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- From the introduction by Rob Liefeld

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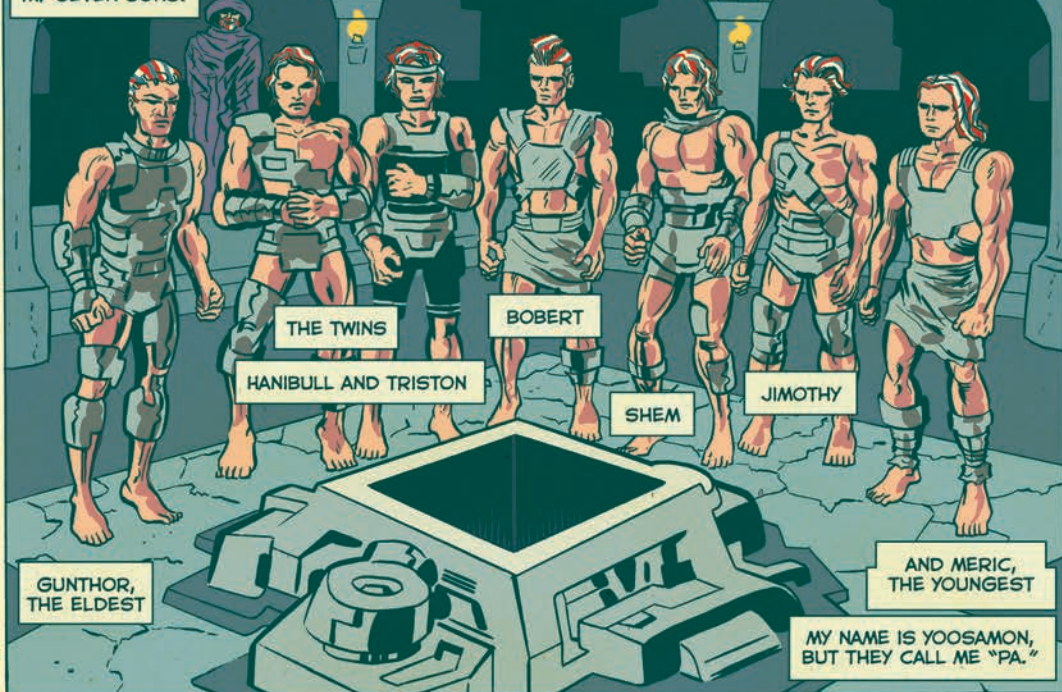
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# BOOK ONE: SEVEN BROTHERS

MY SEVEN SONS.



THE TWINS

BOBERT

HANIBULL AND TRISTON

SHEM

JIMOTHY

GUNTHER,  
THE ELDEST

AND MERIC,  
THE YOUNGEST

MY NAME IS YOOSAMON,  
BUT THEY CALL ME "PA."

SEVEN FUTURES,

ALL ABOUT TO  
CHANGE.

THIS IS THE RITUAL  
THAT DEFINES OUR  
FAMILY.

THEY REACH  
INTO THE  
ABYSS...

AND PULL FORTH...

THE TANGLE OF SWORDS.






LET IT **BEGIN!**

AND A NEW  
GENERATION'S  
FATE IS IN  
CONTENTION.

THIS IS MY DAY  
AND DON'T YOU  
FORGET IT!





A comic book panel showing three muscular men with red and white striped hair in a stone chamber. One man is in the foreground, leaning forward with a determined expression, holding a sword. Two other men are behind him, one holding a sword and the other with a clenched fist. The background shows stone walls and a large, ornate stone structure in the foreground.

WHICHEVER *SWORD* YOU PULL  
FROM THE TANGLE WILL  
DETERMINE *YOUR ROLE*  
AMONG YOUR GENERATION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE  
RITUAL, MY SONS PULL WITH  
ALL THEIR MIGHT.

