

#9 ^{THE} STAR SLAYERS 25¢



WHO IS NOMAD?

EDITORIAL

Well, we're really on a strong artistic streak now! Last issue's Heike job was genuinely superb, and this issue's Anderson art is also fantastic. I really think that you'll like the innovations that Bill has taken with this issue and will appreciate the effort he put in with all the work he is currently doing.

To keep up this strong artwork we have Willie Peppers and Bill Anderson on next issue, and Willie Peppers and Rick McCollum on #11. #12 will be penciled by Rick McCollum and inked by Bill Anderson. #13 will be a special 25-30 page story that features the epic conclusion to the Starslayers saga which will be drawn by Steve Brooks (the pencils) and will be inked by--get this--Bill Anderson, Rick McCollum, and Ken Meyer! Definitely not to be missed!

Again I would like to thank Ken Meyer and Bill Anderson for their fantastic covers. The art quality is getting so high on these books it's almost impossible to go higher!

STARSLAYERS, PART ONE reprints SS #1-5 and features a fantastic new wrap-around cover by Brooks/Anderson and also a new article on the conception of the Starslayers. It sells for \$1.00 ppd and is out now.

STARSLAYERS SPECIAL #1 features Lord Damien Blackstar in "Who Is The Fool?" by Bucher/Brooks/McCollum and should be out a little after you receive this for 60¢ ppd.

Pre-publication orders are now being taken for OMNIMAN SPECTACULAR featuring the conclusion to the Omniman series with all sorts of answers to questions and brand new suspense involved. The story is "Rub Out!" by Bucher/Peppers/McCollum/Anderson/Heike and features many guest stars and the end of Omniman's career! Also present in OMS will be an interview with Terry Austin (probably) and also interviews with Bill Anderson, Mark Heike, Willie Peppers, and Rick McCollum. There will also be other Omniman artwork by Fred Hembeck, our own Steve Brooks, Jay Wells, Bill Anderson, Mark Heike, Matt Bucher, Jerry Foley, Dean Webb, and others! Not to be missed also! Pre-publication orders are now being taken for \$1.25.

Out around the time you receive this is Ebonstar/Dark Knight #1 featuring the work of Steve Adlesee and selling for 50¢ a copy. This ought to really be good!

FUTURE ISSUES:

#10: December 11

#12: January 22

#11: January 1

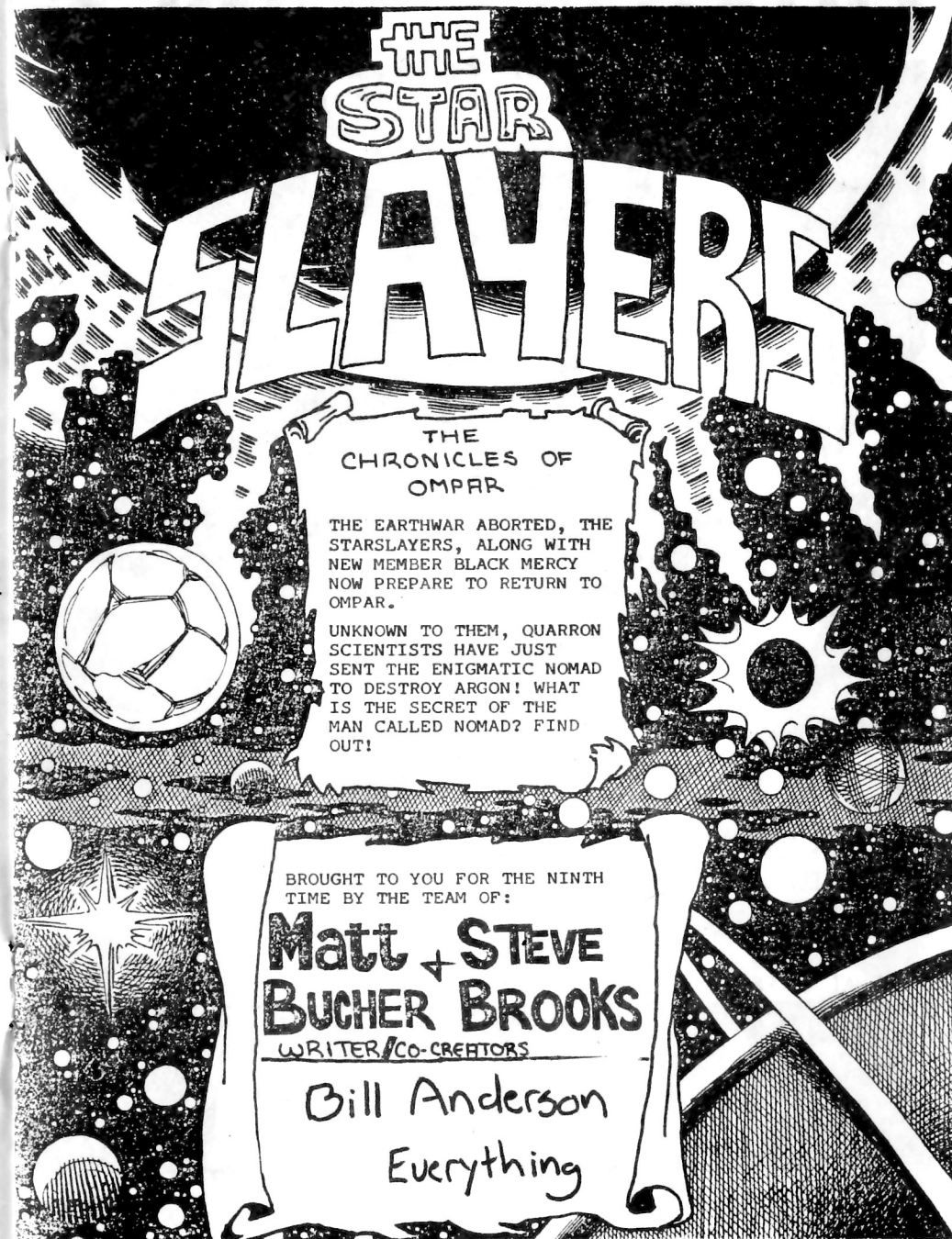
#13: February 12

Out now also is OMNIMAN #9 featuring the team up of Omniman and Slaughter by Rick McCollum and Bill Anderson. It sells for 60¢ ppd.

I will be enclosing with this a four page list of Starslayers art for sale. If you are interested, please contact me as I still need the money to help finance SS.

Well, as I said before, the winter is usually the scarcest time for fanzines. Support mine and there won't be this year.

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CHAPTER NINE

THE EARTHWAR IS OVER AND THE QUARRONS HAVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MILLENNIA, RETREATED.



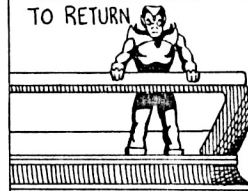
ARGON
MUST DIE!!

ARGON, LEADER OF THE STAR-SLAYERS, NOW PREPARES TO RETURN TO HIS LOST HOMEWORLD OF OMPAR. UNKNOWN TO HIM THE MYSTERIOUS NOMAD HAS BEEN SENT TO KILL HIM.

NOMAD, BRAINWASHED WANDERER OF SPACE WHOSE MIND HAS BEEN ALTERED SO THAT HE FEELS ONE PURPOSE, KILL ARGON, THE SPACE WARRIOR.

SETBACK

MEANWHILE, TYRANT LORD KLARN RETURNS WITH HIS FLEET TO OMPAR, UNAWARE THAT BY BREACHING THE BARRIER BETWEEN THE MILKY WAY GALAXY AND THE REMA JAUR GALAXY HE IS GIVING THE STARSLAYERS A WAY TO RETURN



DAEMINS! HAVE WE PASSED THROUGH THE BARRIER YET?

