

# SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS... IS **BATTLEWORLD**: A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

IAN ROGERS IS **NOMAD**: BIOLOGICAL SON OF ARNIM ZOLA, ADOPTED SON OF STEVE ROGERS AND SHARON CARTER, AND PARTNER TO SAM WILSON, THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA.

NOMAD PASSED THROUGH THE INFINITE ELEVATOR AND EMERGED IN A NIGHTMARE VERSION OF NEW YORK CITY RULED BY HYDRA AND DEFENDED BY LEOPOLD ZOLA, THE MAN NOMAD WAS MEANT TO BECOME!

BROKEN AND DEFEATED AFTER HIS BATTLE WITH LEOPOLD ZOLA, A.K.A. CAPTAIN HYDRA, NOMAD FLED INTO THE SEWERS AND WAS TAKEN IN BY AN UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT LED BY STEVE ROGERS.

BUT NOMAD'S TIME WITH HIS PARENTS AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ELLIE, WAS CUT SHORT WHEN VENOM AND HIS HYDRA SYMBIOTE VIPERS ATTACKED. THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS WERE SLAUGHTERED AND ELLIE AND NOMAD HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RUN...



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BREATHE FREE, CITIZENS OF NEW YORK!

YOU TRUST YOUR AVENGERS TO ALWAYS PROTECT YOU--AND WE HAVE!



THE TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN TRAMPLED!

THE DEMOCRATIC RATS SCURRYING IN OUR MIDST WERE DRAWN INTO A TRAP, AND CLEANSED FROM OUR UTOPIA!



HAIL ARNIM ZOLA, OUR GLORIOUS LEADER, FOR TIRELESSLY HUNTING THOSE WHO WOULD TAINT THE PURITY OF THE PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS WITH TOXIC IDEAS FULL OF RUINOUS AND GREEDY CAPITALISM!

**HAIL ZOLA!**



I NOW GIVE YOU THE MAGNIFICENT CAPTAIN HYDRA, THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIEGE THAT CLEANSED THIS DISEASE FROM OUR MIDST!

THANK YOU, IRON BARON.



THE HELL IS STRUCKER GOING ON ABOUT, ELLIE?

MY DOPPELGÄNGER DIDN'T SET FOOT INTO THE SEWERS--IT WAS THE SYMBIOTE.

I GUESS THEY DON'T HAVE NEPOTISM WHERE YOU COME FROM, IAN.



WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED TODAY WAS NO EASY TASK!

THE DEMOCRATS HAD EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES. THEY'D AMASSED AN ARSENAL, AND THOUGH I KNEW I WAS OUTNUMBERED--I ALSO KNEW IT WAS NOW OR NEVER.



I WENT DOWN INTO THE DARK PLACE TO SECURE THE HOMETLAND AT ANY COST, FOR YOU, MY PEOPLE!

AND BECAUSE OF THAT INSTINCT, AN INSTINCT TAUGHT TO ME BY MY GREAT FATHER, ARNIM ZOLA--



--I WAS ABLE TO VANQUISH OUR FOES AND KEEP US ALL SAFE!

HURRY, WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE SAFEHOUSE BEFORE YOU'RE SPOTTED.



SLOW DOWN, ELLIE.

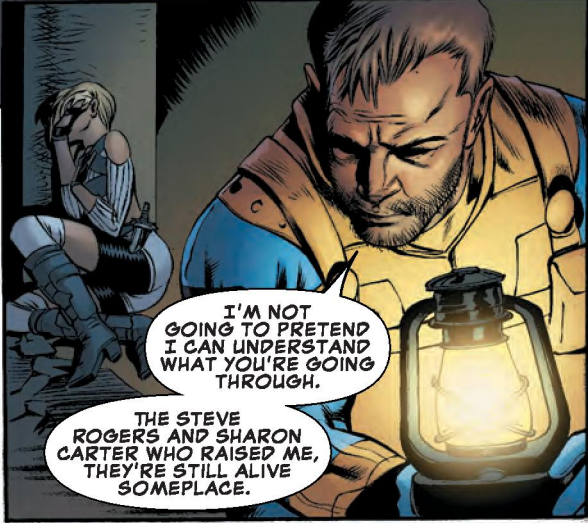
NO ONE FOLLOWED US.



IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF THEY HAD.

MY PARENTS ARE DEAD, AND THE HEART OF THE RESISTANCE WITH THEM.

NOTHING MATTERS NOW.



I'M NOT GOING TO PRETEND I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH.

THE STEVE ROGERS AND SHARON CARTER WHO RAISED ME, THEY'RE STILL ALIVE SOMEPLACE.



OR SO I LIKE TO THINK.

I CAN'T IMAGINE LOSING THEM.

SEEING WHAT YOU SAW...



THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY THAT'S GOING TO HELP THAT.

BUT YOU ARE WHAT'S LEFT OF THEIR DREAM.

AND IF THE STEVE AND SHARON WHO RAISED YOU ARE ANYTHING LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO RAISED ME--



--THIS IS THE LAST THING THAT THEY WOULD WANT.

DID YOU EVER FEEL THAT THERE WAS NO WAY THAT YOU COULD EVER MEASURE UP TO THEM?