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The Blood Brothers Mother

An exclusive first look at *Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso's* new series!



Oh Yeah! Kool-Aid Man!

Over the course of nine issues, and two publishers, Kool-Aid Man never once phoned it in



Mattel Toys Mash Up

The 14-year-old inside of us is freaking out about this MOTU/TMNT toy mash-up



Fan Casting Big Barda

Our fan casting pick teaches martial arts to celebrities, and is a licensed bodyguard

X-Men #33

It's a big X-Men blow-out, with the whole crew bringing the heat. We're promised a veritable slugfest before the creative team kicks-off a new direction for everyone's favorite mutants. If you're a sucker for big battles, this issue should be your week's guilty pleasure.

Gerry Duggan (W) & Joshua Cassara (A)
Order By 3/4/24
Marvel / 75960609999303311 / \$3.99



Rook Exodus #1

Geoff Johns kicks-off *Ghost Machine* with this all-new science fiction series. Hundreds of years from now, Rook leaves the crumbling Earth for a new life on the planet Exodus; a terraformed planet where all of nature is completely controlled by humans called Wardens. This series looks pretty awesome.

Geoff Johns (W) & Jason Fabok (A)
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Geiger #1

The critically acclaimed team of *Geoff Johns* and *Gary Frank* return to the nuclear wasteland of their bestselling *Geiger* with an all-new ongoing series starring the violent and unpredictable *Glowing Man* as they build this shared universe.

Geiger #1
Order By March 6, 2024
Image + Ghost Machine / 0224IM206 / \$3.99

Deadpool #1

Cody Ziglar (*Miles Morales: Spider-Man*) has a wild ride planned for the Merc with the mouth. Introducing a terrifying new villain who won't stop until he catches Wade in his DEATH GRIP. It's a brand-new number one for everyone's favorite trash talking mercenary.

Cody Ziglar (W) & Roge Antonio (A)
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Shadow Of Green Goblin #1

J.M. DeMatteis (*Spider-Man: Kraven's Last Hunt*) returns to *Spider-Man* to tell the story of the "Proto-Goblin", the original Green Goblin before Norman Osborn. What role does a young Peter Parker, who has not yet understood his great power and responsibility, play in this unfolding of events?

J.M. DeMatteis (W) & Michael Sta. Maria (A)
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Marvel / 75960620832600111 / \$4.99



Shazam #10

It's a new creative direction for *Shazam*, starting with a tale of moving day. After destroying the family home, Billy has hired the gods to rebuild it. But what surprises await? We loved the *Waid/Mora* pairing on this title and will certainly give this new team a chance.

Josie Campbell (W) & Emanuela Lupacchino (A)
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DC Comics / 0224DC128 / \$3.99



Batman Off-World #5

It's the penultimate issue of *Jason Aaron* & *Doug Mahnke*'s sci-fi epic that fans seem to be enjoying. In a distant galaxy, the villainous *Blakksun Mining Company* has ruled with an iron fist, but they are a galactic monopoly that has never faced *Batman* before. This story arc is unexpected & tons of fun.

Jason Aaron (W) & Doug Mahnke (A)
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DC Comics / 0224DC020 / \$3.99



Fall of the House of X #4

As the fight between the mutants and *Orchis* reaches a deadly pitch, a startling revelation rocks the *X-Men* to their core. The two series that are one, come together in one horrible betrayal, as the *Krakoan Age* nears its conclusion. We're told this issue is worth adding to your pre-order list.

Gerry Duggan (W) & Lucas Weneck (A)
Order By 3/4/24
Marvel / 75960620766400411 / \$4.99

Redcoat #1

This series has a *Highlander* meets *Hellblazer* kind of vibe to us and we are 1000% in. What are the origins of this character's power and what are the secret forces that have shaped America and the world? We don't know, but we're super excited to find out.

Geoff Johns (W) & Bryan Hitch (A)
Order By 3/4/24
Image + Ghost Machine / 0224IM209 / \$3.99



Giant-Size Hulk #1

We're suckers for any giant-sized comic, and when it's the *Hulk*, even better. This issue has a new story with *Hulk* riding the train rails, and includes a reprinting of *Incredible Hulk* #372 by the great *Peter David* & *Dale Keown*.

Phillip Kennedy Johnson (W) & Andrea Broccardo (A)
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Marvel / 75960620845600111 / \$6.99



New Adventures Of Batman - Wave 9

The McFarlane Toys Retro Batman line is expanding once again with Wave 9. This wave introduces fresh iterations of beloved characters; Batman, Robin, Batgirl, Commissioner Gordon, Riddler, Joker and Bat-Mite! We've seen some reports that these figures could be available any day, so talk to your local shop if/when they expect them in. Did we mention Bat-Mite?

