

[Sonic.EXE Forever]

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[Prologue]

After Robotnik's defeat on Angel Island, on his way back to one of his bases on South Island, he kept a record of murals that he had seen in the Hidden Palace with one mural which caught his attention. The mural references the existence of the negative rings and how it can give the user of the ring's god-like powers using the lives of the demons who created them. Unfortunately, thousands of years ago, those rings were erased from the world making it impossible for anyone to get a hold of these rings. While being disappointed at first, Robotnik did remember that he made a fake copy of the Master Emerald during the events of Angel Island which can be of some use to find another way to reach them without attracting Sonic & friend's attention. He brought the Master Emerald into the Veg-o-Fortress and inserted it into the island's mega beams used to damage the tornado some time ago. He knows one way to open portals is using strong energy like the Master Emerald or powerful creations alike to make a beam that hits the inside of a circular type of cloud. Knowing that would be impossible to do, Robotnik created artificial clouds to make the shape needed to complete the portal, and to his surprise, the plan worked and created a portal and intercepted an already existing portal to bring in the negative rings into Mobius. But what came out of the portal seemed to be like another Sonic and when he got shot out of the portal, the rings came out of him and got shot out to random locations. Robotnik tried to stop one of the rings from disappearing by shooting the beam at it, and it worked and got it to land inside of Marble Zone. At this point Robotnik didn't want to interfere with another Sonic so he flew off and got out of his sight before he'd get stopped once again. Little did he know that the Sonic he supposedly saw was really something else. Before Robotnik opened the portal, Sonic was in the Labyrinth zone looking for a hidden spot to insert an emerald shard that is meant to open a secret passage into the Hidden Palace as a faster way to get to Angel Island in case Knuckles was ever in an emergency. When Robotnik opened the portal, it made an odd reaction to the Labyrinth Zone where Sonic was at currently and when the rings disappeared it caused a the appearance of a new location inside of Labyrinth causing a flash that knocked out Sonic, shutting off his connections with Tails who at the time was busy flying Amy with the tornado to take her to Little Planet to revisit the place now that it has appeared once again. The failed connection with Sonic left Tails worried, after dropping off Amy at Little Planet, since there isn't a chain connecting Little Planet to Mobius, Tails left the Tornado for her to fly back down when she is done with her visit. Without the Tornado for Tails, he flew back down to Green Hill to search for the Labyrinth Zone entrance to look for Sonic. Meanwhile at Angel Island, Knuckles was requested to watch Cream while she and Cheese played around at Carnival Night Zone for the day. Knuckles has no clue about what is going on down there, so he is not involved with what's to come soon. After being shot out of the portal, the Sonic lookalike wakes up and asks himself, "What happened? This isn't the void. I guess that means their plan failed terribly since now I'm back in the world. Hmm. Seems like I don't have the Negative Rings with me anymore, yet I contain some of its energy. Perhaps now I can fulfill my destiny of being this world's god. Wait a minute. Where are all the buildings and humans? Am I not on Earth? It has blue skies, breathable air which in fact has

better quality air than what I could breathe on Earth. Strange. Maybe this is not even my world. Or maybe, this is another universe. Which means, when I get the Phantom Ruby, I can do what Sonic & friends did to take me here. Or I can recollect my Negative Rings and use the demon energy to possibly get myself back. I can sense the rings to be very far away, so my only choice is to do what I did back home, take souls to become stronger.”

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[Chapter 1: Tails]

After about an hour of tired flying, Tails finally reaches Green Hill and is now on the lookout for Sonic. Based on the appearance of badniks around the place, Tails assumes Robotnik is behind what happened with Sonic which is sort of true. But all is fun and games until Tails encounters something off, instead of seeing a signpost with Robotnik posted on it, it's a weird looking Sonic to Tails. "What did Sonic do with his eyes, or did Robotnik vandalize the image of Sonic to get on our nerves? Now I know Robotnik is responsible, I'll call Knuckles so he can help with rescuing Sonic" says Tails. Minutes have passed later and no trace of Sonic or a way to get to the Labyrinth Zone has been found. Tails was close to giving up and Knuckles was too busy to help Tails right now, but then suddenly, a crowd of animals flew away towards Tails' direction like Robotnik is around. Tails decides not to give up and runs in the opposite direction of the animals. After running past a hill, a view of the Green Hill Zone has changed from grassy hills and happy animals into a disgusting amount of bloodshed that seemed to have rampaged through a path. Tails, in shock and half traumatized, is now worried about what has been done and whether he should keep going or not. Remembering that this is all for Sonic, Tails ignores what he is seeing while at the same time having his heart racing and his fear getting bigger. Eventually, he found an entrance to the Labyrinth Zone which seems to have been made recently. Assuming Sonic made it, he walks towards it, knowing it's too late to turn back now. While getting close to the entrance he hears some noises. He stops for a moment. After a bit of silence Tails gets scared of *Sonic* jumping out. Tails says, "Sonic! What happened? I was worried for you, I tried calling knuckles, looking everywhere and-", "Whoa, slow down Tails you're going too fast", *Sonic* interrupted. "Sorry, Sonic. Everything has been going crazy right now. I dropped off Amy at Little Planet, I come here worried for you, and I see de . . . I just remembered. On my way there, there were dead animals everywhere, running away from here. Did you see Robotnik around here?" asked Tails. *Sonic* replies, "Robotnik? Oh yeah. Nope. . . wait no, actually, yeah. Sorry, I got hit in the head or something, ha". Tails gets a little suspicious but then, "Follow me Tails, I know another shortcut to Angel Island ". Tails doesn't answer but follows him anyway. Tails makes a quick silent message to Knuckles to "watch out" without any context as if he is trying to warn him while not taking too much time that it can get *Sonic* suspicious. Moments later while *Sonic* wasn't looking, Tails runs off, but before he gets to do anything else, he gets teleported to Angel Island, still on fire, after a few days since Robotnik first bombed the island. Tails is now in a panic and tries to find a way out of Angel Island and meets up with *Sonic* again. "You are becoming slower than I thought, Tails. You need to keep it up," *Sonic* says. Tails replies "Sonic, why are we back here? You know I had trouble breathing here the last time we were here." Tails gets a reply from Knuckles saying "???". Tails did not reply to Knuckles so it could get him worried about the situation. "So Sonic, did you find that secret path to Angel Island we talked about that's in the Labyrinth?" Tails asked. *Sonic* doesn't answer and randomly speeds up with Tails being unable to

keep up with him. "Wait for me, Sonic!" While Tails was trying to catch up to *Sonic*, it seemed like *Sonic* had broken through the roof of a cave and nearly crashed into Tails with an intent to kill him. "SONIC!" "What's up Tails, by the way watch out, you nearly got squashed there." "Why would you think of that Sonic? Are you out of your mind?" Sonic does a creepy smile to Tails. "You know Tails, I don't want to do this, but you are in the way of my mission". Tails says in confusion, "What?" Sonic makes a quick spin-dash to tails like an attempt to break his legs but misses. Tails doesn't hesitate to run away and try to immediately alert all his friends, unfortunately for him, Sonic broke his communicator so it's all up to him for now on. Tails at this point felt that it would be impossible to run from Sonic, especially since he's the fastest thing around. And after a couple of minutes of straight running in a burning Angel Island, Tails finds a big ring and runs straight to it hoping Sonic can't follow him there. Upon getting into the ring Tails sees that he has got himself into a special stage. Tails completes it but instead of being rewarded with a Chaos Emerald, he gets a hold of one of the 6 Negative Rings. After that, he was taken to the Demonic Palace, the zone that spawned in the middle of the Labyrinth Zone when the Negative Rings first showed up some time ago. Tails sees the shrine of the rings and places the ring he's collected hoping that if all 6 were placed that it could maybe restore Sonic. Tails finds an exit out and goes straight to his workshop for hiding.

