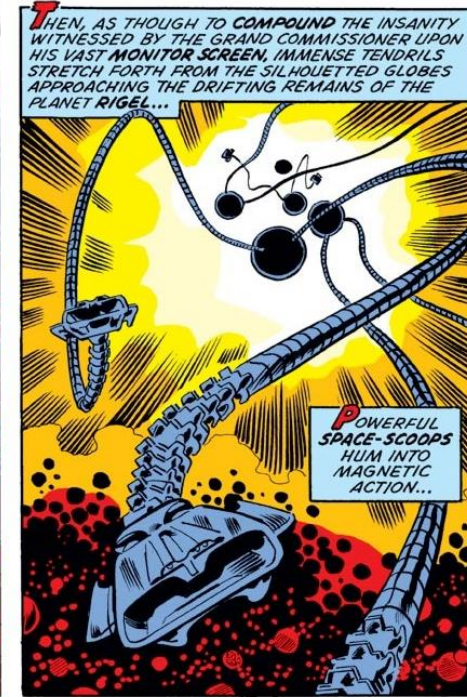


Diasporas in Comics as Models for and Escapes from Reality

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What we'll be looking at:

- Types and tropes of comics diasporas
- Connections to the dynamics of real-world diasporas (and related concepts)
- Fantasy models that provide the opportunity for escapism or hope

Often created by Jewish, POC, and queer writers and artists, such as:

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Jack Kirby

Al Ewing

Ta-Nehisi Coates

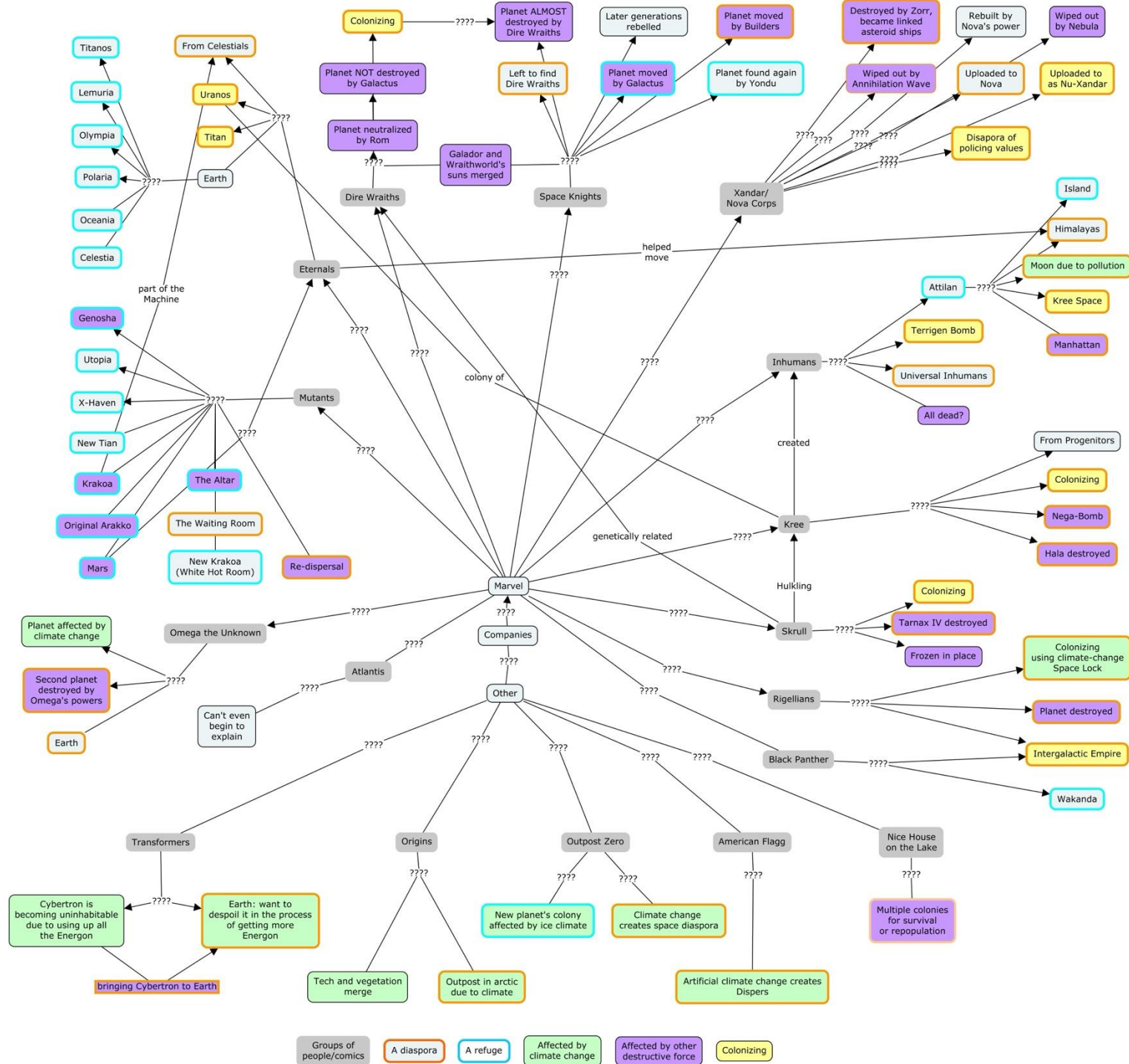
Brian Stelfreeze

Daniel Acuna

Kieron Gillen

We will focus on three particular Marvel groups:

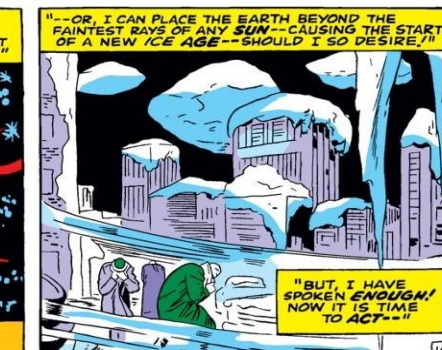
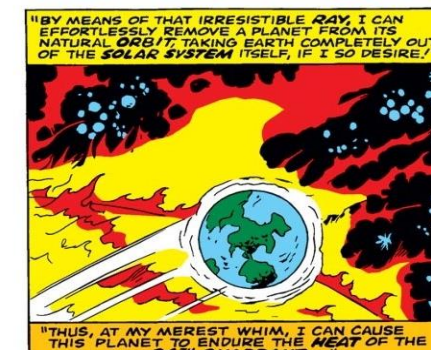
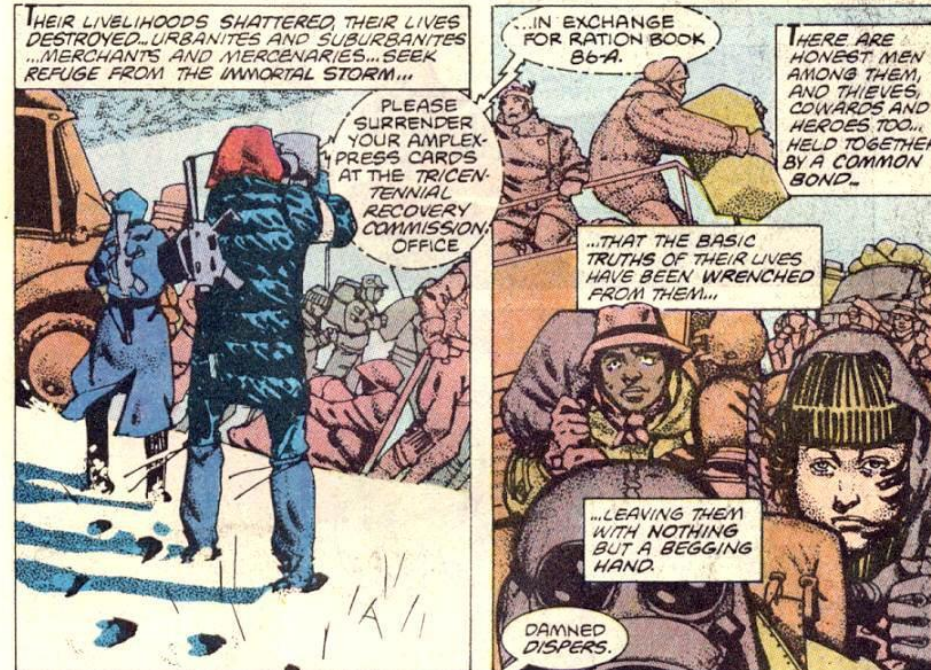
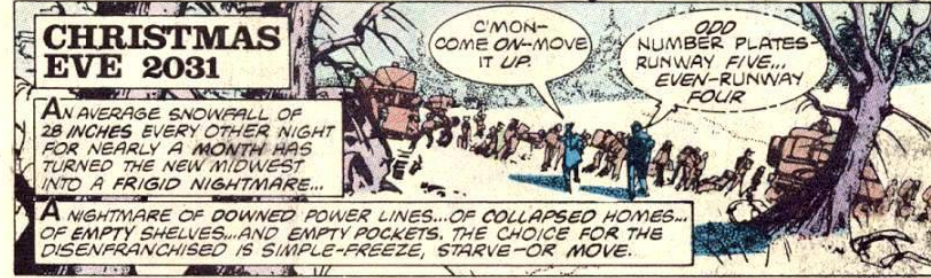
- Inhumans
- Wakanda
- Mutants



