New Atlantis...
A dire Alien Invasion has just ended...
From the blood-stained wreckage, a new generation of heroes rises...

They are young, powerful and extreme...

Nothing can stop them as they claim their rightful place in the world... except, perhaps themselves...

THE DIE IS CAST!

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ANANDA: RIGHTS SPEAKING FROM THE FORBIDDEN ZONE IN NEW ATLANTIS...

IT'S OVER, IT'S TRULY OVER, AND YET IT ISN'T...

NEW ATLANTIS, LONDON, PARIS, ROME, BEIJING, ISTANBUL AND BUENOS AIRES BURNED TO THE GROUND...

...200 MILLION CIVILIAN VICTIMS...

TONIGHT WITH US, CORNELIUS KING, ALIAS FIRELION, RETIRED HERO AND SAVIOR OF THE DAY!

THANKS, AMANDA, BUT IT'S NOT ME YOU SHOULD HONOR, TODAY...

I'M REFERRING TO ALL THOSE WHO FOUGHT, SUFFERED AND DIED IN THE INVASION...

THAT'S TRUE, BUT SOMEHOW THEY REMIND ME OF THE BRAVE BOYS WHO FALSIFIED THEIR CREDENTIALS AND ENLISTED IN THE ARMY, DURING NII...

ARE YOU REFERRING TO THOSE KIDS, THE...TNTEAM?

OF COURSE! LET'S TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THESE YOUNGSTERS, SOME OF THEM AREN'T EVEN OLD ENOUGH TO DRIVE, RIGHT?
It means they are fighters...

...and paid a dire price!

They have been abducted by the invaders and some of them died fighting!

They deserve our respect!

Let's have a closer look!

What about the fire-crafting girl we all saw. Is she related to you?

So, finally, you found someone to carry the flag of your high ideals!

That's what I hope!
NEW ATLANTIS
THE KARNAGE,
FOR THE WORST
OF THE WORST.

FROST - REGINA KING
PRINCESS OF FIRE AND ICE.
DRUNK.

WHAT A MAN, YOUR
GRANDPA!

LET HIM BE,
DEAC!

WHY
SHOULD I
CARE ABOUT
HIM?

I'VE GOT YOU
READY!

LET'S
HURRY! I HAVE A
SCHOOL TEST,
TOMORROW!

...WITH THE
ALPHANS OFF WORLD,
Somebody had to take
CONTROL AND STOP
THE INVASION!
...gifting the human race with a New Chance for survival and Progress!

You! Move that skinny butt of yours and go to Table 3!

The client threw up what he drank since he came in!

Don't ever touch me!

Fucking bitch! You're fired!

And I'm keeping the two weeks' payment I still owe you!

Now, get out!

Tally Hawk - Rachel Hawks, Werewolf, Homeless.
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

WHERE THE INVADERS' MOTHERSHIP CRASHED?
IT WILL TAKE MONTHS, IF NOT YEARS, TO TREAT THE PLACE...

ABSOLUTELY! I WAS THERE!

THE SITUATION IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTROL...

WE HAVE TO BUY SOME MORE DRIED MILK FOR THE BABY AND IF WE DON'T PAY THE RENT, WE ARE OUT IN A WEEK...

WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THAT OLD MAN...

...AND REMIND HIM YOU SAVED THE WORLD?

TOMORROW I'LL GO TO THE ZONE TO FIND SOMETHING TO SELL...

...PEOPLE LIKE ME ARE JUST CANNON FODDER, YOU KNOW THAT...

YOU MAY THINK SO...

...BUT YOUR SON, NEED A FATHER NOT AN EX-CON LOSER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ENCOURAGED THOSE KIDS TO STAND UP AND FIGHT?

THE LOVE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THE EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED. NO DOUBT!

YES, FATHER...

I AM TIRED NOW. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO GO SLEEP...

PLEASE, LET MOTHER KNOW I LOVE HER.

