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# CAPTAIN AMERICA

SHADOWS OVER ALBION  
PART 1 OF 3



**BOYD**  
**MARCELLO**  
**YASSER**





Steve Rogers  
**CAPTAIN  
AMERICA**



Rachel Leighton  
**DIAMONDBACK**



Jacqueline  
Falsworth  
**SPITFIRE**



Pete  
Wisdom  
**MI-13**



Joey  
Chapman  
**UNION JACK**

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CAPTAIN AMERICA COMIC BOOK FANS  
PODCAST, WE CAST OUR MINDS BACK TO 1994 FOR A PULSE-POUNDING  
TALE OF HEROISM STARRING THE SENTINEL OF LIBERTY HIMSELF—

# CAPTAIN AMERICA

Recently, **Captain America** and his ally and paramore, Rachel Leighton—better known as **Diamondback**—faced one of their most **harrowing** battles. Gravely injured in the line of duty, Cap left Rachel in **Wakanda**, where their **advanced medical science** was able to heal her wounds completely. Now, Rachel has returned to Steve Rogers' side, **whole again**.

But not all wounds heal cleanly. Though relieved to have Rachel back, Steve can't ignore the creeping fatigue slowing his reflexes and dulling his edge—An unfamiliar weakness he can't explain. Meanwhile, Rachel is still growing accustomed to a transformation of her own. The same **super-soldier serum** that made Captain America now flows through her veins, **enhancing her strength, speed, and agility**.

But with that power comes **uncertainty**, and she's still finding her footing in this new reality. And yet, something else lingers—Steve can sense it. Rachel is holding something back... a **secret** she's not ready to share.

Hoping for a brief escape from the pressures of duty—and as a way to make things up to Rachel—Steve has planned a vacation to London. A chance to reconnect, to take a breath. But **trouble** has a way of **finding** Captain America...and this holiday will be **no exception**.

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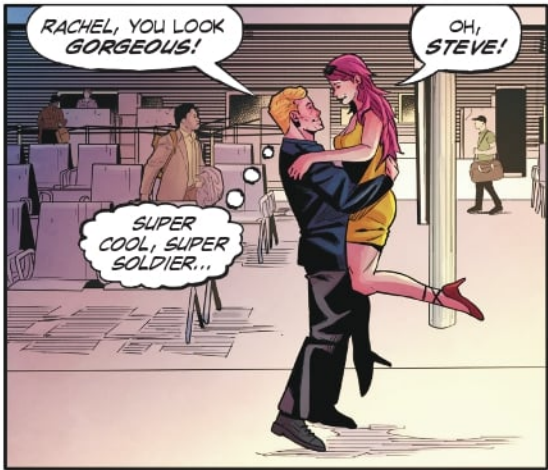
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STEVE ROGERS... BORN IN THE U.S.A., RAISED TO CHERISH THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY, ENDOWED WITH A SUPERHUMAN PHYSIQUE, AND DRIVEN TO BE THE MOST CAPABLE COMBATANT IN THE WORLD. NOW AS BOTH LONE CRUSADER AND LEADER OF THE RENOWNED AVENGERS, HE FIGHTS AN ONGOING BATTLE FOR LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND THE AMERICAN DREAM! STAN LEE PRESENTS... CAPTAIN AMERICA!

