

THE PHANTOM[®]



PREVIOUSLY:

A merciless conquerer attacked Earth, knocking our technology back one hundred years! But Earth's defenders rebelled and prevailed!

Yet while unconquered, Earth feels the aftershocks of war's terrible toll...

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GHOST WHO WALKS,
WALK AMONG THE WORLD
YOU PROTECTED FOR ALL
ETERNITY.

WE HONOR
YOUR SPIRIT
AND BRAVERY.

FOR HUNDREDS
OF YEARS THERE HAS
BEEN A PHANTOM.

STRANGE TO
PONDER A WORLD
WITHOUT HIM.



THEN
DON'T.

HE TOLD ME
THERE WAS A
SUCCESSOR
OUT THERE.

ONE DESTINED TO
WEAR THE MASK.



I'M GOING
TO FIND THAT
MAN, I OWE
HIM THAT.



AND UNTIL
HE'S FOUND...



I'M GOING
TO RIDE IN
HIS PLACE.

MAWITAAN, BANGALLA.

First rule of investigative reporting. Follow the money.

Man. That was a **lot** easier when we had an internet.

All we have now is **The Network**. Terrible name, but it stuck.



And it's **all** legwork.

So here I am. Ace reporter Jen Harris, following some money from New York to India, Indonesia, and now to East Africa.

To **Bangalla**. Where they're negotiating the Seven Nations Council.



It'll decide the future of the continent.

And **someone** is dumping a ton of illicit money in the region.

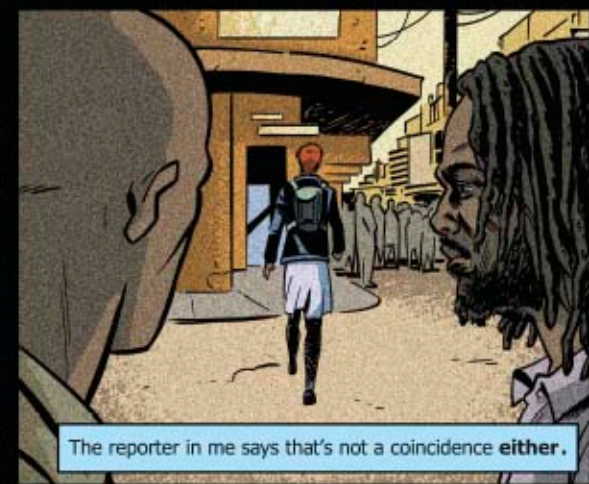


The reporter in me says that can't be a coincidence.

Three days of legwork says my contact hasn't been seen in a week.



The reporter in me says that's not a coincidence **either**.



I keep coming back to the same question.

What is The Phantom?



Guns.



Skull Ring.



Skull Cave.



NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE SUIT, GURAN.

MY PEOPLE HELPED THE PREVIOUS TWENTY-TWO PHANTOMS.



THE SUIT PLAYS.

Thing is, I'm not the twenty-third Phantom.



I'm the guy wearing the suit until I find him.



HANG ON. GOT SOMETHING.

YEAH. A LOT OF STATIC, BUT YEAH.

THEY'RE OUR GUYS. SAME FREQUENCY AND EVERYTHING.

MUST BE LOOKING FOR THE PATROL WE TOOK OUT.

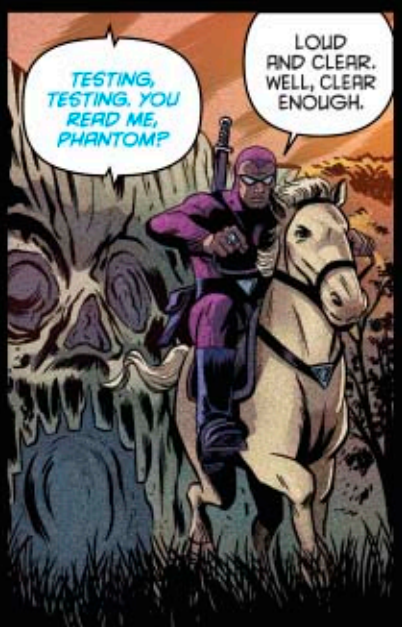
YEAH. A LOT OF CHATTER. FIVE GUYS AT LEAST.



I'LL TAKE THE HORSE. EVEN THE ODDS.



TAKE THE MINI-RADIO TOO. I WANNA TEST OUR RANGE.



TESTING, TESTING. YOU READ ME, PHANTOMP?

LOUD AND CLEAR. WELL, CLEAR ENOUGH.



CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT THAT OLD GEAR WORKING.

THIS IS WHY MY PEOPLE HAVE A RITE OF PASSAGE WHERE WE GO TO COLLEGE.



YOU LEARN ALL KINDS OF THINGS.

Christopher Walker became the first Phantom four hundred years ago to eradicate piracy, greed, and cruelty.