

THE HARLEM

SHADOW

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BORN AT THE TAIL END OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE, THE HARLEM SHADOW IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL BLACK PARANORMAL CRIME-FIGHTER THAT HIT THE STREETS OF NEW YORK AROUND 1929-1930. HE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS SCARY APPEARANCE, HIS VICIOUS HAND TO HAND COMBAT SKILLS AND HIS MASTERY OF TWO LETHAL REVOLVERS HE USED TO MAIM AND DISARM HIS ENEMIES, BUT NEVER KILL. HE WAS CREDITED WITH DESTROYING THE HARLEM UNDERWORLD AND FOUNDING THE FIRST ALL BLACK GROUP OF MASKED ADVENTURERS KNOWN AS THE HARLEM KNIGHTS. IN 1950 AS A RESULT OF THE BLACK MASK ACT, HARLEM SHADOW WAS HUNTED DOWN BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE, LYNCH MOB STYLE, AND UNMASKED. HIS NAME WAS LINDEN SOMERSET, A SCHOOL TEACHER AND LIBRARIAN, AND HE SERVED A TWENTY YEAR JAIL SENTENCE AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND.

He is...

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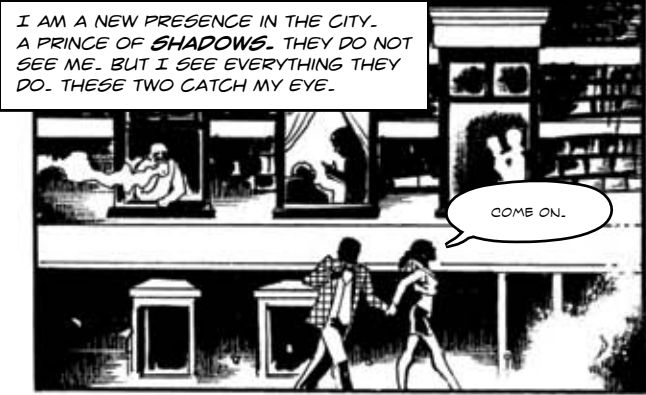


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LET'S GO SOMEWHERE A LITTLE MORE PRIVATE.

SHE'S GOT THE LOOKS THAT WOULD MAKE A MAN SHOOT HIMSELF IF HE COULDN'T HAVE HER.



I AM A NEW PRESENCE IN THE CITY. A PRINCE OF SHADOWS. THEY DO NOT SEE ME. BUT I SEE EVERYTHING THEY DO. THESE TWO CATCH MY EYE.

COME ON.

NIGEL... KISS ME!

I KNOW THE PAWN AND THE DAME.



HE'S A REPORTER...THE MIDNIGHT SUN. SHE'S A GUN MOLL...A DANGEROUS PIT VIPER KNOWN AS SIREN MCBRIDE.



THE FUNNY THING IS...EVERYONE IN HARLEM KNOWS THAT MCBRIDE IS BOSS MAN'S MAIN SQUEEZE.

WAIT...STOP. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING.

EVERYBODY EXCEPT THIS CLOWN. HE'S BEING SET UP AND HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT.



I WANT YOU, NIGEL.

YOU AIN'T GOTTA TELL ME TWICE SWEETHEART!

HE SHOULD KNOW BETTER. MOST MEN SHOULD, BUT BIOLOGY IS OUR ACHILLES' HEEL.

I WAIT. PERCHED IN THE SHADOWS LIKE SOME HUMAN SIZED RAVEN. THEY NEVER REALIZE I'M HERE. GOOD. I LIKE THAT. MY DEBUT MUST BE MYSTERIOUS. DRAMATIC. TERRIFYING.



LET'S CUT OUT THE NONSENSE. MY PLACE IS JUST RIGHT ACROSS...

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO YOUR PLACE. I WANT YOU HERE... RIGHT NOW.



SHE'S GOT HIM.

HOOK.

LINE.

NIGEL... DON'T YOU WANT ME?

AND SINKER.

I GIVE HIM CREDIT. HE TRIES TO RESIST. BUT *DESIRE* BYPASSES COMMON SENSE...



...SHE'S ABOUT TO THROW THE KNOCKOUT PUNCH.

STOP GAWKING LIKE A SCHOOL BOY AND COME GET SOME OF THIS WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD.



SWEET MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS.

KNOCKOUT. HE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT. ALMOST TIME TO CLOCK IN.