[Chapter 2: Knuckles]

After receiving the message from Tails saying, "watch out", Knuckles just brushes it off and continues keeping an eye on Cream and Cheese as requested. Hours have passed by, and it has gone dark out for Carnival Night Zone and Knuckles has slept. He wakes up to find out he has lost Cream but what gets his attention the most is how *Sonic* is right in front of him waiting. "Took you long enough, Knucklehead," said *Sonic*. "You got a message from Tails, right? He said watch out and now Robotnik has got him captured." "Whoa, I'm sorry Sonic, I thought Tails was acting up, I didn't know this was an emergency". "Well great job knucklehead. Tails is captured at the Scrap Brain Zone, so I will meet you there, you will be useful to break in the place, hurry up!" *Sonic* runs off leaving Knuckles no choice but to follow Sonic on his way to the Scrap Brain Zone. 2 hours went by, and Knuckles shows up to a deserted Scrap Brain, confused since he was told Tails was at Scrap Brain, yet the place looks unprotected. Knuckles then hears from the speakers around the zone from the voice of *Sonic*, "you are not as fast as you should be Knuckles, it's most likely that Tails has been hurt or something much worse, maybe you were a little too slow." An alarm went off around the whole place and the ventilation and air had been infected with poisonous gas. Knuckles is now in panic as he's worried about if this was a trap set up. The brownish orange sky fades to a red poisonous sky. Animals around the place die off quickly and the dead animals are rotting faster and worse than before. Using a piece of the Master Emerald, Knuckles can keep his body alive from the toxic gas clogging the air. All left for Knuckles is to find an entrance to Eggman's base due to the fact the toxic air is only affecting the outside and Robotnik's ventilation system would clean out the gas coming through. With Knuckles' strength, he breaks through the base and finds a safe spot, but it's not enough. A demon-eyed Sonic stands waiting in front of him. "Seems like you made it, Knuckles. However, if you would like to be spared, you must give me the Master Emerald, no tricks." Knuckles instantly refuses, "over my dead body you demon!" Knuckles sends a hard punch to *Sonic* and launches him through many walls. "Ok, I see how it is, I'll have to handle this the hard way then." While charging at Knuckles, Knuckles starts to have

difficulty with his vision since he seems to hallucinate a bunch of *Sonic* clones. He then starts to aggressively punch at his surroundings hoping to hit *Sonic* with any of his hits. Knuckles' hallucination distracts him from the fight and *Sonic* takes away the emerald shard Knuckles had with him, putting his mind completely messed up. "I got what I wanted, I don't have to waste time with you anymore, but I still need your soul". Knuckles now aware of the direction *Sonic* is in, he lands another punch at him and knocks him out half conscious. *Sonic* makes himself disappear and Knuckles runs for an escape and eventually finds a big ring. Knuckles now gets sent into a special stage and after completing it, he gets sent into the Demonic Palace and finds the shrine of the Negative Rings and inserts the ring he collected in the special stage. He asks himself why there are already 2 rings put into the shrine, instead of worrying about it he puts it in and runs off before *Sonic* could possibly get any closer to him. Knuckles tries to take the Labyrinth's shortcut to getting to Hidden Palace but notices that the shortcut area got replaced by the Demonic Palace, and without being able to contact Tails, there isn't an easy solution to reach the island, so he stays around and looks for a hiding spot.

[Chapter 3: Robotnik]

A couple hours before Knuckles was encountered, Robotnik had reached the Marble Zone to find one of the Negative Rings he shot down before. On his way to the sanctuary inside Marble Zone, he noticed a sudden change around the place, and he began to get worried, so Robotnik decided to send an alert to Metal Sonic to keep him protected on his way to the ring. With the Scrap Brain Zone far away from Marble Zone, it will take a while for Metal Sonic to reach Robotnik, but Robotnik didn't want to waste any time with the mission. Later, Robotnik reached the inside of the sanctuary and left his Eggmobile outside with an alarm if it got destroyed so he could be aware of it and set up all his traps that set around it and, in the path he took, that way he can't be harmed. Robotnik brought a tracker with him to be able to detect the ring so he wouldn't have to try very hard to look for it. Soon enough, he finds the ring which seemed to have cracked through the ceiling and made a small hole in the floor of the place. Robotnik picks up the ring and stores it but continues going forward. The tracker was bugging out for him, so he knew there was something going on around him, and eventually, *Sonic* shows up in front of him and attempts to immediately take the ring away like he had no time to waste. Robotnik refuses to let go of the ring and starts running for his life while going deeper into the sanctuary. "That is not Sonic," he says. "That alert better have got into Metal Sonic yet before this fake one does anything to me." He finds some old badniks that he had from the Marble Zone and orders them to attack to slow down *Sonic*. *Sonic* gets sick of it and reveals his real looks which horrified Robotnik, showing his demonic red eyes, his sharp teeth, and the blood that is coming out of his eyes. Robotnik sees that this is not Sonic. "You are bothering me Robotnik, I have had enough going easy on you." said *Sonic*. "Just who do you think you are, fake Sonic, no matter what you do to me, soon enough, Tails, Knuckles and the Freedom Fighters will not allow this." asked Robotnik. "So, you want to know my name? Well then. I . . . AM . . . G-' Metal Sonic came in at extreme speed, paralyzing *Sonic*. "Took you long enough to get here Metal Sonic" "Dr. Robotnik, leave here immediately, I will take care of this imposter" said Metal Sonic. Robotnik instead of keep going forward, he backtracked since his Eggmobile alarm didn't go off, which means he can escape with that without facing *Sonic* one more time. Soon Robotnik reaches the Egg Mobile and flies into his abandoned Death Egg which still has power in certain areas. There he tries to rebuild what he can of the Death Egg and sets

up an army of Super-Badniks to defend the Death Egg. That way if Sonic were to re-appear, he would be prepared. Assuming this fake Sonic doesn't know anything about the special stages, Robotnik sends the Negative Ring there since now isn't the good time to be testing unlimited power with a demon looking for the same thing. Robotnik now stays in the Death Egg waiting for everything to be back to normal while also setting up the Death Egg's defense system to keep the place safe from any intruder, good and bad. Hours later Robotnik doesn't get a signal from Metal Sonic, meaning that the fake Sonic destroyed him. Robotnik instead of taking any chances against the fake Sonic, he gets working on a new Sonic robot that can be capable of dealing with super strong beings. And with one of the Chaos Emeralds, he can give it extremely powerful energy that can match against Sonic and the demon that Robotnik encountered, it will be his ultimate weapon.

