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CAN EVEN SPIDER-MAN, THE THING, HERCULES AND THE BLACK WIDOW SURVIVE...

## THE SALVATION RUN!!



THE SAGA OF JOHNNY BLAZE: Once, not so long ago, he was the pawn of Satan. He has since been freed. But, for reasons he cannot yet comprehend, he still possesses Satan-spawned strength and the searing touch of hell fire. Whether these supernatural powers are a blessing or a curse, he does not know. Yet...

Stan Lee  
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# THE GHOST RIDER!

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HE HADN'T EXPECTED TO FIND HIMSELF  
RACING AGAINST THE TWO PEOPLE HE  
LOVED MOST IN THE WORLD...

...ROXANNE  
SIMPSON  
AND HER  
FATHER,  
CRASH.

ESPECIALLY SINCE CRASH HAD DIED SOME  
THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO...

...AND NOW SEEMED  
POSITIVELY ANXIOUS  
TO REPEAT THE FOLLY  
THAT HAD BROUGHT  
HIM TO THAT UN-  
WORTHY STATE.

READY,  
COWARD?

THIS IS  
YOUR FIRST  
OBSTACLE.

OR DON'T  
YOU REMEMBER  
THE STUNT THAT  
KILLED ME?

HE REMEMBERS.

HE REMEMBERS  
ALL TOO WELL THAT  
FATEFUL DAY.

IT WAS A FRIDAY.

THE CROWDS AT  
MADISON SQUARE  
GARDEN HAD GATH-  
ERED SOME TWENTY  
THOUSAND STRONG--

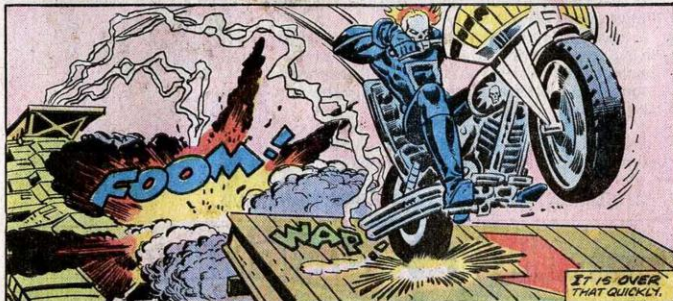
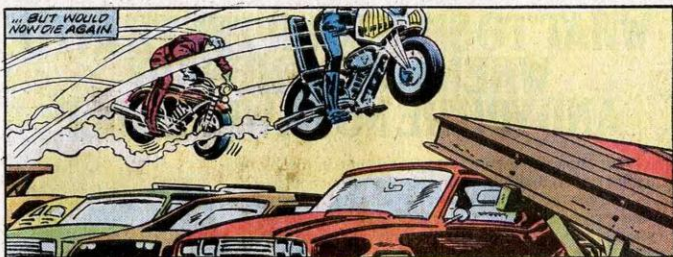
--TO WATCH  
CRASH  
SIMPSON  
DIE.

HE REMEMBERS.

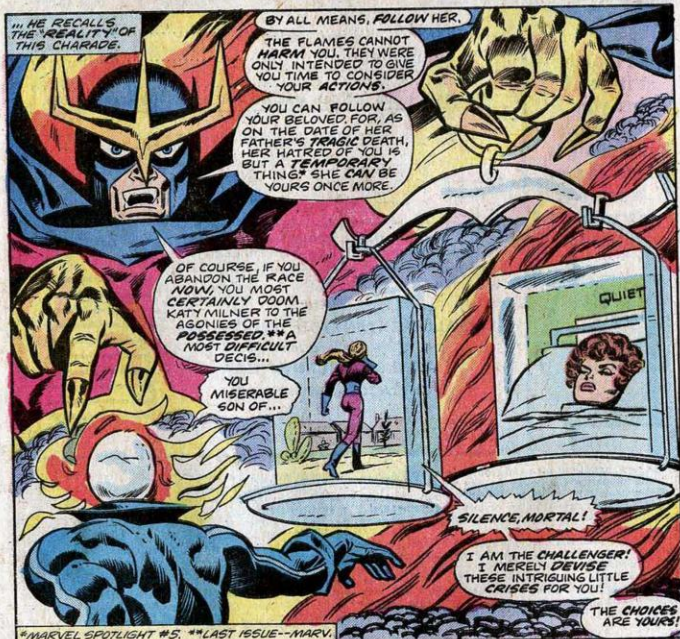
HE JUST HADN'T  
EXPECTED TO RELIVE  
THAT EVENING.

