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# EXILES

A mutant refugee from the Age of Apocalypse, Blink was a member of the original EXILES, a team of heroes plucked from their respective realities and tasked with stabilizing the dangerously shifting Multiverse. After saving reality many times over, Blink set out to live her own life. But the Multiverse keeps calling her...



An entity called the Time-Eater is destroying the Multiverse, and the only witness is the Unseen, the being formerly known as Nick Fury who is now cursed to watch all reality pass him by. But there is hope: A dimension-hopping device called the Tallus has recruited a new team composed of Blink, Khan (a postapocalyptic Ms. Marvel), Iron Lad (a Nate Richards who chose neither Kang's despotism nor the Young Avengers' heroism), Valkyrie (the lone defender of a distant Asgard) and Wolvie (an extra-adorable Wolverine from a world full of extra-adorable X-Men).

The Exiles finally reached the Time-Eater's palace on the moon, where they discovered there is only one reality left. And it won't last long. For the Time-Eater has an insatiable hunger. The hunger of GALACTUS...with all the powers of KANG THE CONQUEROR.

And this all-powerful Kang just arrived to confront the only heroes standing in his way.

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THE MAN CALLED KANG HAS  
RAVAGED THE TIMELINES. HE  
HAS CONSUMED WHOLE  
UNIVERSES WHILE WEARING THE  
EUISE OF **GALACTUS**--OF  
ONE WHO HUNGERS. BUT HIS IS  
NOT A NATURAL HUNGER.

IT IS NOT DRIVEN BY  
NOURISHMENT, BUT  
**GREED**-- THE GREED OF  
A SMALL SOUL GIVEN  
THE POWER OF A GOD.

THE FACE OF EXISTENCE  
ITSELF IS OBTURED BY A  
HAZE OF ASH AND MISERY.  
BUT A HANDFUL OF HEROES--  
**EXILES FROM REALITY**--  
STILL STAND IN KANG'S WAY.

AND THOUGH I, THE  
**UNSEEN**, AM CONDEMNED  
ONLY TO WATCH, EVEN  
I--OR SOME **OTHER I**  
THAT ONCE WAS--MAY  
YEC HAVE A PART TO PLAY.

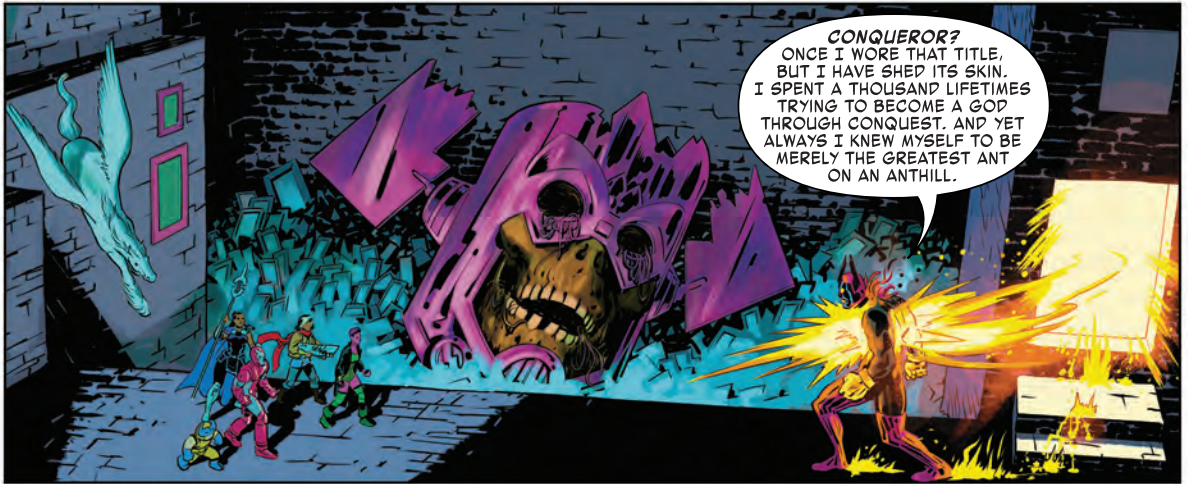
**KANG!**





KANG IS THE TIME-EATER?  
HOW IS THAT EVEN  
POSSIBLE? DIDN'T WE  
SEE THE TIME-EATER  
WASTE HIM?

