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THE STAR SLAYERS



Brooks + Menzies

DARZAKE'S CHOICE!?

EDITORIAL

Welcome one and all to STARSLAYERS #5. The series is really moving along now and I hope that you're enjoying it.

Here's a rundown on the next couple issues:

#5 is by Bucher/Brooks/McCollum

#6 is by Bucher/Brooks/McCollum

#7 is by Bucher/Brooks/Anderson (or Meyer)

#8 is by Bucher/Heike/Heike (pencils and inks)

#9 is by Bucher/Anderson/Anderson (pencils and inks)

The ~~four~~ issue break will give Steve Brooks more time to catch up on his deadlines as a project such as this is no easy task. The Mark Heike issue should be a real treat to the readers as this is most work Mark has done for a fanzine in a long time. Meanwhile, Mark inked the front and back covers last issue and inked this issue's cover.

This issue is the turning point where the real excitement starts. Next issue introduces another new character that plays a very important part in the STARSLAYERS saga, so don't miss it!

FUTURE ISSUES:

#6: September 18

#7: October 9

#8: October 30

#9: November 20

Listen up, all you subscribers. This may not seem fair, but if the postal workers go on strike or raise the price of stamps, I'm going to have to ask for more money from subscribers and raise the single issue price to 35¢. You've been warned, and look for more information next issue.

If I don't raise the price, another alternative I'm thinking of is, instead of mailing out one issue every three weeks, mailing out two issues every six weeks. This way I could save a lot on postage. Which would you rather see, the first choice (above), or the one just mentioned (this paragraph)? I'll take votes and then decide. Write me and tell me.

Work is resuming on STARSLAYERS SPECIAL featuring Lord Damien Blackstar. Current plans call for it to be released in September or October. Details will be in next issue.

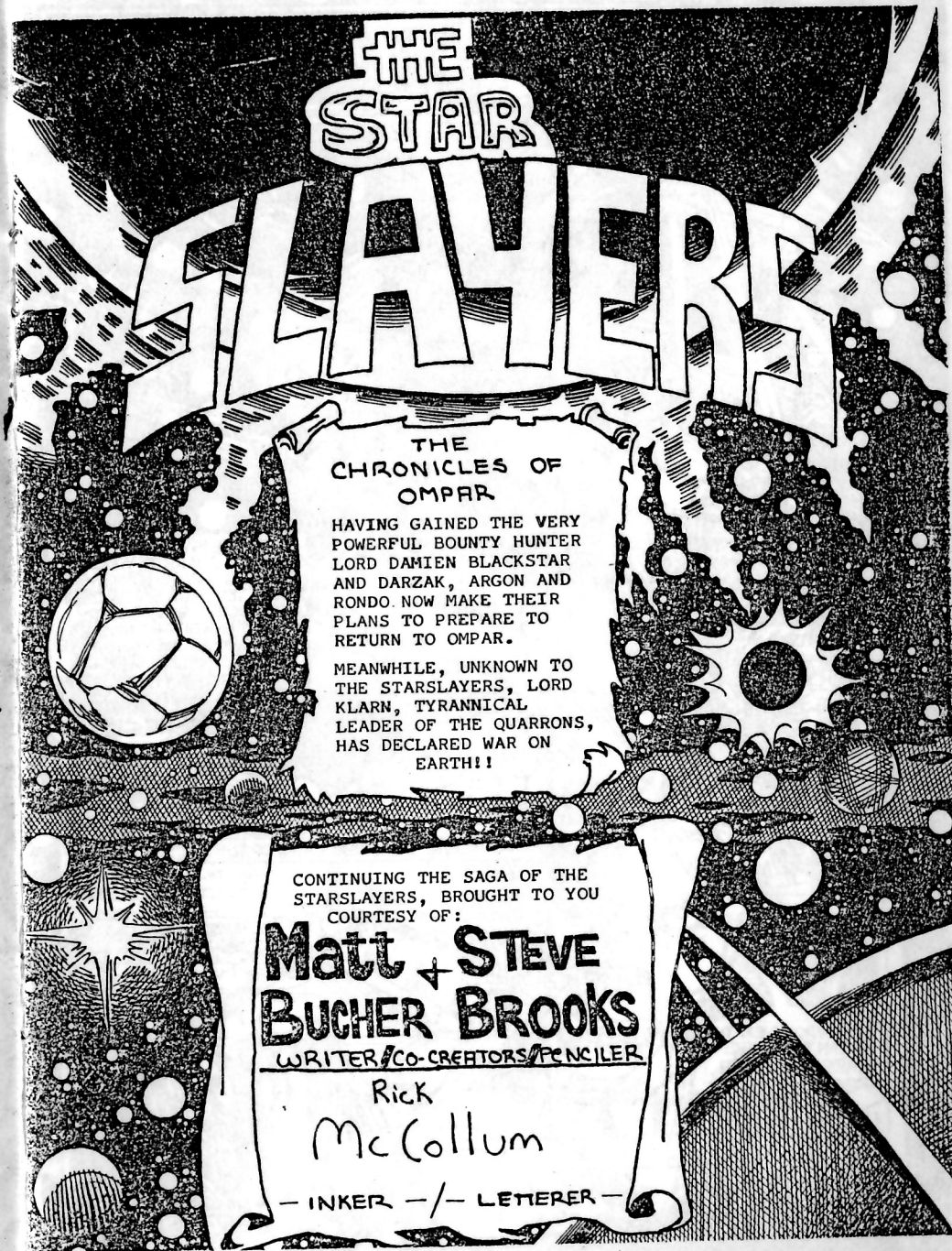
And now, some of the comments I've received thus far on Starslayers:

RICK McCOLLUM: The story is unfolding nicely. I'm pretty interested in the characters, and would like to know more about the Great Cathedral. Blackstar reminds me a lot of a character from SABRE but it doesn't bother me. I see Argon in a few Starlin-Warlock poses, it's nice to see that Steve's influenced by the right guys. Cute with Iron Man, Pip, and Marv-ell, but no Popeye's please or I'll have Karnevil pass judgement upon you!!!

BEN ADAMS: So far Starslayers is awfully unoriginal. It has a feel similar to a DC sci-fi comic. I think you should strive to do things that have yet to be accomplished. Try to develop a feel within your publications that's not directly similar to DC or Marvel.

CLAYTON PARK: I cannot praise the outstanding artwork in your STARSLAYERS series enough!! That goes to your inkers (Bill Anderson and Ken Meyer) as well as to Steve Brooks. I look forward to next issue and, yes, I agree that these are the best things you've ever written.

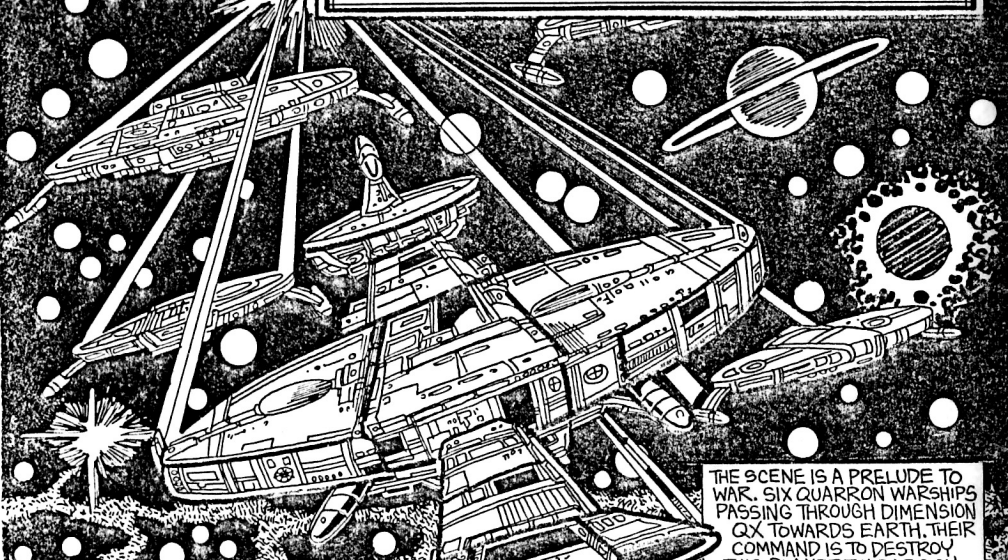
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CHAPTER FIVE

A CHOICE OF

DOOM!



THE SCENE IS A PRELUDE TO WAR. SIX QUARRON WARSHIPS PASSING THROUGH DIMENSION QX TOWARDS EARTH. THEIR COMMAND IS TO DESTROY THIS PLANET THAT ARGON HOLDS DEAR, AND THEY HAVE BEEN COMMANDED BY...

LORD KLARN!



