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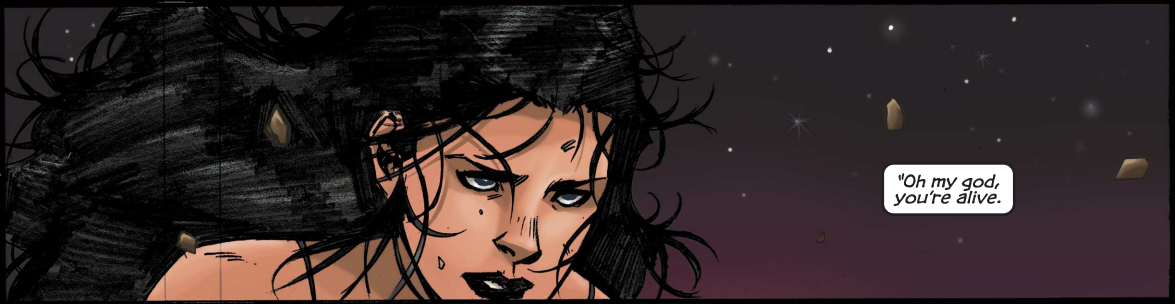


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"Oh my god,  
you're alive."



"My darling, you  
beat that giant  
bastard."



"I don't know  
how you did it..."

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"I will tell you everything later, John Carter."



"But is it over? Does this end the attacks?"

"Yes."



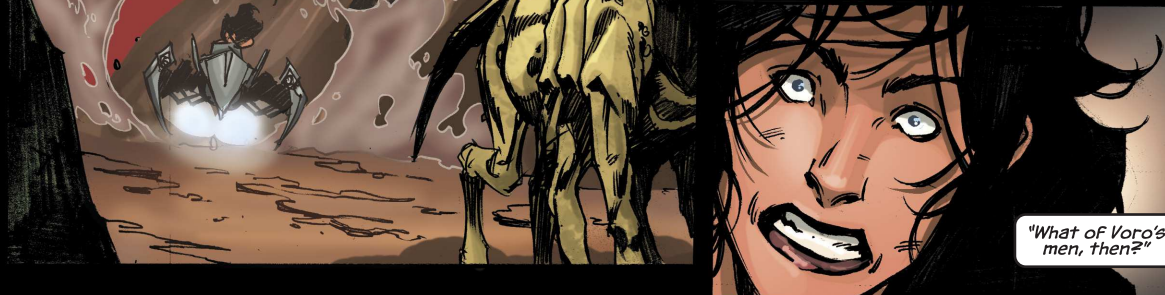
"Then the Tharks won't secede."

"No."



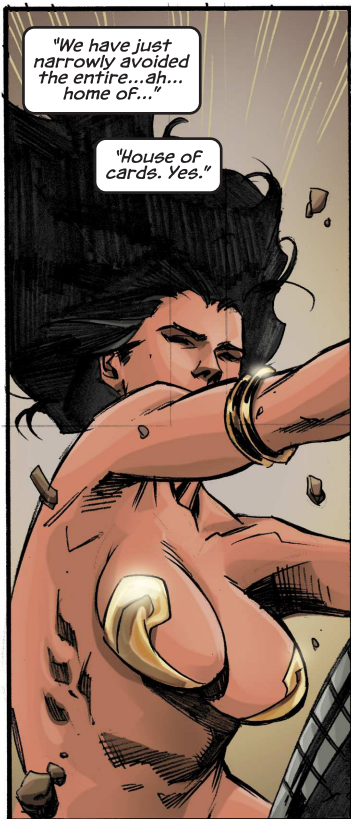
"But Tars can never know of this, John."

"I don't like keeping secrets from him, but I agree."



"What of Voro's men, then?"





"We have just narrowly avoided the entire...ah... home of..."

"House of cards. Yes."



"Voro's men are no longer a problem."

"I will deal with them."



"Nobody'll know what you did to preserve the peace."

"I've said it before, my love. You're incomparable."











