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THE AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS, PART 4:

This month's submission is the fourth installment of *The Legion Outpost*, a feature from THE AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS #15 (August 1977).

THE LEGION OUTPOST

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Here we are again with another segment of the ever-popular **Legion Outpost**. Ever since we started this regular feature in **AWODCC** (done so because of the fabulous response to our now-out-of-stock **Legion** issue—#9), we've been receiving hundreds of letters telling us how much you've enjoyed the **Legion** bits we've presented. We've received your ideas, your suggestions and your presentations of new **Legionnaires**. With all the mail we're stacking up in our files, we believe we have enough **Legion** material to fill up **AWODCC** issues from now until the 30th century! But we don't want you to stop! No sir, not by any stretch of the imagination do we want to quit sending in those cards and letters. We like nothing more than a stuffed mailbox!

Some of the mail we've been receiving is pretty unusual. One reader requested that the **Legionnaires** visit his hometown—an impossible task as they are all so busy. One wanted us to send him uniforms for all the members in time for Halloween! Well, no manufacturer has come forward with the request to make such costumes and we still wonder how this reader planned to go out in over 25 different costumes on one night! The only one we figure who could do that would be **Chameleon Boy**, and we happen to know that **Durlians** don't celebrate Halloween!

The most interesting letter we received is one we'd really like to tell you about this time around. It was received without stamp or postmark and we were unable to open it with conventional letter openers. Strangely enough, when the letter was handed to me (the regular writer of **The Legion Outpost**), it seemed to fall open of its own accord! The following is a complete text of that letter:

**LEGION HEADQUARTERS/
METROPOLIS/EARTH/to/AWODCC/
NEW YORK CITY/2977-1977/VIA
TIME-GRAM STATION #Z-786-00/
Dear AWODCC**

Salutations! This is **Legionnaire Brainiac 5** writing to you via Time-Gram with the results of the latest member-application presented by sponsors from your own 20th century. As you know, Deputy Leader **Element Lad** set up this liaison with you between the centuries last issue, and we've been very happy about maintaining the opening across the 1,000 year gap.

We're also very excited about any applicants you can send us. You might be aware of the fact that the **Legion Reserve** is at a dangerously low level and we wish to keep it at a peak! Any and all applicants will be accepted for review for the board.

Counting the last report, we have screened and tested a total of 6 applicants from your time and, unfortunately, none have been accepted. But, as we've stated before, we will gladly see any super-powered individuals you readers and fans wish to send up to our 30th century headquarters.

There are a few things that we would like to point out to those who are plan-

ning to sponsor an applicant. These are a few **Legion** rules and policies that some readers may be unaware of when it comes to choosing an appropriate applicant. First, all **Legionnaires** must have a **natural power!** The ability must be theirs by right of birth, mutation, or chemical reaction in order to be eligible for **Legion** membership. We cannot allow entry to someone who uses a weapon or mechanical device to achieve their power. In the tense and dangerous situations we are facing every day, we cannot be dependant upon a manufactured device. They are not 100% foolproof! We must rely on natural powers alone!

Secondly, remember that our constitution states that "... no new member can be accepted into the **Legion** if his or her power duplicates the power of another **Legionnaire** on active duty..." This rule was placed in our by-laws to prevent, for instance, the entire population of **Cosmic Boy's** planet (who all have his magnetic powers) from applying for **Legion** membership.





Thirdly, and most importantly, Legionnaires never take a life! Legion applicants who have the power to kill as their only super-ability need not apply.

The following is the report on the application of the latest two applicants with 20th century sponsors:

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES LEGION APPLICATION REPORT/Submitted 3-3-77 by Secretary of the Review Board, Nura Nal (Dream Girl).

MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW BOARD. Cosmic Boy of Braal, Dream Girl of Naltor, Element Lad of Trom (Attending Officer), Mon-El of Daxam and Brainiac 5 of Colu.

LEGION APPLICATION FORM
NAME OF APPLICANT: Darr-Ellp.
CODE NAME OF APPLICANT: Neutro.
PLANET OF ORIGIN: Jembar.
POWERS: Is able to control every atom within a one-mile radius, turning them into any desired solid object, or explode them with the force of an atomic bomb.
ORIGIN: Powers acquired after exposure to atomic detonation.

STATUS OF APPLICANT: REJECTED (IN REJECTED, STATE REASON): Explosion power too powerful; such atomic detonations are not controllable and could cause death, contrary to Legion Code against killing.

SPONSORS: Gavin Tirberr and Durell Pursiful, Westland, Michigan, United States of America, North America, Earth.

LEGION APPLICATION FORM
NAME OF APPLICANT: Su-zhan Tahrell.