Related concepts:

- Diaspora/Exodus
- Refuge/Eisodus
- Colonization
- Bigotry
- Becoming the Oppressor

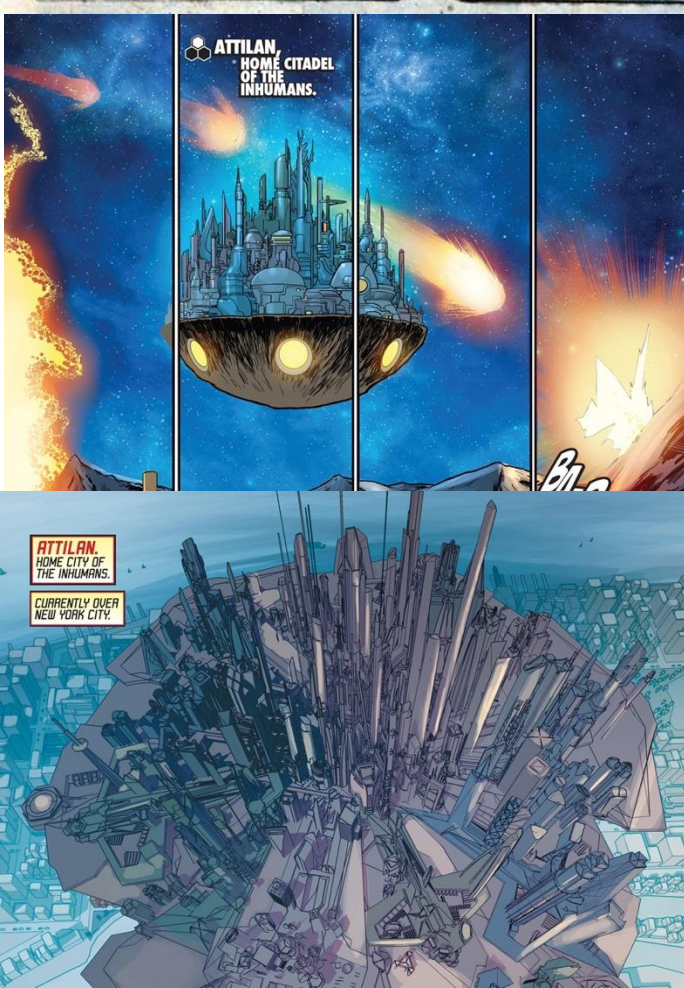
DIASPORA: any dispersion of a people
sharing a common heritage.



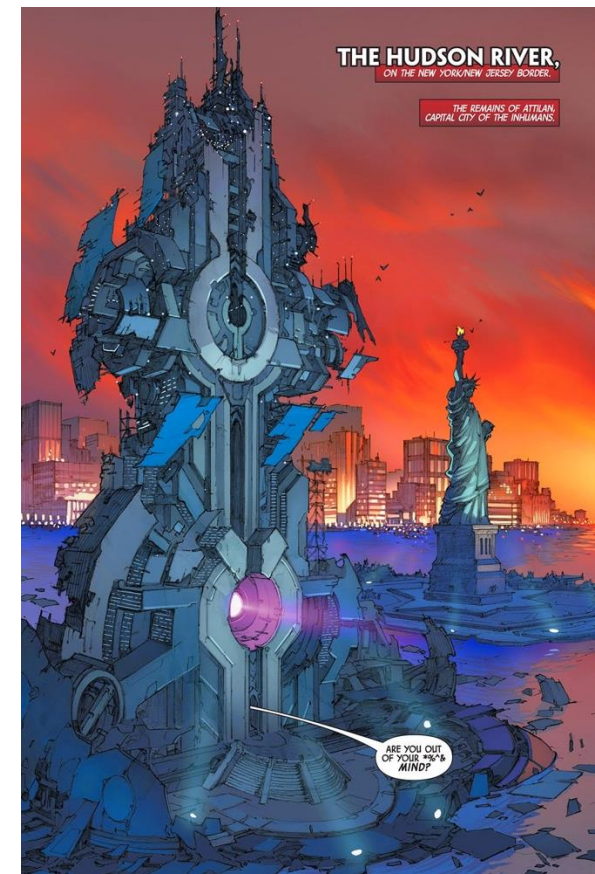
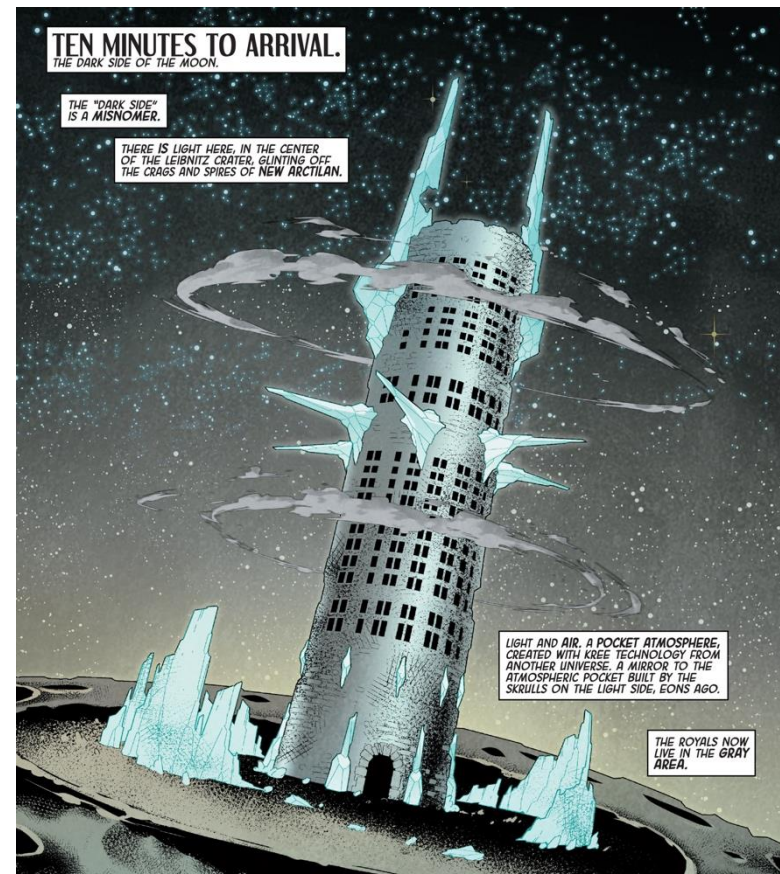
Inhumans:

Attilan: Island
Himalayas
Blue Area of the Moon
Grey Area of the Moon
Kree Space
Manhattan

Universal Inhumans
Terrigan Bomb
Annexing the Kree



Attilan



Why the moon? Climate Change!

