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TO SAVE A LOVED ONE, JOHNNY BLAZE MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEMON MEPHISTO. NOW, WHEN INNOCENT BLOOD IS SPILLED, JOHNNY BECOMES THE GHOST RIDER, A SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE DISPENSING RETRIBUTION ON THE GUILTY.

THOUGH IT IS A CURSE, JOHNNY HAS USED THE GHOST RIDER AS A FORCE FOR GOOD. BUT HEROISM IS NOT WHAT THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE IS MEANT FOR, AND JOHNNY BLAZE IS NOT ITS MASTER...

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I WAIT  
IN THE  
DARKNESS.

UNTIL IT  
IS MY TIME  
TO PUNISH.

I AM THE  
LAVA CHURNING  
BENEATH THE  
MOUNTAIN. THE  
SPIDER WAITING  
IN THE WEB.

THE BLADE HIDING  
IN THE SCABBARD. THE  
BULLET TUCKED INTO  
THE CHAMBER.

OVER THE  
EONS, I--  
ZARATHOS--  
HAVE FOUND  
MANY FORMS OF  
VENGEANCE...





...JOHNNY  
BLAZE IS  
MERELY THE  
LATEST.



IT WAS *MEPHISTO*  
WHO FILLED HIM  
WITH MY FIRE.

AND IT WAS  
MEPHISTO WHO  
WHISPERED THE  
DIRECTIONS HERE--  
TO A TUNNEL IN THE  
BLACK HILLS OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA.

SOME PEOPLE  
GO IN, BUT  
THEY DON'T  
COME OUT.



JOHNNY IS  
NOT AFRAID  
TO JOIN  
THEM.



BECAUSE  
HE WANTS  
TO HELP,  
YES...



...BUT ALSO  
BECAUSE HE DOESN'T  
CARE IF SOMETHING  
HAPPENS TO HIM.



HE'S CAUSED  
TOO MUCH  
ROADKILL  
OVER TOO  
MANY MILES.



HE WANTS  
THIS TO  
END...



...OR HE  
WANTS  
TO TAKE  
CONTROL.







I UNDERSTAND HIM--THE WAY HE VEERS EMOTIONALLY, THE WAY HE MOVES PHYSICALLY--THE SAME WAY HE UNDERSTANDS A MOTORCYCLE.



BECAUSE FOR YEARS, I HAVE BEEN RIDING HIS HEART AND GRIPPING HIS COLLARBONE LIKE A HARLEY NIGHT TRAIN.



I FOLLOW MEPHISTO THE SAME WAY THAT JOHNNY FOLLOWS ME--THE SAME WAY THAT THE BIKE FOLLOWS HIM.

AND SO I KNOW WE WERE SENT HERE FOR A REASON.



IT IS TIME FOR  
ME--MEPHISTO  
COMMANDS--  
TO MOVE ON.



TO FIND A  
NEW VEHICLE  
THAT DOESN'T  
RESIST ME.



SOMEONE WHOSE  
VEINS WILL RUN CLEANLY  
WITH SULFUROUS  
OIL AND HELLFIRE.