



Carlos E. J.

NO. 1

CASTLE BRAVO

DEN OF

Crime Boss
Dead in
Gruesome
Shootout

BY CARMEN CAFFERTY

A beautiful summer event
marked by an intense
battle between two of the
crime bosses in Fl
Buttazzo and F
with several
dark warch
temper
Eve
an

CASTLE BRAVO

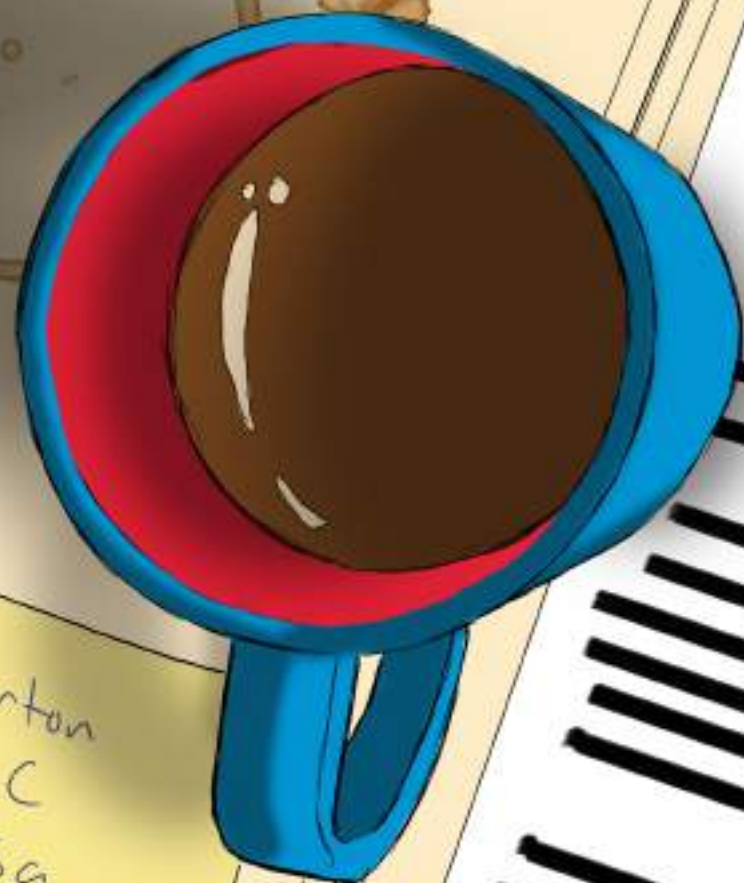
TM

001
\$4.99



The
Lo
vel
din
elit
nib
nib
ma
Nat
anc
mat
cu
ad





vention
SLC
Isa
sbad
DEN

Carlos E. J.

DEN 08

Shasta
to Claremont?



Crime Boss
Dead in
Gruesome
Shootout
BY CARMEN CAFFERTY

A beautiful summer evening
marred by an intense
between two of the
crime bosses in Fl
Buttazzo and F
with several
dark wares
tempers
Eyes
an



The
Lor
vell
din
elit
nib
nib
ma
Nat
and
mar
cu
ad

Welcome to

CASTLETM BRAVO

An anthology book from the creative, perhaps off-color, minds of Carlos and JJ. We're here to bring you the best stories from every genre and keep each issue unique and fresh. Join us as we explore imaginative worlds and connect with the characters you meet along the way. Immerse yourself in Castle Bravo and witness a universe evolve before your very eyes!

THANKS!

First and foremost, we want to thank Staisha and G, our unofficial third and fourth members who this would not have been possible without.

Thank you to Kevin for all the tips and to Eddie for bringing us on his podcast in our infancy, and thank you to all the comic shops that handed out our fliers for us.

A huge thanks to Lord Paul Bush for his generosity, friendship and all the laughs.

Thank you to John, Preston, nut kicking extraordinaire Pierre, Aunt Becki, Pong, Jen, June, Natalie, Luis & Maria and to all of our other amazing Kickstarter backers. We appreciate each and every one of you!

