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THE MASSIVE #1

Wood / Donaldson

In a post-war, post-crash, post-disaster, post-everything world, the environmental-action trawler Kapital scours the earth's oceans for

its mysteriously missing sistership, The Massive. Captain Callum Israel, a man who has dedicated his life to the ocean, now must ask himself—as our planet dies—what it means to be an environmentalist after the world's ended. Callum and his crew will come up against pirates, rebels, murderers, and thieves as they struggle to remain noble toward their cause. Can you save a planet that's already doomed?

- The perfect follow-up to Wood's DMZ!

"The Massive is a book to keep an eye on in 2012." —IGN

At the end of the world, the story begins.



BALTIMORE: R. LESKOVAR'S REMEDY #1

Mignola / Golden / Stenbeck

An army of malformed vampires controls a small Croatian town, but Lord

Henry Baltimore arrives to put an end to this madness, fighting his way to their creator—a twisted surgeon akin to Moreau and Mengele!

Based on the novel by Mike Mignola and Christopher Golden.

"With *Baltimore*, Mike Mignola and Christopher Golden lay siege to the reader's imagination with a grim battalion of gothic images and a thunderous barrage of narrative artillery." - Joe Hill



STAR WARS: KNIGHT ERRANT - ESCAPE #1

Jackson Miller / Castiello

Jedi Knight Kerra Holt's next mission starts with a very personal and ultrasecret

investigation! But with the dark realities of Sith territory surrounding her, something unexpected may be taking hold of the lone Jedi! As she takes the first step toward her goal, Kerra knows there will be no turning back!

- First issue in a brand-new story line!
- John Jackson Miller's Knight Errant novel was a New York Times bestseller!



FATIMA: THE BLOOD SPINNERS #1

Hernandez

Comics luminary Gilbert Hernandez envisions his strangest, most thrilling future yet! A drug called "spin"

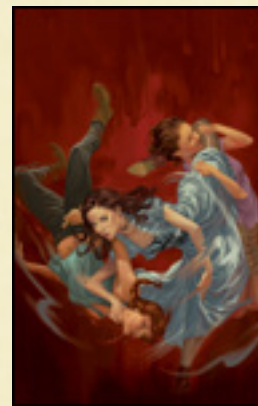
offers the wildest trip imaginable, followed by its users' inevitable, rapid deterioration into undead flesh eaters. Despite the side effect, the drug is so popular that the human population is dying out! With no cure to be found, the beautiful, lovesick Fatima may be the only thing standing between the survivors and the apocalypse.

Get ready for four issues of zombies, drug lords, and gorgeous women!

- Love and . . . rockets ZOMBIES!
- Featuring a special variant cover by Peter Bagge!

"Hernandez's art is as assured and potent as ever; he draws in black-and-white as if colour had never been invented." - ComicMix

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE



BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: DRUSILLA #1

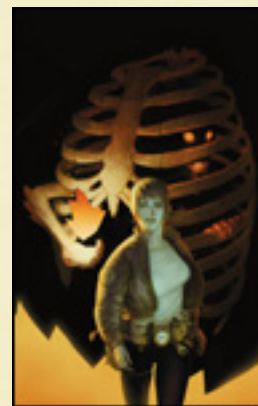
Landau / Richards / Seeley

As Drusilla flees through the streets of London, her savagery is witnessed by a documentary filmmaker who becomes fixated on her. He wants to bring the story behind such

a unique and mysterious specimen to the big screen! His hunt for Drusilla, past, present, and future, sets him on a path of no return!

- Actress Juliet Landau writes Drusilla!
- Follows the events of Angel & Faith #9 and features a Georges Jeanty variant cover

Move over, Buffy—Drusilla is back!



B.P.R.D. HELL ON EARTH: EXORCISM #1

Mignola / Stewart

Field agent Ashley Strode, last seen in B.P.R.D.: War on Frogs, is deployed to a Mexican village after a demon

commands her to release one of its brethren, or lose the soul of a small child.

It's the return of Eisner Award winner Cameron Stewart to B.P.R.D. featuring Ota Benga from B.P.R.D.: 1947.

"Eisner-winner Cameron Stewart... hardly needs me to tell anyone how great his art is." - ComicsAlliance



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE



DC COMICS PRESENTS: SUPERMAN/SUPergirl #1

Loeb / Didio / Churchill / Rapmund

Spotlighting the art of Ian Churchill with stories from Superman/Batman

#19, Superman #176, Supergirl #1, DC Infinite Halloween Special #1 and DCU Holiday Special #1!



DC COMICS PRESENTS: SUPERMAN ADVENTURES #1

Mark Millar / Amancio / Austin

All-ages tales from Superman Adventures #16, 19, 22 and 23.

The Man of Steel faces Mr. Mxyzptlk, Brainiac and Livewire, and plays bodyguard to the president of the United States.



DC NATION #1 (ONE-SHOT)

Various

The official magazine of Cartoon Network's DC NATION, featuring three awesome comics stories and a behind

the scenes sneak-peeks at your favourite DC NATION cartoons!



BEFORE WATCHMEN: SILK SPECTRE #1

Cooke / Conner / Wein / Higgins

"Oh sweetie, you're too young to hate. Wait until you're older and the world gives you a good

reason. Trust me, it won't let you down."

Plus: Don't miss the Crimson Corsair backup story by writer Len Wein and artist John Higgins!



AMERICAN VAMPIRE: LORD OF NIGHTMARES #1

Snyder / Nguyen

Hot on the heels of last year's award-winning American Vampire miniseries, Survival Of The

Fittest, we return to postwar Europe and the vampire-hunting agency known as the Vassals of the Morning Star!

