

BOOM!
STUDIOS

TOM TAYLOR

DANIELE DI NICUOLO

WALTER BAIAMONTE

#1

SEVEN SECRETS™



WRITTEN BY
TOM TAYLOR

ILLUSTRATED BY
DANIELE DI NICUOLO

COLORED BY
WALTER BAIAMONTE
WITH COLOR ASSISTANCE BY **KATIA RANALLI**

LETTERED BY
ED DUKESHIRE

SEVEN SECRETS™

CREATED BY **TOM TAYLOR & DANIELE DI NICUOLO**

COVER BY
DANIELE DI NICUOLO
WITH COLORS BY **WALTER BAIAMONTE**

VARIANT COVER BY
INHYUK LEE

SECRET SPOILER VARIANT COVER BY
MATTEO SCALERA
WITH COLORS BY **MORENO DINISIO**

CONNECTING VARIANT COVER BY
MIGUEL MERCADO

WRAPAROUND VARIANT COVER BY
MIGUEL MERCADO

ONE-PER-STORE VARIANT COVER BY
DANIELE DI NICUOLO
WITH COLORS BY **WALTER BAIAMONTE**

COMICS CORP PROMOTIONS
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVERS BY
TONY SKLEPIC

SLAB CITY COMICS & SANCTUM
SANCTORUM COMICS & ODDITIES
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVER BY
FRANY
DESIGN BY **DYLAN TODD**

THE 616 COMICS
& SIMPLEMAN'S COMICS
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVER BY
JUNG-GEUN YOON

JOLZAR'S COLLECTIBLES
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVER BY
KAEL NGU

JOLZAR'S COLLECTIBLES
AND WICKED GATOR COMICS
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVER BY
KAEL NGU

RAD RAPTOR COMICS
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVER BY
DANIELE DI NICUOLO
WITH COLORS BY **WALTER BAIAMONTE**

COVER ALPHA
EXCLUSIVE VARIANT COVERS BY
QISTINA KHALIDAH

LOGO DESIGN
GRACE PARK

DESIGNER
SCOTT NEWMAN

ASSISTANT EDITOR
GWEN WALLER

EDITOR
DAFNA PLEBAN



SEVEN SECRETS No. 1, August 2020. Published by BOOM! Studios, a division of Boom Entertainment, Inc., 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90036-5679. Seven Secrets is ™ & © 2020 Tom Taylor. All rights reserved. BOOM! Studios™ and the BOOM! Studios logo are trademarks of Boom Entertainment, Inc., registered in various countries and categories. All characters, events, and institutions depicted herein are fictional. Any similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, events, and/or institutions in this publication to actual names, characters, and persons, whether living or dead, events, and/or institutions is unintended and purely coincidental. BOOM! Studios does not read or accept unsolicited submissions of ideas, stories, or artwork. **PRINTED IN USA.**

NOW.

I HAVE A
SECRET.

WELL, NOT
JUST ONE.

BUT THEY'RE ALL
TIED TOGETHER.

NEWER
SECRETS.



OLDER
SECRETS.



SECRETS SO
MANY HAD DIED
TO PROTECT.

TOO MANY WERE
PEOPLE I LOVED.



THE SEVEN
SECRETS.

WORDS, WONDERS,
WEAPONS, AND
WORSE, WITH THE
POWER TO CHANGE
THE WORLD...



THREE MONTHS AGO:

THE LONG ABANDONED BROMPTON STREET SUBWAY STATION.

THE HIDDEN LONDON BASE OF THE ORDER OF THE SEVEN.

SECRETS HAVE POWER.

POWER TO ILLUMINATE...

WHAT IS THAT?

...AND TO KEEP IN THE DARK.

FIRE.



POWER TO
DIVIDE.

**BANG
BANG
BANG**

STAY
TOGETHER.
**STAY
TOGETHER!**

POWER TO
UNITE.



SOME
SECRETS
MUST BE
REVEALED...



...OTHERS MUST
BE PROTECTED.

TAKE THE
CASE!!!



WARS HAD BEEN
FOUGHT OVER THE
SEVEN. KINGDOMS
HAD FALLEN.

PEOPLE SPENT
LIFETIMES TRYING
TO OBTAIN THEM.

PEOPLE **WASTED**
LIFETIMES TRYING
TO OBTAIN THEM.

BECAUSE THE
SEVEN SECRETS
WERE
UNOBTAINABLE.

EACH WAS
GUARDED BY A
KEEPER AND
A HOLDER.

