

# The Untold Stories of Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos (1963-1974) - A Marvel Comics Masterpiece

Marvel Comics has given birth to countless iconic characters and series that have gained a cult following around the world. One such legendary series that often gets overlooked is "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos," which ran from 1963 to 1974.

As the title suggests, Sgt. Nick Fury leads a group of specially trained soldiers known as the Howling Commandos during World War II. Their daring adventures, heroic acts, and undeniable camaraderie have left an indelible mark on the comic book landscape.

## The Birth of Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos

Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos, created by writer Stan Lee and artist Jack Kirby, made its debut in May 1963 with "Sgt Fury and His Howling Commandos #1." The series was initially set during World War II, featuring Sgt. Nick Fury as the leader of an elite team that took on dangerous missions against the Nazis.



## Sgt. Fury and His Howling Commandos (1963-1974) #26

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Sgt. Nick Fury, a tough-as-nails soldier who had seen it all, was the perfect protagonist for this action-packed series. Alongside him were Dum Dum Dugan, Gabe Jones, Izzy Cohen, Dino Manelli, Junior Juniper, and others, each with their own unique skill set and personality quirks.

## **Taking the Comic Book World by Storm**

With its gripping narratives, dynamic artwork, and unforgettable characters, "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos" quickly gained popularity among comic book enthusiasts. The series was known for its realism, showcasing the grim realities of war through its compelling storytelling.

The camaraderie between the Howling Commandos was a standout aspect of the series. These soldiers not only fought side by side but also shared a deep bond that transcended the battlefield. Their banter, humor, and unwavering loyalty made readers emotionally invested in their journey.

One unique feature of "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos" was its rotating cast of characters. Throughout its run, various historical figures such as Captain America, Wolverine, and even Spider-Man made appearances, providing an extra layer of excitement for fans.

## **Trailblazing Representation**

As one of the first Marvel Comics series to feature a racially diverse group of characters, "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos" broke new ground in the world of comic books. Gabe Jones, an African-American soldier, was

an integral part of the team and brought much-needed representation to the medium.

While the series primarily focused on the action and adventure, it didn't shy away from addressing social and political issues. Sgt. Fury and his Howling Commandos tackled themes of racism, morality, and the horrors of war, providing readers with a thought-provoking experience.

## **The End of an Era**

After a successful eleven-year run, "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos" came to an end in 1974 with issue #167. The final issue marked the transition from World War II to the Vietnam War, as the Howling Commandos faced new challenges in a different era.

Although the series ended, the impact of Sgt. Fury and his team continued to be felt throughout the Marvel Universe. Sgt. Fury went on to become a prominent figure in various other Marvel series, such as "Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.," solidifying his place in comic book history.

## **Legacy and Cultural Impact**

The influence of "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos" can still be seen today. The series paved the way for future war-themed comics, inspiring titles like "The 'Nam" and "The Punisher War Zone." The portrayal of complex characters and emotionally charged storytelling has become a staple of modern comics.

Moreover, the Howling Commandos have made appearances in Marvel's cinematic universe as well. Dum Dum Dugan and Gabe Jones were

featured in the "Captain America" films, further cementing their place in pop culture.

Through "Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos," Marvel delivered a unique and groundbreaking series that has stood the test of time. The combination of rich storytelling, compelling characters, and real-world challenges contributed to its enduring popularity.

Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos (1963-1974) is a Marvel Comics masterpiece that deserves recognition for its contributions to the comic book industry. The series broke new ground with its diverse cast, gripping narratives, and exploration of challenging themes.

Whether you are a long-time comic book aficionado or someone looking to delve into the world of Marvel, Sgt Fury And His Howling Commandos is essential reading. It is a testament to the power of storytelling and the enduring appeal of complex characters.



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