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# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN AUGUST: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



## JUSTICE LEAGUE: TRINITY WAR - DIRECTOR'S CUT #1

GEOFF JOHNS | IVAN REIS

The War of the Justice Leagues is here - and now, DC Comics presents the first chapter in this epic event in a new Director's Cut, featuring Geoff Johns' original

script from JUSTICE LEAGUE #22 and Ivan Reis' artwork presented in pencil form!



## BATMAN BEYOND UNIVERSE #1

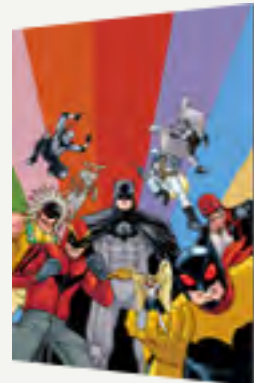
KYLE HIGGINS | CHRISTOS N. GAGE | THONY SILAS | IBAN COELLO

The new series begins here with all-new creative teams and all-new adventure!

Now a freshman at Gotham University, Terry McGinnis's role as Batman threatens his education and his life as a teenager. And when the Mayor is murdered, Terry's life is thrown into even greater turmoil! Meanwhile, the Justice League must stop Superman when his powers rage out of control!



# DC COMICS™



## BATMAN INCORPORATED SPECIAL #1

CHRIS BURNHAM | JOE KEATINGE | DAN DIDIO | ETHAN VAN SCIVER | JASON MASTERS | OTHERS

An all-star special featuring the various members of Batman

Incorporated - Man-of-Bats, Red Raven, El Gaucho, Dark Ranger, Knight, Batman himself and more!

In the wake of their epic struggle with Talia al Ghul, the Heretic and Leviathan see what's next for the members of Batman's army.

Featuring stories written and drawn by a collection of industry greats including Chris Burnham, Ethan Van Sciver, Dan DiDio and many more!



## AMERICAN VAMPIRE ANTHOLOGY #1

SCOTT SNYDER | JEFF LEMIRE | GREG RUCKA | GAIL SIMONE | GABRIEL BA | FABIO MOON | BECKY CLOONAN | RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE | FRANCESCO FRANCAVILLA | DECLAN SHALVEY | OTHERS

You are cordially invited to a party - to die for!

This special features eight amazing stories set in the world of American Vampire, with "lost tales," new characters and old favorites. Don't miss these stories brought to you by series creators Scott Snyder and Rafael Albuquerque, as well as other awesome comics talent like Becky Cloonan (Batman), Gabriel Ba and Fabio Moon (Daytripper), Jeff Lemire (Sweet Tooth), Greg Rucka (The Punisher, Batwoman), Gail Simone (Batgirl) and many more!



## DC UNIVERSE VS. THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE #1

KEITH GIFFEN | DEXTER SOY

After narrowly escaping his last battle with He-Man, Skeletor has fled to the most unexpected realm to recover: Earth! Once there, he sets

a plan in motion to siphon off Earth's core magic. Forging an unlikely hunting party, He-Man and company go in search of Skeletor. Finding themselves at odds with the heroes of the DC Universe, He-Man and the Masters of the Universe must find a way to stop Skeletor and his mysterious new master!

This debut issue features two covers by Ed Benes, both available for ordering: one featuring the heroes of the DC Universe, and the other featuring The Masters of the Universe!



## TRILLIUM #1

JEFF LEMIRE

It's the year 3797, and botanist Nika Temsmith is researching a strange species on a remote science station near the outermost rim of colonized space. It's the year 1921, and renowned English explorer William

Pike leads an expedition into the dense jungles of Peru in search of the fabled "Lost Temple of the Incas," an elusive sanctuary said to have strange healing properties. Two disparate souls separated by thousands of years and hundreds of millions of miles. Yet they will fall in love and, as a result, bring about the end of the universe. Even though reality is unraveling all around them, nothing can pull them apart. This isn't just a love story; It's the last love story ever told.



## THE WAKE - DIRECTOR'S CUT #1

SCOTT SNYDER | SEAN MURPHY

"There's something down there..."

A special behind-the-scenes look at Vertigo's newest hit series. THE WAKE is a strange, epic tale with so much more

broiling below the surface than meets the eye. This "Director's Cut" will reprint the first issue, plus a variety of bonus features like character designs, script pages, black and white art and more to give you a glimpse of the creative process.







### ITTY BITTY HELLBOY #1 (OF 3)

ART BALTAZAR | FRANCO

A ghost named Rasputin has been spotted! And Hellboy and the B.P.R.D. are going to find out what he's up to. Who is Hellboy anyway? Why does he have such a big hand and what is it used

for? Who's weirder, him or his friends? What is the B.P.R.D.? And what does chicken soup have to do with all of it? This and more answered in the debut issue, where BIG things happen to itty bitty Hellboy!

The creators of Tiny Titans, Superman Family Adventures, and Aw Yeah Comics comes to Dark Horse!

A new kids' comic with Mike Mignola's characters reimagined by Art Baltazar and Franco!



### HALO: INITIATION #1 (OF 3)

BRIAN REED |  
MARCO CASTIELLO

Halo - one of the largest video game franchises - comes to Dark Horse!

Before she was a supersoldier defending humanity as part of the Spartan IV program,

Sarah Palmer was an ODST—Orbital Drop Shock Trooper—carrying out the most dangerous missions behind enemy lines!



### RESIDENT ALIEN: THE SUICIDE BLONDE #0

PETER HOGAN |  
STEVE PARKHOUSE

Stranded on Earth, the alien living undercover as Dr. Harry Vanderspeigle continues his practice in the small town of Patience, USA! Assisted by Native American

nurse Asta—the only person who suspects that he's from another planet—Harry finds himself enmeshed in another murder mystery. Also: the feds are on to Harry!



