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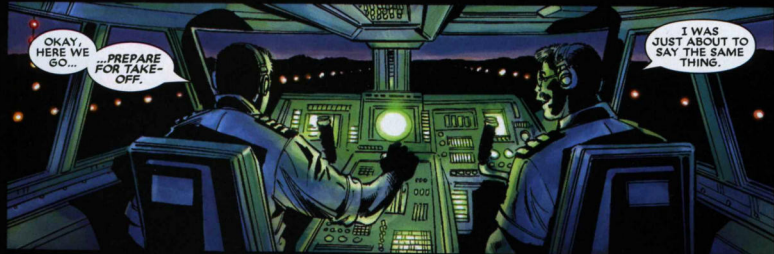
**MOTORCYCLE STUNTMAN JOHNNY BLAZE HAS ALWAYS HAD HIS HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE...AND MADE ALL THE WRONG DECISIONS. A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL CURSED HIM INTO BECOMING THE GHOST RIDER, A SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE WHO HUNTS DOWN THE GUILTY AND DISPENSES BLOODY RETRIBUTION.**

**AFTER HAVING BEEN TRAPPED IN HELL, JOHNNY ESCAPED, INADVERTENTLY FREING LUCIFER, THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS, AT THE SAME TIME. DUE TO HIS LINK TO THE GHOST RIDER, JOHNNY WAS ABLE TO STAY WHOLE, WHILE THE TRIP SHATTERED LUCIFER'S FORM INTO 666 PIECES, EACH OF WHICH WENT ON TO POSSESS A RECENTLY DECEASED CORPSE.**

**SINCE THEN, IT HAS BEEN JOHNNY'S QUEST TO HUNT DOWN EVERY LAST ONE OF LUCIFER'S AVATARS, WITH EACH DESTROYED ONE ADDING TO THE POWER OF THOSE REMAINING.**

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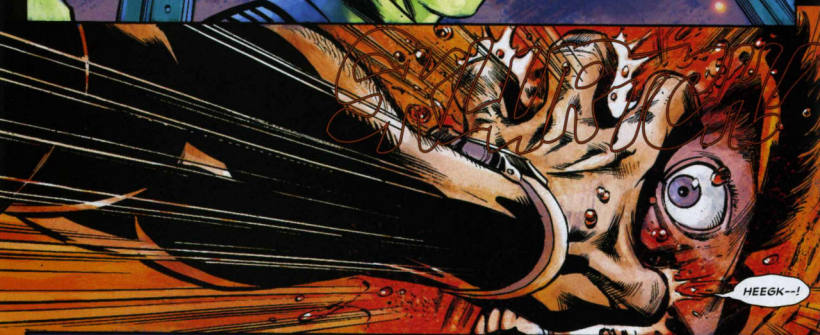
OKAY, HERE WE GO...

...PREPARE FOR TAKE-OFF.

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING.



...WHAT?



HEEGK--!



SKLKK!



NOW DO YOU GET IT?



WHAT... YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S FUNNY?



"TAKEOFF"?

AS IN, TAKE OFF YOUR--



AH, FORGET IT.



WHAT IS IT WITH YOU SKULL-FACE GUYS, ANYWAY?

NONE OF YOU HAVE A--



--SENSE OF HUMOR...





**VRNNNN!**

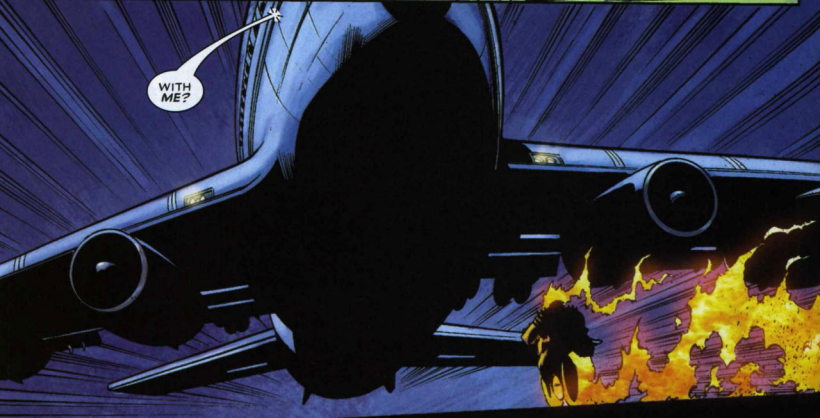
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OH,  
HO!  
YOU  
WANNA PLAY  
CHICKEN?



