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BLACK STAR

**FROM *SMALLVILLE*'S
KRISTIN KREUK**

**A NEW GOTHIC NOIR
STEEPED IN HORROR
AND DARK HUMOR**

Art: **MARTIN SIMMONDS** •
BLACK STAR #1 •
On Sale July 2026

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Art: **ADAM HUGHES** •
GUN HONEY #1 OVERSIZED SPECIAL •
On Sale August 2026

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Actress Kristin Kreuk makes
her comic writing debut in
BLACK STAR #1

Celebrate the 5th Anniversary of
GUN HONEY in this
OVERSIZED special of #1

SOLOMON KANE returns in a brand
new story from **PATCH ZIRCHER**



Art: **PATCH ZIRCHER** •
SOLOMON KANE: THE LION ERRANT #1 •
On Sale July 2026

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Black Star #1
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MUST-HAVE ITEMS THIS MONTH



Bryce Walker
Direct Market Coordinator

Yeah that's right, you read it properly. Kristen Kreuk of *Smallville* and *Murder in a Small Town* fame is writing a comic. And even better, *Black Star* is an absolutely gorgeous gothic noir horror with stunning art by Joe Bocardo. We also celebrate 5 years of *Gun Honey* with an OVERSIZED special of the original issue that started it all with some bonus extras that match Joanna Tan's exploits. There's some top secret *Doctor Who* stuff going on. So top secret we can just tell you it's happening and not much else. To cap it all of, *Solomon Kane's* back with a brand new series.

Alongside all of this, we've got the series finales of *Dead By Daylight: The Hillbilly* and *Diablo: Dawn of Hatred*, plus the latest *Blade Runner: Tokyo Nexus*.

Titan are always keen to work on exclusive store covers, so please get in touch if you are interested. I can be contacted at: bryce.walker@titanemail.com

NEW COMICS



WRITTEN BY
KRISTIN KREUK
(SMALLVILLE)

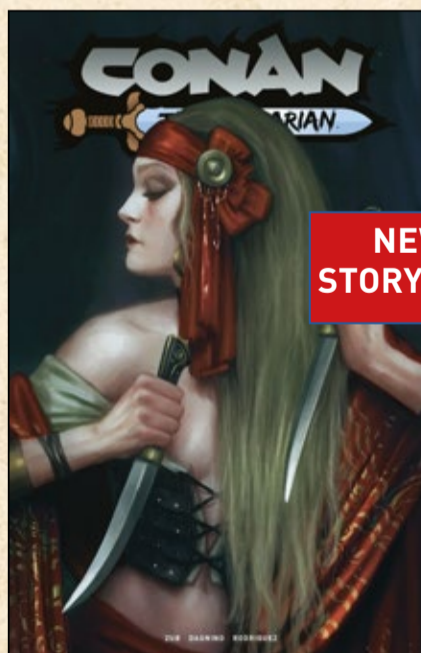


ADAM
HUGHES
OVERSIZED
SPECIAL!

CONAN



BRAND
NEW!



NEW
STORY-ARC



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MANGA



BRAND NEW ENAMEL PIN BADGES!

MERCHANDISE



NEW MIXED-MEDIA ADVENTURE

DOCTOR WHO: CIRCUIT BREAKER

COMING TO THE WHONIVERSE IN 2026

BBC DOCTOR WHO

CIRCUIT BREAKER

**DON'T MISS THE FIRST FULL CHAPTER
IN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER EVENT
ACROSS COMICS, BOOKS, AUDIO AND MORE!**

**DOCTOR WHO:
CIRCUIT BREAKER #1 (OF 2)**

(W) Dan Watters, Dulce M. Montoya

(A) Roberta Ingranata, Sami Kivela,
Valentina Bianconi

FC • 48pp • \$6.99

On Sale July 8, 2026

ISSUE 1 COVERS TO COLLECT:

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COVER C: ROBERT SIENECKI CARDSTOCK

COVER D: FLOPS CARDSTOCK

COVER E: FLOPS COLOR YOUR OWN CARDSTOCK

Full details to be
revealed on the
THE WHONIVERSE SHOW
April 30th 2026
BBC Doctor Who YouTube Channel



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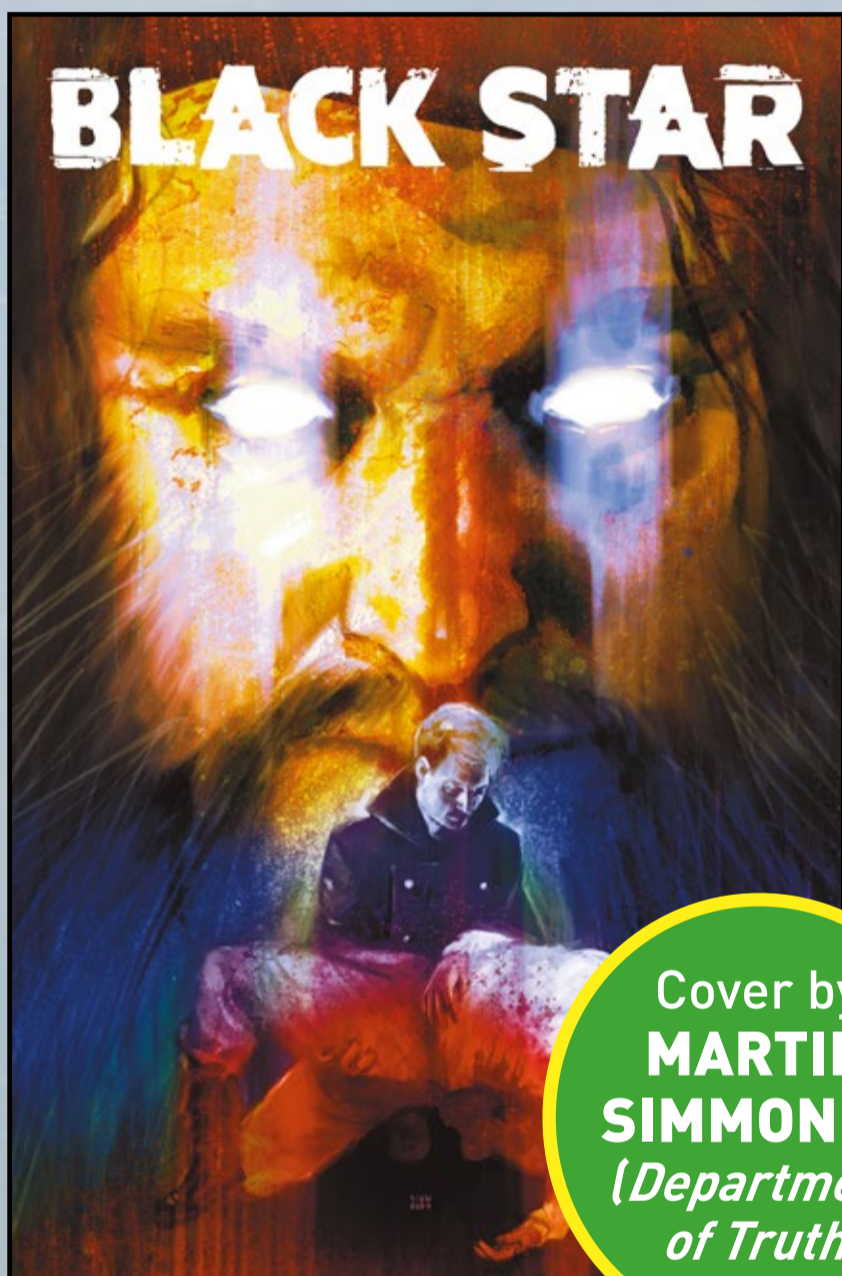
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SMALLVILLE'S KRISTIN KREUK MARKS COMIC BOOK DEBUT WITH BLACK STAR



Cover by **MARTIN SIMMONDS** (*Department of Truth*)



Regular promotion for *Black Star* comic series on Kristin Kreuk's Instagram - 947K fans

A Northern Gothic Noir tinged with horror and dark humor

BLACK STAR #1 (OF 5)

**From acclaimed actress Kristin Kreuk
(*Smallville, Reacher, Murder in a Small Town*)**

Co-written with **Peter Mooney** (*Rookie Blue, Mistletoe Murders*) and screenwriter **Eric Putzer**, and illustrated by artist **Joe Bocado** (*Nightwalkers, The Hexiles*)



(W) Kristin Kreuk,
Peter Mooney & Eric Putzer
(A) Joe Bocado
FC • 32pp • \$4.99
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AMIDST SKIRMISHES between two warring factions in the early nineteenth-century fur trade, Dashiell Carlyle discovers he has magical abilities... and that he's not alone.

Thrust into a secret order with designs to use their magic to build a new and better world, Dashiell discovers that their utopia may come at a horrific cost.

