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Ten years ago, those of us who were reading superhero comics, principally Marvel and DC books, were always greeted with the same characters in the same situations. Nothing really changed; the old groups might slowly change members, the new groups come and go, but the characters were constant.

Of course, this annoyed a lot of us, who were demanding more out of comics. "We want REAL stories! We want CONSEQUENCES! We want to know what would happen if....!" we would tell our friends, our favorite editors in letters, and (if we were lucky) our local comics retailer. For the most part, however, little changed; editors didn't want to alter a formula which had worked for twenty years.

Those who wanted more from comics had few options open to them. Those, like myself, who had limited access to comics of any kind gave up altogether and went on to other media. Those in major cities were sometimes able to sample alternative titles (ELFQUEST, CEREBUS, ALBEDO and the undergrounds). Some fans even managed to stay loyal to their favorites despite their limitations.

Then, not too long ago, things began to move. CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS. SECRET WARS. Slowly, doubtfully at first, the writers, artists, and editors began shaking down their universes. The X-Men "died". Robin REALLY died. Slowly but surely, new ideas and character development became the norm rather than the exception. With the superhero boom sparked by the birth of Image, pressure rose on the older, established companies to keep providing more new and innovative ideas to keep sales up.

Now, in the current deflating comics market, we have a surfeit of change. Ideas and innovations have been replaced by gimmicks and

promos. Every month, the characters which have held our loyalty for thirty years may be redefined, recast, or even totally eliminated... and put back in place the month after that. The Spider-Man who has quite literally been around ALL MY LIFE turns out to be a clone- what's more, a clone supposedly destroyed in a furnace. Superman dies, comes back, thinks he's dead, fakes his death. The X-Men changed history for four months, then changed it right back. Stability is a rare commodity in many comics; in some it is lost altogether.

On the other hand, there are books outside of superherodom which provide a good balance of story, character, and art, which provide growth and change at a more realistic rate; neither too slow for the revisionist, nor too fast for the traditionalist. AP happens to have a few choice examples: NINJA HIGH SCHOOL, GOLD DIGGER, TIGERS OF TERRA, and ALBEDO. Other good books, new and old, include THIEVES AND KINGS, SCUD the DISPOSABLE ASSASSIN, NEXUS, REPLACEMENT GOD, and most of the manga translations available from AP, Viz, and Studio Proteus.

In this period of constant shock-tactics in the mainstream comics media, it can be comforting to find a read which doesn't include a Life-Changing Decision in every issue. From thick to thin, from static to chaotic, the books which prosper will be the ones which provide character growth, story continuity, and reader interest in measured appropriate amounts. Those books which rely on either an excess or a total lack of change will suffer; those which value substance and excellence over style and glamour will come out on top.

I intend to stick with the winners.

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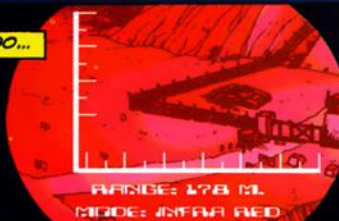
Season's Greetings!



A completely untouched photo (it's a Christmas thing) courtesy ARNe.

On behalf of the Antartics Cog and Sprocket, the Antarctic Press Staff wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year! We also thank you for making our Tenth Anniversary a memorable one, and we hope to bring you more cool books and surprises in the upcoming year!

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"THERE IT IS."

"I SEE TWO
SENTRIES OUT
FRONT AND A
GUN TOWER."



'WINGS', YOU
TAKE OUT
THE TOWER!

RIGHT!

'BRICK', 'PSYCHO'!
YOU'LL CREATE
DIVERSIONARY FIRE
WITH THE WHOLE
WORKS!

TAKE
OUT
WHOEVER
YOU
CAN!

AFFIRMATIVE,
'DIGGER'!



'MA DEUCE',
TAKE OUT
THE TWO
SENTRIES!
I'M GOING
IN TO GRAB
OUR LITTLE
'GIFT'!

GOOD
LUCK,
HARGE!



LET'S
DO IT,
PEOPLE!



