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The immense power of the Infinity Stones was used to fold the universe in half, creating a world of incredible new heroes and villains—living unaware of their unusual origin! When the universe was unfolded, the warped world was preserved within the Soul Stone, but its greatest figures learned the truth of their existence—and what they will do with that knowledge...will become their next great adventure!

The heroes of this warped world faced attacks from unfamiliar foes, but discovered it was a plot to allow Dormammu Red and the forces of Hell to mount their assault on Earth! Though Soldier Supreme, Iron Hammer and Weapon Hex managed to hold the line, a bigger problem became clear when Captain Peace—a member of the Time Flight Authority—arrived with a warning: Their actions had just caused a Martian invasion...in the year 2099!

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THIS IS THE
SOUL STONE.

A COSMIC GEM EXISTING
IN A HIGHER REALITY--A
GEM THAT CONTAINS A
MULTIVERSE.

BUT THE INTRICATE
CRYSTAL OF THE GEM
IS FLAWED A BARELY
PERCEPTIBLE CRACK
IS MIGRATING SLOWLY
THROUGH ITS
STRUCTURE.

SOON NOW IT WILL
SPLIT APART...DOOMING
A NEAR INFINITY OF
LIVES.

ALL WILL BE DESTROYED,
FROM THE HIGHEST TO
THE LOWEST.

FROM VAST GALAXIES,
HOME TO COSMOS-
SPANNING EMPIRES, TO
A SINGLE COUNTRY ON
A SINGLE PLANET.

A PLACE CALLED
WAKANDA...



...THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN FREE.

DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO BREAK THOSE CHAINS. THEY'RE ENCHANTED AGAINST ZARATHOS BY DORMAMMU RED HIMSELF.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW, THOUGH, MR. BLAZE--



--NONE OF THIS IS PERSONAL. YOU'RE NOT BIG ENOUGH GAME FOR BUSHMAN THE HUNTER.

IT IS BLAZE, RIGHT? NOT T'CHALLA?

WHICH ARE YOU RIGHT NOW? THE PAMPERED PRINCE OR THE BOTTOM-OF-THE-BILL SHOWMAN?



OR ARE YOU JUST BAIT FOR THE HUNT?



SEE, RIGHT NOW, BACK IN NYC, THE SPIDER'S FIGHTING ULYSSES KLOBB.

BUT... KLOBB'S GOT AN EAR FOR A HEAD.



AN EAR, JOHNNY. LET'S FACE IT, HE'S ALREADY BEATEN.

STILL, HE'S YOUR BAD GUY, SO THE SPIDER'S GOING TO COME ASK YOU ABOUT IT.



AND WHEN HE FINDS YOUR SEVERED HEAD MOUNTED ON A STICK... WELL, JOHNNY-BOY, THAT'S WHEN THINGS GET...



...HMM.

BOY, YOU TURN YOUR BACK FOR A SECOND...



HOW? THE CHAINS WERE MAGIC-- ZARATHOS WAS BOUND--

SO ZARATHOS ONLY WATCHED.

AS A "BOTTOM-OF-THE-BILL SHOWMAN," I LEARNED MANY THINGS, BUSHMAN...

...INCLUDING ESCAPOLOGY.

AND NOW...



...ZARATHOS HAS WATCHED LONG ENOUGH!



YEAH? YOU THINK BIG BAD ZARATHOS IS GONNA EAT ME, MAN?

'CAUSE AS LONG AS I'VE GOT THESE ENCHANTED WEAPONS STRAIGHT FROM HELL ITSELF, YOU CAN JUST--



UH-OH.

FZZT



NO!
WORK, YOU
STUPID--
IT
SEEMS YOUR
BENEFACTORS
HAVE LEFT
YOU.



BUT YOU'RE
RIGHT, SERGEI
BUSHMAN--

GAH!



--THE BIG
BAD ZARATHOS
WILL NOT FEAST
UPON YOUR SOUL
TODAY.

INCIDENTALLY,
HAVE YOU MET
MY FATHER?