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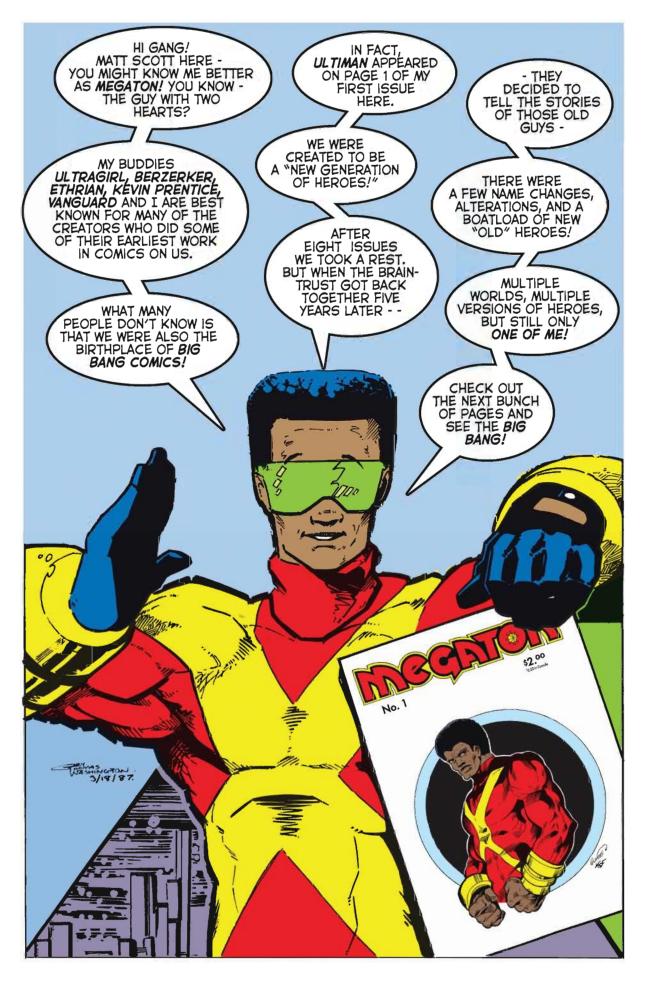
Big Bang Comics was created as a love letter to the comics we grew up with, honoring the writers, artists and characters of the Golden and Silver Ages, leading into the modern era.



Let's Go Back to the Very Beginning, Shall We?







Issues 24 and 27 of the Image Comics run of **Big Bang Comics** feature the faux two part history of the the Big Bang publishing world, history and creators: the *History of Big Bang* Comics.

Like the comics themselves, they are an homage to the work of a creator - Jim Steranko, whose two volume Histories of Comics were an inspiration to us and many others. Jim appreciated our work enough to write the

To read about the *real* history of Big Bang,







"Detailed reasoning and analysis behind the classifications will be the subject of a major discourse at another time and place. But the breakdown will help qualify Big Bang tradition, which celebrates one of the most popular in comics' history – the **superhero**. And nobody does it better than Gary Carlson and his Bangers. Cowls and cloaks in place. . . Get ready for a Big Bang!'' JIM STERANKO ©1998 Jim Steranko ARR

H STORY OF COMICS



BI	GBANG COMICS
1982- 1987	Megaton Comics– self publishedMegaton1 through 8, Megaton Explosionstarring Megaton, Ultragirl, Vanguard, Wizards of War, Crusader, EthrianRamm1 & 2Wildman and Rubberoy1 & 2
1989	Battle Axe magazine publisher: Comics Interview Berzerker
1993	Megaton Holiday Special publisher: Entity Comics starring Megaton, Ultragirl, Dr. Weird, Vanguard, Feral, Wildman and more
1993- 1996	Berzerker 1 through 6 publisher: Caliber Press with Backups of Knight Watchman, Ultiman, Dr. Weird Big Bang Comics 0 – 4 Knight Watchman: Graveyard Shift 1 & 2 Dr. Weird Special #1, issues 1 & 2
1993- 2000	Vanguard issues 1 - 6 publisher: Image Comics Vanguard: Strange Visitors 1 - 4 Vanguard: Ethereal Warriors
1996- 2005	Big Bang Comics publisher: Image Comics Big Bang Comics 1-35 plus 7 Specials Knight Watchman: Graveyard Shift 1 - 4 (reprints 1 & 2 from Caliber Press w/new covers) Big Book of Big Bang Comics - reprints Caliber 0, 1 and 2
1997	Dr. Weird publisher: Ed DeGeorge's October Comics All new material - issues 1 & 2
2000	Knights of Justice movie Dichiera Productions
2006-20	DO7 Big Bang Presents self published 1-6
2010 listed and published through IndyPlanet Knight Watchman: Skeletons In The Closet, National Guardians Protoplasman Color Cavalcade Published with Mort Todd Reprints stories from Big Bang Presents	
2011 Trade Paperbacks publisher: Pulp 2.0 Press Knight Watchman: Graveyard Shift Thunder Girl Adventures Knight Watchman: The Golden Age Ultiman: The Ultimate Collection Jeff Weigel's The Sphinx	
2015-20	16 Big Bang Universe publisher: AC Comics Issues 1, 2, 3
2019- 2022	listed and published through IndyPlanet Big Bang Adventures issues 1 - 20 so far Knight Watchman: Skeletons In The Closet National Guardians 1, 2 Anomalies 1, 2, 3, 4 so far





MEGATON #1 Published: November, 1983

Front Cover: Butch Guice & Ken McFarlane Back Cover: Dan Reed

ARTISTS: Butch Guice, Erik Larsen, Gene Day, Mike Gustovich, Sam de la Rosa, Ken Landgraf, James Cassara, Chris Ecker, Frank Fosco, Dan Reed

MEGATON #2 Published: October, 1985

Front Cover: S. Clark Hawbaker Back Cover: Erik Larsen

ARTISTS: Don Simpson, Erik Larsen, Sam Grainger, Butch Guice, S. Clark Hawbaker, Ken Meyer, Jr., Frank Fosco



MEGATON #3 Published: February, 1986 Front Cover: Erik Larsen Back Cover: Frank Fosco ARTISTS: Erik Larsen, Frank Fosco, Mike Matthew, Angel Medina, Tim Dzon

MEGATON #4

Published: April, 1986 Front Cover: Angel Medina & Tim Dzon Back Cover: Tim Dzon **ARTISTS:**

Angel Medina, Tim Dzon, Francis Mao, Erik Larsen, Richard "Grass" Green



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MEGATON #5 Published: June, 1986 Front Cover: Angel Medina Back Cover: Frank Fosco **ARTISTS:** Rob Liefeld, Angel Medina, Tim Dzon, Richard "Grass" Green



Published: April, 1987

Back Cover: Gary Thomas Washington **ARTISTS:** Bill Willingham, Rich Rankin, Gary Thomas Washington, Angel Medina, Erik Larsen, John Thompson, Mike Matthew



MEGATON HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Published: November, 1993 Cover: S. Clarke Hawbaker

CREATORS: Ron Fortier, Frank Fosco, Aubrey Bradford, Steve Adams, W.C. Carani, Fred Hembeck, John Thompson, Ken Meyer, Jr., Rob Liefeld & Jerry Ordway, Angel Medina, Howard Keltner, Ed DeGeorge



MEGATON #6 Published: December, 1986

Front Cover: Frank Fosco & Mike Matthew **Back Cover:** Erik Larsen

ARTISTS: Gary Thomas Washington, Angel Medina, Gordon Purcell, Frank Fosco, Mike Matthew



Front Cover: Jackson Guice



MEGATON #8 Published: August, 1987 Cover: Gary Thomas Washington

ARTISTS: Angel Medina, Gary Thomas Washington, Rob Liefeld, Tim Dzon, Keith Pollard



MEGATON EXPLOSION Published: June, 1987 Cover: Angel Medina & Mike Matthew **ARTISTS:** Erik Larsen, Chris Ecker, Angel Medina, Rob Liefeld, Grass Green, Jim Starlin, Gordon Purcell, Ken Meyer, Jr., John Thompson, Ande Parks, Gary Thomas Washington



Sales on independent comics were dropping by the late 1980s. We had to cancel the whole line of books and Gary Carlson dropped out of the comics biz for five years. Chris Ecker got bored and decided to publish a new sword & sorcery magazine called **Battle-Axe** through **Comics Interview** group in 1989.

