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HELLBOY AND BPRD: 1954 #1

Mignola, Roberson, Green, Mike Huddleston

When an unknown creature attacks a research group on an Arctic expedition, Hellboy and the BPRD are sent to investigate. No longer the newbie, Hellboy thinks he can solve the mystery immediately, but what they find in the snow reveals something much bigger behind the beast.

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



DARK HORSE

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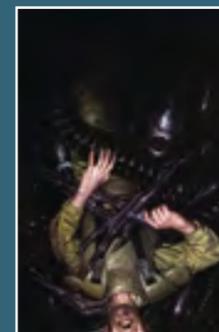


RISE OF THE BLACK FLAME #1

Mignola, Roberson, Mitten, Campbell

Young girls are going missing from the cities of Siam, and the trail leads to the jungle hideout of a bloodthirsty cult wielding an ancient evil power—the Cult of the Black Flame.

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



ALIENS: LIFE AND DEATH #1

Abnett, Moritat, Palumbo

In the aftermath of the battle with the Engineers, the surviving humans on LV-223 are wounded and scattered—and easy prey for a gathering horde of Aliens!

The Colonial Marines get a taste of what it's like to be at the bottom of the food chain!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



STRAIN: MR QUINLAN VAMPIRE HUNTER #1

Lapham, Salazar, Champagne, Ferreyra

A vampiric abomination seeks to destroy the monster that sired him. Born as a mistake of a powerful vampire known as the Master and raised in the brutal gladiatorial arenas of ancient Rome, Mr. Quinlan must survive long enough to carry out his mission when his target begins hunting him.

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



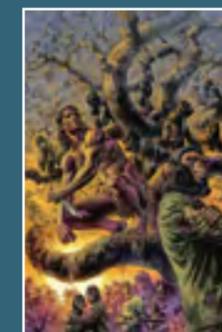
RESIDENT ALIEN: THE MAN WITH NO NAME #1

Hogan, Parkhouse

A stranded alien hides in plain sight, posing as a doctor in Patience, Washington. After he accidentally shows himself to federal investigators who are on his trail, a mysterious arsonist and a stubborn agent arrive in town to heat things up!

Peter Hogan (*2000 AD*, *Tom Strong*) and Steve Parkhouse (*Milkman Murders*, *Doctor Who*) continue their unique, acclaimed science-fiction/murder-mystery series!

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



TARZAN ON THE PLANET OF THE APES #1

Seeley, Walker, Dagnino, Fegredo

Raised as brothers but separated by slave traders, Tarzan and his ape brother Caesar reunite when the war between man and ape takes them from the jungles of Africa to the center of the earth.

In Shops: **28/09/2016**

DOOM PATROL #1

Way, Derington

The atoms are buzzing. The daydreams crowd sentient streets, and the creative team has been warned, “Turn back now or suffer the mighty consequence of sheer, psycho-maniacal mayhem.” Generation-arsonists unite-this is *Doom Patrol*, and the God of the Super Heroes is bleeding on the floor.

A blenderized reimagining of the ultimate series of the strange, *Doom Patrol* combines elements from classic runs, new directions, and things that could not be. Our entry point is Casey Brinke, a young EMT on the graveyard shift to abstract enlightenment, with a past so odd that she’s not entirely sure what is real and what is not. Along with her partner, Sam Reynolds, the pair blaze a path through the city and its denizens, finding the only quiet that exists at 3am is the chaos of the brain. When the pair answer a hit-and-run call, they find themselves face to face with a familiar figure: Cliff Steele, AKA Robotman.

“It gets weirder from here,” writer Gerard Way had to say about the book, with artist Nick Derington gripping tightly on the wheel of the ambulance. The pair’s only communication? Shouting out of the open windows while at high velocity. Who needs a new roommate? Who names a cat “Lotion”? And when do we get to see all those muscles? Find your answers inside the pages of this comic book, as we set the stage for new beginnings, as well as the re-introduction of some classic *Doom Patrol* characters, including Niles Caulder, Negative Man, Flex Mentallo, and Crazy Jane.

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



DC
NEW SERIES
AND ONE-SHOTS
FOR SEPTEMBER



DARK KNIGHT III: THE MASTER RACE #1 – DIRECTOR’S CUT

Miller, Azzarello, Kubert, Janson

The epic story continues in a way you never saw coming, and now it’s back in a new Director’s Cut edition because you demanded it!

The Dark Knight rises again to face the dawn of the master race in these stories from issue #1 of the 8-issue miniseries, which includes the minicomic printed at standard comic-book size.

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



BATMAN BEYOND: REBIRTH #1

Jurgens, Sook

Six months have passed since the events of *Batman Beyond #16*. While areas of destruction remain in the outside world, Gotham City has made great strides toward reclaiming its bright future. But new threats arise and old adversaries may be coming back. And the question still remains: whatever happened to Bruce Wayne?

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



BATMAN / TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES #1 – DIRECTOR’S CUT

Tynion IV, Williams II

The first chapter of the story that brought together the Dark Knight and those Heroes in a Half-Shell is back in this new Director’s Cut edition co-published with IDW.

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



BLUE BEETLE #1

Giffen, Kolins

Jaime Reyes is back home, but just when he thought he had a grasp on this alter-ego, the Blue Beetle, he discovers everything he believed about his scarab is a lie according to the mysterious Doctor Fate. With dire warnings about the symbiote that is fused to Reyes’ spine, Kent Nelson, the original wielder of Doctor Fate’s power, seemingly on verge of insanity, has he come to save Jaime as he claims... or will he try to eliminate the Blue Beetle, no matter the cost?

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



CYBORG: REBIRTH #1

Semper Jr, Pelletier, Hope, Kordos, Conrad

Victor Stone was once a star athlete and brilliant student with a bright future. But after a tragic accident destroyed over half of his body, Victor was kept alive by merging flesh with advanced technology. Today he is the Justice League co-founder called Cyborg. But is the young hero a man...or a machine that merely believes it’s a man?

