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**THE
DYNASTY**





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The Triumph Division: Sarong, but it feels so right!

Personally, I've always welcomed the chance to see more international superheroes in Marvel comics, since it gives us a look at the broader world beyond American superheroes. We see the likes of the Avengers in action all the time, and epic cosmos-spanning adventures reaching from the Microverse, to the far reaches of space and dimensions beyond human understanding, but, with the occasional exception, we hardly ever see what goes on in other parts of the world. In the pages of *The Invincible Iron Man*, Matt Fraction and Salvador Larocca did a little bit to close that gap by introducing the national superteam of the Philippines, the Triumph Division.

International heroes in the Marvel Universe are often something of a crapshoot, and these guys are no exception. From what I've read in online forums, reception among Filipino readers has been mixed. On the one hand, they've been commended for providing some representation for the Philippines and managed to avoid perpetuating any cultural stereotypes. On the other hand, they've gotten some criticisms for a few cultural inaccuracies: for example, mongooses are not common in the Philippines (hand-waved with the explanation that Great Mongoose gets his name from a martial arts style), and Saint George isn't all that popular there (which Fraction explained as being an easy nod to the country's Catholic identity without

having to go into any extra baggage). Most of all though, the biggest challenge here was a lack of material. The Triumph Division has only appeared in a handful of issues, leaving me with a lot of guesswork to fill in the blanks. For example, I challenge anyone to provide me with some substantial information about Mighty Mother!

So why Triumph Division? This Marvel Phile started out as a section on the Diwatas (Filipino gods and goddesses) for an upcoming supplement on Asian deities in the *Marvelous Myths and Monsters* series, of which Keith Kilburn's excellent volumes on Asgard and Olympus are pending release as I write this. It seemed like the Triumph Division needed to appear somewhere, but I ultimately cut them out to keep the page count down, and keep the focus on mythology. So, think of this as either a "lost chapter" or a sneak preview.

As an added bonus, we also present the Chinese version of the Avengers, *The Dynasty!*

Let us know if you like what we are doing here, or if you want to see something different. Requests are also welcome, but please bear in mind, that we cannot possibly accommodate all requests. Feel free to send requests, feedback, and submissions (especially submissions!) to [themarvelphile@gmail.com!](mailto:themarvelphile@gmail.com)

Please enjoy and feel free to give us feedback!

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TRIUMPH DIVISION



BACKGROUND

Name: Triumph Division

Aliases: Pangkat ng Tagumpay (in Filipino/Tagalog)

Base of Operations: Triumph Hall, Manila, Philippines

Current Members: Red Feather III (leader), St. George II, Mighty Mother II, Anitun II, Wishing Man II, Great Mongoose II, Fighter One II

Past Members: St. George, Mighty Mother, Anitun, Fighter One, Wishing Man, Great Mongoose, Red Feather II, Red Feather I

"The sons and daughters of these heroes will one day replace these heroes... they train for it their whole lives. They're excited, nervous, eager, and full of energy. If they're scared, they cover it with bravado, pride, and hope. Reminds me of the early days of the Avengers. The Philippines is in great hands. Long live The Triumph Division."

~ Tony Stark, Iron Man

The Triumph Division is the main superhero group of the Philippines, headquartered at Triumph Hall, in Manila, the Philippines' capital city. According to Filipino tradition, their superhero names are passed down from generation to generation ever since. The members of the Triumph Division are trained from birth to someday succeed their predecessors if something happens to them. One incarnation of the Triumph Division was gathered in a single location in Manila to be honored with a historic monument

for saving victims of a major tsunami that have devastated the Philippines. While they were celebrating, a group of monks came to personally thank them for their heroic efforts. Suddenly, the monks, revealed to be suicide bombers, attacked and blew up the gathered group. All the Triumph Division heroes were apparently killed and it was soon revealed that the monks were actually agents of Ezekiel Stane. Iron Man (who was the Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. at the time) along with the superhero Thor, attended the funeral of one of the members.

Weeks later, Iron Man visited a new Triumph Division incarnation, the new successors of those killed in the suicide bombing. After his meeting, Iron Man determined that "the Philippines are in good hands now."

Months later, they were approached by Pepper Potts and Bethany Cabe, who asked them to help rescue Tony Stark from the Mandarin, and they gladly accepted. They subsequently fought against the Mandarin and his Titanomechs together with Iron Man, his allies, and The Dynasty.

Sometime later, the Triumph Division prevented the Macronauts from making a landfall in Quezon City.