I WATCH HARLEM FROM OVERHEAD.



MOST TIMES, THE PEOPLE I AM WATCHING ARE TOO DISTRACTED BY THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES TO EVEN LOOK UP...

...SO I'VE MADE THE ROOF TOPS MY HEADQUARTERS.

IT IS FROM MY URBAN OBSERVATION DECK THAT I VISUALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMPONENTS OF THIS AMBUSH.



ALL THE PLAYERS ARE MOVING INTO POSITION.

SLOW DOWN, BIG BOY. YOU ARE KIND OF CUTE...

...AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SPILL YOUR GOOD BRAINS ALL OVER THE STREET. BUT WE'VE GOT BUSINESS.

WHO'S YOUR INFORMANT FOR THE STORIES YOU'VE BEEN WRITING ABOUT THE HARLEM UNDERWORLD?

YOU BITCH! YOU KILL ME AND HARLEM GOES UP IN FLAMES. YOU AND BOSS MAN UP THE RIVER FOR TWENTY.

SO PULL THE TRIGGER. IF I GOTTA GO I'D RATHER GO OUT WITH A BANG... BUT THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M GIVING UP MY INFORMANT.

TOUGH WORDS.

ESPECIALLY FOR A GUY WITH A GUN TO HIS HEAD AND HIS PANTS DOWN AROUND HIS FEET.

I'VE PUT BETTER MEN IN THEIR GRAVES AND WON'T HESITATE...

...AFTER I ASK YOU THE SECOND TIME. WHO'S BEEN GIVING YOU THE DISH, NIGEL?!

I LIKE THIS NIGEL.

SUDDENLY HE SEEMS WORTH RESCUING. SUDDENLY THE VIOLENCE THAT I AM ABOUT TO INFLICT SEEMS JUSTIFIED.



SQUEEZE OFF, YA LOUSY DAME OR LET ME GO. TIME IS WASTING. YOU'RE BORING ME.

VERY WELL..



THE BIG GUY IS NAMED MUSCLE. HE'S GOING TO SMASH YOUR FACE INTO HAMBURGER AND THEN BREAK YOUR LEGS. THE HANDSOME ONE IS PRETTY BOY... A DOCTOR OF SORTS...THE KIND THAT SPECIALIZES IN TORTURE.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST... THE QUIET ONE, GRAVEDIGGER. HE'LL BE HANDLING YOUR FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A WOLF DRESSED IN AN ANGEL'S CLOTHING..



WE COULDA BEEN FRIENDS, NIGEL. IT'S A SHAME. I ACTUALLY LIKED YOU.

SHE WALKS OFF INTO THE NIGHT, LEAVING NIGEL WITH HIS PANTS DOWN AND IN THE COMPANY OF THREE CUT-THROATS. I WAIT FOR HER TO EXIT.

I DON'T SWING ON DAMES..

AT LEAST NOT YET..

MY PERSONAL WAR ON CRIME BEGINS NOW.



MY HEART BEGINS TO RACE..



SO YOU THINK YOU'RE A TOUGH GUY... IS THAT IT?

THERE IS NO TURNING BACK.. MY LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.



GENTLEMEN...

I SPEAK..



BACK AWAY FROM THE **SQUARE** AND YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH ME. BUT IF ANY OF YOU SO MUCH AS LAY A HAND ON HIM...

...THERE WILL BE SEVERE REPERCUSSIONS.



WHO IS THIS GUY?

CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE CONDUCTING BUSINESS? **PRETTY BOY**...LIGHT HIM UP ...NO WITNESSES.



NIGHTY NIGHT, MASKED MAN!

HA HA HA HA HA

RATATATATATAT

PRETTY BOY SWINGS AROUND IN MY DIRECTION WITH A TOMMY GUN AND THAT STACCATO RATA TAT-TAT SOUND PUNCTUATES THE NIGHT.



I LEAP TOWARDS HIM

TAKING ON A SHOWER OF BULLETS, SOME OF THEM MISSING, OTHERS SHREDDING MY FINE SUIT, BUT NONE OF THEM HITTING THEIR MARK.



I KICK PRETTY BOY WITH SUCH FORCE IN HIS FACE THAT HE DROPS HIS SMOKING GLIN AND GASPS FOR BREATH ON TOP OF A FETID HEAP OF GARBAGE.

I POUNCE ON HIM, REVERTING TO STREET FIGHTING STYLE.

