

STARMAN

THE STARRY KNIGHT

STARMAN I

FIRST APPEARANCE ADVENTURE COMICS #61 (April 1941)
STATUS Hero (deceased) **REAL NAME** Theodore Henry Knight
OCCUPATION Astronomer, adventurer **BASE** Opal City
HEIGHT 6ft **WEIGHT** 165 lbs **EYES** Blue **HAIR** Gray
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES A wealthy amateur scientific genius who helped develop the atomic bomb. He also invented a method for collecting energy radiated by stars and the Gravity Rod, which allowed him to fly; an average hand-to-combatant.

STARMAN II

See **DR. MID-NITE I**
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Paul "Robotman" Dennis and Jim "Red Torpedo" Lockhart designed and constructed a sophisticated star-shaped hovercraft that served as Starman II's transportation.

STARMAN III

FIRST APPEARANCE FIRST ISSUE SPECIAL #12 (March 1976)
STATUS Hero **REAL NAME** Mikaal Tomas
OCCUPATION Adventurer **BASE** Opal City
HEIGHT 6ft 3in **WEIGHT** 160 lbs **EYES** Pale blue **HAIR** Purple
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES The sonic crystal that was seared into his flesh allowed Mikaal to fire sonic blasts and granted him invulnerability and limited flight.

STARMAN IV

FIRST APPEARANCE ADVENTURE COMICS #467 (January 1980)
STATUS Hero (deceased) **REAL NAME** Prince Gavyn
OCCUPATION Adventurer **BASE** Throneworld
HEIGHT 6ft 2in **WEIGHT** 180 lbs **EYES** Blue **HAIR** Blond
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Could absorb energy and redirect it as heat or energy bolts.

STARMAN V

FIRST APPEARANCE STARMAN (1st series) #1 (October 1980)
STATUS Hero (deceased) **REAL NAME** William Payton
OCCUPATION Adventurer **BASE** Tucson, Arizona
HEIGHT 6ft 11in **WEIGHT** 180 lbs **EYES** Brown **HAIR** Brown
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Could emit heat and light; had the power of flight, and could alter his physical form.

STARMAN VI

FIRST APPEARANCE STARMAN (1st series) #26 (September 1990)
STATUS Hero (deceased) **REAL NAME** David Knight
OCCUPATION Adventurer **BASE** Opal City
HEIGHT 5ft 11in **WEIGHT** 170 lbs **EYES** Brown **HAIR** Brown
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES While possessing the cosmic rod, David could fly and direct energy bolts, although he was never especially adept at it.

STARMAN III

Unknown to Ted Knight, the blue-skinned Mikaal Tomas escaped from his fellow race of invading aliens from Talok III. Tomas began adventuring as Starman III while Ted raised his children. Within a year, Mikaal Tomas killed the other surviving member of his race in ritual combat, then disappeared from sight for years. After his rescue from virtual imprisonment, Mikaal joined Starman VI for several adventures before going his own way once more.

THE LEGEND OF THE STARMAN, harnessing the stars for the greater good of humanity, stretches from the dawn of the atomic age through the millennia. It begins with wealthy amateur astronomer Ted Knight, who in 1939, created the Gravity Rod, which enabled him to augment or negate gravity. Crafting a super-hero costume, he took flight as Starman.

STARMAN I

Knight's heroic career led to his protecting not only his beloved Opal City, but all of the U.S. through his work with the JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA and the ALL-STAR SQUADRON. He battled the MIST I again and again, creating an enmity that would last for decades. Knight, who was haunted by his role in the creation of the atomic bomb, resigned from the JSA after helping them beat the dimensional conqueror known as STALKER. Soon after this, he suffered the first of a series of nervous breakdowns and bouts of depression, which led him to temporarily give up his heroic career.

OPAL CITY CHAMPIONS

Dr. Mid-Nite took over Knight's role, becoming Starman II, and watching over Opal City. Then a time-lost David Knight (who would be Starman VI) arrived in town and was groomed by Dr. Mid-Nite to become his "secret weapon." Eventually David returned to his own time in the future and Ted Knight resumed his Starman mantle.

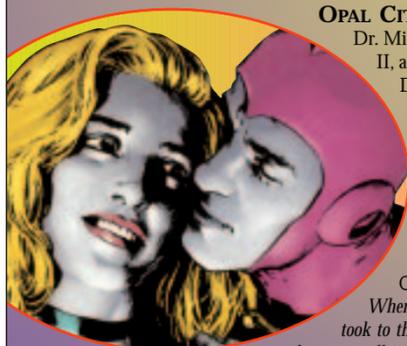
Ted met Adele Doris Drew at a fundraiser, and the two fell in love, married, and had two sons, David and Jack. During those years, Ted, sporting an upgraded device called the Cosmic Rod, often came out of retirement, fighting villains with such heroes as Black Canary I and Wildcat I.

