



Mightiest Mortals #4

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The Plaza

The world exploded in a black and red of terrible pain as Kit Freeman soared across the room and crashed into the wall-mounted television. He sank bonelessly to the floor as his blood-rimmed eyes looked up at the fearsome powerhouse.

"So, Kit, where is your bravado now?" Sabbac chuckled as he grabbed Kit by the neck and lifted him into the air. He then landed a powerful blow into his stomach. Organs burst as the teen spit up black bile and blood before he streaked across the room to crash back into the chair he started from. It crumbled beneath him and he lay there, struggling to move, to even think.

"It didn't have to go like this, Kit," Sabbac said as he calmly stepped over to the battered young man. "Really it didn't. But I can't say I'm upset." Sabbac then stepped over the broken man and snapped up his phone. "Boys? Clean-up in aisle five." He replaced the receiver and walked over to the window. "Bye, boy," he sneered and then flew off.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the Plaza

"Two weeks and you seem to be settling in nicely, William," Sterling Morris said as he approached the desk of Billy Batson. It was early evening and the young man was furiously typing away at his computer.

"Mr. Morris!" Billy said as he looked up quickly. "Yeah. I'd like to think so. Everyone's been pretty good to me."

"Excellent, excellent! Glad to hear it, William," Sterling said with a broad grin. "You've put in a pretty fair amount of work here, and I must say,

it's been pretty good."

"Thanks, Mr. Morris."

"But remember the rest of our deal, William," Sterling cautioned. "You mustn't neglect your schoolwork if you want to stay here."

"Of course not, sir," Billy replied. "Work's just so much more interesting, you know? Guess I just lose track of time."

"Here, Billy," Came a much softer voice. A young blond girl only a year or so older than Billy walked up with a paper in her hand. "Aunt Betty asked me to hand this to you." She gave him a warm smile and a wink of her bright green eyes as she handed him the bulletin. She gave a flip of her long blond braid back over her shoulder.

"Thanks, Cissie," Billy answered as he took the page from her. He scanned it quickly and his eyes went wide.

"Is Betty still here?" Sterling asked Cissie Sommersly with mock consternation. "Honestly, don't any of my employees ever go home?"

"Oh, Aunt Betty's packing up, sir," Cissie answered with a giggle. "She just sent me down with the bulletin for Billy, then I'm meeting her in the lobby."

"Good. What is that, William?" Sterling asked when he noticed Billy's alarm.

"Ibac is challenging Captain Marvel to a duel," Billy summed up. "I guess the Captain's been more effective than anyone knew. If he doesn't show up, Ibac is going to level the Bromworks construction site."

"That makes sense," Sterling muttered angrily. "Everyone knows that Nicholas Bromfield refused to back down to Boss Ibac's demands. It figures that he'd choose there for such a battle. Win or lose, the damage alone will be a serious setback for Nicholas."

"Can we give you a ride home, Billy?" Cissie asked with that interested smile of a girl with a crush. Her tone made Sterling chuckle nostalgically.

"I can't, Cissie," the clueless Billy replied. "I've got to write this up for tonight's news updates and then... er, I've got homework." He looked up at Sterling and added, "At the library. Thanks though." He looked at Cissie and smiled politely.

Cissie shrugged and walked off down the hall with a "your loss". Sterling shook his head with a bemused grin and then told Billy to finish up and get going before he departed as well.

Billy typed up the report, then raced up the stairs to the roof. As he ran towards the ledge, he cried out "**Shazam!**"

And then the crimson comet streaked across the skyline.

Parker Flats

"Repeating tonight's top story," said the voice over the radio. "Notorious gangster Ibac has challenged Captain Marvel to a duel at the unfinished Bromworks Corporation building. If he doesn't respond, Ibac has promised that the project will never be completed. Elsewhere in the news... "

"Enough, Beautia!" Sivana snapped with joy in his voice. "I don't need to hear anymore. This is perfect!" he clapped his hands with glee.

"Is it, Father? How is it perfect?"

"If Ibac is challenging the Big Red Cheese, it's because he thinks he can kill him. Which means he can hurt him. And what he can hurt, I can kill!"