AMBER BEE - NICHIRU “NIKO” HARA. ENTOMO-KINETIC SUIT. TEEN GENIUS, ALONE.

IT WOULD BE SO EASY...
Do you believe they knew what they were doing, or did they simply find themselves in the middle of the battleground?

I fought alongside them...

Believe me when I say they knew exactly what they were getting into...

New Atlantis
Alphadome
Section 5 - Research.

...War is never a game!

Shall we play?
...NO!
NO ONE IS A BORN FIGHTER!

SOMETIMES, FIGHTING IS A NECESSITY...

HOWEVER, HUMAN BEINGS ARE NATURALLY ATTRACTED TO PEACE...

WEAPONS ARE BUT AN ACCIDENT OF PROGRESS!

TACTICAL ANALYSIS: INVASION BATTLE 5.031.

READY TO EXECUTE.

FOCUS: LIMIT NUMBER OF LOSS?

NEGATIVE.

FOCUS: MAXIMIZE DESTRUCTION?

AFFIRMATIVE.

RUNNING SIMULATION, NOW.
CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT AN ALIEN GIRL JOINED THE KIDS DURING THE FIGHT?

I CAN...

EVEN IF IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT HER ROLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE INVASION...

NEW ATLANTIS ALPHADOME SECTION 2 - ACCOMODATIONS.

...I CAN SAY SHE IS AS HUMAN AS YOU OR ME.

THE ALPHANS WILL LOOK AFTER HER.

OMG! SHE'S GONE AGAIN!

SAPPHIRE? LIGHTSPEED ALPHANS' FIELD LEADER, MUTIA'S MOTHER.
WE DON'T FIGHT FOR THE LURE OF POWER...

...WE FIGHT TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND ALWAYS PLAY BY THE GAME!

NEW ATLANTIS FORBIDDEN ZONE.

SUDDENLY...

...A TRAP SPRINGS ON HIM.

MANTIS SOLDIER 01945677 RUNS. HE IS AFRAID OF HUMANS AND HATES THEIR FILTHY PLANET.

MANTIS SOLDIER 01945677 DIES PAINFULLY.

WILDCARD A RIDDLE
Jennifer: Hi!

No Worries, I'm correcting papers.

Parents' meeting, tomorrow at 11?

Perfect, see you there!

Life is a bet...

...best gambler, best winner!

Why intense? Doesn't it sound a bit menacing?

Kids tend to be extreme, from time to time, but I wouldn't worry...

It gives the idea of something that will blow in your face without warning...

Moreover, the Alphans asked me to tutor them. I accepted!

Wonderful news!

That's all for tonight, may you all spend a peaceful night!
MALEK STARK - MULTIMAN, OUT OF THE GAME, WITH SHAME.

DID YOU NOTICE, J.J.? THEY DIDN'T MENTION ME, EVEN IF I WAS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WAR!

DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT IT!

...BUT I HAD A REPUTATION. I USED TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST, I...

MULTIMAN. J.J. STARKE. PARASOPHIC ABILITIES. TEAM LEADER, EXPLODING KID.

YOU ARE CRUEL...

I'M TIRED.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARE?

I ALWAYS CARE, I'M YOUR FATHER... YOU KNOW?

AND I WILL KICK IN THE GROIN WHOEVER GETS IN THE WAY!

AS OF NOW, I AM TAKING MORPHO OUT FOR A WALK. ABOUT THE REST I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET. A LOT OF THINGS NEED FIXING...

SEE YOU IN NEW ATLANTIS!
AN INCREDIBLE GENESIS...

A Sunday morning I woke up at six AM with the strangest idea: create a sequel to the Disney “Incredibles”. The whole story revolved around a teen-aged Jack Jack Parr (my favorite character from the original movie) who donned a costume resembling the original outfit of Mr Incredible (the blue and black one), and founded his own team of super-teens, rather than joining the family group, looking for his own spotlight in the world. In his juvenile adventures, Jack Jack had to be joined by Firefrost, daughter of Frozone, and a bunch of new characters.

