

**FANTASTIC FOUR 49**  
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**REBIRTH**

NOTE: The Grand Finale of the Abraxas Saga. We have passed from the fairy tale of last issue to a witches« Sabbath. ABRAXAS has finally got the Ultimate Nullifier, his minions (hordes of Novas from infinite alternate worlds) are flying around, changing the shape of things and preparing everything to create a new world in the multiverse, as the process of creation comes from a previous destruction, and the FF seem unable to stop it! It«s like Disney«s Fantasia : the souls of the damned have come out to dance in the top of the barren hill, Abraxas is like the devil himself... and perhaps the only salvation for the multiverse comes from long-dead Galactus!

NOTE 2: Tom, we«ve made a little change in the last scene of last issue. We need ABRAXAS AND NOVA to be a little appart from the action, flying up above the Baxter Building where the FF have just arrived.

**PAGE 1**

A close shot on ABRAXAS . He is watching the palm of his own hand, where the Nullifier stands. He smiles. Now more than ever he looks like the Devil! He has won, he has what he needed to destroy Eternity itself and become Eternity.

**PAGES 2-3**

Double splash. A whole army of NOVAS attack the Baxter Building and its surroundings. ABRAXAS watches the scene, floating in the air at a certain distance.

These armies of Novas are commanded by our Nova, the one who was sent to Earth inside Galactu«s head (2001 Annual). She is the only one Nova who has defined features, being the rest of them faceless fire angels.

Around the building the multidimensional madness invades everything.

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JOHNNY STORM jumps to the air, asking NOVA to stop this madness and recover her senses, even though he is sore because she has treasoned him last issue. Nova doesn«t attend to reasons. She is full of hate and fear. Johnny Storm advances

towards her. He doesn't understand her treason. *Nova... Frankie. I thought we were friends... GOOD friends. Is it because of Namorita? You can't possibly destroy a world because you are jealous...* , Johnny says.

NOVA laughs roughly. *Do you think it's your stupid fish lady I'm worried about? You're stupider than I imagined, Storm. Look now what has happened to your lady !*

The floor of the roof erupts! And in the middle of the debris, floating there, , we get to glimpse NAMORITA, in her Chimera state, dead, as we saw a couple of issues back!

Nova cries it was all the Fantastic Four's fault They sold her to Galactus! She was the escape goat Richards offered to prevent the destruction of his world! While Abraxas has been killing the multiple Galactuses he has found in the multiverse, Nova has been eliminating the Fantastic Four, as he considers they sold her in the first place.

These FF are the original, the origin of the many multiple FF that there are, and now her wrath is even bigger. JOHNNY understands she is speaking Fantastic Four of whatever world she originally comes from. A world where the only solution was to offer Galactus the forced sacrifice of an herald... Nova. But she is so mad and confused that she gets to understand wrongly that all the FF have the same motivations!

Nova cries like mad. *It hurt, Johnny. You cannot imagine how it hurt. Being transformed. It was like dying and being reborn time after time. But you couldn't stop Galactus. You couldn't stop ME! I guided mi former master again to your world... and he devoured it! What about that for a truce?*

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Meanwhile, the rest of the FF battle the Nova-angels. In second term, Saturnyne protects FRANKLIN AND VALERIA!

Reed, Sue and Ben try to get to the floating, menacing figure of ABRAXAS, who is watching the chaos he is creating with a mixture of feelings: pride and joy. Reed knows the only chance for the multiverse is to get the Nullifier back!

Abraxas's eyes burn for a second, and from Nova's body come more angels who attach the FF before they get to the fantastical!

Nova openly attacks Johnny, while down there Valeria and Saturnyne try to protect Franklin.

It's useless. The nova-angels come from everywhere. There is no place to hide...

And all around the Baxter Building, other heroes and villains join the battle: THOR, DOCTOR SPECTRUM, SPIDER-MAN, CAPTAIN MARVEL, MOONDRAGON, some unknown masked people (coming from different alternate worlds), even some villains. All of them try to get to Abraxas, battling the hordes of Novas, as it is a real invasion!

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Chaos around the Baxter Building is greater by the second! There are columns of fire everywhere, a sort of day of Apocalypse!

When Reed was about to reach Abraxas (his goal, of course, is to get the NULIFIER SUPREME that now Abraxas holds), the nova-angels, being fire spirits (remember Raider of the Lost Ark ), get through SATURNYNE.

SUSAN is forced to retreat the battle in order to protect the children.

A group of novangels get to Reed and immobilize him.

