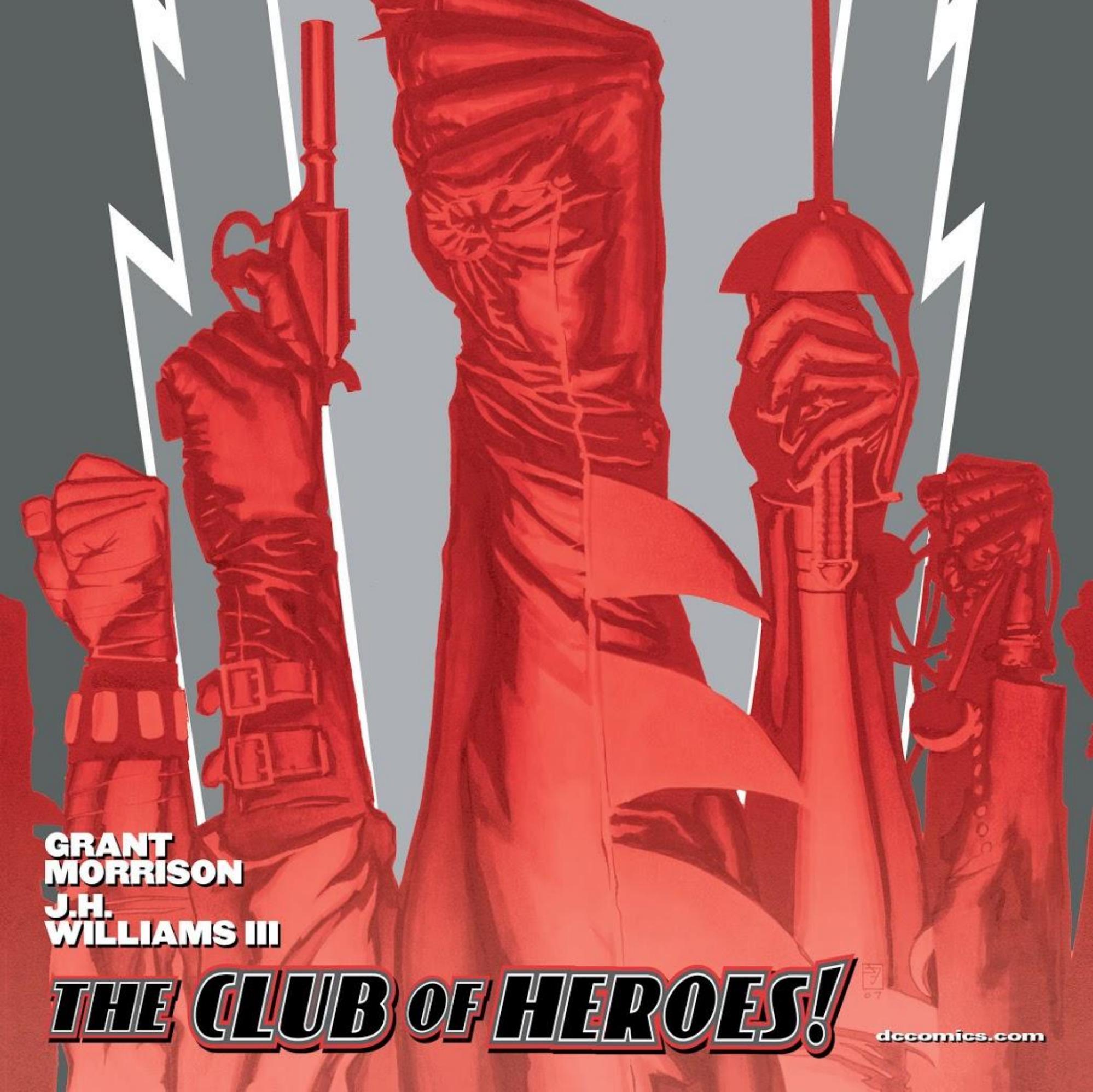




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TWELVE YEARS AGO.





