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THE THING

AND THE

HUMAN TORCH

HOW CAN WE STOP THIS CREATURE, TORCH?

JUST WAIT AND SEE, GRUESOME! WE'VE ONLY BEGUN TO FIGHT!

IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN THIS TO GET THE INFAMOUS IRON MAN INTO THE ACTION!

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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 Multiplane, 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...



OUR FIRST ADVENTURE

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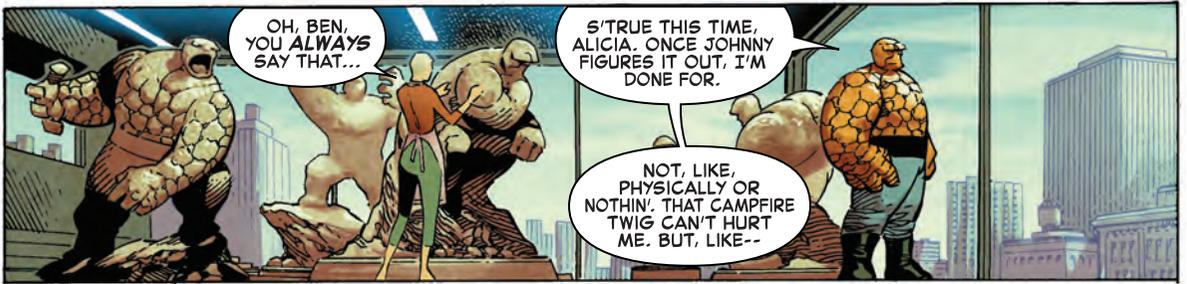
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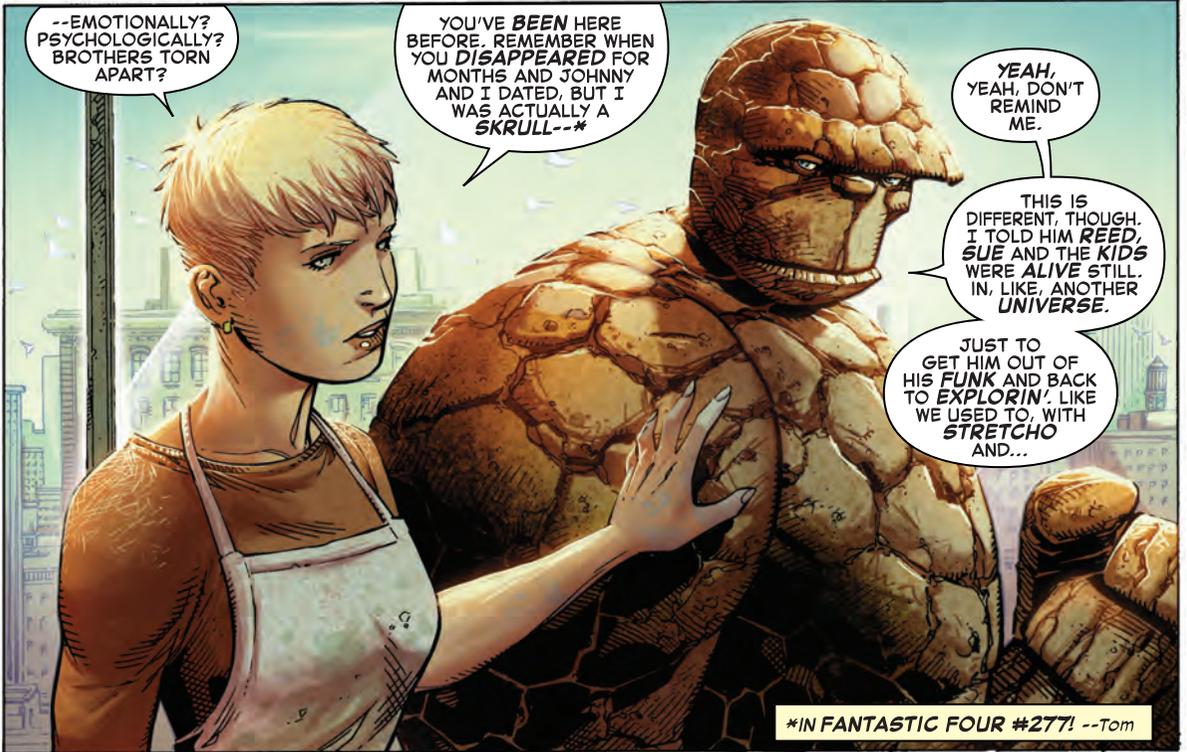
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OH, BEN, YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT...

S'TRUE THIS TIME, ALICIA. ONCE JOHNNY FIGURES IT OUT, I'M DONE FOR.

NOT, LIKE, PHYSICALLY OR NOTHIN'. THAT CAMPFIRE TWIG CAN'T HURT ME. BUT, LIKE--



--EMOTIONALLY? PSYCHOLOGICALLY? BROTHERS TORN APART?

YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. REMEMBER WHEN YOU *DISAPPEARED* FOR MONTHS AND JOHNNY AND I DATED, BUT I WAS ACTUALLY A *SKRULL*--*

YEAH, YEAH, DON'T REMIND ME.

THIS IS DIFFERENT, THOUGH. I TOLD HIM REED, *SUE* AND THE *KIDS* WERE *ALIVE* STILL. IN, LIKE, ANOTHER *UNIVERSE*.

