

# HARBINGER WARS 2

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Psiots are people born with incredible abilities who can undergo an activation process to unlock their hidden potential. Their kind used to walk among humanity unnoticed, until a group of psiots exposed themselves to the world. Now, they live under persecution in a civilization that looks at them with both fear and awe.



## LIVEWIRE

Utilizing her power to telepathically interface with technology, Livewire had long been considered a friend to the American government—up until they tried to kill her team of untrained psiots. Outraged by their duplicitous actions, Livewire shut down the United States power grid, plunging the country into darkness.



## PETER STANCHEK

An omega-level psiot with powerful telepathy and telekinesis, Peter's greatest gift is the ability to activate the dormant powers in latent psiots. With danger just behind him, he has been traveling the continent and activating anyone willing to join his cause. Peter's enemies have embedded a parasite in his mind, betraying his location at all times, allowing them to track his movements.



## THE RENEGADES

A team of psiots dedicated to helping others like them. Led by a human named Kris Hathaway, whose ideals and political beliefs guide the team forward. Other members include the flyer, Faith; the strongman, Torque; and the shapeshifter, Animalia.



## BLOODSHOT

A soldier with billions of microscopic nanites running through his veins. Bloodshot possesses rapid healing, heightened strength and endurance, and camouflage capabilities. He is the ultimate killing machine.

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With the existence of psiots made common knowledge, the governments of the world are faced with a dilemma of ignoring or policing them. The American government has partnered with black ops, private military contractor OMEN to monitor their growing psiot population and to control it, if necessary.



## G.A.T.E.

The Global Agency for Threat Excision, G.A.T.E. is led by Colonel Jamie Capshaw and has long served as the United States' primary response to strange and severe threats.



## X-O MANOWAR

Aric of Dacia is X-O Manowar, Earth's most powerful warrior and king of the displaced Visigoth tribe. Armed with the sentient alien armor Shanbara, Aric fights alongside G.A.T.E. for the assured safety of his people.



## NINJAK

A master of martial arts, wielding the best high-tech weaponry that money can buy, Colin King is Ninjak—a freelance agent with ties to MI6 and G.A.T.E.



## MAJOR CHARLIE PALMER

The leader of H.A.R.D. Corps, OMEN's tactical, anti-psiot unit. Major Palmer has an implant in his head that allows him to access a catalogue of predetermined psionic abilities, with the caveat being he can only use them one at a time.

...BBC NEWS IS RECEIVING NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT LARGE AMOUNTS OF "PSIOTS" ARE BEING ACTIVATED AND RUNNING UNCHECKED IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA. THIS ON THE HEELS OF WIDESPREAD CONCERN THAT DANGEROUS PSIOTS ARE NOW LIVING AMONG US. THESE UNLICENSED AND UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS COULD POSE A THREAT BEYOND OUR IMAGINING.

NEWS

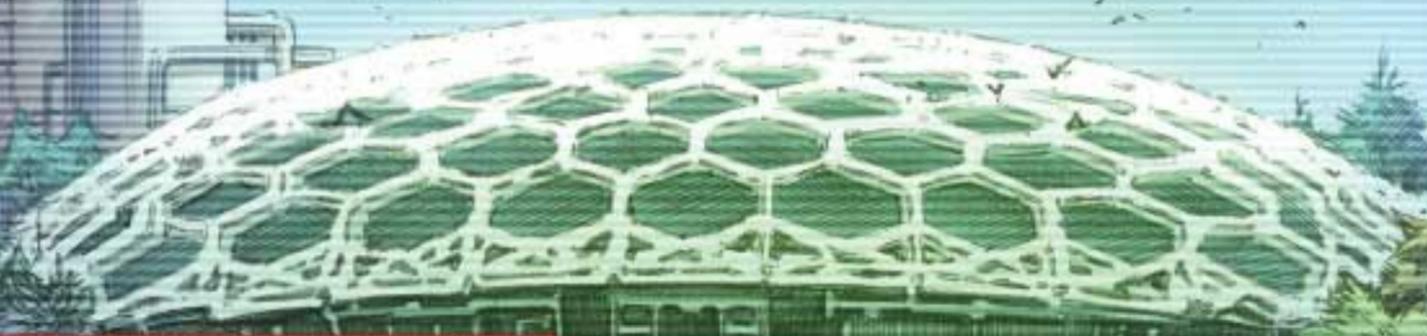


"HOW MANY OF THEM EXIST? YOUR NEIGHBOR COULD BE A PSIOT. YOUR BEST FRIEND. YOUR CHILD."

"WHILE THE COUNTRY IS DIVIDED AS TO THEIR TRUE NATURE, THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAS MADE ASSURANCES THAT ANY THREAT MADE BY THEM WILL BE MET WITH SWIFT ACTION, INSISTING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE THOUGHT OF AS "CHILDREN," BUT AS LIVING TIME BOMBS, ANGERING MANY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS."

