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Fate of the Four

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THE THING

AND THE

HUMAN TORCH

ZDARSKY
CHEUNG
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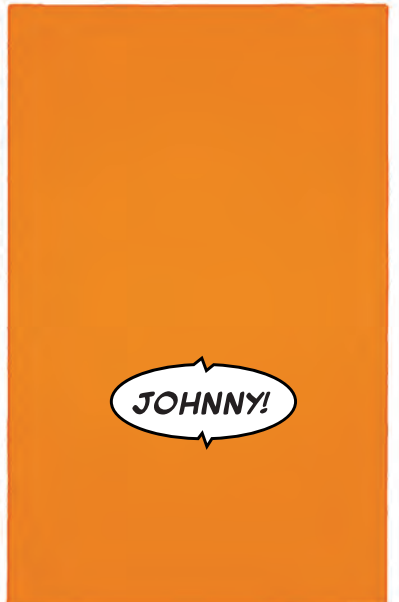
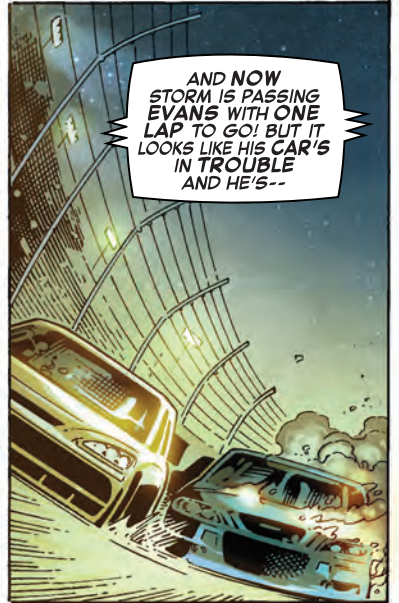


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--CREWS TRYING TO GET CLOSE, BUT THE FLAMES ARE TOO INTENSE.

WAIT, THERE'S SOME MOVEMENT IN--

JOHNNY! JOHNNY, ARE YOU...

FAST BURN

CHIP ZDARSKY WRITER
JIM CHEUNG PENCILER

JOHN DELL WITH **WALDEN WONG** INKERS
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...OKAY...?

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FANTASTIC FOUR CREATED BY **STAN LEE & JACK KIRBY**



"FOUR FRIENDS. A FATEFUL ROCKET TESTING.

"REED RICHARDS, SUSAN STORM, JONATHAN STORM AND BENJAMIN GRIMM, ADVENTURERS WHO SOUGHT TO PUSH THE BOUNDARIES OF INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL.

"BUT FATE HAD OTHER PLANS. BOMBARDED BY COSMIC RADIATION, THE FOUR DEVELOPED STRANGE NEW ABILITIES.



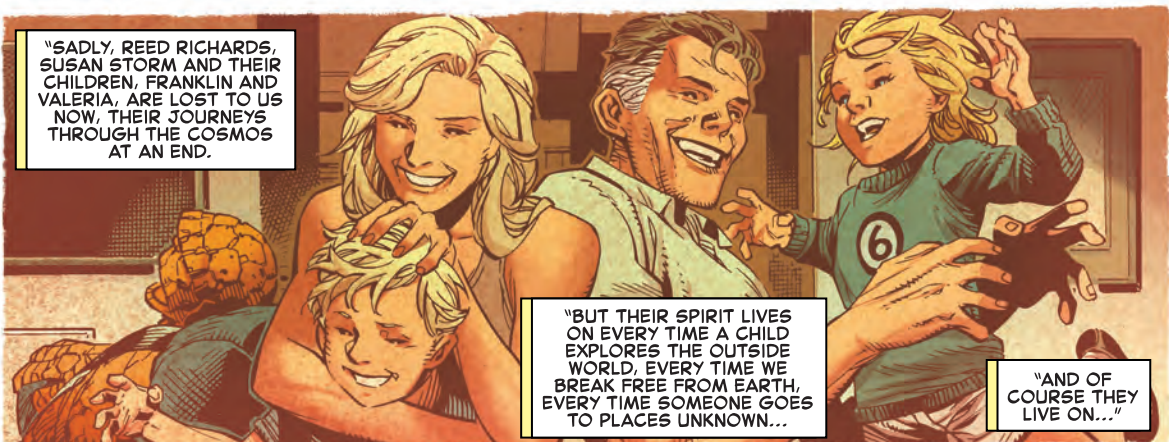
"THEY BECAME THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

"THEY BECAME SUPER HEROES.