YOU'RE A DISCREDIT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF HARLEM.



AFTER I'M DONE GIVING YOU A BEATING.



YOUR NEW YORK PRIVILEGES ARE REVOKED. I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

DO YOU HEAR ME!!?
REVOKED!!!



HURRRRRR



BLAM



NO DISRESPECT TO THE DEAD...

...BUT GO BACK TO THE CEMETERY!



WHAT...UH...
WHO ARE YOU, MAN?!
WHO'S YOUR CREW?

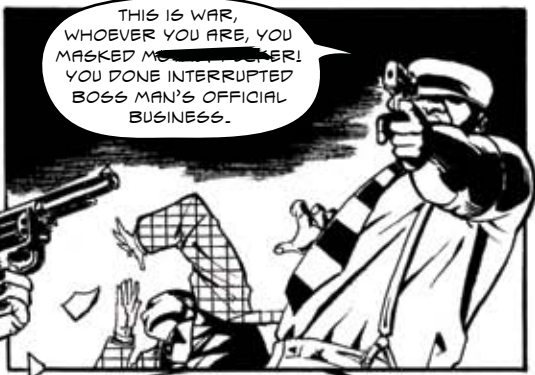
WE DIDN'T
DO NUTTIN TO DESERVE THIS!
THIS SQUARE IS STICKIN HIS
NOSE WHERE IT DON'T BELONG
AND WE'RE JUST ENFORCING
A LITTLE STREET
JUSTICE...



GASP

I'M JUSTICE
DRESSED IN BLACK. A
PRINCE OF SHADOWS. THE
PATRON SAINT OF NEGROES. I
WON'T SLEEP UNTIL HARLEM
SLEEPS. YOU GOT THAT?
NOW LET NIGEL GO.

RUN AND TELL
YOUR BOSS THE NIGHT
AND THESE STREETS
BELONG TO ME!



THIS IS WAR,
WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU
MASKED M...
YOU DONE INTERRUPTED
BOSS MAN'S OFFICIAL
BUSINESS..



YOU CAN
KISS YOUR ASS
GOODBYE..



UH...THANKS.
THAT WAS...AMAZING! THANK
YOU. I THOUGHT I WAS A
DEAD MAN.

YOU ARE A DEAD
MAN IF YOU CONTINUE TO LET
PEOPLE LIKE THIS RUN HARLEM.
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. I'M TAKING
DOWN THE UNDERWORLD. TO MAKE
THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE FOR
HONEST AMERICANS. I NEED
YOUR HELP.

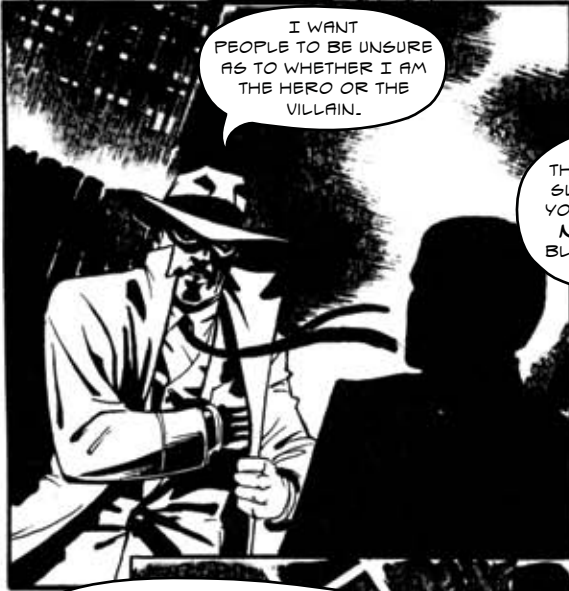


PULL UP
YOUR PANTS.



WHY SURE... I'LL HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

I NEED YOU TO CONTINUE WRITING THE STORIES ABOUT THE CRIME LORDS OF HARLEM. I ALSO NEED YOU TO REPORT ABOUT ME.



I WANT PEOPLE TO BE UNSURE AS TO WHETHER I AM THE HERO OR THE VILLAIN.

I CAN DO THAT. BUT ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT? HARLEM NEEDS A HERO. BLACK FOLKS NEED A HERO.



YOU NEVER SEE THOSE FANCY WHITE CAPES FLY THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOODS...AND WHY SHOULD THEY IF WE'RE NOT AMBITIOUS ENOUGH TO HAVE OUR OWN MASKED VIGILANTES. I SAY LET EVERYONE KNOW YOU'RE A GOOD GUY!



LISTEN. I'VE THOUGHT THIS OUT MANY TIMES BEFORE PUTTING ON THESE DUDS TONIGHT... TRUST ME. DO WHAT I ASK. IN RETURN I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM HARM AND GIVE YOU THE EXCLUSIVE STORIES FOR THE PAPER REGARDING MY EXPLOITS AND INVESTIGATIONS.


DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

WE SHOOK HANDS. IT WAS 1930.

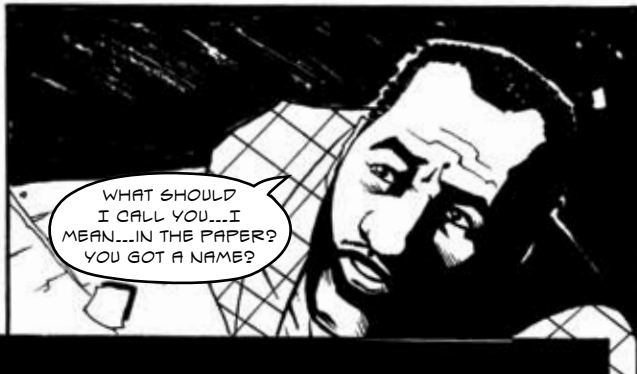


WHAT ABOUT THIS GUY? THE ONE THAT'S STILL ALIVE?


THE NEXT TWO YEARS WOULD BE THE WILDEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES. NIGEL AND I WOULD BECOME GREAT FRIENDS AND MEN OF DISTINCTION IN THE HISTORY OF HARLEM. THAT NIGHT WAS WHEN THE MAGIC BEGAN.



LET HIM SLEEP
IT OFF. YOU NEVER
KNOW...TOMORROW
HE MAY BE A
CHANGED MAN.

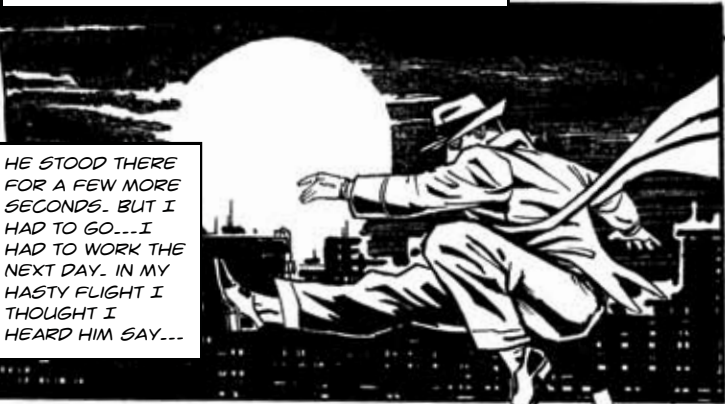


WHAT SHOULD
I CALL YOU...I
MEAN...IN THE PAPER?
YOU GOT A NAME?



YOU'RE THE
WRITER...COME UP
WITH SOMETHING
CLEVER.

I SMILED IN THE DARKNESS. I WANTED HIM TO KNOW THAT I WAS HUMAN AFTER ALL. THAT I HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR AND AS HE GAINED MY TRUST HE WOULD BE PRIVY TO MY OTHER LAYERS AS WELL.



HE STOOD THERE
FOR A FEW MORE
SECONDS. BUT I
HAD TO GO...I
HAD TO WORK THE
NEXT DAY. IN MY
HASTY FLIGHT I
THOUGHT I
HEARD HIM SAY...



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SHADOW.