RED FEATHER

F	EX (20)
A	EX (20)
S	RM (30)
E	RM (30)
R	EX (20)
I	GD (10)
P	GD (10)

Health: 100

Karma: 40

Resources: EX

Popularity: 0 / 30 in Philippines

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown

Occupation: Leader of Triumph Division

Legal Status: Filipino citizen

Identity: Secret

Other Known Aliases: Red Feather III

Place of Birth: Unknown, presumably Philippines

Marital Status: Single

Known Relatives: Red Feather (relative, deceased); Red Feather II (relative)

Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)

Past Group Affiliations: None

Present Group Affiliation: Triumph Division

KNOWN POWERS

Flight: IN (25 areas/round)

Hyper-Speed: GD (10)

Body Resistance: GD (10)

TALENTS: Leadership, Aerial Combat

CONTACTS: Triumph Division, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Red Feather seems to be a Filipino counterpart to DC's Superman. Like his counterpart, he embraces a clean-cut image as a defender of justice.

HISTORY

This is the third of a family becoming the Red Feather, after the original was killed along the original members of the Triumph Division in a terrorist attack orchestrated by Ezekiel Stane and a female Red Feather took his legacy, protecting the Philippines. He's seen leading the Triumph Division when Pepper Potts and Bethany Cabe asked them to help Iron Man to battle the Mandarin, which they gladly accepted.



ST. GEORGE

F RM(30)
A GD (10)
S EX (20)/ RM (30) (with armor)
E GD (10)/ EX (20)
R EX (20)
I GD (10)
P TY (6)

Health: 70/ 90

Karma: 36

Resources: GD

Popularity: 0 / 30 in Philippines

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown

Occupation: Adventurer

Legal Status: Filipino

Identity: Secret

Other Known Aliases: St. George II

Place of Birth: Unknown, presumably Philippines

Marital Status: Single

Known Relatives: St. George I (relative, deceased); son, unnamed

Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)

Past Group Affiliations: None

Present Group Affiliation: Triumph Division

KNOWN POWERS

None

EQUIPMENT:

Sword: St. George wields Ascalon, the name of the sword that Saint George from Christian myth slew the plague-bearing dragon. Damage 20, Material Strength RM

Armor: Body Armor: EX (20), Flight: RM (15 areas/round)

TALENTS: Edged Weapons, Aerial Combat

CONTACTS: Triumph Division, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

It is unknown to what degree, his powers stem from his equipment or from natural ability.

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Like many residents of his country, the young man known as St. George is a devout Catholic. St. George takes his name from Saint George of Lydda.



KNOWN POWERS

None known, aside from her superhuman physical abilities.

TALENTS: Martial Arts A and B

CONTACTS: Triumph Division, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Mighty Mother has only been seen in the background; her personality is not known.



MIGHTY MOTHER

- F EX (20)
- A EX (20)
- S EX (20)
- E IN (40)
- R GD(10)
- I GD (10)
- P EX (20)

Health: 100
Karma: 40
Resources: GD
Popularity: 0 / 30 in Philippines

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown
Occupation: Adventurer
Legal Status: Filipino
Identity: Secret
Other Known Aliases: Mighty Mother II
Place of Birth: Unknown, presumably Philippines
Marital Status: Single
Known Relatives: Mighty Mother I (relative)
Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)
Past Group Affiliations: None
Present Group Affiliation: Triumph Division

WISHING MAN

- F GD (10)
- A EX (20)
- S GD (10)
- E EX (20)
- R GD (10)
- I RM (30)
- P RM (30)

Health: 60
Karma: 70
Resources: GD
Popularity: 0 / 30 in Philippines

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown
Occupation: Adventurer
Legal Status: Filipino
Identity: Secret
Other Known Aliases: Wishing Man II
Place of Birth: Unknown, presumably Philippines
Marital Status: Single
Known Relatives: Wishing Man I (relative, deceased)
Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)
Past Group Affiliations: None
Present Group Affiliation: Triumph Division

KNOWN POWERS

Wishing: The Wishing Man apparently has the ability to alter reality using verbal incantations, which he refers to as "wishes". Acts as Probability Manipulation similar to Scarlet Witch's, at Excellent rank.

EQUIPMENT:

Battle Staff: TY (6) damage, Poor material strength

TALENTS: Mystic Background, Blunt Weapons

CONTACTS: Triumph Division, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

As the magical-themed member of the team, the Wishing Man embraces an air of mystery.



