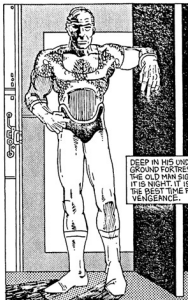


# OMNIMIND 9

vs. **SLAUGHTER!**



**PAWNS OF EVOE PAN!**



DEEP IN HIS UNDERGROUND FORTRESS, THE OLD MAN SIGHS. IT IS NIGHT. IT IS THE BEST TIME FOR VENGEANCE.

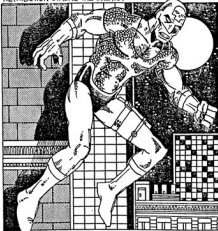


REVENGE. ONCE YEARS AGO HE LEFT IT FOR THE LAW. THAT WAS BEFORE LIBERAL JUDGES PLACED THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINALS ABOVE THOSE OF THE VICTIMS. HE NOW HAS NO RESPECT FOR THE LAW. IN CINCINNATI, HE IS THE LAW...

HOWEVER, HE DOES HAVE RESPECT FOR VANESSA VAN HOF. TREMENDOUS KINDS OF RESPECT, FOR SHE IS INTELLIGENT AND TOUGH. HE CAN COUNT ON HER. (FOR EXAMPLE, AS HE FOUGHT OFF AN EVEN DOZEN BLACK BELT KILLERS, IT WAS SHE WHO WENT AHEAD AND INJECTED OLD CHAIRMAN MAO WITH THE SECRET TOXIN—COMPLETING HIS MISSION FOR THE CIA.) SHE BRINGS HIM HIS HELMET AND WEAPON AND HE GIVES HER A HOT KISS AND EMBRACE—



AND AS BLACK NIGHT CHURNS AROUND THE FRIGHTENED CITY, RETRIBUTION STALKS THE GHETTO!



NEW YORK... LATE AT NIGHT... OR EARLY IN THE MORNING... AT THE APARTMENT OF KATHY AND KEITH...



WHY WASTE THAT BONUS YOU GOT TODAY'S GONE— BUT WHAT A WAY TO GO! EXPENSIVE FRENCH DINNER AND A BROADWAY PRODUCTION OF "OM CALCUITA"! AND IT'S PAST TWO O'CLOCK! YOU KNOW HOW TO TREAT ME RIGHT?

I'M GLAD YOU'RE SO INTO IT. YOU KNOW, IT WOULDN'T BE NEVER BEEN SEEN TO MY MIND HOW TO RE-POLARIZE THOSE NEW COMPUTER PARTS IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR MY MAGNETIC POWERS!



WHY NOT SHOW ME SOME OF YOUR "POWER" BEFORE I FALL OUT? I'M BEAT.



LOVE TO, BUT YOU KNOW HOW I'VE GOT TO NAIL THIS ASSASIN I'VE BEEN TRAILING FOR A WEEK NOW! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM BEFORE HE KILLS AGAIN!



SO IT'S ANOTHER NIGHT OF WATCHING THE TV STATIONS SIGN OFF FOR POOR KATHY—

—AND TV VIEWERS, DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH? I KNOW IT. ALL THE MEMBERS OF MY—

25th! GAD! THING I'M SO UNDERSTANDING.

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THEY CALL THEMSELVES, (LAUGHINGLY) "HELL'S EXECUTIONERS". TWO WEEKS AGO, THEY ROBBED AND BEAT A LITTLE OLD MAN AND KILLED HIS PET DOG. THE MAN SNUORE OUT A WARRANT FROM THE HOSPITAL AND THEY WOUND UP IN JAIL. THEN THE OLD MAN LEARNED THAT HIS DOG WAS DEAD, AND SOON DIED OF HEART FAILURE HIMSELF. SINCE HE WAS THE ONLY WITNESS TO HIS OWN MUGGING, THE POLICE HAD TO LET THE HELL'S EXECUTIONERS GO. THEY THINK THAT THEY'RE OFF THE HOOK...



LEON



ALFIE



DEMARR



MAURICE



SID



CALVIN



THEN THE SKULL-MASKED WENGER IS BLOODILY UPON THEM!