The New Adventures of Batman DC Retro Action Figures
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McFarlane Toys / Arrives Q1 2024 / Prices Vary



Fighting Armor Magneto Action Figure

These figures have been a little hard to find, and they are not cheap, but wow-za, that is one damn fine looking action figure. Sentinel recently unveiled their newest addition to the armored Marvel Comics figure lineup, the Fighting Armor Magneto Figure. This figure is 6.5 inches, with a blend of plastic and diecast metal components. Honestly, they had us at diecast metal components.

Sentinel Fighting Armor Magneto Action Figure
Order Up Now
Sentinel / Ships Summer 2024 / Prices Vary



Mimi's Tales Of Terror

Nine scary stories that really happened, pulled from a unique collection of urban legends, and adapted into manga by the manga horror genius, Junji Ito.

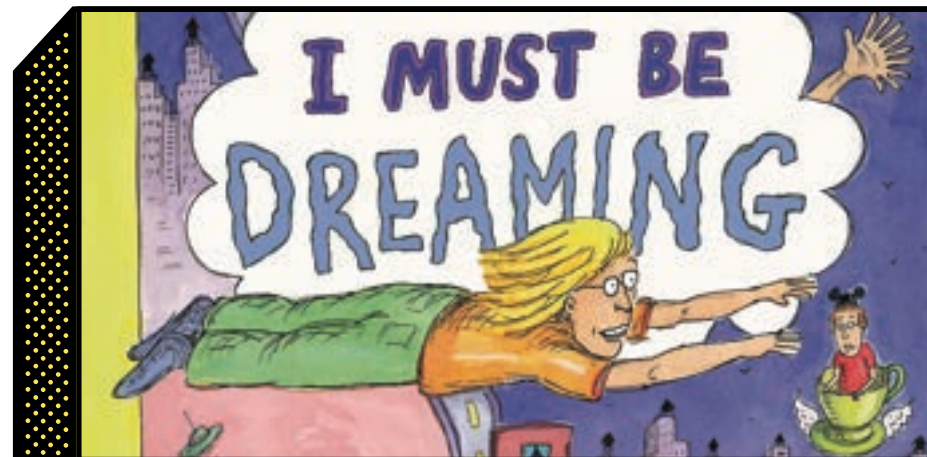
Mimi's Tales Of Terror HC
Available Now
VIZ Media / AUG232381 / \$24



Demon Wars Treasury TP

Peach Momoko takes her version of the Marvel Universe to the next level. If you want to read what all the fuss has been about, then talk to your shop about grabbing this trade. This edition collects Demon Wars Iron Samurai, Shield Of Justice, Down In Flames and Scarlet Sin. Peach Momoko is a unique talent and we're curious to see what she does with the X-Men.

Demon Wars Treasury Edition TP
Available Now
Marvel / APR230941 / \$34.99



I Must Be Dreaming Graphic Novel

In her new book, New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast illustrates her own dream world, a place that is creepy, hilarious, illuminating, and often profound. If you're new to Roz Chast's work, ask your shop owner for a recommendation.

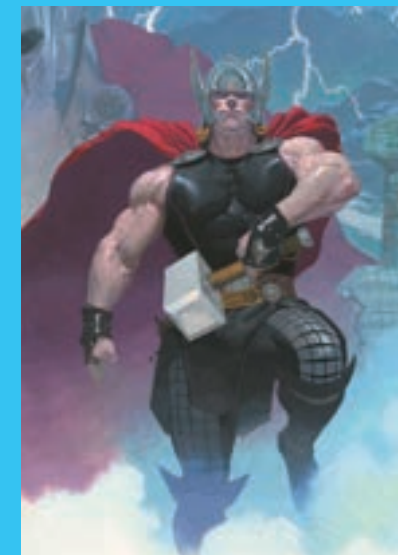
I Must Be Dreaming Graphic Novel
Available Now
Bloomsbury / AUG231774 / \$27.99



TOMY Warhammer Plushies

Prepare for a cuteness overload this spring, when four confusingly cute new plushies arrive courtesy of the international toy company TOMY. There is something for everyone here, including a Gnasha-squig, a Spanna Grot, a Nurgling (a.k.a. the Little Unclean One), and a Sacrosanct Gryph-hound. The Gnasha-squig is bounding in for a kiss, while the fuzzy neck-plumage of the Gryph-hound is just begging for a cuddle. The Little Unclean One is just a happy little guy with only the tiniest stomach prolapse, while the Spanna Grot is the perfect sidekick for any budding Big Mek. Pre-order now.

TOMY Warhammer Plushies
Pre-Order Now
TOMY / Arrives Spring 2024 / Prices Vary



Thor Omnibus HC Vol 01

We've been on a big Jason Aaron kick, and that's why we're recommending this collected edition of his epic collaboration with Esad Ribic and Russell Dauterman. Across the ages, gods are vanishing, and Thor must unite with his past and future selves to stand against Gorr the God Butcher. Meanwhile, Malekith the Accursed begins a bloody rampage that will spread war throughout the realms, and another hero will hold the hammer. This trade collects Thor: God Of Thunder #1-25, Thor (2014) #1-8, Thor Annual (2015) #1, Thors #1-4 and Mighty Thor (2015) #1-12.