### STATION TO STATION (ONE-SHOT)

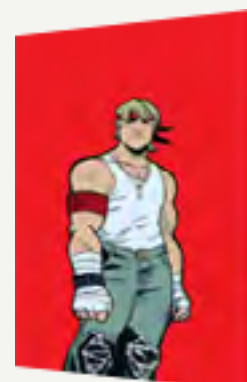
CORINNA BECHKO |  
GABRIEL HARDMAN

Something terrible has happened to the Bay Area. A pipeline explosion has totaled Treasure Island and destroyed the Bay Bridge. At least, that's

the official story... An interdimensional monster has been brought to San Francisco, and only the men responsible can fight it off, but can they resist its brainwashing? From the pages of Dark Horse Presents!



# NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN AUGUST: PREMIER PUBLISHERS



### BURN THE ORPHANAGE: BORN TO LOSE #1 (OF 3)

DANIEL FREEDMAN |  
SINA GRACE

A young orphan named Rock was left for dead, now he's out for revenge! With partners Lex and Bear by his side, our

hero will find out who burned his home and family to the ground. If that means taking on every goon, punk, and topless stripper ninja in the city... then so be it.



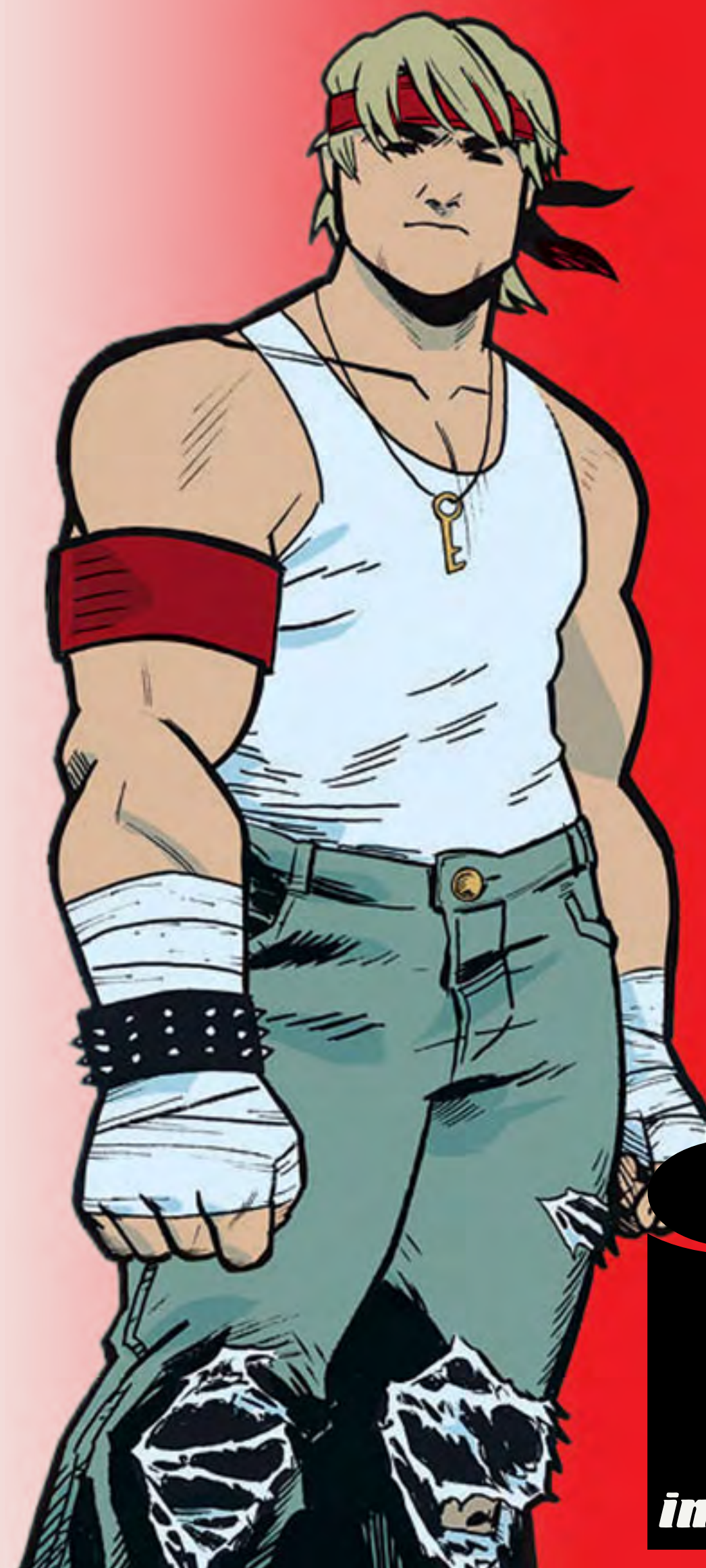
### THE SIDEKICK #1

J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI  
| A TOM MANDRAKE |  
BRIAN MILLER

Witness a modern hero's fall from grace!

The Cowl and Flyboy: renowned superhero and sidekick despite dopey names. They were famous, popular, and

happy until the Cowl's assassination. Now, no one takes Flyboy seriously. Follow his trajectory from barely tolerated hero to figure of ridicule, and witness his slow descent into madness, darkness and crime.



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## KISS KIDS #1 (OF 4)

CHRIS RYALL | TOM WALTZ | JOSE HOLDER

Presenting the adventures of Li'l Demon, Starchild, Catkid, and Spacey... the KISS Kids gang!

This rockin' new comic offers adventures for all ages (and many in-jokes and familiar characters for the Kiss faithful, too). No blood or fire here, just laughs and fun tales of the little costumed maniacs and the crazy town in which they live.



## LOCKE & KEY: ALPHA #1 (OF 2)

JOE HILL | GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ

"Omega and Alpha," part 1:

In the second-to-the-last issue of Locke & Key, the damned and the saved alike will make their final stand in the Drowning Cave, in a clash of blood and fire. The shadows have never been darker and the end has never been closer. Turn the key and open the last door; it's time to say goodbye.

# IDW

## PUBLISHING



## MY LITTLE PONY COVER GALLERY! #1

VARIOUS

Cover-to-cover Ponies in this special Cover Gallery! Many beloved, rare, hard-to-find, and fan-favorite My Little Pony covers are collected here in this 32-page art extravaganza!