# SHADOWS OVER ALBION

PART ONE



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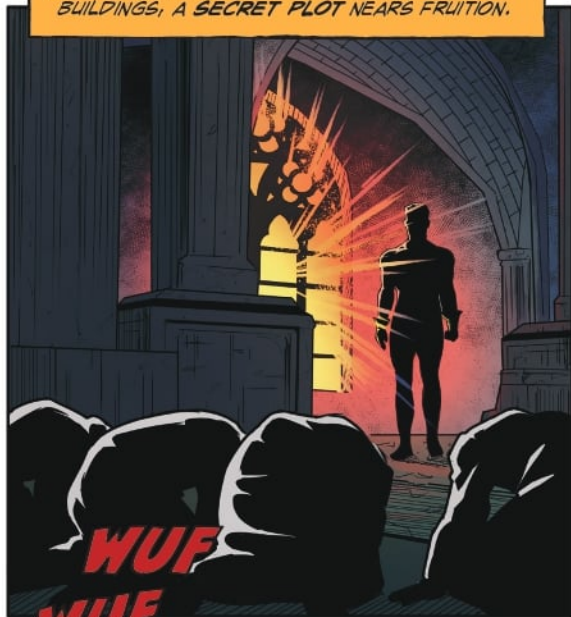
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DEEP IN THE BACKSTREETS OF LONDON, HIDDEN AMONGST A WARREN OF DERELICT AND DISUSED BUILDINGS, A SECRET PLOT NEARS FRUITION.



**WUF  
WUF**



MASTER!  
MASTER!  
URGENT  
NEWS!

SPEAK,  
CREATURE. THIS  
HAD BETTER BE  
IMPORTANT OR  
I WILL PULL OUT  
YOUR TONGUE.



OUR SCANNERS  
DETECTED HIS  
AVENGERS IDENTICARD  
AT THE AIRPORT!  
**CAPTAIN AMERICA**  
IS IN LONDON!

CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS  
ARRIVED IN LONDON?  
**UNEXPECTED...** ARE  
WE REVEALED?

NO, WE HAVE  
BEEN TOO CAREFUL.  
BUT THIS IS AN  
OPPORTUNITY  
NONETHELESS.



THE  
SENTINEL OF  
LIBERTY?  
**HERE?**

A TWIST  
OF FATE.

HIS BLOOD...  
IS PURE AND  
STRONG.

THE SUPER  
SOLDIER SERUM  
THAT FLOWS  
THROUGH HIS VEINS  
WILL AMPLIFY  
THE WEAPON

**TENFOLD!**





PREPARE THE  
HUNTERS! I WANT  
CAPTAIN AMERICA  
BROUGHT TO ME  
*ALIVE*. I SHALL  
PROVE MY  
*SUPERIORITY*  
ONCE AND FOR  
ALL!

I,

**MASTER  
MAN**

SHALL  
TRIUMPH!



**FALSWORTH HOUSE, FLEET STREET**



AMID THE PLUSH ELEGANCE OF THE FALSWORTH LOUNGE, OLD ALLIES RECONNECT AND STORIES RESURFACE, WHILE **DIAMONDBACK** FINDS HERSELF SWEEPED INTO THE WARMTH OF BONDS FORGED IN FIRE AND HEROISM.