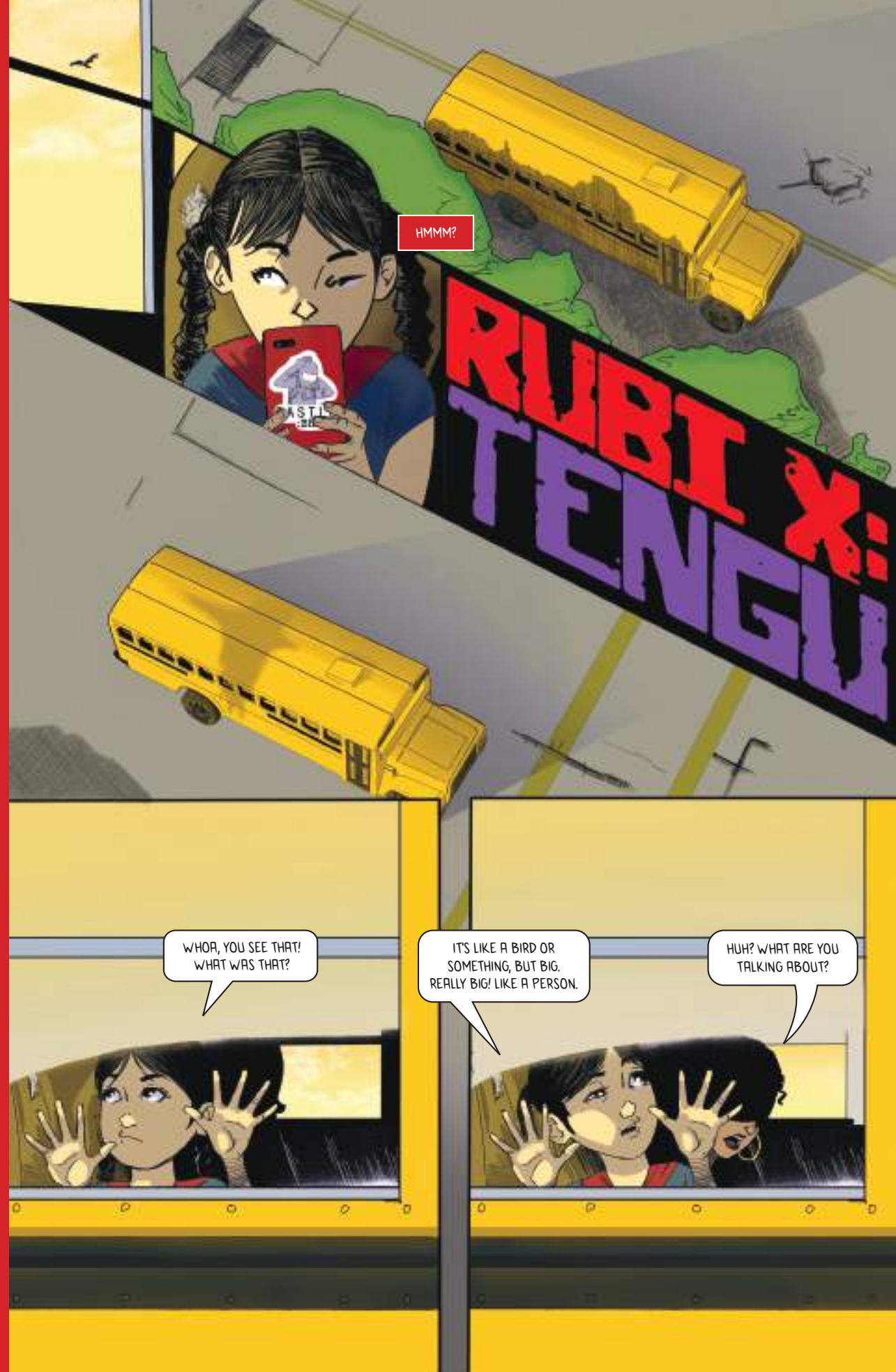
Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of our family and friends! For inspiring us, for motivating us and for believing in us.



castle_bravo_comic



castlebravocomics.com





YOU ALRIGHT SIS? I THINK ALL THAT SCHOOL IS GETTING TO YOU.

YEAH YA SOUND SPOOKED KID.. STOP DAY DREAMIN'.

HAHA LOOK THEY FIGHTIN' AT THE DRIVE THRU!



OH NO!!



SMOKEY! GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE! NOW!!!

AY BOY! I TOLD YOU, NO SMOKING!!!