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



CYBORG #1

Semper Jr, Conrad

“The Imitation Of Life” part one!

Cyborg is thrown into conflict with every robotic threat to the DC Universe as a brand new era begins for Victor Stone, courtesy of writer John Semper Jr. (*Spider-Man: The Animated Series*) and artist Will Conrad (*Angel & Faith*)!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



FROSTBITE #1

Williamson, Alexander

Long after Earth has entered its second ice age, humanity has learned to cope with the frozen elements. In this cold and bleak future, heat is power, and brutal gangs roam the icy wasteland looking for it. If that wasn't enough, a terrible disease nicknamed "frostbite" is literally freezing people from the inside out. Once you catch it, the effect is instantaneous. There is no immunity, there is no cure.

Until now. Doctor Henry Bonham and his daughter Victoria have found the key to ending frostbite. If they can get from Mexico City to a secret government outpost in Alcatraz, they could stabilize life across the globe. But to do that they'll need to stay alive. That's where Keaton comes in. She and her crew have faced worse journeys before, but never with the potential consequences this one poses if they fail.

A new miniseries from acclaimed writer Joshua Williamson (*The Flash: Rebirth*; *Nailbiter*) and artist Jason Shawn Alexander (*Empty Zone*; *Batman: Arkham City*), *Frostbite* is a science-fiction action miniseries unlike any other.

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



GOTHAM ACADEMY: SECOND SEMESTER #1

Fletcher, Cloonan, Kersch, Archer, Hope

Gotham Academy is back with an all-new storyline for its second semester! When you're Olive Silverlock, winter holidays can be a drag. Luckily, when a new student shows up at Gotham Academy to keep her company while the other students are away, Olive finds what could be a brand new friend... or a whole lot of trouble!

In Shops: **14/09/2016**

EVERAFTER: FROM THE PAGES OF FABLES #1

Sturges, Justus, Moore, Lotay

From the team that brought you *Fables: The Wolf Among Us* comes a new chapter of the *Fables* legacy! In a post-*Fables* world where magic abounds, it can be wielded for the greater good or used to plant the seeds of anarchy and terrorism. The Shadow Players are a global network of agents-both Fable and mundane-tasked with policing a newly enchanted world and protecting humanity from itself. *Everafter* features the return of series favorites Bo Peep, Peter Piper, Hansel, and Connor Wolf, as well as exciting new characters and a terrifying new villain! Written by *Fables: The Wolf Among Us* veterans Matthew Sturges and Dave Justus with gorgeous art by Travis Moore (*Fables: The Wolf Among Us*, *JLA All Stars*), you won't want to miss this series that *Fables* creator Bill Willingham himself told us we had to get into your hands as quickly as possible!

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



RAVEN #1

Wolfman, Borges

"The White Carnival" part 1!

In a tale set between *Teen Titans #24* and *Teen Titans: Rebirth #1*, Raven takes a break from the team and moves to San Francisco to stay with her estranged aunt and face her most perilous challenge yet: high school! As Raven discovers more about her human side, one of her classmates goes missing under mysterious circumstances, and she must face an evil like none she's known before!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



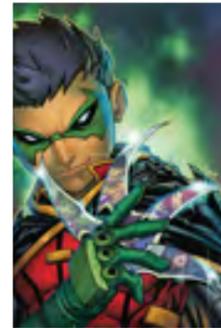
SUPERGIRL #1

Orlando, Ching

"Reign Of The Cyborg Superman" part one!

Supergirl is back and working for the DEO to defend National City! As Kara Danvers, average American teenager and high school student, Supergirl must balance her life as a superhero with her new life on Earth. But some demons from her Kryptonian past are coming back to haunt her, and Kara will find herself face-to-face with her father: the sinister Cyborg Superman!

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



TEEN TITANS: REBIRTH #1

Percy, Meyers

The Teen Titans are farther apart than ever before... until Damian Wayne recruits Starfire, Raven, Beast Boy and the new Kid Flash to join him in a fight against his own grandfather, Ra's al Ghul! But true leadership is more than just calling the shots-is Robin really up to the task? Or will the Teen Titans dismiss this diminutive dictator?

