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At the end of existence, Franklin Richards asked Galactus to tell him the story of their universe as they wait for its heat death. Galactus began with the first stirrings of life and left off with the discovery that the parallel Earth that the Avengers and the Fantastic Four had once found themselves on was created by none other than Franklin. Now, the story continues...

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IN THE ABSENCE OF
THE AVENGERS AND THE
FANTASTIC FOUR, A NEW
TEAM HAD EMERGED.

THE **THUNDERBOLTS**
GAINED THE ADMIRATION
OF A WORLD UNAWARE
THAT THEY WERE, IN FACT,
VILLAINS POSING
AS HEROES.

LED BY BARON ZEMO POSING AS
CITIZEN V, SEVERAL OF THEM
ENDED UP REJECTING. OVER TIME,
THEIR OPPORTUNISTIC WAYS IN
ATTEMPTS TO REDEEM THEMSELVES.



EARTH'S MUTANT POPULATION HAD EXPLODED. TO THE NORTH OF MADAGASCAR, THE ISLAND OF **GENOSHA** BECAME HOME TO OVER SIXTEEN MILLION **HOMO SUPERIOR** UNTIL **CASSANDRA NOVA**, CHARLES XAVIER'S TWIN SISTER, USED ROGUE SENTINELS TO ERADICATE THEM IN AN ACT OF UNREPENTANT GENOCIDE.

IN THE AFTERMATH, XAVIER REFUSED TO KEEP HIS STUDENTS IN HIDING ANY LONGER AND TOOK PROACTIVE PUBLIC STEPS TO IMPROVE HUMAN-MUTANT RELATIONS.

WHILE CYCLOPS AND EMMA FROST BECAME CO-HEADMASTERS OF THE **XAVIER INSTITUTE**, XAVIER AND MAGNETO BEGAN REBUILDING GENOSHA TOGETHER.

IN AMERICA, TWO LONG-RETIRED HEROES FOUND NEW LIFE. ONE, **ROBERT REYNOLDS**--ACTIVE YEARS BEFORE THANKS TO AN ATTEMPT TO RECREATE THE SUPER-SOLDIER FORMULA--AWOKE FROM AN AMNESIAC STATE AND RECLAIMED HIS IDENTITY AS **THE SENTRY**.


HIS PHOTOSYNTHETIC POWERS WERE VIRTUALLY LIMITLESS, HELD IN CHECK ONLY BY THE MENTAL BLOCKS OF HIS VARIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL ILLNESSES.

THE OTHER, **JESSICA JONES**, HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS AS A TEENAGER, GAINING POWERS INCLUDING SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY. FOR A SHORT TIME, SHE OPERATED UNDER THE CODENAME **JEWEL** UNTIL SHE WAS TRAUMATIZED BY AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE MIND-CONTROLLING **PURPLE MAN**. LEAVING JEWEL BEHIND, PRIVATE DETECTIVE JONES OPENED **ALIAS INVESTIGATIONS**.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A WEALTHY ENTREPRENEUR, **X-FORCE** EVOLVED INTO THE **X-STATIX** AND QUICKLY BECAME MEDIA SUPERSTARS.



MEANWHILE, ANOTHER TEAM OF YOUNG HEROES WAS FORCED DOWN A FAR DIFFERENT PATH ONCE THEY DISCOVERED THEIR PARENTS WERE THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION **THE PRIDE**. FLEEING THEIR HERITAGE TO CHART THEIR OWN DESTINY, THEY BECAME **RUNAWAYS**.



BESIEGED BY DEADLY ATTACKS, THEIR HEADQUARTERS DEMOLISHED AND THEIR RANKS WINNOWNED, THE AVENGERS WERE NEARLY DESTROYED BY A MYSTERY OPPONENT.

ULTIMATELY THEIR FOE STOOD REVEALED AS ONE OF THEIR OWN--**WANDA MAXIMOFF**, THE **SCARLET WITCH**, WHO HAD BEEN DRIVEN SLOWLY INSANE BY THE DISCOVERY THAT HER BELOVED TWIN INFANTS WERE NO MORE THAN EMPTY CONSTRUCTS HER OWN SUBCONSCIOUS HAD CREATED.

AS A RESULT OF THE SCARLET WITCH'S ATTACKS, THE AVENGERS DISBANDED FOR A TIME, REUNITING IN THE INTERIM AS A NEW, LOOSER-KNIT TEAM.

THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY REBUILD THEIR ORGANIZATION--BUT ONLY AFTER A CRISIS THAT WOULD PIT THEM AGAINST ONE ANOTHER WITH A FEROCITY THEY HAD NEVER BEFORE EXPERIENCED.