

JLA/Avengers # 1

Cover: Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Wasp, Vision, Scarlet Witch, Yellowjacket, Hawkeye, She-Hulk, Ms. Marvel, Jack of Hearts, Triathalon, Quicksilver

Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Atom, Plastic Man, Green Lantern, Flash, Martian Manhunter, Aquaman

Starro, Terminus

Inside:

- Arkon & Thundra along with the planet of Polemachus are killed.
- Crime Syndicate of Earth 2 along with the planet of Qward are killed.
- Grandmaster & Krona meet.
- JLA (Superman, Wonder Woman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Aquaman, Martian Manhunter, Plastic Man) fight Terminus and win. The Spectre (Hal Jordan) transports Terminus away.
- The Avengers (Quicksilver, Ms. Marvel, She-Hulk, Iron Man, Thor, Captain America, Triathlon, Yellowjacket, Scarlet Witch, Wasp, Jack of Hearts) fight Starro and win.
- Quasar reports Lobo appeared in the Shi'ar Empire & fought the Imperial Guard.
- Flash vibrates through to Marvel Universe
- JLA learns that Thanagar under attack by Skrulls & Mongul fights The Brood.
- The Watcher appears to watch the JLA meet with Grandmaster who sends them to find the Twelve items of power (the six from the DC universe are: The Eternity Book, The Orb of Ra, Green Lantern's Power Battery, The Spear of Destiny, The Medusa Mask, and The Bell, The Wheel & The Jar) to stop the dimensional barrier from destroying the two universes
- The JLA (minus Flash but including the Atom) go to the Marvel Universe
- GL and Aquaman go to Latveria and observe Doctor Doom; Wonder Woman, Atom and Martian Manhunter go to Genosha and see the handiwork of Magneto; Superman goes to Michigan and observes the Hulk; Batman and Plastic Man go to New York and see the Punisher dealing justice and Batman beats him up
- JLA fights monster on an island to get The Nullifier and almost lose it to The Avengers (Quicksilver, Thor, Iron Man, Captain America, Hawkeye, Vision, Scarlet Witch). The Avengers send the JLA back to their own world.
- Metron tells the Avengers about the items of power but sets the JLA up as the bad guys. Atom (who got left behind) realizes something is wrong.
- Metron gives the Avengers Mother Box who brings them to the DC Universe where they defeat Loophole and his gang.
- Captain America & Superman overreact. Thor hits Superman with his hammer
- Grandmaster & Metron are overheard by Atom talking about how they are stalling Krona by using the two teams

JLA/AVENGERS #1 ANNOTATIONS



With the recent release of the long, long, *long* awaited ***JLA/Avengers #1***, some fans may not be aware of the vast number of references to characters, places, and events in both the Marvel and DC Universes. To help everyone keep abreast on what's happening in the epic story, the ComiX-Fan staff have taken on the task of compiling an exhaustive and complete list of annotated references.

Without further ado, here is the list for issue ***#1***. ComiX-Fan invites readers to contribute additions and corrections to this and subsequent lists.

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Wraparound Cover: (front, top to bottom, right to left) Iron Man, Batman, Atom, Captain America, Wasp, Wonder Woman, Thor, Superman (back, top to bottom, right to left) Starro, Vision, Yellowjacket, Scarlet Witch, Hawkeye, Green Lantern, Martian Manhunter, Flash, She-Hulk, Quicksilver, Terminus, Plastic Man, Warbird, Jack of Hearts, Aquaman, Triathlon

Page 1, Panel 4: Arkon and his realm of Polemachus first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #75*.

Page 1, Panel 5: Thundra first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #129*.

Page 2, Panel 8: The destruction of Polemachus and, subsequently, Qward (on page 4, panels 4-5) are reminiscent of the destruction of various Earths in DC's *Crisis on Infinite Earths* maxi-series, also drawn by Pérez.

Page 3, Panel 3: The Weaponers of Qward first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #2*.

Page 3, Panels 4-7: The Crime Syndicate first appeared in *Justice League of America #29*. The current incarnation first appeared in *JLA: Earth 2*. Both the aforementioned Qwardians and the Crime Syndicate exist in DC's Anti-Matter Universe, an "opposite" universe in which good is evil and vice-versa. Hence, the Crime Syndicate are evil counterparts to the JLA as follows: Ultraman/Superman, Superwoman/Wonder Woman, Power Ring/Green Lantern, Johnny Quick/Flash, Owlman/Batman.

Page 4, Panel 9: The hand surrounding the universe is a homage to how the DC Universe was created, first shown in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #40* and featured prominently in *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

Page 5: The physical manifestation of Eternity in the Marvel Universe first *Tales (1st series) #138*. The story title, "A Journey Into Mystery", is a classic Marvel Comics series *Journey Into Mystery* in which Thor first made issue #83.

Page 6, Panel 4: The Grandmaster, one of the cosmic Elders of The Universe Universe, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #69*.

Page 7, Panels 2-7: Krona, or Entropy as he later became known in the DC appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #40*. Krona was also instrumental in the *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

Pages 8-9: The Justice League of America from the DC Universe battle Terminus from the Marvel Universe. JLA members pictured are: (top to bottom, left to right) Batman (first appeared in *Detective Comics #27*), Green Lantern (Kyle Rayner, first appeared in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #48*), Plastic Man (first appeared in *Police Comics #1*), Martian Manhunter (first appeared in *Detective Comics #225*), Superman (first appeared in *Action Comics #1*), Aquaman (first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*), Flash (Wally West, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #110*), Wonder Woman (first appeared in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*).

Page 8: Big Belly Burger is a franchise restaurant chain in the DC Universe. Fallville, Iowa in the DC Universe was



appeared in *Strange* homage to the his appearance in

in the Marvel

Universe, first setting up events for

the birthplace of the second Flash, Barry Allen.

Page 9: Terminus first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #269*. The Sekowsky's store is a homage to Mike Sekowsky, the first artist to ever draw the Justice League. Lexmart is a retail store chain in the DC Universe that is patterned after Walmart. Keystone City is located near Topeka, Kansas in the DC Universe and is home to the current Flash, Wally West.

Page 13, Panel 3: The Spectre first appeared in *More Fun Comics #52*. The current Hal Jordan incarnation of the character first appeared in *Day of Judgement #5*. Hal Jordan was originally the Green Lantern of Earth and a long-time member of the JLA, hence the team's reaction to his appearance.

Pages 14-15: The Avengers from the Marvel Universe battle Starro the Star Conqueror from the DC Universe. Avengers members pictured are: (top to bottom, left to right) Thor (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #83*), Quicksilver (first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #4*), Iron Man (first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #39*), Vision (first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #57*), Triathlon (first appeared in *Avengers (3rd series) #8*), Captain America (first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1*), Jack of Hearts (first appeared in *Deadly Hands of Kung Fu #22*), Wasp (first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #44*), Warbird (first appeared as Carol Danvers in *Marvel Super-Heroes (1st series) #13*, as Warbird in *Avengers (3rd series) #4*), She-Hulk (first appeared in *Savage She-Hulk #1*), Yellowjacket (first appeared as Ant-Man in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #27*, as Yellowjacket in *Avengers (1st series) #59*), Scarlet Witch (first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #4*). Starro the Star Conqueror first appeared in *The Brave and The Bold (1st series) #28*.



Page 20, Panel 1: Avengers Mansion, home of Earth's Mightiest Heroes in the Marvel Universe, was first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #2*.

Page 20, Panel 2: Quasar III, cosmic protector of the Marvel Universe, first appeared as Marvel Man in *Captain America (1st series) #217* and as Quasar III in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #234*.

Page 20, Panel 4: DC's Lobo, a character inspired by Marvel's Wolverine who first appeared in *Omega Men #3*, is shown fighting Marvel's Imperial Guard, a team patterned after DC's Legion of Super-Heroes who first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #107*. The members shown and their Legion equivalents are as follows: (top to bottom, left to right) Hobgoblin/Chameleon Boy, Oracle/Saturn Girl, Starbolt/Sun Boy, Smasher/Ultra Boy, Nightside/Shadow Lass, Fang/Timber Wolf, Manta/Lightning Lass, Warstar/Duo Damsel, Impulse/Wildfire, Magique/Princess Projectra, Flashfire/Lightning Lad, Neutron/Star Boy, Astra/Phantom Girl, Hussar/none, Mentor/Brainiac 5, Scintilla/Shrinking Violet, Electron/Cosmic Boy, Titan/Colossal Boy.

Page 20, Panel 5: The Aakons (right) from the Marvel Universe, who first appeared in *Captain Marvel (1st series) #8*, are shown fighting the Khunds (left) from the DC Universe, who first appeared in *Adventure Comics #346*.

Page 21, Panel 2: The Barry that the Flash mentions is Barry Allen, the second bearer of the Flash name in the DC Universe and the current Flash's uncle. Allen died in *Crisis on Infinite Earths #8*.

Page 21, Panel 8: The Speed Force is an extra-dimensional energy source that is vibrationally attuned to the Earth of the DC Universe. It was first mentioned in *Flash (2nd series) #97*.

Page 22: Mutant racism and prejudice is a vast social problem in the Marvel Universe but not in the DC Universe, hence the Flash's confusion.

Page 23, Panel 1: The Watchtower, located in the centre of the Moon's Sea of Tranquility in the DC Universe, is the current headquarters of the JLA as first seen in *JLA #4* and modified to its current appearance in *JLA #52*. (left) The shape-shifting alien Skrulls from the Marvel Universe, who first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #2*, are shown fighting the Wingmen of Thanagar from the DC Universe, who first appeared in *The Brave and The Bold (1st series) #34*. (right) Mongul II from the DC Universe, who first appeared in *Superman (2nd series) #151*, is shown fighting the parasitic alien Brood from the Marvel Universe, who first appeared in *Uncanny X-Men #154*.

Page 24, Panels 2-3: Uatu, a member of a race of cosmic beings in the Marvel Universe known as the Watchers who monitor events of universal importance and are sworn to an oath of non-interference, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #13*.

Page 26: The six items of power from the DC Universe that Grandmaster shows the JLA are as follows (clockwise from top):

The Eternity Book is a powerful magical tome created by the sorcerer Merlin in the DC Universe that contains a narrative of the entire history of existence to the present day. First seen in *The Demon (1st series) #1*.

The Orb of Ra is an ancient weapon created from a fallen meteor by an Egyptian priest named Ahk-ton. Unearthed centuries later by Rex Mason, the Orb's energies transformed him into Metamorpho. First seen in *The Brave and The Bold (1st series) #57*.

The Power Battery is what gives Green Lanterns in the DC Universe their power. Linked to the central power battery on the planet Oa, each battery could originally recharge its wielder's power ring for a period of 24 hours. When Kyle Rayner took over as Green Lantern of Earth, the 24 hour limitation was removed. Now the ring only needs to be charged periodically. The original battery was first seen in *All-American Comics #16*, whilst the current battery was first seen in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #55*.

The Spear of Destiny is an artifact of enormous magical power that was used by a Roman centurion to pierce the side of Jesus Christ after he was crucified. In the DC Universe, it was used by Hitler during World War I to keep the allied super-heroes out of Axis territory. First seen in *Weird War Tales (1st series) #50*.

The Medusa Mask, possessed by the villainous Psycho-Pirate II in the DC Universe, allows whoever uses it to control other people's emotions. First seen in *Showcase #56*.

The Green Bell of Uthool, the Silver Wheel of Nyorlath, and the Red Jar of Calythos are occult artifacts in the DC Universe that can summon three powerful elder demons - Abnegazar, Ghast, and Rath. First seen in *Justice League of America #10*.

See the annotation for page 39 for the six items from the Marvel Universe.

Page 28, Panel 3: Ray Palmer, a.k.a. the Atom II, first appeared in *Showcase #34*.

Page 29, Panel 3. Clint Barton, a.k.a. Hawkeye, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #57*.

Page 30, Panel 1: The ruined city mentioned by the Atom in the Marvel Universe is in the Blue Area of the Moon, home to Uatu the Watcher (see page 24), first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #13*. It was constructed millennia ago by the alien Kree with the assistance of the Skrulls.

Page 30, Panels 4-6: Latveria is a fictional Eastern European country in the Marvel Universe, ruled by the armored despot Doctor Doom, as first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #5*.

Page 30, Panels 8-10: Genosha is the fictional island nation in the Marvel Universe that was once ruled by Magneto, who appears on a propaganda poster in panel 10. Genosha was first seen in *Uncanny X-Men #235* and was destroyed by giant robotic Sentinels in *New X-Men #115*. Magneto first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #1* and was mistakenly believed killed in Genosha's destruction.

Page 31, Panels 5-6: Hulk II first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (1st series) #1*, and was also a founding member of the Avengers in *Avengers (1st series) #1*. He and Superman have met thrice before, in *Marvel Treasury Edition #28*, the *Incredible Hulk vs Superman* one-shot and in the *DC vs Marvel Comics* mini-series, however Superman doesn't recognize him here. Conway's Market is a homage to veteran JLA writer Gerry Conway, who was also slated to write the *JLA/Avengers* crossover when it was first conceived two decades ago.

Page 31, Panels 9-10: The skull-chested vigilante known as the Punisher first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #129*. He and Batman have also met twice before, in the *Batman/Punisher: Lake of Fire* and *Punisher/Batman: Deadly Knights* one-shots, but as with Superman and the Hulk, Batman does not recognize him here.

Page 32, Panel 7. The island in the Sea of Okhotsk in the Marvel Universe is Monster Isle, home to the subterranean Mole Man and his creatures, which first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*.

Page 33, Panel 1: Three of the Marvel Universe's classic monsters appear (from left to right): Fin Fang Foom (first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series) #89*), Van Doom's Monster (first appeared in *Tales To Astonish (1st series)*

#17), and Tricephalous (first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*).

Page 35, Panel 3: H'ronmeer, the god of death and fire in Martian culture in the DC Universe, was first seen in *Justice League of America #256*. The Ultimate Nullifier, a weapon of immense destructive power in the Marvel Universe, was first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #50*.

Page 36, Panel 11: Metropolis, home to Superman, is located south of New York City in Delaware and first appeared in *Superman (1st series) #2*. Star City, home to Green Arrow, is located north of San Francisco in California and was first seen in *Adventure Comics #258*. St. Roche, home to Hawkman and Hawkgirl, is located near New Orleans in Louisiana and was first seen in *Hawkman (4th series) #1*.

Page 37, Panel 8: Galactus, a powerful cosmic entity in the Marvel Universe who first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #48*, is mentioned by Thor. Hawkeye's comment about the JLA seeming familiar to him is a prelude to his later comment about the Squadron Supreme (see page 46).

Page 38, Panel 5: Metron first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #1*.

Page 39: The six items of power from the Marvel Universe that Metron shows the Avengers are as follows (clockwise from top):

The Soul Gems, also known as the Infinity Gems, are a set of six items of power in the Marvel Universe that offer their users control over space, time, power, reality, the mind, and the soul. Collectively, the gems combine to form the powerful Infinity Gauntlet. First mentioned in *Avengers (1st series) Annual #7*.

The Wand of Watoomb is a mystic artifact in the Marvel Universe that greatly enhances its wielder's magical energies. First seen in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual #2*.

The Ultimate Nullifier is a weapon of immense power in the Marvel Universe, capable of destroying an entire universe. First seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #50*.

The Cosmic Cube was created by the subversive organization known as Advanced Idea Mechanics in the Marvel Universe. Incredibly powerful, the Cube is able to grant its wielder anything they desire. First seen in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #79*.

The Evil Eye is a powerful weapon from the mystic realm of Avalon that was presented by Prestor John during the time of the Crusades in the 12th Century of the Marvel Universe. First seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #54*.

The Casket of Ancient Winters is an object from Norse mythology in the Marvel Universe which contains the legendary Fimbulwinter, a powerful magical frigid force. First seen in *Thor (1st series) #345*.

Page 40, Panel 7: Metron gives the Avengers a Mother Box, a tool used by the New Gods for transportation via Boom Tube, knowledge, healing, detecting danger, transmuting matter, controlling emotions, and much more. First seen in *New Gods (1st series) #1*.

