

NOVA



AFTER BEING MURDERED BY THANOS IN A PARALLEL DIMENSION CALLED THE CANCERVERSE, RICHARD RIDER, HERO OF THE INTERGALACTIC NOVA CORPS, HAS MYSTERIOUSLY COME BACK FROM THE DEAD.

RICH CAME BACK TO EARTH AND WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT 15-YEAR-OLD SAM ALEXANDER HAS BEEN OPERATING AS NOVA. TOGETHER, SAM AND RICH HAVE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO COEXIST AS NOVAS AND WORK AS A TEAM.

DESPITE SAM'S HELP, RICH IS HAVING DIFFICULTY READJUSTING TO LIFE ON EARTH. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, RICH'S RESURRECTED BODY IS NOW A CONDUIT TO THE CANCERVERSE AND A MONSTER HELL-BENT ON DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH IS COMING THROUGH. THE MONSTER ATTACKED SAM'S FAMILY AND TRIED TO TAKE HIS SISTER KAELYNN. SAM AND RICH WERE ABLE TO BEAT IT BACK AND SAVE HER, BUT RICH KNEW THAT THE MONSTER WOULD JUST KEEP COMING, SO HE TOOK HIMSELF OUT OF THE EQUATION, AND RETURNED TO THE CANCERVERSE. THERE, RICH CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH WITH AN OLD COMPANION: THE WORLDMIND!



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Worldmind.
I don't...
I don't
understand.

It's quite
simple,
Richard.

You
left me...

...so I
adapted.

...so I
adapted.

...so I
adapted.

...so I
adapted.

I didn't
know you
were...
That's
not how it
happened!

Then how did it
happen, Richard?

How *did*
you survive?

THEN.

"You think of this moment often."

"Trapped in the Cancerverse... with Quill and Thanos. ✦"

✦ EDITOR'S NOTE: This happened in *Guardians of the Galaxy #20!* -Allison

AURGH!

"It defined you."





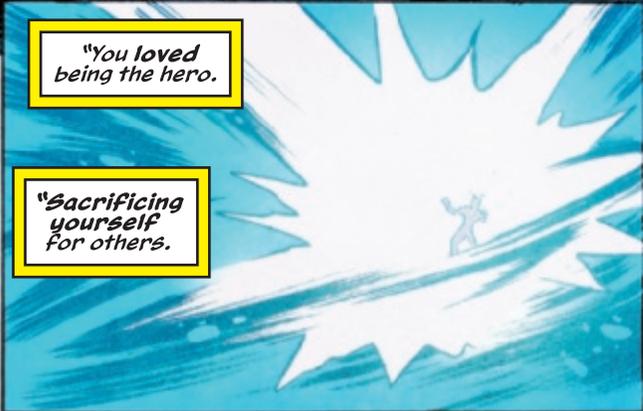
Rich!
What are you
doing?

I'm the
door.



*"You loved
being the hero."*

*"Sacrificing
yourself
for others."*





"But a hero has to live with his actions."

"Because here, in the Cancerverse..."



GUH!