WITH  
ME?



I INVENTED  
THIS--



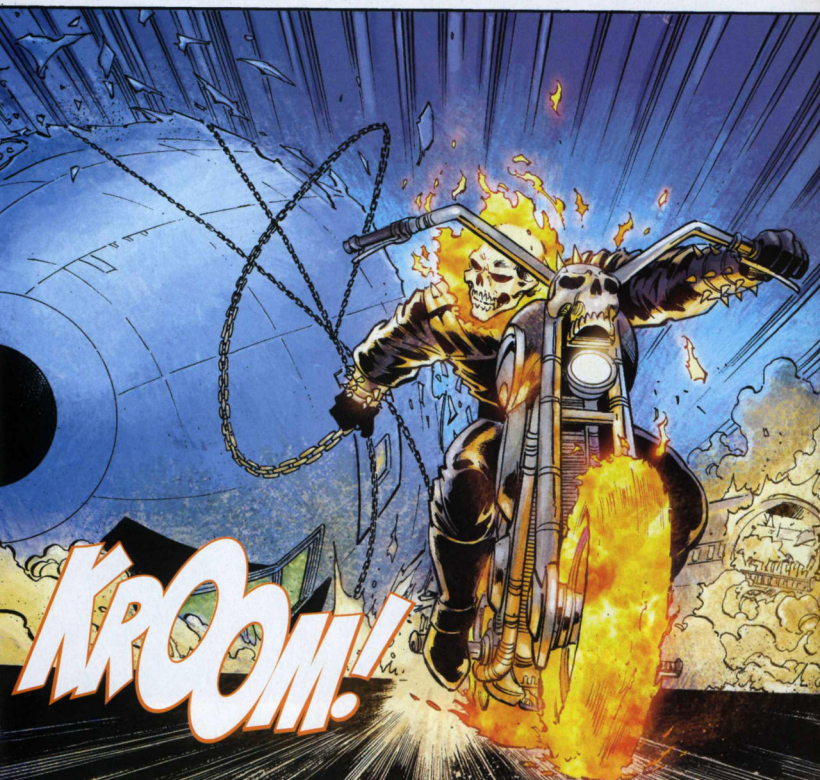
GAME...?

**CH-CHINK!**





**CH-RAKKT!**



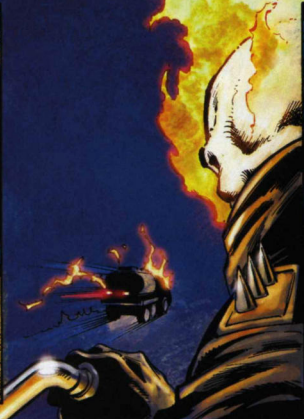
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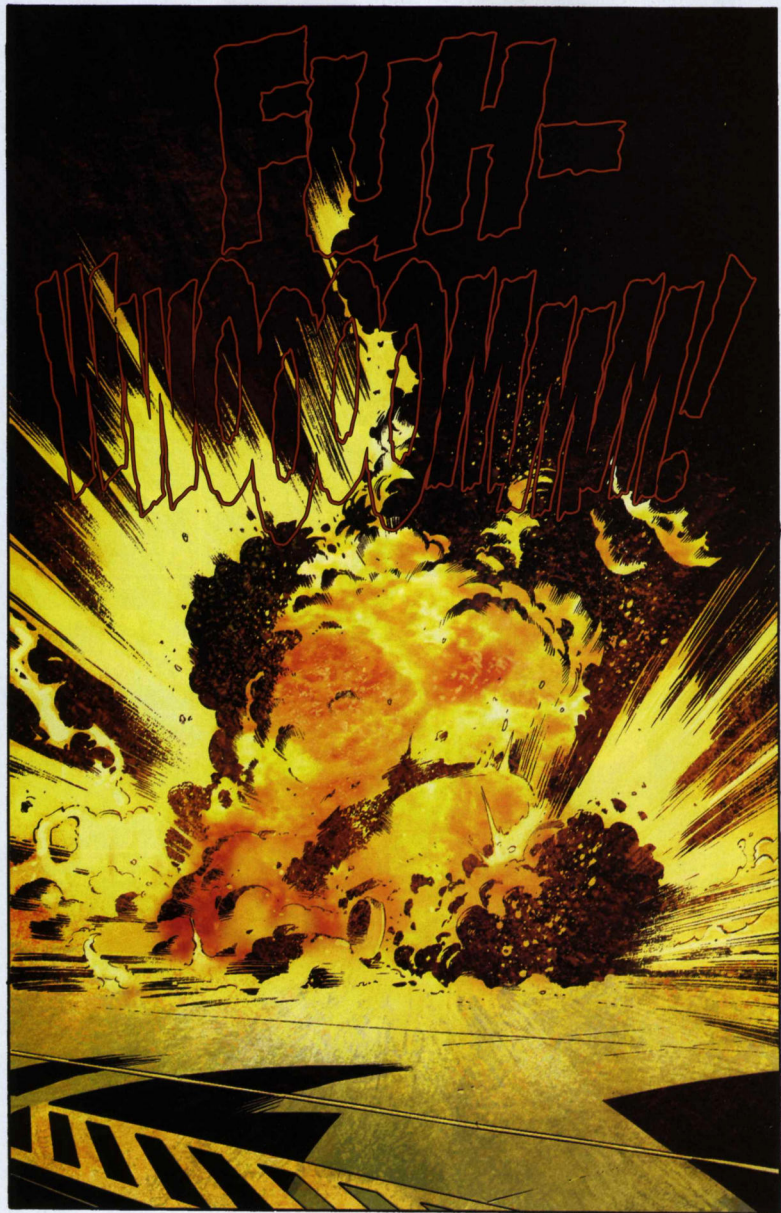
WHAT?!  
WHERE?!