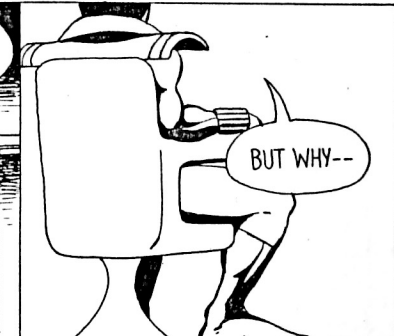
YES, LORD KLARN.



LORD KLARN, MAY I INQUIRE AS TO YOUR FUTURE PLANS? SURELY YOU CAN'T--



BUT WHY--



EARTH IS NOT WORTH FIGHTING OVER. WE LOST TOO MANY MEN TOO FAST.



IT WAS A MERE EIGHT HOURS PREVIOUS THAT ARGON HAD CONFRONTED LORD KLARN WITH THE ULTIMATUM, RETREAT OR DIE. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, LORD KLARN FELT FEAR.



AND 100 METERS BEHIND THE QUARRON FLEET...

I BELIEVE WE ARE SUCCESSFUL THEY HAVE NOT SEEN US YET.

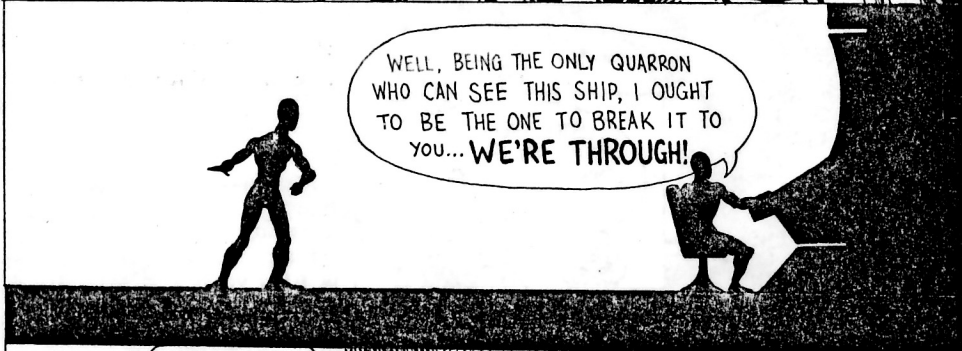




NOR SHALL THEY. OUR SHIP IS PROTECTED BY A CLOUD OF IGNORANCE THAT MAKES IT UNSEEN BY ALL QUARRONS.

WEIRD... WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO DO THAT?

ON STARIXIS, MY FRIEND, WE HAVE ALL MASTERED THE MIND AND ITS CAPABILITIES.



WELL, BEING THE ONLY QUARRON WHO CAN SEE THIS SHIP, I OUGHT TO BE THE ONE TO BREAK IT TO YOU... **WE'RE THROUGH!**



PRAISE THE GOLDEN DREAMER, WE'VE ARRIVED.

DAMIEN, HALT PROPULSION WHILE I SURVEY THE AREA AND CONTEMPLATE OUR NEXT MOVE.

ALRIGHT, ARGON

WAIT A MINUTE, ARGON, I'LL --

No.



I WAS GOING TO GO WITH HIM.

I KNOW. THIS IS HIS MOMENT AND IT MEANS MORE TO HIM THAN ANY OF US REALIZE.

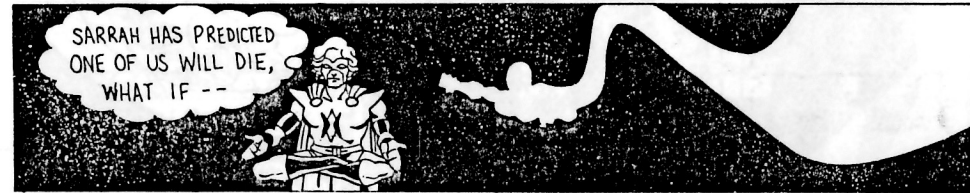


"HE NEEDS TIME TO BE ALONE."