"BUT TO DESCRIBE THEM AS JUST HEROES IS WRONG. THEY WERE ADVENTURERS. EXPLORERS.

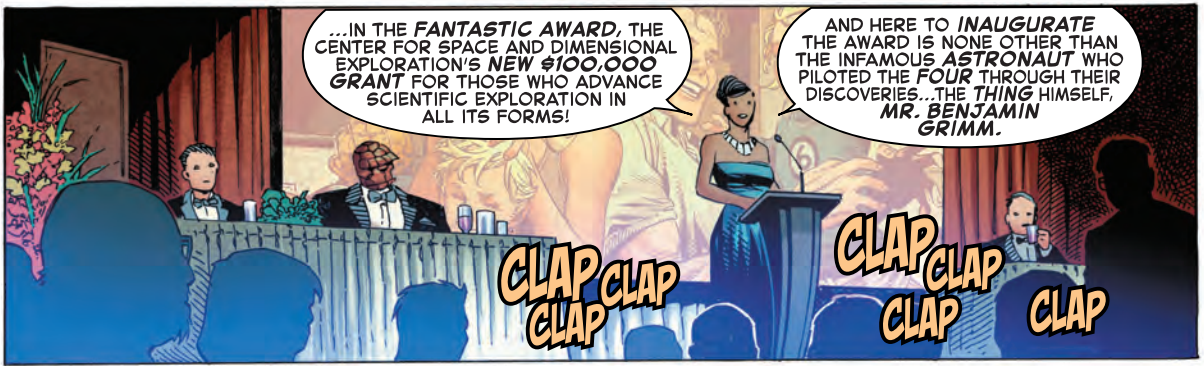
"THE FANTASTIC FOUR DISCOVERED NEW WORLDS, NEW UNIVERSES--PUSHING THE HUMAN RACE TO THE FURTHEST LIMITS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.



"SADLY, REED RICHARDS, SUSAN STORM AND THEIR CHILDREN, FRANKLIN AND VALERIA, ARE LOST TO US NOW. THEIR JOURNEYS THROUGH THE COSMOS AT AN END.

"BUT THEIR SPIRIT LIVES ON EVERY TIME A CHILD EXPLORES THE OUTSIDE WORLD, EVERY TIME WE BREAK FREE FROM EARTH, EVERY TIME SOMEONE GOES TO PLACES UNKNOWN...

"AND OF COURSE THEY LIVE ON..."



...IN THE **FANTASTIC AWARD**, THE CENTER FOR SPACE AND DIMENSIONAL EXPLORATION'S NEW \$100,000 GRANT FOR THOSE WHO ADVANCE SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION IN ALL ITS FORMS!

AND HERE TO **INAUGURATE** THE AWARD IS NONE OTHER THAN THE INFAMOUS **ASTRONAUT** WHO PILOTTED THE **FOUR** THROUGH THEIR DISCOVERIES...THE **THING** HIMSELF, **MR. BENJAMIN GRIMM**.

