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Hi Readers:

I'm pleased to introduce you to the Elks Drug Awareness Program's Marvel comic, "Never Alone."

We are excited to bring you this story featuring those powerful super heroes, the Avengers. Follow them as they team with Elroy the Elk, fighting evil aliens against bullying in a battle to prove that every kid can be in charge of his or her own destiny.

This adventure will demonstrate that no matter what you may be fighting in your own world, every day, you are never alone in that fight. The decisions you make to step up and share troubles you may be having, with another person, will help you be a winner in moving to a happier life for you, your friends and your family.

The Elks want you to grow up in a happy, healthy atmosphere; in a community that is filled with drug-free living. One where you can develop a clean and sharp mind; filled with the anticipation of a dynamic future. One where you too can avenge bullying wherever and whenever you come across it.

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So, join the Avengers and my friend Elroy, in their new quest... and remember: You are NEVER ALONE.

**Kent Gade**

National Director  
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Program





WANT TO TAKE A GUESS AT WHAT I LEARNED TODAY?

THAT YOU CAN TRAVEL FROM ONE END OF THE GALAXY TO THE OTHER, AND NO MATTER HOW FAR FROM EARTH, OR HOWEVER ALIEN THAT DISTANT WORLD MIGHT BE...

THAT'S IT--  
CLIMB UP OUT OF THOSE HOLES!

...A BULLY IS STILL A BULLY.

WE TOLD YOU WE'D RETURN FOR YOUR **ANSWER**. BY ALIGNING WITH OUR **STRENGTH**, WE WILL MAKE YOU **RULERS** OVER LESSER WORLDS.

OUR ANSWER HAS NOT CHANGED. WE LIVE IN **PEACE** BENEATH THE SURFACE, AVOIDING THE DEADLY RADIATION OF OUR SUN.

WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO **IMPOSE** OUR WILL UPON OTHERS.

I WARNED THERE WAS ONLY ONE CORRECT ANSWER: JOIN OUR ALLIANCE OR SUFFER THE **CONSEQUENCES**.

AND THAT IS WHY WE REQUESTED **ASSISTANCE**.

THE PLANET  
M'BASSO.



MY NAME IS SAM ALEXANDER,  
BUT WHEN I'M WEARING THIS  
SUIT AND HELMET...

THANKS TO  
MY AWESOME  
GALACTIC TRANSLATOR,  
YOU CAN CALL ME  
NOVA!

HOW'S IT  
GOING, LITTLE  
BUDDIES?

ZZZZAM

AND I'VE LEARNED HOW TO  
SPOT COSMIC BULLIES  
BEFORE THEY EVEN OPEN  
THEIR MOUTHS.

YOU  
DARE ASSAULT  
ME?!

SENSORS  
REGISTER THIS  
YOUTH AS HUMAN...  
AND A MEMBER OF  
THE NOVA CORPS!  
DESPITE HIS SIZE,  
I ADVISE  
CAUTION.

BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALWAYS  
WHAT A BULLY SAYS THAT  
HELPS IDENTIFY THEM...

WE KNEW YOU  
WOULD DESTROY US  
IF WE REFUSED YOUR  
DEMANDS, SO WE  
BOUGHT THE AID OF  
NOVA AND HIS  
FRIENDS.

...IT'S USUALLY  
WHAT THEY DO.

I'LL SNAP  
YOUR BONES  
WITH MY BARE  
HANDS!

BEFORE  
YOU TRY THAT,  
BIG GUY...

...YOU  
SHOULD PROBABLY  
LISTEN TO A LITTLE  
STORY I HAVE TO  
SHARE...