OH...



...!!!!!!!!









JOHNNY...?



IS THAT YOU TALKING?




SO ... WHAT'S IT GONNA BE, JOHNNY?

GET THE BAD GUY ...

... OR SAVE THE INNOCENTS?



I-I DON'T--



VENGEANCE WILL BE SERVED!







HEY! YOU THERE!



STOP!



WHERE'D HE GO?





**The Next Morning:**



HRRNN...



...HOW DID I GET HERE? WHAT THE HELL HAP--?

OH.  
OH, GOD...

ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN THAT JET.

DEAD.  
BURNED.

YOU INTERFERED.



BUT WE SHOULD'VE HELPED THEM--!

BY SAVING ONLY A FEW, WE JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES OF EVERYONE.

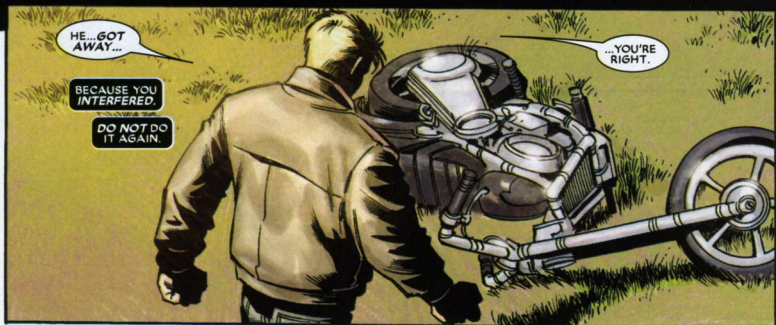
VENGEANCE MUST BE SERVED.

BUT... AT WHAT COST?



AT ALL COSTS.

WE MUST GO TO BUFFALO, TO FINISH WHAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

