

deposed Supreme Intelligence plots to regain his throne in the Kree empire during the war, and the shape-changing Skrulls try to fuel the conflict by posing as both Kree and Shi'ar to provoke violence between the two races. The whole business adds up to some complex intergalactic intrigue, with the potential for lots of action and plot twists.

Pleasantly surprising is the attention to continuity in the series thus far. The story forms a coherent whole from chapter to chapter without inconsistencies in the script, and the various writers have obviously consulted each other extensively in planning the series. Even the characterizations are excellent in the midst of all this, as the writers accurately portray not only the individual characters but the way in which they relate to each other (a particular tip of the hat to Bob Harras and Roy Thomas, who have done an excellent job of fleshing out the various characters in the team and how they relate to each other, not just in Operation: Galactic Storm but in the Avengers team titles as well, the best writing the Avengers have enjoyed for years). Operation: Galactic Storm even has something for nostalgia buffs in that much of the background of the story dates as far back as the sixties and seventies, though readers needn't be familiar with those past stories to understand and enjoy the current series.

All in all, Operation: Galactic Storm is shaping up to be an entertaining series with a large cast and an engaging plot, and it's well worth your while even if you're not an Avengers fan. Chapters will include Captain America #398-400, Avengers West Coast #80-82, Quasar #32-34, Wonder Man #7-9, Iron Man #278-279, Thor #445-446, and Avengers #345-347.

