

# NEW HISTORY OF THE DC UNIVERSE TIMELINE PART ONE

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The events chronicled by Barry Allen were grouped by themes into a cohesive narrative.  
What follows is the definitive timeline of the DC Universe, its major events, and crucial players.



The dawn of time and the origins of the Source, Perpetua, the Monitor, the Anti-Monitor, and the World Forger are detailed in *Justice League* (2018) #22.

The full roster of the Endless was established in *The Sandman* (1989) #21.

The Silver City and its inhabitants are introduced in *The Books of Magic* (1990) #1.

Background on the Lords of Order and Chaos can be found in *DC Special Series* (1977) #10.



The Maltusians are visited by a being named Volthoom, a human from the distant future of a parallel universe. Volthoom teaches them about the power of the Emotional Spectrum, the essence of all sentient life broken down across seven colors, each having an avatar: the green willpower of Ion, the yellow fear of Parallax, the red rage of the Butcher, the blue hope of Adara, the orange greed of Ophidian, the indigo passion of Proselyte, and the violet love of the Predator. Armed with the master power ring that can harness the entire spectrum,

Volthoom is driven insane over time by the unregulated power, leaving the Maltusians no choice but to imprison him. [*Green Lantern* (2011) #17; *Green Lantern Annual* (2017) #1]

The Maltusians rename themselves the Guardians of the Universe. [*Secret Origins* (1986) #23]



In order to create the Starheart [*Green Lantern* (1960) #111], the Guardians defeat and bind the so-called Empire of Tears on the lifeless world of Ysmault. [*Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Annual* (1986) #2]

The Controllers' true origins are revealed in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* (1985) #7 and *L.E.G.I.O.N.* (1989) #58.

The android army of Manhunters are created and malfunction, but many secretly survive and later establish beachheads on different planets, including Earth. [*Justice League of America* (1960) #140-141]

Using Oa as the center point, the Guardians divide the universe into 3,600 sectors of equal size, each branching out from Oa and guarded by a Green Lantern [*Tales of the Green Lantern Corps* (1981) #3]. As a safeguard against the Lanterns being corrupted by power, the Guardians imprison the avatar of fear, Parallax, within the Central Power Battery, creating an impurity that leaves each ring powerless against objects in the yellow spectrum. It can only be overcome through significant willpower. [*Green Lantern: Rebirth* (2004) #3]

The origins of the Darkstars are shown in *Darkstars* (1992) #0. The Zamaron's history is told in *Secret Origins* (1986) #23 and *Green Lantern* (2005) #19.

The fate of the Old Gods of Urgrund is first revealed in *The New Gods* (1971) #1 and #7. The sole Urgrundian who refused to fight and begged for peace was Gog, who was exiled into the Multiverse. [*Batman/Superman: World's Finest* (2022) #22]



The demons **Abnegazar**, **Rath**, and **Ghast** are imprisoned. [*Justice League of America* (1960) #10]

**Atlantis** is formed. Its history is detailed extensively in *The Atlantis Chronicles* (1990).

In another dimension, the scientist **Kell Mossa** destroys his world by attempting to explore the dawn of time. Renamed **Pariah**, he is forced as penance for his actions to spend the next hundred million years witnessing the destruction of world after world and the deaths of countless billions of sentient beings. [*Crisis on Infinite Earths* (1985) #7]



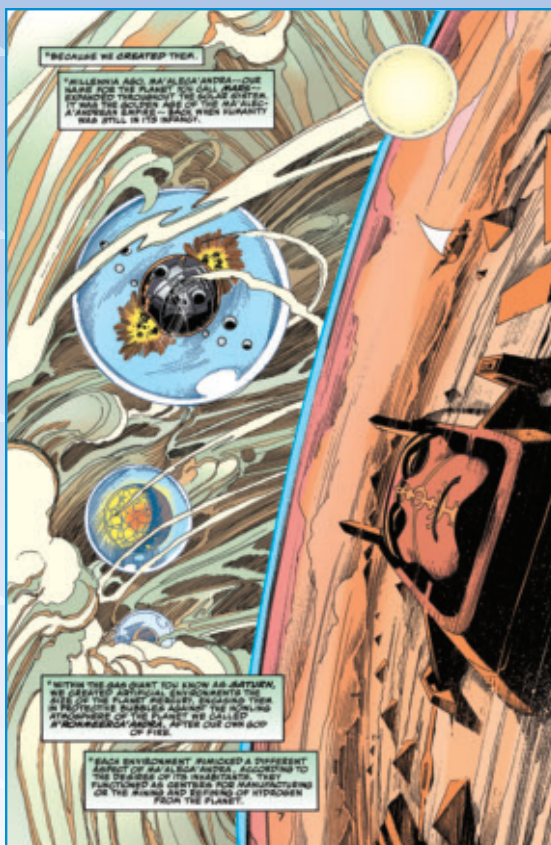
A supernova seen by and affecting Earth's inhabitants most attuned to magic causes them to fear for their existence. They follow the woman known as Citrina through a portal to what would become known as **Gemworld** to begin their lives anew. [*Amethyst, Princess of Gemworld* (1983) #8]

The beginnings of **Yggdrasil**, the World Tree, and the **Parliament of Trees** are told in *Swamp Thing* (1982) #89. Other parliaments are mentioned in *Swamp Thing* (1982) #150.

