

Hero Central Universe : CONFIDENTIAL

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Welcome !!!!

This is the first issue of HCU:Confidential. We are glad that you decided to pick up this copy to act as a companion to the ongoing series. Some times things can



seem to get out of hand when you are working on a series like this sequential art project. Anger, love, romance, drama, conflict, action, this series has it all in abundance but that can be overwhelming at times. So the CONFIDENTIAL can provide you some Insight into the mechanics of the behind the scenes so to speak. You will get a look at characters, the dynamics of relationships, the technical aspects of equipment and what's or where for's of the story.

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What is all this HCU?

Hero Central Universe started out as a side project called a “Scratch Comic” that a friend of the UFO asked me to send in as an audition piece to join. As things went along, I found myself writing & re-writing the drafts of the stories I was then doing for the series. My artwork became more focused as well in each issue as we went along. This is very evident as I came to love my new series so much that I re-drafted the remaining issues going forward. The story now rests on the total of 35 issues to complete the weaving of the main arc, the secondary story threads, and the end game resolution of the whole series. These releases will range in page count from 16 pages to 32 pages. It just depends on action and the drama within the story at that moment. The price however will remain the same...\$3.00 PPD for everyone! Digital copies are also available for only 99 cents a download for those wanting that digital taste of things.

HCU , as it is affectionately called, is a superhero drama that deals with a cadre of ancient heroes and gods reviving in our modern world to battle an ancient evil that has been loosed to resurrect a powerful undead warlord. These living myths bring about the creation of new warriors and heroes to now defend this age of mankind. All the same standard bearers are present in any good drama, good, evil, conflict, morality, stewardship and obligation.

The key to understanding what is going on in this series is to comprehending where its coming from, weapon, warrior, or will-caster. The origin of the characters here are tied to their past lives in older eras. If you understand that then you will come to know and appreciate the newer heroes under their mentorship in the superhero organization called Hero Central. I really hope that this Confidential release helps you really understand the nuances of HCU.



Who are the Players?

So who are the cast members of this motley crew? Where do they come from? How did they get together in the first place? All these answers and a whole lot more here to come!

The original characters of ancient myth underwent oaths to wake up from a self induced sleep to protect mankind should an ancient evil be released from its warded prison. That's exactly what happened when a minion of the Undead Warlord Vlad Tepes broke free the only item capable of resurrecting his vampiric master. So the Pantheon of Gods & Heroes did awake to battle this threat.



Isis

Former Queen of the Heliopolis in Egypt, Consort to Osiris and mother to Horus, Patron of Nature, Magic, and Fertility, Friend to slave and aristocrat alike, Given to acts of manipulation by proxy, Sought power to ultimately protect others.

Herakles

Son of Zeus from Mt. Olympus in Greece, A demi-god who accomplished 12 Labors to make him famous, Inhuman strength and invulnerability only aided by the Titan Belt Aegis that he wears, slow witted but manipulative, Virile and very attractive.



Sinbad

Persian sailor par excellence across the Seven Seas, Adventurer and confidant to many a caliph across the ancient Middle East as well as lover to maidens, Fearless and Fearsome to many, holder of many magical items including the Ring of Khayam , a djinni, as well as a flying carpet.



Solomon

Wisest mortal ruler of all times, Hebrew who followed Yahweh, Was taught Goetica by angel and demon alike, His symbol came to be used to tame evil as well as cast powerful enchantments, Occult Wisdom was his own domain as well over the realms abroad.

Merlyn

Born of Queen Mab and no mortal father, Master of fantastical magics of Old World lore, consort to Nimue Queen of the Witches, Mentor to King Arthur, Procurer of the Great Sword Excalibur from the Lady of the Lake, Enemy of Morgan Le Fey and her Dark Fae allies.



Raiden

God of Thunder and Lightning across Japan and Asia, Protector of the Earthly Realm and Middle Kingdom, Armed with all forms of combat and the fury of the storm, Seeks to nurture the next warriors to defend the realm.

Aesys

Born Stella Maris, Assistant D.A. in Chicago, Avatar of Isis with her powers of magical flight, weather, control of energy and mind, Founder of the organization Hero Central at Isis' bidding to form a cadre of heroes to protect mankind in this modern day and age.