NOVA cries an order. She doesn't want her twins kill him. It's her right to do so, as she says Richards was the one who sold her.

In a very swift movement, Nova holds Johnny in the middle of their fight, and kisses him: I owed you one

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Johnny falls spectacularly to the floor.... **BURNT**, just before Susan and the children, who are all surrounded by an invisible protective force field.

Using the techno-bike, THE THING finally gets to attack ABRAXAS! He jumps to the creature, trying to hit him...

But his blows have no effect on him... as if ABRAXAS were made of a different substance, a matter no one knows in this universe!

ABRAXAS merely smiles on The Thing's attack...

And ejects him, without touching him. The Thing FLIES back, crossing NY's air...

TO CRASH WITH A GREAT BLOW AGAINST THE CHRYSLER BUILDING!

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Cut to REED's fate. The novangels are stretching his limbs to the max,

They make his body swirl around the Baxter Building, as a sort of sling shot...

And they throw him to the top floor of the Baxter Building!

Floating in the air or even maybe sitting on an elevated throne created by the bodies of hundreds of damned beings from multiple dimensions, Abraxas looks at him, pleased in Reed's defeat.

Semi-unconscious, Reed's face changes briefly to the faces of some of the Reeds we know from other stories: THE BRUTE, DOC FANTASTIC, THE THING...

In the streets, the novangels swiftly pass through some heroes. And the heroes are CHANGED! They don't seem harmed, but... **different**. Captain America with a new uniform and the svastika on his chest, Spider-Man is now turned into a Man-Spider, She-Hulk is gray, Thor is unable to lift his hammer....And the people in the streets are changed too: they are now a mixture of fashion clothes, ethnics, even alien humanoids!And the buildings have changed too... all, except the Baxter Building, where

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Back to the BAXTER BUILDING, Susan can't believe she is watching her husband agonizing... Valerie runs towards Reed...

Lying flat on the floor, Reed doesn't answer to Val's plea. His stare is lost in the sky, where a distant star seems to shine more than the others.

SUE is shocked, almost numb! This is really the end of the world as she knows it!

Close shot on Franklin's face. He reads the emotions of his mom. He feels helpless, unable of saving her, of helping her....

Closer shot on Franklin's eyes. And he remembers the only other time he saw his mother this way... so helpless, so dispaired, so... frail.

Both children hold their hands, astonished and frightened... And then, for a second, they share their mom's thoughts and fears...

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The three minds mix inside Susan's mind, a sort of mindquake... The children are witness of Sue's second pregnancy, her miscarriage, her wrath when she destroyed Reed's lab, and Franklin's embrace trying to give her some counsel...

Franklin's mind, past and present, coalesce... and the boy travels back in time, to save his non-born sister, her pure essence. A flash of light. Franklin extends his hand. A small, frightened hand touches his.

*Don't be afraid*, Franklin mind's says. *You'll be saved. You'll live. Mom won't know, but you'll live. I'll save you*

Perhaps we are inside Sue's womb prior to her miscarriage, perhaps we are in limbo. Franklin's overwhelming powers take the child's hand...

The forms coalesce....

And they give form to a young lady, VALERIA! *You are saved, you are alive, sister.*

Valeria hesitates... *How... how are we going to tell her... to tell the world...*

*We won't*, Franklin says.

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We get to see they are now, in their memory of past events, inside the Garden of ROMA, in the other side of the galaxy, the place where Valeria will live and learn under the tutelage of the Guardian of Eternity.

*Some day, we'll meet again*, says Franklin in the flashback. *Let's pretend you are another incarnation of who you really are... Reed and Susan's Richard's unborn daughter. My sister. Let's tell them you come from the future, from another timeline... they'll buy it. They won't make any questions. And you'll be safe*

ROMA steps in. *Until you are needed, my child. Until you are needed. Now, both of you, till the moment comes, **FORGET!***

All of this happens in a subconscious way. Franklin wasn't even aware of what he had done... until now.

Brother and sister look at each other. It's the time. VALERIA UNDERSTANDS HER ORIGIN, HER DESTINY. She is really Reed's and Sue's non-born child, saved by her brother in this very moment, just at the brink of the end of the Universe.

They hold hands.

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Both of them look at the sky. Valeria cannot help making a comment. *Wish upon a star* . She has accepted her role in the events. And so must Franklin!

Franklin, his eyes blank, looks up at the sky, where a star shines more than any other.

In the sky, the face of a crying ETERNITY cries! And Franklin turns into pure energy and burst to the heavens....

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ETERNITY«S face transforms, and the sky is covered in red flames!

Now INFINITY«S face appears next to it..

