

An Annual Collection of Their Earliest Adventures

This year's *Champions Annual* picks up right where the *Flare Annual* (now on sale) left off, continuing the adventures of Flare and her friends among the League of Champions into stories that were originally presented in the fourth and fifth issues of the ongoing *Champions* series.

These stories are particularly significant, because they include the first appearance of *Sylvia, the Last Vampire*. In October, in the first issue of our new *Dark Passion* title, the story of Sylvia will resume as she returns to continue her confrontation with Rose. In order to appreciate that story fully, it would be a good idea to read this one.

This year's *Champions Annual* came about for much the same reason as this year's *Flare Annual*. Were we in a facetious mood, we might say that we were so tired of trying to persuade those people who make up comic book price guides that a second *Champions Annual* had never been published that we finally decided to go ahead and publish it. But that wouldn't be the truth.

The truth is that in looking at the new stories that are right now being scheduled for release over the next six months, it occurred to us that many of them—including the story in *Dark Passion*—hinge on events that our newer fans have probably never seen! The series of stories that took place in *Champions* #2-5 are of critical importance to our next six months. They *should* be seen. Thus, in this year's *Flare Annual* and *Champions Annual*, we're giving our new readers a chance to see them.

We promise our long-time readers this: Next year, our *Annuals* will either contain *all-new* material, or we won't do them at all. The reprints here are a special case in a special circumstance that we don't anticipate ever happening again.

—Dennis Mallonee
August 1992

THIS IS YOUR WORLD-FAMOUS ACE REPORTER, "GYRO" JIM DOOLEY, ON THE SCENE IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO IN KRDC-TV'S "EYE IN THE SKY." BRINGING YOU LIVE COVERAGE OF AN INCIDENT THAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS UNCONTROLLABLE!

CHAMPIONS™

CHAMPIONS! BRING ME THE CHAMPIONS, OR I'LL LEVEL THE ENTIRE CITY!

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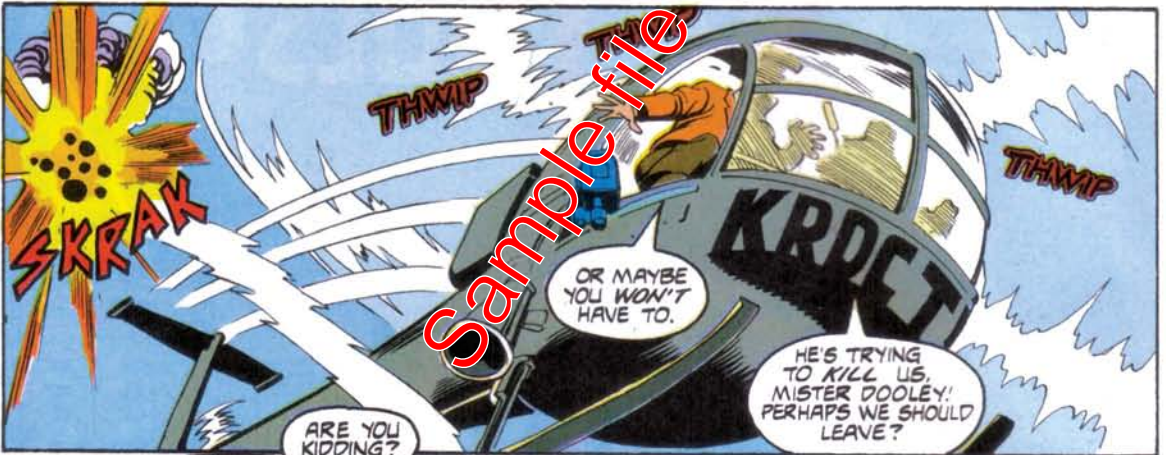
DULSAR'S BACK!

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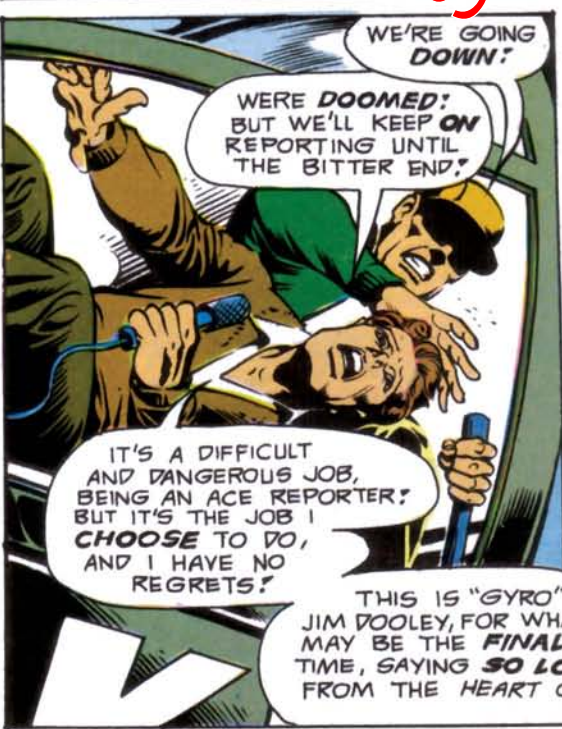


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I'LL BE BACK...

COWARDLY LITTLE GIRL! STAND AND FIGHT!

SO! YET ANOTHER INDIGNITY! THE CHAMPIONS WILL PAY FOR THIS! HOW DARE THEY SEND A SUBSTITUTE ICESTAR TO CONFRONT ME? I WANT THE REAL THING!



WE'RE GOING DOWN!

WERE DOOMED! BUT WE'LL KEEP ON REPORTING UNTIL THE BITTER END!

IT'S A DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS JOB, BEING AN ACE REPORTER! BUT IT'S THE JOB I CHOOSE TO DO, AND I HAVE NO REGRETS!

THIS IS "GYRO" JIM DOOLEY, FOR WHAT MAY BE THE FINAL TIME, SAYING SO LONG FROM THE HEART OF THE...



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