[Chapter 4: Amy]

After being dropped at Palmtree Panic, the first thing Amy does is re-explore the place and visit memories she had with Sonic the first time they met many weeks ago. She notices that now all the time travel signs that usually were placed around the planet are all gone now, so she can't visit the future or past to see Sonic's success against Robotnik at Metallic Madness. The place that she wants to see again is the spot in Palmtree Panic where she was waiting for Sonic for the first time and forced a hug on him. By surprise, when she got there, it was *Sonic* who was waiting for Amy. "Sonic?" said Amy. "What are you doing here? Tails was just talking to you at Labyrinth and the chain to Little Planet and Mobius is gone now." "I have my ways, Amy, you know I always do". "Yet you're back that fast, Sonic? Never mind, at least you are here to make this revisit a bit more fun." Sonic then replies, "you know something that will be fun, checking out the future, Tails worked on a prototype of the future sign that we can use, you want to try it, Amy?" Amy doesn't think twice about it and agrees to time travel with *Sonic* to the future. Sonic then places the prototype future sign in front of the two and begins to time travel together. Seconds later the two had finished going through time and got sent to the future. Once Amy got into the future, she saw what she thought would be impossible. Instead of being taken into the good future, she saw a bad future which ruined the look of the place. "Sonic, didn't you save Little Planet and make a good future here". "I guess all that work was for nothing am I right Amy?" Amy gets a little frustrated, "this isn't a joke Sonic, look around the place, I thought you saved Little Planet". "So, you assumed I would have saved Little Planet? You counted on a non-existent promise?" Amy becomes speechless and decides to run for The Tornado that Tails left for Amy. "Amy, hold on! Be reasonable about this! Don't do something you will regret!" Amy keeps running and attempts to overrun *Sonic* and search for The Tornado. She doesn't hear from *Sonic*, so she assumes that *Sonic* got lost. Minutes later Amy reaches the spot The Tornado was left at but gets confused. She sees that The Tornado is no longer where it used to be, yet there are some marks that it was there, which means it was taken not too long ago. "How far into the future did I get into, is anyone else still around?" Amy panics about the condition of Little Planet as of right now, and with there being no past sign to use to time travel back, Amy is stuck there now. She tries to look for other ways to escape, until she sees something very odd, many Sonics huddled together, and when Amy looks closely, she figures out that it wasn't Sonic, but a demonic look-a-like. That's when she realizes the Sonic she followed wasn't Sonic at all, but an imposter who most likely tried to trap Amy here for whatever reason. She doesn't make a noise and slowly moves away to not get any

of the fake Sonics' attention. Unfortunately, they caught on and knew their cover was blown and went straight to killing off Amy. Amy starts to defend herself with her hammer and runs away while also knocking out the fake Sonics chasing her to death. Amy starts having trouble with finding a spot to find from the Sonics. Amy finds a big ring near a Sonic signpost and decides to jump straight to it. Amy now gets sent into a special stage and after completing it she gets taken to the Demonic Palace even though she had nothing with her, and the spot where the ring she is supposed to collect has already been taken which means someone has already been here before she is supposed to. Amy decides to get out and look for Tails' workshop and hope he's there to help keep her safe while the fake Sonics are still out there roaming around.

[Chapter 5: Cream]

Amy was only a day into the future meaning that this fake Sonic made a lot of progress within the entire day, but what happened with Cream took place the night before the world had been fully demonized and controlled by the fake Sonic. While Cream was having fun in the Carnival Night Zone, suddenly, she noticed that Knuckles wasn't around watching out for her, leaving her alone with Cheese, leaving an opportunity for Sonic to possibly make a move without anyone getting in his way, at this moment Sonic had just taken the time to trick Knuckles to leave the island. First thing he did was make another clone to follow Knuckles while this clone goes after Cream. While Cream was looking for Knuckles, she eventually ended up seeing an oddly built monitor with the speed shoes icon. She decides to break it and starts becoming fast. Sonic, who is hiding around the place, notices that Cream found the monitors a lot faster than expected. "And I didn't get to finish all my traps!" he says. "Guess I'll have to work with what I have." What Cream doesn't notice is that the speed shoes monitor here are customized to be a speed multiplier, enough for her to easily run into things when running. Cream had Cheese look around the place for any obstacles so she could be aware of what's around. Because Cream was getting faster and faster, she kept accidentally hitting monitors and just barely avoiding spikes placed around the whole place. Eventually she would catch Sonic by surprise and notice he is placing the spikes and monitors around the map. "Mr. Sonic, what are you doing here? I keep nearly running into these spikes. Where are Mr. Knuckles? He should be here watching over me like he said he would". "Oh, how unfortunate that I don't know, but you know how much of a knucklehead he is so why would you hire him of all people in the first place?" "I don't know, Mr. Sonic. He said everyone was busy but him." "And now look how he isn't here at all." "So, what are you doing with these spikes Mr. Sonic?" "Oh um, well, I heard that egghead came back out of retirement to screw us over again so I'm planting traps around the islands so his badniks and robots can't survive around here." Cream is too young to notice what really is going on here, so she obviously believes *Sonic* and tries to walk away while still dealing with the super speed. *Sonic* knows that Cheese will be trouble for his plan so he creates a poisonous chao fruit that will take effect on Cheese very late, so it isn't obvious what the cause was. "I think Cheese might be hungry. Cream, give this chao fruit." Cream takes it and lets Cheese eat it for a while until Cheese stops. "Thank you, Mr. Sonic, I hope I can visit you and Mr. Tails' workshop tomorrow". *Sonic* thinks his plan will still work but Cream decides to fly away instead of running to avoid any more trouble which ruins *Sonic's* plan. *Sonic* tries to chase them down, but Cream stops to check up on Cheese since Cheese stopped flying suddenly. "What's going on, Cheese? You normally don't get tired of flying." Cheese's skin was graying out and Cream was getting worried. She flew away while holding Cheese to try to get

some help. *Sonic* was not going to let Cream run free, so he re-enabled one of Robotnik's machines that is magnetic to try to pull Cream and Cheese into him. "Mr. Sonic, what are you doing? You wouldn't do this kind of stuff, we are friends." "You obviously don't know who I really am then if that's what you think, Cream." Little did Sonic know it was also attracting the rings around the place, and so did a big ring, Cream got in the big ring when she could and brought Cheese with her. *Sonic* begins to get frustrated that he isn't taking any strong souls, but he knows that killing hundreds and thousands of other animals could be enough but pretty time consuming, fortunately for him, he has already made enough progress to possibly start his plan, but now he has other things to deal with, like collecting the 6 Negative Rings. Cream is in a special stage and notices Cheese isn't here for whatever reason, as she goes through the special stage, Cream notices there isn't anything but rings to pick up. Worried about where Cheese is at, she quits the special stage and hits the goal blocks. She then appears at the Demonic Palace where Cheese was already standing there waiting for Cream. It looks to her that Cheese must've already collected whatever was in the special stage, using up all the energy left in Cheese. Cream takes the ring and places it in a shrine where 4 rings of the same design are placed. "We need to get out of here Cheese, Mr. Sonic is becoming creepy, we can't risk going to Tails just to see he's become the same. Knuckles might be in the Hidden Palace so we should maybe go there." Cream and a terribly sick Cheese fly to the Hidden Palace hoping Knuckles is there. *Sonic* knows that in a few hours Amy from the past should show up at Little Planet. He then sends a few clones to go after her while He goes to the Veg-O-Fortress to set up his portal beam.

[Chapter 6: Sally]

It has been a long time since Sonic left the Freedom Fighters to deal with Robotnik in his own time with Tails. Sally has been stuck leading the Freedom Fighters with non-Robotnik missions since Sonic would always handle it himself. And progress isn't going anywhere other than street-level crime being stopped. While waiting for an announcement from leaders around Mobius, Sally got a message from an anonymous user about Tails and Sonic trapped in the Hill Top Zone, at Westside Island. Sally thinks that saving Sonic & Tails will get Sonic back in the team and bring back those quick and easy adventures they had. It seemed like everyone else had already left for that mission, so she is confused why she wasn't alerted about it until now. It's almost nighttime now so Sally gets her night gear and takes off to Westside Island. While Sally is away, she gets a news alert about Robotnik in a near death situation an hour ago at Marble Zone and how he flew off to his Death Egg which has been abandoned. Sally looks up and sees the Death Egg all lit up and repaired meaning that Robotnik has already fixed up the place since he left. "Who could have attempted to kill Robotnik? It obviously couldn't be Sonic & Tails; it would be unlikely for them to do such acts. Maybe that Knuckles guy people were talking about half a week ago, he did beat the Chaos Emeralds out of Sonic and he's powerful in his super form." Sally now picks up a boat and sails all the way to Westside Island, which from where she's at, looks gloomy from the dark weather, along with the view of the Death Egg giving the island a very depressing look. Nearly an hour passes by, and she reaches Westside Island, and she tries running as fast as she can to reach the Hill Top Zone before anything happens with Sonic, Tails, and the Freedom Fighters that were already reaching the location. She later reaches the zone and tries to get close to the coordinates that Sonic & Tails was supposedly last at. She opens her communicator and tries to contact the Freedom Fighters, but the signal gets instantly cut off, maybe because of how high in