# THE AVENGERS

## NEVER ALONE



NOVA



CAPTAIN  
AMERICA



BLACK  
WIDOW



HAWKEYE



IRON MAN



THOR



HULK

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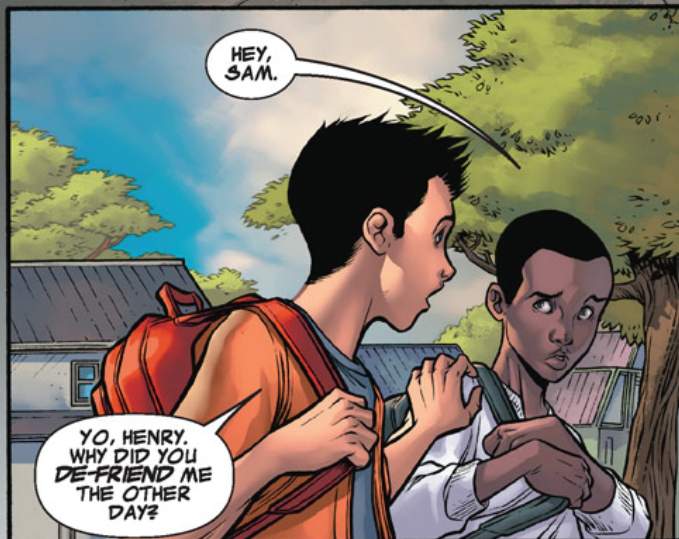
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ONE WEEK AGO...



HEY,  
HENRY! WAIT  
FOR ME!



HEY,  
SAM.

YO, HENRY.  
WHY DID YOU  
DE-FRIEND ME  
THE OTHER  
DAY?



AND WHY DID  
YOU CLOSE DOWN  
YOUR PROFILE FROM  
ALL THE SITES WE HANG  
OUT AT? WHAT'S  
WRONG?

I DON'T  
KNOW...



WE'RE FRIENDS,  
HENRY. YOU CAN TELL  
ME ANYTHING, ESPECIALLY  
IF YOU'RE IN ANY KIND  
OF TROUBLE.

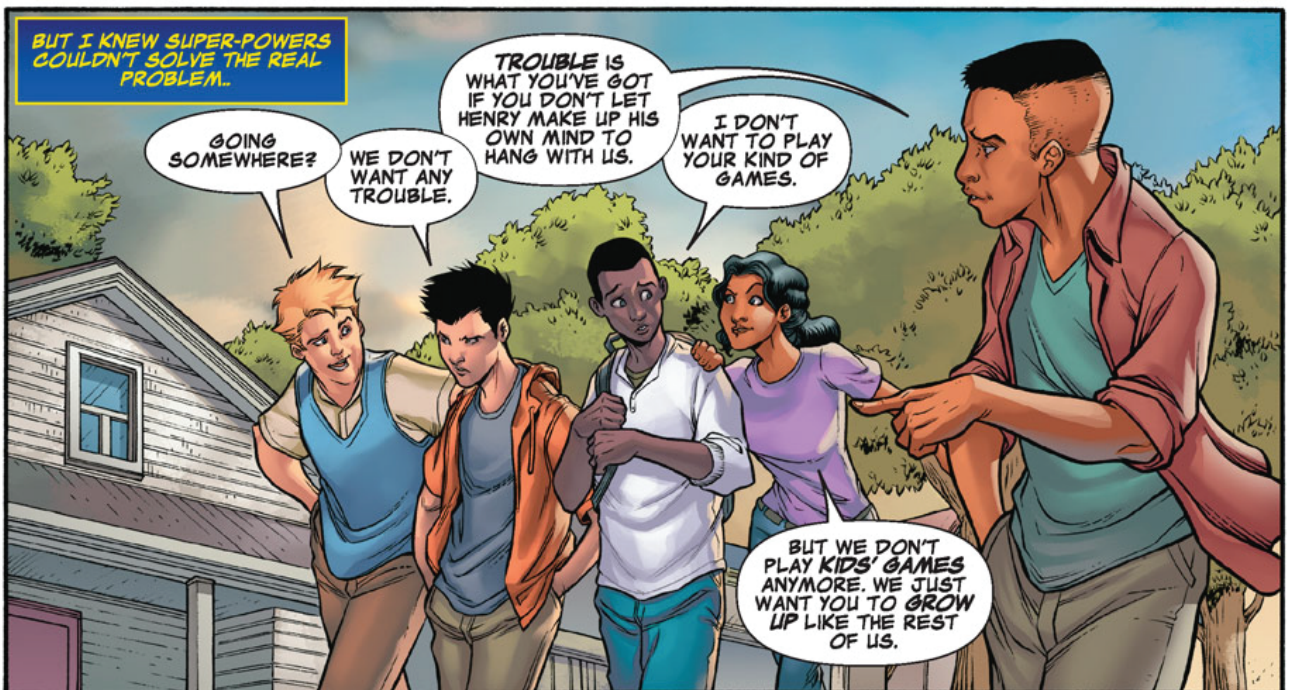
YOU'VE ALWAYS  
BEEN ONE OF MY  
BEST FRIENDS, SAM.  
SO...YOU KNOW THOSE  
"PHARM PARTIES"  
SOME OF THE OLDER  
KIDS GO TO?