"TRIUMPH OF THE WILL"

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HI-DE-HO,
GI-JOE!
THANKS FOR THE
ASSIST! I WAS
BEGINNING TO
WONDER HOW I WAS
GONNA GET THIS
THING!

SORRY TO DO THIS TO
OLD UNCLE SAM BUT WHAT
TECH-NINJA
WANTS, HE GETS!



TO QUOTE A
CLICHE:
UP, UP, AND
AWAY!



ADIOS,
AMIGOS!

WE'LL MEET
AGAIN, MR.
TECHNO NINJA,
AND THIS TIME,
I'M COLLECTING
CHANGE!

C'MON,
TROOP!
GATHER YER
SEAR AND
HEAD
OUT!
NOW!

HE'S
GETTIN'
AWAY!
'WINGS',
SO AFTER
HIM!

CAN'T
SARGE!
GOTTA BUILD
UP ENERGY
AGAIN!

AFTER ALL THIS
TIME I'LL FINALLY
BE ABLE TO FIND
THE HEAD HONCHO
OF THE "ORDER
OF THE EAGLE"!

THEN THINGS
GET INTERESTING!

LOOKS LIKE
I'M RIGHT ON
TIME!

MY LITTLE
CHICKY IS
GOING
HOME TO
ROOST!

PRESENT DAY...
NEW YORK CITY...
ST. THOMAS
CATHEDRAL...

WE'VE DETAINED THE ONE
KNOWN AS 'BLOODSHED',
BUT THE DEMONESS KNOWN
AS 'LILLITH' IS STILL ON
THE LOOSE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE.
HOWEVER, WE ARE SENDING
SISTER CHRISTINE TO AID
IN HER CAPTURE OR
DEPORTATION BACK TO
THE LOWER PLANES...

EXCUSE ME,
YOUR EMINENCE,
BUT DID YOU NOT
SEND SISTER
BERNADETTE TO
DO THAT?



NO SUCH PERSON
EXISTS IN OUR
RECORDS, FATHER
SOMEZ...



THEN... WHO
IS SHE?



"FOR FIVE YEARS
I SERVED MY
COUNTRY IN A
PLACE CALLED
VIETNAM..."



"...ONLY TO COME
BACK TO A COUNTRY
THAT DIDN'T CARE."



"ALL THE WASTED
YEARS..."

"ALL THE
LIES AND
BROKEN
PROMISES."

"IF 'LOSER'
EVER HAD
A MEANING,
I'D BE THE
FIRST ON
THE LIST."



"THE YEARS ARE
A BLUR, DROWNED
IN A BOTTLE OF
JACK DANIELS."

"IT'S TIME
TO END THE
PAIN."



WOW! I DIDN'T
THINK THAT
FATHER BOMEZ
HAD SUCH OLD
ISSUES OF
'GOLD DIGGER'!

THESE ARE WORTH
MONEY ACCORDIN'
TO 'WIZARD'!

?

.....

AS YOU SAY,
SIR...


I WILL
DESTROY
THIS...

HOLD IT... I
THINK WE
HAVE
COMPANY...






I HAVE
MATTERS
TO ATTEND
TO...
KILL THEM
BOTH!



AREALA...
DO NOT KILL
THE ARMORED
ONE... DO NOT
KILL HER...
SHE IS,
HUHHHH....



GRAND-
FATHER!



OH, DID THE
OLD MAN DIE?
OH, WELL...
LIFE'S ROUGH.

NOW IT'S YOUR
TURN...



DEMONS!
YOU SHALL
PAY FOR
THIS
EVIL!

I CALL
ON
ONI-ARMOR!



WAK KKK!

HIA! WHAT A
WEAKLING YOU
ARE! YOUR
GOD HAS
ABANDONED
YOU! YOUR
DEATH WILL
BE
MEANINGLESS!

DEATH IS NEVER
MEANINGLESS
AS LONG AS IT
IS IN THE
SERVICE OF
GOD!

I CALL ON THE
POWER OF
GOD-ARMOR!

NOT TODAY
MY DEAR!

SHOOM!!

AAHH!

MY DRAGON WIND
WILL DISRUPT YOUR
GOD ARMOR
TELEPORTATION!