the sky Sally is at. "This might get a bit harder than I thought." Sally finds what seems to be a blocked off wall, she assumes everyone is being held hostage there, so she plants a small sized bomb against the wall to pass through. She passes through the wall and notices it's a big cave that's dark. She brings a lantern and tries to look for anyone possibly in the cave for her to rescue. As she gets closer inside, the wall behind her closes again, and when she tries to throw another bomb at it, she realizes that the rest of her bombs were taken away. In surprise, she throws a Sun-Grenade to light the cave up for a bit. And what she sees is a terrible view, some of the Freedom Fighters are left dead in the ground, all tied together, she gets close only to notice the floor crumbling, she jumps onto the nearest platform, and the floor collapses along with the main Freedom Fighters. She gets traumatized and concerned where Sonic & Tails are. She sees that there is no escape from the cave that she can take, so she tries her best to reach the top of the cave. Then suddenly, *Sonic* cracks through the wall. "Long time no see, Sally. Come follow me, we need to get Tails now, Robotnik took him somewhere else." Sally feels suspicious about what *Sonic* just said because she knows that Robotnik is in the Death Egg and has been there for a long while now so there's no way Robotnik would be responsible for Tails' disappearance. "Say that again Sonic." *Sonic* already is starting to get ticked off, "Sally we have no time to waste, do you not see what's at stake?" "Sonic. When did you free yourself, could you not have at least helped your own friends, the Freedom Fighters from whatever it is that happened to them?" "Now's not the time to argue Sally, this is a serious situation, stop playing around", *Sonic* decides to run off and purposefully knocks a bit of the path down to make Sally's escape go slower. Sally now has suspicions that this *Sonic* isn't really him, and noticing how she got put into a near death situation like Robotnik, and her friends died with *Sonic* just standing around to make a surprise appearance, she figures out that this can't be Sonic. She breaks out and follows the fake Sonic. She later sees him standing at the edge of a cliff in disappointment. She assumes that the fake Sonic maybe has a plan, so she attempts to play along, she sees that the fake Sonic is also holding something in one of his hands which looks like one of her bombs. "You know Sally, ever since Angel Island, I don't think I can take a break, especially with Tails held hostage, the Freedom Fighters dead. Like look around, the sky all dark and depressing, Robotnik's new Death Egg was launched, what now?" Sally has a part of her that feels like it might be the real Sonic, but she doesn't want to risk ending up like the rest of her friends. "Sonic, you better not be thinking what I think you're thinking. Yeah, some stuff has happened, but there is still time to make things right." Sonic unpins the bomb. "Maybe there is Sally, and maybe there isn't. But I guess we will just never know." Sally dashes onto Sonic, puts him down on the ground and covers the bomb's hole. "I'm not letting *that* happen, Sonic." *Sonic* feels like he's had enough and decides to take the bomb out of her hand. "That's too bad Sally." He throws her off the cliff, but she hangs onto something and tries to climb back up. *Sonic*, standing at the edge, looks at her and drops the bomb, but it explodes early and throws *Sonic* a bit back and debris starts falling on Sally. "SONIC" she yells. In a worry of whether that really was Sonic she takes a while to climb back up. She sees what looks to be *Sonic*'s nearly burnt body. She gives a closer look and sees something very strange, *Sonic*'s body is shifting into a different look, with blood in his eyes. She pulls up his eyelid and sees his eyes are pitch black with red demonic pupils. It's almost as if this fake Sonic shapeshifted into Sonic, and when he died from the explosion is when his body goes back to normal. After what she saw, she knows the truth, something must've really happened to Sonic, and he is most likely trying to take down all of Sonic's friends. She then decides to call Tails but

still there is no signal for her communicator. She then tries to leave the island and bring the fake Sonic's dead body to examine it and see what is really going on here. On her way, she sees a big ring and thinks that maybe with a chaos emerald she can heal or maybe fix this fake Sonic. She later beats the stage while holding onto the fake Sonic but picks up one of the 6 Negative Rings and shows up into the Demonic Palace. She notices first that there is already a ring placed so she places the ring there, and notices that the 2 rings were having an odd reaction with the fake Sonic nearby, she thinks this fake Sonic is maybe related with the rings that maybe it belongs to him, but she does not want to risk seeing what he'd do with them, even with one it could all be chaos. She takes the body and runs off into the Wood Zone and begins to experiment on the fake Sonic, seeing what is so special about this creature.

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[Chapter 7: Sonic]

A whole day passed since Sonic went unconscious from the appearance of the Demonic Palace and woke up in confusion about where he was or what happened. He looks behind him and sees a hall leading to Labyrinth Zone which means he wasn't moved anywhere, but parts of Labyrinth Zone seemed to have been replaced by a blood red crystal looking location. "Where am I?" Sonic asks himself. He has no idea how long he's been out for but knows that quite some time has gone by. He checks his communicator to call Tails but sees that it's damaged and its screen isn't working properly. Sonic decides to explore the place but sees that a wall is covering his path. Sonic walks around and sees a signpost with a big ring next to it, which means it's the normal end of the stage. He gets into the ring and is thrown in a special stage, the same ones he went through when battling Robotnik the time they met, except its design is a bit more complicated for him to go through, later he finished it and collected a ring. After that, he was brought back to the Demonic Palace but in a different section, maybe passed the part with the wall that blocked him off. He sees the shrine of the Negative Rings which seems to be one ring away from completion, and he already has a hold on the final ring left for the shrine. "I don't know what this will do but, hopefully it gets me out of here", Sonic wonders to himself. He places the ring, and the shrine begins to charge, all the rings shoot a beam together and make a huge beacon of light going up, breaking through the roof. The beacon goes all the way to space where Robotnik, seeing the light, is now aware that the job is done, and all he needs to do now is send his super-badniks in to reach for them. Sonic watches all the Negative Rings charge up enough to break the shrine. The rings break out of its shrine and have an intense glow, Sonic goes straight to the rings, and upon collecting all 6 of them, they all begin to spin faster and faster around him, to the point where the rings would phase through each other and lock. After the rings have locked, they glow even more and go into Sonic's body, fusing its energy to his. Sonic thought he would be transforming into a new kind of super form, but nothing happened. Sonic thinks maybe he needs more rings or something like that, so he doesn't worry about it now but wonders why he is in an unknown location. Sonic gets to an exit and finds himself back in Green Hill Zone, which from the looks of it, has gone through a terrible change. All of Green Hill looks desaturated, a blood-filled river and waterfalls, dead plants, and trees. Sonic is in complete shock seeing that his world has been ruined for who knows how long for him. He can't tell if it's day or not with the dark gray clouds covering the entire sky of Mobius. Sonic also notices dead animals all over the place and the Death Egg in the sky, completely rebuilt once again. Sonic immediately assumes this was all the

work of Robotnik which is only half-right. Sonic goes looking for Tails' workshop hoping he is still around and doing alright. Minutes later he finds the workshop, doing alright, other than the fact it's all boarded up and secured with a chaos dome. He goes through it which triggers an alarm, Tails comes out armed and once he sees Sonic, he starts questioning him. "Is that really you, Sonic?"