THE CHAIN-MAILED HERO GAVES NOTHING. HE MERELY GRINS LIKE A RABID WOLF. LEON WILL SPEND TWO WEEKS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH A CONCUSSION. ALFIE HAS HIS COLLAR-BONE AND BOTH SHOULDERS BROKEN. DEMARR WILL NEED OVER THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF DENTAL WORK. MAURICE HAS HIS BACK BROKEN, AND WILL NEVER RUN AFTER SCARED YOUNG GIRLS WITH US AGAIN.

THE HERO IS RUTHLESS. HE'S WORKED FOR THE POLICE, THE CIA, THE FBI. HE'S LOST RESPECT FOR ALL OF THEM. NOW HE'S IN IT ONLY FOR THE THRILL OF THE HUNT, AND THE LOVE OF THE FIGHT, THE JOY OF KILLS.



HE DOES HIS BEST TO LIVE UP TO HIS CODENAME: SLAUGHTER! IT WAS HE WHO KILLED HO CHI MINH FOR THE CIA. HE OFFED JACK RUBY FOR THE FBI, AND HE BARELY ESCAPED WITH THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH FROM THE DAY OF PIGS FOUL-UP. IT WAS THEN THAT HE STARED TO QUESTION (FOR THE FIRST TIME) THE MEN HE DID DIRTY WORK FOR.

ENDOWED AGAINST HIS WILL WITH AWESOME MAGNETIC POWERS—

# OMNIMAN

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"THE PAST—SO STRANGE" OR "MEMORIES AND BETRAYAL"

I'VE GOT  
ANOTHER  
NEW POWER!

—BY TUNING IN MY MAGNETIC  
AFFINITY FOR THE BIO-POLAR  
SCREAM OF BLOOD ON STEEL  
TO SPOT SAMMY THE SHIV TONIGHT.

THIS WON'T  
TAKE LONG.

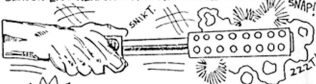


THE EVIL MYSTIC  
KNIFE-WORSHIPER  
—AND MOB HIT-MAN—  
HAD RUN TRUE TO  
FORM, SLICING HIS  
NUMBER IN THE PARK  
TOO LATE, OMNIMAN

THERE ARE EVEN THOSE WHO SAY THAT SLAUGHTER WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED JOHN KENNEDY AND JIMI HENDRIX. HE DIDN'T, (OF COURSE). BUT HE KNOWS WHO DID.



SLAUGHTER'S WEAPON IS A CUSTOM CATTLE-PROD.



IT CAN BURN, STUN, SHOCK... OR KILL.



AND THEN THE MAYHEM IS OVER. ALL FOR A LITTLE OLD MAN AND HIS DOG, WHO SLAUGHTER NEVER MET.



OMNIMAN IS OVERCOME WITH ANGER! SAMMY SHIN SEES THIS, LEERS, AND THEN PLANS TO USE THIS PASSION TO AND FOR HIS ADVANTAGE! HE KISSES HIS BLADE -



THIS FILTH IS LUCKY MY PAL RAGE ISN'T HERE. HE'D HAVE TORN OUT HIS LIVER AND ATE IT BY NOW.



NEXT, QUICKLY SAVE THE GIRL!

-AND THE MASSIVE, STATIC SHOCK THAT SLAMS INTO HIM IS THE LAST THING HE REMEMBERS. HE WAKES UP AND SPENDS THE NEXT TEN MONTHS IN A HOSPITAL.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS A NEAR-MIRACLE! A NEAR-MIRACLE OF ABOUT A YEAR OF SECRET PRACTICE AND HARD THEORY AND RESEARCH, TO EVEN KNOW WHAT OMNIMAN NEXT DOES, BY SUBTLE AND SKILLFULL BIO-MAGNETIC MANIPULATION, HE INSTANTANEOUSLY SEALS THE SLICED, NEARLY HALF-SEVERED THROAT, BLOOD VESSELS, MUSCLE, NERVES, AND ALL-MAGNETICALLY BONDS THEM SHUT, ELECTRICALLY SHOCKS THE HEART-BEAT BACK, GALVANIZES HER GLAND SYSTEM TO MANUFACTURE VARIOUS VITAMIN AND ENZYME SECRETIONS TO COMBAT SHOCK... THE GIRL WILL LIVE!