Agent Felicia Book has had a dark life, filled with tragedy, but she has finally found peace, raising her adoptive son, Gus. But when the Vassals return for help tracking the most powerful vampire of all time, she soon learns nothing can prepare her for the threat inside The Coffin...

A great companion to the ongoing series and a perfect jumping-on point, Lord Of Nightmares features amazing art by Dustin Nguyen!



BEFORE WATCHMEN: NITE OWL #1

Straczynski / Wein / Kubert / Higgins

"The hero known to the public only as Nite Owl announced his retirement today."

Plus: Don't miss the Crimson Corsair backup story by writer Len Wein and artist John Higgins!



BEFORE WATCHMEN: COMEDIAN #1

Azzarello / Wein / Jones / Higgins

"I'm a funny guy..."

Plus: Don't miss the Crimson Corsair backup story by writer Len Wein and artist John Higgins!



BEFORE WATCHMEN: MINUTEMEN #1

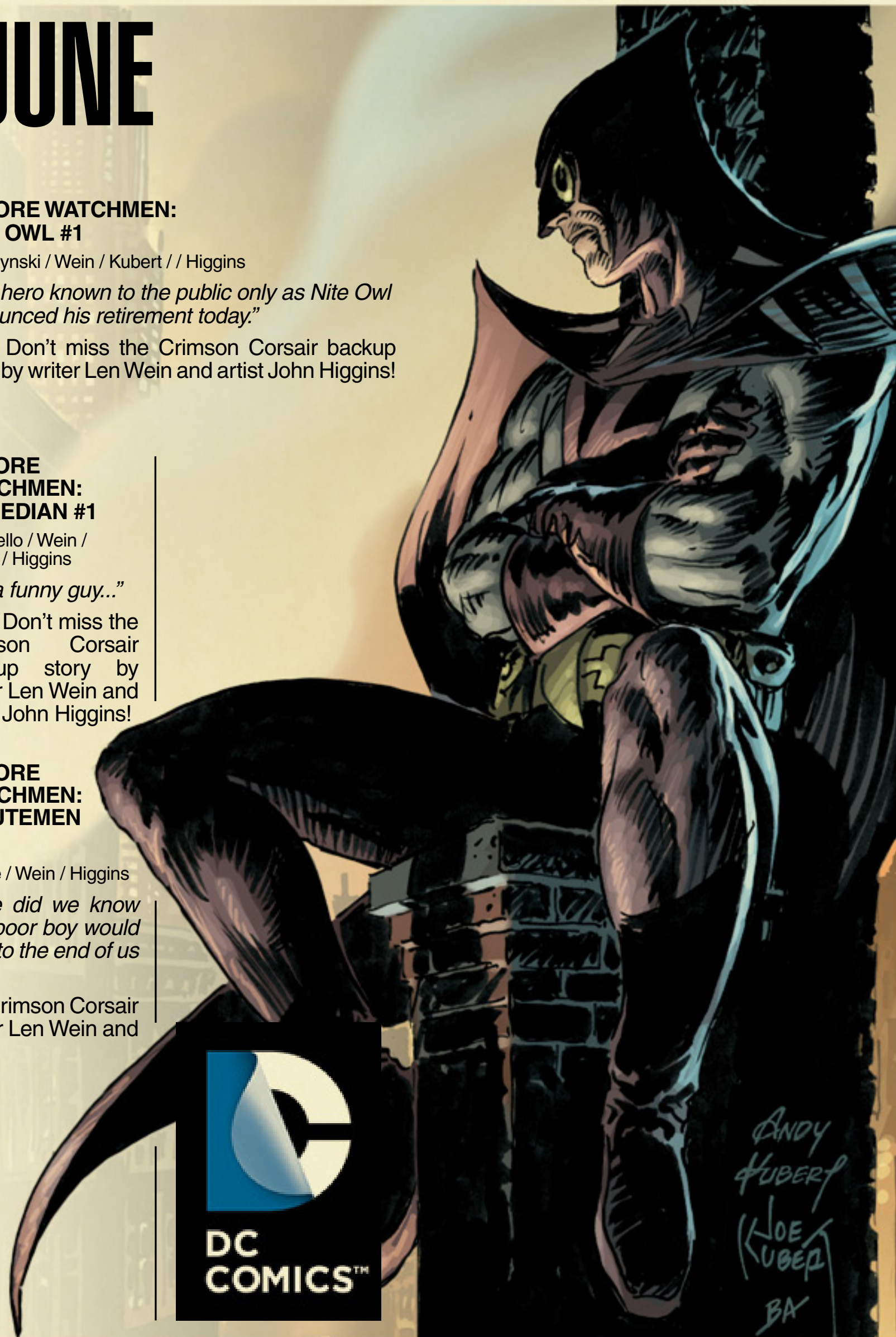
Cooke / Wein / Higgins

"Little did we know that poor boy would lead to the end of us all."

Plus: Don't miss the Crimson Corsair backup story by writer Len Wein and artist John Higgins!

