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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

THE AVENGERS



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One million years ago, an impossible assembly of gods, mutants and monsters led by Odin vanquished a mad Celestial, and the First Host was sent to Earth in retaliation.

Now, dead Celestials are raining from the sky as a horde of unstoppable insects invades from below. And as the Final Host of Dark Celestials marches on Earth, the call goes out once more...AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

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AND THERE THEY GO, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

THE BIG THREE TOGETHER AGAIN. THE CROWD GOES WILD.

ADVENTURE AWAITS! EXCITEMENT ABOUNDS! EXCELSIOR!



HEH. PARDON ME AS I STIFLE A YAWN.

BUT WE MUST GIVE THIS AILING REALITY OF OURS THE TIME-HONORED MEDICINE IT SO DESPERATELY NEEDS, MUSTN'T WE?

AND FOR SOME OF US, THAT MEANS REVERTING TO ROLES WE WERE SHACKLED WITH LONG AGO.

SO BE IT. I'VE MADE MAGIC WITH FAR LESS.

IT DIDN'T EVEN TAKE MUCH PRODDING, DID IT? DANGLE A CARROT IN FRONT OF THESE THREE SUPER-TOOLS AND THEY START FALLING ALL OVER THEMSELVES TO GET ASSEMBLED.



A NICE BIG WORLD-DESTROYING, HISTORY-REWRITING CARROT, LIKE THE FINAL HOST.

OH, BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. WHY STOP THE FUN WITH JUST THREE?



BELIEVE ME, THERE ARE PLENTY MORE MORONS OUT THERE WITH ROLES TO PLAY, EVEN IF THEY DON'T YET FULLY REALIZE IT.

AND AS WE SPEAK, THEY'RE ALREADY DOING SOME ASSEMBLING OF THEIR OWN. DEEP BENEATH THE EARTH.

AND IN THE SKIES OVERHEAD.

SOME OF THEM ARE THE USUAL SORT OF SUPER SUSPECTS. OTHERS, WELL...

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE A FEW SURPRISES IN THE MIX, DON'T YOU THINK?



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WHAT THE DAMN HELL... GIANT BUGS ATTACKING ME OUT OF NOWHERE.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN ME INTO NOW?! STUPID HELL-DAMNED CAR!

ROBBIE!



ROBBIE, THEY'RE SAYING ON THE NEWS THAT GIANTS ARE FALLING FROM THE SKY! WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?

JUST STAY INSIDE, GABE.

I'LL BE BACK SOON AS I FIGURE THIS OUT.



ROBBIE, WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY'S YOUR VOICE SOUND SO WEIRD?

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE SAFE.

WISH I COULD TELL YOU MORE, LITTLE BROTHER. BUT LATELY ALL I REALLY KNOW FOR SURE...

...IS THAT I'M
ROBBIE REYES, KID
FROM EAST L.A. WITH A
DEMON-POSSESSED
HELL CHARGER.

LIKE IT OR
NOT, I'M THE
GHOST RIDER.

AND IF
I DIDN'T HAVE
A FLAMING SKULL
FOR A FACE
MOST DAYS...

...YOU COULD
SEE THAT I'M
ABSOLUTELY
TERRIFIED.

THERE ARE FORCES AT WORK
HERE THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLAY
FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

GO ASK ODIN, THE BROKEN OLD
ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD, OR THE
SCARBRAND, THOUGH I SUPPOSE
YOU CAN'T BECAUSE HE'S DEAD.

SO PERHAPS THE
GHOST RIDER'S
INVOLVEMENT SHOULD
COME AS NO SURPRISE.
THE SAME CANNOT
BE SAID, HOWEVER...