Civilization on Maa'leca'andra, the world we know as **Mars**, reaches a scientific peak and expands to colonize the solar system and become an empire. [*Martian Manhunter* (1998) #4]

**Etrigan**, son of **Belial**, is the first demon of Hell with no memory of Heaven and no secret desire to return. Etrigan quickly rises through the ranks of demonkind, and even the elder demons begin to fear him. [*The Demon* (1990) #19]

As Cilia swings past Earth in its orbit, the energy being **Nabu** manifests himself in human form on the young planet—an exiled Lord of Order, condemned to Earth for all time. [*More Fun Comics* (1936) #67; *DC Special Series* (1977) #10]



A horrific series of experiments in genetics and evolution on Krypton leads to the creation of an unstoppable destructive creature initially dubbed "the Ultimate" but destined to be better known as **Doomsday**. [*Superman/Doomsday: Hunter/Prey* (1994) #2]



Ahri'ahn sacrifices his life to stop his insane mother, Majistra, from obtaining the **12 Crystals of the Zodiac**. His soul energy spends the next several millennia in the **Darkworld**, the dimension from which Atlantean magic flows. [*Arion, Lord of Atlantis* (1982) #4; *Aquaman* (1986) #1]

**Anthro** debuts in *Showcase* (1956) #74.

The origins of **Vandal Savage** and **Immortal Man** are told in *Time Masters* (1990) #8 and *Resurrection Man* (1997) #25-27, and #1,000,000.





An amnesiac Bruce Wayne is temporarily marooned in this era, as chronicled in **Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne (2010) #1**.

In what will one day be known as Germany, a tribe of humans finds an alien device later identified as the **H-Dial**. [**H-E-R-O (2003) #11**]

The malevolent race known as the **Spider Guild** takes to the stars. For millennia they seek resources and worlds to cultivate and then control. [**Green Lantern (1960) #167**]



The gods of New Genesis experiment upon early humans to create **Aurakles**, Earth's first superhero. He is eventually captured and defeated by the scavenger-king **Melmoth** and his army, the **Sheeda**. [**Seven Soldiers of Victory (2006) #1**]

The earth spirit **Gaea** manifests and mates with the sky god **Uranus**, and the **Titans of Myth** are born. [**The New Teen Titans (1980) #11**]

The **Cavern of Souls** and **Well of Souls** are established in **Wonder Woman (1986) #1**.

**Kong the Untamed** is born on **Dinosaur Island**. [**Kong the Untamed (1975) #1**]

**Cronus** and **Rhea** spawn several godling children, including **Zeus**, **Poseidon**, **Hades**, **Demeter**, and **Hera**. Zeus rebels against Cronus, transforming him into a gnarled tree in Limbo and banishing the other Titans of Myth into space. Zeus becomes ruler of **Olympus**, with Hera as his wife and queen. [**The New Titans (1988) #51**]

The New God **Uxas** visits Earth and, in an attempt to halve the Olympian gods' power, causes them to split into two distinct pantheons. **Zeus** and **Jupiter** become the rulers of their individual pantheons, which will come to be worshipped by Greece and Rome respectively. Meanwhile, other pantheons emerge and vie for domination of Earth's heavens, including the Egyptian gods, the Indian gods, and the gods of Norse mythology. [**Wonder Woman (1986) #132**]

The story of **Shamballah** is told in **Warlord (1976) #5**. **Eclipso's** role in causing the Great Deluge is detailed in **The Demon Annual (1992) #1** and **The Spectre (1992) #14**.

Details of **Mamaragan**, the **Circle of Eternity**, and the **Rock of Eternity** are shown in **Shazam! (2019) #10**.

**Dr. Mist** becomes the guardian of the Flame of Life in the lost land of Kor. In modern times, he will organize the **Global Guardians**. [**Super Friends (1976) #12-13**; **Secret Origins (1986) #27**]



An ancient alien race known as the **Reach** visits Earth, leaving behind one of their many scarabs, artifacts of great power designed to be found whenever a world is at its greatest peril, at which time it can be claimed by that world's champion. This scarab, named **Khaji Da**, is entombed atop the sarcophagus of the Egyptian ruler **Kha-Ef-Re**. [**Blue Beetle (2006) #13**]

Prince Amentep receives the magical Ibestick and becomes **Ibis the Invincible**. Defeated by the tyrannical Mesu, the **Black Pharaoh**, Ibis and his wife, **Taia**, begin 4,000 years of suspended animation. [**Ibis the Invincible (1942) #1**]