HOURS CRAWL BY AS SLOWLY AS DAYS AS MISTER FANTASTIC TESTS, CORELLATES, AND RETESTS THE MYRIAD DATA. THEN...

I'M AFRAID IT'S AS I GUESSED IT MIGHT BE WHEN QUICKSILVER SAID HE WAS UNAFFECTED. THIS IS THE SAME MALADY WHICH ONCE STRUCK CRYSTAL, AND FORCED HER TO LEAVE THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND RETURN TO ATTILAN, YEARS AGO.

I HAVE SYNTHESIZED A TEMPORARY ANTIDOTE.

GIVE IT TO THE WEAKEST OF THE STRICKEN--AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

"WE HAVE MUCH TO PLAN..."

REED'S ORDERS ARE FOLLOWED, AND WITHIN MINUTES A KIND OF LIFE RETURNS TO THE STILL HALLS.

THEY ARE WELL AND STRONG AGAIN. TRULY YOU ARE A WORKER OF MIRACLES, REED!

NO, MEDUSA! SIMPLY A SCIENTIST DOING HIS JOB. BUT OUR WORRIES AREN'T OVER YET.

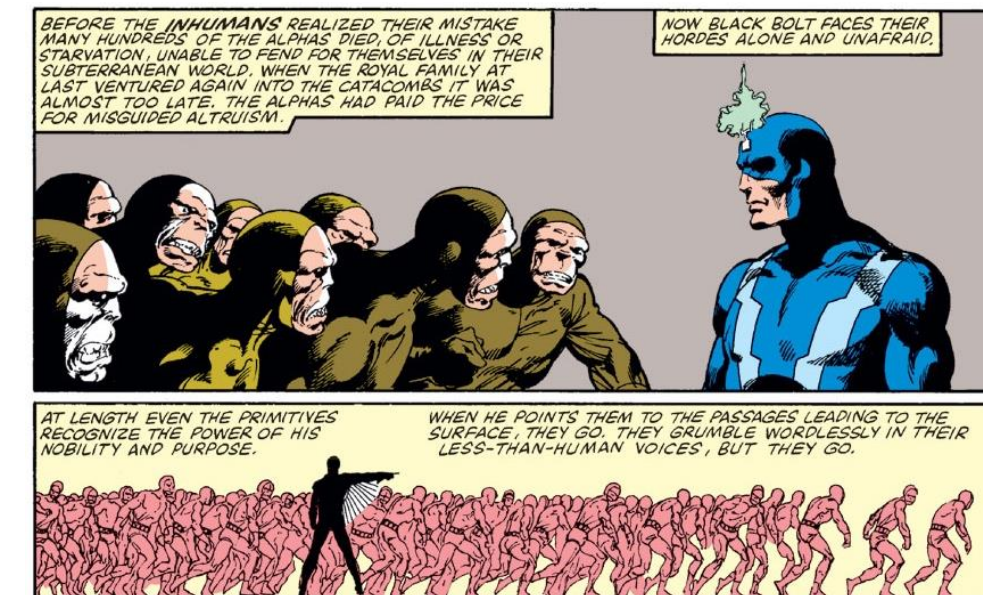
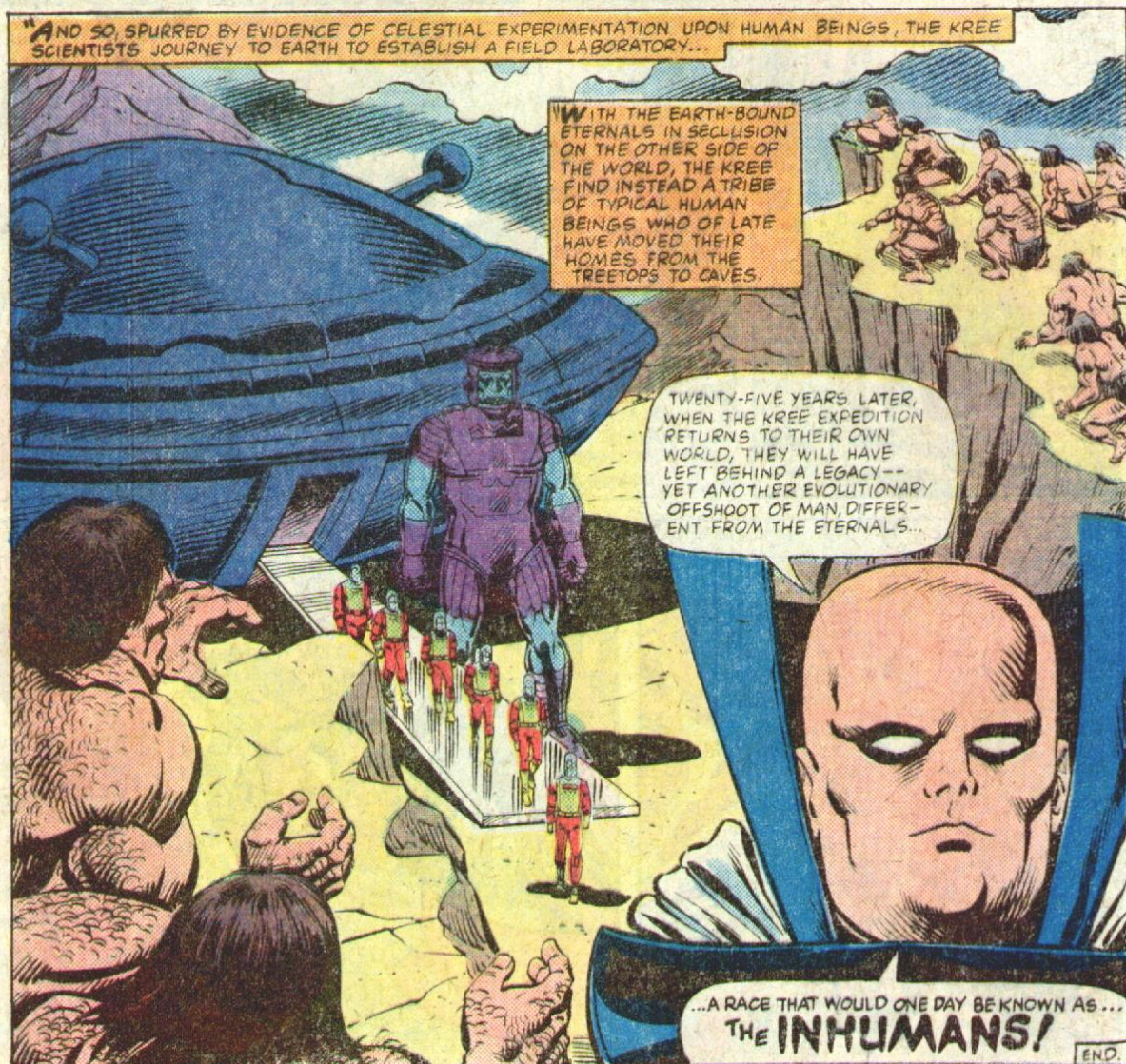
BLACK BOLT, YOU MUST REALIZE THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE, A STOP-GAP. WHEN CRYSTAL WAS FIRST STRICKEN IT WAS BECAUSE HER BODY HAD NO IMMUNITY TO THE POLLUTANTS IN THE AIR BEYOND THE HIMALAYAS.