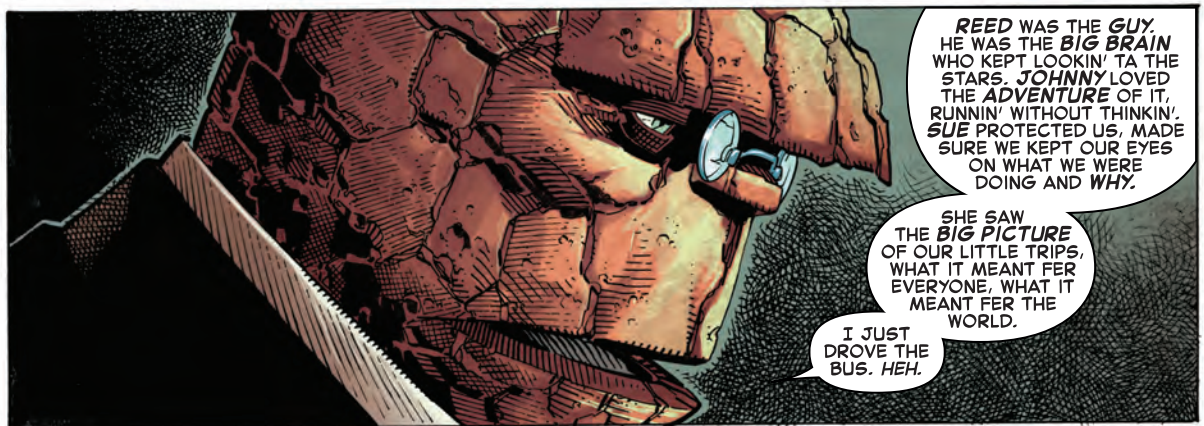
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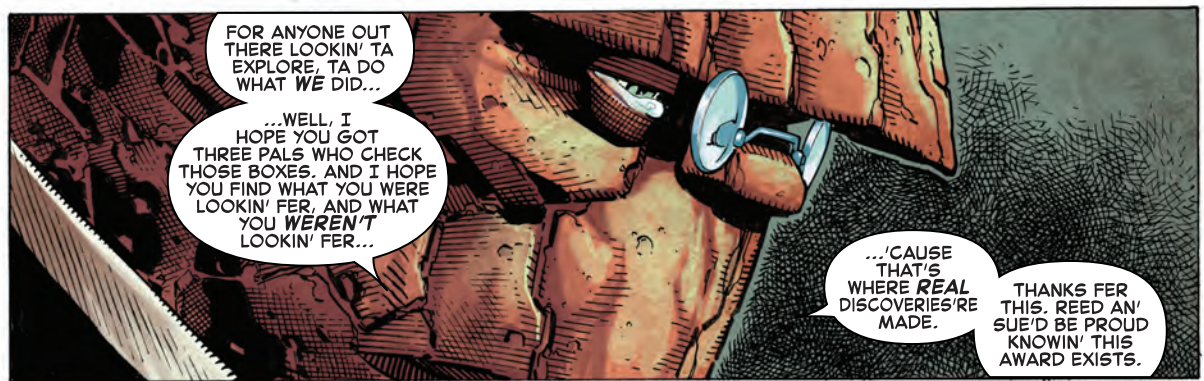
SPEECHES WERE MORE **STRETCHO--REED'S--** BAG THAN MINE... BUT I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.



REED WAS THE **GUY**. HE WAS THE **BIG BRAIN** WHO KEPT LOOKIN' TA THE STARS. **JOHNNY** LOVED THE **ADVENTURE** OF IT, RUNNIN' WITHOUT THINKIN'. **SUE** PROTECTED US, MADE SURE WE KEPT OUR EYES ON WHAT WE WERE DOING AND **WHY**.

SHE SAW THE **BIG PICTURE** OF OUR LITTLE TRIPS, WHAT IT MEANT FER EVERYONE, WHAT IT MEANT FER THE WORLD.

I JUST DROVE THE BUS. HEH.



FOR ANYONE OUT THERE LOOKIN' TA EXPLORE, TA DO WHAT **WE** DID...

...WELL, I HOPE YOU GOT THREE PALS WHO CHECK THOSE BOXES. AND I HOPE YOU FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKIN' FER, AND WHAT YOU **WEREN'T** LOOKIN' FER...

.../CAUSE THAT'S WHERE **REAL** DISCOVERIES'RE MADE.

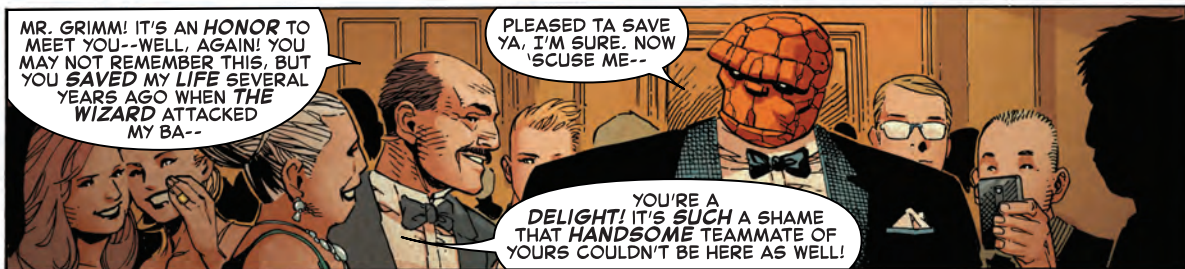
THANKS FER THIS. **REED** AN' **SUE**'D BE PROUD KNOWIN' THIS AWARD EXISTS.