## T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS #1

PHIL HESTER | ANDREA DI VITO

The T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents are dead, or will soon be, unless new recruit Dynamo can master the incredible but lethal power of the Thunderbelt in time to rescue his teammates from the mysterious

Iron Maiden. The timeless heroes return to comics with a vengeance in this blistering first issue from writer Phil Hester (Godzilla, Invincible Universe, Wonder Woman) and artist Andrea Di Vito (Dungeons & Dragons)!



## INFINITY #1 (OF 6)

JONATHAN HICKMAN | JIM CHEUNG

The oversized kickoff to the year's most anticipate Blockbuster summer event, changing the way you view the Marvel Universe!

The outbreak of war on two fronts: Earth and Space, with our heroes torn between them. The world-shattering return of Thanos includes material from Free Comic Book Day: Infinity



## ROCKET RACCOON: TALES FROM HALF-WORLD

BILL MANTLO | MIKE MIGNOLA

Relive the early adventures of the furry, feisty breakout star of Guardians Of The Galaxy!

Captain of the starship Rack 'n' Ruin, chief ranger of Halfworld, Rocket protects the Keystone Quadrant!

When the Toy War erupts, Rocket and his first mate Wal Russ must team with Bucky O'Hare!

Can they triumph over killer clowns, defeat Lord Dyvyn and Judson Jakes, and cure Halfworld's insane population, the Loonies?

Oh, and Rocket's a talking raccoon from outer space. We mentioned that, right?

Collecting Rocket Raccoon #1-4.





## SHAHRAZAD: PROLOGUE

TOM HUTCHISON |  
MIKE KROME  
BIG DOG INK

A new heroine rises from the legends of the ancient world. Shahrazad was known for her amazing stories of the 1,001 Arabian

Nights, but now it is time to tell her story! She lives a life unlike anything you could imagine; an existence that spans generations as well as genres. J. Scott Campbell lends a creative hand for this origin story that gives you but a taste of what is to come when Shahrazad returns for an ongoing series this fall!



## LADY RAWHIDE #1 (OF 5)

ERIC TRAUTMANN |  
MILTON ESTEVAM  
DYNAMITE

Lady Rawhide returns in an all-new adventure! This time, she faces not only the corrupt forces of the government -- bent on cowing the

populace through privation and cruelty -- but also a new team of vigilantes: The Sisters of the White Rose. The Sisters, inspired by Lady Rawhide's actions, have taken up the struggle against tyranny. Although she supports the Sisters' aims, Lady Rawhide is forced to stand against their bloody methods!

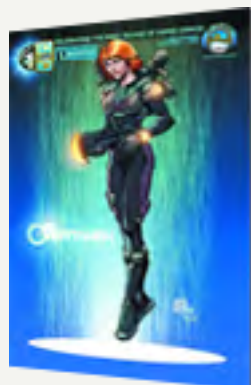


## GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS: REALM KNIGHTS #1 (OF 4)

PAT SHAND | TBD  
ZENESCOPE

Sela, Robyn Hood, Red Riding Hood, Cross, Helsing and Shang are some of the most powerful beings in the Grimm Universe... and together, they will become the Realm Knights. Brought together to stop an ancient evil from regaining his all-powerful weapons, these conflicted warriors must learn to work together in time to save the world. From the creators of Grimm Fairy Tales and written by Pat Shand (Robyn Hood). The newest can't miss Grimm Universe series arrives!

# SELECTED NEW TITLES SHIPPING IN AUGUST



## OVERTAKEN #1

FRANK MASTROMAURO |  
MARCO LORENZANA  
ASPEN

The sci-fi thriller Overtaken takes center stage as Aspen's 10 year anniversary celebration marches on! Some questions,

you may not want to know the answers to. Journalist Will Harden is well equipped for most situations, but nothing can prepare him for what's about to come. Relocating from the big city to a small mountain town with his wife, everything is turned upside-down the moment she goes missing. Are the rumors of alien abductions true or did something far worse happen to his wife? No matter the cause, Harden will not stop until he uncovers the truth, or dies trying. Written and created by Frank Mastromauro, featuring artwork by the talented newcomer Marco Lorenzana, Overtaken is going to take your breath away and leave you gasping for more!

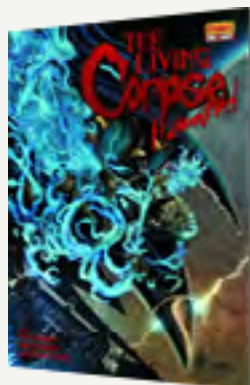


## BLOODSHOT #0

MATT KINDT | CHRISCROSS  
VALIANT

Discover the declassified secret history of Project Rising Spirit's Bloodshot program and its most successful soldier — as told by superstar creator Matt Kindt (MIND MGMT,

Justice League of America) and fan favorite artist ChrisCross (Superman/Batman)! From the darkest days of World War II and Korea, and through the hell of Vietnam and Afghanistan, Bloodshot's origin leaves a bloody trail of discarded lives and forgotten families. But which memories are real? Which families? Which children? Is Bloodshot many men...or no man at all? Is he simply a soulless killing machine or something more? Who is responsible? And why have the engineered the most dangerous weapon ever conceived by man? This issue holds the answers... but also reveals that we may have been asking the wrong questions all along...

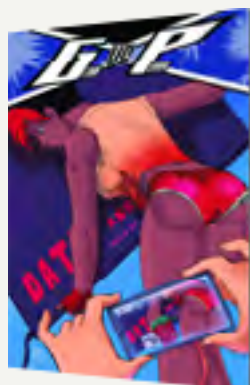


## THE LIVING CORPSE: HAUNTED (ONE-SHOT)

KEN HAESER |  
KEITH THOMAS |  
KEN HAESER |  
BUZ HASSON  
DYNAMITE

An all new fright-filled, knuckle-biting, pants-wetting one-shot inspired by this

summer's Amazing Adventures Of The Living Corpse animated movie from Shoreline Entertainment and Anchor Bay! A haunting at an abandoned mental institution brings The Living Corpse out to investigate! Our intrepid, undead hero must fight his way through an army of feeble-minded ghosts to unlock the secret of the evil Doctor Death!



