



SOMEWHERE NORTH OF LOS ANGELES.

SADDEST OLD AMUSEMENT PARK EVER.

AND THAT IS PHASE ONE COMPLETE.



SATANA HELLSTROM.
CURRENT STATUS: SUPER VILLAIN.

M.O.D.O.K., A.K.A. MENTAL ORGANISM DESIGNED ONLY FOR KILLING.
CURRENT STATUS: SUPER VILLAIN.

THE EEL, A.K.A. EDWARD LAVELL.
CURRENT STATUS: SUPER VILLAIN.

MADAME MASQUE, A.K.A. GIULIETTA NEFARIA, A.K.A. WHITNEY FROST.
CURRENT STATUS: SUPER VILLAIN.

CLINK

WE'LL PONE, ALL OF YOU.



AND SO...LET THE AUDITIONS BEGIN.

REMEMBER, YOU GET POINTS FOR CREATIVITY AND WILL LOSE POINTS FOR KILLING THEM.



WE ARE HERE NOT TO KILL THE WEST COAST AVENGERS-- THAT WOULD ONLY BRING MORE HEROES RIGHT TO OUR DOORSTEP.

NO, WE'RE HERE TO RECLAIM OUR CITY SO THAT WE CAN GET BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL.

WE'RE HERE TO BREAK THEM, TO DIVIDE THEM, TO CRUSH THEIR SPIRITS. THERE'S NOTHING SADDER THAN A BROKEN SUPER HERO.

AND BY SADDER I MEAN MORE DELIGHTFUL.



OOOH. I LOVE AQUATIC SPORTS. I HOPE THAT PINK ONE GETS EATEN FIRST.

NOT EATEN, SATANA... BUT CHEWED ON WOULD BE GOOD.

?SIGH? FINE. I CAN LIVE WITH CHEWED ON.

IT'S A SHAME THE BOOTH HAS TO BE SOUNDPROOFED... I'D LIKE TO HEAR THEIR MEWLING. LOOK AT HOW THAT ONE YELLS. PATHETIC.



WHEN I GET MY FULL POWERS BACK, YOU PEOPLE ARE GOING TO RUE THE DAY, RUE THE DAY, RUE THE DAY!

GOD, I HAVE SUCH A HEADACHE.



YOUR YELLING IS NOT MAKING OUR HEADACHES ANY BETTER, QUENTIN.



LEAVE IT TO SUPER HERO GIGS TO SHOW ME MORE SHARKS IN A MONTH THAN I HAVE SEEN IN MY WHOLE DAMN SURFING LIFE.

KID OMEGA, A.K.A. QUENTIN QUIRE.
OMEGA-LEVEL TELEPATH. OMEGA-LEVEL PAIN-IN-THE-BUTT. FORMER (?) X-MAN.

GWENPOOL, A.K.A. GWENDOLYN POOLE.
KNOWS ALMOST EVERYTHING ABOUT ALMOST EVERYONE. GOOD WITH WEAPONS, POSSIBLY HAS SOME SUPER-POWERS? IT'S UNCLEAR.

FUSE, A.K.A. JOHNNY WATTS.
CAN ABSORB THE PROPERTIES OF THINGS HE TOUCHES. BECAME A SUPER HERO BECAUSE OF GIRLFRIEND KATE BISHOP, FEELING PRETTY ANXIOUS ABOUT THAT DECISION.



IS THIS A TYPICAL FIRST DATE, AMERICA? BECAUSE I HAVE SOME... CONCERNS.

RAMONE WATTS.
FUSE'S SISTER. AMERICA'S DATE. DEFINITELY IN WAY OVER HER HEAD.

I HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT IT MYSELF.

AMERICA CHAVEZ.
FLIGHT. STRENGTH. DIMENSIONAL TELEPORTATION. VERY INTERESTED IN KICKING THINGS. NOT GOOD AT "FIRST DATES."

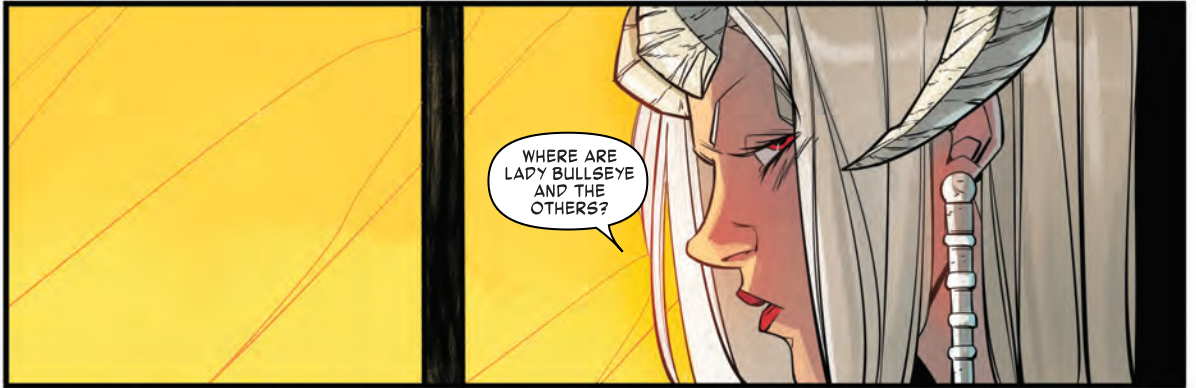
PEOPLE, I NEED YOU TO FOCUS. MY HEAD IS KILLING ME AND THE CHITCHAT IS NOT HELPING.

HAWKEYE, A.K.A. CLINT BARTON.
ONE OF TWO GREATEST MARKSMEN TO EVER LIVE. POSSIBLY A BABYSITTER.



WELL THEN, IF EVERYONE IS READY...LET'S TURN THIS UP A NOTCH.

WHRRRRRR



WHERE ARE LADY BULLSEYE AND THE OTHERS?



THEY'RE ROUNDING UP OUR TROUBLESOME STRAY...

"...BUT I SEE NO REASON TO IGNORE OUR OTHER PLAYTHINGS IN THE MEANTIME."

THIS WAY.

MOM, CAN WE STOP FOR JUST A MINUTE?

KATE BISHOP, A.K.A. HAWKEYE.
ONE OF TWO GREATEST MARKSMEN TO EVER LIVE. TEAM LEADER...MISSING HER TEAM.

THERE'S NO TIME, KATIE. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU.

ELEANOR BISHOP.
KATE'S MOTHER. MAYBE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD. IT'S A MYSTERY.





OKAY, BUT JUST PROMISE ME YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR ON ME WHEN THIS IS OVER. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED...WHAT'S HAPPENING.

...I...

PROMISE ME.



OKAY. I PROMISE.



NOT TERRIBLY BELIEVABLE.

WHICH IS WHY I JUST PLANTED A TRACKER ON HER.



NOT THE BEST BEHAVIOR FOR A DAUGHTER, PERHAPS...BUT NOT BAD FOR A SUPER HERO...OR A P.I., FOR THAT MATTER...

...WHOSE MOM JUST RETURNED FROM THE DEAD.

BUT SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING...



...SOMEONE IS DEFINITELY FOLLOWING US.

HUNTING US.