

**MARVEL**  
LIMITED SERIES  
5 of 6

**GIFFEN  
DIVITO  
VILLARI**

# ANNIHILATION™



**RATED T+**



\$2.99 US \$3.75 CAN

DIRECT EDITION

# ANNIHILATION



## ANNIHILATION DAY

A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE PUNCTURES THROUGH THE EDGE OF OUR UNIVERSE AND SLAUGHTERS MILLIONS OF WORLDS. THE MOMENT THIS ANNIHILATION WAVE TORE INTO OUR UNIVERSE IS MARKED AS ANNIHILATION DAY. DAYS LATER, ANNIHILUS, THE WAVE'S UNDISPUTED RULER, AND HIS ARMADA, REVEAL THEMSELVES, CLAIMING THAT OUR UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING INTO—AND THEREBY DESTROYING—HIS OWN UNIVERSE.

## ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 212

THE UNITED FRONT—THE LAST RESISTANCE AGAINST ANNIHILUS IN THE UNIVERSE—FALLS. THE WAR IS LOST. NOVA AND HIS TEAM HAVE SUNDERED THE ALLIANCE AND ALL PARTIES GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS. DRAX THE DESTROYER IS BELIEVED LOST DURING THE FINAL BATTLE, BUT DRAX LIVED AND HUNTED DOWN HIS MOST HATED ENEMY—THANOS.

THANOS, HOLDING MOONDRAGON—DRAX'S DAUGHTER—CAPTIVE, PLANNED TO BETRAY ANNIHILUS BY FREEDING GALACTUS, THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE IN CREATION. BUT JUST BEFORE THANOS WAS ABLE TO RELEASE THE CAPTIVE GALACTUS, DRAX ARRIVED AND PUNCHED OUT THANOS'S HEART. THANOS IS DEAD. GALACTUS IS NOT RELEASED, AND THE ANNIHILATION WAVE CONTINUES ONWARD—KILLING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.

AFTER THE UNITED FRONT SPLIT, RONAN, A KREE LOYALIST, TAKES HIS MOST HATED FOE, THE SUPER-SKRULL, AND PRAXAGORA TO HALA—THE CAPITAL OF THE KREE EMPIRE. RECENTLY, HOUSE FIVERO, A GROUP OF COMMERCE-LOVING KREE WHO HAVE TURNED THEIR BACK ON THE MILITARY ARTS, HAS LED THE KREE. UNFORTUNATELY, HOUSE FIVERO HAS MISMANAGED THE WAR AGAINST THE ANNIHILATION WAVE AND KREE LOSSES ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO COUNT.

WITH THE ANNIHILATION WAVE TEARING THE KREE ARMIES APART, RONAN IS SET ON OVERTHROWING HOUSE FIVERO AND RESTORING THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE, THE FORMER KREE RULER, TO HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE.

IF RONAN AND THE SUPER-SKRULL FAIL, THE KREE EMPIRE WILL DIE.



NOVA



RONAN



SUPER-SKRULL



DRAX



MOONDRAGON



ANNIHILUS



RAVENOUS



THANOS



GALACTUS

**WRITER**  
KEITH GIFFEN

**ARTIST**  
ANDREA DIVITO

**COLOR ART**  
LAURA VILLARI

**LETTERS**  
VC'S CORY PETIT

**COVER PAINTER**  
GABRIELE DELL'OTTO

**PRODUCTION**  
RICH GINTER

**ASSISTANT EDITOR**  
DANIEL KETCHUM

**EDITOR**  
ANDY SCHMIDT

**EDITOR IN CHIEF**  
JOE QUESADA

**PUBLISHER**  
DAN BUCKLEY



**CRITICUS PRIME,  
KREE FRINGE SYSTEM.  
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.**

I'M NOT KIDDING,  
RICHIE. I THINK I LEFT  
A FEW TEETH BEHIND.

BE GLAD IT  
WASN'T A VITAL  
ORGAN.

IF ONE  
MORE PERSON  
 TELLS ME  
TELEPORTATION'S  
AN IMPRECISE  
SCIENCE...

WAS HE  
THIS WHINEY WHEN  
HE WAS CALLED  
STARLORD?

HOPE  
NOT.