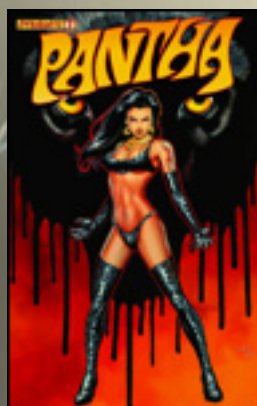


DC COMICS™



NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE

DYNAMITE
ENTERTAINMENT

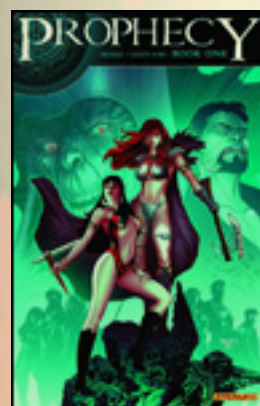


PANTHA #1

Jerwa / Rodrix

She stalks the night, driving the forces of Chaos from the shadows and hunting them down like prey! Much more than a feral shapeshifter, Pantha is also an avatar for the Egyptian goddess Sekhmet – and she's going to learn that history can repeat in a violent, terrifying way! Featuring the

return of several heroes and villains from the pages of Pantha and Vampirella, "Dangerous Game" will be an important cornerstone for the future of Dynamite's epic Vampirella universe!



PROPHECY #1

Marz / Geovanni

In 2012, the Mayan doomsday prophecy is coming to pass, and the end of the world makes for strange allies. Vampirella, Red Sonja, Kulan Gath,

Dracula, Eva, Herbert West The Re-Animator, Alan Quatermain, Athena, Dorian Gray, Purgatory, Pantha and many more choose sides and clash in battles that will decide the fate of the Earth and all of mankind. Will the forces of good be able to stop the end of days? Or will an army of darkness rise?

A seven-issue, SELF-CONTAINED event! That's right, fans, no spin-offs, no add-ons, just seven issues of all out, apocalyptic warfare!

Be there for the first crossover spanning the Dynamite line...before it's too late!

Dynamite's most powerful and ambitious cross-over ever!

IDW
PUBLISHING



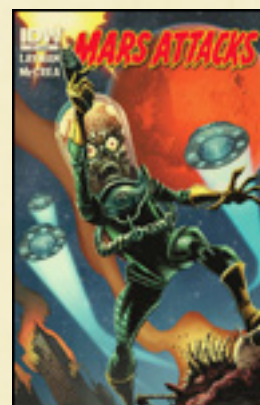
KISS #1

Ryall / Igle

You Wanted the Best, You Got the Best! KISS is back in an all-new comic series that will appeal to longtime fans and new readers alike!

Four ordinary humans in 1920s Chicago find themselves caught up in a battle of epic proportions that will reverberate across time and space in "Dressed to Kill," part 1!

KISS #1-4 come with a special "solo album" covers by artist Michael Gaydos.



MARS ATTACKS #1

Layman / McCrea / Wood / Powell / Saunders

The invasion begins!

The first stories of an all-new Mars Attacks universe are here, bringing outrageous action and dark humour to the comics page. Eisner-winning writer John Layman (Chew) is joined by Eisner-winning artist John McCrea (Hitman) to sound the alarm. Beware! The Martians are coming!

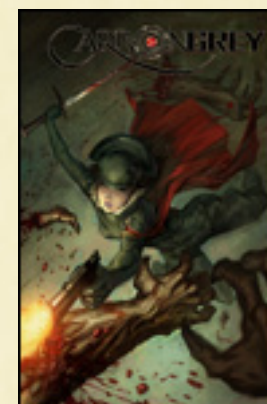
• 55 different covers, each depicting one card from the original 1962 set! All 55 have a unique back cover, featuring the original card art that told the story!

PLANETOID #1

Garing

Silas, an ex-soldier turned space pirate, finds himself stranded on a mysterious planet in alien territory. As he explores the long-abandoned

industrial ruins of the planet's surface he will have to fend off rogue mechanical creatures, roving cyborg militias, and a hostile alien military with a bounty on his head. Silas will have to rely on resourcefulness and bare-bones survival tactics in order to stay alive and ultimately unlock the secrets of a planet where survival is a luxury and escape an impossibility.

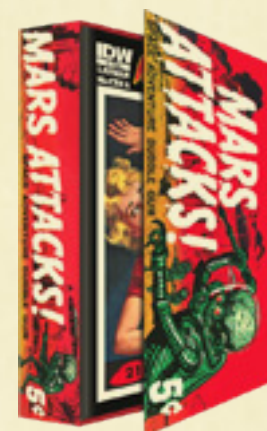


CARBON GREY, VOL. 2 #1 (of 3)

Gardner / Nguyen / Evans / Loh

"DAUGHTERS OF STONE"

Months have passed since the events of volume one. By order of the Queen an expedition force sets out in search of the real stone of Gottfaust. Anna hunts down the conspirators behind an assassination attempt on Her Majesty. What has become of the sisters in exile, Eva and Giselle?



MARS ATTACKS #1 COMPLETE BOX SET

Want to collect the whole set, but don't have the time for a long hunt? Buy the complete 55-comic set, which comes packed in a collectible

box adorned by a perfect replicate of the original Topps 1962 box art! Including the checklist card cover, as well as a special bonus 56th cover, only available as part of this set!



