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 heftv praise.

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 demand 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" (2). 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" preview 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 60c.

Update:
SS #9 will be by Bucher/Anderson/Anderson (and look how nice it looks!)
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
#10: December 21
#11: January 1
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THE CHRONICLES OF OMPAR

THE EARTHWAR UNDERWAY.
THE STARSLAYERS BATTLE ENDLESSLY IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE EARTH FROM TOTAL ANNIHILATION AT THE HANDS OF THE QUARRONSI.
MEANWHILE, ARGON AND LORD KLARN CONFRONT EACH OTHER IN A MEETING NEITHER WILL FORGET FOR A LONG TIME!

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

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

HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!

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

KLARN, YOU'VE HAD IT.

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

YOU'VE HAD IT!

YOU'LL BOW ME NO LONGER!

SIGH! ARGON, WHEN I AM FREE...

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

ARGH... I...
I know, let's hurry and get to the great cathedral!

Meanwhile, at the aforementioned great cathedral---

Black mercy!!

And, as the others land---

...shortly...

...you mean black mercy is our new star slayer?...

..argon who is that?

Suppress your curiosity, all will be revealed shortly.

I'm just sorry I couldn't respond earlier, argon.

Then you'll join the star slayers?

Naturally, there has been peace on starix for nearly a decade, and nothing stops me from helping a friend.

argon nods, the sixth star slayer.

When the barrier between the prime galactic universe and the milky way galaxy is breached, thought for another thirty seconds...

I sense your... our... all is approaching.

Good, we will have time to prepare.

GREAT! WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS WE CAN START THE REVOLUTION IN WEEKS....

argon, leader of the star slayers, 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 Ombar, the news of the Quarons' retreat has reached many ears.

Lord Klarin retreated? What did he say?

We are to proceed with the 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 Argo's, and with him on our side...

Argon is as good as dead!

Goody! Send him in!

Nomad... what do you know of your mission?

I am to kill Argo, who was banished to the Milky Way Galaxy and is now trying to return.

Perfect!

Give him Argo's coordinates right away, Lord Klarin wants Argon dead within the next 24 hours.

And, in the great cathedral, plans are being made...

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!

The StarSlayers

... They were believed to be a myth. They were believed to be a group of powerful titans... but they were real people, the...

Ulysses

Savior

Armstrong

Blackstar

Their cause is the restoring of power to their home world of Weeah, a world savagely destroyed in a hellish battle. The StarSlayers are --

Yes, they were not titans and not myths, but one of the greatest fighting teams ever!

This man, Ulysses, is their leader. His combat techniques and brute strength guided the StarSlayers through their quest admirably!

Savior, you alright?

Years later his great-great-grandson would join the contemporary StarSlayers!
FOR NOW, BUT IT'S TIME I JOINED THE BATTLE!

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 WEELAH TO ITS SUPREME WEALTH AND POWER!

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

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