RAIDING  
THEIR PARENTS'  
MEDICINE CABINETS  
FOR PRESCRIPTION  
DRUGS? YEAH,  
THEY'RE BAD  
NEWS.

WELL, THESE  
GUYS WE KNEW  
THAT GRADUATED  
LAST YEAR...THEY  
INVITED ME TO ONE.  
BUT JUST SAYING  
NO ISN'T GOOD  
ENOUGH.

THEY STARTED  
HARRASSING ME ONLINE--  
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT  
TO DO, SO I DISABLED  
ALL MY ACCOUNTS.









WE WERE, BUT IF THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF FRIENDSHIP, THEN...

DRINKING ISN'T PART OF GROWING UP--AND DRUGS AT ANY AGE ARE JUST PLAIN STUPID!

YOU TATTILING ON US NOW? WE USED TO BE FRIENDS, HENRY!



THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

WHAT I SHOULD HAVE FROM THE BEGINNING...



IS THERE A PROBLEM HERE, HENRY?

I'M GOING TO TELL MY TEACHERS, MY PARENTS--MY REAL FRIENDS--ABOUT THE WAYS YOU'RE TRYING TO HURT ME!



AND THAT'S HOW AN EARTH BOY SHOWED ME ONE OF THE WAYS TO BE A TRUE HERO...JUST LIKE THESE COOL DUDES HERE--WHEN THEY SAW THEY WERE OUTPOWERED BY A BULLY LIKE YOU...

...THEY KNEW THE SMART THING TO DO WAS CALL FOR HELP.

YOU HEAR ALL THAT, CAP?

LOUD AND CLEAR, NOVA!

THEN THEY HAVE SEALED THEIR DOOM! IF THESE COWARDS WILL NOT JOIN US THEN WE WILL DIG THEM OUT OF THEIR HIDING PLACES AND DESTROY THEM!

AND NOT EVEN ONE OF THE FEARED NOVA CORPS HAS THE POWER TO RESIST THE MIGHT OF MY ORBITING BATTLE FLEET!



THEN IT'S  
A GOOD FRIENDS  
ASKED MY FRIENDS  
TO JOIN ME!

# AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

WHILE THE REST OF YOU  
HELP MOVE AOP THIS LIP--  
THOR AND I ARE HEADING  
UP TO SHUT DOWN  
THIS CHIMP'S FLEET!

AYE! FOR  
ASGARD--AND ANY  
WHO FIND THEMSELVES  
IN NEED OF PROTECTORS  
AID!

IRON MAN

THOR

HULK  
SMASH PUNY  
ROBOTSI!