A team of super-powered beings called the **House of Ji** arises to combat the **Devil Nezha** in ancient China. [*Batman/Superman: World's Finest* (2022) #3]

The **Ruby of Life** and **Ring of Life** are designed by Dr. Mist and carved by the Tiparanes people. The ruby will later be claimed by **Sargon the Sorcerer I**, the ring by the Spectre. [*All-Star Squadron* (1981) #28]

As the instrument of God's wrath, the Spectre is released on Earth and devastates the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. [*The Spectre* (1992) #14]

The Asian goddess **Rama Kushna** creates the Himalayan paradise **Nanda Parbat**. [*Strange Adventures* (1950) #216]

**Yuga Khan** rules Apokolips until his attempt to breach the Source Wall leaves him immobilized as a Promethean Giant. His wife, **Heggra**, assumes the throne. [*New Gods* (1989) #19]



The Wizard Shazam and the Circle of Eternity re-imprison the **Seven Deadly Sins** unleashed by **Pandora**. [*Trinity of Sin: Pandora* (2013) #1]

**Ktar Deathbringer** and **Shrra**, the first incarnations of **Hawkman** and **Hawkgirl**, appear on **Thanagar**. Over the centuries, they will continue to reincarnate in many different times on many different worlds, beginning with ancient Egypt's **Prince Khufu Maat Kha-Tar** and **Chay-Ara**. [*Hawkman* (2018) #1-10]

**Black Adam's** origins and ancient fate—including his murder of the Circle of Eternity—are detailed extensively in *Justice League* (2011) #19-20 and the 2022 *Black Adam* series.

After a Thanagarian ship crashes on Earth, Prince Khufu discovers its power source—the antigravity **Nth metal**. [*JSA* (1999) #22]

The **Amazons** are given life by the Olympian goddesses **Aphrodite**, **Artemis**, **Athena**, **Demeter**, and **Hestia**. With Hippolyta as their queen, they survive the attacks of Herakles and establish a society on the island of **Themyscira**. Other offshoot tribes include the **Bana-Mighdall** and **Esquecida**. [*Wonder Woman* (1986) #1, #90; *Wonder Girl* (2021) #4]

**Rama Khan** and **Gamemnae** form the **League of Ancients**: **Manitou Raven**, the **Anointed One**, **Sela**, **Tezumak**, and the **Whaler**. [*JLA* (1997) #70]

After 3,000 years fighting against the forces of chaos on Earth, Nabu's human form is worn down. In an attempt to heal, he puts himself in suspended animation for more than 2,000 years in an Egyptian-style pyramid built in the Valley of Ur in Chaldea. [*DC Special Series* (1977) #10]

Parallel branches of humanity—**Homo sapiens** and **Homo magus**—evolve over the millennia, with the latter “controlling those forces we call magic as easily as any mythical sorcerer.”



Fearful that their less-populous species would be absorbed by the race of *Homo sapiens*, the Homo Magi take refuge in a valley in the mountains of northern Turkey, concealed by a magical barrier. [*Justice League of America* (1960) #165]

The warrior **Zahavah** becomes princess of Madagascar. [*Nubia: Coronation Special* (2022) #1]

The **Starheart** falls in ancient China. [*Green Lantern* (1960) #112; *Secret Origins* (1986) #18]

The druid priest **Blackbriar Thorn** witnesses his cult slain by Roman legions before he himself is trapped inside the Earth in a magical fissure. [*DC Comics Presents* (1978) #66]

The Roman centurion Longinus uses his spear to pierce the side of Christ on the cross. In future years, the weapon becomes known as the **Spear of Destiny**. [*Weird War Tales* (1971) #50]





The **Golden Gladiator** fights heroically in the Colosseum before the fall of the Roman Empire. [*The Brave and the Bold* (1955) #1]

Marcus Aelius leaves Earth to represent Rome in an alien cultural exchange and, in the modern day, returns to Earth as the **Alpha Centurion**. [*The Adventures of Superman* (1987) #516]



**Merlin** is given the **Eternity Book** by his father, **Belial**, and uses it to imprison his brother **Etrigan**. [*The Demon* (1990) #19]

**Sir Justin** debuts in *Adventure Comics* (1938) #66. **Ystina** is shown anointed as the second **Shining Knight** in *Seven Soldiers: Shining Knight* (2006) #1.