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



TRINITY #1

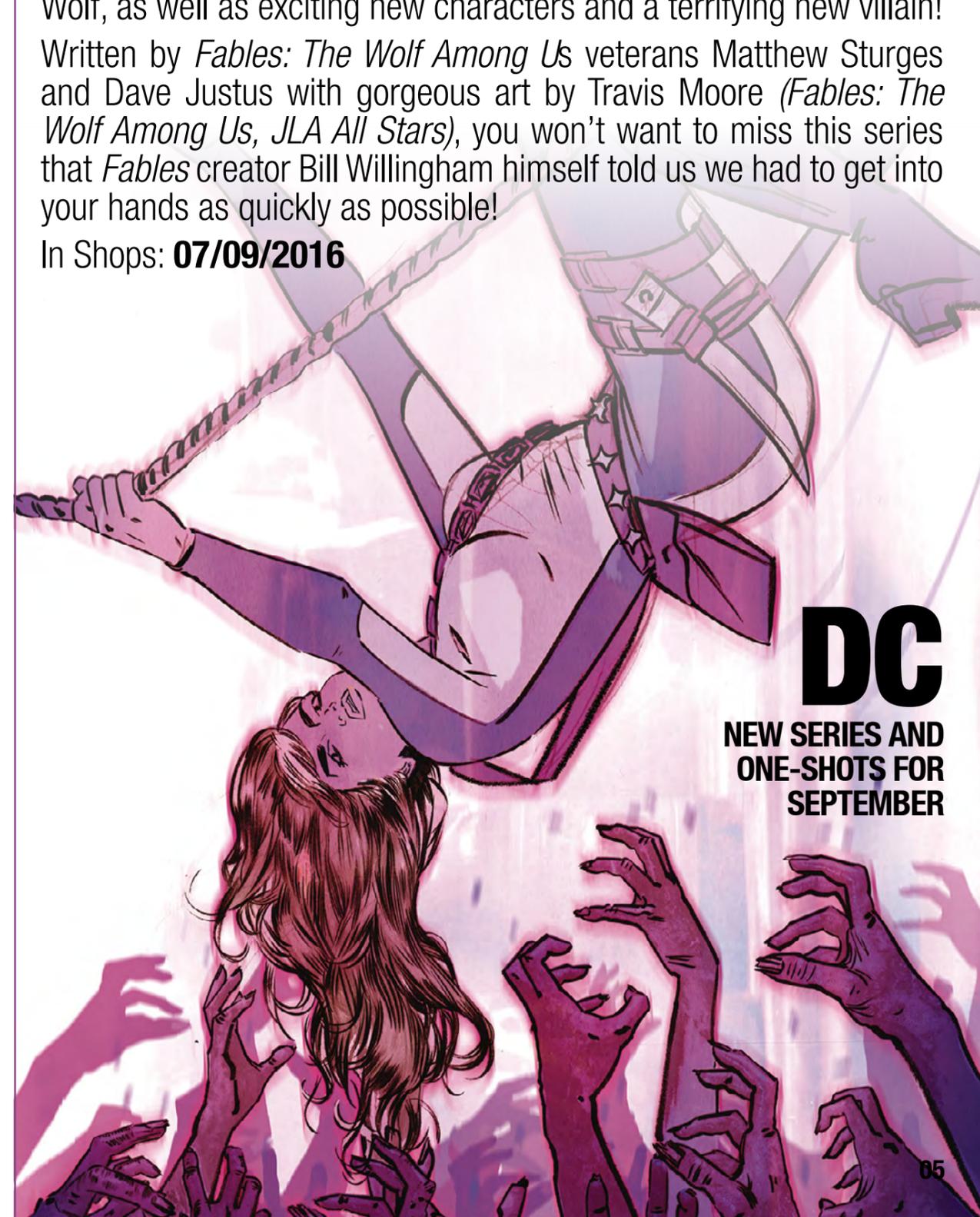
Manapul

"Better Together" part 1!

Together again for the first time! Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman. The core of the World's Greatest Heroes... but with a new Man of Steel, the bonds these three share will be tested and redefined by super-star writer/artist Francis Manapul.

In this premiere issue, see the trio travel from Metropolis to Gotham City and beyond to learn what forces launched their heroic careers. But how will this journey of discovery lead them to a new threat?

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



DC

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR SEPTEMBER

IDW

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ROAD TO REVOLUTION — SPECIAL

Barber, Dixon, Furman, Roberts, Scott, Traviss, Atkins, Cahill, Griffith, Guidi, Kurth, Milne, Pitre—Durocher, Su, Mhan

Ten years of *Transformers* and *G.I. Joe* comics have led to this month's *Revolution*!

This bargain-priced bonanza presents five key stories that have paved the road to the universe being born this month! From the first-ever IDW *Transformers* comic to the Karen Traviss *G.I. Joe*, the building blocks of this universe have been growing for years!

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



REVOLUTION #1

Bunn, Barber, Ossio, Moore

Explosions rip across the Earth - and all signs of blame point to Optimus Prime and the Transformers! G.I. Joe refuses to go quietly - and they assemble heroes big enough to stop the invaders! Action Man and M.A.S.K. fight for humanity - but where do ROM and the Micronauts stand? Celebrating more than a decade of stories by IDW and Hasbro, this unprecedented bi-weekly event draws everything together - and leaves nothing standing. The *Revolution* is here - take a stand!

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



ROM: REVOLUTION #1

Ryall, Joseph, Wood

A Revolution tie-in one-shot!

ROM's enemies, the Dire Wraiths have infiltrated G.I. Joe at the highest levels, clashed with the Transformers over Ore-13, and now... stalk a lone stranger? Why would evil aliens bent on world domination terrorize one anonymous person? The answer is bigger and more sinister than you'd ever imagine!

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



M.A.S.K.: REVOLUTION #1

Easton, Vargas, Edwards

The origin of M.A.S.K.!

Miles Mayhem's decades long plans are finally coming to fruition, but will the revealed secrets he has hidden from Matt Trakker create a new enemy bent on Mayhem's undoing? A special story tying directly into Revolution!

In Shops: **31/09/2016**



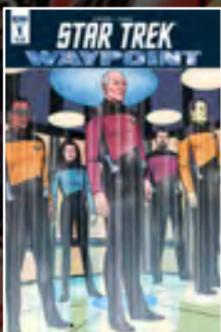
MICRONAUTS: REVOLUTION #1

Bunn, Panda

Lost in Microspace!

Plagued by scavengers, harried by agents of Baron Karza, and guided by the mysterious Time Travelers - the Micronauts make a huge discovery - one that will transform everything they thought they knew about their universe.

