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THE
STAR

SLAYERS



BROOKS

EDITORIAL

by Matt Bucher

Well, welcome to the second issue of STARSLAYERS. With this issue we continue with the second chapter of this epic, again by myself (Matt Bucher, script), Steve Brooks (as co-plotter and penciller), and Bill Anderson (as inker and letterer). Bill Anderson probably won't be inking next issue as Ken Meyer probably will.

A couple people asked about letter columns. Well, this book is designed to be exactly 12 pages, eight pages of story, the synopsis page, and the front and back covers. Since we are on such a small schedule of pages to work with, it is improbable that there will be letter columns although I may run a letter or two in this editorial each issue. As of now, comments have yet to be received on #1 (we're working on a far ahead schedule).

As far as the cover and back cover are concerned, the front cover will regularly be done by Steve Brooks (pencils and inks). The back cover, on the other hand, will vary. Steve Brooks will still pencil each one, but the inkers will be Anderson, Heike, and Meyer rotating. The synopsis page was (by the by) pencilled by Brooks and inked by Anderson.

FUTURE ISSUES:

#3: July 17
#4: August 7

#5: August 28
#6: September 18

Now keep in mind that the date listed is the date that the issue is mailed out from my house in Bethel Park. You should be receiving your issue just days afterwards. If you ever notice that you haven't gotten your issue on time, drop me a postcard, it may have been lost in the mail.

Next issue features a lot of secrets on the background of Argon, the space warrior. Ken Meyers will probably ink and letter.

If you are interested in carrying multiple copies of STARSLAYERS in your comic store or comic service, please let me know, dealer's rates are available upon request.

Another one of my publications should be out by the time you're reading this. SUPERHERO TERROR is a monthly stripzine concerning a brand new adult story centering on the heroes Omniman, Rage, and Slaughter and their ultimate conflicts with Karnevil. The series is being produced like this one, in chapters, at 35¢ a shot from me. The story and art are by Rick McCollum, so you know it's got to be good. #3 should be out now, with back issues only 35¢ too. It's a good book, so give it a try.