Page 41, Panel 2: Loophole first appeared in *Adventures of Superman #505*. His assistant, Myrna, is a homage to the wife of Loophole's creator, Karl Kesel.

Page 42, Panel 2: Metropolis was restructured by Brainiac 13 into a futuristic city in *Superman: Y2K #1*.

Page 42, Panel 5: The JSA, the Justice Society of America, were the first superhero team ever created in *All-Star Comics #3*. The Titans mentioned are the Teen Titans, a group of teenage former sidekicks that first appeared as a team in *The Brave and The Bold (1st series) #54*. The Kirk that asks Hawkeye for an autograph is modelled after Kirk Philbrick, a fan who posts on the [Avengers Message Board](#) under the alias "Avenger Fan".

Page 43, Panel 2: The third screen depicting DC's Captain Marvel, who first appeared in *Whiz Comics #2*, makes mention of a new movie starring the character. A *Captain Marvel* movie project is currently in the works at New Line Cinema.

Page 43, Panel 3: The second screen depicts Supergirl, who first appeared in *Action Comics #252*. The third screen depicts Superman's arch-enemy Lex Luthor, who first appeared in *Action Comics #23*. Luthor became President of the United States in the DC Universe in *Superman: Lex 2000*.

Page 43, Panel 4: The Fox Storage building is a homage to veteran JLA writer Gardner Fox.

Page 43, Panels 5-6: The Flash Museum, located in Central City, Missouri in the DC Universe, was originally established to celebrate the career of the city's greatest champion but was later expanded to follow the careers of all those who bore the name Flash. It was first seen in *Flash (1st series) #154*.

Page 44, Panel 6: Booster Gold, seen on the back cover of the magazine Scarlet Witch is reading, is a hero from the future of the DC Universe and a former JLA member who first appeared in *Booster Gold #1*.

Page 45: Toth Towers is a homage to veteran comic book artist and animator Alex Toth.

Page 46, Panel 1: The Squadron Supreme are a team of heroes in the Marvel Universe, currently appearing in Marvel Comics' *Supreme Power* MAX series, that were originally patterned after the JLA.

Page 46, Panel 4: Captain America's declaration "Nuts!" is an historical allusion to American General Anthony McAuliffe, who said the same thing during the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes in Belgium during World War II to a German delegation who asked the Americans to either surrender or be killed.

Page 47: Superman is vulnerable to magic, hence Thor being able to blood him with his enchanted hammer, Mjolnir.

Al Harahap, Vu Nguyen, Tom Smith, Zen Harawada, Dwight Williams, Bob Hughes, "DarkLantern", and Sean McQuaid added/corrected information that was used in this list.

JLA/Avengers # 2

Cover: Superman vs. Thor, Batman vs. Captain America, Atom vs. Yellowjacket, Flash vs. Quicksilver, Firestorm vs. Quasar, Zatanna vs. Scarlet Witch, Plastic Man vs. Triathlon, Red Tornado vs. Photon, Green Arrow vs. Hawkeye, Wonder Woman vs. Hercules, Blue Beetle vs. Black Panther, Aquaman vs. She-Hulk, Green Lantern vs. Iron Man, Hawkman vs. Warbird, Captain Atom vs. Vision, Black Canary vs. Wasp, Steel vs. Jack of Hearts, Martian Manhunter vs. Wonder Man

Inside:

- Krona tells Grandmaster about his history and agrees to play a game
 - Green Lantern, Aquaman, Superman, Martian Manhunter, Plastic Man, Flash, Batman and Wonder Woman fight Scarlet Witch, Iron Man, Thor, Quicksilver, Hawkeye, Vision and Captain America in Metropolis
 - Batman and Captain America almost fight and agree to find out what is going on
 - Scarlet Witch teleports the other Avengers away
 - Martian Manhunter alerts Green Arrow, Steel, Black Canary, Firestorm, Blue Beetle, Hawkman, Red Tornado, Captain Atom and Zatanna to look for the items of power in the DC universe
 - Martian Manhunter, Plastic Man, Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman and Green Lantern go to the Marvel Universe to get the items of power there
 - Wasp and Triathlon register their arrival and alerts Warbird, Jack of Hearts, Photon, She-Hulk, Wonder Man and Hercules
 - Iron Man and Hawkeye beat the Flash and get Green Lantern's Power Battery from his apartment in Manhattan in DC Universe
 - Green Lantern and Superman beat Warbird and Wonder Man for the Orb of Ra in Santo Rico in Marvel Universe
 - Aquaman and Wonder Woman beat She-Hulk and Hercules for the Book in Asgard in Marvel Universe
 - Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch beat Blue Beetle, Black Canary and Hawkman for the Wand of Watoomb in the Flash Museum in Central City in DC Universe
 - Batman takes Captain America to the Batcave where he relates to the death of Robin and Batman informs Oracle about what's going on
 - Metron observes Galactus
 - Captain America signals The Thing, who brings a time-bike and then is transported back to the FF

- Red Tornado and Firestorm beat Thor and the Vision for the Jar, Bell and Wheel in Happy Harbor Rhode Island in Marvel Universe
- Black Panther, Yellowjacket and Wasp beat Plastic Man and Martian Manhunter for the Medusa's Mask in Wakanda in Marvel Universe
- Captain America and Batman use the time bike to hunt for Metron
- Hawkeye and Iron beat Captain Atom and Green Arrow for Casket of Ancient Winters in Smallville, Kansas in DC Universe
- Flash and Steel beat Quicksilver, Vision and Scarlet Witch for an item of power on Paradise Island in DC Universe (Amazons appear)
- Iron Man, Quasar and Photon beat Green Lantern and Wonder Woman for the Staff of in the Blue Area of the Moon in Marvel Universe
- Batman and Captain America find the Atom and the Grandmasters home and learn what is really going on
- Flash, Steel and Firestorm beat Thor, Quicksilver and Hawkeye for the Infinity Gauntlet on Apokolips in DC Universe (Darkseid and Desaad appear)
- JLA fights Avengers for the Cosmic Cube in the Savage Land in the Marvel Universe
- Superman beats Thor and gets almost killed by She-Hulk, Hercules, Iron Man, Wonder Man, and Vision
- JLA wins and Captain America stops Avengers from continuing fighting
- Grandmaster confirms that JLA won and Krona goes attacks him looking for the information he wants
- Krona finds information he wants and summons Galactus
- Krona starts to attack Galactus (ignoring both JLA and Avengers who can't reach them)
- Grandmaster uses the Items of Power

AVENGERS/JLA #2 ANNOTATIONS



ComiX-Fan continues its compilation of annotated references for the mammoth Marvel/DC crossover series *JLA/Avengers* with the release of the list for issue #2.

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Page 1, Panel 1: The Grandmaster, one of the cosmic Elders of The Universe in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #69*. Krona, or Entropy as he later became known in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #40*. Krona was also instrumental in setting up events for the *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

Page 1, Panel 4: The hand surrounding the universe is a homage to how the DC Universe was created, first shown in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #40* and featured prominently in *Crisis on Infinite Earths*. The hand belonged to the villainous Anti-Monitor, who was seeking to reshape the DC Universe in his own image.

Page 2, Panel 6: The being mentioned by the Grandmaster is Galactus, a powerful cosmic entity in the Marvel Universe who first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #48*.

Page 3: The physical manifestation of Kismet in the DC Universe first appeared in *Adventures of Superman #494*. The story title, "A Contest of Champions", is a homage to Marvel Comics' first ever mini-series from 1982, *Marvel Super Hero Contest of Champions*, which also featured the Grandmaster.

Pages 4-5: The Avengers from the Marvel Universe battle the Justice League of America from the DC Universe. Members pictured are: (from top, left to right) Green Lantern V (JLA, first appeared in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #48*), Iron Man I (Avengers, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #39*), Aquaman (JLA, first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*), Thor I (Avengers, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #83*), (right to left) Quicksilver (Avengers, first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #4*), Plastic Man (JLA, first appeared in *Police Comics #1*), Captain America I (Avengers, first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1*), Wonder Woman II (JLA, first appeared in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*), Martian Manhunter (JLA, first appeared in *Detective Comics #225*), Superman (JLA, first appeared in *Action Comics #1*), (left to right) Vision (Avengers, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #57*), Batman (JLA, first appeared in *Detective Comics #27*), Hawkeye (Avengers, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #57*), Flash III (JLA, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #110*), Scarlet Witch (Avengers, first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #4*).

Page 4: Metropolis, home of Superman in the DC Universe, is located south of New York City in Delaware and was first seen in *Superman (1st series) #2*. The "Siegel Shuster Co." sign is a homage to Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. The "Marston Industries" sign is a homage to Wonder Woman creator William Moulton Marston. The "Broome St." sign is a homage to Silver Age Flash and Green Lantern creator John Broome.

Page 5: The "Dillin Parking" sign is a homage to Red Tornado co-creator and veteran *Justice League of America* artist Dick Dillin.

Page 5, Panel 3: The Squadron Supreme are a team of heroes in the Marvel Universe, currently appearing in Marvel Comics' *Supreme Power MAX* series, that were originally patterned after the JLA. They first appeared as a team in *Avengers (1st series) #85*.

Page 5, Panel 5: The Whizzer that Hawkeye is referring to is the third bearer of the name, who first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #85* as the super-fast member of the Squadron Supreme in the Marvel Universe. The original Whizzer first appeared in *USA Comics #1* in August, 1941. The second Whizzer, a villain, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #70* but later took the name Speed Demon in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #222*.

Page 5, Panel 6: The Flash's "Purple Arrow" quip is in reference to fellow JLA teammate Green Arrow II, who first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*.

Page 6, Panel 1: The "experience with boomerangs" that the Flash refers to is because of his long-time foe Captain Boomerang, who first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #117*.

Page 6, Panel 3: The "Kane" sign is a homage to Batman creator Bob Kane.

Page 8, Panel 3: The Bates Cafe is a homage to veteran Superman and Flash writer Cary Bates. The "Wein" sign beneath that is a homage to veteran DC and Marvel writer Len Wein who wrote the third DC/Marvel crossover, "Batman vs. The Incredible Hulk", in *DC Special Series #27*.

Page 9, Panel 3: The Daily Planet is the major newspaper of Metropolis in the DC Universe where Superman's reporter alter-ego Clark Kent works. Located at the corner of Fifth Street and Concord Lane, the Daily Planet first appeared in *Action Comics #23*.

Page 10, Panel 2: The "Swan" sign is a homage to veteran *Superman* and *Legion of Super-Heroes* artist Curt Swan.

Page 10, Panel 3: The Atom mentioned by Aquaman is Atom II, who first appeared in *Showcase #34*.

Page 10, Panel 5: The JLA'ers being contacted by the Martian Manhunter are (at top) Green Arrow II (first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*), (second row, left to right) Steel III (first appeared in *Adventures of Superman #500*), Black Canary II (first appeared in *Justice League of America #75*), (third row, right to left) Firestorm (first appeared in *Firestorm #1*), Blue Beetle II (first appeared in *Captain Atom (1st series) #83*), Hawkman I (first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), (fourth row, left to right) Red Tornado II (first appeared in *Justice League of America #64*), Captain Atom (first appeared in *Space Adventures #33*, (at bottom) Zatanna (first appeared in *Hawkman (1st series) #4*).

Page 11, Panel 1: The Speed Force mentioned by Aquaman is an extra-dimensional energy source that is vibrationally attuned to the Earth of the DC Universe. It was first mentioned in *Flash (2nd series) #97*. Plastic Man's comment is due to Aquaman being the deposed King of Atlantis in the DC Universe.

Page 11, Panel 3: The Power Battery mentioned by Kyle (as seen on Page 13, Panel 3) is what gives Green Lantern's in the DC Universe their power. Linked to the central power battery on the planet Oa, each battery could originally recharge its wielder's power ring for a period of 24 hours. When Kyle Rayner took over as Green Lantern of Earth, the 24 hour limitation was removed. Now the ring only needs to be charged periodically. The original battery was first seen in *All-American Comics #16*, whilst the current battery was first seen in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #55*.

Page 11, Panel 7: Avengers Mansion, home of Earth's Mightiest Heroes in the Marvel Universe, was first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #2*.

Page 11, Panel 9: Avengers members Triathlon (left) (first appeared in *Avengers (3rd series) #8*) and the Wasp (right) (first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #44*).

Page 12, Panel 8: The Avengers being contacted are (top row, left to right) Warbird (first appeared as Carol Danvers in *Marvel Super-Heroes (1st series) #13* and as Warbird in *Avengers (3rd series) #4*), Jack of Hearts (first appeared in *Deadly Hands of Kung-Fu #22*), Photon III (first appeared as Captain Marvel II in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual #16* and as Photon III in *Avengers Unplugged #5*), (bottom row, right to left) Hercules (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) Annual #1*), Wonder Man (first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #9*), She-Hulk (first appeared in *Savage She-Hulk #1*), Yellowjacket I first appeared as Ant-Man I in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #27* and as Yellowjacket I in *Avengers (1st series) #59*.

Page 13, Panel 3: A Mother Box is a tool used by the New Gods for transportation via Boom Tube, knowledge, healing, detecting danger, transmuting matter, controlling emotions, and much more. First seen in *New Gods (1st series) #1*.

Page 14, Panel 2: The object in the yellow globe is the Ultimate Nullifier, a weapon of immense power in the Marvel Universe which is capable of destroying an entire universe. It was first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #50*.

Page 14, Panel 3: Santo Rico is a fictional Central American country in the Marvel Universe that was first seen in *Tales To Astonish (1st series) #54*. The statue depicts Avengers members Giant-Man I and the Wasp overthrowing the country's former Communist dictator, El Toro, and was first seen in *Night Thrasher #17*. It was later seen vandalized for the first time in *Thunderbolts #11*. The "Rosita" name graffitied on the El Toro statue is a homage to Rita Smith, the wife of series colorist Tom Smith.

Page 14, Panel 4: Santa Prisca is a fictional Caribbean country in the DC Universe, home to Batman's nemesis Bane, that was first seen in *The Question (1st series) #10*. Hasaragua is a fictional Central American country in the DC Universe, home to the assassin named Brutale, that was first seen in *Batman: GCPD #1*. Xochatan is a fictional South American country in the DC Universe that was first seen in *Teen Titans (1st series) #1*.

Page 15, Panel 1: Central City, Missouri, was the home of Flash II and was first seen in *Showcase #4*. The Flash Museum was first seen in *Flash (1st series) #154*. The statue on the left is of Flash II, Barry Allen, who first appeared in *Showcase #4* and died in *Crisis on Infinite Earths #8*. The statue on the right is of Flash III, Wally West, who first appeared as Kid Flash I in *Flash (1st series) #110* and as Flash III in *Crisis on Infinite Earths #12*.

Page 15, Panel 2: The statue on the left is of Green Lantern II, Hal Jordan, who first appeared in *Showcase #22*. The picture on the far wall is of the original Sandman, a crimefighter who first appeared in *Adventure Comics #40*. The statue at the back is of Gorilla Grodd, a long-time Flash villain who first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #106*. The picture on the exhibit wall is of Lucas "Snapper" Carr, a long-time associate and honorary member of the JLA who first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28*. The exhibit is a homage to the cover of *The Brave & The Bold*

(1st series) #28 which marks the first appearances of both the JLA and Starro the Star-Conqueror, as well as the retconned version of that cover as seen in *JLA: Year One #4*. The JLA members depicted are the five founding members: (clockwise from top) Aquaman, Black Canary II (retconned to have replaced Wonder Woman II as a founding member in *Secret Origins (3rd series) #32* and *JLA: Year One #1*), Flash II, Martian Manhunter, and Green Lantern II. The statue on the right is of the Elongated Man who first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #112*. The Scarlet Witch is recalling the battle between Starro and the Avengers from *JLA/Avengers #1*.