JUST TO GET HIM OUT OF HIS *FUNK* AND BACK TO *EXPLORIN'*. LIKE WE USED TO, WITH *STRETCHO* AND...

*IN FANTASTIC FOUR #277! --Tom



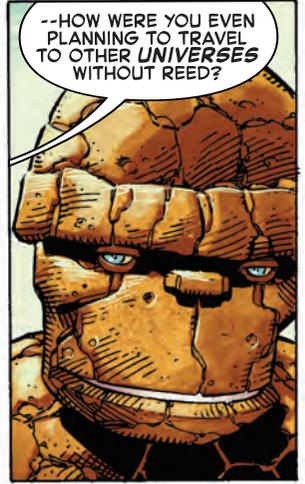
LOVE THE NEW SCULPTURE, 'LEESH. YOU SHOULD WORK IN COLOR, YA KNOW. SHOW OFF MY BABY BLUES!

...COLOR'S NEVER BEEN MY *STRONG* POINT, BEN.



HA! MAN, I'M MESSIN' UP ALL OVER THE PLACE. THESE STATUES'RE SO AMAZING, I STILL, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, MANAGE TA FORGET YER BLIND.

BEN...IT'S NOT TOO LATE, YOU KNOW. YOU CAN TELL JOHNNY THE TRUTH. BESIDES--



--HOW WERE YOU EVEN PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO OTHER *UNIVERSES* WITHOUT REED?

**TWO DAYS LATER,
OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN.**

MAN, YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS. DID YOU KNOW THEY'RE STILL MAKING THAT FANTASTIC FOUR COMIC?

SO WHAT?

I DON'T KNOW--IT'S, LIKE, DISREPECTFUL! THEY KEPT IT GOING AS IF REED AND SUE WERE TRAPPED IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE AND WE WENT AND RESCUED THEM!

WHICH, YOU KNOW--

--TURNS OUT TO BE TRUE, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT!

HEY, FLAMEBRAIN, YA MIND GETTIN' YER STINKY FEET AWAY FROM THE PILOT'S HEAD?

WHAT?! MY FEET HAVEN'T STUNK IN YEARS! I LITERALLY BURN OFF ANY DIRT OR GERMS, LIKE, DOZENS OF TIMES A DAY! I DON'T NEED TO SHOWER!

IN FACT, I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD TO BRUSH MY TEETH SINCE THE ACCIDENT!

FWOOSH!
BYE-BYE,
PLAQUE!

FER SOME REASON, THAT'S REALLY GROSSIN' ME OUT.

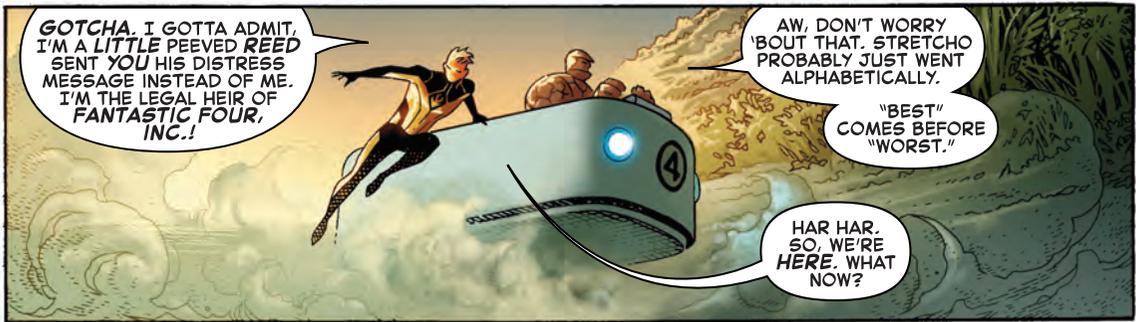
SO, WHAT'S THE PLAN AGAIN? REED LEFT YOU A MESSAGE IN A DEVICE, WHICH DOOM HAD BUT COULDN'T ACCESS. SO DOOM GAVE YOU THE DEVICE AND IN THAT MESSAGE REED POINTED YOU TO...ANOTHER DEVICE HE LEFT?

YEAH. SOME SORT OF BIG BRAIN TOOL THAT'LL LET US HOP UNIVERSES. BUT TO STOP OTHERS FROM FINDIN' IT, HE TOLD ME HE HID IT IN THE SPOT OF OUR FIRST ADVENTURE, SOMETHIN' ONLY WE'D KNOW...



...MONSTER ISLAND.*

YOU KNOW, FROM FANTASTIC FOUR #1.
--Tom



GOTCHA. I GOTTA ADMIT, I'M A LITTLE PEEVED REED SENT YOU HIS DISTRESS MESSAGE INSTEAD OF ME. I'M THE LEGAL HEIR OF FANTASTIC FOUR, INC.!

AW, DON'T WORRY 'BOUT THAT. STRETCHO PROBABLY JUST WENT ALPHABETICALLY.

"BEST" COMES BEFORE "WORST."

HAR HAR. SO, WE'RE HERE. WHAT NOW?



DUNNO.

"DUNNO"?

YEAH, DUNNO. REED ALWAYS HAD THE WHATCHAMACALLITS AND DOOHICKEYS. WE PROBABLY SHOULD'VE BROUGHT A "FIND YOUR MULTIVERSAL DEVICE" THINGY.