HULK

CAPTAIN AMERICA

BLACK WIDOW

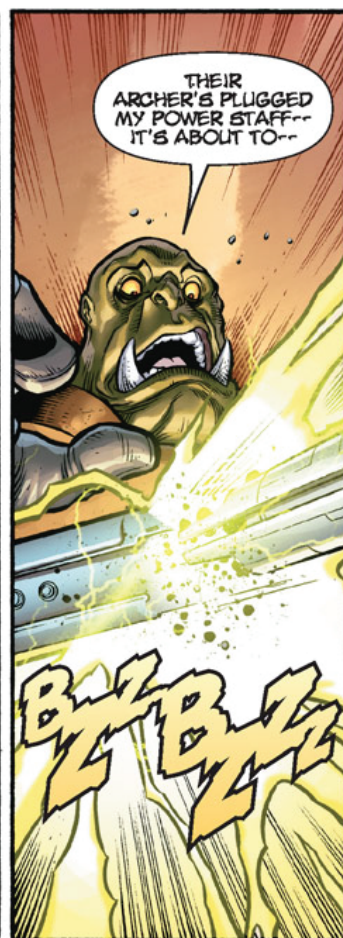
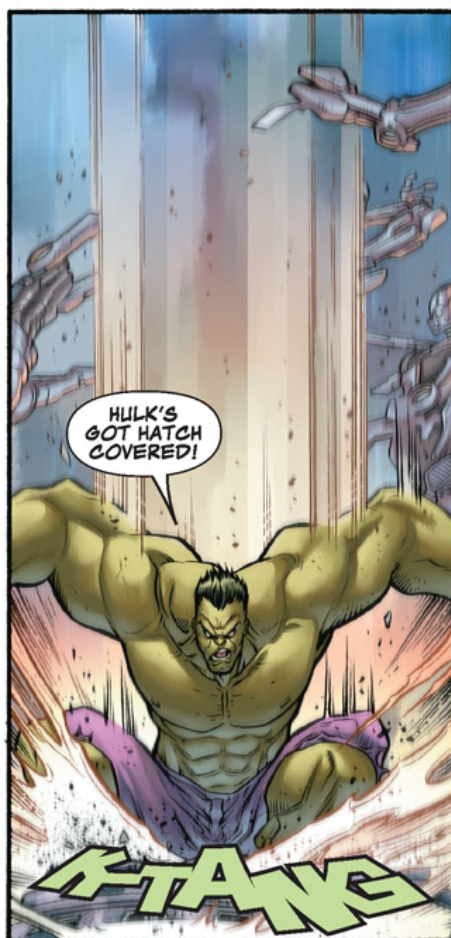
HAWKEYE

DON'T YOU JUST  
LOVE HOW MEGAMINDS  
HAVE SO MANY FLASHING  
GIZMOS THAT ALWAYS  
MAKE SUCH GREAT  
TARGETS?

THEY  
MOVE, THEY GET  
BLASTED.







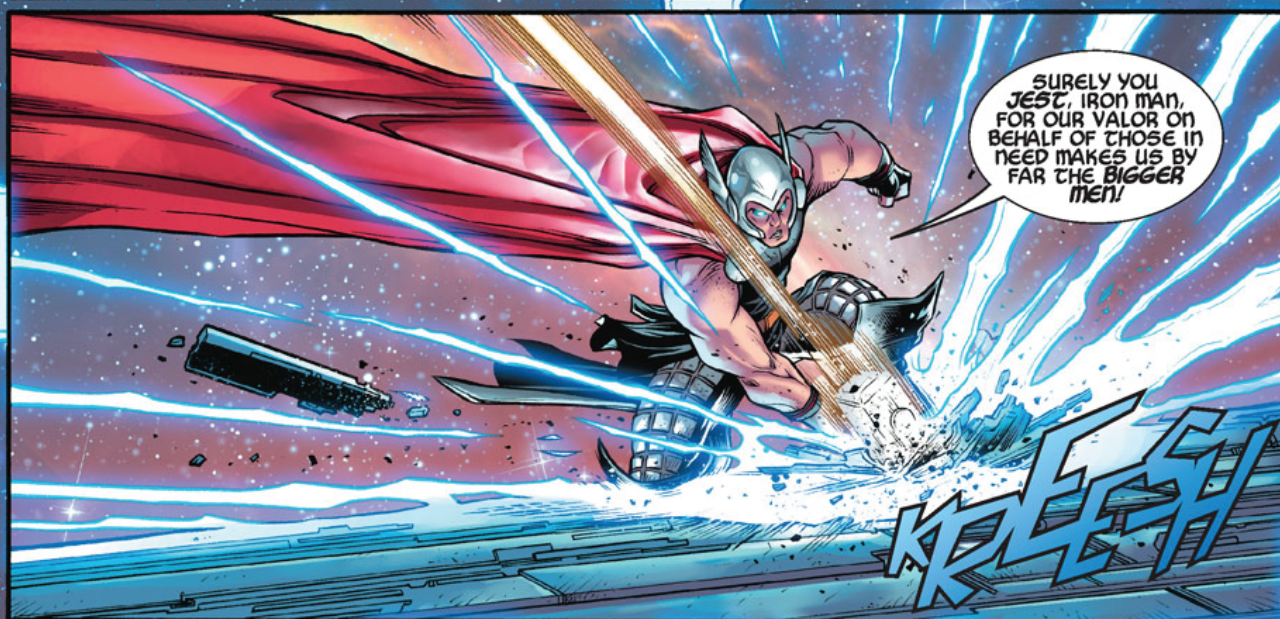




LET'S SHOW THESE THUGS WHAT IT MEANS TO PICK ON SOMEBODY THEIR OWN SIZE!