COVER B: JOE BACARDO
COVER F: JOE BACARDO
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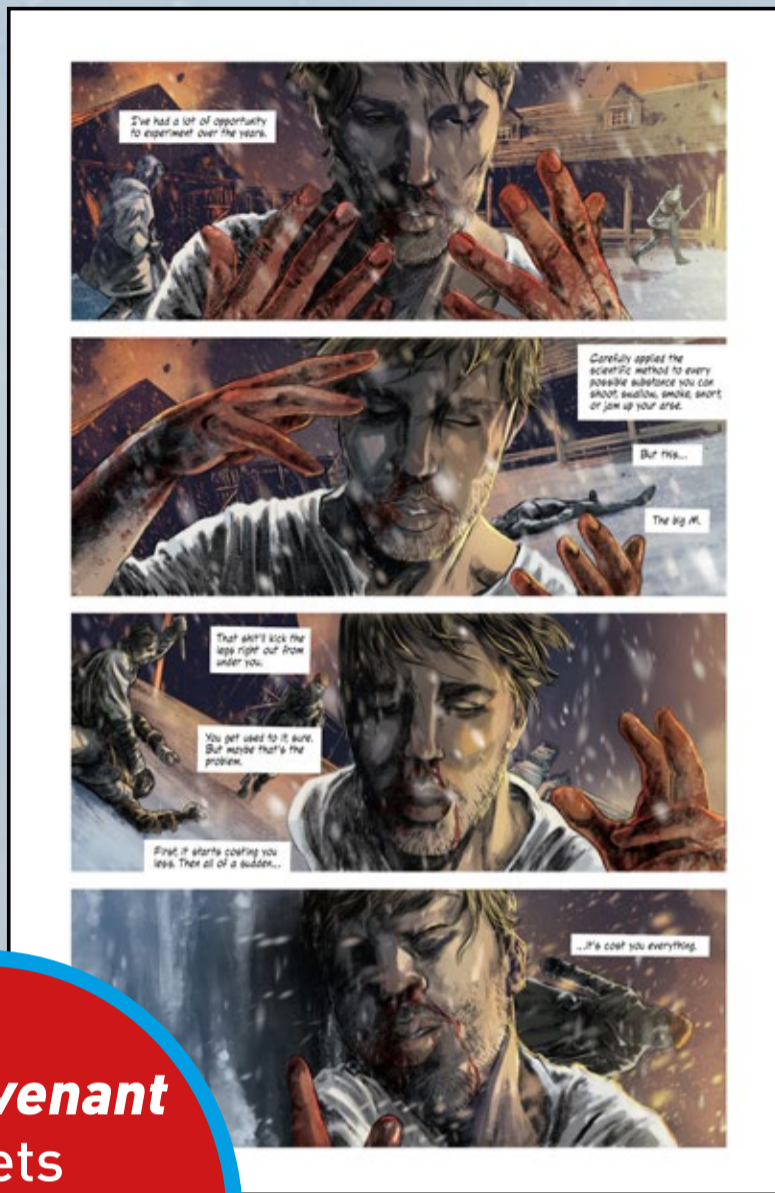
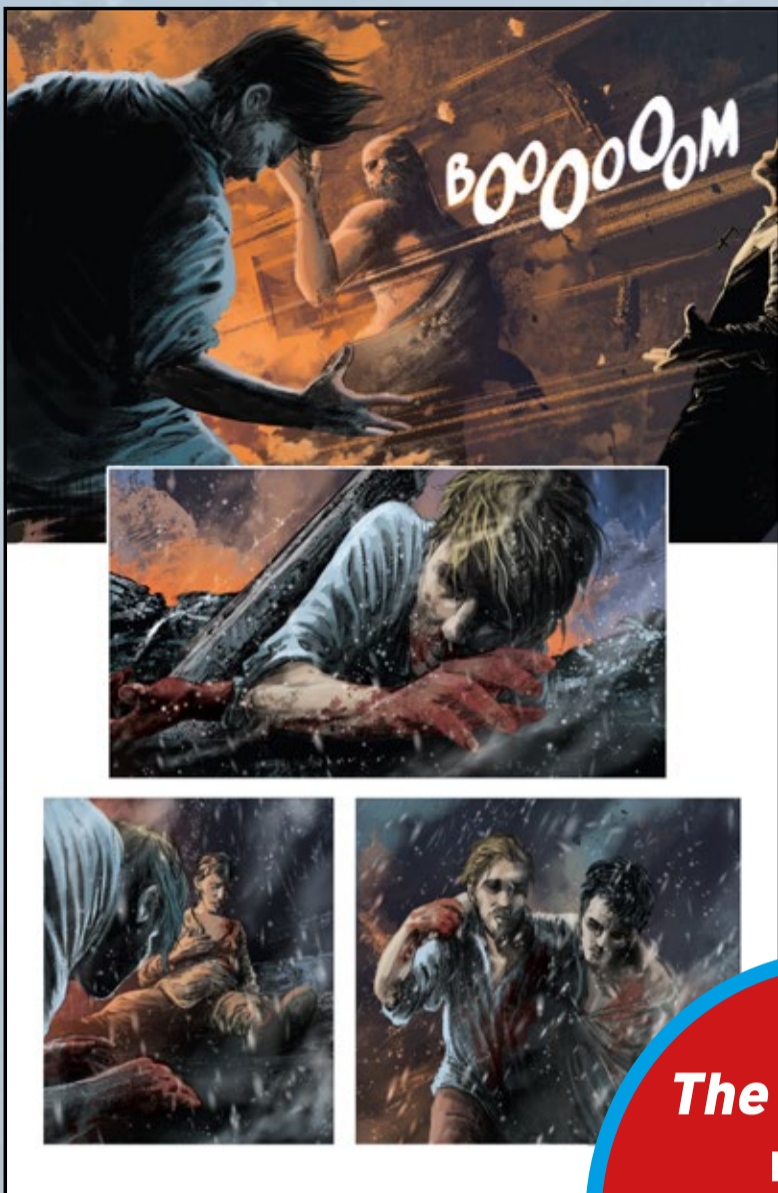


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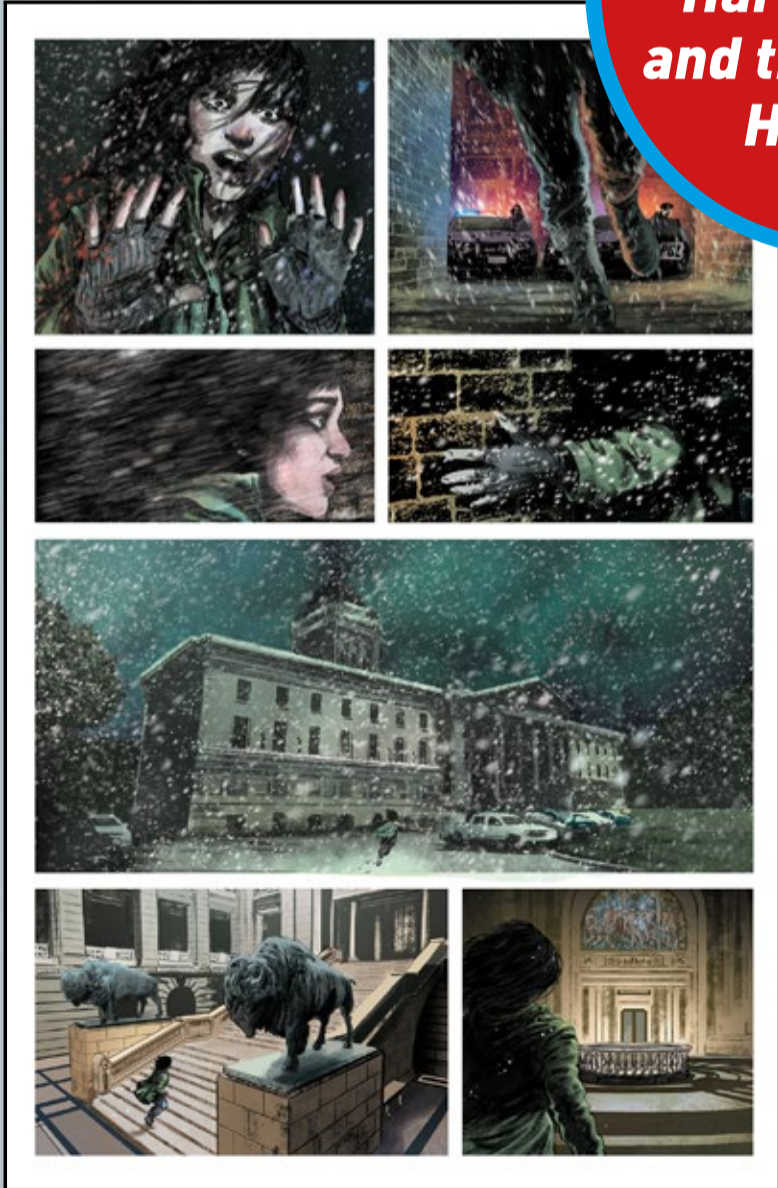


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**The Revenant
meets
Harry Potter
and the Deathly
Hallows**



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“Black Star was born while Peter, Eric, and I were filming Burden of Truth in Winnipeg. We were inspired by the city’s lore and, because we worked so well together, began spending our spare time on set (and then, for years afterwards) developing our own take on the history and magic we imagined pulsing beneath its surface, shaping the rhythms of the city and the battles raging just beyond our view.” **Kristin Kreuk**



Cover by **MARTIN SIMMONDS**
(Department of Truth, Death Sentence)



COVER A:
MARTIN
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COVER E:
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SIMMONDS
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VIRGIN

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Cover by **ROBERT HACK**
(*Archie X Army of Darkness, Doctor Who, Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*)



COVER C:
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Cover by **ALISON SAMPSON**
(*Department of Truth, Dead By Daylight, Bloodborne, Ice Cream Man*)



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SAMPSON

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JOANNA TAN CELEBRATES A VERY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY IN THIS INCREDIBLE OVERSIZED ISSUE

GUN HONEY



ADAM HUGHES COVER

“You’ve never met a femme quite as fatale as Joanna Tan.”
Duane Swierczynski
(Birds of Prey)

COVER BY SUPERSTAR ARTIST ADAM HUGHES!

GUN HONEY #1

5TH ANNIVERSARY OVERSIZED SPECIAL



(W) Charles Ardai
(A) Ang Hor Kheng
 FC • 40pp • \$14.99
 On Sale August 5, 2026

When a gun smuggled into a high-security prison leads to the death of dozens and the escape of a brutal criminal, notorious weapons smuggler Joanna Tan is enlisted by the U.S. government: find the man she set loose and bring him down!

FEATURING:
 Covers Gallery
 and a look back on
 the success of
Gun Honey
 with creator
Charles Ardai

COVER A: ADAM HUGHES
 COVER B: ADAM HUGHES VIRGIN CARD (\$16.99)
 COVER C: ADAM HUGHES FOIL (\$19.99)

GUN HONEY TV SHOW
IN DEVELOPMENT

HARD CASE



CRIME

GUN WOMEN

**"THE
FINEST
KIND OF
PULP
NOIR."**

ED BRUBAKER

SUPER-SIZED 5TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

AH!



GUN HONEY CREATOR CHARLES ARDAI ON GUN HONEY'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY!

Titan's Direct Market Coordinator Bryce Walker spoke to Charles Arдай about the milestone anniversary.

BW: CHARLES, IT'S BEEN 5 YEARS SINCE JOANNA TAN FIRST BURST ONTO THE SCENE. HOW DO YOU FEEL LOOKING BACK ON EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE GUN HONEY UNIVERSE ACROSS THOSE 5 YEARS?

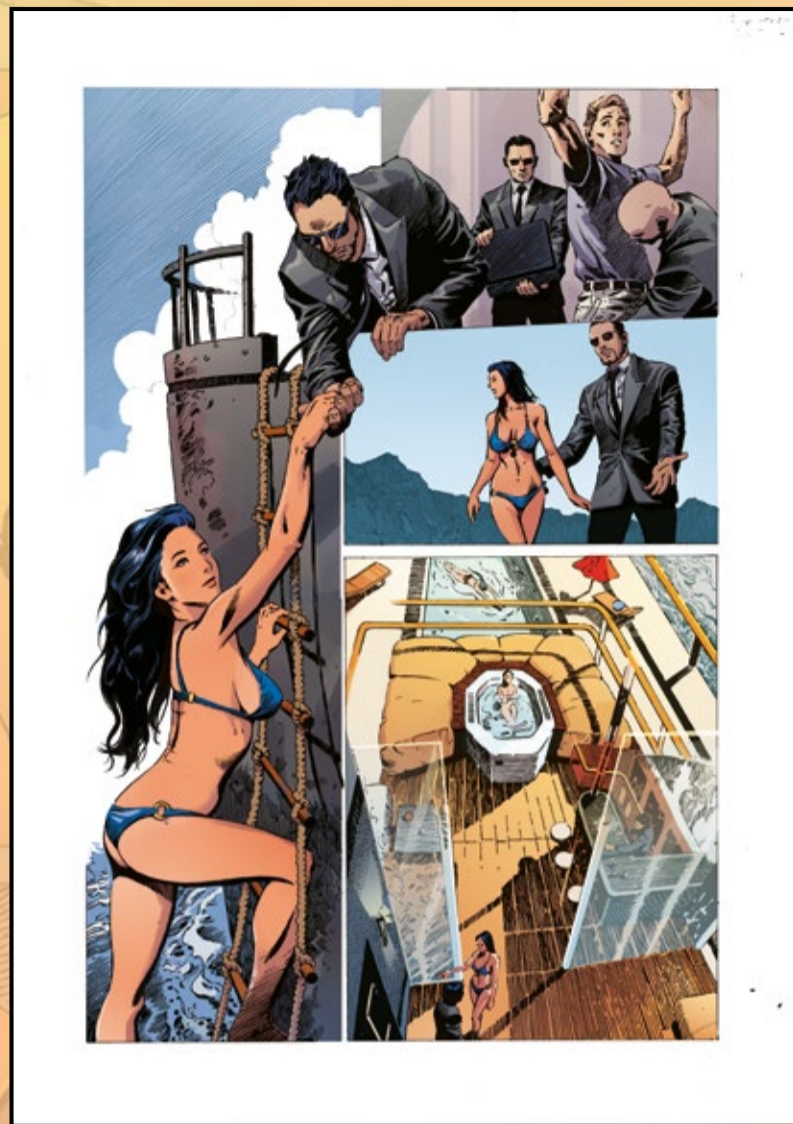
Charles: It's been amazing. We've done 7 series in 5 years (including the HEAT SEEKER spinoff books); Joanna has infiltrated the Kremlin, foiled an assassination attempt at the Paris Olympics, fought alongside topless warriors at a monastery in the Gobi Desert, impersonated a showgirl at a Monaco theatre, survived gunfights and explosions and leaps from helicopters onto moving RVs – all the adventures I ever imagined as a kid watching James Bond movies, I've gotten to bring to life in the pages of these comics. And fans have been incredibly supportive.