GREAT MONGOOSE

F RM (30)
A RM (30)
S EX (20)
E RM (30)
R TY (6)
I GD (10)
P GD (10)

Health: 110
Karma: 36
Resources: GD
Popularity: 0 / 30 in Philippines

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown
Occupation: Adventurer
Legal Status: Filipino
Identity: Secret
Other Known Aliases: Great Mongoose II
Place of Birth: Unknown, presumably Philippines
Marital Status: Single
Known Relatives: Great Mongoose I (relative, deceased)
Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)
Past Group Affiliations: None
Present Group Affiliation: Triumph Division

KNOWN POWERS

Martial Arts Supremacy (Yaw-yan): Excellent

Hyper-Speed: Good

TALENTS: Martial Arts A, C, E, Yaw-Yan [Martial Arts B; may disarm opponent upon a Red FEAT roll]

CONTACTS: Triumph Division, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Great Mongoose is one of the team's two martial artists. Like his predecessor, his name was chosen for the mongoose fighting technique, and for the animal's speed and ferocity in battle. He has a serious but calm demeanor.



hit with Grappling attacks, +1CS Initiative]
CONTACTS: Triumph Division, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Fighter One is another martial artist on the Triumph Division team. His build suggests a fighting style relying more upon strength than speed.

FIGHTER ONE

F RM (30)
A EX (20)
S RM (30)
E RM (30)
R TY (6)
I TY (6)
P PR (4)

Health: 110
Karma: 14
Resources: GD
Popularity: 0 / 30 in Philippines

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown
Occupation: Adventurer
Legal Status: Filipino
Identity: Secret
Other Known Aliases: Fighter One II
Place of Birth: Unknown, presumably Philippines
Marital Status: Single
Known Relatives: Fighter One I (relative, deceased)
Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)
Past Group Affiliations: None
Present Group Affiliation: Triumph Division

KNOWN POWERS

Martial Arts Supremacy (B): Good

TALENTS: Martial Arts A through D, Escrima [Martial Arts E, plus +1CS to



ANITUN

F RM (30)
A GD (10)
S IN (40)
E AM (50)
R GD(10)
I GD (10)
P RM (30)

Health: 130
Karma: 50
Resources: GD/ AM in Kaluwalhatian
Popularity: 4 / 40 in Philippines/ Kaluwalhatian

BACKGROUND

Real Name: (*goddess*) Anitun Tabu; (*host*) Unknown
Occupation: Goddess of Wind, Lightning, and Rain
Legal Status: Kaluwalhatian
Identity: No dual identity
Other Known Aliases: Anitun II
Place of Birth: Kaluwalhatian

Marital Status: Single

Known Relatives: *Host:* Anitun I (relative, deceased).

Goddess: Dumangan (father), Idianale (mother), Dumakulem (brother)

Base of Operations: Manila, Philippines (Earth-616)

Past Group Affiliations: None

Present Group Affiliation: Diwatas, Triumph Division

KNOWN POWERS

Divata Physiology: As a goddess, Anitun possesses the abilities inherent to her magical race:

- *Body Resistance:* Excellent (20)
- *Resist Disease:* Unearthly (100)
- *Longevity:* The Diwatas cease aging at adulthood. They may still be killed normally.
- *Regeneration:* Excellent (20)
- *Spirit Bonding:* Diwatas can merge with a host to act as their avatar in the earthly (616) realm. The merged host will gain all of the Diwata's powers and primary abilities, but will retain the memories and personality of the host. It is necessary for the Diwatas to have an earthly host in order to appear in the Earth-616 dimension for any extended amount of time (see Weaknesses, below).
- *Resurrection:* Anitun can pool her energy with other Philippine gods to raise the dead.

Weather Control: Anitun is able to call upon rain, lightning and wind at Amazing rank. Her control can be used in numerous ways:

- *Wind:* As an Amazing rank Force attack, also capable of moving and manipulating objects with the equivalent of Amazing strength.
- *Lightning:* As per Electrical Generation, does damage as Amazing energy.
- *Rain:* Can create a deluge of rain at Amazing ability, as per Elemental Creation: Water

TALENTS: Martial Arts A, B

WEAKNESSES:

Diwatas lose their power the longer they remain away from their home dimension of Kaluwalhatian, unless they have merged with a host (see Powers, above). A Diwata appearing in any other dimension will suffer a loss of one Endurance rank per day; reaching Shift 0 Endurance results in the Diwatas disappearance from the earthly realm and reappearance in their

home dimension. Once in their home dimension, Endurance recovers normally.

