

Secret Invasion: Fiziko's Notes

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Chapter 1

What You Need To Know

This section is intended to provide all the background necessary to read *Secret Invasion* assuming that the eight issues of the main event are the only Marvel comics you've ever read. It will be updated and expanded with each issue of the comic as they come out, filling out the needed background.

1.1 Skrull History

The history of the Skrull race begins with a completely different alien race. The Celestials are a group of powerful beings, so far advanced that they may no longer have corporeal form apart from the armours that contain their individual energies. While their motives are unclear, they have been known to experiment on various life forms, propelling them to higher levels of sentience and evolution. Their experiments often create offshoot races, known as deviants, who do not conform to the norms of their main race.

Once such race of deviants are the reptilian Skrulls. The Celestial tinkering turned the wrinkly chinned aliens into powerful shapeshifters. They are among the earliest of the starfaring races, and were once peaceful conquerors. As the only race that had developed advanced technology in their early days, they conquered various planets through negotiation: the sentients they encountered traded freedom for advanced technology. Choosing to join the Skrull Empire meant getting immediate boosts to all levels of knowledge and technology. This was deemed a fair trade by most of the races they offered this to. Unfortunately for the Skrulls, they chose one race to represent each world. This decision would lead to massive upheaval when they reached Hala.

Hala was a unique world in that it had developed two different sentient species. The Cotati were a race of plantlike creatures, while the Kree were a race of humanoid barbarians. The two races had lived happily by ignoring each other for years, until the Skrulls arrived. The Skrulls proposed a contest to decide which race would represent the world. Representatives of each race would be taken to different worlds. Left for a year, the race who had created the

greatest achievements would be considered the victor, and represent the planet Hala with the Skrulls.

The Kree were taken to the moon of the then uninhabited Earth, and set to the task of creation. They forged an impressive industrial city in what would later be known as the Blue Area of the moon. The city was self-sufficient, and even produced an atmosphere breathable by life which can survive on Earth. Supremely proud of their creation, the Kree representatives were shocked and angered to learn that the Cotati's unproductive but beautiful garden was chosen as the greater accomplishment, and the Cotati were appointed as representatives to the Skrulls. The outraged Kree slaughtered every Cotati in the world (though some of the seeds survived, saving the plant like race from permanent extinction.) Approaching the Skrulls to claim their role as representatives, they were further angered to learn that the Skrulls disapproved. The Skrulls decreed that the Kree would forever be cut off from Skrull technology and exiled. The Kree didn't like this either. Although the Skrull starfaring technology was far more advanced and complicated than anything the Kree had developed, the peaceful Skrulls were clearly the inferiors when it came to waging war. The Kree slaughtered the Skrull representatives they met, and captured the Skrull vessel. In time, the Kree managed to decipher the Skrull technology, and built warships of their own.

Having thought the Skrull expedition to Hala was lost, the Skrull Empire had no knowledge of the impending threat. The Kree used the captured vessel to reach and attack the Skrull homeworld. The Skrulls eventually won the battle through sheer numbers, and used that experience to learn the ways of war themselves.

This instigated the Kree/Skrull war, which lasted millennia. The two races have Empires spread throughout the galaxies, and the border between their territories passes right through Earth's star system. This brought the Skrulls to Earth on multiple occasions, trying to take control of this important real estate, to be repeatedly defeated by the likes of Thor (the genuine Norse god), Captain Marvel (a Kree) and, most frequently, Reed Richards and the Fantastic Four. The Skrulls even transformed an agent named Kl'rt into a Super-Skrull, embodied with the powers of all members of the Fantastic Four, but for all of those abilities, he still lost several battles to the teamwork of the Four, and the undefeated intellect of Reed Richards himself. The first Kree/Skrull conflict was brought to a halt when the Avengers and Rick Jones were drawn into the conflict, and the Kree Supreme Intelligence used Rick to freeze all combatants in their tracks. This tactic was not well received by either side, but it did teach them that humans, though not technologically advanced compared to either empire, are a force to be reckoned with.

The removal of the Kree/Skrull war did not stop the Skrulls from trying to take over the Earth, however. They continued several attack patterns, sometimes replacing Earth's heroes, and sometimes attacking head on. The original Super-Skrull, Kl'rt, was often involved in these attacks, until he was rendered into nothing but a scattered collection of particles after losing his battle against the Canadian superteam Alpha Flight.

The Skrulls continued to work forward, trying to wrest control of the cosmos for themselves. They suffered a major setback when their race encountered Galactus. Galactus was known to all well traveled races as the Devourer of Worlds. Galactus is the sole survivor of the Universe that existed before this one. As Galan, he developed a means to survive the Big Crunch that ended his universe, and was carried through the Big Bang that created our own. The journey transformed him into a being of immense power and cosmic importance, who sustains himself by consuming worlds which do or can sustain life. Earth had long been the only planet to turn Galactus away, again as a direct result of the actions of Reed Richards and his team. Reed, however, was dead set against ending a life, even that of Galactus; years later, Reed saved the life of Galactus, who spared the Earth once more in repayment.

The renewed Galactus was still hungry, however. It would not be long before he felt the need to feed once more, and he set his sights on a world rife with life energy: the Skrull homeworld. He consumed the world, causing the single greatest blow ever dealt to the Skrull Empire, which found recovery from the attack inordinately difficult. The Skrulls soon convinced other powerful starfaring races to put Reed Richards on trial for crimes against sentient life everywhere for his role in saving Galactus. Despite their best efforts, however, Reed was absolved of guilt, as it was established that Galactus serves the cosmic consonance, and is vital to the balance of life in the galaxy. The Skrulls were not at all happy.

The Skrulls decided that more subtlety was needed to conquer Earth, and that the Fantastic Four must be conquered before all others. They repeatedly attempted to infiltrate the team, sometimes by replacing the teammates themselves, and once by replacing Alicia Masters with a Skrull. The real Alicia was the love interest of Ben Grimm, better known as the Thing, but the replacement took place while the team was off planet for the Secret War against the Beyonder. Surprisingly, Ben chose not to return to Earth. In order to make the ruse worthwhile, the fake Alicia won the affections of Johnny Storm, eventually marrying him, and remaining with him, undetected, for years. The plot was eventually uncovered, and the Fantastic Four once again defeated large numbers of Skrulls in a head on attack.

The Skrull attempts to rebuild their Empire were severely impeded once more, when a psychotic member of their race set off a genetic bomb that prevented all Skrulls everywhere from using their shapeshifting abilities, locking them into whatever forms they had been in at the time of detonation. They kept this secret as long as possible, but the Kree Supreme Intelligence soon deduced this weakness and reignited the flames of the Kree/Skrull war. Only with the aid of the Silver Surfer was the war won. He was instrumental in reconstituting Kl'rt, who had been impervious to the genetic bomb by virtue of being dead. Kl'rt was then able, with the Surfer's help, to respark the shapeshifting abilities within his race. When the Kree leader was revealed to be a Skrull spy who had seized power for her own purposes, the war was brought to truce once more.

The Skrulls continued their erratic and varied attempts to take over the

little backwater world called Earth as they rebuilt their Empire. The Empire was devastated once more, however, when this entire reality came under attack. Annihilus is the most powerful entity of the Negative Zone, a parallel dimension. He learned that, as our Universe expands, it encroaches on his. Annihilus is not one to take such loss of territory lightly, so he built an army to break through the dimensions and conquer this reality. Not content to simply rule a population, his Annihilation Wave was designed to destroy any and all life it encountered.

This devastating wave encountered the Skrull empire, and came very close to wiping out every living Skrull. What's left of the Skrull Empire is small, and significant portions of its former glory are now under Kree rule. They have never faced defeat on this scale before. If human history is typical of sentient history, they will be ready to grasp at any straw or glimmer of hope that might restore their former glory.

1.2 Superhuman History

In recent decades, Earth has been a galactic hotbed, producing unprecedented quantities of humans with unusual abilities. Though small numbers of superhumans had been present for centuries, it was only recently that they became publically visible.

The earliest examples of superhumans are the Eternals, who were created by the same Celestial tampering that produced the Skrulls, and the Inhumans, who were created by similar experiments conducted by the Kree. The first public heroes were Captain America and his ilk, who appeared in time to help the Allies win World War II. They then faded from view, until the government chose not to fund Reed Richards.

Reed Richards is generally known as the most intelligent human on the planet. (Victor von Doom, aka Doctor Doom, disputes this claim, and is a definite contender for first runner up.) Reed planned Earth's first interstellar voyage in a vessel he created, but the government pulled their funding shortly before the expected launch date. Reed wasn't about to give up, so he asked his girlfriend, Sue Storm, and his best friend and college roommate, Ben Grimm, to help him break into the facility and make the trip anyway. Sue's brother Johnny insisted on coming along. The four successfully stole the spacecraft, but Reed underestimated the amount of shielding that would be needed to protect them from radiation. Cosmic rays penetrated the vessel and turned them into the Fantastic Four, the planet's best known superhuman group. Shortly after their first public appearance, Skrulls posed as them in an early attempt to conquer Earth, but Reed outsmarted them. The Fantastic Four were followed by legions of heroes in the coming years.

Another notable early hero is Tony Stark, better known as Iron Man. Wounded overseas, he created a life support system that doubles as combat armour, and used it to make his mark as an extremely early hero. He soon joined forces with Henry "Hank" Pym (Ant-Man, Giant-Man, Goliath, Yellowjacket), Janet van Dyne (the Wasp), Robert Bruce Banner (the Hulk) and Donald Blake (Thor)

to form the Avengers, one of Earth's leading super teams. The Avengers soon found Captain America, who joined their ranks and became one of their most prominent and respected members. Cap and Iron Man formed the core of the Avengers, with Cap leading based on emotion, ideals, and raw gut feelings backed by an indomitable spirit and incredible fighting prowess, and Iron Man running his operations with pure, rational logic guiding the world down what he believed to be the best possible path.

When humanity barely survived the Kree/Skrull war, Iron Man decided it was time for Earth's heroes to coordinate in a proactive fashion. He formed the Illuminati, along with Reed Richards, Charles Xavier (leader of the X-Men), Black Bolt (leader of the Inhumans), Dr. Strange (master of the mystic arts), and Namor (the Sub-Mariner, and leader of Atlantis). Their first task was a visit to the Skrull homeworld, where they did their best to convince the Skrulls that Earth was not a target worth pursuing.

Their best wasn't nearly good enough.

The Skrulls used their superior technology to capture the Illuminati with ease, extensively studying the mechanisms and extent of their abilities. Tony eventually manages to escape, and tracks down the others in their individual cells to leave together, never considering that the race of shapeshifters may have planted an imposter among the captives.

The superhuman population on Earth continued to prosper. The Fantastic Four, X-Men and Avengers continued to stave off invasions by Skrulls and others for years. Then came the darkest day in Avengers history. The Scarlet Witch, a mutant with the power to alter reality, did exactly that. Goaded on by an unrevealed individual whispering in her ear, she snapped, and used her abilities to conjure every threat the Avengers had ever faced. The Avengers put out a white alert, and all former members were called in to assist. The Scarlet Witch's brother Quicksilver was seen in the fracas, though he was not seen leaving. Keen eyes would also be able to spot a Skrull among the combatants, just before Hawkeye gave his life to take down what appeared to be a Kree warship. The devastation of the attack was phenomenal. The Avengers were forced to disband, due to lack of members, lack of base, and lack of funding. They also learned that the real Quicksilver wasn't present, and assumed that the Quicksilver they saw was a creation of the Scarlet Witch herself.

In the interim, Nick Fury, leader of the **Strategic Hazard Intervention, Espionage Logistics Directorate**, better known as international police force S.H.I.E.L.D., recruits several heroes to wage a private war against Latveria, which is funding several supervillains in America. His activities are eventually revealed, both to himself and to the heroes he brainwashed after the fact, and he is forced to give up his command and go underground.

It wouldn't be long until fate brought heroes together again, and a new team of Avengers formed when the Raft, a facility designed to house supervillains, was broken into in order to allow massive escapes. Iron Man, Captain America, Sentry, Spider-Man, Spider-Woman and Luke Cage were on hand to get things under wraps, but the escape was not completely prevented. They tracked the escapee back to the Savage Land, an area in Earth's Antarctic which is an envi-

ronmental and evolutionary anomaly, in that it is a tropical paradise inhabited by dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures, as well as humans who prefer to live the savage lifestyle. They are captured and held in a high technology facility, and escape to find something remarkably unexpected.

They find a S.H.I.E.L.D. installation, and the agents on hand are mining materials, however, and not performing police duties. Before they can investigate further, Commander Maria Hill, the current S.H.I.E.L.D. commander, bombs the installation, and would have killed the Avengers, too, if not for Iron Man's defensive systems. The Avengers continue their investigation into S.H.I.E.L.D., and start an investigation into (terrorist organization) Hydra and the Japanese mafia, in an attempt to identify the shapeless entity that seems to be manipulating events. Their investigation is cut short when the Super Human Registration Act is brought into law, requiring superheroes to be registered and trained by S.H.I.E.L.D., as a direct result of a disaster in Stamford, Connecticut where young and untrained heroes triggered a situation that cost hundreds of lives. Iron Man, Reed Richards, and Hank Pym threw their support behind the act, while Captain America led the rebellion against it. Thus broke out a superhuman Civil War, and heroes fought heroes with little time to react or continue any investigations they had already begun. The war eventually ended, and the act remained law. Captain America was assassinated when being taken to court for his role in the Civil War, and Earth lost one of its most respected heroes. Two new teams calling themselves Avengers sprang up. The team led by Luke Cage, which includes Dr. Strange, Spider-Man, Spider-Woman, Clint Barton (as Ronin), Echo, Wolverine and Iron Fist, is henceforth referred to as the New Avengers due to the title of the comic they are published in. This team is composed of illegal and unregistered heroes. The team assembled by Iron Man and led by Ms. Marvel, which includes Ares, Black Widow, the Wasp, Sentry and Wonder Man is composed of registered heroes, and is henceforth referred to as the Mighty Avengers. This team is an official part of the 50 State Initiative, an idea Hank Pym came up with to make the world a safer place after the Stamford Disaster. Every state would have a sanctioned super team, and this group of Avengers would not be associated with any one state in particular. All teams would be under S.H.I.E.L.D. purview, and S.H.I.E.L.D. is being led by its new Director, known to the world as both Tony Stark and Iron Man.

Things start to crumble in this new world order when the New Avengers go to Japan to collect Echo from her work infiltrating the Japanese mafia. During the battle to return home, Echo kills Elektra Natchios, a ninja assassin. Elektra's corpse reverts to its natural form, which is that of a Skrull. The New Avengers panic, as they have been able to detect Skrulls before, but couldn't now. They find it difficult to trust each other or their instincts. Luke is convinced that Iron Man is a Skrull, and the accusations fly between them all. They argue about the next step to take, but the argument is cut short when the plane they use to escape Japan succumbs to sabotage in flight. They survive the crash, but Spider-Woman is the only one in good shape (as, being able to fly, she was thrown clear of the aircraft to ensure her survival.) She takes the Skrull corpse to Tony Stark, who is also rather disturbed. He invites Spider-Woman

to join his Avengers in the hopes that her presence will help him identify any Skrull infiltrators. He takes the corpse to the Illuminati in an attempt to gain support. Dr. Strange arrives in his astral form rather than his physical form, to avoid arrest. The other Illuminati appear in person. When debating what to do, Black Bolt, the mute leader of the Inhumans, claims the corpse as his own and reveals himself to be a Skrull. Strange disappears completely at this point, and isn't seen again through the resultant battle. The Illuminati are attacked by the Black Bolt Skrull and two others, but they manage to survive the day and keep the corpse.

1.2.1 Fantastic Four History

1.2.2 X-Men History

1.2.3 S.H.I.E.L.D. History

1.2.4 S.W.O.R.D. History

1.2.5 Avengers History

Chapter 2

The Issues (in reading order)

2.1 Introductions

2.1.1 The Mighty Marvel Western Featuring Kid Colt and the Arizona Girl #1

Cover date: September 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kid Colt and the Arizona Girl fight through a group of apache to deliver a shipment to the town of Wilcox. They are confused when they arrive; they see very few women, and no children. When Kid Colt runs into the Rawhide Kid, an old friend, and tries to talk about old times, the Rawhide Kid gets upset and draws. The Arizona Girl draws faster, and the Rawhide Kid goes down, transforming into a Skrull in death. The entire town reveal themselves to be Skrulls, and even evoke the name of Sl'gur't, the God of War, to aid them, but Kid Colt and the Arizona Girl manage to fight their way out of town.

2.1.2 Marvel Premiere #35

Cover date: April 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In a retelling of the origin of the 3D-Man, we meet Chuck and Hal Chandler. Chuck was a test pilot and American hero, while his brother was a polio victim with similar drives and ideals, but without the physical ability to back them up in the same way. When Chuck was test piloting a new aircraft, he was captured by Skrulls, who are trying to prevent mankind's exploration of space. He escapes, but destroys the alien craft while doing so, resulting in his transformation into the 3D-Man. He now exists only as a pair of red and green images in his brother's glasses, and can be brought back to life by Hal for up to three hours at a time. When he returns this way, he demonstrates three times the speed, strength and agility of a peak human.

2.1.3 Marvel Premiere #36

Cover date: June 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The 3D-Man saves a UFO researcher from a mugging, and finds himself drawn to a local rock and roll concert. When there, the music instigates a riot. The 3D-Man manages to stop the music, but he's unable to scare the singer into dropping his human disguise. The police take the singer in, but not before it is revealed to the audience (and none of the characters) that the true skrull was not the singer, but rather his manager.

2.1.4 Marvel Premiere #37

Cover date: August 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Doc Rock, the Skrull who framed a rocker last issue, continues his mission, setting a scientist known as the Cold Warrior up against the 3D-Man. The 3D-Man escapes the battle, crippling the Cold Warrior's technology in the process, but the Skrull escapes uncaptured.

2.1.5 Marvel: The Lost Generation #1

Cover date: March 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.6 Marvel: The Lost Generation #2

Cover date: April 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.7 Marvel: The Lost Generation #3

Cover date: May 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.8 Marvel: The Lost Generation #4

Cover date: June 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.9 Marvel: The Lost Generation #5

Cover date: July 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.10 Marvel: The Lost Generation #6

Cover date: August 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.11 Marvel: The Lost Generation #7

Cover date: September 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.1.12 Marvel: The Lost Generation #8

Cover date: October 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.13 Marvel: The Lost Generation #9

Cover date: November 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.14 Marvel: The Lost Generation #10

Cover date: December 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.15 Marvel: The Lost Generation #11

Cover date: January 2001
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.16 Marvel: The Lost Generation #12

Cover date: February 2001
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.1.17 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #2

Cover date: January 1962
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4318>
Synopsis: The Skrulls arrive on Earth for the first time. Four of them use their shapeshifting abilities to assume the identities of the Fantastic Four, in order to discredit and eliminate the team before the full scale planetary invasion begins. The Fantastic Four discover the plot, and manage to defeat the invasion and prove their own innocence by capturing the invaders, hypnotizing them into believing they are cows, and assuming the invaders' identities when reporting to the mothership. When reporting to the mothership, Reed convinces the Skrull leaders that Earth is too well defended to be invaded by showing them clippings from old issues of "Strange Tales" and "Journey Into Mystery" comics. The Skrull is convinced these drawings are photographs, and calls off the invasion.

2.1.18 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #18

Cover date: September 1963
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4347>
Synopsis: Upset about their initial loss, Skrull scientists modify (the yet unnamed) Kl'rt to possess the abilities of all four members of the Fantastic Four and send him back to Earth to conquer. Kl'rt lands in Times Square and declares the Earth his. The four attack him head on and are effectively trounced, but are left alive for Kl'rt to torment in the time to come. This proves to be his undoing; as with most foes, once Reed Richards has had time to analyze their attack strategy, they are as good as defeated. Reed deduced the source of Kl'rt's power, and the FF handily cut off the supply and trap him underground.

2.1.19 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #32

Cover date: November 1964
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/?>
Synopsis: The Skrulls manage to send a power beam strong enough to penetrate rock to Earth, freeing the Super Skrull from his underground imprisonment. He soon visits Dr. Franklin Storm in his cell, and replaces the man. While the real Franklin Storm is held on the Skrull homeworld, Kl'rt breaks out of prison in his form. The FF initially lose him the first time they try to capture him, as Johnny and Sue don't want to see their father seriously hurt. The second confrontation is at the World's Fair. By this time, Reed has deduced the true identity of "Dr. Storm," and arranges a prisoner exchange with the Skrulls. They send Dr. Storm back to Earth with a booby trap designed to kill the four, but Dr. Storm takes the brunt of the blast instead, saving the lives of the FF at the expense of his own.

2.1.20 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #37

Cover date: April 1965
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Fantastic Four take time off from wedding preparations to track down the Skrull responsible for the death of Dr. Storm. They travel to the Skrull homeworld to do this, but find their powers have faded, and are captured. Reed tricks the Skrulls into letting him build a power booster, claiming it is a weapon, which he uses to restore their abilities. They defeat Morrat, who was in charge of the operation that killed Dr. Storm, and are allowed safe passage back to Earth (as the Skrull ruler's daughter would have died if not for their intervention.) They get home just in time for a wedding rehearsal.