Page 15, Panel 3: The Speed Force is an extra-dimensional source of vibrational energy in the DC Universe that was first mentioned in *Flash (2nd series) #97*. The speedsters depicted in the exhibit are, from left to right, Max Mercury (first appeared as Quicksilver in *National Comics #5* and as Max Mercury in *Flash (2nd series) #76*), Impulse (first appeared in *Flash (2nd series) #91*), Jesse Quick (first appeared in *Justice Society of America (2nd series) #1*), Flash I (Jay Garrick, first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), and Kid Flash I (Wally West, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #110*, now Flash III).

Page 15, Panel 5: Asgard, home of the Norse Gods in the Marvel Universe, was first seen in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #85*.

Page 15, Panel 6: The DC Universe incarnation of Olympus, home of the Greek Gods, was first seen in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*.

Pages 16-17, Panel 2: The DC Universe incarnation of Hercules first mentioned in *Whiz Comics #1* and first appeared in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*. Hippolyta, Wonder Woman's mother, first appeared in the DC Universe in *Wonder Woman (2nd series) #1*. In Greek mythology, the ninth labor of Hercules was to obtain Hippolyta's magic girdle, which he did by seducing her.

Pages 16-17, Panel 8: The posters depict Teen Titans members (from left to right) Wonder Girl I (first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #60*), Cyborg (first appeared in *DC Presents #26*), Starfire II (first appeared in *DC Presents #26*), and Raven (first appeared in *DC Presents #26*).

Pages 16-17, Panels 9-10: The Black Canary is crouching atop an exhibit dedicated to long-time Flash nemesis the Mirror Master, who first appeared in *The Flash (1st series) #105*.

Pages 18-19, Panel 5: The Orb of Ra is an ancient weapon created from a fallen meteor by an Egyptian priest named Ahk-ton. Unearthed centuries later by Rex Mason, the Orb's energies transformed him into Metamorpho. First seen in *The Brave and The Bold (1st series) #57*.

Pages 18-19, Panel 9: The Asgardian warriors depicted are (from left to right) Volstagg (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #119*), Hogun (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #119*), Sif (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #102*), and Balder (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #85*). Hippolyta, as Wonder Woman III, was killed in *Wonder Woman (2nd series) #172*.

Pages 18-19, Panel 10: The Eternity Book is a powerful magical tome created by the sorcerer Merlin in the DC Universe that contains a narrative of the entire history of existence to the present day. First seen in *The Demon (1st series) #1*.

Pages 18-19, Panel 13: The Scarlet Witch is pointing past an exhibit dedicated to Colonel Computron, a Flash villain who first appeared in *The Flash (1st series) #304*.

Pages 18-19, Panel 15: The Wand of Watoomb is a mystic artifact in the Marvel Universe that greatly enhances its wielder's magical energies. First seen in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual #2*.

Page 20, Panel 1: The costume is that of Robin II, Jason Todd, who first appeared in *Batman #366* and was killed in *Batman #428*.

Page 20, Panel 2: Captain America's comment stems from the death of his own partner, Bucky I, who first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1* and was seen killed in a flashback in *Avengers (1st series) #4*.

Page 20, Panel 4: The Batcave was first seen in *Batman #12*. The face on the computer screen is that of Oracle, a.k.a. Barbara Gordon who first appeared as the original Batgirl in *Detective Comics #359* and as Oracle in *Suicide Squad (1st series) #23*. The Batmobile was first seen in *Batman #5*.

Page 20, Panel 10: Metron first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #1*.

Page 21, Panel 1: Galactus first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #48*.

Page 22, Panel 8: The Thing first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*.

Page 23, Panel 2: Reed Richards, a.k.a. Mr. Fantastic, the Invisible Woman and the Human Torch II first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*.

Page 23, Panel 5: The Thing's comment of Batman's "small change" refers to the giant penny from *World's Finest Comics #30* that Batman keeps as a trophy in the Batcave.

Page 23, Panel 6: The time platform that the Thing uses was first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #5*.

Page 25, Panel 1: The Watchtower, located in the centre of the Moon's Sea of Tranquillity in the DC Universe, is the current headquarters of the JLA. It was first seen in *JLA #4* and modified to its current appearance in *JLA #52*.

Page 25, Panel 2: "Mr. Peepers" is Uatu, a member of a race of cosmic beings in the Marvel Universe known as the Watchers who monitor events of universal importance and are sworn to an oath of non-interference. Uatu first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #13*.

Page 26, Panel 1: Happy Harbor, Rhode Island in the DC Universe was the site of the JLA's original headquarters, the Justice Cave, as first seen in *The Brave & the Bold (1st series) #28*. It was later used by the teen sidekicks of Young Justice as first seen in *Young Justice #1*.

Page 26, Panel 9: The Green Bell of Uthool, the Silver Wheel of Nyorlath, and the Red Jar of Calythos are occult artifacts in the DC Universe that can summon three powerful elder demons - Abnegazar, Ghast, and Rath - which were first seen in *Justice League of America #10*. Big Belly Burger is a franchise restaurant chain in the DC Universe.

Page 27, Panel 1: The Black Panther I and his African kingdom of Wakanda in the Marvel Universe were both first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #52*.

Page 27, Panel 6: The Medusa Mask is an object possessed by the villainous Psycho-Pirate II in the DC Universe which allows whoever uses it to control other people's emotions. It was first seen in *Showcase #56*.

Page 28, Panel 3: Smallville, Kansas is the town where Superman crash-landed on Earth as a baby in the DC Universe in *Action Comics #1*.

Page 28, Panel 4: The Radioactive Man mentioned by Hawkeye is a nemesis of the Avengers who first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #93*.

Page 28, Panels 4-6: The Casket of Ancient Winters is an object from Norse mythology in the Marvel Universe which contains the legendary Fimbulwinter, a powerful magical frigid force. It was first seen in *Thor (1st series) #345*.

Page 29, Panel 2: Paradise Island, also known as Themyscira, is the Caribbean island in the DC Universe that is home to Wonder Woman's Amazonian race as first seen in *Wonder Woman (2nd series) #1*. Minerva is the goddess of wisdom in Greek mythology, and was first seen in the DC Universe in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*. Hera is the queen of the gods in Greek mythology, and was also first seen in the DC Universe in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*.

Page 29, Panels 5-9: The Evil Eye is a powerful weapon from the mystic realm of Avalon that was presented by Prestor John during the time of the Crusades in the 12th Century of the Marvel Universe. It was first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #54*.

Page 30, Panel 2: The Blue Area of the Moon in the Marvel Universe is home to Uatu the Watcher (see page 25) and was first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #13*.

Page 30, Panel 4: Quasar III, cosmic protector of the Marvel Universe, first appeared as Marvel Man in *Captain America (1st series) #217* and as Quasar III in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #234*.

Page 30, Panel 11: The Spear of Destiny is an artifact of enormous magical power that was used by a Roman centurion to pierce the side of Jesus Christ after he was crucified. In the DC Universe, it was used by Hitler during World War I to keep the allied super-heroes out of Axis territory. It was first seen in *Weird War Tales (1st series) #50*.

Page 31, Panel 2: The faces on the monitor screen are (from left to right) a Guardian of the Universe (creators of the Green Lantern Corps, first seen in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #1*), two of the three faces of the Living Tribunal (cosmic judge, first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series) #157*), and Thanos (cosmic villain, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #55*).



The chess piece-like figures are:

- (top left platform, clockwise from top) Doctor Fate I (powerful mystic in the DC Universe, first appeared in *More Fun Comics #55*), Doctor Strange (Earth's Sorcerer Supreme in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series) #110*), Green Lantern I (first appeared in *All-American Comics #16*, later as Sentinel in *Showcase '95 #1*)
- (bottom left platform, clockwise from top) Hulk II (first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (1st series) #1*), Broot (member of the Omega Men in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #141*), Solomon Grundy (super-strong villain, first appeared in *All-American Comics #61*), Thing (first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*)
- (middle platform, clockwise from top) Raven (first appeared in *DC Presents #26*), Phantom Stranger (mysterious mystic in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Phantom Stranger (1st series) #1*), Warlock II (wielder of the Soul Gem in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #67*), unknown (presumed) Marvel character
- (bottom right platform, clockwise from top) Deadman (spectral hero in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Strange Adventures #207*), Death (DC Universe incarnation, first appeared in *Sandman (2nd series) #8*), Death (Marvel Universe incarnation, first appeared in *War Is Hell #9*), Grim Reaper (undead villain in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #52*)
- (top right platform, clockwise from top) Karnak (member of the Inhumans in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #45*), Medusa (member of the Inhumans in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #36*), Hawkgirl I (first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), Starfire II (first appeared in *DC Presents #26*).

The cards feature the faces of (from left to right) Nick Fury (super spy in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #21*), Uncle Sam (living embodiment of the American spirit in the DC Universe, first appeared in *National Comics #1*), Joker (first appeared in *Batman #1*), Spider-Man I (first appeared in *Amazing Fantasy (1st series) #15*), Wolverine (first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #180*), and the Advance Man (alien point man in the DC Universe, first appeared in *JLA Secret Files #3*). On the original uncropped page, two other faces can be seen: Moondragon (powerful telepath in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #54*) and the Red Skull (Nazi criminal in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1*).

The "Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots" are (right) Ziran The Tester, a Celestial from the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Eternals (1st series) #19*), and (left) Hunab, one of the Millennium Guard from the DC Universe (first appeared in *Superman (2nd series) #130*).

The characters depicted on the roulette wheel are (outer ring) the Silver Surfer (former Herald of Galactus in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #48*) and (inner ring) Adam Strange (space-faring hero in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Showcase #17*).

The CrossGen Comics sigil logo can be seen as one of the planets in the lower left corner. *JLA/Avengers* artist George Pérez worked for the company on such titles as *CrossGen Chronicles* and *Solus*.

The Baxter Building, the original headquarters of the Fantastic Four in the Marvel Universe as first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*, can be seen on the original uncropped page on a monitor screen in the bottom left corner, behind the planetary display.

Page 32, Panel 1: The Atom II first appeared in *Showcase #34*.

Page 34, Panel 1: Apokolips, a desolate machinery-coated planet, was first seen in *New Gods (1st series) #1*.

Page 34, Panel 2: The Para-Demons, sentries of Apokolips, first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #7*.

Page 34, Panel 3: Darkseid, the ruler of Apokolips, first appeared in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen #134*.

Page 34, Panels 3-4: In the Marvel Universe, the Infinity Gauntlet grants its wearer mastery over the Soul Gems (also known as the Infinity Gems), which exert control over space, time, power, reality, the mind, and the soul. The Gems were first mentioned in *Avengers (1st series) Annual #7*. As referred to by Hawkeye, the Infinity Gauntlet was originally used by Thanos (see annotation for page 31) in his efforts to destroy all life in the *Infinity Gauntlet* mini-series.

Page 34, Panel 6: Desaad, Darkseid's sadistic assistant and torturer, first appeared in *Forever People (1st series) #2*.

Page 35, Panel 7: The Omega Effect is Darkseid's most terrifying power, consisting of potent beams of energy projected from his eyes that can lock onto and follow their chosen targets. When the beams strike, they produce one of any number of effects ranging from complete molecular disintegration to teleportation across time and space.

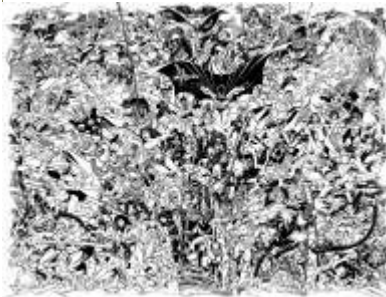
Page 36, Panel 5: The Savage Land is a prehistoric jungle hidden away in the frozen wastes of Antarctica in the Marvel Universe that was first seen in *X-Men (1st series) #10*. The Cosmic Cube, a device able to grant its wielder anything they desire, was first created by the subversive organization Advanced Idea Mechanics in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #79*.

Page 44, Panel 1: The result of the game being declared even is similar to the result of the original *Marvel Super Hero Contest of Champions* mini-series, after which this issue's story is named (see page 3), which was also conducted by the Grandmaster.



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JLA/AVENGERS #3 COVER CHARACTER GUIDE



Marvel Comics amazed many a fan with the recent release of the uncoloured version of the cover to November's *JLA/Avengers #3*. In one of the most staggering pieces of comic book art in recent memory, series artist George Pérez has included over 200 characters - all who currently are or have been members of some incarnation of either DC's Justice League of America or Marvel's Avengers.

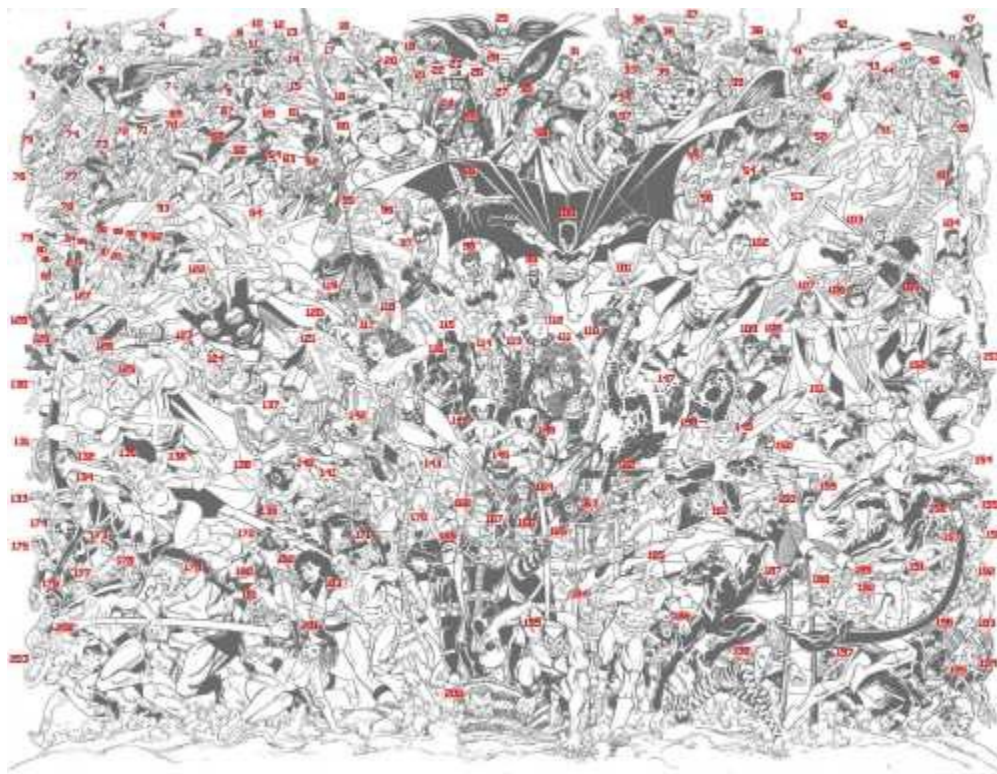
To help fans come to grips with who's who and from what team, the ComiX-Fan staff has compiled an annotated list including character name, team affiliation, and the issue in which they were inducted into the ranks.

Note that each character is portrayed as they appeared in their most recent or, in some cases, their last mission as a member of their respective team(s). Also some characters, such as Hank Pym, are featured in each of the costumed identities that they used as a member of their respective team(s).

Some of the various Justice League teams are abbreviated as follows:

JLA - Justice League of America
JLI - Justice League International
JLE - Justice League Europe
JLTF - Justice League Task Force

Click the thumbnailed image below to open a numbered version of the cover in a new browser window, then match the characters with the subsequent numerical list.