Aided by a falcon called **Slasher**, stable boy **Brian Kent**—a reincarnation of **Khufu** and ancestor of **Clark Kent**—creates the persona of the **Silent Knight** to battle the tyranny of his uncle, **Sir Oswald**. [*The Brave and the Bold* (1955) #1]



**Madame Xanadu** (**Nimue Inwudu**) is born, the sister of **Morgaine le Fey** and **Vivienne**, the Lady of the Lake, all descendants of the **Elder Folk**, an offshoot of the **Homo Magi**. [*Madame Xanadu* (2008) #1-2; *The Books of Magic* (1990) #1]

**Etrigan** is bound to **Jason Blood** by **Merlin** as **Camelot** falls. [*The Demon* (1972) #1]

In the decades after **Camelot's** fall, the mage **Kon-Sten-Tyn**, a sorcerer and ancestor of occultist **John Constantine**, sires and sacrifices three sons before ultimately forsaking the world of magic for the Christian church. [*Hellblazer Annual* (1989) #1]

Defying the wishes of his mother, **Heggra**, **Uxas** secretly marries the sorceress **Suli**. They have a son, **Kalibak**. **Suli** is, in turn, murdered by the master torturer **Desaad** at the command of **Heggra**, who commands her son to instead marry **Tigra**. [*The New Gods* (1971) #7, #11; *Justice League Incarnate* (2022) #5]

**Uxas** gains control of the fabled **Omega Force**, slays his brother, **Drax**, and becomes **Darkseid**. **Darkseid** places his pregnant wife **Tigra** into a **Hyperfreeze** prison and usurps the throne of **Apokolips**. [*Jack Kirby's Fourth World* (1997) #2-5, #10]

**Trigon** arises. [*The New Teen Titans* (1980) #4]

**Arak** first appears in *Warlord* (1976) #48.

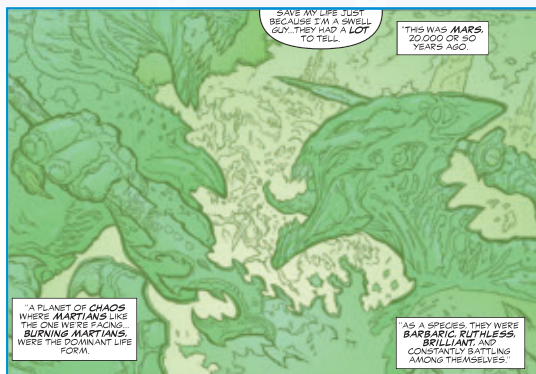
The **Viking Prince** debuts in *The Brave and the Bold* (1955) #1.

The **Demon Knights** assemble in *Demon Knights* (2011) #1.

The origins of the **X-Element** and the **boom tube** are shown in *The New Gods* (1971) #7 and *Jack Kirby's Fourth World* (1997) #14-16.

The **Manhunters** expand their influence on Earth, recruiting humans into a council bent on global control. [*Secret Origins* (1986) #22]

**White Martians** arise on Mars. [*JLA* (1997) #87]



In England, **Robert Fitzhugh**, Earl of **Huntingdon**, becomes the outlaw **Robin Hood**. [*Robin Hood Tales* (1957) #14]

The first **Brother Blood** arises in the nation of **Zandia**. [*The New Teen Titans Annual* (1986) #2]

A group of pacifists, following their leader, **Azar**, establishes the mystic community of **Azarath** in another dimension. [*Tales of the New Teen Titans* (1982) #2]

In the lands that would become known as **North America**, **Native American Saganowahna** gains powers from a meteorite and becomes **Super-Chief**. [*All-Star Western* (1951) #117]

**Gorilla City** is established. Details on its origins, its leader **Solovar**, and the rebel **Grodd** can be found in *Secret Origins* (1986) #40.

**Native American warrior Strong Bow** debuts in *All-Star Western* (1951) #58.



Extensive background on **Ra's al Ghul** and the **Lazarus Pits** can be found in **Batman: Birth of the Demon (1992)** and **Robin (2021) #10**.

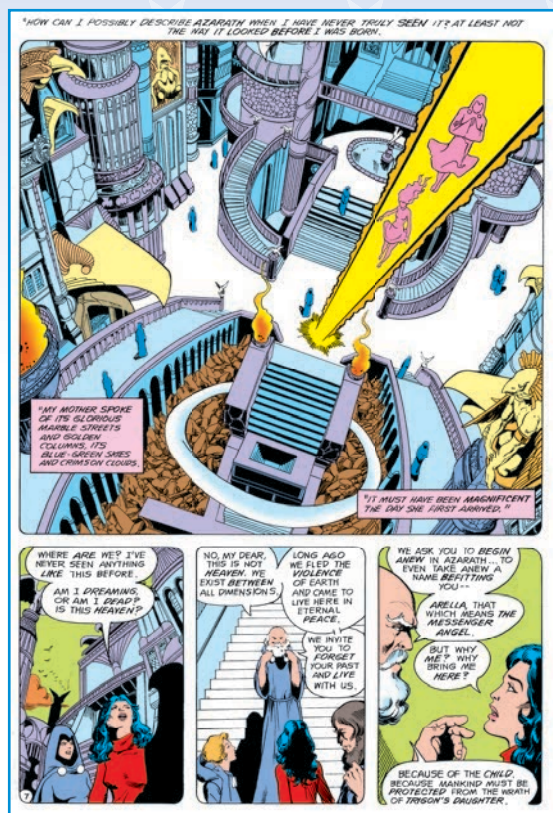
Jon Valor sets sail as the **Black Pirate** in **Action Comics (1938) #23**.