OMNIMAN IS TIRED BUT HAPPY AFTER DROPPING THE GIRL OFF AT THE EMERGENCY CLINIC -




WHEN AN INTENSE LIGHT ALMOST GROUND'S HIM!

IMAGINE POWER—AND THE STRANGE. CINCINNATI AND NEW YORK ARE HUNDREDS OF MILES APART, YET THE BRILLIANT FIGURE OF BEAUTY... A GODDESS?... APPEARS NOW IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE. BOTH HEROES ARE STUNNED BY HER NEAR-DIVINITY, AND NOT AWARE THAT SHE ALSO SPEAKS TO THEIR FAR REMOVED COUNTERPART—

STAND FORTH AND HEAR ME, O MAN! DO NOT FEAR THE LIGHT OF MY TRUTH! I AM COME AS ONE WHO IS IN NEED OF YOUR AID AND POWER! I AM CALLED MANY KINDS OF NAMES ON MANY PLANES, BUT YOU MAY KNOW ME AS... EVOE PAN! I HOLD BEFORE YOU THE MYSTIC EYE IN THE PYRAMID CALLED THE RY'LEH ARTIFACT! LISTEN—

THIS ARTIFACT IS A THING OF MYSTIC POWER! IT IS THUS A THING WHICH EVIL ENTITIES WOULD LIKE TO GAIN! DESPITE MY RADIANT GLOW, I AM NOT ABLE TO ENTER YOUR REALITY, WHERE LIVES THE THREAT TO THIS MYSTIC GEM! I WOULD HAVE YOU FIGHT FOR ME, AND THE GEM, AND MY TRUTH, FOR I KNOW YOU TO BE—NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS DO, THINK—AGENTS OF LAW OVER CHAOS, ORDER OVER ANARCHY! I WOULD ALSO HAVE YOU FIGHT FOR ANOTHER REASON, I WOULD HAVE YOU FIGHT FOR A MEMORY... YOUR OWN MEMORY... OF THE MAN CALLED... THE HUMAN HURRICANE.





"MANY TIMES IN YOUR RECENT PAST, THE HERO CALLED THE HUMAN HURRICANE SERVED AND SAVED THE PYRAMID FROM THOSE WHO WOULD USE ITS POWER FOR EVIL."

"BUT HIS SAD DEATH HAS LEFT THE PYRAMID WITHOUT ANY CHAMPIONS. THAT IS WHY I NOW TURN TO YOU WHO KNEW HIM FOR THIS TASK!"

THE HUMAN HURRICANE! HE WAS MY FATHER! DOES SHE KNOW THAT? I'M HAPPY TO FIND OUT THAT HE FOUGHT FOR THE LIGHT, THOUGH.

THE HUMAN HURRICANE! I KNEW HIM AS AGENT WIND-SPAWN! HE WAS THE MAN WHO SAVED MY ASS WHEN WE WERE WORKING TOGETHER IN THAT IRANIAN HELICOPTER RESCUE LAST YEAR, WHEN EVERYTHING WENT TO POT AND WE HAD TO ABORT!

THUS DOES EVOE PAN PLAY UPON THE LOVE AND VANITY OF OMNIMAN...

AND EVOE PAN TOUCHES SLAUGHTER'S GRATITUDE FOR THE DEAD HERO...

THE EYE IN THE PYRAMID IS AGAIN IN DANGER! IT IS COVETED BY A MAN WHO WAS ONCE A HERO BUT HAS NOW BEEN TWISTED INTO AN AGENT OF EVIL! HE SEEKS TO GAIN THE PYRAMID AND USE ITS POWER TO ATTAIN IMMORTALITY! I AM OCCUPIED IN THE ASTRAL REALM AND CANNOT DIRECTLY ACT TO PREVENT THIS! SO I ASK: WILL YOU FIGHT FOR MY TRUTH IN THIS MATTER?

SEPARATED BY HUNDREDS OF MILES AND EACH UNAWARE THAT EVOE PAN SPEAKS TO ANOTHER BESIDES HIMSELF, EACH LISTENER ANSWERS—

YES!



IT'S A COLD RUSH UNLIKE ANY THEY'VE FELT BEFORE—AS THE TWO WARP INTO REALITY IN CINCINNATI'S EDEN PARK—



+ IN THE CLASSIC 24-WAY TEAM-UP 1981 FAN SPECTACULAR—“THE COMING OF ULTRON!”

