

MARVEL COMICS

P R E S E N T S

WOLVERINE

Born with the mutant abilities of enhanced senses, razor-sharp bone claws and the capacity to heal from any wound, the man who calls himself Logan has lived a long life of wrestling with his animalistic nature and the loss of everyone he's ever cared about. Never one to shy away from a fight or shirk the tough jobs, he's often found himself doing deadly work...sometimes at the bidding of evil men, other times on the side of good. Either way, his resilience and brutal instincts have earned him the title...the Wolverine.

In the last day of WWII, German forces compelled a French sorceress to conjure a demon known as the Truth to weaponized against the Allies. When Canadian soldiers attacked, she lost control of the demon and was mortally wounded. Logan was among the Canadian troops and intervened, giving the sorceress enough time to banish it from the world for only ten years at a time.

In 1954, Logan was teleported to China by Sylvie, the sorceress' daughter, to fight the Truth and banish it once again.

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1962. NEVADA.

By the sixties, the demon called Truth was getting smarter.

It had failed in its first two attempts to eat the world, beaten by two women of my family--first Marie, then Sylvie, with help from Wolverine.

It did not want to lose again.

It made its preparations.

Sylvie, too, had spent the last decade training, becoming expert in the sorcerous arts that are my family's birthright.

And as she did, the family elders tracked every hot spot on the planet. Every war, every place where mankind had turned dark.

A list was made--of likely spots where the demon might return. Sylvie had plans for every last one.

She thought she was ready for the Truth.

But the Truth was ready for her.

It used its decade in hell to consider the perfect spot to re-emerge.

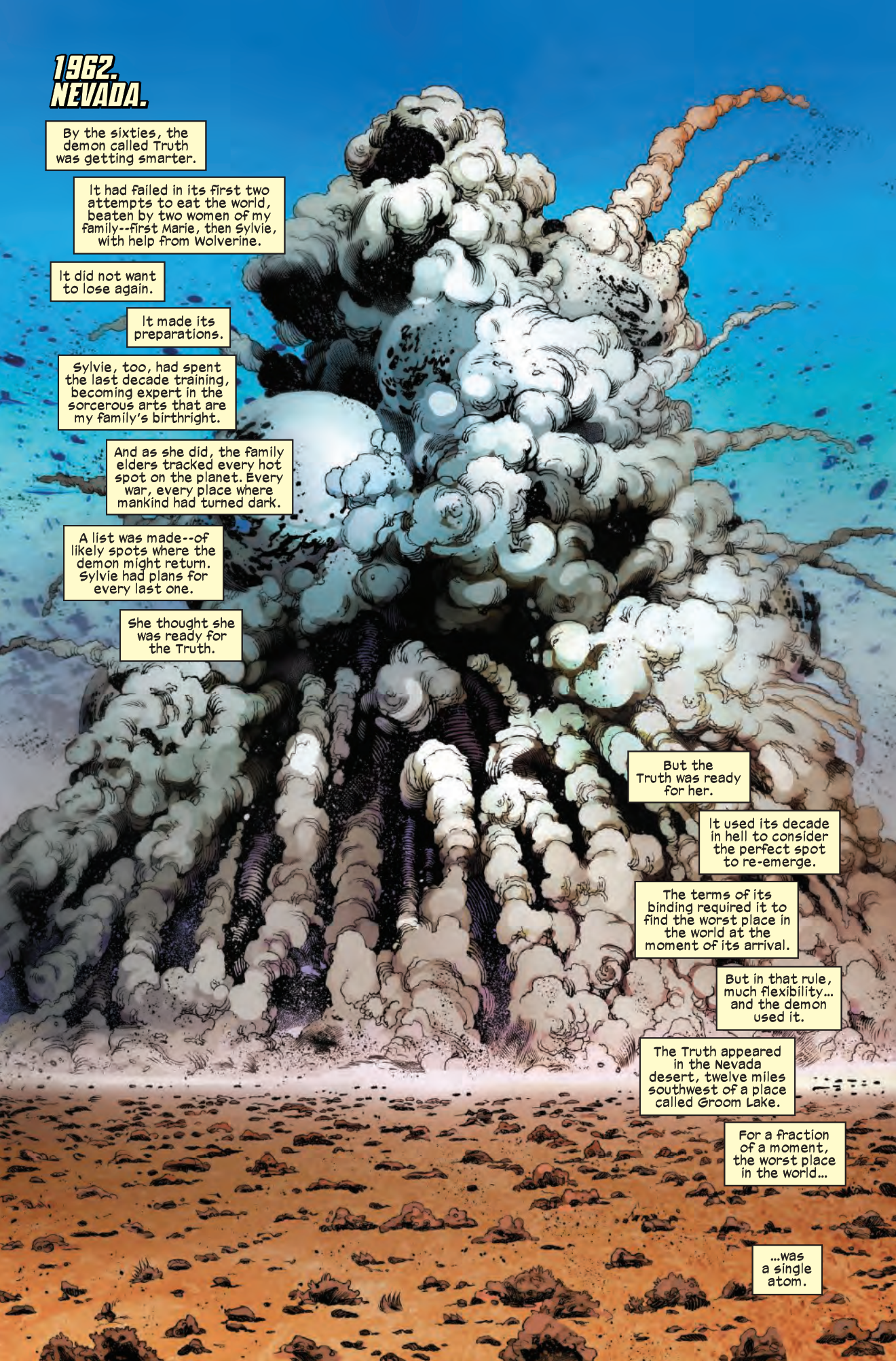
The terms of its binding required it to find the worst place in the world at the moment of its arrival.