The star of the book was Thorrn: Cursed Warrior, but Berzerker stole the spotlight in the first issue, starring in an unpublished story from the Megaton days drawn by Angel Medina and a painted cover by Todd Doney.

There were plans to start a comic book line under the **Prime Comics** imprint. **Vanguard** was set to star in his own book, again using material that had been done for a **Megaton** series. Sadly, only **Battle Axe** number one saw print.



But things were looking up by 1992. Several of the top artists left **Marvel Comics** to start their own company: **Image Comics**. Two of them, Erik Larsen and Rob Liefeld had worked at **Megaton**, where their characters **Savage Dragon** and **Youngblood** had appeared. **Megaton** was almost famous!

The cancelled **Megaton X-Mas** special was published by Don Chin's **Entity Comics** under the title of **Megaton Holiday Special**.

A new Vanguard series started up at Image Comics thanks to Erik Larsen and Berzerker got his own series too, at Caliber Press.



Berzerker #1 was published in 1993 by **Gauntlet Comics**, an imprint of Gary Reed's **Caliber Press**.

The back-up feature was a short comic book story entitled *"The Time Crimes of Grandfather Clock!"* and featured a character called the *Knight Watchman*. A banner above the first page read



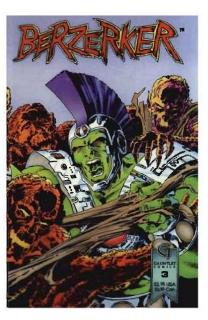
BONUS: KNIGHT WATCHMAN CLASSIC! At the bottom was the footnote: "Originally published In **Deductive Comics** #38, August 1940.

The story was told in a style now referred to as "retro" and was an homage to Golden Age *Batman* stories and creators.

It was also the birth of **Big Bang Comics**.





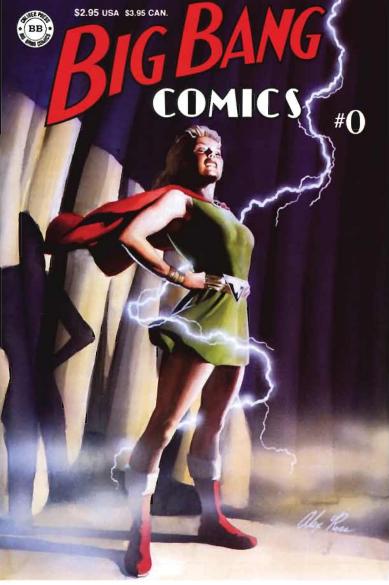














Our goal with *Big Bang* was to recreate the styles of the writers and artists of the past and pay homage to them.

Chris once said "I considered us to be the Rich Little or Elvis impersonators of comics, using the voices & styles of the creators more than aping their creations."

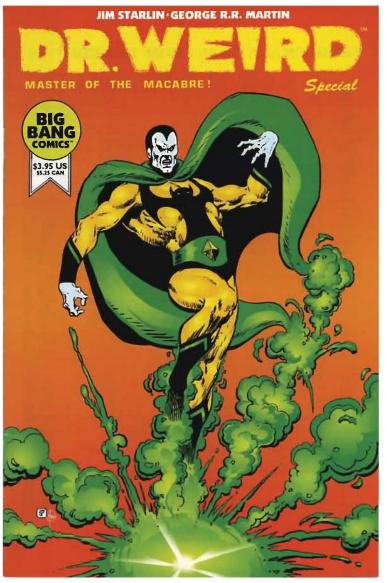
Gary's *Big Bang* inspiration came from the *Solar Pons* stories by August Derleth, which had originally introduced him to the concept of the pastiche; "a dramatic, literary, or musical piece created in a generally tonguein-cheek yet respectful imitation of another's style."

The initial Caliber mini-series was set up to be a 64 page Golden Age giant, followed by a Silver Age issue and to finish up with a (then) modern 90s style one. We had to break the Golden Ager into three issues (0,1,2) because of page requirements through Caliber's distributor.

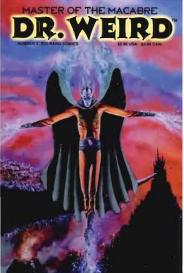




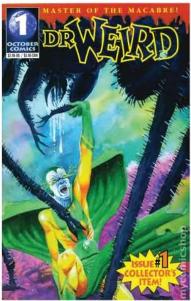


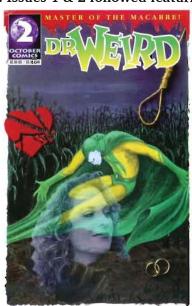






The **Dr. Weird** Special published by **Caliber Press** featured fanzine stories from the early 1970s written bt George R.R. Martin with art by Jim Starlin, who also provided a brand new cover for our issue. Issues 1 & 2 followed featuring all new material, including





a cover by Frank Brunner.

When we moved from Caliber Press to Image Comics, Ed DeGeorge started his own imprint called October Comics and printed two more all-new issues of Dr. Weird.

To order these issues, visit his website EDWARDDEGEORGE.COM





One of our first Big Bang ads - the back cover to the first Caliber issue of Big Bang Comics in 1994. You can add 30 years more to that 50!

Our days at Caliber Press ended when their distributor wanted us to split the copyrights on our characters and books three ways - between them, Caliber and us. We decided not to follow that plan and we were out the door.

Luckily, Erik Larsen was a fan of ours and had already given us permission to do a story using his *Mighty Man* character. Plus, a *Knight Watchman* teamup with Jim Valentino's *Shadowhawk* was underway and we were invited to join Erik's *Highbrow Studio* at *Image Comics*.

We never did match the big sales that the main titles were getting at the hottest comics company, but we settled in to a nice run. Image published thirty five issues of Big Bang Comics, seven Specials and a trade paperback, *Your Big Book of Big Bang Comics,* which reprinted issues 0, 1 and 2 of the Caliber issues (the Golden Age issues).

We also published the four issue mini-series *Knight Watchman: Graveyard Shift* there. The first two issues had appeared at Caliber, but were reprinted with new covers and backup material. Thanks a million, Erik!





