

INTRODUCTION

Athena is one of my most interesting specimens, perhaps, even, the most successful of the bunch. The most famed and beloved of the Olympians, she is a fascinating case study into what happens when a child is trained from birth. I believe that by 2031, a small army of children like Athena will not only exist, but be implemented into the United States military.

I took over Project Godspeed in 1981, a project that has been dormant since the colossal failures and earthquakes of '78. In this time, I have found remarkable growth. I believe that Athena would be able to not only best her predecessor's in battle, but render them completely obsolete.

OPERATION GODSPEED

An Overview

Operation Godspeed is a bubble term used to refer to all experiments in reference to the creation of superhuman beings. It is not meant to be mistaken with Project Appleblossom or Project Flashpoint. The difference between Operation Godspeed and the two objectives which it is commonly confused with is the distinctive factor that Operation Godspeed does not involve animal testing (Project Flashpoint) or the fabric of reality (Project Appleblossom), but instead, the [REDACTED]

History

Operation Godspeed was an experiment that began in the 1960s from within the United States Hospital for Scientific Achievement. The USHSA (later shortened to just *The Hospital*) was, until then, a relatively dead and dry organization. Though useful near its founding in the 1920s (credited with the discovery of Insulin), it quickly faded into obscurity until the 1960s when it inadvertently caused the start and end of the Beetle War.

The Beetle War began when several biologically engineered beetles escaped from American labs, exposing the hidden prowess of the country's technologies. The first country to get involved in the conflict was the Soviet Union, invading the nearby country of Poland purely as a sign of its nuclear power. The arms race would quickly turn sour when the beetles were recreated by Soviet scientists transformed Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev into "Brezhnev, the Flame.

The Flame, towering at sixteen feet tall, tore through invading soldiers. To combat this, the USHSA was commissioned by the Central Intelligence

Agency to solve the problem they fixed, ultimately partnering with eight of the scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project to fund Project Flashpoint, spawning six initial heroes, another six spawning a year later.

The leader of this superhuman military group was twenty three year old, Steven Kent. Steven Kent, referred to as 'Zeus,' (the American people naming the operatives "The Olympians," after the pantheon of gods), joined the war effort in early 1967. Zeus and the Olympians were able to not only tower over the combined forces they were fighting against, but they inspired morale amongst the American soldiers they fought alongside.

After the war, Steven Kent would run for president in 1969 against Richard Nixon, winning in a landslide, though only a month into his presidency he would be found dead in the White House, a gun in his hand.

After **The Incident**, the USHSA (which had been, legally speaking, disbanded) would relocate to a remote locations in Italy, Germany, and the midwest, where attempts at recreating Operation Godspeed were made, the added variable being a unique type of specimen: Children. While initially unethical, with zero supervision, the government was unable to restrict us as they previously had.

Our first eleven attempts died. The twelfth survived. And this is her story.

Effects on the Mind

Flashpoint II subjects, at first, began to experience intense aggression and anger. Associates I've talked to who worked on Projects Flashpoint and Appleblossom have shown that this type of reaction is extremely common among subjects at first. Thankfully, around attempt number 7, subjects became more docile.

Effects on Physicality

This is where things get interesting. At first, our subjects experienced unintentional mutations. When size alteration attempts were made, the bones

as well as the muscles expanded just fine. However... the skin, nor the internal organs were able to, causing the physical form to clip and tear through the body, the blood vessels and veins of these children stretched beyond their limit.

Though, as the experiments progressed, so too did the progress. While certain aspects were still yet to be perfected, and deaths were still common, a successful outlier was able to emerge in the form of Ms. Bolivia. Ms. Bolivia was able to perfectly recreate the abilities of Zeus- inability to suffer burns/electrocutions, skin impervious to blades and bullets, boosted metabolism, size manipulation, and enhanced strength.

Blackouts

A “drawback” that was found in *all* experiments, and is likely due to the psychological manipulation tactics used by my colleagues, is the arguably exploitable “blackouts” subjects were found to experience. In moments of intense stress and pain, subjects are shown to freeze and become more susceptible to suggestions and commands.

Ms. BOLIVIA

Ms. Bolivia's Career As A Superhero

Ms. Bolivia, after graduating from the program, was put through intense physical and psychological logical torture in an effort to have all memories of the Hospital blocked from her memory. After being shipped off to America with nothing but a backpack full of weapons and a mission, she quickly proved herself as an easily exploitable weapon.

Come the mid eighties, she would discover our tracking of her and remove herself from our watchful eye. Despite this, her rise to superheroism was incredibly well documented, several interviews and recordings of her showcase her mimicking the actions of the average human to the best of her ability despite being forced to look down upon them.

Conclusion

As Athena's creator, and, in a sense, her Father, Athena is an incredible case study due to the simple fact that despite having had most of her memories torn away from her, she remained the same person on a fundamental level. I recall an incident involving Athena early on, where she was discovered stealing food for one of the smaller subjects. Now, I see her doing the same.

In a sense, it makes me wonder about the relationship between gods and men. How do the gods view mortal men? And are we mortals? As men who *created* gods, do we wander the stars among them, or are we subjected to the same nightmares they are? I wonder.

If I could to speak to Athena today I would thank her for being such a successful experiment. Because she is one. Truly.



An interpretation of Athena as of now. (Post the outlawing of superhumans.)



*Athena,
Warrior
of the
Mind*

An interpretation of Athena post the conducted experiments.