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CHAPTER FIVE!
CITY-GOD - NIGHTSHADOW - RAGE

WHAT THE HELL? NOW WE'VE FADED SOMEWHERE ELSE!

I'M NOT POSITIVE, BUT I WOULD GUESS THAT WE'RE NEAR HAWAII, JUDGING FROM THE VEGETATION AROUND US.

THAT'S RIGHT. BUT NOW I SUGGEST THAT WE FOLLOW THE DEMI-GOD, 'CAUSE HE'S FLYING AWAY. SINCE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY, I'LL LIFT YOU ALL VIA MY MAGIC.

JUST DON'T DROP MEOK?

TOGETHER, THE FOUR OF THEM FOLLOW THE DEMI-GOD FOR MILES UNTIL HE BEGINS TO LAND.

HE'S LANDING NEAR THAT CAVE!

THEN I WOULD GUESS WE ARE, ALSO.

SINCE ARRIVING ON YOUR SURFACE WORLD, I HAVE STUDIED MANY MAPS AND READ MANY BOOKS. WE ARE ON HONOLULU AT THE ISLAND OF ZAHU.

HEY!

IF YOU GUYS WOULD SHUT UP, YOU'D NOTICE THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF STRANGE HUMANOID ABOVE US.

PROBABLY THE DEMI-GOD WITH THE CLUE.

WE SURE ARE. THAT THING JUST WENT INTO THAT CAVE AND—

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT COMING OUT OF IT—?

WATCH OUT! IT'S FIRED SOMETHING AT US!

BUT TO THE AMAZEMENT OF THE OTHERS, THE BOLT MERELY BOUNCES AWAY!

I DON'T GET IT—DID HE MISS US OR—

I'VE HEARD MUCH OF THIS NIGHTSHADOW. I WOULD GUESS THAT PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD WAS HIS DOING!

IT LOOKS TO ME THAT THOSE ARE SMALL EARTH DEMONS GUARDING THE PATH—

YOU THREE TAKE CARE OF THOSE DEMONS WHILE I GO AFTER THE DEMI-GOD!

MAKE IT QUICK!

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AND SO NIGHTSHADOW SECRETLY ENTERS THE CAVE, LEAVING THE TRIO TO BATTLE THE DEMONS.



RELEASING SOME OF MY BODY HEAT I HAVE STORED SHOULD KILL OFF A COUPLE OF THESE DEMONS!



I DON'T LIKE KILLING, BUT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE RISKS ARE JUST TOO GREAT! NOT ONLY THIS PLANET, INCLUDING LOGROS, BUT ALL THE GALAXIES WILL BE AFFECTED!



FREAKY! HERE I AM IN HAWAII, BATTLING DEMONS.



THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW HERE IS STAR-FLAME, WHO I MET A WHILE BACK!

THESE CREATURES AREN'T THAT STRONG-



I WONDER HOW NIGHTSHADOW IS DOING?

WHAT? THAT BOLT KNOCKED AWAY MY STAFF OF POWER! I CAN'T SEE IT-



BUT I CAN STILL MAKE IT COME BACK.



HERE!

NOW HE'S KNOCKED OUT, I CAN GET THE CLUE



MY BODY IS TINGLING - HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE CLUE! FANTASTIC!



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WHILE THIS IS TRANSPIRING, OUR MINDS WILL BE AS ONE, AND POSSIBLY A SOLUTION WILL BE REACHED. NOW, JOIN HANDS AND LET YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS FLOW, I WILL FINISH.