IN A PLACE THAT  
WASN'T MADISON  
SQUARE GARDEN.

WITH A MAN WHO WAS ALREADY DEAD..



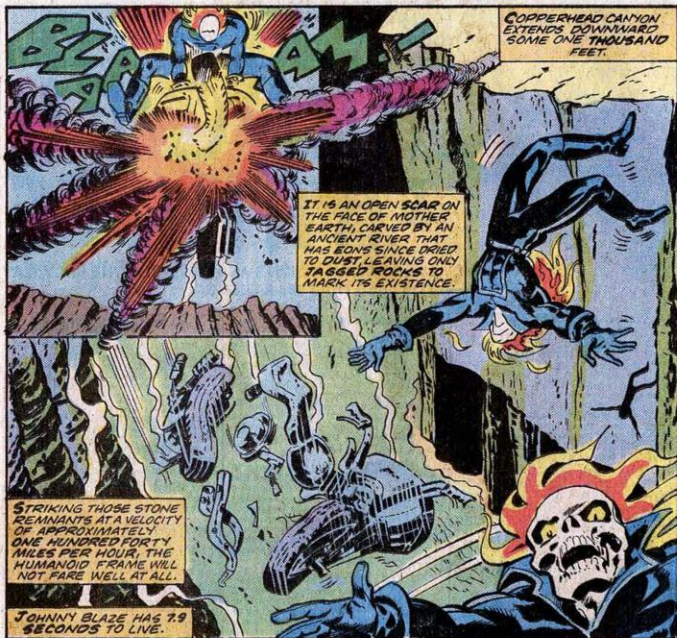




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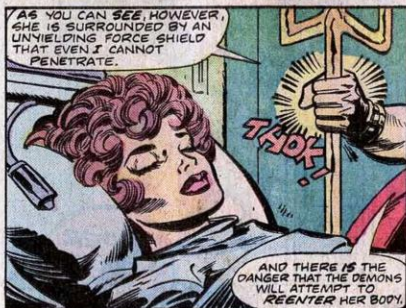






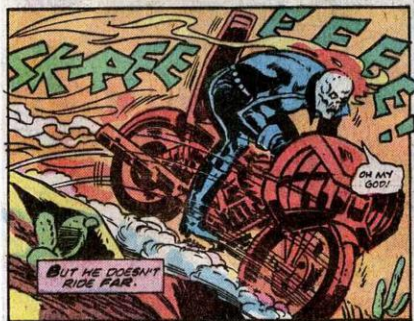
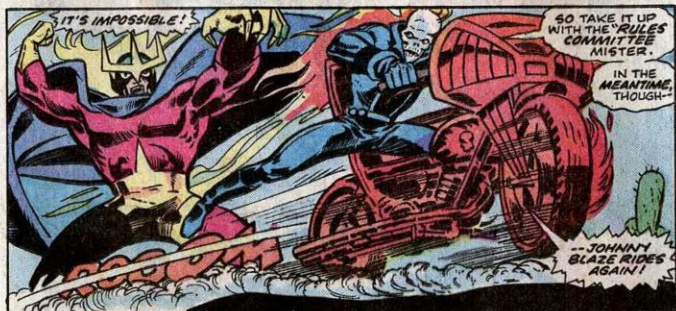
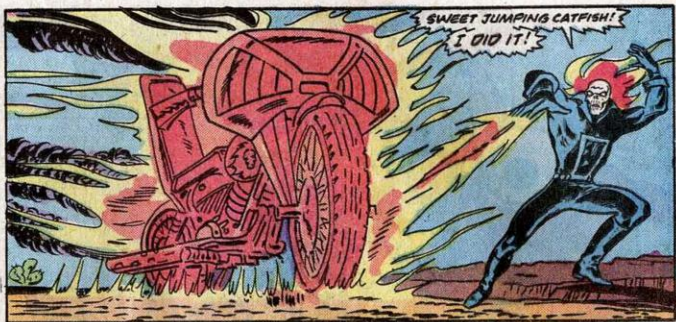


\*NOT ALL THAT UNLIKELY A PROFESSION FOR THE REBEL SON OF SATAN, RIGHT, GANG?-- MARV.