Thousands of stones cover the sky...

There is a burst of light....

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AND GALACTUS, THE WORLD DEVOURER APPEARS IN THE FLESH, RESURRECTED!!! Fireworks, stormclouds and the lot receive the demigod!

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ABRAXAS feels panic for a fraction of a second. He doesn«t understand at first this is **THE ORIGINAL GALACTUS**, not the version of any alternate world he has destroyed in the past. I don«t fear you! , Abraxas cries. I have hunted you for millenia, I have destroyed many of your incarnations in the past .

I am prepared to kill you once more! , he says. And grows to the size of Galactus! They are two giants so powerful that mountains could be shattered at their pace!

Around them, The FF and the cohort of Novas look astonished. They don«t understand it«s Franklin and Val who have summoned the only being who could help them stop the annihilation Abraxas had in mind!

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ABRAXAS rises his right hand, with the Nullifier in it.

The semi-agonizing FF watch the scene. The THING has just arrived back from wherever he was ejected. He fears the worst.

GALACTUS reaches for the NULLIFIER, his palm open...

And ABRAXAS PUSHES THE TRIGGER!

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Nothing happens.

The Ultimate Nullifier, as having a life of its own, jumps from Abraxas's hand to Galactus's.

You didn't understand. Never understood, says Galactus. You wouldn't trigger the Nullifier. It's impossible. It is connected to every Galactus who exists or has existed in the Omniverse. You never understood the meaning of being Galactus, of having control over the Ultimate Nullifier.

Every time a Galactus devours a world, the energy of this world goes to the focal point where the Nullifier was, concentrating all the energy. It takes not a Galactus to trigger the Nullifier. But THE Galactus. Me.

Oh, my God, exclaims the Thing. He's gonna do it, stretch. He's gonna use the Nullifier against....

...the Universe? .

Galactus looks at Reed. Reed, still conscious, nods.

AND GALACTUS PUSHES THE NULLIFIER!

ABRAXAS and Nova CRY .

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A DOUBLE SPREAD. IT IS **THE END OF THE MULTIVERSE**.  
Everything explodes. Cities, continents, worlds, galaxies... Everything is shattered like a

glass, in a mute explosion that brings ARMAGEDDON once and for all! ETERNITY AND INFINITE burst... the light of the universe goes out...

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The sun rises over NY City. Perhaps a second has passed... or the Universe has started again!

On the top of the Baxter Building, the Fantastic Four look puzzled to each other. Where is Abraxas? Where is Galactus?

An enormous shadow projects behind them...

And they turn to see UATU THE WATCHER who has just appeared as by magic. It is a slightly different version of Uatu the Watcher. *Once more humanity has passed a Test*, Uatu says.

Sue asks what about Abraxas, about Galactus.

The Dev ourer is alive again, he has accomplished his mission in the Universe now that he has stopped Abraxas and his minions. That was the power of the Nulifier. That was Galactus role in the tapestry of Eternity, says Uatu. It should be clear that Galactus has absorbed the life energy of Abraxas and the Novas.

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Reed understands then the Nullifier is a reset bottom. *We all died, then ?*, he asks. *In order to save the Multiverse from chaos, Galactus had to destroy it first? Æ But then, this all has been a sort of dream, a nightmare?*, asks The Thing.

In the sky, we see the figure of THE SILVER SURFER flying. He died in previous issues, but now he is alive.

NAMORITA has reverted to her humanlike form... and she stands up and says she had a strange nightmare where she thought she had died. Johnny hurries to embrace her.

*No, this has not been a nightmare. There have been casualties*, says SATURNINE. *Roma, Abraxas, the many Novas...*

Reed says the Universe as they understood may be different to the one they remembered (it should be clear as UATU is different). They have started again, a sort of new chance to begin...

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Franklin gets near them as Uatu parts. He is a normal kid once more. The kid seems confused, as he doesn't remember what he has done in these events. He has lost his memories, perhaps his powers for good.

Mother and child embrace, while the Thing makes some funny comment and Reed Richards and Saturnine say good-bye: Saturnine must take now the role of Guardian of Eternity, as Roma has died in the line of duty...

Then they realize VALERIA is nowhere to be seen. Where...?

And just at the same time, SUE feels a familiar little kick on her womb! She is pregnant! A new opportunity, the possibility to begin again, to give life to that unborn child... That is the prize of being the FF and having save the Multiverse! Valeria, the unborn child, will live again... from the beginnng!

End of THE ABRAXAS SAGA.

NEXT: AMONG US HIDE... THE INHUMANS!