2.1.21 Fantastic Four Annual #3

Cover date: September 1965
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: It's Sue and Reed's wedding day, and Doctor Doom doesn't want to see them happy. He uses an emotion charger to fire up every known Marvel villain he can reach to send them on the attack. Fortunately, virtually all heroes are on the guest list in one capacity or another. The attacks from Super Skrull, Puppet Master, Red Ghost and his Super Apes, Electro, Mole Man, Hydra, Mad Thinker and his Android, Attuma, Beetle, Enchantress, Executioner, Unicorn, Melter, Mandarin, Cobra, Human Top, Grey Gargoyle, Mr. Hyde, Black Knight and Kang the Conqueror and deftly deflected by the Fantastic Four, Nick Fury, the X-Men, the past and present Avengers, Daredevil, and the Watcher. With the crisis averted, the wedding continues, with the only other issue being a couple of wedding crashers named Stan and Jack who try to get in but are denied.

2.1.22 Thor Vol. 1 #142

Cover date: July 1967
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Under Loki's influence, the Super Skrull returns to Earth to attack Thor, and hope to restore his reputation. They fight long and hard, but Thor ultimately declares victory by using his godly powers to banish Super Skrull from the Earth itself.

2.1.23 Marvel Super-Heroes, Vol. 1 #12

Cover date: December 1967
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.1.24 Marvel Super-Heroes, Vol. 1 #13

Cover date: March 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.1.25 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #1

Cover date: May 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.26 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #2

Cover date: June 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
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2.1.27 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #3

Cover date: July 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
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2.1.28 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #4

Cover date: August 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.29 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #5

Cover date: September 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.30 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #6

Cover date: October 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.31 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #7

Cover date: November 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.32 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #8

Cover date: December 1968
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.33 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #9

Cover date: January 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.34 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #10

Cover date: February 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.35 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #11

Cover date: March 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.36 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #12

Cover date: April 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.37 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #13

Cover date: May 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.38 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #14

Cover date: June 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1” later this year.

2.1.39 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #89

Cover date: August 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Fantastic Four have learned their new home is actually the Mole Man’s access to the surface world. They fend him off, defeating his blindness inducing ray through a combination of determination and luck, before driving him back underground. Meanwhile, the Skrull Slaver lands on Earth unhindered, and starts making his move.

2.1.40 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #90

Cover date: September 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Frustrated with Mole Man’s booby traps, and unable to bring him to the police and charge him with an actual crime, the Thing stalks off from the rest of the team to blow off steam. He encounters the Skrull Slaver, who uses Reed Richards’ appearance to trick the Thing into getting captured. The rest of the team realize that Ben is missing, but don’t yet realize why.

2.1.41 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #91

Cover date: October 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ben learns that he's been brought to a planet of Skrulls, though it doesn't look that way. These Skrulls once captured a gangster named Machine Gun Martin, and brought him and contemporary 1930s gangster films back with them. Fascinated by the films, they modeled themselves and their culture after them. Ben is going to be forced to compete in "the games," which they promise are always fatal. Meanwhile, back on Earth, the rest of the team continue the search. Reed has discovered the taxi driver that brought Ben and the other Reed to the clearing in the forest, and realizes that Ben is a captive of the Skrulls.

2.1.42 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #92

Cover date: November 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: While the remaining FF fly to the Skrull galaxy to rescue Ben, Ben himself is trained to fight in the arena. His drive for rebellion is significantly reduced when he learns that the penalty is to have his home world knocked out of orbit by a powerful sonic disrupter.

2.1.43 Fantastic Four Vol. 1 #93

Cover date: December 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ben and Torgo fight, but neither one wants to actually kill the other. Fortunately, the rest of the FF arrive in time, and Crystal destroys the sonic disrupter, eliminating the threat to Earth. Without this leverage to hold against their slaves, the Skrulls soon face a full scale rebellion. The FF leave during the chaos, without learning who won the fight.

2.1.44 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #15

Cover date: August 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of "Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1" later this year.

2.1.45 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #16

Cover date: September 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.46 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #17

Cover date: October 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.47 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #18

Cover date: November 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.48 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #19

Cover date: December 1969
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.49 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #20

Cover date: June 1970
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.1.50 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #21

Cover date: August 1970
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Will get as part of “Essential Captain Marvel Volume 1”
later this year.

2.2 Original Kree-Skrull War

2.2.1 Avengers Vol. 1 #89

Cover date: July 1971
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.2.2 Avengers Vol. 1 #90

Cover date: August 1971
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.2.3 Avengers Vol. 1 #91

Cover date: September 1971
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.2.4 Avengers Vol. 1 #92

Cover date: October 1971
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.2.5 Avengers Vol. 1 #93

Cover date: November 1971
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Vision staggers into Avengers headquarters, just in time to collapse. With a major assist from Hank Pym, he awakens to tell a tale of the Avengers disbanding and Quicksilver, Scarlet Witch and Goliath getting kidnapped by three of the Fantastic Four. The real Cap, Iron Man and Thor are surprise, as they did not disband the team. The Avengers hurry to battle, where they are felled by energy beams from cows who turn out to be the Skrulls from “Fantastic Four, Vol. 1 #2.” They fight hard enough to win the battle, but they fail to prevent the departure of a Skrull spacecraft with two Avengers and Captain Marvel on board.

2.2.6 Avengers Vol. 1 #94

Cover date: December 1971
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4399>
Synopsis: After a failed attempt to destroy the Inhumans, the Super-Skrull returns to the Skrull homeworld, where he is greeted by an attack from his Emperor. Amidst the attack, he still manages to dupe Captain Marvel into revealing the secret of the Omni-Wave. Meanwhile, back on Earth, H. Warren Craddock attacks the Avengers with S.H.I.E.L.D. Mandroids, who keep them busy enough that none notice Triton of the Inhumans crawling out of a sewer.

2.2.7 Avengers Vol. 1 #95

Cover date: January 1972
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4399>
Synopsis: Triton informs the Avengers of the danger to Black Bolt, and the Avengers split into two teams. Cap, Rick Jones and Goliath aid Triton, while Vision, Iron Man and Thor do the final mop-up of the Mandroids before heading into space. By the time the Mandroids are defeated, however, Vision reconsiders, and they head to the Great Refuge. Having found Black Bolt, the other Avengers arrive with Inhumans in tow, and penetrate the defensive sphere. Black Bolt regains control of a populace led astray by his brother Maximus.

2.2.8 Avengers Vol. 1 #96

Cover date: February 1972
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4399>
Synopsis: The Avengers take a single captured vessel and try to trick the Skrull Armada into retreating. They fail in this, but manage to board the lead vessel. Goliath uses a captured craft to hunt down a vessel headed to Earth, loaded with nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, Rick Jones (who had been captured by Ronan) is thrown into the same cell as the Kree Supreme Intelligence, who reveals that he's been manipulating events all along to reach this meeting. He then transports Rick to the Negative Zone, where Annihilus lies in wait.

2.2.9 Avengers Vol. 1 #97

Cover date: March 1972
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4399>
Synopsis: While in the Negative Zone, Rick uses his newfound mental abilities to defeat Annihilus and escape back into the correct universe. The Kree Supreme Intelligence helps him summon appropriate help, in the images of the Invaders from World War II. This buys enough time for Rick to use his abilities to freeze all Skrulls and Kree in their tracks, paralyze both races, expose H. Warren Craddock as a Skrull imposter, and end the Kree Skrull war. The Kree Supreme Intelligence then summons the other Avengers to his side for explanations, but Clint Barton does not come with the group. The Avengers return to Earth one teammate short. Captain Marvel was also forced to rebond with Rick Jones to save the youth's life.

2.2.10 New Avengers: Illuminati #1

Cover date: February 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4384>
Synopsis: In the wake of the Kree-Skrull war, Tony Stark forms the Illuminati, a group of individuals whose knowledge and perspectives span all of Earth, in order to strengthen their defenses against large scale threats. Their first order of business is to attack the Skrull homeworld in an attempt to scare them away from Earth permanently. Instead, they learn that their cloaking technology is not up to the task of escaping, and they are captured, tortured and studied by Skrull scientists. They eventually break free and return to Earth, but it is unknown how much information was gained by the Skrulls.

2.3 More Movement

2.3.1 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #22

Cover date: September 1972
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.2 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #23

Cover date: November 1972
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.3 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #24

Cover date: January 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.4 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #25

Cover date: March 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.5 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #26

Cover date: May 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.6 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #27

Cover date: July 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.7 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #28

Cover date: September 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.8 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #29

Cover date: November 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.9 Marvel Team-Up, Vol. 1 #16

Cover date: December 1973
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.10 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #30

Cover date: January 1974
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.11 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #31

Cover date: March 1974
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.12 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #32

Cover date: May 1974
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.13 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #33

Cover date: July 1974
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.14 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #34

Cover date: September 1974
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.15 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #35

Cover date: November 1974
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.16 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #36

Cover date: January 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.17 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #37

Cover date: March 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.18 Avengers #133

Cover date: March 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Having finished their combat against Kang, Immortus offers both Vision and Mantis the opportunity to view their pasts and learn of their own origins. Vision sees his early days in the form of the original Human Torch, which happened back in 1939. Mantis (and the other Avengers) are taken back to the first year of Hala's recorded history. At this time, the Kree are barbaric, and the Cotati are peaceful. Each ignores the other, having evolved independently on the same world. The (then peaceful) Skrull arrive and offer to share knowledge and technology with one of the two races in exchange for obedience and planetary resources, but the race in question must first win a contest to prove their worth. Representatives of both races are left on otherwise unoccupied planetoids. The Cotati turn theirs into a thriving park, while the Kree (who were delivered to Earth's moon) create the Blue City that Uatu now resides in. The Skrull declare the Cotati the winners, angering the Kree, who kill every Cotati on Hala in an attempt to become the victors. The Skrulls do not approve, and decide to cut the Kree off from their technology. The Kree again disagree, and slaughter the Skrulls. They eventually learn to work the Skrull craft, and take the fight directly to the Skrull homeworld, starting the Kree-Skrull War.

2.3.19 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #38

Cover date: May 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.20 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #39

Cover date: July 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.21 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #40

Cover date: September 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.22 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #41

Cover date: November 1975
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.23 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #42

Cover date: January 1976
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.24 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #43

Cover date: March 1976
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.3.25 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #44

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Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.26 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #45

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Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.27 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #46

Cover date: September 1976
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.28 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #47

Cover date: November 1976
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.3.29 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #48

Cover date: January 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.3.30 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #49

Cover date: March 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.31 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #50

Cover date: May 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.32 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #51

Cover date: July 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.33 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #52

Cover date: September 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.34 Marvel Team-Up, Vol. 1 #62

Cover date: October 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ordered as part of Essential Marvel Team-Up Volume 3

2.3.35 Avengers Annual #7

Cover date: 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.36 Marvel Two-In-One Annual #2

Cover date: 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.37 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #53

Cover date: November 1977
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.38 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #54

Cover date: January 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.39 Avengers Vol. 1 #168

Cover date: February 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.40 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #55

Cover date: March 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.41 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #56

Cover date: May 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.42 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #57

Cover date: July 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.43 Ms. Marvel Vol. 1 #19

Cover date: August 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.44 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #58

Cover date: September 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.45 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #59

Cover date: November 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.46 Marvel Two-In-One, Vol. 1 #45

Cover date: November 1978
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.3.47 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #60

Cover date: January 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.48 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #61

Cover date: March 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.49 Captain Marvel Vol. 1 #62

Cover date: May 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I do not have access to this issue.

2.3.50 Fantastic Four #204

Cover date: March 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: When investigating a power drain from space, Reed sends out an ion beam. The beam is hijacked by an alien intelligence, and used to transport the supreme leader, called the Suzerain, back to Earth. She arrives, but is followed by a Skrull, who the FF manage to defeat. She tells them that her people suffered a similar power drain to the one the FF are experiencing, and they learn it was caused by the Skrulls. The FF decide to help her people, but Johnny decides to stay behind for a while and get his life back in order. He receives an invitation to Security University, a campus for celebrities, where a failed attack appears to be a random lab accident.

2.3.51 Fantastic Four #205

Cover date: April 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Reed, Sue and Ben arrive on the remains of Xandar, the homeworld of the Suzerain. They lend their strength to the efforts against the Skrulls, temporarily turning the tide of battle, but are captured. Meanwhile, back on Earth, Johnny is enjoying Security College, but is unaware that the Monocle has installed mind control technology in the dorm rooms.

2.3.52 Nova, Vol. 1 #25

Cover date: May 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Nova and the others are continuing the journey begun in an earlier issue. There is much uneasiness in the crew, as they do not get along very well. They are suddenly attacked by the Skrull Armada that launched in Fantastic Four 205, and though they manage to win the battle, Powerhouse and other allies are very weakened by the effort.

2.3.53 Fantastic Four #206

Cover date: May 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Reed, Ben and Sue are taken to a Skrull court, where they are informed that they have been sentenced to death (in absentia.) They are each shot with a metabolic ray weapon, which dooms them to die of old age in a mere three days. They manage to escape, and are permitted to leave as they are heading out in a damaged vessel that will not survive long enough to get them to Earth. While escaping, they are found by Nova and his group (last seen in Nova Vol. 1 #25), mistaken for Skrulls, and attacked.

2.3.54 Fantastic Four #207

Cover date: June 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Peter Parker, fresh from his firing from the Daily Bugle, is hired by the Globe to work undercover at Security College. He soon has his camera smashed, and is locked in his room overnight. Changing to Spider-Man, he follows the other students out, realizing they've been hypnotized into crime. They assault a local military base. Spidey prevents them from stealing the weapons they came for, but he can't stop them from planting multiple bombs. Rather than track the hidden bombs, Spidey just gets the soldiers clear of the facility before it explodes. Then he heads back to the college, and wakes Johnny Storm with evidence of his crime. Johnny teams up with Spidey to put an end to the Monocle's plot.

2.3.55 Fantastic Four #208

Cover date: July 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Johnny leaves college to rejoin the team on Xandar, and gets there in time to team up with Reed, Sue, Thing, Nova and the other Champions. They join forces to prevent the Sphinx from using the information from Xandar's computers to destroy the Earth. They are not powerful enough to do this on their own, however, so they decide to split up. The Champions will remain with Xandar to fend off the Skrull threat, while the Fantastic Four will try to recruit Galactus to aid them against the Sphinx.

2.3.56 Fantastic Four #209

Cover date: August 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The FF leave Xandar in the capable hands of the Champions. Skrull Empress R'Kill kills Emperor Dorrek and takes control of the fleet, regrouping to come back with a stronger assault. Meanwhile, on their way to find Galactus, the FF encounter a spaceship cemetery, complete with a prison vessel loaded with escaped prisoners. They take the time to round up the escapees and send a message back to their homeworld before continuing on the hunt for Galactus.

2.3.57 Fantastic Four #210

Cover date: September 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Fantastic Four manage to navigate hyperspace and an asteroid field in order to reach Galactus, but they do. Finally getting his attention, he agrees to help them against the Sphinx, provided they collect a new herald for him.

2.3.58 Fantastic Four #211

Cover date: October 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Fantastic Four succeed, with difficulty, in besting Tyros the Terrible in combat. Once this has been accomplished, the five are transported back to Galactus, who transforms Tyros into Terrax the Tamer, a herald with power over the Earth itself. After personally humbling Terrax, Galactus is sure of his new herald's loyalty. The six then rush to Earth to face off against the Sphinx.

2.3.59 Fantastic Four #212

Cover date: November 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The FF return to Earth to find the Sphinx has returned to Egypt, where he tries to restore the past empire. Galactus faces him for personal combat. Meanwhile, Reed has placed Sue in stasis, and is fighting the clock to find a cure for the Skrull metabolic ray before it kills them all, while also preparing a defense against Galactus. They are interrupted when Terrax bursts in and announces his own attack.

2.3.60 Fantastic Four #213

Cover date: December 1979
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: After a long and furious battle, Johnny outsmarts the Sphinx and freezes him, so that Ben can be placed in suspended animation and Reed can build a weapon to hold off Galactus. Meanwhile, Galactus' own battle with the Sphinx ends with the Sphinx defeated, and sent back in time to relive his life over again, living it exactly the same way, dooming himself to eternal life. Reed manages to prevent Galactus from devouring Earth by threatening him with an Ultimate Nullifier that he recreated from pieces of Galactus' ship.

2.3.61 Fantastic Four #214

Cover date: January 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Johnny is left, with the other three in stasis. He tries to get help from Tony Stark, but Stark is working with radioactive waste for S.H.I.E.L.D. and cannot come out without lengthy decontamination. Johnny returns to the Baxter Building, only to face off against Skrull X, the robot Skrull that first attacked them way back when this saga started in issue 204. Johnny wins the battle, and takes the Skrull aging ray from this Skrull. Waking Reed, they modify the device to reverse the process, and Johnny's teammates come back younger and more vital than ever.

2.3.62 Incredible Hulk #245

Cover date: March 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.4 The Dark Phoenix Saga

2.4.1 Uncanny X-Men #129

Cover date: January 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Picking up the pieces after the battle with Proteus, the X-Men leave Muir Island and head back to the Mansion. There they find Professor X has returned, and he immediately moves to training the team in his fashion. The training is cut short when two new mutants are detected. Jean and Scott head to Chicago to track down one, while the Professor takes Colossus, Storm and Wolverine to meet the one named Katherine Pryde. The machinations of the Hellfire Club, however, are getting in the way; not only is Jason Wyngarde manipulating Jean without her knowledge, but Emma Frost beats the X-Men to Kitty, and later captures the X-Men without realizing that Kitty is stowing away to track down their captors.

2.4.2 Uncanny X-Men #130

Cover date: February 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In Chicago, Kitty gets close enough to Storm to get a phone number to call for help, but then she's spotted by the Hellfire Club. She manages to make her escape and make the call. However, by the time she does, Cyclops, Jean and Nightcrawler are at Dazzler's disco, and they are also attacked by the Hellfire club with customized weapons. Dazzler steps in to help, tipping the scales in their favour, allowing them to get away and track down their friends to help.

2.4.3 Uncanny X-Men #131

Cover date: March 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Scott, Jean, Kurt and Alison arrive in Chicago to free the others, and catch up with Kitty. Jean's potent abilities get the team through easily, while Kitty sneaks in through the rear to free Colossus, Wolverine and the Professor. Jean heads after the White Queen to rescue Storm, and easily bests her in battle. Returning Kitty home, the team learn that Dazzler wishes to lead a combat free life, while Jean uses her abilities to not only sooth Kitty's parents, but to rewrite their memories and have them choose in favour of sending Kitty to Xavier's school.

2.4.4 Uncanny X-Men #132

Cover date: April 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men check in with Warren Worthington III, using his contacts in high society to gether information on the Hellfire Club and an invitation to their group. They get in, and are easily routed in a surprise attack that begins with Wyngarde pushing Jean into becoming the Black Queen. They capture Scott, Ororo, Piotr, and Kurt, celebrating their victory in the mistaken belief that Wolverine is dead. In truth, their attack didn't kill him, but it did make him very, very upset. Wolverine is not the kind of character that you want to have upset with you.

2.4.5 Uncanny X-Men #133

Cover date: May 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Wolverine interrogates one of the Hellfire Club's goons in his own unique fashion. Gaining less information than he'd hoped, he tracks the scent of Nightcrawler through the club, and is attacked in full view of the patrons, some of whom are Secret Service agents protecting a Senator Kelly. Meanwhile, Cyclops uses his psychic rapport with Jean to try and get through to her, only to be met on the astral plane by Jason Wyngarde, the now revealed Mastermind. They fight a psychic swordfight, and Wyngarde comes out ahead, causing Cyclops' physical form to collapse.

2.4.6 Uncanny X-Men #134

Cover date: June 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cyclops slowly recovers from Wyngarde's attack. However, seeing her lover die jarred Jean free of his control, just in time to release the helmet preventing Cyclops from using his abilities while Wolverine created a distraction. The X-Men then do what they do best: coordinate an extremely efficient attack against unprepared enemies and rout the lot. If not for the influence of the Hellfire Club, they'd stay to clean up entirely, but are instead forced to leave and allow their enemies to escape. While making good their escape, Jean's mind finally collapses on itself, and the Dark Phoenix is born in an explosion that destroys the X-jet.

2.4.7 Uncanny X-Men #135

Cover date: July 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men are easily defeated by Dark Phoenix, who then leaves Earth looking for something else. Beast arrives in an Avengers quinjet to help the team regroup, but they have no means of tracking Dark Phoenix. Jean, hungry, consumes a G-type star she passes, triggering a nova that slaughters five billion people living in the solar system who were allied with the Shi'Ar. The Shi'Ar decide that Dark Phoenix must be stopped at all costs.

