

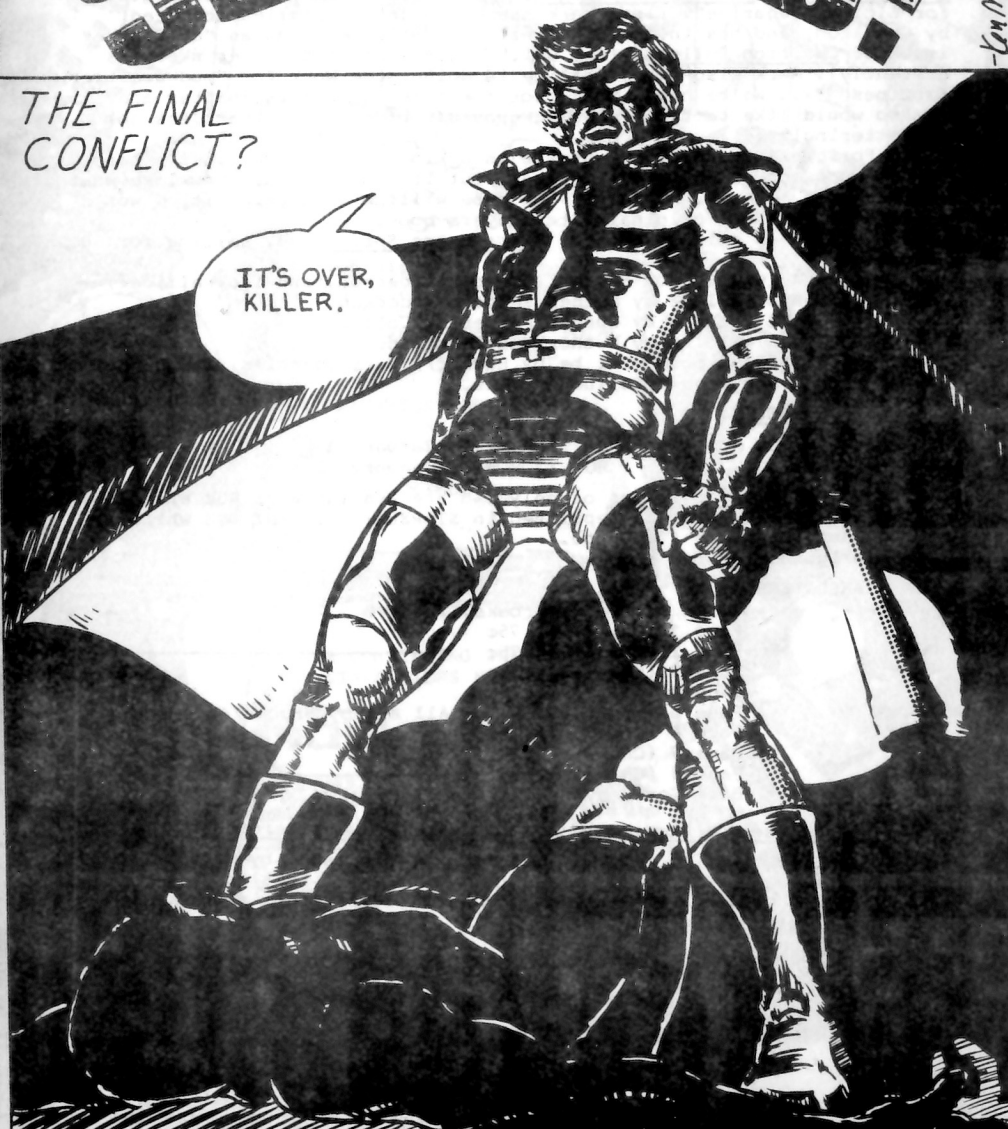
NO. 8

# THE STAR SLAYERS!

-Ken Meyer Jr. '81

THE FINAL  
CONFLICT?

