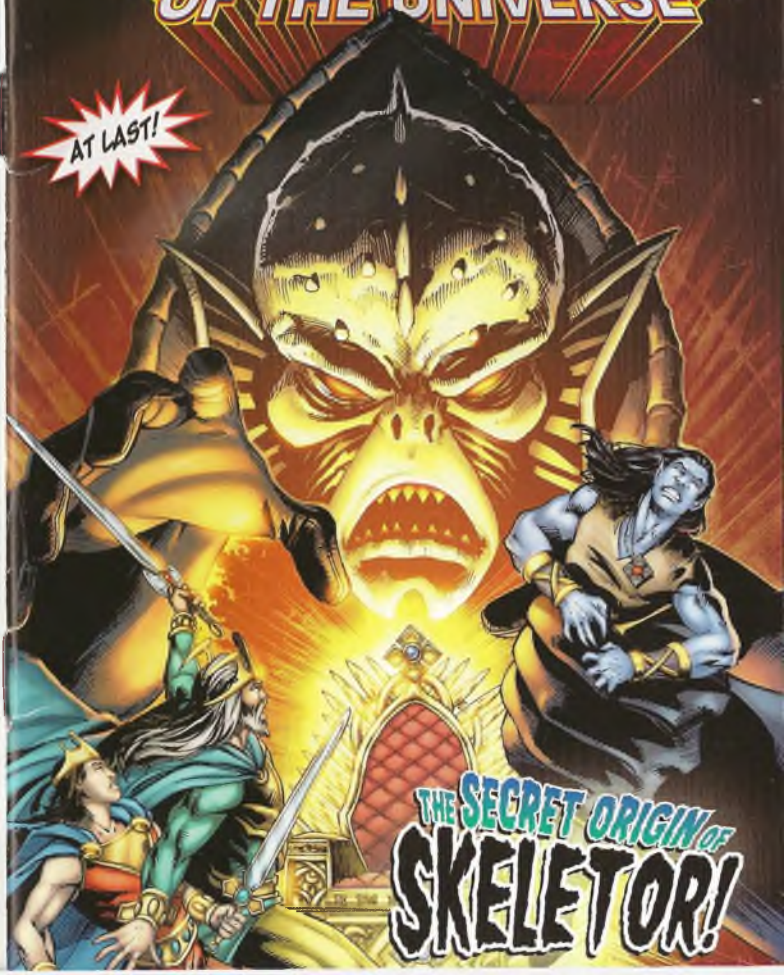


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AT LAST!

THE SECRET ORIGIN OF
SKELETOR!



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FATE AND DESTINY

Hey kids, Scrollos here! How vast the Universe! How mighty the Cosmos! As intergalactic recorder and archivist for the Overlords of Trolla, it is my eternal task to document all that is and all that will ever be. The time has come at last to uncover a tale long in coming. Before he became the most wanted man in the Horde Empire, before he was the Eternian Overlord of Evil, Keldor was a great Prince of Eternia, fighting bravely with his allies and friends for the safety of all free beings. How quickly fates can change! How cruel one's destiny can be! A tale long buried, at last it can be told! At last I can reveal—The Secret Origin of Skeletor!

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OH, GATHER
ROUND, CHILDREN,
I'LL SING YOU A
TALE, A TALE OF
SORROW AND
WOE.



NOT LONG, LONG
AGO BUT JUST A BIT
LONG AGO, TWO PRINCES
THEY FOUGHT FOR THIS
LAND...



THE TWO SONS OF
MIRO THEY FOUGHT
AGAINST TYRANTS BOTH
WICKED AND BAD...



BUT NO MATTER HOW
BRAVE, NO MATTER HOW
GREAT, THE ENDING TO
THIS TALE IS SAD...



BUT WHY SAD SONGSTER? PRINCE RANDOR BECAME KING RANDOR, AND THERE IS PEACE IN ALL ETERNIA!