1. Thunderstrike - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #343 as Thor II, active as Thunderstrike in Avengers (1st series) #374; died in Thunderstrike #24
2. Firebird - West Coast Avengers, named reserve member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #4; Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #305
3. Dinah Saur - Great Lakes Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46
4. Mystek - JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #26; died in Justice League Task Force #32
5. Hawkgirl II/Kendra Saunders - JLA, joined in JLA #69
6. Warrior/Guy Gardner - JLA, joined in Justice League #1
7. Zauriel - JLA, joined in JLA: Paradise Lost #3
8. Major Disaster - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4; JLA, joined in JLA #69
9. Green Lantern VI/Jennie Hayden (Jade) - JLA, made reserve member in JLA #27
10. Charlie-27 - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168
11. Demolition-Man - Avengers, joined in Captain America (1st series) #349
12. Aleta - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168
13. Cluemaster - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4; died in Suicide Squad (2nd series) #1
14. Captain Comet - JLA, made honorary member in DC Special #27
15. Captain Atom - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #7; JLE, founding member in Justice League Europe #1; Extreme Justice, founding member in Extreme Justice #0
16. Kilowog - JLE, joined as staff in Justice League America #33; died in Green Lantern (2nd series) #50
17. Adam Strange - JLA, made honorary member in JLA: Secret Files #1
18. Captain Mar-Vell - Avengers, posthumously made an honorary member in Marvel Graphic Novel #1
19. Hawkwoman I/Sharon Hall - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #19; died in Hawkworld #23
20. Doctor Fate I/Kent Nelson - JLA, joined in Legends #6
21. Silver Sorceress - JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #20; died in Justice League Europe #35
22. Doctor Druid - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #278; died in Druid #4
23. Phantom Stranger - JLA, made honorary member in Justice League of America #103
24. Yazz - JLA, joined as staff in Justice League America #95
25. Gypsy - JLA, joined in Justice League of America Annual #2; JLTF, founding member in Justice League Task Force #1
26. Moondragon - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #137

27. Sargon the Sorcerer - JLA, made honorary member in Justice League of America #99; died in Swamp Thing (2nd series) #150
28. Quasar III/Wendell Vaughn - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) Annual #18
29. Hawkman II/Fel Andar - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #19
30. Justice - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (3rd series) #4, joined in Avengers (3rd series) #7
31. Faith - JLA, joined in JLA #69
32. Magdalene - Avengers, made honorary member in Avengers (1st series) #363
33. Nuklon - JLA, joined in Justice League America #0
34. Retro - JLA, posthumously made an honorary member in New Year's Evil: Prometheus #1
35. Thing - West Coast Avengers, made reserve member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #9
36. Manitou Raven - JLA, joined in JLA #78
37. Swordsman II/Philip Javert - Avengers, made honorary member in Avengers (1st series) #357
38. Aztek - JLA, joined in Aztek #10; died in JLA #41
39. Clock King - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4; died in Suicide Squad (2nd series) #1
40. Hawkman I/Carter Hall - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #19
41. Green Lantern III/Guy Gardner - JLA, joined in Legends #6
42. Darkhawk - Avengers West Coast, made reserve member in Avengers West Coast #94
43. Mockingbird - West Coast Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #1; died in Avengers West Coast #100
44. Steel II/Hank Heywood III - JLA, joined in Justice League of America Annual #2; died in Justice League of America #260
45. Big Sir - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4; died in Suicide Squad (2nd series) #1
46. Maxima - JLA, joined in Justice League America #62; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5; Extreme Justice, founding member in Extreme Justice #0; died in Superman: The Man of Steel #117
47. Black Condor II/Ryan Kendall - JLA, joined in Justice League America #71
48. General Glory - JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #20; JLA, joined in Justice League America #50; died in Justice League Quarterly #16
49. Red Tornado II/John Smith - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #106
50. Human Torch I/Jim Hammond - Avengers West Coast, joined in Avengers West Coast #50
51. Vision II/Victor Shade - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #58
52. Blue Jay - JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #20
53. Living Lightning - Avengers West Coast, joined in Avengers West Coast #74
54. Green Lantern IV/John Stewart - JLA, made honorary member in JLA: Secret Files #1, joined in JLA #76
55. Blue Beetle II/Ted Kord - JLA, joined in Legends #6; Extreme Justice, founding member in Extreme Justice #0
56. Machine Man/X-51 - Avengers West Coast, made reserve member in Avengers West Coast #83
57. Vance Astro - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168
58. Doctor Fate II/Linda Strauss - JLA, joined in Justice League America #31
59. Ant-Man I/Hank Pym - Avengers, founding member in Avengers (1st series) #1
60. Hulk II/Bruce Banner - Avengers, founding member in Avengers (1st series) #1
61. Nightwing - JLTF, founding member in Justice League Task Force #1; JLA, joined in JLA #69
62. Big Barda - JLA, joined in JLA #17
63. Orion - JLA, joined in Justice League America #42
64. Jayna - Extreme Justice, joined in Extreme Justice #16
65. Spider-Woman II/Julia Carpenter - Avengers West Coast, joined in Avengers West Coast #74
66. Zan - Extreme Justice, joined in Extreme Justice #16
67. Elongated Man - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #105; JLE, founding member in Justice League Europe #1; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5
68. Sue Dibny - JLE, joined as staff in Justice League Europe #1
69. Despero/L-Ron - JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #12
70. Hercules - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #45
71. Crystal - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #343
72. Masque - Avengers, made honorary member in Avengers (1st series) #397
73. The Captain/Steve Rogers - Avengers, active as of Avengers (1st series) #300
74. Falcon II/Sam Wilson - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #184
75. Rocket Red 4/Dimitri Pushkin - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #11; JLE, founding member in Justice League Europe #1
76. Rocket Red 7/Vladimir Mikoyan - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #7; destroyed in Justice League International (1st series) #9
77. Nikki - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168
78. Stingray - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (1st series) #319

79. G'nort - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4
80. Dale Gunn - JLA, joined as staff in Justice League of America Annual #2
81. Moira Brandon - Avengers West Coast, made honorary member in Avengers West Coast #100
82. Lucas "Snapper" Carr - JLA, made honorary member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28
83. Oberon - JLA, joined as staff in Mr. Miracle (2nd series) #1
84. Maxwell Lord - JLI, joined as chief in Justice League International (1st series) #12
85. Catherine Cobert - JLE, joined as chief in Justice League Europe #1
86. Scarlet Skier - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4
87. Jason Blood - JLA, joined in JLA #69
88. Glen Gammeron - JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #31
89. Rick Jones - Avengers, made honorary member in Avengers (1st series) #1
90. Mighty Bruce - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4
91. Doctor Pym - West Coast Avengers, joined in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #21
92. Doctor Light IV/Kimiyo Hoshi - JLA, joined in Justice League #1; JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #37
93. Captain Marvel - JLA, joined in Legends #6
94. Photon - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #227 as Captain Marvel II
95. Ice - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #14; died in Justice League Task Force #14
96. Ice Maiden I/Sigrid Nansen - JLA, joined in Justice League America #98
97. Green Lantern V/Kyle Rayner - JLA, joined in Justice League: A Midsummer's Nightmare #3
98. Creeper - JLA, made reserve member in JLA: Secret Files #1
99. Ant-Man II/Scott Lang - Avengers, joined in Avengers (3rd series) #62
100. Batman I/Bruce Wayne - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28, retconned to have joined in JLA: Incarnations #2; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5
101. Wasp - Avengers, founding member in Avengers (1st series) #1
102. Superman - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28, retconned to have joined in JLA: Incarnations #2
103. Hawkman III/Katar Hol - JLA, joined in Justice League America #0
104. Black Lightning - JLA, made reserve member in JLA #27
105. Zatanna - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #161
106. Mantis - Avengers, joined in Giant-Size Avengers #4
107. Scarlet Witch - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #16; Force Works, founding member in Force Works #1
108. War Machine II/James Rhodes - Avengers West Coast, joined in Avengers West Coast #94
109. Vibe - JLA, joined in Justice League of America Annual #2; died in Justice League of America #258
110. Black Widow I/Natasha Romanoff - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #111
111. Lobo - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #19
112. Big Bertha - Great Lakes Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46
113. Rage - Avengers, made probationary member in Avengers (1st series) #329
114. Jocasta - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #197; destroyed in Avengers (1st series) Annual #17
115. Doorman - Great Lakes Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46
116. Agent Liberty - JLA, joined in Justice League America #71
117. Wonder Woman II/Diana - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5
118. Starhawk I/Stakar Ogord - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168
119. Spider-Man I/Peter Parker - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (1st series) #329
120. Yellowjacket II/Rita DeMara - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) Annual #17; died in Avengers: The Crossing #1
121. Fire - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #14
122. Thor I/Sigurd Jarlson - Avengers, founding member in Avengers (1st series) #1
123. Starfox - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #232
124. Metamorpho - JLA, made stand-by member in Justice League of America #42; JLE, founding member in Justice League International (1st series) #24
125. Martian Manhunter - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28; JLTF, founding member in Justice League Task Force #1
126. Mister Miracle II/Scott Free - JLA, joined in Justice League #1
127. Firestorm - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #179; Extreme Justice, joined in Extreme Justice #5
128. Deathcry - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #363
129. 129. Bloodwynd I - JLA, joined in Justice League America #63; revealed to have bonded with Martian Manhunter in Justice League America #76
130. Marrina - Avengers, made an honorary member in Avengers (1st series) #282
131. Steel III/John Henry Irons - JLA, joined in JLA #16
132. Plastic Man - JLA, joined in JLA #16
133. Moon Maiden - JLA, joined in JLA 80-Page Giant #3

134. Warbird - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #183 as Ms. Marvel I, first active as Warbird in Avengers (3rd series) #4

135. Power Girl - JLE, founding member in Justice League International (1st series) #24

136. Power Girl's Cat - JLE, founding member in Justice League International (1st series) #24

137. Iron Man I/Anthony Stark - Avengers, founding member in Avengers (1st series) #1; Avengers West Coast, joined in Avengers West Coast #50; Force Works, founding member in Force Works #1

138. Mister Fantastic - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #300

139. Iron Man II/James Rhodes - West Coast Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (1st series) #1

140. Namor, the Sub-Mariner - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #262

141. Aquaman - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28; JLTF, founding member in Justice League Task Force #1

142. Obsidian - JLA, joined in Justice League America #0

143. Goliath I/Hank Pym - Avengers, first active in Avengers (1st series) #28

144. Crimson Fox/Constance D'Aramis - JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #13

145. Two-Gun Kid - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (1st series) #174; died in Blaze of Glory #4

146. Crimson Fox/Vivian D'Aramis - JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #13

147. Wonder Man - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #9; Force Works, founding member in Force Works #1

148. Giant-Man I/Hank Pym - Avengers, first active in Avengers (1st series) #2

149. Oracle - JLA, joined as advisor in JLA #16

150. Green Lantern II/Hal Jordan - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28

151. Captain America V/Steve Rogers - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #4

152. Sersi - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #314

153. Jack of Hearts - Avengers, joined in Avengers (3rd series) #43

154. Triumph - JLTF, joined in Justice League International (2nd series) #68

155. Wonder Woman III/Hippolyta - JLA, joined in JLA #16; died in Wonder Woman (2nd series) #172

156. Multi-Man - Justice League Antarctica, founding member in Justice League America Annual #4; died in Suicide Squad (2nd series) #1

157. Hawkgirl I/Sheira Sanders Hall - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #146

158. Ray II/Ray Terrill - JLA, joined in Justice League America #71; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #0

159. Flatman - Great Lakes Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46

160. Black Canary II/Dinah Lance - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #220, retconned to have replaced Wonder Woman as founding member in Secret Origins (3rd series) #32; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5

161. Firestar - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (3rd series) #4, joined in Avengers (3rd series) #7

162. Gilgamesh - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #300

163. Silverclaw - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (3rd series) #30

164. Huntress II/Helena Bertinelli - JLA, joined in Justice League America #30

165. Yondu - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168

166. Green Arrow II/Oliver Queen - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #4; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5

167. Hawkeye - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #16; West Coast Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (1st series) #1

168. Maya - JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #50

169. Green Arrow III/Connor Hawke - JLA, joined in JLA #8

170. Moon Knight - West Coast Avengers, joined in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #21

171. USAgent - West Coast Avengers, joined in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #44; Force Works, founding member in Force Works #1

172. Yellowjacket I/Hank Pym - Avengers, first active in Avengers (1st series) #63

173. Tomorrow Woman - JLA, joined in JLA #5; destroyed in JLA #5

174. Goliath II/Clint Barton - Avengers, first active in Avengers (1st series) #63

175. Booster Gold - JLA, joined in Justice League #4; Extreme Justice, founding member in Extreme Justice #0

176. Hourman III - JLA, joined in Hourman #1

177. Flash I/Jay Garrick - JLA, joined in Justice League America #78

178. Amazing Man II/Will Everett - Extreme Justice, founding member in Extreme Justice #0; died in Starman (2nd series) #38

179. Tasmanian Devil - JLA, joined in Justice League America #54; JLE, joined in Justice League Europe #50

180. Hellcat - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #144

181. Martinex - Guardians of The Galaxy, made honorary Avenger in Avengers (1st series) #168

182. She-Hulk - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #221

183. Flash III/Wally West - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #24; JLE, founding member in Justice League Europe #1; JLTF, founding member in Justice League Task Force #1; JLA, joined in Justice League America #0

184. Swordsman I/Jacques Duquesne - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #20; died in Giant-Size Avengers #2

185. Flash II/Barry Allen - JLA, founding member in The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28; died in Crisis on Infinite Earths #8
186. Animal Man - JLI, joined in Justice League International (1st series) #24; JLE, founding member in Justice League Europe #1
187. Black Panther I/T'challa - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #52
188. Atom II/Ray Palmer - JLA, joined in Justice League of America #14
189. Mister Immortal - Great Lakes Avengers, founding member in West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46
190. Lightray - JLA, joined in Justice League America #42
191. Quicksilver - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #16
192. Iron Man III/Tony Stark II - Avengers, joined in Avengers: Timeslide #1
193. Mark Antaeus - JLA, joined in JLA: Superpower
194. Blue Devil - JLA, joined in Justice League America #98
195. Triathlon - Avengers, joined in Avengers (3rd series) #27
196. Dark Flash - JLA, joined in JLA #33
197. Black Knight III/Dane Whitman - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #71
198. Tigra - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #211
199. Beast - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #137
200. Sandman - Avengers, became probationary member in Avengers (1st series) #329
201. Vixen - JLA, joined in Justice League of America Annual #2; JLTF, joined in Justice League Task Force #5
202. Whizzer I/Robert Frank - Avengers, made reserve member in Avengers (1st series) #173
203. Jesse Quick I/Jesse Chambers - JLA, joined in Flash (2nd series) #140

Not pictured on B&W version (but on colored version, see ['MARVEL PREVIEWS JLA/AVENGERS #3 COVER'](#)):

204. Batgirl I (bottom left corner) - JLA, made honorary member in Amazing World of DC Comics #14
205. Thor II (top right corner) - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #343
206. Invisible Woman (lower left section) - Avengers, joined in Avengers (1st series) #300
207. Diana (upper left section) - JLA, joined in Justice League America #95
208. Bloodwynd II (far right) - JLA, revealed to have been Martian Manhunter in Justice League America #76

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Page 1, Panel 1: Doctor Doom, the armored despot that rules the fictional country of Latveria in the Marvel Universe, was first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #5*.

Page 1, Panel 2: The Promethean Giants that make up the wall surrounding the Source in the DC Universe first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #5*.

Page 2, Panel 1: JLA members Batman (first appeared in *Detective Comics #27*), Wonder Woman II (first appeared in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*), and Elongated Man (first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #112*).

Page 2, Panel 2: JLA member Green Lantern II (Hal Jordan, first appeared in *Showcase #22*).

Page 2, Panel 3: JLA members Green Arrow II (first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*), Black Canary II (first appeared in *Justice League of America #75*), and Superman (first appeared in *Action Comics #1*) of the DC Universe are seen with Hawkeye I of the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #57*).

Page 3, Panel 2: Green Lantern II mentions Hawkman I, a JLA member who first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*.

Page 3, Panel 3: JLA member Flash II (Barry Allen, first appeared in *Showcase #4*).

Page 3, Panel 5: The first JLA Satellite debuted in *Justice League of America #78*, whilst the second first appeared in *Justice League America #0*. The interdimensional communicator was a device used by the JLA to communicate with those on other Earths in the DC Universe.

Page 4: The physical manifestation of Eternity in the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series) #138*) is seen kissing the physical manifestation of Kismet in the DC Universe (first appeared in *Adventures of Superman #494*). The story title, "Strange Adventures", is a homage to the classic DC Comics series which ran for 244 issues from 1950 until 1973.