GET OUT
OF HERE,
EVA!

HIGHLY TRAINED
PROTECTORS.

YOU'LL
BE BEHIND
ME?

I'LL BE
BEHIND
YOU.

DON'T
MAKE ME COME
BACK FOR YOU,
SIGURD. YOU'RE
ALWAYS SO
EMBARRASSED
BY RESCUES.

GO!

**BANG
BANG**

THEY'D DEVOTED
THEIR LIVES TO
ENSURING THE
SECRETS NEVER
FELL INTO THE
WRONG HANDS.



THE WRONG
HANDS HAD
ATTEMPTED TO
OBTAIN THE
SEVEN SECRETS
FOR AN AGE.



HEY!



CRUNCH



HNG.

THUD

FOR AN AGE,
THEY HAD
BEEN SAFE.

BUT IT IS A
NEW AGE.



I NEED GREEN
LIGHTS BETWEEN
HERE AND
PICCADILLY.

GOT
IT.





SEVEN DASH
TWENTY-ONE.
HARPOCRATES.

WHAT
DO YOU NEED,
HOLDER?

OPERATOR.

CONFIRMATION?

HAS SIGURD
LEFT THE
BASE?

NO.

DAMN IT.
PUT ME
THROUGH.



SIGURD!

FIFTEEN YEARS EARLIER.



SIGURD.

I'M
PREGNANT.

I KNOW A
LOT ABOUT
SECRETS.



OH.

YOU'RE
SURE?

I HAVE A
HUMAN INSIDE
ME. IT'S
NOTICEABLE.

WELL...



@#&%.



YEAH.
@#&%.

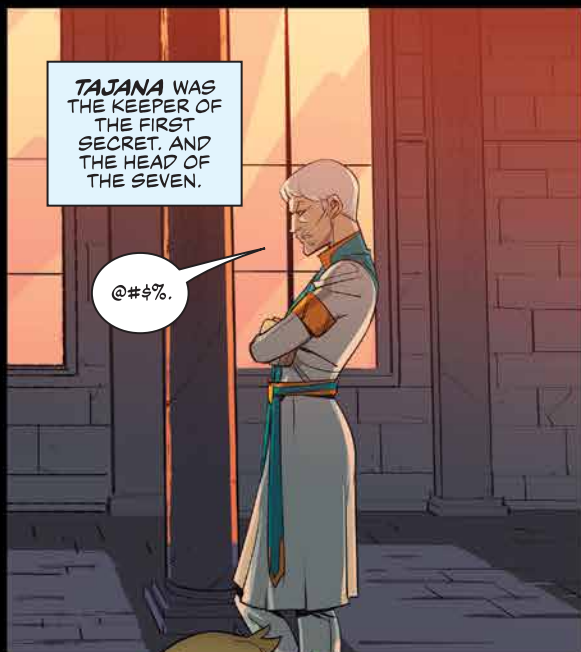
YOU SEE, I
WAS A SECRET
BEFORE I WAS
BORN.

ME.



MY PARENTS
KEPT ME A
SECRET AS
LONG AS THEY
COULD.

BUT SOME
THINGS CAN'T
STAY HIDDEN
FOREVER.



TAJANA WAS
THE KEEPER OF
THE FIRST
SECRET, AND
THE HEAD OF
THE SEVEN.

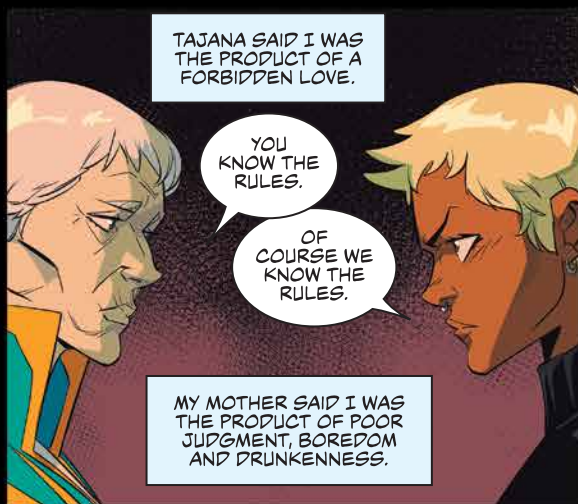
@#%.



WHO
KNOWS?



YOU'RE
THE FIRST
PERSON
WE'VE
TOLD.



TAJANA SAID I WAS
THE PRODUCT OF A
FORBIDDEN LOVE.

