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**BRAZILIAN BILLIONAIRE AND INTERNATIONAL TROUBLEMAKER  
ROBERTO DA COSTA STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE U.S. TO  
TRANSFORM A.I.M. FROM A ROGUE ORGANIZATION INTO  
AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE MECHANICS. THEY ARE NOW...**

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**THE U.S. AVENGERS AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF OF SCIENTISTS, SPIES AND TACTICIANS NOW SERVE AS THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST ALL THINGS BIG, CRAZY AND WEIRD--BY GOING BIGGER, CRAZIER AND WEIRDER.**

**DURING A BATTLE TO PROTECT EARTH FROM A CHITAUURI INVASION, CANNONBALL WAS LOST IN SPACE AND PRESUMED DEAD. BUT IZZY KANE, A.K.A. SMASHER, DISCOVERED HER PARTNER WAS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE AND ENLISTED HIS TEAMMATES TO HELP HER FIND HIM. AFTER RUNNING INTO A GROUP OF SPACE MOBSTERS, THEY TRACKED CANNONBALL TO KRAL X.**

**CANNONBALL WAS BROUGHT TO THE PLANET BY RITCHIE REDWOOD, A SEEMINGLY ORDINARY TEENAGER WHO RUNS THE PLEASANT SUBURB OF GLENBROOK. BUT AFTER A FAILED ESCAPE ATTEMPT, SAM WAS TRAPPED IN A DUNGEON WITH A GROUP OF OTHER "ORDINARY TEENAGERS"... WHO LOOK AN AWFUL LOT LIKE SKRULLS!**





★ **GLENBROOK, OUTER SPACE.**  
**IN THE DUNGEON.**

THAT'S  
RIGHT.  
I'M A  
SKRULL.

★ **BUGFACE BROWN.**  
"FORTUNATE SON"--  
CREEDENCE CLEARWATER  
REVIVAL.

"AND TO UNDERSTAND  
HOW ALL THIS HAPPENED...  
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND  
THE SKRULLS.

"TO BEGIN WITH--  
'ACTING,' AS YOU  
UNDERSTAND IT, IS HARD  
FOR SKRULLS TO GRASP.  
ANY REPRESENTATIONAL  
ART, REALLY.

ARE THESE...  
PHOTOGRAPHS?

"GENERALLY,  
WE ASSUME  
OTHER GUISES  
TO MAKE WAR.  
NOT FOR FUN.

"BUT WHEN WE DISCOVERED  
EARTH CULTURE--THROUGH  
THE CAPTURE OF LIVE  
SPECIMENS--WE BECAME  
FASCINATED WITH THE  
CONCEPT OF 'MOVIES.'

YA  
DOITY  
RAT--

"YA  
DOITY  
RAT!"

"OLD-TIME  
GANGSTER MOVIES  
IN PARTICULAR.

"AND SO THE KRAL SYSTEM  
WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE  
EXPLORATION OF THESE  
FORBIDDEN IDEAS.

"THE SYSTEM BECAME  
A MELTING POT OF  
IDEAS AND FASHIONS.  
A PLACE FOR THOSE  
WHO DIDN'T FIT IN  
THE LARGER EMPIRE.

"IT WAS OUR  
CULTURAL  
LABORATORY--  
OUR GRAND  
EXPERIMENT. OUR  
SHARED DREAM  
OF EARTH, THE  
PROMISED LAND."

OUR  
FAIRY-TALE  
AMERICA.



"AND ONE DAY, IN THIS MAGIC KINGDOM, TWO PRINCES CAME OF AGE.

"KRAL X WAS STILL A SMALL COLONY--AN OUTPOST, LITTLE MORE--RULED BY A MAFIA DON IN THE TRADITIONAL MANNER. OUR FATHER, DON SCARPONE.

"MY BROTHER WAS HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND. HIS CONSIGLIERE.

"FATHER SENT HIM ON DEEP-SPACE MISSIONS, TO SEEK NEW SIGNALS FROM EARTH--NEW AND UNDISCOVERED MOVIES TO BARTER.

"THAT'S HOW HE FOUND IT. A TV SIGNAL THAT LEFT EARTH OVER 50 YEARS AGO..."

PERFECT!

IF THIS IS A DOUBLE DATE TO THE BURGER BAR--WHO'S DATING BUGFACE?

SIMPLE, HONEY--THE BURGER!

FRESH!

HAHAHA  
HAHA

IT'S SO PERFECT.

"...THE RITCHIE REDWOOD SHOW.



"IT WAS HIS FIRST CONVERT."