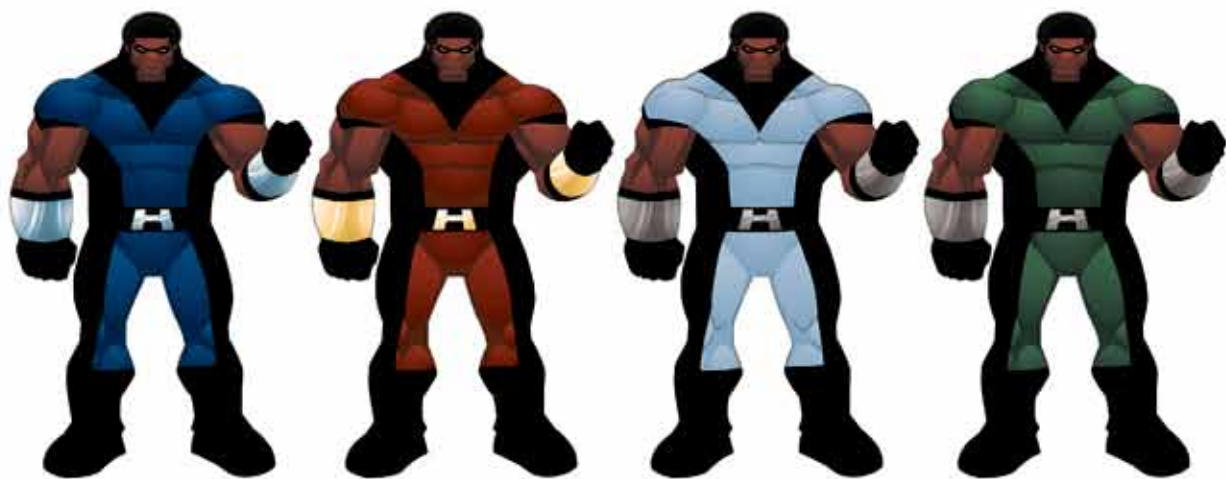
PERFECT.

FIN.



Lucius **HAMMER**

EXCLUSIVE
CHARACTER DESIGNS
BY
CHRISTIAN COLBERT





POWERHOUSE

WHEN LUCIUS HAMMER JOINS THE DREAM TEAM AND BEGINS TO ATTRACT THE WORLD'S ATTENTION, HE IS CONVINCED BY HIS TEAM MATES TO DON A MORE INTIMIDATING COSTUME. DOC BRONZE AND SOPHISTICATED LADY HELP HIM DESIGN A STYLISH YET TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED COSTUME CALLED A SMART SUIT. THE SUIT ITSELF HAS FORCE FIELDS, AN AMPHIBIOUS MODE, INFRA-RED OPTICS, AND EVEN A SPACE EXPLORATION CAPABILITY, BUT THE COSTUME IS MOSTLY ASSOCIATED WITH A DARK TURN IN HIS CAREER WHICH CULMINATES IN HIM LEAVING THE SUPER HERO BUSINESS FOR GOOD.



THE AMERICAN WAY

RECOGNIZED AROUND THE WORLD AS AMERICA'S GREATEST SUPERHERO, THE AMERICAN WAY IS PERHAPS THE MOST POPULAR AND CONTROVERSIAL U.S. CITIZEN TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION AS A SUPERHERO. HISTORIANS HAVE TRACED HIS ORIGINS BACK TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. HE HAS PARTICIPATED AND BEEN A FACTOR IN ALMOST EVERY WAR THIS COUNTRY HAS PARTICIPATED IN. HIS SUPERPOWERS ARE VAST AND HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED BUT RARELY UNDERSTOOD IN A GENERAL SENSE. HE CAN FLY AND HAS A CERTAIN DEGREE OF INVULNERABILITY. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAS BENEFITED FROM A PARANORMAL LIFESPAN AS WELL, BUT FROM TIME TO TIME HE IS FORCED TO GO INTO A CRYOGENIC HIBERNATION TO RECHARGE HIS POWERS. BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG POLITICAL AGENDA AND TIES TO DIFFERENT SECRET SOCIETIES, AMERICAN WAY HAS SOMEWHAT POLARIZED THE COUNTRY IN AN ONGOING DEBATE ABOUT HIS TRUE INTENTIONS. LUCIUS HAMMER MET AMERICAN WAY DURING WORLD WAR II AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS TENUOUS AT BEST.