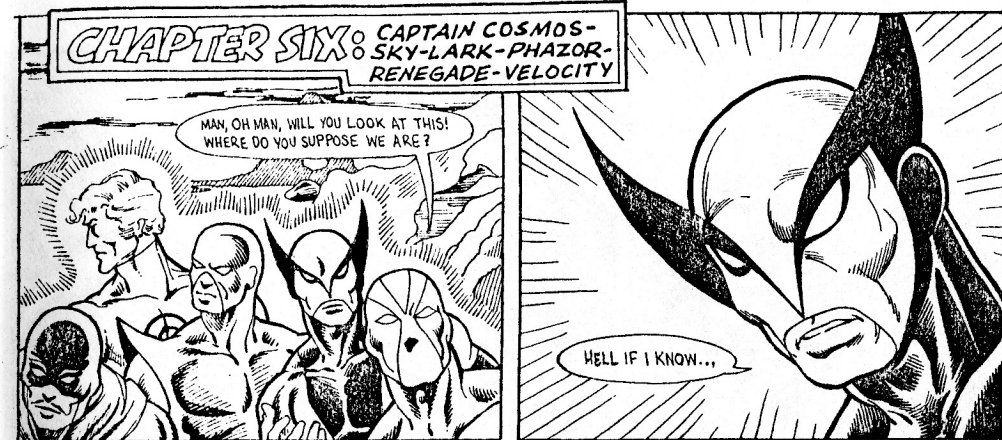
AND AS SEEKER, BLACK MERCY, AND ARGON JOIN HANDS, THEIR MINDS FLOW TOGETHER



A POSSIBLE SOLUTION HAS BEEN REACHED. WE MUST PREPARE NOW.

YES, WE MUST MOVE FAST IF WE ARE TO STOP A GALACTIC WAR FROM BEGINNING.

BUT IS THERE TIME...?



CHAPTER SIX: CAPTAIN COSMOS-SKY-LARK-PHAZOR-RENEGADE-VELOCITY

MAN, OH MAN, WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS! WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE WE ARE?



HELL IF I KNOW...



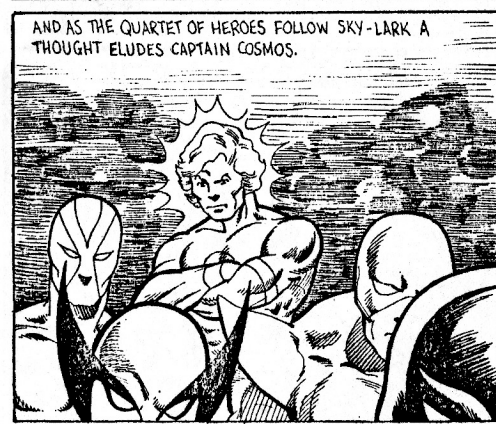
I'M NOT POSITIVE AS I'VE NOT TRAVELED HERE RECENTLY, BUT I WOULD GUESS WE'RE ON MARAZ, A PLANET ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GALAXY FROM EARTH.



WELL, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW? HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND THIS DEMIGOD?



