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NYPD Detective Sara Pezzini and dancer Dani Baptiste each wield one half of the mystical gauntlet, the Witchblade. Sara in particular struggles to balance her life as a police officer, bearer of the Witchblade, and single mother to her daughter, Hope. Following the fatal and game-changing events of Broken Trinity, Sara and Dani gather to regroup and make sense of their constantly evolving lives.

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WITCHBLADE



Witchblade created by Marc Silvestri, Brian Haberlin, David Wohl,
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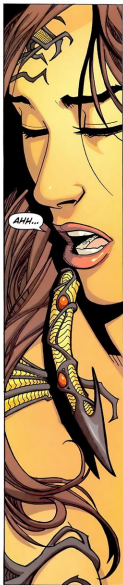
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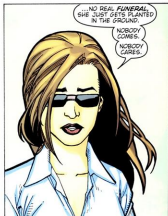
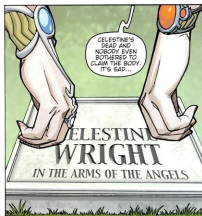
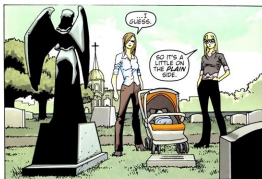


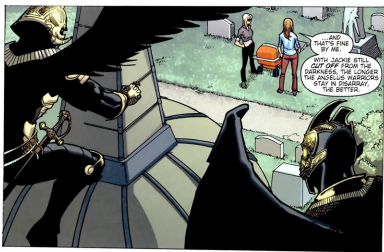


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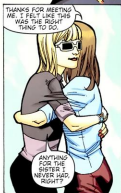
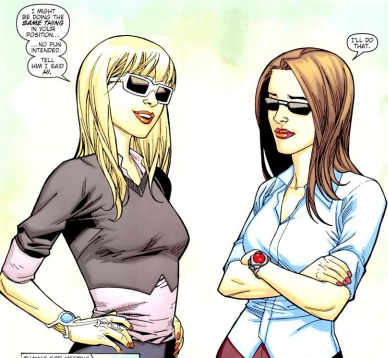










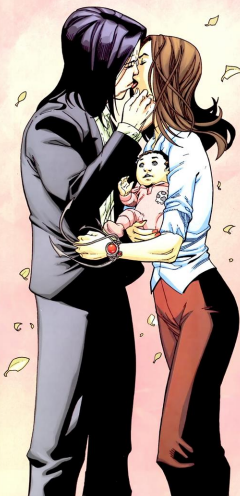


















YOU WAS
SUPPOSED TO
LEAVE ME
ALONE!



I
THOUGHT
WE HAD A
DEAL!

WE
DID.



I'M
BREAKING
IT.



I TOLD YOU! I SAID I HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH IT! I DIDN'T PLAN IT, I
WAS JUST THE DRIVER!

THAT KID,
SHE WOUND UP
DEAD 'CAUSE
OF THOSE
OTHER GUYS,
POSTALCONE
AND HIS CREW.

THEY'RE THE
ONES WHO SCREWED UP,
NOT BRINGING THE LITTLE
GIRL'S MEDICINE OR
WHATEVER SHE NEEDED!

I THINK WE
BOTH KNOW THAT
DCM AND THE REST
OF THEM AREN'T A
CONCERN ANYMORE.



I KNOW
WE HAD A
DEAL,
LEO.

BUT THE
THING IS, I
KEPT THINKING
ABOUT THAT
LITTLE GIRL,
THINKING ABOUT
YOU IDIOTS
GRABBING HER
RIGHT OUT
OF HER HOUSE...



...AND
FORGETTING
HER ASTHMA
INHALER.











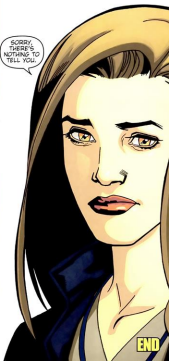
YOU PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT DOM POSTIGLIONE AND HIS MEN GETTING SPLATTERED ALL OVER A BAR IN MIDTOWN. NOW LEO GETS HIS.

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S TAKING OUT WHAT'S LEFT ESTACADO'S OLD CREW.

ANY IDEA AS TO WHO THAT MIGHT BE?



SORRY, THERE'S NOTHING TO TELL YOU.



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IMPALER #1

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The horrifying story that began in the **Impaler Vol. 1** trade paperback continues with a new ongoing series!

Millions of vampires are poised to overtake America. In a desperate bid to defeat them, the U.S. military ruled New York City. Unfortunately, it was too little, too late. Humanity's only chance now rests in the hands of an ancient vampire hunter named Vlad the Impaler and a small band of human survivors who just want to get out of the city!

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author, THE DARKNESS

It's my anniversary! My first to be exact. This December marks one year since the powers that be at Top Cow (Marc, Matt, Filip & Rob) took collective leave of their senses and decided to offer one of their flagship titles to a writer who had never piloted a monthly book. They went out on a limb and gave **The Darkness** to a writer who most comic book readers know only as an artist. Suckers!

Let me describe some of the paper presents coming your way that yours truly had a hand in. First up is a one-shot called **Lodbrok's Hand** that tells the tale of a Darkness wielder lost to time. Top Cow somehow cajoled the great Mike Oeming to take a break from his masterpieces **Powers** and **Mice Templar** to provide the art for this one, and it's like nothing you've seen Mike do to date. A truly, miraculous job. Together we bang out a rollicking Viking tale set in what we call the Frazetta Age packed with enough action, magic and pathos to make every Nordic warrior airbrushed on the side of a van in North America shed an icy tear of joy.

Also coming your way is an amazingly affordable collection of my and Michael Broussard's first arc on **The Darkness: The Darkness: Accursed Vol. 1**. I collected the complete story of Jackie's misadventures as the nano-dictator of the tiny country of Siena Muñoz. I'm very proud of what I did in these first six issues, but even if I had completely botched it, the whole package would be worth buying just to see Michael's astounding work. We're witnessing the birth of one of the next generation of comic book superstars here. Consider yourself lucky to be in on the beginning of Michael's ascension.

And lastly, an issue of **The Darkness** so mind-blowingly cool that you'd call me a liar for teasing the awesomeness to be found therein. Let's just say 75th issue, all-star artist lineup and giant-sized mayhem that turns everything you know about Jackie Estacado's journey on its head.

Beats the hell out of a Hallmark card, doesn't it?

-Phil Hester



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