AHH, IT'S BEEN SO LONG. THE MEMORIES, EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED HERE, IT ALL SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY.



AND WHAT HAVE I DONE, FORMING THE STAR-SLAYERS TO FIGHT MY FIGHT, BATTLE MY BATTLE?



SARRAH HAS PREDICTED ONE OF US WILL DIE, WHAT IF --

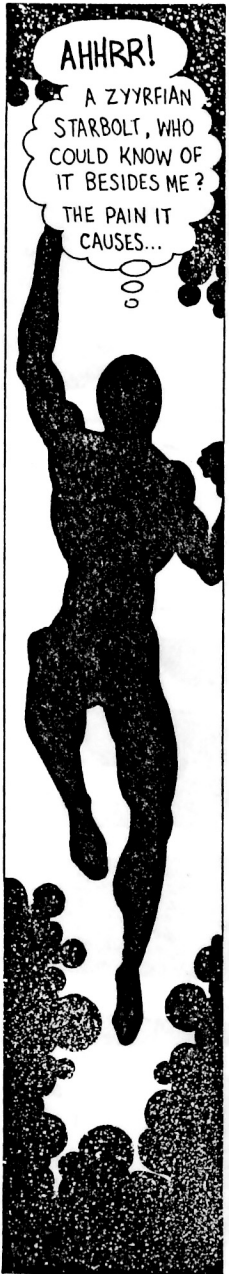


UHH!

ARGON 12, SPACE WARRIOR I HAVE BEEN SENT TO KILL YOU!



MIND-SCAN SHOWS THE NAME NOMAD, BUT SOMETHING HERE...



AHRR!
 A ZYRFIAN
 STARBOLT, WHO
 COULD KNOW OF
 IT BESIDES ME?
 THE PAIN IT
 CAUSES...



UHHN!

THE PAIN'S STOPPED AND NOMAD'S
 SUDDENLY UNCONSCIOUS. WHAT HAS--

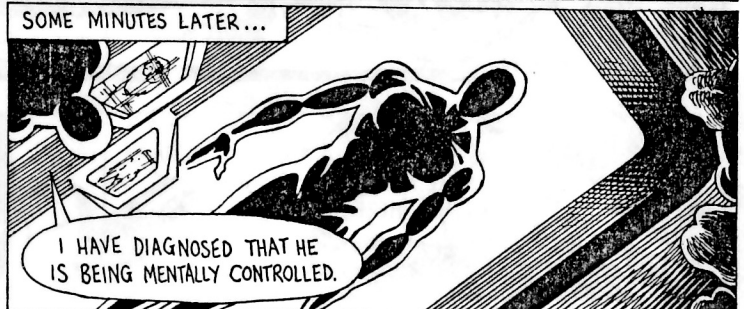


THE STARSLAYERS ARE
 A TEAM ARGON, NOT JUST ONE
 PERSON. I SAW WHAT WAS HAPPEN-
 ING FIRST AND FIRED A DART
 AT HIM.



THANKS, DAMIEN, LET'S GET
 NOMAD ON BOARD BEFORE
 HE RECOVERS.

THERE'S SOME-
 THING STRANGE
 ABOUT THIS.



SOME MINUTES LATER...

I HAVE DIAGNOSED THAT HE
 IS BEING MENTALLY CONTROLLED.



THE ANSWER IS
 OBVIOUS. LORD KLARN.

YOU MEAN HE'S
 OF HIS OWN FREE
 WILL?

HE IS.

I'M STILL MYSTIFIED
 BY A FEELING OF DEJA
 VU, AS IF I KNOW HIM.
 REMOVE HIS MASK,
 DARZAK.