Thor By Jason Aaron Omnibus Vol. 1 HC
Available Now
Marvel / SEP211038 / Prices Vary



Thor Omnibus HC Vol 02

Jason Aaron's Asgardian epic concludes with the final fate of the Mighty Thor, the return of the Odinson and the cataclysmic War of the Realms. When final judgment arrives in the form of the monstrous Mangog, will Jane Foster make the ultimate sacrifice? Can Thor prove himself worthy once more? Collecting Mighty Thor (2015) #13-23 and #700-706, Unworthy Thor #1-5, Generations: The Unworthy Thor % The Mighty Thor, Mighty Thor: At The Gates Of Valhalla, Thor (2018) #1-16, War Of The Realms #1-6, and King Thor #1-4.

Thor By Jason Aaron Omnibus Vol. 2 HC
Available Now
Marvel / MAR230949 / Prices Vary



Super Sons Omnibus

If you've been waiting to get caught up on the "Super Sons", this is the trade for you. The sons of Superman and Batman must find their footing as they attempt to live up to their family names. Trying to grow up fast, the pair form an inseparable bond that will shape them into the heroes of tomorrow. With a brand-new cover from Jorge Jimenez, this extended Super Duper Edition omnibus collects Super Sons #1-16; Super Sons Annual #1; Super Sons/Dynomutt Special #1; Adventures Of The Super Sons #1-12; Challenge Of The Super Sons #1-7; Superman #10-11, #37-38; Teen Titans #15; and a story from Robin 8TH Anniversary 100-Page Super Spectacular #1. All the Super Sons action you could ever want, all in one collected edition.

Super Sons Omnibus Super Duper Edition
Available Now
DC Comics / JUL233029 / Prices Vary





OH YEAH! Kool-Aid Man Comics!

Do you remember the days when you could summon a giant pitcher of Kool-Aid by simply shouting, "Oh Yeah!?" Well, get ready to dive into the colorful and delicious world of Kool-Aid Man comics, where fruity adventures and refreshing stories await.

Before we jump into the comics, let's take a quick sip down memory lane and learn how Kool-Aid Man became the iconic character he is today. Created in the 1950s by advertising executive **Marvin Potts**, the Kool-Aid Man started as a simple pitcher on a Kool-Aid package. But it wasn't long before he burst onto the scene, quite literally, as a giant, anthropomorphic pitcher crashing through walls to quench the thirst of kids everywhere. His famous catchphrase, "Oh Yeah!" quickly became a part of popular culture. You probably remember the commercials. Kids, exhausted and thirsty from their playtime adventures, would engage in a brief exchange about their thirst. They would then cup their hands around their mouths and call out to their "buddy" by exclaiming, "Hey, Kool-Aid!" This magical incantation summoned the Kool-Aid Man himself, who burst onto the scene in spectacular fashion. With a thunder-



During the height of his popularity, the Kool-Aid Man starred in his very own comic. Spanning from 1983 to 1989, this (somewhat) delightful series, known as *The Adventures of Kool-Aid Man*, comprised seven issues published by both Marvel Comics (issues #1-3) and Archie Comics (issues #4-7). Clearly designed with young readers in mind, this whimsical series featured the beloved giant red pitcher in some truly outrageous adventures. In these pages, the Kool-Aid Man took on a formidable nemesis: the "thirsties," who were portrayed as the sworn enemies of children everywhere. The icing on the Kool-Aid cake came in the form of the final four issues. Illustrated by legendary **Betty and Veronica** artist, **Dan DeCarlo**, readers had the opportunity to witness the Kool-Aid Man engaging with and quenching the thirst of the familiar cast of Riverdale characters. So, yes, the Archie gang have hung out with the Kool-Aid Man AND the Ramones. Let that sink in for a moment. Kool-Aid, the Archies and the Ramones are all in the same shared universe. We'd pay good money to see this further explored.

For us, the Kool-Aid Man comic books are a delightful blend of nostalgia and 80's kooky storytelling. They capture the essence of this beloved commercial character while adding some new layers to his story. While this series is not high art by any means, the comics are not horrible. Certainly no worse than the Star Comics or Archie Comics being offered at the time. Whether you're a long-time fan of the Kool-Aid Man or just looking for a refreshing read, these comics are sure to quench your thirst for adventure. So, grab a glass, pour yourself some Kool-Aid, dig through your local shop's back-issue bin, and dive into the world of Kool-Aid Man comics. With each turn of the page, you'll be saying, "Oh Yeah!" to a splash-tastic adventure that's perfect for kids and kids at heart. Three cheers for the Kool-Aid Man - the ultimate thirst-quenching hero of the comic book world!



ous crash, he would dramatically break through walls, fences, ceilings, or even other household objects, all while proclaiming his famous catchphrase, "Oh yeah!" The grand entrance of the Kool-Aid Man was always a sight to behold, leaving children wide-eyed, and causing a fair amount of property damage. The Kool-Aid Man, with his signature enthusiasm, would pour the parched youngsters a refreshing and thirst-quenching glass of delicious Kool-Aid. Presumably from his body? These unforgettable moments not only refreshed the young hooligans but also etched the Kool-Aid Man firmly into the annals of pop culture history.