IT'S OVER,  
KILLER.



I would like to thank Ken Meyer for the excellent job he did on the front and back covers to this issue. I think you will agree that they are worthy of hefty praise.

#### Editorial

Welcome to a very special issue of The Starslayers. Why? Two reasons: 1) The regular SS chapter was drawn by excellent fan artist Mark Heike and 2) This issue features a free extra four page "original Starslayers" special written by myself (Matt Bucher) and drawn by Willie Peppers.

As I said, Mark Heike has been in fandom for what seems forever, and just recently has begun to go places. Mark is working on both "The Fantastic Four Chronicles" and "The Daredevil Chronicles" for Fantaco (who produced "The X-Men Chronicles"). Mark is also doing work for Amazing Heroes, The Comics Journal, and is also "working up some stuff for Eclipse Magazine". Also, Mark has had a lot of stories accepted by Charlton, and has informed me that they will be doing an "all-Heike" issue of Charlton Bullseye (for which he is submitting cover sketches currently). Mark also notes that he is doing some work for "mud-wrestler fanzines" (?). We're happy Mark took the time to do this chapter and I also would like to thank Willie Peppers for doing the thankless job of lettering it.

The "original Starslayers" prevue is a kind of experiment. It's hard to get much across in only four pages, but if you feel that you like what you see, let me know. Maybe, if you'd be willing to support it, I would publish a one shot "original" Starslayers book.

Orders are now being taken for Starslayers Special #1, selling for 60¢. Update:

SS #9 will be by Bucher/Anderson/Anderson (and look niice!)  
SS #10 will be by Bucher/Peppers/Anderson  
SS #11 will be by Bucher/Peppers/McCollum  
SS #12 will be by Bucher/McCollum/Anderson  
SS #13 (30 pgs) will be by Bucher/Brooks (pencils) and Meyer, Anderson, and McCollum on inks.