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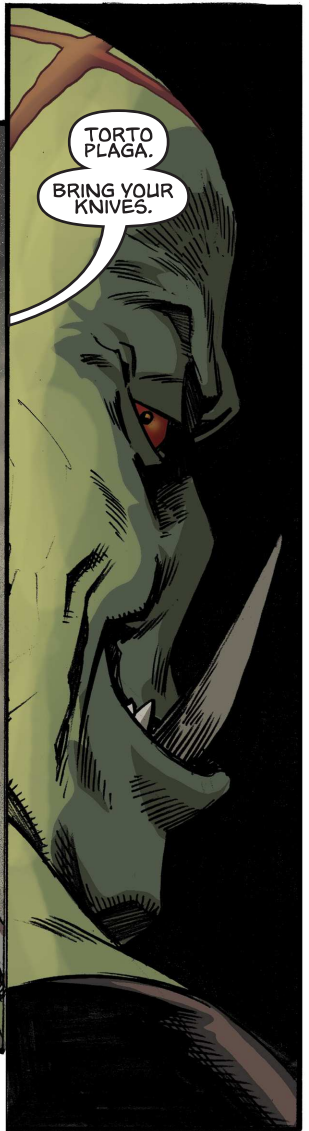
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SOMEONE SAY GO.



STOP.



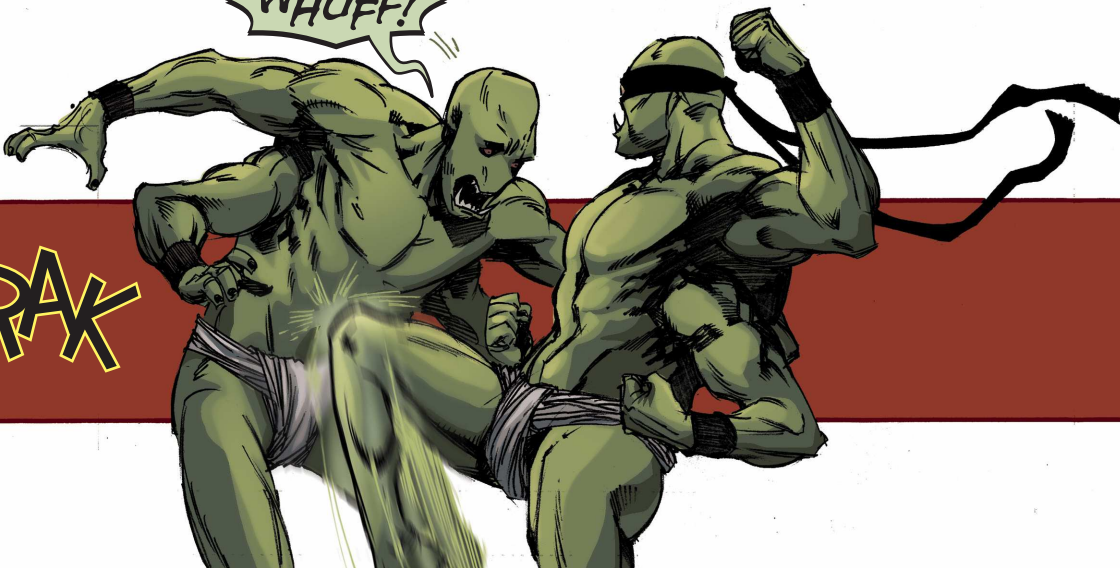
TORTO PLAGA.  
BRING YOUR KNIVES.





WHUFF!

KRAK







GAH.



NEXT.

... THAT WAS NOT SIMPLY HEARING...



I AM READY.



ARE YOU, SORDES?







"You're sleeping better now. I can tell."

"Less squirming?"

"Unintentional squirming, yes."



"But you still don't quite seem...Are you all right, darling?"

"I am, John. Do not be concerned."











HOLD STILL.



STILL. GOOD...

FSSSS



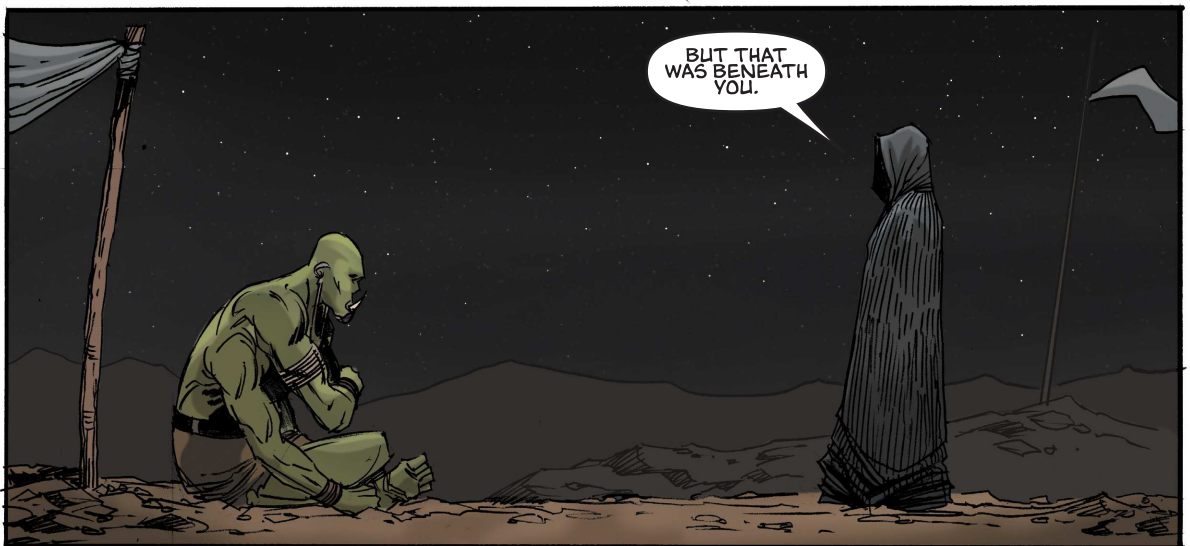
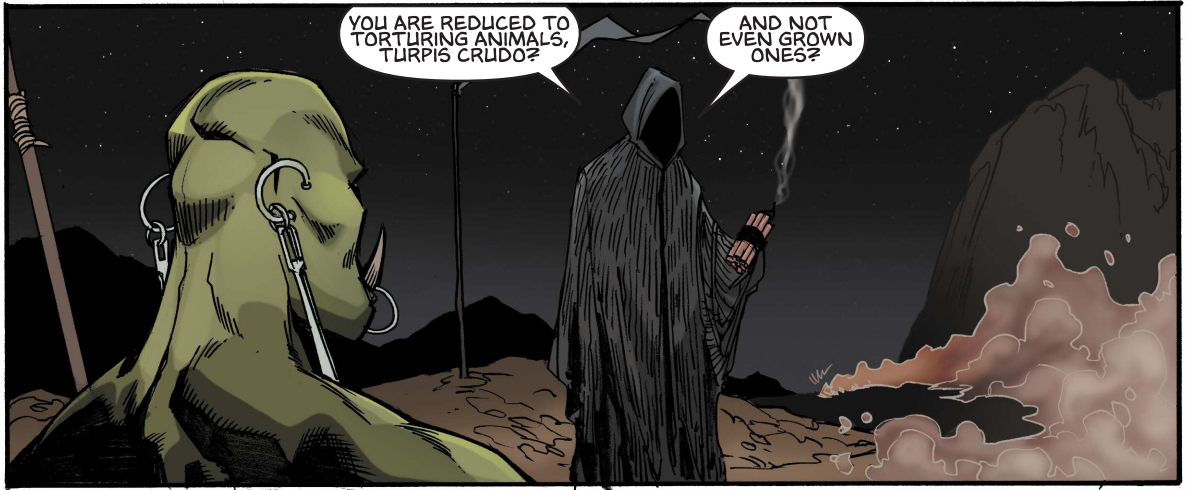
SMACK

OFF WITH YOU.