CREATOR OWNED HEROES #1

Niles / Palmiotti / Gray / Noto / Mellon

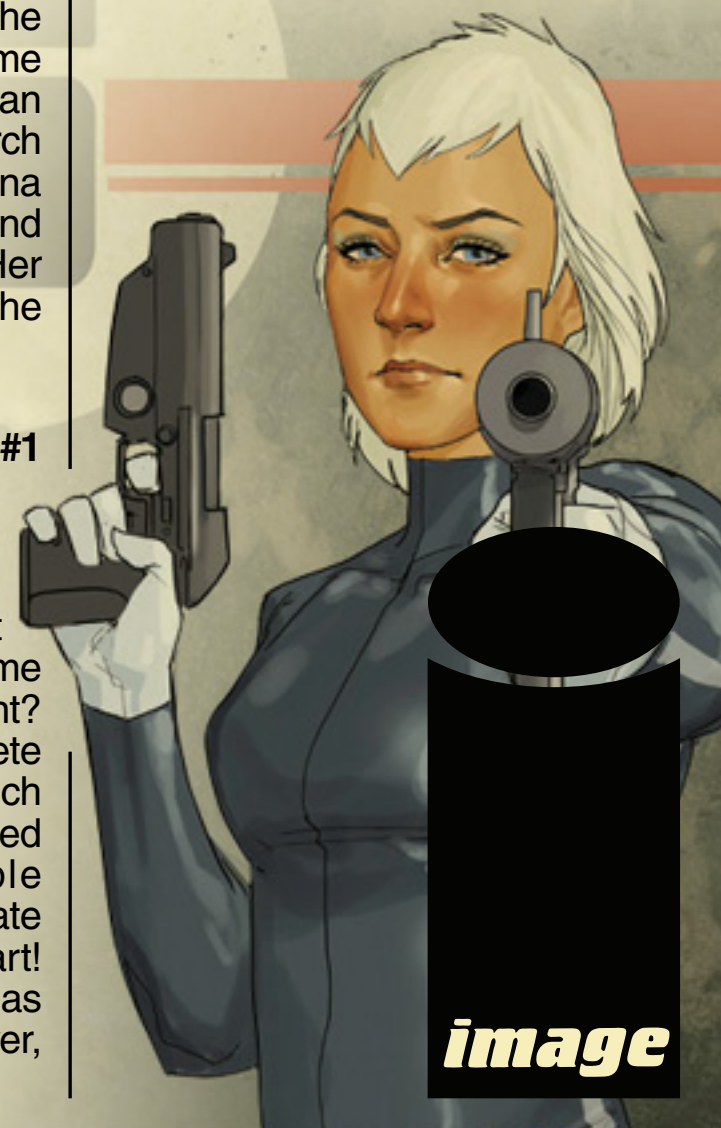
"American Muscle," Part One by Steve Niles and Kevin Mellon.

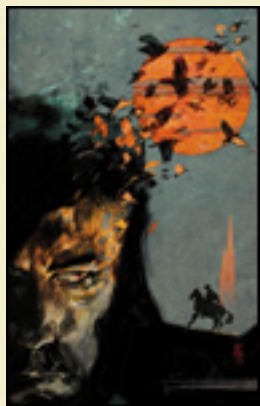
The world ended a long time ago. How

it happened exactly and what exists in the wasteland have always been a mystery. Now Chloe, Gil and a gang of rebels have escaped the last human stronghold and are blazing across Post-Apocalypse America in search of paradise.

"Triggergirl 6," Part One by Jimmy Palmiotti, Justin Gray and Phil Noto.

In this sci-fi thriller, the sixth in a series of genetically modified assassins born in a secret laboratory sets her sights on the ultimate target. But what happens when the perfect killing machine takes a personal interest in her target only to uncover a conspiracy that may change the fate of the entire human race?





DARK TOWER: THE GUNSLINGER - THE MAN IN BLACK #1 (of 5)

Furth / David / Maleev

Stephen King's most celebrated novel comes to life as Roland continues

his journey towards the Dark Tower in his search for the Man in Black - but will he betray young Jake along the way?

Don't miss the exciting fifth and final chapter in the Dark Tower: Gunslinger saga!

Superstar artist Alex Maleev (Daredevil, Halo: Uprising, Moon Knight) joins Peter David, Robin Furth and Richard Isanove on this last epic adventure!



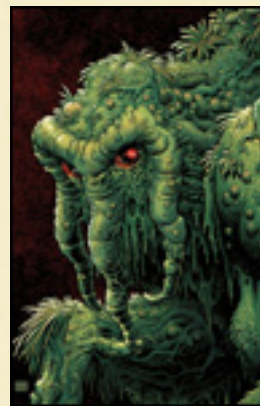
HIT-GIRL #1 (of 5)

Millar / Romita Jr.

Hit-Girl spins off into her own blood-soaked series by the sales-busting creative team of Mark Millar and John Romita Jr.

This story takes place between Kick-Ass volumes 1 and 2 as Mindy McCready tries to settle into life as a regular school-girl, but wants nothing more to be dispensing hot justice to the scum of New York City. Her mother and step-father think she's doing her homework, but in reality she's taken Kick-Ass on as her sidekick and training him up to punch, shoot and stab... just like Daddy would have wanted.

- Variant cover by Leandro Fernandez
- Sketch variant by John Romita Jr.
- Blank cover also available



INFERNAL MAN-THING #1 (of 3)

Gerber / Nowlan

Steve Gerber's final Man-Thing story!

What is the mystery behind the "screenplay of the Living Dead Man"?

The story no one thought existed!!!

- No ads! Bonus content!
- Cover by Art Adams
- Variant covers by Gil Kane and Kevin Nowlan



UNTOLD TALES OF THE PUNISHER MAX #1 (of 5)

Starr / Boschi

Award-winning crime novelist Jason Starr brings his unique vision to the Punisher!

A massive debt, a gun with untraceable bullets, one unthinkable choice...

Who's side will the Punisher take?



