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At the end of existence, Franklin Richards asked Galactus to tell him the story of their universe as they wait for its heat death. Galactus began with the first stirrings of life and left off with the formation of a new team of X-Men that included Jean Grey resurrected as the Phoenix. Now, the story continues...

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I DON'T
REALLY THINK OF
YOU AS SOMEONE ABLE
TO EXPERIENCE
FEAR.

OF MY
FATHER,
MAYBE,
BUT...

THERE'S
SOMETHING ELSE. I'M
SURPRISED THAT A COSMIC
BEING OF YOUR STATION--AN
IMMORTAL UNIVERSAL FORCE
WHO VISITED MY WORLD SO
INFREQUENTLY--REMEMBERS.
I DON'T KNOW, **HOWARD**
THE DUCK AND
KID COLT.

WERE YOU
PAYING THAT
MUCH ATTENTION
TO EARTH THE
WHOLE TIME?

NO. MUCH
OF WHAT I
RELATE TO YOU NOW
IS INFORMATION
GLEANED FROM
THE PLANET
T-37X.

SO THE
WATCHERS
TOLD YOU
ALL TH--


NO. OF
COURSE NOT.
YOU LEARNED IT BY
CONSUMING
THEM.

THAT'S
A TRICK YOU
PICKED UP LATE IN
THE GAME. IT MAKES
SENSE, BUT--NO
OFFENSE--
BRRRRR.

GALAN, DO
YOU WANT TO
STOP? IF WE'RE GOING
TO ENTER THE NEXT
UNIVERSE **TOGETHER,**
YOU'LL NEED YOUR
STRENGTH.

LET...

...LET ME
CONTINUE.



THE PHOENIX FORCE, A COSMIC ENERGY NOW INTERTWINED WITH HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS AND EMOTIONS, SLOWLY SURRENDERED TO ITS DESTRUCTIVE IMPULSES.

AS DARK PHOENIX, THE FALSE JEAN GREY HOSTING IT BEGAN TO EXERT INCALCULABLE POWER IN MALEVOLENT WAYS.

HER JEAN GREY PERSONA MANAGED TO SUBSUME DARK PHOENIX, BUT IT WOULD BRING HER NO PEACE.

HER CORRUPTED SELF'S OBLITERATION OF A DISTANT INHABITED STAR SYSTEM AND A SHI'AR BATTLE CRUISER CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE AND ITS PRINCESS, LILANDRA, WHO VOWED TO MAKE PHOENIX PAY FOR HER ACT OF GENOCIDE.

IN THE ENSUING COMBAT, PHOENIX ONCE MORE FELT HERSELF LOSING CONTROL OF HER DARK SIDE.

RATHER THAN RISK HAVING DARK PHOENIX CLAIM MORE LIVES, PHOENIX COMMITTED SUICIDE.



AROUND THE EARTH, OTHER
HEROES EMERGED. TEENAGER
RICHARD RIDER WAS RECRUITED
BY THE XANDARIAN SPACE MILITIA,
THE **NOVA CORPS**.


IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS LIFE,
MERCENARY **MARC SPECTOR**
WAS BEHOLDEN TO THE
EGYPTIAN GOD OF THE MOON,
KHONSHU, BECOMING THE
MOON KNIGHT.

SIMILARLY AT DEATH'S DOOR,
BRIAN BRADDOCK WAS
APPOINTED TO THE ROLE OF
BRITAIN'S PROTECTOR AND
CHAMPION BY THE SPIRITS OF
MERLYN AND HIS DAUGHTER,
ROMA. CHOOSING THE AMULET
OF RIGHT OVER THE SWORD OF
MIGHT, BRADDOCK BECAME
CAPTAIN BRITAIN.

SINGER ALISON BLAIRE,
A MUTANT WHO COULD
CONVERT SOUND INTO
LIGHT, BEGAN CALLING
HERSELF **DAZZLER**.

JESSICA DREW--WHO
AWOKE FROM DECADES OF
SUSPENDED ANIMATION WITH
SPIDER-LIKE POWERS IMBUED
BY HER FATHER, JONATHAN, AND
THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY--TOOK
THE NAME **SPIDER-WOMAN**.

AND **CAROL DANVERS**, CHILD
OF A HUMAN FATHER AND AN ALIEN
MOTHER, BEGAN WORKING UNDER
THE NAME **MS. MARVEL** ONCE
HER SUPERHUMAN POTENTIAL WAS
UNLEASHED BY KREE TECHNOLOGY.




CHRONAL TRAVELER
MICHAEL KORVAC,
SEARCHING FOR POWER,
FORCED HIS WAY INTO A
STARSHIP FEW HAD EVER
SEEN: MY OWN.

WHILE ABOARD, HE
ABSORBED THE **POWER
COSMIC** AND BECAME A
GODLIKE BEING BENT ON
RESHAPING THE EARTH INTO
HIS OWN PERSONAL UTOPIA.

HIS GOAL BROUGHT HIM TO
BATTLE WITH THE AVENGERS
AND FELLOW TIME-TRAVELERS
**THE GUARDIANS OF THE
GALAXY**, EARTH'S 31ST
CENTURY DEFENDERS.

KORVAC ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN
MURDERING THE GUARDIANS AND THE
AVENGERS BOTH. ONLY AFTER HIS LOVER,
CARINA--DAUGHTER OF THE ELDER OF
THE UNIVERSE, **THE COLLECTOR**--
EXPRESSED SHOCK OVER THE VIOLENCE
HE USED DID KORVAC TURN HIS POWER ON
HIMSELF, REVIVING THE DEAD HEROES IN
AN ACT OF NOBILITY AS HIS BODY WENT
DORMANT, AND WAS BELIEVED DEAD.



THE **FOURTH HOST** OF CELESTIALS
RETURNED TO PASS FINAL
JUDGMENT ON EARTH'S RIGHT TO
EXIST. ODIN GATHERED THOR, THE
ETERNALS AND THE COMBINED LIFE
FORCE OF ALL ASGARDIANS TO
BATTLE THEM, ONLY TO BE DEFEATED.

ULTIMATELY, THE EARTH
MOTHER **GAEA** WAS ABLE TO
SEND THE CELESTIALS AWAY
AFTER RENDERING TO THEM A
"GIFT" OF TWELVE SPECIAL
HUMAN VOLUNTEERS
REPRESENTING HUMANITY'S
NOBLEST ACHIEVEMENTS, THUS
PROVING EARTH'S WORTH.

