

The REAL She-Bat Is Back!

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It's with pride and pleasure that Heroic Publishing presents the triumphant return of Daerick Gröss's *Murciélaga, the She-Bat*. This low-priced special edition featuring a trilogy of stories reprinted from the original run of *She-Bat* adventures is designed specifically to give you an opportunity to meet this wonderful character some months prior to the *all-new* adventures that will begin in the spring of 1993. But while the stories you'll find on the following pages are reprinted from issues #6-8 of the newsstand magazine, *Robo-Warriors*, our suspicion is that to most of our readers they will in fact be entirely new.

For those of you who are *not* familiar with the original *She-Bat* stories, Daerick himself has provided this capsule summary:

"In the original series, an ancient Asian known only as SIFU formed a team of young fighters to free the world of its ills. They were the Reiki . . . the Healers. The team consisted of Mister No, *Murciélaga the She-Bat*, Soliloquy Jones, Squamous, and Ethereal Black. Each was a highly skilled martial artist with an individual edge—each had a paranormal quality, such as the *She-Bat*'s hypersensitive hearing.

"These soldiers met and trained at Sifu's school in Los Angeles, and as each was ready he would add them to his Reiki. Under his guidance, aided by his contact with the mystic realm and his penchant for advanced technology, they fought a variety of bizarre villains, both alone and as a team.

"The series ended leaving several of the characters with unresolved fates. This will remain the case, at least for now, because in resurrecting the characters I've decided to start over and reestablish the foundation and premise of the series more concretely. The original series was an evolutionary effort, in which character development was done as it occurred to me in the context of a given story. This time around, with the added luxury of time for retrospection, things will be more focused and more carefully developed. Most of the characters from the original series will be back, but they will be redesigned with a harder edge, and given a slew of new villains (along with most of the old ones) to combat.

"Next spring, the major players will be introduced individually in a series of back-up stories across the entire line of Heroic Publishing titles, all of it leading into the grand premiere issue of the *Reiki Warriors* in the summer of 1993!"

For those of you who, like us, concern themselves with continuity, figure that in the context of what will come next spring, the events described in this *She-Bat Special* precede the new stories.

Now sit back, read, and enjoy this introduction to *Murciélaga the She-Bat*. We have every expectation that she will quickly prove to be the most popular Reiki Warrior of them all.

Dennis Mallonee
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