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The Greek Goliath gathers the most powerful super-team ever assembled to counter-attack the Skrull gods! Face front, True Believers, and prepare for the pantheon-pounding premiere of...The God Squad!

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From Reader Review The Incredible Hercules: Secret Invasion for online ebook

Angela says

Fun roadtrip with lots of different gods who don't get on.

Rusty says

Ugh. What a mess this was. I recall reading another Incredible Hercules collection a few days ago and flipping out at how awesome it was. I picked this one up and was floored by how crappy this was. I mean, is this even the same character? Same company? Same medium?

Honestly, I'm not sure if I even know what happened here. Skrulls for sure. Something about going into the spirit world to kill the Skrull god so that the Skrulls would no longer have the spiritual authority to keep invading earth.

I blink in confusion.

Okay.

So, Herc, Amadeus Cho and a whole bunch of unknown gods head off to Skrull heaven to fight for earth. Except giant things kept killing the gods, I think. I mean, they were dead, then they weren't. None of them actually did much except that girl that Herc slept with. She died too, but came back as mosquitos or something. The other ones died, but Herc said they weren't dead.

Blink.

What?

So, then Herc punches out the Skrull god and it's over. Except one of the dead gods from earth, who is totally alive, steps up and says he's the new Skrull god. And someone on earth, Herc's sister, Hera, maybe, is watching and is like, 'good.'

Me, I'm thinking this is one big hot stinking pile of shit. But, I liked the art, so a bonus star for that.

Jeff says

Previously, in The Incredible Hercules.

Was that really what happened last volume, Jeff?

As Hercules sleeps off a one -week- night binge, Amadeus Cho, his half-sister Athena, and Kirby, the Wonder-Pup, travel to San Francisco for a convocation of hippies.
So, the Grateful Dead are elsewhere, but the Celestials are in town and because this is a tie-in to Secret Invasion, it gives Athena the chance to organize a God Squad to take out the Skrull gods, thus hopefully stopping the Skrull invasion in its tracks.
Ajak (who?), Atum (Never heard of him), Mikaboshi (Because I was one of only six people who read an Ares mini-series, I know the evil, creepy shape-shifting Japanese God of Evilness and Creepiness) and Snowbird of Alpha Flight and the cute lil' coyote puppy, Kirby, are all along for the ride.
(view spoiler)
Bad doggie!!
Because this is a Hercules book and he's already done the boozing (brawling coming soon)
They stop at the realm of Nightmare for directions (turn left at Krypton, go straight until you come to Tatooine and then hang a sharp right)
Weird nightmare-y stuff happens then, some predictable infighting amongst gods and such
and we get the Gospel according to the Skrulls.
Finally we get to brawl (toldja!) with the Skrull gods.
Skrull tastes like chicken.
Bottom line : I've enjoyed Pak's run on Incredible Hercules and the Secret Invasion crossover event. You'd think smooshing these two together would be a winner, but it comes up a little short. Good, but not great.

Eh. Maybe, Random Goodreader. Maybe.

Mela says

I thought this was pretty cool. I haven't read any Hercules before this, but I certainly will in the future.

This tie in was very different from the rest of the Secret Invasion arc, but still feels relevant to the story, and not just a vague explanation of why they weren't present in the main trade.

I loved the incorporation of other deities, and the development of the Skrull religion - something that in my opinion, was very much needed.

Michael says

I'd been looking forward to reading the 'God Squad' story for a while and it was worth the wait - if only because it has Snowbird, who is probably my favorite Alpha Flight character and also just criminally underused. Don't forget: there are no bad characters, just incapable writers. :D

Paul says

I wanted a good Marvel comic that would help me get a better feel for that particular univers, but that was not the main stream stuff. Incredible Hercules Volume 2: Secret Invasion (IH2) was a great chose for that. I randomly read Gaiman's Eternals several years back and had really enjoyed the epic nature of it. IH2 references that work and has an American Gods feel to boot. The story was just the right balance of serious and quirky. I liked it a lot, 4 stars.

G says

The best *Herc* book I've read so far. Honestly. I just love everything that happens here, how everything was handled, and the ending had me in tears. I just really adore Kirby, okay? And Amadeus, okay? And ugh even the stupid jokes were perfect. I'm so emotional after finishing this -- I really, really enjoyed it. I think it might have been the best thing I ever read by the author.

Most memorable line: "SOMETIMES WE CRY NOT FOR WHAT WE'VE LOST, BUT WHAT WE HAVE".

Brad says

Probably the most satisfying Secret Invasion tie-in not written by Brian Michael Bendis. Greg Pak gets to tackle the whole Skrulls religion subplot that the main story didn't resolve beyond answering the pronoun riddle in "He loves you." Pak develops the Skrull religion a bit more, but also brings in Shinto, Aztec, and (Marvel-created) Inuit gods to team up with the titular Greek. I loved seeing Snowbird used nicely--Alpha Flight's been treated badly in recent years. The Shinto god of evil's haiku's were a bit stereotypical, but still enjoyable. Throwing all the gods in the mix allows for a bit of deus ex machina, so trying to always make

Jennifer says

This was a lot of fun, but the art was sometimes hard to follow and I had some trouble understanding some of the theological mumbo-jumbo. I chalk some of this up to my lack of familiarity with the series as a whole, though -- when I've read the rest of Incredible Herc, I might change my mind. Either way, Herc and Amadeus Cho are tremendously engaging characters, and I look forward to reading more of their adventures.

Sophie says

This series is pure joy to read. How utterly delightful! It's like there's one great line after the other, and it's not just great lines, it's a great plot, too.

"Sacred Invasion" is a Secret Invasion tie in where Hercules, Amadeus Cho and his pup go on a mission together with some other gods from other pantheons to destroy the Skrull gods. Together, these gods form the God Squad, and they ride in a Godmobile and that's all I have to say, right?

My favorite thing about this series is the relationship between Herc and Amadeus. And the way the original Greek myths are weaved in throughout the story. A lovely, lovely book.

Eric Mikols says

Weaker than the opening arc, but still fun. I didn't care much for the Secret Invasion back in the day and time hasn't changed that.

Labyrinth Rossiter says

I'm not a great fan of Marvel's Hercules. I liked Amadeus Cho better when he was with the Hulkster. I only read this as a Secret Invasion tie-in. The overall plot sounds cooler AFTERWARDS than it actually feels, in my opinion, to read panel by panel, so poor execution? Hercules leads a Task Force of gods from various cultures into the Never Never (or whatever) to fight the Skrull gods. However, this book is vital in figuring out the basics of the Skrull religion & why they keep saying "He loves you" in every other Secret Invasion book, which was driving me crazy.

Twyst says

I. Loved. This. Story. Gods! Goddesses! Snowbird! Plots! Yes.

Chris Greensmith says

"In ancient days, Hercules was the greate....yadda yadda, boring, yawn, yawn."

The art was really nice, the only good thing about this comic...3?

Awful, boring, irrelevant...0?

Relevance to SE, 0 ? So overall for this TPB 0 ?

Gavin says

Ok, well...umm...snowbird bones

Herc. Amadeus Cho sacrifices himself for greater good. Herc fights Skrull God, turning tide of war...kinda ok, ho hum in places, too wordy.

Just didn't hold my attention.