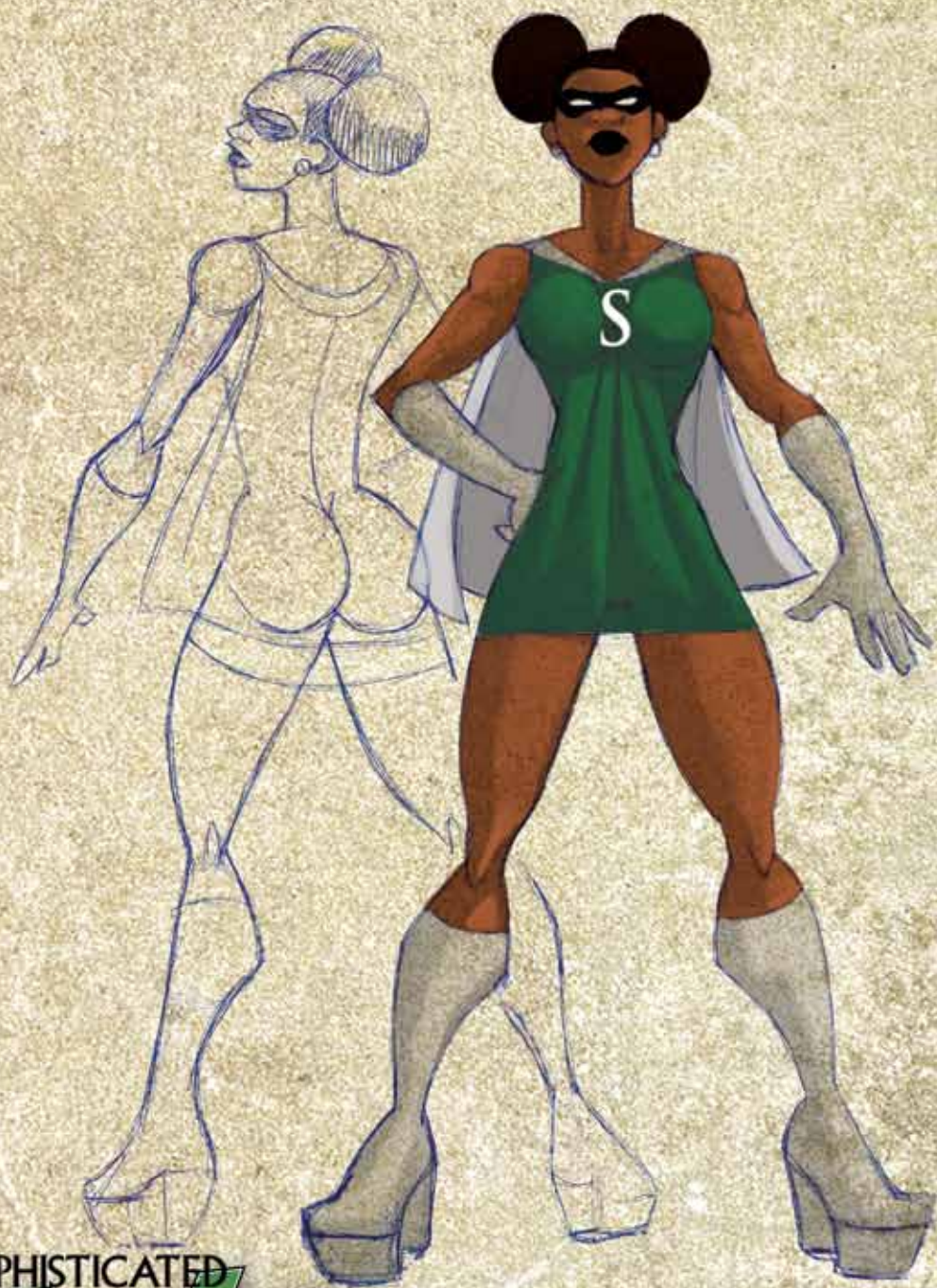
IRON TIGER

200 YEAR OLD MARTIAL ARTS EXPERT WHO LIVES IN THE CHINA-TOWN SECTION OF UPTOWN. SHAN LAU IS ONE OF THE FINAL "MASTERS OF REALITY" WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT HERE TO WAGE A WAR OF COSMIC PROPORTIONS WITH THE OLD ONES (LEGENDARY GOD-MONSTERS WHO WILL SUPPOSEDLY RETURN TO EARTH AND DESTROY IT, ENDING TIME AS WE KNOW IT.) THE TIGER IS A LEGEND IN THE STREETS OF CHINATOWN WHERE HE OWNS HIS OWN DOJO AND RULES THE STREETS AS PROTECTOR, ENFORCER AND TEACHER. SOMETIMES HE'S A LONE VIGILANTE DRIVEN BY HIS OWN PURPOSES AND AT OTHERS HE'S THE FULL FLEDGED SUPERHERO, COMPLETE WITH AN OUTRAGEOUS COSTUME. SHAN AND LUCIUS MEET ON THE SET OF AN URBAN ACTION ADVENTURE MOVIE CALLED "STREETS OF FURY" AND BECOME FAST, LIFE-LONG FRIENDS. WHEN TRAVELING TOGETHER BACK TO TIGER'S HOMETLAND, A PLACE CALLED THE SILENT FORTRESS...LUCIUS LEARNS THAT HIS FRIEND IS AN ANCIENT WAR PRIEST WHO HAS BEEN TRAINING FOR A UNIVERSAL CONFLICT.

