EDITORIAL

Well, welcome to the second issue of STARSLAYERS. With this issue we continue with the second chapter of this epic, again by myself (Matt Bucher, script), Steve Brooks (as co-ploter and penciller), and Bill Anderson (as inker and letterer). Bill Anderson probably won't be inking next issue as Ken Meyer probably will.

A couple of people asked about letter columns. Well, this book is designed to be exactly 12 pages, eight pages of story, the synopsis page, and the front and back covers. Since we are on such a small schedule of pages to work with, it is improbable that there will be letter columns although I may run a letter or two in this editorial each issue. As of now, comments have yet to be received on #1 (we're working on a far ahead schedule).

As far as the cover and back cover are concerned, the front cover will regularly be done by Steve Brooks (pencils and inks). The back cover, on the other hand, will vary. Steve Brooks will still pencil each one, but the inkers will be Anderson, Helke, and Meyer rotating. The synopsis page was (by the by) pencilled by Brooks and inked by Anderson.

FUTURE ISSUES:
#3: July 17
#4: August 7
#5: August 28
#6: September 18

Now keep in mind that the date listed is the date that the issue is mailed out from my house in Bethel Park. You should be receiving your issue just days afterwards. If you ever notice that you haven't gotten your issue on time, drop me a postcard. It may have been lost in the mail.

Next issue features a lot of secrets on the background of Argon, the space warrior. Ken Meyers will probably ink and letter.

If you are interested in carrying multiple copies of STARSLAYERS in your comic store or comic service, please let me know, dealer's rates are available upon request.

Another one of my publications should be out by the time you're reading this. SUPERHERO TERROR is a monthly stripazine concerning a brand new adult story centering on the heroes Omniman, Rage, and Slaughter and their ultimate conflicts with Karnevil. The series is being produced like this one, in chapters, at 35c a shot from me. The story and art are by Rick McCollum, so you know it'll be good. #3 should be out now, with back issues only 35c too. It's a good book, so give it a try.

Remember that STARSLAYERS #4 will be a fill-in issue pencilled by Willie Peppers, giving Steve Brooks time to catch up on his deadlines. Also out now from me is ULTRAZINE SPECIAL #8 featuring an Omniman story "Hero" by Jeff Roberts and Willie Peppers, a Sky-Lark story by Bucher/Abell/Anderson and the origin of Rage by Rick McCollum. 60c ppc from me, don't miss it.

Remember, if you want to see this type of project in the future, to support it as much as possible. Tell your friends, if they subscribe, I'll give them the same deal I gave you, all fifteen issues for $3.00 (which I said I wouldn't do).

Back issues of #1 are available from me at 25c ppc. Limited print run.

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MORE MOMENTS AGO, ARGON SPOTTED THIS SKYRIAN WARSHP. HE HAS JUST CAUSE FOR ALARM, THE SKYRIANS ARE ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED RACES IN THE ENTIRE MILKY WAY GALAXY.

CHANCE

ACTIVATING HIS TRANSPORT, ARGON FADES OUT.

ONLY TO REAPPEAR, MOMENTS LATER, ABOARD THE SHIP.

SKYRIANS, WE HAVE LONG BEEN FRIENDS, EXPLAIN YOURSELVES!

ARGON, THANK THE GOLDEN DREAMER IT IS YOU! WE ARE ON A MISSION OF PEACE AND REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE AID!

THERE HAS BEEN A GRAVE MISUNDERSTANDING, AND IF WE DON'T DELIVER A MESSAGE TO SKYRIA SOON, THERE WILL BE WAR WITH BOLLAR!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

MOMENTARILY FORGETTING HIS CHANCE TO RETURN TO HIS LOST HOMESTAR OF OMAR, ARGON SEeks out some answers.

CHAPTER TWO!
BOLLAR AND SKYRIA HAVE BEEN ALLIES FOR MANY YEARS, WHAT COULD EVER CAUSE A WAR BETWEEN YOU?