WHOA, NICE JOB BRO. THAT WAS AMAZING!

THANKS RUBI, THAT ONE WAS KINDA TOUGH.

WE'RE LUCKY YOU'RE HERE.

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT HIT THE BUS?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT WAS SOME KIND OF KI EXPLOSION.

CAN YOU HANDLE THIS? I'M GONNA LOOK FOR WHO DID IT.



YEAH WE GOT THIS. GO FOR IT.

THANKS, TELL MRS. J I'LL BE HOME LATER.

WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR SWORD!

MY GOD, WERE YOU ON FIRE? DID YOU KIDS SEE WHAT HAPPENED? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



CRAP. SHE'S RIGHT.

YEAH, SO I GUESS I CAN EXPLAIN.



COME ON, WE BOTH KNOW
YOU'RE GONNA JUMP OUT AT ME.
JUST DO IT ALREADY.

COME
ON!



PRIDEFUL AND ARROGANT,
SHE IS BETTER THAN I HOPED BUT, WHERE
IS HER GUARDIAN? HE IS THE ONE I WANT.



LET'S SEE WHAT
SHE CAN DO!

OH
CRAP!



plink

plink

plink



BOOM





NOW GIRL! CALL YOUR GUARDIAN!

CAN'T DO IT, SORRY.

FANCY WEAPONS, WHY DO YOU WANT MINE WHEN YOU'VE GOT THESE BEAUTIES?

IT'S PAYMENT, I AM A COLLECTOR OF RARE WEAPONS, AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD YOURS IS QUITE UNIQUE.

OH THAT OLD THING. IT'S NOTHING LIKE THOSE BABIES.

MY JAPANESE IS PRETTY RUSTY. WHAT DOES THAT SAY THERE?

HAHA YOU'RE AMUSING CHILD, YOU'RE NOT CLEVER ENOUGH TO TRICK ME. HAHA!

OH I WOULD NEVER. I JUST WANTED TO SEE THOSE ETCHINGS UP CLOSE.



HA, VERY SAVVY GIRL, THE BLADES ARE DESIGNED TO CHANNEL MY KI, BUT IT IS NO SIMPLE TECHNIQUE.

I THINK I GOT IT!



HOW'D I DO!



I GOTTA GET CLOSER TO THE HOUSE, I STILL CAN'T FEEL POPS' ENERGY.

YOU'RE HERE FOR ME AND MY GUARDIAN RIGHT! SO COME GET US.



THIS WILL COME IN HANDY.

RUN, CHILD! THE WINDS CARRY ME TO YOUR DOOM!

POPS!! POPS!! COME ON POPS! CAN YOU HEAR ME!

YES!!! I CAN HEAR YOU. WHAT IS IT?

OH I'M JUST FIGHTING A KILLER NINJA BIRD GUY WITH A BIG RED NOSE. I COULD USE A LITTLE HELP HERE!

A TENGU! I AM ON MY WAY!

DID I LEAVE THE WINDOW OPEN?

NO.

CRAP!

CRASH



IT'S DISAPPOINTING
TO SEE YOU
OVERCOME BY FEAR.

ALL THE BRAVADO AND
ARROGANCE HAS LEFT YOU.

I WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE
AS YOU COWER.

YEAH, KEEP TALKING BUDDY.
POPS IS ON HIS WAY.

BUT I DON'T NEED
HIM FOR YOU!

WHO'S SCARED!

THUNK

AARGH!!!
MY FACE!!



DAMN IT! YOU
LITTLE SHIT!!

YOU'RE DEAD!

POPS!!!

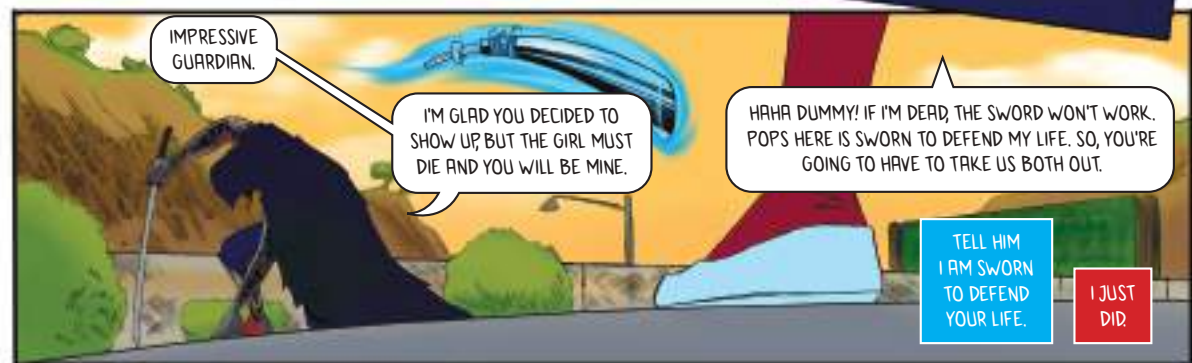
I AM HERE!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM



AWESOME!

LET'S GET HIM!



IMPRESSIVE
GUARDIAN.

I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO
SHOW UP, BUT THE GIRL MUST
DIE AND YOU WILL BE MINE.

HAHA DUMMY! IF I'M DEAD, THE SWORD WON'T WORK.
POPS HERE IS SWORN TO DEFEND MY LIFE. SO, YOU'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE US BOTH OUT.

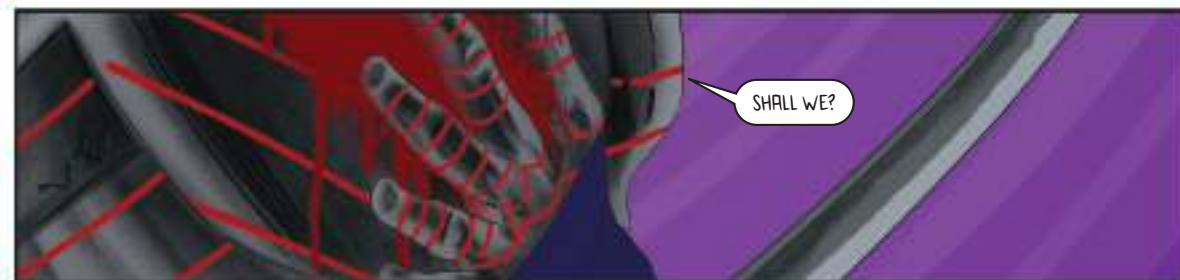
TELL HIM
I AM SWORN
TO DEFEND
YOUR LIFE.

I JUST
DID.



LET'S SHOW HIM
WHAT WE CAN DO.

YES.



SHALL WE?




WE SHALL.




HM HM, EXCELLENT.





I'VE UNDERESTIMATED
YOU BOTH. I SEE NOW
MY MISTAKE.



IT'S A RARE OCCASION
THAT I NEED TO USE
SUCH THINGS.



I'LL SAVOR THE
OPPORTUNITY.



WHOA, EVER SEEN
THIS BEFORE POPS?



HE IS USING FUJIN'S WINDS.
HOW CAN HE BE IN POSSESSION
OF SUCH A THING.



BE ON
YOUR
GUARD.



FOCUS RUB!!

SEE PAST THIS
DISTRACTION!

OK OK YOU'RE
RIGHT!

POPS GET HIS
ATTENTION!



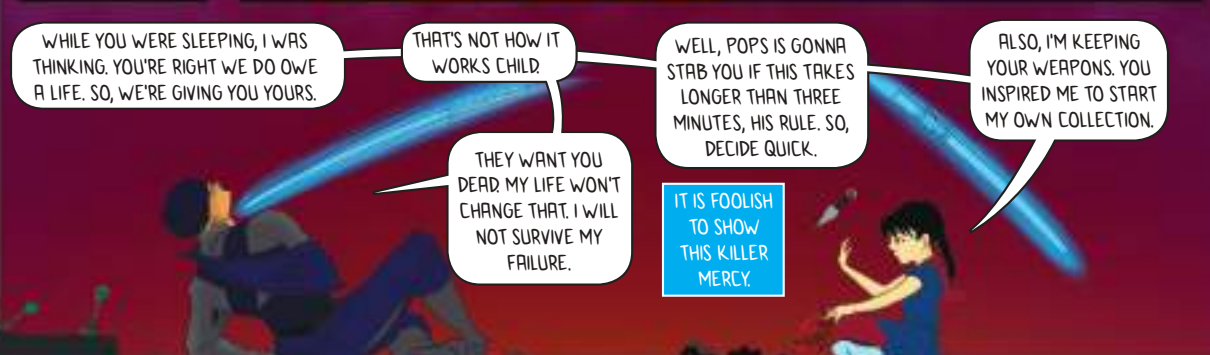
HAHAHA!



