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Marvel's Mightiest Women finally get their own explosive series! In a secluded corner of the Battleworld, an island nation is fiercely protected by a team of Avengers the likes of which has only ever been glimpsed before. Fighting to protect the small sliver of their world that's left, the Amazing A-Force stands shoulder-to-shoulder, ready to take on the horde!

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Sam Quixote says

“If women ruled the world...” - we’ve all heard variations of that sentence, right? There’d be no war, no pollution, everything would make more sense, etc. Well, Marguerite Bennett and G. Willow Wilson give us the Marvel version of what a female-led society would look like - and it’s not bad!

HOWEVER: are you reading Secret Wars? If the answer is no (and, cards on the table, I’m one of those people as well because event comics always suuuuuck) then you might be a little lost with A-Force.

So, a brief update: Marvel are in the midst of a big reboot of their universe. The main 616 universe and the Ultimate universe have been blown up. Fragments of different, now extinct, worlds have been stuck together to form Battle World, ruled over by Doctor Doom. Each region is a separate country of sorts; Arcadia is the home of A-Force, led by Jennifer Walters aka She-Hulk.

Basically all of the female Marvel superheroes are in this comic: She Hulk, Medusa, Captain Marvel, Ms America, Spider-Woman, Scarlet Witch, Dazzler, Rogue, Storm, and on and on. Together they keep Arcadia safe - but someone is threatening their peace...

I have a lot of questions after reading this comic that of course it’s not this issue’s job to answer but still: everyone’s just accepting this bizarre situation? Everyone’s ok with Doom as their, essentially, GOD? Sam Wilson is a Thor? Thor is now a title or something and the Thors are Doom’s policemen? And, most important of all, where’s Ms Marvel/Kamala Khan?

But getting back to this issue specifically - that name. A-Force. Ugh! So naff, so ‘90s! Did Rob Liefeld have a hand in this? Must everything be Avengers related? Alright, yeah, the movies make mountains of money. But A-Force?! Dear me. There are scores of cool Roller Derby team names, all Bennett and Wilson had to do was mimic them - even Arcadian Avengers would’ve been preferable!

There’s not a whole lot to the issue. Besides introducing us to A-Force, the team fights Sharknado and this causes a problem because Ms America throws the shark across Arcadia’s borders and, as Sheriff Strange (I know!) says, “Borders are never to be crossed!” Ms America faces a penalty which makes Jen look like a weak leader.

I liked seeing some of my favourite Marvel characters again: Jen, Nico from the Runaways, Ms America from Young Avengers, and female Loki. Even Dazzler’s prominently placed within the team.

Jorge Molina’s art - fantastic, really enjoyed the pages here. Arcadia’s design is an interesting blend of Renaissance Italy and modern day, even futuristic, styles. It does look quite paradisiacal too, as you’d expect from the name. The action is great and all the characters look fantastic.

As for the writing, it was a bit of a let down. I was expecting more of the same magic I saw from Wilson on her Ms Marvel title to rub off here and, unfortunately, the effect is not quite as brilliant. Maybe it’s sharing the scripting duties with Bennett, maybe it’s the large ensemble cast but her usual high quality writing felt quite diluted here.

It does feel like things are moving much too quickly. Ms America is punished and right away Nico begins talking about Jen stepping down as leader and going away for a cry. I get that Jen having to prove her leadership is going to be one of the plot points of this series though it felt like it was dealt with a little

clumsily.

Even without reading Secret Wars, you could still enjoy A-Force #1 which is a decent superhero comic that happens to feature an all-female cast. That said, maybe readers who're all caught up on the main events will appreciate this more because, even though this is a #1, it does feel like you're stepping into the middle of a story than at the beginning. For me, along with the rest of this Secret Wars stuff, this is an easy trade wait.

Chris Conley says

This was a fascinating launching point that covered ground, had feeling, and further demonstrated how much of a control-freak God Doom is in his Battleworld.

The Sapphic Nerd says

An all-female team with America Chavez, Carol Danvers, Loki, Spider-Woman, and more!? You had me at America Chavez. She-Hulk being team leader will give me a much-desired look at her character (I've never read her series but I'm curious).

It's an interesting story that's not hard to follow (considering I'm not reading Secret Wars). The banter between America and Loki makes me grin, and, is it just me or is there something more going on between those two...? Gosh, I hope so.

The art is solid, and so is the writing. I'm even more excited about this series now that I've read the first issue. Can't wait for the next!

Kristin says

Do you like comic books written by ladies?

Do you want an all lady superhero team?

Do you want to see multiple members of aforementioned all lady superhero team punch a giant ass shark?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, pick up A-Force #1

Dayla says

So....short....want....more!!!

Sana says

THIS WAS SO GOOD, I WANT MORE NOW.

Solace Winter says

Since this is basically an alternate world in the Battleworld universe, this works well. It takes familiar versions of the female superheroes, and gives them a chance to shine in this story. It's emotional, it has action, and it has the dark undertones from their God over their shoulder. It's not a society that rejects men, it is just one that is run by women, which is refreshing as well (in that men are not the enemy). I can't wait to see what happens in this one.

Rebecca says

Really cool and a promising start to the series. I love the concept and the beautiful, diverse female cast!

Madeline Amonick says

When I found this at the shop I was super excited because I had been anticipating this series ever since I discovered it was being released. I was so excited to see a female driven cast of non-sexualized powerful women, some even women versions of our favorite Marvel stars.

I really loved the artwork it was very vivid which I am going to assume is a trend in Marvel comics. This comic, I know, is the first issue and does not have previous issues or story lines, or at least they are not needed. I could tell because of how the characters were introduced. The action started really quickly but then it was over. That was the only problem I had was that it was over very quickly. Things happened and then it was over, quite a good cliffhanger though. But because it happened so quickly I couldn't let the WOW factor set in for me to give it a five star rating.

I am really excited for the next issue which is coming out sometime in June I believe and I will definitely be picking it up.

Terence says

Arcadia is a Battleworld in which She-Hulk is the Baron. She utilizes an all women team of superheroes called A-Force to defend it.

I have to say I was expecting more out of A-Force. It seems like any other world except that an all women

superhero team protects it rather than a mix gendered bunch. They certainly would be good in a fight, but they didn't really get a decent one.

A-Force #1 was an average addition to the many average Battleworld miniseries.

Jessica says

Ok. Ok. Ok.

So this was my first comic that I've read as a single issue right when it came out. I tend to be behind on the times and have to scramble to catch up but this is one I jumped on right away.

I didn't even know it was coming out, but my friend Brittany told me about it and I thought it sounded so cool! I was definitely not disappointed. It was a breath of fresh air to see a female-centric comic where they are not sexualized or pushed to the side in any way. I mean, it's ALL FEMALES. And it's their job to just be badassess and face any challenges that come their way.

I am so so excited for the second issue to come out and learn more about the mysterious character introduced at the end of this one.

charlotte says

[sam wilson is a thor??? (hide spoiler)]

Sarah Churchill says

I can't give a star rating or really much of an opinion on what little there was here. I didn't get to know a single character before all hell broke loose, so I'm confused and a little underwhelmed for a first issue. The giant assed shark was awesome though. And I do love the concept, it could be AMAZING, so I'll keep reading.

Emory says

I'm so excited about the rest of this series!

Isa Lavinia says

Loved it and will definitely keep reading!

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