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THE THING

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HUMAN TORCH



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A brilliant scientist--his best friend--the woman he loved--and her fiery-tempered kid brother! Together, they braved the unknown terrors of outer space, and were changed by cosmic rays into something more than merely human! They became the FANTASTIC FOUR...but now that Reed and Sue Richards are gone, the world--and the family they left behind--may never be the same again!



PREVIOUSLY...

Doctor Doom alerted Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, to the existence of the Multisect, a device that Reed Richards left behind so the remaining members of the Fantastic Four could explore the wonders of the Multiverse together. Ben lied to a grief-stricken Human Torch about the Multisect's purpose, claiming that they could use it to find Reed and Sue.

Together, they located the Multisect and recruited scientist Rachna Koul to help with their powers, which are failing in the absence of their beloved teammates. Rachna agreed to help as long as Ben and Johnny took her with them on their adventures. But does Rachna have her own agenda?



THE EVENTS OF THIS STORY TAKE PLACE **BEFORE** THOSE OF **INVINCIBLE IRON MAN #600!**

"LOOK, I KNOW THIS HASN'T BEEN EASY."



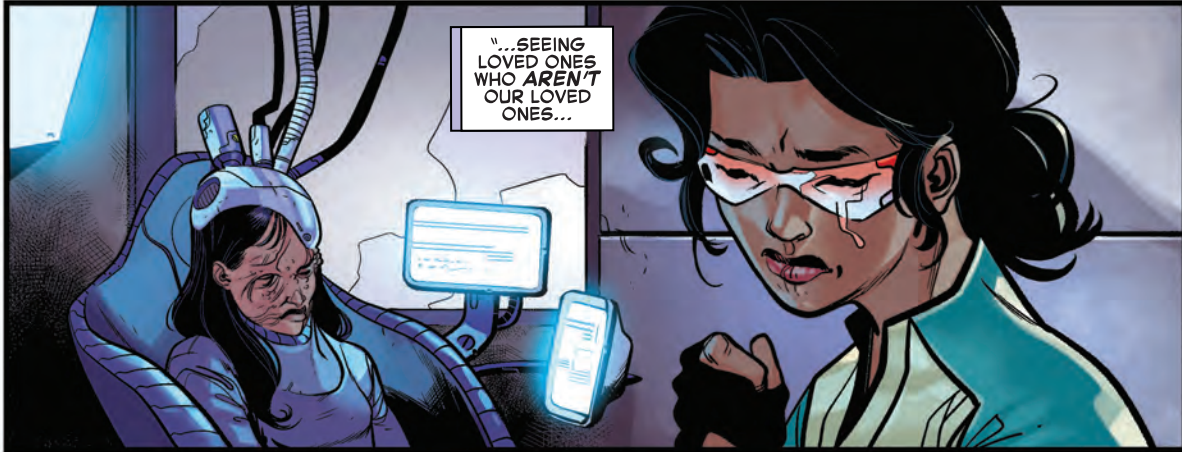
"YOUR POWERS ARE FAILING, AND SOME OF THE WORLDS I'VE LED US TO HAVEN'T BEEN... SUPER WELCOMING. I'LL COP TO THAT."

"THERE'VE BEEN PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, BUT ALSO...IT'S BEEN HARD SEEING OTHER VERSIONS OF YOURSELVES, ROADS NOT TRAVELED..."



"...OR ROADS YOU DID TRAVEL..."

"...SEEING LOVED ONES WHO AREN'T OUR LOVED ONES..."



"WE'RE HERE TO FIND THE RICHARDS FAMILY. YOUR RICHARDS FAMILY. ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES."

"AND WITH THIS NEW WORLD, I'VE GOTTA TELL YOU..."





...I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD FEELING.

LOOK, RACHNA, I'VE BEEN DOIN' THIS "SUPER HERO ADVENTURIN'" THING FOR A LONG TIME NOW, SO LET ME TELL YA SOMETHING...

CHASING YOUR MONSTER

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...THIS AIN'T A "GOOD" FEELING.



SO YOUR READINGS SHOW THEY MAY BE IN...THERE? MAYBE WE CAN WAIT UNTIL THEY COME OUT OR--

I ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOUR SUPPOSED COURAGE WAS BASED ON YOUR POWER, STORM. AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE ALMOST NONE, I'M PROVEN CORRECT.

I'LL LEAD THE WAY. DOOM'S ABILITIES AREN'T TIED TO SOME "COSMIC ACCIDENT."



NICE TRY, DOOM. FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU WANT TO GET TO REED BEFORE US SO YOU CAN KILL HIM!

I MEAN, WHAT OTHER REASON WOULD YOU HAVE FOR "HELPING" US?

MY REASONS ARE MY OWN, AND IMPENETRABLE TO ONE AS FACILE AS YOU.