Page 5, Panel 1: Hydrobase was an artificial floating island created by Doctor Hydro in *Sub-Mariner (2nd series) #61* and later loaned to the Avengers to use as their headquarters in *Avengers (1st series) #277*. Brainiac's ship was first seen in *Action Comics #544*.

Page 5, Panel 2: Avengers' members Beast (first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #1*), Iron Man I (first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #39*), Scarlet Witch (first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #4*), Thor I (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #83*), Captain America V (first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1*), Wasp (first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #44*), Vision II (first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #57*), and Ant-Man I (first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #27*).

Page 6, Panels 1-2: Earth-Two is a reference to that period in the DC Universe's history wherein there were numerous Earths in multiple dimensions with divergent timelines. The "core" Earth was Earth-One and home to the JLA. Earth-Two was home to the Justice Society of America.

Page 6, Panel 3: The Sue mentioned by Elongated Man is his wife, Sue Dibny, who first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #119*.

Page 6, Panel 5: Edwin Jarvis, the Avengers' long-serving and faithful butler, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #59*.

Page 7, Panel 3: The photograph behind Captain America depicts Hawkgirl I (JLA, first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), Fire (first appeared as Green Fury in *Super Friends #25* and as Fire in *DC Comics Presents #46*), Wonder Woman II, Black Widow II (Avengers, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #52*), and Crystal (Avengers, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #45*). The photograph on the right features the original piece of art by George Pérez used to promote the *JLA/Avengers* mini-series.

Page 7, Panel 4: The photograph is a homage to the cover of *Justice League of America #21*



wherein the Earth-1 JLA met the Earth-2 JSA for the first time. Here, however, the JLA are depicted where the JSA were on that cover, whilst the Avengers are seated where the JLA were. JLA members pictured are: (*back row*) Martian Manhunter (first appeared in *Detective Comics* #225), Superman, Wonder Woman II; (*middle row*) Hawkman I, Flash I, Green Arrow II, Green Lantern II, Aquaman (first appeared in *More Fun Comics* #73), Batman, Atom II (first appeared in *Showcase* #34); (*bottom row*) Black Canary II. Avengers members pictured are: (*clockwise from top right*) Goliath I (Hank Pym, first appeared as Goliath I in *Avengers (1st series)* #28), Quicksilver (first appeared in *X-Men (1st series)* #4), Hawkeye I, Thor I, Captain America V, Wasp, Vision II, Scarlet Witch, Iron Man I.

Page 7, Panel 5: The JSA and the Invaders were teams of heroes that were active during World War II in the DC and Marvel Universes, respectively. The JSA first appeared in *All Star Comics (1st series)* #3. The Invaders first appeared in *Giant-Size Invaders* #1.

Page 8, Panel 2: Several members of the JLA and Avengers appear in a scene reminiscent of the Thanksgiving dinners shared by the JLA and the JSA in the DC Universe. Team members appearing are as follows: (*from top, left to right*) Captain America V, Wasp, Elongated Man, Scarlet Witch, Red Tornado II (JLA, first appeared as the Tornado Tyrant in *Mystery In Space* #61 and as the Red Tornado II in *Justice League of America* #64), Vision II, Green Arrow II; (*right to left*) Flash II, Quicksilver, Yellowjacket I (Hank Pym, Avengers, first appeared as Yellowjacket I in *Avengers (1st series)* #59), Batman, Zatanna (JLA, first appeared in *Hawkman (1st series)* #4), Hawkeye I; (*left to right*) Sue Dibny, Blue Beetle II (JLA, first appeared in *Captain Atom (1st series)* #83), Photon III (Avengers, first appeared as Captain Marvel II in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual* #16 and as Photon III in *Avengers Unplugged* #5), Hercules (Avengers, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) Annual* #1); (*right to left*) Hawkgirl I, Green Lantern III (Guy Gardner, JLA, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series)* #59), Moondragon (Avengers, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series)* #54), Black Panther I (Avengers, first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series)* #52); (*left to right*) Hawkman I, Firestorm (JLA, first appeared in *Firestorm* #1), She-Hulk (Avengers, first appeared in *Savage She-Hulk* #1), Iron Man I (in his red/white armor which was first seen in *Iron Man (1st series)* #200), Black Canary II; (*right to left*) Aquaman, Wonder Woman II, Atom II, Wonder Man (Avengers, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series)* #9), Snapper Carr (JLA honorary member, first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series)* #28), Rick Jones (Avengers honorary member, first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (1st series)* #1); (*left to right*) Jarvis, Beast, Green Lantern II, Thor I.

Page 9, Panel 1: The aforementioned JLA Satellite (see annotation for Page 3, Panel 5).

Page 9, Panel 4: Traya was an orphan from the fictional country of Qurac in the DC Universe (see annotation for Page 21, Panel 7) who was adopted by the android Red Tornado II in *Justice League of America* #152.

Page 10, Panel 4: The assembled heroes are seen in the Avengers Compound in Los Angeles in the Marvel Universe. Located at 1800 Palos Verdes Drive, the home and headquarters of the West Coast Avengers was first seen in *West Coast Avengers (1st series)* #1.

H'ronmeer (misspelled here as Hronmeer) is, the god of death and fire in Martian culture in the DC Universe who was first seen in *Justice League of America* #256.

The first picture on the wall on the left is of Anthony and Maria Stark and their young son Tony. The next picture along the wall is of the founding members of the Avengers which include (*from left to right*) Iron Man I (in his gold armor which was first seen in *Tales of Suspense (1st series)* #40), Hulk II (first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (1st series)* #1), and Thor I.

Team members appearing are as follows: (*from left to right, top to bottom*) Doctor Druid (Avengers, first appeared in *Amazing Adventures* #1), Martian Manhunter, Doctor Fate I (JLA, first appeared in *More Fun Comics* #55), Superman, Black Knight IV (Avengers, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series)* #47), Ice (JLA, first appeared in *Justice League America* #12), Hercules, Ms. Marvel I (Avengers, first appeared as Carol Danvers in *Marvel Super-Heroes (1st series)* #13 and as Ms. Marvel I in *Ms. Marvel* #1), Captain Marvel (JLA, first appeared in *Whiz Comics* #2), Spider-Man I (Avengers, first appeared in *Amazing Fantasy (1st series)* #15), Hawkeye I, Booster Gold (JLA, first appeared in *Booster Gold* #1), Atom II, Mockingbird (Avengers West Coast, first appeared as Bobbi Morse in *Astonishing Tales* #6 and as Mockingbird in *Marvel Team-Up (1st series)* #95), Hellcat (Avengers, first appeared as Patsy Walker in *Miss America Magazine* #2 and as Hellcat in *Avengers (1st series)* #144), Plastic Man (JLA, first appeared in *Police Comics* #1), Scarlet Witch, Wonder Man, Vision II, Doctor Pym (Hank Pym, Avengers West Coast, first appeared as Doctor Pym in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series)* #21), Wasp, Green Lantern II, Falcon II (Avengers, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series)* #117), Captain America V, Aquaman, Flash II, Black Widow II, Vibe (JLA, first appeared in *Justice League of America Annual* #2), Fire, Rocket Red 7 (JLA, first appeared in *Green Lantern Corps* #208), Green Arrow II, Wonder Woman II.

Page 11, Panel 1: The picture behind Martian Manhunter depicts the Avengers' temporary underground headquarters, first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #312*. The picture behind Hellcat is of Doctor Strange, Earth's Sorcerer Supreme in the Marvel Universe who first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series) #110*.

Page 11, Panel 2: The picture behind the Wasp is of Moira Brandon, an honorary member of the Avengers West Coast who first appeared in *Avengers West Coast #100*.

Page 11, Panel 3: Amazo and Ultron-4 are long-time foes of the JLA and Avengers, respectively, as seen in the next panel.

Page 11, Panel 4: Amazo (left) first appeared in *Brave & The Bold (1st series) #30*. Ultron (right) first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #54*.

Page 12, Panel 1: The Grim Reaper (center left) first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #52*. The Key II (center right) first appeared in *Justice League of America #41*. Mantis (left) first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #112*. The Key wears the Serpent Crown, a mystic artifact from the Marvel Universe that first appeared in *Tales to Astonish #101*. The Green Lantern depicted here is John Stewart, who first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #87*.

Page 12, Panel 2: This panel is a homage to the intended cover for the original *JLA/Avengers* crossover, also drawn by Pérez. The plot described was the intended story for the crossover. The central face image depicts Kang (left) who first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #8*, and the Lord of Time who first appeared in *Justice League of America #10*. Starfox, pictured top left, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #55*.



Page 13, Panel 1: The Masters of Evil, pictured in the center monitor, are long-time foes of the Avengers. Members depicted are (from left to right) Executioner I, Radioactive Man, Black Knight I, Melter, Baron Zemo I, and the Enchantress (bottom). The image is a homage to the second JLA/JSA team-up wherein the Crime Syndicate of the DC Universe's Earth-3 were imprisoned in the exact same manner (as seen in *Justice League of America #29*).

The faces depicted on smaller monitors are as follows: (left, from top to bottom) Mr. Mxyzptlk (mischievous prankster from a parallel dimension in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Superman (1st series) #30*), Loki (Norse god of lies in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #85*), Kanjar Ro (alien slave-trader in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Justice League of America #3*), Ares (Greek god of war in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Thor (1st series) #129*), Grey Gargoyle (former chemist turned super-villain in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #107*), Apocalypse (eternal mutant mastermind in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *X-Factor (1st series) #5*), Viper II (leader of the terrorist organization Hydra in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series) #110*); (right, top to bottom) Taskmaster (multi-skilled mercenary in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #195*), Killer Frost (former scientist turned super-villain in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Firestorm (1st series) #3*), Korvac (interplanetary conqueror from the future of the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Giant-Size Defenders #3*), Doctor Sivana (nemesis of Captain Marvel in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Whiz Comics #2*), Ultra-Humanite (criminal mastermind in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Action Comics #13*), Bizarro (bioengineered duplicate of Superman in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Action Comics #254*).

Page 13, Panel 5: Members depicted are (from left to right) Gilgamesh (Avengers, first appeared in *Eternals (1st series) #9*), Vixen (JLA, first appeared in *Action Comics #521*), Sub-Mariner (Avengers, first appeared in *Motion Picture Funnies Weekly #1*), Doctor Light IV (JLA, first appeared in *Crisis on Infinite Earths #4*), and Gypsy (JLA, first appeared in *Justice League of America Annual #2*).

Page 16, Panel 8: Mankuta Galleries is a homage to comic book art collector [Jonathan Mankuta](#). The Daily Planet is the major newspaper of Metropolis in the DC Universe where Superman's reporter alter-ego Clark Kent works. Located at the corner of Fifth Street and Concord Lane, the Daily Planet first appeared in *Action Comics #23*.

Page 17, Panel 2: These DC Universe villains are as follows: (from left to right) Silver Swan (first appeared in *Wonder Woman (2nd series) #15*), Killer Croc (first appeared in *Detective Comics #523*), Shrapnel (first appeared in *Doom Patrol (2nd series) #7*), Mammoth (first appeared in *New Teen Titans (1st series) #3*), Bloodsport I (first appeared in *Superman (2nd series) #4*), Sonar I (first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #14*), Silver Banshee (first appeared in *Action Comics #595*), Poison Ivy (first appeared in *Batman #181*).

Page 19, Panel 5: Aquaman's confusion over the fact that Hal Jordan is Green Lantern is due to the fact that Jordan

became the second Spectre in *Day of Judgement* #5.

Page 19, Panel 8: Mjolnir is the name of Thor's enchanted hammer.

Page 20, Panel 2: The Flash's decrease in speed is due to the fact that in the Marvel Universe there is no Speed Force - the extradimensional energy source from which speedster's in the DC Universe gain their powers. The third and current Flash, Wally West, experienced a similar deceleration in *JLA/Avengers* #1.

Page 21, Panel 2: The Daily Bugle is a newspaper in the New York of the Marvel Universe where Spider-Man's photographer alter-ego Peter Parker once worked. Located in the Goodman Building on 39th Street and Second Avenue, the Daily Bugle first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series)* #1.

Page 21, Panel 5: Superman's confusion over the fact that Barry Allen is the Flash is due to the fact that Allen died in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #8.

Page 21, Panel 6: Keystone City is a fictional city located near Topeka, Kansas in the DC Universe which was first seen in *Flash Comics* #1.

Page 21, Panel 7: Qurac is a fictional Middle-Eastern country on the Persian Gulf in the DC Universe which was first seen in *Adventures of Superman* #427.

Page 23, Panel 4: Yancy Street is a fictional location in New York City where Ben Grimm, a.k.a. the Thing of the Fantastic Four, was born and raised. It was first mentioned in *Fantastic Four (1st series)* #6.

Page 24, Panel 1: Beck Avenue is a homage to series artist George Pérez's art dealer, Spencer Beck.

Page 24, Panel 2: The "Merk" sign is a homage to Erik Merk, a friend of Pérez' who has commissioned much of the artist's work.

Page 25, Panel 7: The Smashers are a football team based in New York in the Marvel Universe who were first mentioned in *Thor (1st series)* #438. The Meteors are a football team based in Metropolis in the DC Universe who first appeared in *Superman's Girlfriend Lois Lane* #49.

Page 25, Panel 8: Clark Kent is Superman's secret identity. Spider-Man and Superman met before in the *Superman vs The Amazing Spider-Man* one-shot and in *Marvel Treasury Edition* #28.

Pages 26-27, Panel 3: The "Gaugler" sign is a homage to Beck's comic shop owner Fred Gaugler. Krona, or Entropy as he later became known in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series)* #40.

Page 27, Panels 4-5: Superman is recalling events from *Avengers/JLA* #3. The Grandmaster, one of the cosmic Elders of The Universe in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series)* #69. Galactus, a powerful cosmic entity in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series)* #48.

Page 29, Panel 2: Gotham City, home to Batman, is a fictional city located in the Northeast Corridor in the DC Universe that first appeared in *Detective Comics* #27.

Page 29, Panel 3: Vlatava is a fictional country in Eastern Europe in the DC Universe that was first seen in *World's Finest Comics* #251. Bhutan is a fictional country in Southeast Asia in the DC Universe that was first seen in *Shadowdragon Annual* #1.

Page 34, Panels 1-2: Avengers Mansion, home of Earth's Mightiest Heroes in the Marvel Universe, was first seen in *Avengers (1st series)* #2.

Page 35, Panel 3: Avengers members appearing on the viewscreen are: (from left to right) Justice (first appeared in *Giant-Size Defenders* #5 and as Justice in *New Warriors (1st series)* #43), Hawkeye I (in one of his early Avengers costumes), Firestar (first appeared in *Uncanny X-Men* #193), USAgent (first appeared as Super-Patriot II in *Captain America (1st series)* #323 and as USAgent in *Captain America (1st series)* #354), and Tigra (first appeared as The Cat in *The Cat* #1 and as Tigra in *Giant-Size Creatures* #1).

Page 35, Panel 4: JLA members appearing on the viewscreen are: (from top to bottom, left to right) Hawkman I (first appeared in *Flash Comics* #1), Hawkwoman I (first appeared in *Flash Comics* #1), Firestorm II (first appeared in *Extreme Justice* #4), and Doctor Light IV (DC, first appeared in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #4).

Page 36, Panel 3: The Savage Land mentioned by Iron Man I is a prehistoric jungle hidden away in the frozen wastes of Antarctica in the Marvel Universe that was first seen in *X-Men (1st series) #10*.

Page 36, Panel 5: The Phantom Stranger first appeared in *Phantom Stranger (1st series) #1*.