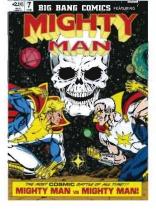


































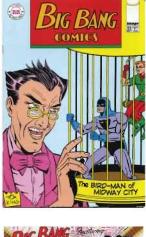
















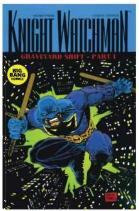








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KNIGHT WATCHMAN GRAVEYARD SHIFT



Chris Ecker • Gary Carlson • Ben Torres



Knight Watchman: Graveyard Shift, a four issue mini-series began while we were still at Caliber Press. We reprinted the first two issues at Image with new covers and backup material. Gary Carlson also wrote the *TeenAge Mutant Ninja Turtle* 24 issue run at Image, and we were allowed to do a semi-crossover with *Big Bang Comics*. The TMNT appeared in **Big Bang** #10 with *Galahad*, who in turn guest-starred in *TMNT* #9 as the *Knight Watchman*. The *four Image* issues are available at https://bigbangcomics.com/product-category/comic-books/image-comics/?product-page=3

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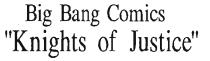




Two *Megaton* alumni and their second lives at Image Comics. Besides these books, *Vanguard* also appeared in the backup stories in *Savage Dragon #s* 172-184 and *Ethrian* was in *Savage Dragon #s* 145 -152 and 154-159.







Screen Play by Philip R. Cable

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You can't imagine how incredible it feels to see characters you created come to life in a movie. That's how it was for us in the

year 2000 when Phil Cable's *"Knights of Justice"* film was finished. It's a fun throwback to those live action superhero TV shows of the 1970s with a touch of the classic movie serials from the '30s and '40s. mixed in. Featuring *Ultiman, Knight Watchman, Thunder Girl* and Phil's own creation, *Masker*, it was a TV pilot that went unsold, but it was still a treat for us.



The direct to video film starred Sandra Kuhn, Allen Woodman, Mike Constantin, Lorin Taylor, Dan Layne, and Phil Cable as Cortex.

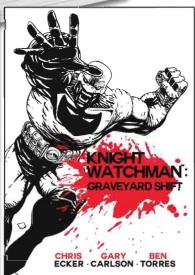




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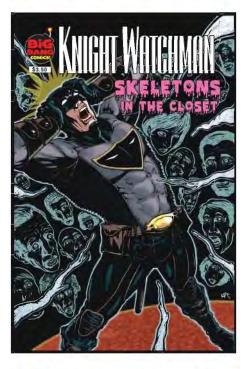


Meanwhile, our material was reaching a new market thanks to a series of trade paperbacks published by Pulp 2.0 Press for sale on Amazon.com. These tpbs are still available at very reasonable prices. Just go to Amazon and search under **Big Bang Comics.**

The Big Bang Comics roleplaying game by Scott Casper for *Hideouts and Hoodlums* will pop up there too. Enjoy.

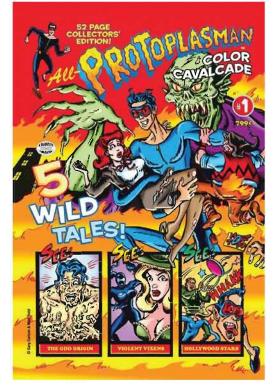








After we gave up on *Big Bang Presents*, Mort Todd, who had drawn the *Protoplasman* stories



in **BB Presents** asked if he could collect those stories in a single volume.

He published the **Protoplasman Color Cavalcade** through KaBlam Printing and sold it through their online store, IndyPlanet, as printon-demand or pdf downloads.

We thought they looked fantastic and printed a few issues that hadn't made it into BB Presents, so the artists could sell them at Comic Cons. *Knight Watchman: Skeletons In The Closet* was b&w, but both issues of *National Guardians* were

in color. We were not ready to sell them online, yet.

Not too long after this we were contacted by AC **Comics** to see if we were interested in them publishing this material and solicit it through Diamond for us.

We figured that we'd give it a try.

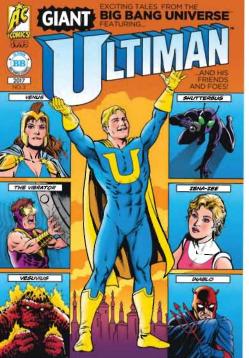








It was a lot of fun though and the first two issues had alternate covers. Thanks a lot, Mark and Steph. Hope we didn't let you down.



you down. On the plus side, we debuted the new Big Bang Bomb logo there. \$9.95

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In 2015, Mark and Stephanie Heike offered to publish the material we had printed at KaBlam, which hadn't been solicited through Diamond. We jumped at the chance to get back into comic shops.

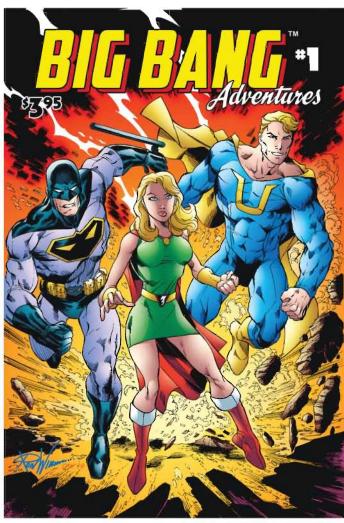
The books contained 64+ pages of black & white content at a \$9.95 cover price to meet Diamond's profit requirements.

The Knight Watchman issue was already b&w but we had to adjust the National Guardians stories and print them as one issue. After those, it got pretty difficult to fill the issues up and we gave up after three issues.



Some of these issues are still available on the AC Comics website. Use this link: https://www.accomics.com/product-category/independent-heroes/big-bang-universe/ While you're there, check out their other great books of new comics and classic reprints!

STARTING A NEW ADVENTURE AT INDYPLANET!



The decision to give publishing another shot through KaBlam/ IndyPlanet was made. With printon-demand and pdf sales, there was little to no upfront publishing costs and no worries about the books losing money that we'd owe to our publisher.

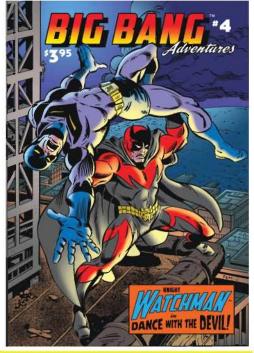
We found a few artists we loved that were willing to work on Poverty Row for the love of it and *Big Bang Adventures* was off to the races.

Artists like Ron Williams, Jon D'Henry, Donnie Page and Gianluca Cerritelli were there to get us started.

After printing issue #1 in black and white we switched to color interiors and Glenn Whitmore joined the team.

Pedro Angosto jumped in to run the Facebook and other pages, and wrote some great issues.

Nineteen issues later, and with our second title *Anomalies* up to #4, we're still going strong and looking forward to the future.







BIG BANG ADVENTURES #2 BIG BANG ADVENTURES #3

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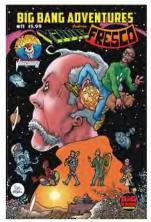


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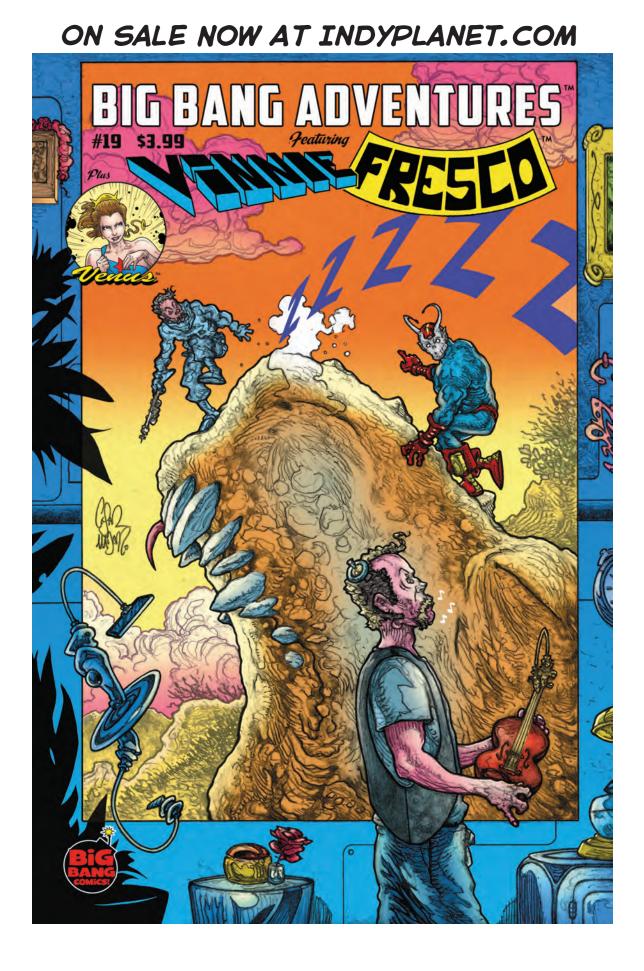