HEH.







"Please do not scrutinize me, John."

"Darling, it doesn't take scrutiny to notice that you're not quite yourself."

"One of your sayings? Then who am I?"

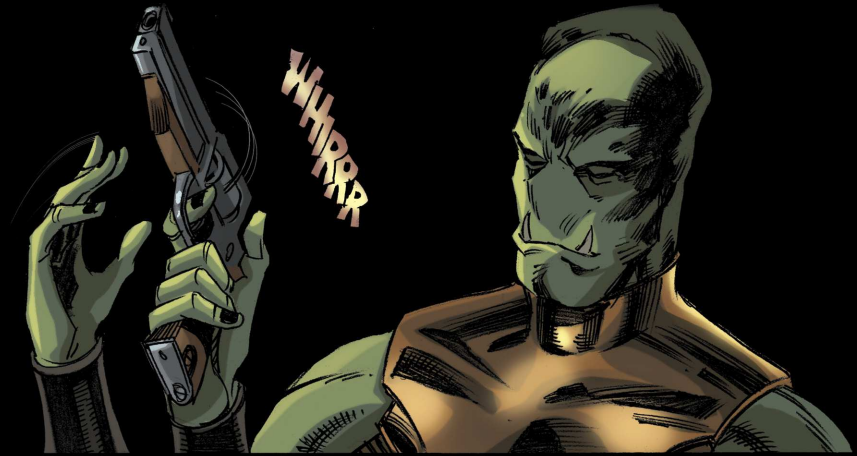
"Someone reckless."

"If I didn't know you better, I'd say self-destructive."

"Please. As you said, if you did not know me better..."







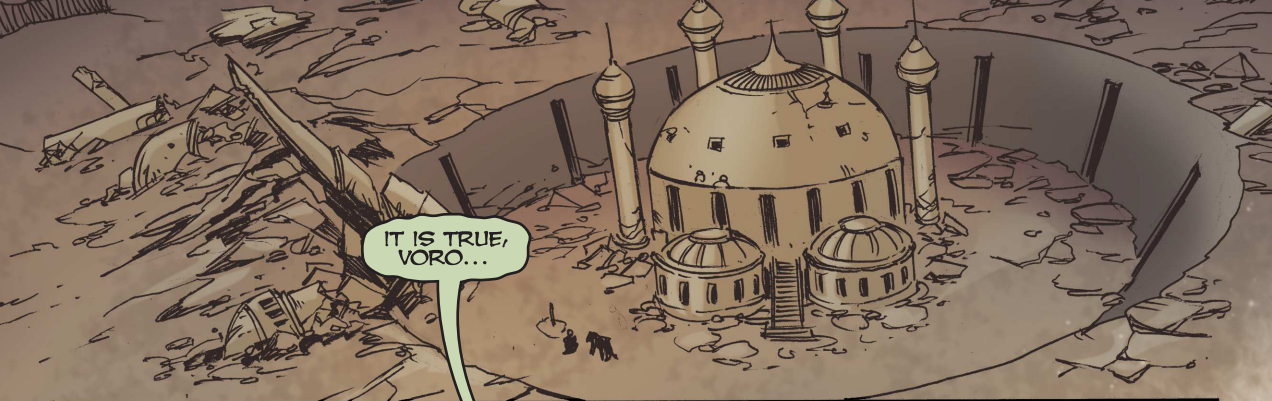
CRUOR...



YES.







IT IS TRUE,  
VORO...



YOU WERE  
NO HOK, TO SAY  
THE LEAST. AND  
YET...



BAH.  
IT IS MY OWN  
CHOICES THAT  
BROUGHT ME  
HERE.