CONTACTS: Diwatas, Triumph Division, Iron Man, Thor

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

In her goddess form, Anitun Tabu is known to be mostly benevolent, but fickle-minded. Her human host is eager to serve her role well and takes pride in her heritage.

HISTORY

Anitun Tabu is known as the fickle-minded goddess of wind and rain in Tagalog mythology. She's one of the two children of Dumangan (the sky-god of good harvest) and Idianale (the goddess of labor, good deeds, and animal husbandry), along with her brother Dumakulem, guardian of the mountains.

Anitun is a member of the Triumph Division. Similar to other members of the Triumph Division passing on their code names through their family generation, the goddess Anitun transfers her life essence to a host. When the host dies, she chooses the host's daughter as her next physical avatar. Thus, the present incarnation of Anitun is an amalgam of the goddess and a human host, much the way Thor has interacted with his alter ego Donald Blake in the past. Anitun's human host retains control of her body and retains all of her thoughts and memories, while also being able to access those of the goddess.

The present Anitun is at least the second woman to act as a host for the goddess. When the original members of the Triumph Division died in a terrorist attack orchestrated by Ezekiel Stane, their relatives took their legacies, protecting the Philippines like a young woman who took the name Anitun. They were visited by Iron Man, who presented condolences and wished good luck.

BACKGROUND

Name: The Dynasty

Aliases: No known aliases

Base of Operations: Unrevealed

Current Members: None

Previous Members: The Star, Weather Witch, Saber, Soldier One, The Revolutionary

The Dynasty is a group of Chinese superheroes who work for the government – specifically, they report directly to and get their orders from their Intra-Military Intelligence and Operations Division, also known as “The People”.

Among their ranks are The Star, Weather Witch, Saber, Soldier One and The Revolutionary, depicted by Iron Man as a "sort of a militarized Avengers...". They have so far only been seen operating in their own country.

When Mandarin sent a wave of Dreadnoughts to destroy the Three Gorges Dam in China, Iron Man went to help, and was joined by The Dynasty.

They Dynasty, Iron Man, and War Machine were shortly after ordered to evacuate the area, as the Chinese military decided to use jets to explode the Dam, so although they would lose it anyway, they could at least destroy the enemy. The Dynasty left the scene in a special aircraft.

When Tony Stark was kidnapped by the Mandarin and forced to create new weapons for him, the Dynasty was contacted by Tony's friends Pepper Potts and Bethany Cabe of Resilient for help in rescuing Tony, which they gladly accepted. They arrived just in time when Iron Man was fighting Mandarin and his Titanomechs, which were destroyed by the efforts of the heroes.

The Dynasty later fought Thanos' forces during his invasion, where The Star and Soldier One died in battle. Following the loss of their leader, the Dynasty was disbanded, but the Weather Witch and Saber would later join another Chinese superhero team known as the Ascendants.



THE STAR

F IN (40)
A RM (30)
S GD (10)
E RM (30)
R GD (10)
I RM (30)
P TY (6)

Health: 110

Karma: 46

Resources: EX

Popularity: 0 / 20 in China

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unknown

Occupation: Leader of The Dynasty

Legal Status: Chinese citizen, with no criminal background, deceased

Identity: Secret

Other Known Aliases: None

Place of Birth: Unrevealed, presumably People's Republic of China

Marital Status: Unrevealed

Known Relatives: Unrevealed

Base of Operations: People's Republic of China

Past Group Affiliations: The Dynasty

Present Group Affiliation: None

KNOWN POWERS

None

EQUIPMENT

Body Armor: Remarkable resistance to Physical and Energy attacks.

Shield: Has Amazing material strength, and provides Incredible protection against Physical and Energy attacks.

Blaster pistols: Remarkable damage at a range of 3 Areas.



Communications gear: Worldwide communications with The People and his team.

TALENTS: Leadership, Guns

CONTACTS: The Dynasty, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

The Shield was a dedicated servant to the People of China, obeying orders that may seem counter to good sense (like allowing the Three Gorges Dam to be blown up, flooding the downstream areas and likely killing thousands of people).

THE REVOLUTIONARY

F EX (20)
 A GD (10)
 S AM (50)
 E AM (50)
 R GD (10)
 I GD (10)
 P TY (6)

Health: 130
Karma: 26
Resources: EX
Popularity: 0 / 20 in China

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unrevealed
Occupation: Government agent
Legal Status: Chinese citizen, with no criminal background
Identity: Secret, known to the Chinese authorities
Other Known Aliases: None
Place of Birth: Presumably the People's Republic of China
Marital Status: Unrevealed
Known Relatives: Unrevealed
Base of Operations: People's Republic of China
Past Group Affiliations: The Dynasty
Present Group Affiliation: None

KNOWN POWERS

None

EQUIPMENT

Armor: Amazing resistance to Physical and Energy attacks. Also provides the following abilities in addition to his increase stats – however, the full extent of his/her abilities have yet to be seen.
Flight: Remarkable airspeed.
Communications gear: Worldwide communications with The People and the team.