YOU
KNOW THE
RULES.

OF
COURSE WE
KNOW THE
RULES.

MY MOTHER SAID I WAS
THE PRODUCT OF POOR
JUDGMENT, BOREDOM
AND DRUNKENNESS.



THE COUNCIL
WILL HAVE TO BE
NOTIFIED. THERE
WILL BE A
HEARING. THERE
CAN ONLY BE ONE
OUTCOME FOR
THE CHILD.

YOUR FATE
IS...LESS
CERTAIN.

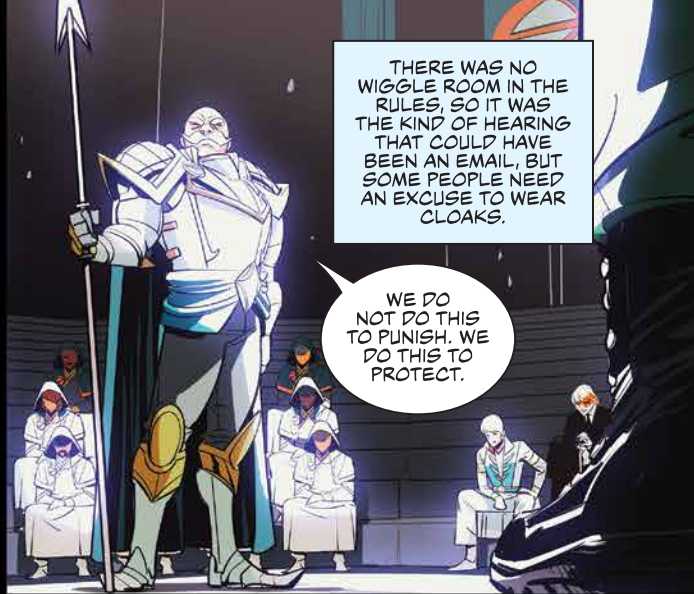


EVA,
SIGURD.

I'M
SORRY.



THERE WAS A HEARING.



THERE WAS NO WIGGLE ROOM IN THE RULES, SO IT WAS THE KIND OF HEARING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AN EMAIL, BUT SOME PEOPLE NEED AN EXCUSE TO WEAR CLOAKS.

WE DO NOT DO THIS TO PUNISH. WE DO THIS TO PROTECT.



THERE CAN BE NOTHING COMPETING FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THERE CAN BE NOTHING GREATER IN YOUR HEARTS THAN THE SECRET YOU KEEP AND HOLD.

AND SO, IT FALLS TO THIS COUNCIL TO--



YEAH, HOLD UP.



TAJANA, YOU CAN'T JUST...

AND YET, LOOK AT ME, **JUSTING**.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

BOTH OF YOU HAVE GIVEN... A LOT.

YOU DESERVE HAPPINESS. I'M OFFERING YOU SOMETHING MOST DON'T GET. A CHOICE.



MOST DON'T GET? YOU'RE SAYING THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE?

WALK AWAY FROM YOUR SECRET.

WHAT?

GIVE UP YOUR ROLES AS HOLDER AND KEEPER. YOU WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN WITH US. BUT YOU COULD START A FAMILY.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, WE'VE FORCED PEOPLE TOGETHER INTO AN INCREDIBLY INTENSE ARRANGEMENT.

OF COURSE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.



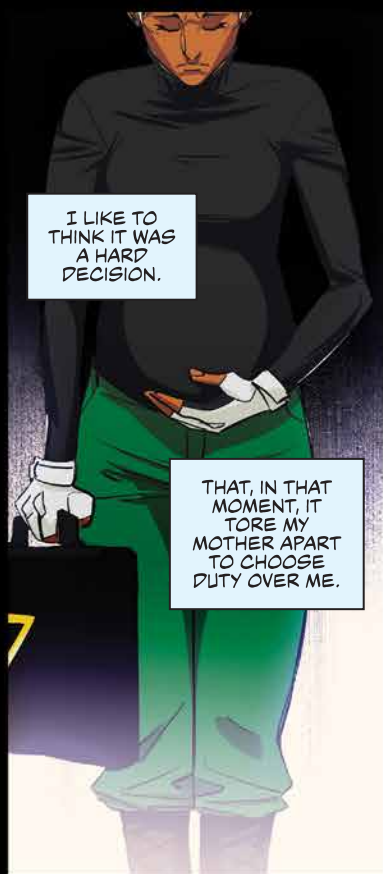
I...

NO.



WE MADE A PROMISE.

