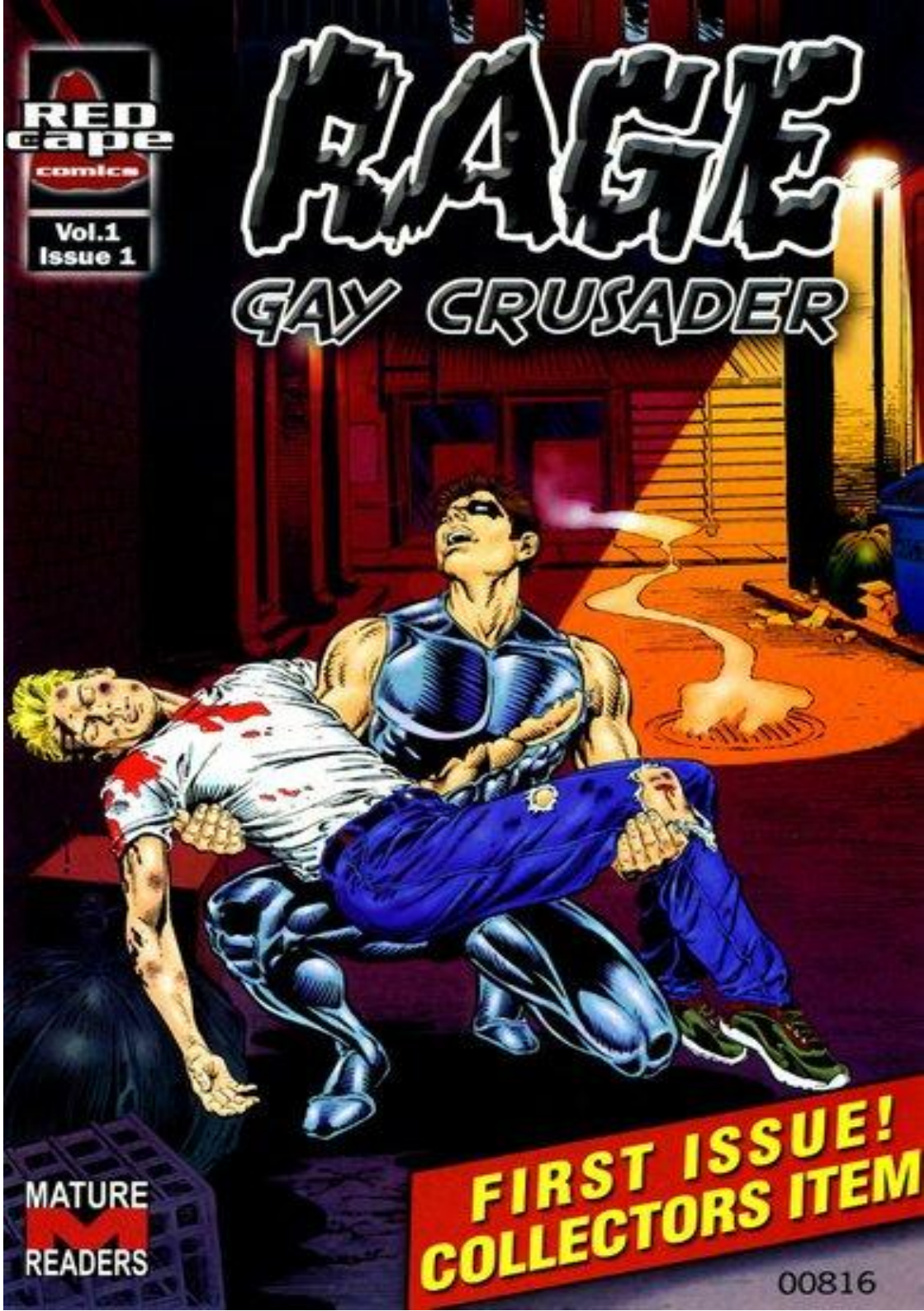

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RUMOUR HAS IT THAT THE MAGNIFICENT CAPTAIN ASTRO SERIES OF COMICS WAS BROUGHT TO AN UNTIMELY END BY THE PRESSURE OF NEGATIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE CAPTAIN'S AMBIGUOUS SEXUALITY. AMBIGUOUS MY ASS. CAPTAIN ASTRO WAS THE PROUDEST. GAYEST. MOST FABULOUS SUPERHERO TO EVER GRACE THE COMIC BOOK SHELVES WITH HIS PRESENCE. HAD HE NOT BEEN CENSORED AND CONSTRAINED BY HIS COWARDLY DISTRIBUTORS, I'M CERTAIN THE CAPTAIN WOULD HAVE PROUDLY DECLARED HIS GAY IDENTITY TO THE WORLD. SADLY, HE'LL NEVER HAVE THAT CHANCE. THE CAPTAIN'S PASSING LEAVES A VOID IN THE COMIC UNIVERSE. SOMEONE MUST TAKE HIS PLACE AS THE WORLD'S PREEMINENT GAY SUPERHERO.