Next Weeks Comics

It's common for comics to shift dates and not all titles are available at all stores

- ◊ Aliens...What If? (Marvel)
- ◊ Antarctica #9/10 (Image)
- ◊ Avengers #11 (Marvel)
- ◊ B&V Friends Forever Sleepover (Archie)
- ◊ Batman #145 (DC)
- ◊ Batman & Scooby-Doo Mysteries #3 (DC)
- ◊ Betty & Veronica Jumbo Digest #322 (Archie)
- ◊ Birds Of Prey #7 (DC)
- ◊ Blue Beetle #7 (DC)
- ◊ Britannia Fire Of Rome One-Shot (Valiant)
- ◊ Captain America #7 (Marvel)
- ◊ Critical Role Tales Exandria II #3 (Dark Horse)
- ◊ Cullen Bunn's Body Bag #1 (Massive)
- ◊ Daredevil Gang War #4 (Marvel)
- ◊ Dead Lucky #12 (Image)
- ◊ Detective Comics #411 Facsimile (DC)
- ◊ Devil That Wears My Face #5/6 (Mad Cave)
- ◊ Disney Cruella De Vil #4 (Dynamite)
- ◊ Doctor Strange #13 (Marvel)
- ◊ Dusk #1 (Scout)
- ◊ Edie #3/5 (Blood Moon)
- ◊ Giant Size Spider-Gwen #1 (Marvel)
- ◊ Godzilla Destoroyah #1 (IDW)
- ◊ Gotham Motor Mountain #1 (IDW)
- ◊ Gumaa Beginning Of Her #4 (Titan)
- ◊ Gunslinger Spawn #30 (Image)
- ◊ Kaya #16 (Image)
- ◊ Kent Menace Vs Technofreak #1 (Brilliant)
- ◊ Kiva #1 (Scout)
- ◊ Kneel Before Zod #3 (DC)
- ◊ Lilo & Stitch #3 (Dynamite)
- ◊ Love Everlasting #13 (Image)
- ◊ Lunar Lodge #4 (Dark Horse)
- ◊ Misfortunes Eyes #1 (Massive)
- ◊ Mom Breaks The Internet #4 (Scout)
- ◊ Mortal Terror #4 (Dark Horse)
- ◊ Ms. Marvel Mutant Menace #1 (Marvel)
- ◊ Night People #1 (Oni)
- ◊ Pine & Merrimac #3 (Boom!)
- ◊ Poison Ivy #20 (DC)
- ◊ Ranger Academy #5 (Boom!)
- ◊ Savage Red Sonja #5 (Dynamite)
- ◊ Sensational She-Hulk #6 (Marvel)
- ◊ Sentry #4 (Marvel)
- ◊ Shazam #9 (DC)
- ◊ Space Negro Last Negro (1First)
- ◊ Spectacular Spider-Man #1 (Marvel)
- ◊ Star Wars #44 (Marvel)
- ◊ Star Wars: High Republic #5 (Marvel)
- ◊ Starsigns #8 (Image)
- ◊ Suicide Squad Kill Arkham Asylum #2 (DC)
- ◊ Superior Spider-Man #5 (Marvel)
- ◊ Superman 78 Metal Curtain #5 (DC)
- ◊ TMNT Sat Morn Adv 2023 #11 (IDW)
- ◊ TMNT Destiny Of The Foot Clan #1 (IDW)
- ◊ Thanos #4 (Marvel)
- ◊ The Bat-Man First Knight #1 (DC)
- ◊ Time Traveler Tales #4 (Dark Horse)
- ◊ Torpedo 1972 #1 (Ablaze)
- ◊ Ultimate X-Men #1 (Marvel)
- ◊ Unnatural Blood Blue #8 (Image)
- ◊ Vampirella Dead Flowers #1 (Dynamite)
- ◊ Venom #31 (Marvel)
- ◊ Void Rivals #7 (Image)
- ◊ Walking Dead Deluxe #84 (Image)
- ◊ Weapon X-Men #1 (Marvel)
- ◊ X-Men #32 (Marvel)