BW: THIS OVERSIZED SPECIAL FEATURES A SUPER-SIZED COVER GALLERY, AND THE COVERS ARE SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF GUN HONEY. HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE SO MANY INCREDIBLE ARTISTS WORKING ON COVERS FOR YOUR TITLE?

Charles: If you'd told me that Adam Hughes and Bill Sienkiewicz and Artgerm and even the late, great Robert McGinnis (who painted the original James Bond movie posters in the 1960s!) would eventually illustrate the adventures of a heroine I created, I'd have said you were mad. And yet it has happened, and I'm deeply grateful. And there are so many other artists, seasoned veterans and blazing new talent and gorgeous cosplay models. I feel insanely fortunate to have the stories I dream up brought to life by them.

BW: WHERE DO YOU THINK THE GUN HONEY UNIVERSE WILL BE IN 5 YEARS? JOANNA OF COURSE IS FAR TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE BUT WHERE DO YOU HOPE HER EXPLOITS WILL TAKE HER?

Charles: There are lots of places she hasn't been yet – I was just talking with the artist who draws the series, Ang Hor Kheng, about what locales he'd enjoy drawing, and we thought of Germany and Hungary – the Danube River! – and volcanoes and pyramids; we haven't been to Bali or Bangladesh or Belize, Cyprus or Cameroon, Poland or Peru. And that's barely halfway through the alphabet! As long as there's a globe to trot, you can bet Joanna will be carrying out her criminal exploits all across it, for many years to come.

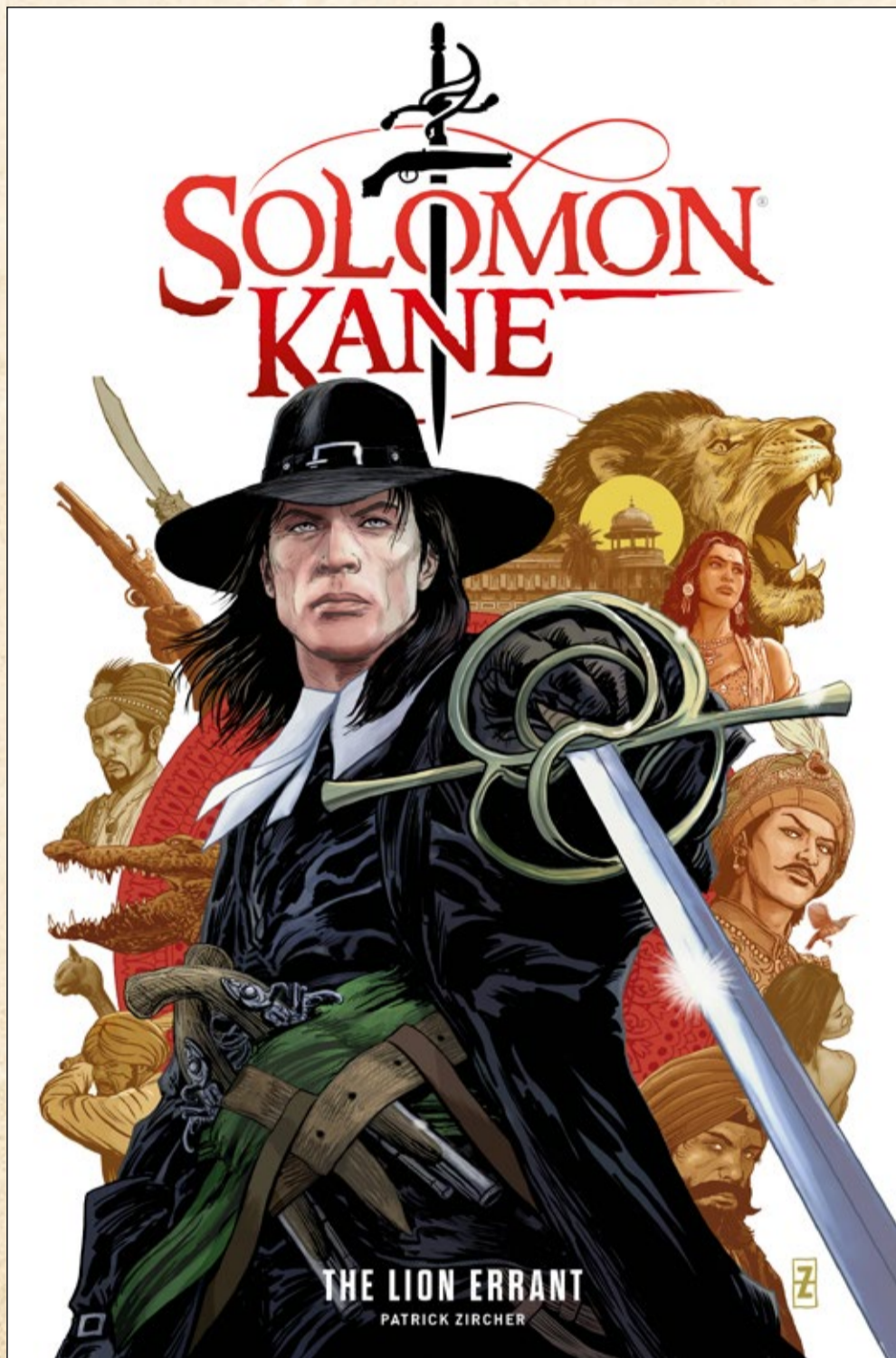


SOLOMON KANE RETURNS!



COVER B: STUART SAYGER

SOLOMON KANE THE LION ERRANT #1



(W/A) Patch Zircher
FC • 32pp • \$4.99
On Sale July 22, 2026



SOLOMON KANE IS NO STRANGER TO THE IMPOSSIBLE. BUT THE MYTHIC STORM GATHERING IN THE HEART OF INDIA MAY BE HIS GREATEST TEST YET.

Guided by a mysterious black-maned lion, Solomon Kane is drawn to India and a confrontation between the warrior queen Rani Durgavati and the mighty Mughal Empire. But the coming battle is more than a clash of armies. Ancient powers are stirring, gods and demons walk among the living, and Kane's arcane Atlantean staff may hold the key to it all.

COVER A: PATCH ZIRCHER
 COVER F: PATCH ZIRCHER FOIL (\$14.99)

**LEGEND MEETS LEGEND.
 STEEL MEETS THE DIVINE.
 THE SWORD OF VENGEANCE
 ANSWERS A HIGHER CALL.**



COVER C: JH WILLIAMS
 COVER G: JH WILLIAMS VIRGIN CARDSTOCK (\$6.99)

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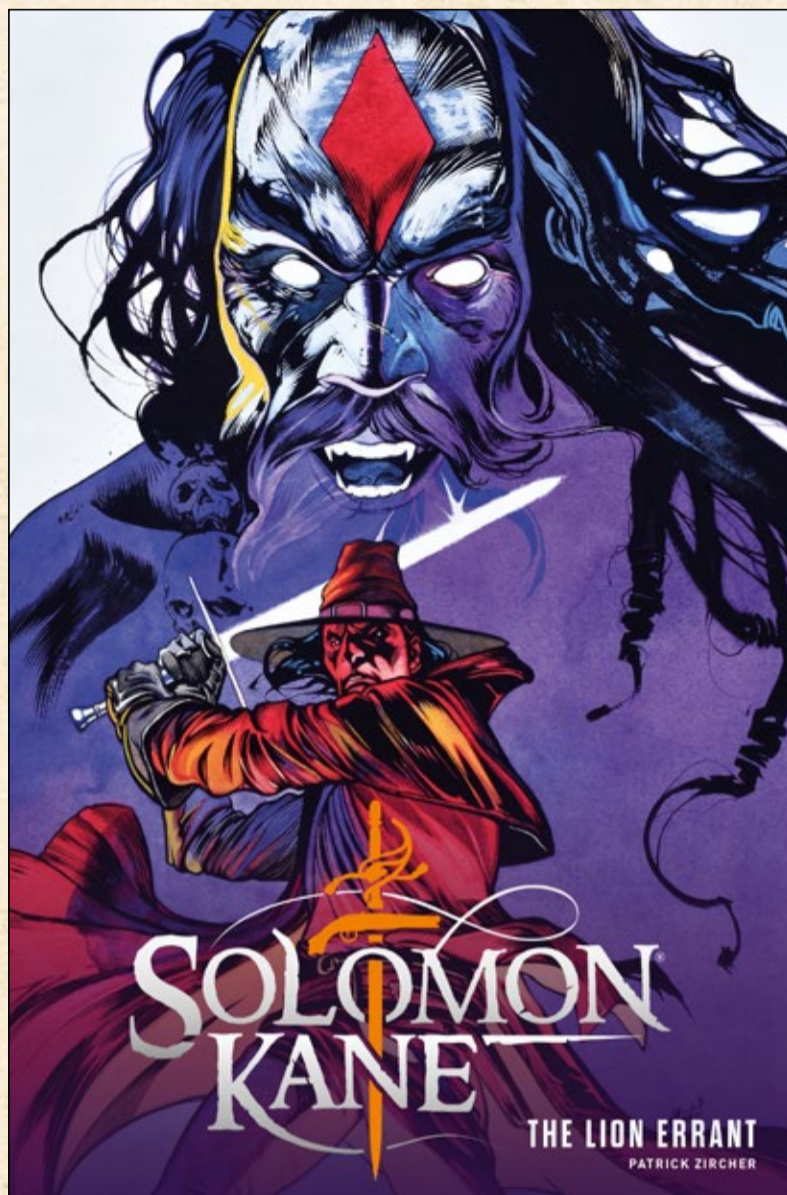


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COVER D: DANIEL BRERETON



COVER E: UTSAB CHATTERJEE

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SOLOMON KANE: THE SERPENT RING

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DM EDITION MIKE MIGNOLA
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REG EDITION JH WILLIAMS III
0825TN1116

“Patrick Zircher delivers a VISUALLY STUNNING and historically rich adventure ... blending pulpy action with deep world-building.”

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CONAN THE BARBARIAN #33



COVER B: **FERNANDO DAGNINO**

(W) Jim Zub (A) Fernando Dagnino
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 On Sale July 29, 2026



Conan and Valeria are pirates of the Red Brotherhood, living a life of lawless adventure on the Western Sea, but occult forces from the Cimmerian's past have him in their sights once more and they will not rest until the barbarian's body and soul are torn asunder!