"But if Ibac is planning to kill him, and can kill him, why are you interested?"

"Because I've got to be the one who kills Marvel," Sivana explained curtly. He put the finishing touches on his remote and then kicked his stool over to the makeshift, but advanced computer array. "I can't have anyone thinking they're superior to me. So now, I will kill the oaf and if Ibac happens to get in the way... " He let his words trail off with a shrug.

"And if Ibac is wrong, Father?"

"Hmm. If he is, then I can at least cause the Big Red Cheese as much pain as possible. Instead of him, I will just have to turn the city against its people." He laughed loudly, with Beautia noticing how she wished she could cringe from the cold harsh sound. "Who cares if you're invulnerable when you're left to look at the people dying around you?"

"That seems to make a certain kind of sense, Father," Beautia replied.

Sivana flipped on switches and typed in commands, and soon a dozen screens flickered with black and white images of various areas around the city. Adjustments to dials and knobs moved the images around until they centered around and on the shell of a plant.

"Now to wait," Sivana chuckled as he slipped the remote into a small recess on the panel. He then hunched over the control panels like a musician at his organ, while Beautia watched from her remote sensors.

Brick Town

Captain Marvel flew into the blue collar factory section of Fawcett City commonly referred to as Brick Town. He soared straight to the construction site that was his target, mind racing with what could be coming.

As the incomplete building came into view, several large-caliber weapons opened fire. Military assault rifles normally used to target armored vehicles sprayed the skies and rained metal over the scarlet hero. Captain Marvel seemed unimpressed however, and he swept the rooftops, leaving broken piles of metal behind him.

He stood in mid-air and wiped his hands while he shouted, "Okay, Ibac. Show yourself. Your toys aren't going to do the job."

Two rockets streaked out from opposite corners of the open third floor and smashed into the Captain's body as they released their explosive fury. Captain Marvel was thrown back by the surprise strike, but quickly followed the contrails and left unconscious men and torn metal tubes in his wake.

"Still have to do better than that, Ibac," Marvel called out as he grinned. He walked across the wooden platform of the third floor, now within the half-formed outer skin of the iron works. "This can't be everything you have in mind."

"Of course not, Captain Marvel," came Ibac's gruff voice from off to the side. A huge maul was in his two-fisted grip and though the weapon shattered against Marvel on impact, it had the desired effect. The Captain was forced off his feet and hurled to the ground below. With a thick, heavy splash, Marvel found himself sunk into liquid cement. "Ahh, good ole Sivana," Ibac murmured in praise as he clicked a button on his watch and a heavy voltage coursed through the large vat of cement, hardening it in moments.

"All the strength in the world doesn't help without the leverage to use it," Ibac said to no one in particular. He reached into a coat pocket and pulled out his cell phone. Before he could call in his boys though, Captain Marvel floated up behind Ibac, his arms crossed over his chest.

The Captain reached out and tapped Ibac on the shoulder to get his attention. When the gangster turned around, his eyes glared in shock. "How?" Marvel then pointed down below, to the hole in the ground that Ibac quickly gathered led to the bottom of the vat, burrowed out by the hero.

He never got a chance to gather more thoughts though, for Captain Marvel backhanded Ibac and the criminal hurled across the third floor and powered into a steel beam. It bent and he groaned and Marvel grinned.

"Let's just put you away now," Marvel said in a calm, patronizing voice. He started to fly towards Ibac, who struggled to clear his head fast.

Before Marvel could reach his target though, a slender, metallic rod dropped out from a nearby power line, and a tremendous surge of electricity poured out from it. It crashed into the crimson hero and the force sent Marvel hurling out of the building and to the ground below.

Ibac looked up at the source of the attack in surprise, but swiftly

gathered his wits. He quickly removed his suit coat and silk shirt, his hairy, thick chest and torso now bared for battle. He then reached out and snatched up another hidden maul before leaping down towards his foe.

Captain Marvel pulled himself out of the ground and shook his head. "Holy Moley! I actually felt that. Ibac's got this place rigged better than I thought."