Sonic seems confused, "Am I re- yes Tails I am me what are you talking about?" Tails starts testing his memory to know the truth, "If you are Sonic then tell me how we met". "Ok um, remember you were in the Emerald Hill Zone, and these foxes were bullying you over your 2 tails, and I had to come in and..." "Okay stop, it is you", Tails says in excitement. "Can I come in Tails? I don't know what happened or how long it's been." Sonic is taken to the workshop and sees that Tails has been trying to figure out what has been going on and who is behind it all. "Tails, when did this all happen?" "It was all after I lost connection with you." "Which is when?" "Yesterday, Sonic." Sonic cannot believe what he heard that all of Mobius was ruined in just one day, and it had to be the day he couldn't do anything about it. "Who is behind all this, Tails? Was it that egghead, Robotnik?" "Surprisingly not, Sonic. We are dealing with something entirely different here, maybe something more powerful than anything Robotnik related. But what I do know is that the one responsible for this was trying to look and act like you. It took me a while to figure it out, but he was also trying to kill me, Robotnik can't be that low." Tails' movement sensors which are placed around Green Hill Zone get triggered, and upon looking at the cameras, Tails sees the fake Sonic waiting outside the workshop. "Sonic, he's outside right now, maybe you can deal with him."

"Okay Tails, I got it, just stay here and let me take care of this guy." Sonic comes outside and walks up to him. Sonic sees that he is just standing there like he's waiting for Sonic to come close. "There you are", Sonic says to him. "Can it be, is that the real Sonic around here? Weird. I thought

Sonic saves the day all the time. Yet here, I see that you didn't show up once to protect your beloved world. How unfortunate that things had to go this way. So, tell me, Sonic, what are you going to do?" Sonic now begins to be mad and doesn't want to show any mercy to this fake Sonic.

"You know what I'm going to do, faker? I'm going to destroy you and ensure that the mess you made will all be cleaned up." "Let's see about that." Sonic and the faker now begin to battle. The faker shoots some death orbs after Sonic, and he tricks the orbs to hit the faker. The faker notices something strange, he looks inside him and sees extreme god-like power in his soul. He thinks Sonic must have taken all the rings for him already. He then tries a soul grab onto Sonic, putting his soul body's hand through him and trying to take a ring out and succeeds. Sonic gets extremely worried and tries to grab it back. "These don't belong to you, Sonic. Get your hands off my rings."

"Never!" Sonic yells back. The faker absorbs some of the ring's energy and punch-blasts Sonic out of the way. "This one ring should be enough for my plan." The faker teleports away and Sonic gets worried. "Okay Tails, this might be a different experience than fighting Robotnik, I will go after him alone, Tails, stay safe." "Got it, Sonic." Sonic gets a weird sense about something incoming to

Little Planet, he tries to find a way of getting there since the Tornado is still at Little Planet.

Somehow, his body was having an odd reaction with his mind, and in some seconds, he got himself teleported there, most likely caused by the power of the Negative Rings. "Well that sure is, something, I guess." Sonic doesn't know how exactly he got there but is thankful to get there. Now that he is at Palmtree Panic he can get to where he needs and sees what's going on. He sensed crazy energy showing up near him. He looks at the direction of the energy, and he sees Amy and

himself appear as if they came from a time travel. "Wait a minute, since when did I ever time-travel with Amy? Wait... No!" Amy says to *Sonic*, "Sonic, didn't you save Little Planet and

make a good future here?" Sonic figures out that the faker has been messing with everyone while he was gone. "Hey! Back off Amy!" Sonic yells to the faker. "Sonic, look! It's you from the future."

"Looks like the future me is a bit grumpy." "Amy, do not listen to this faker, that isn't me, I have never time traveled with you before!" Amy is now confused because you can't tell any of the two apart. "Sonic, what are you talking about, he is you, and you are him" Sonic gets annoyed already and decides to try to take Amy and take her far from here, but while he was thinking about where to take her, he just teleported him and Amy to Tails' workshop. "Sonic? How did you get here so fast?" "I don't know Tails, I just thought of this place, and I came here. Look keep Amy protected, I have a faker to beat up" Sonic understands how his teleport ability works and goes straight to the faker. "So, we meet again, fake me. This might sound late but what is your name anyways? I'm just tired of calling you fake me or faker when you obviously might have a name." "My name is Exetro. I am the universe, I am the ultimate life form, I am life and death. I am GOD!" "Shouldn't have asked, but you sure do have a big ego, probably as big as that egghead's little space planet up in the sky." Exetro looks up and notices how the Death Egg MK III has started and a swarm of badniks are going all over the place. "Maybe, maybe not. But I'm here to take what's mine, and you have a hold of what's mine." "You sound kind of whiney there, 'god'. But I can't let you take these rings." "Yet I already have one." Exetro tries to pull up the ring he had but it seems like

Sonic already took it from him. "What the?" "Did you forget I'm the fastest thing alive?" Exetro gets obviously annoyed and tries to get into another fight with Sonic. Exetro tries to land hits on Sonic,

but since he knows how to use his teleportation powers, he uses it to his advantage to avoid being hit and to hit Exetro. "What's wrong buddy? Getting a little too slow, aren't you?" teases Sonic. Exetro gets tired of the fight already and decides to do another soul-grab into Sonic's body and attempts to take all the rings, fortunately he fails but takes 2 away, preventing him from teleporting again. "Hey, not fair!" Exetro teleports away and Sonic is stuck on Little Planet. He knows that Tails left the tornado for Amy on Little Planet, so he goes looking for it to fly away. With

Sonic containing some Negative Rings, he can sense where the rest are, so he decides to fly straight to where Exetro currently is at, the Scrap Brain Zone. Sonic later reaches the Scrap Brain Zone and notices the toxic fog going all over the place. Because of the Negative Rings, he is immune to the fog. Sonic notices that Exetro is in the inside area of Robotnik's old base. Before he could land, he spots a huge army of Super-Badniks approaching the base, as if Robotnik is trying to help Exetro. "Stay away, Sonic! He is mine to deal with!" said Robotnik from the speakers. The Super-Badniks break into the base and raid the base to attack Exetro by surprise.

"What the? What is all this?" questioned Sonic to Robotnik. "It's my Super-Badniks, these are unlike you've ever seen and can most likely put down this fake you." Sonic obviously wants to have some fun, so he joins in the raid to fight against Exetro. Sonic also notices how Exetro is having a lot of difficulty with fighting off these Super-Badniks, mostly because they are now made with titanium instead of Megatal, making the Super-Badniks a lot more time consuming to destroy.

Each of the Super-Badniks is powered with a copy of the Master Emerald, giving their attacks more strength. Sonic hopes Robotnik's Super-Badniks are not attacking him too since he nearly gets shot by a few. Exetro breaks a few of them but still cannot stand the chaos going on around him. Sonic tries to pull a Negative Ring out of him while he isn't looking, and only grabs one. "I will not be letting you ruin my destiny Sonic. You either stay away, or I won't be pulling my punches on you anymore." Exetro teleports away and all the Super-Badniks stop shooting. "You know, Sonic, I have these machines everywhere, that thing can't possibly hold them all off." "That's funny coming

