

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

TEEN DEFENDERS OF TOMORROW

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 STATUS Hero team
 BASE Legion World, U.P. Space

NOTABLE MEMBERS
 Apparition (Tinya Wazzo)
 Brainiac 5.1 (Querl Dox)
 Chameleon (Reep Daggles)
 Chuck Taine (Honorary member)
 Cosmic Boy (Rokk Krinn)
 Dragonmage (Xao Jin)
 Dreamer (Nura Nal)
 Element Lad (Jan Arrah) Deceased
 Ferro (Andrew Nolan)
 Gates (Ti'julk Mr'asz)
 Gear (I.Z.O.R.)
 Inferno (Sandy Anderson)
 Invisible Kid (Lyle Norg)
 Karate Kid (Val Armorr)
 Kid Quantum I (James Cullen) Deceased
 Kid Quantum II (Jazmin Cullen)
 Kinetix (Zoe Saugin)
 Leviathan (Gim Allon) Deceased
 Live Wire (Garth Ranzz)
 Magno (Dyrk Magz)
 M'onel (Lar Gand)
 Monstress (Candi Pyponce-LeParc III) Deceased
 Mysa
 Particon (Real name unrevealed)
 Radion (Real name unrevealed)
 Saturn Girl (Imra Ardeen)
 Sensor (Jeka Wynzorr)
 Shikari
 Shvaughn Erin (Science Police Liaison Officer)
 Sister Andromeda (Laurel Gand)
 Spark (Ayla Ranzz)
 Star Boy (Thom Kallor)
 Superboy (Conner Kent/Kon-El)
 Thunder (Cece Beck)
 Timber Wolf (Brin Londo)
 Triad (Luornu Durgo)
 Ultra Boy (Jo Nah)
 Umbra (Tasmia Mallor)
 Violet (Salu Digby)
 Wildfire (Drake Burroughs)
 Xs (Jenni Ognats)

THROUGH EVERY CRISIS to come in the space-time continuum, one constant is that a group of young heroes and heroines will unite to defend their homeworlds from evil. Whether inspired by the boy who would become SUPERMAN or any of the costumed champions lost to history, the Legion of Super-Heroes will be that bright ray of hope in an uncertain future.



THE UNITED PLANETS

By the beginning of the 31st century, a dozen worlds joined in peaceful coexistence as the United Planets. This federation was the realization of the dreams of the industrialist and philanthropist R.J. Brande (see BRANDE, R.J.). His Earth-based corporation also facilitated interplanetary travel by providing space-warping stargates to each of the United Planets' inhabited worlds. Unfortunately, while Brande was visiting the planet Titan, his enemies seized an opportunity to end the philanthropist's life and shatter the United Planets' tenuous alliance in one fell

swoop. But Brande's assassins had not accounted for the presence of three heroic young strangers from different worlds. Their astounding powers enabled them to thwart Brande's attackers and inspire him with the most ambitious business venture he would ever embark upon.

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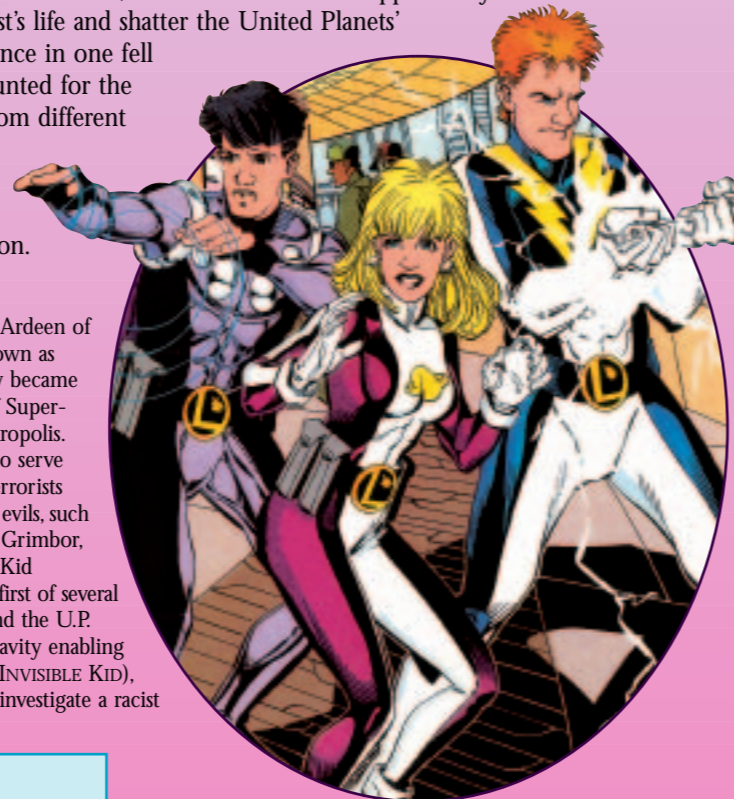
Those young people—Rokk Krinn of Braal, Imra Ardeen of Titan, and Garth Ranzz of Winath—would be known as COSMIC BOY, SATURN GIRL, and LIVE WIRE. They became the first members of the Brande-funded Legion of Super-Heroes, which was initially based on Earth, in Metropolis. Representatives from nearly all of the U.P. joined to serve as guardians of the coalition. The Legion battled terrorists attempting to tear apart the U.P. alliance, and other evils, such as the arachnid alien Tangleweb, the ruthless hunter Grimbore, and Mano, who disintegrated anything he touched. Kid Quantum I (see KID QUANTUM I & II) became the first of several young heroes to give his life in service to Brande and the U.P. Eventually, the Legionnaires all possessed anti-gravity enabling flight rings invented by team member Lyle Norg (INVISIBLE KID), who later formed the Legion Espionage Squad to investigate a racist terror group known as the White Triangle.