BY ATTACKING EARTH, WE CAN DRAW THE STARSLAYERS AND ARGON OUT INTO THE OPEN!

MEANWHILE, AT THE GREAT CATHEDRAL—



BLACKSTAR'S SHIP SHOULD BE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH QX AND GET US TO OMPAR.

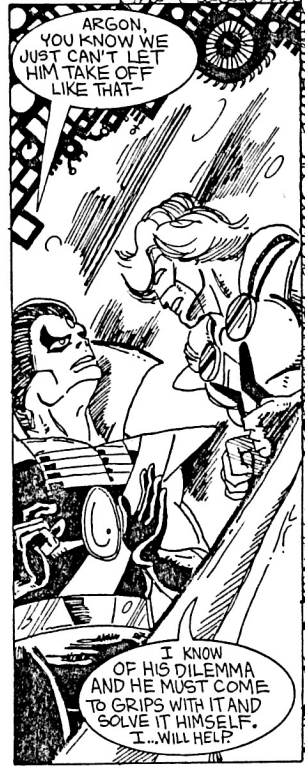
GOOD, BUT I SENSE TROUBLE WITH DARZAK. HIS LOYALTIES TO BLACKSTAR AND LORD KLARN ARE EQUALLY DIVIDED.

HE'S UNSTABLE.



ARGON! RONDO! DARZAK'S GONE! HE JUST TOOK OFF IN MY SMALL MINI-SHIP! SHOULD I GET HIM? I COULD EASILY—

NO.



ARGON, YOU KNOW WE JUST CAN'T LET HIM TAKE OFF LIKE THAT—

POSSIBLY. HE WILL BE TESTED.

IS HE COMING BACK?

I KNOW OF HIS DILEMMA AND HE MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH IT AND SOLVE IT HIMSELF. I... WILL HELP.

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WELL, ARE WE GONNA LEAVE OR WHAT? YOU HAVE THE MOST STAKED OUT IN THIS ANYWAY.



I KNOW. WHILE WE AWAIT DARZAK'S ANSWER, I WILL SEND A TELEPATHIC PLEA TO STARAXIS TO ENLIST THE AID OF BLACK MERCY AS A STARSAYER.

WHO?



BLACK MERCY IS A FRIEND OF IMMENSE STRENGTH WHO UNDERSTANDS ALL CONCEPTS OF THE MIND. YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE WHILE I SEND THIS VITAL PLEA.



AND AFTER THE DUO HAS LEFT, ARGON BEGINS HIS PLEA...

BLACK MERCY... REQUEST AID IMMEDIATELY...



NEED HELP... JOIN STARSLAYERS... ARGON IS...

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WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING, DARZAK'S SHIP SOARS THROUGH SPACE—

"WHAT NOW?" HE THINKS "I'VE BEEN LORD BLACK STAR'S FRIEND FOR YEARS, BUT WHAT ABOUT LORD KLARN?"



HE CANNOT BE IGNORED... HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US... HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US... HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US...



FOOL! WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF LOYALTY?



AND SWIFTLY IT ARRIVES... AN IMAGE FROM A DREAM.

IS THAT YOUR WAY, YOU FOOLISH ASS? BETRAY HE WHO GAVE YOU A LIFE OF WEALTH ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT?!!

YOU DESERVE TO DIE, TRAITOR! TO DIE!

I'VE SERVED YOU FAITHFULLY!

BUT, LORD BLACKSTAR—

HE'S MINE BLACKSTAR! ALL MINE! COME TO BE WITH ME, DARZAK! COME TO ME!

NO! JOIN ME! CHOOSE, DARZAK, CHOOSE!

IF YOU DO DARZAK, YOU'LL BE JOINING A MAD KILLER! JOIN ME!

DARZAK SHUTS HIS EYES AND SCREAMS!

FAITHFULLY!?! I SHOULD KILL YOU!?!?

NOOOOOO!

AND WHEN HIS EYES OPEN, THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

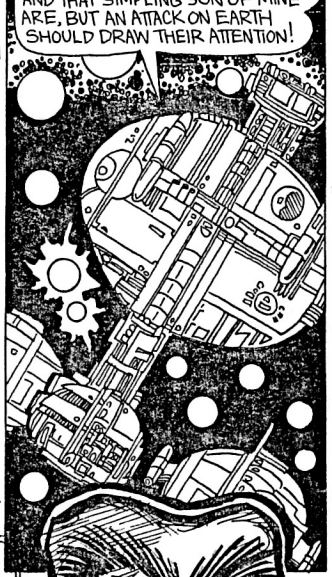
KLARN...
GO TO
HELL!