OUR FELLOW SKYRIANS BELIEVE THAT A BOLLAR STARSHIP CAUSED THE DEATH OF SOME SKYRIANS.

SOON, AT THE PARLIAMENT OF SKYRIA...

HE MADE IT!

SKYRIANS, HEED MY WORDS AND TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR LEADER IMMEDIATELY!

BUT WHO...?

IN TRUTH, THE SKYRIAN SHIP WAS CAUGHT IN A METEOR STORM, AND WE MUST GET THIS MESSAGE TO THEM SOON!

KNOWING FULL WELL THAT DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE IS RISKING HIS OWN CHANCE TO RETURN TO OMPAR, ARGON MAKES THE ONLY DECISION HE CAN.

THERE SHOULD BE NO WAR!

WE WILL GET IT TO HIM!

GOOD.

I WILL DELIVER THE MESSAGE.

THANK YOU ARGON, AND GOODLUCK!

MY TRANSPORT WILL TAKE ME MOST OF THE WAY, AND REPEATED USE SHOULD GET ME THERE.

HAVING THOROUGHLY EXHAUSTED HIS TRANSPORT, THE REST IS UP TO HIM.

SO FAR, TO GO, AND SO LITTLE TIME!

FARBER AND FARTHER, AS PRECIOUS TIME TICKS AWAY, ARGON'S THOUGHTS BECOME MORE DETERMINED.

HAVE TO PRESSED ON WITH MORE SPEED!
AND, MOMENTS LATER, ARGON ARRIVES AT THE RENDEZVOUS HE CANNOT MISS.

I MADE IT!

STRANGER, HAVE I MADE IT IN TIME?!

THOUGH IT SADDENS US GREATLY TO TELL YOU THIS ARGON, NO, THE TIME HAS PASSED.

NO! ENOUGH GAMES, I INSIST YOU REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

YES, I AGREE, YOU DESERVE TO KNOW. LISTEN...

THE MEN ARE LORD DAMIEN BLACKSTAR, AND HIS PROTEGE, DAZZAK...

DAZZK, WHAT IS THE LATEST WORD FROM LORD KLARN?

WE ARE TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY PER HIS COMMAND.

YOU COMMANDED?! DOES THAT OLD FOOL THINK HE CAN COMMAND ME?!

NEED I REMIND HIM THAT I AM NOT ONE OF HIS GOONS, BUT THE GREATEST BOUNTY HUNTER IN THE UNIVERSE!

THEN WHY—?

THAT BASTARD'S GOT ME IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND! IF I DON'T DO AS HE SAYS, MY PENALTY IS DEATH!
HE THINKS HE HAS ME, BUT WHEN I AM DONE KLARN WILL HEAR...

HE WILL HEAR!!

Meanwhile, Argon's confrontation with the stranger continues...

ARGON, LISTEN. I WAS AGAINST THE QUARRON TAKEOVER, I PROTESTED AGAINST IT, AGAINST MY OWN FATHER! IT WAS A FUTILE EFFORT.

I AM RONDO KLARN, SON OF LORD KLARN, THE MAN WHO BANISHED YOU FROM OMAR.

KLARN!! THEN WHAT?

AND WHAT NOW? IS THERE SOME TRICK?

NO. WHEN I HEARD THEY HAD BANISHED YOU, I WAS CONFUSED...

... BUT FINALLY I DECIDED, THIS CAN'T GO ON! I WAS HopING THAT WE COULD RETURN AND START A REBELLION, BUT NOW...

I - I UNDERSTAND YOUR DECISION WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. SOMEDAY WE WILL RETURN AND MAY THE QUARRON BEWARE!

AT THAT SAME INSTANT, DARZAK SPEAKS OUT TO LORD DAMIEN BLACKSTAR.

LORD, BLACKSTAR, PREPARE FOR PROPULSION THROUGH DIMENSION OX, DESTINATION: THE MILKY WAY GALAXY.

MOMENTS LATER, THEIR SHIP PIERCES THE BARRIER SURROUNDING DIMENSION OX.

NEXT ISSUE: FLASHBACK