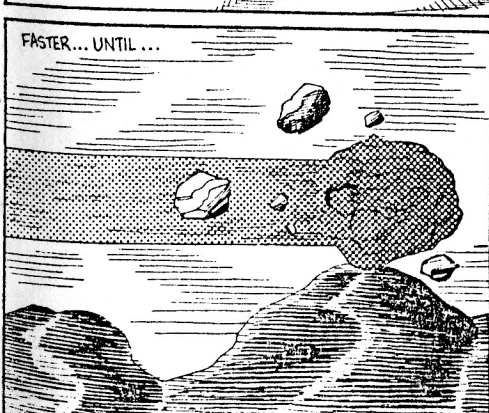
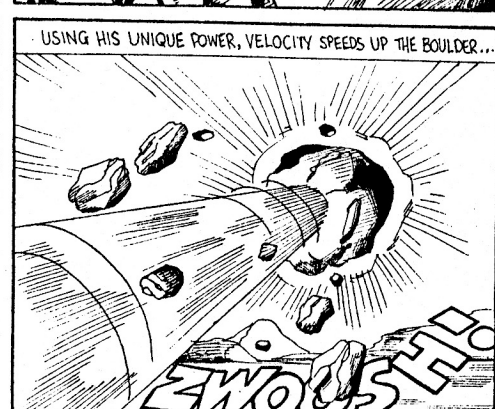
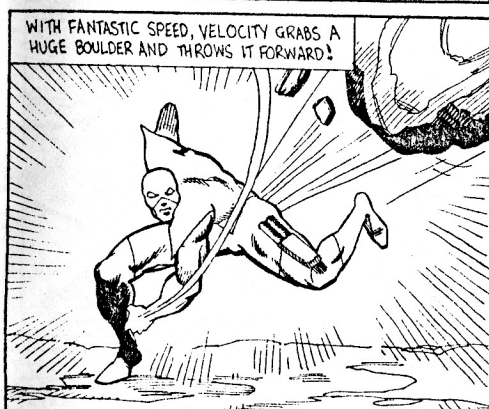
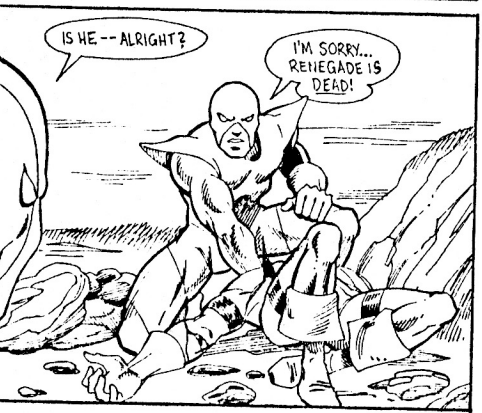
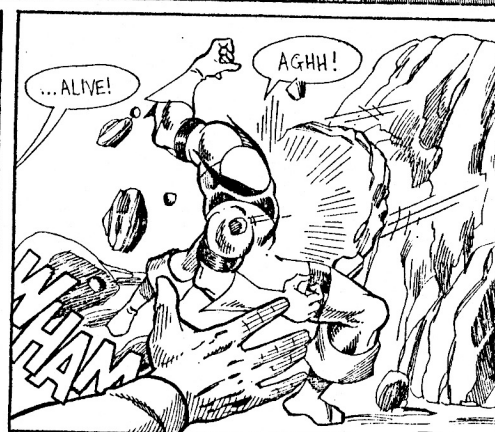
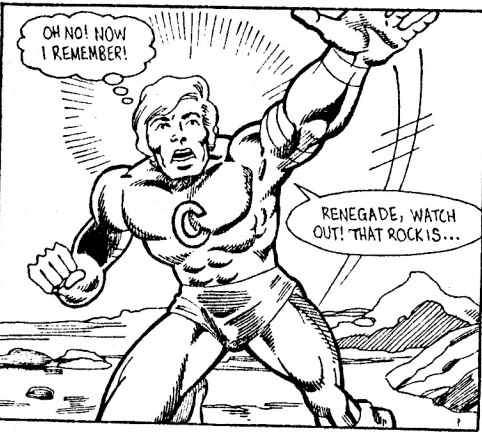
EASY, USING MY AGOAM ROD, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE IT. FOLLOW ME!



AND AS THE QUARTET OF HEROES FOLLOW SKY-LARK A THOUGHT ELUDES CAPTAIN COSMOS.