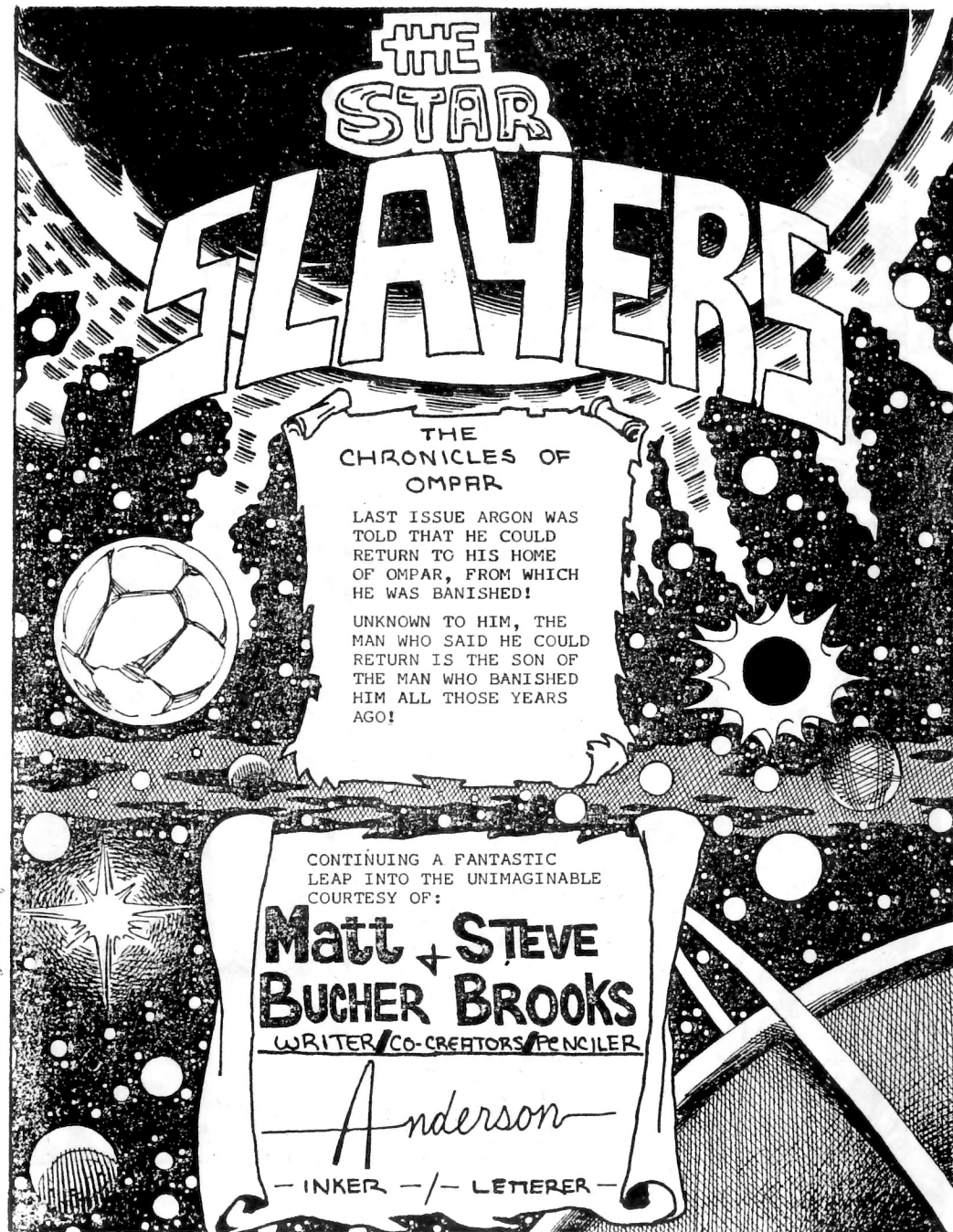
Remember that STARSLAYERS #4 will be a fill-in issue pencilled by Willie Peppers, giving Steve Brooks time to catch up on his deadlines. After that, the rest (up to #15) should be by Steve.

Also out now from me is ULTRAZINE SPECIAL #8 featuring an Omniman story "Hero" by Jeff Roberts and Willie Peppers, a Sky-Lark story by Bucher/Abell/Anderson and the origin of Rage by Rick McCollum. 60¢ ppd from me, don't miss it.

Remember, if you want to see this type of project in the future, to support it as much as possible. Tell your friends, if they subscribe, I'll give them the same deal I gave you, all fifteen issues for \$3.00 (which I said I wouldn't do).

Back issues of #1 are available from me at 25¢ ppd. Limited print run.

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MERE MOMENTS AGO, ARGON SPOTTED THIS SKYRIAN WARSHIP. HE HAS JUST CAUSE FOR ALARM, THE SKYRIANS ARE ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED RACES IN THE ENTIRE MILKY WAY GALAXY.