**Andrew Bennett** and the **Blood Red Moon** are introduced in **House of Mystery (1952) #290**.

**Gotham City** is founded. A time-lost, amnesiac Bruce Wayne joins a group of witch-hunters. One of their victims curses the Wayne family line for all time. [**Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne (2010) #2**]

**Klarion the Witch Boy** is born in Limbo Town. [**Seven Soldiers: Klarion the Witch Boy (2006) #1**]

Tigra is released from Hyperfreeze and births **Orion** on Apokolips. Scott Free is born to **Izaya** and **Vayla** on New Genesis. A centuries-long pact of peace is created when both fathers exchange infant sons. [**The New Gods (1971) #7**; **Jack Kirby's Fourth World (1997) #10**; **New Gods Secret Files #1**]



The **Order of St. Dumas**, an offshoot of the Knights Templar and one of the richest institutions on Earth, begins carrying out its machinations using killers called **Azraels** who are trained in a special discipline called the **System**. [**Batman: Sword of Azrael (1992) #1**; **Azrael (1995) #1**]







Keith Everet, the Earl of Strehmere, is shot by highwaymen. [*Sensation Comics* (1942) #1]

The evil **Ma'alefa'ak**, brother of **J'onn J'onzz**, unleashes a telepathic flame-plague that destroys the ancient race and civilization of Mars, including J'onn's family. Devastated, J'onn wanders aimlessly until he is unexpectedly pulled to Earth through space-time. [*Martian Manhunter* (1998) #0]

**Captain Fear** debuts in *Adventure Comics* (1936) #425.

Tom Hawk (**Tomahawk**) and **Dan Hunter** debut in *Star Spangled Comics* (1941) #69. **Miss Liberty** first appears in *Tomahawk* (1950) #81. The **Rangers** debut in *Tomahawk* (1950) #83. Dan Hunter is revealed to be a 21st-century time traveler in *Time Masters* (1990) #4.

The *Daily Planet* is founded. [*The World of Metropolis* (1998) #1]

Tom Hawk and his Native American wife, Moon Fawn, give birth to a son named simply Hawk. He will one day become the pacifist frontiersman known as **Hawk, Son of Tomahawk**. [*Tomahawk* (1950) #130; *Swamp Thing* (1982) #86]

The Spanish swordsman known as **Don Caballero** becomes a champion to the poor in the Southern California territory. [*All-Star Western* (1951) #58]

A Caucasian child called **Firehair**, taken in as a toddler and raised by Native Americans, struggles to find his place in the world. [*Showcase* (1956) #85]

**Max Mercury** first appears, as Quicksilver, in *National Comics* (1940) #5; his origins are revealed in *The Flash* (1987) #97.

The **Shade's** origins are detailed in *Starman* (1994) #66 and *The Shade* (1997) #1.

**Frankenstein's monster** is lost for decades following a battle with Melmoth's Circus of Maggots. [*Seven Soldiers: Frankenstein* (2006) #1]

Icon's arrival is shown in *Icon* (1993) #1.

Texas Ranger **Jack Woods** debuts in *New Fun* (1935) #1.

Bartholomew "**Bat**" **Lash** debuts in *Showcase* (1956) #76.

Lazarus Lane, **El Diablo I**, first appears in *All-Star Western* (1970) #2.

**Ke-Woh-No-Tay** debuts in *Weird Western Tales* (1972) #39.

**Johnny Thunder I** makes his first appearance in *All-American Comics* (1939) #100.

**Golden Arrow** (Roger Parsons) debuts in *Whiz Comics* (1940) #2.

William Polk, the **Wyoming Kid**, first appears in *Western Comics* (1948) #1.

Ohiyesa "**Pow-Wow**" **Smith** debuts in *Detective Comics* (1937) #151.

Fernando Suarez, a nobleman from Spain, becomes the first costumed adventurer by the name of **El Castigo** ("the **Whip**"). [*Flash Comics* (1940) #1]

Confederate soldier **Jonah Hex**, accused of treason, leaves the army and becomes a notorious bounty hunter. [*Jonah Hex* (1977) #30]

A time-traveling Bruce Wayne, posing as a masked vigilante, briefly joins the ranks of the Western heroes. [*Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne* (2010) #4]

A gunslinging hero known only as **Marilyn Moonlight** roams the Old West. [*Superman* (2022) #10]

In Cairo, an English mystic named **Tannarak** begins an unceasing quest to attain immortality. [*The Phantom Stranger* (1969) #10; *The Books of Magic* (1990) #2]

Samuel Augustus Adams, a patriot and political cartoonist, is shot under orders from the corrupt Boss Tweed of Tammany Hall. The elemental spirit of America bonds with the dying Adams to form the first flesh-and-blood **Uncle Sam**. [*The Spectre* (1992) #38]