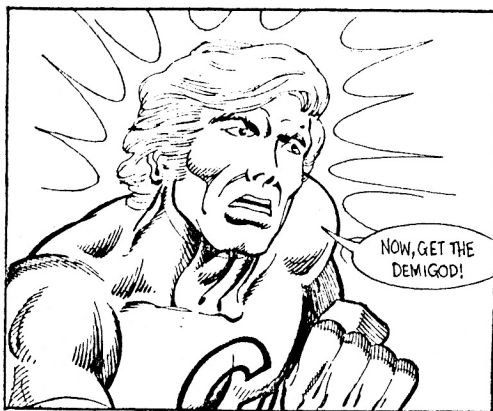
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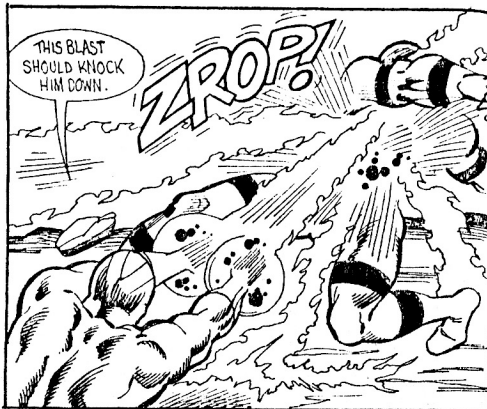


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NOW, GET THE DEMIGOD!



THIS BLAST SHOULD KNOCK HIM DOWN.

ZROP! BOOM!



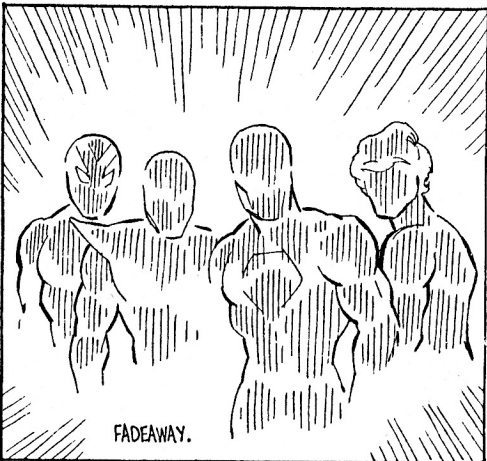
AS I USE MY AGOAM ROD TO LIFT THE CLUE FROM HIS BELT.



AND NOW I'LL... WAIT! WE'RE VANISHING!



BUT WHAT ABOUT RENEGADE? HE'S DEAD...



FADEAWAY.



AND THEN, IN A BRIEF MIST...

CHAPTER SEVEN: CLIMAX!!

LOOK! WE'RE ALL BACK TOGETHER AGAIN...



WAIT! IT'S ULTRON APPEARING!

...NOW TO PUT THE CLUES TOGETHER AND-



YOU FOOLS! YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN THE CLUES, BUT YOU'LL NEVER RESCUE YOUR COMPATRIOTS!

NOW I'LL KILL-



YOU'LL KILL NO ONE. BLACK MERCY NOW!



ON COMMAND, BLACK MERCY NODS HIS HEAD AND A CLOUD APPEARS.



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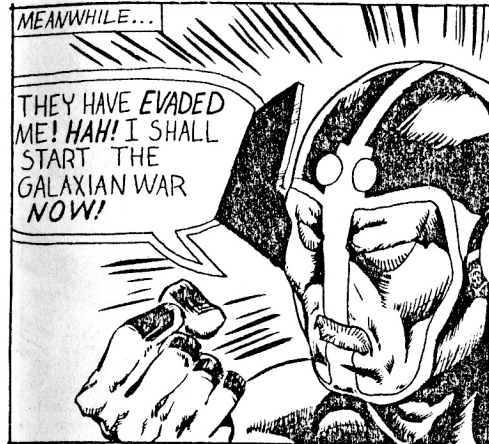


MOMENTS LATER, THE HEROES APPEAR IN THE DIMENSION STARIXIS, THE HOME OF BLACK MERCY!

WH-WHERE ARE WE?



WE ARE IN THE DIMENSION OF STARIXIS, THE ONE LOCATION WHERE ULTRON CAN'T REACH US.



MEANWHILE...

THEY HAVE EVADED ME! HAH! I SHALL START THE GALAXIAN WAR NOW!



DON'T DO IT ULTRON, YOU HAVEN'T DEFEATED US YET!

