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When Doctor Doom sought a queen to help rule Latveria, he chose Victorious, his loyal herald. She gladly accepted his proposal--though it could not have come at a more inopportune time. For the very night before, unbeknownst to Doom, after Victorious and the Human Torch helped defend Latverian treasures from Ultimatum, the pair ended up in bed together! Due to their bond, Johnny's alien soulmate, Sky, sensed his infidelity.

Doctor Doom also challenged Mr. Fantastic to a duel, with the victor receiving the boon of their choice. Doom won the match--and demanded that Reed serve as his best man at the upcoming wedding!



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CASTLE VON DOOM.

OVERLOOKING DOOMSTADT,
THE CAPITAL OF LATVERIA.
HAIL DOOM!

ZORA,
YOU ARE
STRANGELY SILENT...
AND TONIGHT OF
ALL NIGHTS, THE
EVE OF OUR
NUPTIALS.

MUST I
REMINDE YOU OUR
MARRIAGE WILL BE
CEREMONIAL IN
NATURE?

A GIFT TO
OUR SUBJECTS,
A PROUD REASON
FOR OUR PEOPLE
TO CELEBRATE.

AND A WAY
FOR THE WHOLE
WORLD TO SEE THAT
I PLACE MY **TRUST**
IN YOU, ABOVE
ALL OTHERS...

...TO BE MY
QUEEN, AND
RULER IN MY
STEAD.

IT IS THE
GREATEST
HONOR, MY
LORD.

BUT ONE
I FEAR THAT
I...

...MIGHT
NOT BE
WORTHY
OF.

AH, VICTORIOUS.
I UNDERSTAND WHAT
IS TROUBLING
YOU SO.

I KNOW YOUR
SECRET.



YOU ARE NOT LATVERIAN BY BIRTH. YOU HAVE BECOME ONE OF OUR NATION'S GREATEST SYMBOLS...

...AND YET YOU FEAR OUR PEOPLE MIGHT LEARN THAT YOU ARE SECRETLY OF SYMKARIAN DESCENT.



CHILD, I WAS NOT BORN ROYALTY. I WAS THE SON OF PEASANTS, YET I ROSE UP--

--CONQUERED THIS LAND AND EARNED MY THRONE!

AND FOR YOU, I HAVE ANNEXED OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST. SYMKARIA IS NOW PART OF LATVERIA.

THAT IS MY GIFT TO YOU, VICTORIOUS. MY FAMILY. MY GOOD FRIEND.



THE ONE I TRUST ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

THERE ARE NO SECRETS BETWEEN US.



TO YOU, ZORA. TO LATVERIA'S FUTURE QUEEN.

LONG MAY YOU BE VICTORIOUS.

AND TO YOU, MY LORD, MY KING. AND TO THE ENDLESS REIGN OF DOOM.

THE NEW BAXTER BUILDING.

ALMOST COMPLETED...
BUT STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

WAIT.
DOCTOR DOOM IS
TYIN' THE KNOT,
AND YOU--

--OF ALL
PEOPLE, ARE
GONNA BE HIS
BEST MAN?!

REED,
ARE YOU
NUTS?!

BEN, I'M ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT SERIOUS. AND
I BELIEVE WE SHOULD
ALL GO.

SUE?
JOHNNY?
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

I AGREE
WITH BEN.
THIS IS
INSANE.

DOOM?
HITCHED?
WHO SAW THAT
COMING?!
NOT ME!

I MEAN,
WHO'D SIGN
UP FOR THAT
GIG?

WE NEED TO LOOK AT
THE BIGGER PICTURE HERE.
VICTOR HAS PROMISED,
AS PART OF A LATVERIAN
TRADITION...

...TO FORGIVE *EVERYONE*
WHO ATTENDS FOR ALL
OF THEIR PAST
TRANSGRESSIONS.

A CLEAN SLATE
WITH DOCTOR DOOM?
IT'S TOO GOOD OF AN
OPPORTUNITY TO PASS UP.

NO KIDDIN'. AND SINCE I'M
THE GUY WHO MESS'D UP
THAT DINGUS THAT BLEW
HIS FACE OFF...

...YEAH,
I SHOULD
PROBABLY GET
IN ON THAT!

DON'T FORGET--I'M THE
ONE WHO UNMASKED HIM
IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE
UNIVERSE.