2.4.8 Uncanny X-Men #136

Cover date: August 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Dark Phoenix returns to Earth and stops in at the home of the Greys. The X-Men come well prepared, with a combination of psychic shields, mental scramblers, and carefully orchestrated teamwork, and they still just barely manage to win out, due largely to Jean's help against her darker self. Just as they are settling down for explanations, they are teleported to places unknown.

2.4.9 Uncanny X-Men #137

Cover date: September 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Shi'Ar have captures all of the X-Men in order to cast judgement on the Phoenix. Despite the recreation of safeguards, they refuse to take no for an answer, as they recognize the potential for the Phoenix to return. The X-Men challenge them to a duel to decide the fate of the Phoenix, and the challenge is accepted. Despite interference from the Skrull representative at the proceedings, the X-Men fight well, but ultimately, all save Scott and Jean fall. The Phoenix then reemerges, leaving only the X-Men behind to save the Universe. Jean manipulates the battle to ensure her own destruction, knowing full well that she is not capable of controlling this much power. The ultimate fates of the Skrull and Kree delegates will not be revealed until *Fantastic Four Annual #18*.

2.4.10 Uncanny X-Men #138

Cover date: October 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: At Jean's funeral, Scott reviews his life with the X-Men, summarizing the events of the first 137 issues of the title. When the funeral is over, he announces his intention to leave the X-Men, while Kitty Pryde arrives at the mansion to begin her classes.

2.5 The Wheels Keep Turning

2.5.1 Fantastic Four Annual #15

Cover date: September 1980
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Reed is working on an energy transmitter when Willie Lumpkin shows up with a package for Sue. Lumpkin gets in without tripping the security systems, so Reed looks them over while the others check out the contents. When Reed returns, only Sue is left, though she reveals herself to be a Skrull. In fact, Willie Lumpkin was a Skrull who has hidden the other three somewhere, trying to steal Reed's transmitter for use in the Kree-Skrull war efforts. Captain Marvel comes through the transmitter, claiming that Reed needs to kill an imposter, and Reed realizes that this Marvel is also a Skrull. He transports the real Captain Marvel to the Baxter Building, just before Ben, Sue and Johnny arrive, and they take out the Prime Ten Skrull attackers with little effort. It seems that the Lumpkin Skrull disposed of the three by sending them to the future in Doom's time machine, but they came back from the future to pitch in.

2.5.2 Marvel Graphic Novel #1

Cover date: April 1982
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.5.3 Fantastic Four #249

Cover date: December 1982
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A Skrull vessel, pursued by Gladiator, rushes into the Solar System, exploding near Pluto. Gladiator continues to Earth, attacking the Fantastic Four, convinced that they are Skrulls. He takes out all four with ease, but is then met by Cyclops, Storm, Colossus and Nightcrawler, who challenge Gladiator in the Shi'Ar tongue they've never spoken before.

2.5.4 Fantastic Four #250

Cover date: January 1983
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Spider-Man finds Mr. Fantastic seriously injured, and takes him back to the Baxter Building. Once there, Reed and Sue compare notes, and Reed deduces how to defeat Gladiator. Meanwhile, the X-Men Gladiator faces are hurting him more than expected, and attacking Captain America, Johnny and Ben when they try to help. They have never fought so ferociously, or exhibited these particular powers before. They soon realize these X-Men are actually Skrulls, and stop holding back. The combined forces of Johnny and Ben easily take out the Skrulls once the true nature of the threat is revealed, and Reed manages to defeat Gladiator, at least long enough to convince him of the truth.

2.5.5 Fantastic Four #256

Cover date: July 1983
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Reed manages to create a negative of the Baxter Building to transport the group home, with the unknowing aid of the Avengers. In doing so, the costumes for the team accidentally transform into a new look. Meanwhile, Nova has found Galactus a new world to feed on: the Skrull homeworld.

2.5.6 Fantastic Four #257

Cover date: August 1983
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the wake of Annihilus' attack, Reed and Sue decide that the Baxter Building is not a safe place to raise Franklin, or his recently conceived sibling. They start to go house hunting for a safe spot not actually in the Baxter Building to raise him with as close to a normal life as he can have. Meanwhile, Galactus sates his hunger by consuming the Skrull homeworld, leaving little but rock behind.

2.5.7 Fantastic Four Annual #17

Cover date: September 1983
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Sharon's car breaks down outside King's Crossing, and she heads into town for help. Instead, she is held captive in a town with self duplicating milk and very unusual inhabitants. She manages to get out calls for help to her roommate Julie and to the Fantastic Four, who realize that the original Skrulls from issue 2 are involved, and arrive on the scene ready to rescue Julie and cure the townsfolk.

2.5.8 Fantastic Four #262

Cover date: January 1984
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Reed Richards is captured by the Shi'Ar, and put on trial for saving the life of Galactus. It is only through the testimony of Galactus, the Watcher, Odin, and Eternity himself that those present are convinced that Reed's actions were the correct ones.

2.5.9 Alpha Flight Vol. 1 #9

Cover date: April 1984
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I'll get it in "Alpha Flight Classic Vol. 2" this summer.

2.5.10 Alpha Flight Vol. 1 #10

Cover date: May 1984
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I'll get it in "Alpha Flight Classic Vol. 2" this summer.

2.5.11 Fantastic Four Annual #18

Cover date: November 1984
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Raksor the Skrull and Bel-Dann the Kree were last seen at each others throats in *Uncanny X-Men #137*. Their battle has continued lo these many issues, completely unaware that the Inhumans have moved their entire city to the Blue Area of the Moon above their heads. They learn that they have been selected to determine the outcome of the entire Kree/Skrull war through individual combat under Uatu's judgement of victory. That combat destroys much of Attilan's substructure, severely disrupting the wedding of Black Bolt and Medusa. The Inhumans and the Fantastic Four join forces to end the battle, and just barely manage to declare it a joint win between the two races.

2.5.12 Avengers #258

Cover date: August 1985
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Recovering from the attack by Terminus, the Avengers head back to the mansion, only to learn that their security status has been revoked pending investigation of the Vision's actions against NORAD. The Avengers are then called out to round up Firelord, only to learn that Spider-Man has taken care of that for them before their arrival. Meanwhile, Captain Marvel leaves Nebula's armada to warn Earth of her approach, but she needs to use Skrull equipment to do so. While the Skrulls try to prevent this, an antimatter missile launched by Nebula to destroy the Skrull armada detonates with results not revealed until the next issue.

2.5.13 Avengers #259

Cover date: September 1985
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers receive Captain Marvel's delayed message, and regroup to help her. Firelord, who has been pitching in to make amends for his rampage, chooses to join them. They head to the Andromeda Galaxy, and meet up with Captain Marvel, learning how she and the Skrulls managed to fake their own deaths to regroup. After a heated debate, the Avengers decide to ally with the Skrulls to stop the greater threat of Nebula and the stolen Sanctuary II.

2.5.14 Avengers #260

Cover date: October 1985
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers and Skrulls stand together against Nebula and her group. Nova is initially opposed to the alliance, but when he returns to Xandar and finds it ravaged by Nebula, he changes his mind quickly and completely. The Beyonder arrives as well, continuing his attempts to learn about humanity, and he teleports Nebula and her group to another galaxy. Starfox is reeling from Nebula's claim that Thanos is her grandfather, and decides that he must track her down to prove or disprove her claim.

2.5.15 The Avengers Annual #14

Cover date: 1985
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers join forces with the Skrulls under Zedrao's rule in order to stop the machinations of the Skrull Zabyk. They are making their way through the station when they encounter a Skrull impersonating Thor, who they quickly identify and defeat. They continue on, encountering the real Fantastic Four, and eventually identifying them as such. They are, however, unable to stop Zabyk's plot: the hyperwave bomb is detonated, freezing all Skrulls in whatever form they were in at the time the wave struck.

2.5.16 Fantastic Four Annual #19

Cover date: 1985
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: An alien in combat armour arrives on Earth, and the Fantastic Four are called to investigate. The helmet removed, the alien is revealed to be the infant terrible, last seen way, way back in issue 24. His homeworld is under attack by the Skrulls, and the Fantastic Four pitch in. However, when they arrive at Elan, the Infant Terrible is revealed to be a Skrull. Reed, however, had already deduced this, and hypnotized him into trading places, allowing Reed to take out the local Skrull vying for the role of Empress. They then proceed to the power asteroid, and break in, where they hook up with the Avengers, as depicted in Avengers Annual 14. (In fact, the same pencilled pages and scripts were used for the final portions of both annuals.) The Hyperwave bomb is detonated, and all Skrulls are locked into their current forms.

2.5.17 Avengers #261

Cover date: November 1985
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers return home, to learn that Starfox is leaving (with Firelord) in pursuit of Nebula, and that the Beyonder had paid them a visit while they were away. They do their best to track the Beyonder, and catch up with him, but are unable to contain him. They do their best to educate him about right, wrong, and society, even offering him membership as an Avenger-In-Training, but he opts for more varied experiences and departs.

2.5.18 Avengers Annual #16

Cover date: 1987
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.6 New Empire and Second Kree-Skrull War

2.6.1 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #1

Cover date: July 1987
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer is attempting to penetrate the barrier of Galactus once more, when the Champion (an Elder) arrives to kill him. Winning the battle, the Champion tells the Surfer his goal was to prevent the Surfer's escape to aid Galactus against the Skrulls who have captured Frankie Raye. The Surfer and the Fantastic Four realize this means there is a way through the barrier, and finally figure out what it is. Free, the Silver Surfer offers Galactus a deal: permanent freedom in exchange for saving Frankie Raye. Both individuals uphold the bargain, and the Surfer goes free.

2.6.2 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #2

Cover date: August 1987
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer returns to Zenn-La to discover that his beloved Shalla Bal has become Empress, due in large part to his gift of power to her during Silver Surfer Vol. 2 #1. She hosts a Skrull ambassador, who pleads for her aid in the coming Kree-Skrull war. The ambassador's agents try their best to kill the Silver Surfer, only to learn their best is not nearly good enough. Norrin reveals to Shalla Bal that the Skrulls have lost their shape shifting abilities. He swears to protect Zenn-La's neutrality in the coming war. Sadly, he also discovers that he and Shalla-Bal have no life together at this point, due to her duties as empress.

2.6.3 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #3

Cover date: September 1987
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Coming out of West Coast Avengers Annual #2 and Avengers Annual #16, the Silver Surfer confronts the Collector about recent machinations of the elders. He is temporarily appeased, and continues on a hunt for answers, only to be effectively assaulted by the Runner, another Elder. The Surfer crashes on a nearby planet, where he is found by Mantis. Meanwhile, a Kree vessel defeats a Skrull vessel as part of the mounting hostilities between the races, only to have the defeated Skrulls commit suicide before their capture. This leads the Kree on an investigation which may eventually reveal that the Skrulls no longer can shapeshift.

2.6.4 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #4

Cover date: October 1987
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Learning of the plan the Elders have, to become immortal themselves and then destroy Galactus, Mantis and the Silver Surfer decide to take action. Meanwhile, the Kree Supreme Intelligence has deduced the Skrulls' loss of shape shifting ability, but that may not matter, as the Celestials have returned to the Skrull homeworld for reasons not yet revealed.

2.6.5 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #5

Cover date: November 1987
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Obliterator pursues the Silver Surfer and Mantis, catching up with them on a world rich in plant life. That edge allows them to fend off the Obliterator long enough for the Silver Surfer to come up with a new plan of attack, by restructuring the molecules of the Obliterator's weapons and transport systems, rendering him trapped and harmless. Meanwhile, the Kree spy is captured by the Skrulls, who then learn of the impending attack. They officially declare the beginning of the second Kree Skrull War.

2.6.6 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #6

Cover date:	December 1987
Review:	http://www.bureau42.com/view/
Synopsis:	The Silver Surfer and Mantis interrogate the defeated Obliterator to learn of the Elders' plan, to discover the goal is to kill Galactus, thus upsetting the cosmic balance and destroying the Universe. Now immune to death, the Elders will survive into the next reality, and serve as a race similar to Galactus himself. They head off in the direction of Earth to stop the Elders at their next meeting. Meanwhile, the Kree attack the Skrull fleet, only to have their attack plan fail due to a traitor in their midst. The Supremor deduces that the traitor is the creature who maintains his circuits and kills him, not knowing that Nenora (whom he promotes to that position) is also a Skrull agent. Nenora suggests recruiting neutral worlds to their cause, and the Supremor agrees. The next such world they approach is Zenn-La, causing Shalla-Bal to recall Silver Surfer to make good on his promise of protection.

2.6.7 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #7

Cover date:	January 1988
Review:	http://www.bureau42.com/view/
Synopsis:	On Earth, Mantis learns that the six soul gems (later renamed Infinity gems) are critical to the plans of the Elders. They have five of the six already. She is captured by plants loyal to the gardener, and barely manages to send a message out across the cosmos that is heard by Shalla-Bal, but Shalla-Bal believes it to be her imagination. The Silver Surfer has, in the meantime, defended Zenn-La from Kree attack, and traveled to Kree-Lor to deliver his warning to the Supreme Intelligence. The Supreme Intelligence is happy to leave Zenn-La out of the conflict, but refuses to do the same for Earth. In retaliation, it uses the only soul gem not possessed by the Elders to steal the Surfer's soul.

2.6.8 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #8

Cover date: February 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer tries to escape the surreal world of the soul gem, while Shalla-Bal tried to contact Mantis through her plants. The Surfer manages to escape, stealing the soul gem that kept the Kree Supreme Intelligence sane. However, Shalla-Bal's message reaches not Mantis, but rather the Gardener instead.

2.6.9 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #9

Cover date: March 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Surfer tracks down the Elders, and trades the sixth soul gem for Mantis and Shalla-Bal. However, the Grandmaster sends the women away, and an explosion occurs before the Surfer can catch up. He saves Shalla-Bal, but Mantis seems lost. Furious, he pursues the Elders after Galactus. They have mounted an attack that was succeeding until the Surfer interferes, leaving Galactus free and furious.

2.6.10 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #10

Cover date: April 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Galactus, triumphant over the Elders, decides to absorb their energies just as he'd feed off of a planet. He then sends the Silver Surfer to travel with Nova on her quest to find the Contemplator, the last Elder not accounted for. Meanwhile, on Kree-Lar, Skrull spy Nenora meets with her lover, both in their chosen forms. Nenora poisons her lover to maintain control of the Empire and protect her secret.

2.6.11 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #11

Cover date: May 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Nenora, now in charge of the Kree Empire, provides information about the Contemplator to the Silver Surfer and Nova, and offers to leave Zenn-La and Earth out of the conflict. While pursuing the Contemplator, Surfer and Nova are attacked by a fleet of pirates, who they handily defeat. They end up on a star near the Coalsack looking for the Contemplator, and are captured by Reptyl. Meanwhile, another Silver Surfer kills several Kree for fun.

2.6.12 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #12

Cover date: June 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Captured by Reptyl, the power of the Silver Surfer and Nova is being used to power Reptyl's ships. The Cotati influence Clumsy Foulup to release Nova, who attacks the other ship until it releases the Silver Surfer. Reptyl and his pirate band escape during this distraction, but Reptyl sees his ally the Contemplator as a threat, and eats out his throat.

2.6.13 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #13

Cover date: July 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Nenora continues to rule the Kree empire as Supreme Leader, betraying and eliminating the only two remaining Skrulls who are aware of her true nature. She also sends Ronan the Accuser after the Silver Surfer, believing him to be the cause of the destruction on their border worlds. Ronan catches up with the Surfer and Nova once they leave the Coalsack. Surfer restrains Ronan long enough to leave in pursuit of the imposter, whom he tracks to another world in the area.

2.6.14 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #14

Cover date: August 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Surfer faces off against the imposter. After an intense battle, one stands triumphant, and the other lies unconscious, though Nova is not sure which is which. They continue on, but Nova is tricked and captured. It is revealed that this Surfer is a Skrull, who was drawing heavily on transmitted power in order to defeat the original. Without the forewarning he had for this battle, he falls before Ronan the Accuser extremely quickly. Nova returns to the original Surfer. Finally, Skrull Agent Krat crash lands on Earth, and sends up a flare of some kind just before his death at the hands of paranoid humans.

2.6.15 Silver Surfer Annual #1

Cover date: 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The third chapter of the Evolutionary War begins when the High Evolutionary comes to Olympia to recruit Eternals to his cause. He asks them to acquire the Silver Surfer so that he may study his genome more completely. When the Surfer returns to Earth (in search of the late Mantis' son), he encounters a newly reformed Super Skrull, who is completely unaware of recent events. The Eternals capture both, and begin to study the Super Skrull before the Silver Surfer breaks him free. The Surfer hopes that the Super Skrull, the last remaining Skrull with shapeshifting abilities, will bring those abilities back to the Skrull empire and end the war.

2.6.16 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #15

Cover date: September 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer recruits Reed and Sue Richards to help save the life of Galactus. They travel with him through a black hole in search of the soul gems. Once there, they track the gems to the Trader and the Astronomer. Once found, Malice re-emerges fully in Sue Storm, and she trades the gems for the Silver Surfer.

2.6.17 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #16

Cover date: October 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Bartering for freedom with the Elders, Reed and Norrin chase after Malice to retrieve the gems. Realizing that they are being held under the influence of Chaos and Order, the pair hurry to free Sue and return home. They catch her, but in the process, Reed becomes connected to the Soul Gem, and is used as a conduit for the In-Betweener.

2.6.18 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #17

Cover date: November 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Elders reveal their plan to use the In-Betweener to escape the magic realm and return to the normal realm to defeat Galactus. The In-Betweener finds he cannot kill Galactus, but he can send Galactus into the magic realm, as well as summon Death and force her to change her mind about allowing the Elders to die. Galactus eventually awakens in another dimension, furious and ready to kill the In-Betweener himself.

2.6.19 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #18

Cover date: December 1988
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Galactus and the In-Betweener continue their fracas, ending up falling through the black hole, and re-entering the magic realm. In that place, Chaos and Order can once again control the In-Betweener, and they exercise that control to stop the conflict and send everyone back to their respective home dimensions.

2.6.20 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #19

Cover date: January 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Galactus sends Nova to find him a world, while the Silver Surfer takes Sue, Reed and Franklin back to Earth. The Surfer meets up with Nova again, and they are debating the morality of feeding Galactus a world with life when the Surfer is attacked by Firelord. It seems Eros and Firelord were seeking Nebula, to verify her claims of blood relation to Thanos, when they ran into Reptyl at Galactus' suggestion. Reptyl sent them after the Silver Surfer. The battle is fierce, but Eros is able to maintain some level of stability between them with his abilities.

2.6.21 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #20

Cover date: February 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tensions mount in the Kree/Skrull war, and factions start moving closer to their goals. The Kree are winning resoundingly under the rule of Nenora, who seeks out Shalla-Bal in an effort to inform the Silver Surfer that they have discovered the Skrull ruse that led to Ronan's attack on him in the first place. When Shalla-Bal refuses to call the Surfer immediately, Nenora gets quite upset.

2.6.22 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #21

Cover date: March 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Obliterator was left on a planet more inhabited than expected, and he obtains weapons and escapes to Zenn-La. Shalla-Bal calls for help, and on the way, the Surfer is forced to destroy two attacking Kree vessels. Once at Zenn-La, the Surfer points out that if the Obliterator destroys Zenn-La, then the Surfer would be the last of his race, and become an Elder along with the Obliterator. The Obliterator finds this unacceptable, and realizes he'll have to hold off his assault on Zenn-La until he kills the Surfer himself.

2.6.23 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #22

Cover date: April 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ego tracks down the Silver Surfer. He has been able to overcome the rocket engine that Galactus attached to him, but it requires a lot of energy to do so, and he's been forced to consume life as Galactus does to maintain himself. Ego tries to consume the Surfer, but the Silver Surfer evades such a fate long enough to power up Galactus' engine, overpowering Ego's control over his own orbit. Ego agrees to grant the Surfer freedom in exchange for regaining control over his own orbit.

2.6.24 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #23

Cover date: May 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Surfer passes a world he once saved, only to find it tearing itself apart. He stops to investigate, and learns that the natives have resorted to drastic measures to ensure their own survival while being attacked by a powerful alien. The Surfer rises to their defense, only to learn that the alien is acting in retribution, for the inhabitants of this world wiped out all other members of his race.

2.6.25 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #24

Cover date: June 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer is attacked by an artificial intelligence construct, seeking revenge for his time spent with Galactus. The Surfer is able to damage the portion of the computer containing the out of date information on him to allow his own escape.

2.6.26 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #25

Cover date: July 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer encounters a battle between the Skrulls and the Badoon. Kl'rt appeals to him, asking the Surfer to ensure safe passage for the Skrull ships to leave. He grudgingly does so, only to learn that the Badoon are allied with the Kree, and that he has been tricked into taking sides in the conflict. He rushes to Zenn-La, and protects it from the first wave of Kree assaults led by Ronan. The Surfer wins again, and learns that the Skrulls drew him out to power a machine like the one seen in his first annual, which will allow Kl'rt's shapeshifting ability to be shared with the rest of the Skrull empire. He does so, after being assured that the Skrulls will defend Zenn-La, and that Zenn-La will not be integrated into a new Skrull empire when the conflict is over.