## GOLD DIGGER: GINA VS. PENNY (ONE-SHOT)

FRED PERRY  
ANTARCTIC PRESS

Tom and Jerry, Bugs and Daffy, Road Runner and Coyote... the list of classic rivals now has a new entry: Gina versus Penny! When

the world's two smartest archaeologist / adventurers get into a punk-off, they start putting the "rank" in "prank"! A one-shot of outrageous one-shot gags from Fred Perry!

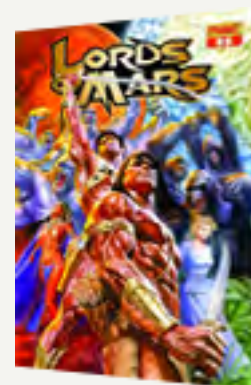


## CAVEWOMAN: PRIMAL (ONE-SHOT)

ROB DURHAM  
AMRYL

In this Cavewoman one-shot, the darkness that dwells in Meriem will be revealed. Continuing the Gangster storyline, Meriem is devastated

by the loss of Bruce, who was only the second man in her life she ever truly loved. Not since the loss of her grandfather, ten years earlier, has Meriem been so emotionally unstable. Follow her descent into madness as she unleashes a primal rage unseen since the passing of Gramps! Don't miss Cavewoman's savage return to the unsuspecting jungles of Marshville!

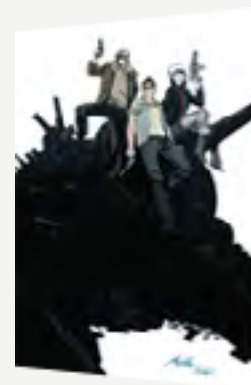


## LORDS OF MARS #1 (OF 6)

ARVID NELSON |  
ROBERTO CASTRO  
DYNAMITE

An epic crossover event starring the two greatest heroes of pulp fiction begins this June!

The legendary Ape-Man has claimed his title as Lord of Greystoke, but his very life is threatened when a hunting excursion with his fellow "gentlemen" goes disastrously wrong. Meanwhile, on Mars, John Carter is forced to respond to a veiled threat from his defeated enemies. Mars and Earth might be separated by millions of miles, but a sinister force is at work on both planets, setting the two champions on a deadly collision course. It all starts with Lords of Mars #1: The Hunting Party. Set phasers for "mayhem"!



## 3 GUNS #1 (OF 6)

STEVEN GRANT |  
EMILIO LAISO  
BOOM! SUDIOS

The sequel to 2 Guns, now a major motion picture starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg!

Trench was a deep-cover DEA agent. Steadman was an undercover Naval Intelligence officer. Now, after racing headlong across the Southwest, desperately outrunning Feds and mobsters alike while trying to clear their names, Trench and Steadman are pulled into another impossible situation: brokering gun deals between the Russians and anti-government revolutionaries... from opposite sides. And little do they know, a Third Gun has her eyes set on the ultimate prize — and she won't go down without a fight.

Creator Steven Grant (Damned, Punisher: Circle Of Blood) returns along with original series cover artist Rafael Albuquerque (American Vampire) and interior artist Emilio Laiso (Hack/Slash) for more action-comedy thrills!



## ROBOCOP: LAST STAND #1 (OF 8)

FRANK MILLER |  
STEVEN GRANT |  
KORKUT ÖZTEKIN  
BOOM! STUDIOS

Frank Miller's incredible screenplay has been brought to life in this hardhitting Steven Grant (2 Guns, Punisher:

Circle Of Blood) penned adaptation. With all the brains, guts, and bullets that made the first film an instant classic, this is a comic event not to miss. The police force has disbanded. The people of Detroit have been evicted from their homes. ED209s and OCP officers run the streets. With OCP's vision for Delta City well underway, Robocop may be his city's last hope. This is Robocop's last stand, as it was always intended to be.

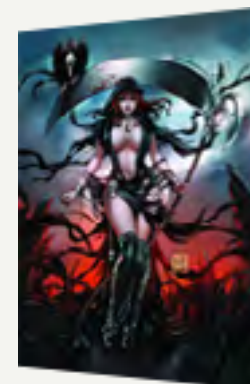


## ZOMBIE ANNIHILATION (ONE-SHOT)

CHARLES D. MOISANT |  
CHRIS WISINA  
SILVER PHOENIX

Chicago has been overrun by the undead! Can Doctor Zarvin and a group of local survivors succeeded in taking back the world using his

Xarnonion Tech? Faithful Readers, do not be confused, these are not Infection zombies, they are something far more sinister! Printed on Classic News Print in a a Kirby tribute style!



## GRIMM FAIRY TALES PRESENTS: NO TOMORROW #1 (OF 5)

RAVEN GREGORY | TBD  
ZENESCOPE

Death is a natural part of life but what happens when it goes rogue? A new horror enters the Grimm Universe and it is

a horror whose name is spoken in hushed and fearful whispers. Keres, the Goddess of the Death, will wreak havoc on an unsuspecting Earth, and one family man will feel the effects more than any other. Now he must attempt to uncover the truth behind Keres and how to stop her before all is lost. From writer Raven Gregory (Wonderland Trilogy / Fly / Dream Eater Saga) comes a new supernatural thriller that will blow your mind! When death arrives at the door, there is... no tomorrow!





