

SQUADRON SUPREME

REFUGEES FROM DEAD EARTHS, THE SQUADRON SUPREME IS A NEW KIND OF SUPER-TEAM THAT ARE LOOKING TO PROTECT THE WORLD--AT ANY COST. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS BEING THE DESTRUCTION OF ATLANTIS AND THE EXECUTION OF NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER.

RECENTLY, DURING AN ACT OF BETRAYAL, THEIR TEAMMATE POWER PRINCESS REVEALED THAT SHE WAS ACTUALLY THE NEFARIOUS WARRIOR WOMAN FROM THE SQUADRON SINISTER. LEAVING THE SQUADRON SUPREME SHE HAS SINCE WORKED IN SECRET WITH THE MYRIAD, AN ARMY COMPRISING DIFFERENT ALIEN RACES. HER NEW GOAL? TO PROTECT THE WORLD BY RULING IT.

MEANWHILE, THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO FORETELL THE FUTURE HAS FORCED EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS TO MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE? OR CHANGE THE FUTURE?

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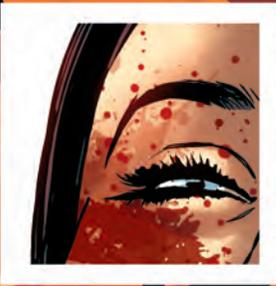
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ONCE UPON A
TIME, THERE WAS
A BEAUTIFUL
PRINCESS...

...WHO CHOSE
TO BECOME
A *QUEEN*.



THE LAND SHE CHOSE TO RULE WELCOMED HER WITH OPEN ARMS.

OH, HOW THEY *SANG*...OH, HOW THEY *CHEERED*...ON THAT GREAT, GRAND DAY WHEN THE PRINCESS FIRST PLACED HER DAINTY FEET UPON THEIR COBBLESTONE LANES AND BYROADS.



...YET WITH A WAVE OF HER HAND, LO, ENCHANTMENT FELL UPON THE LAND AND IT GREW RESPLENDENT SKYWARD.





INDEED, THOSE
LANES THEMSELVES
WOULD HAVE *SMILED*
IF THEY BUT COULD.

FOR THEY WERE
OF OLD STONE
AND HARRIED,
BROKEN SHINGLE...



FROM A SAD, TIRED
SHIRE TO A REALM
MOST *WONDRIOUS*.



HOW THE PEOPLE
CHEERED...

...APART
FROM THOSE
WHO *DIDN'T*.



AND SO
IT WAS.

THE QUEEN
GAZED DOWN
FROM HER CASTLE
HIGH, CONTENT.

ZARDA.





MODRED.



YOU WERE DEEP IN THOUGHT--I CAN COME BACK.

NO, I WAS MERELY...

...REFLECTING ON EVERYTHING-- ALL I'VE ACHIEVED. HOW I'LL BE REMEMBERED.



YES, WELL, HISTORY OFTEN APPLIES A FRESH COAT OF PAINT TO THE TRUTH BEFORE IT FACES THE SUN.

HA, YOU AND YOUR METAPHORS.

I ENJOY WORDS, WHAT CAN I SAY.

AND AS FOR HISTORY'S EYES-- I COULDN'T CARE LESS.

THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS I WON THE LOYALTY OF THE MYRIAD--

"WON"? YOU WON THEIR LOYALTY?



FINE, I TOOK IT, ALL THANKS TO YOUR MAGIC, MODRED. THAT AND THE COMBINED SCIENCE OF ALL THOSE ALIEN RACES CONQUERED THIS COUNTRY IN LITTLE MORE THAN A DAY.

AND HERE WE ARE.

MY "MAGIC" HAS A NAME, BY THE WAY, ZARDA. **THE EYE OF XOT.** IT HAS BEEN USED BY MANY RULERS AND DESPOTS THROUGHOUT TIME TO "WIN" A POPULACE'S LOVE OR OBEDIENCE.



"A GIFT" FROM DOCTOR DRUID IN RETURN FOR MY BEING HIS AGENT HERE ON EARTH. IN FACT, DRUID MIRRORED ITS ENERGY FREQUENCY TO CREATE THE IMMENSE JEWEL THAT HE USED TO ENSLAVE WEIRDWORLD.



AND WE USED IT TO CONTROL THE MYRIAD.

CHANGING THEM FROM A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE BENT ON PROFIT INTO AN ARMY BENT ON CONQUEST...

...IN MY NAME.



WE THEN CONQUERED THE COUNTRY OF ALAMBRA USING THE COMBINATION OF WARRIORS' MIGHT AND ALIEN WEAPONRY-- --AND SUBSEQUENTLY TERRAFORMED THIS RELATIVELY PRIMITIVE COUNTRY INTO A TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERLAND.