Uberfraulein



Born Sigard of the Valkyrior in Asgard before Ragnarok destroyed her people, Possess' the Gloves of Balder, Can see death, Holds the life forces of her sister Valkyries which causes her appearance to change slightly constantly, Has flight and the Strength of the Asgardians.

Jade Scarab

Inventor and Engineer Dr. Aryn Al-Farouk of Cairo Egypt, Discovered an ancient Technology left in Egypt from alien worlds, Designed and wears an armor based on that organic technology, It has flight, shielding, energy expulsion, and computer altering technology.



Lilac Greystoke



Great-great-grandchild of Viscount of Greystoke aka Tarzan, Archaeologist & Curator of Natural Museum of History in Chicago, Wields the Ghost Blade of Genghis Khan, Companion in adventure is an immortal feline named Moonbane.

Michael Faraday

Born in a parallel dimension to our own, Genius inventor whose nano-cybernetics saved his own life, Nannites repair his Cybernetic superstructure as well as can manipulate organic and inorganic materials, Girlfriend is the alien plant based lifeform Flora Ironwood.





Flora Ironwood

Alien plant based lifeform who ended up in Our dimension with her boyfriend Michael Faraday by spaceship crash, Possess' a plant based physiology and regeneration, Pheromonal, neurotoxin, and Ilianas are but a few of her biological differences.

Dr.Sidereal

Graduate Student Raymond Stokes exposed to Rift energy when the Orbitals Came into our dimension, Possess' an unusual manipulation of spatial dynamics of himself, his area, and others.



Emrys

Jackson Arthur was contacted by the Lady of the Lake to seek out Merlyn for Excalibur, Current protégé of Merlyn, Reluctant adventurer in this modern era.

Kachina

Young teen Joseph Whitebear inherited his grandfather's shamanic powers from The Holy People after his murder by Unnatural means, Can call on the powers of the Kachina or Cloud People for Totem Bear form, teleportation, and weather manipulation.



Previously... Previously...

Here we catch up on what's going on so far.

