

**KANSAS.
1954.**

Ten years is a long time.

A decade had turned, the Second World War was won and Logan, like most people, had done his best to put its horrors behind him.

America was a good place for that. No invaders had set their boots on its soil--it didn't carry the same scars as the rest of the world.

The United States in the '50s was full of...victory.


Logan let himself drift through its wide spaces, seeing, smelling, tasting peace all around him. As close as a man like him could get.

Logan had forgotten the Truth.

WAIT.

WHAT THE HELL?


But the Truth remembered him very well.



My family brought that demon into the world ten years back. We banished it but knew it would return a decade on...


...and it would choose the worst place in the world.

CHINA. THE YANGTZE RIVER BASIN.



This was difficult to understand. How would it pick? How would we know where to find it, to fight it?

There are always so many ugly things happening in the world at every moment. Which was the *worst*?



In 1954, it chose the time the Yangtze River overflowed its banks in central China.

Official reports set the deaths at 30,000 from one flood. Modern analysis says it was more like 200,000.

Millions displaced, homes and possessions destroyed, an entire refugee population larger than many countries.

Right then, at that moment... the worst place in the world.

IN THE MID-1950S, THE UNITED STATES REPUBLIC AND THE COMMUNIST SOVIET UNION--RIVALS ENGAGED IN A NONMILITARY "COLD WAR"--WERE IN FIERCE COMPETITION TO PIONEER SPACEFLIGHT.

ON OCTOBER 4, 1957, THE SOVIETS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED SPUTNIK 1, THE WORLD'S FIRST SATELLITE. SPUTNIK 2 FOLLOWED ONLY A MONTH LATER.

RUSSIA'S VICTORY IN THE RACE WAS A SEVERE BLOW TO THE MORALE OF AMERICA'S AEROSPACE ENGINEERS.

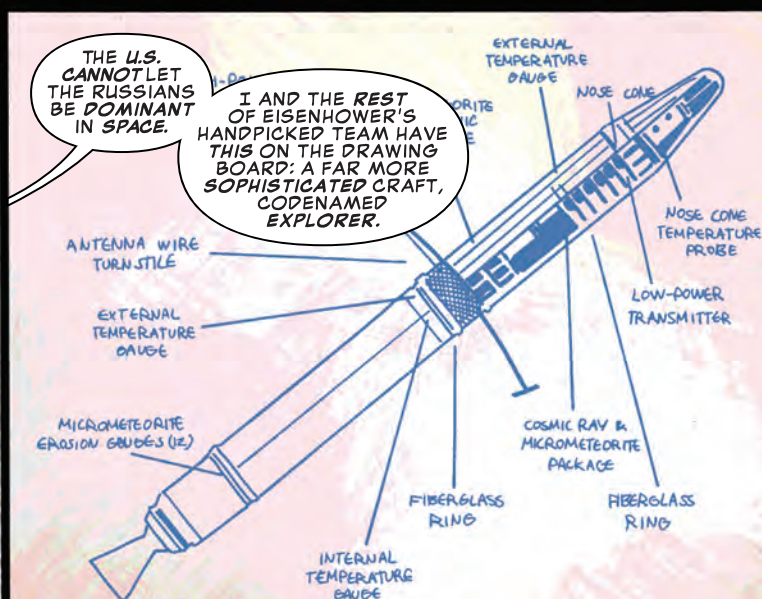
SOME TOOK IT WORSE THAN OTHERS.

**THOOM!
THOOM!
THOOM!**


REED!

REED
RICHARDS!

OPEN THIS
DOOR RIGHT
NOW!



EXPLORER



"LONG BEFORE
WE DISCOVERED
VIBRANIUM--
BEFORE THE BLACK
PANTHER WOULD
UNITE THE TRIBES--
WAKANDANS HAVE
BEEN A CLEVER
PEOPLE."

"THOSE WHO
WOULD ONE DAY
BECOME JABARI OF
THE MOUNTAINS WERE
THEN A SMALL CLAN
WITH MANY ENEMIES. TO
PROTECT THEMSELVES,
THEY SUMMONED THE
SPIRIT OF THE GORILLA
GOD, NGI, AND MERGED
MAN AND APE INTO
A CHAMPION--

"THE
GORILLA-
MAN."

"THEY THRIVED FOR
MANY YEARS, UNTIL THE
GORILLA OVERTOOK THE
MAN, TURNING HIM INTO
A CRAZED BEAST WHO
BEGAN KILLING THOSE
HE WAS CREATED TO
PROTECT."

"HE BATHED IN
THEIR BLOOD
AND GREW
STRONGER WITH
EACH KILL..."



"...UNTIL HE
THREATENED
TO BECOME
A GOD ON
EARTH..."

"...AND
CONSUME
THE
WORLD."

ROAARRRRRRRR