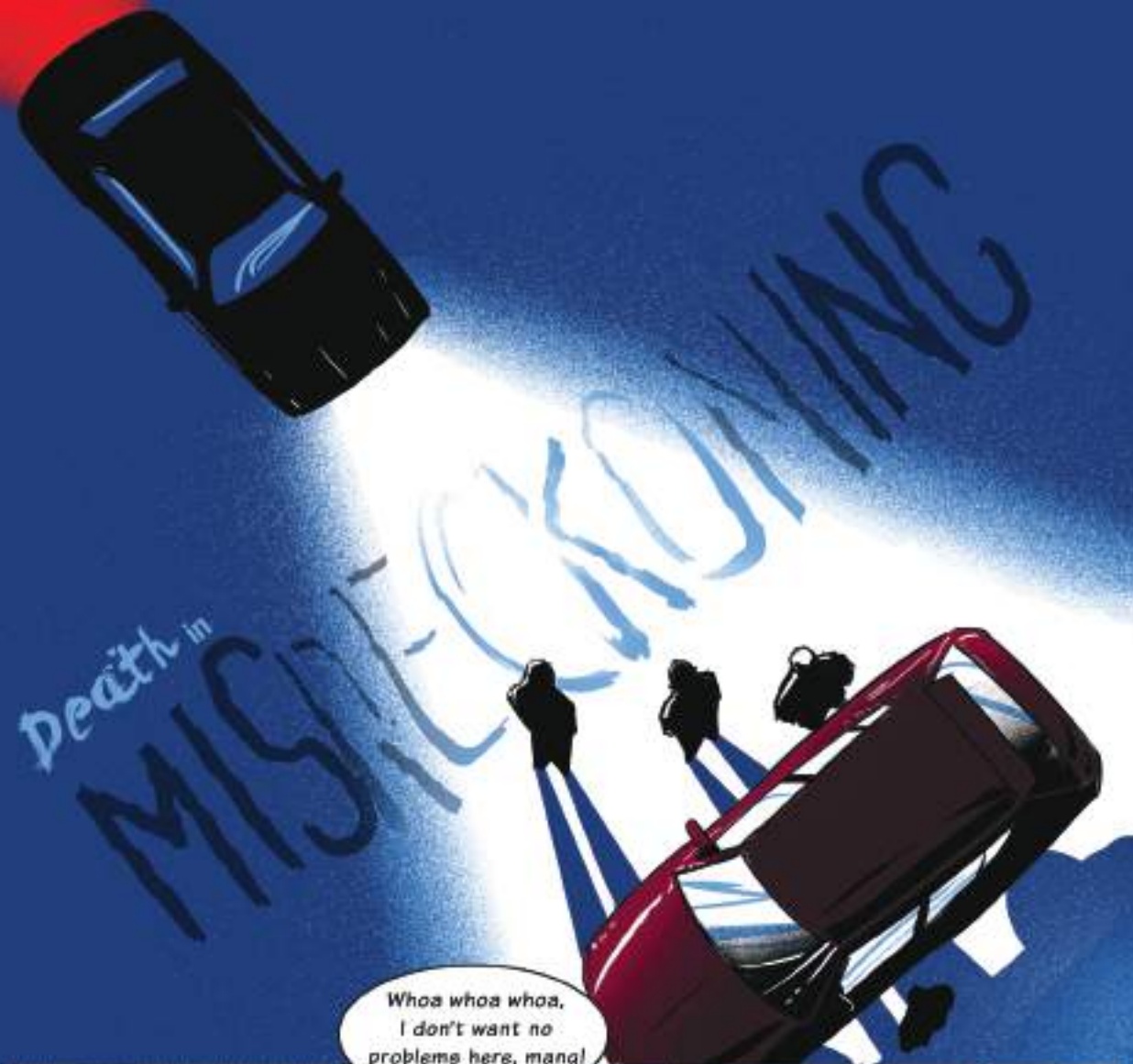
WHOA!! THIS IS
KINDA FUN!!!