SIZZOW

SIZZOW

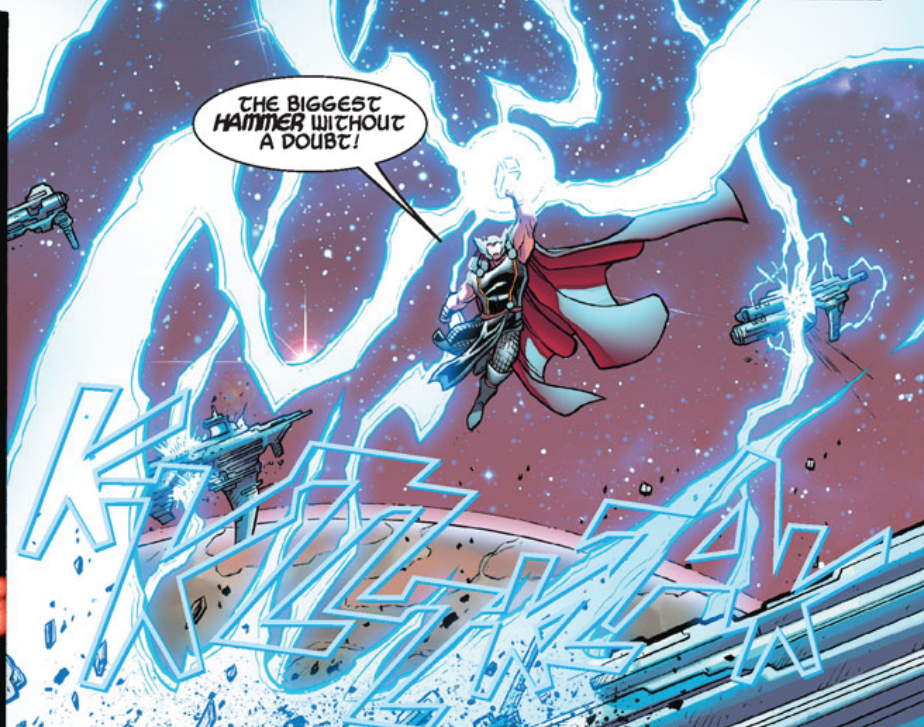


SURELY YOU JEST, IRON MAN, FOR OUR VALOR ON BEHALF OF THOSE IN NEED MAKES US BY FAR THE BIGGER men!

KREESH



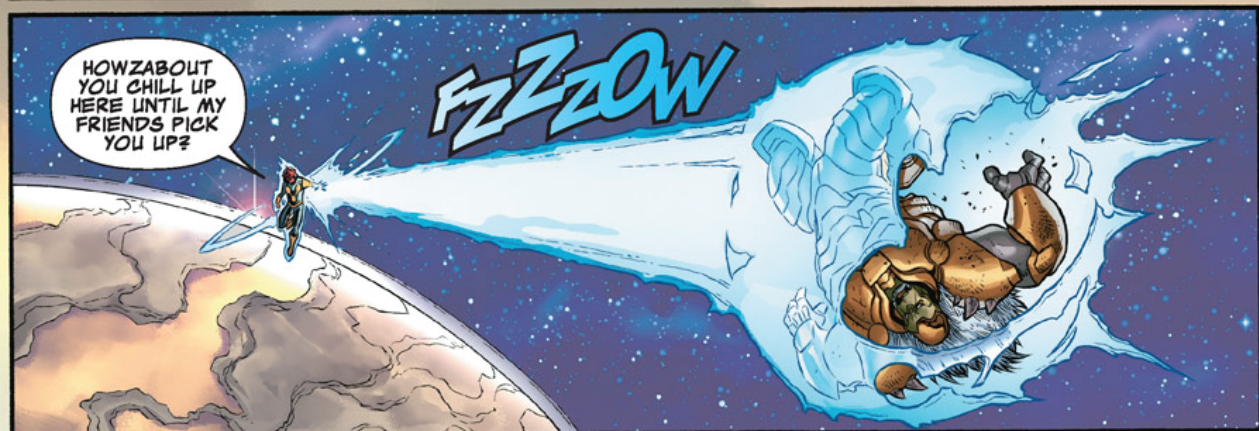
BIGGER BRAINS...MAYBE!