During the waning days of the Old West, **Cinnamon** and **Nighthawk** (reincarnations of Chay-Ara and Prince Khufu) fight for justice. [*Western Comics* (1948) #5, *Weird Western Tales* (1972) #48] Nighthawk kills highwayman Jim Craddock, who decades later becomes the **Gentleman Ghost**. [*Hawkman* (2002) #14]



**Cyrus Gold** is murdered in Slaughter Swamp, near Gotham City. Fifty years later, his corpse is reanimated as the failed Green elemental called **Solomon Grundy**. [*All-American Comics* (1939) #61]

**Dr. Occult**, born in 1899, begins his career as a supernatural detective. He briefly adopts a red suit with

a cloak to face the supernatural adversary **Koth**, unofficially making Occult the century's first costumed superhero. [*New Fun* (1935) #6; *More Fun Comics* (1936) #14-17; *Secret Origins* (1986) #17]



**Enemy Ace** debuts in **Our Army at War (1952) #151**.

**Dream** of the **Endless**, also known as the **Sandman**, is trapped by a millionaire occultist seeking eternal life. He remains a prisoner for 70 years. [**The Sandman (1989) #1**]

The spirit of America bonds with a human to form **Uncle Sam II**. [**The Spectre (1992) #38; Secret Origins (1986) #19**]

**"Congo Bill"** **Glenmorgan** debuts in **More Fun Comics (1936) #56**.

The backstory of **Doctor Fate I** is detailed in **More Fun Comics (1936) #67, DC Special Series (1977) #10, and Secret Origins (1986) #24**.

The **Elizabeth Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane** is founded in Somerset, on the northern outskirts of Gotham City, by Dr. Amadeus Arkham. [**Who's Who (1985) #1; Arkham Asylum: A Serious House on Serious Earth (1989)**]

Private eye **Cyril "Speed" Saunders** takes his first case. [**Detective Comics (1937) #1**]

On Halloween night, 1938, newspaper publisher Lee Travis becomes the **Crimson Avenger I**, aided by his chauffeur, **Wing**, a Chinese immigrant. [**Secret Origins (1986) #5**]

Wesley Dodds becomes the **Sandman I**. [**Adventure Comics (1937) #40; Sandman Mystery Theatre (1993) #1-4**]

**Giovanni Zatara** debuts in **Action Comics (1938) #1**, as does adventurer **Tex Thomson**. Zataras origins are detailed in **DC Special Blue Ribbon Digest (1980) #5**.

The **Invisible Hood** (Kent Thurston) debuts in **Smash Comics (1939) #1**.

After 4,500 years, the scarab **Khaji Da** is rediscovered by archaeologist **Dan Garrett**, the first of several superheroes to take up the mantle of **Blue Beetle**. [**Time Masters (1990) #6; Blue Beetle (2006) #25; Blue Beetle (2023) #1**]

The origins of **Black Condor I** are detailed in **Crack Comics (1940) #1 and Secret Origins (1986) #21**.

Former Indian prince **Nadir**, known by New Yorkers as the "Master of Magic" thanks to his command of modern science and ancient secrets, debuts in **New Adventure Comics (1937) #17**.

Pilot **Rex Darrell** begins to establish notoriety as the first **Flying Fox**. [**More Fun Comics (1936) #37**]

Midwestern University senior Jason Peter "Jay" Garrick becomes the **Flash I**. [**Flash Comics #1; Secret Origins (1986) #9**]





American archaeologist **Carter Hall** discovers that he is the reincarnation of **Prince Khufu** of ancient Egypt and that **Shiera Sanders** is the reincarnation of **Chay-Ara**. Carter then forms a gravity-defying belt from Nth metal along with a winged costume, becoming Earth's first **Hawkman**. [*Flash Comics* (1940) #1; *Secret Origins* (1986) #11]

Wesley Dodds is among those who agree to bankroll the resistance efforts of Janos "**Blackhawk**" Prohaska in Poland as he forms the **Blackhawk Squadron**. [*Sandman Mystery Theatre* (1993) #45-48; *Military Comics* (1941) #1]

Darrell Dane becomes the **Doll Man**. [*Feature Comics* (1939) #27; *Secret Origins* (1986) #8]

Biology student Hank Heywood is caught in an explosion while defending a military base against sabotage. Heywood's college professor Gilbert Giles restores Hanks body mechanically, turning him into **Steel, the Indestructible Man I**. [*Steel, the Indestructible Man* (1978) #1]

**Johnny Thunder II** first unleashes the **Thunderbolt** in New York City. [*Flash Comics* (1940) #1; *Secret Origins* (1986) #13]

In Seguro, New Mexico, Rodrigo "Rod" Elwood Gaynor becomes the **Whip II**. [*Flash Comics* (1940) #1; *Secret Origins* (1986) #13]

