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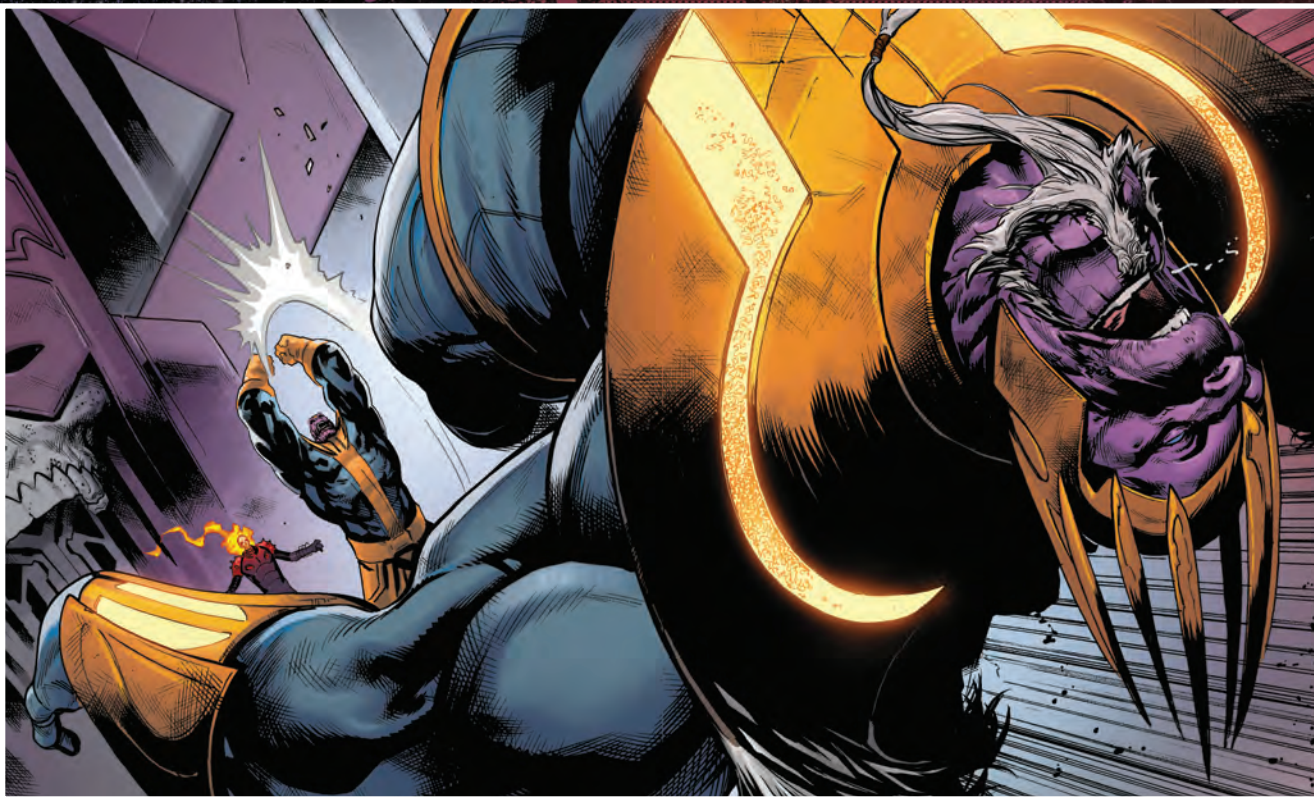


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THANOS



Thanos has been dragged to the end of time by the mad Cosmic Ghost Rider, and has come face-to-face with himself — King Thanos, the final conqueror. Despite his victory, King Thanos sustained a loss that he cannot bear: that of his only love, Death. And now he demands the help of his younger self to win her back.

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THE GHOST RIDER'S PENANCE
STARE IS SAID TO BE THE
GREAT DEMONIC EQUALIZER.

FOR NO MATTER HOW LARGE THE SIN,
OR HOW POWERFUL THE SINNER, TO
STARE INTO THE GAZE OF THE RIDER
IS TO KNOW ABSOLUTE SORROW
AND DESPAIR.

IT DELIVERS BACK UPON THOSE
WHO FALL UNDER ITS THRALL EVERY
MOMENT OF TORTURE AND PAIN
ITS VICTIM HAS UNLEASHED UPON
THE INNOCENT.