GOTTA AGREE WITH JOHNNY ON THIS ONE, VIC. WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOIN' WITH US?

I MEAN, YOU KNOW THAT REED AND SUZIE...AIN'T GONNA BE FOUND. SO WHY--

UNBELIEVABLE. YOU'RE AS DENSE AS YOUR ONCE-IMPERVIOUS HIDE, GRIMM.

IF IT WASN'T OBVIOUS AT CASTLE DOOM WHEN I SAVED YOUR LIFE, I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU. MOSTLY FROM YOURSELF.*

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YOU LEAD YOUR DIM-WITTED COMPANION INTO HARM'S WAY UNDER FALSE PRETENCES, AND TO WHAT END? TO GIVE HIM A SENSE OF "ADVENTURE"?

I HAVE... RE-DEDICATED MY LIFE TO HELPING OTHERS, WITHOUT RULING THEM, ME KEEPING YOU TWO ALIVE UNTIL YOU CAN COME TO YOUR SENSES AND HELP OTHERS AGAIN IS A LOGICAL CHOICE.



YOU ARE BOTH SPOILED, PRIVILEGED CHILDREN, WASTING YOUR DWINDLING ABILITIES ON A FOOL'S ERRAND.

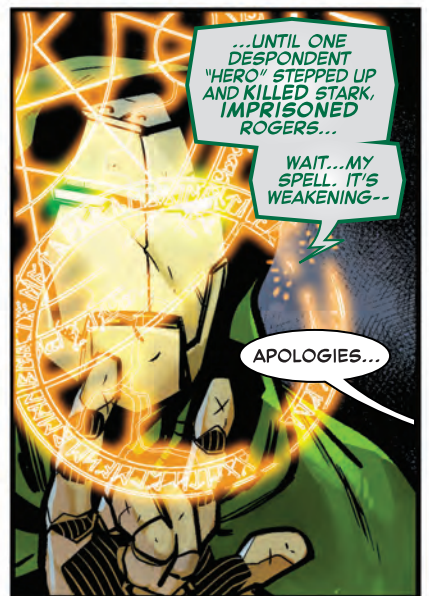
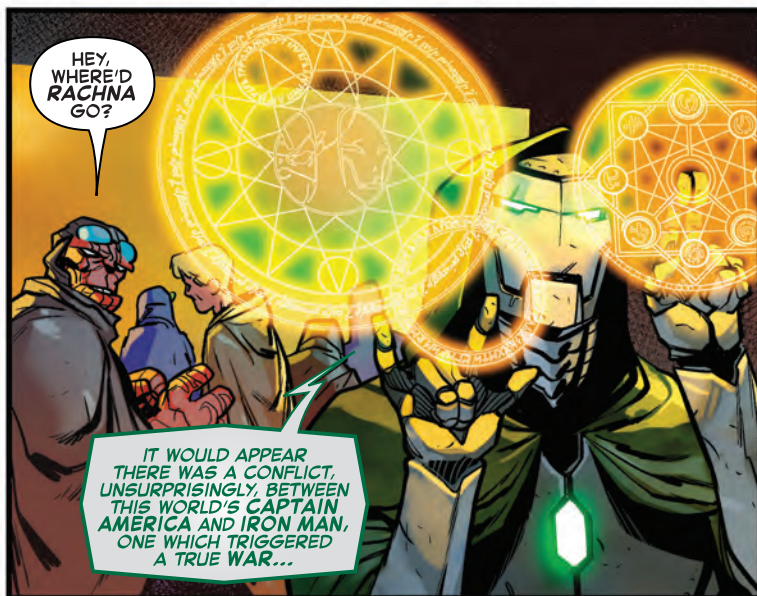
AND YOU WILL GET JONATHAN KILLED.



...I'M... I'M HELPIN' JOHNNY. HE AIN'T GONNA DIE.

YA CAN'T KILL THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

OH, BENJAMIN. I'VE TRIED, BELIEVE ME, I HAVE...





...BUT WE DON'T ALLOW MAGIC ON THE PREMISES.

YOU'RE CLEARLY NOT FROM AROUND HERE.

STRANGE! DOOM IS MORE THAN MERELY MAGIC, AS YOU WILL SOON FIND OUT--

DR. STRANGE?!

AH, YES, THE FAMOUS ARMOR OF DOOM. BUILT TO LAST?



WOULD IT STAND THE TEST OF TIME? SAY, A THOUSAND YEARS?

ANTEPUS HOGGOTH. A SIMPLE CHRONOLOGY SPELL.

WHAT-- WHAT ARE--



OF COURSE, I'M EXEMPT FROM THE "MAGIC RULE."

NFF! STRANGE! WHAT'RE YA--

YOU DON'T APPEAR TO BE FROM THIS UNIVERSE...



...SO LET ME LAY IT OUT FOR YOU...

FWAFOOM