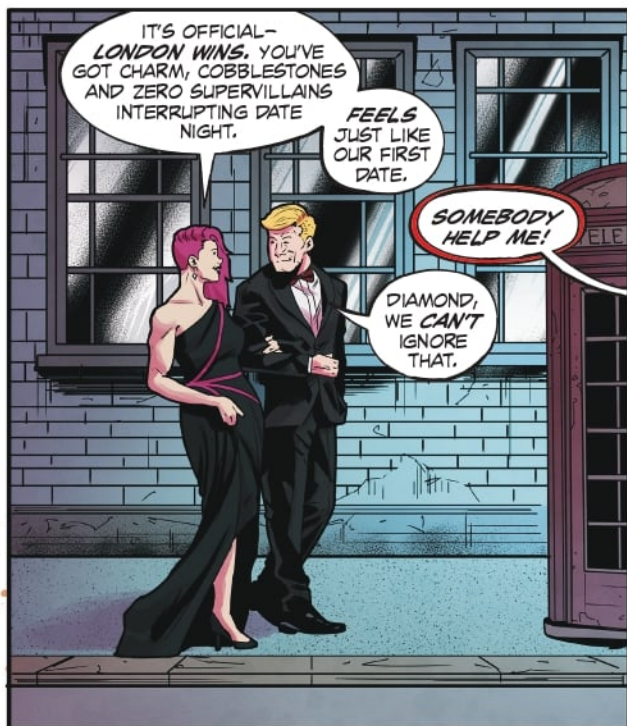




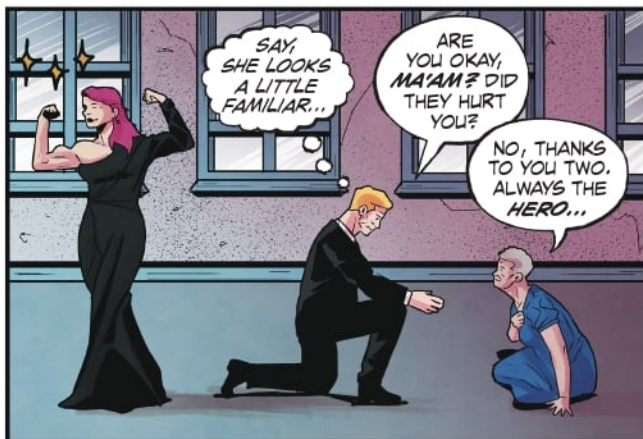
A LITTLE WHILE LATER, OUR FEARLESS COUPLE ARE GETTING READY FOR A NIGHT ON LONDON TOWN.