BUT THERE IS NO LONGER ANYWHERE ON EARTH WHERE THE AIR IS TRULY CLEAN.

THE ANTIDOTE I HAVE CREATED CAN STAVE OFF THE EFFECTS OF YOUR STEADILY MORE CONTAMINATED AIR, BUT TO CONSTANTLY PUMP CHEMICALS INTO YOUR BODIES...

BLACK BOLT NODS.

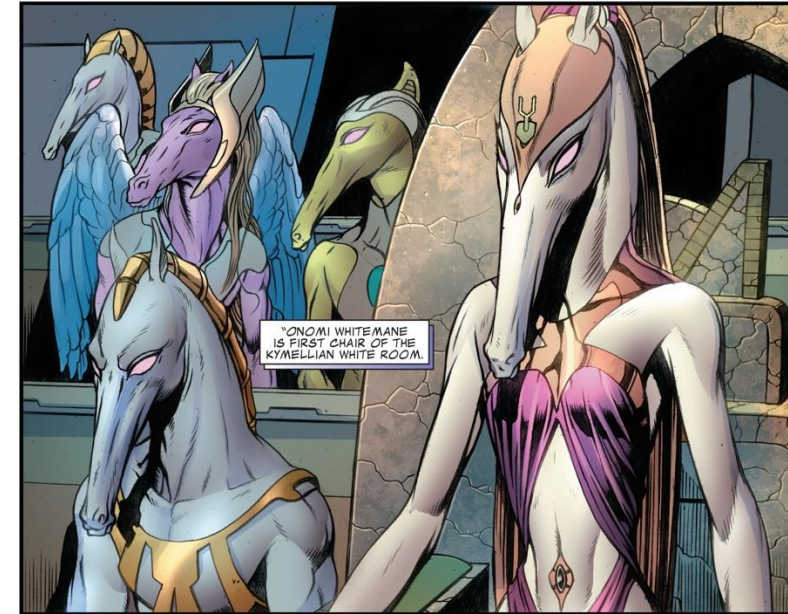
Slavery/Tools of Imperial-Colonial Powers



Revolt/Becoming the Oppressor



Universal Inhumans





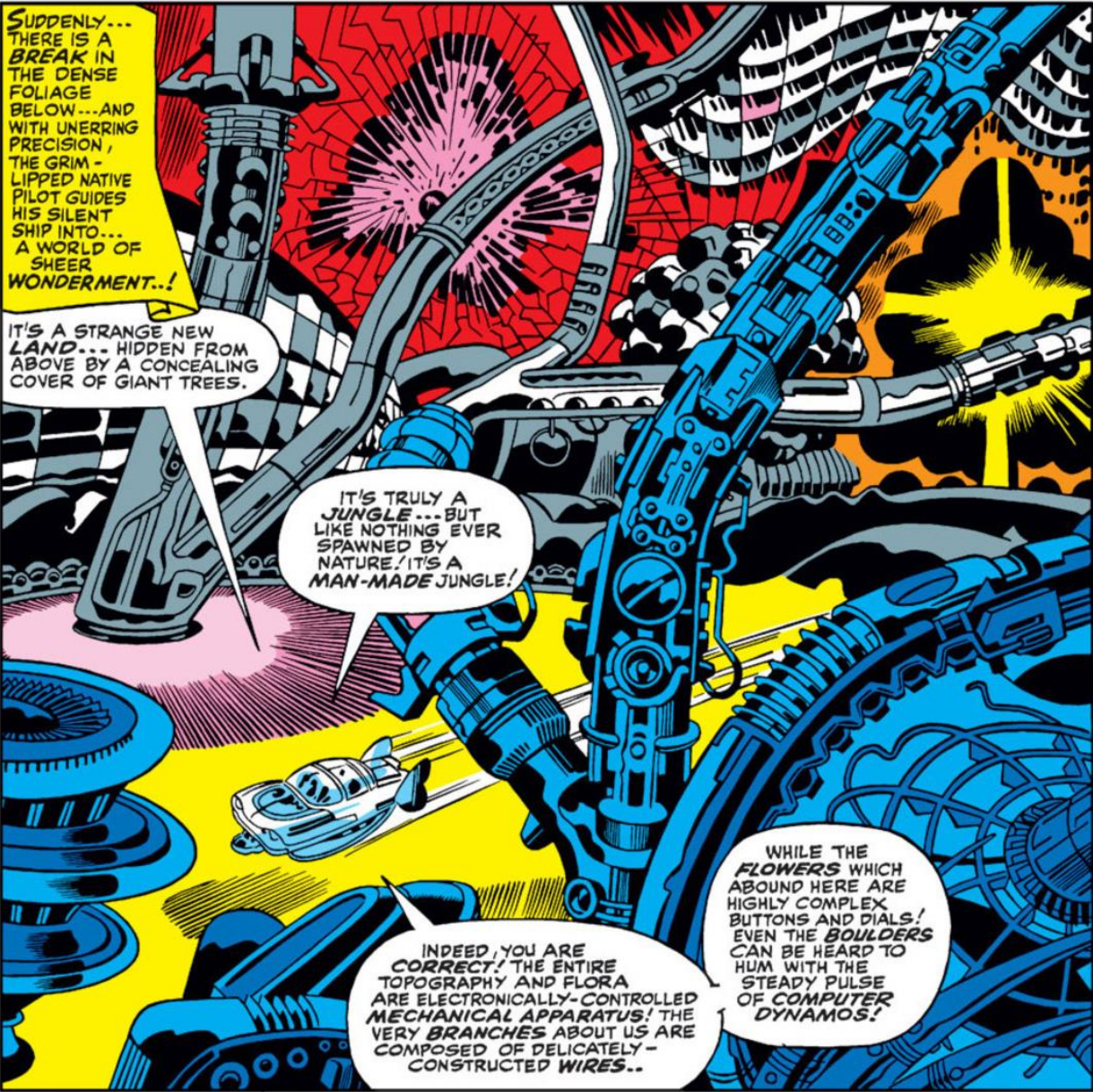
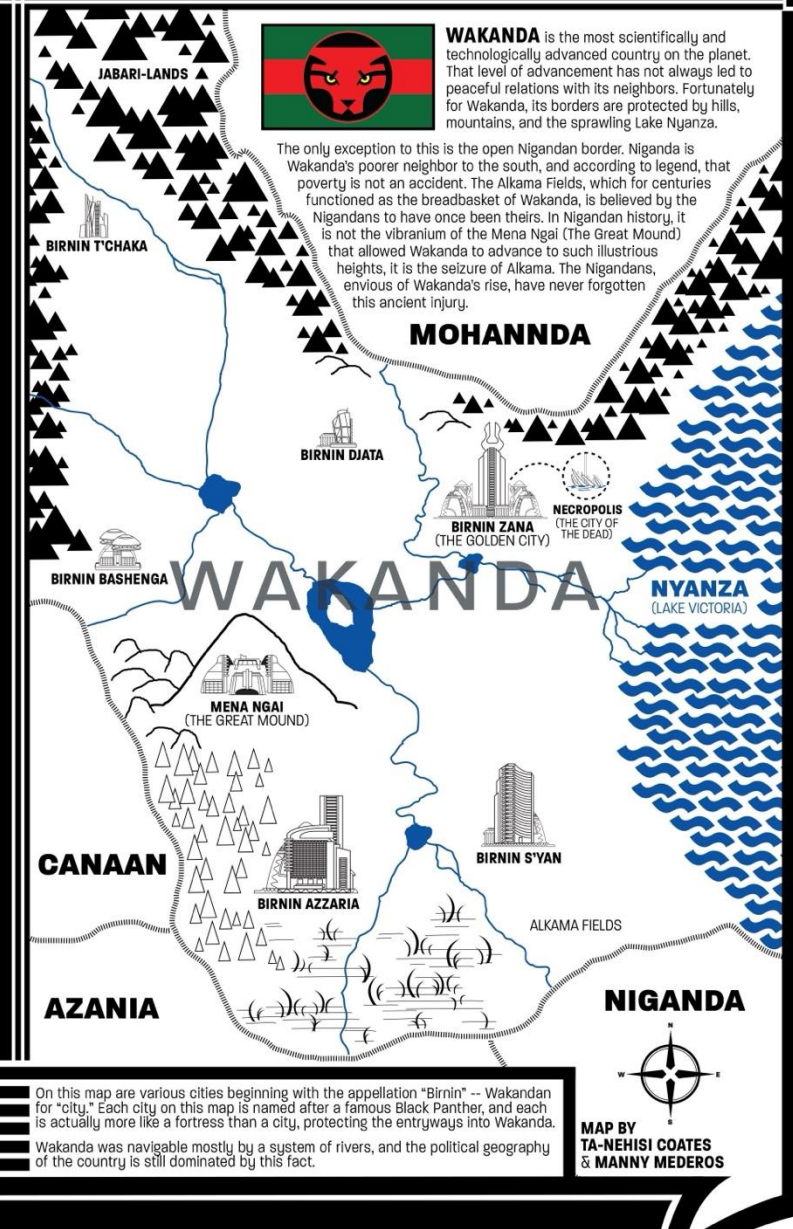
Terrigan Bomb