"HOWEVER, WORLD LEADERS ARE POINTING THE FINGER AT THIS NEW PSIOT MENACE AS THE CAUSE OF THE BLACKOUT THAT HAS HIT THE UNITED STATES. IF A PSIOT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF THE U.S.' FLEET OF SATELLITES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF ITS POWER GRID, WHAT ELSE ARE THEY CAPABLE OF?"

"MEANWHILE, THE BENEVOLENT TECH GIANT OMEN AND ITS TOP ENGINEERS HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED SPECIALLY DESIGNED MOBILE HABITATS FOR ANY AND ALL PSIOTS THAT WISH TO SURRENDER TO AUTHORITIES. THE GOVERNMENT URGES ALL OF THEM TO FIND THE NEAREST HABITAT TO ENSURE THEIR OWN SAFETY."



"THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR THE  
PSIOT TERRORIST RESPONSIBLE FOR  
CAUSING THE UNITED STATES' SATELLITES  
TO LITERALLY PLUNGE BACK TO EARTH.



"AS HUMANITY LOOKS  
TO THE SKIES IN HORROR...



"THE QUESTION IS UNIVERSAL.  
WHO IS BREAKING THE WORLD?"



"AND HOW  
WILL WE FIX IT?"





ARMOR?  
CHART A ROUTE  
TO GET THIS  
SATELLITE BACK  
IN ORBIT.

Yes, Aric.  
Permission  
to guide our  
flight path?



...GRANTED.



CAN YOU  
BRING LIFE  
BACK TO  
IT?

If you  
permit me access  
to the gauntlets...  
I can decipher  
a work-around which  
will counteract the  
effects of the  
damage.



Permission  
to proceed?



AYE.

# "THE LOVEBOAT"

MOBILE COMMAND CENTER OF G.A.T.E., THE GLOBAL AGENCY FOR THREAT EXCISION.



IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, ARIC. THE SATELLITE YOU RESCUED IS THE FIRST SMALL STEP BACK TO NORMALCY.

I'M NOT NECESSARILY "BACK," CAPSHAW.

I MEANT... "BACK ON EARTH." WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU. YOU'VE BEEN OFF-PLANET FOR OVER A YEAR. I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT QUITE A STORY TO TELL.

OR NOT. REGARDLESS. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. YOU COULDN'T HAVE COME BACK AT A BETTER, OR WORSE, TIME. PALMER? YOU WANT TO GIVE HIM THE BRIEF?

WE HAVEN'T ANNOUNCED IT PUBLICLY, BUT WE KNOW EXACTLY WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING DOWN THE POWER GRID AND SATELLITES. AMANDA MCKEE. CODENAME: LIVEWIRE.

LIVEWIRE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS UNPROVOKED. WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL... *OMEN* HAPPENED. THEY ATTEMPTED TO NEUTRALIZE A GROUP OF DANGEROUS PSIOTS THAT LIVEWIRE WAS HIDING.

NEUTRALIZE?

THEY ATTEMPTED TO KILL THEM. THEY OVERSTEPS THEIR AUTHORITY. BUT THEY'RE MAKING UP FOR IT. THEY'VE BUILT THE MOBILE HABITATS TO MAKE AMENDS.

STILL. LIVEWIRE OVERREACTED. SHE'S COMMITTED AN ACT OF TREASON. HELL. IT'S AN ACT OF WAR, ARIC.



THE SHORT OF IT IS, WE NEED YOUR HELP. YOU'RE OUR BIGGEST GUN AND LIVEWIRE IS A THREAT WE'RE ILL-EQUIPPED TO HANDLE ON OUR OWN. THE UNITED STATES IS RELYING ON US... AND YOU, TO FIX THE PROBLEM.



I JUST LOST NEARLY EVERYTHING I HAD ON AN ALIEN PLANET BY GETTING INVOLVED, COLONEL CAPSHAW. I WAS A SOLDIER, A GENERAL, AND AN EMPEROR. LET ME TELL YOU...IT DIDN'T END WELL. POLITICS. WARRING NATIONS? I DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE AGAIN.



LISTEN, ARIC. YOU'RE NOT IN THE MIDDLE. YOU'RE PROTECTING YOUR PEOPLE. YOUR VISIGOTHS LIVE IN NEBRASKA. THIS AFFECTS THEM, TOO.



IF OUR NATION IS DESTABILIZED...WE WON'T BE IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE YOUR PEOPLE'S SAFETY. WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE U.S. IS GOOD FOR YOU.



LIVEWIRE HAS THROWN US BACK INTO THE STONE AGE. SHE'S LOST HER MIND. AND THE MOST POWERFUL PSIOT ON EARTH, PETER STANCHEK, IS RUNNING RAMPANT AROUND THE COUNTRY ACTIVATING MORE OF HIS KIND WITH WILLFUL ABANDON. THEY'RE TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. YOUR WORLD.



I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS. I WOULD WORRY ABOUT YOUR *IN*ACTION.



ALL RIGHT...