TALENTS: Unrevealed

CONTACTS: The Dynasty, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Little is known about the person in the Revolutionary armor.

SOLDIER ONE

F EX (20)
 A RM (30)
 S GD (10)
 E EX (20)
 R TY (6)
 I GD (10)
 P TY (6)

Health: 80
Karma: 22
Resources: EX
Popularity: 0 / 20 in China

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unrevealed
Occupation: Government agent
Legal Status: Chinese citizen, with no criminal background, deceased
Identity: Secret, known to the Chinese authorities
Other Known Aliases: None
Place of Birth: Presumably the People's Republic of China
Marital Status: Unrevealed
Known Relatives: Unrevealed
Base of Operations: People's Republic of China
Past Group Affiliations: The Dynasty
Present Group Affiliation: None

KNOWN POWERS

None

EQUIPMENT

Weapons Harness: Soldier One is outfitted with a Weapons Harness which has the following abilities:
Blaster Cannons: Two cannons that cause Incredible energy damage up to a 5 Area range.

Communications gear: Worldwide communications with The People and the team.

TALENTS: Weapons Specialist: Weapon Harness

CONTACTS: The Dynasty, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Little is known about Soldier One, other than he has a sense of honor in repaying debts.

SABER

F RM (30)
A RM (30)
S EX (20)
E RM (30)
R TY (6)
I GD (10)
P TY (6)

Health: 110
Karma: 22
Resources: EX
Popularity: 0 / 20 in China

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unrevealed
Occupation: Government agent
Legal Status: Chinese citizen, with no criminal background
Identity: Secret, known to the Chinese authorities
Other Known Aliases: None
Place of Birth: Presumably the People's Republic of China
Marital Status: Unrevealed
Known Relatives: Unrevealed
Base of Operations: People's Republic of China
Past Group Affiliations: The Dynasty
Present Group Affiliation: The Ascendants

KNOWN POWERS

None

EQUIPMENT

Armor: Good resistance to Physical and Energy attacks. Also provides the following abilities in addition to his increase stats – however, the full extent of his/her abilities have yet to be seen.

Energy Sabers: Incredible Energy damage.

Communications gear: Worldwide communications with The People and the team.

TALENTS: Martial Arts E, Sharp Weapons

CONTACTS: The Dynasty, The Ascendants, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Little is known about Saber.

WEATHER WITCH

F EX (20)
A EX (20)
S RM (30)
E RM (30)
R EX (20)
I GD (10)
P GD (10)

Health: 100
Karma: 40
Resources: EX
Popularity: 0 / 20 in China

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Unrevealed
Occupation: Government agent
Legal Status: Chinese citizen, with no criminal background
Identity: Secret, known to the Chinese authorities
Other Known Aliases: None
Place of Birth: Presumably the People's Republic of China
Marital Status: Unrevealed
Known Relatives: Unrevealed
Base of Operations: People's Republic of China
Past Group Affiliations: The Dynasty

Present Group Affiliation: The Ascendants

KNOWN POWERS

The source and full extent of her powers are unrevealed, but she has demonstrated the following abilities:

Electricity Generation: Weather Witch is able to generate lightning-like blasts at Amazing rank.

EQUIPMENT

Armor: Excellent resistance to Physical and Energy attacks. Also provides the following abilities:

Communications gear: Worldwide communications with The People and the team.

TALENTS: Unrevealed

CONTACTS: The Dynasty, The Ascendants, Iron Man

ADDITIONAL NOTES

When using her powers, her eyes glow a light blue.

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Little has been revealed about Weather Witch.

Dynasty Jet

These aircraft are outfitted with blaster cannons that do Incredible damage with a 5 Area range. They are operated by a crew of two, are capable of carrying the entire team plus 8 additional passengers, and have a range of approximately 1200 miles.

Control	Speed	Body	Protection
EX	ShY	GD	GD



TRIUMPH DIVISION

THE DYNASTY

WE ARE HERE, AS TONY STARK HAS BEEN PRESENT FOR US.

THAT SHOULD SAY ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID.

NOW WHAT IS THE PLAN...?