SLAUGHTER COMES TO GRIPS WITH THE SITUATION IMMEDIATELY, FOR HIM, TO THINK IS TO ACT. HE CHARGES!



HE'S YOUNG AND WITHOUT EXPERIENCE! HE FROZE UP WHEN HE SAW ME! IF I CAN HIT HIM HARD ENOUGH AND FAST ENOUGH, MAYBE I CAN WIPE HIM OUT BEFORE HE REACTS! HIS MAGNETICS ARE USELESS!



DECADES OF STRENGTH, SKILL, AND ANGER ROAR TO THE SURFACE - HIS FISTS MOVE NEARLY TOO FAST TO SEE! AFTER THE HAMMER-BLOW TO HIS HEAD, OMNIMAN IS SO STUNNED THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN SEE WHERE THE BRUTAL PUNCHES AND CRIPPLING KICKS ARE COMING FROM!





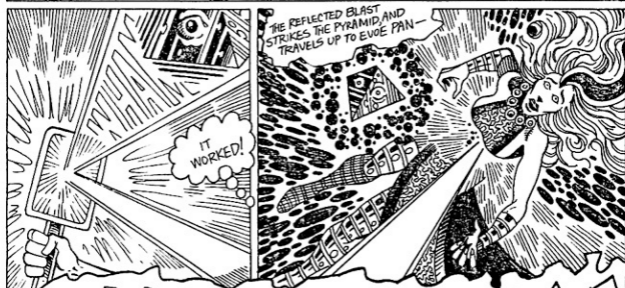
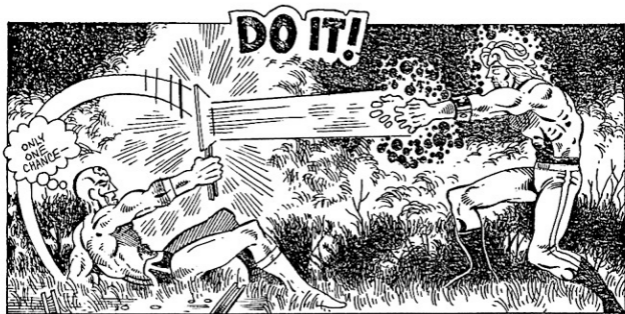
PART TWO:  
PAIN IS PAN!  
INKS BY Bill Anderson

YOU THOUGHT YOU  
HAD ME! YOU ALMOST  
KILLED ME! BUT MY MAGNETICS  
WOULDN'T LET YOU FINISH ME OFF!  
YOU COULD NEVER KILL  
ME! BUT I'LL KILL  
YOU!!!

DO IT,  
OMNIMAN!







AND OMNIMAN SHAKES FREE OF AN EVIL, UNREASONING ANGER, AND SEES A HORRIFIC REALITY UNFOLD-





SWEET  
JESUS!

AND ALSO -  
HER HORRIBLE EVIL  
TRUTH OF HER  
VOICE!

THIS, THEN... IS THE TRUE  
FACE OF EVOE PAN!

EVIL PAN FADES OUT WITH A WORDLESS CRY OF ANGER—



SHE... GOD! WHAT WAS SHE?... SHE WAS USING OUR HATE... OUR VIOLENCE... TO FEED THAT EYE IN THE PYRAMID, TO GAIN... EVIL POWER... FOR HERSELF... IS SHE... GONE?



LOOKS LIKE SLAUGHTER SLIPPED AWAY WHILE I WAS OUT OF IT, HE WAS PROBABLY A DUPE...



LIKE I WAS, WHAT COULD I HAVE DONE? WHAT HAVE I DONE?



SLAUGHTER WILL TAKE A MERE TWO WEEKS TO RECOVER FROM HIS CRACKED RIBS AND CONCUSSIONS, AND HE WILL BROOD OVER THE EVIL SEEDS PLANTED THIS NIGHT... BETWEEN HIMSELF... AND OMNIMAN. BROTHER ORDER RUNS A VERY GOOD PACE, BUT OLD MOTHER CHAOS IS WINNING THE RACE. 'TIS AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO MINDS.

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