EXACTLY. BUT MY
 THOROUGH MIND-SCAN
 REVEALED THAT NOMAD
 WAS FREED WHEN HE
 WAS KNOCKED OUT.

ARGON SARRAH BLACK MERCY DARZAK
 INSTANTLY THE FACE IS RECOGNIZED.



RARK! BY THE GOLDEN
 DREAMER, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

WHO'S RARK?



RARK. RARK 3, THE ONLY MAN BESIDES ME EXPOSED TO THE "MISTS OF RHEAL" WHICH TRANSFORMED ME INTO A SPACE WARRIOR.



I HEARD ABOUT THAT, BUT IF RARK HERE WAS EXPOSED TOO, WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND HOW DID HE BECOME A QUARRON ALLY?



AS I SAID BEFORE, AFTER BEING EXPOSED I BECAME A SPACE WARRIOR. RARK, ON THE OTHER HAND, SIMPLY DISAPPEARED AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN, UNTIL NOW!

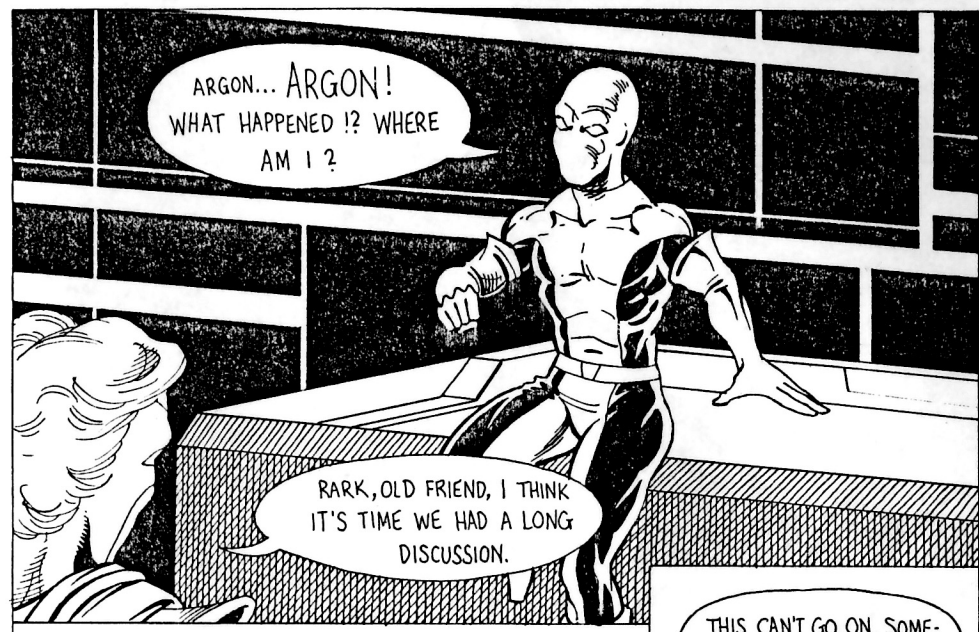


AND AS FOR HOW HE JOINED THE QUARRONS, IT'S MY GUESS THEY CHOSE RARK TO BRAINWASH BECAUSE HE HAS A LOT OF POWER.



UHHH, WHAT HAPPENED?

HEY, ARGON, HE'S UP!



ARGON... ARGON!
WHAT HAPPENED !? WHERE AM I ?

RARK, OLD FRIEND, I THINK IT'S TIME WE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION.



IT'S ALL GOING WRONG, AND I CAN'T ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE ANY LONGER. FIRST HE STEALS MY BOUNTY HUNTER INTO JOINING HIM, THEN HE STOPS US FROM TAKING OVER EARTH, AND NOW HE'S BROKEN THE CONTROL OVER NOMAD!



THIS CAN'T GO ON, SOMETHINGS GOT TO BE DONE!

BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT AND THAT SCARES HIM.

NEXT : MORE ANSWERS

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