WELL YOU SEE, RAENILUS, WHILE RANDOR, THE SECOND BORN SON, BECAME KING, MIRO'S FIRST BORN SON'S STORY IS A TRAGIC ONE INDEED.



*YES, IT IS TRUE; RANDOR AND KELDOR FOUGHT TOGETHER AS BROTHERS IN THE GREAT UNREST, BUT THEY PAID A DEAR PRICE.



KING MIRO'S BANISHMENT WAS BUT ONE LOSS THE ROYAL FAMILY WOULD FEEL BEFORE THE GREAT UNREST ENDED.



"AND SO THE FIRST PART OF THE GREAT UNREST ENDED."



"MARZO WAS TRAPPED AS A POWERLESS OLD MAN..."

"BUT WITH THE KING BANISHED, THE SECOND PART WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN."



"AS FIRST BORN, THE CROWN FELL TO KELDOR'S SHOULDERS..."


"MY FATHER BRAVELY FELL IN BATTLE. WHILE WE MOURN HIS BANISHMENT, IT IS TIME TO REJOICE WITH A NEW KING, MY BROTHER PRINCE KELDOR!"



"A GAR KING?"

"I WON'T BOW TO A 'BLUE SKIN!' MURDERERS! THIEVES!"

"PEOPLE, PLEASE! WE CAN NOT JUDGE A WHOLE RACE FOR THE CRIMES OF THEIR ANCESTORS! MY BROTHER FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR THIS LAND! HE IS THE FIRSTBORN HEIR!"



"GIVE THE CROWN TO THE QUEEN! NEVER TRUST A GAR!"

"GIVE THE CROWN TO THE QUEEN MOTHER. SHE CAN BE AN HEIR TOO!"



"MOTHER, WILL YOU GET KELDOR? IF THE PEOPLE COULD SEE HIS NOBILITY, THEY WILL BE SWAYED!"

"OF COURSE, MY SON."



YOU HAVE DENIED ME MY CROWN, RANDOR. BUT I WILL UNITE MY PEOPLE! ONE LANGUAGE, ONE RACE, ONE PLANET. I WILL RULE MY ETERNIA!



"AND SO KELDOR BECAME AN OUTCAST, WANDERING THROUGHOUT ETERNIA, ALONE AND WITHOUT PURPOSE."



SHOW YOURSELF! WHO CALLS ME HERE?



YOU HAVE
SUFFERED GREAT
LOSS, KELDOR, AND
HAVE SUCH GREAT
POTENTIAL.

POTENTIAL
FOR WHAT?
WHO ARE
YOU?



POTENTIAL
TO WIELD
GREAT
MAGIC.

ONLY THE
GREAT AND
WISE CAN
HARNESS
ETERNA'S
MAGIC.

AND DO
YOU NOT
WANT TO BE
GREAT AND
WISE?



WHY
WOULD
YOU HELP
ME?




BECAUSE, I TOO,
KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE
TO BE BETRAYED BY MY OWN
KIN. MY NAME IS KUR.
SWEAR TO ME AND I WILL
DO ALL I CAN TO HELP
YOU TAKE BACK YOUR
RIGHTFUL THRONE!

BY
ETERNA, I DO
SWEAR. I MUST
HAVE GREAT
POWER!



GOOD, GOOD!
YOU HAVE
MASTERED
CONTROL.



IN ANCIENT TIMES BRAVE WARRIORS
BROUGHT MIGHTY OBJECTS TO TOUCH
THE STAR SEED IN THE CENTER OF
ETERNA. ABSORBING ITS ENERGY,
THESE OBJECTS WILL HARMONIZE
AND CHANNEL THE SECRET
MAGICS OF ETERNA!

YOU HAVE
LEARNED MUCH,
MY YOUNG
APPRENTICE. BUT
WITHOUT AN
AMPLIFIER, YOUR
POWERS WILL
ALWAYS BE
LIMITED.



