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**THE KING**  
BLACK PANTHER

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born. To fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

# THE AVENGERS

A group of super villains known as the **Ashen Combine** launched a multicity attack on Earth. After the **Avengers** defeated the villains, they learned that the Ashen Combine's sentient fortress, the **Impossible City**, had been forced into service after its original creators, a group of now forgotten heroes, disappeared. The Impossible City then accepted the Avengers' offer to become the newest member of the team and has been serving as their headquarters. But the remaining unsolved mysteries surrounding the Impossible City are plentiful...

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I SUPPOSE YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I DID IT.

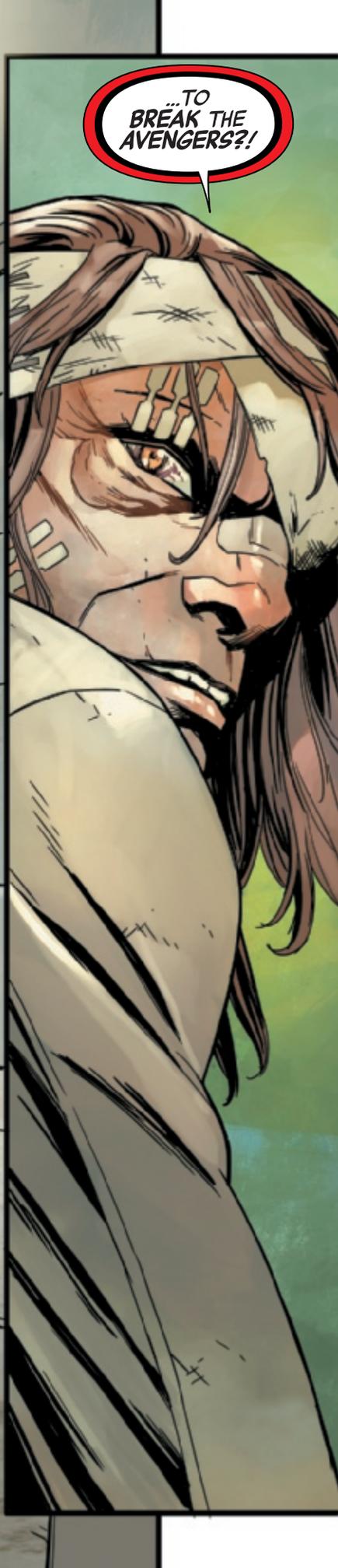
"WHY"?

WHY DOES THE MAD THINKER DO ANYTHING?

"MAD" IS RIGHT IN THE NAME!

BUT REALLY, WHEN HAVE I EVER NEEDED AN EXCUSE...

...TO BREAK THE AVENGERS?!



# THE IMPOSSIBLE CITY.

I DON'T LIKE IT.

WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE, CAROL? THE ASHEN COMBINE IS HELD IN STASIS, THE WORLD IS SAFE, BINGO BANGO.

WHEN WE STARTED THIS, I SAID I DIDN'T WANT US TO BE COPS, TONY.

THAT EXTENDS TO BEING JAILERS.

I DON'T LIKE HAVING OUR HEADQUARTERS BE A PRISON.





DO YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?

BECAUSE THE IMPOSSIBLE CITY WAS **BUILT** TO KEEP THE ASHEN COMBINE LOCKED DOWN.

AND HOW DID **THAT** TURN OUT?

ERR... NO OFFENSE, CITY.

NONE TAKEN, CAROL.



WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THEM, FIND OUT IF REHABILITATION IS AN OPTION.

AND THAT'S IGNORING THE FACT THAT THERE ARE **THOUSANDS** OF PEOPLE IMPRISONED WITHIN THE ONE CALLED MERIDIAN DIADEM...



I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.

MATRYOSHKA PRISONS, GOD.



AND THAT'S NOT OUR ONLY PROBLEM.

TONY, WE NEED TO **ACT**. WE'VE **HELD BACK** ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION, ENTRUSTED **YOU** WITH CALLING THE PLAY, BUT...



BUT?



BUT ORCHIS.

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK I CAN KEEP FROM CALLING IN THE ATTACK? WE'RE THE AVENGERS, FOR GOD'S SAKE, AND THE X-MEN ARE OUR FRIENDS--



LOOK. THERE'RE A LOT OF MOVING PARTS ON THIS OPERATION, AND YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO--WE HAVE ONE SHOT AT THIS.

KRAKOA FELL. AND THEY HAD HUNDREDS OF TOP-CLASS MUTANTS.\*

THERE ARE SEVEN OF US.

YOU BROUGHT ME ON AS YOUR XO.



I'M THE ENGINEER. I'M GOOD WITH MOVING PARTS.

SO TRUST ME TO CALL THE PLAY.

AHEM.

\*AS SEEN IN X-MEN: HELLFIRE GALA 2023 #1. --TOM