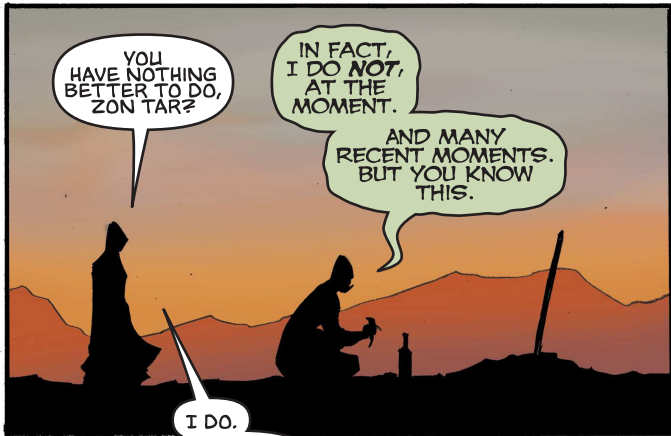




YOU.

GETTING DRINK AND TALKING TO A DEAD THARK WHO CANNOT HEAR YOU.

AND GIVEN WHO HE WAS, A WASTE OF YOUR VOICE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.



YOU HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO, ZON TAR?

IN FACT, I DO NOT, AT THE MOMENT.  
AND MANY RECENT MOMENTS. BUT YOU KNOW THIS.

I DO.



AND YOU HAVE A THARK'S MANNERS, BUT YOU DO NOT SHARE YOUR DRINK?



WE DRINK TO... ?

A JOB.





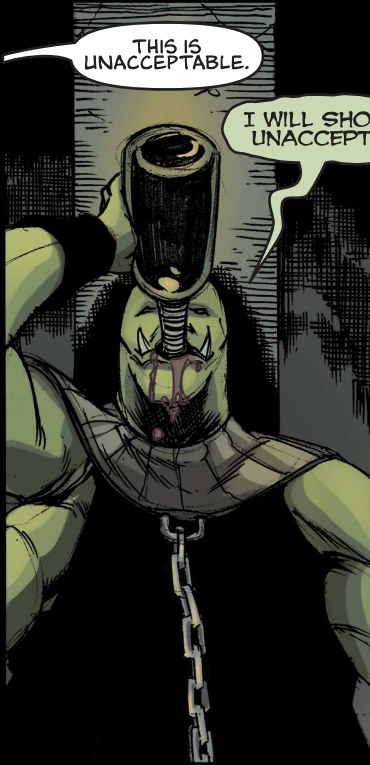


YOU ARE BORED.  
CHAFING.



SOME OF YOU ARE LETTING YOURSELVES GO.

HUH.



THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

I WILL SHOW YOU UNACCEPTABLE.



WHACK





...RRRRR...



PLEASE CONTINUE.



OSOR. CRUOR.  
TURPIS CLUDO.  
SORDES. TORTO  
PLAGA. ZON  
TAR.

YOU  
ARE THE  
WORST.



MURDERERS  
OF YOUR OWN  
COMRADES.

TERRORISTS.

TRAITORS.

YOU  
DO NOT  
EXIST.





YOU ARE STARVED FOR BATTLE AND DEATH.

AND FOR YOUR CRIMES, I WILL GIVE YOU THAT TODAY.



I HAVE A TASK FOR YOU. A MISSION.

