

MANDROID MEN ORIGINS

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The waste Hydrohero blasted from Atlantis did not vanish. It came back to the surface on the world's beaches.



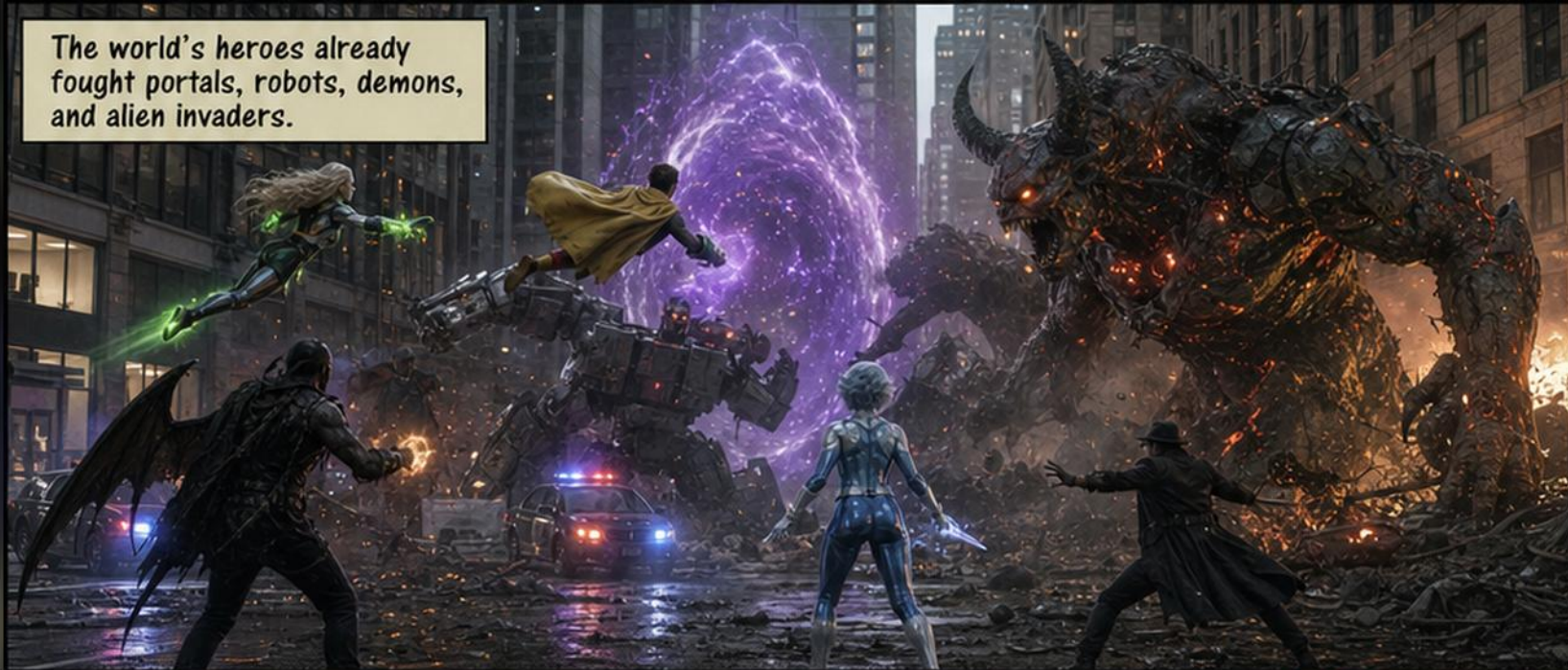
Radioactive surf soaked the sand, the animals, and the unlucky people who could not run fast enough.



Soon the coastlines crawled with new mutants, monsters, and sand elementals.



The world's heroes already fought portals, robots, demons, and alien invaders.



They could not also hold every poisoned coastline at once.



Whole cities were evacuated and sealed behind quarantine barricades.



Superhero Mandroid could stop a monster. The Green Zones needed a cure.



Dr. Elias Dawes searched the limits of genetic engineering first.



Embryo-level base editing had advanced, but grown mutants were still beyond a clean cure.



Where science reached its limit, Mandroid turned to magic.



Aurelia had rejected Hell's prophecy because Mandroid taught her that anyone could choose heroism.



Aurelia felt Gaia crying
through the poisoned sand.



Her green flames were made
for prophecy, judgment, and
protection, not for cleansing
radioactive poison.



In Hell she found the demon
fattened by every barrel, slick,
and glowing grain: Blightlord,
the Pollution Demon.



The Green Zones had raised Blightlord until even Hell feared his rank.



The poisoned shorelines weakened Aurelia's Earth magic before it could cleanse him.



But Blightlord's bond to the Green Zones was also his weakness.



If he fell, the Green Zones could begin to heal. Aurelia opened portals and called Earth's greatest heroes.



Mandroid raised shields
so the others could close in.



Webwidow pinned
Blightlord with silver webs.



Roman struck with Atlantean
strength while Master Liang Chen
hammered the demon with chi.



GAL-XZ blinded him
with Norio energy.



God Queen Hydrohero turned ocean
jets into holy water as Protector Paul
prayed beside her.



Together they gave Aurelia the opening she needed.



She sealed Blightlord's power, and the Green Zones began to breathe again.



Not every mutant changed back. Not every monster disappeared.



So Earth's greatest heroes joined forces under their greatest member. They became the Mandroid Men.

