

# ANNIHILATION SCOURGE

## NOVA

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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"HOW DID I GET HERE?"

"IT'S THE USUAL STORY."

"HIGH SCHOOL KID FROM LONG ISLAND IS JUST TRYING TO BUY A CHOCOLATE SHAKE AT UNCLE FUDGE'S WHEN HE GETS CONTACTED BY THE LAST WARRIOR OF A DYING PLANET."

"WITHOUT ANYBODY ASKING IF HE WANTS IT, HE'S GRANTED THE POWER OF NOVA PRIME, DEFENDER OF THE PLANET XANDAR. HE CALLS HIMSELF *NOVA*, WHICH, IN HINDSIGHT, WAS CONFUSING."

"AFTER A WHILE HE LOSES THOSE POWERS, BUT HE JOINS A PLUCKY YOUNG GROUP OF WANNABE SUPER HEROES CALLED THE *NEW WARRIORS* WHO HELP HIM GET THEM BACK."



"AND WITH THAT RETURN OF HIS COSMIC POWERS COMES THE RETURN OF HIS COSMIC RESPONSIBILITIES. HE HELPS REFORM THE GALACTIC NOVA CORPS, DEFENDERS OF ALL GOOD STUFF."



"WHEN **MIGHTY LORD ANNIHILUS** CAME FROM THE NEGATIVE ZONE TO WAGE WAR WITH MY UNIVERSE, HE SLAUGHTERED ALL OF THE NOVA CORPS...EXCEPT ME.

"I LED THE UNITED FRONT TO STOP HIM.

"LATER, A BUNCH OF SPACE KINGS TORE SPACE A NEW @#-\$%?\*&.

PEOPLE SMARTER THAN ME DETERMINED IT WAS A TEAR IN REALITY ITSELF AND NAMED IT **THE FAULT**.

"BUT I PREFER THE NAME 'SPACE'S @#-\$%?\*&.'

"IT WAS IN THERE I DISCOVERED THE **CANCERVERSE**, A DISEASED HELLISH REPLICA OF MY UNIVERSE, WHERE EVERYTHING SUFFERS BUT NOTHING EVER DIES.

"BUT I GOT OUT. CAME BACK TO EARTH. FOUND OUT MY DAD DIED AND I'D BEEN REPLACED BY A KID NAMED **SAM ALEXANDER**.

"I DIDN'T REALIZE I'D BROUGHT SOMETHING BACK FROM THE **CANCERVERSE** WITH ME.



"AND SO I DID.

"GIANT PURPLE BAD GUY THANOS GOT TRAPPED THERE AND STAR-LORD AND I STAYED TO MAKE SURE HE NEVER GOT OUT... EVENTUALLY HE DID ANYWAY.

"I HELPED STAR-LORD ESCAPE, BUT I STAYED BEHIND. TRAPPED IN A PLACE WORSE THAN ANY HELL YOU CAN IMAGINE FOR A BILLION LIFETIMES.

"SAM AND I WENT BACK TO THAT HELL TO CURE ME. HE'S A GOOD KID, AND WITH EARTH IN GOOD HANDS I RETURNED TO SPACE TO HELP REBUILD THE NOVA CORPS...AGAIN.

"BUT WHILE I WAS ON A MISSION THE REST OF THE NEW NOVA CORPS WERE KILLED...AGAIN, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF, I PURSUED SOME NEW HOBBIES.

"I WAS PERFECTLY HAPPY DOING THAT UNTIL THIS SHIP ALMOST CRASHED INTO MY NEW HOMEBASE. AFTER SAVING IT...