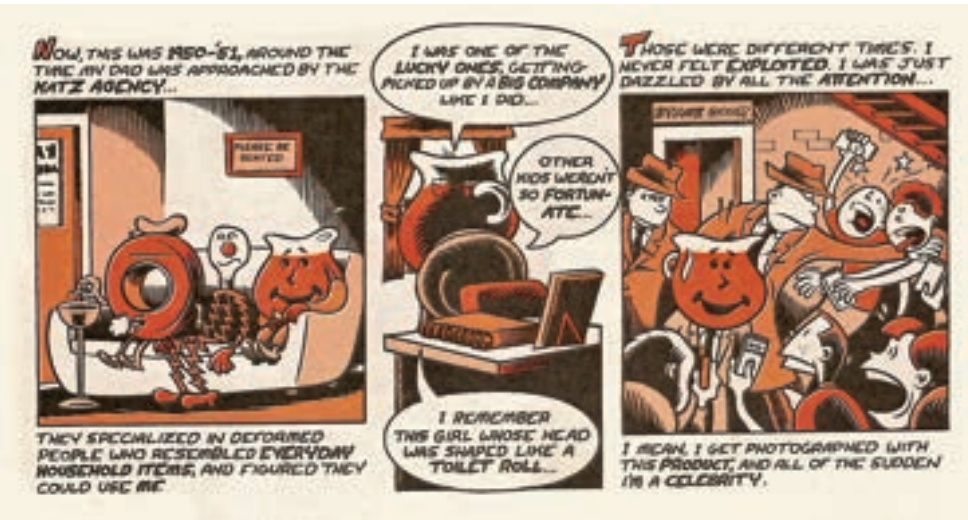


Mattel showed some early photos of their planned collaboration between *Masters of the Universe* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and it looks so wonderfully crazy. This line features iconic characters such as Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello, and Michelangelo decked out in Eternian-style battle attire. Meanwhile, He-Man will engage in combat against his "Mutagen Mutation" adversary, with Skeletor donning Turtle-inspired Armor for their epic showdown. Prepare to have the legendary characters of *Masters of the Universe* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* united like never before, bringing a new dimension of excitement to both universes! *The Masters of the Universe Origins Turtles of Grayskull* toy line mash-up will be available sometime in 2024 and will come in multiple waves.

Casting Call

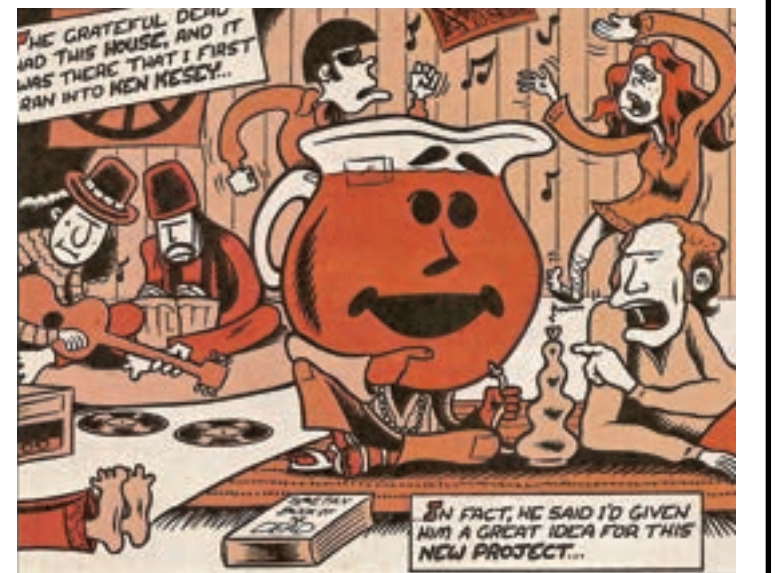
For our money, **Kathryn Winnick** would be a brilliant casting choice for the iconic DC Comics' character, Big Barda. Why would she be perfect for this role you ask?