DOC BRONZE

AN OLDER ADVENTURER FROM AN EARLIER ERA OF BLACK SUPERHEROES, BRONZE IS THE SUCCESSFUL PRODUCT OF BLACK SCIENTISTS AND A SECRET BIOENGINEERING PROJECT THAT OCCURRED IN THE EARLY TWENTIES. BRONZE HAS A HARDENING EPIDERMAL ARMOR THAT MAKES HIM IMPERVIOUS TO GUN FIRE AND HAS THE STRENGTH OF TWENTY MEN BUT THE MOST REMARKABLE THING ABOUT HIM IS HIS SUPERIOR INTELLECT AND HIS COMPANY HE BECOMES THE CEO FOR AFTER THE CLOSE OF WORLD WAR II, DYNACORE. HE WILL USE THIS COMPANY AND ITS MANY OUTPOSTS AROUND THE WORLD TO BE THE BASIS OF A GRAND SCHEME TO UNITE BLACK PARANORMALS AND BATTLE A SECRET SOCIETY OF PARANORMALS WHO SEEK TO CONTROL THE WORLD CALLED THE GAUNTLET.





SOPHISTICATED
Lady

THE ADOPTED DAUGHTER OF A BLACK FEMALE AIR FORCE PILOT, ARIZIA WAS DISCOVERED ON AN UNCHARTED ISLAND AND TAKEN BACK TO THE STATES AND RAISED LIKE A NORMAL AMERICAN CHILD. SHE BEGAN TO EXHIBIT UNCANNY ABILITIES DURING PUBERTY...SUPER SPEED, THE ABILITY TO FLY, SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND HEIGHTENED SENSES. THE MILITARY HAS PLANS TO TURN HER INTO A SECRET WEAPON BUT ARIZIA IS INFLUENCED BY HER MOTHER'S EXAMPLE TO BE HER OWN PERSON AND HERO. SHE ALSO HARBORS SECRET THOUGHTS OF SOME DAY FINDING HER TRUE HOME AND BIOLOGICAL PARENTS, BUT FIRST SHE WANTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR HER GENDER AND HER RACE AS THE FIRST BLACK SUPERHEROINE.



DRAKE CARTER IS AN ADVENTUROUS SCIENTIST WHO HAS PLANNED AN EXPEDITION TO A FABLED LAND MASS THAT WILL PROVE HIS THEORY THAT EARTH WAS ONCE DOMINATED BY A RACE OF TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED BLACK MEN. THE ATLANTEAN KINGDOM OF DAWN WANA WAS HIS GOAL AND WITH THE PROPER FINANCING HE CHARTERED A PIRATE SEA VESSEL THAT WHISKED HIM HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD. AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, A TERRIBLE STORM AND A MONSTROUS SEA CREATURE DESTROYS HIS SHIP AND HE FINDS HIMSELF STRANDED ON A QUEER ISLAND. AN ISLAND THAT HE SOON DISCOVERS IS STILL POPULATED BY THAT ADVANCED RACE OF PROGENITORS, THE ORIGINAL BLACK MEN. CARTER IS INTRODUCED TO TERRA INCOGNITA, A CONTINENT OF DANGER AND WONDER IN WHICH HE BECOMES TRIBAL HERO AND AN EMISSARY FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD. HE IS THE MAN KNOWN AS SPEAR.

POWERHOUSE

STREETS OF FURY

IRON TIGER



BOBERRY





Waiting for Christian Colbert's editorial page

THE SECRET LIFE OF BLACK SUPERHEROES PART TWO IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT YOU.

BUT THE WAIT IS OVER. WE'RE BACK. THE GANG IS ALL HERE. AND ALL WE WANT TO DO IS CREATE DOPE COMICS.