THE MIGHTY THOR ANNUAL #1

DeMatteis / Elson

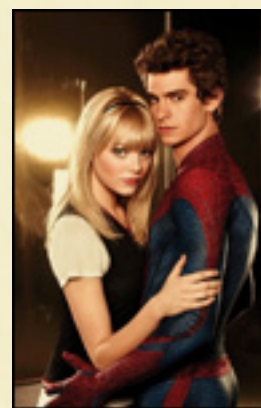
Thor is caught in a war of eons between two cosmic entities!

Can even Galactus and the Silver Surfer tip the balance?

An eternal game for the fate of the universe enters its final match, with Oblivion himself ready to take the prize!

- Variant Cover by Arthur Adams

NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN JUNE



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: THE MOVIE #1 & 2

Cohen / Edwards

The Amazing Spider-Man premieres in theatres nationwide July 3, 2012!

As Peter Parker swings into action as Spider-Man, he's about to face his first challenge as a super hero!

But how did he get there? Go "between the scenes" with this story-inspired and based upon the new The Amazing Spider-Man movie!

Featuring Gwen Stacy, Captain George Stacy, Dr. Curt Connors and the rest of Amazing Spider-Man gang as they come to cinematic life!



SPIDER-MEN #1 & 2 (of 5)

Bendis / Pichelli

"This June, history will be made for the Marvel Universe..."

Issue #1

- Comic shop variant available.

- Pichelli variant also available.
- Ramos variant also available.

Issue #2

- Martin variant available.
- Pichelli variant also available.





JUSTICE

Krueger / Ross

DC, 384 pages

Collecting the best-selling 12-issue series, the Legion of Doom, led by Lex Luthor and Brainiac, band together to save

the world after a shared vision of the Earth's demise!



BATMAN: EARTH ONE

Johns / Frank

DC, 144 pages

From Geoff Johns and Gary Frank, the acclaimed team behind Superman: Secret Origin and the

Shazam! stories in Justice League.

In the tradition of Superman: Earth One, this spectacular original graphic novel gives new insight into Bruce Wayne's transformation into Batman and his first year as the Dark Knight. In this all new take on the Batman mythos, Bruce Wayne is on the hunt for his parents' killer. His target? The Mayor of Gotham City!

Plus, who is Alfred Pennyworth and why is he so determined to put an end to the Batman?



FATALE, VOL. 1: DEATH CHASES ME

Brubaker / Phillips / Stewart

Image, 136 pages

The first arc of Image's surprise hit is collected just in time for

new readers to jump on board with issue 6! Secrets, lies, horror, lust and monsters from the time before time all collide in 'Fatale: Death Chases Me'.

In present day, a man meets a woman who he becomes instantly obsessed with, and in the 1950s, this same woman destroys the lives of all those who cross her path, on a quest for... what?

Ed Brubaker and Sean Phillips best-selling series will leave you craving more!

Collects FATALE #1-5.



DAREDEVIL BY MARK WAID VOL. 2 PREMIERE HC

Waid / Rivera / Rios / Kano / Pham

Marvel, HC, 144 pages

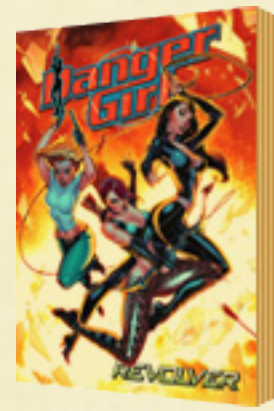
The year's most critically acclaimed series!

Following a shocking discovery about the Marvel Universe, Daredevil has a weighty decision to make — the results of which will affect his friends and enemies both!

Meanwhile, the Nelson and Murdock law offices struggle to celebrate the holidays as insurmountable problems descend upon them!

Then, Spider-Man and Daredevil team up when Black Cat is arrested, and Murdock is the only lawyer who will touch her (her case, we mean). The next great love triangle of the Marvel Universe begins — assuming that Daredevil can survive a cabal of villainous secret societies, all sworn to bring the hero to his knees!

Collecting Daredevil (2011) #7-10 and #10.1, and Amazing Spider-man (1963) #677.



DANGER GIRL: REVOLVER

Hartnell / Madden

IDW, 104 pages

Who is she? What are her skills? Where is she from? What are her measurements?

You'll find those answers and more as she joins the world's sexiest spy agency in their most explosive adventure yet!

For the first time, creators J. Scott Campbell and Andy Hartnell introduce a new Danger Girl to the team!



SERGIO ARAGONES' GROO THE WANDERER: ARTIST'S EDITION

Aragones / Evanier

IDW, HC, 144 Pages

To call Sergio Aragones a

legendary cartoonist would be an understatement. Besides being in every single issue of Mad Magazine for the past 50 years, Sergio is also the creator of Groo the Wanderer, the hilarious character that is a good natured and extremely honest barbarian, but one who consistently finds himself in the middle of all sorts of misadventures because of his unparalleled stupidity and penchant for misunderstanding.

IDW is pleased to offer the one and only Sergio Aragones' Groo the Wanderer: Artist's Edition, featuring a glorious four-part story showcasing Sergio at his best.



UNCHARTED

Williamson / Sandoval / Gas

DC, 144 pages

Based on the critically acclaimed and best-selling PlayStation 3 video game, 'Uncharted' collects the entire 6-issue miniseries!

A quest for the legendary "Amber Room" launches Nathan Drake on a journey to the centre of the earth.