# NOVEL IDEAS

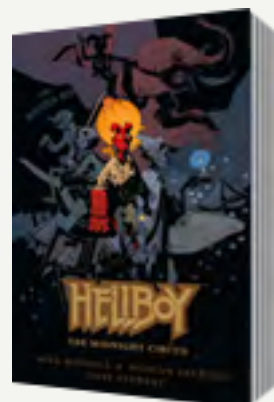
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## THE JOKER: DEATH OF THE FAMILY HC

SNYDER | NOCENTI | SIMONE | CAPULLO | SANDOVAL | BENES AND OTHERS  
DC, 456 Pages

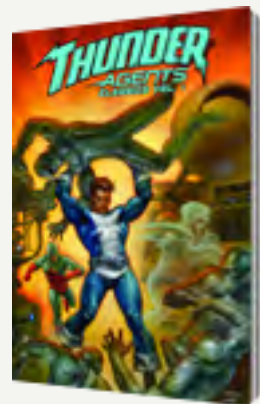
After having his face sliced off one year ago, The Joker makes his horrifying return in this new epic that stars Batman's network of crimefighting allies! While The Joker threatens the existence of Gotham City, these heroes—and villains—must find a way to survive in stories from Batman #17, Catwoman #13-14, Batgirl #14-16, Batman And Robin #15-17, Nightwing #15-16, Detective Comics #16-17, Red Hood And The Outlaws #15-16 and Teen Titans #15, plus pages from Batman #13, Batgirl #13, Nightwing #14, Red Hood And The Outlaws #13-14, Suicide Squad #14-15 and Teen Titans #14 and 16.



## HELLBOY: THE MIDNIGHT CIRCUS HC

MIGNOLA | FEGREDO  
Dark Horse, 56 Pages

Young Hellboy runs away from the B.P.R.D. only to stumble upon a weird and fantastical circus and the few demons from Hell who inhabit it.



## T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS CLASSICS, VOL. 1

VARIOUS  
IDW, 248 Pages

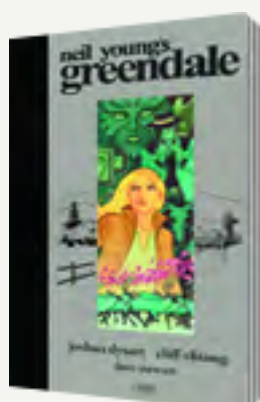
T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents Classics brings back all of the original silver age comics from the beginning. Volume 1 contains issues #1-4 featuring the artwork of such comic luminaries as Wally Wood, Gil Kane, Dan Adkins, Reed Crandall, and more!



## DOCTOR WHO: THE CHAINS OF OLYMPUS

GRAY | GERAGHTY | COLLINS  
IDW, 132 Pages

The second volume of comic strips collecting the Eleventh Doctor's complete adventures from the pages of Doctor Who Magazine. In The Chains of Olympus, the famous Time Lord travels to Ancient Greece and finds himself up against the Gods themselves! The stories star the Doctor, Amy, and Rory in the stories "The Chains of Olympus" and "Sticks & Stones."



## NEIL YOUNG'S GREENDALE

DYSART | CHIANG  
DC Vertigo, 160 Pages

Legendary singer-songwriter, musician and activist Neil Young brings one of his most personal albums, Greendale, to comics. In the fall of 2003, as the nation gallops into war, a politically active teenaged girl named Sun lives, loves and dreams in a California town named Greendale. And when a Stranger comes to town — a character whose presence causes Greendale to, well, go to hell — she'll find herself on a journey both mystical and mythical.

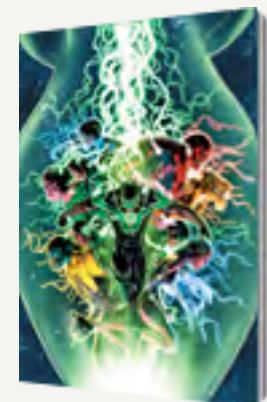


## COLDER TP

TOBIN | FERREYRA  
Dark Horse, 110 Pages

Declan Thomas is an ex-inmate of an insane asylum that was destroyed in a fire, he has the strange ability to step inside a person's madness—and sometimes cure it. He hopes to one day cure his own, but time is running out, as a demonic predator pursues him.

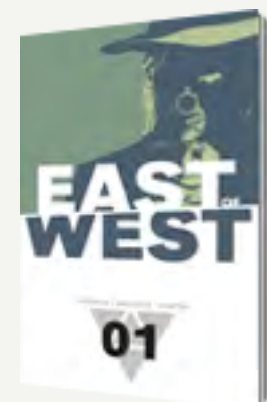
Collects the five-issue miniseries.



## GREEN LANTERN VOL. 3: THE END HC

JOHNS | MAHNKE | JURGENS | JIMENEZ | KUDRANSKI | SYAF | ALAMY AND OTHERS  
DC, 264 Pages

The universe is in shambles and the Guardians are the cause. Their mysterious Third Army has risen across the cosmos like a plague, destroying everything in its path, and Hal Jordan and Sinestro are nowhere to be found. It is up to wrongfully accused Simon Baz to clear his name and become the hero that the Corps needs to get to the bottom of Hal and Sinestro's disappearance and the Rise of the Third Army in these stories from Green Lantern #0 and 13-20!



## EAST OF WEST VOLUME 1: THE PROMISE

HICKMAN | DRAGOTTA  
Image, 112 Pages

This is the world. It is not the one we wanted, but it is the one we deserved. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse roam the Earth, signaling the End Times for humanity, and our best hope for life, lies in Death.

Collects East Of West #1-5.



## ALL-NEW X-MEN VOL. 3: OUT OF THEIR DEPTH PREMIERE HC

BENDIS | IMMONEN  
Marvel, 136 Pages

The time-displaced young X-Men continue to adjust to a present day that's simultaneously more awe-inspiring and more disturbing than any future the young heroes had ever imagined for themselves. As Jean Grey pushes her powers to the limit, shaking her and the rest of the X-Men to the core, one of the young X-Men breaks rank — and leaves to join the adult Cyclops and his revolutionary crew! And when Mastermind targets the young Jean, will history repeat itself? Plus: When the teens find themselves face-to-face with the Uncanny Avengers, young Cyclops meets the adult version of the brother he thought he'd never see again! They never warned us about this sort of thing in temporal mechanics class! Acclaimed writer Brian Michael Bendis further defines the future — and the past — of the X-Men! Collecting All-New X-Men #11-15.