AND AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAME,
THE IMAGES OF LORD DAMIEN
BLACKSTAR AND LORD
KLARN DISAPPEAR.

AND ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE
MEMORY OF A MAD DREAM.

MEANWHILE, ON A STARSHIP NEAR
EARTH...

WE MAY NOT KNOW WHERE ARGON
AND THAT SIMPLING SON OF MINE
ARE, BUT AN ATTACK ON EARTH
SHOULD DRAW THEIR ATTENTION!



SHOULD I
GIVE THE ATTACK
INSTRUCTIONS?

NOT YET.
JUST SEND THE
SHIPS TO EARTH AND
TELL THEM TO CAUSE SOME
EXCITEMENT UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE. THE COMMOTION
ALONE MAY SUFFICE TO
DO OUR WORK FOR
US. AT ONCE,
CAPTAIN!

YES
SIR.

AT THE GREAT CATHEDRAL, ON
THE PLANET LIGON—

I
HAVE RECEIVED
WORD FROM DARZAK,
HE'S RETURNING.
ALSO BLACK MERCY
WILL BE HERE
SHORTLY.

WE'RE
FINALLY FORMING A
STRONG TEAM. THE NEW
STARSLAYERS MAY NOT
BE AS POWERFULL AS
THE ORIGINALS,
BUT—



I THOUGHT
THAT STUFF ABOUT
THE STARSLAYERS
BEING TITANS IN THE
LEA GALAXY WAS ALL
LEGEND AND MYTH JUNK
WITH ABSOLUTELY NO
FOUNDATION IN
REALITY.

MAYBE, BUT
THEIR SMALL GROUP
PERFORMED MIRACLES,
AND WITH ANY LUCK AT
ALL WE CAN DO THE
SAME.

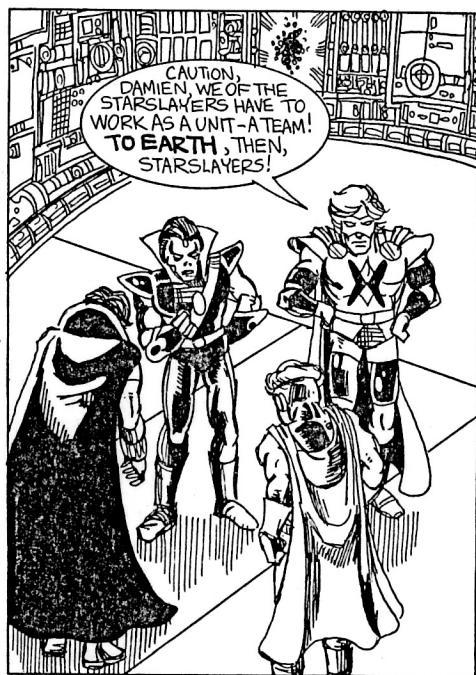
I
SUGGEST YOU
TURN YOUR ATTENTION
TO OUR RETURNING
FRIEND DARZAK,
HE'S LANDING
OUTSIDE
NOW.



STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND
ALL THIS. WHAT
HAPPENED TO
HIM?

IT'S
A PERSONAL
AFFAIR, DON'T
PRESS IT.

ALRIGHT,
BUT—



NEXT
ISSUE: PRELUDE TO
EARTH WAR!

HE IS AN ANGEL. HE IS A VAMPIRE. HE IS THE TRUE LIVING WRATH OF GOD! HE IS KARNEVIL!



AND WHEN HE INCARNATES IN OUR TIME HE WILL DOOM REALITY AS WE KNOW IT.
THIS IS

SUPERHERO TERROR



THESE HEROES FIGHT GODS AND EACH OTHER TO SAVE OUR WORLD!

RAGE - THE ANGRIEST MAN ALIVE! A RABID MANIAC WHO KARNEVIL COULD PURGE OF HIS MAD POSSESSION!

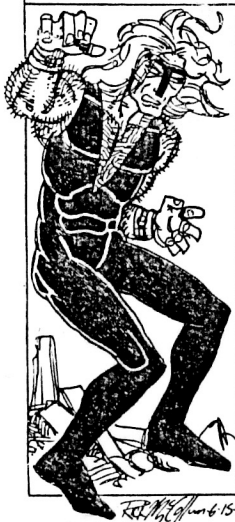
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