Theodore Henry "Ted" Knight becomes **Starman I**. [*All-Star Squadron* (1981) #41; *Starman* (1994) #9]



**Hourman I** debuts in *Adventure Comics* (1936) #48.

James Brendan "Jim" Corrigan is murdered by gangster "Gat" Benson in New York City and becomes the host of God's Spirit of Vengeance, the **Spectre**. [*More Fun Comics* (1936) #52-53; *Secret Origins* (1986) #15; *The Spectre* (1992) #3-4]

Alan Armstrong becomes the **Spy Smasher I**. [*Whiz Comics* (1940) #2]

**Ibis** and **Taia** awaken. [*Whiz Comics* (1940) #2]

A ruthless Nazi nicknamed the Butcher is subjected to months of experimental surgeries that ultimately transform him into the superhuman **Baron Blitzkrieg**. [*World's Finest Comics* (1941) #246-247; *All-Star Squadron* (1981) #9]

Jim Barr develops an Nth metal variant and Miracle/steroid compound and takes flight as **Bulletman I**. [*Nickel Comics* (1940) #1]

Richard Stanton becomes **Madam Fatal**. [*Crack Comics* (1940) #1]

Former Navy captain James Lockhart creates a navigable super-seacraft called the **Red Torpedo**. [*Crack Comics* (1940) #1]

Thomas Hallaway, alias the **Spider**, poses as a hero in St. Louis while secretly building a criminal empire. [*Crack Comics* (1940) #1; *The Shade* (1997) #3]

Engineer Alan Scott finds a "magic lantern" created from the Starheart and assumes the alias of the **Green Lantern I**. [*All-American Comics* (1939) #16; *Secret Origins* (1986) #18; *Alan Scott: The Green Lantern* (2023) #2]

Green Lantern I meets the **Red Lantern**. [*Alan Scott: The Green Lantern* (2023) #3]



District Attorney Richard Raleigh becomes Superior City's **Red Bee**. [*Hit Comics* (1940) #1]

**Uncle Sam III** manifests himself on Earth once more, mobilizing the town of Glen Valley to expel the fascistic Black Legion. [*National Comics* (1940) #1; *Secret Origins* (1986) #19]

Doctor Fate battles the wizard **Wotan** and meets his future wife, Columbia University student **Inza Cramer**. [*More Fun Comics* #55-56; *All-Star Squadron* (1981) #47]



On his first assignment, the man known only as the **Unknown Soldier I** undertakes an unsuccessful mission to assassinate Adolf Hitler at the signing of the surrender of France. [*Unknown Soldier* (1977) #249]

Tom Dalton, a.k.a. **Magno**, debuts in *Smash Comics* (1939) #13.

Langford "Happy" Terrill debuts as the **Ray I** in *Smash Comics* (1939) #14.

Tom Corbett, a.k.a. **Neon the Unknown**, debuts in *Hit Comics* (1940) #1.

The centuries-old code name **Mademoiselle Marie** is held by a series of French Resistance soldiers during the war years, notably Zoe Magnier, Simone Michel-Levy, Anais Guillot, and Sabine Roth. [*Star Spangled War Stories* (1952) #84; *Checkmate* (2006) #22]

Al Pratt begins adventuring as the **Atom I**. [*All-American Comics* (1939) #19; *Secret Origins* (1986) #25]

After the abduction of her daughter and a playmate, Abigail Mathilda "Ma" Hunkel, a neighbor of young cartoonist **Scribbly Jibbet**, becomes the **Red Tornado I** to save them. [*All-American Comics* (1939) #20-21]



Hitler's Black Cross troops acquire the **Spear of Destiny**. [*DC Special* (1968) #29]

Lt. Jack Weston becomes **Minute-Man**. [*Master Comics* (1940) #11]

The spirit of a young girl who died in 1777 is revived by a mystic talisman as **USA**, the Spirit of Old Glory. With her Torch of Freedom, she prevents the assassination of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. [*Feature Comics* (1939) #42]

Dr. Charles McNider, blinded by gangsters, discovers he has night vision and begins adventuring as **Dr. Mid-Nite I**. [*All-American Comics* (1939) #25; *Secret Origins* (1986) #20]

Susan Kent becomes **Bulletgirl I**. [*Master Comics* (1940) #13]

John Sargent commands the Ruby of Life as **Sargon the Sorcerer**. [*All-American Comics* (1939) #26]

Sandra Knight begins actively operating as the **Phantom Lady I**. [*Police Comics* (1941) #1; *All-Star Squadron* (1981) #41; *Freedom Fighters* (1976) #15]

Shiera Sanders first becomes **Hawkgirl I**. [*All-Star Comics* (1940) #5]

Rare sightings of **Aquaman I** ("Adam Waterman") begin. [*More Fun Comics* (1936) #73; *The New Golden Age* (2023) #1]

The **Erinyes** of Greek mythology (Alecto, Tisiphone, and Megaera) grant teenage Helena Kosmatos a portion of their power to seek revenge on the Nazis who had killed many of her loved ones, turning her into the costumed **Fury**. [*Secret Origins* (1986) #12]

At the suggestion of President Roosevelt, a number of America's heroes decide to form the **Justice Society of America**. [*DC Special* (1968) #29; *Secret Origins* (1986) #31]



Rod Reilly, **Firebrand I**, debuts in *Police Comics* (1941) #1.