NOVEL IDEAS

ACE Comics pick of the best new graphic novels and collected editions arriving in June



**SUPERMAN:
ACTION COMICS
VOL. 1: SUPERMAN
AND THE MEN
OF STEEL**

Morrison / Morales /
Kubert and more

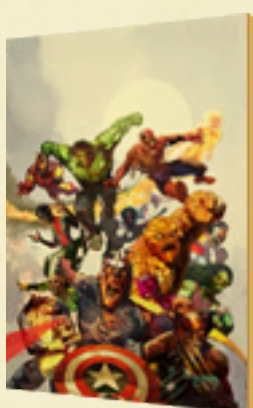
DC, HC, 256 pages

The first collection
of Grant Morrison's

epic run on Action Comics, with art
by Rags Morales, Andy Kubert and
more!

In these startling tales, the people
of Metropolis turn on their new
champion! Plus, the Superman of
today and the Legion of Super-
Heroes must save the jean-sweating
Superman of five years ago!

Collects Action Comics #1-8.



**MARVEL
ZOMNIBUS**

Various

Marvel, HC, 1200
pages

The smash-hit
Marvel Zombies
saga is collected
in one meaty,
macabre tome!

The dead walk, and leap, fly and
climb walls when Marvel's mightiest
are transformed into flesh-eating
monsters! After devouring every
single person on Earth, the ravenous
once-heroes set their sights higher,
taking on Galactus, spreading into
space, and breaking into new and
delicious dimensions... including
our own!

Lock your doors, and board up your
windows - the Marvel Zombies are
coming for you!

Collecting Marvel Zombies: Dead
Days, Marvel Apes: Prime Eight,
Marvel Zombies: Evil Evolution,
Ultimate Fantastic Four #21-23
and #30-32, Marvel Zombies #1-
5, Black Panther (2005) #28-30,
Marvel Zombies 2 #1-5, Marvel
Zombies Return #1-5, Marvel
Zombies 3 #1-5, Marvel Zombies 4
#1-4, Marvel Zombies 5 #1-5, and
Marvel Zombies Supreme #1-5.



GET JIRO!

Bourdain / Rose /
Foss

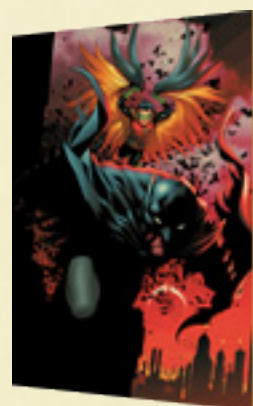
DC Vertigo, 160 pages

Don't miss this
original graphic
novel from
Anthony Bourdain,
renowned chef,
New York Times

bestselling author (Kitchen
Confidential, Medium Raw) and
star of the Emmy-winning hit travel
show No Reservations and the
brand new series The Layover!

Co-written with Joel Rose (LA
PACIFICA, Kill Kill Faster Faster)
this stylized send-up of food culture
and society features spectacular
detailed and dynamic art by
Langdon Foss.

In a not-too-distant future of food
obsessed L.A., where master chefs
rule the town like crime lords and
people literally kill for a seat at the
best restaurant, Jiro, a renegade
and ruthless sushi chef arrives in
town with strong ideas of his own...



**BATMAN AND
ROBIN VOL. 1:
BORN TO KILL**

Tomasi / Gleason

DC, 192 pages

Batman and
Damian (the new
Robin) are driven
apart by the
insidious Nobody!

Collecting Batman and Robin #1-8!



**THE WALKING
DEAD, VOL. 16:
A LARGER
WORLD**

Kirkman / Adlard /
Rathburn

IDW, 136 Pages

Rick discovers
that there are
communities of

survivors nearby, and begins to
explore a larger world.

Collects The Walking Dead #91-96.



**AVENGING
SPIDER-MAN:
MY FRIENDS
CAN BEAT UP
YOUR FRIENDS**

Wells / Madureira /
Land / Yu

Marvel, HC, 120 pages

This is what you've
been waiting for!

The return of legendary artist Joe
Madureira (X-Men, Battle Chasers)
and fan-favourite Spidey writer Zeb
Wells in a brand-new Spider-series
that teams the wall-crawler with
some of the greatest heroes in the
Marvel Universe!

First, Spider-Man and his Avengers
teammate Red Hulk take on a
Moloid army during the New York
City Marathon — but when Red
Hulk falls, only Spider-Man stands
in the way of the Subterranean
invasion of Manhattan!

Then, Hawkeye drops in for an
action-packed extravaganza!

And finally, Spider-Man teams up
with Captain America — and it may
hurt a lot!

Collecting Avenging Spider-Man #1-5.



**BATGIRL VOL. 1:
THE DARKEST
REFLECTION**

Simone / Syaf

DC, 144 pages

The hit DC Comics
New 52 series that
brought Barbara
Gordon back as
Batgirl is collected

for the first time!

Collects the new BATGIRL #1-6.



**TINY TITANS:
GROWING UP
TINY**

DC, 128 pages

A new volume of
the Eisner Award-
winning series,
including lots o'
Crocs, a super-
speedster race,

young Bizarros in love and the
Crossing Patrol Boys of Doom!

Collects Tiny titans #39-44.



**LIBERTY
MEADOWS
SUNDAY
COLLECTION
BOOK 1**

Cho

Image, HC, 160 pages

Finally, after all this
time, Frank Cho
gets off his lazy

butt and collects his multi-award
winning Liberty Meadows Sunday
strips in one place. This book
showcases the first three years
of Liberty Meadows Sunday
strips, fully re-mastered and
digitally recoloured.

It also showcases never
before seen comic strips and
art since their initial newspaper
publication.

This is book 1 of 2. The second
Liberty Meadows
Sunday Collection,
collecting years 4-5 of
Liberty Meadows Sunday strips,
will be published in November.