## MASKS VOL. 1

ROBERSON | ROSS | CALERO  
Dynamite, 200+ Pages

Before Superheroes, there were Masks! The Shadow. The Green Hornet and Kato. The Spider. In 1938, these masked vigilantes operated outside the law, working independently to strike fear into the hearts of evildoers. But when the corrupt politicians of the Justice Party transform New York into a fascist state run by mobsters, when an oppressive regime grants jack-booted stormtroopers free rein to imprison, extort, and execute the innocent, when the law itself becomes unjust — justice must be served by outlaws! Outnumbered and outgunned, the legendary vigilantes emerge from the shadows to fight, joined by Zorro, the Green Lama, Miss Fury, Black Terror, and the Black Bat! Nine renowned pulp heroes, brought together for the first time in an epic conflict of Law vs. Justice!



# NOVEL IDEAS

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## AGE OF ULTRON HC

BENDIS | FRACTION | GAGE | HITCH | PETERSON | PACHECO AND OTHERS  
Marvel, 456 Pages

For years, the Marvel Universe has lived in fear that the artificial intelligence known as Ultron would one day wipe out all organic life and take over Earth. That day has arrived! The impossible has happened, and Ultron rules the planet! As the few super-hero survivors who remain try desperately to stay alive, Luke Cage learns the staggering secret of Ultron's victory. And when a near-broken Captain America leads a ragtag counterattack, Wolverine makes a controversial and desperate decision — one that creates a new Marvel Universe, and inadvertently brings horrific disaster with it! With one final chance, can the heroes fix everything and defeat Ultron?

Collecting Age Of Ultron #1-10 and #10AI, Avengers Assemble #14AU-15AU, Fantastic Four (2012) #5AU, Fearless Defenders #4AU, Superior Spider-Man #6AU, Ultron #1AU, Uncanny Avengers #8AU, and Wolverine & The X-Men #27AU.



## BATGIRL VOL. 3: DEATH OF THE FAMILY HC

SIMONE | FAWKES | SNYDER | BENES | SAMPERE | CAPULLO AND OTHERS  
DC, 224 Pages

Batgirl stars in these epics from #14-19 of her monthly series, plus Batman #17, Batgirl Annual #1 and a story from Young Romance #1, all spinning out of "Death of the Family." The Joker is back, and Barbara Gordon must confront her past as she deals with the crazed criminal responsible for crippling her. Plus, once the dust settles, Barbara must deal with her family demons as her psychotic brother James Jr. comes after her.



## JUDGE DREDD: THE CARLOS EZQUERRA COLLECTION VOL. 2 HC

WAGNER | EZQUERRA  
IDW, 248 Pages

More Judge Dredd from the artist that first brought him to life! This second collection of Carlos Ezquerra-illustrated stories includes "The Apocalypse War" as well as "Robot Wars," "Kirby's Demon," "Rights of Succession," and more.



## ARROW VOL. 1

GUGGENHEIM | ANDREW KREISBERG | GRELL | JIMENEZ | SANDOVAL | NGUYEN AND OTHERS  
DC, 208 Pages

Spinning out of the hit CW television series Arrow comes these digital-first adventures! These new stories from Arrow #1-6 and #1 Special Edition fill in the gaps between episodes of one of TV's hottest new series!



## THE BEST OF ARCHIE COMICS VOL. 3

VARIOUS  
Archie, 416 Pages

The third volume of the best-selling Best of Archie series is here! This fun, full-color collection features over 400 pages of all-time favorite stories, hand-picked and introduced by Archie creators, editors, historians and famous fans from over 200,000 pages of material. A must-have edition for anyone who's ever enjoyed Archie Comics, or a great introduction to a new generation of Archie fans!



## SONIC SELECT VOL. 8

VARIOUS  
Archie, 128 Pages

Sonic the Hedgehog's most popular graphic novel series is back!

Miles "Tails" Prower is Sonic's best friend and now it's his turn to take to the skies on his very own adventure! Debuting in the video game and appearing in the cartoons, Tails now continues his quests in the comic series.

In this volume, you'll catch Tails on a journey that takes him to the mysterious continent of Downunda, a chance meeting with two brand new teams of Freedom Fighters, and an encounter with some really fearsome badniks!

This volume of Sonic Select collects all of the stories leading up to as well as the fan-favorite, ultra-rare entire Tails mini-series!



## CHEW VOLUME 7: BAD APPLES

LAYMAN | GUILLORY  
Image, 128 Pages

Presenting a new storyline of the New York Times Best Selling, Harvey and multiple Eisner Award-winner series about cops, crooks, cooks, cannibals, and clairvoyants.

Tony Chu — the cibopathic federal agent with the ability to get psychic impressions from what he eats — is back in action, just in time to face a cult of egg-worshipping terrorists who've declared holy war on the chicken-eaters of the world.

Collects Chew # 31-35.



## AVENGERS: ENDLESS WARTIME ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL HC

ELLIS | McKONE  
Marvel, 120 Pages

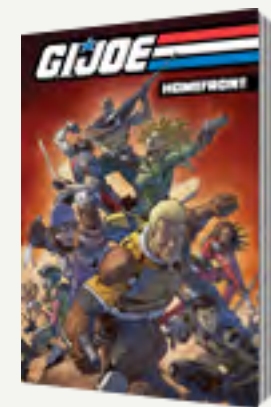
The first in a series of all-new original graphic novels! An abomination, long thought buried, has resurfaced in a war-torn land. But now it wears an American flag. Faced with another nightmare reborn, Captain America will not stand for yet more death at the hands of a ghost from his past. Haunted by his greatest shame, Thor must renew the hunt for a familiar beast. At their side, an assemblage of allies united to end the threats no one of them could face alone. They are soldiers. Warriors. Comrades-in-arms. Mighty heroes led by a living legend, stronger together than apart. They are the Avengers.



## BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT VOL. 1

LINDELOF | LARSEN | LEMIRE | JONES | SCOTT | TEMPLESMITH AND OTHERS  
DC, 168 Pages

These new tales of Batman explore unusual sides of The Dark Knight, including his early years as a crimefighter, his method of dealing with super-powered foes and more. Collects #1-5 of the digital-first series.



