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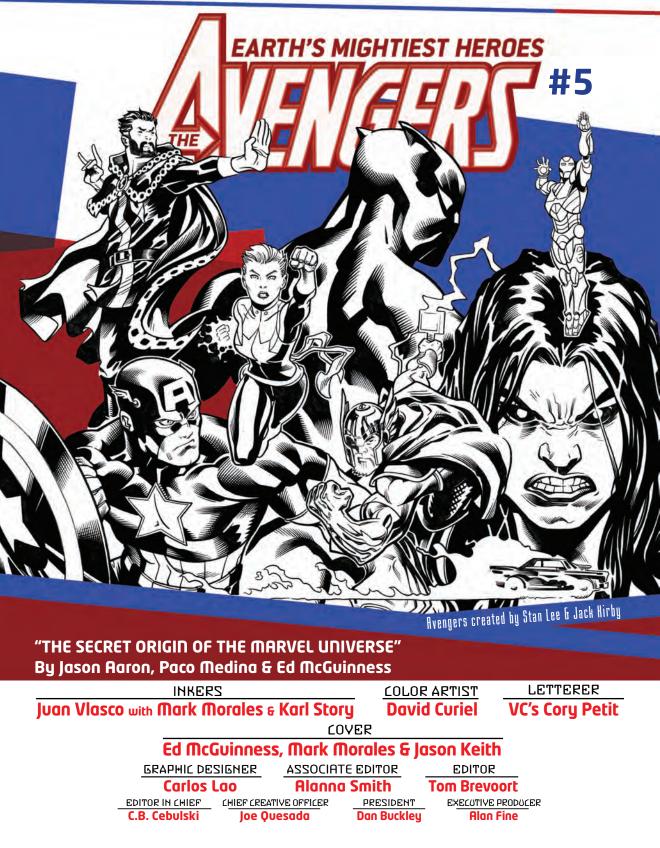




The Earth is under attack by the Final Host, a massive army of Dark Celestials who seem to be in league with the Horde bugs pouring out of the center of the planet--and Loki, God of Mischief.

In an attempt to learn more about their enemy, Iron Man and Doctor Strange visited the Eternals, only to find them all dead or dying from self-inflicted wounds. With his final words, Ikaris told Iron Man that only the Unimind can stop the Final Host from fully unleashing the Horde.

Meanwhile, She-Hulk and Thor confronted Odin, who confessed that one million years ago, his prehistoric Avengers vanquished a mad Celestial, invoking the wrath of the First Host. He also led them to a powerful weapon--the blood of Ymir the Frost Giant. But what does all they've learned have to do with the dead Celestial Loki calls the Progenitor?







"THAT SICKNESS SEEPED INTO THE EARTH, PERCOLATING THROUGH THE SHIFTING SEAS OF PRIMORDIAL ROCK AND LAVA.

"Along with the blood And rotting flesh of a nigh-omnipotent Alpha celestial.

## "THE INFECTION STEWED. FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS.



"Tell me, **WHY** Has This One Particular, Otherwise Unremarkable world always Been Such a Hotbed For SUPER-POWERED MADNESS?







"NOT BECAUSE OF ANY GRAND PURPOSE, I CAN ASSURE YOU.





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