Collects the first three years of
Liberty Meadows Sunday strips.



NOVEL IDEAS

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HISTORY BOOKS

With the huge volume of titles released each week, it can be quite easy to overlook the rich history of comic books available in the form of back issues and graphic novels, so we're going to take this opportunity to showcase some gems in Illuminations, that you previously might have missed.



BATMAN: CHILD OF DREAMS (2003)

KIA ASAMIYA

"Batman gets the manga treatment! It's a mammoth adventure by manga sensation Kia Asamiya featuring the World's Greatest Detective in action in both Gotham and Tokyo, locked in mortal combat with his greatest enemies! We think it's a truly great book and we think you will too!" - DC

'Batman: Child of Dreams' originated as a manga series written and illustrated by Kia Asamiya. It was

first published in Kodansha's 'Magazine Z' beginning in 2000 with the English language version released in hardcover and softcover editions in 2003 by DC Comics.

The story takes Batman to Tokyo on the trail of a lethal drug that enables the person taking it to shapeshift into anyone they desire to be. Once a day has passed, the drug kills the user by draining them of their life force. In Gotham City, users were transforming into copies of villains from Batman's rogue's gallery. Suspecting they were not the real thing after noticing behavioural differences and realizing a larger force is at work, Batman follows the trail of the chemical to Tokyo.

Refreshingly, 'Child of Dreams' features Bruce Wayne just as heavily as Batman, plus a prospective new love interest in the form of Yuko Yagi, a reporter intent on securing an exclusive interview with the Dark Knight. This leads to some great drama as Bruce/Batman must solve the mystery and keep Yuko safe.

The manga styling lends itself very well to the book; action scenes are fast and dramatic and there's an almost cinematic quality to the panels. Readers may also notice the 'flip' (manga is read right to left, so DC just flipped the pages for us Westerners), as Two-Face is now scarred on the right.

In our opinion, 'Child of Dreams' has the lot. It's a classic Batman story, told in an exciting, new style. If you're one of the few people that don't own it, you know what to do...

STAFF PICKS

We're often asked to recommend something fresh for our customers to read at ACE Comics, so we've decided to throw a few ideas in here...

WINTER SOLDIER (MARVEL)

Winter Soldier seems to have slipped past nearly everyone's reading radar, including me. My first reaction was, yaa di ya spinning out the fact that Bucky is alive, yaa di ya.

However, I fortunately had a quiet moment in the shop and read issue one. Ed Brubaker has 'nailed' the characters of Natasha Romanov and Bucky Barnes and is weaving a tale of intrigue and espionage that would grace any novel. Rounded off with some first class art by Michael Lark and I vote this my sleeper hit of the year so far.

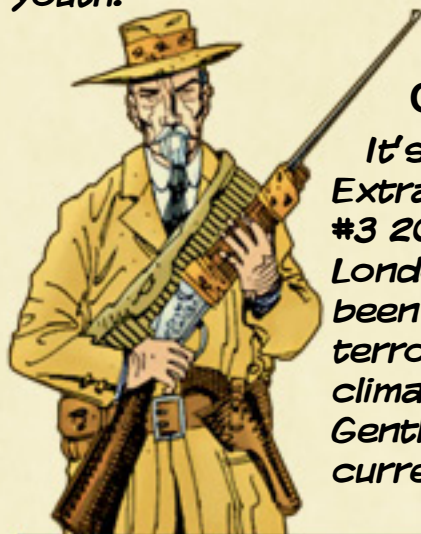
SECRET AVENGERS (MARVEL)

Inspired by my enjoyment of Winter Soldier I moved on to catching up with Secret Avengers. This is the Avengers series that has espionage and secrecy as its premise. Again I have been very surprised by the quality of the story and the art. Rick Remender is on top form with this series at the moment and once again excellent comic book art from Renato Guedes.

Amongst the too many Marvel titles there is a very strong core of excellent books. Dare I say it but I am enjoying Marvel more than DC at the moment.

MAN THING (MARVEL)

Just sticking with Marvel for one more as the one book that has me really excited this month is the Steve Gerber Final Man-thing story. This will be three issues I will save to read together and reminisce about the 70's and past youth!



THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN III (TOP SHELF)

It's finally here. The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen III Century #3 2009. The year is 2009, the place London, the magical child foretold has been born, add in nuclear threats, terrorists and holy wars and what a climax! (Note: League of Extraordinary Gentlemen 1 and 2 are in stock and currently available) - BIFF

UNCHARTED (IDW)

Featured in our 'Novel Ideas' section and based on the hugely successful videogame franchise, this graphic novel follows the Uncharted gang as their search for the 'Amber Room' takes a few unexpected turns and leads them on to the path to the lost city of 'Agartha'.

The characters are captured perfectly in the entertaining interactions, especially those between Drake and Chloe, and the whole package is wrapped up in some beautiful art from Sergio Sandoval.

If you missed out on the comic books and love a good archaeological, action, adventure yarn (see Indiana Jones / Tomb Raider), peppered with witty repartee, stick this on your 'wants' list. - MARC

STAR WARS: DAWN OF THE JEDI (DARK HORSE)

With issue one now into its third printing, Dawn of the Jedi is proving to be a success for Dark Horse.

The title deals with the birth of the Jedi order (or Je'Daii, as they were known) and how they came to be the lightsaber-wielding good guys we know and love.

After a genesis-style introduction, we follow the early Je'Daii as they spread across the galaxy and get introduced to the villains of the piece - the Infinite Empire run by the Rakatans.

