

Years ago, Baron Zemo formed the Thunderbolts--a group of villains that masqueraded as heroes in order to exploit the world's trust and adoration. Ultimately, the Thunderbolts chose heroism over deception and rejected Baron Zemo, largely at the urging of Jolt, a young idealist who recently returned from Counter-Earth.

The Thunderbolts reunited under the leadership of the Winter Soldier to keep Kobik, the sentient Cosmic Cube, from falling into the wrong hands. But now their old boss has tracked them down, and Zemo wants his team--and the Cosmic Cube--by his side in the dark days to come. Kobik threw Bucky into his past to save him from Zemo, but Bucky quickly realized that events weren't playing out the way he remembered.

In his new history, he killed Zemo's father Heinrich, rather than almost dying at his hands--and when he tried to find out why the past had changed, he uncovered a horrible secret. At the bidding of the Red Skull, Kobik had altered Captain America to make him a true believer in Hydra's ideals...and she wanted to do the same for Bucky. Heartbroken, Bucky rejected her--and a devastated Kobik reacted with a temper tantrum powerful enough to tear reality apart.*



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