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



STAR TREK: WAYPOINT #1

Cates, Lanz, Chater, Laming

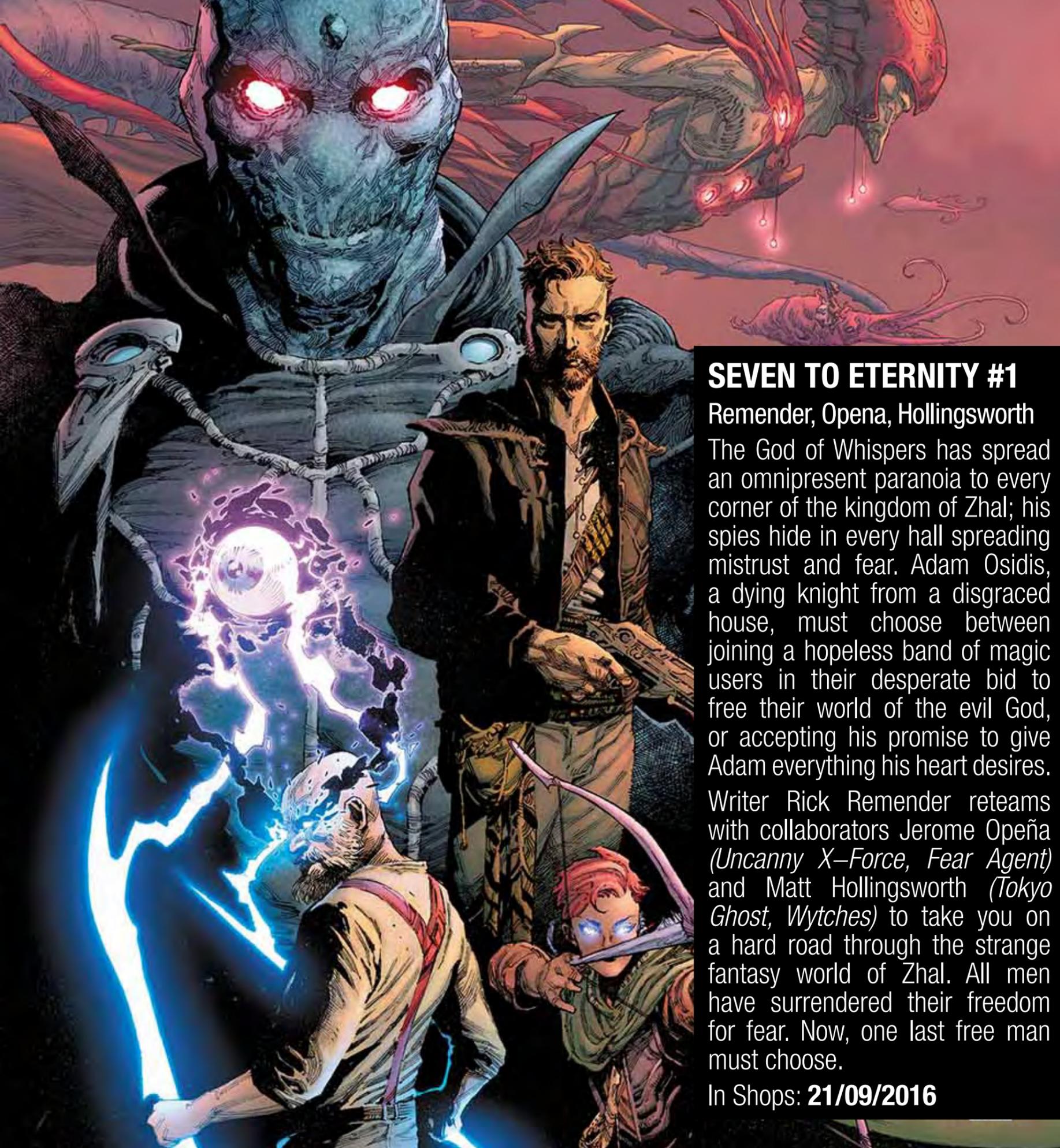
A blockbuster bi-monthly anthology to celebrate 50 years of *Star Trek*, featuring short stories across all Treks, by the top talent of today and yesterday!

First, a *Next Generation* story by Donny Cates and Mack Chater. Unable to decipher a mysterious ship's coded messages, Starfleet has enlisted its two greatest scientific minds, Captain Geordi La Forge and his best friend Data, to investigate. What they discover will alter the course of scientific human history as we know it!

Then, an *Original Series* story by Sandra Lanz, where a crewmember, stranded on a strange planet, encounters a bizarre alien creature. They must learn how to interact, but how?

In Shops: **28/09/2016**





SEVEN TO ETERNITY #1

Remender, Opeña, Hollingsworth

The God of Whispers has spread an omnipresent paranoia to every corner of the kingdom of Zhal; his spies hide in every hall spreading mistrust and fear. Adam Osidis, a dying knight from a disgraced house, must choose between joining a hopeless band of magic users in their desperate bid to free their world of the evil God, or accepting his promise to give Adam everything his heart desires.

Writer Rick Remender reteams with collaborators Jerome Opeña (*Uncanny X-Force*, *Fear Agent*) and Matt Hollingsworth (*Tokyo Ghost*, *Wytches*) to take you on a hard road through the strange fantasy world of Zhal. All men have surrendered their freedom for fear. Now, one last free man must choose.

In Shops: **21/09/2016**

IMAGE

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GLITTERBOMB #1

Zub, Russell, Morissette-Phan

Farah Durante is a middle-aged actress hunting for her next gig in an industry where youth trumps experience. Her frustrations become an emotional lure for something horrifying out beyond the water... something ready to exact revenge on the shallow celebrity-obsessed culture that's led her astray.

Fan-favorite Jim Zub (*Wayward*, *Thunderbolts*) and newcomer Djibril Morissette-Phan tear into the heart of Hollywood in *Glitterbomb*, a dramatic horror story about fame and failure.

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



ECLIPSE #1

Kaplan, Timpano

Imagine if sunlight burned you alive. In the near future, a mysterious solar event has transformed the sun's light into deadly immolating rays. The world's few survivors now live in nocturnal cities. But a killer emerges who uses sunlight to burn his victims, and when he targets the daughter of a solar power mogul, it falls to a disillusioned solar engineer to protect her.

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



HADRIAN'S WALL #1

Higgins, Siegel, Reis

When an astronaut on Hadrian's Wall is murdered, pill-popping detective Simon Moore is dispatched to investigate the ship's crew... including his own ex-wife. But if Simon's not careful, what he finds could make the interstellar Cold War go red hot. From the creative team behind the critically-acclaimed series *C.O.W.L.* comes a gripping, locked room murder mystery where the secrets of everyone involved are as dark as the space that surrounds them.