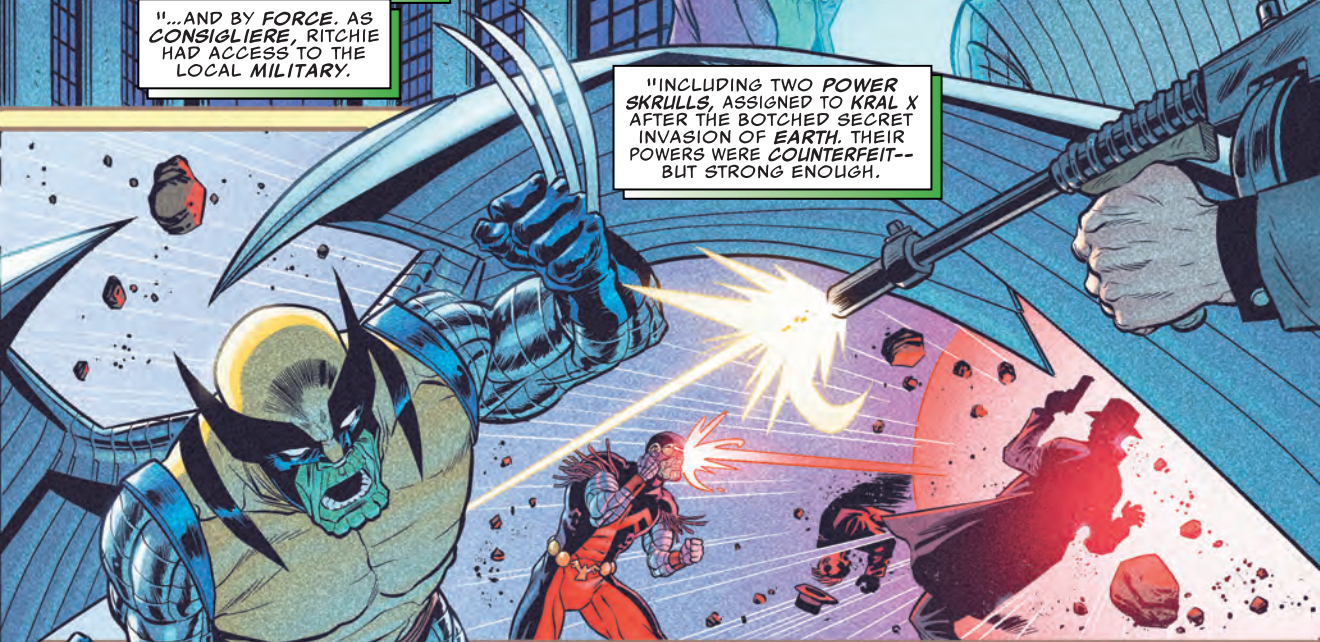
"THE BURGER!" HA! BECAUSE HE INGESTS THEM!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BROTHER. IT IS PERFECT.

"REDWOODISM SWEEPED THROUGH THE COLONY. BY PERSUASION..."

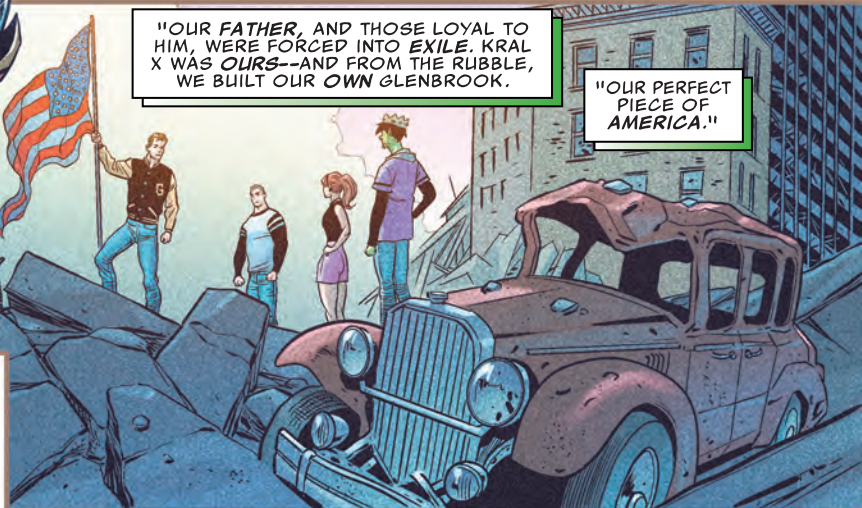
"...AND BY FORCE. AS CONSIGLIERE, RITCHIE HAD ACCESS TO THE LOCAL MILITARY."

"INCLUDING TWO POWER SKRULLS, ASSIGNED TO KRAL X AFTER THE BOTCHED SECRET INVASION OF EARTH. THEIR POWERS WERE COUNTERFEIT-- BUT STRONG ENOUGH."



