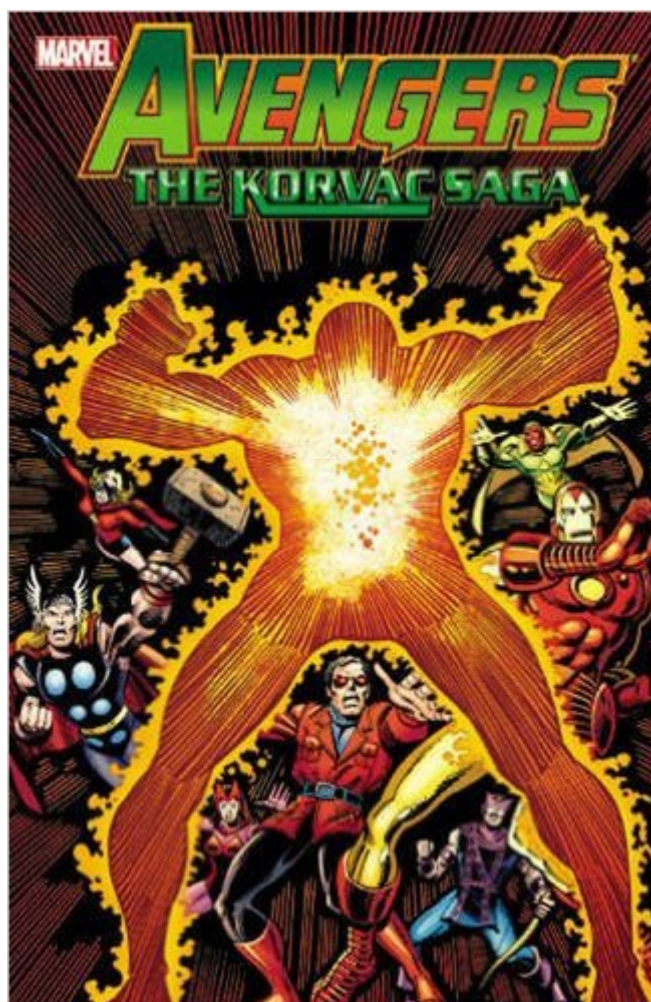


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Avengers: The Korvac Saga



Synopsis

Save the world, destroy the world-- it's all the same to him! A flawed demigod decides it's his destiny to perfect the universe! It's too much power for one man, and it'll take over a dozen powerful men and women--Earth's Mightiest Heroes and the Guardians of the Galaxy--to stop him! Plus: the Avengers face additional endangerment from aliens, Atlanteans, and automatons! Guest-starring Captain Marvel, Ms. Marvel, Doctor Strange and more! COLLECTING: Avengers (1963) #167-168 and #170-177, and Thor Annual #6

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Customer Reviews

Since its original publication in 1991, "The Korvac Saga" has seen a few reprints over the years, including a hardback version. However, this new trade paperback is probably the best collection yet. The reason for that is that it contains what the first collections didn't, the "Thor" annual that sets up the story as Thor travels to the future and aids the Guardians of the Galaxy in battle against the evil cyborg Korvac. While it had been mentioned in the main story, seeing this unfold in full is great as it helps frame things better and appreciate the tale more. George Perez wasn't quite the master artist he'd become then but his skills aid with this massive jam of heroes. It's funny to have the Beast dismissed as a dumb monkey by the Guardians before fighting back against Charlie-27 ("I refuse to dangle here and be insulted by an extra-terrestrial fascimale of Hoss Cartwright!") The story then introduces constant Marvel Universe thorn Henry Gyrich, a government agent who feels the

Avengers aren't worthy of their security clearance and revokes it. This causes dissension with Captain America and Iron Man actually coming to blows. Then we get the arrival of Ultron with the first appearance of Jocasta before Avengers start vanishing into thin air. This leads to the meat of the story as the team (which includes various reserves like Hercules and Black Widow) join together to face Korvac, now the godlike Michael in one of the most brutal fights in Marvel history. The story is fantastic, capturing each Avenger perfectly with Hawkeye getting one of his shining moments facing a being that's already defeated Iron Man and Thor. At the same time we see the recently revived Wonder Man fearing he'll freeze up in the face of dying again, a great character bit.

I remember reading AVENGERS #176 back in 1978 when i was a kid in the fourth grade....and that was my initial introduction to Earth's Mightiest Heroes!.....Sure, I've heard or read IRON-MAN, THOR, and CAPTAIN AMERICA but had no idea they were part of a super-hero team that was par or scale like JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA! Even as a kid, after reading various titles in DC Comics and some in Marvel Comics, I knew there was a BIG DIFFERENCE in the creative teams of both companies....DC mainly focus on their heroes, made them larger than life...with beyond this world powers...and made them seemingly with no flaws in the 70's and 80's....while at the House of Ideas, Marvel focused more on the the heroes human elements: Peter Parker's day to day struggle living day to day to get by...Tony Stark's bout with alcoholism and so on....and from this moment of reading the next to last part issue of the Korvac Saga, I have been a Marvel fan for life!It wasn't until a few years later when I got my first job in 1984 that I was able to buy all the back issues 167-175,177 to FINALLY read the epic 11 part story arc....between those issues, we see guest cameos by NIGHT-HAWK....SPIDER-MAN...DR. STRANGE...SILVER SURFER and members of the defunct CHAMPIONS super team(Hercules and Black Widow)....we also see TWO GUN KID, MS.MARVEL(while her own title was winding down)and the Kree-born MAR'VELL....We first get a sample of Korvac's power in issue 168, in which Star-Hawk goes alone and try to do battle with him one on one and is soundly defeated on EVERY plain(mentally, physically and emotionally) In a attempt not to leave traces of his being or the battle that took place, he reconstructs Star-Hawk molecule by molecule and alters his "sense ability" not to be able to perceive him in anyway.....

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