COVER C: **MAX VON FAFNER**

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*“More than any Conan writer in recent memory, Jim Zub remembers that Conan is meant to be a character of **gigantic mirth** as well as **gigantic melancholies.**”*

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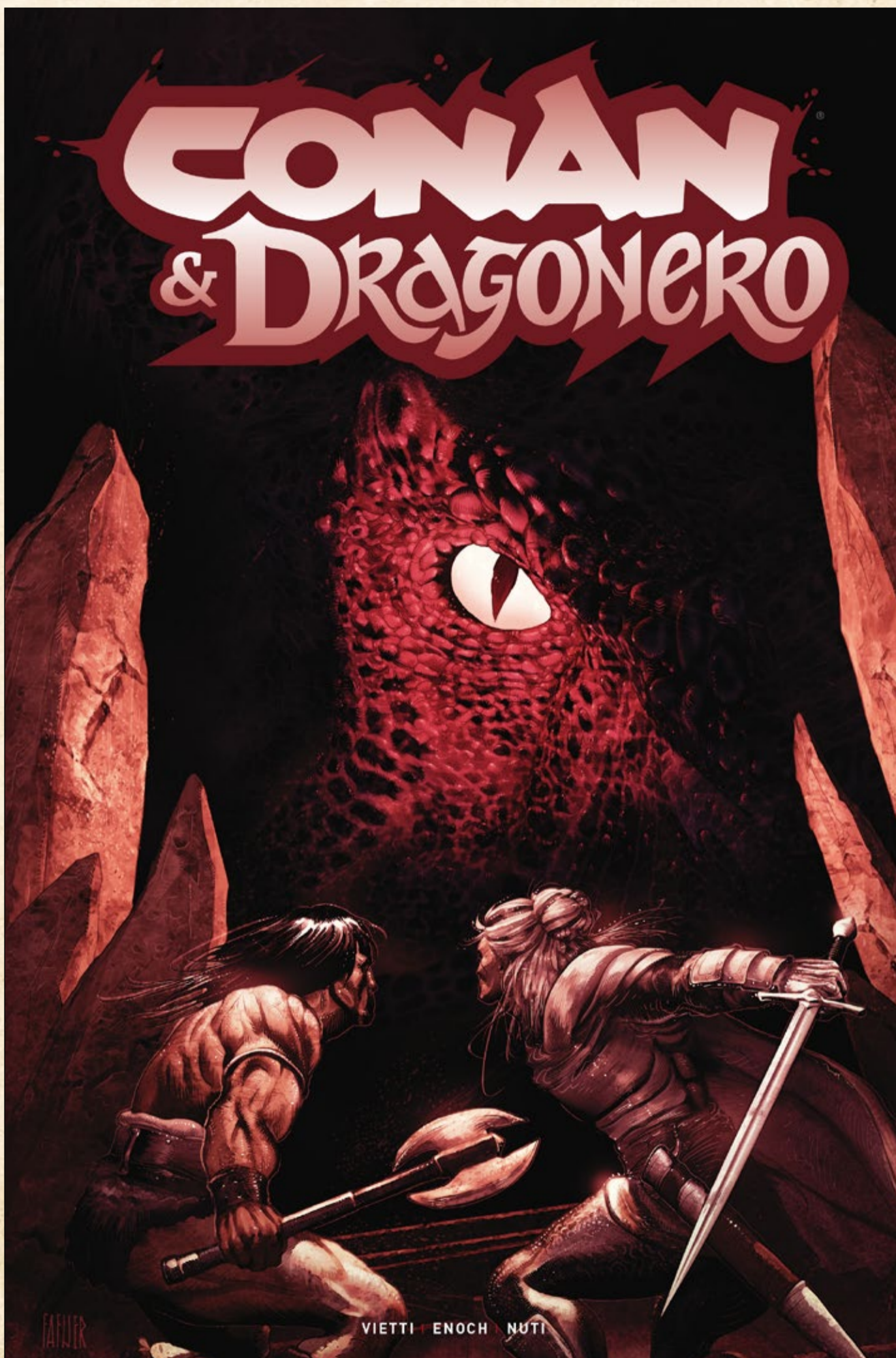
COVER E: **REBECA PUEBLA**



COVER D: **DON AGUILLO**

**BRAND NEW
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THE EPIC TEAM UP CONTINUES



COVER A: **MAX VON FAFNER**
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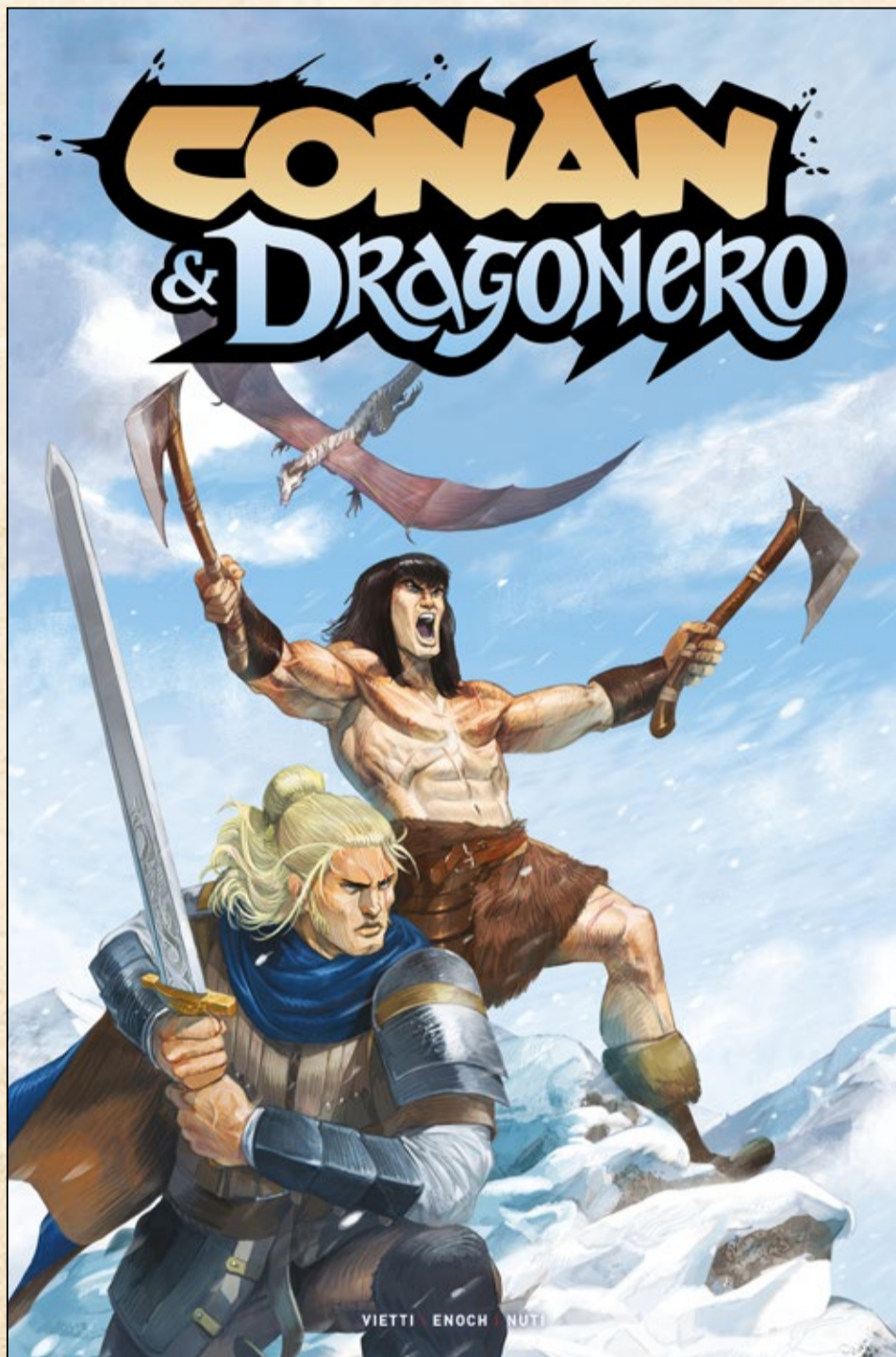
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CONAN AND DRAGONERO #3 (OF 7)



(W) Luca Enoch and Stefano Vietti
(A) Lorenzo Nuti
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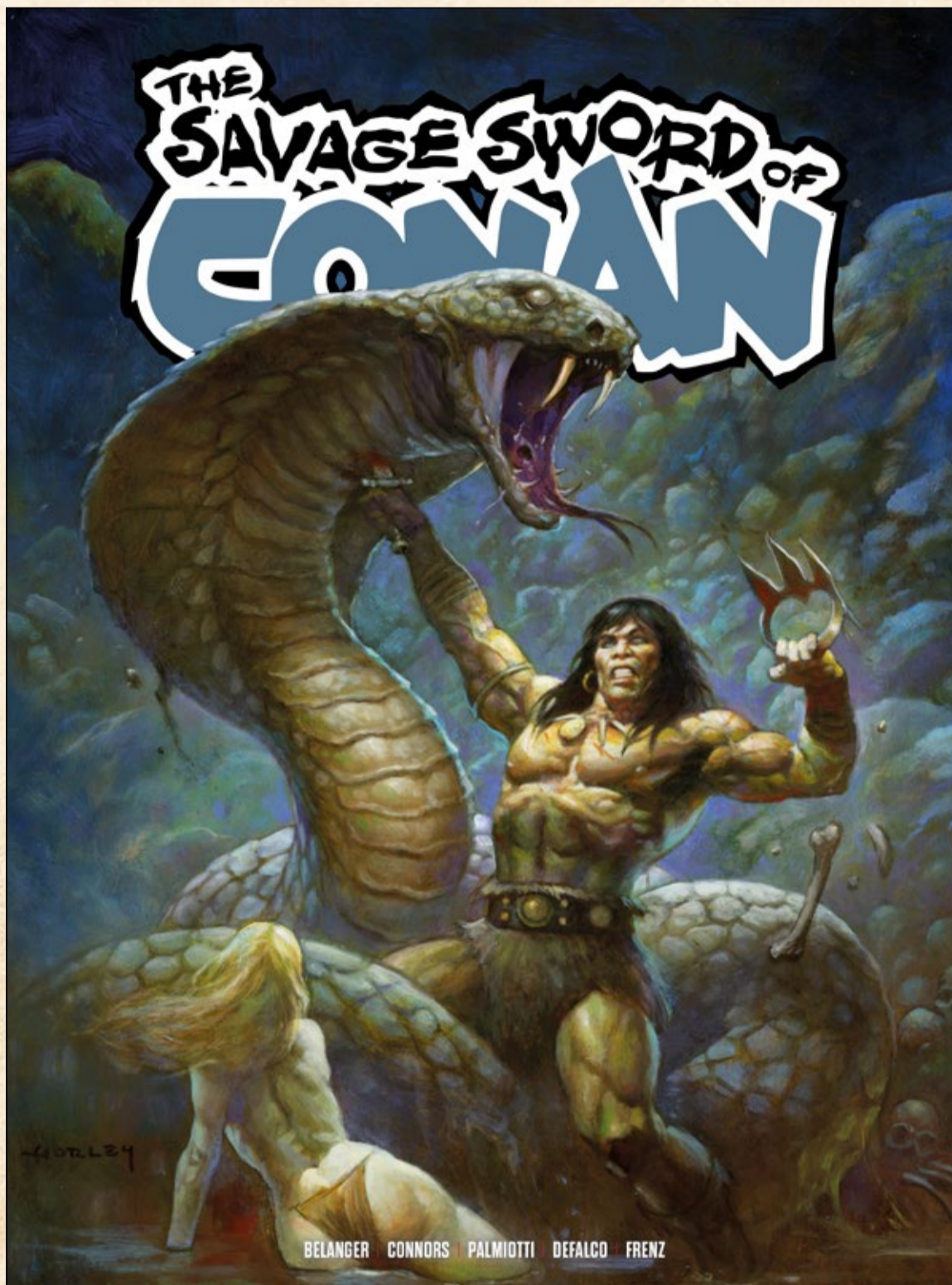
Pulled to the mysterious land of Erondár by dark forces, Conan comes face to face with the famed dragon slayer, Dragonero, and the two warriors must set aside suspicion to stand back-to-back against a supernatural force poised to doom both their worlds.

