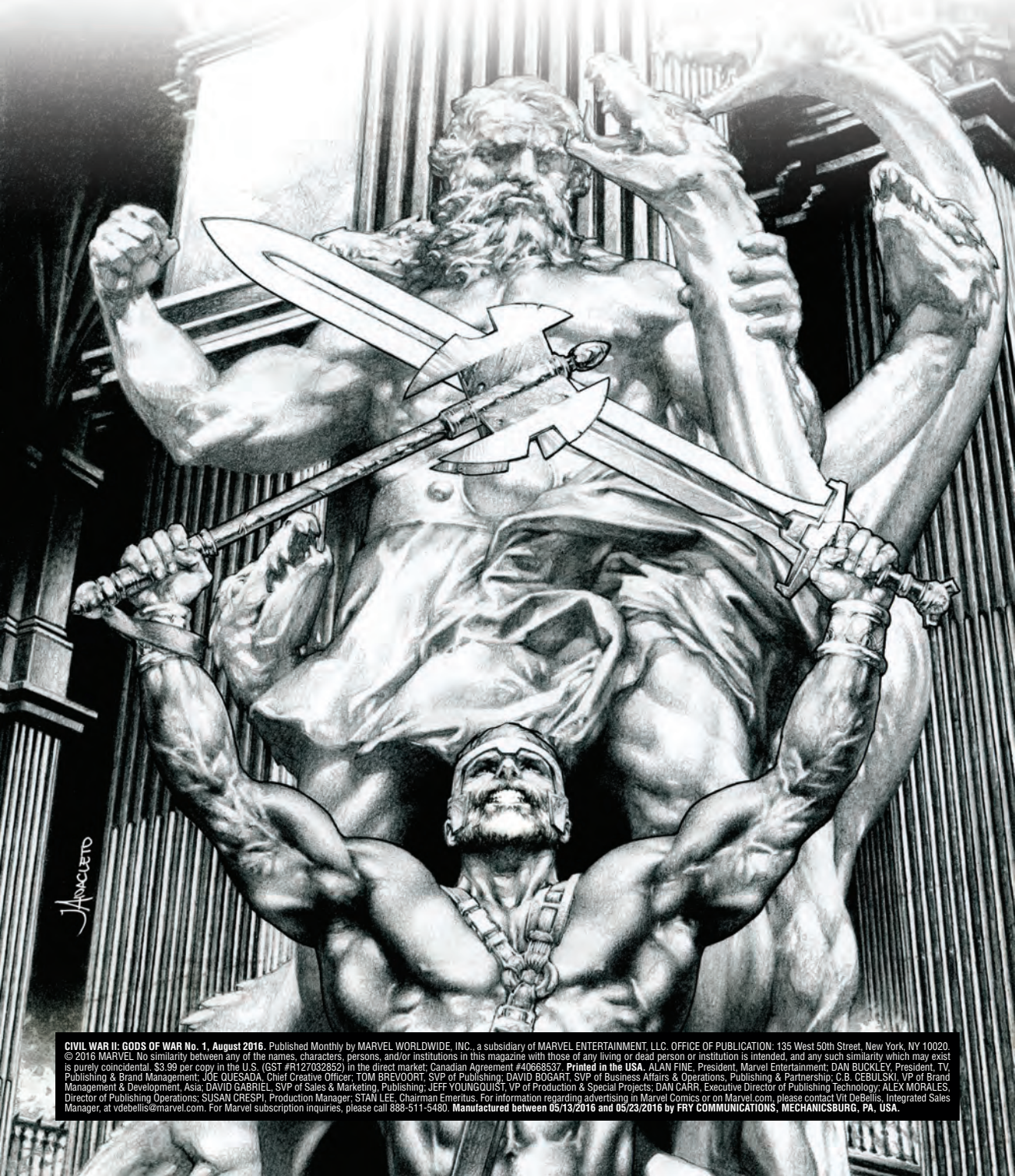


IN ANCIENT DAYS, HERCULES WAS THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. BUT IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS CELEBRITY. HIS DESTINY IT SEEMED, WAS TO FADE INTO OBSCURITY AND SCANDAL. BUT HERCULES DEFIED HIS FATE AND HAS STARTED TO RECLAIM HIS REPUTATION AS A TRUE HERO.

WHILE GETTING HIS LIFE BACK ON TRACK, HERCULES DISCOVERS THE UPRISING STORM: A PANTHEON OF NEW GODS BORN OF THE MODERN AGE, SEEKING TO DESTROY THEIR ANCIENT COUNTERPARTS.

TOGETHER WITH FELLOW GODS GILGAMESH AND IRE, HERCULES BATTLED THE UPRISING STORM, WHERE HE WAS MARKED BY A BRAND LACED WITH STRANGE TECHNOLOGY. SHUNNED BY THE HERO COMMUNITY, HERCULES IS MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER, AND SOON ENOUGH THE STORM WILL COME LOOKING FOR ROUND TWO...



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A DEMIGOD HERO WALKS INTO A BAR...

'SUP, HERCULES? WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON YOUR SHOULDERS?





AMADEUS.
AMADEUS CHO.
IT IS GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
OLD FRIEND.

GOT YOUR
TEXT, MAN.
SOUNDED LIKE
YOU NEEDED
COMPANY.

WHAT ARE
WE DOING?
DROWNING YOUR
SORROWS?



HEY, KID!
HOW OLD ARE
YOU? YOU CAN'T
BE IN HERE.

SO WHAT'S
GOING ON, HERC?
DRINKING? ON A
SCHOOL NIGHT?

I HEARD
YOU'D GIVEN
UP THE BOTTLE.
AND THE WILD
NIGHTS.

HEARD YOU
WERE TRYING TO
REFORM YOURSELF.
RESTORE YOUR
REPUTATION. BE
THE HERO YOU
ONCE WERE.

ALSO, YOU
WERE LIVING
IN ASTORIA.



SERIOUSLY,
KID--

ALL OF WHICH
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UNBELIEVABLE.

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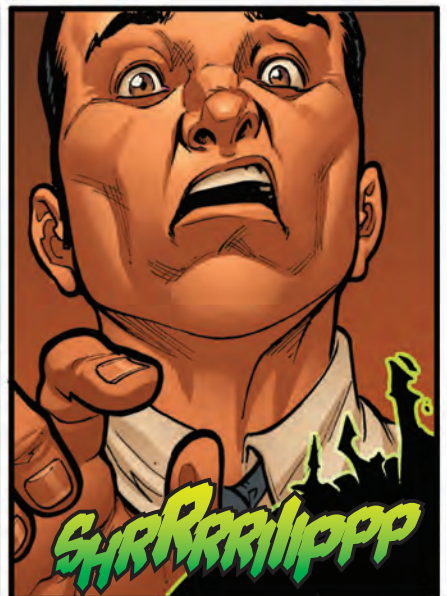
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THIS KID IS UNDER
AGE. HE'LL
HAVE TO--



SHRRRIIPPP



I SHOULD KNOW.

A ROOT BEER FOR MY FRIEND.

S-SURE, HERC.

PLEASE LET ME STILL HAVE A BAR BY THE MORNING, PLEASE LET ME STILL HAVE A BAR BY THE MORNING...

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