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ARE YOU  
READY?

YES.

NO.

**FRANKLIN  
RICHARDS.**

**GALACTUS.**

**THE END OF TIME.**

FINAL ENTROPY  
ISN'T YET COMPLETE. I  
CAN SENSE A FEW LAST  
LIVING PARTICLES HERE  
AND THERE.

THERE ARE  
TWO LEFT IN THE  
ANDROMEDA GALAXY,  
EACH TERRIFIED OF  
LEAVING THE OTHER  
ALONE.

WE HAVE  
A LITTLE TIME  
BEFORE THE  
UNIVERSE  
DIES.

WHAT TROUBLES YOU?

FOR ONE THING, WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR BILLIONS OF YEARS.

I'LL MISS YOU. YOU'RE NOT AFRAID TO DIE?

IT IS MY PURPOSE. MY ENERGIES ARE ALL THAT REMAIN TO CREATE THE NEXT UNIVERSE.

YOUR NEW HOME.

AFTER I MOVE ON, I'LL STILL HAVE MY MEMORIES. WON'T I?

SORRY, YOU DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, I GET THAT, BUT IF IT'S ALL FORGOTTEN, THEN HOW DID ANY OF IT MATTER IN THE END?

I WANT THE HISTORY OF THIS UNIVERSE TO HAVE MEANT SOMETHING. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.

BEFORE I GO, HELP ME REMEMBER.

REMEMBER WHAT?

EVERYTHING.

VERY WELL...



YOUR UNIVERSE WAS CREATED FROM THE ERUPTION OF ANOTHER DYING REALITY. IT WAS INTO THIS NEW EXISTENCE THAT I--ITS SOLE HUMAN SURVIVOR, GALAN OF TAA--EMERGED, WITHOUT SHAPE, WITHOUT FORM.

WITH THAT ERUPTION CAME ECHOES OF ENERGIES, ECHOES OF CONSCIOUSNESSES, WHICH COALESCED INTO COSMIC BEINGS EMBODYING THE SENTIENCE OF THIS UNIVERSE ABORNING.

MANY OF THESE "ABSTRACTS"--ETERNITY, MASTER ORDER, LORD CHAOS AND DEATH--JOINED THE MULTIVERSAL LIVING TRIBUNAL TO WATCH AS I ENTERED MY COSMIC CRUCIBLE, WHERE I BEGAN THE LONG PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING INTO SOMETHING MORE THAN MORTAL.

BIRTHED TOO FROM THE MAELSTROM OF CREATION WERE SIX STONES OF UNSPEAKABLE POWER. THEY WOULD COME TO BE KNOWN AS THE INFINITY GEMS.

MEANWHILE, THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THIS UNIVERSE BEGAN TO COALESCÉ INTO STARS AND PLANETS.



MATTER GATHERED BENEATH THE OTHER, THE **M'KRAAN CRYSTAL**, FORMING THE UNIVERSE'S FIRST PLANET.

ACROSS THE COSMOS, LIFE BEGAN TO DEVELOP. **THE ACANTI** AMONG THE FIRST. THE ACANTI WERE THE FIRST CURIOUS SENTIENTS, PASSIVE BEINGS ROAMING INTERGALACTIC SPACE IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

FROM MY PREVIOUS HOME, OTHER VESTIGES REMAINED. ONE WAS KNOWN AS THE **PHOENIX FORCE**, A MANIFESTATION OF THE PRIME UNIVERSAL FORCE OF LIFE.

THE EARLIEST SPECIES OF THEIR CREATION WERE SHORT-LIVED BUT DID NOT DIE IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE. THE LAST OF EACH, THE SELF-NAMED **ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE**, DREW UPON THE WANING LIFE ENERGIES OF THEIR PEOPLE TO CREATE A SHARED POWER PRIMORDIAL. THIS GAVE THE ELDERS VIRTUAL IMMORTALITY, ALLOWING THEIR RACES TO LIVE ON IN SPIRIT.



THE CELESTIALS WERE MORE AGGRESSIVE. THEY CHOSE THE ROLE OF INFLUENCERS, AND THEIR IMPACT WOULD BE FELT TIME AND AGAIN AS THEY BEGAN SEEDING AND MANIPULATING LIFE THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY.

ETERNITY BEGAT EON, AN OTHERDIMENSIONAL MASTER OF QUANTUM ENERGY WHO WAS TASKED WITH APPOINTING PROTECTORS OF THE UNIVERSE.

AMONG THE OLDEST SPECIES IN EXISTENCE WAS THAT OF THE WATCHERS OF THE PLANET T-37X. AT FIRST EAGER TO SHARE THEIR INCALCULABLE WISDOM WITH A YOUNGER CIVILIZATION, THEY LOOKED ON AS THEIR IMMATURE RECIPIENTS TWISTED THEIR KNOWLEDGE INTO WEAPONS OF WAR, DESTROYING THEMSELVES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE WATCHERS MADE A SOLEMN VOW TO NEVER AGAIN INTERFERE WITH LIFE IN ANY FORM.