This landmark crossover brings together two legendary heroes in a story that honors classic sword-and-sorcery while forging something bold and unforgettable.

COVER B: LORENZO NUTI

**CONAN AND DRAGONERO
 MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
 AN EPIC CLASH OF STEEL,
 SORCERY, AND SURVIVAL.**

THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #15



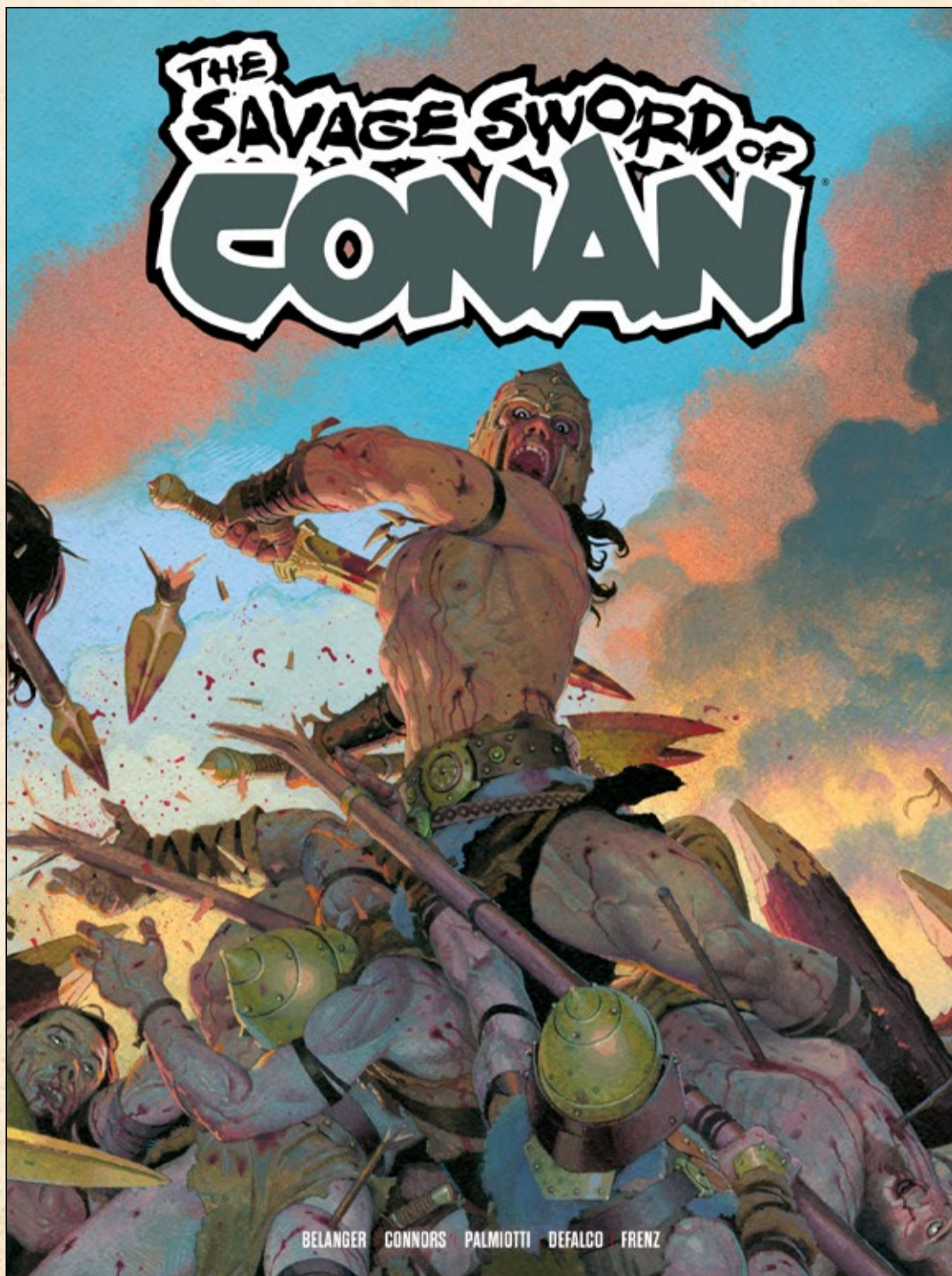
COVER A: **ALEX HORLEY**
 COVER C: **ALEX HORLEY FOIL (\$16.99)**

Featuring a deadly tale of swapped assassination targets from writers Jimmy Palmiotti and Amanda Conner with artist Andy Belanger, the return of fan-favorite BRECKENRIDGE ELKINS from the legendary team of writer Tom DeFalco and artist Ron Frenz, striking covers from Alex Horley and Esad Ribic, plus pin-ups and more.

SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #15 is another unmissable chapter in Conan's savage saga!

(W) Jimmy Palmiotti, Amanda Conner, & Tom DeFalco
(A) Andy Belanger, Ron Frenz, Pat Olliffe
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COVER B: **ESAD RIBIC**

THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN returns with another brutal dispatch from the Hyborian Age!

**ESAD RIBIC
WRAPAROUND
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VARIANT**



COVER D: **WRAPAROUND CARDSTOCK (\$8.99)**

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CONAN THE ADVENTURER:
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REGULAR: RAFAEL KAYANAN



DIRECT MARKET: RAFAEL KAYANAN

(W) Roy Thomas (A) Rafael Kayanan, John Watkiss

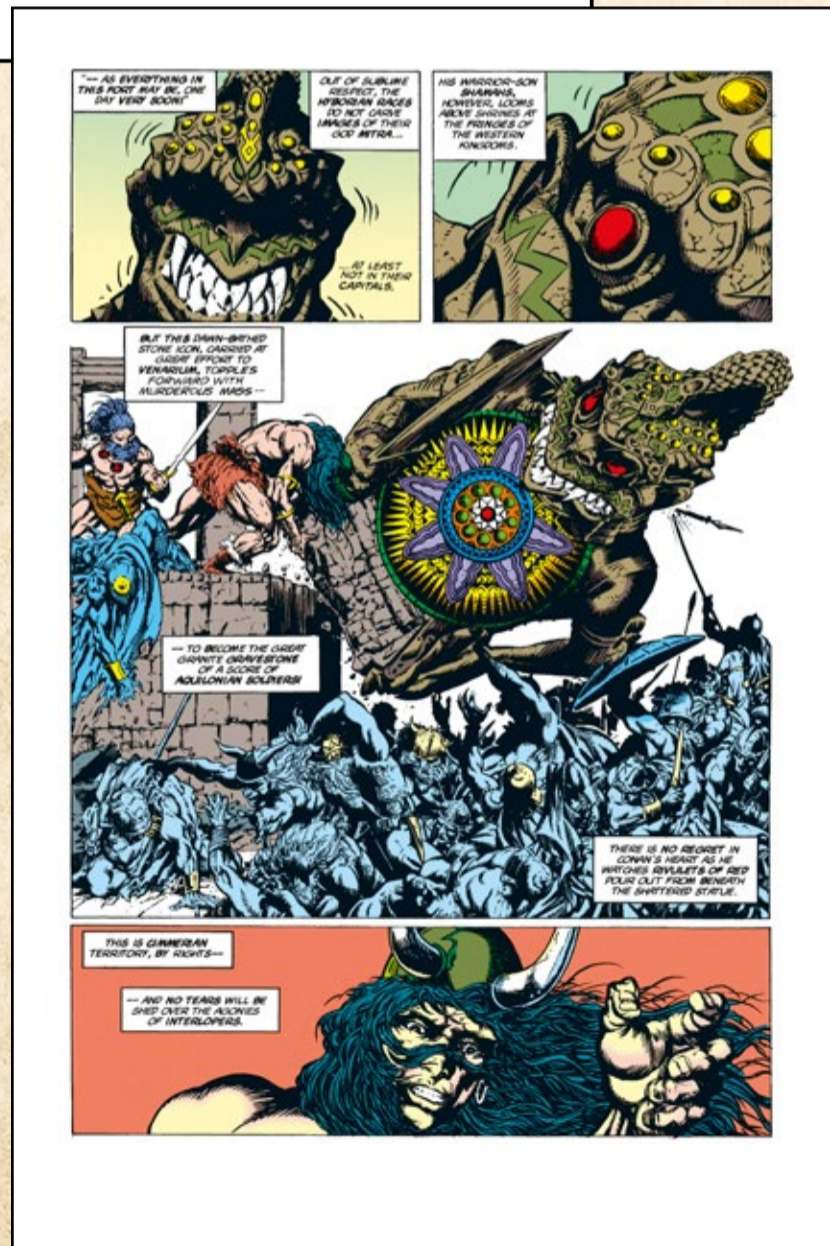
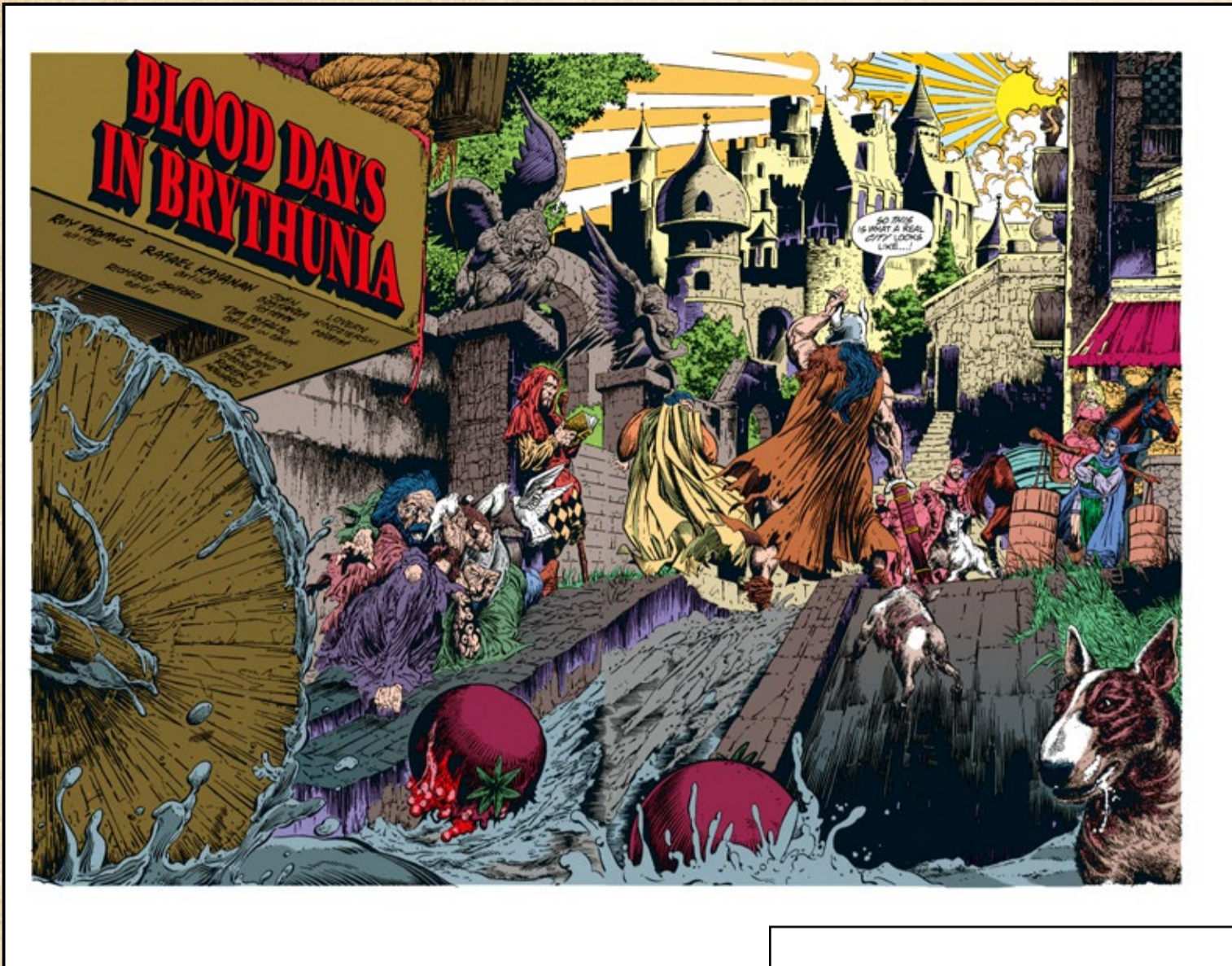
FC • 368pp • \$60.00