AND
WHERE
WILL I FIND
SUCH AN
OBJECT?



YOU
MUST GO
TO THE LOST
CITY OF
ZALEZIA...

LATER, THE GATES
OF ZALESIA.



I KNOW
YOU ARE
HERE.
SHOW
YOURSELF!

YOU
HAVE COME
FOR MY
STAFF.



AND I WILL
BE LEAVING
WITH IT.



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, BOY?



I AM KELDOR, HEIR TO ETERNIA! AND I WANT WHAT IS MINE!



IT CANNOT BE!



THE GUARDIAN BLOODLINE MUST CONTINUE.

YOU WILL NEVER RETURN TO MY CITY. THE STAFF IS YOURS.



AND SO IS ETERNIA!



WELCOME
BACK,
KELDOR,
LORD OF
THE HAVOC
STAFF.



AND LORD
OF MY OWN
DESTINY. I
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE,
HORDAK...



...AND
I DON'T
NEED YOU
ANMORE!

Nooooooooooooo!



ETERNIA
WILL BE
MINE!



"AND SO KELDOR
TRAVELED THE PLANE",
FINDING FELLOW
OUTCASTS LIKE HIMSELF...



"AND SOME
WHO SOUGHT
FREEDOM OR
RICHES."

THESE PRISON
WALLS WILL
RESTRAIN YOU NO
LONGER. JOIN ME
AND WE WILL TAKE
BACK ETERNIA
FOR ALL FREE
MEN!



"AND SO ONE FINAL BATTLE WOULD END THE GREAT UNREST..."

IT DID NOT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS, BROTHER!
I WILL TAKE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE!



NOOOOOOOO!
REDEAT, MY WARRIORS! WE WILL LIVE ON TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!

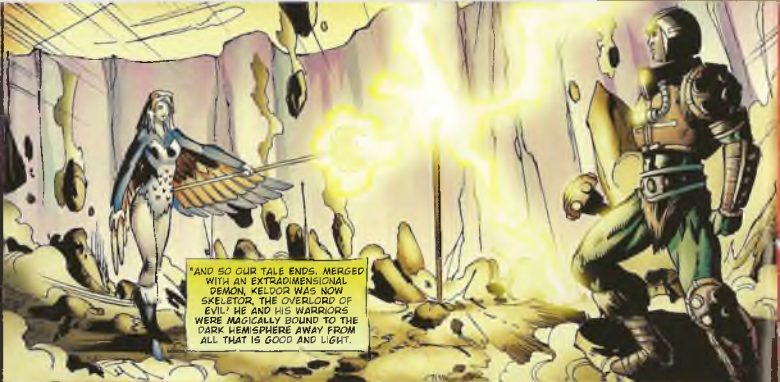


LATER: HORDAK'S SECRET SANCTUARY.

HEAL ME, MASTER! HEAL ME AND I SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO YOU!
SO BE IT.

POWER! SUCH POWER. HAHAHAHAA- HAHAHAA!





"AND SO OUR TALE ENDS, MERGED WITH AN EXTRADIMENSIONAL DEMON. KELDOR WAS NOW SKELETOR, THE OVERLORD OF EVIL! HE AND HIS WARRIORS WERE MAGICALLY BOUND TO THE DARK HEMISPHERE AWAY FROM ALL THAT IS GOOD AND LIGHT.



I HEARD THAT SKELETOR CAME BACK AND STOLE THE LONG LOST ROYAL PRINCESS!

DID NOT!

I HEARD HE CLONED THE SORCERESS TO BE HIS BRIDE!
THAT'S STUPID! EVERYONE KNOWS THERE IS NO SORCERESS!



CHILDREN! CHILDREN. THOSE ARE JUST TALL TALES. AND YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EVERY STORY YOU ARE TOLD!



IF ONLY THAT WERE TRUE. IF ONLY...



HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!

The end... for now...



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