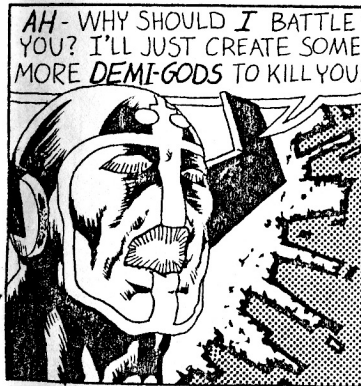


THAT'S JUST GREAT, BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THE OTHERS? YOU HEARD ULTRON!

YEAH...



WE THREE HAVE FORMULATED A PLAN. FIRST, I SUGGEST THAT FOUR OF YOU- OMNI MAN, SKY-LARK, CITY-GOD, AND CAPT. COSMOS RESCUE THE OTHERS.



AH- WHY SHOULD I BATTLE YOU? I'LL JUST CREATE SOME MORE DEMI-GODS TO KILL YOU!



NOT A HALF-SECOND LATER DOZENS OF DEMI-GODS APPEAR!

HOLY COW! C'MON HEROES- LET'S TAKE 'EM!



CAPT. COSMOS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN READ THIS MAP MADE FROM THE CLUES...



...GO ON, WHILE WE PREPARE TO BATTLE ULTRON. OK, ARGON- WE'RE GOING!



AS THE BATTLE BEGINS, ULTRON DEPARTS QUIETLY.

NOW... I SHALL START THAT WAR BY KILLING THE OTHERS.

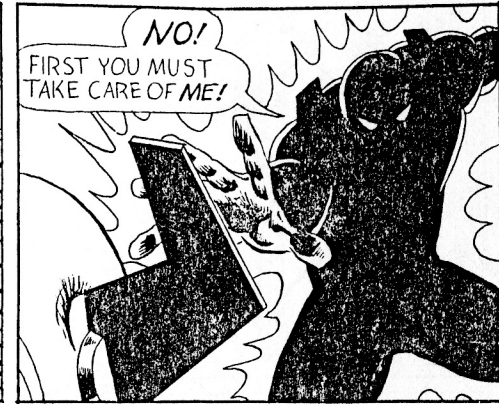
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AT THAT SAME INSTANT-THE BATTLE RAGES ON...



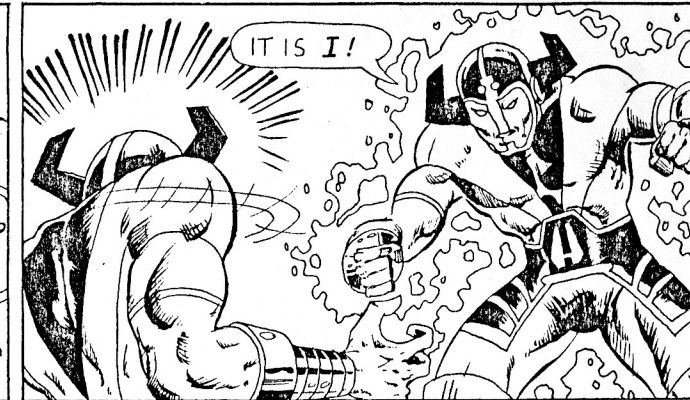
IN MOMENTS
THE HEROES
WILL BE DEAD
AND—



NO!
FIRST YOU MUST
TAKE CARE OF ME!



WHO?



IT IS I!



AND ON THAT STARTLING NOTE, WE DEPART
TO ANOTHER PART OF THE
GALAXY...

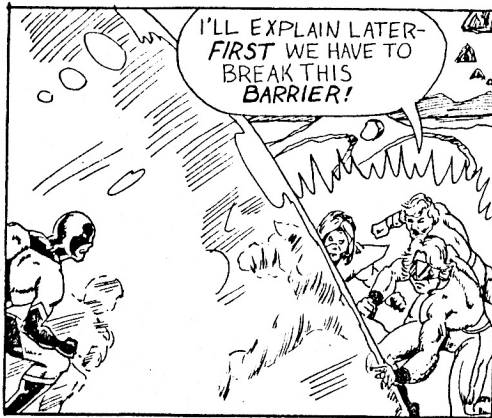
OMNI MAN—
WE'RE GETTING CLOSER...