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THANK YOU, **MR. GRIMM**, FOR THOSE WONDERFUL WORDS!

NOW, PLEASE REFRESH YOUR DRINKS! THE MUSICAL PORTION OF THE EVENING WILL BE UNDERWAY IN HALF AN HOUR!



MR. GRIMM! IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU--WELL, AGAIN! YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER THIS, BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN THE WIZARD ATTACKED MY BA--

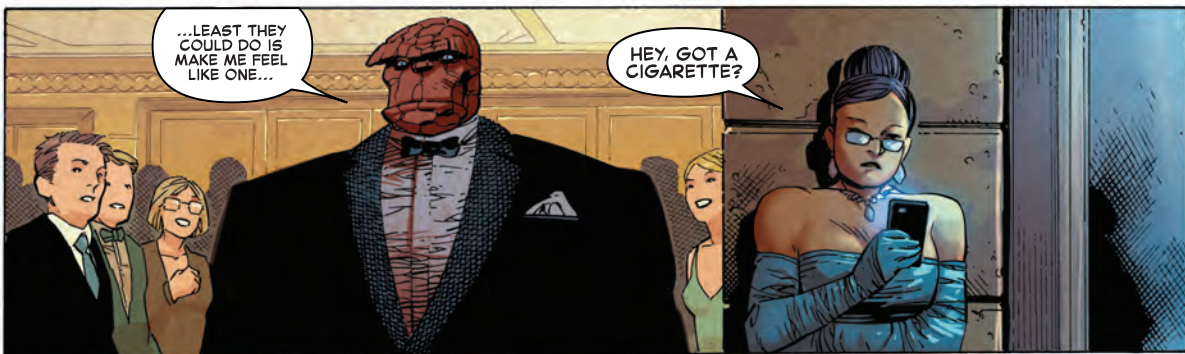
PLEASD TO SAVE YA, I'M SURE. NOW 'SCUSE ME--

YOU'RE A DELIGHT! IT'S SUCH A SHAME THAT HANDSOME TEAMMATE OF YOURS COULDN'T BE HERE AS WELL!



YEAH, WELL HE AIN'T MY "TEAMMATE" ANYMORE.

"HANDSOME"? I'M THEIR BLASTED SHOW PONY O' THE EVENIN'...



...LEAST THEY COULD DO IS MAKE ME FEEL LIKE ONE...

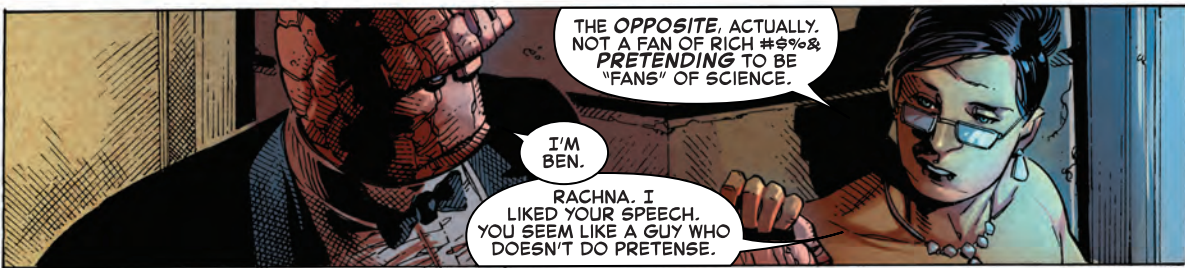
HEY, GOT A CIGARETTE?



HUH? NAH. GAVE UP SMOKIN' YEARS AGO.

ME TOO. JUST LIKE COLLECTING THEM IN CASE I END UP IN PRISON FOR MURDERING ROOMS FULL OF BORING PEOPLE.

NOT A SCIENCE FAN?



THE OPPOSITE, ACTUALLY. NOT A FAN OF RICH #\$\$\$%& PRETENDING TO BE "FANS" OF SCIENCE.

I'M BEN.

RACHNA. I LIKED YOUR SPEECH. YOU SEEM LIKE A GUY WHO DOESN'T DO PRETENSE.



WHEN YA GOT BLUE EYES AS BEAUTIFUL AS MINE, WHY PUT ON AIRS?
GOIN' BACK IN?

IT'S BORING, BUT IT'S STILL THE ONLY REASON I CAME INTO THE CITY.

SEE YOU IN THERE AFTER YOU CLEAN UP THE MESS?

MESS?