2.6.27 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #26

Cover date: August 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Surfer continues to defend Zenn-La against the Kree Armada. During the assault, he breaks into the command ship and strikes a deal with Nenora. She believes that his involvement was the result of a Skrull trick, but she cannot allow the defiance to appear unpunished. The deal is as follows: Zenn-La, which was an innocent pawn, will be spared so long as it is not used as a sanctuary. In return, they will continue to hunt the Silver Surfer once he is clear of the planetary system.

2.6.28 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #27

Cover date: September 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Empress S'Byll is restoring the Skrulls to their shapeshifting glory when they are accosted by an army of invisible Badoon. In the midst of this assault, the Stranger comes to collect S'Byll for her rare mutation. The Silver Surfer and Kl'Rt fight to protect her and do so unsuccessfully. It is Reptyl who saves her, by trading members of his crew with more interesting mutations for her. The Stranger accepts, and Reptyl sides with the Skrull empire, unaware that his lackey Clumsy Foulup has sided with the Kree. The message from the plants finally gets through to Shalla Bal, who realizes that Nenora is actually a Skrull in disguise.

2.6.29 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #28

Cover date: October 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kl'rt has developed feelings for S'Byll, though he tries not to let them show. With some encouragement from the Silver Surfer, he does, and attacks Reptyl head on for S'Byll's honour. The battle is fought hard, but Reptyl rips out Kl'rt's throat and stands victorious. The Surfer is the only one who holds a funeral for Kl'Rt, leaving him to burn up when dropped into the planet's atmosphere.

2.6.30 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #29

Cover date: November 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Kree rebuild Midnight, a human warrior who mastered darkness, in order to set him against the Silver Surfer. They fight long and hard, delaying the Surfer from aiding the Skrulls. He rushes to the main battle when he notices the Skrulls are losing quite resoundingly; they are falling due in large part to Clumsy Foulup's betrayal, literally stabbing Reptyl in the back.

2.6.31 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #30

Cover date: November 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Silver Surfer and S'Byll work together to reach the Kree homeworld Hala. They manage to fight through the defenses before and on the planet, eventually encountering an escaped Shalla Bal, who informs the Surfer of Nenora's Skrull nature. They reach Nenora, and S'Byll restores her shapeshifting abilities, revealing her true nature to all.

2.6.32 Silver Surfer Vol. 3 #31

Cover date: December 1989
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: S'Byll announces to the Kree that their leader was a Skrull in disguise, and negotiates for peace (or at least a truce) between their races. The Silver Surfer returns Shalla Bal home, and then himself embarks on a journey to track down the Stranger and learn of his motives in observing the events of the war so closely. While he is learning this, and encountering the Living Tribunal, Clumsy Foulup betrays the Contemplator and becomes ruler of the Kree empire instead.

2.7 Yet more**2.7.1 Incredible Hulk #374**

Cover date: October 1990
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: While in Bunkport for a book signing, Rick is attacked by locals. Those locals knock him out and kidnap him, running him through an attempt to break his mind and spirit by transforming into Rick's former selves. Bruce and Betty come looking for him, but they are also captured by Kl'rt. By the time the Super Skrull captured them, though, Rick had managed to free himself.

2.7.2 Incredible Hulk #375

Cover date: November 1990
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Inside the spacecraft, Rick manages to muck up the works enough to mess things up for the Skrulls. Outside, the Gray Hulk surfaces during the day and handily defeats the Super Skrull. Eventually, Rick, Bruce and Betty manage to get off of the spacecraft and onto safe ground before the craft explodes.

2.7.3 Fantastic Four #347

Cover date: December 1990
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A Skrull crash lands on Earth, and manages to penetrate the Four Freedoms Plaza, rendering each member of the FF and their friends unconscious. A second Skrull vessel arrives in search of her, and goes to Monster Island. The monsters there were produced from the same deviant gene the Celestials put in the Skrulls, and so that draws them close. The Skrulls use the monsters to attack and draw out their target, but she takes the form of Sue Richards and summons a new Fantastic Four to help, comprised of Spider-Man, Wolverine, Ghost Rider and the Hulk.

2.7.4 Fantastic Four #348

Cover date: January 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The new Fantastic Four track down the energy source driving the monsters to their attacks all the way back to Monster Island. There, they encounter the Mole Man, who has already captured the second Skrull ship. Meanwhile, Reed has been reawakened to help this “Sue” track down a very powerful egg, and they also arrive on Monster Island. Given the circumstances, the new FF assume this Reed is a Skrull.

2.7.5 Fantastic Four #349

Cover date: February 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Reed and the new FF are racing to track down the egg that the Skrulls are tracking beneath Monster Island. They all arrive in time to see it hatch into one of the Empress' personal guards, and imprint itself on one of the Island's monsters. With the help of that robotic body-guard, they manage to eliminate the threat of the second Skrull ship's crew, right around the same time Reed and Ghost Rider join forces to take care of the threat of the original Skrull invader. The Mole Man considers the possible damage this many heroes could do to his underground kingdom, and chooses to let them leave in peace.

2.7.6 Uncanny X-Men #274

Cover date: March 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Magneto, Rogue and Ka-Zar hook up with Nick Fury and S.H.I.E.L.D. in the Savage Land to prevent Zaladane from gaining complete control over the planet's magnetic fields. Meanwhile, Lila Cheney teleports Jubilee, Gambit, Forge, Psylocke, Banshee, Storm and Wolverine to unknown interstellar coordinates in pursuit of Professor X. They arrive in a sealed room that attacks and imprisons them, only to have Lady Deathbird reveal herself, and inform them that she wants them to kill Professor X.

2.7.7 Uncanny X-Men #275

Cover date: April 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Magneto, Rogue and Nick Fury face off against Zaladane and her group in the Savage Land. They manage to destroy the tower that provides her with power, but mainly because Rogue's powers have returned to her. Magneto, however, decides not to be merciful in his treatment of her. Meanwhile, the X-Men break free of Deathbird when Wolverine and Jubilee discover that the manacle can only adapt to one powerset at a time. The X-Men break free and join Lilandra and the Starjammers in returning Lilandra to her throne, learning in the process that Xavier is acting as her warlord. Unfortunately, Xavier seems to have changed, and Gambit and Jubilee learn that he was behind Deathbird's assault and plans to take out the X-Men as well.

2.7.8 Uncanny X-Men #276

Cover date: May 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Gambit and Jubilee attack Xavier, only to lose rapidly. The other X-Men gather quickly, and are told by Gladiator and Xavier that only Deathbird and Lila Chaney were present, not Jubilee and Gambit. Wolverine suddenly attacks Xavier, killing him before Psylocke can subdue him. Battle breaks out, and is ended when Deathbird and Lila return with heavy armaments. They teleport out, leaving Wolverine and Psylocke behind. Deathbird shows the remaining X-Men the devastation that Xavier caused in her name, and applauds Wolverine's attack. Jubilee is processed as a prisoner. While she doesn't understand what she sees, it's clear to experienced Marvel readers that Skrulls have replaced Xavier and Psylocke, and have Lilandra under some level of mental control.

2.7.9 Uncanny X-Men #277

Cover date: June 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Gambit and the other free X-men take on the Starjammers, and learn they are really Skrulls in disguise. The combat leads them planetside, where they make a similar discovery about the versions of Professor X, Wolverine, Psylocke and Jubilee they face. Though imprisoned, Xavier isn't powerless, and he manages to influence the traitors enough to weaken them before finally freeing himself. He takes out his own duplicate by force, and manages to free the other prisoners. With this victory won, he taps Storm's thoughts and learns of events back home. He and Lilandra part company once again so they can each deal with their own emergencies.

2.7.10 Fantastic Four #356

Cover date: September 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Puppet Master suspects something has changed with Alicia, but he can't get close enough to investigate in person. He makes a puppet of Marvel Boy and manipulates him into capturing Alicia, pitting the New Warriors against the Fantastic Four in battle. Before a clear victor emerges, he discards the puppet, freeing Marvel Boy long enough for both teams to realize what was going on. The Puppet Master escapes before Alicia learns what he wanted with her, partly because the Puppet Master has drawn some sort of unrevealed conclusion.

2.7.11 Fantastic Four #357

Cover date: October 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Puppet Master goes to the Mad Thinker in order to get help in investigating the changes in Alicia. Meanwhile, Reed builds a brainwave scanner to defend them all from the Puppet Master's attacks. It seems as though he's too late, when the Thing comes storming into the Four Freedoms Plaza trying to smash Alicia. Johnny manages to slow him down, and Reed's own brain wave investigations lead to the same conclusion that the Mad Thinker came to (who passed his info on to the Puppet Master, who shared it with the Thing). Alicia Masters didn't marry Johnny, a Skrull in Alicia's form did.

2.7.12 Fantastic Four #358

Cover date: November 1991
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Fantastic Four interrogate Lyja, and learn that she replaced Alicia while they were away at the Secret War. Her intent was to get at the team through Ben, but he didn't return, so she went through Johnny instead. She soon found herself in love with Johnny, and felt divided loyalties. She agrees to help the team rescue Alicia in exchange for her freedom, so she goes with them to free her. They enter the containment centre, and fight their way through several Skrulls, including Paibok. They escape with Alicia, but Lyja and Paibok are left behind. (Lyja took a blast intended to kill Johnny, and Paibok was buried under rubble.) During their escape, the Mad Thinker's sabotage of their vessel does not destroy them as intended, but it does render their hyperdrive useless.

2.8 Operation: Galactic Storm

2.8.1 Captain America #398

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Awakened by a dream involving death and Cap becoming the Kree Supreme Intelligence, Rick Jones calls the Avengers for help. He meets Cap at a diner in Arizona, where the pair is attacked by a robot of unknown origin targeting Rick. Cap slows the robot down enough to Rick to escape on Cap's flycycle, but Rick's will is over-ridden before he can get back to the Pantheon for help. Instead, he ends up in the hands of those who tried to capture him, whose identities are unrevealed at this time.

2.8.2 Avengers West Coast #80

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Rick Jones' captors are revealed to be the Shi'Ar, who are now at war with the Kree. They compel Rick to take them to the Kree lab where he first bonded with Captain Marvel, and they steal a piece of the Psyche-Magnetron that was left behind. They manage to escape with it, but only after the West Coast Avengers slow them down considerably. Quasar is sent in pursuit of them, but is unable to keep up.

2.8.3 Quasar #32

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Quasar answers a call to come to Mar-Vell's tomb. He and Starfox find two Kree (Atlas and Minerva) raiding the tomb, but are interrupted by the Shi'Ar Imperial Guard before they can completely explain themselves. Defeating the guard in time, they pursue the Kree into the tomb, where they find Atlas stealing Mar-Vell's Nega bands. Atlas dons them and touches them together, and is immediately replaced by Rick Jones, who is not at all equipped to handle the vacuum of space.

2.8.4 Wonder Man #7

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Wonder Man's attempt to bodyguard Rick Jones is not particularly successful. Atlas soon deduces that he and Rick trade places every time he hits the Nega Bands together, and he does so quite rapidly to attack Wonder Man in "hit and run" fashion. Wonder Man soon works out his timing, and clocks him just as he returns on one of his swaps. With Atlas in custody, it is agreed to leave Rick with the Pantheon and bring both coasts of Avengers together.

2.8.5 Avengers #345

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The team sent to rescue the Starcore research satellite succeeds, but hits a snag when a Shi'Ar vessel appears to use the wormhole normally dormant in the Earth's solar system. The use of this wormhole is destabilizing the sun and threatening the entire solar system. The Avengers capture the Shi'Ar, who are being led by a disguised Hobgoblin, but only through the threat of death. Cap is not pleased with this turn of events, or with Hank Pym's size reduction of the captives for containment purposes. Still, they split the Avengers into three teams, mandated to visit the Shi'Ar, visit the Kree, and protect the Earth.

2.8.6 Iron Man #278

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The team which headed into Kree space finds a seemingly deserted outpost. Boarding it, they are met with Shi'Ar soldiers who disintegrate when defeated. They are also met by the Shatterax, a Kree agent who would have easily defeated Iron Man had he not surrendered on behalf of the entire team, who are then taken into Kree custody.

2.8.7 Thor #445

Cover date: March 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The contingent of Avengers heading into Shi'Ar space is met by attack, as they are mistakenly associated with the Kree vessel that is attacking simultaneously. The outpost sends out a distress call which is heard by Gladiator, who comes to their aid. Wonder Man and Thor fend off the Gladiator, while Living Lightning and Captain Marvel investigate the fallen Kree vessel, only to discover that the occupants have turned to ash, save a single Skrull who triggers a self destruct device. Thor eventually manages to best the Gladiator, though he does not do so easily, and decides to take him out of play by throwing him through the wormhole to Earth and sealing it permanently. After that, the group continues to the heart of the Shi'Ar empire, where they are clearly expected.

2.8.8 Captain America #399

Cover date: April 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cap's group are brought to the Kree homeworld, where Sersi uses her abilities to disguise them as Accusers, allowing them to slip away unnoticed. Iron Man and Goliath are changed back to scout ahead, while the rest are tracked by Korath the Pursuer, whose scanners can see through their disguises. Though difficult, Cap manages to best him in battle, so the team continues on to the government buildings.

2.8.9 Avengers West Coast #81

Cover date: April 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The West Coast team try to guard the prisoners, but a Shi'Ar contingent manages to release them. They keep their grip on a few of the prisoners, but Hobgoblin (in the form of Dr. Minerva) escapes with Atlas, and the pair are picked up by the Imperial Guard. With the Nega-Bands finally in their possession, the Shi'Ar escape, leaving two of the Imperial Guard behind to occupy Quasar and Her long enough to escape.

2.8.10 Quasar #33

Cover date: April 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Quasar and Her take care of the Shi'Ar agents trying to stop them, and Quasar chases after the Nega Bands. He rescues Atlas (who has been psychically interrogated, and is no longer a useful prisoner) and keeps moving toward the Shi'Ar homeworld, where he is met with Binary of the Starjammers, who attempts to talk him out of his plan. Instead of being talked down, he is transported to an unknown location. Atlas is left in the hands of the Starjammers, but we don't know how long he'll stay there.

2.8.11 Wonder Man #8

Cover date: April 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Wonder Man and Vision leave the rest of their group behind to board the Starjammers vessel and prevent the launch of a negabomb, which could potentially destroy the entire Kree galaxy. They manage to inform the Starjammers about the true nature of their payload, but they fought first, leaving the bomb damaged in an unknown manner. The Starjammers launch the bomb through a stargate into Kree space, as they bomb may detonate with all hands aboard, and they choose to sacrifice two rather than hundreds.

2.8.12 Avengers #346

Cover date: April 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers defend themselves against Kree attack, and are sentenced to death by the current rulers of the Kree Empire. Then Deathbird intervenes, unaware that she is a pawn of the Supreme Intelligence, and those rulers die. The new Supreme Intelligence orders the death of the Avengers anyway, claiming they are Shi'Ar agents, and girding the people for full out war against the Shi'Ar for reasons unknown.

2.8.13 Iron Man #279

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Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.8.14 Thor #446

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Synopsis:

2.8.15 Captain America #400

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Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.8.16 Avengers West Coast #82

Cover date: May 1992
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.8.17 Quasar #34

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2.8.18 Wonder Man #9

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2.8.19 Avengers #347

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Synopsis:

2.8.20 Captain America #401

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2.8.21 Quasar #35

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2.8.22 Quasar #36

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2.8.23 Avengers West Coast #83

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2.8.24 Silver Surfer (vol. 3) #79

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2.9.1 Fantastic Four #370

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2.9.3 Fantastic Four #372

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2.9.4 Fantastic Four #373

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2.9.5 Fantastic Four #374

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2.9.6 Fantastic Four #375

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2.9.8 Fantastic Four #377

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2.9.12 Fantastic Four #381

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2.9.13 Fantastic Four #382

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2.9.14 Fantastic Four #383

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2.9.18 Fantastic Four #387

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2.9.23 Fantastic Four #390

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2.9.24 Incredible Hulk #419

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2.9.36 Fantastic Four #401

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2.9.37 Fantastic Four #402

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2.9.38 Fantastic Four #403

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2.9.39 Fantastic Four #404

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2.9.42 Fantastic Four #407

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2.9.43 Fantastic Four #408

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2.9.44 Fantastic Four #409

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2.9.46 Fantastic Four #411

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2.9.47 Fantastic Four #412

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2.9.48 Fantastic Four #413

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2.9.49 Fantastic Four #414

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Synopsis:

2.9.50 Fantastic Four #415

Cover date: August 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.9.51 Fantastic Four #416

Cover date: September 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.9.52 Namor, The Submariner #15

Cover date: June 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I don't have access to this issue.

2.9.53 Namor, The Submariner #16

Cover date: July 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I don't have access to this issue.

2.9.54 Namor, The Submariner #17

Cover date: August 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I don't have access to this issue.

2.9.55 Namor, The Submariner #18

Cover date: September 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: I don't have access to this issue.

2.9.56 Skrull Kill Krew #1

Cover date: September 1995
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ryder and Moonstomp are hunting and killing Skrulls, while recruiting humans with Skrull abilities. It would appear that Skrull meat ended up in a bad batch of hamburgers, and humans who ingest them inherit both a fatal virus and a Skrull's shapeshifting abilities.

2.9.57 Skrull Kill Krew #2

Cover date: October 1995
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Skrull Kill Krew is heading to pick up another member at the Dulles airport, where a hostage situation has emerged. Fortunately, Captain America is on the scene.

2.9.58 Skrull Kill Krew #3

Cover date: November 1995
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Skrull Kill Krew help contain the terrorist action, and identify a traveling dignitary as a Skrull. Unfortunately, Captain America doesn't know he's a Skrull, and manages to protect him. The Skrull Kill Krew recruit model Kimberly Dee to the cause.

2.9.59 Skrull Kill Krew #4

Cover date: December 1995
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Skrull Kill Krew continue their trip across country, and run into Skrulls masquerading as the Fantastic Four. They win the battle, only to continue down the road to find an entire town of Skrulls.

2.9.60 Skrull Kill Krew #5

Cover date: January 1996
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Skrull Kill Krew mow their way through town, slaughtering the Skrulls before moving on.

2.10 Heroes Reborn**2.10.1 Fantastic Four, Vol. 2 #4**

Cover date: February 1997
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.10.2 Fantastic Four, Vol. 2 #5

Cover date: March 1997
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.10.3 Fantastic Four, Vol. 2 #6

Cover date: April 1997
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.11 Avengers Forever

2.11.1 Avengers Forever #1

Cover date: December 1997
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.11.2 Avengers Forever #2

Cover date: January 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.11.3 Avengers Forever #3

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Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.11.4 Avengers Forever #4

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2.11.5 Avengers Forever #5

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2.11.6 Avengers Forever #6

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2.11.7 Avengers Forever #7

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2.11.8 Avengers Forever #8

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2.11.9 Avengers Forever #9

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Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.11.10 Avengers Forever #10

Cover date: September 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.11.11 Avengers Forever #11

Cover date: October 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.11.12 Avengers Forever #12

Cover date: November 1998
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Synopsis:

2.12 I'm running out of labels here

2.12.1 Incredible Hulk #473

Cover date: February 1999
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.12.2 X-Men #89

Cover date: June 1999
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men return from an alternate universe to find themselves on a planet with patches similar to Earth. They split into teams to seek out medical attention for Marrow. Storm and Wolverine track down medical supplies, but are stopped by the Human Torch, who doesn't respond as expected to Storm's winter wind. Thing shows up to press the attack, but Wolverine faces him, and both fall over a cliff. Meanwhile, Shadowcat and Nightcrawler encounter Thunderbird and other dead heroes, as well as duplicates of themselves. Shadowcat ambushes and replaces her own duplicate, while Nightcrawler takes the duplicate back to Professor X. Shadowcat infiltrates the imposters, who are impersonating almost all of the Earth's heroes (including Spider-Man), and behaving in a manner consistent with media portrayals rather than the actual individuals. When she tries to escape, she is captured by duplicates of Captain Marvel, Thunderbird and Adam Warlock. Elsewhere, the Professor digs through the psychic shields on the duplicate Shadowcat, and realizes that they have been displaced in time and space, and that the X-Men are on the Skrull homeworld, shortly before Galactus arrives to devour it.

2.12.3 Uncanny X-Men #370

Cover date: July 1999
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men are trapped on a moon of the Skrull homeworld shortly before Galactus arrives to devour it. They are still split up, but they are trying to regroup and get medical attention for Marrow. They manage to send out a warning to the Skrull population about Galactus, but the warning is ignored, and they are hunted instead. They are surrounded by the enemy, but the Professor decides to try deal through Galactus himself.

2.12.4 X-Men #90

Cover date: July 1999
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men try to talk Galactus out of attacking, but to no avail. Shadowcat does convince Warlock, Thunderbird and Captain Marvel to help them, and regroups with Wolverine and the others before they leave. They fly out in an escape craft, and use its built-in stasis fields to fly back to Earth in suspended animation, taking the long route that gets them home around the same time they originally left.