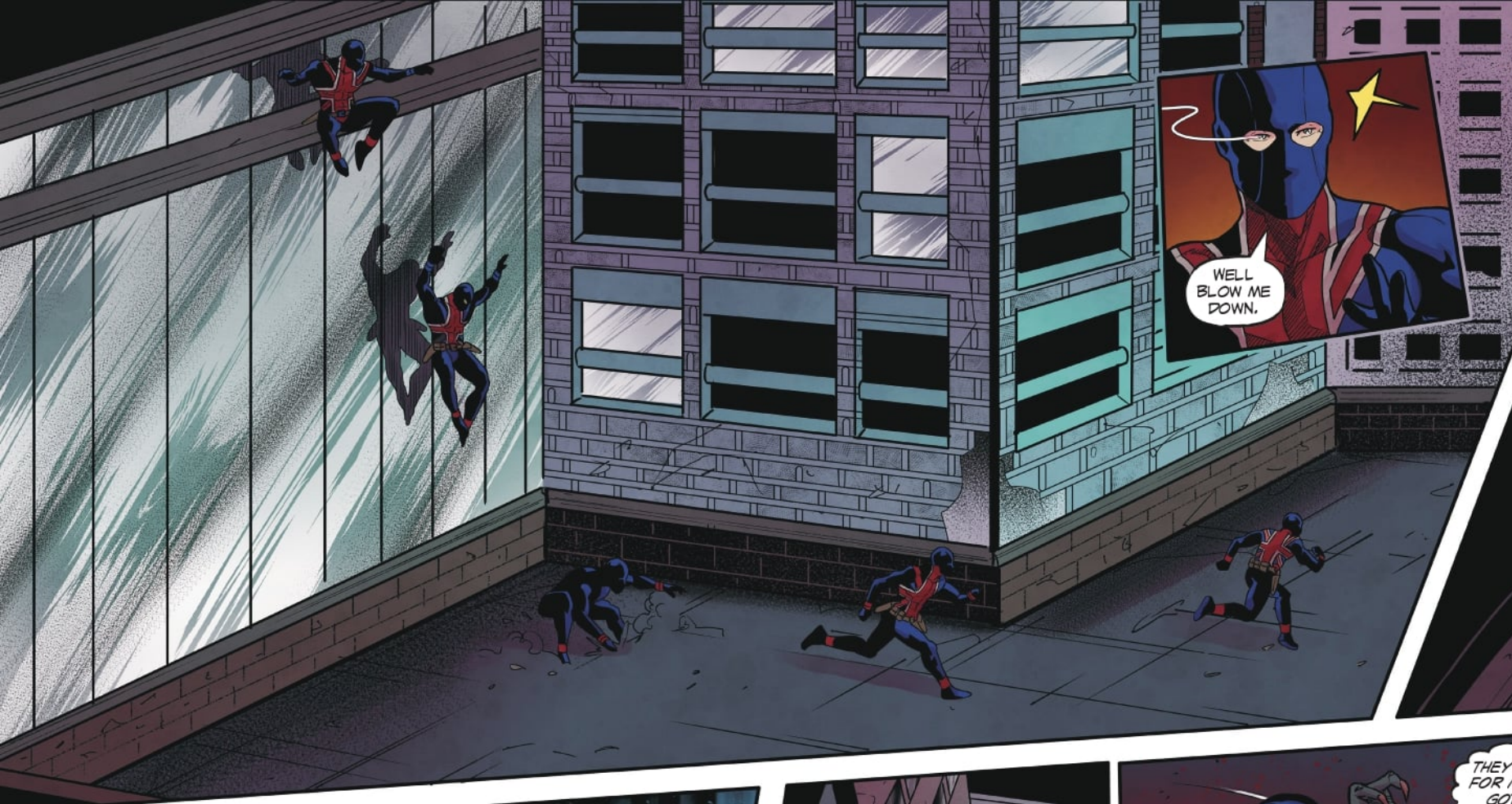




















WHILE CAP AND DIAMONDBACK ENJOY A RARE NIGHT OFF, ON THE OTHER END OF TOWN, SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS IS KEEPING M.I-13\* BUSY.

WHO NEEDS KEYS WHEN YOU'VE GOT...WELL, ME?

\*THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTED TO PROTECT BRITAIN FROM MYSTICAL, EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL AND SUPERHUMAN THREATS. -TB



TRY TO KEEP IT DOWN PETER...

OH YEAH, THAT'S ME. SUBTLE AS A FOX.