The shadow from above made Captain Marvel look up in time to have Ibac break the weapon over his face, and bringing Marvel down to one knee. With a spinning kick, Ibac's powerful body sent the Captain rolling across the dirt construction yard. Ibac meanwhile, stepped to a nearby shack and pulled out a stowed away two-handed sword.

Marvel quickly righted himself and ran back to his foe, when the light of a street lamp cohered to a single lance of energy. The lamp shattered and the beam struck the hero dead in the chest, just narrowly missing the top of Ibac's head. This stopped Marvel for a moment, but then he began to take another step. A second lamp repeated the process and slammed into the Captain's right side, but still he pressed on. A third lamp fired, and struck his left thigh.

Ibac watched the three lasers work over his opponent and drive him to the ground. Weaving around the one that had nearly struck him, Ibac swung the heavy blade with all his power and it snapped into Marvel's shoulder. It cut the costume and bruised his skin as the metal cracked apart.

"All right!" Captain Marvel declared as he stood in defiance of the energy beams. "Enough is enough!" The weapons burned out as Ibac had already retreated to a pile of bricks and began to hurl them with deadly force and accuracy. Marvel's speed however, was able to swat them aside with the flat of his hand while continuing his walk towards Ibac.

"You took your shot, and it was good," Marvel said with a fierce smile. "But not good enough." The hero launched his own punch, but Ibac deftly blocked it and stepped to the side.

"Your gifts give you power, Marvel," Ibac said as he continued to

skillfully block or avoid his opponent's attacks. "But I come with the tactical knowledge of Ivan the Terrible and the battle prowess of Attila the Hun. And I'll take brain over brawn every day."

As the pair passed a small part in the wall, a mailbox dropped two missiles from below and fired them into the Captain, taking him off his feet again.

"You mean like the wisdom to know that those aren't yours, Ibac?" Marvel said as he streaked over to the mailbox and dismantled it. "I'd guess Sivana. You may be bright, but you're crude."

Ibac had pulled away from the explosion and used Marvel's distraction to turn and run. Instead, he crashed into the sudden reappearance of the scarlet champion.

"Sivana? He could be killing me too, the bastard!" Ibac said as he rubbed his nose. "Fine, time to demonstrate another gift." He pressed a button on his watch. "The cruelty of Caligula." With a wicked grin creasing his blocky face, Ibac watched as Marvel realized the construction vehicles started up. "I just don't care if the little folks get hurt, Captain. After all, that's why we have little folks!" He laughed as the vehicles began to crash out of the area.

"Holy Moley! That's twisted!" Captain Marvel said as he streaked after the bulldozer first.

Ibac merely watched Marvel depart and then retreated to his waiting limousine. "Let's go, and fast!"

Parker Flats

Sivana watched with a cackling smile as Captain Marvel swiftly dismantled the bulldozer engine before racing to the crane next.

"Ibac and I have so much in common, it was almost a shame to endanger him," Sivana chuckled as he played his instrument of death. Bolts of electricity, beams of intense light and jets of plasma crashed into Marvel from all sides as he struggled to destroy the vehicles at super-speed.

"See, Beautia? Look at that face!" Sivana roared with delight. "You can see that dim-witted musclehead figure out that he has to let every single blast hit him or some random slob gets iced instead!"

"I can see, Father," Beautia replied quietly. "But the cumulative effects on Captain Marvel are not happening as you intended. Perhaps it is time to stop?"

"Are you crazy, dear daughter?" Sivana snapped. "Ah, the last of the vehicles. Very well, I can't stop the Big Red Cheese but I can destroy his city!" The weapons started lashing out in all directions.

Captain Marvel was marked and singed by the assault, but the vehicles were at last stopped. He took a moment to collect his thoughts but then noticed that Sivana's weapons were going after new targets.

"Oh no you don't!" Captain Marvel swore as he sped before the first few attacks and blocked them with that broad chest. He grunted in pain but didn't stop, though his mind was racing with his body.

"Can't do this forever, and some shots are getting by because I'm one man and he can at multiple targets," He thought hard. "So let's go with those instincts of mine... of course!"

Sivana watched Captain Marvel fly straight up and out of the camera view.

"Did he retreat? Run away? I've won?" He jumped up and shouted loudly. "I won! I made the big oaf run away! No one is more intelligent than Thaddeus Bodog Sivana!"

Just then, the ceiling burst open as Captain Marvel dropped in. Without a moment's hesitation this time, the Captain had torn Sivana's belt from him, and crumpled it up in his mighty hands.

"Hello, Dr. Sivana. Hope you have time for a visitor."

"How?" Sivana's voice cracked.

"Your warehouse was the only part of the city with no destruction and no loss of power," Captain Marvel answered as he sped throughout the lab, pulling apart wires, power supplies and ruining weapons and devices. "From high enough up, it was pretty obvious really. Nice of you to live where you work."

As he gripped very large cable bundle, Sivana cried out no, but it was the other plea, a much more polite one, that stopped Marvel.

"Please do not do that, Captain Marvel," came the soft voice.

"Who?" Marvel looked around.

"I am Beautia, Dr. Sivana's masterpiece," came the answer. "A fully-functional artificial intelligence derived from the encephalographic recordings of Beautia Sivana."

"And if I pull the plug?"

"I can't be sure she'll survive," Sivana admitted. He looked almost scared for a moment, then said, "Let her live, please. And I'll go quietly, you... you... big blockhead!"

Captain Marvel looked unsure for a moment, but let the cable go. "I'm not sure I understand all of this, but I'm not wiping out a person."

"All you need to know, Captain Marvel," Beautia informed him, "is that I currently contain all of the records of my Father's activities. If you shut me down, they'll all be lost. That would be a shame to your efforts."

He grabbed Sivana by the collar, and shook his head with disbelief. "It's off to the police for you, Sivana. That much is certain. That and it's the end of your criminal career."

Sivana was lifted into the air and muttered, "That's what you think!"

The Plaza

"Tim!" Freddy Freeman called out as he banged on Tim Karnes's door.

"Hey Tim, it's Freddy. Open up!" He tried the doorknob and realized it was unlocked.

"Tim, c'mon, I have to talk to you," Freddy called out again as he slowly opened the door. "I need to tell you that Kit's pretty teed off with you for some reason, and he's coming... over... " His voice trailed off as he saw the carnage inside.

There was the body of Kit Freeman, blood pooled around him. Freddy ran to the phone first, grabbing the receiver as he then moved to his cousin. He dialed 911 for help as he cradled his cousin's head.

"Kit! God, Kit talk to me!" He cried. "What happened? Where's Tim? Who did this to you? Don't die!" He screamed instructions to the operator and then hugged Kit tight.

"Talk to me, cuz!"

Kit could merely give a soft gurgle, small bloody bubbles forming at the corner of his cracked lips. Freddy felt his whole body lurch, grief bottled up from a year before now causing his world to swirl and crash as he felt his cousin growing cold.

To be continued...

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Ninjas and vampires and diabolical plots, oh my! King Faraday, Speed Saunders and the Enemy Ace are joined by a masked crime-fighter as they face two secret societies with a monstrous agenda! Pulp action at its finest as we seek out...the Danger Trail!

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Learn the mission of the Blood Red Moon! Uncover the mastermind behind the Black Dragon Society! Watch our heroes try and work together when some can't trust others, and one has no clue that there's cavalry coming to the rescue! Who would have thought marital strife could be so much danger for the heroes, or so entertaining for the readers! It's the conclusion to "The Blood and Dragon Affair!"

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Mightiest Mortals #3 (2007)

Captain Marvel: Under a Seal of Six Gods!

Justice League #8 (2007)

Justice League: Lucky Number 7.

What are the chances that a rash of good fortune across the globe could be the League's next case? Pretty good when this luck starts rewriting the laws of the universe and threatening the existence of

ages-old mystic defenses keeping ancient, primordial forces at bay!

Justice League #9 (2007)

Justice League: To See Tomorrow.