GOTCHA!!



END



Whoa whoa whoa,
I don't want no
problems here, mang!



Well you GOT
problems, Chequel

© ©



You're looking
good, you swarthy
latin bastard.

Look who's talking,
Don Buttazzo.



How're things?
How's your mother?

She's doing
good. Living' that
retired dream.
Smoking' the
glaucoma away.



Good, good. She's a
decent woman. Raised
a good boy.

You're too kind, 'mano.
I'll tell her you send her
your best.

You do that.





I DIDN'T CALL YOU A FUCKING RAT, I ASKED IF YOU FUCKING RATTED ME OUT!

SO THEN WHO THE FUCK IS THIS GUY?!

ALRIGHT!! I'm sorry you thought I called you a rat!

I AIN'T NO FUCKING RAT, PENDEJO!

I DON'T FUCKING KNOW, BUT I AIN'T NO FUCKING RAT!

ALRIGHT THEN!



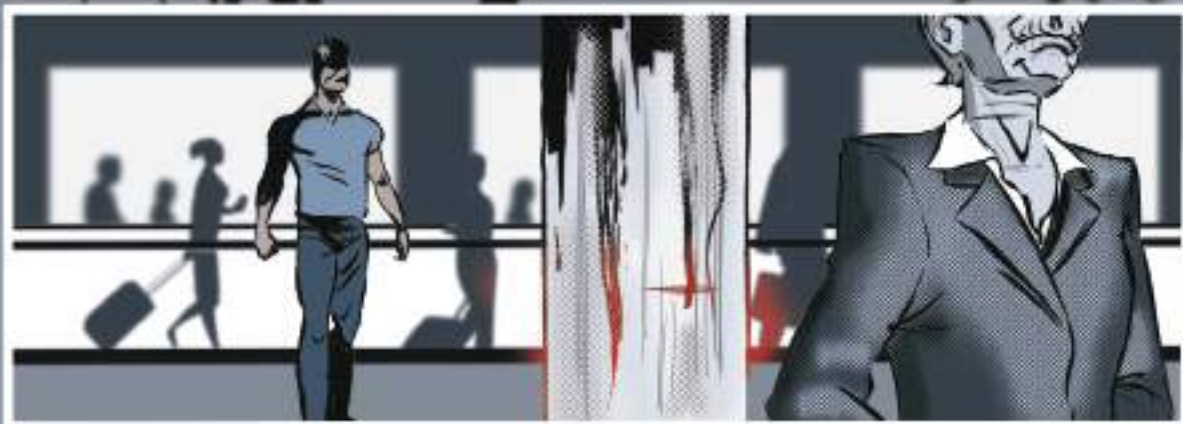


DENVER INTERNATIONAL

0800

THE RECRUIT





No luggage?

I travel light.

Not even a coat?

Grew up in Michigan.
I'm good.

Follow me.



Do you know why
you're here?

Your guy
didn't say.

But you have
an idea.



Enlisted at 18. Nine
years on the Team.
Spent the last five years
as a field agent.

An impressive career.

And now you are
under indictment for
war crimes.





...to
CASTLE BRAVO

Like the
comic book?

Sigh

Yes. Like the
comic book.

To Be Continued...

THE COMIC BOOK



IS THAT IT?

COULD I HAVE THAT CASTLE BRAVO TWENTY FIVE PLEASE?

SURE THING.



GOT SOME GOOD PICKS HERE. OLD SCHOOL, NEW SCHOOL. YOU TRYING TO FILL IN A COLLECTION?

I AM! STILL HAVE A BUNCH MISSING BUT I'M MAKING HEADWAY. YOU READ THIS?

OF COURSE! I PREFER THE ORIGINAL 99 BUT I STILL PICK UP THE NEW ISSUES.

YOU MEAN THE ORIGINAL 100.

NOPE, I MEAN THE ORIGINAL 99.



THE ORIGINALS DEBUTED IN JANUARY 1965 TO APRIL 1973. LLANOS AND ODDONE WROTE, DREW AND COLORED EVERY ISSUE.

EIGHT YEARS AND THREE MONTHS.

NOW, SOME BELIEVE AFTER THEY RETIRED THEY TRAVELED THE WORLD AND WERE INTRODUCED TO PSYCHEDELICS AND THE OCCULT AND QUIETLY RELEASED 100 IN A DRUG FUELED CRAZE, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN IT.