The team was going to be called TNTeens.

In their very first adventure, the TNTeens had to stop an alien Invasion while the Incredibles were pursuing a mission off-planet. The whole story was light-hearted and focused on teens’ turmoil, exploring the brighter side of youth.

Somehow along the way the original idea became “been there,
done that”. The economic crisis was hitting hard and the emotional trouble of a bunch of kids seemed less important; so I tried to turn it into something else...

I started to think about the very concept behind the name I chose. TNTeens came in my mind as a word play combining “teen” with “TNT” and I found myself with the a group of young people that were ready to explode in order to change the world around them.

“Exploding” is a complex idea recalling the never-ending energy of youth, as well as the spirit of self-sacrifice, no matter the odds. Being a TNTeen now meant to look forward without ever turning back, aiming at a new tomorrow with little care for the consequences. “Exploding” also recalled the idea of getting rid of the rotten past to make space for a fresher future. Why keeping the world as it is, when you have the power to create a new and better one?

Along the way, the “teen” part became outdated. We did not wanted to tell a “teen story”, rather than a story about explosive young people who joining forces for their own sake and the sake of the world around them. To match this new idea we dropped the “teen” and “welcomed the “team” as in “TNTeam”. Under this light, the TNTeam members are to be considered the untapped potential of tomorrow...

...And I still have to decide if I am going to fulfill them and or have them fail...
Jack Parr was immediately left aside to make space to J.J. Starke (no connection with the more famous armor-clad Stark, without “e”). I surnamed him "Starke" because I wanted him to be fierce, powerful, acute, emotionally strong and determined to pursue his own goals. Both a charismatic leader and strong-willed character, J.J. will have to cope with his own immaturity, a difficult family situation and a giant green mutant dog that adores him, but is as strong as a Behemoth.

With such a character in mind, I code-named him "Multix" to symbolically show his complexity and gave him paramorphic and adaptive capabilities.

Firefrost was the other character I worked on the most. I had to delete the Frozone daughter and come up with a new concept. First of all, I killed her parents and had her raised by her grandfather, Firelion, the very first and most famous Afro-American hero of the 20th Century. I named her Regina King to stress the relevance of her legacy and to provide a glimpse of her personal potential.
She is the heart of the TNTeam and the one keeping the others on tracks (especially Multix), when she is not too busy to deal with her own troubles. In short she is a bright girl with a dark side. The perfect student, during the day, a lost soul at night. Ice and Fire rolled together, Regina is a living contradiction with self-control problems. As much as you will hate J.J. you will like her in more than a way...

The third character I focused on was Sapphyre. As I “de-incredibilized” the story I kept the idea of the alien invasion and pushed it to its limits. The mind-limited invader Procyon became the ferocious cosmic tyrant Procyon, looking for a living cosmic crystal (a Saphrys) that would grant him the power to travel through space and time and conquer the whole universe. The Saphrys seeked sanctuary on Earth and took possession of a dead girl’s body, becoming Sapphyre. Even if physically resembling a human being, Sapphyre is still a creature from outer space, ultimately alien and unearthly. She will offer a point of view on humanity that none of the other TNTeam members will be able to do.

Nonetheless, I wanted her to experiment humanity in first person. I will have her have a love affair (I won’t tell you with whom...) as well as taste the whole range of human emotions. In short, Sapphyre is my chance to tell things under
an unusual angle to tease the readers (and myself), without shouting out apocalyptic quotes or trying to teaching somebody the meaning of life (something I would hate to do).
If you like aliens, you will adore this noseless, silver-haired, blue girl...

While every team must have its own Big Three (differently we would have a Dynamic Duo...), there is the chance to play with the all shades of life:

The Nerd Zone is covered; three or four characters will occupy it...
A member is a baby father. A baby mother sounded too obvious. So I decide to explore the search for responsibility of a young man having a child at fifteen.