Why are there hawk soldiers of Thanagar on Earth? Who are the strange new superhumans appearing around the globe, testing and probing local governments? What exactly is the Justice League facing when a quartet of self-proclaimed heroes declares Earth "their last stand?" It's the beginning of an epic threat wrapped inside two strange mysteries that will leave the Justice League hoping that Earth survives "To See Tomorrow!"

Justice League #10 (2007)

Justice League: To See Tomorrow, Part Two (of Four).

"To See Tomorrow" continues as the stakes only get higher and secrets slowly start to unravel. Hawkman and the Martian Manhunter are caught between the Thanagarian invaders and their own satellite! The rest of the League is caught between Mon-El and Wandjina! And in the big picture, it's all symbolic of the Earth being caught between the enigmatic Overmaster and a still-hidden mastermind with dreadful intent!

Danger Trail #5 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Verdant Darkness Affair, Part 2 (of 2).

What connection lies between la Llorona's kidnapped children and Nyola's captured heroine Rima? What is drawing the natives of Central America and Mexico together? Speed Saunders, King Faraday and Midnight are joined by Doctor Occult to learn the truth before an Empire of Blood washes over the land!

Weird Western Quarterly #11 (2008)

Johnny Thunder: Steel Heart Iron Soul.

As Johnny Thunder, John Tane has evaded the deathbed oath to his mother never to do violence, and become Mesa City's great protector. Now he's about to be challenged on a whole new level when a powerful land baron makes a grab for greater wealth and glory, and the enigmatic renegade, Madame .44, has Johnny Thunder's heart in her sights! What might be his most dangerous

mission yet will also be the first chapter in a ballad of love and gunslinging like the Wild West has yet to see!

Danger Trail #6 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Man in Stitches Affair, Part 1 (of 2)

Danger Trail #7 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Man in Stitches Affair, Part 2 (of 2).

The Revenant Program proceeds apace as Saunders and Midnight must struggle with former ally King Faraday to find the evidence that can shut down Doctor Zero for good! Maybe, just maybe, newcomer Argent St. Cloud can help out!

Speeding Bullet #4 (2008)

Bulletman: The Birth of Bulletman, Part 4 (of 4): Man Made Gods. This is it! The mystery is revealed and the gloves come off as Bulletman duking it out with the Murder Prophet and his god of murder, the Nihilist! Can he come through his baptism of fire and blood intact? And even if he wins, does the Prophet truly get the last laugh?

Danger Trail #9 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Nation of Murder Affair, Part 2 (of 2).

As Speed Saunders and King Faraday join Argent St. Cloud to search for Michael Gallant, a wave of murders leaves the city of New York reeling as the heat rises, tempers flare, and Rue Morgue revels in the bloodbath!

Danger Trail #8 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Nation of Murder Affair, Part 1 (of 2).

Gangsters want Thomas Dewey dead at all costs, bringing Michael Gallant onto the case, Argent St. Cloud at his side! But when Murder, Inc. steps up to the challenge, can even he call on enough reinforcements to save the day?

Danger Trail #10 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Stolen Myth Affair, Part 1 (of 3).

It begins here! Threads woven from the start of the series, put into play centuries beforehand, all start to come together in this issue, as familiar faces return to the scene, dark forces gather for the

attack, and the secrets of the Trail yawn wide and threatening! All this and a special guest-star...the Queen of the Amazons!

Danger Trail #11 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Stolen Myth Affair, Part 2 (of 3).

Things heat up for our heroes as the Dragon Queen and the Queen of Blood unite to betray Vandal Savage; Savage raids Washington, D.C. to acquire the Ineffable Libram; and King Faraday and Speed Saunders face off with Queen Hippolyta and Rima the Jungle Woman! Things couldn't get any worse than this, could they?

Danger Trail Annual #1 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Savage Sins Affair.

As the Stolen Myth Affair heats up, as a covert war rages on the Danger Trail, take a peek inside the history of the man who has set this all into motion...Vandal Savage! Balloon Buster Steven Savage is doing just that as he uncovers threads and connections surrounding the many figures of the age that all lead back to this diabolical mastermind, some stretching back centuries! If the truth about him can't be unraveled soon, those threads will choke the present day and continue into the future!