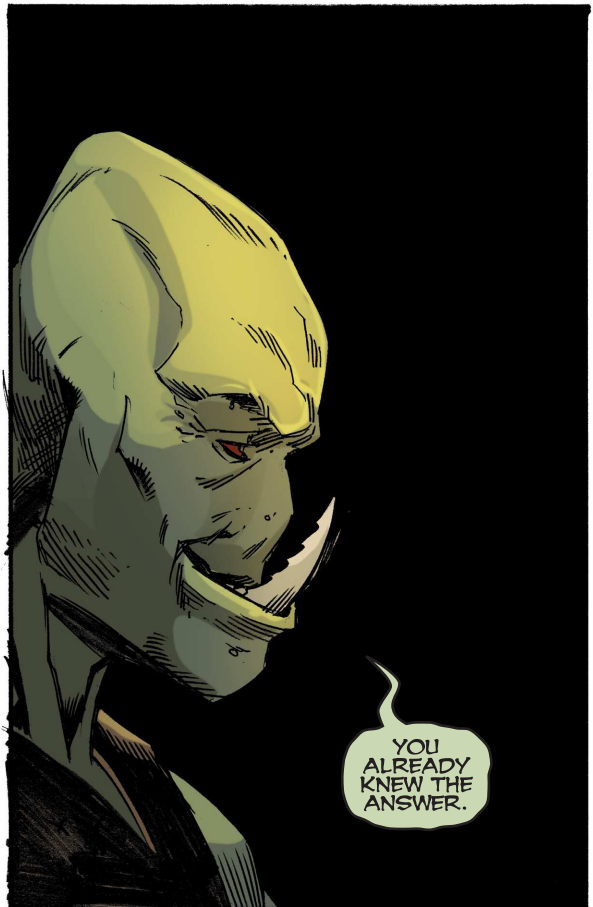
IT DOES NOT INVOLVE SLAUGHTERING THE HELPLESS OR SNEAKING AROUND AND HIDING.



YOU WILL BE OUTNUMBERED.

SOME OF YOU WILL NOT SURVIVE. MAYBE NONE OF YOU. IN FACT, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELVES DOOMED IF YOU ACCEPT IT.

WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW?



YOU ALREADY KNEW THE ANSWER.



YES.  
THEN THERE  
IS ONE OTHER  
THING.



I AM  
GOING WITH  
YOU.







"WE WELCOME YOU, PRINCESS."

"AND SO DOES DEATH."

**NEXT: THE MALEFICENT SEVEN!**



# DYNAMITE®

## IN THE NEWS - DECEMBER 2013

ALL-STAR WRITERS GREG PAK, FRED VANLENTE, FRANK BARBIERE, AND MARK WAID REIMAGINE FAN-FAVORITE SERIES TUROK, SOLAR, MAGNUS: ROBOT FIGHTER, AND DOCTOR SPEKTOR



Dynamite Entertainment proudly announces the return of four fan-favorite comic series - *Turok: Dinosaur Hunter*, *Solar: Man of the Atom*, *Magnus: Robot Fighter*, and *Doctor Spektor* -- through a new licensing agreement with DreamWorks Classics. The publishing company has signed four of today's most sought-after writers: Greg Pak on *Turok: Dinosaur Hunter*, Frank Barbieri on *Solar: Man of the Atom*, Fred Van Lente on *Magnus: Robot Fighter*, and Mark Waid on the long-lost hero *Doctor Spektor*. Contributing artists will include Mirko Colak, Cory Smith, and more to be announced. Dynamite will launch the bold new universe of name-brand titles beginning in February 2014 with the debut of *Turok: Dinosaur Hunter* by Pak and Colak.

"These are super-bold, all-new takes on awesome characters by some of the best creators working in comics today," says Nate Cosby, editor of the new line. "I couldn't be more jazzed to oversee the revamping and re-imagining of the Gold Key line, especially when the incredible stories are coming from Greg, Fred, Mark, and Frank, with beautiful art by Mirko, Cory, and more. It's a treat to work with these guys to dig down and find the core of each character, what makes them tick and why they've lasted for so many decades. We can't wait to show you what we've been cooking up!"

Originally published throughout the 1950s and 1960s as part of the Gold Key Comics imprint and followed by the monumentally successful run from Valiant Comics in the early 1990s, the titles *Turok*, *Solar*, and *Magnus: Robot Fighter* are immediately recognizable to the modern comic-reading audience. *Doctor Spektor*, a title launched in the 1970s, rejoins its contemporaries for the first time in decades as part of Dynamite's reimagined line.

