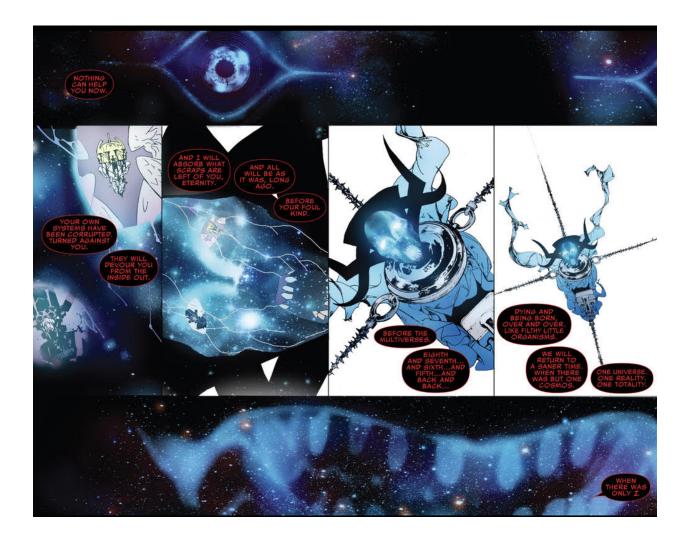
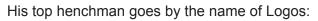
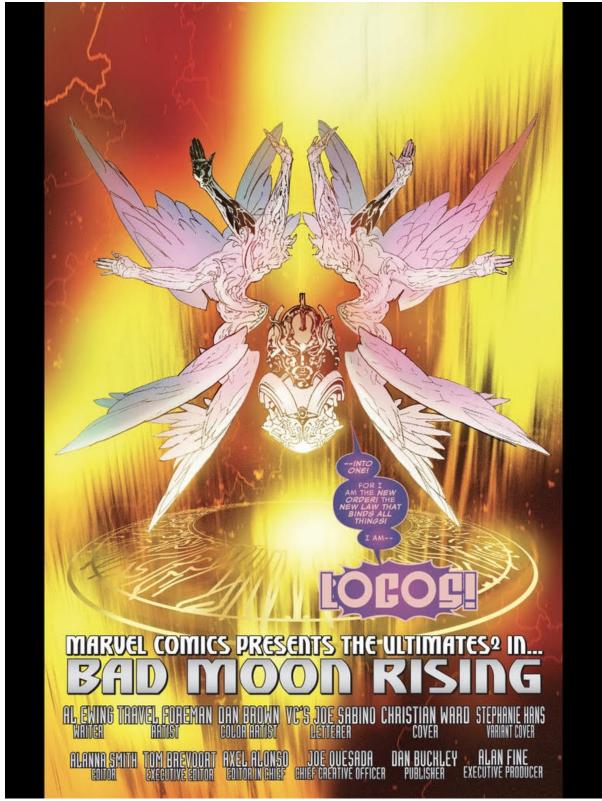
In a 2016-17 story, dubbed the Eternity War, the big baddie is known as "The First Firmament": the original self-existent being in the cosmos. El Elyon Himself. Also called "the cosmic jailer"







who seems to be surrounded by what looks a lot like the mercy seat in the Ark of the Covenant



"In the beginning, there was only one universe, the First Firmament, perfect but alone. This sentient universe decided to create life: Celestial servants. Some of these servants industriously worshipped the First Firmament, seeking its approval whenever they created life on their own, which prompted the First Firmament to name them "Aspirants"; others, "multicolored rebels",[8] who were "as many as the stars themselves",[10] wanted their own creations to evolve, and wanted the universe to grow, change and die. That was seen by the First Firmament as madness and sacrilege"

https://marvel.fandom.com/wiki/Celestials (Race)

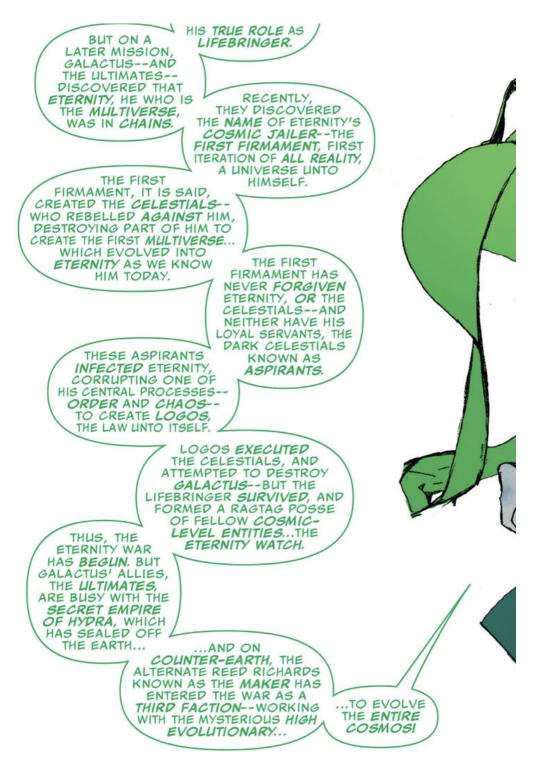
"The Celestial War ultimately ended when the rebel Celestials shattered the First Firmament into pieces. The rebellious Celestials detonated their weapons, and hundreds of new universes were split off from the First Firmament. The First Firmament fled along with the remaining Aspirants, and the new universes formed a collective entity, the Second Cosmos (which was the first Multiverse)."

## Trivia

• The Celestial War seems to be paralleled with the War in Heaven, with the First Firmament representing God, the Aspirants representing the loyal Angels, and the Celestials representing the Fallen Angels.

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The Celestials are the creators of The Eternals.



But The First Firmament wants to put down the rebellion so that he will be all that exists, just as in the beginning



"On this level, combat is metaphor"