SHAK!



I AM GOING TO ENJOY THIS SO MUCH!

HOLD STILL... I'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS CLEAN.



CRASH!



YAARGH!
KILL HER!
KILL HER!



SSH!!

SLA-



AREALA'S SWORD SLASHES THROUGH THE ARMOR...

...BUT NO BLOOD OR BONE IS AFFECTED...

...ONLY THE SOUL!



I DIDN'T
THINK IT
POSSIBLE,
BUT YOU TOOK
OUT CHEETAH!
YOU ARE
BETTER THAN
I THOUGHT!
ALL THE MORE
REASON NOT
TO TAKE ANY
CHANCES!

WAMMM!

NOW LET'S
FINISH IT!





AND SO IT
ENDS FOR
YOU, MY
DEAR!

I'M GOING
TO TEAR
YOUR
HEART
OUT
BITCH!

WAIT, JADE...
SHE STILL EMITS
ETHEREAL ENERGY.
IT'LL TAKE
HOURS FOR IT
TO DISSIPATE...



"SHE'S FINISHED!
LET'S GO AND
DO AS WE
PLANNED!"

"WHAT
ABOUT
CHEETAH?"



LEAVE HER!
WE'LL TELL
OTTOMAN THAT
SHE WAS KILLED
BY THAT GAIJIN
NUN!



GOOP!
THEY'RE
FINALLY
GONE!