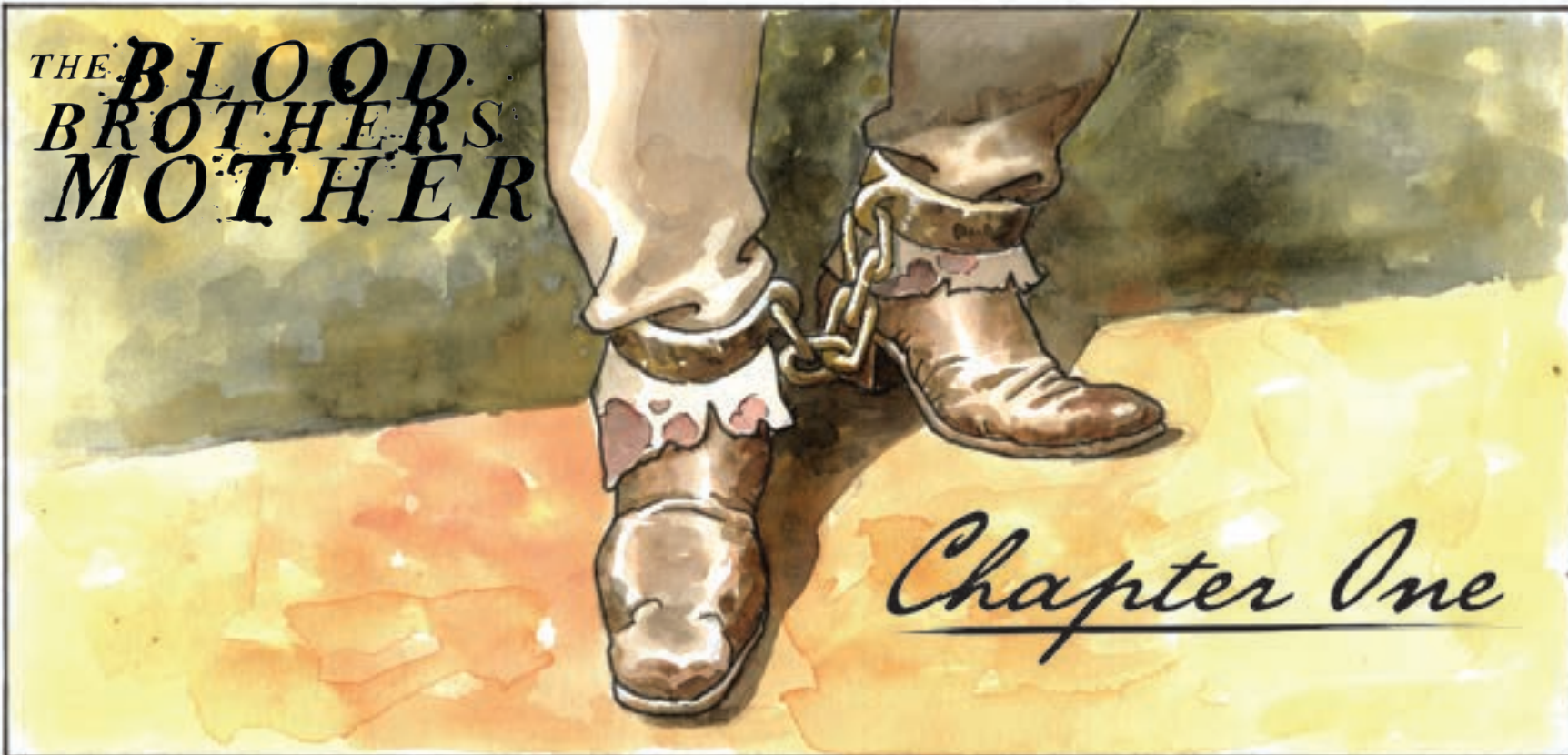
First and foremost, her commanding on-screen presence and impressive acting range make her well-suited to portray the formidable warrior that Big Barda is known to be. **Winnick** has demonstrated her ability to embody strong and complex female characters in roles such as Lagertha in *Vikings*, showcasing her physical prowess and emotional depth. Furthermore, her striking resemblance to the character, with her tall stature and athletic build, would lend authenticity to the role. **Winnick's** experience in action-packed roles also makes her a natural fit for Big Barda's epic battles and superhero persona. Her inclusion in the DC cinematic universe as Big Barda would undoubtedly bring depth, intensity, and authenticity to this beloved character. Will we ever see a proper big screen adaptation of *Jack Kirby's New Gods*? Only **Granny Goodness** knows the answer, and she's not talking.