Danger Trail #12 (2008)

Danger Trail: The Stolen Myth Affair, Part 3 (of 3).

Vandal Savage begins his plan to bring the world into his control! King Faraday, Speed Saunders and Midnight, along with their assembled allies, make their bid to stop him, but there are three queens in this game, and each one has their own vision for how the endgame should play out! It's the end of the first year on the Danger Trail...is it also just the end?

Speeding Bullet #1 (2008)

Speeding Bullet, Part 1 (of 4): Modern Gods.

James Barr has developed a special device that allows him tremendous powers! Now he steps into a new world of masked men and heroic deeds, but is he really ready to take his place among the world's newest gods? Will the Murder Prophet usher in an age of blood first?

Speeding Bullet #2 (2008)

Speeding Bullet: The Birth of Bulletman, Part 2 (of 4): Deepest Secrets.

James Barr steps into costume for the first time, and Bulletman is on the case of the Obermyer murders. But so is another person...the actual killer, a mysterious being called the Murder Prophet, who is paving the way for his master, and the police and the rookie hero struggle to catch up and stop him!

Speeding Bullet #3 (2008)

Speeding Bullet: The Birth of Bulletman, Part 3 (of 4): Bleeding Truths.

The race is on to uncover the real killer as Detectives Farley and Doherty try to dig through the murder mystery, Martin Obermyer meets the killer and Bulletman stumbles in a critical way, leaving him to face the fury of his wife!

Mightiest Mortals #5 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: Scenes of a Day

Mightiest Mortals #6 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: Between Opposing Forces.

Freddy finds himself having the most startlingly worst day of anyone's life! Can it be worse than losing a close relative? What about the dark secret within another relative? Or the secrets being held by his best friend? It all comes crashing down on him in a terrible avalanche of revelations! All this while the city moves on without him!

Mightiest Mortals #7 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: From the Shadows of Twisted Minds.

Get ready for action and excitement! Freddy buries his cousin, Christopher Freeman, and has another showdown with his stepbrother Tim Karnes. And we discover just how fiendish Sivana can be when he pushes Captain Marvel's every attribute in an issue in which the World's Wickedest Scientist...doesn't even appear! All this, and the fate of Beautia!

Mightiest Mortals #8 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: To the Truth of the Matter.

Billy and Freddy have their confrontations on secrets kept, power hoarded and relations hidden, all the while the forces of the law struggle to keep Lady Justice apart from her new champion and Miss Minerva asserts her innocence!

Mightiest Mortals #9 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: The Abyss of Blood Relations

Fawcett City goes on despite the gang war, despite the debut of new heroes, despite it all, Fawcett City goes on. Come and see how it does, as Chief Kitchens deals with the presence of Captain Marvel and what it means for his police force! And has Miss Minerva over-played her hand?

Mightiest Mortals #11 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: The Tide of Heroism.

The beginning of the stunning two-part finale to Captain Marvel's first year! Sabbac has gone on a rampage, and Ibac is taking advantage of the chaos! Bulletman struggles to intervene, but everyone wants to know where Captain Marvel is! All this and more (and boy, do I really mean it this time)!

Mightiest Mortals #10 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: The Punishment of Good Deeds.

Amazing origins issue as we discover the secret behind the magic words, and the history of Sabbac and Ibac! Freddy walks into a deathtrap, Victor Craize starts to feel the power of the people, and the police make a startling discovery about Miss Minerva!

Mightiest Mortals #12 (2008)

Mightiest Mortals: By an Act of Love.

This is it! Sabbac is on a rampage! Ibac sends his men out against the leaderless forces of his gangland opponent! Into the middle of this stands Captain Marvel and his allies! When the smoke clears, who will stand triumphant?

Nightwing #30 (2008)

Nightwing: The Riddle of the Sphinx.

Just when you'd think Dick's got enough trouble juggling Titans duties as Nightwing, solo duties as the Batman, and mentoring duties with Tim, things get harder. There's a new villain hitting

the streets, one with a dangerous delusion, and Dick's not happy to see that Nightwing is apparently on the case, without Dick's permission! Come and join us for "The Riddle of the Sphinx!"