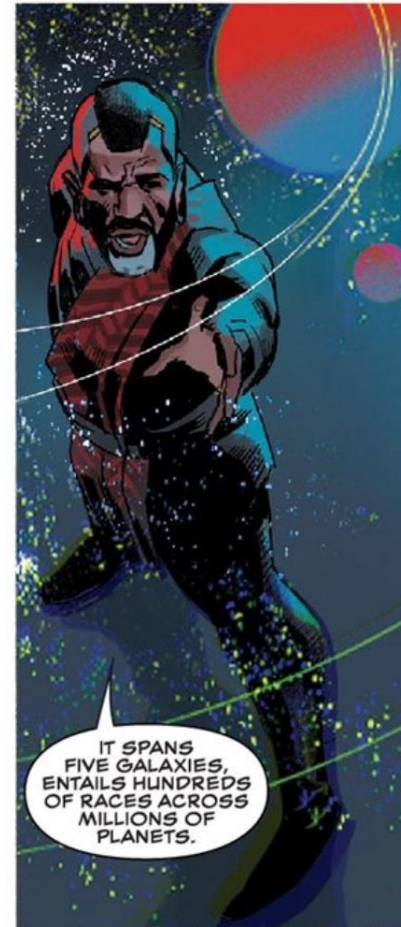
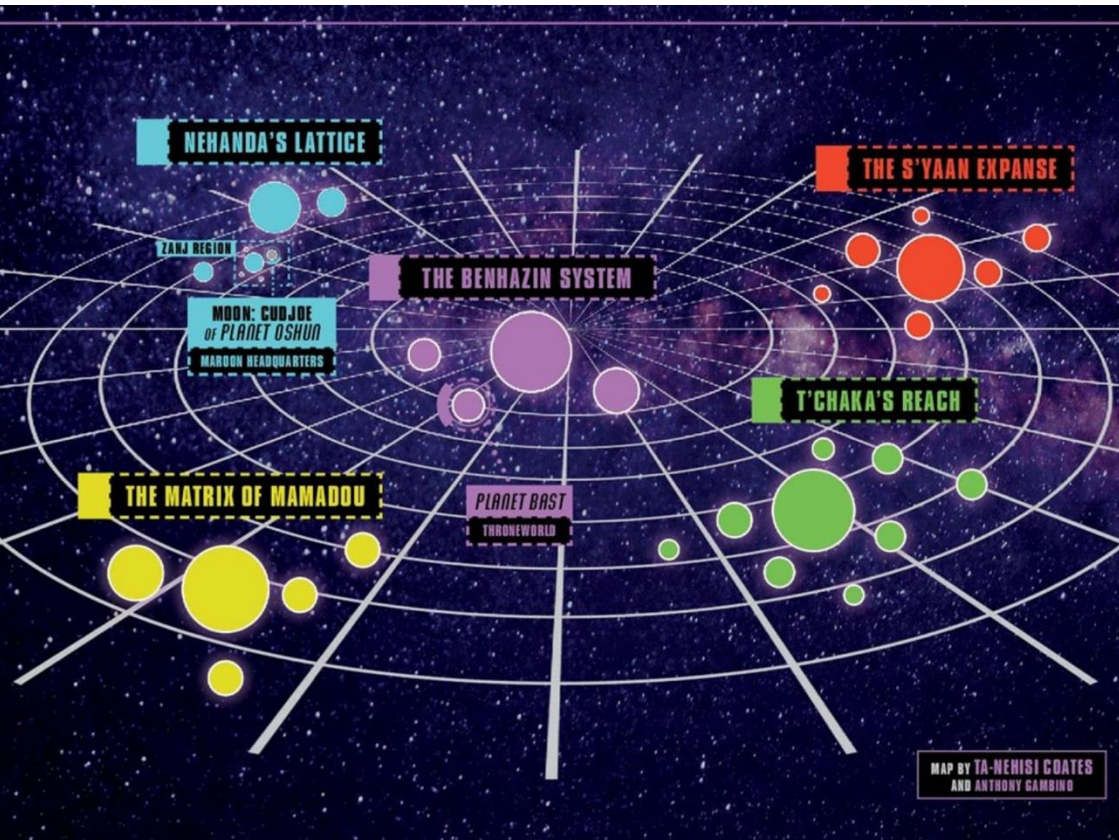
Wakanda:

- African Wakanda (refuge)
- Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda (colonial diaspora)

African Wakanda



Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda: History and Composition



Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda: Memory and Identity



Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda: Slavery



Intergalactic Empire of Wakanda: Ethics



Mutants:

- Genosha
- Utopia
- X-Haven
- New Tian
- Krakoa
- Arakko
- The Waiting Room
- The Altar
- Mars-Arakko
- New Krakoa in the White Hot Room
- Re-dispersal

MUTANT EXTINCTION EVENTS

GENOSHA.....SENTINEL TRASK MUMMUDRAI GENOCIDE.....	16.5 MILLION DEAD
DECIMATION.....MUTANT ERASURE BY THE PRETENDER WANDA MAXIMOFF.....	1 MILLION DEPOWERED