THIS: THE SIGHT OF A "FRIEND" WHO HAS AIDED THE GHOST RIDER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS -- A "FRIEND" WHOSE IDENTITY JOHNNY BLAZE HAS ALWAYS KNOWN, BUT NEVER DARED ADMIT.

THIS: THE SIGHT OF THAT "FRIEND" BEING CRUCIFIED BY THE DEADLIEST SUPER-FOES JOHNNY HAS EVER FACED!

THE ORB!

SNAKE-DANCE!

THE MIRACLE MAN!

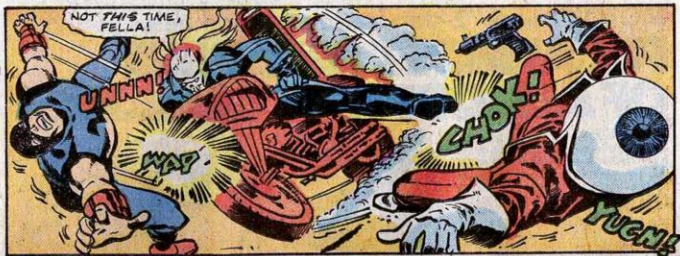
AQUARIUS!

THE TRAPSTER.

THIS: THE FINAL DEGRADING CHARADE THAT PUSHES A MAN BEYOND DISMAY, BEYOND HATE, AND RUSHING THAT MAN, TRANSFORMS HIM INTO SOMETHING MORE THAN A MAN...















LISTEN TO THE MAN, BLAZE!

HOW CANST THOU AID THY FELLOW MORTALS--

--WHEN YA MADE SUCH A MESS OUTTA YER OWN LIFE?

MAYBE--MAYBE I AM JUST A MAKE-BELIEVE CONBOY WITH DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR--MAYBE I'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO MUCH--BUT I ONLY WANTED TO HELP OTHER FOLKS.

DOESN'T THAT COUNT FOR ANYTHING?

INDIGNATION SWELLS UP WITHIN THE YOUNG CYCLIST, BUT ONLY FOR A MOMENT.

AFTER ALL, HASN'T HE ASKED HIMSELF THAT SAME QUESTION A HUNDRED TIMES?

IN HUSHED TONES, HE SEEKS VINDICATION...

...AND IN ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY HIMSELF TO THESE CREATURES OF THE CHARADE, BECOMES ALL THE MORE ENSNARED IN THEIR UNREALITY.

SURE DOES, FLAME-FACE.

AN' HERE COMES YER REE-WARD--

--THE BLACK WIDOW!

I APPLAUD YOU, JOHNNY BLAZE.

FEW MEN WILL ACCEPT THEIR LIMITED SELF--WORTH AS READILY AS YOU HAVE DONE.



BE YOURSELF, MY FRIEND!

YOU'RE NOT A HERO, YOU KNOW.

YOU'RE MERELY A MAN.



COMBAT THE DESPAIR THAT COMES WITH KNOWING LIFE IS AT BEST AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY--

--BY PARTAKING FULLY OF THE FEW PLEASURES IT HAS TO OFFER.







NEXT ISSUE: THE SENSATIONALLY SINISTER SECRET OF THE CHALLENGER--G.R.'S MOST DESPERATE BATTLE--A SURPRISE GUEST OR TWO--MUCH, MUCH MORE IN THE THRILLER WE CALL:

# RESURRECTION!

BUT YOU'LL CALL IT A COMICS CLASSIC!