out of you, you always fail. But I must admit, these badniks are a bit stronger than any I have faced before.” “That is just the beginning, Sonic. I have something big planned.” “Anyways, where are you even? I suppose the Death Egg for the third time.” “That’s right, Sonic. But I’m only here to be able to protect Mobius with the new creations I have built; you wouldn’t understand.” Sonic can still not teleport, so he goes to the tornado again and flies to the Marble Zone, where he senses Exetro is now. Upon entering he can see how much of the world has been affected by Exetro’s shenanigans. He lands the tornado near the entrance to a sanctuary Exetro is hiding at now. “Okay, Exetro, why do you keep hiding around all these places for no reason. There’s nothing in these places for you to do or get.” “Because these places are where I played with your friends, Sonic; and I want to relive all the scenarios with you.” “Guess I’m adding creep to the list of things that describe you. You are not getting these rings, stop thinking so much about it; it will never happen, not on my watch at least.” “You do know your friends did a poor job stopping me.” “Is that so? Seems to me like all of them are still living.” “Looks like you don’t know the truth...” Sonic gets understandably ticked off hearing that and is worried about whether he did something to any of his friends or not. “What did you just say?” Sonic’s eyes glow red and his fur darkens as he gets angry towards Exetro. Exetro sees that he is already using the rings to their near full potential, and that would be a bad sign for him. “I mean, uh, there is no way you took that seriously, right? Everyone ran from me, but I don’t care, I already have much of what I need but I want my rings back now!” Sonic fades back to normal. Exetro prepares another fight but this time he starts playing an aggressive offensive to Sonic, making it harder for him to avoid or counter Exetro’s attacks. While Sonic was busy trying to survive, Metal Sonic comes back, looking near destroyed, to fight off Exetro one more time. Metal Sonic activates his electrical shield and electrocutes Exetro for a while. Getting tired of Metal Sonic, he used the strength of his one Negative Rings and destroyed Metal Sonic in one hit. Upon being destroyed, Metal Sonic’s eyes flashed and made an alarm sound. On the Death Egg MK III, a hole opened, and what came out was Robotnik’s new creation: Mecha Sonic MK III. Blasting through the atmosphere at hyper speed was a strong Sonic-robot made of steel. “Looks like Robotnik sure was juicing up his bots.” Mecha Sonic MK III immediately attacks Exetro and with the power of the Chaos Emerald, which is its battery, making him a match against Exetro. Sonic has never seen anything like this before; he is even surprised about what Robotnik made because of the actions of Exetro, it could even make Robotnik harder to stop in the future. Surprisingly, Mecha Sonic MK III was giving Exetro a beating, proving how much Robotnik has improved. Exetro couldn’t stand a chance again, but before he could go, he decided to try to soul-grab Sonic one more time to try to hold more than one Negative Ring. He successfully grabs 2 more and then teleports. With Exetro out of reach, Mecha Sonic MK III flies out of Marble Zone and heads back to the Death Egg. “Today sure is *strange, isn’t it?*” Sonic still cannot teleport, especially with half of the rings missing from his reach; yet he can still feel Exetro nearby, at Angel Island. Sonic arrives at the Carnival Night Zone and sees too many speed shoe monitors around the place and traps. Robotnik and Sonic set up comms with each other, so Sonic decides to ask for backup. “Ok, Robotnik, this guy has half of all the 6 rings, I’m not sure if I’m enough, try sending all those Super-Badniks. They can be of some use right now.” “Sending them now.” A fleet of Super-Badniks fly into the Carnival Night Zone surrounding Sonic like a shield. Exetro knows that all the Super-Badniks are made of some type of metal, so he re-activates Robotnik’s magnet machine to pull the badniks away, but he doesn’t know that titanium isn’t magnetic, so he miserably fails. “Well, that was pathetic, like c’mon,

Robotnik can do a better job with machines than you.” “You don’t know what I have prepared, Sonic. You shouldn’t be the one talking.” Sonic calls Robotnik through comms to order the Super-Badniks to attack. They all start attacking and giving Exetro a hard time defending himself due to the strength of the Super-Badniks. Since Exetro has three Negative Rings with him, he charges up a blast, pushing everyone away and knocking out Sonic. With time Sonic is not conscious, Exetro grabs another ring through his soul-body, leaving Sonic with only two rings left. Exetro disappears and Sonic wakes up. “Surprised he didn’t grab them all.” Sonic gets back in the Tornado to figure out where Exetro is currently at with his two rings. Sonic flies off to Hill Top Zone where Exetro is hiding in a cave. Sonic closes in and sees Exetro waiting. “Took you long enough. You know, I almost killed an old friend of yours here, Sally.” Exetro gets on Sonic’s nerves as he doesn’t respond back about it. “I may not know how much damage you have done here, but when I am done with you, everything you have done will be reversed.” “How can you be so sure with only two of the Negative Rings left? Do you even know what they can do?” “Maybe not, but I know it has power, power you don’t deserve to have.” Sonic charges at Exetro, beating him up, rolling into him, spin dashing him. Exetro gets sick of it and charges a demon punch onto Sonic, nearly knocking him out again. Sonic gets back up- and plans a smart attack, he begins to run super-fast around Exetro, causing a mini-tornado and making Exetro float up without control. Sonic jumps up and makes a brutal stomp move onto Exetro to the ground. Exetro tries to breathe after getting his lungs damaged from that stomp. “Someone is getting pretty aggressive.” “Shut up, Exetro.” Exetro uses his Chaos-beams and knocks out Sonic again. “Well, he sure was tougher in this one.” Exetro does a quick stretch and a self-body-repair, using the Negative Rings to heal his insides. Then he proceeds to grab one more ring from Sonic. Sonic is now left with one Negative Ring left, leaving him in a super vulnerable state. Sonic gets back up and wonders whether he can really do this job alone. With only one ring, he can barely sense Exetro’s presence on Mobius. He flies to Tails’ workshop for some help. While Sonic is flying to the tornado, Exetro is back to the Veg-O-Fortress, speaking with his clones. “Okay me, we need one ring left from Sonic, he’s going to come here eventually, and he won’t be playing games with us anymore, so I have a plan to get the last ring before the mission is complete.” One of his clones asked, “And how exactly will we do that?” Exetro answers with, “simple, with all the souls we gathered, you clones will help get those artificial clouds starting a spiral again, and one of you will waste all your soul-energy to start up the portal beam. I studied Robotnik’s notes on how to get the portal to work, and I used it to figure out the coordinates to our world. When Sonic comes here, we get in the portal, and he will try to chase us down. When he closes in, I will knock him out again, take the last ring, and Sonic and I will go to my world, and he will do nothing but watch me take over what is mine.” Exetro orders everyone to their places and prepares the beam for the portal. “I have worked too hard and too long to get everything prepared, nothing can possibly stand against us.” Meanwhile at Tails’ workshop, Sonic asks Tails to upgrade the Tornado, and maybe if he can help reach Sonic to wherever Exetro is at now. “Okay, Sonic, I have done my best and improved the Tornado, the Tornado MK 1.5.” “Good job, Tails. Think you can help me out with reaching Exetro’s location?” “Let me see where he is though.” Tails checks his satellite for any energy readings nearby and sees an extreme pulse of energy readings at the Veg-O-Fortress. “Sonic, I picked up where he’s at; come take a look.” Sonic looks at the screen with him. “Well then that’s where we got to go then. Let’s just hope we don’t get shot down like the first time we came there.” “Yeah, let’s hope not.” Sonic & Tails hops onto Tornado 1.5 and flies to the island prepared for any sky battle. While