LUCIUS HAMMER, ISSUE ONE, WAS EVERY BIT THE CONTROVERSIAL, EYE OPENING AND FUN FORAY INTO THE WORLD OF COMIC BOOKS AND SUPERHEROES THAT I WANTED IT TO BE. NOT EVERYBODY GOT IT THOUGH. THERE WAS A REVIEWER FROM THE WIZARD WORLD CHICAGO SHOW THAT LIKED CHRISTIAN'S ART STYLE BUT DIDN'T CARE FOR LUCIUS HAMMER HIMSELF. THE REASONS HE CITED HAD TO DO WITH LUCIUS' MAGNIFICENT CACHE OF POWERS AND HIS ABILITY TO SUCCEED IN MANY DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE: ACADEMICS, MARTIAL ARTS, SPIRITUALITY AND THE ART OF BEING A SUPERHERO. THIS WAS NOT REALISTIC ENOUGH FOR HIM. NOW I WILL SAY THAT THIS PARTICULAR CRITIC IS WHITE AND MY FIRST HONEST REACTION WAS THAT HE WAS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO SEEING A BLACK MAN BE SO SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT ANY IMPEDIMENTS. TO HIM, SUGGESTING THAT LUCIUS HAMMER HAD ACHIEVED THE MANY DIFFERENT GOALS IN HIS LIFE SUCH AS A COLLEGE DEGREE, MEDAL OF HONOR IN WORLD WAR 2, AND BEING A STAR PLAYER IN THE NEGRO LEAGUES WAS PERHAPS A BIT MUCH TO SWALLOW. I REMINDED HIM THAT HE'S SWALLOWED MANY DIFFERENT MYTHS AND COMIC BOOK LEGENDS INVOLVING MEN LIKE TONY STARK, REED RICHARDS, AND BRUCE WAYNE BEFORE ENCOUNTERING MY LUCIUS HAMMER, AND SEEMED TO HAVE NO PROBLEM VISUALIZING THE PERSONAL BRILLIANCE OF THOSE CHARACTERS. IN FAIRNESS TO THIS CRITIC AND ME, THE BOOK WAS ONLY TWELVE PAGES. I CERTAINLY WAS NOT GOING TO HIGHLIGHT A BUNCH OF LUCIUS' STRUGGLES OR WEAKNESSES IN THE FIRST ISSUE. THE FIRST ISSUE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A JOYOUS OCCASION WHERE WE CELEBRATE THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE SUPERHERO, THERE ARE SOME MORE MODERN COMICS THAT FORESHADOW CONFLICT AND TRAGEDIES BUT THAT WAS NOT MY CHOICE IN THIS INITIAL OJING. IF YOU WANT TO READ THIS REVIEW JUST GOOGLE WARREN PEACE/LUCIUS HAMMER. SO MAYBE WE BOTH WERE JUMPING THE GUN HE'S HAD VERY LITTLE MATERIAL FROM WHICH TO JUDGE MY HERO BY, AND I HAVE NOT HAD THE PROPER CHANCE TO PUBLISH ENOUGH ISSUES ON A TIMELY BASIS TO PROVE LUCIUS HAMMER'S APPEAL.

THERE WAS ANOTHER FAN THAT PURCHASED THE BOOK AND POSTED A SCATHING REVIEW ON FACEBOOK. AFTER READING THIS REVIEW, I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS GUY WAS A FELLOW WRITER AND SURE ENOUGH IT TURNS OUT HE IS. HIS COMMENTS WERE THAT LUCIUS WAS NOT ENGAGING ENOUGH BECAUSE HE WAS WAY TOO POWERFUL IN THE SENSE THAT SUPERMAN IS. THIS SEEMING OMNIPOTENCE THAT MY CHARACTER POSSESSES IS UNINTERESTING, OR SO I AM TOLD BY THIS ONE. IT'S THE REASON WHY NO ONE LIKES SUPERMAN BECAUSE HE'S JUST TOO DAMN POWERFUL. MY CLEVER RETORT WAS, DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS. THANKS FOR BUYING THE BOOK. OPINIONS ARE LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT, AND EVERYBODY HAS ONE. I SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE FACT THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS AFRICAN AMERICAN AND SOME WOULD CALL HIM A HATER BUT I JUST CHOOSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT WHAT I'M DOING WITH LUCIUS HAMMER WILL BE ALIEN TO MOST COMIC BOOK GEEKS AND FANBOYS OUT THERE. THAT'S BECAUSE A BOOK LIKE THIS HAS NEVER REALLY EXISTED. SO WHITE FANS, BLACK FANS, PURPLE FANS GET READY TO EMBRACE A NEW PRODUCT ON YOUR COMIC BOOK SHELVES. THE REVOLUTION OF CONVENTIONAL COMIC BOOK HEROES BEGINS NOW.

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