

NOVA

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PREVIOUSLY...

15-year-old Sam Alexander's father, Jesse, used to tell him unbelievable stories about his adventures with the Nova Corps, an intergalactic peacekeeping force. When Jesse mysteriously disappeared, Sam found his old helmet, took up the mantle and became the interstellar hero Nova!

When heroes and villains of the Marvel Universe were caught in a strange explosion on Genosha, they started behaving strangely. Among them was the Hulk, who went on a rampage through Sam Alexander's hometown of Carefree, Arizona. As Nova, Sam stood up to the green goliath, and ended up getting punched clean across the ocean. His bravery, earned him a place on the Avengers, but cost him his helmet, which was severely damaged. With a broken helmet, Sam has had to focus on being a normal high-schooler.

He still wants to be Nova, though, and that means finding a brain big enough to fix his helmet.



THE ADVENTURES OF DOC & SAMMY

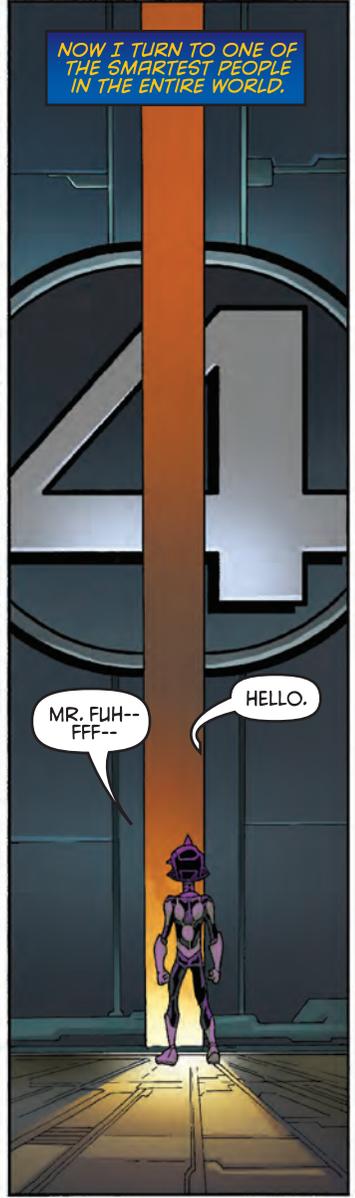
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★ THE HULK NEARLY KILLED ME.



I ENDED UP WITH A SERIOUS CONCUSSION, AND MY CAREER AS NOVA WAS PUT ON HIATUS.



NOW I TURN TO ONE OF THE SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

MR. FUH--
FFF--

HELLO.



STA--STAY
BACK!



FWABABOOM!

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I DIDN'T FIND WHO I WAS LOOKING FOR...



WELL,
THAT WAS
RUDE.

I BUMBLED INTO
THE LAST GUY
I EVER WANTED
TO SEE...

DOC GREEN



STAY
BACK!



YOU HAVE NOTHING
TO FEAR FROM ME,
YOUNG NOVA.

AND I OWE YOU
AN *APOLOGY* FOR
MY POOR BEHAVIOR
AFTER I WAS
ACCOSTED BY THOSE
MAGICIANS ON
GENOSHA.



I *HATE*
MAGIC.



THAT'S YOUR STORY? SOMEBODY PUT A WHAMMY ON YOU SO YOU TRIED TO KILL EVERYONE IN ARIZONA?

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE AN APOLOGY FROM ME SINCE I WAS CREATED BY THE EXTREMIS VIRUS. YOU WON'T GET A SECOND ONE.

NOW, WHY ARE YOU HERE?



I GUESS MR. FANTASTIC ISN'T AROUND?

THIS WAS MY LAST HOPE TO FIND SOMEONE TO FIX MY HELMET. BEAST WAS STUCK. IRON MAN WAS A REAL JERK.



YES, STARK ALWAYS IS.

HERE, LET ME HAVE A LOOK.



NO OFFENSE, BUT I HAVE A SECRET IDENTITY... AND YOU DID ALREADY TRY TO KILL ME.



NO PROBLEM, NOVA. I BELIEVE I HAVE AN APPARATUS WHICH WILL ALLOW YOU TO REMOVE YOUR HELMET AND PRESERVE YOUR SECRET IDENTITY.