On Sale July 14, 2026

Conan the Adventurer collected for the first time ever and given the now classic Omnibus collection treatment! Featuring unseen bonus material and an all-new introduction!

A year after the demise of the legendary *Conan the Barbarian* comic, which had run for 275 issues, Conan the Cimmerian returned in *Conan the Adventurer*, an all-new comic written by Conan stalwart Roy Thomas and illustrated by Rafael Kayanan and John Watkiss.

BEFORE HE WAS KING, HE WAS CONAN THE ADVENTURER!



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• This collection features all 14

• issues of the comic run as well as

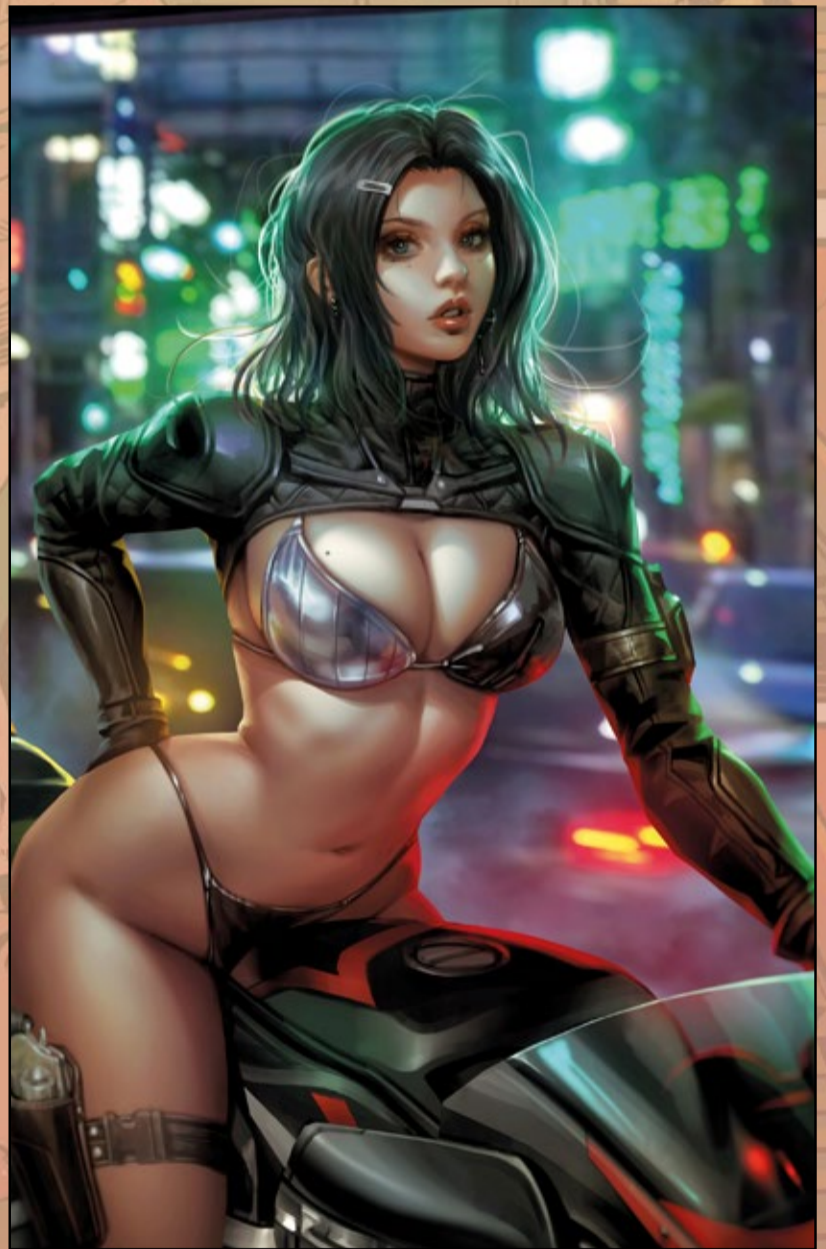
• rarely seen bonus material.

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JOANNA TAN IS BACK AND SHE'S KEEPING THE ACTION GOING IN GUN HONEY: DOUBLES DOWN #2



WITH COVERS FROM
SUPERSTAR ARTIST
DERRICK CHEW

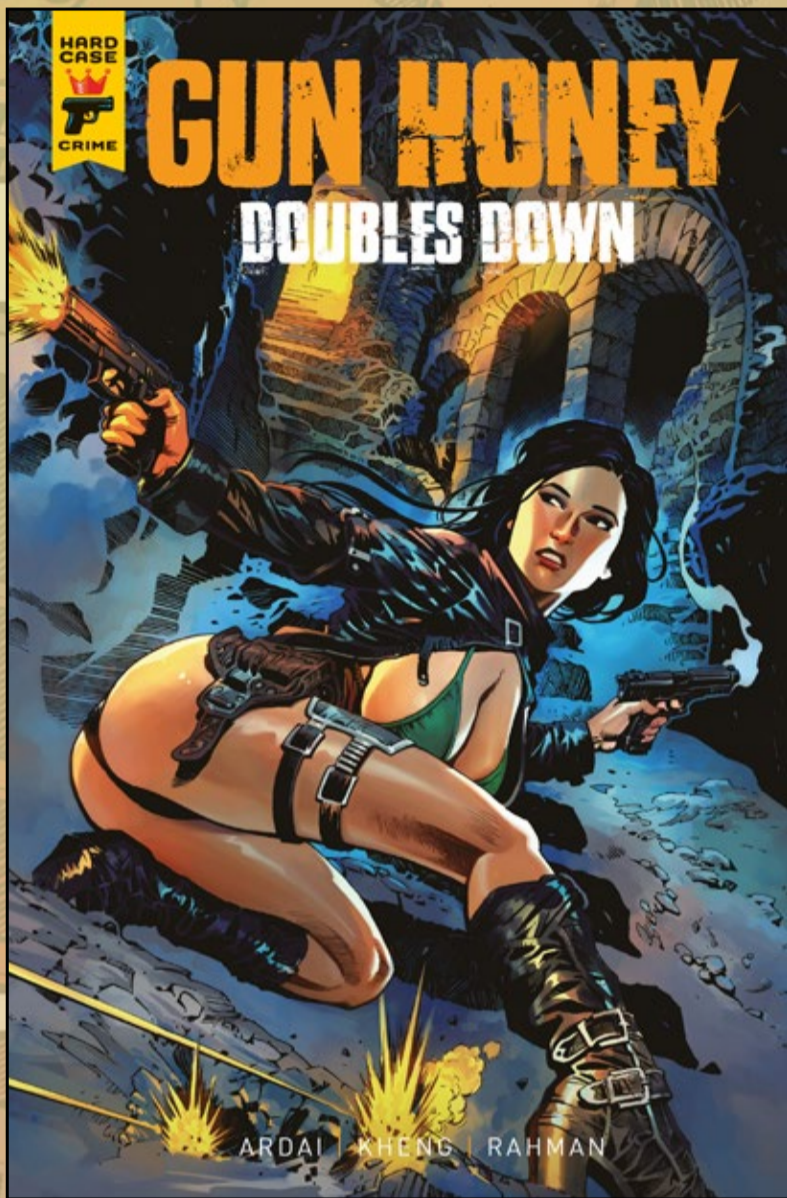


COVER A: DERRICK CHEW
COVER J: DERRICK CHEW FOIL (\$14.99)

COVER I: DERRICK CHEW VIRGIN
CARDSTOCK (\$6.99)

**“Gun Honey puts the
thrill in thriller.”**
kabooooom

GUN HONEY DOUBLES DOWN #2 (OF 4)



COVER D: ANG HOR KHENG

(W) Charles Ardai
(A) Ang Hor Kheng
 FC • 32pp • \$4.99
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When a botched attack on the dictator of Russia sends three identical-looking men fleeing Moscow for Siberia, Finland, and the Black Sea, Gun Honey Joanna Tan is offered \$10 million to separate the real target from his doubles -- and make sure the right man dies.



HARD CASE
CRIME

GUN HONEY

DOUBLES DOWN



ARDAI | KHENG | RAHMAN

COVER B: **IVAN TAO**
COVER K: **IVAN TAO VIRGIN CARDSTOCK (\$6.99)**
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BAGGED
(\$10)**



**COVER H:
SEAGE
WRAPAROUND
NUDE/CLOTHED
BAGGED
(\$10)**



GUN HONEY

DOUBLES DOWN



ACE
CONTINUADO
CASTRO
RAHMAN

ARDAI | KHENG | RAHMAN

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BLADE RUNNER: TOKYO NEXUS: TO LOSE IS TO WIN #3 (OF 4)



COVER A: **KIT WALLIS**

COVER D: **KIT WALLIS VIRGIN CARDSTOCK (\$6.99)**

(W) **Nancy A. Collins**
(A) **Mariano Taibo**
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Blade Runner Rumiko's search for the Aurora tech stolen by Stix and Mead during their failed Kalathia mission has brought her to Omiya, where on the snow lined Shiwa Shrine Road, she finds herself facing off against its deadly guardian in a samurai duel to the death.

Meanwhile back in Tokyo, Mead has discovered what killed Miyuki Nomura and its implications threaten to expose a conspiracy at the heart of the ruling Yakuzi family.