DOES  
THIS SO-CALLED  
RESISTANCE ALWAYS  
SET UP MEETS RIGHT  
UNDER THE ENEMY'S  
NOSE?

LAST PLACE  
THEY'RE LIKELY  
TO LOOK, EH?

ACTUALLY,  
IT MAKES AN ODD  
KIND OF SENSE.

NO, IT  
DOESN'T.

SO TELL  
ME, "NOVA OFFICER,"  
IS THERE STILL A PRICE  
ON MY HEAD? DOES NOVA  
CORPS STILL THINK ME A  
PUBLIC MENACE?



CAN THE SARCASM, BLASTARR. OUR ALLIANCE IS TEMPORARY. OF THIS I'M CERTAIN.

HUH... THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED YOU. YOU'RE CAPTAIN MARVEL'S SPAWN.

LET IT SLIDE, PHYLA.



HOW CLOSE ARE WE?  
CLOSE ENOUGH.

THAT'S NOT AN ANSWER.

THOSE COORDINATES I GAVE YOU SHOULD PUT YOU WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF ANNIHILUS' FLAGSHIP.



I STILL SAY IT'S SUICIDE.

I'M UP FOR SUGGESTIONS.

HEY, SPACE KNIGHT, THAT ABOUT DONE?

SET FOR THIRTY AND COUNTING DOWN.



THIS WHAT PASSES FOR FUN OUT HERE?

JUST ABOUT. USED TO BLOW THEM ON THE GROUND 'TILL LIBERATOR THERE POINTED OUT THAT WE'D DO MORE DAMAGE IF WE TIMED OUT THE DETONATIONS; SO WE WAITED 'TILL THE BUGGY SCUTS LOADED EVERYTHING INTO THE STORAGE HOLDS...

...AND THEN WE BLEW THEM OUT OF THE SKY.



FOR THE RECORD, NOVA, YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.

YEAH, SO I'M TOLD.

I OWE YOU.



KILL ANNIHILUS AND WE'LL CALL IT EVEN.

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

NO, IT DOESN'T.



# ASCENSION

THANOS STARSHIP.  
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.



THANOS IS  
DEAD, DRAX.

WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
DONE!?

WHAT  
ONLY I COULD  
DO.

WHAT I  
WAS CREATED  
TO DO.

**KEITH  
GIFFEN**  
WRITER

**ANDREA  
DIVITO**  
ART

**LAURA  
VILLARI**  
COLORS

**VC'S CORY  
PETT**  
LETTERS

**DANIEL  
KETCHUM**  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

**ANDY  
SCHMIDT**  
EDITOR

**JOE  
QUESADA**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

**DAN  
BUCKLEY**  
PUBLISHER



WE SHOULD BE GOING, DAUGHTER. THE ANNIHILATION WAVE WON'T STAY CONFUSED LONG. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE CONTROLS ARE KEYED TO THANOS'S POWER LEVEL!



HE BUILT IN A FAIL-SAFE! THANOS COULD'VE STOPPED ANNIHILUS! HE COULD HAVE FREED GALACTUS, BUT YOU'VE KILLED HIM.

GALACTUS IS NOT MY CONCERN.



GALACTUS IS THE ONLY THING-- THE ONLY ONE--WHO COULD BEAT ANNIHILUS.

WE HAVE NO DEFENSES.

WE HAVE NO HOPE.



FATHER...

...YOU'VE KILLED US!

I DID WHAT I WAS CREATED TO DO!



WHAT WAS THANOS GOING TO DO?

WHAT DOES IT MATTER NOW?

TELEPATHS ARE ALWAYS SNOOPING AROUND WHERE THEY DON'T BELONG. ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DIDN'T READ HIS INTENTIONS?



HERE, A MODIFIED POWER-CELL ARRAY. ACTIVATING IT WOULD HAVE FREED THE DEVOURER... AND SAVED US ALL.





IT STILL MIGHT.

STILL MIGHT!? THANOS WAS NEAR POWER INCARNATE! HE COULD ACTIVATE THE CELLS! BUT WE CAN'T--

NO WE DON'T, HEATHER. NOT US.



WHUUU!