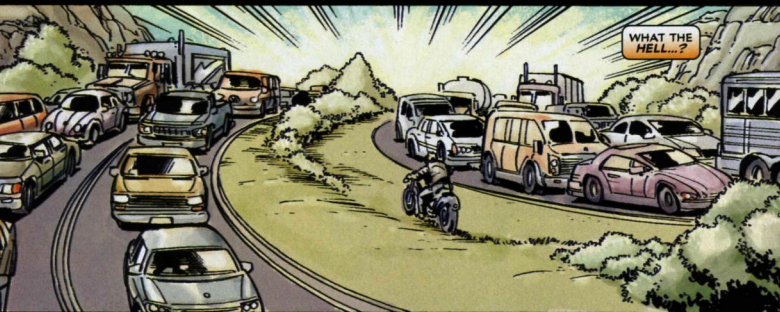
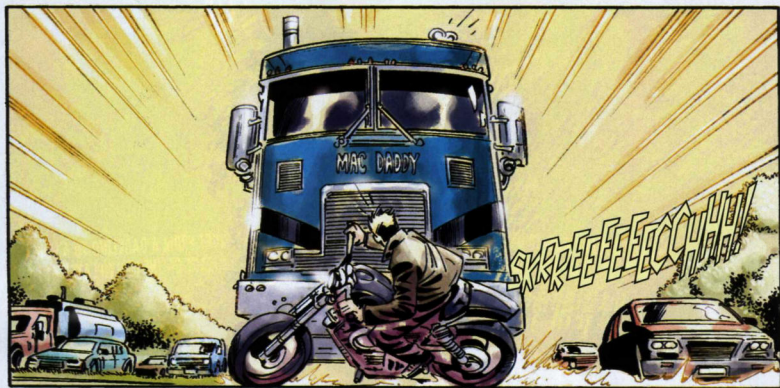
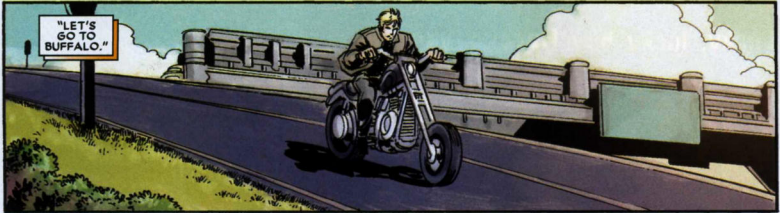


HE... GOT AWAY...

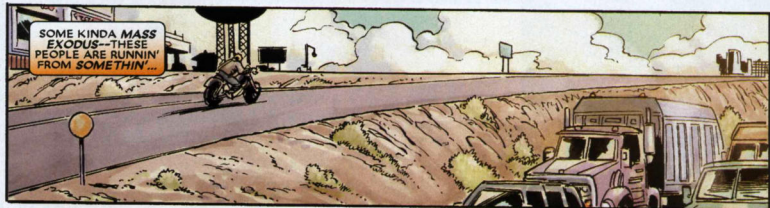
BECAUSE YOU INTERFERED.

DO NOT DO IT AGAIN.

...YOU'RE RIGHT.







THE SUPER-POWERED BEING KNOWN AS THE HULK, ARRIVING VIA WHAT IS SPECULATED TO BE SOME SORT OF "SPACESHIP", DELIVERING AN ULTIMATUM TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK... AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE WORLD.



THE AVENGERS, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEVERAL OTHER SUPER HEROES AS WELL AS THE NYPD, THE FDNY AND THE NATIONAL GUARD, HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT TO EVACUATE THE CITY.









MY NAME IS JOHNNY BLAZE.

I'M A WORLD-FAMOUS STUNT CYCLIST WHO HOLDS NINE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS.

I SOLD MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL WITHOUT EVEN CONSIDERING THAT IT MIGHT NOT WORK OUT.

IN OTHER WORDS...



...YEAH.

I AM THAT FOOLISH.



BUT FOOLISH OR NOT, I'M CALLIN' THE SHOTS NOW.

AN' YOU...

**KI-RR-OO-OMM!**

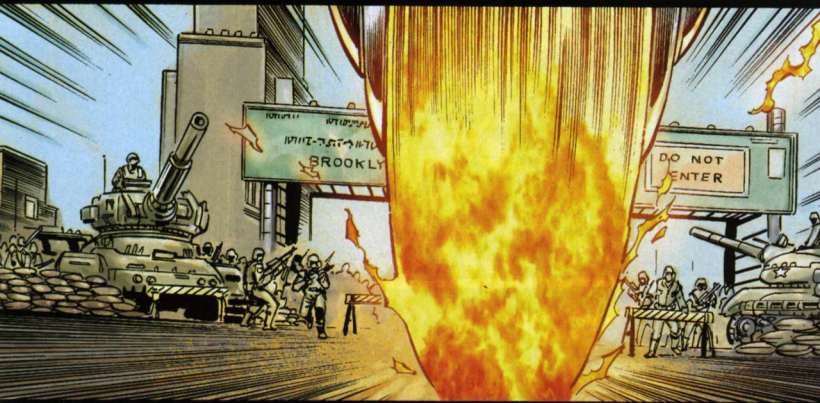
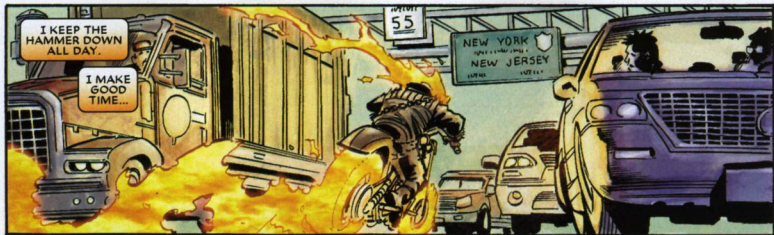