2.12.5 Uncanny X-Men #376

Cover date: January 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.12.6 Uncanny X-Men #379

Cover date: April 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.13 Capmania

2.13.1 Captain America, vol. 3 #4

Cover date: April 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cap is struggling with the public fervor about his return. The general public seems to have turned him into an icon of capitalism rather than patriotism. He refuses to publicly endorse Andrew Bolt for congress, and gets drawn into a pointless battle against Batroc, who was hired by Hydra to fight Cap and lose.

2.13.2 Captain America, vol. 3 #5

Cover date: May 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cap arrives at a hostage situation in the Empire State Building, which is the latest Hydra plot. Once there, he learns the impetus of the entire Capmania: “Sensational Hydra,” this faction’s leader, is actually one of three Skrulls who have infiltrated Hydra to get revenge on Earth. One takes Captain America’s form, while the other two kill the human Hydra agents and leave Captain America tied up by Skrull technology.

2.13.3 Captain America, vol. 3 #6

Cover date: June 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The head Skrull uses his role as Captain America to convince the people that one out of every 20 Americans are actually Skrulls in disguise. Cap manages to free himself from the Skrull handcuffs in time to fight the imposter, but not until after the announcement. Now Cap is faced with America tearing itself apart in paranoia in his name.

2.13.4 Captain America, vol. 3 #7

Cover date: July 1998
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cap rallies the Avengers to contain the rioting caused by the Skrull imposter, but he does so out of uniform. By keeping the mask off, he forces the Skrull imposter to come forth, at which time he is exposed by Tony Stark and Reed Richards, who build a device that will temporarily revert him to his true form. Exposed in a press conference, Cap defeats him in battle, and explains the situation to all of the press present.

2.14 Recent Machinations

2.14.1 Marvel Boy #1

Cover date: August 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A Kree vessel capable of traveling across realities passes near a version of earth and is shot down, with only one survivor. The survivor is taken captive, where he is to be tortured and vivisected for research. His only response to his captors is to sneer or spit. He's hard to break, as he can route pain impulses to his auditory cortex, meaning attempts to hurt him seem to him as though music is playing. His spit contains nanotechnology, so he makes an escape by spitting on an insufficiently protected guard whom he then controls. He ends by deciding to fix this Earth in his own way.

2.14.2 Marvel Boy #2

Cover date: September 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Still extremely upset about the loss of his teammates, Noh-Varr rips through New York, flattening buildings and controlling minds while managing not to kill a single individual. Even government super-soldiers don't stand much chance against him on this Earth. His message delivered, he kicks back and watches some TV.

2.14.3 Marvel Boy #3

Cover date: October 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A sentient virus, which escaped containment on Noh-Varr's ship, spreads through the world. As nothing more than the idea for a dominant corporation, it cannot be defeated through violent combat, but that doesn't stop Noh-Varr from attacking its offices. After some time and destruction, Noh-Varr reveals that his intent was simply to distract the Hexus long enough to hack its database and distribute its secrets to its competitors, defeating the virus through the natural trends in the marketplace.

2.14.4 **Marvel Boy #4**

Cover date: November 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Midas' daughter tracks down Noh-Varr looking for revenge, and instead finds the kind of man she's always wanted. After a lengthy battle, she joins Noh-Varr's side, and tries to take him to his ship for healing. Meanwhile, Midas tracks them, looking to find Noh-Varr's ship for the technology within.

2.14.5 **Marvel Boy #5**

Cover date: December 2000
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Restored to health with the help of Midas' daughter, Noh-Varr prepares for Midas' intrusion. Unfortunately, he doesn't prepare fast enough, and Midas takes out the Plex intelligence before tracking down the cosmic ray engine that powers the ship. Noh-Varr and Oubliette escape capture, but are tracked by one of Midas' demons.

2.14.6 **Marvel Boy #6**

Cover date: January 2001
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Noh-Varr returns to his ship to face off against Midas, and succeeds with the help of Oubliette. He is then captured by S.H.I.E.L.D., and transported to the Cube for detention, though Oubliette promises to work until she breaks him free.

2.14.7 **New Avengers: Illuminati #4**

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the wake of Noh-Varr's assault on Earth (in his "Marvel Boy" miniseries), the Illuminati pay him a visit, and try to convince him of a better way to live his life. They try to convince him to live as an example to others, in much the same way Mar-Vell did. Eventually, they leave him alone in the Cube, where he has time to ponder his decision.

2.14.8 Fantastic Four, Vol. 3 #37

Cover date: January 2001
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.9 Fantastic Four, Vol. 3 #55

Cover date: July 2003
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.10 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #1

Cover date: July 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the wake of Jean Grey's most recent death, Cyclops assembles a new team of X-Men, specifically designed to deliver as a group of superheroes. Though Logan makes it clear that he does not appreciate Scott's relationship with Emma, he does participate, along with Beast and Shadowcat. Just after this decision is made, two major events happen: a group of aliens take hostages for reasons still unrevealed, and Dr. Kavita Rao announces that she is able to cure the mutant gene.

2.14.11 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #2

Cover date: August 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men take on Ord and his human underlings. The humans were quickly and efficiently eliminated, but Ord handed them their butts, losing only because of the unexpected intervention of Lockheed. As the X-Men deal with the press and the revelation of the mutant cure, they debate the best course of action. Some want to kill Dr. Rao and eliminate the potential for abuse of the cure, while others are more gentle. Beast makes his way into the facility to make sure the treatment works.

2.14.12 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #3

Cover date: September 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Hank continues to investigate the viability of Dr. Rao's cure, while Logan makes it well known that he does not want Beast to accept the cure. Cyclops goes to Nick Fury to investigate the weapons used by the terrorists from the previous issue, and confirms that they are modified S.H.I.E.L.D. artillery. Fury denies involvement or knowledge of Ord, but then the (still unnamed) Agent Abigail Brand of S.W.O.R.D. comes to check up on what Fury thinks Scott knows. Back in the lab, Hank is extremely concerned by the strain of the particular mutant that was being used to create the cure.

2.14.13 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #4

Cover date: October 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men break into Benetech to search for the mutant sample. They do find one dead mutant, but not the one Hank, Scott and Emma are looking for. Wolverine realizes that there is a more specific target, but they are attacked before he can pursue the matter. Ord isn't present, as he's too busy invading the mansion and using the cure on Wing while in flight. Shadowcat finds a bunker under the building, and investigates it, only to find Colossus alive and well.

2.14.14 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #5

Cover date: November 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Still recovering from their respective attacks, the students help Wing while the X-Men deal with their captors. Dr. Rao and her group come in and ensure that nobody gets seriously hurt, but Ord breaks in with other ideas. Colossus, however, is alive and well and really, really mad at Ord. He hits Ord from behind, and continues an onslaught that nearly finishes him, but it stopped by the entrance of Nick Fury.

2.14.15 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #6

Cover date: December 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Nick Fury and Agent Brand explain about S.W.O.R.D. and thier involvement in this. The confusion is enough for Ord to escape, however, and he takes Tildie with him. S.H.I.E.L.D. is not ready to take down Ord's craft, but Wolverine and Colossus are ready to perform a fastball special. With Wolverine on Ord's ship, the craft comes down relatively intact, with Tildie safe, but with Ord and Dr. Rao's research very heavily damaged. Fury assures the team that Agent Brand will be properly dealt with for her role in all of this, and then departs, leaving the team to reassimilate Colossus.

2.14.16 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #7

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men finally get some positive press when they take care of a giant monster in Manhattan, arriving moments before the Fantastic Four, allowing a coordinated effort. This effort is far more public than the suicide of Wing, the student who lost his powers when Ord forced the cure upon him.

2.14.17 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #8

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men deal with the collapse of all of their psychics along with the attack of a Sentinel by putting all students in the Danger Room. This is just before they realize that the Danger Room itself is dangerous, and is, in fact, the orchestrator of the attacks.

2.14.18 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #9

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Scott, Emma, Logan, Hank and Peter try to break into the Danger Room from the outside while Kitty talks to it from the inside. Despite being attacked by the jet, the team outside manage to attack its core components, learning too late that this was exactly what the Danger Room wanted.

2.14.19 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #10

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis: Danger easily cleans house against the X-Men, leaving them bruised and beaten. The surprises come when Emma Frost chooses to stand down and lose, and when Danger communicates the entire battle with Professor X through psychic communication, and sends the X-jet to him.

2.14.20 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #11

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis: The X-Men track Danger back to Genosha, realizing that it's main target is the Professor. Before they arrive, he manages to sever her head, leaving only a mental battle left between them. The X-Men arrive to find the Professor facing off against the Sentinel that wiped out the lives here.

2.14.21 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #12

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis: The X-Men manage to pull together, and take out the Sentinel by releasing its memories of the Genosha attack into its now sentient mind. This, however, does not prevent them from learning that Xavier was fully aware of the Danger Room's sentience, but did nothing to aid it. They leave him behind, highly displeased, unaware that the Hellfire Club seems to have reformed and gotten its influence into Emma.

2.14.22 Avengers #500

Cover date: September 2004

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/2310>

Synopsis: Jack of Hearts, believed dead, arrives at the Avengers Mansion and explodes, killing Scott Lang in the process. Tony Stark gets drunk without taking a drink at the U.N. and says some very inappropriate things about the Latverian ambassador. Vision crashes a Quinjet into the Avengers Mansion, birthing several Ultron robots in the process. She-Hulk loses her temper and rips the Vision apart. All in all, not the best day to be an Avenger.

2.14.23 Avengers #501

Cover date: October 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/2310>
Synopsis: Iron Man manages to put She-Hulk down, but not until after she buries Captain America under a truck. Most of the team ends up hospitalized, and those that are still standing debate about whether the series of attacks they've faced are coordinated or just dumb luck. In the midst of this, they get called back to the mansion, where they're met by everyone who has had significant contact with or membership on the team.

2.14.24 Avengers #502

Cover date: November 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/2310>
Synopsis: The Avengers White Alert brought all of the Avengers to the Mansion, though S.H.I.E.L.D. denies them access as it's a live crime scene. While arguing about that, a Kree armada attacks in a manner that S.H.I.E.L.D. cannot detect. The Avengers win the day, but not before Hawkeye sacrifices himself to take down one of their vessels. The battle ends when Dr. Strange arrives and announces that the attacks are magical in nature.

2.14.25 Avengers #503

Cover date: December 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/2310>
Synopsis: Strange's announcement about the nature of the attacks disturbs the team, as one would expect. They realize that the Scarlet Witch has become unhinged and lost control of her powers, altering reality on a subconscious level. With Strange's help, they stop the madness, but it leaves her a broken and unconscious woman. Magneto collects her, and the Avengers depart.

2.14.26 Avengers Finale #1

Cover date: January 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/2310>
Synopsis: Three months after Wanda's breakdown, the surviving Avengers come back to the mansion. Tony Stark announces that he is no longer able to fund the group, and that the Avengers as they know them are over. Many of the core members announce their intentions to leave and do other things, anyway. They reminisce about their favourite Avengers moments, and then go their separate ways.

2.14.27 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #1

Cover date: January 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony is going about his business as usual, trying to make the world a better place while still dealing with the ghosts of his past. One such ghost, named Maya Hanson, calls him out of the blue. She's working on a project named Extremis, and a sample's been stolen. Unknown to either of them, the sample has been administered to an individual in an abandoned warehouse.

2.14.28 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #2

Cover date: February 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony and Maya visit their old friend Sal in search of sage advice. While he forces them to confront their deepest fears, the individual exposed to Extremis goes on a rampage, slaughtering everyone in an entire building.

2.14.29 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #3

Cover date: March 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Iron Man deploys to find and stop the rampaging Extremis user. He tracks him, but finds that his foe is far more powerful than anticipated, and that he's quite capable of damaging the Iron Man armour with his bare hands.

2.14.30 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #4

Cover date: October 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony survives the battle, but takes a massive beating. He returns to Futurepharm and convinces a remarkably reluctant Maya Hanson to administer an Extremis dose to him, so that he might heal his injuries and upgrade the Iron Man armour at the same time.

2.14.31 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #5

Cover date: March 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony survives the grueling experience of Extremis exposure, while dreaming of the incident that first made him become Iron Man. Upon awakening, he tries out his upgrades, which include mental access to several electronic networks and a more direct connection to his armour. Satisfied with the results, he heads out to stop Mallen.

2.14.32 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #6

Cover date: May 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony faces off against Mallen, and it's a very different fight this time. He handily wins, though Mallen forces his hand, and Tony has no choice but to kill him. Once that's done, he had one last task left to do back in Futurepharm.

2.14.33 New Avengers #1

Cover date: January 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Matt Murdock, Foggy Nelson, and Luke Cage come to "the Raft," a high security prison designed to hold supervillains. This happens to be the same day that Electro is hired by persons unknown to break all of the supervillains out of said prison. Electro manages to do so, leaving the island covered with escaped supervillains, none of whom will be friendly to Matt, Foggy, Luke, Jessica Drew (now a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent), Sentry (a hero imprisoned for killing his wife), Spider-Man or Captain America (both of whom came to help after they saw the explosion Electro caused.)

2.14.34 New Avengers #2

Cover date: February 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: All heroes present are scrambling to deal with the break-outs. Foggy manages to talk Sentry into taking action, and Iron Man shows up to add additional support, but they're still very, very outnumbered.

2.14.35 New Avengers #3

Cover date: March 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The morning after the breakout, Cap and Iron Man are discussing how effectively a new team of Avengers pulled themselves together. Though Cap was much more convinced than Iron Man, they agree to put a new team of Avengers together. Although Matt Murdock says no, and Sentry is not present after he turned the tide of battle, the rest of the team agree to go along.

2.14.36 New Avengers #4

Cover date: April 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The newly formed team use security footage and Tony Stark's technology to track down Electro after learning he caused the breakout. After capturing him and handing him over to S.H.I.E.L.D. custody, it is learned that he was hired specifically to break out Sauron. The team heads to the Savage Land on Sauron's trail.

2.14.37 New Avengers #5

Cover date: May 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The team arrives in the Savage Land, with the usual friendly greetings. They are joined by Wolverine just before they are captured by mutants, who bring them into captivity under Sauron and Brainchild. Thankfully, though they are stripped of all equipment and uniforms, Tony's armour responds to voice commands, and puts itself back together to break them out. Just when they get the situation under wraps and Sauron is about to explain why he was freed, a S.H.I.E.L.D. unit under the command of the new Black Widow (Yelena Bolova) kill Sauron and turn their weapons on the Avengers.

2.14.38 New Avengers #6

Cover date: June 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers face off against the rogue S.H.I.E.L.D. battalion, and succeed primarily because Sauron wasn't as dad as they all thought he was. (A bullet through the head just isn't as effective as it used to be.) They learn that this battalion has enslaved the native peoples, and was using them to mine vibranium to stockpile for illegal weapons. Before they could break it up on their own, the S.H.I.E.L.D. helicarrier attacks and wipes out the installation in one salvo. Iron Man's armour protects the group, and Director Hill transports them safely away. Once they reach safety, they learn from Tony that the S.H.I.E.L.D. files they've been given were tampered with, and that the list of villains in the Raft include 14 individuals who were officially dead. Finally, Yelena Bolova, who was badly burned by Sauron in the battle, is offered the change to have her old job and looks back.

2.14.39 Marvel Knights Spider-Man #13

Cover date: June 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.40 Marvel Knights Spider-Man #14

Cover date: July 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
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2.14.41 Marvel Knights Spider-Man #15

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2.14.42 Marvel Knights Spider-Man #16

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2.14.43 Marvel Knights Spider-Man #17

Cover date: October 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.44 Marvel Knights Spider-Man #18

Cover date: November 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.45 New Avengers #7

Cover date: July 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The New Avengers are running different agendas this issue. Spider-Woman, Wolverine, Luke Cage and Spider-Man go after the Wrecker to recapture him, but don't fare very well against him. Iron Man pays a visit to the Illuminati to discuss what's going on, and then takes Captain America to see the Sentry, who doesn't remember things happening the way concrete evidence says they happened.

2.14.46 New Avengers #8

Cover date: August 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Wrecker is subdued fairly easily, though the Sentry is not. He is still having serious issues keeping his life together, and flees when confronted by his (living) wife and a writer who created a character named "The Sentry." He returns home, and is eventually convinced to come out by the X-Men, Fantastic Four, Inhumans and Avengers.

2.14.47 New Avengers #9

Cover date: September 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The team works on the Sentry's psyche, helping to unlock his memories before the Void defeats them all. He unlocks enough of the memories to learn that people don't remember him because the Mastermind convinced him to use his powers to prevent them from remembering him, and the Sentry himself is also the Void, his greatest arch-nemesis.

2.14.48 New Avengers #10

Cover date: October 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Sentry's memories are unlocked, and his abilities are finally toned down to the point that people will be able to remember him. He reconciles with Lindy, and accepts an invitation to the Avengers. Tony brings this information back to the Illuminati, who confront him about what happened in the Savage Land. He deliberately withholds information about the vibranium mining operation that had been going on there.

2.14.49 Runaways, Vol. 2 #7

Cover date: October 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.50 Runaways, Vol. 2 #8

Cover date: November 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.51 Runaways, Vol. 2 #9

Cover date: December 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.52 Runaways, Vol. 2 #10

Cover date: January 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.53 Runaways, Vol. 2 #11

Cover date: February 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.54 Runaways, Vol. 2 #12

Cover date: March 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.55 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #7

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The new Extremis enhanced Iron Man seems to be doing things a little differently. Not only is he multitasking to an incredible degree, but he's a lot colder in battle, stopping and restarting the heart of the Crimson Dynamo. Neither S.H.I.E.L.D. nor the New Avengers are pleased. Unresolvable continuity: Throughout this story arc, Spider-Man wears the Stark Armour, but Nick Fury is also present. Tony didn't give Peter the armour until after the first New Avengers Annual, at which time Luke and Jessica already had their baby. Yet, Nick Fury went underground before the child was born, as was made clear by "The Pulse." I'm choosing to sort this according to Fury's presence and not the armour, since Fury was a more important piece of the overall puzzle.

2.14.56 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #8

Cover date: July 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: An Air Francais flight is ripped in half in midair, in order to kill one passenger. The New Avengers face Graviton, and Iron Man shows up late and ready to kill. To top this off, other assassinations take place, an Iron Man armour is spotted leaving the scene.
Unresolvable continuity: Throughout this story arc, Spider-Man wears the Stark Armour, but Nick Fury is also present. Tony didn't give Peter the armour until after the first New Avengers Annual, at which time Luke and Jessica already had their baby. Yet, Nick Fury went underground before the child was born, as was made clear by "The Pulse." I'm choosing to sort this according to Fury's presence and not the armour, since Fury was a more important piece of the overall puzzle.

2.14.57 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #9

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Nick Fury presents seemingly indisputable evidence that Iron Man has gone rogue to the government. Tony Stark voluntarily enters prison in an analog cell where his Extremis is ineffective. His armour breaks itself out of captivity, frees Stark, and goes on another mission. S.H.I.E.L.D. calls the New Avengers for reinforcements.
Unresolvable continuity: Throughout this story arc, Spider-Man wears the Stark Armour, but Nick Fury is also present. Tony didn't give Peter the armour until after the first New Avengers Annual, at which time Luke and Jessica already had their baby. Yet, Nick Fury went underground before the child was born, as was made clear by "The Pulse." I'm choosing to sort this according to Fury's presence and not the armour, since Fury was a more important piece of the overall puzzle.

2.14.58 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #10

Cover date: September 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony goes to Sal for help. A detailed medical scan reveals that he has some sort of biomagnetic receiver in his brain that's allowing someone to control him and the armour. With the help of a forcibly parolled Maya Hansen, he deduces the exact technology involved and how to stop it, but is then interrupted by the Sentry.
Unresolvable continuity: Throughout this story arc, Spider-Man wears the Stark Armour, but Nick Fury is also present. Tony didn't give Peter the armour until after the first New Avengers Annual, at which time Luke and Jessica already had their baby. Yet, Nick Fury went underground before the child was born, as was made clear by "The Pulse." I'm choosing to sort this according to Fury's presence and not the armour, since Fury was a more important piece of the overall puzzle.

2.14.59 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #11

Cover date: October 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Iron Man hacks his hacker, and traces the signal back to its source. However, that source is at the heavily guarded peace summit, and the guards (including the Fantastic Four, the Avengers, and other S.H.I.E.L.D.-friendly heroes) don't trust Tony.
Unresolvable continuity: Throughout this story arc, Spider-Man wears the Stark Armour, but Nick Fury is also present. Tony didn't give Peter the armour until after the first New Avengers Annual, at which time Luke and Jessica already had their baby. Yet, Nick Fury went underground before the child was born, as was made clear by "The Pulse." I'm choosing to sort this according to Fury's presence and not the armour, since Fury was a more important piece of the overall puzzle.