FEELS LIKE I'VE KICKED OVER EVERY DAMN ROCK IN LONDON LOOKING FOR THIS NAZI PILLOCK. YOU SURE ABOUT THIS LEAD, JAC?

THE LAST BODIES WE FOUND LED US HERE...WHAT'S HE HIDING?



TRANSLATION - RESTORING THE BROKEN -TB

MY LIFE AVEC BATROC BY JMW SEWELL  
GAMMA STRAHLUNG: DIE GRÜNE BEDROHUNG  
GEKÜRTE GESCHICHTE LETTLANDS  
NACHRICHTEN VON LUTHER

THE SIGNS ARE GETTING CLEARER, PETE. MASTER MAN'S BEEN PLAYING WITH FORCES HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.

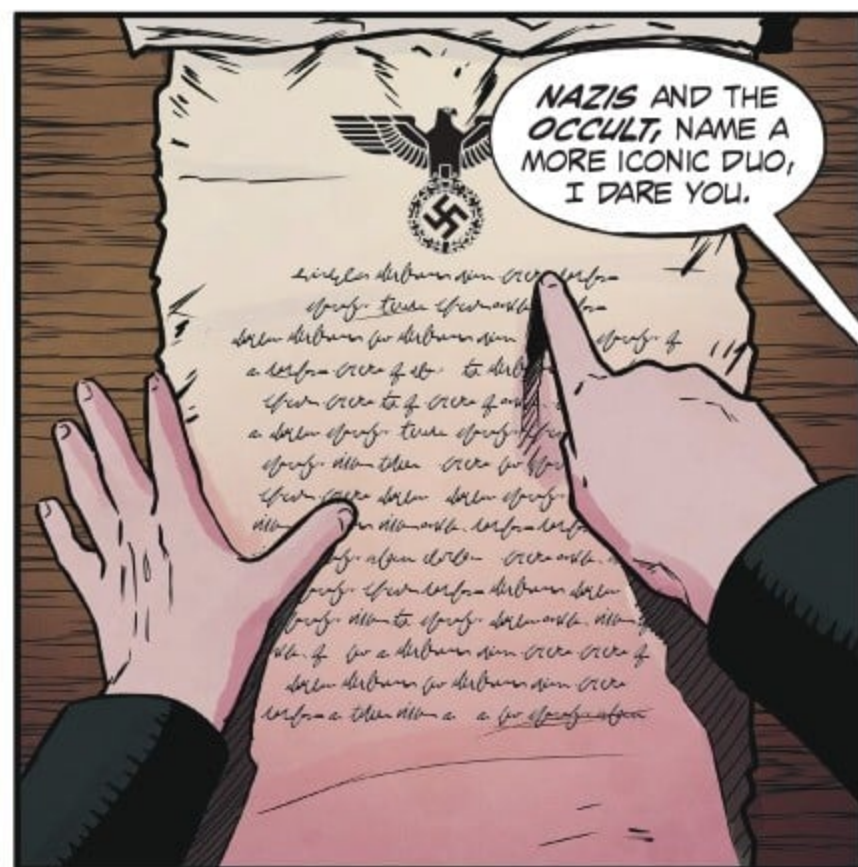
SOUNDS LIKE NECROMANCY... BUT WHO IS MASTER MAN TRYING TO BRING BACK?



