

# SHIELD



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## Chapter Six: "I AM THE SUN"

Since Imhotep quelled the Brood invasion in 2620 B.C., the Brotherhood of the Shield has protected the Earth. This higher calling has been passed from generation to generation, but now their mission, and the Earth itself, are in jeopardy.

Once a pillar of the Shield's High Council, Sir Isaac Newton became convinced he alone is destined to witness the end of the world. Newton took command of the colossal Star Child, killed Nostradamus, inheriting the power of the Quiet Math, and traveled to three possible futures to prove his apocalyptic beliefs.

He was opposed by Michelangelo, also known as the Forever Man, Howard Stark, Nathaniel Richards, a trio of brothers known as the Last Caliphate, and a young man named Leonid and his adoptive parents, Nikola Tesla and a mystical bird-woman. In all three timelines, only Michelangelo and Leonid survived--the first to build the Human Machine, the second to pilot it and find a way to go on.

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**The Human Machine.**

OKAY...  
HERE WE  
GO.

NO  
INSTRUCTION  
MANUAL. NO  
CO-PILOT.

EXCEPT  
ME.

HOPEFULLY,  
I CAN--

OH, IT'S  
INTUITIVE, LIKE  
RIDING A...

**ZZZNNNNN!!**

SUCH  
FAILURE--  
IT...

...FAILURE--  
IT ECHOES  
ACROSS...

...ECHOES  
ACROSS  
ETERNITY.

NO, IT'S...  
IT'S MORE THAN  
THAT...

I CAN NO  
LONGER SEE THE  
FUTURE.

I'M  
BLIND FOR ALL  
TIME.



THE HEIGHT OF MODERNITY. THE REBIRTH OF MAN. THE END OF THE WORLD...

ALL OF THESE POSSIBILITIES...

ALL THE CHOICES IN BETWEEN...

I WANT THIS MADNESS...



...TO END!



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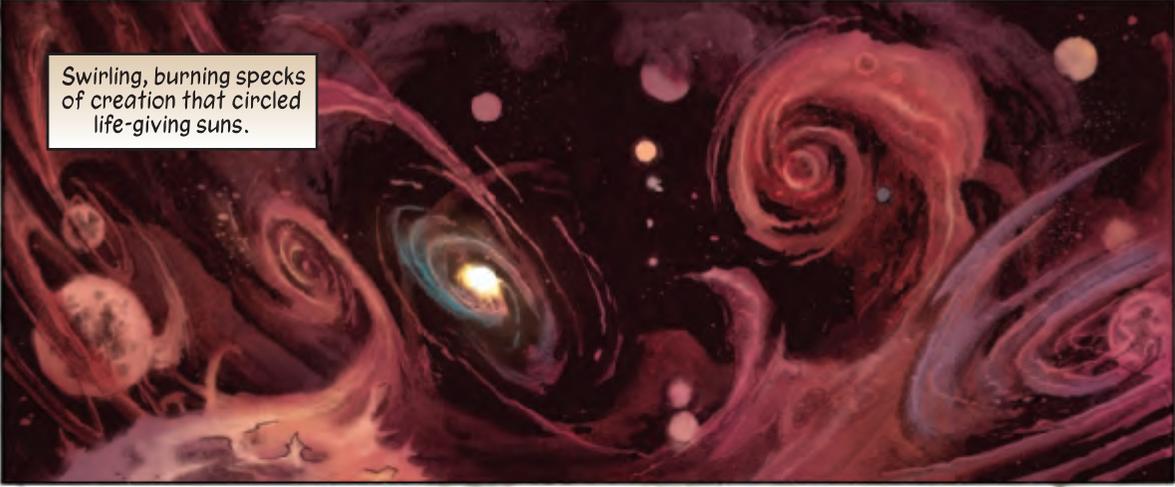
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There was  
*nothing.*



Followed by  
*everything.*



Swirling, burning specks  
of creation that circled  
life-giving suns.



I was *born*  
in the *light.*



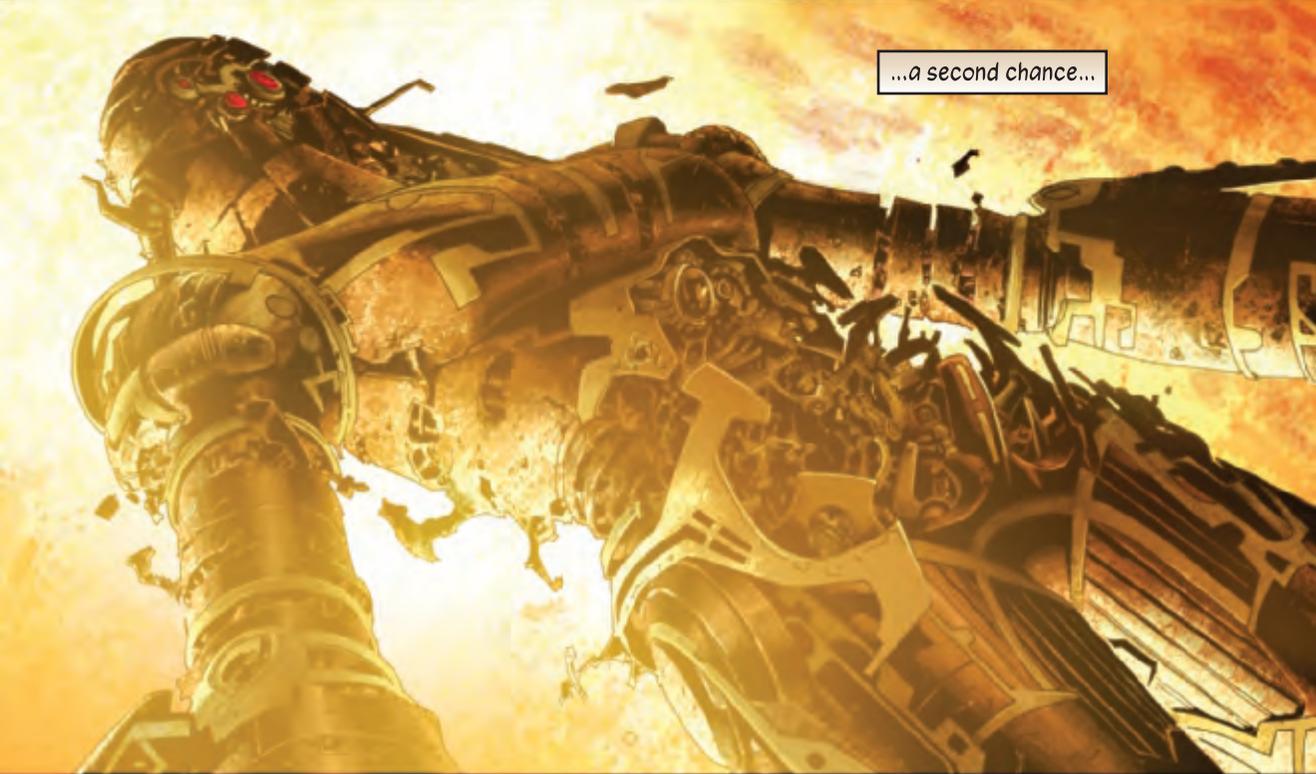
The universe...  
*our mother...*



...holding me close in a  
cradle called a star.



It was a second birth...



...a second chance...



One with a  
single purpose.