FOR MANY, THE RIDER'S
PENANCE IS THE LAST
THING THEY EVER SEE.

FOR SO POWERFUL IS THE REGRET,
AND SO HEAVY IS THE WOE, THAT
THEY CARVE OUT THEIR OWN EYES...

...LEST THEY EVER SLEEP,
OR BE FORCED TO SEE INTO
THEIR OWN SHRIVELED BLACK
HEARTS, EVER AGAIN...

BUT THEN, OF
COURSE, THERE
IS THANOS.




FOR HIM, IT REVEALS ACTS SO VILE AND WRETCHED THAT WE CANNOT EVEN BEAR TO SHOW THEM TO YOU HERE.

FOR THEY ARE HIS HIDDEN THINGS, HIS DARKEST DEEDS. THINGS SO... HEINOUS THAT IF YOU WERE TO WITNESS THEM, YOU WOULD (AND PERHAPS SHOULD) STOP READING THIS TALE OF OURS AT ONCE.

AN ENDLESS BLACK SYMPHONY COMPOSED BY HANDS AND TEETH THROUGH TIME.

YES. FOR THANOS, THE STARE IS A COLD REMINDER OF THE UNCOUNTED LIVES HE HAS DESTROYED AND LEFT UNBURIED IN THE PURSUIT OF HIS ONE TRUE LOVE.



A LOVE LETTER WRITTEN IN BLOOD
AND THEN SPILLED, UNREAD AND
UNWANTED, ACROSS THE STARS.

FOR OUR MAD TITAN, THE GHOST RIDER'S
PENANCE STARE IS THE MOST HAUNTING
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY HE WILL EVER
ENCOUNTER...

BUT NOT FOR THE REASONS YOU
MAY THINK. YOU SEE, THESE ARE
NOT THANOS' DARKEST SECRETS
AND REGRETS...

NO, FOR
HIM...



...THEY ARE HIS FONDEST MEMORIES.

BEAUTIFUL.

EXHILARATING, IS IT NOT?

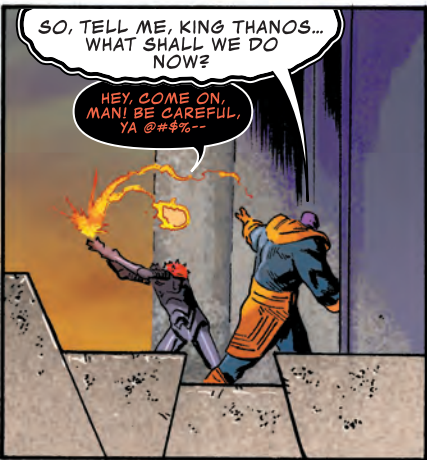
IT IS. YOU DO THIS EVERY MORNING?

YES.



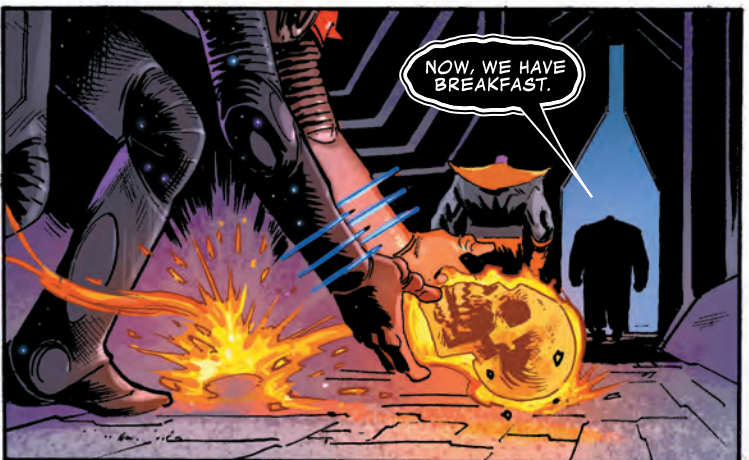
MMMM, I SEE WHY YOU KEEP THIS IDIOT DEMON AROUND.

Y'KNOW, I CAN STILL HEAR YOU.



SO, TELL ME, KING THANOS... WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?

HEY, COME ON, MAN! BE CAREFUL, YA @#%*-



NOW, WE HAVE BREAKFAST.