OKAY, BUT THE TWO OF YOU ALSO MADE A BABY.



I LIKE TO
THINK IT WAS
A HARD
DECISION.

THAT, IN THAT
MOMENT, IT
TORE MY
MOTHER APART
TO CHOOSE
DUTY OVER ME.

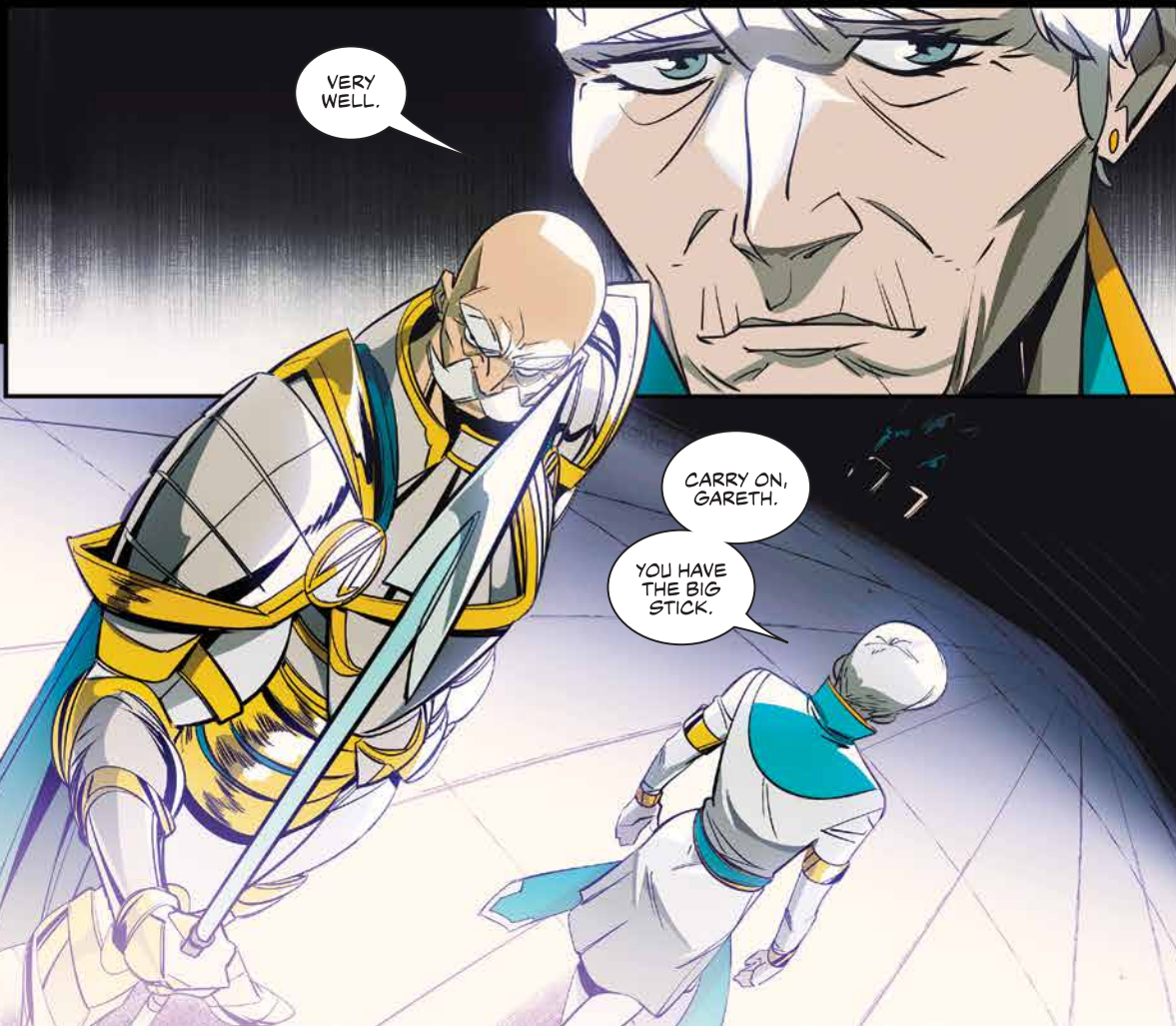


BUT MY
MOTHER AND
FATHER WERE
LOYAL.



OUR
FIRST AND
ONLY DUTY IS
TO THE
SECRET.

THEY WERE
GOOD
SOLDIERS.



VERY
WELL.

CARRY ON,
GARETH.