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BIG BANG ADVENTURES









Taking place just over a year after the events in the classic KNIGHT WATCHMAN: GRAVEYARD SHIFT storyline, the new Mayor of Midway City is running for reelection by campaigning against mercenaries like GALAHAD and KNIGHT WATCHMAN. Jerry Randall, who uses both identities to fight crime since his uncle Reid's retirement is battling bad publicity and crime as new villains the INQUIZITOR and CARDINAL SIN target the city. Plus, a brand new DR. WEIRD story! **ON SALE NOW AT INDYPLANET.COM**

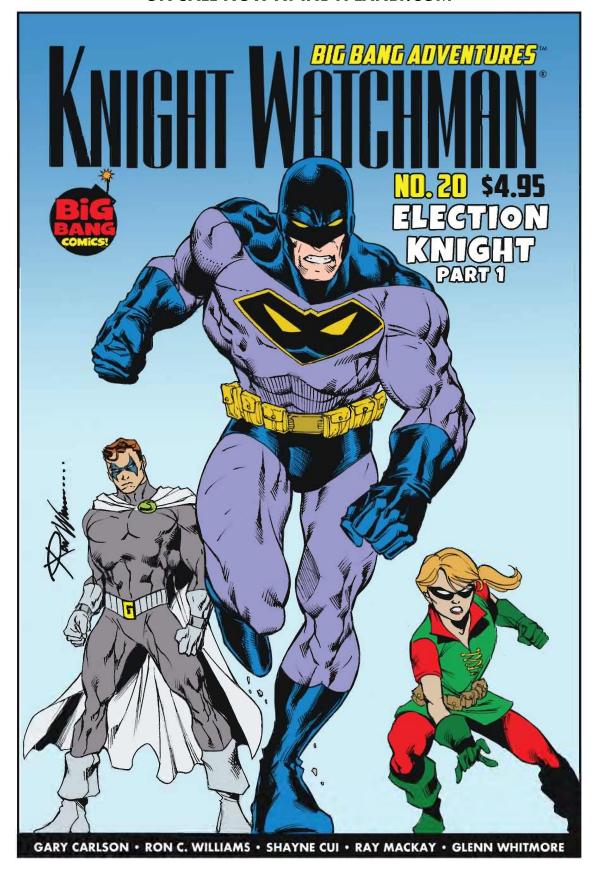
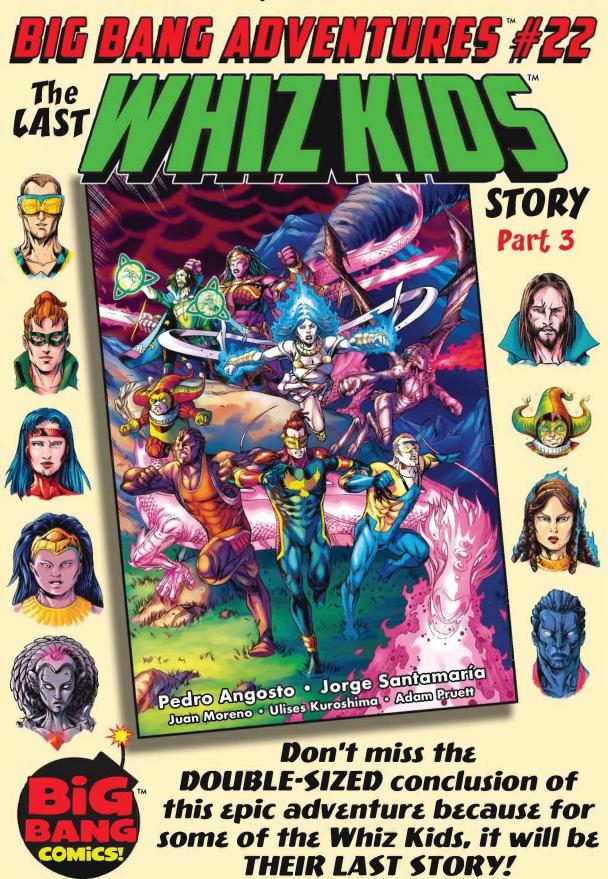


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Coming Soon in



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Issues 1 & 2 of the LAST WHIZ KIDS STORY -BIG BANG ADVENTURES #14 & 17 are still available only at INDYPLANET!



GALAHAD, CYCLONE and MORAY during the TIME BOMB SAGA, plus new members GARGOYLA, SHE-BORG, TOTEM and HOT PINK were added to this teen heroes groupas the WHIZZARDS in the WHIZ KIDS SPECIAL. Now, when a mysterious killer murders the crimefighter MR. ?,
GALAHAD discovers a centuries-old conspiracy by the leader of the Assassins, a sorcerer called the OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN. The team must be brought together again with new members - COSMICA, VESTAL, ZODIAC, and OGUN to fight this menace. It takes them on a Quest for the Holy Grail, from Iran to the blessed island of Sarras led by the returned wizard MIKE MERLIN. But not only the villains from BLOODPACT and sorceress KUNDRY stand in their way: GALAHAD will discover some shocking truths about his past that were hidden for many years. All that, plus many more surprises in part 3 we don't want to spoil... except for the glorious return of the ROUND TABLE OF AMERICA!!

DON'T BELIEVE US? READ THESE REVIEWS:

MAX READS COMICS: "The entire team step up to homage Wolfman & Pérez New Teen Titans and do it well".

WEDNESDAY PULL LIST: "Pedro Angosto knows his comics, and boy, he loves them!"

MODERN RETRO REVIEWS: "But give it to Pedro Angosto to once again impress me with how well he has matured as a writer."

ED GOSNEY: "These four-color thrillers will remind you of the tales of yesteryear!"

FIRST COMICS NEWS: "Is great to see Santamaría's art again (...) he does a superb job.

PAT CASEY: "Outstanding comic, it goes beyond a simple homage to the Teen Titans!"

DOC SCHAEFER: "The creative team (...) prove they understand the who's, what's and how's of creating a Big Bang story".

CHARLIE BOATNER: "The new members grab the attention."

J.R. LOFLIN: "Their work on this story would make Wolfman & Pérez beam with pride."

