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BROTHERS OF THE WORM

ORORIUM--
THE CITY OF
GOLD.

IT GLITTERS WITH A
SUN-BRIGHT BRILLIANCE
THAT PUTS TO SHAME
EVEN KNOXALA, GOMR'S
CAPITAL.

ALL ORORIUM'S STREETS
ARE PAVED WITH GOLD, AND
ITS TOWERS AND GARGOILES
GLEAM WITH GILDED LUMI-
NANCE.

GEMS, TOO,
ARE STREWN
ABOUT LIKE A
CARELESS CHILD'S
MARBLES.

WHAT USE, CONAN
MUSES, TO SEEK TO
STEAL IN SUCH A
PLACE--

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--WHEN RIGNES LIE IN PROFUSION ALL ABOUT YOU?

TAKE IT OFF!

TAKE IT ALL OFF!



HOW DARE YOU, SIR!

SHALL ACHERON'S SOLDIERS SHOW SUCH DISRESPECT FOR A MAN OF THE GODS AND HIS SLAVE?

OPHIR'S GODS ARE WEAK-LINGS LIKE MYTHRA! ACHERON'S GOD IS SET, LORD OF SERPENTS.

AND SET WHISPERS THAT HE WANTS ME TO HAVE THAT SAUN-GOLD ROBE--NOT SOME DRIED-UP HUSK LIKE YOU!



PERHAPS YOU MISHEARD HIM. PLEASE ASK HIM AGAIN.

STOP STALLING, GEEZER! SHUCK THAT ROBE--NOW!

OPHIR IS AN INDEPENDENT KINGDOM--AND AN ALLY OF ACHERON. WE ARE EQUALS...



AYE--THE WAY A MAN AND HIS DOGS ARE EQUALS!



STRIP HIM!

STOP..!

YOU'RE LUCKY WE DON'T CUT IT OFF YOU!







FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS,
AS OLD SILUS BROODS
SILENTLY IN HIS ROOM,
CONAN SWINGS A
PICK-AXE WITH A
SINGLE-MINDED
DETERMINATION
WHICH DRIVES ALL
OTHER THOUGHTS
FROM HIS
BRAIN.





NIGHT:

TANNIK
AND HIS
DAMNABLE
CAMP-
FIRES!

HE HAS
BARELY
ENOUGH
BANDITS TO
TAKE
US--

PERHAPS,
IN *YOU*, HE
RECOGNIZES
A WARRIOR
WHO COULD
LEAD THE
DIGGERS
AGAINST
HIM.

-- BUT I'M
CURSED IF I
CAN FIGURE
OUT WHY HE
DOESN'T
TRY.

YOUR
SHARE OF
FATHER'S
CLAIM WILL
MAKE YOU
A RICH
MAN..

... IF ANY
OF US
SURVIVE.



WE HAVE *ENOUGH*,
MARNI. LET ME
SPEAK: YOU AND
YOUR FATHER, OUT
PAST THOSE
BANDITS.

THEY WON'T
EXPECT US TO
TRY TO LEAVE
SO SOON...

NO!
WE
CAN'T
RUN
AWAY!



BEFORE HIS ACCIDENT,
FATHER SAID THERE
WAS *MUCH MORE*
GOLD DOWN THERE
THAN YOU'VE
BROUGHT OUT...

IS THAT ALL YOU
WANT FROM ME,
GIRL?



THEN, BY CROM,
THAT'S ALL YOU'RE
GOING TO GET.

I'LL *MINE*
YOUR CLAIM--
FOR ONE MORE
WEEK.

THEN
I'M GONE--
WITH OR
WITHOUT
YOU!
TWO!









NO! DON'T KILL
THE ONES WHO LOOK
LIKE MINERS!

WE NEED
THOSE ALIVE--
TO SHOW US
WHERE THE
GOLD IS!

AND ONE
OF THEM WE
NEED MOST
OF ALL!









GET HIM, BEFORE HE CAN ESCAPE!



YOU PIGS WILL WISH YOU'D BEEN SLOWER!



ERIE--!



GOT HIM, TANNIK!

NAGGNN



WHEN THE BLACK ARISS BEFORE CONAN'S EYES BEGINS TO REcede.

WHERE'S OLD SILUS AND HIS DAUGHTER?

IF YOU'VE HARMED THEM--

--YOU'LL DO WHAT? BITE THROUGH THOSE CHAINS?

I ONLY SPARED YOU SO YOU CAN SHOW ME THE MIVES JENNA TOLD ME ABOUT.









THEN
I'LL TAKE
IT!
YOU CAN'T
HOLD IT,
ANYWAY--

AAAGGGGG



OWWWRRR

--WITH
A BROKEN
ARM!



KILL HIM!

**CIRCLE HIM!
HE CAN'T FEND OFF
ALL YOUR
WEAPONS!**











BULPEN BULLETINS

AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1ST

CABLE

CABLE and X-FORCE are finally reunited! The Askani's and the team he formed are drawn together at last by a common crisis: the return of CALIBAN! Where has the ex-Morlock been all of these months and what is the nature of his connection to APOCALYPSE? By JOE PRUETT & RICK LEONARD!

CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS II

The very best of Earth's heroes have been selected, and their reward is... death! Who is ultimately behind the Contest? What are their true plans for our heroes... and for Earth? By CHRIS CLAREMONT & OSCAR JIMENEZ!