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



SURGEON X #1

Kenney, Watkiss

"Cutting Loose," part one.

What do you get if you cross a far-right British government with an antibiotic apocalypse and a gruesome murder? The birth of Surgeon X and her renegade practice. Extreme times call for extreme medicine.

Sara Kenney, acclaimed documentary, factual drama and animation filmmaker (*Angels and Ghosts*) and master artist John Watkiss (*Sandman*, *Conan*, *Deadman*) join forces with Karen Berger, award-winning and Vertigo-founding editor to produce this unique, darkly comic medical thriller, which will horrify and delight in equal measure.

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



DEADPOOL ANNUAL #1

Duggan, Posehn Koblisch, Various

Discover the secret, unearthed, never-before-viewed pilot... of 'Deadpool And His Insufferable Pals', featuring ...wait, Iceman and Firestar? This isn't right...

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



DOCTOR STRANGE ANNUAL #1

Immonen, Thompson, Romero, Forbes

Clea comes back into Doctor Strange's life as he's picking up the pieces from the worst beating he's ever taken. Clea's going to make that battle look like a walk in the park. Also in this issue... who are the Sorcerers Supreme?!

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



EXTRAORDINARY X-MEN ANNUAL #1

Masters, Montclare, Barberi, Kampe, Ibanez

When the Terrigen Cloud threatens to wash over a prison and the warden refuses to protect its mutant inmates, the Extraordinary X-Men take matters into their own hands...and stage a prison break! And when Moon Girl takes it upon herself to solve the Terrigen crisis, she may just find an unlikely ally...

In Shops: **21/09/2016**

MAX RIDE: FINAL FLIGHT #1

Houser, Failla, Nakayama

James Patterson's smash hit series returns for a triumphant conclusion!

The Flock is tired of running. They're ready to take the fight directly to Jeb and the Erasers! But things get complicated when the line between friend and enemy is blurred.

And all the while, Maximum Ride keeps hearing that voice in her head - the voice that says she's destined to save the world!

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



MARVEL

NEW SERIES AND ONE-SHOTS FOR SEPTEMBER



INDIES

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**SKYBOURNE #1
BOOM!**
Cho

A new, original series from celebrated creator Frank Cho (*Totally Awesome Hulk*, *Savage Wolverine*)!

Full of fast-paced action, Skybourne is James Bond with fantasy elements thrown in and is unlike anything Frank Cho has ever done before.

The legend of King Arthur is alive and well in modern day. Only one man, Skybourne, can stop the evil Merlin from destroying the world.

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



**ASSASSIN'S CREED:
LOCUS #1
TITAN**
Edginton, Wijngaard

Assassin's Creed: Locus is a brand new story set in the stunning world of *Assassin's Creed: Syndicate*!

Dive into the sordid underworld of Victorian London, and the memories of New Yorker, Tommy Greyling, as he teams up with Evie Frye and Henry Green to search for a Piece of Eden that has the potential to change the world!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



**ADVENTURE
TIME: 2016
SPOOKTACULAR #1
BOOM!**
Gandy, Krause, Turner

The annual Halloween tradition for Adventure Time continues with this brand-new collection of spooky short stories!

There's nothing more terrifying in Ooo than...a penguin??

That's right! Gunter, the most evil being in the Land of Ooo, takes center stage!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**

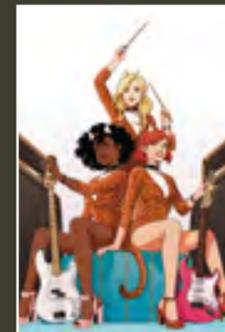


**THE FOREVERS #1
BLACK MASK**
Pires, Villalobos, Pfeiffer

Live fast. Live forever. Five friends struggling on the brink of stardom sacrifice everything in a black magic pact that brings them all the wealth and glamour they ever wanted.

Years later though, the "glow" is fading. But when one of them dies, and they feel a surge of magic rise amongst them, they soon realize that they all share in the power of the glow. And when a member of the group decides to kill the rest and claim the glow for their own, they suddenly find themselves fighting for their lives. As they search for the killer's identity, each of The Forevers must face the macabre reality of the lengths to which some people will go to be adored, and to make certain that the spotlight never fades...

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



★ **COVER STAR** ★
**JOSIE AND
THE PUSSYCATS #1
ARCHIE**
Bennett, Deordio, Mok

Grab the latest, surefire, top-of-the-charts new Riverdale series!

Friends, countrymen, lend me your long tails and ears for hats - the Pussycats are back! In this series kick-off, Josie's getting the band together to help achieve her dreams of musical stardom. But for the group to last, it needs a strong foundation of friendship and trust. Can the girls get going, or will Alexandra's plotting put a stop to the whole thing?

Don't miss comics' supreme songstresses' return to the limelight in this exciting first issue!

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



**STEAMCRAFT
ANTARCTIC**
Perry

Fred Perry crafts cosmic horror with his steampunk spin on the Lovecraftian genre!

Professor Penelope Prince learns the secret of her brother's death twenty years ago: While in the Antarctic, he succumbed to an eerie madness and fled his tent unprotected. When she and her team quest to find out why, they discover the source of his insanity was but the merest fraction of an otherworldly abomination!

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



LADY MECHANIKA: LA DAMA DE LA MUERTE #1
BENITEZ

Benitez, Chen, Montiel, Steigerwald

After suffering a tragic loss, Lady Mechanika takes a trip to a small Mexican village just in time for their Día de los Muertos celebration. But the festivities turn truly deadly after the arrival of the Jinetes del Infierno, the mythical Hell Riders.

A very special Day of the Dead Lady Mechanika three-part story!

