

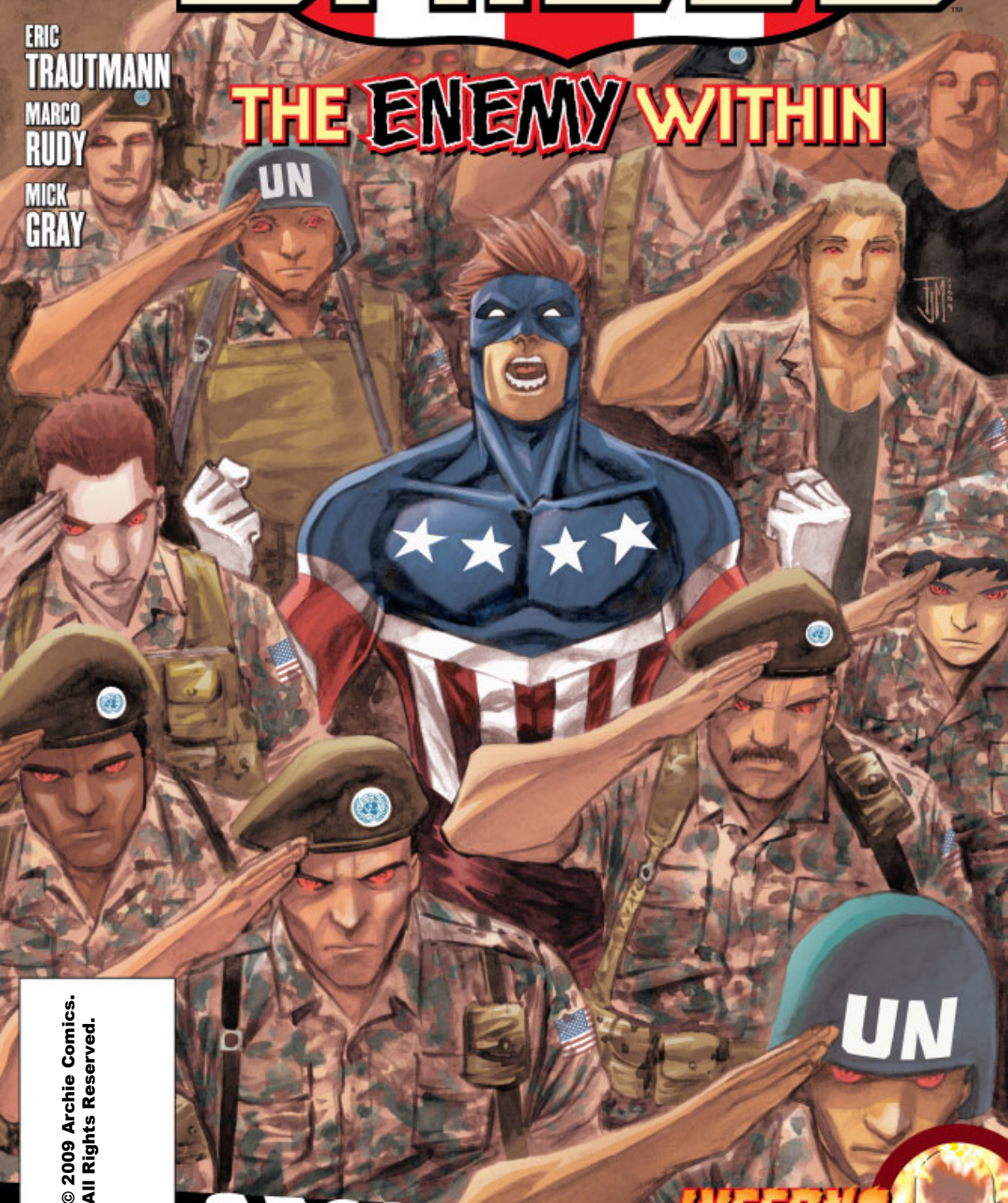


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THE SHIELD

THE ENEMY WITHIN

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US ARMY C-130 SUPPORT AIRCRAFT
MUSTANG 3 ON STATION OVER
BIALYA/KAHNDAQ BORDER

Shield
--SHIELD TO
MUSTANG
THREE, CODE
ROMEO ALPHA
OVER.

ROGER,
SHIELD
ACTUAL.

SGT. CAYCE?
OUR BOY IS ON
THE HORN, 'BOUT
FORTY MINUTES
AHEAD OF
SCHEDULED
CHECK-IN.

ABOUT
TIME.

FIRE UP HIS
TELEMETRY
FEED. LET'S
SEE HOW HE'S
DOING.

MUSTANG 3,
SHIELD. GIVE
US A SITREP,
OVER.

SHIELD ALPHA
CONTACT

SHIELD ALPHA CONTACT

AH, I HAVE
SOME COMPANY,
MUSTANG 3.
UPLOADING DATA
NOW.

MUSTANG
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41.934811

DEET

...MAGOG?
WHAT THE
HELL IS HE
DOING
THERE?

ROGER
THAT, SHIELD.
IS NEW CONTACT
IMPEDING THE
MISSION?
OVER.

CONTACT IDENTIFIED:
LCPL DAVID REID USMC

...UNCLEAR
AT PRESENT,
MUSTANG 3.
WILL ADVISE.
OVER.


SHIELD ALPHA CONTACT

MUSTANG THREE
37.208163
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WHAT ABOUT
YOUR OBJECTIVE?
ANY SIGN OF OUR
MISSING GUYS?
OVER.

CONTACT IDENTIFIED:
LCPL DAVID REID USMC
"MAGOG"

UH,
ROGER,
MUSTANG
3...



L.T. JOE HIGGINS—WOUNDED AND LEFT FOR DEAD ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE—RECEIVED A CUTTING EDGE EXPERIMENTAL WARSUIT AND IS NOW THE U.S. ARMY'S VERY OWN SUPERHERO. DISPATCHED ON HIGH-RISK MISSIONS AROUND THE GLOBE, HE IS...

THE SHIELD

IN ALPHA DOGS

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KICKING DOWN THE DOOR PART 2



...THEY'RE
DEFINITELY
AROUND.

AND THEY
DON'T LOOK
ALL THAT HAPPY
TO SEE US.

AS-SINAN AL-HADI-DIYAH
MOUNTAINS, BIALYA

I'VE SPENT THE BETTER PART OF
A DAY MAKING MY WAY INTO THE
MOUNTAINS, LOOKING FOR SEVERAL
MISSING SPECIAL FORCES UNITS.

WHEN I FOUND THEM,
THEY IMMEDIATELY
STARTED SHOOTING.

KRAK
KRAK

FANG
FANG
FANG

BLAM
BLAM

MAGOG,
CHECK YOUR
FIRE! CHECK
YOUR FIRE...

...THIS IS
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
RESCUE
OP.

THEY'RE
BIG BOYS,
FLAG PANTS.

ENERGY OUTPUT:

ZZZZAK



AND THEN,
OUT OF
NOWHERE,
MAGOG
WALTZED IN,
GUNS
BLAZING.

LOCAL DAVID REID USMC
"MAGOG"
SHA JUSTICE SOCIETY

THE BOY IS
SHUJA, MY
LOCAL GUIDE.

FIRST ORDER OF
BUSINESS IS TO GET
HIM OUT OF THE
COMBAT AREA
BEFORE HE GETS
KILLED IN THE
CROSSFIRE.

(HANG
ON.)

(WHOOOOP!)

(STAY HERE
AND KEEP
YOUR HEAD
DOWN.)

(IF I'M
NOT BACK IN
FIFTEEN MINUTES,
YOU GET BACK TO
YOUR VILLAGE AND
GET EVERYONE
OUT OF THESE
MOUNTAINS.)

(OF COURSE.
WE SHOULD RUN
BECAUSE THE BIG
AMERICAN SUPER-
HERO SAYS
SO.)

(NO.)

(IF I DON'T
COME BACK, IT
MEANS I'M DEAD,
AND WHATEVER
KILLED ME ISN'T
GOING TO STOP
THERE.)

(OKAY.
FIFTEEN
MINUTES.)

(...I'LL BE
BACK, SHUJA.
I WON'T LEAVE
YOU UP
HERE.)

(WHATEVER.)

(...TOO MUCH
TO HOPE YOU'LL
ALL JUST KILL
EACH OTHER, I
SUPPOSE.)

TRICKY. LOTS TO KEEP AN EYE ON.

THE SOLDIERS, SHUJA, MAGOG. LOTS OF SHOOTING. SOMEONE'S GOING TO GET KILLED...



...AND I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

NOT TODAY.

NOT ON MY WATCH.



COMING THROUGH, JARHEAD.

--THE HELL? I HAD THEM, YOU MORON!



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OVERRIDE THE
WARSUIT'S POWER
LEVELS, RAMPING
THEM DOWN.