IT'S JUST AHEAD!



IF ARGON WOULDN'T
HAVE **TELEPORTED**
US MOST OF THE
WAY- IT WOULD
HAVE TAKEN
FOREVER TO
GET HERE!

...WHAT DID
THE CLUES
SHOW?



I'LL EXPLAIN LATER—FIRST WE HAVE TO BREAK THIS BARRIER!



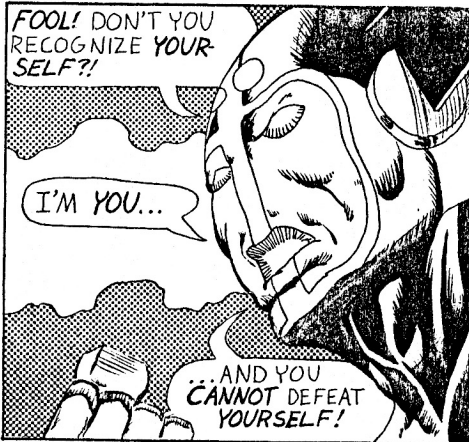
LOOK! WE'RE BEING RESCUED! BUT CAN THEY GET THROUGH?

ARGHHHR!



THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, BUT ONE THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT—BACK WITH THE OTHERS...

WH-WHO ARE YOU?



FOOL! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOURSELF?!

I'M YOU...

...AND YOU CANNOT DEFEAT YOURSELF!



AND SUDDENLY, ALL THE POWER AND WISDOM ONCE HELD BY ULTRON SIMMERS INTO CONFUSION.



THE TIME IS NOW!



OF POWER DEEP AND LOST INSIDE, THE STARS AND SUNS ABOVE MAY HIDE...

COME FORTH TO ME UPON THIS DAY, AND STRIKE THIS EVIL, WITH CAUSE TO SLAY!

THE ENERGY SURROUNDING THE PSEUDO-ULTRON'S FIST'S IS IMMENSE, AND AS IT CRACKLES WITH POWER, IT IS SUDDENLY...

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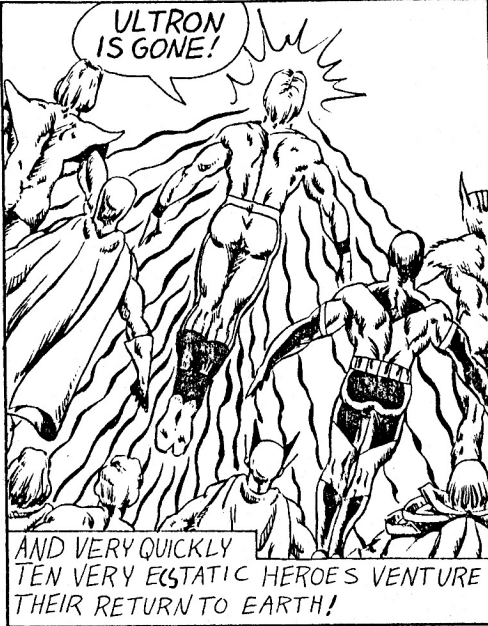
... RELEASED!



THE DEMI-GODS ARE VANISHING! THAT MEANS-



THE DOME IS BROKEN! NOT ONLY DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN RESCUE OUR BUDDIES, BUT ALSO THAT...



ULTRON IS GONE!

AND VERY QUICKLY TEN VERY ECSTATIC HEROES VENTURE THEIR RETURN TO EARTH!



- THAT ARGON, BLACK MERCY AND SEEKER WERE SUCCESSFUL, ULTRON IS GONE!



