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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 a message Reed Richards left behind in the event of his death. It contained directions to the Multisect, a device that would allow the remaining members of the Fantastic Four to explore the wonders of the Multiverse together. But when Ben tracked down Johnny Storm, he found a Human Torch ravaged by grief and losing his powers.

Unable to hurt Johnny further, Ben lied about the contents of the message, and said that Reed and Sue might still be alive. Now that they've located the Multisect, will the truth come out?



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--RICHARDS IS MISSING!

IS HE OUT THERE?
IS HE EXPLORING...
WITHOUT THE REST OF
HIS PRECIOUS FOUR
BEING WHOLE AND BY HIS
SIDE? AND WHY CAN'T
I SEE HIM?

DID HE
ABANDON OUR
UNIVERSE? WHY
LEAVE THIS...THIS
VOID?

KRAKA!

SOMETHING
ISN'T RIGHT.

WHAT DO
WE DO WHEN
REED RICHARDS
IS MISSING?

RICHARDS
IS DEAD.

DOOM!

TWICE IN AS
MANY MONTHS,
JULIUS, YOU
SHOULD BE
HONORED.

NOW
TELL
ME...

...WHAT
ARE YOU
UP TO, MAD
THINKER?

**BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK**



WHAT ARE WE UP TO HERE?

GOIN' FER A DRINK. I TOLD YA.

BUT WHY ARE WE GOING FOR A DRINK IN BROOKLYN--

--WHEN WE'VE GOT THE MULTISECT!

HEY!



WE COULD HAVE DRINKS IN-- IN A DIFFERENT BROOKLYN! IN A DIFFERENT UNIVERSE, WHILE WE SEARCH FOR SUE AND--

GIVE IT BACK, YA JERK! I DON'T TRUST YA WITH IT!

I DON'T TRUST YA WITH ANYTHING!

LET'S USE IT! WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?!



'CAUSE YOU'RE BROKEN.



LOOK... YOUR POWERS ARE DYIN'! AND I AIN'T DRAGGIN' YOU ACROSS NO MULTIVERSE UNTIL WE FIX IT, OKAY?

...FINE.

SO, ARE WE MEETING SOME FANCY BIG BRAIN, THEN? SOMEONE WHO'LL FIX ME?

NOT EXACTLY.



HAHA!
A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!
SORE EYES INDEED!



MY FAVORITE PUMPKIN OF A MAN AND HIS TRUSTWORTHY CANDLE! HAHHA!

ARE YOU KIDDING?

SHH, JUST TRUST ME.



IF IT AIN'T HERCULES, MY FAVORITE NON-THOR GOD!

I THOUGHT YOU'D... Y'KNOW, QUIT...

THE DRINK? AYE! BUT THAT GENIUS STARK'S TALENTS DID NOT STOP WITH IRON SUITS!

PHONY STARK ALE! ALCOHOL FREE! HA HA! BRILLIANT!



I'M LEAVING.

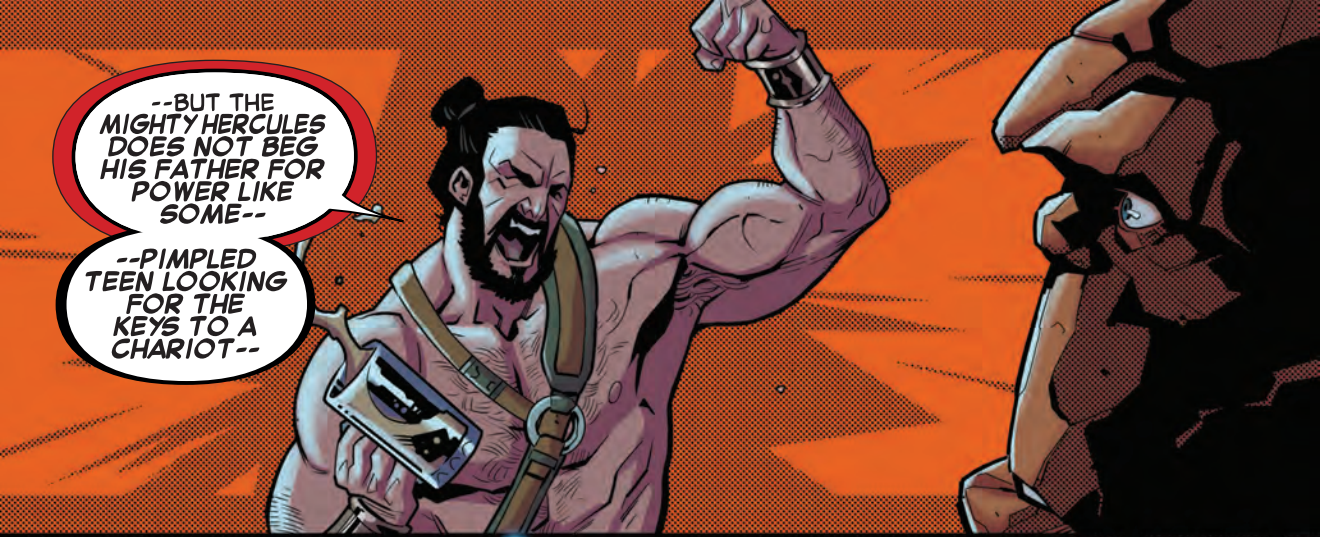
OH, FER--YA GOT THE PATIENCE OF A KID, KID!

HERC HERE WAS POWERLESS FOR A WHILE, BUT HE GOT THOSE POWERS BACK, YEAH?



'TIS TRUE, LITTLE MATCHSTICK! THE PRINCE OF POWER WAS WAYLAID, BUT A FRACTION OF THE GOD HE ONCE WAS!

MY FATHER, ZEUS, SAID HE COULD GIVE ME MY POWERS BACK...




--BUT THE MIGHTY HERCULES DOES NOT BEG HIS FATHER FOR POWER LIKE SOME--

--PIMPLED TEEN LOOKING FOR THE KEYS TO A CHARIOT--



--SO INSTEAD, I TOOK MY PLIGHT TO THE INTERNET.

?SIGH? HERC, CAN YA JUST TELL US HOW YA GOT YER POWERS BACK?



TELL YOU? I AM ONE OF THE GREATEST STORYTELLERS IN HISTORY, TRUE, BUT I AM ALSO A MAN OF ACTION...



...SO HERCULES WILL TAKE YOU...

...INTO THE BELLY OF THE BEAST!