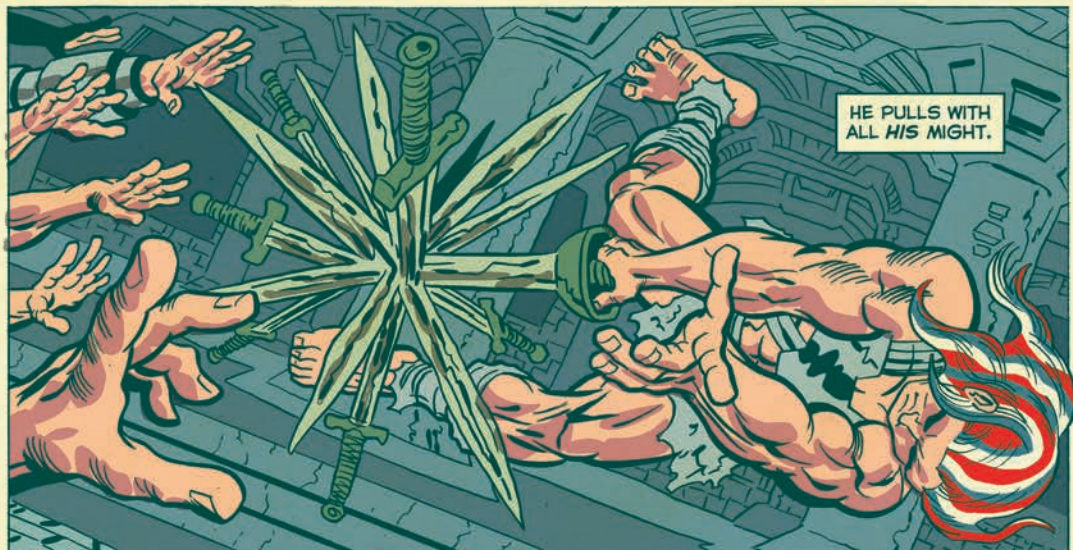
IT'S A RITUAL THAT BEGAN *LONG BEFORE*  
THEIR BIRTH, LONG BEFORE MY *OWN*  
BIRTH, LONG BEFORE EVEN THE BIRTH  
OF MY LONG-DEPARTED FATHER.

ONCE THE SWORDS ARE *UNTANGLED*,  
THEIR RUNES CAN BE READ AND  
EACH BROTHER WILL KNOW THE  
PATH HIS LIFE WILL FOLLOW...

CAN'T QUITE  
MAKE OUT THE  
RUNE ON MY  
SWORD, BUT I  
KNOW IT'S A  
GOOD ONE.

...BUT ON THIS DAY  
YOUNG MERIC IS  
EAGER TO PROVE  
HIMSELF THE EQUAL  
OF HIS BROTHERS.





HE PULLS WITH  
ALL HIS MIGHT.



HE PULLED  
THE WHOLE  
TANGLE!

NO FAIR!  
WHAT A  
FREAK!

NOW HE HOLDS ALL  
THE SWORDS?  
DO OVER!!

THAT'S NOT  
SUPPOSED TO  
HAPPEN, IS  
IT?



THIS IS A  
SPECIAL CASE.

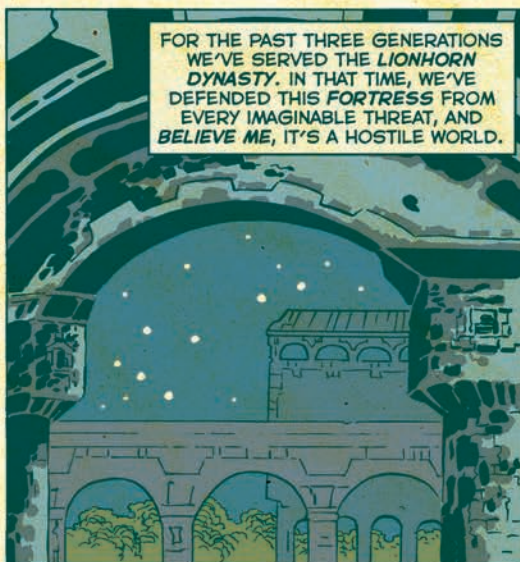


THOUGH IT IS MOST UNUSUAL, THIS  
ONE-IN-A-MILLION CIRCUMSTANCE IS NOT  
WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