on the way there, Robotnik calls through the comms, "Sonic, be careful there. That demon is using my tech for something dangerous; he will open a portal to another universe, we can't let him go there." "Will you send help?" "I don't think I can waste my best creations for disaster, Sonic. I can maybe send my Mecha Sonic MK III to clear the place from any possible threats, but that's all I can do." "Something is better than nothing. See you later, egghead." Sonic approaches the island after an hour of flying and sees the new Mecha Sonic fighting against the Exetro clones. "Master, Sonic is approaching us!" "Damn It! Okay guys, you know what to do." The Exetro clones prepare the portal. One of the clones gets the artificial cloud system working, the other clone uses his soul body to power the portal beam, and Exetro waits, patiently, for Sonic. "Okay Sonic, I'm going to try to knock down all the power and clear the place while you deal with the demon, okay?" "Don't worry about me Tails, just take me to the roof and do your thing." Tails get a little close to the tower for Sonic to jump onto. "Stay safe, Sonic!" Sonic walks up to Exetro and sees the portal working right in front of him. "Do you see, Sonic. What you helped me get working, this is all thanks to you. I will get to my world and finish my job as God." "You are out of your mind Exetro, you know this will all fail, that's what happens to every villain of the story." "We will see about that." Sonic tries to plan out his way of getting the rings back before Exetro picks up the last one from his soul-body. Sonic dashes towards Exetro. "Watch out my speedy friend, you have the last ring remember, if you risk getting close to me, I have a chance of having all the 6 Negative Rings." "Okay, Exetro. I see what you are trying to do, but I can just stay far from you, that way you never get the last ring." "Very clever of you, hedgehog, but it won't work forever." Sonic tries to circle around him so Sonic can block the way to the portal. "Oh, I see how it is, Sonic. But you do know I can just teleport right in." "Then why not do it then?" "Because you still have what's mine, and I'm not going back empty handed." Sonic thinks to himself *"Okay, Sonic. This is your moment to fix everything, this will be a very risky move, but it will all be worth it in the end."* Sonic looks at Exetro and does a quick super-peel out straight to Exetro. Using the one ring he has left. He attempts to use his soul body to take all the rings left by Exetro. Time slows down as he enters his soul-body. He sees the 5 Negative Rings, and without wasting any time, Sonic grabs them all. The rings, once again, start to spin at hyper speed around Sonic, until the rings are so fast that they overlap each other and lock together. The rings now get fused inside of Sonic. And with all the anger and rage and grief he collected on his journey, the hearing of his friends was put to deadly situations, his world being a near apocalyptic appearance, and almost every animal being put to death and many animals being extinct, all this prepares Sonic for what Exetro wanted for himself. Now, back in the real world, Exetro notices all the rings are gone from his soul, noticing that Sonic has all the rings now. He stares, nervously, at Sonic, as Sonic floats up in the air, his quills rise, his look darkens. His pupils have a devilish red glow, and on his belly, a negative sign opens through his skin, like a permanent marking on his body. Sonic transforms, with the power of the 6 Negative Rings, an entirely new form: Negative Sonic. Sonic's transformation makes a red blast, giving Sonic a reddish, fiery aura around him, showing off how the rings have fully fused with Sonic as they once did with Exetro. "This can't be... You absorbed the power... of the rings. No... NO..." Exetro is worried for his life and decides to fly straight to the portal while Sonic gains control of the god-like powers he has now contained. Exetro is now in the portal. "Oh no you're not!" Sonic teleports right next to Exetro in the portal. "Where do you think you're going?" Exetro tries to soul-grab the rings from him, but Sonic's soul is too strong and can't be broken through. Sonic and Exetro now begin to fight while inside the portal. "You think you can kill me? You know

that even if you do or don't, I will still make it back to my world, with YOU in it. I will still fulfill my destiny; nothing will stop me. I still have some bit of the ring's energy in me." Sonic uses the rings to his full potential and creates clones to beat up Exetro. Exetro uses some of his energy to make clones, distracting everyone from the real thing. Exetro uses some of the negative energy to become a match against Sonic. Sonic uses his chaos beams against Exetro, leaving burn marks on him. "I have had it with you, Sonic. You will not interfere with my plan." Exetro causes a supersonic wave and nearly knocks Sonic out of the portal tube into the void. Sonic dashes towards Exetro and physically beats him up. Some Exetro clones teleport to Sonic and try to pull each part of his body until he can't move himself. Sonic's clones try to stop them, but Exetro instantly eliminates them. "You are not yet experienced with this power, Sonic, you don't know what you're capable of." Sonic causes an intense shockwave that frees him from the Exetro clones and beams them all to death. "Enough games, Exetro!" Sonic becomes very serious and tries to punch through Exetro's body. Exetro creates a death orb and shoots it at Sonic, leaving him with insane hallucinations, distracting him from the battle. "Your little illusions won't affect me for too long, Exetro." Sonic breaks out and tries to use the god powers to shut off the portal entirely, but Robotnik's portal beam is still active and keeping it open. "I planned everything out perfectly, Sonic. I won already." Exetro dashes toward the direction the portal is going and tries to run from Sonic. Sonic is unable to go back, so he has no choice but to follow Exetro until he knows Exetro is fully dead. Sonic teleports to Exetro and holds him from the neck. "You will not be running from me, Exetro. Until you are dead, I will not stop hunting you down, I won't let you hurt anyone else ever again." "Of course, you don't understand, Sonic. The rings are turning you into ME! How do you think I turned this way? I was a clone, a perfect clone of you, Sonic. And when I took the rings, I became what you have become. I was unstoppable. I was GOD. And then you and your friends were too worried that they were going to portal me into a void of nothing. And that's when your little doctor interfered and messed with the original portal destination, taking me and the rings into your world. Look at me, Sonic. What I look like is what you will look like. What I am is what you will be. How everyone sees me is how everyone will see you. Your life will never go back to normal. The rings will drug your mind, force you to do what you think is wrong for the sake of keeping yourself alive." "That's where you're wrong, Exetro. I will never become like you." Exetro sends a telepathic message, now since his soul body is connected to Sonic's, because Sonic has the rings fused to him. In his message, he says, "It's too late." Now Exetro is part of Sonic and can take control of his body. Sonic struggles to keep control over his body, while Exetro tries to kill him in his mind. Sonic leaves his hands on Exetro's head and tries to get inside his mind. Both go unconscious and get inside a connected mind between Sonic and Exetro. Sonic and Exetro in his original form, stand next to each other. "You were stalling? To try to get in my mind?" "Correct." "Why do you look so different?" "Because this is me, before I ever encountered the rings. Like I said, I used to be like you until I became what you are now to what I look like now. I told you I had everything planned." Sonic and Exetro both now fight in their original forms in their minds. Time passes and no clear winner as both are equally matched against each other. Exetro tries to regain his body and tells Sonic, "You have had a chance to comply, Sonic. But now you have gone too far! Everyone I played with was just as fun as playing with you, Sonic." Sonic and Exetro begin to hear endless screams from everyone and everything Exetro killed in his lifetime. "Do you hear them, Sonic? I think they are trying to tell you something." "You can't beat me, Exetro. Stop trying to win when you know you can't" "Enough, Sonic. It's time your soul joins the

others.” Exetro slowly infects Sonic’s mind. Sonic tries to regain his soul, keeping his body alive. Sonic goes back to his true body, and with Exetro’s mind half neutralized, he takes the chance to charge up the Punch of the Dead. Exetro is fully in control of his body again and tries to stop his hand. “I will not let you ruin everything, Sonic.” Sonic sends a telepathic message to Exetro saying, “It’s too late.” Sonic blasts through Exetro’s body. Exetro has problems trying to breathe. Little did Sonic know; it was too late. The portal was ending, and they were now going to reach Exetro’s world. Seconds later, a massive flash starts as Sonic and Exetro’s body reaches Exetro’s original universe. They both come out of the portal and land on the ground. Sonic loses to the Negative Rings but feels its energy still in him. Sonic’s body tries to keep itself alive after the rings disappear from his soul body. He now notices that his body is like what Exetro’s looks like, except, it still is Sonic’s body, rotting its way to Exetro’s. “What have you done, Exetro?” Sonic looks around him and sees a completely different view. “This isn’t Mobius,” he says to himself. Exetro gets back up with the little breath he has left and tells Sonic, “You’re in my world now, Sonic. Welcome to Earth. From the looks of it, it seems like we are in the last spot I was at before I was teleported away, New York City.” “What is that, like an island?” “You have so much to learn about Earth.” Exetro still struggles to breathe and is unable to move with half his body below paralyzed.