## G.I. JOE, VOL. 1: HOMEFRONT

VAN LENTE | KURTH  
IDW, 128 Pages

The truth is out: the world knows the G.I. Joe team is real. Now Duke leads his squad directly into the public eye, confronting COBRA on American soil! Fred Van Lente and Steve Kurth lead the charge taking G.I. Joe in a new direction.

Collects issues #1-5 of the new series!





# 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.



## BONE VOL.1: OUT FROM BONEVILLE

JEFF SMITH

*"When the three Bone cousins – Fone Bone, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone – are run out of Boneville thanks to Phoney Bone's greedy scheming, they have no idea what adventures await them.*

*Separated by a cloud of locusts, the cousins find themselves lost in a mysterious valley, populated by the cute (a family of possums and a leaf-shaped bug named Ted) as well as the scary (carnivorous, sharp-toothed rat-creatures desperate to eat them).*

*Isolated from everything he knows, Fone Bone must find his cousins again, as well as stop an evil rat creature plan and save the entire valley in his spare time. Lucky for him, he's got the beautiful Thorn on his side. Oh, and a huge, fire-breathing dragon..." - Scholastic*

Akin to the storytelling stylings of Goscinny and Uderzo's 'Asterix' and the artistic quality of Frank Cho's 'Liberty Meadows', Jeff Smith's 'Bone' series is a marvel. A winner of countless Harveys and Eisners over its thirteen year, 55 issue run, it all begins in 'Out From Boneville' as our central antagonist, Fone Bone, get separated from his cousins Smiley Bone and Phoney Bone whilst lost in the wilderness. This first volume charts his journey to be reunited with them and sets the stage for an over-arching story considered by many as epic as Tolkien's 'Lord Of The Rings'.

The words and art, all by Smith, are sumptuous throughout. Bone is charming, touching and genuinely funny, while maintaining darker elements, moments of peril and questions of the characters and the choices they must make. The attention to detail in the art is clear, as is the constantly impressive high quality, lending itself well to the graphic novel format.

Much more than just a classic adventure tale, Bone is the worthy wearer of accolades on all sides. We dare you not to pick up and fall in love with this seminal piece of work. Better yet, we double dare you!

**£7.99** inc p&p



# STAFF PICKS

Here's a look at the upcoming comics and graphic novels that you won't want to miss out on!

DC's massive crossover event, **Trinity War**, is about to be waged between the **Justice Leagues** across the pages of the DC Universe in July, and this month a number of tie-in issues have been solicited, as well as a second chance to order part one (in the form of a director's cut edition). Make sure you don't miss a step - look out for **Justice League: Trinity War - Director's Cut #1**, **Justice League Of America #7**, **Justice League Dark #23**, **Justice League #23**, **Trinity Of Sin: Pandora #3** and **Trinity Of Sin: Phantom Stranger #11**!

**Frank Miller** fans will get a chance to see how he envisioned the finale to **Robocop** courtesy of **Boom! Studios** as **Robocop: Last Stand** kicks off, with **Steven Grant** adapting Miller's original screenplay. And if that's not enough **Murphy** action, Boom! are also reprinting **Frank Miller Robocop Vol.1**, collecting the 9-issue series based on Miller's original screenplay for **Robocop 2**.

A big hit at the ACE offices is **Dark Horse's Conan** series written by **Brian Wood**, and issue #19 sees a brand new story arc and jumping-on point as Conan and **Bêlit** have to fend off warring factions intent on obtaining a religious artifact that our heroes are in possession of.

Videogaming fans will note that **Halo** has migrated from **Marvel** to Dark Horse, with this month seeing the solicitation of their debut Halo series, **Halo: Initiation**, which focuses on the life of Spartan **Sarah Palmer** in her days as an ODST, before she became a super-soldier.

One key **Marvel** comic to watch will be **Guardians Of The Galaxy #6**, as **Brian Michael Bendis** and **Neil Gaiman** bring **Angela** from **Spawn's** Universe into the Marvel books. And she's going straight up against **Gamora**!

There's yet another 'most anticipated blockbuster summer event' which will 'change the way you view the Marvel Universe' coming our way in August in the form of **Infinity #1**. This one, however, features the 'world-shattering return of **Thanos**!', which can't be bad.

And finally, **Scholastic** are releasing a new printing of **Bone Vol.1: Out From Boneville**, the first entry in **Jeff Smith's** fantasy masterpiece. If you've never dipped into the world of **Fone Bone** and the Bone cousins, you can find out more our History Books item on the left, then sign yourself up for a fresh new printing!





# BIFF'S BIT

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## EXCEL LONDON MEGA COMIC CON

I attended the Diamond retailer day at the Excel London Mega Comic Convention on Friday May 24th and for the first time for years got to look around the event.