But in that rule, much flexibility... and the demon used it.

The Truth appeared in the Nevada desert, twelve miles southwest of a place called Groom Lake.

For a fraction of a moment, the worst place in the world...

...was a single atom.



Marvel has always been the world outside your window, the four-color heroes and villains rendered against the same historical and cultural backdrops as their readers were. However, over the course of Marvel's existence there have been major historical events that for whatever reason they have not been able to fully wrestle with, be it because they happened too quickly or even because they were too raw of a subject. In our MARVEL AGE tale each month, we bring to you previously untold tales of Marvel Heroes and the real-life events that shaped the world we all live in.

MARVEL AGE

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Classified physically unfit for service in the armed forces in WWII, scrawny Steve Rogers volunteered to serve his country as part of the experimental Project: Rebirth. He emerged a one-of-a-kind Super-Soldier: the two-fisted, flag-wearing, Nazi-fighting machine CAPTAIN AMERICA. After going missing near the end of the war, Cap was found frozen in the Arctic ice twenty years later, returning to America to find it a nation undergoing huge changes. A man out of time, he nevertheless took up his shield once more and fought for what was right...

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THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The fight to guarantee equal rights under the Constitution regardless of race is one that stretched back to the abolition of slavery in the 1860s, but it wasn't until about 100 years later that the movement's biggest victories occurred. In the 1950s, the idea of "separate but equal" services and facilities for black and white citizens was struck down as unconstitutional. In 1957 and 1960, Congress passed voting rights bills aimed at protecting and fostering the rights of black Americans wishing to register and exercise their rights to vote. Unfortunately, despite the bills' good intentions, they were not able to curb the deeply ingrained racism that simmered under the surface of American society.



CRASH!

**MISSISSIPPI,
1964.**



MARVEL

The mightiest heroes from every decade of Marvel history take center stage!

SPOTLIGHT

SPIDER-MAN

Years ago, high school student Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength and agility of a spider, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called “spider-sense”! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called Spider-Man!

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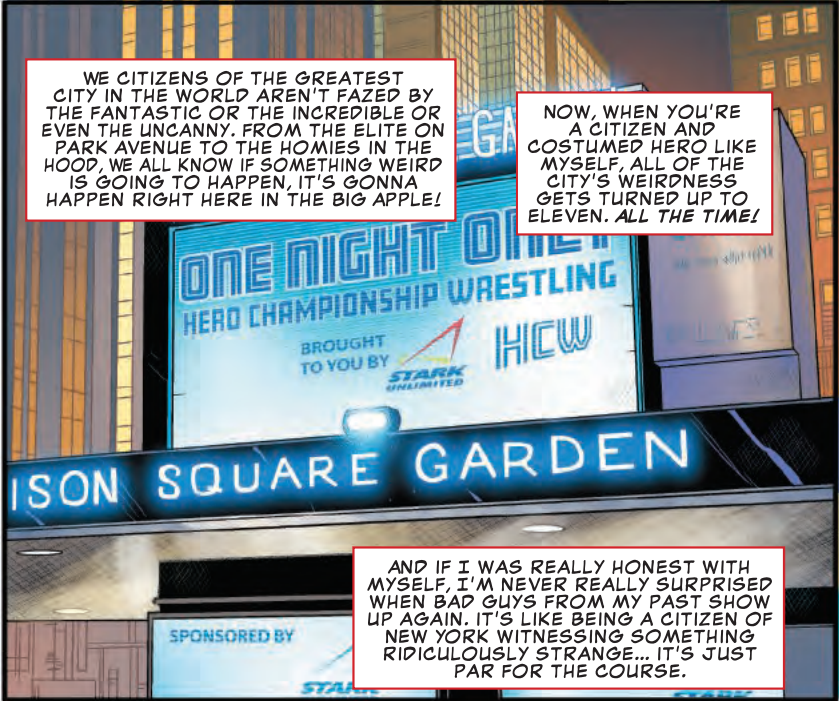


SPIDER-MAN CREATED BY
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WHEN YOU LIVE IN NEW YORK CITY, NOTHING REALLY SURPRISES YOU ANYMORE.

WITNESSING SOMETHING RIDICULOUSLY STRANGE IS PRETTY MUCH PAR FOR THE COURSE WHEN YOU LIVE HERE.



WE CITIZENS OF THE GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD AREN'T FAZED BY THE FANTASTIC OR THE INCREDIBLE OR EVEN THE UNCANNY. FROM THE ELITE ON PARK AVENUE TO THE HOMIES IN THE HOOD, WE ALL KNOW IF SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING TO HAPPEN, IT'S GONNA HAPPEN RIGHT HERE IN THE BIG APPLE!

NOW, WHEN YOU'RE A CITIZEN AND COSTUMED HERO LIKE MYSELF, ALL OF THE CITY'S WEIRDNESS GETS TURNED UP TO ELEVEN. ALL THE TIME!

AND IF I WAS REALLY HONEST WITH MYSELF, I'M NEVER REALLY SURPRISED WHEN BAD GUYS FROM MY PAST SHOW UP AGAIN. IT'S LIKE BEING A CITIZEN OF NEW YORK WITNESSING SOMETHING RIDICULOUSLY STRANGE... IT'S JUST PAR FOR THE COURSE.



BUT THIS...

EVEN I NEVER SAW THIS COMING!

HERO CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING
CRUSHER HOGAN
VS
SPIDER-MAN