In Shops: **21/09/2016**



GRIMM VOL.2 #1
DYNAMITE

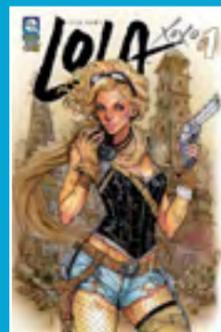
Kittredge, Sanapo

What do Juliette, Adalind, Truble and Rosalee have in common? They're the women in the life of Portland's own Grimm, Nick Burkhardt, and they're about to cross paths in a way they'd never expect!

Set during the tumultuous fourth season of the hit television show, Juliette's struggles to come to terms with becoming a Hexenbiest draw her into conflict with a new Wessen threat, and she finds she has nowhere to turn except her most hated enemy, Adalind! That's right, the woman who impersonated Juliette and slept with Nick!

Written by Caitlin Kittredge, the author behind the *Nocturne City* and *Iron Codex* novels (among many others) and *Coffin Hill* for Vertigo, with art by rising newcomer Maria Sanapo!

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



LOLA XOXO VOL.2 #1
ASPEN

Oum

The best-selling Aspen series from creator Siya Oum returns!

In the epic first volume, the tough-minded Lola learned the brutal reality of the apocalypse within the confines of the ruthless Wasteland Trading Company led by the treacherous Edgar and his posse!

However, the true challenge lies ahead, as her desire to be reunited with her lost parents still burns greater than ever!

In Shops: **07/09/2016**



VIKINGS: UPRISING #1
TITAN

Scott, Mutti, Wahl

Lagertha faces a shock when she returns to the holy place of Uppsala to seek advice from the gods following Paris, only to find carnage and slaughter. And it seems that escaped slaves are responsible.

Lagertha and her shield maidens must take up arms to stop this uprising. Ragnar, meanwhile, is a broken man. But an attempt on his life forces him to take drastic measures...

In Shops: **14/09/2016**



TANK GIRL: GOLD #1
TITAN

Martin, Parsons, Wood

Tankie and her trigger-happy family are going for gold in the first of a brand new series!

Take a trip with us down the Furry Road for an issue of vim, volatility and verbal abuse!

In Shops: **28/09/2016**



BLACK HOOD – SEASON 2 #1
ARCHIE

Swierczynski, Scott, Smallwood

“The Nobody Murders,” part 1.

The acclaimed crime comic returns with an all-new #1 issue, the perfect jumping-on point for new readers.

The Black Hood is no more. Sure, there are rumors that the former cop known as Greg Hettinger is still out there, blending in with the homeless population, and emerging only to stop a violent attack before vanishing again.

But the ruthless assassin known as The Nobody considers the Black Hood a loose end, and he's willing to slaughter dozens to flush him out.

How high must the body count rise before Greg steps forward to face an opponent he can't possibly beat?

In Shops: **21/09/2016**





NOVEL IDEAS

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM SEPTEMBER ONWARDS...



CONVERGENCE

DC COMICS

King, Lobdell, Jurgens, Kubert, Van Sciver

This story from issues #0-8 of the weekly series ties into every DC story ever told! Kingdom Come, Red Son, Wild West Justice League, Captain Carrot and the Zoo Crew - all the worlds of the DC Universe can still be found on Telos.

In Shops: **12/10/2016**



WHO KILLED KURT COBAIN? THE STORY OF BODDAH (HC)

IDW PUBLISHING

Otero, Otero

The most iconic singer/songwriter of his generation, Kurt Cobain left behind a phenomenal body of work, legions of fans, and a mystery... a final letter addressed to "Boddah."

Now, award-winning creator Nicolas Otero brings the story of this note to life in this original graphic novel based on French novel, *Le Roman de Boddah* by Heloise Guay de Bellissen. A work of fiction, it recounts real-life events from Cobain's life, as narrated by his childhood imaginary friend, Boddah. Through the eyes of Boddah, readers get a front row seat to the highs and lows of one of music's most influential voices like they've never experienced before. Trace the arc of modern rock's greatest icon from the dark clubs of Seattle to the bright lights of the world stage... and all the angst, horror, and thrill that came with that ride in this captivating graphic tale.

In Shops: **19/10/2016**



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN WORLDWIDE HC VOL 01

MARVEL COMICS

Slott, Gage, Ross, Various

Parker Industries is more successful than ever, with new offices in Shanghai, London and San Francisco. Peter Parker is racking up the frequent-flyer miles - with his "bodyguard" Spider-Man in tow! But success breeds enemies, like the astrological Zodiac, who have widened their scope to threaten the entire planet - and they'll battle Spider-Man all across Europe in a massive final showdown! Plus: Someone in Africa is masquerading as a member of the Goblin family, and it's up to everyone's favorite wall-crawler to investigate. And in China, the malevolent Mister Negative has two of Spidey's former friends in his thrall - the fan-favorite duo Cloak and Dagger!

Collecting *Amazing Spider-Man* (2015) #1-11.

In Shops: **04/01/2017**



TOKYO GHOST TP VOL 02

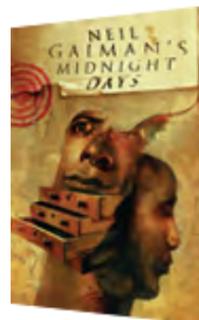
IMAGE COMICS

Remender, Murphy

Following the destruction of the Garden Nation of Japan, Constable Led Dent returns to his brutal beat, having succumbed to his inner demons. But as he stalks the streets of the Isles of Los Angeles, enforcing the corporate new world order, he's haunted by a ghost from Tokyo.

Collects *Tokyo Ghost* #6-10.

In Shops: **12/10/2016**



NEIL GAIMAN'S MIDNIGHT DAYS

DC COMICS

Gaiman, Wagner, Piers Rayner, Hoffman, Totleben, Mignola, Kristiansen, Bissette, McKean

The classic collection of Vertigo tales from New York Times best-selling author Neil Gaiman is back!