#### FUTURE ISSUES:

#9: November 20 #11: January 1  
#10: December 11 #12: January 22

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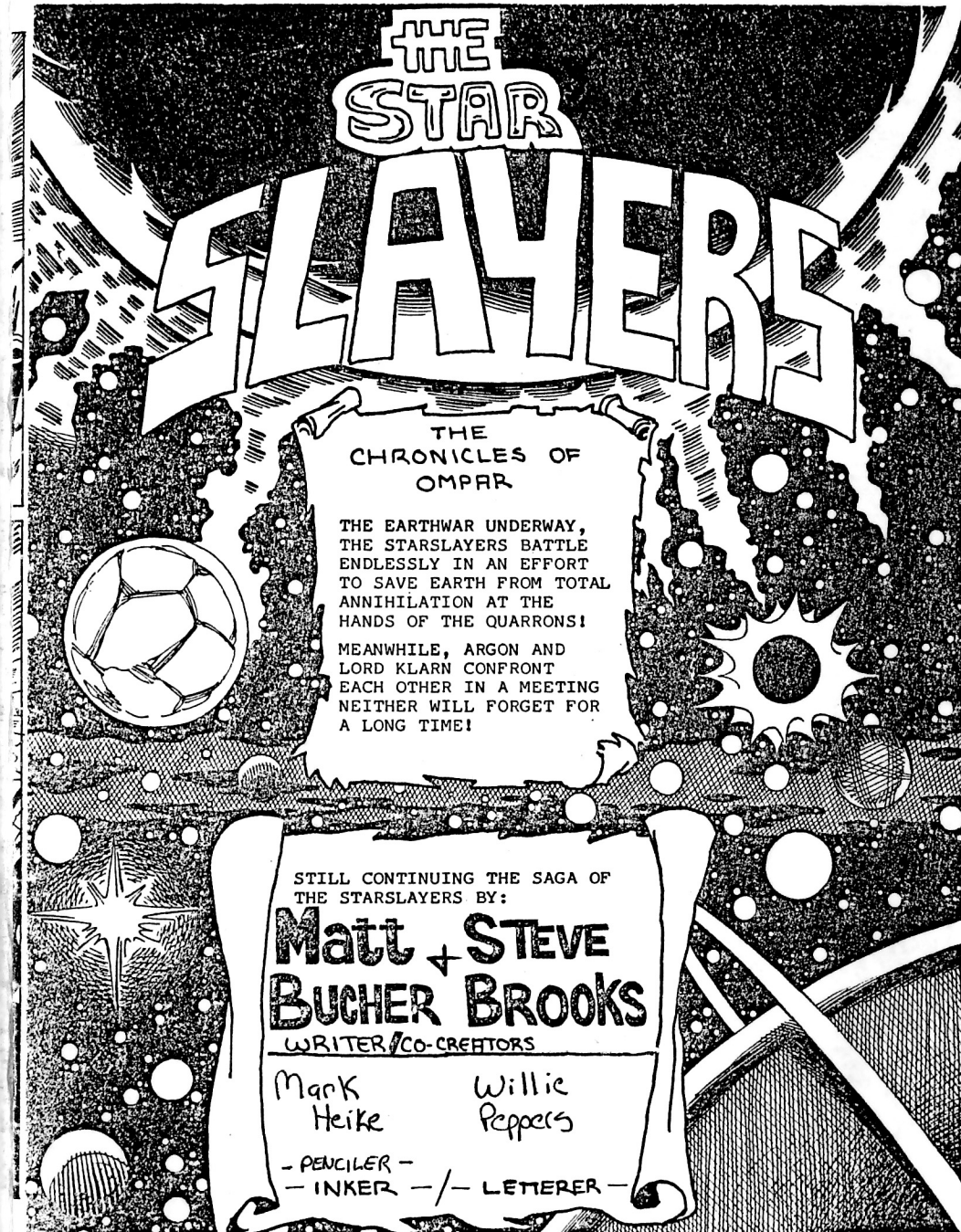
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THE EARTH WAR CONTINUES, AS THE STARSLAYERS BATTLE THE EVIL QUARRONS ON ALL COUNTS! ON A STARSHIP FAR ABOVE THE FIGHTING, LORD KLARN, RULER OF THE QUARRONS, DECLARES A DEATH THREAT! ---

# RETREAT

## CHAPTER EIGHT



THAT BASTARD'S RUINED MY PLAN TOO MANY TIMES!

ARGON MUST DIE!

YOU MAY BE A POWERFUL MAN, KLARN, BUT NOW WE ARE ALONE!

WHAAA?... ARGON! HOW DARE YOU!

KLARN, YOU HAVE RAVAGED OMPAR, DID THAT NOT SATISFY YOUR MURDEROUS APPETITE?

WHY MUST YOU NOW DESTROY A PLANET THAT HAS NO MEANING TO YOU?



I THOUGHT YOU HAD GUESSED IT, ARGON! IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT THIS WAR HAS BEGUN!



THE LAUGH CUTS DEEP INTO THE MAN ONCE KNOWN AS ARGON 12.

HA HA HO HO HA HA HO HA HA HO

KLARN, YOU'VE HAD IT.



WHAT'S THIS? THE MIGHTY SPACE WARRIOR RESORTING TO PRIMAL FISTICUFFS?

YOU'VE HAD IT!

YOU'LL GOAD ME NO LONGER!

COUGH AR-ARGON, WHEN I AM FREE --

STILL YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME! YOU'LL STOP THIS WAR IMMEDIATELY, OR I'LL BREAK MY OATH-- AND KILL YOU!



AGGH-- I---



-- ENOUGH!--  
I HAVE BUSINESS TO  
ATTEND TO--

-- AND IF YOU  
VALUE YOUR  
EXISTANCE--

-- YOU WILL  
HEED MY WORDS!



ACTIVATING HIS TRANS-  
PORT, ARGON FADES  
AWAY...



