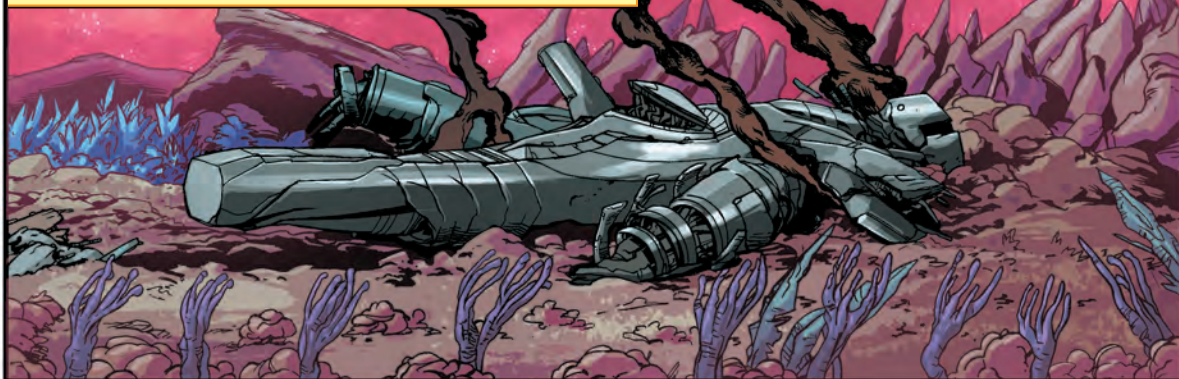


PLANET ELL-N, STAR-C, IN THE K CLUSTER.

ONE WEEK AGO.





FWOOOSH

COUGH
COUGH
COUGH



THOOM

AHHH!



FINALLY!



WHERE AM I?!

<CAN'T... BREATHE...>

NEVER MIND, MEAT SACK, YOU DON'T MATTER...

NOTHING DOES.



NOTHING EXCEPT VENGEANCE...

...GLORIOUS VENGEANCE WHICH I SHALL RAIN DOWN UPON SAM ALEXANDER...

EARTH.

ALLAIRE STATE PARK,
NEW JERSEY. NOW.

"...THE BOY WHO
DARES CALL
HIMSELF NOVA!"

SAM ALEXANDER DOES NOT REALIZE
VOWS OF RETRIBUTION HAVE BEEN
SWORN IN HIS NAME ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE GALAXY.

HE'S FOCUSED ON HIS FRIENDS, A TEAM OF
YOUNG HEROES CALLED THE CHAMPIONS,
AND HOW HE'S LOST HIS PLACE AMONG THEM
AFTER HIS COSMIC-POWERED HELMET WAS
CONFISCATED BY THE NOVA CORPS.

OKAY, CHAMPS.
THIS WILL BE A
SIMPLE TRAINING
EXERCISE...

SNOWGUARD
IS "IT!"

CATCH
HER AS QUICK AS
YOU CAN!



Beat The Devil, Part 3 The Saved And The Damned

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LOCUST WEARS ARMOR THAT PROTECTS HER AND ENHANCES HER PHYSICAL ABILITIES.

ONE QUICK LOCUST LEAP AND YOU'RE TOAST!

SPEED IS GOOD...

SNOWGUARD CAN TRANSFORM INTO A VARIETY OF ANIMALS.



PATRIOT WIELDS AN ENHANCED SHIELD AND HAS COMBAT TRAINING.

DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT HE-- HEY!

SORRY!

...BUT IT'S NOTHING IF YOU CAN'T STOP!



BOMBSHELL CREATES EXPLOSIVE SHOCKWAVES AND ENERGY BLASTS.

NICE MOVES, BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET KNOCKED FOR A LOOP!

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT, LANA!

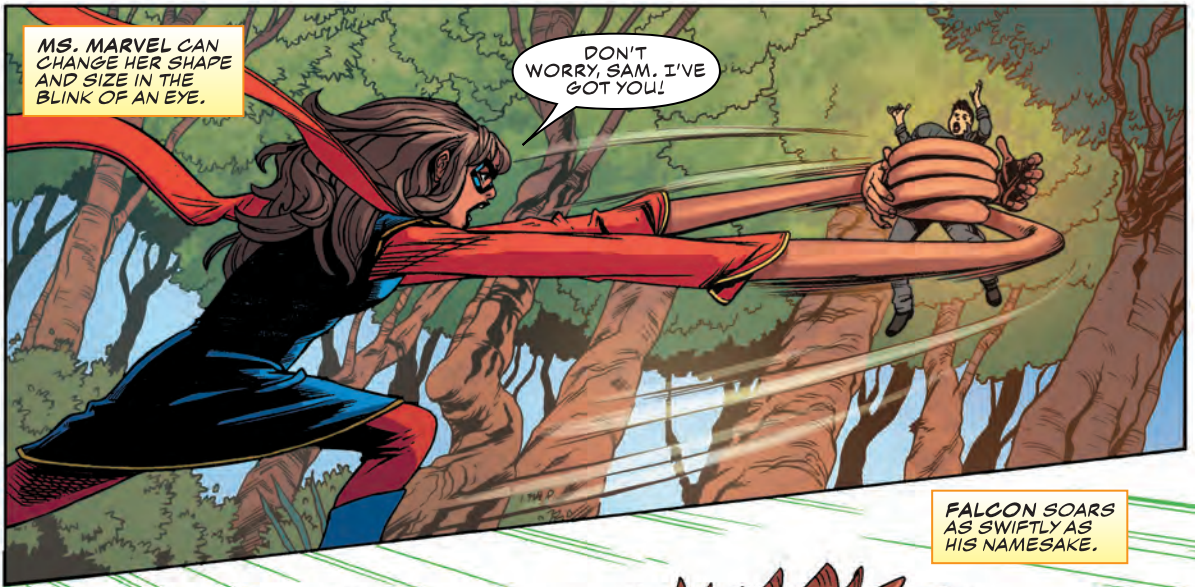


BOMBSHELL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

AMKA'S RINNIN' CIRCLES 'ROUND U--UUUUH!



WHOA!



MS. MARVEL CAN CHANGE HER SHAPE AND SIZE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

DON'T WORRY, SAM. I'VE GOT YOU!

FALCON SOARS AS SWIFTLY AS HIS NAMESAKE.



THIS BIRDIE'S GOT A SNOW RABBIT IN HIS SIGHTS...
...TIME TO SWOOP IN FOR THE "KILL"!



POWER MAN ABSORBS AMBIENT CHI ENERGY TO FUEL HIS ENHANCED STRENGTH AND STAMINA.

SOME KINDA FRIGGIN' AMATEUR HOUR UP IN HERE...



IT WORKS BETTER WHEN HE CAN CONCENTRATE.