I CAN FEEL THEM BUZZING IN MY MIND. THESE BUGS ARE GETTING COMMANDS AGAIN. WHOEVER'S IN CHARGE OF THE HIVE IS MAKING MOVES AGAINST US. WE'VE RUN OUT OF TIME.

GOOD TO KNOW.



GET IN THEIR HEADS. GARBLE WHATEVER THEY'RE RECEIVING. KEEP THEM OFF BALANCE.

ALL OF THEM!?

THAT'S MY GIRL.



HUM...AN ENERGY SHUNT. MAKES SENSE. BLEED OFF SOME OF GALACTUS' POWER TO HOLD THE HERALD IN STASIS. THANOS COVERED ALL HIS BASES...

...ALL BUT ONE.



I DO THIS, DEVOURER, YOU SEE TO MY DAUGHTER'S SAFETY.



SHRAKI!



UP AND AT 'EM, HERALD. HEATHER CAN'T KEEP THEM OFF BALANCE FOREVER.



CAN'T... TOO MANY STRAIN IS... CAN'T HOLD... C-CAN'T...

JUST A BIT LONGER, HEATHER. WE'RE ALMOST HOME.



GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT, SURFER. YOU ONLY GET ONE SHOT AT THIS.

TO... WHAT END? THE SILVER SURFER SERVES BUT ONE MASTER...



YOU THINK I ENJOY BEING DEPENDENT ON THE LIKES OF YOU? I'D HAVE TORN GALACTUS FROM THAT RIG WITH MY BARE HANDS IF IT WASN'T THANOS WHO PUT HIM THERE.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF US CAN DO THIS WITHOUT TAMPERING WITH THE RIG AND SETTING OFF WHATEVER NASTY SURPRISE THANOS PROGRAMMED IN...

...AND KNOWING THANOS, YOU CAN BET IT'S THERE.



YOU HAVE TO DO THIS, SURFER. REACH DEEP. GIVE IT ALL. YOU'VE GOT TO PRAY IT'S ENOUGH TO FREE YOUR MASTER OR...

...THE UNIVERSE DIES.





ENOUGH!



CAN'T  
DAD... I'M  
SORRY...

HEATHER!



DONE...  
IT IS...  
DONE...



KNOW ME,  
ANNIHILUS.  
KNOW  
ME AND...

...KNOW  
FEAR!





HALA,  
CAPITAL PLANET OF THE KREE EMPIRE.  
HOUSE FIVEKO: SECULAR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.  
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 220.





THEY DON'T BACK DOWN, KL'RT!

NO PRAXAGORA, THEY ARE KREE! KREE NEVER BACK DOWN!

AND WHILE WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THEM, I MUST ADMIT AS A SKRULL, I AM ENJOYING THIS!



FOOLISH SYCOPHANTS! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE KREE!?

WOULD YOU DIE FOR A CORRUPT CAUSE!?



YOU HEAR ME COMPLAINING?

WE WILL HAVE WORDS WHEN THIS IS DONE, SUPER-SKRULL.



!?!



CENTURIONS! ANNIHILUS' LAPDOGS!

BUT WHY ARE THEY ON HALA? UNLESS...



INSIDE THE COMPLEX...

AND NOW YOUR  
KREE SOLDIERS KNOW  
THAT HOUSE FIYERO  
STANDS ALLIED WITH THE  
LORD ANNHILUS.

WHATEVER  
WILL YOU DO,  
FIYERO?

THEY ARE  
ALMOST IN OUR  
MIST. RAVENOUS!  
YOU PROMISED  
PROTECTION!

THE WAS,  
KREE PROVIDED  
THEIR OWN  
PROTECTION.

HOW THE  
MIGHTY HAVE  
FALLEN...

HOUSE FIYERO  
IS OF COMMERCE,  
NOT WAR.

WAR IS WAGED TO PROTECT  
TRADE. OTHERWISE IT IS  
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

WE SEEK TO  
ESTABLISH TRADE  
RELATIONS WITH THE  
LORD ANNHILUS AND,  
IN SO DOING, END  
THIS CONFLICT.

A MUTUALLY  
BENEFICIAL  
RELATIONSHIP.

AH...IS  
THAT HOW IT  
WORKS?



INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT, BH, RONAN?