2.14.60 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #12

Cover date: November 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Project Argonaut is revealed: multiple, specialized armours under Tony's control. Sadly, it was revealed when the armours go out of control, and it's going to take more than Tony to stop them.
Unresolvable continuity: Throughout this story arc, Spider-Man wears the Stark Armour, but Nick Fury is also present. Tony didn't give Peter the armour until after the first New Avengers Annual, at which time Luke and Jessica already had their baby. Yet, Nick Fury went underground before the child was born, as was made clear by "The Pulse." I'm choosing to sort this according to Fury's presence and not the armour, since Fury was a more important piece of the overall puzzle.

2.14.61 Secret War #1

Cover date: April 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Luke Cage and Jessica Jones return home to find someone in their apartment. Shortly thereafter, an explosion leaves Cage hospitalized, and in serious condition as a result of the explosion. Nick Fury arrives to check on him, and flashes back to learning that the Tinkerer has been funding technology based criminals, not for a cut, but because he's being paid to do so. Fury brought this information to the President, who did nothing. Fury found this lack of action unacceptable.

2.14.62 Secret War #2

Cover date: July 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Nick Fury recruits Captain America, Wolverine, Daredevil, Spider-Man, Luke Cage and Angelina Jolie to join him in Latveria to overthrow the government before the tech based criminals attack simultaneously.

2.14.63 Secret War #3

Cover date: October 2004
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the present, Matt Murdock is attacked in his home, just as Captain America was. Spider-Man is starting to remember the Secret War they fought, though Matt Murdock does not. The three are confronting Nick Fury when they are attacked by a large group of technology based villains.

2.14.64 Secret War #4

Cover date: May 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The heroes stand together under attack from a cadre of tech based super villains, and survive mainly due to the successful calls for backup made to the Fantastic Four and others. The woman who attacked Luke Cage attacks them all by triggering a chain reaction in the technology of all of her combatants, combining their equipment into a giant bomb.

2.14.65 Secret War #5

Cover date: December 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Just before their defeat, the heroes manage to pull off a victory due to the intervention of Angelina Jolie look alike Daisy Louise Johnson. She has seismic powers, which she uses to shut down the villainess the heroes were facing. After this, it is revealed that a year ago Fury used his recruits to assassinate the leader of Latveria, wiping their memories afterwards to keep them from living with the knowledge and guilt of what they'd done. Fury came clean before disappearing into the underground, knowing he'd never recover politically from this move.

2.14.66 New Avengers #11

Cover date: November 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tasked with tracking down the Silver Samurai in Japan, Ronin is pursued back to Avengers HQ. At this time, it seems that only Cap knows who is under the mask, as he recruited an individual at Matt Murdock's recommendation, given that Daredevil is a hot target at the moment.

2.14.67 New Avengers #12

Cover date: December 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The ninjas pull out of combat before the fight is over, under orders from Madame Hydra. Spider-Woman follows, and it is revealed that she has made a deal with Hydra, in which she provides them intel in exchange for having her powers back. The rest of the team doesn't know that, and they are interrupted by the appearance of the Silver Samurai before they can continue the questioning.

2.14.68 New Avengers #13

Cover date: January 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: After a heated discussion, the Avengers leave Silver Samurai's property unharmed, taking Madame Hydra with them. Silver Samurai goes to the press, telling the world that he was illegally held hostage on American soil. Spider-Woman triggers the emergency release that drops Madame Hydra out of the plane over the ocean. Upon returning to America, Ronin reveals herself to be Echo, and Captain America asks Jessica Drew who she is working for.

2.14.69 New Avengers #14

Cover date: February 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Confronted by Captain America, Jessica Drew explains her entire deal with Hydra, and how Nick Fury asked her to be a double agent. She's still in contact with Fury after the Secret War, but before they can press the point, they are forced to reveal themselves to the world.

2.14.70 Giant Sized Ms. Marvel #1

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.71 New Avengers #15

Cover date: March 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ms. Marvel learns about the press conference revealing the lineup of New Avengers, and heads to Avengers Tower to see it for herself. The press conference initially goes well, but the coverage after the fact is not as promising, with J. Jonah Jameson trashing the team for inclusion of Spider-Man, Spider-Woman and Luke Cage.

2.14.72 Young Avengers #9

Cover date: January 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.73 Young Avengers #10

Cover date: March 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.74 Young Avengers #11

Cover date: May 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.75 Young Avengers #12

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.76 New Avengers #16

Cover date: April 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: An unidentified energy blast from outer space lands in North Pole, Alaska, and wipes out the city. After mowing through a group of S.H.I.E.L.D. agents and Alpha Flight as if they weren't even there, the humanoid energy form charges toward the mainland United States.

2.14.77 New Avengers #17

Cover date: May 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers are called in to help face off against the new threat. Iron Man engages it first, and tries to talk to it. He gets as far as confirming its name is Michael when Ms. Marvel attacks it, causing it to retaliate with tremendous amounts of energy.

2.14.78 New Avengers #18

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Michael manages to reactivate Carol Danvers' Binary powers. She takes him on again, and is hit hard, but survives. The Sentry arrives and takes Michael into space, which gives Spider-Man and the Vision time to analyze the data they have, and realize Michael's true nature.

2.14.79 New Avengers #19

Cover date: July 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Avengers continue trying to deal with Michael, while Maria Hill uses psychics and hackers to gain information about House of M directly from Spider-Man and Vision. With everyone now realizing that Michael is some sort of combination of the powers lost by mutants depowered by House of M, they get back to the task at hand. Michael is allowed to move unrestrained, and he heads directly towards Genosha.

2.14.80 New Avengers #20

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Once in Genosha, the energies within Michael Pointer leave him to collect inside a depowered Magneto instead. It turns out the energies were actually Xorn, from Grant Morrison's New X-Men run. With the help of Agent Daisy Johnson, they defeat Magneto (seeming to kill him) and collect the energies inside a force bubble, which Sentry throws into the Sun.

2.14.81 New Avengers Annual #1

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Picking up a thread dropped in New Avengers #6, Yelena Bolova is turned into a Super-Adaptoid to gain revenge on the Avengers. She attacks just after Jessica Jones agrees to marry Luke Cage, and is eventually beaten when Spider-Man realizes a weakness in her powers that Iron Man can easily exploit.

2.14.82 Ms. Marvel #1

Cover date: May 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.83 Ms. Marvel #2

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.84 Ms. Marvel #3

Cover date: July 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.85 Ms. Marvel #4

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.14.86 Ms. Marvel #5

Cover date: September 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.15 Annihilation**2.15.1 Drax the Destroyer #1**

Cover date: November 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A prison ship, whose passengers include Drax the Destroyer and Paibok the Power Skrull, crashes on Earth. While Drax is busy battling the Blood Brothers, Paibok and Lunatik seek out sanctuary that will last until they find a means off world. Meanwhile, human children named Cammi and Dex come looking for the ship that crashed.

2.15.2 Drax the Destroyer #2

Cover date: December 2005
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: While Cammi manipulates the battle between Drax and the Blood Brothers, Paibok and Lunatik take over the local town to round up enough slave labour to build a spacecraft. The battle between Drax and the Blood Brothers eventually lands in town, and Paibok and Lunatik team up to kill Drax.

2.15.3 Drax the Destroyer #3

Cover date: January 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cammi tricks the aliens into giving her Drax's corpse, which soon restores itself and heads back to town.

2.15.4 Drax the Destroyer #4

Cover date: February 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Drax takes out the aliens he can to protect the humans, killing Lunatik and one of the Blood Brothers. Paibok turns himself over to the intergalactic authorities that originally captured him to avoid the combat. Seeing no point in future combat, Drax and Cammi go with them.

2.15.5 Annihilation Prologue #1

Cover date: May 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Annihilation wave breaks into our reality, smashing through defenses at the Kynl, on Xander, and in Skrull space. Richard Rider, Kl'rt the Super Skrull, the Silver Surfer, and Ronin the Accuser all learn of the intrusion independently, but none of them yet know that Annihilus is leading the charge.

2.15.6 Annihilation: Super Skrull #1

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kl'rt does his best to repel the Annihilation wave, but the Harvester of Sorrows that has been deployed consumes entire worlds too easily. Defying the orders of his local warlord and becoming an enemy of the Skrull Empire, he leads an assault to defeat the enemy. His plan is to head to the Negative Zone and look for potential rebels there. The best way to get there is through Reed Richards' portal, so that's the route he takes.

2.15.7 Annihilation: Super Skrull #2

Cover date: July 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kl'rt tears through the Negative Zone looking for a way to stop the Harvester. He locates its creator on a prison planet, and "encourages" him to find a way to stop the Harvester. The scientist agrees, but the prisoners he experimented on come forth seeking revenge. Kl'rt soon recruits them to his cause.

2.15.8 Annihilation: Super Skrull #3

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kl'rt leads a team to destroy the Harvester of Sorrow. They face it head on with a plan that should have worked, but internal betrayal meant the end of Zaragz'na and the capture of Kl'rt and his forces.

2.15.9 Annihilation: Super Skrull #4

Cover date: September 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kl'rt uses hypnosis to make the traitor free Kl'rt and the rest of his army. They then split up with plans for revenge against the traitor and for destroying the Harvester. They barely manage it, but they succeed.

2.15.10 Annihilation #1

Cover date: October 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Annihilation Wave is being held back by an army under Nova's lead. Other recruits include Gamora, Drax, Peter "Starlord" Quill, Ronan the Accuser, Firelord, Stardust and Red Shift. They manage to win the battle, but take heavy losses. With Firelord's nearly fatal assistance, they also capture a hive queen, who informs them that Galactus has fallen.

2.15.11 Annihilation #2

Cover date: November 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Following the capture of Drax's daughter, Thanos is using his teleportation technology to move the troops directly into place in battle. The remaining troops are attacked again, this time by Ravenous and his army.

2.15.12 Annihilation #3

Cover date: December 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Annihilation Wave tears through the remaining resistance forces, who essentially scatter and break up. Without a full compliment left, the survivors decide to fight with guerrilla tactics instead.

2.15.13 Annihilation #4

Cover date: January 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Their forces scattered, different pockets of the resistance try different tactics to end the war. Nova decides to take out Annihilus himself, with Peter and Phyla following, while Drax continues his single minded mission against Thanos. Thanos learns, through Moondragon's telepathy, that Annihilus has turned Galactus into a bomb powerful enough to wipe out all life in this Universe and in the Negative Zone. Before Thanos can release Galactus, Drax arrives to complete his mission.

2.15.14 Annihilation #5

Cover date: February 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Drax frees Silver Surfer, and helps him free Galactus. Meanwhile, with Blastaar's help, Nova moves directly toward Annihilus. Ronan and Kl'rt march on the Kree homeworld, finding that House Fiyaro has allied itself with Annihilus. Finding this distasteful, Ronan and Kl'rt defeat Ravenous. Ronan accuses and judges the House Fiyaro, and discovers that they have kept the Supreme Intelligence in a vegetative state, which Ronan ends by euthanasia.

2.15.15 Annihilation #6

Cover date: March 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Galactus is awake, and really displeased with what Annihilus has been doing to him. With his full power restored, he and the Silver Surfer cut a swath of destruction through the Annihilation Wave, leaving very few survivors. Nova manages to bring himself, Peter and Phyla to Annihilus. The battle is hard fought, but Nova identifies a gap in Annihilus' armour and exploits it. With the threat of Annihilus ended, negotiations for peace begin. Ronan rules what's left of the Kree Empire, and Ravenous rules the rest of that and all of Skrull space.

2.15.16 Annihilation: Heralds of Galactus #1

Cover date: April 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In "Parasites," the first story of the issue, we learn the fate of Terrax and Paibok. Terrax seeks to be known and feared once more, while Paibok (now free of the controlling parasites) and the Delinquent move off on their own unrevealed path.

2.16 Civil War

2.16.1 Civil War #1

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.2 Civil War #2

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.3 New Avengers #21

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the wake of the Superhuman Registration Act, Cap and Falcon try to recruit Hank Pym to help the underground, and instead manage to escape without getting arrested.

2.16.4 Civil War #3

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.5 New Avengers #22

Cover date: September 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Luke Cage refuses to sign the Registration Act, and sends Jessica and their baby out of the country for their own protection. The capekillers arrive a few seconds after the Act goes into effect, and Luke Cage only manages to escape with the help of Captain America, the Falcon and the man in the Daredevil mask.

2.16.6 Civil War: Young Avengers and Runaways #1

Cover date: September 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Runaways are at a farmer's market in Los Angeles when Flag Smasher appears and starts making trouble. They take him down, saving two S.H.I.E.L.D. agents in the process, who then advise them to get out of there. Before they can understand the warning, helicopters show up to take them into custody. They run, but Victor is seriously damaged in the getaway. The Young Avengers see this on the news and track them down. They meet Molly first, who confuses them with pro-registration Avengers and fights back until she collapses in exhaustion. The Young Avengers bring her into the Runaways hideout, but the Runaways see only their friend unconscious and carried by strangers, and react as though they are being invaded.

2.16.7 Ms. Marvel #6

Cover date: October 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.8 New Avengers #23

Cover date: October 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Spider-Woman is approached by what seems to be Nick Fury, but she recognizes it as a life model decoy controlled by Maria Hill. She tries to escape, but is captured and has her Hydra affiliation revealed to S.H.I.E.L.D. Before they can gain strong intel from her, Hydra agents rescue her from the helicarrier. She is offered the position of the new Madame Hydra, but instead blows the island to tiny little pieces, and finds the resistance while looking for Nick Fury.

2.16.9 Civil War: Young Avengers and Runaways #2

Cover date: October 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: After the requisite “first team meeting between heroes” combat, the teams calm down enough to sit and talk to each other. The Runaways learn that the Young Avengers came to offer help, but are reluctant to join any particular side of the Civil War, particularly given their past history with Captain America. While Xavin and Teddy debate Teddy’s choice to ignore his own fate, Noh-Varr, who is being mind controlled by the Cube’s warden, arrives and snaps Xavin’s neck as the first step in a full on assault.

2.16.10 Ms. Marvel #7

Cover date: November 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.11 Civil War #4

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.12 Civil War: Young Avengers and Runaways #3

Cover date: November 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Noh-Varr efficiently and effectively takes out Xavin, Teddy, Billy, Lucy and Vision, who are all taken into custody. He then moves on the rest of the team, but is forcibly extracted from the battle before he can finish the job. The remaining Runaways and Young Avengers decide it's time to band together and rescue their captured teammates.

2.16.13 Ms. Marvel #8

Cover date: December 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.14 New Avengers #24

Cover date: November 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Sentry heads to the moon to escape the Civil War, where he is met by the Inhumans, who have declared war against Earth. They do allow him to stay the night, but Iron Man comes uninvited to take him home.

2.16.15 Civil War: Young Avengers and Runaways #4

Cover date: December 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Warden takes his operating room off the grid, to better torture Billy, Teddy and Lucy. This also renders him blind, unable to track activities outside his room, such as the invasion by Runaways and Young Avengers and the Vision's hack job taking control of the facility's computer systems. While those teams take out the regular guards and incapacitate Noh-Varr, Xavin recovers from his broken neck and frees the other captives. Once reunited, the teams try to decide what to do with Noh-Varr. Vision realizes that his nanotechnology has been tampered with, and as a result, Noh-Varr is unable to make his own decisions. They choose to fix him. The Runaways and Young Avengers then leave the facility and part ways, while Noh-Varr decides that taking control of the Cube would help his goal of bringing Earth into the Kree Empire.

2.16.16 Civil War #5

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.17 New Avengers #25

Cover date: December 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A disgruntled employee uses his inside knowledge to break into Avengers Tower and attempt to kill Tony Stark. Only through a rather gutsy move by Maria Hill does Tony survive, at which point he has a rather private and personal conversation with Director Hill on the helicarrier.

2.16.18 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #13

Cover date: December 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony Stark is in something of a funk, trying to sort out the best way through the Civil War. His friends offer moral support, but when the Spymaster attacks Happy Hogan, things do not end well.

2.16.19 Iron Man, Vol. 4 #14

Cover date: January 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony is now dealing with Happy's condition on top of his regular Civil War stress. Pepper pleads with him to euthanize Happy, based on a conversation Happy once had with her about boxers in similar conditions. Confrontations with Cap's group do not help matters.

2.16.20 Civil War #6

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.16.21 Civil War: The Return #1

Cover date: March 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/3723>
Synopsis: Mar-Vell finds himself in charge of 42, after being pulled out of the past in the Negative Zone by the experimentation going on within. He has been content to sit here, hidden away until now, but when the facility and all who are in it are threatened, he decides it is time to take action.

2.16.22 Civil War #7

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17 Even more recent machinations**2.17.1 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #15**

Cover date: April 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Timothy “Dum Dum” Dugan is meeting with a superior officer, reporting on what he feels to be problems with the way Tony Stark is running S.H.I.E.L.D. Dum Dum expresses concern over Stark’s critical role in several recent operations, all of which were undeniably successful with his influence, but which would have been undeniable failures had Stark not been physically present to contribute directly. Dum Dum is concerned about changes being made to the operation of the organization, as well as the probable connections between several recent terrorist activities.

2.17.2 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #16

Cover date: May 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony Stark is back in the lab, working with Maya Lopez to determine how a group of animal rights terrorists got their hands on top of the line biotechnology. Stark is taking the research very seriously, as the altercation involved in stopping the group resulted in the deaths of three men under his command. Meanwhile, the Mandarin (who was arrested in China under a false name) is broken out of his cell by faithful followers.

2.17.3 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #17

Cover date: June 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony Stark violates his own directives and leads an illegal operation into Mongolia, since the alternative is continued development of Extremis. They intend to track down Najeeb, a man wanted for terrorist activities, only to find him dead and protected by several mindless inmates. They fight their way out with the corpse, but things still go awry in the autopsy when the corpse opens its eyes and massive tendrils come out of its chest cavity.

2.17.4 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #18

Cover date: July 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The biotech assault that launched in the last issue was a force that accelerates cancerous growth in those exposed. It slowly and surely ate through most staff on the helicarrier, until Stark risked himself by removing the armour and allowing the attacker to try to penetrate his Extremis-filled self. The theory worked, and the Extremis defeated the cancer. Still, Stark can't help but feel he was manipulated into this exact position by an unknown entity.

2.17.5 New Avengers #26

Cover date: January 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4351>
Synopsis: Clint Barton, back from the dead due to House of M, enlists the aid of Dr. Strange in tracking down Wanda Maximoff. He eventually finds her, being raised by a woman named Agatha, with no memory of who she was or what abilities she used to have. Clint is, therefore, unable to find closure for what he has experienced, but chooses not to reveal what he knows to her, as there would be no point.

2.17.6 Wisdom #1

Cover date: January 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Pete Wisdom of MI13 pulls a team together in order to fend off an invasion by the fairies of Otherworld. He does so, dealing more with negotiations than with violence.

2.17.7 Wisdom #2

Cover date: February 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: When a sleeping giant wakes, people start to share dreams, particularly when awake. It's up to Wisdom's team to put an end to it.

2.17.8 Wisdom #3

Cover date: March 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A Welsh Dragon has taken up residence in human form, and has forgotten what he actually is. Wisdom recruits Shang-Chi to jog his memory in ways that only Shang-Chi can.

2.17.9 Wisdom #4

Cover date: April 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Pete Wisdom recaps their latest adventure, providing protection against an invasion of Jack the Rippers. They managed to fend that invasion off, but one of their team gets kidnapped as a result of those events.

2.17.10 Wisdom #5

Cover date: May 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Wisdom is not happy about the capture of Maureen, and he's making that very well known as he hunts her down. His only lead is to release Ransom, who promptly escapes. Maureen is used by Ransom to allow an invasion by the Martians from War of the Worlds, who just became Wisdom's next priority.

2.17.11 Wisdom #6

Cover date: June 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Martian invasion is designed to end the life of Maureen's son, who is destined to grow up to become Kill-raven. MI13 puts in a good turn defending the country, but the Martians have genetically linked Maureen to their access portal, so the only way to truly end the invasion is by ending Maureen's life.

2.17.12 Ms. Marvel #9

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.13 Ms. Marvel #10

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.14 Ms. Marvel #11

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.15 Ms. Marvel #12

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.16 Black Panther #28

Cover date: July 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.17 Black Panther #29

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.18 Black Panther #30

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.19 Black Panther #31

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.20 Black Panther #32

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.21 Black Panther #33

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.22 Black Panther #34

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.23 Mighty Avengers #1

Cover date: May 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Iron Man and Ms. Marvel meet to assemble the perfect team of Avengers. (Note that the events of Ms. Marvel vol. 2 #13 take place “between the pages” of this issue.) They assemble Black Widow, Wonder Man, the Wasp, Ares and the Sentry to form the team, just in time to deal with a monster attack in New York. The Mole Man has come forward because he felt he was under attack. The attacks are also disrupting worldwide weather patterns. In the middle of the fracas, Iron Man is unable to connect to any outside computers. He then transforms into a duplicate of the Wasp, and the captions inform the reader (but not the other Avengers) that this is Ultron’s doing.

2.17.24 Ms. Marvel #13

Cover date: May 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.25 Mighty Avengers #2

Cover date: June 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Mighty Avengers face off against the robotic Wasp, and are soundly trounced. Ms. Marvel calls the retreat order to regroup and attack again with a better plan, just before Janet realizes that the threat they are facing is the latest version of Ultron.