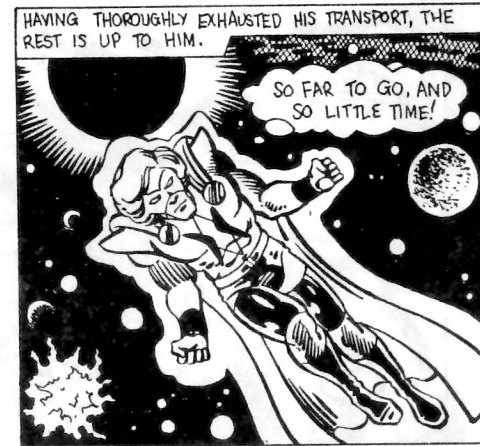
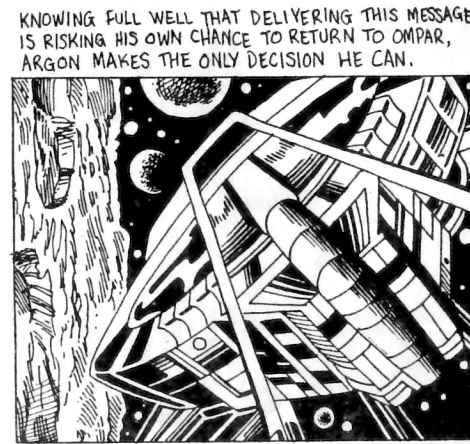
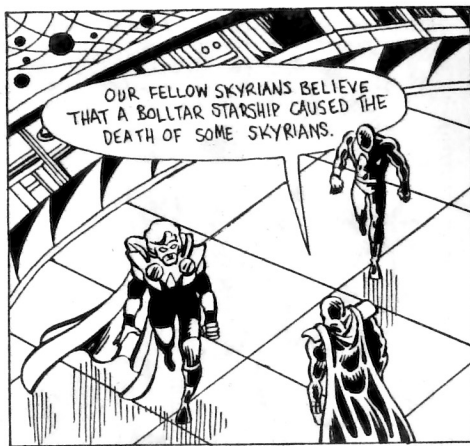
CHAPTER TWO!

ACTIVATING HIS TRANSPORT, ARGON FADES OUT.



ONLY TO REAPPEAR, MOMENTS LATER, ABOARD THE SHIP.



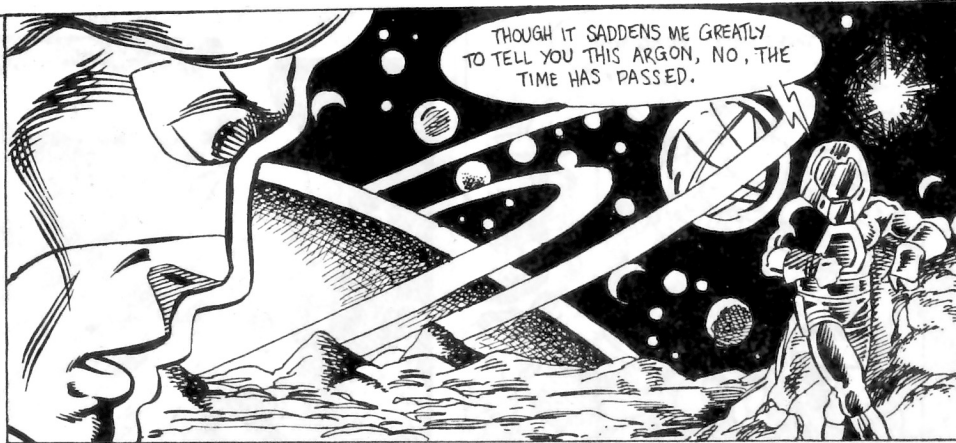


AND, MOMENTS LATER, ARGON ARRIVES AT THE RENDEZVOUS HE CANNOT MISS.



I MADE IT!

STRANGER, HAVE I MADE IT IN TIME?!



THOUGH IT SADDENS ME GREATLY TO TELL YOU THIS ARGON, NO, THE TIME HAS PASSED.



NO! ENOUGH GAMES, I INSIST YOU REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME IMMEDIATELY!



YES, I AGREE, YOU DESERVE TO KNOW. LISTEN...

THE MEN ARE LORD DAMIEN BLACKSTAR, AND HIS PROTEGE, DARZAK...

DARZAK, WHAT IS THE LATEST WORD FROM LORD KLARN?

WE ARE TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY HIS COMMAND.



RONDO'S FOLLOWING REMARKS WILL HAVE TO WAIT, FOR NOW WE TAKE YOU TO A SCENE A DIMENSION AWAY.

OMPAR:



HE COMMANDED?! DOES THAT OLD FOOL THINK HE CAN COMMAND ME?!

NEED I REMIND HIM THAT I AM NOT ONE HIS GOONS, BUT THE GREATEST BOUNTY HUNTER IN THE UNIVERSE!

THEN WHY--?



