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A near-omnipotent being known as the BEYONDER transported a group of Earth's super heroes and super villains to the amalgam planet called BATTLEWORLD, promising both groups their hearts' desires...if they slayed their enemies! During one battle, SPIDER-MAN ravaged his costume, getting a new one with mysterious properties from a strange machine on Battleworld. As REED RICHARDS began working on a way to return the heroes home, Spider-Man was pulled into a series of new battles across pocket dimensions of Battleworld.

In a mysterious experiment orchestrated by a pair of beings more powerful than the Beyonder, Spider-Man was thrown into a new test, with allies not previously seen on Battleworld, pitted against a cadre of villains similarly new to the field. To prompt the villains to attack, the cosmic beings told them that they must kill their opponents or all of *humanity*, themselves included, will be wiped from existence! The heroes rebuffed the attack, but BARON ZEMO and HOBGOBLIN managed to escape. Frustrated that their experiment had failed to properly test their primary subject, the cosmic beings altered the heroes' thoughts and perceptions to manipulate them to team up with the villains...and attack Spider-Man!



SPIDER-MAN

DAREDEVIL



FALCON



HUMAN TORCH



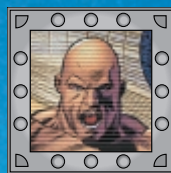
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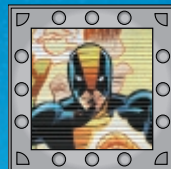
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ABSORBING MAN



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A WAR TO DECIDE THE FATE OF AN ENTIRE SPECIES--

--AND MORE!

WHAT IS IT, FELLAS?

WHAT'S WRONG?!?



MARVEL COMICS PROUDLY PRESENTS...

"EVEN HEROES CAN DIE!"





WHY HAS
EVERYONE
SUDDENLY TURNED
AGAINST ME?

I KNOW I
CAN BE WAAAAAY
TOO **SARCASTIC** AT
TIMES--BUT
C'MON!

I THOUGHT
AT LEAST **SOME**
OF US WERE ON
THE SAME
SIDE.

CONFUSION
WARS WITH
FEAR WITHIN THE
SUBJECT.

UNDERSTANDABLE
SINCE WE IMPERSONATED
THE DEFECTIVE ONE--

--AND
IMPLANTED THE
BELIEF THAT HUMANKIND
WILL **PERISH** IF HE
SURVIVES.



FACE IT, SQUIRT--THIS AIN'T YER DAY!

WE KNOW IT ISN'T FAIR--ISN'T JUST--BUT IT IS NECESSARY.



IT'S TIME TO STEP UP, PAL.

HATE TO AGREE WITH THE CONSTRICTOR, WEBS--

--BUT YOU NEED TO TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM.



WE BOTH KNOW CAPTAIN AMERICA WOULDN'T EVEN HESITATE TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

AND IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE WILL MOURN YOU.



IF I LEARNED ANYTHING FROM PROFESSOR X, IT'S THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT HUMANITY--

--AT ANY COST!

DID I MISS A MEMO? YOU GUYS SOUND LIKE--NO!

THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!

OUR PRIMARY TEST SUBJECT IS GLEANING THE TRUE STAKES OF THIS EXPERIMENT.