NOT INTERESTING...



INTOLERABLE!



I'VE IMPRESSED.

YOU DO NOT TELL HIM I SAID THAT.

HOUSE FIYERO HAS SOLD THE KREE TO THE ENEMY! THEY FED OUR TROOPS TO DOGS. THEY TOOK MY HONOR.

TODAY, SKRULL...



RONAN ENDS THEIR REIGN!

WHOOO!





THE ACCUSER IS INSIDE!

IMPOSSIBLE!

**SECURITY ALERT. INTRUDER DETECTED. GRID 01 HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. SECURITY ALERT.**



YOU TOLD US YOUR CENTURIONS COULD TAKE HIM DOWN, RAVENOUS!

HE WILL UNDO US ALL!

**TECTED. GRID 01 HAS BEEN COMPROMISED, SECURITY ALERT. INTRUDER DETECTED. SECUR**



THERE IS NO REASONING WITH RONAN!

HE'LL NOT STOP UNTIL HE SEES US DEAD!



SMALL LOSS.

WH... WHAT?!

THINK IT THROUGH, FYEROKREE. YOU SOLD OUT YOUR OWN IN THE NAME OF COMMERCE.

DOESN'T EXACTLY INSPIRE TRUST. DOES IT?

BOOM!

FOCUSED,  
ISN'T HE?

FIYERO!!







RAVENOUS.

SURELY THIS DOESN'T SURPRISE YOU.

NAH. YOU ASK ME. KREE HONOR'S ALWAYS BEEN AN OXY-MORON.



IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. "ACCUSER", THE WAVE BEARS YOU NO ILL WILL. IT WAS A WAR FOUGHT WELL BY ALL INVOLVED.

YOU SHOULD HONOR THESE KREE. HOUSE FIFYER CAME TO THE ONLY CONCLUSION IT COULD. CIRCUMSTANCES BEING WHAT THEY ARE. WERE IT NOT FOR THEIR FORESIGHT, THE KREE WOULD JOIN THE SKRULLS...



ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.



THAT SMILE WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE.



SKRULL! NO!

SILENCE, KREE! THIS ONE'S MIND!









BETTER?  
ABOUT TIME YOU BARNED YOUR KEEP.  
SOMEDAY I WILL PLEASE YOU, KL'RT  
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.



THE WAR IS OVER, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?  
KREE NEVER SURRENDER!



YOU'RE AN ANACHRONISM, ACCUSER! THE KREE EMPIRE HAS EVOLVED BEYOND YOUR KIND!  
THESE ARE NOT YOUR PEOPLE ANYMORE!



KNOW THAT YOU STAND ACCUSED OF CRIMES AGAINST THE KREE EMPIRE, RAVENOUS!  
THESE ARE NOT YOUR KREE!!  
KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN JUDGED AND FOUND...





**...GUILTY!**







BROTHERS  
SUBDUDE THE  
TRAITORS.



I DON'T  
SUPPOSE YOU'D  
CONSIDER SAVING  
ONE FOR ME?

SKRULL...

THOUGHT  
NOT.



YOU...  
YOU CAN'T!

HOUSE FIYERO  
STILL RULES THE  
KREE EMPIRE!

THE SUPREME  
INTELLIGENCE CEDED  
AUTHORITY TO US!



WE COULDN'T  
BEAT THEM, WOULD  
YOU HAVE  
GENOCIDE!?

THE WAR  
WAS LOST! WHAT  
OTHER CHOICE  
WAS THERE!?

WE DID  
WHAT WE  
THOUGHT  
BEST.



KNOW THAT  
HOUSE FIYERO  
STANDS  
ACCUSED...



SH-ZAKKI!



OPEN IT.



SEE THEIR HANDIWORK, ACCUSER. SEE HOW HOUSE FYI'ERO USURPS AN EMPIRE.

THEY STRUCK HIM DOWN AND IMPRISONED HIM; TAKEN FROM KREE-LAR...





...AND MADE SILENT.

LIVING DEATH,  
THEY DARED NOT  
KILL THE SUPREME  
INTELLIGENCE.  
IT'S LIVING DEATH,  
ACCUSER.



I AM NO  
LONGER THE  
ACCUSER.