After ingesting the chemical explosive 27-QRX, Roy Lincoln becomes the **Human Bomb**. [*Police Comics* (1940) #1]

Joan Dale becomes **Miss America**. [*Military Comics* (1941) #1; *Secret Origins* (1986) #26]











The **Young All-Stars** assemble in *Young All-Stars* (1986) #1-3. They are later joined by international allies the **Squire**, **Fireball**, **Phantasm**, and **Kuei** shortly before teammate **Tigress**'s turn to villainy causes the demoralized team to disband. [*Young All-Stars* (1986) #21-26]

Christopher "Kit" Freeman is co-opted by the Lords of Chaos to be their unwitting sleeper agent on Earth, operating as the heroic **Kid Eternity I**. [*Hit Comics* (1940) #25; *Kid Eternity* (1991) #1-3]

The **Haunted Tank** first appears in *G.I. Combat* (1952) #87.

**Hunter's Hellcats** debut in *Our Fighting Forces* (1952) #106.

**Gravedigger** (Ulysses Hazard) first appears in *Men of War* (1977) #1.

The **Losers** undertake their first mission in *G.I. Combat* (1952) #138.

**Project M** creates the first **Creature Commandos** [*Weird War Tales* (1972) #93], soon developing **G.I. Robot** prototypes [*Star Spangled War Stories* (1952) #101-103, #125] that lead to **J.A.K.E. 1** (Jungle Automatic Killer - Experimental 1) [*WWT* #101] and **J.A.K.E. 2** [*WWT* #113].

Captain **Richard Montgomery Flag** is asked to command the Army's most expendable soldiers ("the alienated, the disaffected, the borderline whackos") as Squadron S, nicknamed the **Suicide Squadron**, which had been mobilized on **Dinosaur Island**. [*Secret Origins* (1986) #14]

Sgt. Hadley "Rip" Jagger becomes **Judomaster I**, who fights for the Allies alongside his protégé, **Tiger**, in the Pacific Theater. [*Special War Series* (1965) #4]

**Green Lantern** first encounters **Vandal Savage** when the immortal villain attempts to infiltrate high-level U.S. war councils. [*Green Lantern* (1941) #10]

**Sandy Hawkins** turns monstrous in an accident and is placed in suspended animation for decades. [*Justice League of America* (1960) #113; *JSA* (1999) #70]

Paul Kirk abandons his **Manhunter I** identity to work behind enemy lines for the O.S.S., only to fall into a long coma following an accident. [*Detective Comics* (1937) #439; *Secret Origins* (1986) #22]

The **JSA** battles **Johnny Sorrow**. [*Secret Origins of Super-Villains 80-Page Giant* (1999) #1]

Ra's al Ghul finds his estranged daughter **Nyssa**. [*Batman: Death and the Maidens* (2003) #5]

The disappearance of the "Lost Sidekicks" is chronicled in *Stargirl: The Lost Children* (2023) #3.

**Dinah Drake** becomes the first **Black Canary**. [*DC Special Series* (1977) #10; *Secret Origins* (1986) #50]

The **Seven Soldiers** disappear without a trace during their battle with the **Nebula Man**. [*Justice League of America* (1960) #100-102]

The **JSA** disbands under government pressure [*Adventure Comics* (1937) #466] and shortly thereafter undertakes a secret mission into **Surtur's** realm that loses them in time for decades.

**Task Force X** is established by the U.S. government, comprising **Argent**, a military unit focusing on domestic threats, and the civilian unit "**Suicide Squad**," led by Richard Flag's son, **Richard Rogers Flag**. [*Secret Origins* (1986) #14].

Members of the **Justice Alliance** first appear in *Tales of the Unexpected* (1956) #91 (**Automan**), *House of Secrets* (1956) #73 (**Prince Ra-Man**), *Tales of the Unexpected* (1956) #90 (**Tiger-Man**), *Action Comics* (1938) #248 (**Congorilla**), and *Strange Adventures* (1950) #9 (**Captain Comet**).

American secret agent and **Argent** operative "**King**" **Faraday** debuts in *Danger Trail* (1950) #1.

The **Supermen Project, Phase One** is first mentioned in *Doomsday Clock* (2017) #5.

Gruff New York City detective **Slam Bradley** moves to Gotham City. [*Detective Comics* (1937) #572 and others]

**J'onn J'onzz** appears on Earth. [*Detective Comics* (1937) #225]

**Krypton** explodes. [*Action Comics* (1938) #1]

