

Months Ago... Mark Rock was returning home after he was laid off from his job when he decided to use his last few dollars to get a hot dog from a hot dog cart in the park in the evening.

Mark heard a whistling sound coming from above. It is a small bright light. Mark thought it was a bullet and it was coming right at him and the hot dog vendor. It seemed that time slowed down as he pushed the vendor out of the way. He felt the unknown object enter his body. When he woke up a few minutes later, he felt different.

He began to display some unusual powers in secret to help others. Or so he thought. A meteorite hit him and his life has never been the same.

And now The Present...





BUT I AM HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT CHAIN OF EVENTS HAS OCCURRED SINCE THAT DEBUT. THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE CONCEALED THEIR SUPER ABILITIES.

WE HAVE FOUGHT AN UNSEEN WAR SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU DON'T DISPLAY YOUR POWERS IN THE FUTURE FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY



WHAT ARE YOU HIDING FROM? WHAT IS SO TERRIBLE THAT YOU ALL HAVE TO KEEP YOUR POWERS HIDDEN

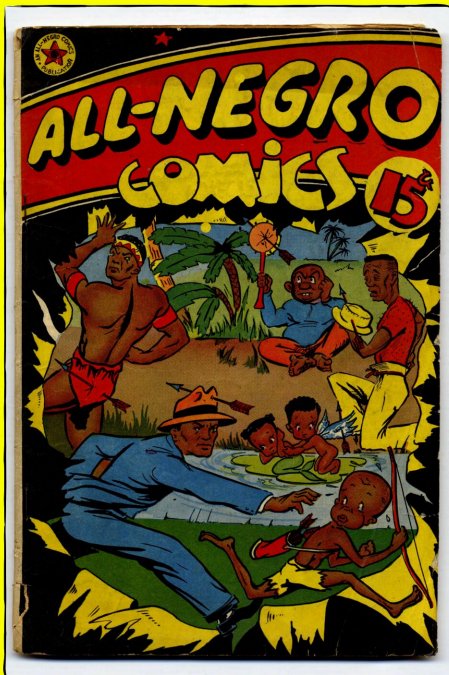


WE ARE HIDING FROM THE ONES WE PROTECT. MANY PEOPLE FEAR WHAT THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND. SOME WOULD DESTROY WHAT THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND. ONCE THERE WAS A WORLD OF SUPERHEROES FIGHTING DURING WORLD WAR TWO. SOME WORE FANCY COSTUMES WHILE OTHERS WERE HIDDEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES IN PLAIN SIGHT.



"After WWII, the United States government disbanded the superheroes out of fear of their powers being used to enslave the country and the world. There was a group of ethnic superheroes that fought as well. They were called **The Talented Tenth**. The name came from **W.E.B. Dubois** meaning the tenth of a population shall save the other ninety percent. Backed by the **NAACP**, they were fighting against the Nazis overseas and prejudice in America. They continued to fight until the mid-sixties when the government hunted them down." The stranger continued. "Many of the old comic books of the forties and fifties were actually the true adventures of those heroes." the stranger stated,

"**ALL NEGRO COMICS # 1** printed in June of **1947** was secretly about the adventures of the first black heroes. **Reporter Orrin C. Evans** documented their adventures but he knew he couldn't publish it in newspapers. So he used his own money to publish a comic book. He felt there tales were too valuable to die to history. He made one issue before he was shut down by the government. There are only a handful of the comics left in existence. I have one of those in my possession in mint condition" the stranger finished.



ORRIN C. EVANS