

THANOS, THE MAD TITAN, IS OBSESSED WITH TWO THINGS: POWER AND DEATH; THE FORMER OF WHICH HE USES TO BRING ABOUT THE LATTER. IN PURSUIT OF THESE OBSESSIONS, THANOS ONCE GAINED CONTROL OF THE INFINITY GAUNTLET--A WEAPON OF UNIMAGINABLE POWER--WHICH BRIEFLY MADE HIM THE EQUIVALENT OF A GOD. EVER SINCE, HIS LIFE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO THE PURSUIT OF A POWER EQUAL TO THE GAUNTLET. A POWER WHICH HE HAS PROVEN HE IS WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO ATTAIN...

DR. BRUCE BANNER, A BRILLIANT ATOMIC PHYSICIST, ONCE ATTEMPTED TO CREATE A WEAPON SO POWERFUL IT WOULD DETER FUTURE WARS--THE GAMMA BOMB! BUT AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN THE BLAST OF AN ILL-FATED BOMB TEST, HIS LIFE WAS CHANGED FOREVER. NOW, WHENEVER HE IS ANGERED OR THREATENED, DR. BANNER TRANSFORMS INTO AN INCREDIBLE ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION, THE GREEN BEHEMOTH KNOWN AS THE HULK!

THANOS vs. HULK



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RECENTLY, INTERGALACTIC TELEPORTER AND PETTY CRIMINAL PIP THE TROLL WAS TASKED WITH ABDUCTING BRUCE BANNER SO THAT ANNIHILUS, INSECT OVERLORD OF THE NEGATIVE ZONE, COULD HARVEST A MYSTERIOUS ELEMENT DETECTED WITHIN THE HULK. USING A CEREBRAL DISRUPTOR, ANNIHILUS WAS ABLE TO KEEP BOTH BRUCE AND HULK'S CONSCIOUSNESS IN STASIS WHILE HE PREPARED TO USE THEM. WHILE IN STASIS, THE MAD TITAN THANOS WAS ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THEIR MINDSPACE IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT ANNIHILUS' PLANS AND USE THE HULK FOR HIMSELF. DESPITE HAVING THE UPPER HAND, THANOS WAS EVENTUALLY REMOVED AND ANNIHILUS WAS LEFT TO CONTINUE HIS EXPERIMENT UNOPPOSED...

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"AS I SUSPECTED, THE MYSTERIOUS SUBSTANCE WE SEEK ONLY EXISTS WITHIN THE BRIEF MOMENTS OF TRANSFORMATION FROM BRUCE BANNER TO THE HULK.

"SCANNERS CALIBRATED AND ON STANDBY.

"BEGINNING ADRENALINE DRIP.

"HEART RATE INCREASING, METAMORPHOSIS COMMENCING.

"CEREBRAL INHIBITORS MAINTAINING UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

"ACTIVATE FULL-RANGE SCANNING.

"TRANSITIONAL COMPONENT DETECTED.

"ANALYSIS INSTITUTED AND COMPLETED.

"SYNTHETIC REPLICATION ACHIEVED.

"YOUR MAJESTY, I AM HONORED TO REPORT COMPLETE SUCCESS.

"WE MAY INITIATE THE FINAL PROCEDURE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE."

"START IMMEDIATELY, DR. BULTAR!"

"I HAVE BEEN TRAPPED WITHIN THIS PATHETIC JUVENILE FORM FOR FAR TOO LONG!"



THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

THEN WITH YOUR PERMISSION, SIRE, WE SHALL BEGIN THE OPERATION.

THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS IS TO STRIP AWAY YOUR CURRENT CARAPACE, AN EXTREMELY PAINFUL PROCEDURE.