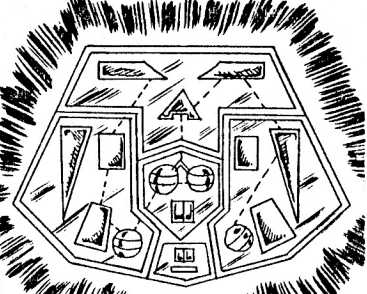
AND IN SPACE...

WHAA?



BUT I NEVER UNDERSTOOD, WHAT DID THE CLUES STAND FOR?

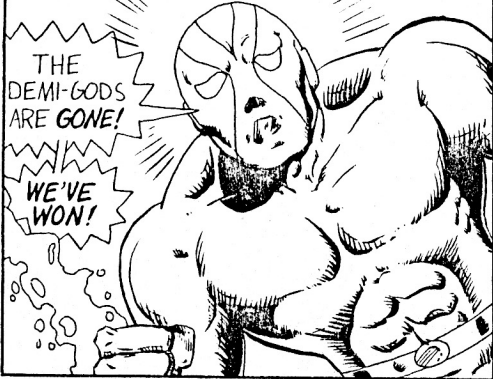
"IT WAS QUITE SIMPLE. EACH CLUE WAS ONE QUARTER OF A MAP OF THE PLANETS THAT WERE ALIGNED TO WHERE BLUE STREAK AND...



... THE OTHERS WERE. WHEN THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER, SPACE WARRIOR STUDIED THE STARS AND LOCATED THE RIGHT PLANET."

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MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH...



THE DEMI-GODS ARE GONE!

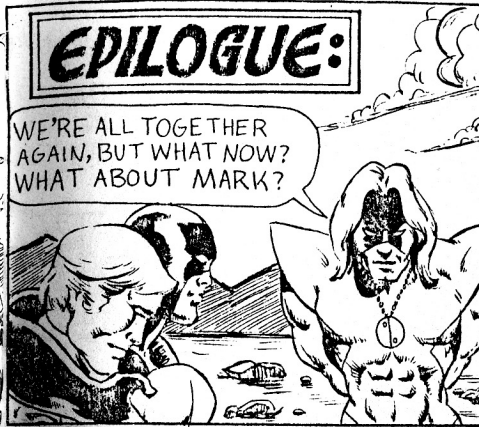
WE'VE WON!



YES, WE HAVE JUST CAUSE TO REJOICE, BUT NOW...

EPILOGUE:

WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN, BUT WHAT NOW? WHAT ABOUT MARK?



THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM. HIS POWER WILL NEVER RISE AGAIN, WE HAVE SEEN TO THAT.



WE ARE... SEPARATED. ONLY OUR FORCE TOGETHER WAS POWERFUL ENOUGH.



IT IS URGENT THAT I RETURN TO HYDENDRO, SO I MUST DEPART NOW...



...FAREWELL!



'MERCY, LOOK THE OTHERS ARE ARRIVING!

I MUST DEPART NOW, ALSO.

I THINK I'LL JOIN YOU, ARGON. WE COULD HAVE SOME FANTASTIC DISCUSSIONS!



BEFORE ANYONE ELSE LEAVES, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT RENEGADE, WIZARD WARRIOR, AND DYNAMIC DYNAMO?



YOU MAY AS WELL LEAVE THAT TO POWER-PACK, OMNI-MAN. WE HAVE THE EQUIPMENT AND ORGANIZATION FOR WHAT THEY DESERVE.



AND I'LL TAKE MARK BACK TO HIS HOME IN L.A.

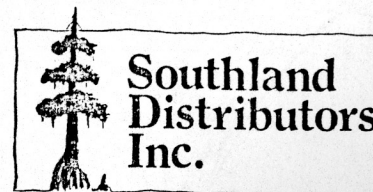


WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, BUT I'M GOING TO CELEBRATE!

LET'S GO!



AND SO THEY DEPART, ENDING THE MOST FANTASTIC TEAM-UP EVER!



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