THEIR SONS INHERITED THE PROPERTY AND THEY STARTED IT BACK UP IN THE EARLY 90'S.

THEY STARTED WITH ISSUE 101, SO SOME PEOPLE CAN'T COMPREHEND HOW THERE COULDN'T BE A 100, BUT I THINK THE BOYS DID IT TO HAVE A BUFFER BETWEEN THE ORIGINALS AND THEIR RUN.

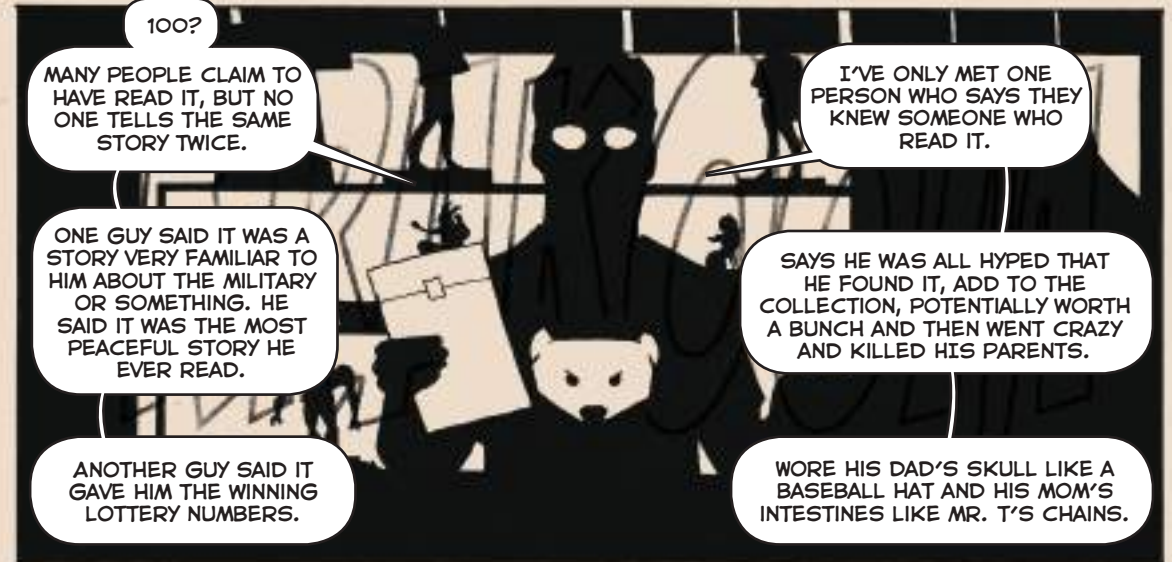


THEY DIDN'T REALLY HAVE DEEP STORYLINES AT FIRST, DID THEY? A LOT OF BOOBS AND BIG GUNS AND POUCHES AND SHIT. NAMES LIKE BLOOD THIS AND BLOOD THAT. BUT THEY HAVE REALLY COME ALONG.

RIGHT?!

I WON'T LIE THOUGH, I LOVE THIS ISSUE. HE REALLY DOES DRAW A GREAT RACK.

YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO'S EVER READ IT?



100?

MANY PEOPLE CLAIM TO HAVE READ IT, BUT NO ONE TELLS THE SAME STORY TWICE.

ONE GUY SAID IT WAS A STORY VERY FAMILIAR TO HIM ABOUT THE MILITARY OR SOMETHING. HE SAID IT WAS THE MOST PEACEFUL STORY HE EVER READ.

ANOTHER GUY SAID IT GAVE HIM THE WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS.

I'VE ONLY MET ONE PERSON WHO SAYS THEY KNEW SOMEONE WHO READ IT.

SAYS HE WAS ALL HYPED THAT HE FOUND IT, ADD TO THE COLLECTION, POTENTIALLY WORTH A BUNCH AND THEN WENT CRAZY AND KILLED HIS PARENTS.

WORE HIS DAD'S SKULL LIKE A BASEBALL HAT AND HIS MOM'S INTESTINES LIKE MR. T'S CHAINS.



For Frank & Donnie

Shasta
to Claremont?

vention
SLC
Isa
bad

DEN