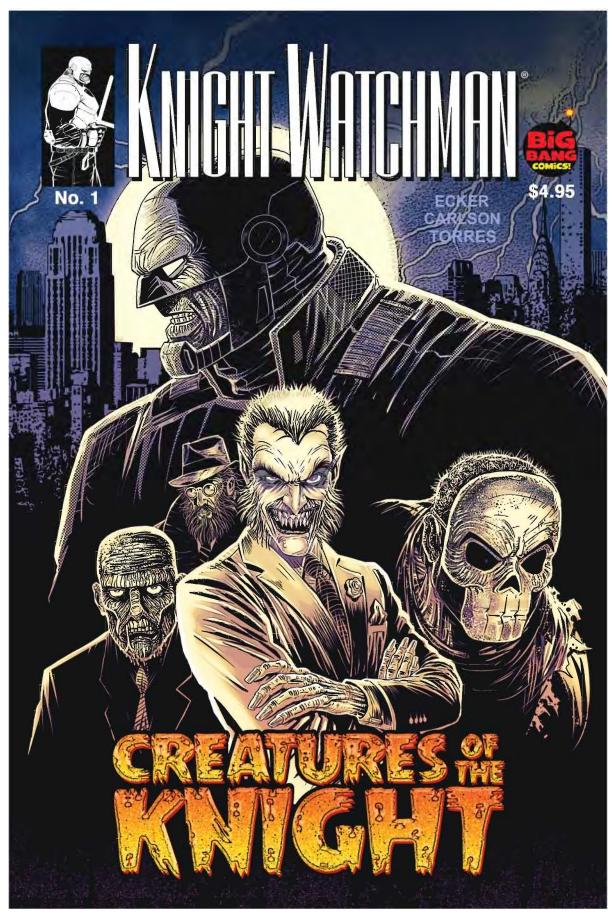
ERIC N. BENNET: "You got an amazing final product!"

COMICAL OPINIONS: "Angosto's story is filled with more twists and turns than Rubiks Cube with the color stickers pulled off."

DOC SCHAEFER: "The fate of Robo-Hood is revealed! Mike Merlin stops being the RTA mascot and finds his heroic persona! Knight-Sprite is back! The truth about Lady Knight is a real shocker! I could honestly go on for hours."

KEITH HOWELL: "A crushing betrayal and secret reveal—at the same time! A life-changing discovery and an unbearable loss! Gender-switching! Wide-screen action! This comic has it all, my friends."

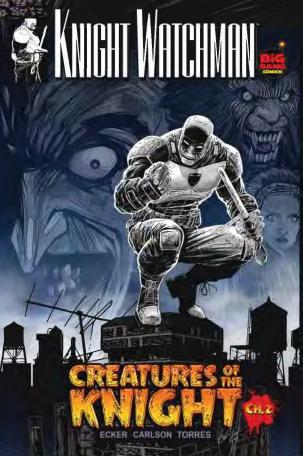
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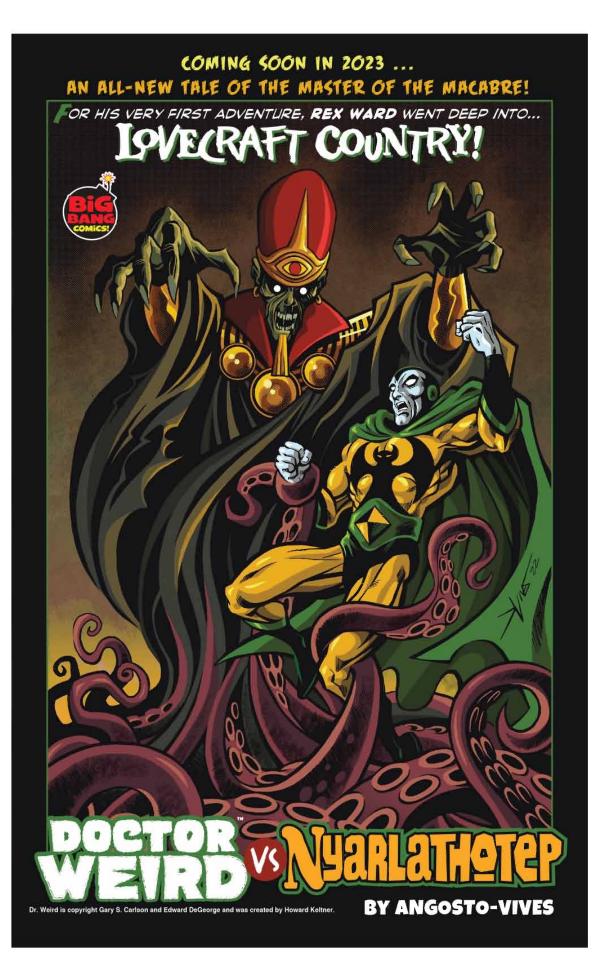


"Gruesome ghouls and grisly ghosts, Wretched souls and cursed hosts Vampires bite and villains creep, Demons scream and shadows sleep Blood runs cold in every man, Fog rolls in and coffins slam Mortal quake and full moon rise, Creatures haunt and terrorize."









DOCTOR WEIRD was created by Howard Keltner and first published in 1963 by the Texas Trio in the fanzine **Star Studded Comics**. He gained his own title in 1972 with stories by George R. R. Martin and art by Jim Starlin early in their careers.

Rex Ward was a time traveler from the future who traveled back from the future, and was killed immediately upon his arrival. Since he died before he was born, Ward was forbidden to enter the afterlife. Endowed with mystical powers, he must fight against supernatural menaces until that time.

Gary Carlson and Ed DeGeorge brought the rights to the character in 1987 and have been writing and publishing his adventures in **Big Bang Comics**, his own series at Caliber Press, and now in the current **BIG BANG ADVENTURES**!

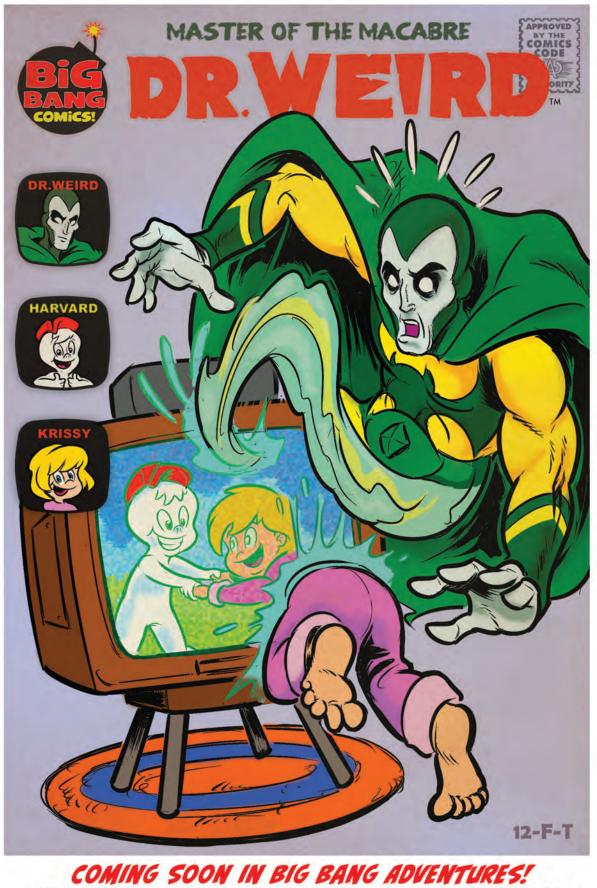
In this new adventure we go back to the origins of **Doctor Weird.** Titled *"The Quest For Garments,"* the story takes us back to the interdimensional castle that is his base. From there he goes through the fabled Annals of Time and Space (also visited by **Thunder Girl** in her origin) to what we call "Lovecraft Country" - for a visit to the Dreamlands where Rex Ward

has to complete a quest and face the dreaded sorcerer Nyarlathotep!

DOCTOR

THE CASTLE

Written by Pedro Angosto, with art by Joan Vives and otherwordly colors by Picassó.