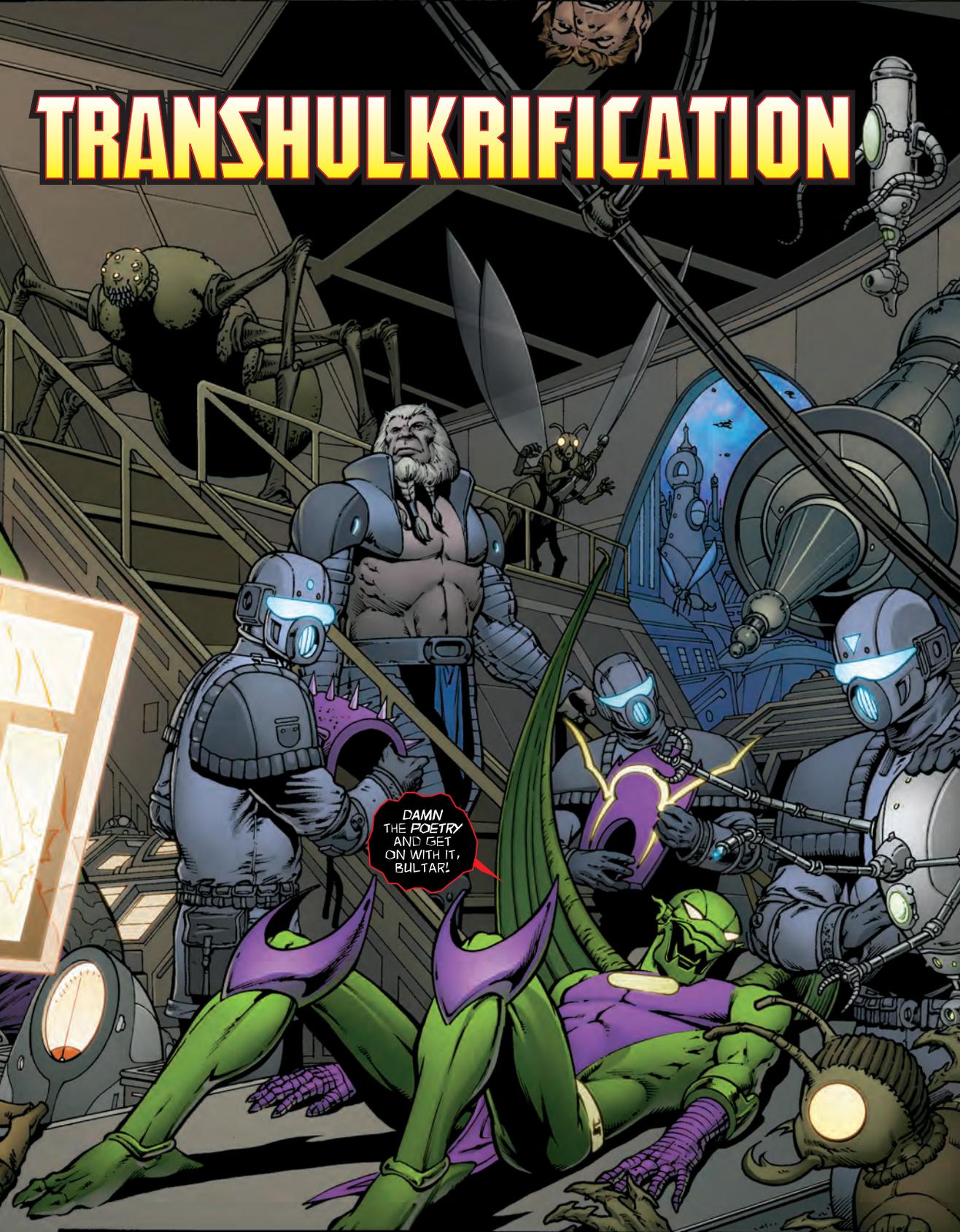
ONE CANNOT GROW MOUNTAINS WITHIN TEACUPS, LORD ANNIHILUS.

AS YOU COMMAND, YOUR HIGHNESS.

ZEEE



TRANSHULKRIFICATION



DAMN THE POETRY AND GET ON WITH IT, BULTAR!

KRAK





Carapace successfully removed.

Restraints in place, Doctor.

STEP BACK!
I AM ACTIVATING THE PROCESS!



BULTAR, IT LOOKS LIKE MORE THAN JUST MERE PHYSICAL ENHANCEMENT IS TAKING PLACE.

WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING HERE?

AND DOES LORD ANNIHILUS KNOW WHAT IS OCCURRING?

TO THE MOST MINUTE DETAIL, I ASSURE YOU, BLASTAAR.