...HE NEVER...
NGGHH...
NEVER DID GET
EVIDENCE.

DAD
WAS NEVER
RIGHT AFTER
THAT...

...HE DIED
BECAUSE HE
LOST HIS
NERVE...

MAYHEW'S
FAULT.

GhNn

...YOU WERE
THERE...

SURE, THE PAPERS CALLED US "THE
BATMEN OF MANY NATIONS"...

...BUT WE WERE REALLY
JUST A BUNCH OF TOUGH
GUYS WHO'D HEARD ABOUT
THIS NEW KIND OF MAN
IN GOTHAM CITY.

WHEN YOU'RE A KID,
ALL ADULTS CAN SEEM
LIKE SUPER-HEROES,
BUT THEY'RE JUST
PEOPLE.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

A MAN WHO WORE
A BAT MASK TO TAKE THE
LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS.

WE WERE
ALL INSPIRED IN
DIFFERENT WAYS--
SOME SAW A CHANCE
FOR REDEMPTION,
SOME WERE
THRILL-SEEKERS,
SOME WERE RICH
AND BORED...

...BUT
"HEROES"?

ONLY A LITTLE
KID WOULD EVER
THINK WE WERE
HEROES.

NAAAH!











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BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE

ROOMS WITH SPIKES CLOSING IN, FALSE FLOORS ABOVE SNAKE PITS...

DEDICATED VILLAINS USED TO SPEND DAYS PREPARING DEATH TRAPS AND NOW IT'S ALL COCAINE, A BULLET TO THE HEAD, AND WE'RE OFF TO THE LOCAL LAPDANCE BAR.

AH, HE'S AWAKE.

BUT THAT'S WHERE I COME IN-- THE YANKEES OF DEATH, eh?

IF YOU DON'T SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF THE TANK, HE DROWNS... WHILE PIRANHA FISH EAT THE FLESH AND MUSCLE OFF HIS FACE.

YOU LIKE THE LITTLE TOUCH WITH THE DRIPPING BLOOD?

Heh.

YOU KIDS READY FOR AN OLD TIME EXPERIENCE?

...COURTESY OF EL SOMBRERO.

BATMAN!

GAUCHO'S DOWN!

...OF COURSE,
DARK RANGER WAS
LEFT-HANDED.

AND YOU
WERE SMART ENOUGH
TO MAKE SURE WE ALL
SAW YOU USE YOUR
GUN WITH YOUR
LEFT HAND.

BUT YOUR
NATURAL
REFLEX...

...IS STILL
TO CATCH WITH
YOUR RIGHT,
ISN'T IT?

WINGMAN.

THERE'S NO CLUB OF
VILLAINS, IS THERE?

WINGMAN.

YOUR PLANE
WAS DRY WHEN
WE ARRIVED--
IT HADN'T FLOWN
THROUGH THE
STORM TO GET
HERE, LIKE THE
OTHERS.

YOU
WERE HERE
ALREADY, AND
YOUR "PLANE"
WAS A BOOBY-
TRAPPED
FAKE.

YOU ONCE
TOLD ME SUCCESS
WAS ALL IN THE
PREPARATION.

WHAT'S
YOUR ADVICE
TO THE BUDDING
CRIMEFIGHTER
NOW?

NEVER
BE SCARED
TO FIGHT
DIRTY.



KLAK
TKK



Uhhh!

BATMAN,
HE'S GETTING
AWAY!

TAKE
COVER!

TISHAK

SPOW

SPAK

HE'S GOING
NOWHERE!



WINGMAN!

THE CLUB
OF HEROES
WAS MY BIG
BREAK!

MY ONE
CHANCE TO BE
SOMEBODY!

TO DO IT
MY WAY!



AND
THE KNIGHT
RUINED IT!

YOU
RUINED
IT!

I'LL STAB
OUT YOUR
EYES!

AKKK

BRUTAL,
AMIGO!

GRACIAS,
GAUCHO!















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