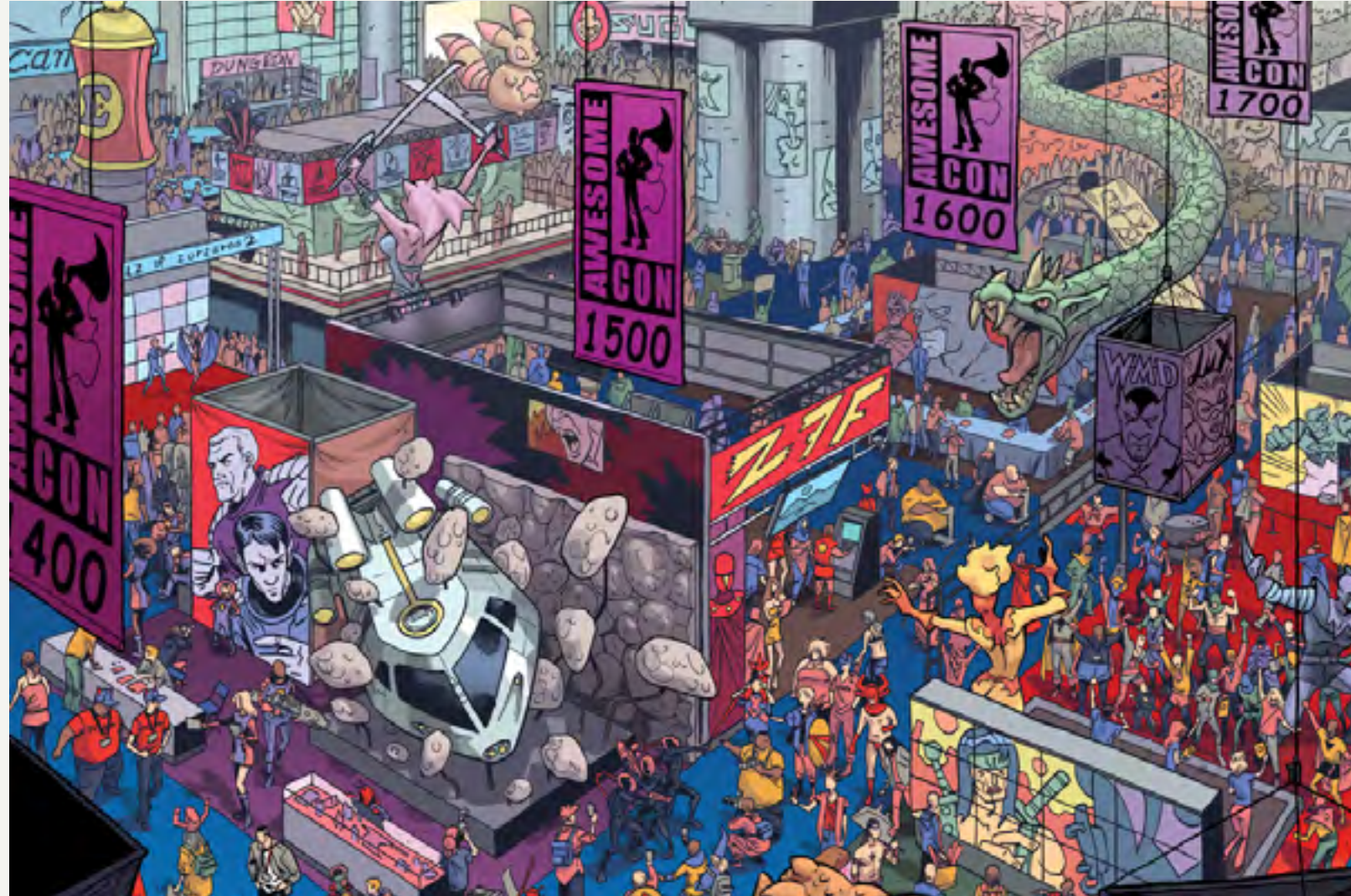
I am perplexed as to why it is called Mega Comic Con. I found only one dealer selling comics and comic trade paperbacks. Everything else at the convention was game related, manga related and Cosplay related.

Ironically they did have a section called the Comic Village. In this area over 100 creators were displaying their wares and selling art and sketches. Only 10% were 'big' name creators working for mainstream publishers.

I do find it odd that people will go to the expense of visiting a 'comic convention' and yet have no desire or wish to buy comics. I say no desire to buy based on experience. From talking to other retailers and dealers that used to have tables at such events (myself included) I found we all had the same reason for not attending: people do not buy enough product to cover the retailers cost of tables and other expenses involved in attending, such as hotel bills, van hire and wages for the extra hands needed.

Years ago I and my staff used to have a blast attending such places as the Bristol Convention and Thought Bubble. They were busy places with lots of comic centric events happening: interesting talks, panels, comic auctions and publisher presentations. Plus a huge array of dealers and comic products available.

I long for these glory days and need



your input. What would make you attend a Comic Convention? Would you buy comics? If not why not. Would you buy original comic art? If not why not? Do you want to queue for ages to maybe get a sketch (paying up to £100) or would you prefer a return to just getting a signature, for free, and a chance to chat for a minute? My desire is to hold an Ace Convention which is dedicated to comics and their creation. There would be miles of comics, original art, variants, 50p comics, artists, panels and events, 95% comics. One concession would be that as our Colin is the Cosplay King we would have a Cosplay event and award.

I sincerely want your views so e-mail me on [martin@acecomics.co.uk](mailto:martin@acecomics.co.uk), NOW.

Lastly a quick round up of the current Ace madmen...

**Martin Biff Averre** That's me, Managing Director, the boss, comic aficionado of 40 plus years but still only 18 in mind and soul.

**Tina Queen Of Décor Averre** Our accounts manager, payer of bills and wages, so everyone is nice to her.

**Kerrie 'New Boots' Williams** Our toy buyer and Executive Director. She is our go to gal when things need doing fast and efficiently.

**Glenn The Sportsman Richardson** Our Amazon manager and the Colchester gaming club overseer. Don't play him at Magic The Gathering if you don't like losing.

**Marc Melliuous Williams** He is the new old boy. He left 7 years ago to pursue

a career in IT and design returning to successfully jazz up the Ace web site and bring us firmly into the ForeFront of the internet and technology.

**Guy The Guru Barnes** Our packing office and mail order manager. Jazz, Will Eisner and comic expert plus the man who puts customers first.

**Colin Cosplay Ellesley** Our E-bay manager and self styled Cosplay king. Check out his web site.

**Victoria Queen Vic Ellesley** Our Mail order office manager. She is the voice at the end of the phone. Even the Flash could not put on customer orders quicker than her.

**Ed The Shred Mehen** Our Economic comic second in command. A newbie to comics, a collector of only 4 years. Also member of Colchester Operatic Society.

**Evil Stu** No surname just plain Evil. He is the horormeister and indie DJ master. Evil mans the Colchester store and packs 90% of all e-bay orders!

**Joe Gamesmaster Hill** Our Colchester gaming club manager. This is the man to sort out the finer points of Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, Magic The Gathering and more. He is also a bona fide Yu-Gi-Oh national judge.

**Briony The Elf** For some reason when not packing she sits crossed legged on the packing counter and reads! She came for her two week work experience and never found the exit door!

**Matt 'Stone Face' Stone** Colin's able E-bay assistant. He fled the chaos of Waterstones to work for a proper bookshop.

Well that's the Colchester crew introduced. Next month I will reveal the names and characters who bring Southend, Richmond and Glasgow to life!