Another member has suffered rape. She will never tell you. Eventually she will confess it to the other girls of the team once she trusts them enough.

A member comes from a dimension different from our own and believes to be playing a video-game.

A TNTeamer is an unemployed drop-out, and it is not even his fault.

Of course, this is only the beginning...
I am not from the U.S. (as you probably noticed from my English; please do not stone me or my creative crew, unless I will tell you who to hit...). It would be too pretentious to place a story in a country I do not live in, whose unwritten rules I am not able to fully understand. On the other hand, I had to consider that superhero stories (admittedly TNTeam is one as such) are traditionally a heritage of American comics. To overcome this difficulty, I decided to resurrect a fictional city I created many years ago to carry out empowerment courses for young people through symbolism and sequential storytelling. The city was called New Atlantis. To quote an old definition: “it is an imaginary New York if it would have been built on the remnants of the legendary Atlantis continent”. New Atlantis gave me the chance to create a less culturally related place and to carry out whatever I felt right about the TNTeam. Technically speaking I managed to create a no-place that could be every place without being utopian.
Personally, I would have felt uneasy to destroy New York during the Invasion story arc, while, I am totally comfortable to do it to New Atlantis, as well as talking about refugees in a fictional way, or criticizing the chronic delays in the European railway service.

New Atlantis will also be full of quotations from famous comics books, artists and writers, parading both Easter eggs and homages to those who were (and are) the titanic minds behind the very creation of comics (e.g. the Old Kirby Port, Claremont Heights, The Everett Marine Museum etc...). It will also have a Forbidden Zone, where the mother starship of the Invaders crash-landed.

I do hope you will find a suitable place in New Atlantis (house rents are low after the Invasion, especially in the Forbidden Zone...), and stick with us as long as we have something to say...

THE ICE & FIRE LEGACY AND MORE...

The Ice & Fire Legacy will be our first story arc (even if not the first chronologically speaking...). The plot will focus on our wicked Firefrost disclosing some (not all) secrets of her family feud (including the death of her parents), while facing some of her own inner demons.

In about eighty full color pages, you will see Regina testing herself and her family pride; face her darkest desires at the doors of perdition, and be purified to either start a new life or meet her ultimate fate consumed in a burst of chilling fire (didn’t you really think I would tell you the outcome, did you?).
The story is written by me, the first chapter is drawn by the energetic Pietro Boscolo Zemelo (PBZ for short), while the last two will be penciled, inked and colored by the crafty Emanuela Lambusta, Emiliano Civiletti, Laura Livi and Luca Marcenaro. All the artists know exactly what they are doing, and I do hope you will like their art even more than the story...

WATCH THE TRAILER!
CHRONOLOGY OF THE TNTEAM

INVASION! - A very long story coming later than expected due to its complexity. The focus will be on developing the characters before bringing them into a full-scale, inter-galactic war. It will also be carried out as an experimental graphic novel, but I will not tell you why (stick around to get it..!)

UNDER SIEGE - The TNTeam will travel to San Vetusto, a small Latin American village to retrieve the remnants of a crashed alien warship, only to be besieged by unknown black market forces looking for the alien technology.

THE ICE & FIRE LEGACY - Firefrost looks for her family feud, facing foes from the past as well as her own inner demons!

MAKE A WISH - The main character will be nerd-zoner Exo-Kid, who will have his hands full trying to save the world from exiled super-villains. Also introducing the beautiful and lethal Dragon Fever! Will Exo-Kid be able to keep up?

SHRINKING THE SHRINK - The TNTeam members are forced to talk to a psychiatrist to deal with their behavioral problems. I am sure you are not able to foresee the outcome!

REFUGEES - Every alien in New Atlantis, including Sapphyre, is caged in a prison camp, after a terrorist attack is carried out by out-worlders. The TNTeam sides with the captives, and Multix enters the camp without permission to help his friend...

Thank you for sticking along, See you all in New Atlantis!

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THE ICE & FIRE LEGACY

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