EARTHWARD, WASHINGTON DC. WHERE DARZAK  
AND SARRAH HAVE BATTLED QUARRONS FOR  
WHAT SEEMS AN ETERNITY. THEY WERE SUCCESS-  
FUL.



LIH, WE DID IT. WE TOOK  
ON A WHOLE DAMN QUAR-  
RON FLEET AND STOP-  
PED THEM COLD!

MAYBE, BUT  
I'M TOTALLY EX-  
HAUSTED.

THE MAN KNOWN AS LORD KLARN  
HAS KNOWN ARGON FOR MANY  
YEARS, YET NEVER HAS HE WI-  
NESSED SUCH AN INTENSE HA-  
RED IN HIS EYES. ARGON HAS  
CHANGED, HE THINKS, HIS PAC-  
FISM DULLED.

-- AND LORD KLARN  
IS DAMN SCARED!--

APPARENTLY THESE NEW  
ENERGY POWERS OF MINE AREN'T  
AS INEXHAUSTABLE AS I'D HOPED.  
ANOTHER ATTACK, AND  
WE'RE DOOMED!



NO, OF  
COURSE NOT.

RECONSIDERING  
JOINING?

BUT I'M STILL  
NEW AT THIS.

WHAT DOES ARGON  
THINK A GROUP OF FIVE  
CAN DO TO STOP  
A WAR?



PERKING HIS HEAD UPWARD, DARZAK FEELS A  
PRESENCE COME TO HIS HEAD.

I'M RECEIVING  
A MENTAL NOTE  
FROM ARGON...

C'MON,  
I'LL EXPLAIN ALONG  
THE WAY.



AND WHEN IT IS THROUGH...

THE QUARRONS  
HAVE RETREATED!  
WE'VE FOUGHT THEM  
OFF AND WON!

WE MUST  
HURRY. ARGON WANTS  
US TO MEET AT HIS  
GREAT CATHEDRAL  
RIGHT AWAY!

HIS WHAT?