THE SUN-EATER CRISIS

While battling the Emerald Empress, a group of Legionnaires—BRAINIAK 5, COSMIC BOY, GATES, INFERNO, SATURN GIRL, ULTRA BOY, and SHVAUGHN ERIN—were transported back to the 20th century by the Empress's Emerald Eye. There the Legionnaires met such heroes as SUPERMAN, IMPULSE, and DEADMAN, the latter instrumental in helping APPARITION—who had been residing within Ultra Boy's body—to regain some material substance. The time-lost Legionnaires used their abilities to help battle the Sun-Eater, a star-consuming entity that had laid waste to entire galaxies. While the young heroes helped refugees of the rapidly-cooling Earth, their new allies INGOT and FERRO attempted to re-ignite Earth's life-giving star. Ingot perished, but Ferro was saved by Hal Jordan in his guise as PARALLAX, who restored the sun to its full radiance.



NOT SO SUPER Despite owing its very existence to the Boy of Steel, the Legion of Super-Heroes denied him membership in the team's debut appearance because he had no "unique" superpowers.



FOUNDING MEMBERS The LSH was comprised of Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and Live Wire, the trio who saved R.J. Brande's life.

LEGIONNAIRE LOST Kid Quantum was the first casualty among the Legion's ranks, perishing in battle with the creature known as Tangleweb.



KEY STORYLINES

- LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES (4TH SERIES) #0 (OCTOBER 1994): The Legion is formed after Garth Ranzz (Live Wire), Imra Ardeen (Saturn Girl), and Rokk Krinn (Cosmic Boy) save R.J. Brande from assassins.
- LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #122-123/LEGIONNAIRES #79-80 (DECEMBER 1999-FEBRUARY 2000): In the four-part "Legion of the Damned," the LSH must free its members and whole planets enslaved by the Blight.
- THE LEGION #6-8 (MAY TO JULY 2002): The Legionnaires believe themselves to be thwarting eco-terrorist Ra's al Ghul in "Terror Incognita," but the truth is far more sinister as the Moon is pulled closer to the Earth in an extinction-level event!

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

- 1) Wildfire
- 2) Shikari
- 3) Shrinking Violet
- 4) Brainiac 5.1
- 5) M'onel
- 6) Superboy
- 7) Kid Quantum II
- 8) Invisible Kid
- 9) Apparition
- 10) Dreamer
- 11) Triplicate
- 12) Cosmic Boy
- 13) Umbra
- 14) Ultra Boy
- 15) Timber Wolf
- 16) Star Boy
- 17) Spark
- 18) Sensor
- 19) Ferro
- 20) Gear
- 21) Saturn Girl
- 22) Karate Kid
- 23) Xs



UNIVERSO Saturn Girl's cruel cousin Sarmon Ardeen has frequently used the founding Legionnaire's own telepathic powers against her and the rest of the LSH in his bid to conquer the United Planets.

FIGHTING DARKSEID

The Legion faced its greatest challenge thwarting not one, but two DARKSEIDS: the 31st century's dread lord of Apokolips, and the villain's own younger self from the distant past. This Darkseid aimed to erase history so that the future would belong entirely to him! Despite Darkseid's attempts to enthrall a young Clark Kent and thus make SUPERBOY his minion, the LSH drove the younger Darkseid back to his own time and prevented him murdering his future self in order to achieve domination of the timestream.



RECENT HISTORY

The Legion later relocated from Metropolis to its Legion Outpost space station. After successful combating the BLIGHT, during which team member MONSTRESS died, the LSH emerged stronger than ever. It is now based on the self-sufficient and mobile Legion World orbiting Earth. Powered by a soft-fusion reactor, this headquarters maintains its own gravity and is protected by force-shield arrays. R.J. Brande, meanwhile, has embarked on forays into the newly discovered Second Galaxy, accompanied by several Legionnaires as he attempts to establish diplomatic links with new worlds, from which he hopes to swell further the ranks of the ever-vigilant Legion of Super-Heroes. SB