CODE NAME OF APPLICANT: Thunder Girl.

PLANET OF ORIGIN: Thanang.
POWERS: Can cause great thunder storms through cosmic energy which is caused by a secret weapon in her belt buckle.

ORIGIN: Not revealed
STATUS OF APPLICATION: REJECTED

(IF REJECTED, STATE REASON): Applicant uses device. Power is not

natural, contrary to Legion policy.
SPONSOR: David Kucharski, 3221 Parkside Ct., S.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52403, United States of America, Earth.
END OF REPORT

Included in Brainiac 5's report was an unusual problem that he recently ran across while on monitor duty. He passes it on to our readers to see if they have what it takes to perform some of the extraordinary duties of a Legionnaire:

Hi. Brainiac 5 here again with a problem in deductive reasoning. This really happened to me and, with my computer brain, I managed to figure it out in an instant. I don't expect you can do it as fast as I did, but any of the other Legion members could do so in a similar situation. So, if you've ever thought you might have what it takes to become a Legionnaire, see if you can figure out the following:

The job of a Legionnaire on monitor duty is to keep tabs on all Legionnaires on active duty. You must know, at all times, where each member is and what he or she is doing. In case of a galactic emergency, you must be able to dispatch the closest Legionnaires to the trouble-spot immediately. Knowing just where everyone is located is essential in such a situation.

On the night in question, I was having some trouble with my communications network. I was only getting a smattering of messages, often incomplete and garbled. Luckily, I was still able to ascertain just who was where, and what they were up to with the information at hand. See if you can figure it out too!

Here's the set up: You are required to keep tabs on four active duty Legionnaires: COSMIC BOY, DREAM GIRL, ELEMENT LAD and MON-EL. You have to be able to report what planet they are on, and what super-villain they are battling. They have all sent in reports, but you have only received parts of these reports. The information



you have gathered is as follows:

They are operating on the following planets: **BRAAL, NALTOR, TROM** and **DAXAM**. They are battling **COSMIC KING, DR. REGULUS, EMERALD EMPRESS** of the **FATAL FIVE**, and **MORDRU**. You know that no **Legionnaire** is on his home planet. Strangely enough, through garbled message code, you know that no member is fighting a villain with the same first initial as the **Legionnaires** in question. Also through code, you learned that no villain is on a planet that is the home world of the **Legionnaire** whose first initial corresponds with that of the villain! For instance, **MORDRU** is not on **MON-EL's** home world, **DR. REGULUS** is not on **DREAM GIRL's**, etc.

You see by an old report that **ELEMENT LAD** is not tracking **MORDRU**. **COSMIC BOY** reports that the **FATAL FIVE** are nowhere near his home planet. **DREAM GIRL** reports she is in confrontation with **COSMIC KING!** Within this article you have all the information you need to figure out who is assigned to what planet and which of the **Legion's** foes they are currently battling. If you have trouble figuring it out, don't worry—the answer will appear in next issue's **Legion Outpost!**

P.S. All **Legionnaires** returned home as victors!—**Brainiac 5**.



LEGION BULLETINS

Fans familiar with the **Legion of Super-Heroes** are also well-versed in the numerous **Legion** rules and policies that have been mentioned in the many past adventures. One of those rules has started quite a bit of controversy. It states that "... no **Legionnaire** who is married may serve the **Legion** on a active-duty basis..." This rule has for long barred two of our most popular characters of the past, **Bouncing Boy**

and **Duo Damsel**. Their marriage, featured in the epic 200th issue of **SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** forced the **Legion** to bid them a fond farewell.

While both are on the **Legion Reservist** roster, this regulation prevents **Duo Damsel** from going into action on a regular basis. **Bouncing Boy** is a reservist only because of his excellent past record—for **Chuck Taine** (his real name), lost his bouncing power—which is another reason for being removed from the **Legion's** active-duty lists.

The controversial "marriage clause," is under question by the **Legion Rules Board** at this very time, and a new ruling may soon be forthcoming. In the meantime, you can see **Bouncing Boy** in action in **SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #230!** And, judging on what we've just told you, you're in for a surprise!

The **Emerald Empress! Thoroc! Validus! Manol The Persuader!** Villains whose very names freeze the blood! Separately, they are feared throughout the galaxy. Together they are the greatest threat the **Legion's** ever faced! Together they are—**THE FATAL FIVE!** And they're back in **S/LSH #231**. Don't dare miss it!!



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That's all for now, **Legion Fans!** Write and tell us how you like (and what you'd like to see featured in) **THE LEGION OUTPOST**, c/o **AWODCC, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019!**

