

BAD NEWS and WORSE NEWS

178 DAYS to LIVE

THE GEM THEATER.
MIGHTY AVENGERS HQ.

"THIS MEETING'S
ALREADY TAKEN
LONGER TO ARRANGE
THAN I'D HAVE LIKED..."

MIGHTY AVENGERS *****

STEVE ROGERS.
THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN AMERICA.

...SO I'LL
KEEP IT
BRIEF.

IT'S BAD
NEWS.

THE
MULTIVERSE--AS IN,
EVERY UNIVERSE AND
EVERYTHING IN THOSE
UNIVERSES--





DO YOU REMEMBER THE ILLUMINATI, LUKE?

THE RICH-WHITE-GUY COUNTRY CLUB TONY STARK FORMED TO CONCERN-TROLL THE WORLD?



LOST THE ALL-POWERFUL INFINITY GEMS TO THE HOOD, OF ALL PEOPLE?

THAT ILLUMINATI?



RIGHT.

AT THE END OF THAT, TONY ALLOWED YOU ALL TO THINK THE GEMS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM EXISTENCE.*

THAT WAS A LIE. THE ILLUMINATI TOOK THEM BACK.

IT WAS... JUDGED TO BE THE SAFER COURSE.

*IN AVENGERS VOL. 4, #7-12.--TOM

"WHEN THEY WERE EVENTUALLY DESTROYED, IT WAS WHILE SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTING AN INCURSION-- ONE OF THOSE MULTIVERSAL COLLISIONS I MENTIONED.

"I WAS USING THEM AT THE TIME."*



*IN NEW AVENGERS VOL. 3, #3.--TOM



SO YOU LIED.



STARK GAVE YOU AN INVITE.



HE DID.



AND YOU SAID YES.



TO GET IN THAT ROOM? DAMN RIGHT.



TO GET IN THE ROOM THAT RUNS THE **WORLD**, WHETHER THE WORLD LIKES IT OR NOT. YEAH, I CAN SEE HOW THAT'D BE **TEMPTING**.

I USED TO LOOK UP TO YOU--

DON'T YOU DARE.



DON'T YOU DARE JUDGE ME.

BEING IN THAT ROOM GAVE ME A VOICE. IT LET ME SPEAK AGAINST THE UNSPEAKABLE.

EARTH IS THE COLLISION POINT-- DON'T YOU GET IT? REMOVE AN EARTH-- DESTROY AN EARTH--



AND THERE IS NO COLLISION!

GOD... GOD!



YOU COULD SEE THEIR MINDS WORK!

"IF I HADN'T BEEN THERE-- IN THAT ROOM--THEY'D HAVE TALKED THEMSELVES INTO IT INSIDE OF FIVE MINUTES."



"INTO DESTROYING WORLDS."

TO SAVE ENTIRE UNIVERSES--

THERE! JUST LIKE THAT!

SEVEN BILLION LIVES, JUST LIKE THAT!

MURDERED! BECAUSE YOU CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER OPTION!

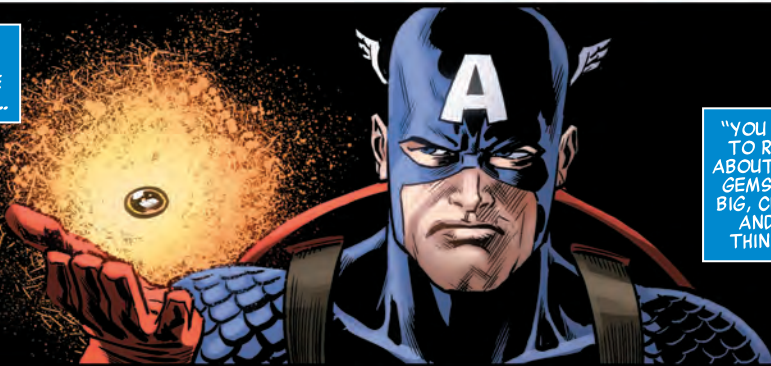


AND YOU'RE NOT REED RICHARDS--

REED RICHARDS KNEW ABOUT THIS?



"HE'S KNOWN FOR MONTHS. THEY ALL HAVE ALL THOSE KINGS AND PRINCES..."



"YOU KNOW I HAD TO REMIND THEM ABOUT THE INFINITY GEMS? ALL THOSE BIG, CLEVER BRAINS AND I HAD TO THINK OF THAT?"

AND THE GEMS WERE SUCCESSFUL, EVEN IF WE DID LOSE THEM. WE STOPPED AN INCURSION.

VICTORY IS POSSIBLE. AND EVEN IF IT WASN'T...

WE DO NOT FIGHT WHAT IS MONSTROUS BY BECOMING MONSTERS OURSELVES.

