

A brilliant scientist—his best friend—the woman he loves—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 human! They were turned into heroes!

MR. FANTASTIC! THE THING! THE INVISIBLE WOMAN! THE HUMAN TORCH!

Now they are the **FANTASTIC FOUR**, and the world will never be the same again!

SUSAN RICHARDS



THE INVISIBLE WOMAN

REED RICHARDS



MR. FANTASTIC

BEN GRIMM



THE THING

JOHNNY STORM



THE HUMAN TORCH



FUTURE FOUNDATION



WIZARD



SHE-THING



SANDMAN



THUNDRA



SLEEPWALKER



ALEX POWER



FRANKLIN RICHARDS



WYATT WINGFOOT



JIM HAMMOND



VAL RICHARDS



PSYCHO MAN



BENTLEY



NAMOR



QUIET MAN

The FF nearly disbanded after being subjected to worst tribulations in their history at the hands of bitter enemies. Those enemies failed.

Now, as one of their oldest foes threatens life as we know it, the FF come together one last time to defend humanity.

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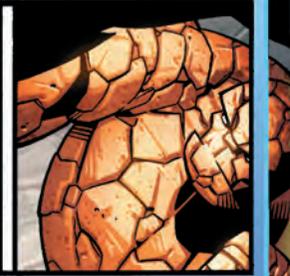


THE PROBLEM WITH YOUR PLAN, QUIET MAN...

...YOU PUT OUR DOWNFALL TOGETHER LIKE A SCIENTIST: NOT WITH A PLAN BUT AS A FORMULA.



"MAYBE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU LACK MENTALLY--AND BY THAT I MEAN YOU'RE CRAZY--BUT YOU DIDN'T THINK TO ACCOUNT FOR OUR PERSONALITIES.



"THE INNER STRENGTH THAT MY FAMILY HAS, THAT I'VE SEEN GROW WITH US THROUGH THE YEARS.



"YOU FORGOT TO INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR CALCULUS.

"IF WE'RE DOWN, WE RISE.

"IF WE FAIL, WE TRY AGAIN.



"IF WE LOSE THE BATTLE, WE WIN THE WAR.

"AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES US..."

"...the Fantastic FOUR!"

1 THE QUIET MAN'S HEADQUARTERS.

A TIDY SPEECH, RICHARDS.

BUT IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE WAR BEING FOUGHT ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK AND ALL OVER THE WORLD IS BEING WON BY MY FORCES.

YOU DO SEE THE INSANITY IN THAT PLAN?

OH, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK. WHEN YOU WANT TO SHUT THIS CATASTROPHE DOWN, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO.

DON'T BE ABSURD. WHEN I WANT TO--WHEN IT'S TIME, I'LL TYPE IN THE CODES, THE PORTALS WILL CLOSE, THE CREATURES BECOME INERT AND I'LL STAND THE HERO.

GO AHEAD. TRY.

I HAVEN'T MADE MY APPEARANCE YET... THE PEOPLE WON'T KNOW IT WAS ME.





AND AT SOME POINT YOU'LL APPEAR LIKE CHRIST ON THE MOUNT AND "SAVE THE DAY"--- TURN EVERYTHING OFF.

WITH A TRAIL OF EVIDENCE LEADING BACK TO ME-- THAT I CAUSED THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.



DO IT NOW... TRY TO...AND IF THIS ENDS I PROMISE I'LL TAKE THE BLAME. I'LL SAY YOU'RE THE HERO WHO STOPPED "MY CRAZY PLAN."

YOU'LL GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT. I SWEAR.



YOU'RE SO SURE I'LL FAIL?

I AM.

VERY WELL.



I KNEW THE MOMENT YOU SAID PSYCHO MAN DIDN'T WANT PAYMENT FOR HIS SERVICES.

I MEAN THINK ABOUT IT-- HIS NAME ALONE-- THE PSYCHO MAN.



YOU'VE GIVEN HIM THE MEANS TO CONTROL TWO WORLDS...



"...AND HE'S NEVER GOING TO GIVE THAT BACK."

TURNING ME BACK INTO MALICE IS THE WORST MISTAKE YOU'VE MADE.



'CAUSE I'M SURE MALICE NOW!
AND I'M GOING TO TEAR THIS ARTIFICIAL "BODY" OF YOURS APART UNTIL I FIND YOU, YOU MICROSCOPIC DEVIL!



YES, YOU'RE A CHALLENGE TO BE SURE. A DANGER.

FOR AS LONG AS YOU ARE MALICE.

BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST SUSAN RICHARDS AGAIN, AREN'T YOU? DOUBTING HER POWERS AND ABILITIES.

DOUBT!