"BLOOD OF THE FALLEN... MAKING WHOLE THE DEAD..."

IF IT'S BLOODY YTLER AGAIN, I QUIT!

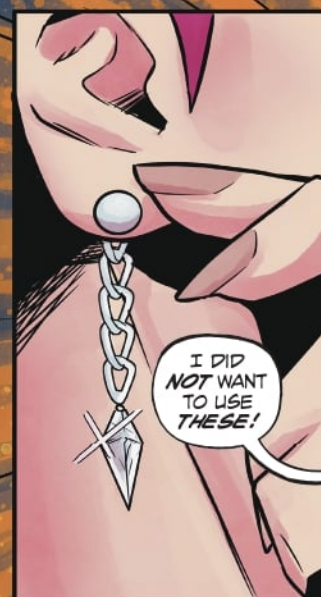




















THERE YOU ARE. YOU'VE BEEN CAUSING QUITE A STIR, I HEAR.

NOTHING WE COULDN'T HANDLE, MA'AM.



'ANDLING IT? THAT WHAT YOU CALL LEAVING HALF THE STREET LOOKING LIKE DRACULA'S BUFFET?

MI-13'S GOING TO BE CLEANING UP AFTER YOU ALL NIGHT.

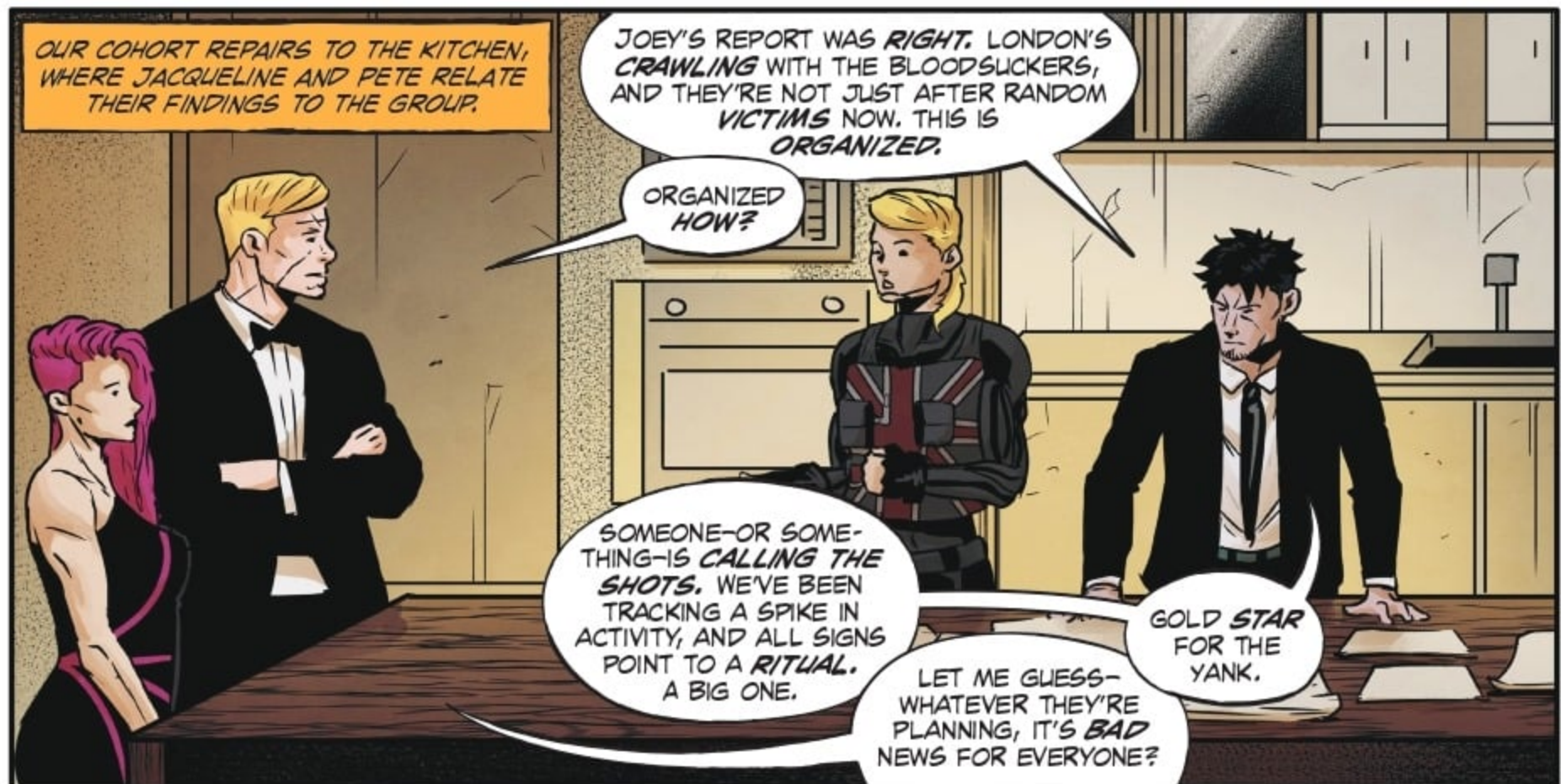


NICE TO MEET YOU TOO. WHO'S THIS *CHARMING* FELLOW?

RACHEL, STEVE—THIS IS PETE WISDOM, MI-13'S RESIDENT EXPERT IN ALL THINGS *UNPLEASANT*.

SOMEONE'S GOTTA DEAL WITH THE THINGS THAT GO *BUMP* IN THE NIGHT. AND RIGHT NOW, THOSE THINGS ARE VAMPIRES.

OUR COHORT REPAIRS TO THE KITCHEN, WHERE JACQUELINE AND PETE RELATE THEIR FINDINGS TO THE GROUP.



JOEY'S REPORT WAS *RIGHT*. LONDON'S *CRAWLING* WITH THE BLOODSUCKERS, AND THEY'RE NOT JUST AFTER RANDOM *VICTIMS* NOW. THIS IS *ORGANIZED*.

ORGANIZED *HOW*?

SOMEONE—OR SOMETHING—IS *CALLING THE SHOTS*. WE'VE BEEN TRACKING A SPIKE IN ACTIVITY, AND ALL SIGNS POINT TO A *RITUAL*. A BIG ONE.

LET ME GUESS—WHATEVER THEY'RE PLANNING, IT'S *BAD* NEWS FOR EVERYONE?

GOLD *STAR* FOR THE YANK.