Pages 42-43: Numerous events of note from both universes appear on these pages. Beginning with the innermost ring, the events depicted are as follows:

First ring (*clockwise from top*):

- Three members of the Ancients from the DC Universe (*left to right*) Sela, Gamemnae, and the Anointed One (all first appeared in *JLA #70*)
- John Stewart becomes a Green Lantern for the first time (as seen in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #87*)
- the Vision II attempts to take control of the world's computers (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #250-254*)
- the Eradicator II, a sentient weapon originally designed by the Kryptonians (first seen in *Action Comics Annual #2*), attempts to take Superman's place after the hero was seemingly killed by Doomsday (as seen in *Superman (2nd series) #57*)
- Batman mourns the death of Robin II, Jason Todd, at the hands of the Joker (as seen in *Batman #428*)
- Jack Knight as Starman VII (first appeared in *Zero Hour #0*)
- Onslaught II, a psionic amalgam of the psyches of both Professor X and Magneto (first appeared in *X-Man #15*)

Second ring (*clockwise from top*):

- the Avengers as they appeared in the *Heroes Reborn* universe (first seen in *Avengers (2nd series) #1-12*)
- The Justice Legion A from the 853rd Century of the DC Universe (first seen in *JLA #1000000*). Members pictured are (*left to right*) Starman, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Hourman, Flash, and Aquaman.
- Nightwing kisses former Batgirl Barbara Gordon (as seen in *Birds of Prey #8*).
- Jarvis captured by the Masters of Evil (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #273-277*). Members pictured are (*left to right, top to bottom*) Absorbing Man, Moonstone II, Goliath III, Blackout I, Tiger Shark, Mister Hyde, Piledriver, and Thunderball.
- Green Arrow II and Arsenal III battle Solomon Grundy (as seen in *Green Arrow (3rd series) #18*).
- the Supreme Intelligence, behind-the-scenes manipulator of the alien Kree race in the Marvel Universe (first seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #64*).
- Lex Luthor is sworn in as President of the United States (as seen in *Superman: Lex 2000*).

Third ring (*clockwise from top*):

- Metamorpho, a shape-changing hero in the DC Universe (first seen in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #57*).
- Captain America VI battling The Captain (as seen in *Captain America (1st series) #350*).
- Thor I and Beta Ray Bill battling Surtur's demons (as seen in *Thor (1st series) #351*).
- The current line-up of the Justice Society of America (first seen in *JSA #11*). Members pictured are (*left to right, top to bottom*) Black Canary II, Doctor Fate I, Mr. Terrific II, Star-Spangled Kid II, Hawkgirl I (feet only), Doctor Mid-Nite II, Wildcat, Atom-Smasher, Sand, Green Lantern I, and Flash I.
- The original line-up of the New Teen Titans (first seen in *DC Comics Presents #26*). Members pictured are (*left to right, top to bottom*) Starfire, Kid Flash I, Wonder Girl I, Changeling, Cyborg, Raven, and Robin I.
- Alternate universe versions of Hawkman and Hawkgirl.
- Sersi battling Proctor (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #372-375*).

Fourth ring (*clockwise from top*):

- The Young Justice team (first appeared in *Young Justice: The Secret #1*). Members pictured are (*left to right*) Arrowette and Empress.

- An unidentifiable explosion.
- An unidentifiable scene.
- Ultron standing triumphant after slaughtering the entire population of Soloria (as seen in *Avengers (3rd series) #19-22*).
- The original line-up of the Thunderbolts, former members of the Masters of Evil posing as a team of heroes who were first seen in their new guises in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #449*. Members pictured (and their original villainous identities) are (left to right, top to bottom) Songbird (Screaming Mimi), M.A.C.H.-1 (Beetle), Meteorite II (Moonstone II), Citizen V V (Baron Zemo), Techno (Fixer II), and Atlas (Goliath III).
- A city being destroyed by an anti-matter wall as seen in the *Crisis on Infinite Earths* maxi-series.
- The arena created by the Beyonder to host the "Secret Wars" as first seen in *Marvel Super Heroes Secret Wars #1*.

Fifth ring (clockwise from bottom right):

- Iron Man I in his deep-sea armor (first seen in *Iron Man (1st series) #218*).
- Exodus kidnaps Luna, the daughter of Crystal and Quicksilver, as the X-Man Jean Grey looks on (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #369*).

Page 44, Panel 1: (left to right) The destruction of the first JLA Satellite (as seen in *Justice League of America Annual #3*). The destruction of the Avengers' Hydrobase (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #311*).

Page 44, Panel 2: (clockwise from top) Thunderstrike, formerly Thor III (first appeared as Eric Masterson in *Thor (1st series) #391* and as Thunderstrike in *Quasar #47*). One of the many incarnations of the Justice League (as seen on the cover to *Justice League #1*) featuring (left to right, top to bottom) Doctor Light IV, Doctor Fate I, Oberon (first appeared in *Mister Miracle (1st series) #1*), Blue Beetle II, Mister Miracle II (first appeared in *Mister Miracle (1st series) #1*), Green Lantern III, Batman, Captain Marvel, Black Canary II, and Martian Manhunter. The villainous Thanos pledges his love to the Marvel Universe incarnation of Death (as seen in the *Infinity Gauntlet* mini-series).

Page 44, Panel 3: (clockwise from top) Captain America wearing a suit of battle armor as a result of his then-fading super-strength (as seen in *Captain America (1st series) #438-444*). The Avengers facing off with the Squadron Supreme (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #141*), a team inspired by the JLA as follows: (top to bottom) Doctor Spectrum I (Green Lantern), Lady Lark (Black Canary), Golden Archer II (Green Arrow), Hyperion I (Superman), and Whizzer II (Flash). A mutant-hunting robotic Sentinel from the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #14*).

Page 44, Panel 4: (clockwise from top) Wonder Woman wearing full battle armor (as first seen in *Wonder Woman (2nd series) #2*). Members of the second Injustice Gang, (left to right) The General, Prometheus II, and Queen Bee III (as seen in *JLA #36-41*). The *Heroes Reborn* Iron Man (first seen in *Iron Man (2nd series) #1*). The Vision in his first appearance from *Avengers (1st series) #57*.

Page 44, Panel 5: (clockwise from top) a white Martian torturing the Martian Manhunter (as seen in *JLA #56*). Attuma, warlord of the Atlantis from the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #33*). Fantastic Four member the Thing (first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*).

Page 44, Panel 6: (clockwise from top) Wally West, a.k.a. Flash III, and his wife Linda (first appeared in *Flash (2nd series) #28*). Yellowjacket I is court-martialled by the Avengers (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #213*). The Hulk during a period when his multiple personalities were integrated (as seen in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #377*). Yellowjacket I hitting his then-wife the Wasp (as seen in *Avengers (1st series) #213*).

Page 45, Panel 1: (left to right) the base of a statue of the founding members of the Avengers which was erected after the team were believed dead (as seen in *Avengers (3rd series) #1*). The villainous Charybdis (first appeared in *Aquaman (3rd series) #1*) forces Aquaman's hand into a pool of piranhas (as seen in *Aquaman (3rd series) #2*).

Page 45, Panel 2: (left to right) the Vision II is rebuilt after his failed attempt to control the world's computers (as seen in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #42-45*). A Manhunter robot from the DC Universe (first appeared in *First Issue Special #5*).

Page 45, Panel 3: (left to right) the Vision II and Scarlet Witch celebrate the birth of their twin sons (as seen in *Vision & The Scarlet Witch (2nd series) #12*). They were revealed by Master Pandemonium to be constructs of chaos magic created by the Scarlet Witch (as seen in *Avengers West Coast #51-52*).

Page 45, Panel 4: the Flash II witnesses his death whilst battling the Anti-Monitor in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #8.

Page 45, Panel 5: (clockwise from top) Batman recovers the body of Robin II following his death at the hands of the Joker (as seen in *Batman* #428). Bane breaks Batman's back (as seen in *Batman* #497). Azrael II was chosen to become Batman II (as first seen in *Detective Comics* #665).

Page 45, Panel 6: (left to right) the Odinsword lies discarded after Thor's father, Odin, used it to kill Surtur (as seen in *Thor* (2nd series) #40). The death of Wonder Woman's mother Hippolyta (as seen in *Wonder Woman* (2nd series) #172).

Page 46, Panel 1: (left to right, top to bottom) Hank Henshaw, the Cyborg Superman (first appeared in *Adventures of Superman* #466 and as cyborg in *Adventures of Superman* #500). John Henry Irons, a.k.a. Steel III (first appeared in *Adventures of Superman* #500). Jimmy Olsen and Lois Lane witness the death of Superman (as seen in *Superman* (2nd series) #75). Doomsday, the creature responsible for the previous scene (first appeared in *Superman: The Man of Steel* #17). The young clone of Superman, Superboy II (first appeared in *Adventures of Superman* #500). The wedding of Clark Kent and Lois Lane (as seen in *Superman: The Wedding Album*). Superman's cape fluttering in the breeze after his death.

Page 46, Panel 2: (left to right, top to bottom) Iron Man I wearing his stealth armor (as first seen in *Iron Man* (1st series) #152). Iron Man I wearing his War Machine armor (as first seen in *Iron Man* (1st series) #281). A paralyzed Tony Stark following his being shot by ex-girlfriend Kathy Dare (as seen in *Iron Man* (1st series) #242). The death of the adult Tony Stark at the hands of Kang (as seen in *Avengers* (1st series) #395). Tony Stark's battle with alcoholism (as seen in *Iron Man* (1st series) #128). The teenage Tony Stark who was brought from the past into the present to stop his adult counterpart (as seen in *Avengers: Timeslide*). Iron Man I in his modular armor (first seen in *Iron Man* (1st series) #300). Iron Man I in his first red and gold armor (first seen in *Tales of Suspense* (1st series) #48).

Page 46, Panel 3: An insane Hal Jordan wielding the rings of Green Lanterns he has killed (as seen in *Green Lantern* (3rd series) #49). Former Green Lantern Katma Tui (first appeared in *Green Lantern* (2nd series) #30). Hal Jordan becomes Parallax after destroying the Central Power Battery on Oa (as seen in *Green Lantern* (3rd series) #50). Hal Jordan as the Spectre (as first seen in *Day of Judgement* #5). Kyle Rayner, the current Green Lantern of Earth (first appeared in *Green Lantern* (3rd series) #48).

Page 48, Panel 4: The figure watching the assembled heroes is Metron, one of the New Gods in the DC Universe who first appeared in *New Gods* (1st series) #1.

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Page 1: Galactus, a powerful cosmic entity in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #48*. His origin was first revealed in *Thor (1st series) #169* and retold in *Super-Villain Classics #1*. Krona, or Entropy as he later became known in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #40*. Krona was also instrumental in setting up events for the *Crisis on Infinite Earths*, which prominently featured the hand surrounding the universe - a homage to how the DC Universe was created, first shown in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #40*.

Page 2, Panel 1: Metron, one of the New Gods in the DC Universe, first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #1*.

Page 2, Panel 2: See the annotations for Page 7 for the items of power from the Marvel and DC Universes.

Pages 2-3: The DC and Marvel Earths converging is an homage to the cover of *Crisis on Infinite Earths #5*, where DC's two most well-known realities, Earth-1 and Earth-2, are similarly converged.

Page 3: The story title, "The Brave... and The Bold", is a homage to the classic DC Comics series, the first volume of which ran for 200 issues from 1955 until 1983. The JLA made their first appearance in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #28*.

Page 4, Panel 2: Spider-Man first appeared in *Amazing Fantasy (1st series) #15*, and first joined the Avengers in *Avengers (1st series) #316*.

Page 4, Panel 4: The New Warriors from the Marvel Universe, who first appeared as a team in *Thor (1st series) #411*. Members pictured are (from left to right, top to bottom) Nova I (first appeared in *Nova (1st series) #1*), Speedball (first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual #22*), Night Thrasher (first appeared in *Thor (1st series) #411*).

Page 4, Panel 5: The Defenders from the Marvel Universe, who first appeared as a team in *Marvel Feature (1st series) #1*. Members pictured are (from left to right, top to bottom) Nighthawk II (first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #69*), Red Guardian III (first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #35*), Gargoyle (first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #94*), Valkyrie II (first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #3*).

Page 4, Panel 6: Daredevil, blind superhero from the Marvel Universe who once declined Avengers membership, first appeared in *Daredevil (1st series) #1*.

Page 4, Panel 7: Captain Britain I, super-powered defender of Britain in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Captain Britain (1st series) #1*.

Page 4, Panel 8: Sabra, a super-strong Israeli mutant from the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #250*.

Page 4, Panel 9: Trish Tilby (left), a news reporter in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *X-Factor (1st series) #7*. Henry Gyrich (right), government liaison to the Avengers in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #165*.

Page 5, Panel 2: Members of DC Universe super-teams the Outsiders (first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #200*), Infinity Inc. (first appeared in *All-Star Squadron #25*), and the Teen Titans (first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #60*). Members pictured are (from left to right, top to bottom) Fury II (Infinity Inc., first appeared in *Wonder Woman (1st series) #300*), Nuklon (Infinity Inc., first appeared in *All-Star Squadron #25*), Cyborg (Teen Titans, first appeared in *DC Comics Presents #26*), Risk (Teen Titans, first appeared in *Teen Titans (2nd series) #1*), Wonder Girl I (Teen Titans, first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #60*), Black Lightning (Outsiders, first appeared in *Black Lightning (1st series) #1*), Jericho (Teen Titans, first appeared in *Tales of The Teen Titans #42*), Star-Spangled Kid I (Infinity Inc., first appeared in *Action Comics #40*), Raven (Teen Titans, first appeared in *DC Comics Presents #26*).

Page 5, Panel 3: Bethany Snow, a news reporter in the DC Universe, first appeared in *New Teen Titans (1st series)*

#22.

Page 5, Panel 4: Lana Lang (left), a news reporter in the DC Universe and formerly Superman's girlfriend, first appeared in *Superboy (1st series) #10*. Lois Lane (right), Superman's wife in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Action Comics #1*. The GBS is the Galaxy Broadcasting System for which both women worked.

Page 5, Panel 5: More members of DC Universe super-teams the Outsiders, Infinity Inc., and the Teen Titans. Members pictured are (from left to right, top to bottom) Jade (Infinity Inc., first appeared in *All-Star Squadron #25*), Starfire (Teen Titans, first appeared in *DC Comics Presents #26*), Terra (Teen Titans, first appeared in *New Teen Titans (1st series) #26*), Changeling (Teen Titans, first appeared as Beast Boy in *Doom Patrol (1st series) #99*), Prysm (Teen Titans, first appeared in *Teen Titans (2nd series) #1*), Halo (Outsiders, first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #200*), Northwind (Infinity Inc., first appeared in *All-Star Squadron #25*), Argent (Teen Titans, first appeared in *Teen Titans (2nd series) #1*). Metropolis, home to Superman, is located in Delaware in the DC Universe and was first seen in *Superman (1st series) #2*. Gotham City, home to Batman, is located in New Jersey in the DC Universe and was first seen in *Detective Comics #27*.

Page 5, Panel 8: (from left to right) Tawny Young, a California-based TV reporter in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #176*. Catherine Cobert, former United Nations liaison for the Justice League Europe in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Justice League International (1st series) #8*. Maxwell Lord (incorrectly identified as Morgan Edge), former administrator of Justice League International, first appeared in *Justice League #1*. Jason Blood, host to the demon Etrigan in the DC Universe and a former JLA member, first appeared in *Demon (1st series) #1*.

Page 5, Panel 9: The JLA's Watchtower headquarters is located in the Moon's Sea of Tranquility in the DC Universe and was first seen in *JLA #4*.

Page 6, Panel 1: Members of the Avengers and the JLA as follows: (from left to right, top to bottom) Goliath I (Avengers, first appeared as Goliath I in *Avengers (1st series) #28*), Green Lantern II (JLA, first appeared in *Showcase #22*), Iron Man I (Avengers, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #39*), Wonder Woman II (JLA, first appeared in *All Star Comics (1st series) #8*), Flash II (JLA, first appeared in *Showcase #4*), Vision II (Avengers, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #57*), Aquaman (JLA, first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*), Captain America I (Avengers, first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1*).

Page 6, Panel 5: (second from left) JLA member the Martian Manhunter, first appeared in *Detective Comics #225*.

Page 6, Panel 6: (right) Avengers member the Scarlet Witch, first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #4*.