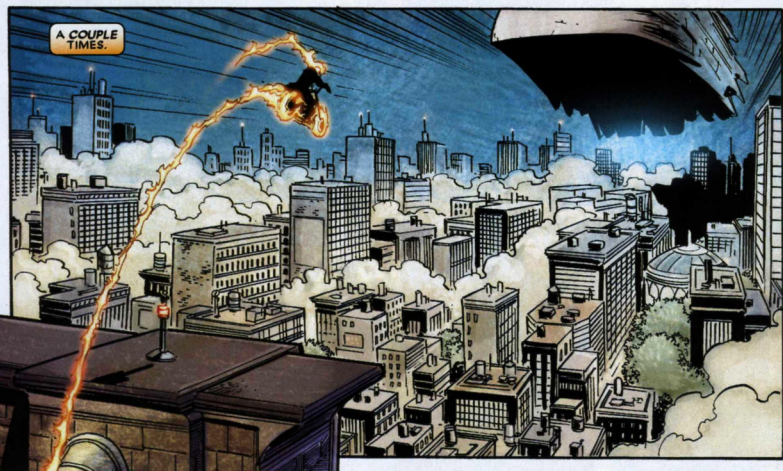
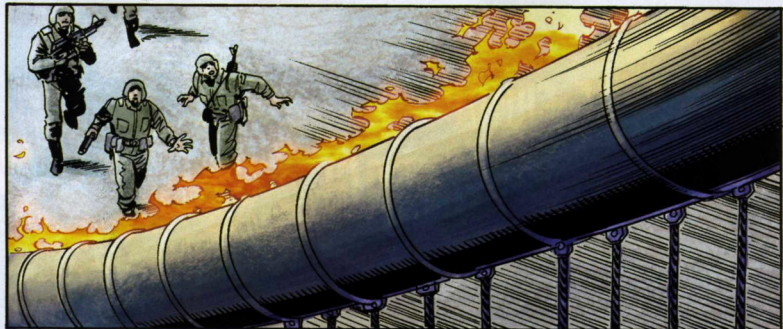
...ARE GONNA DO WHATEVER THE HELL I TELL YOU TO DO.



AWESOME!



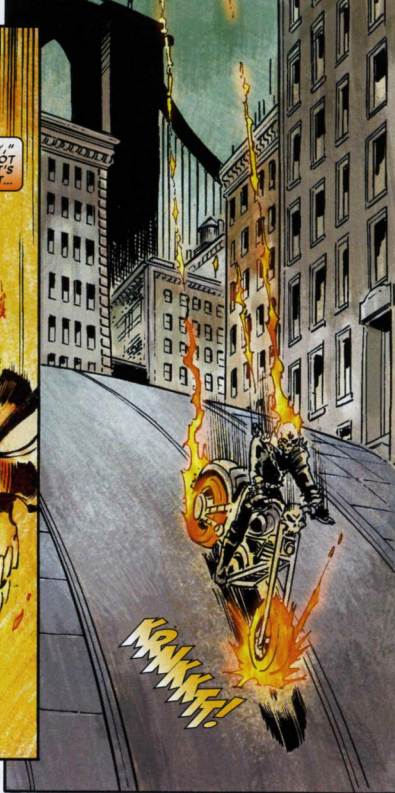






ONCE, WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY, BEFORE ONE OF MY DAD'S BIG MOTORCYCLE JUMPS, I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS AFRAID.

"WELL, JOHNNY," HE SAID, "IT'S NOT THE JUMP THAT'S THE SCARY PART..."



"...IT'S THE  
LANDING."



To Be  
Concluded  
Next Issue!