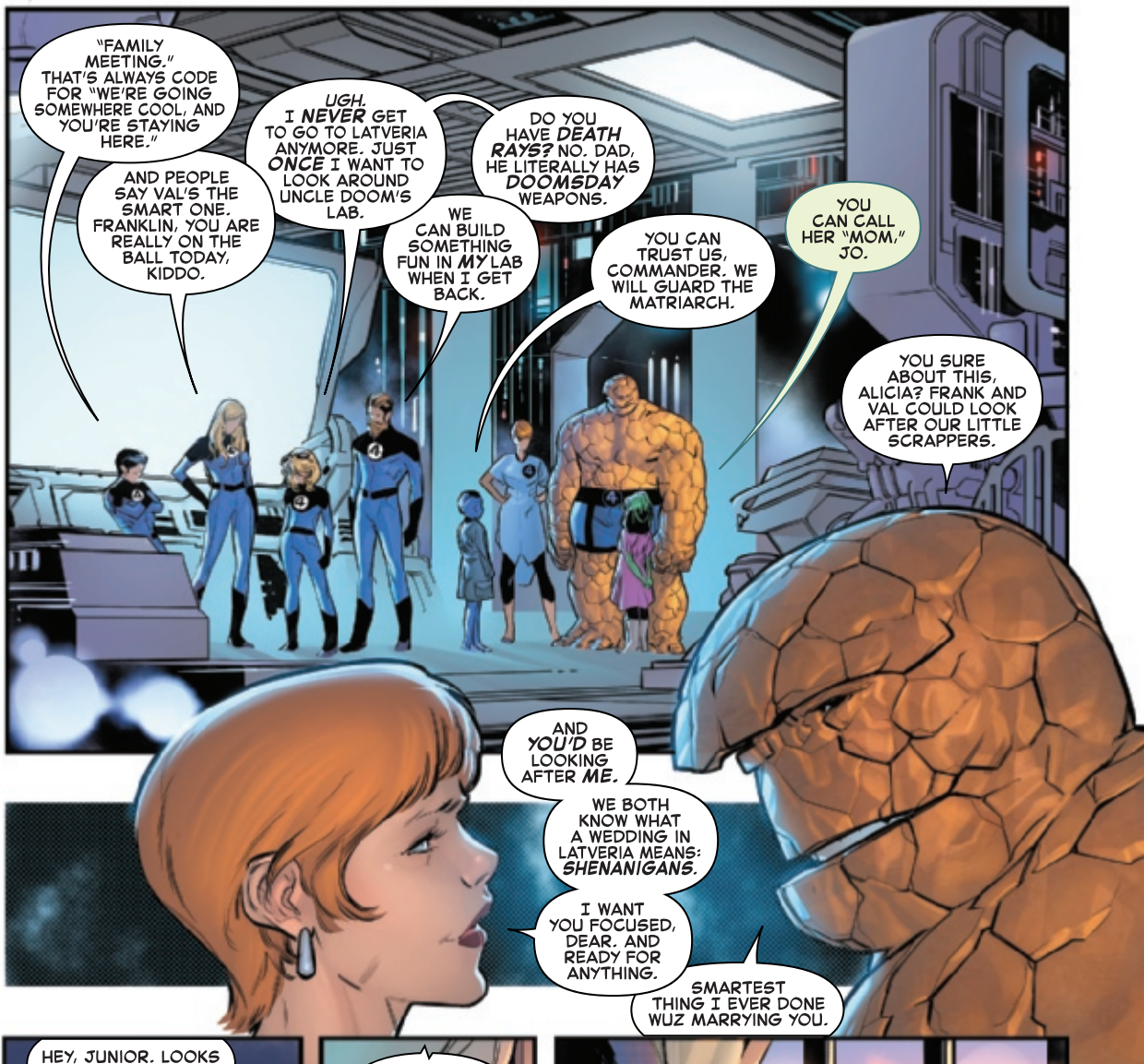
BOYS, THE GRIEVER
SHOWED ME A POSSIBLE
FUTURE WHERE HE HOLDS
ON TO THAT GRUDGE
FOR 60 YEARS.

I
DEFINITELY
HAVE TO GO. IN
FACT, OUT OF
ALL OF US...

...YOU'RE THE ONLY
ONE HERE HE *DOESN'T*
HAVE A REASON TO
BE MAD AT,
JOHNNY.

YEAH...RIGHT. BUT SURE,
I'LL TAKE A LATVERIAN
GET-OUT-OF-JAIL-FREE
CARD. WHY NOT?

AND ANYWAY,
YOU KNOW THE
DRILL. YOU'RE MY SIS.
WHERE YOU GO,
I GO!



HEY, JUNIOR. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE MY PLUS-ONE.

BEN!
I'M ON THE PHONE.

LOOK,
I FEEL BAD
ABOUT THE WAY...
STUFF'S GONE DOWN.
AND...WELL...

...I COULD
USE A WEDDING
DATE. AND WE
COULD USE ANOTHER
SUPER HERO
BACKING
US UP.

SO WHAT
DO YOU THINK?
SKY? YOU
THERE?

SKY?

BEEP!

I
THINK...
...IT'S
TIME I WENT
HOME, JOHNNY
STORM.