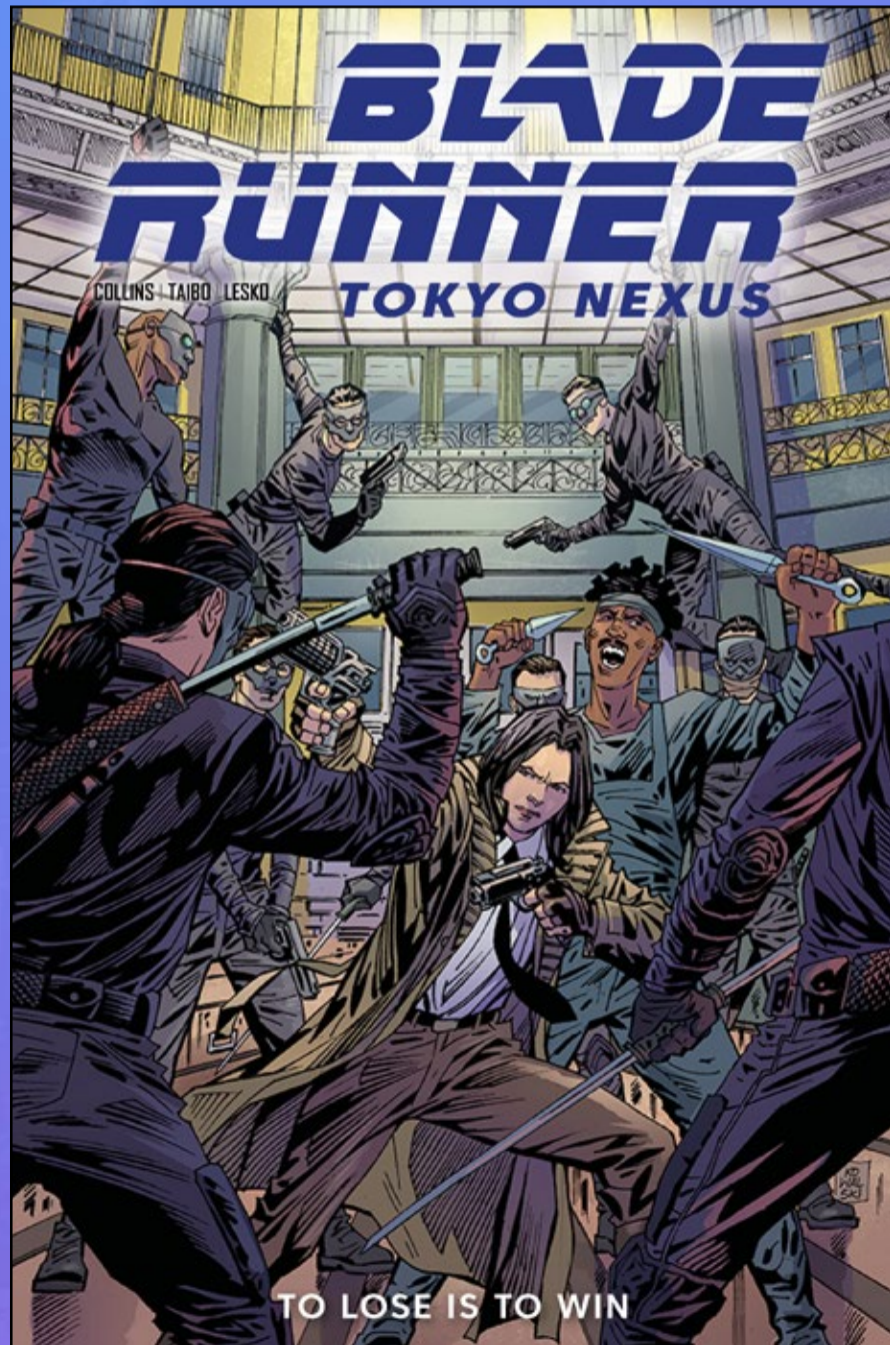


Written by Nancy A. Collins
(Blade Runner: Black Lotus, Swamp Thing)





COVER B: ANDY BELANGER



COVER C: PIOTR KOWALSKI

“The Blade Runner franchise has truly found a second life on the printed page”

IGN



DEAD BY DAYLIGHT: THE HILLBILLY #4 (OF 4)



**DEAD BY
DAYLIGHT**

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TO REVEAL**

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**WATCH GAMEPLAY
TRAILER**

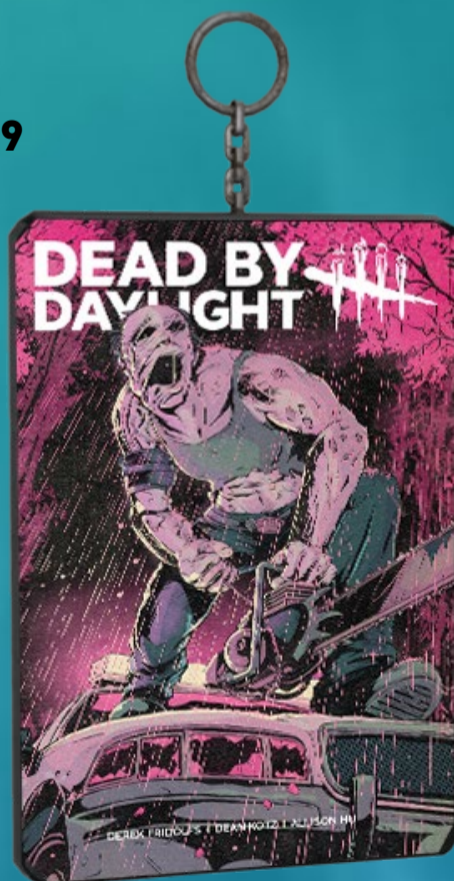


(W) Derek Fridolfs
(A) Dean Kotz, Allison Hu
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THE HILLBILLY TAKES HIS REVENGE!

Free from his shackles, armed with his faithful hammer, the Man called Boy wreaks a violent trail of destruction across Coldwind Farm.

Meanwhile, Officer Hollis seeks his own reckoning, but as blood rains, The Fog rolls in. Death is not an escape, and this is only the beginning of their trials.



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DIABLO:[®] DAWN OF HATRED #4 (OF 4)



COVER B: NICK MARINKOVICH

(Writer) Cullen Bunn
(Pencils) Daniele Serra
(Inker) Giusi Lo Piccolo
(Artist) Jovanna Plata
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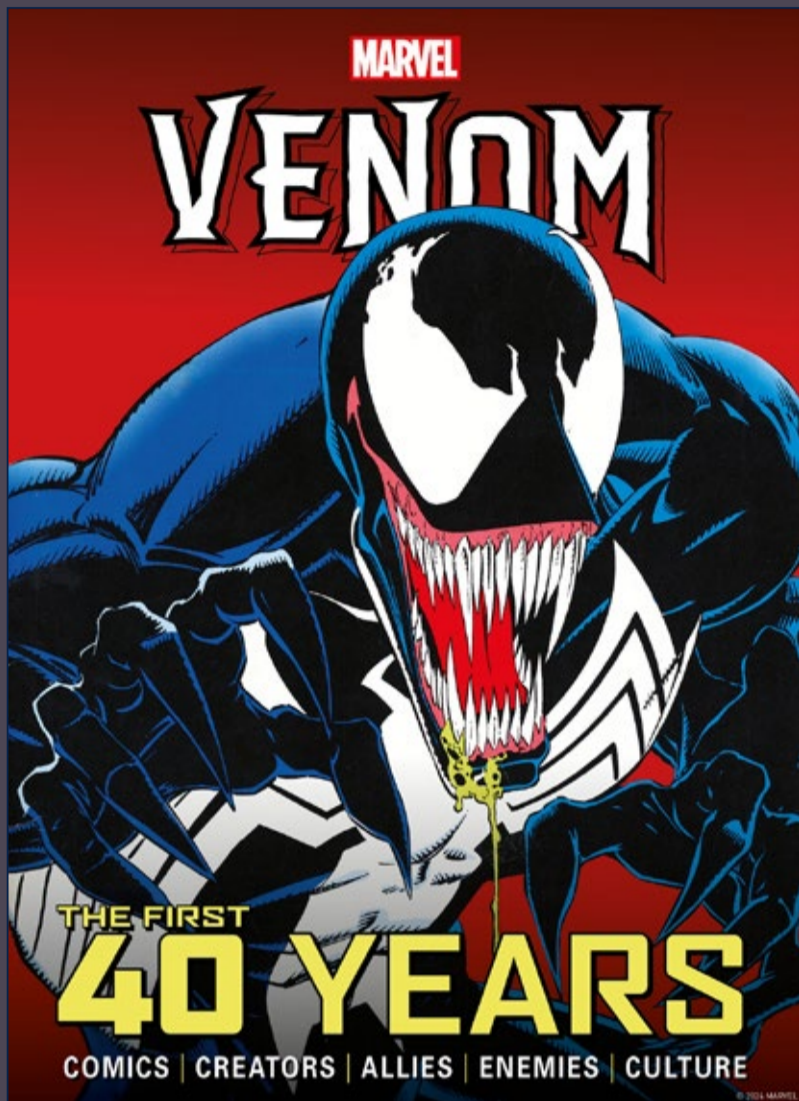
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1990s




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As the scale and breadth of Venom's adventures increased, so did the Symbiote mythology and roster of recurring characters.

Carnage
The murderous Symbiote created when perhaps serial killer Cletus Kasady bonded with a piece of the 'Venom Symbiote' left behind in the cell he shared with Eddie Brock, Carnage quickly gained notoriety after his violent rampages and even became the star of his own video game.

The Life Foundation Symbiotes
Agents, Plegers, Ross, Lusher and Scram were forcibly separated from the 'Venom Symbiote' - as detailed in 'Venom' - Lethal Protector - after Carlton Drake, leader of the Life Foundation, observed how Carnage was spawned from the Symbiote in prison. The Life Foundation Symbiotes were bonded with volunteers who worked for the foundation, but ultimately they struggled with control issues over their Othars. The Life Foundation was a corrupt elite organization built around providing shelter and a survival community for the other side in the court of any world disasters. Drake spawned his first Symbiotes to act as guards for the community and planned to spend more to build a police force.

2024

RIGHT ABOVE:

The evil Carnage in *The Amazing Spider-Man* #261 (April 1982). Script by David Michelinie. Pencils by Mark Bagley. Inks by Randy Emberlin. Colors by Bob Shriver. Letters by Kim Lopez.

RIGHT:

Lusher, Scram, Agents, Ross, and Plegers in *Absolute Carnage: Broken* #1 (October 2018). Script by Fabian Nicieza. Pencils by Garth Saloner. Inks by Victor Horta. Colors by Leik Azevedo. Letters by Cory Pitt.

After their boats were destroyed, the Life Foundation Symbiotes were held in The Vault, until they found a sympathetic new host...

Scott 'Hybrid' Washington
Scott Washington was a former guard at maximum security prison The Vault, responsible for overseeing the imprisoned Symbiotes. He showed them compassion and after being briefly bonded with them, understood their pain and helped them escape - which cost him his job. After Scott was tragically paralyzed, the escaped Symbiotes sought him out - looking for the one person who had shown them kindness - and bonded with him, turning him into Hybrid. Scott was able to control the Symbiotes and set about taking revenge on the gang that had paralyzed him and murdered his brother.







