

# ANNIHILATION SCOURGE

## Fantastic Four

The Cancerverse, a realm where nothing can die, has invaded the Negative Zone! Intent on consuming all life, the invasion wave has infected the local denizens and forced rivals Annihilus and Blastaar to band together to fight the oncoming scourge. However, their forces were soon overrun when the Avengers, Cancerverse's Avengers, arrived on the battlefield.

As Blastaar struggled to hold the final line of defense against the Cancerverse's spread, Annihilus made a desperate play and escaped to the Positive Zone to seek help. But all hope seemed lost when the leader of the Cancerverse forces arrived--the Sentry!

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4 I STILL DREAM OF THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

**NNAHHH!!!**

I WAKE UP IN A COLD SWEAT.

THE HUMAN TORCH DOESN'T GET COLD SWEATS.





BUT WHEN YOU DIE AND GET BROUGHT BACK SO MANY TIMES YOU LOSE COUNT IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE...

...AND THE WAY THEY BRING YOU BACK IS WORMS KNITTING YOUR FLESH...

LET'S JUST SAY IT LEAVES BAD ECHOES.



LUCKILY, I'M HOME NOW.

AND MY FAVORITE DISTRACTION FROM BAD STUFF IN THE HEAD IS CURRENTLY SNORING AWAY IN THE BARCALOUNGER.



ALMOST TWO YEARS, NEGATIVE ZONE TIME...

FIGHTING. DYING. AGAIN AND AGAIN.



NAH. DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT.

THINK ABOUT THE THING...

...AND THE WORK OF ART YOU'RE CREATING ON HIS FACE.



THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU **BROKE FREE**...SWIPED THE COSMIC CONTROL ROD OUT FROM UNDER **ANNIHILUS'** NOSE...



...AND TOOK **COMMAND** OF THE ANNIHILATION WAVE.\*

AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK...



\*SEE FANTASTIC FOUR #6001-05

THINK ABOUT HOW **STEAMED** BEN'S GONNA BE WHEN HE WAKES--



WHY, YOU LITTLE--

I'M GONNA **MOIDERIZE** YA! I'M GONNA STUFF THIS HAT UP YER FLAMIN'--

HEY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE **JOLLY!**



AND ALL IS WELL WITH THE WORLD AGAIN.



FOR A MINUTE.  
**BONK**



STOP IT, YOU TWO! WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

SUSAN'S RIGHT. WE'RE PICKING UP A DISTRESS CALL FROM THE NEGATIVE ZONE PORTAL.



THE NEGATIVE ZONE? REED, NOTHING GOOD EVER CAME OUT OF THE NEGATIVE ZONE. WHY WOULD YOU OPEN IT?



THIS IS A MAYDAY FROM SOME KESTORANS. WE'VE MET THEM BEFORE--THEY'RE FRIENDLY.

AND THEY SOUND LITTERLY TERRIFIED.



BUT JOHNNY'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING. SO STAND BY.

PORTAL OPENING IN THREE...TWO...ONE...

UMMMMMMMMM



# FWAAASH

THANK YOU, REED RICHARDS! A GREAT EVIL CONSUMES OUR UNIVERSE. THE HUNGRY DEATH THAT WILL NOT DIE!

THERE... THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM...  
WHAT'S HAPPENED?



LORD ANNIHILUS HAS FLED. WE ARE ALONE. THE NEGATIVE ZONE WILL SOON BE CONSUMED.



THERE IS BUT ONE WHO CAN DELIVER US. ONLY ONE WHOSE MASTERY OF THE NEGATIVE ZONE CAN UNITE THE TRIBES AND STAVE OFF THE INVADERS.

ON BEHALF OF ALL RACES OF OUR REALM, I BESEECH YOU...SAVE US...



...JOHNNY STORM!