BUT STILL  
KREE STILL  
LOYAL.

HOUSE  
FYERO HAS  
PAID FOR HIS  
CRIMES.

TO THE END,  
HE MOURNED YOUR  
UNFOUNDED FALL FROM  
GRACE. HE CALLED TO  
YOU, ACCUSER, PETITIONED  
FORGIVENESS FOR THE  
WAYWARD KREE.



I HEARD. I RETURNED TO  
RESTORE THE SUPREME  
INTELLIGENCE--

NO. NEVER  
AGAIN WILL THE  
PRESENCE RULE  
THE KREE.



LEAVE.

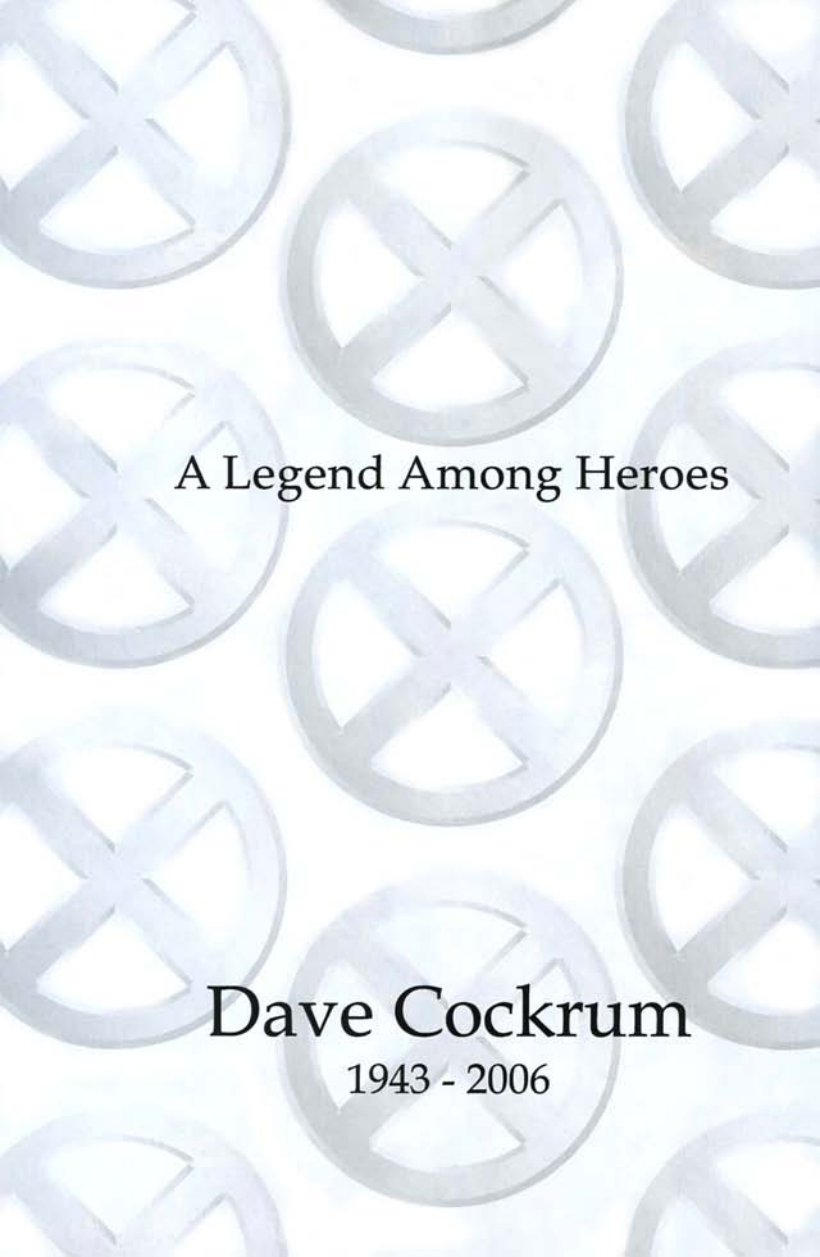






BLESSED  
CREATOR...  
...WHAT  
BECOMES  
OF THE KREE  
NOW?

TO BE CONCLUDED...



A Legend Among Heroes

Dave Cockrum

1943 - 2006