

# HAWKMAN

## THE WINGED AVENGER

FIRST APPEARANCE FLASH COMICS #1 (January 1940)

STATUS Hero REAL NAME Carter Hall

OCCUPATION Adventurer BASE St. Roch, Louisiana

HEIGHT 6ft 1in WEIGHT 195 lbs EYES Blue HAIR Brown

SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Thanagarian Nth Metal on boots and wing harnesses allow him to fly; artificial wings give great speed and agility; Nth Metal permits Hawkman to lift great weights and withstand extremes of temperature during flight; wields a variety of ancient weapons, including shield, dagger, mace, cestus, battleaxe, and more.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS**  
*With ancient weapons amassed during his many lifetimes on Earth, Hawkman fights an eternal struggle against evil in any age.*



**THE STORY OF HAWKMAN** begins many millennia ago, during the 15th Dynasty of Ancient Egypt. Prince Khufu and his beloved Chay-Ara discovered the wreckage of a spacecraft from the planet Thanagar. After exposure to the mysterious Nth Metal, the vehicle's anti-gravity alloy, Khufu and Chay-Ara were murdered by the sinister sorcerer Hath-Set. The Nth Metal initiated a cycle of reincarnation that would see Khufu and Chay-Ara reborn countless times throughout the ages.

### BORN AGAIN LOVERS

Reincarnated during America's Wild West, Khufu was the gunfighting hero NIGHTHAWK, while Chay-Ara was pistol-packing CINNAMON I. In the 1940s, Khufu was archaeologist Carter Hall and became Hawkman, while Chay-Ara found new life as Sheira Saunders, the heroine HAWKGIRL and Carter's wife. Both winged wonders served with the JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA (Hawkman was chairman) and the wartime ALL-STAR SQUADRON. Both Hawks

later became members of the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA and flew with the team on its earliest missions. The Halls' cycle of death and rebirth was interrupted during the Zero Hour crisis (see Great Battles, pp. 320-1), when both Carter and Sheira merged with Thanagarian policeman Katar Hol, who adopted the mantle of Hawkman. Unfortunately, Sheira perished in the merging. Carter later freed himself from his union with Katar, who also died.

Carter was resurrected yet again, this time possessing memories of his every previous reincarnation. Sheira, however, was reborn as



**CURSED** *Discovering a downed Thanagarian spacecraft gave Prince Khufu the power to fly and his immortal curse.*

her own grandniece, Kendra Saunders, with no past memories. Carter reclaimed the role of Hawkman, and rejoined the JSA alongside the new Hawkgirl. But for the first time in all their previous lives, Hawkgirl did not recognize Hawkman as her soulmate. Blinded by his love for Chay-Ara, in any form she exists, Hawkman followed Hawkgirl to St. Roch, Louisiana, as she began a quest to find the villain who murdered Kendra Saunders's parents. There, the two have become the city's winged guardians. SB

**TOGETHER FOREVER** *The Hawks are destined to find each other and fall in love time and time again.*

### KEY STORYLINES

- LEGEND OF THE HAWKMAN #1-3 (JULY-SEPT. 2000): A retelling of Hawkman and Hawkgirl's connection to distant Thanagar.
- JSA SECRET FILES AND ORIGINS #1 (AUG. 1999): The return of Hawkgirl signals the reincarnation of Hawkman!
- JSA #23-26 (JUNE-SEPT. 2001): A reborn Carter Hall rejoins the JSA and leads the team to glory.



**FEARLESS FIGHTER** *Flying solo against fire-breathing monsters, soaring alongside Hawkgirl, or leading the assembled JSA, Hawkman is one of the greatest warriors ever known.*