THE BIGGEST HAMMER WITHOUT A DOUBT!

KREESH







**EARTH.**  
TWO WEEKS LATER.

...AND THAT'S  
HOW NOVA AND THE  
AVENGERS RESCUED  
INNOCENT ALIENS  
FROM INTERGALACTIC  
BULLIES!

JUST LIKE MY  
GOOD FRIEND SAM  
ENCOURAGED ME TO TELL  
MY TEACHER ABOUT THE  
BULLYING I WAS EXPERIENCING...  
AND THAT TEACHER THEN  
GOT PARENTS INVOLVED  
TO PUT A STOP TO IT.

THAT'S AN  
AMAZING STORY,  
HENRY!

NOW I'M BACK  
ONLINE--UTILIZING  
ALL THE GOOD THE  
INTERNET OFFERS--AND  
EVEN INVOLVED IN  
AFTER-SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES AGAIN!

AAAH, I DON'T BELIEVE  
IT! HOW WOULD YOU KNOW  
WHAT THE AVENGERS  
DID IN OUTER  
SPACE?



BECAUSE  
HE LEARNED  
ALL ABOUT IT  
FROM ME!

THE  
AVENGERS!

WOW!

COOL!

BUT THE  
REAL THANKS  
GO TO YOU,  
HENRY...

...FOR SHOWING  
ALL OF US HOW TO  
NEVER LET OUR FEARS  
STOP US FROM  
SEEKING THE HELP  
WE NEED.

WE'RE NEVER  
ALONE, NOVA. THERE'S  
ALWAYS SOMEONE TO  
TURN TO...AND WE ALL  
CAN BE HEROES!