Chock full of new backstory and information, plus flying pyramids and winged Rancors (ok, maybe that pushes it a little), Dawn of the Jedi is an interesting and beautifully presented read from John Ostrander and Jan Duursema.

- GUY



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BOURNE POND COMIC EVENT

I love comics and when I hear that 25% of primary school children leave for senior school unable to read I seethe inside that comics are still not used to inspire children to read. The teachers that are not good enough or lack the support to be good enough need to take a massive rethink. As do the Education authorities.

Recently I went to give a talk to a group of students at Frinton Technical College who in Media Studies were creating their own comics. I was surprised at the lack of basic knowledge given to the students and spent five to ten minutes with each one explaining the fundamentals of story telling. Each one when given this basic spring board improved the plot and premise of their story. The feedback from the students and some of their parents who went to the effort of calling into the Colchester store has been one hundred percent positive. They want me back for part two. No word from the school though.

Now I have another chance. I was contacted to attend an event involving St Georges junior school. On Sunday April 15th at Bourne Pond they are holding a 'comic' day. Children are dressing up as superheroes and various competitions are being held. I will be there giving out a free comic goodie bag.

I have contacted the school offering (free help) to go in and give a talk and help create a school comic. The response from the school is silence.

I despair. They have gone as far as having a special day but do not seem to want to use the children's enthusiasm to take it one step further.

If anyone out there has any contacts in Higher Education please let me know. I am waiting to start a crusade.

COLCHESTER BIG BANG THEORY

Just recently, we have had two bizarre incidents at the shop.

At Christmas we built in store the inside of Darth Vader's Tie Fighter for our Father Darth Vader to meet with children.

This room was so good I have left it open for people to visit.

A group of a dozen teenagers came storming into the shop 3 weeks ago and I thought we were about to be 'rolled over'. Fortunately that was not the case. They all stormed into the Darth Vader room and took pictures of each other in the room next to the various life size cut outs of Star Wars characters that we have in there. All the while they belittled the contents and customers of the store.

Last week another group of teenagers, only six this time. Came in screaming that this was just like Big Bang Theory and they went to the back issue room and started taking pictures of themselves holding back issue comics. All the while belittling the contents of the store and customers.

Do they not see the irony?

Do they not see who are the uneducated?

That just leaves me to say on behalf of all at ACE Colchester, Biff, Tina, Kerrie, Marc, Guy, Evil Stu, Victoria, Colin, Ed, Glenn, Matt and of course Brenden and Bryony, Lea in Southend, Richard and Guy in Richmond, Ivor, the two Scotts, Lorna, Stuart and Bennie in Glasgow...

HAPPY EASTER!



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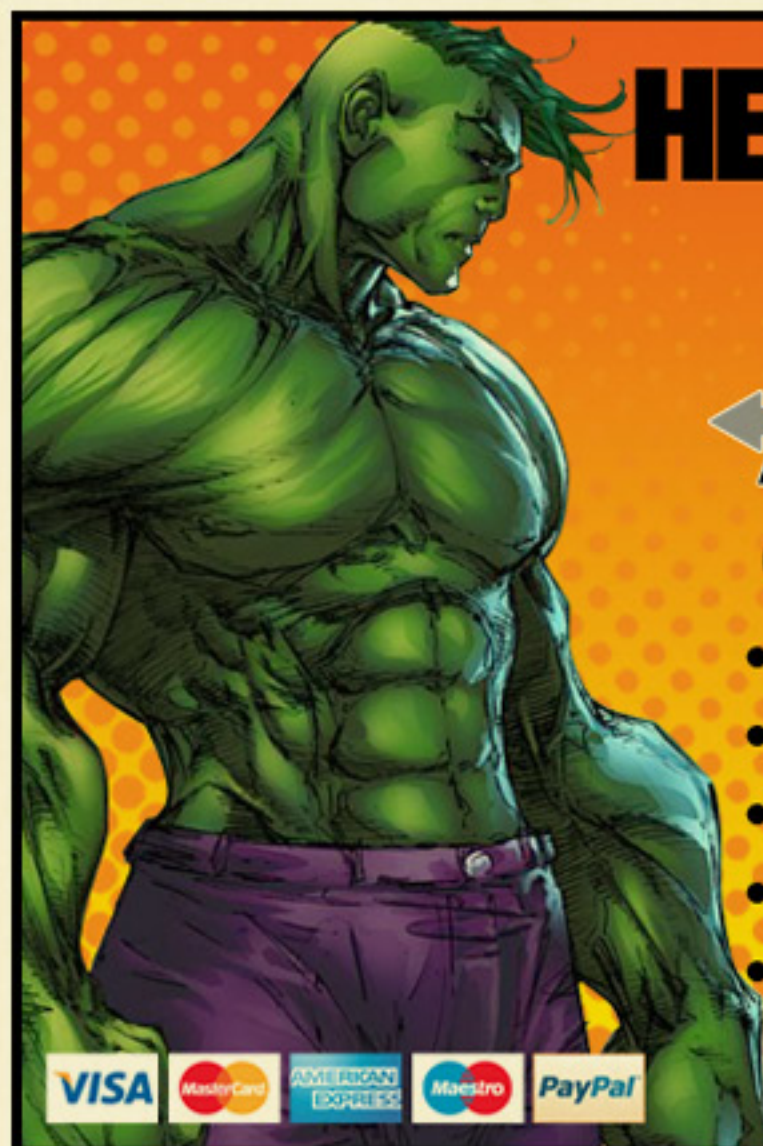
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