STARMAN IV AND V

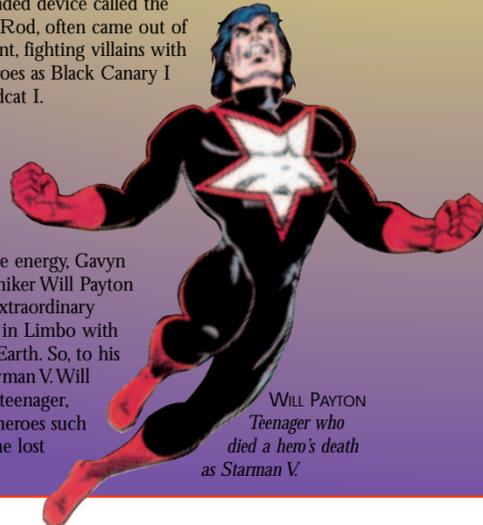
Out in the distant universe, Prince Gavyn became known as Starman IV, protector of his empire. He served his people well, sacrificing his life during the Crisis (see Great Battles, pp. 320-1). Reduced to pure energy, Gavyn was directed toward Earth. Teenage hitchhiker Will Payton was struck by Gavyn's lifeforce, gaining extraordinary powers. At this time, Starman I was away in Limbo with the JSA, battling demons to protect the Earth. So, to his sister Jayne's delight, Payton became Starman V. Will struggled with being both a hero and a teenager, and learned the ropes from established heroes such as BATMAN and the ATOM. Eventually he lost his life battling the villain ECLIPSO.



STARMAN II *Opal City guardian.*



CANARY KISS *When Starman took to the skies, he began an affair with the first Black Canary.*



WILL PAYTON *Teenager who died a hero's death as Starman V.*

STARMAN VII

FIRST APPEARANCE ZERO HOUR #1 (September 1994)
STATUS Hero **REAL NAME** Jack Knight
OCCUPATION Antique dealer; adventurer **BASE** Opal City
HEIGHT 6ft 11in **WEIGHT** 165 lbs **EYES** Blue **HAIR** Black
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Trained in jujitsu, and uses the Cosmic Rod to fly or to project energy bolts, levitate objects or create force fields.

STARMAN VIII

FIRST APPEARANCE STARMAN (2nd series) #79 (July 2001)
 See **STAR BOY**
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES This native of Xanthu can control mass and fly.

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FIRST APPEARANCE JLA #23 (November 1998)
STATUS Hero **REAL NAME** Farris Knight
OCCUPATION Adventurer **BASE** Uranus
HEIGHT 6ft 4in **WEIGHT** 265 lbs **EYES** Blue **HAIR** Brown
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Uses a revamped version of the gravity rod, enabling him to fly, alter gravimetric forces and fight with fierce determination.



SADIE *When Jayne Payton's brother, Starman V, died, she turned to the latest Starman for help but fell in love instead.*

TO THE STARS AND BACK

Accompanied by Mikaal, Jack voyaged into space to determine the fate of Starman V, the brother of his girlfriend Sadie Falk (who was actually Jayne Marie Payton). Jack journeyed to Throneworld, now which was ruled by a cruel, despotic regime. Jack found Will and learned of his amazing connection with Throneworld's Prince Gavyn. The three Starmen, along with political prisoners such as FASTBAK and the OMEGA MEN'S Tigorr then freed Throneworld from tyranny. Will Payton/Gavyn declined an invitation to



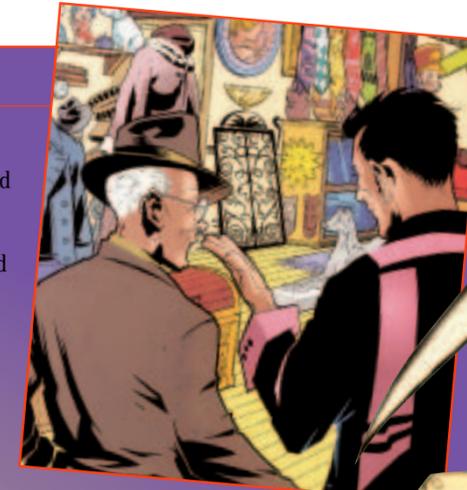
FOLLOWING **DAD** *For a brief time, Jack served with the JSA, his father's old team.*

return to Earth and Jack and Mikaal set off homeward. After various adventures, they returned to Opal City, which was soon threatened with nuclear holocaust by the Mist.

While they had been away, Ted Knight, Starman I, had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, contracted while battling Doctor Phosphorus. Despite the disease, Ted used an advanced cosmic rod to transport the Mist's bomb safely into space. Ted and the Mist died in the explosion, and the super-hero community mourned his passing. Jack Knight, briefly served with the JSA before opting to retire to raise his son. He gave his cosmic rod to Star-Spangled Kid, who renamed herself STARGIRL in honor of the legacy. RG

STARMAN VIII

Jack Knight's grandson is said to have been the first villainous Starman. In the 23rd century, Tommy Tomorrow II became the latest incarnation of Starman. By the 822nd century, the heritage of Starman had been abandoned for at least three millennia until revived by Farris Knight's great-grandfather, who discovered his lineage and resurrected the heroic mantle of Starman. Farris Knight, during the 853rd century, was a member of Justice Legion A and wielder of the gravity rod who resided in his space citadel in Uranus's orbit. He betrayed his team until meeting the Starman line's progenitor, Ted Knight, then mended his ways, sacrificing himself to defeat Solaris.



STARMAN & SON *The relationship between Ted and his sons was never an easy one but it grew warmer with time.*



KEY STORYLINES

- **STARMAN: SINS OF THE FATHER** (TPB, 1996): Jack Knight reluctantly becomes the latest Starman and learns about the rich family legacy—complete with adversaries.
- **STARMAN: STARS MY DESTINATION** (TPB, 2004): Jack and Mikaal find Prince Gavyn and Will Payton, but also get involved in inter-galactic conflicts with consequences today and tomorrow.
- **THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD** #61-62 (AUGUST–NOVEMBER 1965): Starman I and Black Canary I share adventures against old foes the Sportsmaster and Huntress I.