

# STRANGE, ADAM

## CHAMPION OF RANN

FIRST APPEARANCE SHOWCASE #17 (December 1958)

STATUS Hero REAL NAME Jean Paul Valley

OCCUPATION Adventurer BASE The planet Rann

HEIGHT 6ft WEIGHT 175 lbs EYES Blue HAIR Blond

SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Adam is a brilliant strategist and expert flyer. He can teleport across space using a Rannian machine; also travels using a jet pack; wears a special suit fitted with oxygen tanks to survive in the airless vacuum of space; main weapon is a ray gun.

**ARCHAEOLOGIST ADAM STRANGE** was unexpectedly transported 25 trillion miles across space to the planet Rann. There, he met the scientist Sardath, who explained that his Zeta beam had been intended purely as a communications tool but had turned out to be a teleportation device instead. Over time, Adam adapted so well to this new world that he became the planet's protector, using his wits and the native technology to overcome alien invasions, rogue monsters and the occasional Tornado Tyrant.

### ZETA BEAM LOVE

Adam fell in love with Sardath's beautiful daughter Alanna, but their romance was regularly interrupted, for whenever the Zeta beam radiation wore off, Adam was yanked back to Earth. To return to Rann, Adam had to calculate the next time and location the Zeta Beam would strike. It was some time before Adam learned Rann's secret: Rannian men were all sterile and Adam had been brought to Rann to father a child with Alanna and perpetuate the race!

During his exploits on Rann, Adam was aided by the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, and many other heroes. Adam was finally drained of the toxic radiation that prevented him from making long-term stays on Rann. His romance with Alanna continued, and the JLA attended their wedding. Finally drained of the energy that kept him on Rann, Adam returned to Earth.

Later, using a "Mega-Zeta Beam," Adam was permanently teleported to Rann. His happiness was shattered when Alanna died giving birth to their daughter Alea. Sardath went mad, rocketing the city of Ranagar into space in a protective sphere. Seemingly deranged himself, Adam brought the JLA to Rann and commanded them "to restore the planet to its former glory."

In fact, Adam's actions were a ruse to outwit the En'Tarans. This race of telepathic conquerors, who sought the Zeta Beam technology for their own dark purposes, revived Alanna from her deathlike state. Adam, Alanna and Alea were happily reunited.

In the lead-up to the Imperix War (see Great Battles, pp. 320–1) Adam joined an alliance of alien heroes and villains led by DARKSEID. He provided Zeta Beam technology to teleport the population of Metropolis into a space vessel called *Paradocs*, where the citizens would act as a kind of M.A.S.H. unit in the upcoming war. RG

**CIRCLE OF FIRE** Green Lightning, a Green Lantern from the future, rescues Adam from peril on planet Rann.



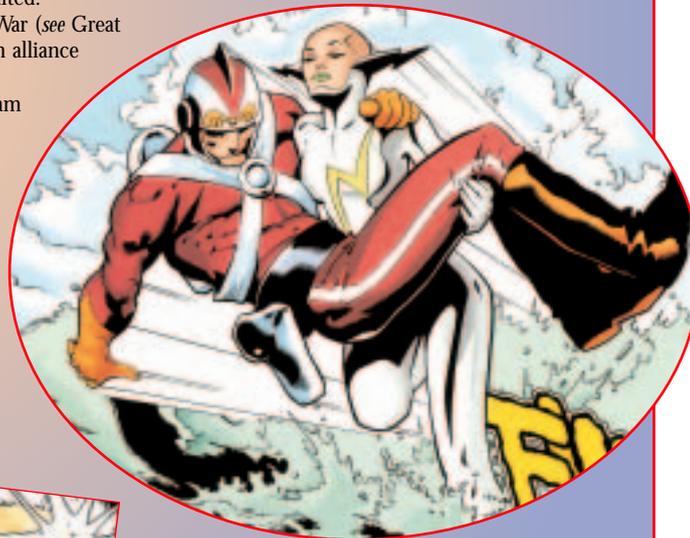
**LEARNING DEVICE** Sardath, who developed the Zeta Beam, also found a quick way to teach Adam his language.



**BEAMED UP** The Zeta Beam conveys Adam from Earth to Alanna.



**FADE OUT** After a time, the Zeta effect wears off and Adam is returned to Earth.



**ZAPPING THE BAD GUY** Adam Strange is a fast thinker, using all his experience to find a way to vanquish a foe. He's also a dead shot with his ray gun.

### KEY STORYLINES

- **ADAM STRANGE: MAN OF TWO WORLDS** (1990): Adam seemingly loses Rann, Alanna and his daughter in a cosmic conflict.
- **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA** #120–121 (JULY–AUGUST 1975): Adam and Alanna finally get married, but not without considerable difficulty.
- **MYSTERY IN SPACE** #68 (JUNE 1961): Adam's first encounter with the deadly Dust Devils.
- **SHOWCASE** #17 (NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 1958): Adam first rides the Zeta Beam to discover Rann.