YOU HAVE
THE BIG
STICK.



ON THE DAY OF ITS BIRTH, THE CHILD WILL BE TAKEN AND RAISED BY THE ORDER OF THE SEVEN.

TRAINED TO SERVE THE SECRETS.



THEN, THERE IS THE MATTER OF THE KEEPER AND THE HOLDER.

BY GOING AGAINST THEIR OATHS, THE TRUST WE ONCE HAD IN SIGURD AND EVA IS ERODED.



THP

OH, GARETH! THEY'RE GIVING UP THEIR CHILD. THERE IS NOTHING GREATER THEY COULD SACRIFICE TO PROVE THEIR LOYALTY.

A VOTE MUST BE TAKEN.



A VOTE WAS TAKEN. IT WAS CLOSE.

BUT MY MOTHER AND FATHER KEPT THEIR JOBS.



SURPRISINGLY, TAJANA VOTED FOR MY PARENTS TO BE REMOVED.

WHICH, I GUESS, MAKES SENSE IN HINDSIGHT.



I DIDN'T
CRY WHEN I
CAME INTO
THE WORLD.



A FULL HEAD OF
HAIR. FIVE POUNDS,
TWO OUNCES.

DO YOU
WANT TO SAY
GOODBYE?

A SMALL
BABY...



NO.

...IMMEDIATELY
DISCARDED.

SORRY. THAT'S A BIT
MELODRAMATIC.



GIRL
OR
BOY?



A BOY,
SIGURD.

HE'S
BEAUTIFUL.

I THINK
HE HAS
YOUR
EYES.

DO
YOU WANT
TO GIVE HIM
ANYTHING
ELSE?



CASPAR.

HIS
NAME IS
CASPAR.

SIGURD
NAMED ME. I
DIDN'T KNOW
THIS UNTIL
AFTER HE...
WELL, I DIDN'T
KNOW.

IT MEANS A
**TRASURED
SECRET.**

I'D CYNICALLY SAY
IT'S BECAUSE MY
FATHER LACKED
IMAGINATION. BUT I
KNOW BETTER NOW.



EVA?

DON'T.

DON'T SAY
ANYTHING.



NOW.



I HAVE
SOME PRETTY
SIZEABLE
HOLES IN ME.

I NEVER KNEW HE
HAD A SENSE OF
HUMOR. I CAN'T
REMEMBER SEEING
HIM SMILE.

FINE. I
GUESS I'LL
JUST HAVE TO
RESCUE YOU
AGAIN.

NO!

I'M NOT JUST
LEAVING YOU
TO--

YOUR
PRIORITY
IS THE
SECRET.

I CAN
GET YOU.
TOGETHER,
WE CAN--



"...AMON IS
HERE."



HE'S
IN THE
OPEN?

YES, AND
HE CANNOT GET
HIS HANDS ON
OUR CASE, YOU
HAVE TO LEAVE
ME.



BUT
I HAVE
ONE SHOT,
EVA.

I'M
GOING TO
TRY TO END
HIM.



SIGURD HID
HIMSELF FROM
ME, BECAUSE
HE FELT HE
HAD TO.

THERE'S
A BOX IN MY
ROOM IN
VENICE. GIVE
IT TO
CASPAR.





I COULDN'T
SEE HE HAD
A HEART.

ARGH!

SK
LK



@#%&!

HOLD
HIM!



OW!

DAMN
IT!



YOU WERE
ALWAYS TOO
GOOD AT THIS,
SIGURD.

WHERE'S
YOUR
SECRET?

LONG
GONE.



I WON'T INSULT YOU
BY ASKING WHERE OR BY
TORTURING YOU. I KNOW
YOU WON'T BREAK. IT
WILL JUST BE A WASTE
OF TIME FOR BOTH OF
US. AND I HOLD NO
ILL-FEELING FOR YOU,
PERSONALLY.

WHICH,
YOU'VE GOT TO
ADMIT, IS PRETTY
BIG OF ME,
CONSIDERING
THE STABBING.



ALSO, I
ALREADY KNOW
EVERYTHING
I NEED TO
KNOW.

HOW...
HOW DID
YOU FIND
US?



YOU WERE
BETRAYED.

BY
WHOM?

OH, THAT
WILL HAVE
TO STAY *MY*
SECRET.



IT FELL TO
OTHERS TO TELL
ME EVERYTHING
I MISSED ABOUT
MY DAD.

I WISH HE WAS
ABLE TO TELL ME
HIMSELF.

TO BE CONTINUED...