2.17.26 Mighty Avengers #3

Cover date: July 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Sentry covers the retreat of the rest of the team, while they regroup and form a plan. Ultron takes out the S.H.I.E.L.D. helicarrier and brings it down on his head, which was enough distraction to escape. This also knocks Deputy Director Maria Hill unconscious, leaving Black Widow in charge. Hank Pym has also been recruited to help.

2.17.27 Mighty Avengers #4

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Realizing that the weather based attack is using weather controlling satellites that Tony Stark created, Wonder Man and Sentry ruin the satellites and end that particular threat. They then track Ultron to Avengers Tower, where it has taken control of all the various Iron Man armours and killed Lindy Reynolds, the Sentry's wife. Ares has a sudden realization about how to end this threat.

2.17.28 Mighty Avengers #5

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ares heads back to the helicarrier with a plan to invade Ultron with a virus, while the other Avengers hold Ultron off. Sentry finds Lindy dead, and releases an unknown form of energy into her. Deputy Director Hill reawakens to learn that Ultron is actively trying to hack into nuclear missile control codes. Ultron succeeds in launching one missile, which Ms. Marvel intercepts soon enough to divert, but her own fate is unknown. Ares begins implementation of his plan, and enters Ultron in a shrunken form.

2.17.29 Ms. Marvel #14

Cover date: June 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.30 Ms. Marvel #15

Cover date: July 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.31 Ms. Marvel #16

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.32 Ms. Marvel #17

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.17.33 Avengers: The Initiative #1

Cover date: June 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Secretary Henry Peter Gyrich is in charge of a superhuman training facility in Stamford, where recruits are trained to become part of the Initiative. On the first day of operation, a fatal accident occurs, and witnesses are ordered to act as though nothing happened.

2.17.34 Avengers: The Initiative #2

Cover date: July 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The first call to a mission comes in, and the new recruits help bring down a Hydra carrier without the loss of a single Initiative life. Meanwhile, Justice is upset that he's not aware of what's going on with MVP, and Trauma is being personally groomed by Henry Peter Gyrich.

2.17.35 Avengers: The Initiative #3

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Komodo is brought up for her first real assignment. The goal: strip Spider-Man of his powers. They intercept him while he's dealing with Boomerang, Hyrdoman and Shocker. Spider-Man manages to escape with the effective application of psychology, but the Sinister Syndicate individuals are rounded up. Meanwhile, Hardball is approached by a stranger who knows how he got his powers, who wants to recruit Hardball for some project involving the power-disabling S.P.I.N. tech.

2.18 World War Hulk

2.18.1 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #19

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Hulk's vessel is detected on its way to Earth, and it rips through the spaceborne defences as though they weren't even there. Tony Stark ignores Dum Dum Dugan's advice to charge into battle immediately and unprepared, but Tony sticks to his plan to evacuate the city and take on the Hulk one on one with Hulkbuster armour and S.P.I.N. Tech nanobots designed to suppress the Hulk's abilities. The nanobots fail (see "Avengers: The Initiative #4" for details) and the Hulk wins the fight.

2.18.2 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #20

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: With Stark captured, Dum Dum Dugan is in charge of operations. He commands everyone to attack the Hulk with conventional weapons, but restrains from using weapons with better odds of success for fear of aggravating the Hulk with technology that fails. Stark eventually contacts him through his armour, commanding Dugan to prep a Doomsday weapon that would wipe out the entirety of Manhattan island and everyone on it when activated.

2.18.3 Avengers: The Initiative #4

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Justice and Cloud 9 head back to MVP's home to get Cloud 9 some closure. Instead, they leave confused by the alive and healthy MVP that answers the door. Before they can pursue answers, they are called out to deal with the Hulk threat. Hardball is on the team that goes after the Hulk, and is the only recruit who knows that he's been forced to switch out a live S.P.I.N. Tech dart for a blank. When he realizes that dart could have ended World War Hulk before it began, he starts to understand the magnitude of what he's done. The group decide to defy orders and head into the fray, arriving to find the main heroes have been unquestionably trounced by the invaders.

2.18.4 Avengers: The Initiative #5

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Gyrich's shadow initiative is sent into the field to bring back the captured recruits. They do so successfully, but Trauma takes a pretty severe beating.

2.18.5 World War Hulk: Aftersmash #1

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4245>
Synopsis: In the aftermath of World War Hulk, Iron Man coordinates the response teams picking up the pieces. Heroes, who may be registered, unregistered, human, warbound or otherwise, pool together to keep the city intact, but it isn't easy.

2.18.6 World War Hulk: Aftersmash - Warbound #1

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Dr. Kate Waynesboro, under the direction of Dum Dum Dugan and using information gleaned from Miek, leads a team trying to hunt down the last of the Warbound. She tracks them down, determined to capture them without harming them, but is instead drawn through a teleporter to parts unknown. It seems that Hiroim was captured to power a device which has produced a massive force field around a large area. They help break Hiroim out, but the generators are still running. The villain behind this plot reveals himself to be none other than Sam Sterns, better known as the Leader.

2.18.7 World War Hulk: Aftersmash - Warbound #2

Cover date: March 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Warbound form a shaky alliance with the soldiers trapped inside the gammworld dome in order to help defend the innocents inside against the gamma mutated insects now attacking. Hiroim taps his power into the gammworld dome itself in order to open a tunnel out, as anyone who makes contact with the dome dies a somewhat unpleasant death. Before anyone can get out, a new threat appears, which looks to be a green skinned amalgamation of several different people.

2.18.8 World War Hulk: Aftersmash - Warbound #3

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Warbound fend off Horde, and manage to allow several more humans to escape before an overzealous general attacks them from outside the dome. The attack breaks Hiroim's concentration, and the tunnel seals itself around several hundred innocent people. Hiroim now realizes that his powers were boosted by the Leader's machines, and he's powerful enough to feel the humans within. Knowing he can't get them all out before the dome's radiation permanently harms them, he decides to take down the dome instead. He and Korg stay behind to take out the generators, while the others create a distraction. When they are alone, Hiroim admits that there is no generator, and that the dome is feeding off him directly. He asks Korg to kill him to save all their lives.

2.18.9 World War Hulk: Aftersmash - Warbound #4

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Hiroim continually manipulates his battle with Korg closer and closer to innocent people, striving to get Korg to kill him and save them all. He eventually falls, but not until after Dr. Waynesboro realizes that she'd miscalculated the effects of the dome, and that the nature of the radiation not only mutated people, but also kept them alive. Fortunately, this realization comes in time for Hiroim to pull himself back together. They are about to refocus on the Leader when S.H.I.E.L.D. robots demand their attention.

2.18.10 World War Hulk: Aftersmash - Warbound #5

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Warbound pool resources and manage to win the day against the Leader, but not without losing one of their own. The dome still stands, and the people inside have their own protectors against their own unique set of dangers.

2.19 Final Stages

2.19.1 Avengers: The Initiative #6

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Gauntlet is on the way to the base one morning when he is suddenly beaten severely by someone who used Gauntlet's own blood to write "NW" on his chest afterwards. Stark sends in S.H.I.E.L.D. agents to investigate, but the investigation ends when Gauntlet awakens long enough to report that it was the Ghost who attacked him. The readers learn that this is a lie, and that it was actually Slapstick who did the deed.

2.19.2 Avengers: The Initiative #7

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Hydra agent who got to Hardball in issue three is next to the Baron when they are attacked by Vulturians, who steal the Baron's suitcase containing gamma tech information. The Scarlet Spiders violate orders, revealing themselves to the public to track this down. They also have a run in with the original Spider-Man, Peter Parker, who eventually assists them in retrieving the case. As a show of good faith, the Scarlet Spiders then tell the world that Peter Parker was merely one of a government sponsored group of spiders, and that he's been ejected from the program. This casts doubts on Spider-Man's true identity in the eyes of the public.

2.19.3 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. Annual #1

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Tony Stark recognizes Madame Hydra's rule of Madripoor as a global threat, but S.H.I.E.L.D. cannot intervene directly to depose her due to politics. As an alternative plan, he heads a team to bring about rebellion from within under the command of master criminal Tyger Tiger. It takes a lot of manipulation and planning, but he eventually succeeds in his goals.

2.19.4 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #13

Cover date: April 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Emma is subtly manipulating the others at the behest of the Hellfire Club, though she's doing it slowly and gently, since she honestly loves Scott. Kitty and Peter also initiate some quality time together.

2.19.5 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #14

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kitty and Colossus spend some exceptionally quality time together, while Emma has a good long talk with Scott. She unlocks a memory in him that has a rather devastating effect, while Cassandra Nova greets Hank in his lab.

2.19.6 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #15

Cover date: August 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Hellfire Club quickly and efficiently incapacitates most of the team. However, Kitty is not nearly as incapacitated as they would like to believe.

2.19.7 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #16

Cover date: October 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kitty returns to find that she's the only member of the team who is mentally intact. The Hellfire Club is, in fact, counting on her to break into Cassandra Nova's sealed casket, but Kitty is not yet ready to oblige. Meanwhile, Agent Brand is mobilizing troops to head after the escaped Ord, who may or may not know that the mutant destined to destroy the Breakworld is none other than Colossus.

2.19.8 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #17

Cover date: November 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The White Queen mentally attacks Kitty, convincing her that she and Peter had a son who was trapped in the container in the basement instead of Cassandra Nova. She heads down to free him, ignoring the attack by Ord and Danger, who are tracking down Colossus. It takes time and effort, but she frees Cassandra. Before the White Queen can implant Cassandra's mind in Kitty's body, Cyclops enters with a gun and interrupts.

2.19.9 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #18

Cover date: December 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Cyclops realizes that there is no Hellfire Club, and that all of the members are simply manifestations of Emma's subconscious, goaded on by an implanted thought from Cassandra Nova's first attack. He has nearly talked her into waking and retaking control of herself when Danger and Ord break into the room to attack Colossus. When they connect with each other, they are teleported away by S.W.O.R.D.

2.19.10 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #19

Cover date: February 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The kidnapped X-Men and Ord are soon restrained, and the situation is explained. The Breakworld was told where Colossus was, because that's the best way to keep them away from the Earth. Unfortunately, the Breakworld armada catches up to them faster than Agent Brand expected.

2.19.11 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #20

Cover date: February 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Having crashed on the surface, the three X-Men teams regroup. Wolverine and Armor take time out for Wolverine to heal, Colossus and Kitty tear through their opposition on the way to the newly unearthed tomb, and Cyclops, Emma, Hank and Agent Brand find the tomb, complete with a graphical depiction of the prophecy.

2.19.12 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #21

Cover date: May 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Wolverine, Armor and Scott's team meet, regroup and redeploy in multiple strategies to take down the missile aimed at Earth and to find Colossus. Colossus and Kitty, however, are being sheltered by a sympathetic group of Breakworlders inside one of their citadels.

2.19.13 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #22

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men manage to regroup and get off world to try and track down the missile base on the moon, only to discover the missile base actually is the moon. They are soon faced with overwhelming odds, and Cyclops concocts a plan that involves sacrificing himself to get the others away, ready to use their ace in the hole, something referred to as Leviathan.

2.19.14 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #23

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kruun is gloating in his victory. He has captured Cyclops and brought him back to life to learn about Leviathan, and to gloat that the X-Men are not following the orders that Cyclops gave while on the captured ship. During the interrogation, he also reveals that Wolverine and Armor have been captured. Just as Kruun is at his most proud, he learns that what Cyclops planned aloud and the orders Cyclops gave through a psychic connection have very little in common, and that the X-Men are far from beaten.

2.19.15 Astonishing X-Men, Vol. 3 #24

Cover date: March 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The X-Men deploy, and position themselves to fulfill the Breakworld prophecy if possible. Another team heads out to stop the missile, which Kitty boards to try and shut down internally. Once inside, she and Hank realize that it's not actually a missile, but instead is a giant bullet aimed at Earth, which fires with Kitty inside. Colossus is unaware of this, though he has deduced the true source of the prophecy.

2.19.16 Giant Sized Astonishing X-Men #1

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.19.17 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #21

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Two Initiative agents in Nebraska check out what is thought to be a false alarm, only to find that Graviton is holed up in a run down building off the beaten path. He injured one agent and kills another before being taken back into custody. Stark is trying to deal with this and with Maya Hansen's apparent suicide, while convincing the new Secretary of Defense that the attacks made before World War Hulk hit were being led by the Mandarin.

2.19.18 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #22

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Stark continues to investigate Gadget's death, and is forced to shut down the Nebraska Initiative to get the job done. Graviton is acting rather crazy, but tips off Stark to hallucinations of the dead that they both share. The Mandarin, meanwhile, is working with the Secretary of Defense (under a false I.D.) to develop Extremis into a new Captain America by the end of the year. Finally, Stark realizes that it was actually Gadget's partner from the Initiative that killed her, though he hasn't deciphered the motive.

2.19.19 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #23

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Despite the evidence collected by Stark, the Commission on Superhuman Activities insists that Gadget was killed by Graviton, and that Paragon's attack on the Helicarrier was a result of a mental breakdown. He continues to investigate, but is sidelined by tech that deprives him access to his Extremis abilities. Refusing to take two weeks off to recuperate, he heads to Omaha to investigate the missing persons cases on his own.

2.19.20 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #24

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Stark continues his own missing persons investigation, and realizes that the numbers involved indicate drug testing. He gets Dum Dum Dugan to work on the common thread between the abductees, and realizes that they all have a natural immunity to the violent effects of Extremis. Meanwhile, Maya continues her work for the Mandarin, managing to create an airborne version of Extremis that won't wipe out over 97% of the world's population. Mandarin is not happy about that, and sets other people to the task of removing that safeguard.

2.19.21 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #25

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Stark confronts Jack Kooning about what's going on in Omaha, and confirms that the Mandarin has gotten access to Extremis. Before Stark can get to Omaha to confront him, Mandarin tells Maya that his plan is to force a stage of Darwinian evolution by unleashing Extremis on the world, wiping out the vast majority of the population, but leaving the survivors stronger. He doesn't expect to survive, although Maya does have the gene required to pull through. Stark breaks in on them, expecting S.H.I.E.L.D. support requested from Dum Dum Dugan which won't come, as Deputy Director Hill countermanded the order.

2.19.22 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #26

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Dum Dum Dugan says exactly what he needs to say to convince Maria Hill to take her international police force and attack an American city with troops and nuclear weapons in order to destroy the Extremis installation. She fires on Stark's command, who was trying to race the event horizon of the device (which swallows the nuclear fallout in a black hole that evaporates into Hawking radiation) before his armour failed. Scans show no signs of life within the event horizon.

2.19.23 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #27

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Stark, Hill and Dugan are fighting an uphill battle against the United States government as a result of dropping the clean nuke on the Mandarin's facility. (Dugan seems to be really enjoying himself, too.) They are searching for the Mandarin's production facility, which they know is somewhere in China. Maya, meanwhile, is repeatedly visited by Stark, who is asking her for the complete mapping to the Programmed Cell Death she built into Extremis as defense, telling her they need it to produce a counter agent. When faced with evidence that Mandarin's team has, in fact, cracked the code, she gives Stark what he needs, only to find Stark immediately transform into the Mandarin, who thanks her for her cooperation before leaving with the data.

2.19.24 Iron Man: Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. #28

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Stark is brought up on trial by the United Nations for his actions, and is found guilty of terrorist activity. The second the verdict is out and Stark is removed as Director of S.H.I.E.L.D., the new Director (Maria Hill, Stark's second in command) initiates an immediate lockdown of the U.N., quoting the potential W.M.D. in the Mandarin's hands as the reason. While the committee tries to deal with this, Dugan equips Stark with another old set of armor and gets him out into the field to try and end this threat. Stark does, taking the Mandarin on face to face, but he had to do so at extreme injury to himself, as the victory required the removal of the Extremis-dampening anklet.

2.20 The Threat Exposed

2.20.1 New Avengers #27

Cover date: April 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4351>
Synopsis: Maya Lopez has been undercover in Japan, getting information on the underworld, at the request of Captain America. Posing as the male assassin Ronin, she worked her way close to the people in power. She is attacked by the Hand, under the leadership of Elektra, who kills Ronin in battle and then has Hand magicians bring her back to life. The New Avengers (Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Iron Fist, Wolverine, Spider-Woman, Dr. Strange and a new Ronin) arrive to break Echo free before she is indoctrinated into the Hand. She has a conversation with the new Ronin, somehow managing to read his lips through his mask. The New Avengers manage to teleport the team to safety.

2.20.2 New Avengers #28

Cover date: May 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4351>
Synopsis: The team reappears in Tokyo, where they decide to bring Echo to the Silver Samurai for protection and healing, at Spider-Woman's suggestion. While there, the rest of the team learn that Silver Samurai and Wolverine have a history together, and decide to leave rather than deal with the tension. A flashback reveals that they are using Dr. Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum as a home base, under the mask of his magics, which make it appear he sold out to Starbucks and left the country. Acting on false information Ms. Marvel fed Spider-Woman in "Civil War: The Initiative," the team break into the S.H.E.I.L.D. helicarrier to rescue Captain America, only to learn it was a trap. The flashback is interrupted when the Hand attack the Silver Samurai's home.

2.20.3 New Avengers #29

Cover date: June 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4351>
Synopsis: The issue starts and ends with the New Avengers surrounded by the Hand. The intermediate areas reveal a flashback in which they escape the S.H.E.I.L.D. helicarrier and return to the Sanctum Sanctorum, where Iron Man arrives with the Mighty Avengers and Brother Voodoo in an attempt to penetrate Strange's magics. Strange is not called the Sorcerer Supreme for nothing, however, and the team goes undetected.

2.20.4 New Avengers #30

Cover date: July 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4351>
Synopsis: After successfully hiding from Voodoo's magic, the team try to decide their long term plans. They are interrupted when Clint Barton returns from his trip to see the Scarlet Witch. After much debate, Dr. Strange casts a spell that would reveal anyone "not of pure intention," which doesn't seem to do anything. They agree to allow Clint Barton to go to Japan with them in the guise of Ronin. The flashback ends, and the battle between the New Avengers and the Hand is on. Under the influence of the Hand, Echo stabs Dr. Strange through the midsection.

2.20.5 New Avengers #31

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The battle rages. With Wong's long distance help, Dr. Strange is healed, and manages to release Echo from her brainwashing. Echo is not even remotely happy about what has happened to her, so this time, she stabs Elektra through the midsection. Elektra's corpse soon turns into that of a Skrull. The Hand scatter, leaving the corpse behind. Monitoring the situation from New York, neither Wong nor Jessica seem to notice the green tint in the eyes of Luke and Jessica's baby.

2.20.6 New Avengers #32

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: While returning from Japan, the team try to decide who they can and cannot trust. The "cannot trust" list seems pretty all inclusive. The plane loses power and begins to crash, for no known reason. They manage to touch down relatively safely (as in, surviving the crash, but not much else.) Spider-Woman, the only one with the ability to fly, managed to land completely intact, and beats back a wounded Wolverine well enough to make off with the corpse of "Elektra."

2.20.7 Avengers: The Initiative Annual #1

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Various briefings on different teammates take place, revealing their individual origins. We learn how Gauntlet obtained his mechanical arm, how Armory gained and lost her abilities, how Hardball's career started and why he did what he did during World War Hulk, and what the Liberteens are up to. In the course of these events, it is revealed that Congressman Woodman is a member of Hydra, who have a stake in Hardball's future, and that the leader of the Liberteens is a Skrull. This Skrull reports to someone at Camp Hammond who is also a Skrull, with plans to put a Skrull on every team in the 50 State Initiative.

2.20.8 Avengers: The Initiative #8

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: A new batch of recruits, including Cassie Lang (of the Young Avengers), Eric O'Grady (the Irredeemable Ant-Man) and others are introduced to their new trainer, the Taskmaster. The training isn't going all that well, so they authorize the production of additional MVP clones. Unfortunately, at least one of them isn't working out too well, as he has been attacking Initiative members who are on his "list."

2.20.9 Avengers: The Initiative #9

Cover date: March 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The MVP clone continues to rampage through the Initiative base, killing all those who were witness to the death of the original Michael Van Patrick. Other Initiative individuals are left relatively unharmed, including Taskmaster, Ant-Man and Crusader (a skrull who lost a hand, but nobody yet knows he's a Skrull.)

2.20.10 Avengers: The Initiative #10

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: With the latest MVP clone gone berserk, the entire campus goes to high alert. The recruits manage to work with the Baron to get a possible solution, but they need to get to MVP's farm in Tennessee to use it. When they get there, they are intercepted by Justice and the ex-New Warriors, who are bringing the New Warriors back into service.

2.20.11 Avengers: The Initiative #11

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The remaining Scarlet Spiders and Initiative recruits face off against KIA in Tennessee, after KIA got past War Machine along the way. They try to talk the original MVP clone into wearing the memory transfer device, but they do so unsuccessfully. Still, once Slapstick postpones the attack, Cloud 9 and MVP find an alternate solution, and shut down the new KIA.