AN ALL-NEW DR. WEIRD ADVENTURE "HORROR IN HARVEYTOWN" BY ED DEGEORGE AND JON D'HENRY!





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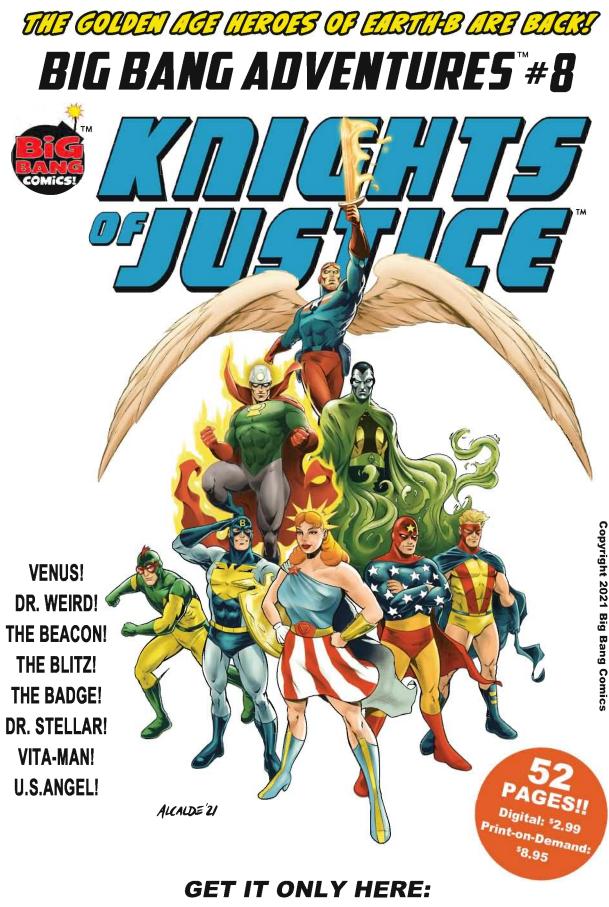
THE ROUND TABLE OF AMERICA IS BACK!

The RTA, main heroes of Earth-A, will be back for a very special appearance in the third part of "THE LAST WHIZ KIDS STORY". Disbanded in the mid eighties, and reformed by ULTIMAN and GALAHAD as the FREE AGENTS, the team hasn't been seen in Big Bang Chronology since then!

Now they are back with a renewed and expanded membership! This is the story of how and why they got back together, introducing the new members (MEGATON, THE BEACON II, WAR EAGLE, PROTOPLASGIRL) with the return of ULTIMAN, KNIGHT WATCHMAN, VENUS, MR. MARTIAN, JON COSMOS, MERLIN and THE HUMMINGBIRD!

Written by Pedro Angosto, with pencils and designs by Luis Lorente, inks by Juan Moreno, and colors by García.

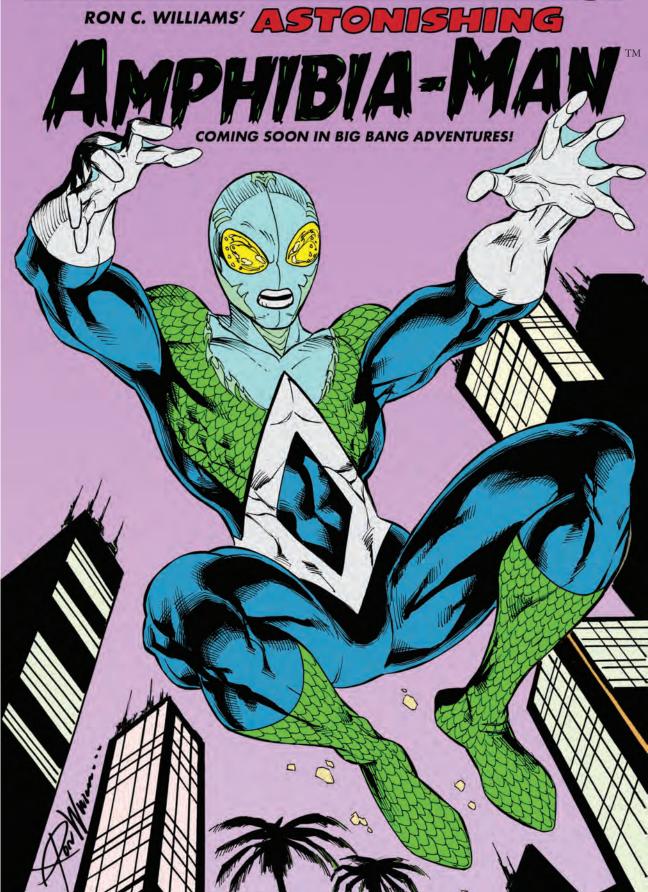


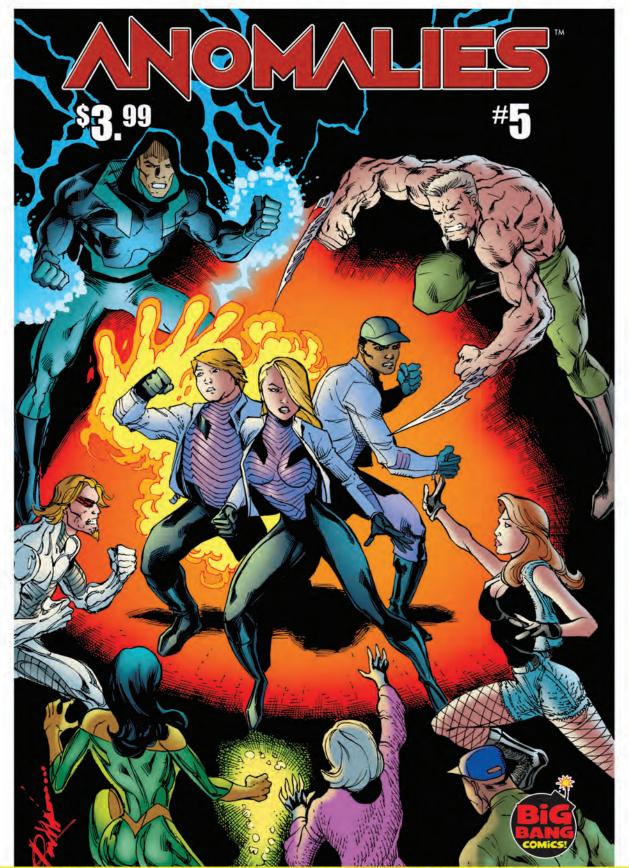


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A life threatening accident forever changes the life of young Scott Phillips, as his DNA is altered and merged with that of several reptilian and amphibian species, allowing him not only to heal quickly but giving him super human abilities. Now, by creating the identity of AMPHIBIA-MAN, Scott struggles to live a normal life as well as becoming the hero that the world now needs.







What new threat could possibly bring THE ANOMALIES, BETA TEAM, THE SPOILERS and JINX together? Find out in

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GARY CARLSON wrote and published the independent comic book MEGATON during the 1980s, which helped usher in the do-ityourself black & white comics boom of that decade. MEGATON is remembered as a training ground for comic book professionals. Erik Larsen, Rob Liefeld, and Jackson (Butch) Guice are among those whose earliest

professional assignments were for Carlson. MEGATON was also home to such Image Comics characters as Erik Larsen's SAVAGE DRAGON, Rob Liefeld's YOUNG-BLOOD and Larsen & Carlson's VANGUARD, which later prompted Liefeld to dub Carlson the "Grandfather of Image Comics".

