

# VALIANT COMICS

## COLLECTIBLE FIRST APPEARANCE ISSUES (in release order)

1991

Magnus #5 – first appearance of **Rai** (a Rai trading card was included in Magnus #4)

Solar Man of the Atom #3 – first appearance of Toyo Harada and the **Harbinger** Foundation

Magnus #7 – first appearance of **X-O** armor (Commando class, earlier than X-O Manowar appearance)

1992

Harbinger #1 – first appearance of the **Harbinger renegades** (kids): Peter, Kris, Charlene, Faith, Torque

X-O Manowar #1 – first appearance of **X-O Manowar** armor, first appearance of Aric of Dacia

X-O Manowar #4 – first (brief) appearance of Jack Boniface (becomes **Shadowman**)

Shadowman #1 – first (full) appearance of Jack Boniface (Shadowman)

Solar #10 – first appearance of Gilad Anni-Padda/Abrams (**Eternal Warrior**), first Geomancers

Archer & Armstrong #0\* – first appearance of **Archer & Armstrong** (Obadiah Archer, Aram Anni-Padda)

Harbinger #10 – first appearance of **H.A.R.D. Corps**

Eternal Warrior #4 – first (brief) appearance of **Bloodshot**

Rai #0 – first (full) appearance of Bloodshot, first new Rai, VALIANT universe future revealed

Shadowman #8 – first appearance of Master Darque

1993

Archer & Armstrong / Eternal Warrior #8 – first appearance of Ivar Anni-Padda (**Timewalker**)

Bloodshot #6 – first appearance of Colin King (**Ninjak**)

### BACKGROUND

The VALIANT universe of comics started in 1991 with the re-introduction of Magnus and Solar\*\*.

The first original character was Rai, introduced in Magnus #5. The first original title was Harbinger #1.

The Unity storyline of 1992 brought attention to VALIANT, written as capital letters in the 1990s.

VALIANT was purchased by Acclaim Entertainment in 1994 and Acclaim went bankrupt in 2004.

Valiant Entertainment purchased the Valiant characters in 2005 and restarted the universe in 2012.

It is not necessary to read the 1990s comics for the current Valiant universe, however, these comics provide the original names, designs, and story influences for many characters reintroduced since 2012.

Generally speaking, the availability of these comics increases down this list. Magnus #5 (1991) is less common than Bloodshot #6 (1993), and most Valiant comics from 1993-94 are extremely common.

\* Two versions of Archer & Armstrong #0: a limited gold edition and a regular edition were produced

\*\* Magnus, Solar, and Turok were licensed characters in the 1990s and not part of the Valiant universe (2012 to present)