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Introduction to Short Fiction

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The comic that I chose to write about for this Short Paper is the Phoenix Force. This comic is about a powerful cosmic entity in Marvel Comics called 'The Phoenix Force', which is often associated with Jean Grey from the X-Men. This force represents the embodiment of rebirth and destruction. This force has the ability to cause immense annihilation. The page I chose is represented below and it shows the immense gravity of the situation, Jean Grey has the ability to destroy the entire universe.

The form of this page shapes the content by showing that after Jean Grey announced she was the Phoenix, multiple heroes found out around the planet and Reed Richards alerted everybody on a status of a Red Alert. Richards also stated that this threat is a rival to that of Galactus, who has the power to eat entire planets. This statement showed that a great threat was arising. Then the panel shows Spider-Man saying that the firebird image made his spidey-sense go crazy. Spider-Man's 'spidey-sense' is a power that shows Spider-Man when danger is occurring, so this shows to the reader that multiple heroes consider this a grave danger to society. Thirdly, the panel then shifts to Doctor Strange who states he sensed images of great mystic power. All these panels provide the reader with enough evidence that this Phoenix Force that Jean Grey had adopted is a grave threat to the Universe.

The final panel in the page is showing Jean Grey in full power as Phoenix Force. The narration stated that, "Left unchecked, this force could threaten the entire cosmos!". This narration and imagery shows to the reader that the Phoenix Force has taken over Jean Grey and

now she is no longer a superhero but a threat to the very existence of every living being in the cosmos.

The page advances the narrative by showing that Jean Grey has progressed from asset to threat for the Universe, and the reader should see her as a concern. Jean Grey started out as a superhero and then slowly turned into a threat to everybody we know, heroes and villains alike, this page shows the transition she took into her full power adopting the Phoenix Force. In addition to furthering the narrative the page functions as a unity by showing multiple heroes realizing the imminent threat that awaits, and after showing the heroes reactions panning to Jean Grey at full force. The transition there is meant to give buildup for the reader and to understand that she is a grave threat as Richards states this is as bad as Galactus. Then the narrator states that the Cosmos is at risk, proving that Jean Grey is no longer a hero but the Universe's greatest threat at the moment.

AT THAT MOMENT-- IN THE BAXTER BUILDING, HOME OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR--

STRETCHO-- I WUZ JUST GETTIN' ALL NICE AN' LATHERED UP WHEN YA HADDA GO AN' HIT THE RED ALERT.

SHEESH,

REED-- GALACTUS STEP ON YANCY STREET OR SOMETHIN'?

THIS IS SERIOUS, BEN! I'M REGISTERING AN ENERGY READING OF UNBELIEVABLE PROPORTIONS-- FROM SOMEONE WHOSE POWER COULD RIVAL THAT OF GALACTUS.

... ON MANHATTAN'S WEST SIDE--

THAT FIREBIRD IMAGE-- THE MOMENT IT APPEARED--



...MY SPIDER-SENSE WENT CRAZY!

... IN GREENWICH VILLAGE--

BY HOGGOTH!



I SENSE IMAGES OF GREAT MYSTIC POWER, GREAT PASSION-- GREAT... EVIL. BUT WHAT MEANING DO THEY HAVE FOR DR. STRANGE?

"... FOR MORE THAN A SINGLE TERRAN LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE. LEFT UNCHECKED, THIS FORCE COULD THREATEN THE ENTIRE COSMOS!"

BUT EVEN AS THE SKY-RIDER OF THE SPACEWAYS SPEEDS 'ROUND THE GLOBE-- EVEN AS OTHERS BECOME AWARE OF HER EXISTENCE--

