

BEFORE.

"WE HAD NUMBERS.
WE HAD FOCUS.
WE HAD UNITY."

"WE HAD HIM ON
THE ROPES.*"

*AS SEEN IN THE PAGES
OF ALL-NEW SILK, PRELUDE
TO #IHOCYSCW!

"BUT THAT'S WHY WE CALL
HIM THE MANIPULATOR.
JUST WHEN HE SEEMED
TO BE DOWN..."





"...HE TURNED THE TIDE AGAINST US.

BA-BOOM



AIEEE!!!

AAAGGH!!!

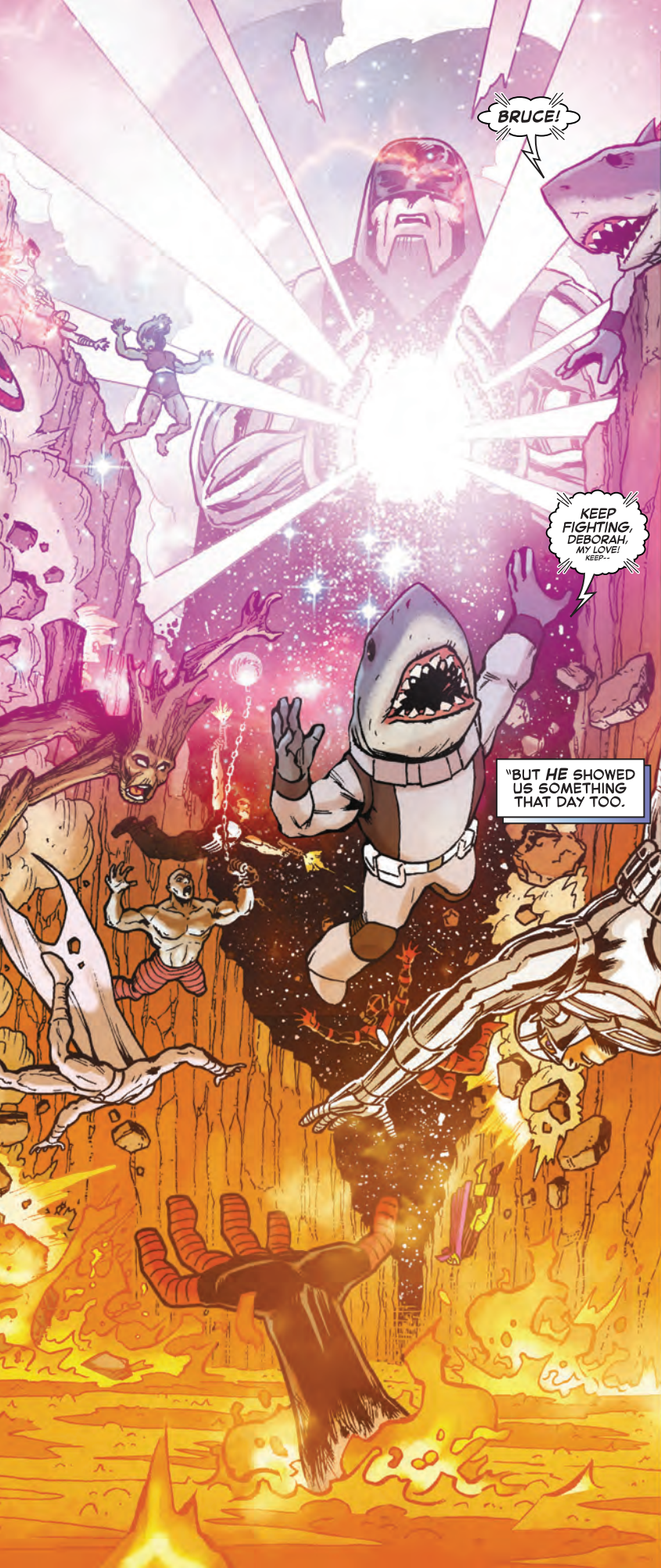
PLEASE--

NOOOO!

"WE LOST SO MANY THAT DAY.

"TOO MANY TO COUNT. TOO MANY TO FORGET.





BRUCE!

KEEP FIGHTING, DEBORAH. MY LOVE! KEEP!

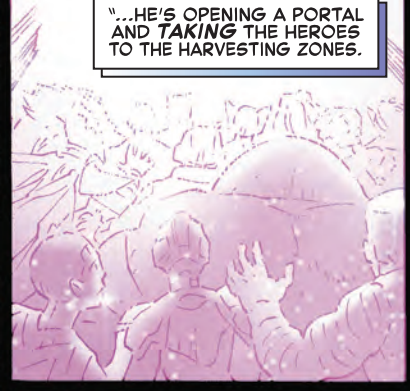
"BUT HE SHOWED US SOMETHING THAT DAY TOO."



"WHEN HE HARVESTS, THE MANIPULATOR ISN'T DESTROYING..."



"...HE'S OPENING A PORTAL AND TAKING THE HEROES TO THE HARVESTING ZONES."



"WE THINK THOSE HE'S TAKEN ARE STILL ALIVE."

"SO THAT'S THE PLAN. WHEN HE STRIKES TODAY..."

NEW YORK,
UNDERGROUND
SHIELD FACILITY.
TODAY.



...WE'RE
GONNA LET
HIM HARVEST
US.



YOU TOLD
THAT WHOLE
STORY AND DIDN'T
EVEN EXPLAIN YOUR
NEW KILLER HAIRCUT?
OR HOW YOU GOT
FUSED WITH
WARLOCK?*

*ALL THAT AND
SO MUCH MORE
EXPLAINED IN SILK
VS. X-MEN #3:
PRELUDE TO
#IHOCYSCW!!



STILL NO
ASTERISK.*
STILL NO CAPTION
EXPLAINING ALL THIS!
WEBS, I'M TELLING
YOU, THIS IS
SOMEHOW
CONNECTED--

*IT'S TRUE, TRUE
BELIEVERS!
DEADPOOL CAN
NO LONGER
BREAK THE
FOURTH WALL!



IGNORE
HIM, CINDY. HE
HASN'T MADE
SENSE IN...
EVER.



THERE'S
GOTTA BE A
BETTER WAY
TO FIGHT THIS
MANIPULATOR GUY
THAN GETTING
CAPTURED.



WE'RE OPEN TO IDEAS, WEB-HEAD, BUT AS YOU SAW TOPSIDE... EVERYTHING WE TRIED FAILED.

AND I'M TIRED A' HIDIN', BUB. TIME TO PUT UP OR SHUDDUP.

GREAT. SO SPEAKS CANADA.



CRYSTAR, HOW ABOUT YOU? IT IS CRYSTAR, RIGHT?

AND THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE.

SURE. YOU GOOD WITH THIS PLAN?

VENGEANCE WILL BE MINE.

THAT'S NOT REALLY AN ANSWER, BUT THANKS FOR PLAYING.



WAITASEC. CRYSTAR. CRYSTAR IS THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE? WHAT'S A Z-LISTER DOING IN A BIG EVENT STORY, MUCH LESS SURVIVING THIS FAR?

AND DIDN'T WE RUN INTO HIM BEFORE?*

*THEY SURE DID! IT WAS A HANDFUL OF S-M/DP ISSUES AGO. GOOGLE IT!



YOU SAID MATRIX WAS HARVESTED. BUT THE TRACKER HE BUILT SAID THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM. HAVE YOU HEARD FROM ANYONE THAT'S BEEN "HARVESTED"?



MY MOM.