MEET RAGE.

RAGE IS EXPLODING OUT OF THE CLOSET AND INTO THE WORLD TO FIGHT INTOLERANCE AND DEFEND THE FABULOUS CITIZENS OF GAYOPOLIS.

WE ARE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT RAGE: ISSUE #1. MAY YOU ENJOY READING THESE PAGES AS MUCH AS WE'VE ENJOYED CREATING THEM. OUR HOPE IS THAT RAGE CAN IN SOME WAY PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF OUR FALLEN HERO, CAPTAIN ASTRO.

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WELCOME TO GAYOPOLIS: AN INTIMIDATING CITY FILLED WITH LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITY...
...AND DANGER.
...SEVERE DANGER FOR AN UNFORTUNATE NINETEEN YEAR OLD COLLEGE STUDENT. BUT THAT'S LATER... OUR STORY BEGINS FRIDAY AFTERNOON: AN ENTIRE WORK WEEK'S TENSION LEVEL HAS SWELLED TO ITS LIMIT, AND THIS CITY NEEDS RELEASE. ONE MAN SEEMS TO FEED OFF THE ENERGY. HE'S CONFIDENT. HE'S HUNGRY FOR EXCITEMENT. HE'S A COMMANDING PRESENCE AS HE STROLLS HOME FROM THE OFFICE...
...COULD HE BE EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE ONCE HE'S OUT OF HIS WORK CLOTHES?
GOD! WHAT A HUNK!
GOD! WHAT A HUNK!
(SIGH) I KNOW.


THE ANSWER IS YES! FOR THIS IS NO ORDINARY EXTRA-ORDINARILY GOOD LOOKING MAN. THIS IS RAGE: PROUD DEFENDER OF THE CITIZENS OF GAYOPOLIS.
AND IF YOU THINK RAGE WOULD LET A PURSE-SNATCHER RUIN THE START OF A PERFECTLY GOOD WEEKEND...
NOT TODAY, FUCKER.
WHAT THE..?
UH, WHAT WAS I JUST DOING...?
!?!
AH, JUST ENOUGH TIME TO CHANGE OUTFITS.
...YOU'D BE WRONG.


RAGE IS THINKING CLUBWEAR. HOWEVER, BACK AT THEIR SECRET LAIR, HIS PARTNER ZEPHYR IS IN FULL SUPERHERO MODE.
HONEY, I'M HOME! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
DON'T KID AROUND RAGE, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT TONIGHT.
HOW CAN WE GO CLUBBING WHEN THE GOOD PEOPLE OF BAYOPOLIS MIGHT NEED US?
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE OVER-DRESSED. GET CHANGED FOR BABYLON.
VERY EASILY... NOW, YOU CAN EITHER TAKE OFF THE HERO GEAR NICELY...
...OR I CAN TEAR IT FROM YOUR BODY.
MAYBE WE COULD USE A BREAK...
PERFECT. I'LL JUST TAKE A QUICK SHOWER.


BABYLON: WHERE THE MOST FABULOUS CITIZENS OF GAYOPOLIS LOSE THEMSELVES IN THE NEVERENDING THUMP-THUMP. IT GIVES OUR HEROIC DUO A REMINDER OF WHAT THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR. A REASON TO CONTINUE THEIR SECRET BATTLE...
... A REFUGE WHERE THEY STRENGTHEN THEIR HIDDEN BOND.
BUT A TRUE HERO NEVER RESTS LONG...
WHAT IS IT?
SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS HAPPENING! I CAN SEE IT...
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. A YOUNG MAN IS IN TROUBLE. HE NEEDS US!
HOW YOUNG?
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!
... A NIGHT OFF QUICKLY BECOMES A CALL TO DUTY.


RAGE AND ZEPHYR SCAN THE SHADOWY STREETS OF GAYOPOLIS
MOMENTS LATER...
TAKE THAT, YOU DIRTY FAGGOT!
SOMEBODY... HELP ME...!


THAT'LL TEACH YOU, LITTLE PUSSYBOY!
HA HA HA HA HA!
UHHHH
AS THEY LEAVE HIM TO DIE ALONE IN THE COLD, DARK ALLEY...
HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE
LOOKS BAD.
DON'T GIVE UP... HANG IN THERE
STUPID COCKSUCKER DOESN'T KNOW DOGS ARE FOR CHICKS
HA HA HA HA HA!
RAGE, WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY!