

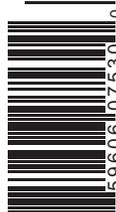
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Chapter Five: “YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW.”

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, Sir Isaac Newton and Leonardo da Vinci battle for leadership of the High Council of the Shield.

Joining da Vinci are Michelangelo, also known as the Forever Man, Howard Stark, Nathaniel Richards, a trio of brothers known as the Last Caliphate, and a mysterious young man named Leonid and his parents Nikola Tesla and a mystical bird-woman. On Newton's side are Nostradamus and the immensely powerful Star Child.

As with most things involving the polymathic members of the Shield, this conflict bends common understanding. With the sides drawn, the battle commences in the year 2060 A.D. over three possible timelines.

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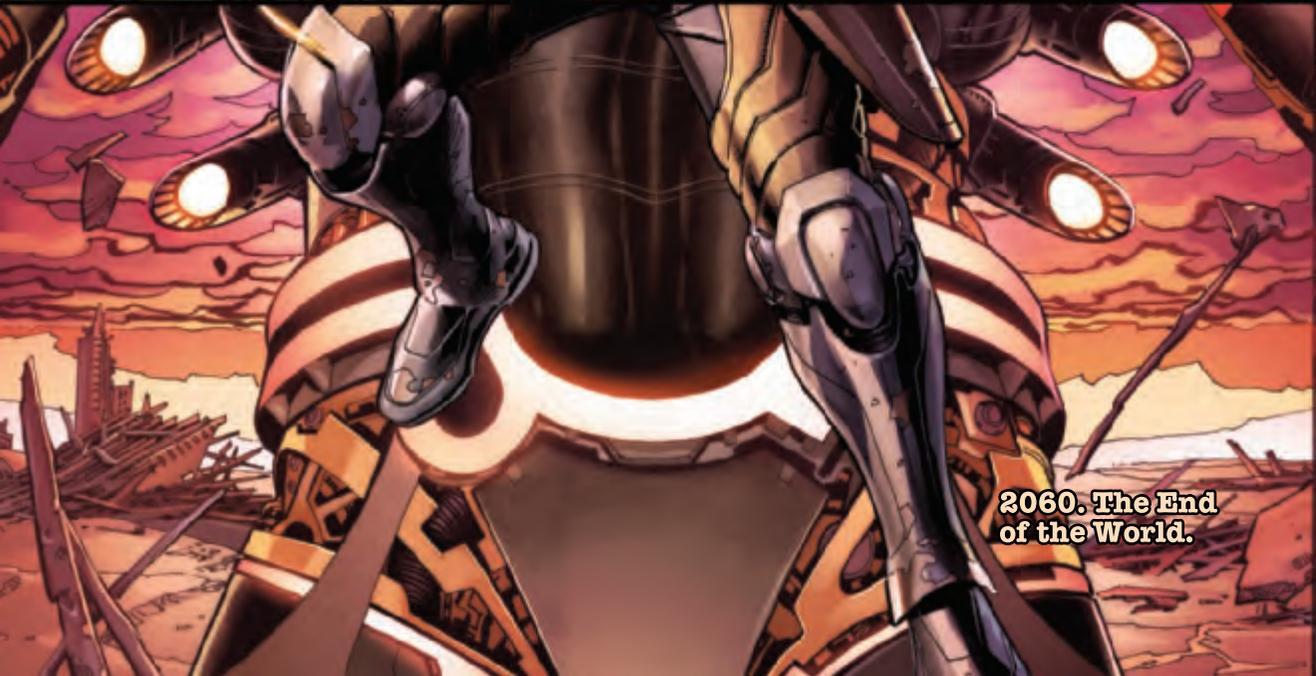
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of the World.**



I AM HASAN IBN AL-HAYTHAM,
FIRST OF THE THREE.

THE BROTHERS
OF CAUSALITY.

THE LAST
CALIPHATE...



HE IS HAMZA IBN AL-HAYTHAM,
SECOND OF THE THREE.

THE BROTHERS
OF CAUSALITY.



THE LAST
CALIPHATE...

DOES
THIS STRIKE
YOU AS A
BRUTE FORCE
SCENARIO,
HOWARD?

NO, IT
CERTAINLY
DOES NOT.

BUT WE
HAVE TO TRY
SOMETHING,
DON'T WE?



HE WAS HAIDER IBN AL-HAYTHAM,
LAST OF THE THREE.



THE BROTHERS
OF CAUSALITY.

AT THIS
DISTANCE, WE
ARE SHEEP FOR
OUR EVENTUAL
SLAUGHTER.

WE
HAVE TO GET
CLOSER.



THE LAST
CALIPHATE...



THE BROKEN SPEAR REUNITED WITH OUR BROTHERS *THE SHIELD* AT THE END OF HUMAN HISTORY.

NIKOLA!



THE BROKEN SPEAR REUNITED WITH THEIR BROTHERS *THE SHIELD* AT THE END OF HUMAN HISTORY.

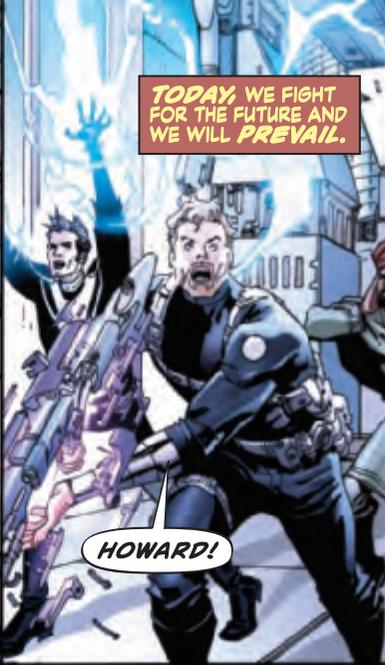
I THINK I MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA.



THE BROKEN SPEAR REUNITED WITH THEIR BROTHERS *THE SHIELD* AT THE END OF HUMAN HISTORY.



TODAY, WE FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE AND WE WILL PREVAIL.



HOWARD!



NO...



NOW, THEY FIGHT FOR TODAY AND THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW IN THE FACE OF OBLIVION.



THEY STAND BETWEEN ALL THAT WAS AND THE ERASURE OF ALL HUMAN HISTORY.



IT IS A MADMAN'S DREAM MADE MANIFEST.



IT WAS *HERE* THEY FOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE AND FAILED.



THEY STOOD FOR DECAYING IDEALS, LONG DEAD, AND COLLAPSING AT THE MOMENT OF THEIR BIRTH.





WE **MUST**...AS WE ARE ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF MAN AND OUR EXTINCTION--THE DREAMS OF A MADMAN REALIZED.

TODAY, WE **WAR**.



DON'T MOVE, NATHANIEL... I'M PROBABLY ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT AT THIS, AND THE DESIGN IS...

AMBITIOUS. YES, I KNOW, BUT...

...MAYBE INCLUDE A LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM IN YOUR DESIGN?

I KNEW I WAS FORGETTING SOMETHING.

THIS IS A PERFECT WAR.



OH, GOD... MOM!

THERE ARE NO DREAMS, ONLY **TEMPORARY** RESPITES FROM INEVITABILITY.



THIS IS HOW THEY DIED...