In the '90s, Carlson wrote BERZERKER for Caliber Press, and co-created the retro anthology series BIG BANG COMICS with Chris Ecker.

Carlson has also written various VANGUARD miniseries, back-ups and one shots for Image, where he also scripted MARS ATTACKS IMAGE and wrote SUPREME, TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES volume 3, as well as editing and co-writing BIG BANG COMICS, which moved to Image Comics in 1996. He has also co-written AQUA-MAN and NOVA with Erik Larsen.

EDWARD DeGEORGE was invited to serve as editor for Megaton Comics in 1987, beginning with MEGATON #8 and has been part of the team ever since. His short stories have appeared in such anthologies as SWORDS AGAINST DARKNESS V, SPOOKS, DAMNED IN DIXIE, and DIA DE LOS MUERTOS. His work was translated into Dutch for the anthology NIR-WANA. An article appeared



in the book NOW WRITE! Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror: Speculative Genre Exercises from Today's Best Writers and Teachers. DeGeorge operated October Comics and published the titles DR. WEIRD and Y'S GUYS. He has written, produced, and directed a dozen short film projects as well as crewing on film projects for others. Born in Chicago and spending most of his life there, he has lived in sunny southern California since 2012.He continues to enslave words for his nefarious purposes and strives to create a new medium.





CHRIS ECKER has over thirty years experience in both the creative and retail ends of the comics industry. Hired as the first employee of Moondogs Comics, Chris spent over fifteen years in management of Chicago-Land's most prominent chain of comics and pop culture stores.

Chris eventually moved into journalism as a writer/

editor for Sendai publications' HERO ILLUSTRATED magazine and HERO ON-LINE. Ecker's cartooning career included a stint as assistant to Rick Fletcher on the DICK TRACY syndicated comic strip and as a gag cartoonist, with work appearing in the Chicago Tribune Sunday comics. `He was a mainstay at MEGATON with Carlson, and also

created and drew the independent b&w comic books RAMM and EBNN THE RAVEN.

Chris co-founded Now Comics in the 1980s and served as its first art director. Now published such licensed titles as SPEED RACER, ASTRO BOY, REAL GHOSTBUSTERS, TERMINATOR and others.

Chris also created and served as editor/writer on BATTLE AXE MAGAZINE for Comics Interview, and worked as a freelance artist in advertising and comic books, his work gracing the pages of First Comics, Mirage Publishing and others before co-creating BIG BANG COMICS.

ALLEN BERREBBI is the behind the scenes producing guru of the Big Bang Team. Allen brings over 20 years experience in the comic book and business world, helping to launch Future Comics with Bob Layton of IRON MAN fame as well as his own growing IT business, KRB Media (www.krbmedia.com).

He is also the producer and host of two successful radio programs in the Tampa Bay area, YOUR PC HERO and THE HOLLY-WOOD DIARY.



Allen also has an extensive video and film background, being the creator of the much missed television show, The Comic Book Show, through which he made his numerous contacts in the industry.

PEDRO ANGOSTO is a Spanish writer who has read too many superhero comic books for his own good. Co-creator of the Spanish superhero URO (1995) he started a long career of doing JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA pastiches with CÍRCULO JUSTICI-ERO (2003), drawn by Carlos Rodriguez. Alongside Carlos, Pedro made the leap to the American market with FEMFORCE #126 & 127 (AC Comics, 2004) where, they worked with future Big Bang Comics collaborators Luis Lorente & Pablo Alcalde.

In SHADOWHAWK vol. 2 #13 (2006) he co-created with Carlos Rodriguez (regular artist of that run) both the Aztec & Spanish SHADOWHAWKS: Nahualt & Halcón Sombrío. Shortly before that, they did the Big Bang Comics one-shot PERSONALITY CRISIS, a Round Table of America adventure that homaged Julius Schwartz and Gardner Fox's sixties Justice League's tales.

And, since he doesn't learn, Pedro is back 15 years later, alongside Pablo, Luis, Joan and old colleague Jorge Santamaría for KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE (BBA #8), and THE

LAST WHIZ KIDS STORY (BBA #14, 17), and the upcoming new RTA & DOCTOR WEIRD stories. After publishing his first essay on History of American Comic Books in Spain in 2022, he's currently working on the second part, covering this century: a SANDMAN essay, a Tolkien one and future issues of GRAPHICLASSIC, monographic volumes devoted to classic literature works and/of writers. He proudly holds the record of being the Spanish writer who has written superheroes for more American publishers, being both the best reviewed but less read one!



Born 1970, in Cleveland, Ohio, RON C WILLIAMS is the youngest son of a preacher/lawyer and grandson of a Bishop. Raised in Southern California, where he began working as a paralegal, then pursued a career in comics in the 1990s. He began drawing at age 6 when he discovered the Marvel Comics of the late 1970s. Now he is an artist on many independent and crowd funded comics such as BIG BANG ADVENTURES, NOTTI & NICE, SAVAGE EVE, BATTLE FAIRY & YETI, THE SENTINELS, UNIT ZERO, BURIED, MY LIFE MATTERS GN, ARGO 5 and many others.





ALLEN FORBES II has been a fan of MEGATON since he met Frank Fosco in the very late 80s. His first break in comics came when he lettered Frank's ETHRIAN backup story "Watchers of Pyrite Gorge' in the pages of SAVAGE DRAGON. He followed that with lettering stories for Knight Watchman and Dr. Weird. Gary reached out after launching the new BIG BANG ADVENTURES and gave Allen a chance to finish his long simmering prequel to the MEGATON story. This led to two more prequel stories that revealed more about the origins of Megaton's most dedicated friend and his first nemesis. Allen looks forward to being a part of the future of BIG BANG.



R.J. MACKAY (or Ray MacKay) is very new to the comics community and is beyond thrilled to have his first story published in issue 20 of BIG BANG ADVENTURES. He wrote the prose story "A Duel With The DeadKing" featuring DOCTOR WEIRD, a favorite character of his. Ray has been a huge fan of comics and Big Bang almost as far back as he can remember. He's currently attending college for a writing degree while also seeking out work in the comics community. He hopes to one day pay (some of) the bills by writing and/or illustrating comics.

SCOTT CASPER lived most of his life in Chicagoland, but recently uprooted and replanted himself in NE Indiana. He was a BIG BANG COMICS fan since the first Caliber issue, but came circuitously to his involvement with BIG BANG. His other passion besides comic books had always been role-playing games and he combined the two in 2008 when he began writing the game HIDEOUTS & HOODLUMS. H&H and BBC had a fan in common who kept asking Scott when he was going to come out with a book starring Big Bang Comics characters for his game. Finally, Scott became curious enough to ask Gary and Chris about licensing the characters and they said yes! SUPPLEMENT V: BIG BANG was released as an ebook in 2015, with a POD version finally coming out in 2021 (H&H has no affiliation with an earlier RPG licensing the BIG BANG characters that came out in 2006). At Gary's suggestion,

H&H scenarios based on two of the earliest published BBC stories were published in BIG BANG ADVENTURES #6 (2020) and #13 (2022). In the near future Scott will finally be joining BBC as a writer, having penned an upcoming Silver Age BADGE story!