Providing tantalizing glimpses into the fantastical worlds he would create and nurture, *Neil Gaiman's Midnight Days* collects some of the accomplished author's earliest work. These tales star the Golden Age Sandman, Morpheus, Swamp Thing and John Constantine, from *Swamp Thing Annual* #5, *Sandman Midnight Theatre*, *Hellblazer* #27, *Welcome Back To The House Of Mystery* #1 and more!

In Shops: **26/10/2016**



KABUKI VOL.4 (LIBRARY HC)

DARK HORSE COMICS

Mack

Celebrating twenty years of *Kabuki*, this is the last volume in a complete set of the entire critically acclaimed *Kabuki* series in large oversize library editions. This edition collects the *Kabuki* volumes *Masks of the Noh*, *Scarab*, and more!

The Noh operatives learn Kabuki has gone rogue and is now deemed a liability. With instructions to infiltrate the Control Corps installation, they have one goal: find Kabuki. If she's dead, bring back her corpse. If she's alive ...bring back her corpse.

In Shops: **02/11/2016**



MASSIVE VOL.2 (LIBRARY HC)

DARK HORSE COMICS

Wood, Brown, Zejel, Leon

The Crash was only the beginning. What remains of civilization is being obliterated by a series of cataclysmic events. The truth about the identity of Captain Israel's companion Mary, which began as a faint signal, grows louder-and she's seemingly connected to it all.

This second volume of *The Massive: Library Edition* collects *The Massive* #16-30 in a beautiful hardcover.

In Shops: **09/11/2016**



DAREDEVIL PUNISHER TP SEVENTH CIRCLE

MARVEL COMICS

Soule, Kudranski, Brown

A simple change of venues for one of Matt Murdock's cases becomes more complicated when the Punisher attempts to send the defendant away - permanently! If Daredevil and his protégé, Blindspot, want this Russian mobster to have his day in court, it will take everything they have. But all Frank Castle needs to get his job done is one bullet! And with the gangster's associates also on his trail, getting him to the airport won't be easy. Will the Punisher get the chance for a kill shot? Will Daredevil secure a fair trial in Texas? Or will this matter of life and death be decided by... the Crimson Dynamo?!

Collecting *Daredevil/Punisher* (2016) #1-4.

In Shops: **19/10/2016**

NOVEL IDEAS

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM SEPTEMBER ONWARDS...



WATCHMEN NOIR (HC)
DC COMICS
Moore, Gibbons

Now presented in stark black and white, highlighting Dave Gibbons dark, moody artwork, experience the greatest graphic novel of all time as never before!

Watchmen begins as a murder mystery, but soon unfolds into a planet-altering conspiracy. As the resolution comes to a head, the unlikely group of reunited heroes - Rorschach, Nite Owl, Silk Spectre, Dr. Manhattan, and Ozymandias - test the limits of their convictions and ask themselves where the true line is between good and evil.

Collects the original 12-issue *Watchmen* series in black and white for the first time!

In Shops: **23/11/2016**



TMNT: BEBOP AND ROCKSTEADY DESTROY EVERYTHING
IDW PUBLISHING
Bates, Weaver, Campbell, Milonogiannis, Couceiro

The dull-witted Bebop and Rocksteady are feeling dejected and without purpose after their defeat to the Turtles.

However, when they stumble across a time-travel scepter, they realize that their craziest, most destructive adventure awaits! Will the universe survive?

In Shops: **14/09/2016**

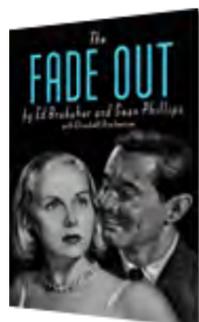


X-FILES: COMPLETE SEASON 10 VOL.2
IDW PUBLISHING
Harris, Spotnitz, Rotter, Denton, Raicht, Lorimer, Dow Smith, Mandrake, Sayger, Van Hook

For years, FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully toiled in the X-Files unit, a one-office division of the Bureau dealing with cases deemed unsolvable and related to unexplained phenomena. During their investigations, Mulder, the "believer," and Scully, the "skeptic," delved into the occult, religion, urban legends, conspiracy theories, UFOs, alien abductions, and genetic engineering. Eventually, both agents left the FBI and began a new life together in peaceful anonymity, which endured until now.

Collects issues #16-25 of the *Season 10* series and the 2014 and 2015 Annuals.

In Shops: **12/10/2016**



FADE OUT DLX ED HC
IMAGE COMICS
Brubaker, Breitweiser, Phillips

The most ambitious project yet from the award-winning team of Ed Brubaker and Sean Phillips, with acclaimed color artist Elizabeth Breitweiser - finally available in the gorgeous deluxe edition their fans have come to expect! A picture-perfect recreation of a lost era, *The Fade Out* is an instant classic from one of comics most acclaimed teams.

Collects *The Fade Out* #1-12.

In Shops: **12/10/2016**



SWAMP THING: THE DEAD DON'T SLEEP
DC COMICS
Wein, Jones

In these stories from the new six-issue miniseries, Swamp Thing receives an ominous warning and finds himself under attack from the forces of dark magic. These are more than just your average monsters - and there's something much worse looming on the horizon for Alec Holland!

In Shops: **05/10/2016**



GEORGE ROMEROS EMPIRE OF DEAD HC
MARVEL COMICS
Romero, Maleev, Talajic, Mutti, Lozano

George Romero unleashes his latest epic - pitting zombies against vampires! Years after the dead rose, Manhattan has been quarantined - but that doesn't mean everyone inside is safe! For another ancient predator has taken a bloody bite out of the Big Apple - yes, vampires rule! Zombies still roam, and some are used for sport in the bloody arena known as the Circus Maximus. But while the rival groups of ghouls clash, the remaining humans are caught in the crossfire. And when outside forces knock on Manhattan's walls, more death rains down from above! As Mayor Chandrake makes dangerous power plays, can the blood-suckers keep their grip on the city? Or are they heading for all-out war over the Empire of the Dead?