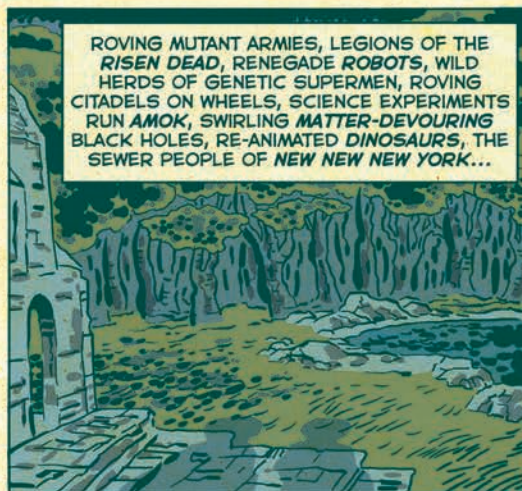




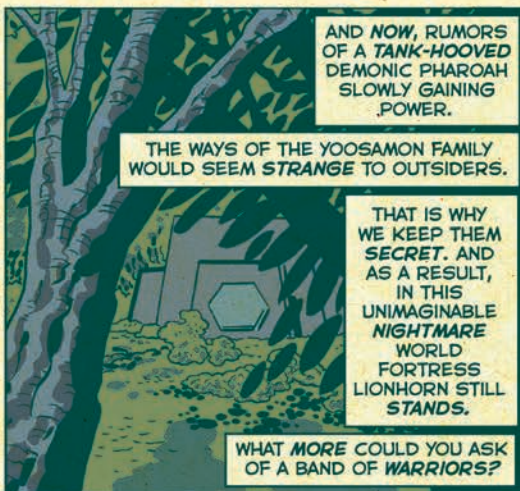
OUR FAMILY, THE YOOSAMON DYNASTY HAS KEPT ORDER ON THIS TINY SLIVER OF NEW EARTHEA. WE YOOSAMON ARE NOT KINGS, BUT WE SERVE KINGS.



FOR THE PAST THREE GENERATIONS WE'VE SERVED THE LIONHORN DYNASTY. IN THAT TIME, WE'VE DEFENDED THIS FORTRESS FROM EVERY IMAGINABLE THREAT, AND BELIEVE ME, IT'S A HOSTILE WORLD.



ROVING MUTANT ARMIES, LEGIONS OF THE RISEN DEAD, RENEGADE ROBOTS, WILD HERDS OF GENETIC SUPERMEN, ROVING CITADELS ON WHEELS, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS RUN AMOK, SWIRLING MATTER-DEVOURING BLACK HOLES, RE-ANIMATED DINOSAURS, THE SEWER PEOPLE OF NEW NEW NEW YORK...



AND NOW, RUMORS OF A TANK-HOOVED DEMONIC PHAROAH SLOWLY GAINING POWER.

THE WAYS OF THE YOOSAMON FAMILY WOULD SEEM STRANGE TO OUTSIDERS.

THAT IS WHY WE KEEP THEM SECRET. AND AS A RESULT, IN THIS UNIMAGINABLE NIGHTMARE WORLD FORTRESS LIONHORN STILL STANDS.

WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK OF A BAND OF WARRIORS?



THIS KEY UNLOCKS OUR FAMILY'S SECRETS.



BEYOND THIS GATE ARE THE HALLS OF MY FATHER AND HIS FATHER AND HIS FATHER'S FATHER, ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE LEGENDARY FIRST YOOSAMON.