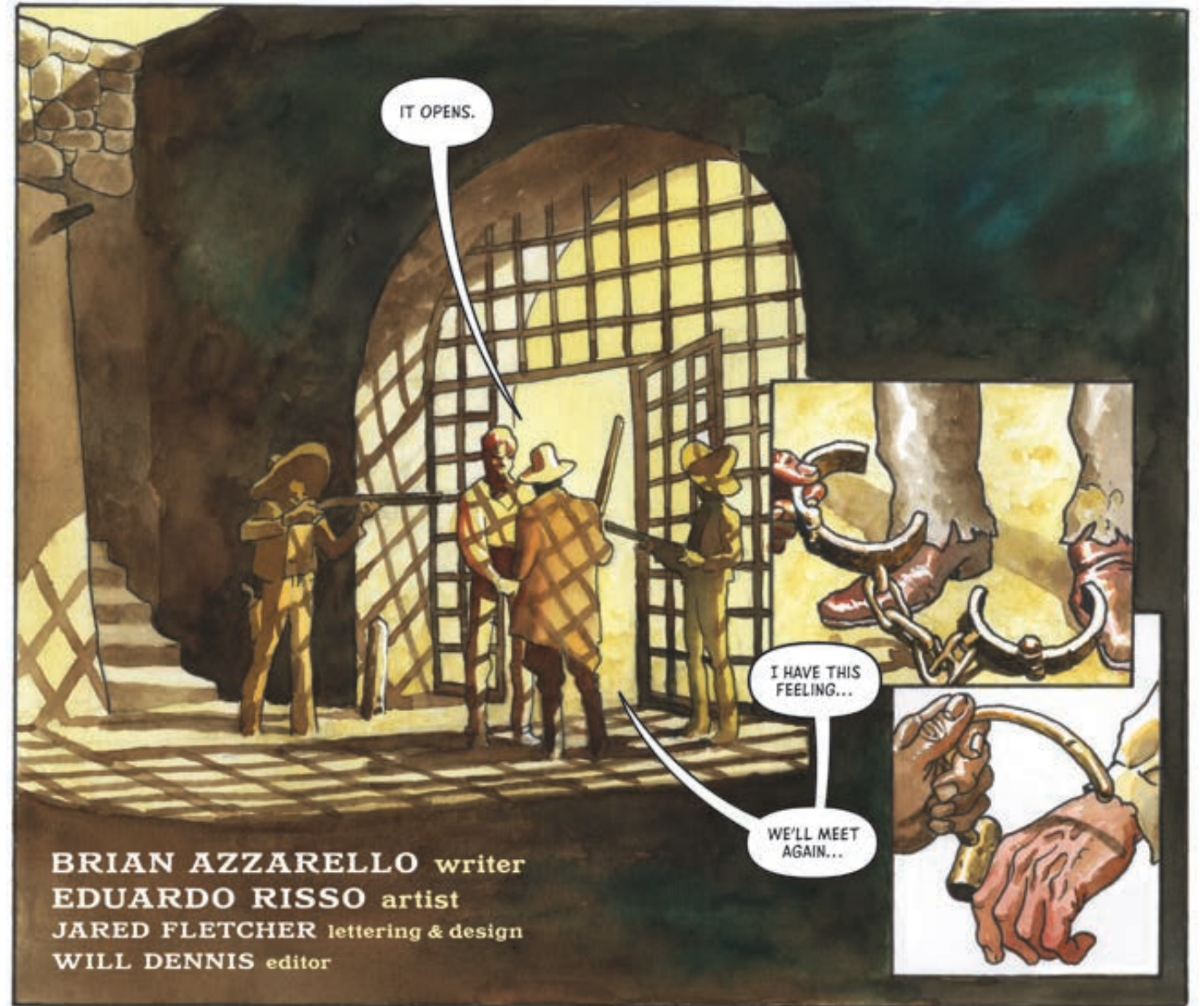


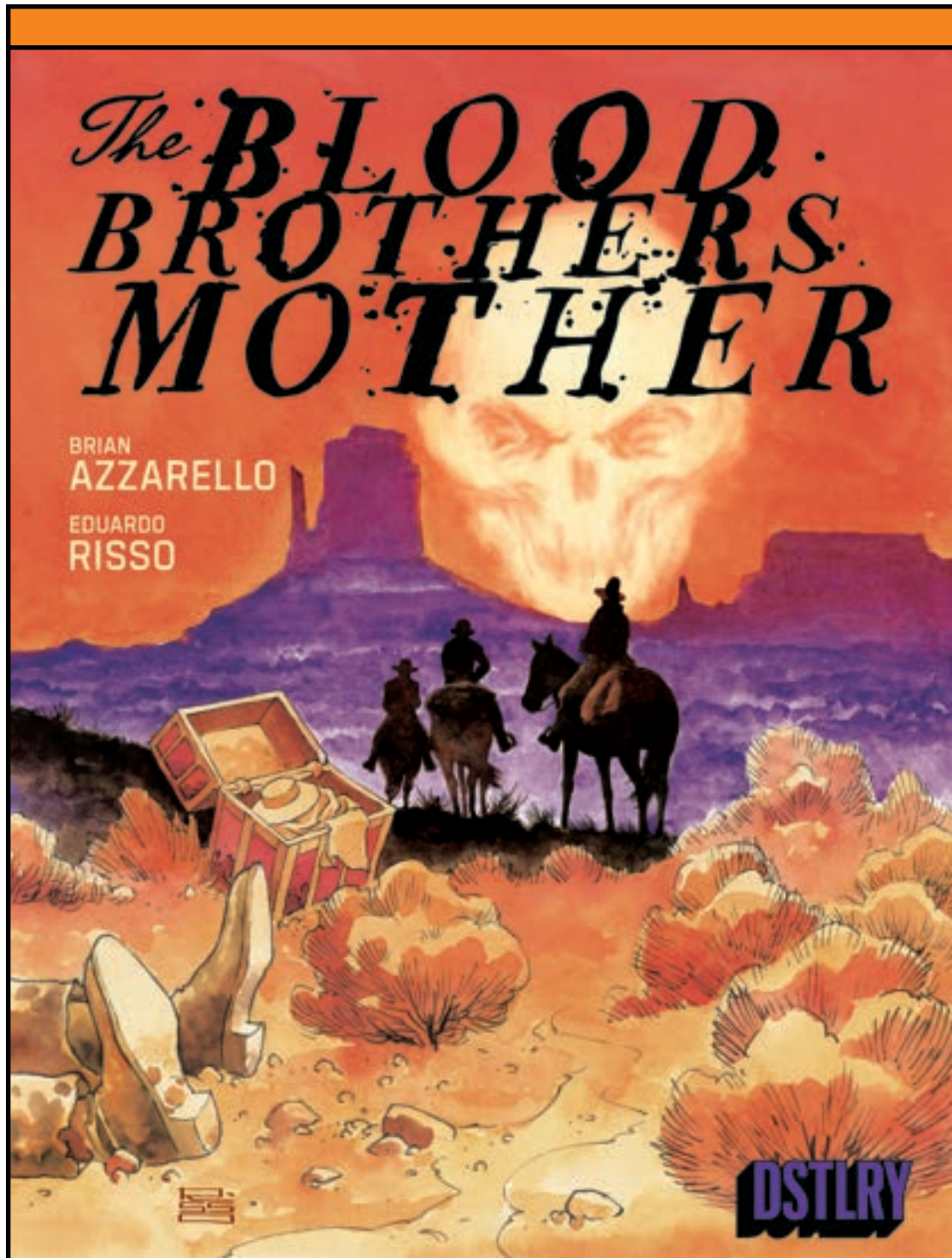
Back-Issue Beauty

Remember that time that **Alan Moore** and **Peter Bagge** teamed up to create a Kool-Aid-Man comic? Wait...what?! That's right friends, for the final issue of the *Hate* ongoing series (#30) readers are treated to a back-up story called, "The Hasty Smear Of My Smile" written by **Alan Moore**, illustrated by **Peter Bagge** and starring the Kool-Aid Man. Or at least a character that had more than a passing resemblance to the Kool-Aid Man. **Mark Sobel** (who worked at Fantagraphics), provides a review of the feature, "the Kool-Aid man is not only a real person living in the real world, he is acutely aware of the absurdity of his existence. He knows he's just a pitcher of Kool-Aid with a face 'hastily smeared' on it, yet he has the same human desires to be loved and accepted as anyone else." The Kool-Aid Man is written as sort of a tribute to the 1960s beat poets, crafting free verse poetry alongside luminaries like **Alan Ginsberg** and **Ken Kesey**. He also dedicates some of his time to the Jonestown community. All we can say is this issue has a creative pairing that is so magically weird, you MUST own this issue.









When I tell people that I work on a print only newspaper - only available in comic book shops - they look at me like I've lost all my marbles. I can tell you my wife's response was a little, 'measured' when I told her the great news that I purchased *Comic Shop News* <cough>...

But here's the thing. I've been reading *CSN* since it started. It's a big part of my weekly visit to the comic shop. For me, the core value has always been curation. *CSN* doesn't cover the 100+ things that come out every week, just the best 20 things you might have missed. *CSN* isn't owned by a big corporation, so we don't have to push anything we don't like. *CSN* has had the first appearance of Deadpool in print, and was my first introduction to Cerebus, The Crow, Miles Morales and Spawn. *CSN* was also the place where *Brian Michael Bendis* and *Michael Avon Oeming* launched their excellent *Powers* series.