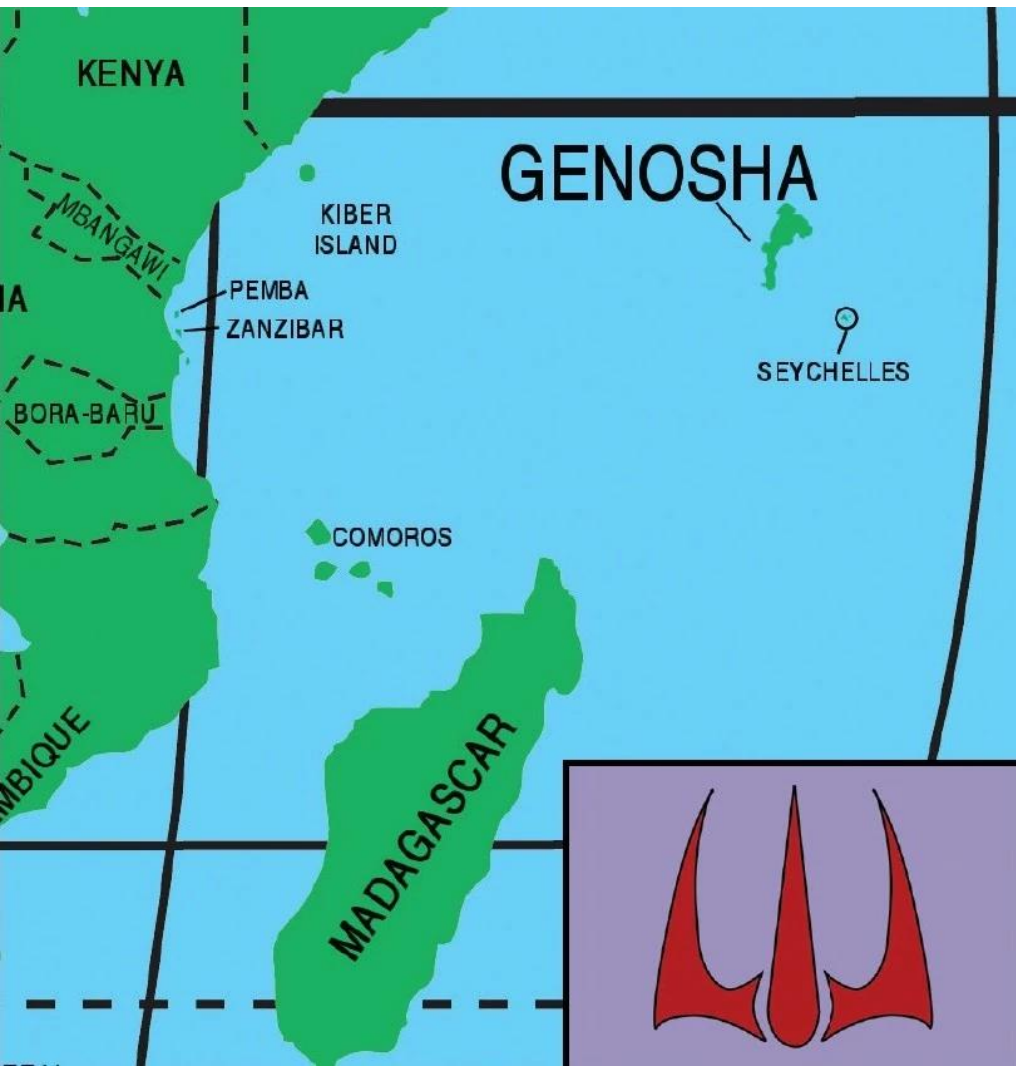
In addition to the two mutant extinction-level events, recent history has seen an uptick in the incidence of human-on-mutant violence. The increased number of mutant births since [the Lights] has only served to provide more opportunity for these human-on-mutant crimes to be enacted.

A LIST OF HUMANS WHO HAVE COMMITTED MAJOR MUTANT CRIMES		
Steven Lang.....	Project: Armageddon.....	29
Mister Clean.....	Church of Humanity.....	126
Graydon Creed.....	Friends of Humanity.....	147
Cameron Hodge.....	The Right.....	178
The Leper Queen.....	The Sapien League.....	221
Donald Pierce.....	Reavers.....	348
William Stryker.....	Purifiers.....	414
Wanda Maximoff.....	The Avengers.....	986,420
Bolivar Trask.....	Sentinels.....	16,521,618

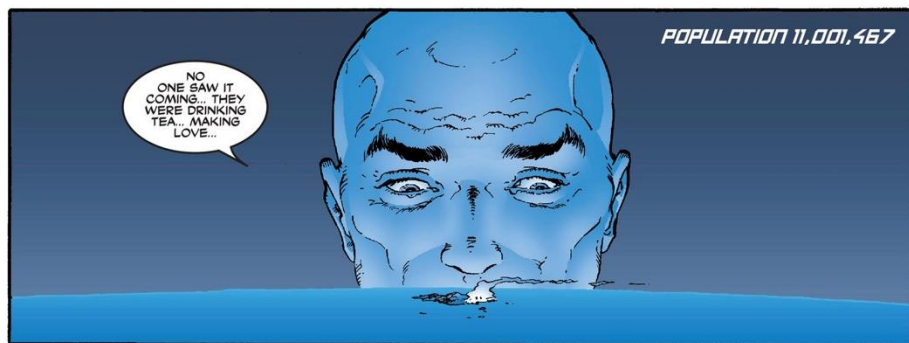
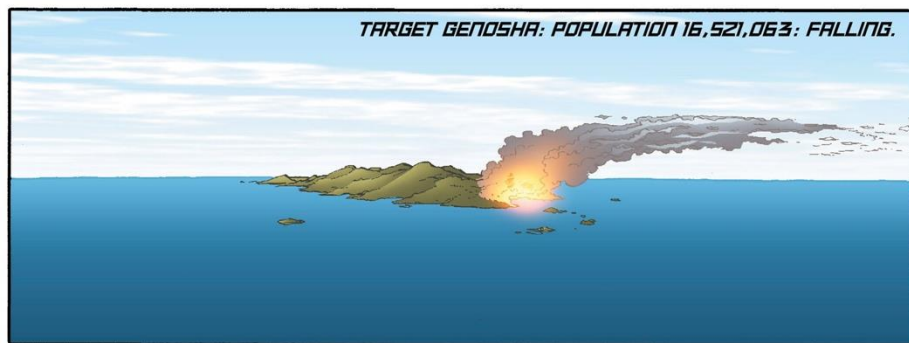
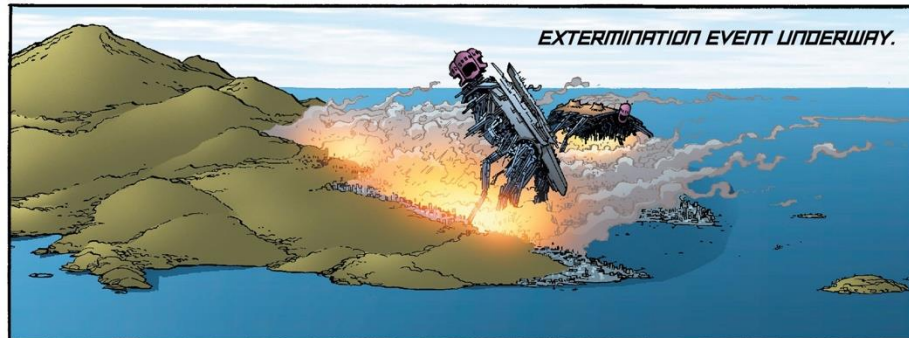
MUTANT POPULATION

PRE-GENOSHA		
17,508,236	TOTAL MUTANT POPULATION OF EARTH:.....	0.0025%
PRE-DECIMATION		
986,618..[mutants lost: 16,521,618]	REMAINING MUTANT POPULATION OF EARTH:.....	0.00014%
POST-DECIMATION		
198.....[mutants lost: 986,420]	REMAINING MUTANT POPULATION OF EARTH:.....	0.00000029%

Genosha







Utopia



New Tian





THE SOVEREIGN REPUBLIC OF NEW TIAN.
THE NEW MUTANT STATE.