**THE END!**

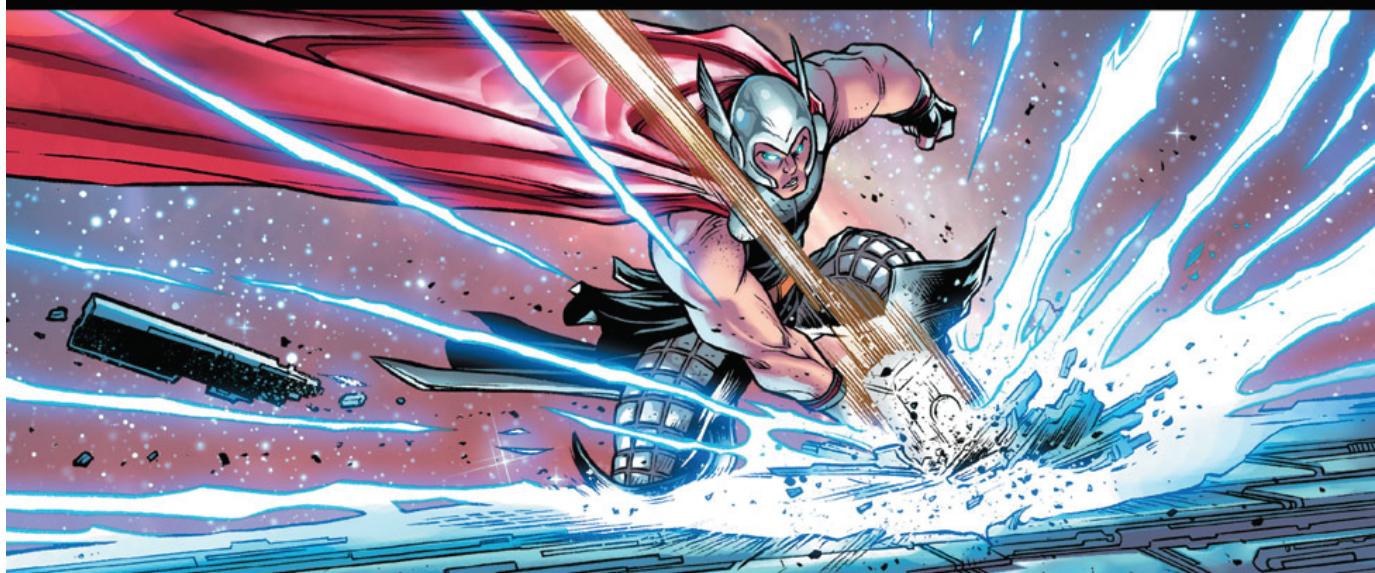




***FRIENDS HELP FRIENDS...***



***YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!***





***ALWAYS ASK FOR HELP....***



***YOU ARE  
NEVER ALONE!***



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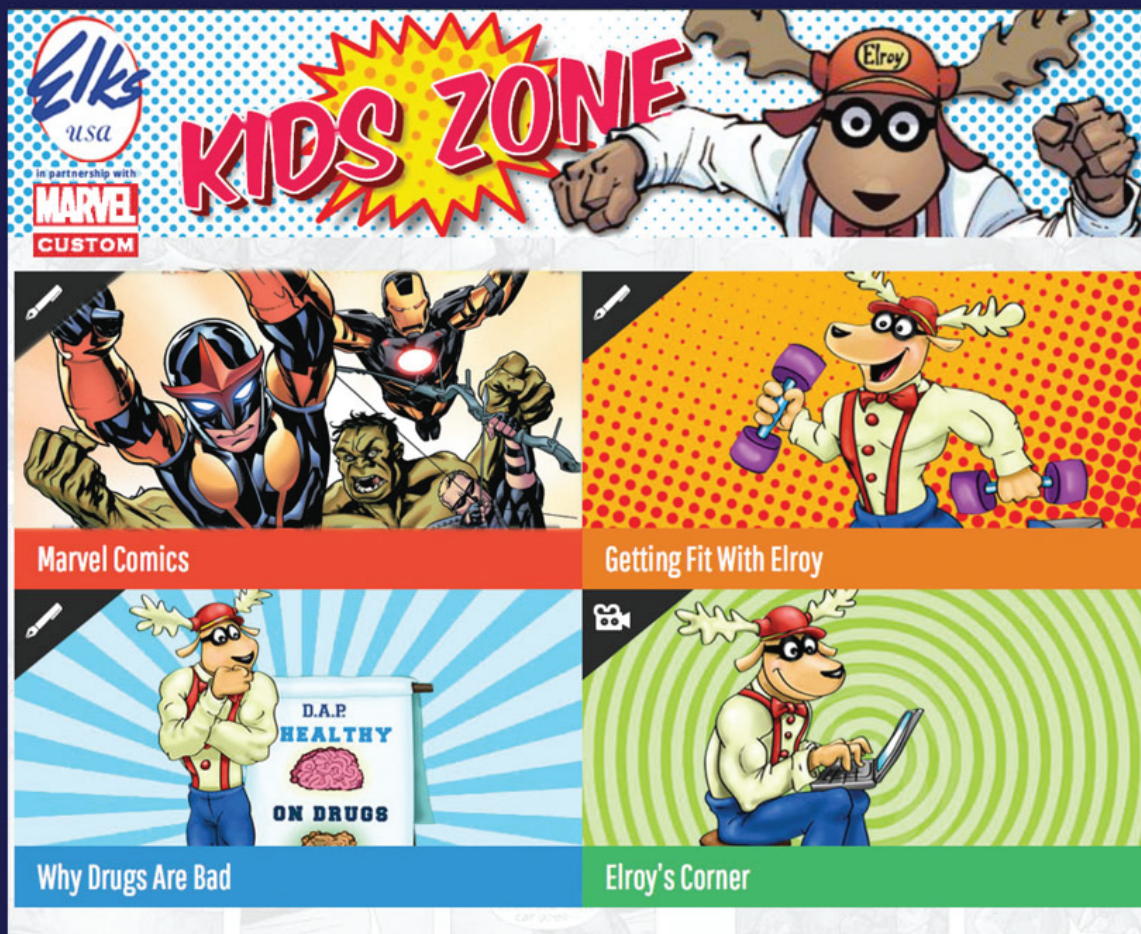
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