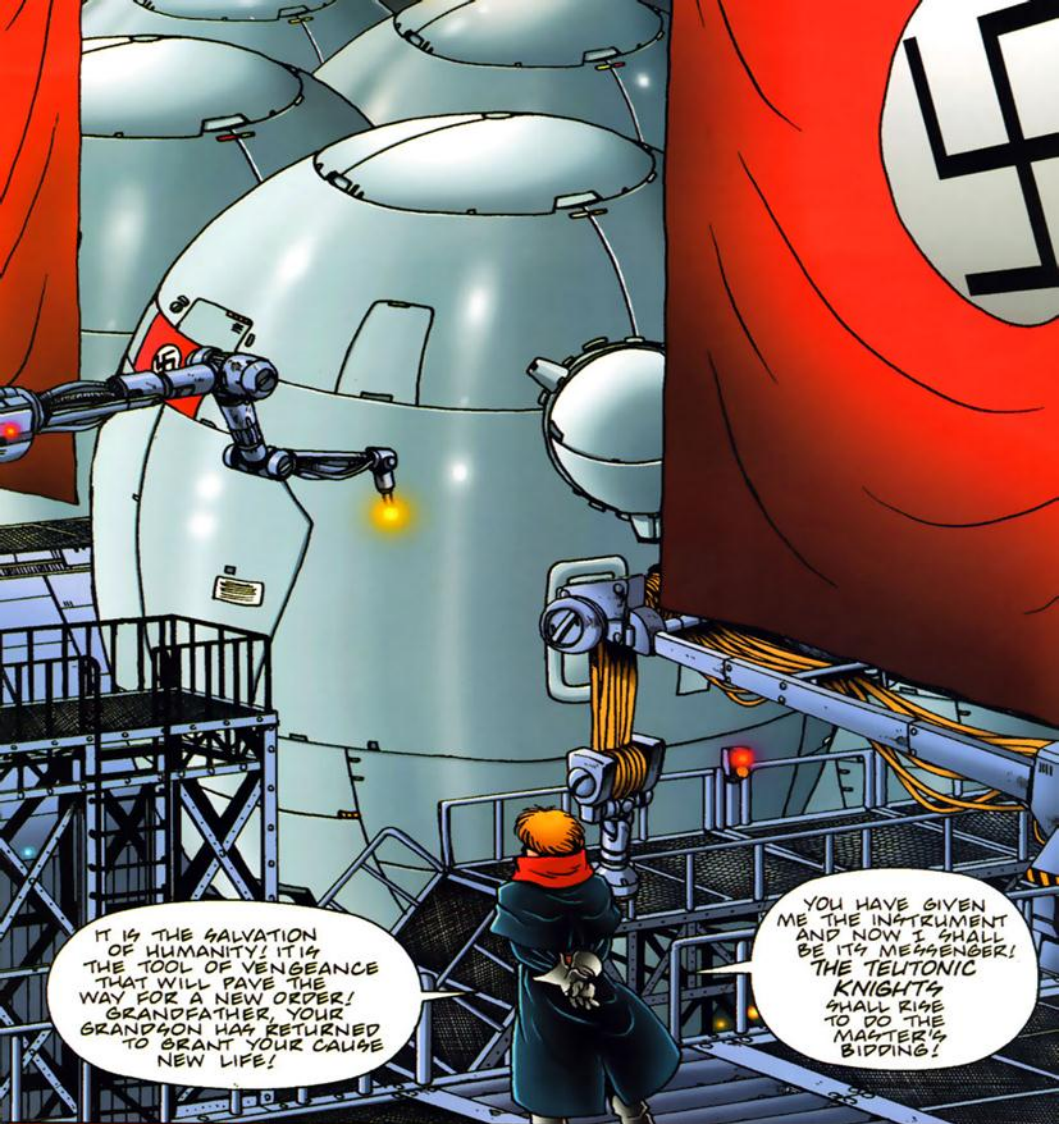


UH....

AMAZING--
SHE
STILL
ALIVE!

THE GEM
ON HER
ARM! IT'S
ABSORBING
THE
ETHEREAL
ENERGY!





IT IS THE SALVATION
OF HUMANITY! IT IS
THE TOOL OF VENGEANCE
THAT WILL PAVE THE
WAY FOR A NEW ORDER!
GRANDFATHER, YOUR
GRANDSON HAS RETURNED
TO GRANT YOUR CAUSE
NEW LIFE!

YOU HAVE GIVEN
ME THE INSTRUMENT
AND NOW I SHALL
BE ITS MESSENGER!
THE TELTONIC
KNIGHTS
SHALL RISE
TO DO THE
MASTER'S
BIDDING!

HAIL
HITLER!

OUR NEW
MESSIAH!

YAAH!



STUPID CHILD!

WHAT WAS THAT?



KRA-



RUN ALL YOU WANT, LITTLE ONE...

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME!

ASH!!

I WILL GET YOU!



GGARGH!



BLAM! BLAM!

STOP RIGHT THERE!



GO ON, BOY! I'LL STALL THIS THING!

H444!!





THE FORCES OF HELL ARE POWERFUL... BUT WE ARE POWERFUL, TOO. IT IS TIME THAT I GIVE YOU THE POWER THAT MY WARRIORS DESERVE.

BUT SUCH POWER WILL COME AT GREAT SACRIFICE. FOR EVERY ACTION WE TAKE, THE BALANCE WILL SHIFT...

ON EARTH YOU MAY NEVER AGAIN KNOW PEACE...

I LIVE ONLY TO SERVE MY FATHER...

VERY WELL! PREPARE YOURSELF.



UHHH...

WOAH! SHE'S COMING OUT OF IT ALREADY...

HEY, YOU OKAY?





LAUNCH WINDOW
FOR TESTING DRAGTS
WILL BE AT OAK

EXCELLENT!
IS THE OBESEDIAN
PYLARD
RESPONDING?

ALL ENERGY
DISPENSERS ARE
IN PLACE. ENERGY
FLOW IS AT AN
OPTIMUM

PROCEED!

HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENCE
IS ASTONISHING! IF ONLY THE ONI
COULD GRASP THE CONCEPT
WE COULD BE INVINCIBLE!
INSTEAD WE MUST CONTINUE TO
RELY ON HUMANS!

ONCE WE HAVE THE
ABILITY TO COMBINE
SCIENCE AND MAGIC,
NOT ALL THE FORCES
OF HEAVEN AND HELL
CAN STOP US!

LOOKS LIKE
DROTTOMAN'S
LITTLE EXPERIMENT
IS READY...

SIR! YOUR DNA
SERUM IS A
SUCCESS!
WE CREATED A
WERE-CHEETAH!

WE?

I SHARE
MY GENIUS
WITH
NO ONE!





NEXT ISSUE: ÜBER ALLES!