Each contributing writer has shared their thoughts on the bold initiative:

**Greg Pak**, whose innovating writing style has propelled *Batman/Superman* to the top of sales charts, says, "When Nate Cosby told me the character he had in mind for me, I couldn't stop grinning. The original *Turok*, Son of Stone series featured a Native

American warrior fighting for survival in a lost valley populated by dinosaurs. I'm just going to go on the record and say that every single element in that description is solid gold. I want to write stories with a Native American hero. I want to write stories about fighting for survival. And you bet your boots I want to write stories about a world populated by dinosaurs. And now you're telling me I get to do all three? For sheer thrills and adventure, this book is going to be a blast to work on. And I'm always drawn to stories that feature diverse casts, so I love that a Native American hero headlines the book. I'm also loving the world-building we're doing. We're exploring the reasons why dinosaurs walk the earth and all of the social, historical, ecological, and political ramifications that follow. This is huge adventure combined with mind-bending alternate history, and I couldn't be happier."

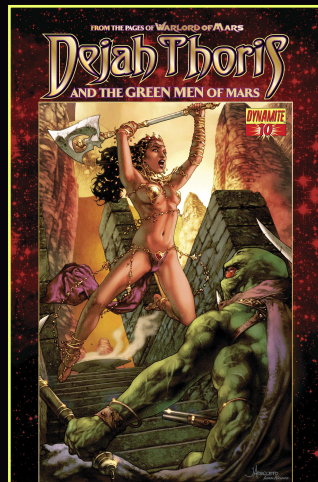
**Fred Van Lente**, a *New York Times* bestselling author and fan-favorite writer of *Marvel Zombies*, says, "I'm thrilled and honored to be reviving such a beloved series. I loved the original Russ Manning book as a kid, and am looking forward to bringing science fiction action to the new series in a thought-provoking way. The very nature of robotics questions what it means to be human -- that's ultimately what *Magnus: Robot Fighter* will be about. That, and punching robots until they explode. There will be a lot that old-time fans will find familiar, but the science of robotics and cybernetics has advanced considerably even since the last time Magnus had a title, and you'll be seeing a lot of those reflected here."

**Frank Barbieri**, a rising star whose work includes *Blackout* and *Five Ghosts*, says, "Dynamite has lined up some of the top talent in the business for the new universe of books, and I am both excited and flattered to be part of it. I think fans are going to be thrilled by the new directions we're taking with many of the properties, *Solar* included. I'm a huge fan of the character and will be putting a unique spin on the mythology with an emphasis on family and character. I'm hoping my take will resonate strongly across the readership, new and old alike, and I'll certainly be bringing a lot of new and exciting things to the table."

**Mark Waid**, one of the most celebrated comic writers of the modern era thanks to bestselling titles like *Kingdom Come*, *Daredevil*, *Amazing Spider-Man*, and *Indestructible Hulk*, says, "Launching a publishing event like this is an exciting opportunity to show how it can be done well, stylishly, and cohesively. The key (no pun intended), as far as I'm concerned, is to get to the core of these characters so we can, with dynamism and confidence, tell the readers who they are, what they want, and why fans will invest in that. For *Doctor Spektor*, the challenge comes in figuring out how a professional skeptic, a famous investigator who debunks and exposes the extra-normal and keeps himself grounded, can function in a world that suddenly hosts superheroes and supervillains. What do you choose to believe in when your lifelong belief system is swept away?"

Nick Barrucci, the CEO and Publisher of Dynamite Entertainment, adds, "Longtime fans can rest assured -- their beloved heroes are in capable hands. I can't believe the dream team of creators bringing these fantastic characters back, and with a vengeance! I'm honored that Greg Pak, Fred Van Lente, Frank Barbieri, and Mark Waid are at the helm. It's new, it's fresh, it's mind-blowing -- look for *Turok*, *Solar*, *Magnus*, and *Spektor* to win the hearts of dedicated fans and curious newcomers alike!"

## NEXT ISSUE:



## ISSUE #10

Under cover as a slave. Unrecognizable with her hair chopped short. Dejah Thoris goes deeper on a dangerous mission with her secret, brutal force of six Tharks. They make a magnificent seven, but will they all make it out alive? And should they all?

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