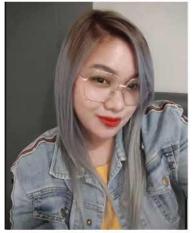
CESAR MADARRO'S first work was for Marat Mychaels' creation NOTTI & NYCE vol. 2 issue 1, as pencil assist on most of the interior artwork, and on the cover of issue 2. He also penciled some short stories written by veteran writers Mike Baron and Fabian Nicieza, published by Mr. Baron in a low print run book called DOGS, a black and white book with a color cover by Dark Horse artist Mike Norton. After that, a terrifying story written by comics writer and novelist Lou Mougin and drawn by Cesar was published in HOUSE OF SPADES #1 by Indellible Comics. Cesar worked with Image/DC writer Mark Poulton to produce their own creation, LOOSE THREADS, a graphic novel for Indiegogo, including Cesar's jam cover with legendary George Perez, new characters, storylines and loose threads that may be back sooner than later. Cesar's team-up with veteran writer Gary Carlson gave Big Bang readers the chance to discover a new creation, VINNIE FRESCO and his adventures with iconic BB/Image character VANGUARD that Gary created with Erik Larsen. Two Vinnie Fresco issues have been published so far (BIG BANG ADVENTURES #s 11 and 19), with new characters and a story written by DC comics writer Dan Mishkin. Other stories penciled by Cesar over the years with the help of some well-known writers are still unpublished, but ready to be printed when the time is right.



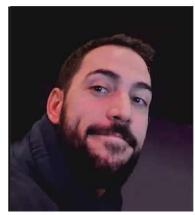
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IN MEMORIAM



I'M HANNAH SHAYNE CUI, and I'm from the Philippines. A comics flatter since 2015, and hired by the very good man Mr. Gary Carlson. I'm so grateful to be part of BIG BANG COMICS, one of the best books you can start with your New Year with. Flatted the GOLDEN RAGE by Chrissy Williams, with colorist Sofie Dodgson who reached out to me. I was inspired in part by the badass older women in MAD MAX: FURY ROAD, and want to see as many protagonists like them as possible. I'm so happy to also be part of the accomplishments of Mr. Fish Lee who has illustrated 23 books and over 300 pages, including the SENTINELS, CLASH OF CLANS character by Rodney Locket, the Greenzone book -LIFE IN THE BLOCKS, and many more. I was also part of SOLTAC, together with publisher Craig White and THE MISTAKE produced by Walid Isa. And many more...



Hailing from a village south east of Madrid, LUIS LORENTE has collaborated with Dolmen Editorial and Planeta d'Agostini, while illustrating several pages for AC's FEMFORCE and pin-ups of Big Bang Comics' KNIGHTS OF JUS-TICE, 'THE LAST WHIZ KIDS STORY and ROUND TABLE OF AMERICA. Now living in Barcelona working for several clients this freelance artist lives with his two cats, preparing them for University.



JOAN VIVES, born in Barcelona in 1973 is a graphic designer, comic book artist and cartoonist. He has a degree in Fine Arts and another from the JOSO Comic and Visual Arts School. Joan has contributed to several magazines and fanzines as a comic artist and caricaturist. Ten years ago he started his collaboration with Pedro Angosto drawing an issue of the sadly unpublished FALLEN HEROES miniseries that he hopes will see the light of day in the future. Working as an art director right now, he has collaborated on several pin-ups for BIG BANG COMICS and now is drawing a full issue devoted to DOCTOR WEIRD that should be completed by spring, the Fates willing.





PABLO ALCALDE is a Spanish artist born in Badajoz and living in Madrid. He's been drawing since he was a little boy, dreaming to emulate his heroes John Byrne, Alan Davis, George Pérez etc. Publishing some illustration work here and there for advertising, and commercial promotion for BALM TATTO brand, musical magazine ENLACEFUNK, the illustration book **BEYOND THE LYRICS: PRINCE, several** Spanish urban music artists' cover artwork, etc. Alongside Pedro Angosto, he and other Spanish artists, broke into the American market with FEMFORCE #127 (2004) that would lead, fifteen years later, to his current work BIG BANG ADVENTURES #8 starring the KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE of Earth-B. He kept contributing with pin-ups and characters designs for THE LAST WHIZ KIDS STORY (BBA #14, 17 & # 22) and would love to have a chance to do a NATIONAL GUARDIANS (Avengers pastiche) at Big Bang. He's also contributed as artist to RICANSTRUCTION: REMINISCING AND REBUILDING PUERTO RICO starring LA BORIN-QUEÑA (created by Edgardo Miranda-Rodríguez), a best seller at Amazon and referenced in The New York Times.

JONATHAN D'HENRY is a French comic book artist. However, this is a side activity, he is running along with a full-time job as a video game artist. He was professionally

published for the first time in 2006, in the French magazine LANFEUST MAG. Then he did some more short stories and illustrations for various French magazines and publishers, including Ankama Editions, who allowed him to publish his first book in 2010: DOFUS MONSTER: BRUMEN TINCTORIAS. After a break, he decided to try to get published in the American comic book market. He spent some time sending some infructuous submissions to multiple publishers, until he met Gary Carlson. Both guys were keen on working together, so while Gary let him have fun with some of the Big Bang/ Megaton characters (THUNDER GIRL, VANGUARD, KNIGHT WATCHMAN), he ended up being published in BIG BANG ADVENTURES and they even got their MIGHTY MAN stories published at Image Comics in SAVAGE DRAGON, in the continuity of what Gary started with Bill Fugate years ago. Art wise, Jonathan is quite versatile and likes to jump between different styles to emulate and homage his favorites artists and publishers: C.C. Beck, Warren Kremer (for both his classic Harvey style but also his horror stuff), Dan deCarlo (along with some other classic Archie artists), but also EC classic horror artists (Jack Kirby, Graham Ingels, etc...), and some more 90s stuff such as the early Image style, manga, and many other things.

JORGE SANTAMARÍA: With a degree in Fine Arts, specializing in New Technologies, Design and Publicity, Jorge has worked in graphic design, but his true passion being animated cinema and video games, and above all, super-hero comic books. He started quite young doing covers and pin-ups for Comics Forum (Spanish publishers of Marvel Comics). From there he went to illustrate Roy Thomas' ANTHEM (Heroic Publishing), Sony Playstation (Sector97), U1st Sports (Força Barça, MotoGP, El Año de los Records) finally reaching Marvel (MAGNETO, WOLVERINE ANNUAL, AVENGERS CELESTIAL QUEST, with writer Steve Englehart). Jorge currently works for 3D Animated movies (TADEO JONES, MORTADELO Y FILEMÓN CONTRA JIMMY EL CACHONDO, WONDERPARK, DRAGONKEEPER and LUCK AND SPELLBOUND for his current employer SkyDance Animation). He has recently returned to his first love, doing the 3 issues of THE LAST WHIZ KIDS STORY with Pedro Angosto for Big Bang Comics.





GLENN WHITMORE is an American comic book artist who has worked for DC, Dark Horse, TwoMorrows, Archie,

Sitcomics, and many other publishers. Using Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator and Clip Studio Paint, he is a full service visual/narrative artist; writing, drawing, coloring, and lettering comic book stories. As a Morris County, NJ native, Glenn commuted to the Joe Kubert School and graduated in 1987. His first professional work came from coloring the daily comic strips at a local newspaper. Glenn's first coloring credit appeared on DC Comics' HAWK & DOVE 1988 mini series, pencilled by an up-and-comer named Rob Liefeld. In the decade to follow, Glenn colored the SUPERMAN titles, THE FLASH, and the JUSTICE SOCIETY series. In the 2000's, he colored some of Steve Rude's projects including THE MOTH and NEXUS. Since 2008, Glenn has served as a go-to colorist for both Archie Comics and TwoMorrows Publications. In 2019, he successfully crowdfunded his own project - CAPTAIN CLOCKWORK; a retro, sci-fi superhero.

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