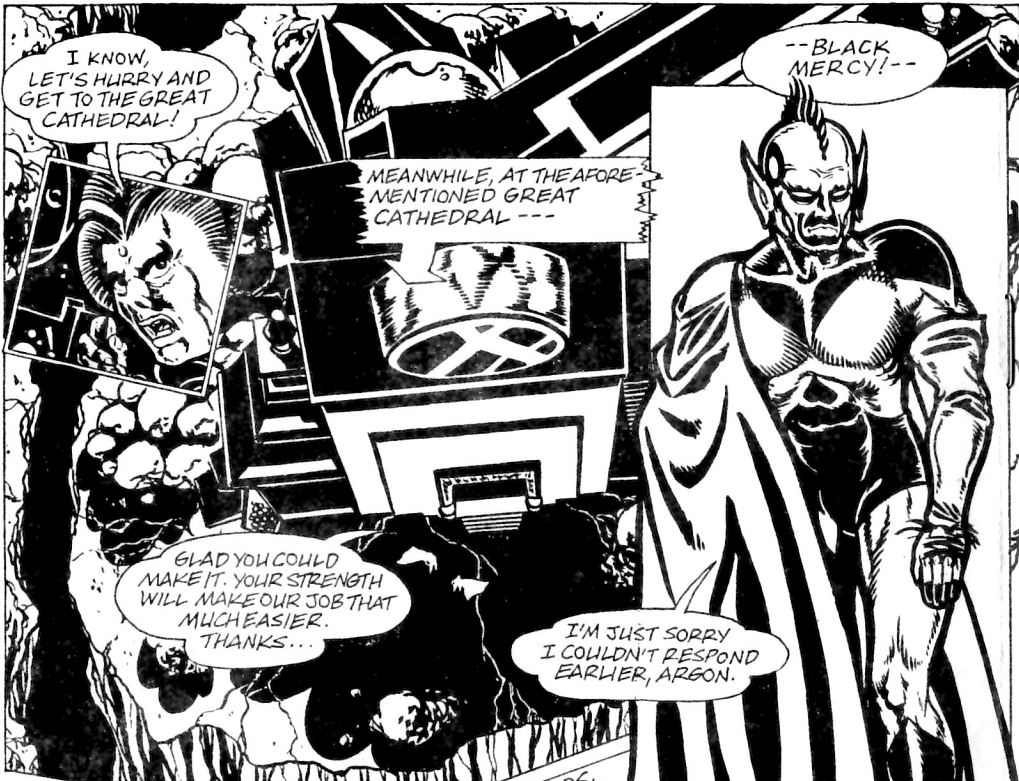


AND IN  
SPACE...

RONDO, DID YOU  
GET THAT TOO? YOUR  
DAD'S TURNED  
AROUND!



SARRAH GLARES UNKNOWINGLY FORWARD, STUDYING THE  
MAN SHE THINKS SHE MAY BE FALLING IN LOVE WITH.



I KNOW, LET'S HURRY AND GET TO THE GREAT CATHEDRAL!

--BLACK MERCY!--

MEANWHILE, AT THE FOREMENTIONED GREAT CATHEDRAL ---

GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. YOUR STRENGTH WILL MAKE OUR JOB THAT MUCH EASIER. THANKS...

I'M JUST SORRY I COULDN'T RESPOND EARLIER, ARGON.

ARGON NODS, THE SIXTH STARSAYER.



THEN, YOU'LL JOIN THE STARSAYERS?

NATURALLY. THERE HAS BEEN FEACE ON STARIXIS FOR NEARLY A DECADE, AND NOTHING CAN STOP ME FROM HELPING A FRIEND.



I SENSE YOUR... OUR... ALLIES APPROACHING.

GOOD, WE WILL HAVE TIME TO PREPARE.

AND, AS THE OTHERS LAND...



ARGON, WHO IS THAT?

SUPPRESS YOUR CURIOSITY. ALL WILL BE REVEALED SHORTLY.



WHEN THE BARRIER BETWEEN THE REMU JAHIR GALAXY AND THE MILKY WAY GALAXY IS BREACHED, THOUGH FOR A MERE THIRTY SECONDS...

... WE WILL FOLLOW THE QUARRON SHIPS THROUGH.

"... SHORTLY..."



... YOU MEAN BLACK MERCY IS OUR NEW STARSAYER?

YES.

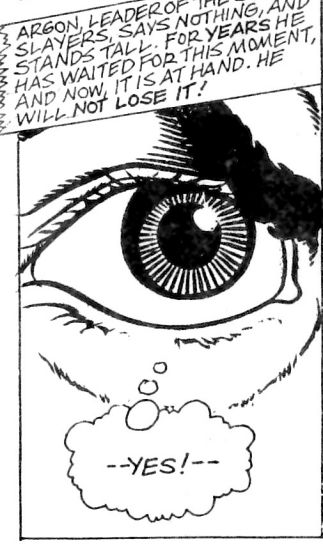


GREAT, WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS WE CAN START THE REVOLUTION ON OMPAR IN WEEKS!



GREAT, BUT WHAT'S THIS ABOUT LORD KLARN RETREATING?

HE HAS. AND WITH HIS RETREAT, HE WILL GIVE US A WAY TO REACH OMPAR!



ARGON, LEADER OF THE STARSAYERS, SAYS NOTHING, AND STANDS TALL. FOR YEARS HE HAS WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT, AND NOW, IT IS AT HAND. HE WILL NOT LOSE IT!

--YES!--

MEANWHILE, ON OMPAR, THE NEWS OF THE QUARRONS' RETREAT HAS REACHED MANY EARS.



LORD KLARN RETREATED? WHAT DID HE SAY?