# BARON BLOOD!

**DARKNESS** RISES IN THE HEART OF LONDON AS **CAPTAIN AMERICA**, **DIAMONDBACK**, AND **UNION JACK** UNCOVER A **SINISTER** PLOT TIED TO THE CITY'S **DARKEST** LEGEND. BUT AS SHADOWS DEEPEN AND AN ANCIENT EVIL STIRS, THE NIGHTMARE OF **BARON BLOOD** THREATENS TO RETURN—AND THIS TIME, THE BLOODSHED COULD BE UNIMAGINABLE. CAN OUR HEROES STOP THE RISING TIDE, OR WILL THE STREETS OF LONDON RUN RED ONCE MORE?

**NEXT MONTH** - AS SHADOWS GATHER AND **ANCIENT** ENEMIES MOVE **UNSEEN**, **CAPTAIN AMERICA** AND HIS LADY LOVE MUST RELY ON OLD **ALLIES**—AND EACH OTHER—TO **SURVIVE** WHAT'S COMING.

SECRETS RUN **DEEP**, DANGER RUNS **DEEPER**... AND NOT EVERYONE WILL MAKE IT OUT **UNSCATHED**! FEATURING **UNION JACK**, **SPITFIRE**, AND THE RETURN... OF

# BARON BLOOD!





## RICK'S RAMBLINGS: DECEMBER 1993



Greetings, Cap Fans! What a year! While Marvel certainly has had its hands full with Maximum Carnage and Infinity Crusades, there has been a lot going on outside of our windows, as well. With this new fangled world wide web launching earlier this year, it seems there is all kinds of news popping up we never had access to before. And it has me wondering...

Who can you believe?

While Dan, Tom and Peter usually shoot you straight at 6 o'clock, who are these others who seem to want to provide their opinions along with the facts? Now that they have their own soapbox, it seems everyone is an expert, and everyone has an opinion.

Sure, chat rooms have been around since the 1980s, but it seems people are taking it to new extremes nowadays. Instead of having a face-to-face conversation, sharing a difference of opinion with respect, people are buggin' and saying all kinds of wack things you would never say in person. Hiding behind the keyboard is no different than the Hate Monger putting on a mask so he can say whatever he wants with impunity.

I know half of us are either kickin' Bill Clinton took office earlier this year and half of us are trippin'. We have our teams and, gosh darn it, we're the Avengers and they are the Masters of Evil, right? Well, the world isn't always as black and white as the comics, or... as people in power want you to believe.

So, if ol' Rick can offer you two words of advice for keepin it real...

1. Fact check everything. Especially if you agree with something! Use different sources. Avoid opinions masked as 'news.'
2. Don't be so brand loyal. If you find yourself saying 'they' are evil, maybe question who is telling you that, and what do they have to gain by us fighting each other? And take a chill pill. Maybe 'they' have some good points, too.

At the end of the day, we all want the same thing... peace and safety, a respectable way to provide for our families, a gentle touch and a friendly smile. Find that common ground and try to live by the Golden Rule!

And always remember... **What Would Cap Do?**

Hasta la vista, baby!

**Rick**

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Thanks

**Tom**

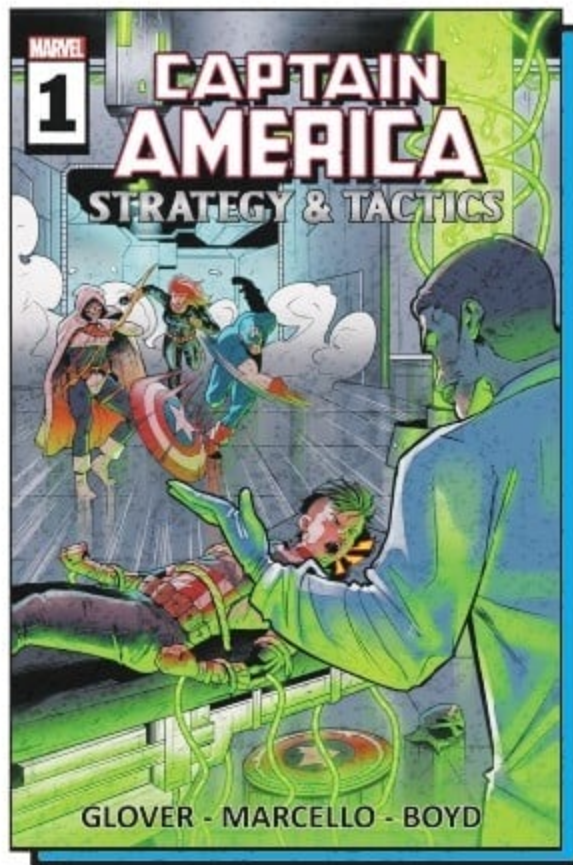
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If you enjoyed what you read, don't forget to pick up  
**SHADOWS OVER ALBION ISSUE 2!**