THAT BASTARD'S GOT ME IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND! IF I DON'T DO AS HE SAYS, MY PENALTY IS DEATH!





HE THINKS HE HAS ME, BUT WHEN I AM DONE KLARN WILL HEAR...



HE WILL HEAR!!

MEANWHILE, ARGON'S CONFRONTATION WITH THE STRANGER CONTINUES...



WHO!?

I AM RONDO KLARN, SON OF LORD KLARN, THE MAN WHO BANISHED YOU FROM OMPAR.

KLARN!! THEN WHAT—

ARGON, LISTEN. I WAS AGAINST THE QUARRON TAKEOVER, I PROTESTED AGAINST IT, AGAINST MY OWN FATHER! IT WAS A FUTILE EFFORT.

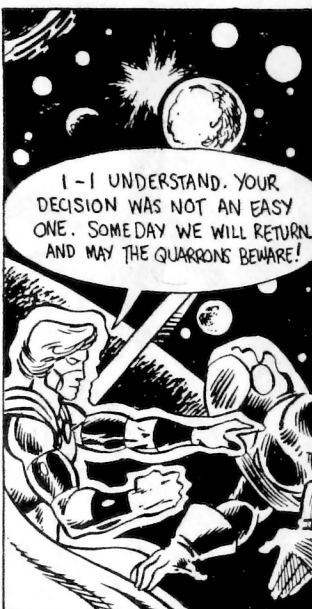


AND WHAT NOW? IS THERE SOME TRICK?

NO. WHEN I HEARD THEY HAD BANISHED YOU, I WAS CONFUSED...

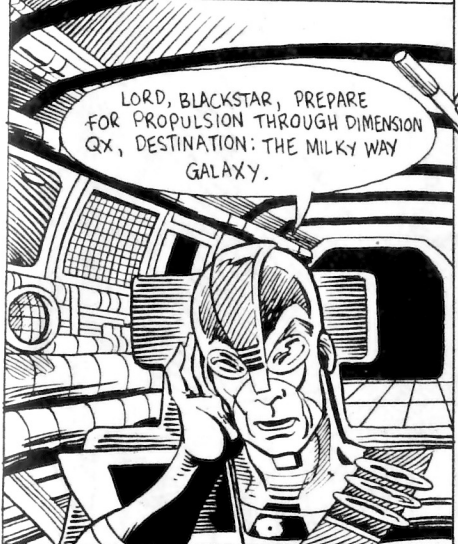


... BUT FINALLY I DECIDED, THIS CAN'T GO ON! I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD RETURN AND START A REBELLION, BUT NOW...



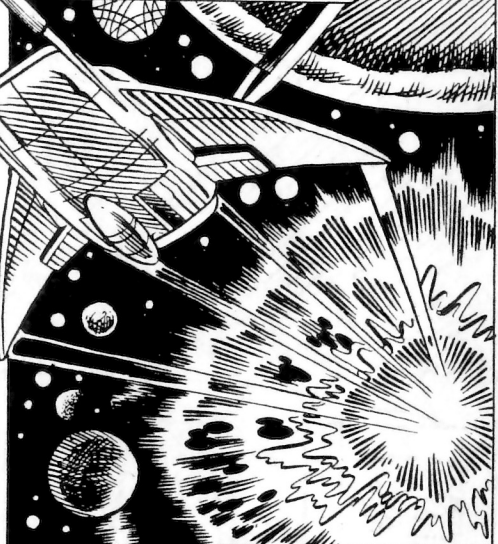
I—I UNDERSTAND. YOUR DECISION WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. SOMEDAY WE WILL RETURN AND MAY THE QUARRONS BEWARE!

AT THAT SAME INSTANT, DARZAK SPEAKS OUT TO LORD DAMIEN BLACKSTAR.

