

SECRET INVASION

As I like to do from time to time, here's a bit of the behind-the-scenes planning for the SECRET INVASION crossover, now that sufficient time has passed. So all you process junkies out there, here comes your meat!

The document I'm about to share represents Brian Bendis' initial broad strokes overview for what was then six issues. It's difficult to remember for certain, but this would almost certainly have been written up and blocked out after Brian had already verbally walked us through the basic concepts of the story at one of our editorial meetings. Many of the individual elements weren't entirely in place yet—but still, the overall shape of it is very much like what saw print. For those who're interested, my copy is dated 5/24/07.

— Tom Brevoort.

SKRULLS!! MINI SERIES ISSUE BREAKDOWN BY BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS

ISSUE 1- 2

STARK'S SECRET WAREHOUSE—Tony Stark, by himself, attempts an Elektra Skrull autopsy in an attempt to create a Skrull detector. He's close, but he doesn't have it.

AVENGER'S TOWER—Luke Cage and the New Avengers break into the tower and hijack a Quinjet.

SAVAGE LAND—The Mighty Avengers and S.H.I.E.L.D. easily follow the New Avengers to the Savage Land. Obviously, they wanted to be followed.

The New Avengers touch down and search the ruins of what was the Savage Land. No Ka-zar. No Zabu. With Doctor Strange's help they find?

A ship. A crashed Skrull ship, half buried in the mud. The Mighty Avengers show up just in time for it to be opened.

Tony tries to arrest them, but Luke opens the ship anyway.

It's a Skrull ship and the small crew is dead. But not its cargo is not?

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ORIGINAL PHOENIX
SPIDEY WITH WEB PITS
IRON MAN WITH THE NOSE ARMOR
LUKE CAGE IN SATIN SHIRT AND TIARA
DISCO DAZZLER
ORIGINAL MS. MARVEL
ORIGINAL VISION
MOCKINGBIRD
HAWKEYE
BLUE FURRY BEAST
SUE STORM
WONDER-MAN
CAPTAIN AMERICA
EVIL EMMA FROST

Accusations fly, tempers flare and a battle rages high!!

Seventies Marvel versus modern Marvel. Modern Marvel wins and some of the seventies characters are revealed to be Skrulls but not all!!

Mockingbird is back!! Hawkeye and Mockingbird are back together. Echo is in a coma.

But the Savage Land fight was only phase one of the ground battle. A distraction at best.

NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON—An army of new super Skrulls made of every shape and size of hero and villain attacks New York City.

With Tony Stark and the Avengers a world away, the heroes are without a leader? But Nick Fury is back to lead the heroes.

ISSUES 3- 4

NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON—Super Skrull army versus the New Avengers, the Mighty Avengers, the Initiative, the Champions, the Runaways, the Fantastic Four, the X-Men and the Hood's army of super villains. Even Jessica Jones jumps into the mix.

The fight is going badly. Until Thor shows up, then Cap shows up, the holy trinity of Avengers is back together for the first time in years and the combined and rejuvenated army of Marvel heroes attacks.

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The moment the battle turns is when Captain Marvel, really a Skrull, sides with the heroes and sacrifices himself to help defeat the super Skrull army. Marvel Boy witnesses this and is inspired to be the new Captain Marvel.

The Skrull army is defeated and the Skrull home ship is located. Captain Marvel Skrull, with his dying breath, tries to tell Tony Stark how to detect a Skrull, but dies before he can.

Iron Man puts together an all powerhouse team to end this fight once and for all.

ISSUES 5-6

SPACE—An all powerhouse team of heroes THOR, HERCULES, IRON MAN, SENTRY, BLACK BOLT, NAMOR, ARES, MS. MARVEL, WONDER MAN, etc. and takes the fight to them.

The battle is intense and victorious. Hercules dies in battle.

The Skrull queen is missing. Thor is able to get a Skrull to tell them how to detect a Skrull as Tony finds a ship that has more pods in it.

The pods are filled with the real humans that have been replaced by Skrulls.

Including Wonder Man who is standing right behind Tony.

Wonder Man Skrull almost defeats Tony, but the real Wonder Man joins in and kills him.

Iron Man and the others are horrified to see who is trapped on this ship. Hundreds of civilians, SPIDER-WOMAN, NIGHTCRAWLER, WONG, HANK PYM.

NEW YORK—The powerhouse team gets the humans back to Earth just in time for the Spider-Woman Skrull to reveal herself to be the Skrull queen. This was her religion. The Earth is hers by divine right. This isn't good versus bad. This is what her religion believes to be true.

Iron Man senses a massive energy fluctuation.

The Skrull queen is a suicide bomber. Her last hope. Sentry takes her and launches into space.

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Sentry takes the explosion in the face. It's massive. An explosion meant to wipe out the human race.

It massively depowers the Sentry.

Thor catches Sentry and saves him.

Jessica Jones sees Wong in the crowd of human refugees. That means she left her baby with a Skrull agent.

SANCTUM—When Luke and Jessica rush to Doctor Strange's house, the Wong Skrull has already killed himself and the baby.

NEW YORK—Iron Man and Cap and Thor reunite as friends and Iron Man says it's time to figure out who is an Avenger.

Norman Osborn shows up with the Thunderbolts and announces that they are the Avengers. The Avengers and Tony Stark are blamed for the invasion, the destruction and Norman WILL find out whom the real Skrulls are.