

MARVELS





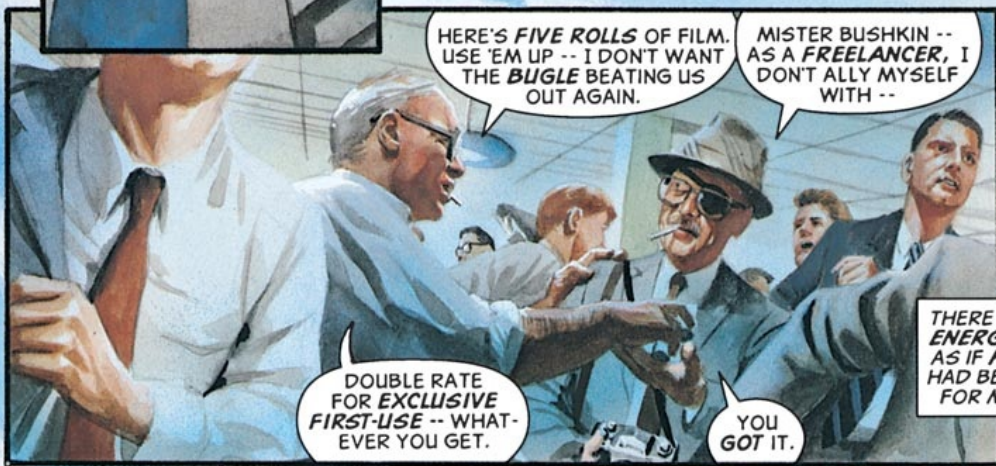
IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO -- BUT IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME.

LOOK ALIVE, PEOPLE!

THREE OF THOSE **COSTUMED MANIACS** ARE RIPPING UP DOWNTOWN! THEY GOT A MAD ON FOR THE **AVENGERS** AND THEY'RE TAKIN' IT OUT ON US!

ALL I WANT TO SEE ARE **REAR ENDS** HEADED FOR THE --

PHIL -- YOU'RE STILL **HERE!** GOOD.



HERE'S **FIVE ROLLS** OF FILM. USE 'EM UP -- I DON'T WANT THE **BUGLE** BEATING US OUT AGAIN.

MISTER BUSHKIN -- AS A **FREELANCER**, I DON'T ALLY MYSELF WITH --

DOUBLE RATE FOR **EXCLUSIVE FIRST-USE** -- WHAT-EVER YOU GET.

YOU GOT IT.

THERE WAS SO MUCH **ENERGY** IN NEW YORK. AS IF **FIREWORKS** HAD BEEN GOING OFF FOR MONTHS --

THE BIRTH OF THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** --

THOR --

GIANT-MAN --

THE RETURN OF THE **SUB-MARINER** --



AND OF COURSE, THE **BIGGEST BLAST** OF ALL -- THE **SHOW-STOPPER** THAT LIT UP THE WORLD LIKE A **DOZEN** FOURTH OF JULYS ROLLED INTO ONE --

THERE HE IS!





JUST TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HIM -- ALWAYS IN MOTION, ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD -- LIKE A FORCE OF NATURE IN CHAIN MAIL --

NEVER A HESITATION OR A BACKWARD GLANCE --

WE WERE IN AWE OF HIM. OF ALL OF THEM.

PHIL! THE BLACK KNIGHT'S BUZZIN' CANAL STREET!

LET'S MOVE!

I HEARD HE'D RETURNED, BUT I NEVER --

I DID! UP BY MACY'S -- HE VAULTED CLEAR ACROSS THIRTY-FOURTH STREET!

ISN'T HE WONDERFUL?!

HE SAVED MY WHOLE UNIT, BACK IN THE BIG ONE...

GEE!

SAVED A LOTTA UNITS, POPS!

AND EVEN WHEN WE WERE SCARED -- WHEN LIVES WERE THREATENED --

BLAST! THERE HE GOES!

GET A SHOT, PHIL!

GOT IT!

WHAT IS THIS GUNK? IT AIN'T POISON, IS IT?!

IT WAS -- IT WAS -- HE STUCK US TO THE GROUND --

COULDN'T MOVE --

IT'LL BE OKAY, HONEY. THE AVENGERS'LL GET HIM!

-- WE KNEW THEY'D COME THROUGH FOR US -- THAT THEY'D MAKE EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT.

THERE -- IRON MAN!

LIKE I SAID, IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME.



IT WAS LIFE
OR DEATH --

IT WAS GRAND
OPERA --

IT WAS THE GREATEST
SHOW ON EARTH --

-- AND WE -- EVERY
SINGLE ONE OF US --

-- WE HAD THE BEST
SEAT IN THE HOUSE.



I
GOT IT...I
GOT IT...

PHIL...

CRIPES!
THE SIZE
OF 'IM --!

WILLYA
LOOK AT
THAT?

HOLY --!

WOW!