LOCK THEIR
THERMAL
SIGNATURES
INTO THE
SUIT'S
BATTLE
SUITE.

FIRE UP THE HAND-TO-
HAND PROTOCOLS--THE
WARSUIT'S HARDWIRED
COMBAT REFLEXES.

SHOWTIME.

IT TAKES PRACTICE,
FINESSE, VIOLENCE
OF ACTION, ECONOMY
OF MOTION.

THE
WARSUIT'S
NANOTECH
IS DESIGNED
TO INFLECT
MAXIMUM
PUNISHMENT.

SHOCK AND
AWE, IN ONE
LETHAL
PACKAGE.

THE TRICK
ISN'T STOPPING
THESE GUYS.

THE HARD PART
IS ENDING THE
FIGHT WITHOUT
KILLING THEM.

US ARMY C-130 SUPPORT AIRCRAFT
MUSTANG 3 ON STATION OVER
BIALYA/KAHNDAQ BORDER

--GRRK
--SHIELD
TO MUSTANG 3.
YOU STILL HAVE
HELICOPTER
SUPPORT OUT OF
AL-QAWIYAH?
OVER.

AFFIRMATIVE...

...BUT I'M
ONLY SUPPOSED
TO USE THE GUN-
SHIPS TO COVER
A MEDEVAC.
YOU HURT?

SPURLOCK,
BRING UP HIS
FEED. NOW.

TELEMETRY
SHOWS YOUR
POWER LEVELS
WAY DOWN,
JOE.

EVERYTHING
OKAY? THE
GENERAL WILL
HAVE MY HEAD
IF THERE'S A
PROBLEM WITH
THE WARSUIT.
OVER.

VA-DEET

NEGATIVE,
MUSTANG 3...

...YOU CAN TELL
GENERAL LATHAM
THE SUIT WORKED
LIKE A CHARM.
WE'VE RECOVERED
SIX OF THE MISSING
SOLDIERS.

YOU CAN
ALSO GIVE HIM MY
APOLOGIES.

APOLOGIES?
FOR WHAT?

FOR
DENTING THESE
BOYS UP BEFORE
RETURNING THEM.
I THINK I MIGHT'VE
INVALIDATED THEIR
WARRANTY.

AND
FOR WHAT
I'M ABOUT TO
DO TO THE
BUDGET.

IT TAKES A
MINUTE OR TWO
TO OUTLINE WHAT
I HAVE IN MIND.

DAY TWO

I MAY NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT MYSELF, BUT I KNOW THIS VERY ANGRY MAN CALLS HIMSELF GREEN ARROW.

FRANK VERRANO IS A MAN ON THE RUN. HIS MEMORIES ARE SCATTERED AND HIS ABILITY TO CHANGE INTO AN INCENDIARY SUPERHUMAN IS A MYSTERY. PURSUED BY SHADOWY ENEMIES, FRANK MUST UNCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS FIERY ALTER-EGO--

INFERNO

BURNING INSIDE PART 2 OF 4

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I'M GONNA COUNT TO THREE, SPARKY...

I'M NOT THE BAD GUY HERE! I WAS ATTACKED BY THESE WEIRD COMMANDO-TYPES, AND THINGS GOT OUT OF CONTROL--

OH, YEAH? IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN SAN FRAN YESTERDAY, TOO?
ONE.

SHUT OFF THE FIRE! NOW!

I CAN'T DO THAT!

TWO...

...THREE...

NO!

SZZZ

PSSSH



GGLLLGGH

FOAM IS SPREADING FAST. FEELS LIKE I'M DROWNING...



COME ON, ARROW. I DON'T WANT A FIGHT--



HEY!

SHIMP

WROOOR

WROOOR



HERE'S A FUN FACT:
STAR CITY WAS FOUNDED AFTER THE ORIGINAL TERRITORY WAS TRASHED BY THE GREAT FIRE OF 1897...



...AND SINCE THAT TIME, OUR FIREMEN HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED SOME OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

PUT HIM OUT.



SSHHWAAHHH



EELIAAAHH



OH, HOLY FLAMING CRAP.



I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT A FIGHT!

WHOA! BACK UP, BACK UP!

WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST LISTEN TO ME?!



KATHOOOM
KATHOOOM

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT. THEY PUSHED YOU INTO DOING THAT.



JUST GET AWAY BEFORE THINGS GET ANY WORSE.

FIND SOMEWHERE TO HIDE UNTIL YOU CAN FIGURE OUT YOUR NEXT MOVE.



CUE THE MAN ON FIRE...