The Jury
Made up from former guards of The Vault, this vigilante group determined to try villains for their crimes and bring them to justice. The Jury was established by Maxwell and Max Taylor - father and brother to Hugh Taylor, who was a security guard at the Vault, reluctantly killed by Venom during a breakout. They wanted revenge for Hugh and, along with other former guards from the prison, became The Jury. Highly trained and skilled, they wear specially modified versions of the suits worn by Guardians at the Vault. Their suits are specially made to incorporate sonic and fire-based weapons to deal with Symbiotes.

RIGHT ABOVE:

Scott Washington is discovered by the Symbiotes in *House of M: Cage A Spider* #62 (April 1992). Script by Larry Hama. Pencils by Jon St. Pierre. Inks by Randy Emberlin. Colors by Tom Smith. Letters by Steven Geppi.

RIGHT:

The Jury arrives in *The All-New Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe* vol. 1, #6. Art by Mark Bagley.

MAY 1990

Venom returns as he breaks out of jail and resumes his mission to destroy Spider-Man in their first confrontation of the 1990s.

JUNE 1990

During a showdown with Spider-Man and criminal duo Slye and Stone, the symbiote seemingly sacrifices itself for its host, Eddie Brock.

MAY 1991

Spider-Man and Venom embark on a battle to the death on a remote tropical island. Believing his enemy dead, Eddie Brock and the symbiote remain on the island.

APRIL 1992

In a brutal first confrontation, Spider-Man is attacked by Cletus Kasady bonded with a symbiote to manifest Carnage.

JUNE 1992

Venom is showcased in a solo story that documents Eddie Brock's fateful first encounter with the symbiote.

JUNE 1992

Spider-Man and Venom join forces in an effort to defeat Carnage, but can the wall-crawler trust his former nemesis?

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Carnage returns to cause more chaos, but this time he has a new hunting ground when he is hired to kill a surprising new target.

Surprisingly impossible to impress for long, Carnage makes a terrifying return in the six issue *Minimum Carnage* story arc. Free at last, he heads to the Microverse - a dimension that can be reached from the Earth dimension by obtaining with Pym Particles and thus composing the person's matter to a certain point, thereby forcing it through an artificially created nexus into the other universe. He is hired to put his three for bloody violence to good use and kill a god. Forging a uneasy alliance, Venom teams up with Scarlet Spider in order to find and stop him.

Escaping from the Thunderbolts Mountain Maximum Security Prison, Knull Kasady attacked most of the prisoners and guards. Agent Venom arrives to investigate.

At a police checkpoint two hours later, the policemen discover Kasady and try to capture him. But suddenly their thumbs and feet are cut open and some cars explode. Kasady appears to have done nothing and while viewing footage of this, Venom points out a missile spear-wielding robotic bug, Venom asks for files and articles on "really tiny killers" and he receives an article titled, "Not Everything is Bigger in Texas".

Meanwhile, in Houston two days later, Knull Parker aka Scarlet Spider discovers a cut-up woman in the blazing inferno and a mentally shattered man. The man screams in fear when he sees Scarlet Spider thinking he means him harm.

It is revealed that the assassin's target was the wife of the terrified man, Dr. Knull working at Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. Kasady is lurking nearby and changes into Carnage, warning the doctor and asking her about a purported "Protonbeam Pi".

But just as he attacks, Knull crashes through a window and the two fight. Carnage thinks Knull is Spider-Man but Scarlet Spider steps in to help. However, Carnage simply puts it back into place and stabs his foe with a symbiote tentacle as his opponent hankies to get free.

His foe behind, Knull sees a tiny group of people, who order Carnage to help them reach the Pi.

As they enter the pit, one of the small creatures reminds Kasady of their agreement. "I'll let you, you give me a whole new life. A new start. A whole new universe to kill people in." As he gets back on his feet, Knull orders to kill Carnage as Venom tells him to surrender, but the two soon realize they are on the same side. However, Flash loses control of the symbiote which attacks Knull, who manages to resist until Flash has the symbiote back under control. The heroes discover that Carnage has escaped into the Microverse. Flash persuades Knull to chase their foe, but they end up in different points of the Microverse.

On arriving, Venom is attacked by some fairies, while the Scarlet Spider meets a hooded man, known as the Redeemer, and is attacked by a monster. Knull kills the monster.

Arcade Fire, the captain of Enigma Force, introduces himself to Agent Venom. Team member Flash reveals that the symbiote is a danger to the Microverse. Bug, another team member, touches it, which confirms that the symbiote has a harmful effect on the inhabitants of the Microverse.

Uncontrollable, Carnage begins to massacre the people who brought him into the Microverse, also attacking Knull and the Redeemer. During the skirmish, Flash loses control over the symbiote again. Flash calms the symbiote, but Agent Venom and Enigma Force are captured along with Carnage by the followers of Marquis Radu. Radu explains that the symbiotes arrived in the Microverse many years ago. They had attempted to consume it along with the god who ruled the Microverse, but he drove them away. In an attempt to become the Microverse's new god, Radu summoned the symbiotes to return to the Microverse to destroy the old one.

Elsewhere, the Scarlet Spider who had to let go of Carnage in order to assist the Redeemer learns that the presence of the symbiotes could destroy the Microverse, eventually destroying the Microverse.

OPPOSITE PAGE:

Venom grapples with Scarlet Spider in *Scarlet Spider* #16 (October 2012). Art by Ryan Stegman and Marie Perella.





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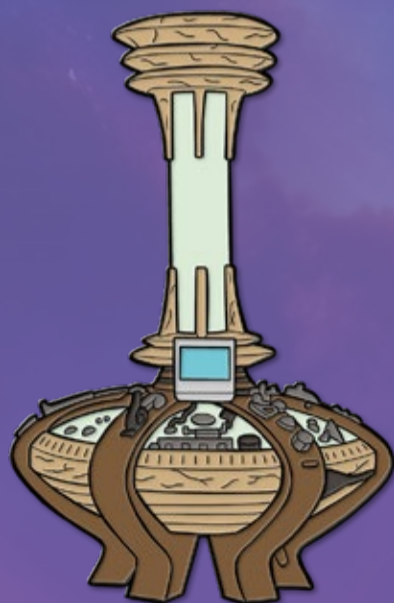


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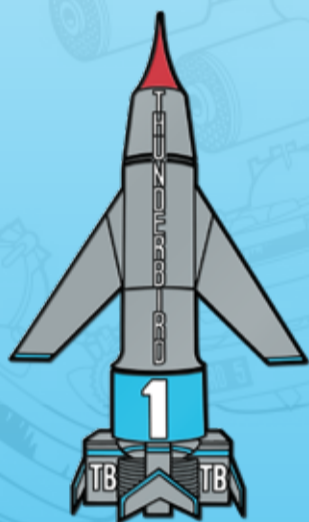
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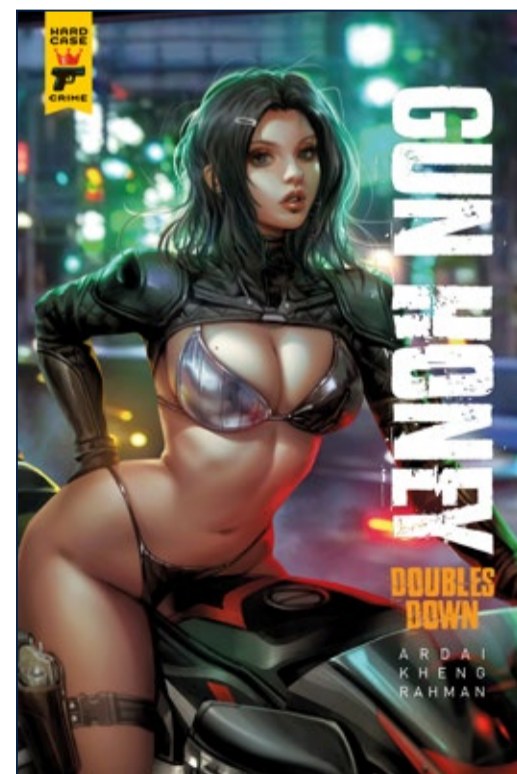
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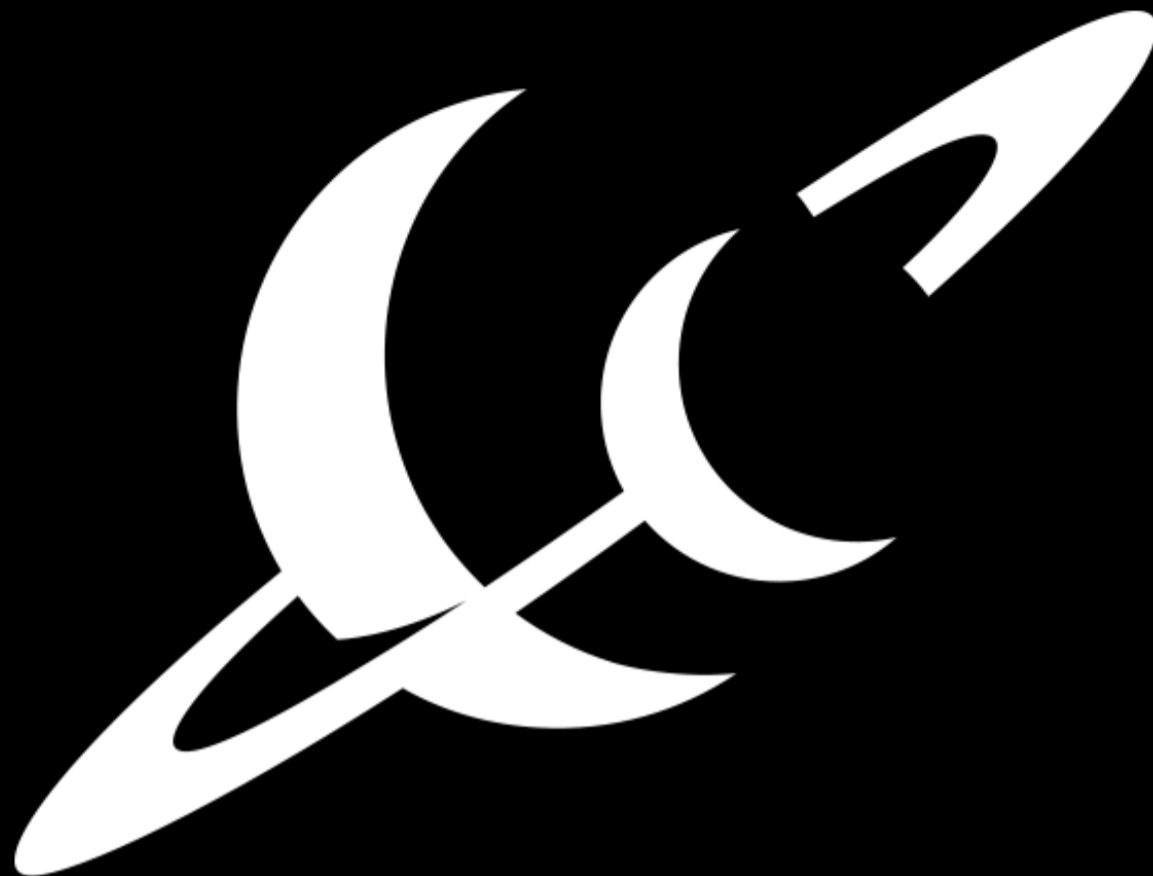


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