WE ARE TO PREPARE PROJECT: NOMAD FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. WHAT IS HIS PRESENT CONDITION?

STABLE.

THE TRANSACTIONAL MIND FLUIDS ARE JUST NOW WORKING THEMSELVES INTO HIS BLOODSTREAM...

BUT HE SHOULD BE TOTALLY WITHIN OUR POWER IN THREE DAYS.

HIS TARGET... IS IT ARGON?

YES, DO YOU FEEL HE CAN HANDLE HIM?



IF ANYONE CAN KILL ARGON, IT'S NOMAD. HIS POWER RIVALS ARGON'S, AND WITH HIM ON OUR SIDE...



... ARGON IS AS GOOD AS DEAD!

GOOD! SEND HIM IN.

AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...



NOMAD-- WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF YOUR MISSION?

AND, IN THE GREAT CATHEDRAL, PLANS ARE BEING MADE...



I AM TO KILL ARGON, WHO WAS BANISHED TO THE MILKY WAY GALAXY AND IS NOW TRYING TO RETURN.

PERFECT!

GIVE HIM ARGON'S COORDINATES RIGHT AWAY, LORD KLARN WANTS ARGON DEAD WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS!



NOW NOTHING WILL STAND IN OUR WAY!

-- NOTHING! --



NEXT THE BATTLE WITH... **NOMAD!**

EVER WONDER ABOUT THE ORIGINAL STARSLAYERS, THE GROUP THAT OUR HEROES NAMED THEMSELVES AFTER? WHAT DID THEY DO TO INSPIRE SUCH A POWERFUL IMAGE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS? AND NOW, IN A SPECIAL FOUR PAGE INSERT, FIND OUT!



---THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE A MYTH. THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE A GROUP OF POWERFUL TITANS-- BUT THEY WERE REAL PEOPLE, THE---



LET'S GO!!

STARSLAYERS!



FOR THE GLORY OF WEEAH, WE MUST DESTROY THESE TROOPERS!

THEIR CAUSE IS THE RESTORING OF POWER TO THEIR HOMEWORLD OF WEEAH, A WORLD SAVAGELY DESTROYED IN A HELLISH BATTLE. THE STARSLAYERS ARE ---



LYLlySSES

SAVIOR

ARMSTRONG

BLAKSTAR

--YES, THEY WERE NOT TITANS AND NOT MYTHS, BUT ONE OF THE GREATEST FIGHTING TEAMS EVER!

THIS MAN, LYLlySSES, IS THEIR LEADER. HIS COMBAT TECHNIQUES AND BRUTE STRENGTH GUIDED THE STARSLAYERS THROUGH THEIR QUEST ADMIRABLY!



HA!

GROK!

BLAKSTAR, EXPERT OF ALL WEAPONS. MANY YEARS LATER HIS GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON WOULD JOIN THE CONTEMPORARY STARSLAYERS!



SAVIOR, YOU ALRIGHT?

FOR NOW, BUT IT'S TIME I JOINED THE BATTLE!--

ARMSTRONG?

READY!

SAVIOR AND ARMSTRONG, SISTER AND BROTHER. WHEN THEY TOUCH, THEY ARE INSTANTLY TRANSFORMED INTO POWERHOSTS FOR A FULL HOUR!

THROUGH THEIR MANY BATTLES, THEY FINALLY RESTORED WEEAH TO ITS SUPREME WEALTH AND POWER!

TOGETHER, A FORMIDABLE PAIR, SAVIOR ALSO HAS THE UNIQUE POWER OF A HEALING EMPATH!

# THE STARSLAYERS



LYLISSES



SAVIOR



BLAKSTAR



ARMSTRONG



ARGON



RONDO



BLACKSTAR



DARZAK

# THE STARSLAYERS



SARRAH

WANT TO SEE MORE OF THE ORIGINAL STARSLAYERS? LET US KNOW!



next issue:



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THE NOMAD!