Sonic is speechless to see he failed to keep Exetro out. Exetro uses his last bit of breath to whisper out his last words, “I told you. You can’t escape me... I... Am...G-” Exetro dies out completely. Sonic looks at Exetro’s dead body. His red demonic pupils desaturate then fade to black. His eyes turn fully black. Sonic tries to reach comms now that the portal is closed. “Tails! Tails! Tails, can you hear me? Robotnik!” Sonic is now worried about the fact he’s stuck in a whole new universe and that he can’t contact anyone for help. He knows he won against Exetro’s takeover, but now he can’t get back to his world and is stuck with no possible way of escape. “He was right. He planned this well.” Sonic decides to just explore the city since there isn’t much for him to do. Meanwhile, a satellite in space picks up a reading about a huge energy reading which is the portal. The reading gets sent far off New York on a small island upstate. Another Tails sees it. “Hey, Sonic, come look at this!” “What is it, Tails?” “My satellite picked up energy pulses near downtown Manhattan. It’s just as huge as the energy from the Phantom Ruby.” “Let’s check it out then.” Sonic later comes back from the exploration and sees the Tornado, in a different design, with Tails and himself standing next to Exetro’s dead body. “Tails?” The alternate Tails looks at Sonic and says to his Sonic, “Sonic, is that another Exetro?” Sonic looks at himself and notices he has taken the look of Exetro, the negative sign from his belly has healed itself but leaves a scar, as a permanent reminder of the rings. “Wait no, I am not Exetro, I am Sonic, I only look like this maybe because of the Negative Rings.” The alternate Sonic tells Sonic, “You are not from this world, are you?” “No, I am not. I am Sonic, but when I took these Negative Rings from Exetro, I became this.” Sonic was not expecting to see the Sonic & Tails from Exetro’s world, or any other world for that matter. “So, I guess this is your first time in another universe, right?” “Yes. I didn’t even know the multiverse was real. But look, my world is in ruins because of Exetro, and now I’m stuck in a completely different world, this isn’t even Mobius.” The alternate Sonic & Tails thinks of something for a while. Alternate Sonic says, “Tell you what, we are going to quickly fix you with the Phantom Ruby and take you back.” “Really? You can? Also, what’s the Phantom Ruby?” “You don’t know it? I guess you guys just haven’t found it yet.” “How can we find it?” “Well, we found it on Angel Island, maybe it’s the same for you guys, I suggest getting it before anyone like Eggman does.” Moments later, the alternate Sonic & Tails takes Sonic to Tails’ workshop, and they remove

all the Negative Ring energy from his soul to fix him up. "Wow, I didn't think that would work; what can this ruby do other than that?" "There is a lot to learn about the ruby, just find it yourself and keep it safe." They all go back to Exetro's dead body. "How did you even kill the guy? Not even we could. We had to give up and teleport him into a void." "Yet he came to my world?" "I'm telling you; we were taking him to a void, he shouldn't have been going anywhere else. Do you know how it could have happened?" "I think, Exetro told me, that Robotnik messed up the teleport destination to our world." "Weird. Anyways, we will set up the portal now." The alternate Sonic, with the Phantom Ruby, opens a portal to take Sonic back to his world. "Will my world be repaired?" "I don't know what he did there, but most of what he does are illusions" "Illusions? Better hope so." The portal has now opened. "Good luck, Sonic." "See you soon, other me." Sonic looks around at the city of Manhattan before he jumps back into his world, a world that looks very different in comparison with Earth. "Maybe I should come back someday." "Maybe if you have the Phantom Ruby." "Alright, bye guys." Sonic jumps right into the portal. Seconds later he comes back to his world, in Mobius. "Green Hill Zone?" Sonic looks around, from what he saw earlier was tall buildings and skyscrapers is now just mountains and waterfalls. Sonic's communicator re-activates and alerts Tails. "Sonic! Is that you?" "Yes, Tails. I'm back, where are you?" "Don't worry, Sonic. I'm coming to you right now." Tails show up in the Tornado to pick up Sonic. "Sonic, I was so worried for you, after you disappeared, we all thought you died, and later, all of Mobius went back to normal, and all the animals are still dead, and-" "Okay, Tails. Relax. I'm back, we can fix all this. Look, we had just gone through a surprise attack on Mobius, none of us saw this coming, which is why we need to be more prepared for the future. Who knows what global disaster could await us now." In the alternate universe, Sonic & Tails picks up Exetro's body. "So, what do we do with him, Sonic?" "Well, he sure is one interesting being, and we can't let it go to waste. Let's try experimenting with him, let's see how we can use his powers for good." "Like dissecting?" "I guess so." "Should we tell the others though? I don't think they will be happy with Exetro back in our world after we just removed him." "Let's keep this a secret between us, okay Tails?" "Okay, Sonic." Back in Sonic's world, all of Mobius is slowly restoring itself from the damage Exetro caused. With the Negative Rings completely gone from this universe, so does the Demonic Palace, and it goes back into the Labyrinth Zone. "Hey, Sonic. I think we can finish up the task we had." "Let's save it for later, I think we all should meet up again, for a quick reunion." "I will go call everyone." Sonic & Tails now goes back to the workshop with the thought that they saved the world, literally.

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(Epilogue)

The day after the "Attack on Mobius", which is what everyone names the events of Exetro, everyone decided to come together for a little meeting. "Okay everyone, thank you all for coming. I went missing for one day, and on that one day, Mobius was met with disaster. Everyone suffered in some way. No one, not even Robotnik, expected such chaos to go on. The day after, I came in and helped restore Mobius. This was all difficult, but this all teaches us something. We can't always expect small-scale trouble like Robotnik and his little Badniks. That was the reason we all fell off, because no one was prepared for something as huge as Exetro, someone who pretended to be me to trick you all to nearly get yourselves killed. Which is why I am making some decisions to make sure that next time, we will be ready for the next time something huge tries to face us. We

can never let our guard down again. That is why I decided to restore The Freedom Fighters. This time, with everyone here. I know some friends far from here that can join us, like the Chaotix, Mighty & Ray, etc. The more people in this, the stronger we can be. Hopefully you all understand what we are trying to do, for the sake of saving Mobius.” Everyone applauds and then starts talking with each other for a while. Knuckles asks Sonic, “Hey, Sonic, what do we do with Robotnik? After all, he did start all this.” “I will let him slide, a little bit. Besides, he did help against Exetro, but now we are going to have to be prepared for his new strong Badniks, and his new Mecha Sonic.” Tails rushes towards Sonic to give some extreme news. “SONIC! I found some new readings in Angel Island.” “What is it, Tails?” “Something stronger than the Chaos Emeralds is causing a huge energy reaction, we need to check it out. And from what I can tell, I think Robotnik is going towards it too, he even brought some Egg-robos with him.” “Guess that egg-face is still not done with being the bad guy. Okay then, Tails, let’s get to the Tornado.” “I have it ready, Sonic.” And so, Sonic & Tails gets back to the Tornado to get to Angel Island, where now the Phantom Ruby has been discovered, hidden beneath the ground of the island. Nearly a month passes by later and Sonic is back to Tails’ workshop after having to deal with Robotnik with the Phantom Ruby, fighting a time monster, and seeing his future self, saving Mobius again from another big bad. For all of Sonic’s life he only sees a bit of the land Mobius has, and soon discovers a huge land full of humans. Sonic stays there and stops Robotnik many times where he is now the hero of his new hometown, Station Square. The “Attack on Mobius” leaves a huge impact to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters, leaving them always prepared for huge battles they face in the future, for example, if it wasn’t for Exetro, Sonic would have had no idea how to battle Perfect Chaos, or the Biolizard, etc. Sonic at this point is now one of the strongest things alive on Mobius and is named the Savior of Mobius for the rest of his life.

THE END

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