Page 6, Panel 7: The Vision and Scarlet Witch's children, Thomas and William, first appeared in *Vision and The Scarlet Witch (2nd series) #12*. They were revealed to be constructs of chaos magic created by the Scarlet Witch in *Avengers West Coast #51-52*.

Page 7, Panel 2: The monitor screens display scenes from the previous three issues in this series. The face of Sonar I, a villain in the DC Universe who first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #14*, can be seen in the globe on the left. The face of the Grandmaster, one of the cosmic Elders of The Universe in the Marvel Universe who first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #69*, can be seen in the globe on the right. The items of power from the Marvel and DC Universes pictured in the globe are (from left to right, top to bottom):

The Medusa Mask, possessed by the villainous Psycho-Pirate II in the DC Universe, allows whoever uses it to control other people's emotions. First seen in *Showcase #56*.

The Cosmic Cube was created by the subversive organization known as Advanced Idea Mechanics in the Marvel Universe. Incredibly powerful, the Cube is able to grant its wielder anything they desire. First seen in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #79*.

The Casket of Ancient Winters is an object from Norse mythology in the Marvel Universe which contains the legendary Fimbulwinter, a powerful magical frigid force. First seen in *Thor (1st series) #345*.

The Soul Gems, also known as the Infinity Gems, are a set of six items of power in the Marvel Universe that offer their users control over space, time, power, reality, the mind, and the soul. Collectively, the gems combine to form the powerful Infinity Gauntlet. First mentioned in *Avengers (1st series) Annual #7*.

The Eternity Book is a powerful magical tome created by the sorcerer Merlin in the DC Universe that contains a

narrative of the entire history of existence to the present day. First seen in *The Demon (1st series) #1*.

The Ultimate Nullifier is a weapon of immense destructive power in the Marvel Universe. First seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #50*.

The Green Bell of Uthool, the Silver Wheel of Nyorlath, and the Red Jar of Calythos are occult artifacts in the DC Universe that can summon three powerful elder demons - Abnegazar, Ghast, and Rath. First seen in *Justice League of America #10*.

The Orb of Ra is an ancient weapon created from a fallen meteor by an Egyptian priest named Ahk-ton. Unearthed centuries later by Rex Mason, the Orb's energies transformed him into Metamorpho. First seen in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #57*.

The Wand of Watoomb is a mystic artifact in the Marvel Universe that greatly enhances its wielder's magical energies. First seen in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual #2*.

The Spear of Destiny is an artifact of enormous magical power that was used by a Roman centurion to pierce the side of Jesus Christ after he was crucified. In the DC Universe, it was used by Hitler during World War I to keep the allied super-heroes out of Axis territory. First seen in *Weird War Tales (1st series) #50*.

The Evil Eye is a powerful weapon from the mystic realm of Avalon that was presented by Prestor John during the time of the Crusades in the 12th Century of the Marvel Universe. First seen in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #54*.

The Power Battery is what gives Green Lanterns in the DC Universe their power. Linked to the central power battery on the planet Oa, each battery could originally recharge its wielder's power ring for a period of 24 hours. When Kyle Rayner took over as Green Lantern of Earth, the 24 hour limitation was removed. Now the ring only needs to be charged periodically. The original battery was first seen in *All-American Comics #16*, whilst the current battery was first seen in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #55*.

Members of the Avengers and the JLA are seated as follows: (*from left to right*) Batman I (JLA, first appeared in *Detective Comics #27*), Wasp (first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #44*, depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #55*), Flash II, Aquaman, Green Lantern II, Thor I (Avengers, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #83*), Wonder Woman II, Scarlet Witch, Superman I (JLA, first appeared in *Action Comics #1*), Vision II, Captain America I, Iron Man I, Martian Manhunter, Goliath I.

Thor I sits in a chair bearing the logo of JLA member Green Arrow. Scarlet Witch sits in a chair bearing the logo of JLA member Zatanna. Vision II sits in a chair bearing the logo of JLA member Plastic Man. Iron Man I sits in a chair bearing the logo of JLA member Hawkman.

Page 8, Panel 1: Captain America I is referring to the erratic behavior he and Superman had been experiencing in the previous three issues of this series.

Page 9, Panel 3: The treadmill Superman is carrying was created by Flash II. Powered by cosmic rays, it allows him to travel through time. It was first seen in *Flash (1st series) #125*.

Page 9, Panel 5: JLA member Atom II, first appeared in *Showcase #34*.

Page 10, Panel 6: The incident that Goliath I is referring to is when he, as Yellowjacket I, struck his then-wife the Wasp in *Avengers (1st series) #213*.

Page 10, Panels 9-10: The oath that Green Lantern II is reciting is the mantra he chants whilst recharging his power ring. It was first spoken in *Showcase #22*.

Page 10, Panel 11: Wally is Wally West, Flash III in the DC Universe, who first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #110*.

Page 10, Panel 12: The Green Lantern that Flash II refers to is Kyle Rayner, first appeared in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #48*.

Page 11, Panel 1: Iris is Iris West, Flash II's wife, who first appeared in *Showcase #4*. Carol is Carol Ferris, Green Lantern II's then-girlfriend, who first appeared in *Showcase #22*. Ollie is Oliver Queen, JLA member Green Arrow II, first appeared in *More Fun Comics #73*. Ralph is Ralph Dibny, JLA member Elongated Man, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #112*.

Page 11, Panel 6: Krypton is Superman's home planet, first mentioned in *Action Comics* #1.

Page 11, Panel 7: Captain America's shield is composed of a nigh-indestructible alloy of steel and the rare metal Vibranium in the Marvel Universe.

Page 12, Panel 3: Thor's hammer, Mjolnir, is a magically-enchanted weapon that was forged from the mystic metal uru in the Marvel Universe. It was first seen in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series)* #83.

Page 13: The Guardians Green Lantern II refers to are the Guardians of The Universe in the DC Universe who first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series)* #1.

Page 14, Panel 2: The faces on the monitor screens are: (*from left to right*) a soldier from the subversive organization Kobra in the DC Universe (first appeared in *Kobra* #1), a scientist from weapon-makers Advanced Idea Mechanics in the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series)* #146), an agent from the terrorist organization Hydra in the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series)* #135), a soldier from the criminal organization H.I.V.E. (Hierarchy of International Vengeance and Extermination) in the DC Universe (first appeared in *Superman Family* #205).

Page 14, Panel 6: The Hydra agent is saying is a modified version of his organization's motto, "Hail Hydra! We shall never be destroyed! Cut off a limb and two more shall take its place!"

Page 15, Panel 1: (*left*) Para-demons from Apokolips in the DC Universe (first appeared in *New Gods (1st series)* #1). (*middle*) Members of the 1000, a crime cartel in the DC Universe (first appeared as the 100 in *Superman's Girlfriend Lois Lane* #105). (*right*) Lava Men from the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series)* #97).

Page 18, Panel 1: (*right*) Moloids from the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series)* #1).

Page 18, Panel 3: (*left*) Humanoids from the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series)* #63). (*right*) variant versions of the Para-demons from DC's *Super Friends* series.

Page 19, Panel 6: The newly-arrived heroes are (*top to bottom*) Yellowjacket I (Hank Pym, Avengers, first appeared as Yellowjacket I in *Avengers (1st series)* #59), Quicksilver (Pietro Maximoff, Avengers, first appeared in *X-Men (1st series)* #4), and Green Arrow II.

Page 19, Panel 7: Hawkeye I, member of the Avengers in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series)* #57. Wonder Woman timeshifts into a more recent version of her character, as is evident by her costume changing.

Page 19, Panel 8: The Wasp has timeshifted into a different version of her character, as evidenced by her changed costume which was first seen in *Avengers (1st series)* #30.

Page 20, Panel 1: Iron Man II from the Marvel Universe (James Rhodes, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series)* #118).

Page 20, Panel 5: The Royal Flush Gang, a criminal organization from the DC Universe, who first appeared in *Justice League of America* #43. The depicted incarnation, who first appeared in *Justice League of America* #203, are: (*left to right*) Jack of Spades, Ace of Spades, Queen of Spades, King of Spades, and Ten of Spades.

Page 21, Panel 1: Villains show on the monitor screens are: (*from left to right, top to bottom*) Kanjar Ro (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America* #3), Thunderball (Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Defenders (1st series)* #17), Queen Bee (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America* #23), the Awesome Android (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series)* #15). The beings Krona is observing are (*left*) the physical manifestation of Eternity in the Marvel Universe (first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series)* #138) and (*right*) the physical manifestation of Kismet in the DC Universe (first appeared in *Adventures of Superman* #494).

Page 21, Panel 2: Wonder Woman II battles the Wrecking Crew from the Marvel Universe who first appeared in *Defenders (1st series)* #17. Team members depicted are: (*from left to right, top to bottom*) Thunderball, Piledriver II (first appeared in *Defenders (1st series)* #17), Wrecker III (first appeared in *Thor (1st series)* #148), Bulldozer II (first appeared in *Defenders (1st series)* #17).

Page 21, Panel 7: Metron leaves via a Boom Tube, a dimensional transportation device used by the New Gods in the

DC Universe.

Page 22, Panel 1: (from left to right, top to bottom) Iron Man II, Dragon-Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #35*), Green Lantern II, Awesome Android, Superman, The General (DC, first appeared in *Captain Atom (2nd series) #1*), Vision II, Weapons Master (DC, first appeared in *Justice League America #61*), Wasp, Thor I, Queen Bee.

Page 22, Panel 3: Batman time-shifts into his Silver Age incarnation.

Page 22, Panel 4: Batroc the Leaper, a mercenary from the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #75*.

Page 22, Panel 6: Plastic Man, a member of the JLA in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Police Comics #1*.

Page 23, Panel 1: (from left to right, top to bottom) Plastic Man, Goliath III (Marvel, first appeared as Power Man I in *Avengers (1st series) #21*), Beast (Marvel, first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #1*), Black Knight III (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #48*), Elongated Man, Blue Jay (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America #87*), Yellowjacket II (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #264*).

Page 23, Panel 2: (from left to right, top to bottom) Jack of Spades, Jack of Hearts (Marvel, first appeared in *Deadly Hands of Kung Fu #22*), Hercules (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) Annual #1*), Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #170*), Boomerang (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #81*).

Page 23, Panel 3: Screaming Mimi, a villainous former female wrestler in the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Marvel Two-in-One #54*.

Page 23, Panel 4: Black Canary II, a member of the JLA in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Justice League of America #75*.

Page 23, Panel 5: (from left to right, top to bottom) Baron Zemo II (Marvel, first appeared as Phoenix I in *Captain America (1st series) #168*), Prometheus II (DC, first appeared in *New Year's Evil: Prometheus #1*), Felix Faust (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America #10*), Gorgon (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #15*), Quicksilver, Goliath III, Flatman (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46*), Nebula (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #257*).

Page 24, Panel 1: Red Tornado II, a member of the JLA in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Justice League of America #64*.

Page 24, Panels 2-3: Captain America I timeshifts into his incarnation as The Captain, first seen in *Captain America (1st series) #335*.

Page 24, Panel 5: (left to right) Plastic Man, Elongated Man, Gorgon, (right to left) Vision II, Moonstone II (Marvel, first appeared as Karla Sofen in *Captain America (1st series) #192*), Beast, Tracer (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #15*), Goliath III, (left to right) Prometheus II, Lord Havoc I (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #15*), Iron Man I (in silver and red armor, first seen in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #1*), (right to left) Green Lantern II, Nebula, Baron Zemo II, (left to right) Shocker (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #46*), Flash II, Flatman, Quicksilver, Hawkeye I, Black Knight III.

Page 24, Panel 6: (left) Solomon Grundy (DC, first appeared in *All-American Comics #61*), (center) Executioner I (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #103*), (right) Abomination (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #90*).

Page 25, Panel 2: (center) Whirlwind, a mutant villain from the Marvel Universe who first appeared as the Human Top II in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #50*.

Page 25, Panel 3: (left) the Absorbing Man from the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #114*. (right) the Trickster from the DC Universe, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #113*.

Page 25, Panel 8: (left) Dreamslayer of the Extremists in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #15*.

Page 26, Panel 3: (left) Crimson Dynamo V from the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #109*.

Page 26, Panel 4: (center right) Doctor Diehard of the Extremists in the DC Universe, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #15*.

Page 26, Panel 6: Green Lantern II transforms into his incarnation as Parallax, first seen in *Green Lantern (3rd series) #50*. Atom II transforms into his incarnation from the *Sword of The Atom* limited series.

Page 26, Panel 7: Parallax transforms into Green Lantern V (Kyle Rayner). Atom II transforms into his Teen Titans incarnation (as first seen in *Teen Titans (2nd series) #1*).

Page 27, Panel 1: (second from bottom) Ant-Man II from the Marvel Universe, first appeared in *Marvel Premiere #47*.

Page 27, Panel 3: (left to right, top to bottom) War Machine II (Marvel, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #285*), Superman I, Doctor Fate I (DC, first appeared in *More Fun Comics #55*), Warbird (Marvel, first appeared as Carol Danvers in *Marvel Super-Heroes (1st series) #13* and as Warbird in *Avengers (3rd series) #4*), Bloodwynd (DC, first appeared in *Justice League America #61*).

Page 27, Panel 4: (top to bottom) Blood Brothers (Marvel, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #55*), Big Bertha (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46*), She-Hulk (Marvel, first appeared in *Savage She-Hulk #1*), Red Tornado II.

Page 27, Panel 5: (top to bottom) Black Spider (DC, first appeared in *Detective Comics #463*), A.I.M. scientist, Rage (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #326*), Blockbuster I (DC, first appeared in *Detective Comics #345*).

Pages 28-29, Panel 1: (from top, left to right) Retro (DC, first appeared in *New Year's Evil: Prometheus #1*), Thor I, Blastaar (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #62*), Captain Atom (DC, first appeared in *Space Adventures #33*), X-Ray (Marvel, first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #254*), (right to left) Count Nefaria (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #13*), Superman I, Yellowjacket I, Faceless Hunter From Saturn (DC, first appeared in *Strange Adventures (1st series) #124*), Neutron (DC, first appeared in *Tales of The Teen Titans #56*), Bloodwynd, Hyena I (DC, first appeared in *Firestorm (1st series) #4*), Mr. Immortal (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46*), (left to right) Multi-Man (DC, first appeared in *Challengers of The Unknown (1st series) #14*), Human Torch I (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Comics #1*), Warbird, War Machine II, Doctor Light II (DC, first appeared in *Teen Titans (1st series) #44*), Machine Man (Marvel, first appeared in *2001: A Space Odyssey #8*), Orka (Marvel, first appeared in *Sub-Mariner (2nd series) #23*), (right to left) Enforcer II (DC, first appeared in *Fury of Firestorm #14*), Rhino (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #41*), Mist (DC, first appeared in *Adventure Comics #67*), Deathstroke (DC, first appeared in *New Teen Titans (1st series) #2*), Faith (DC, first appeared in *JLA #69*), Demolition-Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Thing #28*), Black Lightning, (left to right) Klaw (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #53*), Big Barda (DC, first appeared in *Mister Miracle (1st series) #4*), Man-Ape (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #62*), Doorman (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46*), Triathlon (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (3rd series) #8*), Swordsman II (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #343*).



Page 28, Panel 2: (from top, left to right) Zauriel (DC, first appeared in *JLA #6*), Falcon II (Marvel, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series) #117*), Hawkgirl II (DC, first appeared in *JSA Secret Files #1*), Hawkman I (DC, first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), Hawkman II (DC, first appeared in *Hawkworld (2nd series) #22*), (right to left) I.Q. (DC, first appeared in *Mystery In Space #87*), Black Condor II (DC, first appeared in *Black Condor #1*), Wizard (Marvel, first appeared in *Strange Tales (1st series) #102*), Hawkwoman I (DC, first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), Lion-Mane (DC, first appeared in *Hawkman (1st series) #20*), (left to right) Galactic Golem (DC, first appeared in *Superman (1st series) #248*), Hobgoblin I (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #238*), A.I.M. scientist, Hawkman III (DC, first appeared in *Hawkworld (1st series) #1*), (right to left) Flash I (DC, first appeared in *Flash Comics #1*), Red Skull (Marvel, first appeared in *Captain America Comics #1*), Whizzer I (Marvel, first appeared in *USA Comics #1*), A.I.M. scientist, Para-demon, Wonder Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #9*), (left to right) Power Girl (DC, first appeared in *All-Star Comics #58*), Rampage (DC, first appeared in *Superman (2nd series) #7*), IBAC (DC, first appeared in *Captain Marvel Adventures #8*), (right to left) Darkhawk (Marvel, first appeared in *Darkhawk #1*), Stingray (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series) #95*).