KING XORN
AND HIS ADVISORS
HAVE BUILT A COUNTRY
WHERE MUTANT AND
HUMAN LIVE PEACEFULLY--
SIDE BY SIDE AND
ARM IN ARM...

LOOKING
TOWARD A
BRIGHTER
FUTURE!

UGGH--!

WHUMP



--I TOLD
STEVE ROGERS
NO MUTANT
WOULD KNEEL.
CLEARLY I
ONLY MEANT
TO HYDRA.

THE WORLD
IS CELEBRATING.
THEY'VE DEFEATED
AND OVERTHROWN
FASCIST RULE. THEY
DON'T SEEM TO
UNDERSTAND--



--THAT
MUTANTS
ALWAYS LIVE
UNDER
IT.

NOT
ALWAYS.



DID YOU FEEL
YOUR LIFE WAS
IN DANGER?

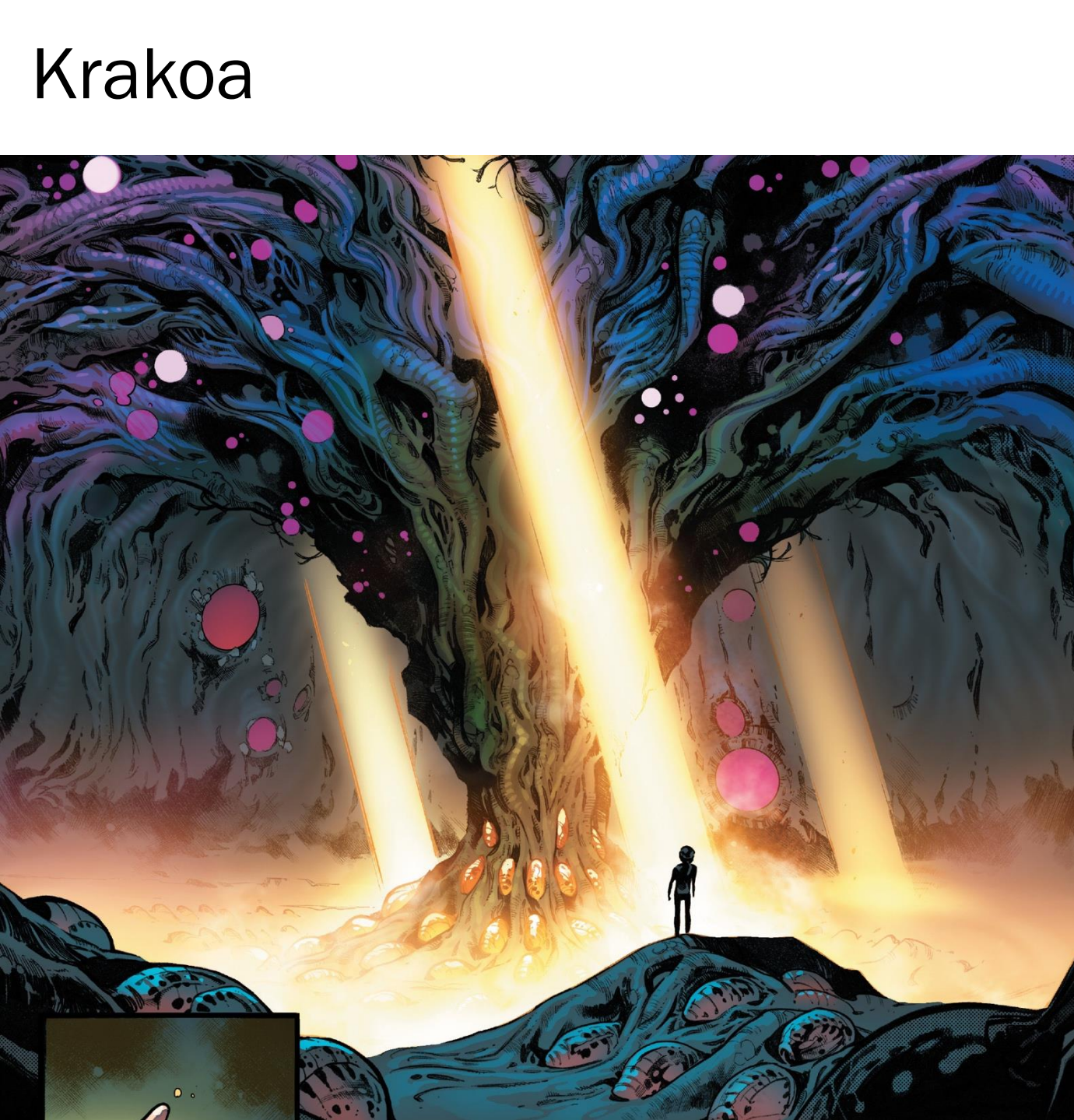
YEAH,
ABSOLUTELY.

THREATENING A MUTANT
WITH VIOLENCE IS A
CLASS THREE OFFENSE, SO
I'M PLACING YOU UNDER
ARREST.

OWWW--!
NO, DON'T!