FANTASTIC FOUR

The FANTASTIC FOUR invade the 1999 San Diego Comic Con! Racing against the clock, the FF must find a cure for the nanite infection that has attacked the THING and guest-star SHE-HULK—which leads them to... a comic book convention! By CHRIS CLAREMONT & SALVADOR LARROCA!

FANTASTIC FOUR: DOMINATION FACTOR

The world has grinded to a standstill! But why? The FF and the Earth's Mightiest Heroes realize that only they can save the present—by journeying into the past! By DAN JURGENS!

SPIDER-WOMAN

Someone as vile as VENOM, as deadly as DOC OCK and as macabre as MYSTERY stalks SPIDER-WOMAN! If you thought FLESH and BONES were cool, just wait until you run into the new night creature named SHADOWCASTER! Plus: Our heroine's first day at school... yuck! By JOHN BYRNE & BART SEARS!

THOR

What could prevent THOR from aiding ODIN against the assault of the ENCHANTERS? Only the JUGGERNAUT—who's on a rampage through Manhattan! But what power can stem the tide once the unstoppable force and the God of Thunder go toe-to-toe? By DAN JURGENS & JOHN ROMITA JR!

UNCANNY X-MEN

Marooned on the vast tundra of a strange land, COLOSSUS and MARROW must face not only their own inner demons, but the man with a profound hold over both of them: the mad MIKHAIL RASPUTIN! By ALAN DAVIS & TOM RANEY!

WILD THING

RINA, the daughter of WOLVERINE, is deeply into a brand new virtual combat video simulation. It's all harmless fun—that is, until a powerful enemy from her mother's past attempts to gain revenge against ELEKTRA, the woman who once killed him! By LARRY HAMA & RON LIM!

X-FORCE

The devastated duo SHATTERSTAR and RICTOR have been M.I.A. for many months! So where have they been and what have they been up to? By FABIAN NICIEZA & CHRIS RENAULT!

H.I. Hero!

Have you noticed that Marvel's movie projects are one of the main sources of conversation whenever fans gather these days? Speculation is rife over who'll play Spider-Man now that comicdom's most eagerly awaited film is at last starting to get under way -- and, of course, who will the villain or villains be? People are also talking about who'll star in the upcoming Fantastic Four epic as well as The Silver Surfer and the Hulk spectaculars. Naturally, we know who'll star in the sequel to Blade--it'll be the wonderful Wesley Snipes again, because no one could do it better. Plus, we've got a few more features warming up in the Bulpen, but let's save them for another Soapbox. It's time to anoint our new No-Prize laureates now, and nothing must delay us!

Miles Benson of Milford, MA thinks he's trapped me with this question...

"I remember an old issue of Spider-Man where Kraven the Hunter said he has hunted every animal out there. Did he ever hunt any Manta Fish (FF #14 volume 1) Du-De Birds or any of the dinosaurs found in Ka-Zar's Savage Land?"

Sure he did, Miles, but we're saving those exploits for future tales. (I hereby award myself an extra No-Prize for answering a question I can't answer!)

Here's an unexpected suggestion from Sylvain Mercier of Quebec, Canada...

"Now that Marvel and DC are really again, how about printing the mythic 'JLA/Avengers' team-up produced by Jerry Conway, Roy Thomas and George Perez way back in 1984 but never published?"

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, Syl, we've always been friendly with of DC. The great thing about the comicbook biz is that competitors can also be pals. As for your suggestion, I'm all for it. Just drop a line to the Batman Brigade across town, and if they're willing, sure, let's do it!

Rob Schwartz of Rochester, NY takes me back to my childhood with this query...

"What were your favorite comicstrips as a kid? How much influence do they have on your work?"

Gosh, Rob, when I was a kid they were still scratching artwork on the walls of caves! But it's strange, most all of the favorites from my childhood are no longer being published. I really flipped for "L'il Abner" by Al Capp, "Terry and the Pirates" by Milton Caniff, "Krazy Kat" by Herriman, "Smilin' Jack" by Zack Mosley, "Pogo" by Walt Kelly and "Secret Agent X9" by Alex Raymond. As for their influence on me, I figure that we're influenced by everything we read, see or hear and by every experience we have in life, so I guess those strips certainly must have been influential. (Maybe that's why people say I look like Pogo and have the IQ of Krazy Kat!)

You too can be immortalized on this page! Just write to Soapbox, Marvel, 387 Park Ave S. New York, NY or e-mail us at stanlanz@aol.com. Till next ish, I know I don't have to remind you that "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott."

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

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Thor vs. Juggernaut -- You Make the Call! Boy, Juggie sure is making the rounds these days! While you're enjoying his exploits during The Eighth Day, why not pick who'd win in a brawl-down between Juggernaut and Thor? It's our Friday free-for-all we call the Marvel Melee!

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This week's chat schedule!

September 2 ... 9:30pmET
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST CHAT with writer KURT BUSIEK & editor TOM BREVOORT!

September 7 ... 8:00pmET
X-FORCE Writer -- JOHN FRANCIS MOORE!

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All Chat schedules subject to change/cancellation.

BULPEN BITS #16 BY CHRIS GIARRUSSO

OH, NO... IT'S SUNDAY. MY DAD ALWAYS LIKES TO TAKE ME FOR A RIDE ON SUNDAYS.

BUT... THAT'S GREAT, HARRY! A SUNDAY RIDE SOUNDS LIKE SOME GOOD FATHER-SON QUALITY-TIME!

NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