Collecting *George Romero's Empire Of The Dead: Act One* #1-5, *Act Two* #1-5 and *Act Three* #1-5.

In Shops: **28/09/2016**

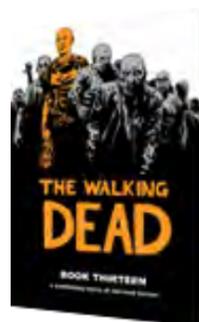


INTERNATIONAL IRON MAN PREM HC
MARVEL COMICS
Bendis, Maleev

The award-winning creative team that turned Daredevil's life upside down sets its sights on Iron Man! But who is Tony Stark? Since learning he was adopted, this question has cast a shadow over his life. Now, it's time to uncover his true legacy - a journey that will carry Tony into new directions as both a man and an armored adventurer. Alongside unlikely quasi-ally Doctor Doom, Iron Man will discover answers to questions he never knew existed! But as a new international crime boss beats him at every turn, can Tony unravel the mystery of his past before deadly history repeats itself? Revelations will send him reeling - and even if Iron Man makes it out alive, his new standing in the Marvel Universe might be the death of him!

Collecting *International Iron Man* #1-6.

In Shops: **26/10/2016**



WALKING DEAD HC VOL 13
IMAGE COMICS
Kirkman, Gaudiano, Rathburn, Adlard

After a devastating encounter with the Whisperers, Rick must rally the communities to take action. But have they already reached their breaking point?

Collects *The Walking Dead* #145-156.

In Shops: **05/09/2016**





MARC'S BIT

Email Biff here: martin@acecomics.co.uk

Biff's not about this month, so he asked me to try and fill his rather large shoes...

NOSTALGIA RULES THE REVOLUTION

The shared universe in comics is not a new thing. One of the most successful examples of this is the *Aliens* and *Predator* franchises (and now *Prometheus* too), which have shared a universe for some time now, spilling over into the realms of movies and video-games. Crossovers between publishers have been common as well. Where else would you see Batman team up with Judge Dredd? Or Archie come face-to-face with the Punisher?

In September, IDW are releasing *Revolution* - a huge event bringing together a number of Hasbro toy franchises into one shared universe. This is not a reboot either, with all pre-existing stories from these series remaining intact. From their no.1 comics seller *Transformers*, through *GI Joe*, *Micronauts* and *ROM*, to newcomers *Action Man* and *M.A.S.K.*, they will all be existing together.

That a number of properties utilised no longer have toys produced is an interesting factor. It proves that nostalgia among comic readers is a very powerful thing. Young readers will probably be unaware of Matt Tracker and the Mobile Armoured Strike Kommand, or ROM the Space Knight with his whopping

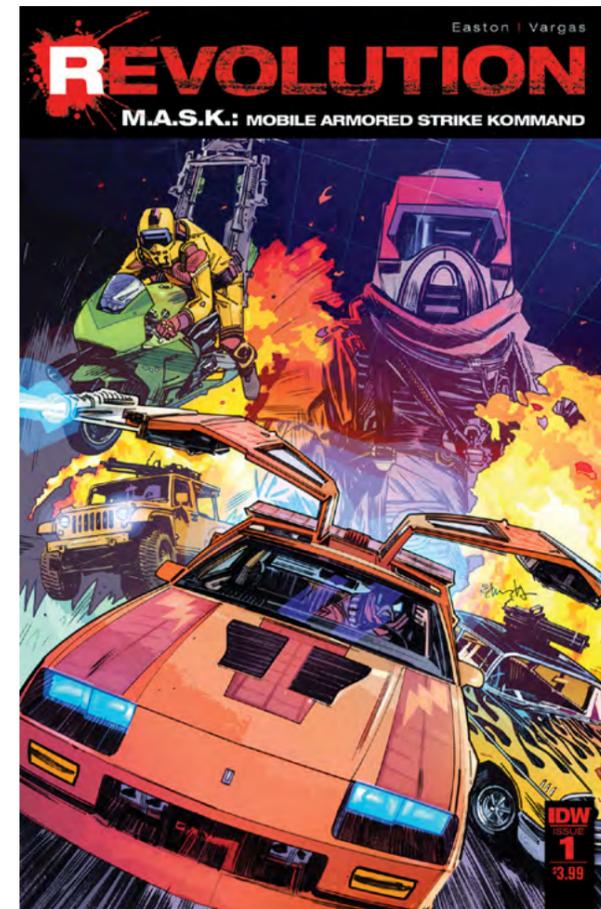


two points of articulation. But for those of us who grew up with these fantastic franchises, to see them coming together the same way we may have had Optimus Prime facing off against Cobra Commander in the battle on the stairs, or Action Man teaming up with ROM (who was an Action Man figure in the UK) as they travelled through the space jungle of the mum's flowerbeds on a hazy summer's afternoon, is a heartwarming thing.

So I look forward to seeing what IDW does with these beloved properties. Michael Kelly, Head of Global Publishing at Hasbro, said, "Our heroes, whether they are from Earth or from distant reaches of the galaxy, all have

one thing in common: their powers and abilities are based primarily on technology. We have been able to use this fact to build a natural and believable link between all of these disparate characters. The result is a complex and dynamic world where all manner of conflicts and team-ups can and will exist. If you are a fan of Hasbro's brands, your time is now."

Look out for the one-shot specials and the *Revolution* bi-weekly miniseries handled by Cullen Bunn (*Uncanny X-Men*, *Deadpool*) and John Barber (*Transformers*, *Back To The Future*)!



GRAPHIC NOVEL TOP 20

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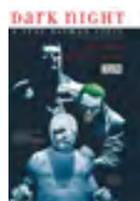
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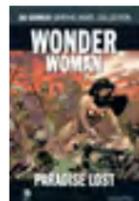
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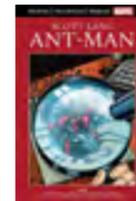
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