Page 29, Panel 2: (from top, left to right) Fire (DC, first appeared as Green Fury in *Super Friends #25*), Firebird

(Marvel, first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #265*), Invisible Destroyer (DC, first appeared in *Showcase #23*), Blizzard I (Marvel, first appeared as Jack Frost II in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #45* and as Blizzard I in *Iron Man (1st series) #86*), Killer Frost (DC, first appeared in *Firestorm (1st series) #3*), (right to left) Firebrand I (Marvel, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #27*), Ymir (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #97*), Captain Cold (DC, first appeared in *Showcase #8*), Firestar (Marvel, first appeared in *Spider-Man & His Amazing Friends #1*), (left to right) Ice (DC, first appeared in *Justice League International #12*), Ice Maiden I (first appeared in *Super Friends #9*), Dark Flash (DC, first appeared in *Flash (2nd series) #150*), Icicle I (DC, first appeared in *All-American Comics #90*), (right to left) Shadow-Thief (DC, first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #36*), Eclipso (DC, first appeared in *House of Secrets (1st series) #61*).

Page 30, Panel 1: (from top, left to right) Ronan the Accuser (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #65*), Captain Marvel (DC, first appeared in *Whiz Comics #2*), Photon III (Marvel, first appeared as Captain Marvel II in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) Annual #16* and as Photon III in *Avengers Unplugged #5*), Doctor Light IV (DC, first appeared in *Crisis on Infinite Earths #4*), (right to left) Sinestro (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #7*), Clock King (DC, first appeared in *World's Finest Comics #111*), (left to right) Doctor Spectro (DC, first appeared in *Captain Atom (2nd series) #5*), Captain Marvel I (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes (2nd series) #12*), (right to left) Black Adam (DC, first appeared in *Marvel Family #1*), Moon Knight (Marvel, first appeared in *Werewolf By Night (1st series) #32*).

Page 30, Panel 2: (from top, left to right) Black Mass (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America #234*), Leo II (Marvel, first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #49*), Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #235*) (right to left) Deathcry (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #364*), Molecule Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #20*), Firestorm II (DC, first appeared in *Extreme Justice #4*), Taurus IV (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #26*), (left to right) Cancer III (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) Annual #1*), Aries II (Marvel, first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #49*), Antaeus (DC, first appeared in *Batman and The Outsiders #14*), General Glory I (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #20*), Killer Moth (DC, first appeared in *Batman #63*). Sersi is an Eternal from the Marvel Universe who first appeared in *Eternals (1st series) #1*.

Page 30, Panel 3: (top to bottom) Martian Manhunter, Hyperion I (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #70*, Hulk II (Marvel, first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (1st series) #1*).

Page 30, Panel 4: (top to bottom) Bloodwynd, Stilt-Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Daredevil (1st series) #8*), Yazz (DC, first appeared in *Justice League America #95*).

Page 30, Panel 5: Rocket Red 7 (DC, first appeared in *Justice League International #7*).

Page 31, Panel 1: (left) Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #194*), (right) Adam Strange (DC, first appeared in *Showcase #17*).

Page 31, Panel 3: (left to right, top to bottom) Prometheus, Aleta (Marvel, first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #27*), Glenn Gammon (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Task Force #28*), Gilgamesh (Marvel, first appeared in *Eternals (1st series) #13*), Manhunter (DC, first appeared in *Police Comics #8*), Power Girl's Cat (DC, first appeared in *Justice League America #37*), G'nort (DC, first appeared in *Justice League International (1st series) #10*), Cluemaster (DC, first appeared in *Detective Comics #351*), Captain America I.

Page 31, Panel 7: (left to right, top to bottom) Tumbler I (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #83*), Crossbones (Marvel, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series) #359*), Libra (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America #111*), Razorfist II (Marvel, first appeared in *Master of Kung-Fu #105*), Whiplash (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #340*), Zaran (Marvel, first appeared in *Master of Kung-Fu #77*), Conquest (Marvel, first appeared in *Thor (2nd series) #17*), Shockwave (Marvel, first appeared in *Master of Kung-Fu #42*), Machete (Marvel, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series) #302*), Taskmaster (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #195*).

Page 31, Panel 8: Black Panther I (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #52*).

Page 31, Panel 9: (left) Huntress II (DC, first appeared in *Huntress #1*), (right) Black Widow II (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #52*).

Page 32, Panel 1: (left to right) Ultivac (DC, first appeared in *Showcase #7*), Ray II (DC, first appeared in *Ray (2nd series) #1*), Mystek (DC, first appeared in *Ray (2nd series) #12*), Lightray (DC, first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #1*), Dinah Soar (Marvel, first appeared in *West Coast Avengers (2nd series) #46*), Quasar III (Marvel, first appeared as

Marvel Man in *Captain America (1st series) #217* and as Quasar III in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #234*, Sersi.

Page 32, Panel 2: (top to bottom) Amazing Man (DC, first appeared in *All-Star Squadron #23*), Absorbing Man.

Page 32, Panel 3: (top to bottom) Magdalene (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #343*), Outsider (DC, first appeared in *Detective Comics #334*), Quakemaster (DC, first appeared in *DC Special #28*), Vibe (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America Annual #2*).

Page 32, Panel 4: (top to bottom) Crimson Fox (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #6*), Mighty Bruce (DC, first appeared in *Justice League International (1st series) #23*), Two-Gun Kid (Marvel, first appeared in *Two-Gun Kid #60*).

Page 32, Panel 5: (top to bottom) Brimstone (DC, first appeared in *Legends #1*), Doctor Polaris (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #21*), Justice (Marvel, first appeared in *Giant-Size Defenders #5*).

Page 32, Panel 6: (top to bottom) Sandman (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #4*), Scorpion (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man (1st series) #20*).

Page 32, Panel 7: (top to bottom) Constrictor (Marvel, first appeared in *Incredible Hulk (2nd series) #212*), Major Disaster (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #43*), Living Lightning (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers West Coast #63*).

Page 32, Panel 8: (left to right) Destroyer IV (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series) #118*), Superman in his "electric blue" incarnation (DC, first seen in *Superman (2nd series) #123*), Thor II (Marvel, first appeared in *Thor (1st series) #391*), Kalibak (DC, first appeared in *New Gods (1st series) #1*).

Page 32, Panel 9: Captain America I wields his photonic shield, first seen in *Captain America (3rd series) #9*.

Page 33, Panel 1: (left to right) Heat Wave (DC, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #140*), Melter (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series) #47*), Masque (Marvel, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #321*), Rocket Red 4 (DC, first seen in *Green Lantern Corps #208*), Jocasta (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #162*), Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #220*), Plastic Man, Chronos I (DC, first appeared in *Atom #3*).

Page 33, Panel 4: (top to bottom, left to right) Fleeter and The Madmen (DC, first appeared in *Blue Beetle (2nd series) #3*), Quicksilver, Titania II (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes Secret Wars #3*), Crucible I (Marvel, first appeared as Burner in *Captain America (1st series) Annual #4* and as Crucible I in *Captain America (1st series) #343*), Vision II, Red Ronin (Marvel, first appeared in *Godzilla #1*), Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers West Coast #55*), Jesse Quick (DC, first appeared in *Justice Society of America (2nd series) #1*), Poundcakes (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Two-in-One #54*), Big Sir (DC, first appeared in *Flash (1st series) #338*).

Page 33, Panel 7: (top to bottom, left to right) Swordsman I (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series) #19*), Cavalier I (DC, first appeared in *Detective Comics #81*), Tasmanian Devil (DC, first appeared in *Super Friends #9*), Nagan (Marvel, first appeared in *Mystery Tales #21*), Jack O'Lantern II (Marvel, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series) #396*), Wasp (in her "insect" incarnation, first seen in *Avengers (1st series) #394*), Ringer I (Marvel, first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #51*).

Page 33, Panel 10: (left to right) Wonder Woman II as Diana (DC, first seen in *Justice League Task Force #5*), Blue Devil (DC, first seen in *Fury of Firestorm #24*), Champion of the Universe (Marvel, first seen in *Marvel Two-in-One Annual #7*), Steel II (DC, first seen in *Justice League of America Annual #2*), Crystal (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #45*), Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (3rd series) #1*).

Page 34, Panel 1: Scarlet Witch appears in an earlier costume, first seen in *Avengers: The Crossing*.

Page 34, Panel 6: (top to bottom, left to right) Controller (Marvel, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #12*), Gargantua (Marvel, first appeared in *New Defenders #126*), Star Sapphire (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #16*), Juggernaut I (Marvel, first appeared in *X-Men (1st series) #12*), Chiller (DC, first appeared in *Booster Gold #8*), Parasite (DC, first appeared in *Action Comics #340*), Shaggy Man I (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America #45*).

Page 35, Panel 2: (top to bottom, left to right) Mole Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) #1*), Javelin (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #173*), Creeper (DC, first appeared in *Showcase #73*), Nikki

(Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Presents* #4), Moloids, Captain Comet (DC, first appeared in *Strange Adventures* #9), Giant-Man I (Hank Pym, Marvel, first appeared as Giant-Man I in *Avengers (1st series)* #2, depicted costume first appeared in *Avengers (1st series)* #366), Floronic Man (DC, first appeared in *Atom* #1), Vance Astro (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes (2nd series)* #18), Master of the World (Marvel, first appeared in *Alpha Flight (1st series)* #2), Moon Maiden (DC, first appeared in *JLA 80-Page Giant* #3).

Page 35, Panel 3: (left to right, top to bottom) Atlantean soldier (Marvel, first appeared in *Motion Picture Funnies Weekly* #1), Steel III (DC, first appeared in *Man of Steel* #22), Marrina (Marvel, first appeared in *Alpha Flight (1st series)* #1), Tyrak (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series)* #278), Beast, Atlantean soldier, (right to left) Atlantean soldiers, Sub-Mariner (Marvel, first appeared in *Motion Picture Funnies Weekly* #1), Atlantean soldier, Attuma (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series)* #33), (left to right) Atlantean soldier, Maxima (DC, first appeared in *Action Comics* #645), Black Manta (DC, first appeared in *Aquaman (1st series)* #35), Plastic Man.

Page 36, Panel 3: (far left) Zan (DC, first appeared in *Super Friends* #7), (top, left) Cheetah II (DC, first appeared in *Wonder Woman (2nd series)* #8), (top, right) Tigra (Marvel, first appeared as The Cat in *The Cat* #1 and as Tigra in *Giant-Size Creatures* #1), (far right) Jayna (DC, first appeared in *Super Friends* #7).

Page 36, Panel 6: Giants of Jotunheim (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series)* #100).

Page 37, Panel 1: (left, top to bottom) Wonder Woman II, Jade (as Green Lantern, first seen in *Green Lantern (3rd series)* #107), Green Arrow III (DC, first appeared in *Green Arrow (2nd series)* #0), Modok (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales of Suspense (1st series)* #94). (extreme right, top to bottom) Agent Liberty (DC, first appeared in *Superman (2nd series)* #60), Porcupine (Marvel, first appeared in *Tales to Astonish (1st series)* #48).

Page 37, Panel 2: (left) Scarlet Skier (DC, first appeared in *Justice League America* #36).

Page 37, Panel 4: (left to right, top to bottom) Wonder Woman II, Nuklon, Triumph (DC, first appeared in *Justice League America* #92), Martinex (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes (2nd series)* #18), Beast, Mark Antaeus (DC, first appeared in *JLA: Superpower*), Steel III, Sub-Mariner, Orion (DC, first appeared in *New Gods (1st series)* #1), Maxima, Spider-Woman II (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes Secret Wars* #7).

Page 37, Panel 5: Surtur (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series)* #97).

Page 37, Panel 6: (left) She-Hulk, (right) Hippolyta (DC, first appeared in *All-Star Comics* #8).

Page 38, Panel 1: (top to bottom) Grim Reaper (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (1st series)* #52), Superman (wielding Captain America's original shield, first seen in *Captain America Comics* #1), Doomsday (DC, first appeared in *Superman: The Man of Steel* #17), Thor I.

Page 38, Panel 2: (right) Solarr (Marvel, first appeared in *Captain America (1st series)* #160).

Page 38, Panel 3: (left) Radioactive Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Journey Into Mystery (1st series)* #93). Kryptonite is a radioactive energy native to Superman's home planet, and is the only known thing that can kill him. First seen in *Adventure Comics* #171.

Page 39, Panel 1: (top to bottom, left to right) Manitou Raven (DC, first appeared in *JLA* #66), Sargon the Sorcerer (DC, first appeared in *All-American Comics* #26), N'astirh (Marvel, first appeared in *X-Factor (1st series)* #32), Seth I (Marvel, first appeared in *Thor (1st series)* #240), Doctor Fate II (DC, first appeared in *Doctor Fate (1st series)* #1), Doctor Druid (Marvel, first appeared in *Amazing Adventures* #1), Silver Sorceress (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America* #67), Scarlet Witch (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (3rd series)* #8), Wasp (depicted costume first seen in *Avengers (1st series) Annual* #19), Zatanna (DC, first appeared in *Hawkman (1st series)* #4), Obsidian (DC, first appeared in *All-Star Squadron* #25).

Page 39, Panel 4: (top to bottom) Construct (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America* #142), Amazo (DC, first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series)* #30), Thor I, Ultra-Humanite (DC, first appeared in *Action Comics* #13), Despero (DC, first appeared in *Justice League of America* #1).

Page 40, Panel 3: (left to right, top to bottom) Thor I, Despero, L-Ron (DC, first appeared in *Justice League International (1st series)* #14), Superman, Yondu (Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes (2nd series)* #18), Beast (in his *New X-Men* incarnation, first seen in *New X-Men* #114), Guy Gardner (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series)* #59), Silverclaw (Marvel, first appeared in *Avengers (3rd series)* #8), Hourman III (DC, first appeared in *JLA* #12), Psycho-Man (Marvel, first appeared in *Fantastic Four (1st series) Annual* #5), Charlie-27

(Marvel, first appeared in *Marvel Super-Heroes (2nd series) #18*).

Page 41, Panel 1: (*from top, left to right*) Kilowog (DC, first appeared in *Green Lantern (2nd series) #149*), Hourman III, Metamorpho (DC, first appeared in *The Brave & The Bold (1st series) #57*), (*right to left*) Silverclaw, Beast, Yondu, (*left to right*) Firestar, Maya (DC, first appeared in *Justice League Europe #47*), Sub-Mariner, Crimson Fox, Aztek (DC, first appeared in *Aztek #1*), (*right to left*) Atom II, Animal Man (DC, first appeared in *Strange Adventures #180*), Charlie-27, Yellowjacket II, Mister Miracle II (DC, first appeared in *Mister Miracle (1st series) #1*).

Page 41, Panel 2: (*left to right, top to bottom*) Scarlet Witch, Tomorrow Woman (DC, first appeared in *JLA #4*), Starfox (Marvel, first appeared in *Iron Man (1st series) #55*), Starhawk I (Marvel, first appeared in *Defenders (1st series) #27*).

Page 45, Panel 1: The Wasp appears in a costume that was first seen in *JLA/Avengers #1*.

Page 45, Panel 3: The Spectre first appeared in *More Fun Comics #52*. The current Hal Jordan incarnation of the character first appeared in *Day of Judgement #5*.

Page 48, Panel 3: The Cosmic Egg is a homage to the plot of the original incarnation of the *JLA/Avengers* crossover two decades ago.

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