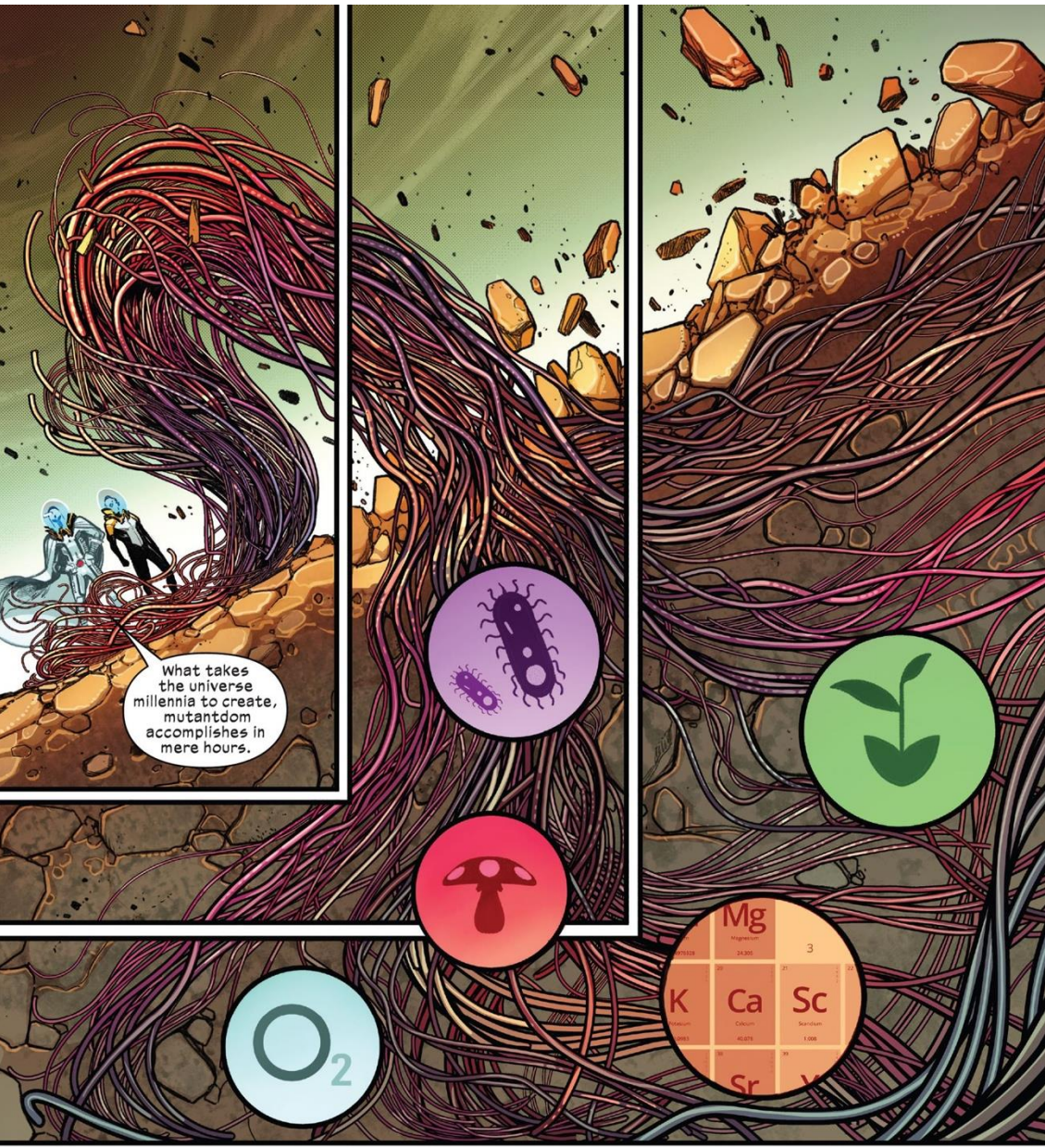
IF YOU
RESIST, I'LL
RESPOND WITH
RESTRAINING
FORCE...

Krakoia

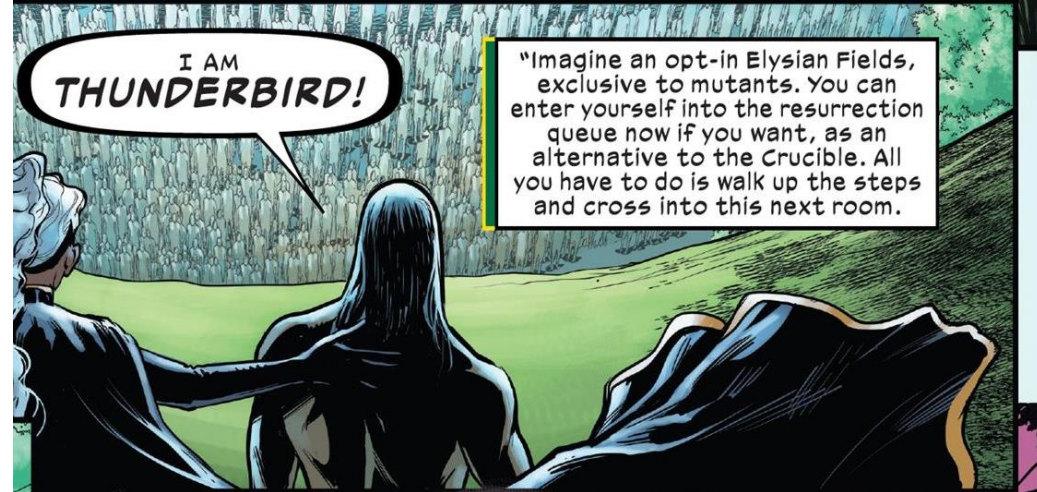




Mars-Arakko

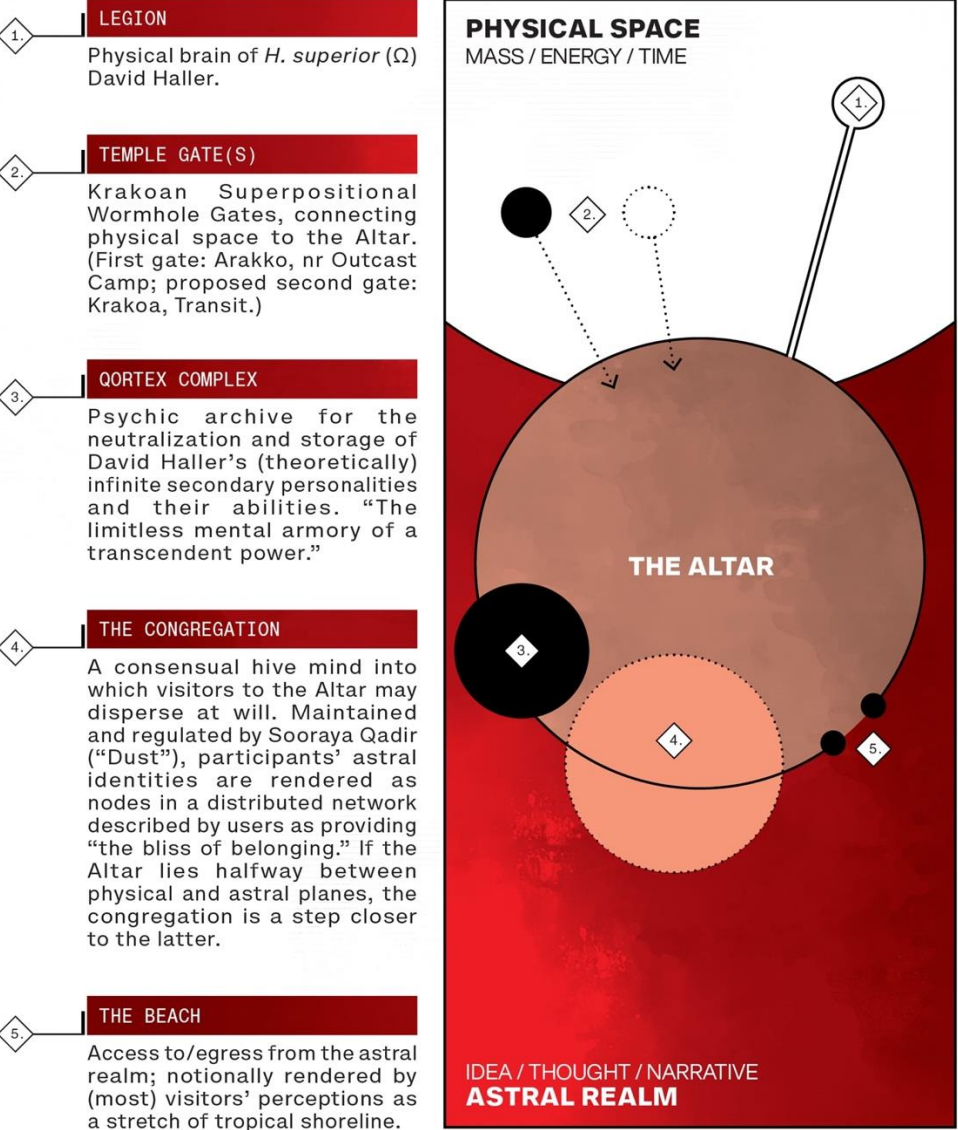


The Waiting Room



The Altar

ARCHITECTURE OF THE ALTAR



New Krakoa in the White Hot Room