"OUR FATHER, AND THOSE LOYAL TO HIM, WERE FORCED INTO EXILE. KRAL X WAS OURS--AND FROM THE RUBBLE, WE BUILT OUR OWN GLENBROOK."

"OUR PERFECT PIECE OF AMERICA."



AND FOR A WHILE...IT WAS PERFECT. BUT THEN...

THEN IT ALL WENT WRONG.



YEAH. THE DUNGEON WAS MY FIRST CLUE.

★ SAM GUTHRIE. CANNONBALL.

"ROCKET MAN" --ELTON JOHN.





DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE DUNGEON, GERRY? DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE SUBVERSIVES?

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT? HMM?



★ **RITCHIE REDWOOD.**  
"THE GREAT PRETENDER"  
--THE PLATTERS.

★ **PAPPY GUGGENHEIM'S MALT SHOPPE.**

**WE'RE STILL IN SPACE.**

BECAUSE THAT CAN HAPPEN, GERRY. YOU'RE A LOT LESS OF A CORE CHARACTER THAN YOU THINK YOU ARE. I CAN PUT YOU ON A BUS TODAY.



I PUT BUGFACE ON THE BUS! BUGFACE BROWN! AND HE WAS A LOT MORE INTEGRAL TO THE MYTHOS THAN YOU!

YOUR MAJ--I MEAN, RITCHIE-- PLEASE--

--ALL I SAID WAS THAT WE SHOULD CHECK THE EARTHER FOR SHI'AR TECH IMPLANTS, SINCE HE CAME FROM--

THAT'S ALL, IS IT? THAT'S ALL?



SO YOU'RE THE BIG BRAIN NOW? GERRY THE LOVE RIVAL KNOWS ALL ABOUT ALIEN BIOMECHANICS, DOES HE?

AND--AND MAYBE BECKY'S THE RICH ONE! AND VANESSA RUNS THE MALT SHOPPE!

LET'S JUST DO WHAT WE LIKE!

RITCHIECAKES-- HE WAS JUST SAYING THAT MAYBE THE EARTHER HAS--



AND STOP SAYING EARTHER!

GLENBROOK'S MEANT TO BE ON EARTH, YOU MORONS! EARTH IN A SIMPLER TIME!

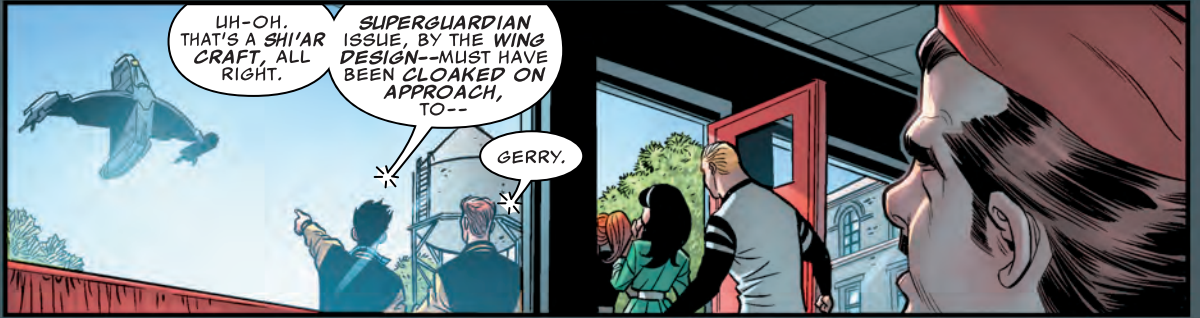
SIMPLE, PASTORAL, UNSPOILED--WITHOUT HIGH TECHNOLOGY, WITHOUT MODERN CIVILIZATION, WITHOUT...







... WITHOUT SPACESHIPS.



UH-OH. THAT'S A SHI'AR CRAFT, ALL RIGHT.

SUPERGUARDIAN ISSUE, BY THE WING DESIGN--MUST HAVE BEEN CLOAKED ON APPROACH, TO--

GERRY.



I MEAN, UH... GEE-WILLIKERS, RITCH, WHAT'S THAT UP THERE?

BIFF. GO AND GET MISTER WASPWIND.



GENERAL-- BACK AWAY FROM THE OPEN AIRLOCK, PLEASE. DOCTOR'S ORDERS.

I KEEP TELLING YOU-- WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW BADLY HYDRA SCREWED UP YOUR HULK POWERS--

DA COSTA... DOC... C'MON. I HATED THIS CARTOON WHEN I WAS A KID.

**★ GEN. ROBERT MAVERICK, RED HULK. "AMERICA: WHAT TIME IS LOVE?"--THE KLF.**