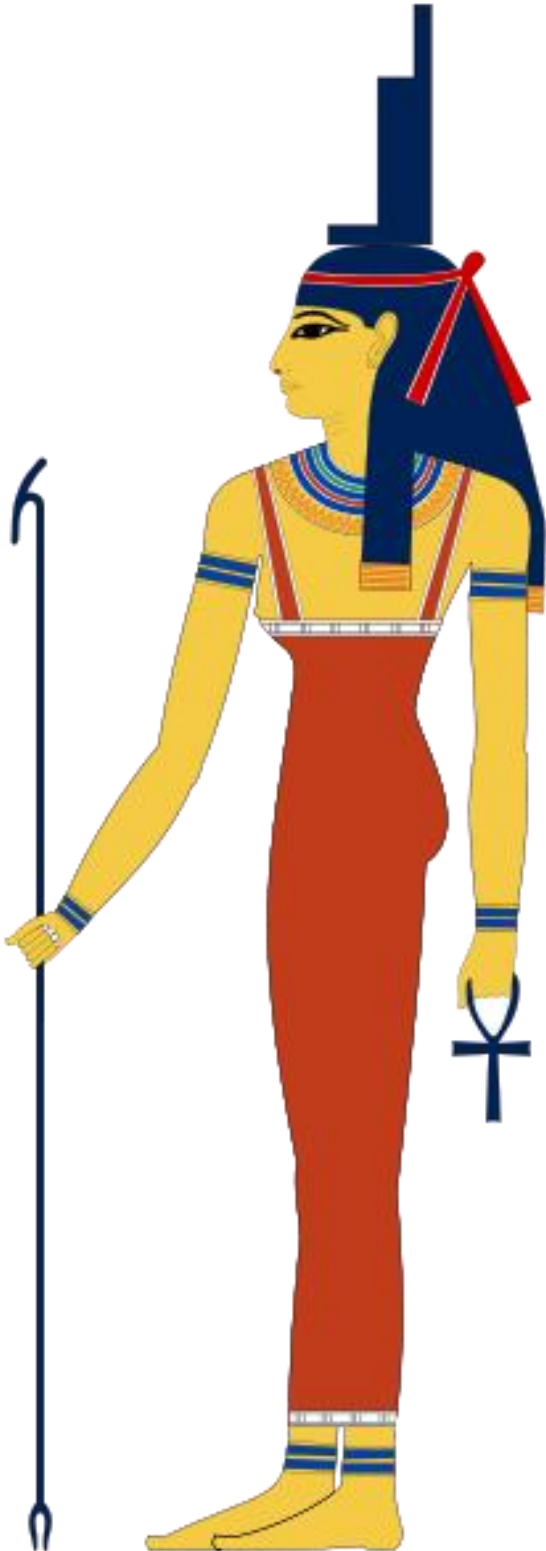


In Issue #0, the preview issue, we find that Renfield, a minion of the Tyrannical undead despot Dracula, has been sent to Vatican City. There he breaks the holy seals and wards thus releasing the ancient Amulet of Power. It sends ripples of energy across our world and others causing disaster. We are given glimpses of foreshadowing when we see robed Men in deserts, warrior women on flying horseback and ultimately the Pantheon Rising from their slumber. The Oath awakens Isis, Herakles, Sinbad, Merlyn, Solomon, and Raiden to combat this evil.

In Issue #1, Renfield brings the Amulet of Power to Dracula's General, The Temptress. They begin to plan for their master's resurrection. Despite the bickering between themselves the heroes of the Pantheon decide to split up to search for the evil that has bade them to wake. Meanwhile, we are introduced to denizens of the dimension next to our own. Flora Ironwood and Michael Farady while on vacation aboard a living craft are suddenly endangered as the Spaceship is under attack from rift forces that land them into our world.



The Myth of it all!



“Isis was a goddess in Ancient Egyptian religious beliefs, whose worship spread throughout the Greco-Roman world. She was worshipped as the ideal mother and wife as well as the matron of nature and magic. She was the friend of slaves, sinners, artisans, and the downtrodden, and she listened to the prayers of the wealthy, maidens, aristocrats, and rulers. Isis is the goddess of motherhood, magic and fertility.

The goddess Isis (the mother of Horus) was the first daughter of Geb, god of the Earth, and Nut, the goddess of the Overarching Sky, and was born on the fourth intercalary day. At some time Isis and Hathor had the same headdress. In later myths about Isis, she had a brother, Osiris, who became her husband, and she then was said to have conceived Horus. Isis was instrumental in the resurrection of Osiris when he was murdered by Seth. Her magical skills restored his body to life after she gathered the body parts that had been strewn about the earth by Set. This myth became very important in later Egyptian religious beliefs.”*

•This excerpt is taken from 2011 Wikipedia article-JB

CHARACTER BIO:

Name: Flora Ironwood

Age: 25

Gender: Female

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 120 lbs

Hair Color: Verdant
Green

Skin Color: Light Green

Eye Color: Purple

Planet of Origin:

Magalena Prime,
Vega System

Skills: Cosmetology,
Design, Graphic Arts,
Dance, Acting, Street
Fighting

Innate Abilities:

Enhanced regeneration

Hollow bones

Enhanced reflexes

Enhanced Stamina

Extendable Lianas (x2)

Pheromone generation

Neurotoxin secretion

Thorn generation/expulsion



History: Flora Ironwood comes from Magalena Prime in the Vega Star system from another dimension rather than Earth Prime as we call it. Her species is Plant based Biology rather

than mammalian. This allows her species to use sunlight for energy through photosynthesis but it also makes her more vulnerable to extreme heat, fire, and dehydration. She made her way to our dimension by accident when the Living Star Cruiser Geotode was attacked by the Orbital Phalanx Army who destroyed the stargate rather than allow it to escape. She is currently trying to get home with her boyfriend Faraday while raising funds as an exotic dancer in Soho.

HERO CENTRAL, JUNIOR !

The web comic that is connected to this series can be viewed at girafnetwork.org each week. Some have asked what the connection is to the regular series. The main theme is Raiden. a member of HCU, he also trains the next generation of super Heroes, hence HC,Jr.



The heroes in training started out by taking on an assignment from Raiden to investigate a possible strike against a new super powered “deviate” name Sakura Kyo. The opponent is an evil technological empire called KRAKEN that wreaks havoc across the globe. They are recruiting as well it seems.

Seneca, a Native American with hyper reflexes and pre-cog abilities , leads the team currently. Kidd Achilles is an actual Olympian teenager with super strength, fortitude, and speed based abilities. Kineto, the hyper annoying member , can blast energy from his body for concussive effects.

It seems there is a lot more going on in this story arc. I hope you enjoy the teenage hi-jinks & action of HeroCentral,Jr.