Nightwing #31 (2008)

Nightwing: Riddle of the Sphinx, Part 2 (of 2)

Dick must try to get to the bottom of the crazed King Tut and foil his rampages, but he also needs to figure out how to deal with the new Nightwing! As he digs up more information on both, all three men spiral into a collision course of tragic proportions, and Professor McElroy might just be the ultimate victim in all of this!

Justice League #11 (2008)

Justice League: To See Tomorrow, Part Three (of Four).

Things are falling into place at a rapid pace now... for the villains! With the League stretched thin across the globe, friends come racing to the rescue and the action only heats up! Watch Hawkgirl lead the storming of the JL satellite; witness Superman confront Mon-El over his mysterious mission; and thrill to the throwdown between Wonder Woman and the Persuader, as the master villain behind it all draws closer to his goal! All this and more!

Danger Trail Vol. 1 (2009)

This volume collects Danger Trail #1-12 as well as Danger Trail Annual #1. This is the complete first story arc in which our pulp heroes confront the treachery of the Blood Queen, the Dragon Queen and their mysterious backer. Stay tuned for Danger Trail #13 coming soon!

Danger Trail #13 (2009)

Danger Trail: The Brown Lady Affair, Part 1.

In the wake of the battle with Vandal Savage, Speed Saunders has set his sights on finding the Sigil of Seven; that quest being his only remaining link to the missing (and treacherous) Harriet Cooper! His friends Argent St. Cloud and Michael Gallant, along with ally Doctor Occult, want to know what his intentions are, but first they must untangle a dark scheme involving the ghosts of Great Britain!

Mightiest Mortals #13 (2009)

Mightiest Mortals: Opening Passages.

As Fawcett City recovers from the fall of Ibac and Sabbac, our heroes find more things to be worried about. Susan Barr must prosecute the bloodthirsty Tim Karnes while reassessing her stance on costumed crime-fighters; Dudley must wrestle with what he should reveal to Billy, and Billy must deal with the fact that Freddy refuses to return to his crippled body!

Danger Trail #14 (2009)

Danger Trail: The Brown Lady Affair, Part 2 (of 2).

Speed Saunders must deal with the fact that the artifact Harriet had been searching for, the Sigil of Seven, is Doctor Occult's primary weapon against supernatural evil! In the wake of her treachery, what can that mean? And none of our heroes can take the time to figure it out now, as they struggle to save Michael Gallant from the Dagger of Koth!

Danger Trail #15 (2009)

Danger Trail: The Falkenstein Affair.

Once rivals of the air and enemies at war, now the Enemy Ace and the Balloon Buster must work together to penetrate the secrets of Castle Falkenstein and the strange mad scientist ready to bring two worlds together to fuel his rise to power!

Danger Trail #16 (2009)

Danger Trail: The Blood of Templars Affair.

Danger Trail #17 (2009)

Danger Trail: The Blood of Templars Affair, Part Two.

Things heat up for our heroes as they head into an ancient Knights Templar castle as one of three groups desperate to unlock its secrets and find a powerful relic that will decide the victor in the opening battles of a far greater war, one that has the attention of the enigmatic Sanguine Father! A far greater war that echoes across the decades!

Danger Trail #18 (2009)

Danger Trail: Affairs of Blood and Fate, Part Two: The Angel of Death!

The strangest crossover of all times continues here, as Rose Psychic, Eel O'Brien, Speed Saunders, Midnight, Trin Dee and Andrew Bennett find themselves caught in a holy war between the forces of the Order of St. Dumas and the Sanguine Father, who offers a glimpse into a terrifying future for the world!

Danger Trail #20 (2010)

Danger Trail: Affairs of Blood and State, Part 6 (of 6).

Danger Trail #19 (2010)

Danger Trail: Affairs of Blood and State, Part 4.

Weird Western Quarterly #18 (2010)

Weird Western Quarterly: Lust Faith Love Treachery.



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