When I purchased the paper from *Cliff* and *Ward* one year ago, I told them I wanted to keep the core value as curation, but make *CSN* more fun. Freshen up the design a bit, cover a broader mix of products you can buy at your local shop, and give fans more reasons to come into the store every week. Make *CSN* less like the *Previews* catalog and more like *Wizard* in it's prime. It was *Cliff Biggers* and comic writer, *Jeff Rougvi* who suggested I talk to a publisher about launching a series in the paper. I thought it was a great idea, and the first company I called was *DSTLR*. I liked the innovative way they have approached the market. The quality of their books are very high. They have top tier talent launching interesting new work. Plus, they are super nice guys and true comic fans at heart. It made all the sense in the world. So, here we are. The first appearance of *The Blood Brothers Mother* in print. The new series from the legendary creative team of *Brian Azzarello* and *Eduardo Riso*. The same creative team behind the award-winning series, *100 Bullets*. *The Blood Brothers Mother* follows three children, as they set off to rescue their kidnapped mother across the wild Texas frontier. Throughout their journey, they'll face the harsh elements of



an unforgiving landscape, filled with wild animals—and men—hungry for blood. Merciless bounty hunters pursue the children as they embark on a relentless quest to rescue their family. Along the way, they'll learn the real cost of revenge—not just in lives, but in how it stains a soul.

Holy smokes, we're excited for this series. We love *Brian Azzarello's* writing, and from the pages we've seen, we think the visuals are a career high for *Eduardo Riso*. Just stunning. We hope you enjoy this special preview, which will play out across *Comic Shop News* issues 1906, 1907 and 1908. Four pages in each issue. This is the first print appearance from a legendary creative team, and *CSN* is only in ~10% of all comic shops, so we think these issues will go quick. Make sure you come back to your local shop early next Wednesday to pick up the next installment. *The Blood Brothers Mother #1* (JAN241586) arrives on May 1st and you can pre-order a copy today. We hope you enjoy this sneak peek, and please thank your local shop owner from us for carrying *CSN*. If you've got feedback or suggestions, you can hit us up at csnpress.com or aloha@csnpress.com. See you next week!

- Dave



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