**COMING SOON!**



# COMING SOON FROM THE CAP-VERSE!

The shield is never still. New generations rise, old legends endure, and the spirit of **Captain America** lives on in every new battle fought for justice. Step into the next great era of the **Cap-verse** – where the call to heroism is louder than ever, and the future is forged by those brave enough to answer it. **Coming soon!**



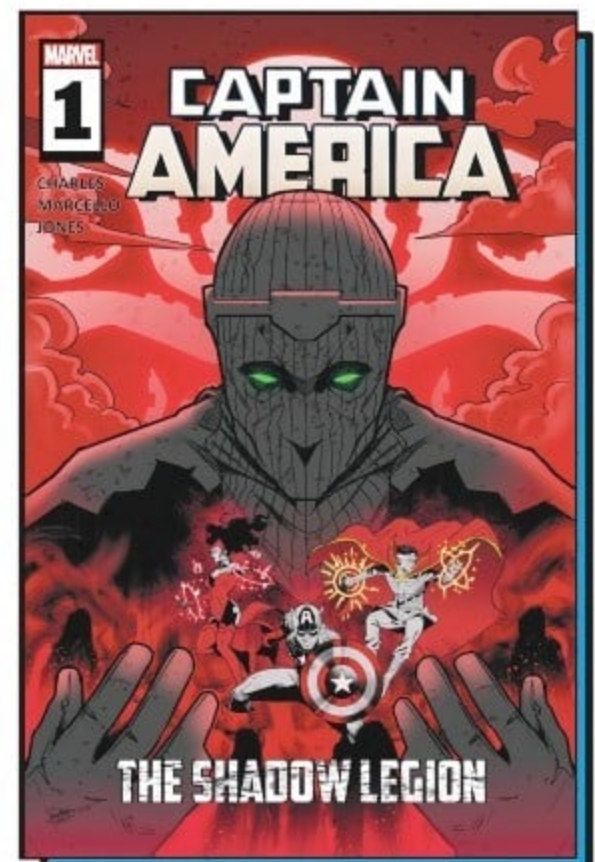
When a string of Captains go missing from the Captain's Network, Cap has to rely on Sam, Natasha and Sharon. If they have any chance of finding Aaron and Rikki before it's too late! After encountering the Natural and Jacob Irskin, Cap discovers a shocking plot that could change to global power structure-FOREVER!



From the pen of Cap super-fan, Rick Verbanas and extraordinary artist Rory Hensley, comes a tale of the revenge of ex-partners! Kang wants Cap distracted, so he plucks Cap's former partners from key moments in time and convinces Free Spirit to seek revenge for Jack Flag! What will Cap do when confronted by them? And Rick Jones, Winter Soldier and the Diamondback LMD?!



A Heritage of Courage presents a tale from Captain America's past so unexpected it defies imagination! The maniacal scion of a Prussian Baron and his mutant army face off against Wolverine and a team of untested American soldiers from Cap's past in a battle to determine Earth's very destiny.



In this follow up to The Ghost Army, Cap is once more drawn into mystic conflict as HYDRA employs Baron Zemo to provide them with a more powerful supernatural force! But can Barons Mordo and Zemo truly cooperate? And will the added might of Cap's own magical allies be enough to prevent the coming of THE SHADOW LEGION?





SHADOWS  
OVER

BLBION