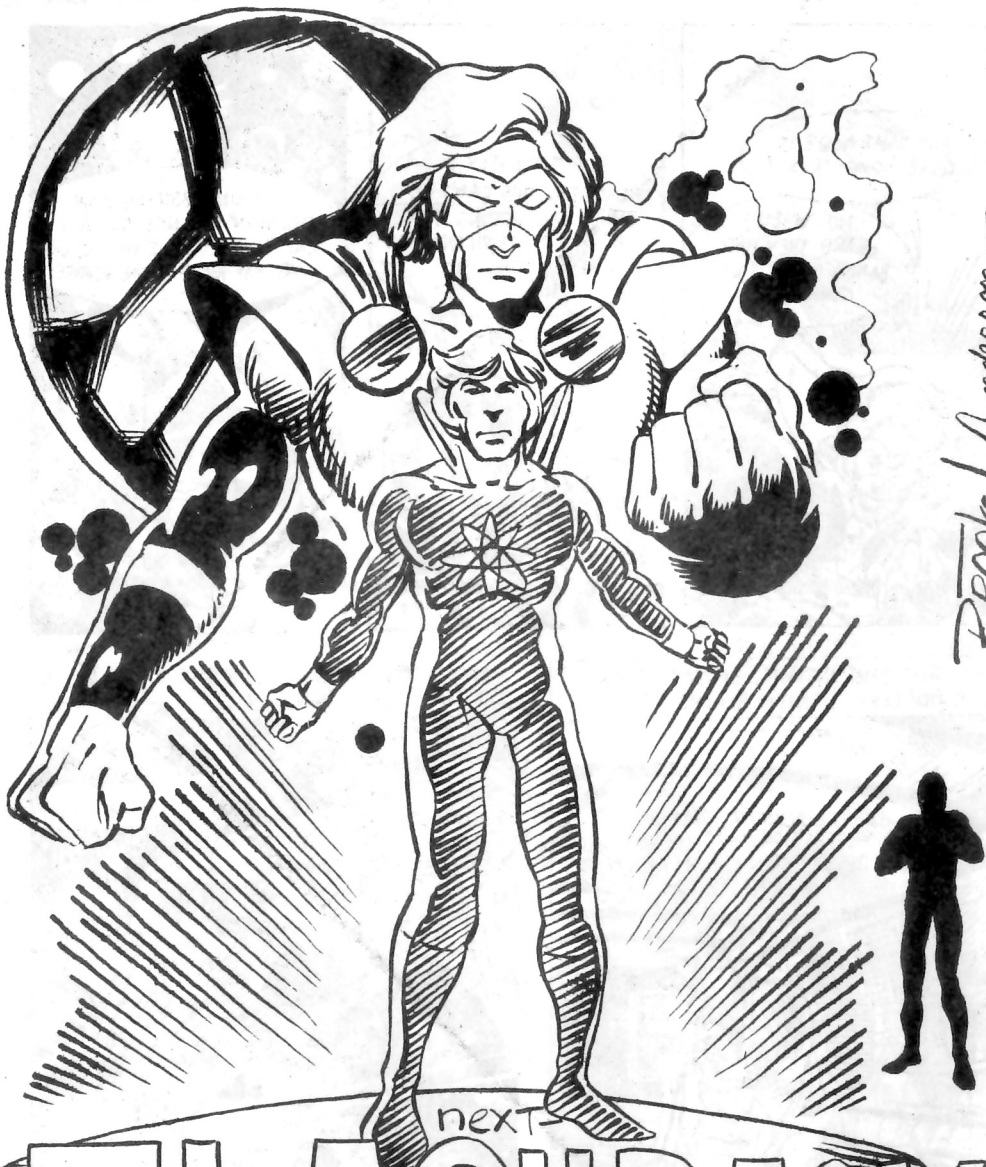


LORD, BLACKSTAR, PREPARE FOR PROPULSION THROUGH DIMENSION QX, DESTINATION: THE MILKY WAY GALAXY.

MOMENTS LATER, THEIR STARSHIP PIERCES THE BARRIER SURROUNDING DIMENSION QX.



NEXT ISSUE : FLASHBACK



Brooks Anderson

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