2.20.12 Mighty Avengers #6

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Ares implements the virus as per his plan, but almost doesn't have enough time to execute it due to the Sentry's reaction to Lindy's death. Ms. Marvel returns, having absorbed a nuclear explosion, and manages to stop the Sentry and allow the virus to run its course, restoring Iron Man. When the dust settles, the team seems to have pulled together, just in time for Spider-Woman to arrive with a dead Skrull dressed as Elektra and ruin what's left of Tony's day.

2.20.13 Mighty Avengers #7

Cover date: March 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/2386>
Synopsis: Spider-Woman fills in Tony about the Skrull threat. He invites her to join the Mighty Avengers to see what kind of reaction this will provoke, and to weed out any Skrull infiltrators. Before they really get through their first meeting, an object falls out of orbit that starts turning people into Skrulls.

2.20.14 New Avengers: Illuminati #5

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4384>
Synopsis: In this issue (which likely takes place between the first two scenes of “Mighty Avengers #7”) Tony Stark gathers the Illuminati one last time to reveal what he has learned about the Skrull threat. He shows them the corpse of “Elektra,” and tries to formulate a plan to move forward. Before that can happen, Black Bolt reveals himself to be a Skrull. With two other Skrulls coming in for backup, he very nearly kills the Illuminati present, but Namor manages to kill him first. The Illuminati just barely manage to win the day from a “not being dead” standpoint, but they have lost a lot of trust in each other, and gained only the knowledge that this is certainly not an isolated incident.

2.20.15 New Avengers #33

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Still working to wrap their brains around the Elektra Skrull and Spider-Woman betrayal, the New Avengers decide to spend a day on their own before regrouping to plan. During this day, Wolverine heads to a bar and busts in on the Hood and his associate, who have taken steps to rule all superhuman crime in New York.

2.20.16 New Avengers #34

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: After returning from their night apart, Dr. Strange casts a spell to reveal the true spiritual nature of an individual. While some forms revealed are a bit embarrassing, all are human, and the group decides to head to Avengers Tower and warn the other Avengers about the Hood's plot to unleash Deathlok on them. Before they arrive, however, they run into a mass of venom symbiotes.

2.20.17 New Avengers #35

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the midst of the symbiote attack on New York, the Hood's crew rip off a 12.7 million dollar robbery. The Hood's full plan is revealed, turning the supervillains into a large and organized group in exchange for a portion of their take. They learn of the symbiote attack, and the Hood sees it as an opportunity.

2.20.18 Mighty Avengers #8

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Running parallel to events in New Avengers #34-36, the Avengers have to deal with a full scale Venom symbiote invasion. Iron Man takes a sample to Reed's lab in the Baxter Building and uses it to successfully generate an antidote. He then tracks the trajectory of the source back to the point of origin, which turns out to be a Latverian satellite. Given Iron Man's undirected rage at the current time and his leadership of the Mighty Avengers, this is a very bad day to be Victor Von Doom.

2.20.19 New Avengers #36

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: In the aftermath of the Venom bomb, the Mighty Avengers are preparing to head to Latveria and go after Doom, as it was his technology that launched the bomb in the first place. Wolverine infiltrates Avengers Tower to question Jessica Drew about what information she gave Tony Stark, and learns that the Deathlok was used for something else. The New Avengers track down the Hood and his crew as they're counting the money from the heist, and decide they need to play smart in order to take them down. Distracted by a "live" feed of the Venom Bomb battle, they break into the Hood's stronghold with every hero they can muster backing them up.

2.20.20 New Avengers #37

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Although most of the heroes backing the New Avengers up were merely Strange's magical projections, they still manage to take down the Hood's entire crew. (The Hood himself, who was being pursued by Dr. Strange, somehow escaped.) They are rounded up by S.H.I.E.L.D. and held for questioning, though the Hood infiltrates the helicarrier to break out his crew and take the fight directly to the Avengers.

2.20.21 New Avengers Annual #2

Cover date: 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Hood's crew attack Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum. Spider-Man got Danielle Cage out of there before things went really wrong, but it was Dr. Strange who seemed to come back from the dead after multiple gunshot wounds, and who suddenly had red, glowing eyes that managed to defeat them all. He then revealed that he was injured during World War Hulk, and that he's unable to help them any further. Ms. Marvel and Operation: Lightning Storm come to clean up the villains, but they pretend the unregistered heroes aren't there. Finally, Jessica brings her baby to Avengers Tower and asks to register.

2.20.22 Mighty Avengers #9

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: The Mighty Avengers bring the fight to Doom, and easily route his Doombots. Tony faces off against Doom himself, and ends up trapped with Doom and the Sentry getting sent back into time by Doom's time platform.

2.20.23 Mighty Avengers #10

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Iron Man, Sentry and Doom appear in the past, where they are forced to work together in order to escape to the proper time. Sentry's unique history provides the outlet needed to get the job done, but when they get back to the future, Doom isn't present. Instead, Ms. Marvel comes rushing to them as quickly as she can to warn them to leave, but Iron Man is still caught in an explosion.

2.20.24 Mighty Avengers #11

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Doom returns to the proper time half an hour earlier than Iron Man and Sentry, and uses that time to create an advantage for himself. He captures the remaining Avengers, but Spider-Woman overpowers his trap and frees them all from containment. Iron Man and Sentry rejoin the group, at which time Sentry tears Doom's armour apart and they bring him into custody. Returning to Avengers Tower (running parallel to events depicted in New Avengers #38) they relax and take some time. Black Widow questions Spider-Woman about her power level, and Spider-Woman seems to want to avoid the question. It's unclear if this is a result of the power boost Spider-Woman received when Hydra restored her powers, or if this is something related to alien reptiles with ugly chins.

2.20.25 New Avengers #38

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4426>
Synopsis: Luke Cage confronts Jessica about her decision to take her baby to the Mighty Avengers and register. They argue about it for some time, and Luke eventually leaves. However, their argument reveals to the Mighty Avengers that the Skrulls are active, which is information not previously known to Ms. Marvel or the other teammates (though Black Widow's reaction is suspect.) Iron Fist finds a new apartment to use as a base of operations for the duration.

2.20.26 New Avengers #39

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4426>
Synopsis: Maya Lopez is trying to sort out her role in life. To help with this, she tracks down Daredevil, only to realize that the Daredevil she's facing is actually a Skrull. Thankfully for her, Wolverine followed her, and the pair manage to survive, if not actually win the battle. Still trying to sort out her role with the group after returning to Avengers tower, she and Clint Barton have a heart to heart discussion that ends with them putting more than their hearts together.

2.20.27 She Hulk 2 #22

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.28 She Hulk 2 #23

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.29 She Hulk 2 #24

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.30 Incredible Hercules #116

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.31 Annihilation: Conquest - Prologue #1

Cover date: August 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.32 Annihilation: Conquest - Quasar #1

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.33 Annihilation: Conquest - Quasar #2

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.34 Annihilation: Conquest - Quasar #3

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.35 Annihilation: Conquest - Quasar #4

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.36 Annihilation: Conquest - Star-Lord #1

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.37 Annihilation: Conquest - Star-Lord #2

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.38 Annihilation: Conquest - Star-Lord #3

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.39 Annihilation: Conquest - Star-Lord #4

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.40 Annihilation: Conquest - Wraith #1

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.41 Annihilation: Conquest - Wraith #2

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.42 Annihilation: Conquest - Wraith #3

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.43 Annihilation: Conquest - Wraith #4

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.44 Nova, Vol. 4 #4

Cover date: September 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.45 Nova, Vol. 4 #5

Cover date: October 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.46 Nova, Vol. 4 #6

Cover date: November 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.47 Nova, Vol. 4 #7

Cover date: December 2007
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.48 Nova, Vol. 4 #8

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.49 Captain Marvel #1

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4452>
Synopsis: Captain Marvel is back from history, and trying to sort out his new life. He fled during the final conflict of the Civil War, trying to find his role in the world. He's also trying to fill in the gaps in his memory, which he feels he can accomplish by studying a particular painting in the Louvre. Ultimately, he decides to become an active hero again.

2.20.50 Captain Marvel #2

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4452>
Synopsis: Since returning to public view, Captain Marvel has been coordinating with S.H.E.I.L.D. to learn more about how he got here. Ms. Marvel has been tasked with helping him and monitoring him face to face, instead of at a distance. He is ultimately called to a meeting by Tony Stark on top of the S.H.E.I.L.D. helicarrier, only Stark is as surprised about the meeting as Marvel is. Once there, a Kree warship appears to capture Marvel for the glory of the empire, despite events of Annihilation: Conquest seeming to have cut off Kree space entirely.

2.20.51 Captain Marvel #3

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4452>
Synopsis: When fending off the Kree, Tony Stark and Mar-Vell both realize that they are actually fighting disguised Skrulls. They manage to fend them off, and in doing so, reveal the Skrull Invasion to Mar-Vell. It is soon revealed that Skrulls are involved in the Church of Hala, which worships Mar-Vell, and that the Cobalt Man (who attacked in the previous issue) accused Captain Marvel of being a Skrull as well, which may explain the odd memories that have been resurfacing.

2.20.52 Captain Marvel #4

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4452>
Synopsis: Captain Marvel has a hard time either accepting or discounting “Cobalt Man’s” claim that he is a Skrull sleeper agent. He spends some time alone before heading to the Church of Hala to talk to them. While helping them help the world, a bomb attack injures the Church’s leader. Mar-Vell is still dealing with that when Ms. Marvel arrives to implement Tony Stark’s contingency plan, which could lead to some unexpected answers.

2.20.53 Captain Marvel #5

Cover date: June 2006
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4452>
Synopsis: Captain Marvel pulls through the Negative Zone into a Skrull staging area. What he sees triggers his memories: he is not the real Captain Marvel. He was a Skrull agent implanted with Mar-Vell’s memories during the Kree-Skrull War, but the procedure failed, and his original memories and mission did not properly retrigger. He decides that, despite his body’s history, he will continue to act as Earth’s hero, starting by finding the Skrulls within the Church of Hala, and dropping them into Earth’s atmosphere from space. They do not find the journey pleasant. His next destination is unrevealed here, but can be found in “Secret Invasion #1.”

2.20.54 Annihilation: Conquest #1

Cover date: January 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.55 Nova, Vol. 4 #9

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.56 Annihilation: Conquest #2

Cover date: February 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.57 Nova, Vol. 4 #10

Cover date: March 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.58 Annihilation: Conquest #3

Cover date: March 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.59 Nova, Vol. 4 Annual #1

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.60 Annihilation: Conquest #4

Cover date: April 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.61 Nova, Vol. 4 #11

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.62 Annihilation: Conquest #5

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.63 Nova, Vol. 4 #12

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.64 Annihilation: Conquest #6

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis:

2.20.65 Ms. Marvel #25

Cover date: May 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Carol tries to get her personal life sorted out, while Tony Stark sends Agent Sum after Carol to bring her in as a possible Skrull. Carol starts to suspect William is a Kree, only to call him and get called in to help him out. She arrives to find him dead, and the fake Carol that was with him is gone, though Agent Sum was readily on hand to arrest Carol.

2.20.66 Ms. Marvel #26

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Agent Sum has mobilized Operation Lightning Storm to bring in the fake Ms. Marvel, only it's the real one he faces. With considerable difficulty, she fends them off long enough for the fake to show up. They fight each other at length, and are both eventually captured by S.H.I.E.L.D. Realizing that there are actually two Skrulls involved, one masquerading as Agent Sum, Ms. Marvel confronts them and gets the battle going. Eventually, the fake Ms. Marvel reveals that William is actually alive, and offers information about him in exchange for freedom.

2.21 The Main Event

2.21.1 Secret Invasion Prologue #1

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: This digital eight page comic reveals events shortly after the death of Captain America. He hears others blame Nick Fury for recent events, saying that his presence would have prevented the Civil War and SHRA from coming into play. Dugan leaves the bar with relatively little incident, only to meet up with Nick Fury's old flame, who is trying to figure out where Fury is. When Dugan convinces her he doesn't know, she pops out claws much like Wolverine's, seriously wounds him, and morphs into him, making Dugan the latest individual to be replaced by a Skrull.

2.21.2 Secret Invasion #1

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4429>
Synopsis: If there's a fan anywhere near you, don't stand next to it. A Skrull vessel crashes in the Savage Land. Tony Stark, who had been assembled with Hank Pym and Reed Richards to autopsy Elektra's corpse, is called in to the event. He calls for the Mighty Avengers to assemble, and Spider-Woman takes the call. She calls Luke Cage's Avengers to make sure they get to the site first, though they only beat Stark's team there by minutes or less. As they are debating what to do with it, Skrull agents around the world launch coordinated attacks against everything and everyone.

2.21.3 Secret Invasion: Home Invasion #1

Cover date:
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>
Synopsis: Kinsey Walden is left home alone while her parents are out of town. Her Myspace vlog indicates that her best friend is missing, and her brother is acting strangely. When she confronts her brother, he turns into a Skrull. She freaks out and hides in the bathroom. The Skrull reverts into her brother, and convinces her that it was a prank. When comforting her, however, he reverts to Skrull form.

2.21.4 Mighty Avengers #12

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4474>
Synopsis: Flashing back to scenes from "Secret War" and "Spider-Woman: Origin," we learn what Nick Fury has been up to. A Skrull disguised as the Countess tried to get information from him, but he knew something was up and killed her, causing her to revert back to her natural form. With this tip-off, he visited Maria Hill and Spider-Woman to deliver warnings and solicit help. He promises to put the pieces together for the sake of humanity. We see an assortment of images of various heroes, some of which Fury has circled in blue, and some of which he's circled in red.

2.21.5 New Avengers #40

Cover date: June 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4475>
Synopsis: In a flashback that explains when the concept for origination started, how the science was developed, and who is currently in charge of it, the Skrulls that make up the driving force are, in part, revealed. Also revealed is another highly likely Skrull candidate.

2.21.6 Secret Invasion #2

Cover date: July 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4478>
Synopsis: The old school heroes emerging from the Skrull spacecraft believe themselves to be the real deal. With each side assuming the other is composed of Skrulls, it doesn't take long for a battle to start. Ms. Marvel takes Iron Man away from the site to a local lab, where he starts "using his brain," a power the Skrulls can't copy, presumably to devise some form of defense. Meanwhile, the Skrulls invading the rest of the world using their new super soldiers, and only the Young Avengers are around to stand in their way.

2.21.7 Mighty Avengers #13

Cover date: July 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4479>
Synopsis: Nick Fury has assembled a Caterpillar file, filled with people who have great potential due to their parentage, but whom nobody else knows about. With Daisy Johnson's help, he recruits several of them to help fight off the Skrull invasion. The roster includes Phobos (son of Ares), and unnamed children descended from the Phantom Rider, Doctor Druid, and the Griffin. The final member of the team, Jerry Sledge, has unrevealed parentage. Layla Miller of X-Factor refused to join.

2.21.8 Secret Invasion: Fantastic Four #1

Cover date: July 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4492>
Synopsis: In the prologue, we see the events that unfolded before and during "Secret Invasion #1." Once that has passed, we rejoin Ben, Johnny, Franklin and Valeria trapped in the Negative Zone by a Skrull disguised as Sue. This Skrull reveals herself as Lyja.

2.21.9 Captain Britain and MI:13 #1

Cover date: July 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4493>
Synopsis: The Skrulls are hitting Britain hard, and it's not clear why at first. Then the defending heroes recognize the target: the portal to Avalon, and the source of Britain's magic. They move to intercept, but the odds aren't good.

2.21.10 Mighty Avengers #14

Cover date: July 2008
Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4504>
Synopsis: The Skrulls have been watching and testing the Sentry to try and determine the best way to deal with him. They decide the best way is by making him crack, or even better, just sitting back and watching him crack, taking the other heroes with him. This is the strategy employed in Secret Invasion #2, but what they didn't count on was the Void doing the exact opposite of cracking and leaving the scene. Instead, the Void steps up to act the hero in a big way.

2.21.11 Avengers: The Initiative #14

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.12 Avengers: The Initiative #15

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.13 Black Panther #39

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.14 Black Panther #40

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.15 Black Panther #41

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.16 Captain Britain and MI:13 #2

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.17 Captain Britain and MI:13 #3

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.18 Incredible Hercules #117

Cover date: July 2008

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/4505>

Synopsis: A green-eyed Athena recruits Hercules to lead a team of human gods in war against Skrull gods.

2.21.19 Incredible Hercules #118

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.20 Incredible Hercules #119

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.21 Mighty Avengers #15

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.22 Ms. Marvel #27

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

Synopsis:

2.21.23 Ms. Marvel #28

Cover date:

Review: <http://www.bureau42.com/view/>

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2.21.35 Secret Invasion: Fantastic Four #2

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2.21.36 Secret Invasion: Fantastic Four #3

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2.21.37 Secret Invasion: Who Do You Trust? #1

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**2.21.38 Secret Invasion: Young Avengers and Runaways
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**2.21.39 Secret Invasion: Young Avengers and Runaways
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**2.21.40 Secret Invasion: Young Avengers and Runaways
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2.21.41 She Hulk #31

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2.21.42 Thunderbolts #122

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2.21.43 X-Factor #33

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2.22 Unsorted

All post-swap appearances of all known Skrulls. (Some characters have been revealed as Skrulls, but we don't know when most were switched out yet.)

Alias 1-28

Civil War: The Initiative

Daredevil: The Murdock Papers

Elektra: The Scorpio Key

Fantastic Four 265 and up. (ie. Lyja replacement and onward).

House of M 1-8

Marvel Team-Up Vol. 3 19-25

Nova Vol. 4 1-3

Omega Flight 1-5

The Pulse 1-14

ROM Spaceknight - 24, 48-50

Runaways Vol. 2 13-30

Secret Invasion: Thor 1-?

Silver Surfer Vol. 3 63

Spider-Woman: Origin 1-5

Wolverine Vol. 3 20-32

Young Avengers 1-8

Young Avengers Presents 1-5

Young Avengers Special

Chapter 3

The Major Players

3.1 Humans (and unconfirmed Skrulls)

3.1.1 Iron Man

Tony Stark is one of Marvel's most established heroes. He's one of the most intelligent people in the Marvel universe, and he makes some of the least emotional decisions. He is a self-described futurist: he frequently and actively tries to observe trends in society and predict where those trends will lead. Moreover, he will evaluate the potential future paths he sees before the world, determine the best possible future within the realm of possibility, and do everything in his power to steer the world in that direction, even if what's best for the world is not what's best for his closest friends. It was this exact methodology that caused many of his closest and longest allies, most notably Captain America, to come into direct conflict with him during Marvel's recent Civil War. Though he is not entirely pleased with the outcome, particularly for Steve Rogers, he maintains that he made the right decisions during the War. He did the best he could to make the world the best it could be. It is this drive to predict and steer the future that led to his creation of the Illuminati. It is also why he so hates surprises, as each surprise feels like a personal failure to predict events accurately.

He didn't see the Secret Invasion coming. A massive invasion started and worked forward right under his nose, and he missed it. This is a situation he can't be happy with, which means he'll fight back against it very, very hard.

3.2 Confirmed Skrulls And Sympathizers

3.2.1 Black Bolt

3.2.2 Cobalt Man

3.2.3 Dum Dum Dugan

3.2.4 Edwin Jarvis

3.2.5 Mar-Vell

3.2.6 Elektra Natchios

3.2.7 Henry Pym

Chapter 4

Theories and Revelations

4.1 Dr. Strange Theory

Dated: March 9, 2008

I strongly suspect Dr. Strange is a Skrull agent, for the following reasons:

- When the Civil War hit, he sat it out. A Skrull would want to sit back and see how the enemy fared in destroying itself.
- When World War Hulk hit, he was strangely pessimistic, and released a major threat onto the entire Earth.
- When Clint Barton appears to the New Avengers before they leave for Japan to retrieve Echo, it was his spell that revealed everyone's intentions. No explanation for how that works was given.
- Lately, he has been attending Illuminati meetings in his astral form. The last I heard, most people couldn't see his astral form if he wanted them to. Perhaps it's merely a hologram.
- He healed quite easily from a sword through the torso, but not from damaged hands. A shapeshifter could heal easily, as there would be no real damage.
- When Stark came calling, he cloaked the entire team handily. As shown in Illuminati #1, Skrulls can easily penetrate human cloaking technology. Does it not stand to reason they can create far superior cloaking technology, as well?
- The Skrulls don't attempt to replace Echo until after Dr. Strange has left the team. That seems pretty late in the game, unless that was intended to replace the Skrull agent they used to have on the team, but they don't have any longer.

4.2 Black Widow Theory

Dated: March 30, 2008 (for the first time it was typed out; many have suspected this for a while)

- In New Avengers #38, her reaction to the Skrull news is highly suspect.

4.3 Sasquatch

Dated: May 2, 2008

- New Avengers #40 reveals that those who have returned from the dead are likely suspects for replacement. The same issue also has an image of Sasquatch mixed in with their likely candidates.
- Sasquatch seemed to die with the rest of Alpha Flight under the pen of Brian Michael Bendis back in New Avengers #16-20.
- Sasquatch returned from the dead without explanation in Civil War: The Initiative, written by Bendis.