THAT WAS JUST ONE VERSION. THIS ONE APPEARS TO BE  
USING THE CORPSE OF SOME REALITY'S GALACTUS AS... I DON'T  
KNOW... A WEAPON. OR A TOOL TO WIPE OUT WORLDS.  
BUT IT'S HIM. MY FUTURE SELF. KANG THE CONQUEROR.



CONQUEROR?  
ONCE I WORE THAT TITLE,  
BUT I HAVE SHED ITS SKIN.  
I SPENT A THOUSAND LIFETIMES  
TRYING TO BECOME A GOD  
THROUGH CONQUEST. AND YET  
ALWAYS I KNEW MYSELF TO BE  
MERELY THE GREATEST ANT  
ON AN ANTHILL.



BUT AFTER  
LONG MEDITATION IN  
THE DEPTHS OF SPACE-  
TIME, I HAVE BECOME...  
ENLIGHTENED.

ANY TINSEL  
KING CAN RULE.  
TRUE DIVINITY LIES NOT IN  
RULING THE MULTIVERSE.  
TRUE GODHOOD LIES IN  
BECOMING THE  
MULTIVERSE.



CAN WE  
BLAST HIM  
NOW?

DEFINITELY.



BLAMBLAM  
BLAM

ZOOOOOMMM!





I AM FILLED WITH THE POWER COSMIC! I HAVE EATEN A THOUSAND UNIVERSES!



BUT STRUGGLE AS YOU MUST. IT IS THE NATURE OF MERE MEAT.

DIE, VILLAIN!



BEFORE I BECAME ENLIGHTENED, I WAS JUST AS FOOLISH.

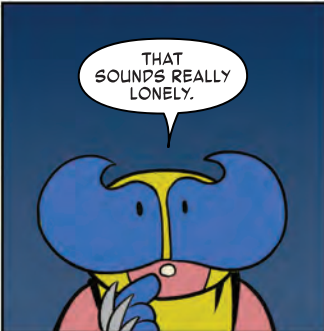
THUMP



BUT SOON ALL MEAT-SELVES, ALL OTHER REALITIES, WILL BE GONE.

I NEED ONLY CRUSH THAT BAUBLE ON YOUR ARM--THE LAST SAD GASPS OF THE MULTIVERSE GIVEN CRYSTAL FORM-- AND THEN THERE WILL BE ONLY KANG--THE MAN WHO BECAME REALITY!

UH, MISTER?



THAT SOUNDS REALLY LONELY.



BAH! THE ANGEL DOES NOT EXPECT THE INSECT TO UNDERSTAND HIM. NOW...PREPARE TO BE CONSUMED.



BOOM





I GOT A BETTER IDEA. HOW'S ABOUT YOU EAT LEAD!



IS THAT THAT YOUNG NICK FURY AGAIN? WHERE'D HE COME FROM?

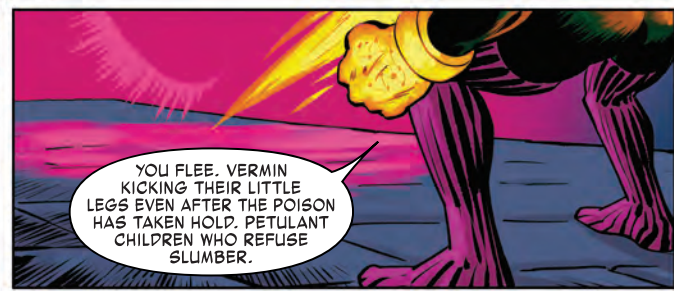


I STEPPED OUTTA ONE OF THEM FANCY MIRRORS. I THINK YOUR BRACELET BROUGHT ME HERE.

WELL, THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, BUT YOU CAN'T HURT THIS GUY WITH BULLETS!



WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND REGROUP!



YOU FLEE. VERMIN KICKING THEIR LITTLE LEGS EVEN AFTER THE POISON HAS TAKEN HOLD. PETULANT CHILDREN WHO REFUSE SLUMBER.



I SHALL ALMOST MISS SUCH NAIVETE.