTA

**SONGBIRD**  
MELISSA  
GOLD

**CANNONBALL**  
SAM  
GUTHRIE

**WICCAN**  
BILLY  
KAPLAN

**SQUIRREL GIRL**  
DOREEN  
GREEN

**WHITE TIGER**  
AVA  
AYALA

**POWER MAN**  
VICTOR  
ALVAREZ

**HULKLING**  
TEDDY  
ALTMAN

**POD**  
AIKKU  
JOKINEN

**NEW TECH.  
NEW IDEAS.  
NEW MISSION.**

**RESCUE**  
TON  
HO

**DR. POSITRON**  
MAX  
BRASHEAR

**WARLOCK**

THEY ARE...

# THE NEW AVENGERS

Roberto Da Costa bought the villainous organization A.I.M. and transformed it into Avengers Idea Mechanics, a group dedicated to high-tech heroics and international rescue operations. They were tolerated by the international community...until they got on S.H.I.E.L.D.'s bad side and were forced to retreat to Avenger Base Two in the Savage Land.

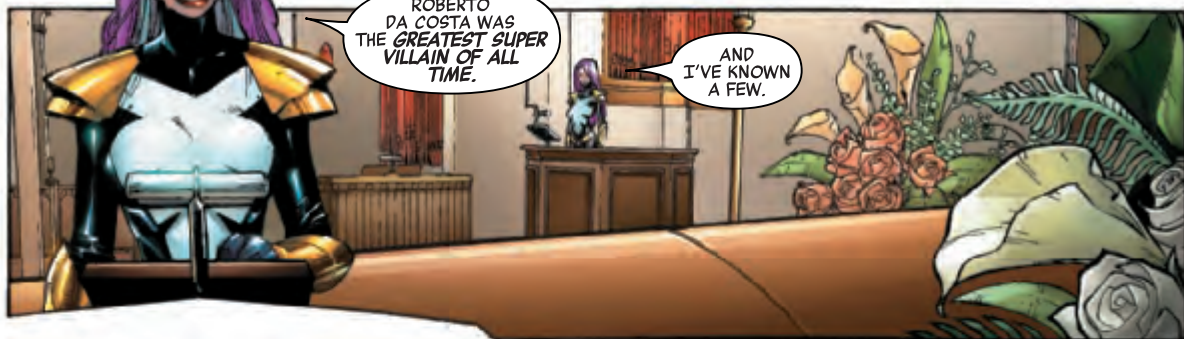
Songbird, Roberto's secret triple agent, remained embedded in S.H.I.E.L.D. until a new Inhuman with the ability to see the future exposed her by predicting that she'd be at Roberto's funeral in a month—a prediction that seemed to come true when S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent John Garrett shot Roberto in the head!

But Roberto had secretly swapped places with a shape-shifted Hulkling, who wasn't injured by the bullet. Meanwhile, the Maker boarded Air Force One to try to kidnap the President and received a nasty surprise: the President was actually Roberto in disguise, and he still possessed the Sunspot powers he claimed he'd lost.

He defeated the Maker easily and handed him over to S.H.I.E.L.D. with a promise: He wasn't just going to give them the Maker. He was going to give them all of A.I.M.

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**SONGBIRD.**  
In mourning.



ROBERTO DA COSTA WAS THE GREATEST SUPER VILLAIN OF ALL TIME.

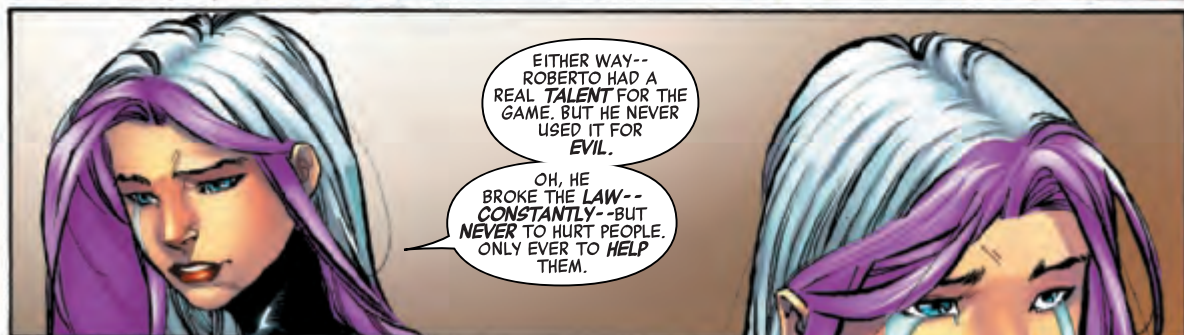
AND I'VE KNOWN A FEW.



HE COMMANDED HIS ARMY OF MAD SCIENTISTS WITH CHARM AND GRACE.

INSANELY CONVOLUTED SCHEMES-- INVOLVING SECRET HIDEOUTS, GIANT ROBOTS AND FALSE FACES--CAME NATURALLY TO HIM.

MAYBE IT WAS SOME SECONDARY MUTATION KICKING IN. OR MAYBE HE WAS JUST A GIFTED YOUNGSTER.



EITHER WAY-- ROBERTO HAD A REAL TALENT FOR THE GAME. BUT HE NEVER USED IT FOR EVIL.

OH, HE BROKE THE LAW-- CONSTANTLY-- BUT NEVER TO HURT PEOPLE. ONLY EVER TO HELP THEM.

THAT'S WHY HE WAS THE GREATEST. THAT'S WHY HE WAS MY FRIEND.

AND I'LL MISS HIM MORE THAN I CAN SAY.







STASIS FIELD ACTIVE, DR. FORSON.

A VARIATION ON VON DOOM'S TECHNOLOGY--EVERYONE WITHIN A HUNDRED-METER RADIUS IS FROZEN IN A BUBBLE OF NO-TIME.



WHICH GIVES US LONG ENOUGH TO CONFIRM THAT DA COSTA'S REALLY DEAD THIS TIME.

WE WERE OUTSIDE THE FIELD WHEN IT SWITCHED ON, SO OUR PERSONAL TIME AURAS ARE UNAFFECTED. WE HAVE AS LONG AS WE NEED.

ALL FROM A TINY WRIST PROJECTOR, SHEER GENIUS, DR. RAPPACCINI.

CAN IT BE COUNTERED?

WELL, YOU CAN BLOCK VON DOOM RADIATION WITH THE CORRECT SHIELDING...

**MONICA RAPPACCINI AND ANDREW FORSON.**  
Ex-A.I.M. Leaders. Not in mourning.



OH?  
SO ALL THEY NEED TO DO IS BUILD AN AIRTIGHT BOX LINED WITH SECONDARY ADAMANTIUM, AND THEN--



--AND THEN CLIMB INSIDE IT.

OH... NO.



OH, YES.  
I THOUGHT OF IT AND I JUST HAD TO TRY IT. AFTER ALL...

...YOU  
ONLY LIVE  
TWICE.

**ROBERTO DA COSTA.**

*A.I.M.'s Supreme Leader.  
Not dead.*

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