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Hey, guys,

AMERICAN

VAMPIRE#15

It's late, the office is almost empty, I'm leaving tomorrow for the Barcelona comic convention (I know, tough job, right? But somebody's gotta do it...) and I have a million things to do before I go, but I wanted to take some time to see what you guys have to say before I take off...

OH! Before I forget, I wanted you all to know that AMERICAN VAMPIRE was nominated for an Eisner Award for Best New Series! <applause!> Congrats to Scott, Rafael and Mr. Stephen King too. (Can you believe it? Guy writes his first comic and he gets nominated for an Eisner! I knew there was something special about him.) Thanks to all of you for reading and helping us with all of this success—we wouldn't be here without your support. Now on to your

Dear Editor,

letters!

I really enjoy AMERICAN VAMPIRE and think it is one of the best comic series out there. My question relates to your recent guest artist Mateus Santolouco. I was taken with how similar his art is to that of regular artist Rafael Albuquerque. Both of them are just awesome. How hard was it to find such a similar artist to handle a few issues? And, who handles locating a guest artist at a title like Vertigo: the series creator or the editor (or both)?

Keep up the good work,

Dean Stell Walkertown, NC

Thanks for writing, Dean. And thanks for the kind words about Mateus. He's a great guy and an awesome talent too. It's an editor's job to find an artist for the book. We knew we wanted to give Rafael a break for a few issues and give him time to jump ahead and get started on our current, epic WWII tale. So I was searching for someone who could match Rafael's vibe but be his own man too. I was talking to Rafael about it and he said, "Hey, you should talk to my friend Mateus..."a fantastic artist in his own right AND he shares a studio with Rafael, so we knew he could be right there to guide him.

The end result was two awesome issues, and we hope to have him back again soon! Also, check out the upcoming hardcover AMERICAN VAMPIRE Volume 2 (in stores in May!) for some great "audition" sketches from Mateus that got him the gig.

Dear Editor,

AMERICAN VAMPIRE is bad ass, guys. Keep up the good work. No one is making books like this right now!

James Cooper Toronto, ON

Thanks, James! I agree with you, AMERICAN VAMPIRE IS bad ass! I'm glad you agree because that's exactly what we set out to do with this book. Vampires had been kidnapped. We needed to fix that. It's kinda like what Bono said at the beginning of U2's "Rattle and Hum": "This is a song that Charles Manson stole from the Beatles—we're stealing it back!" Then they rip into "Helter Skelter." Bad ass. Vampires had been stolen too, and we're stealing 'em back!

Dear Mark,

As promised (via Twitter), here is a handwritten letter from my 3-year-old son, Milo. He's a big comic book fan, especially superhero books. Probably worth something one day; clearly the kid's got talent.

Thanks, Benjamin Bailey Provo, UT

P.S. You guys are putting out some of the best books on the stands. AMERICAN VAMPIRE is beyond amazing.

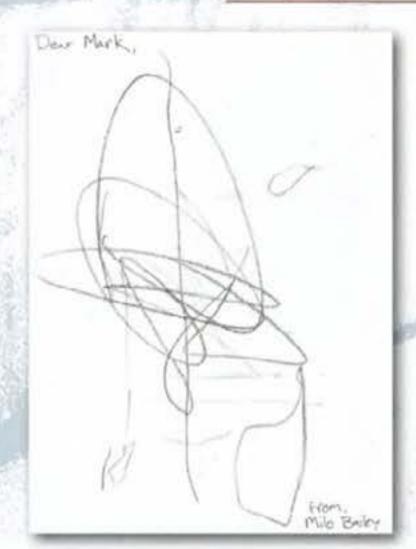
Hey, Benjamin (and Milo!) Wow! Thanks a lot! As mentioned above, it's the editor's job to find new artists and, let me just say I

think my search for the next hot talent is over! This kid is going places!

Now, on a serious note, Benjamin, I don't want to tell you how to do your job, but, um...don't you think Milo is a little young to be reading AMERICAN VAMPIRE?

To Mark Doyle,

I would like to simply say thank you for editing a book that has been refreshing, engaging, fun and outside of the normal for me in AMERICAN VAMPIRE. I was looking for a book to collect that was outside of my super hero norm and I love vampire tales, so I figured I would give AV a shot. I purchased the Volume 1 hardcover and the single issues and became addicted. Scott Snyder's twisted tale of Skinner, Pearl, Henry and Hattie has been what vampire books should be like. Rafael's art has been incredible; he truly sucks (heh) you into the world of AV. The entire team of AV has my gratitude for all their hard work and effort to



create such a wonderful, disturbingly beautiful comic, and I will be spending my hard-earned cash on it until the ride is over! Thanks again and know it is very much appreciated by this lifelong comic fan!

> Ruiz Moreno Dallas, TX

Hey, Ruiz, thanks for writing (and tweeting!) about AMERICAN VAMPIRE. Your enthusiasm and support is much appreciated, man. So keep it up!

And I hope you have lots of "hard-earned cash" socked away because we have a LONG way to go before this ride is over. Just the other day Scott was in my office and we had a GREAT conversation about the next story arc. Oh, man...I can't say anything yet...but, trust me, this next story is going to be downright dirty...

Well, that's it for now. I gotta go pack my bags for Barcelona, but don't worry, AMERICAN VAMPIRE will be in the very capable hands of Joe Hughes. What's that, Joe? You're pissed at me for going to Barcelona and leaving you with all this work? You're going to do what? Make all the vampires in the next issue SPARKLE!?!?! Just kidding, folks, Joe wouldn't do that! He's got it all under control.

---Mark

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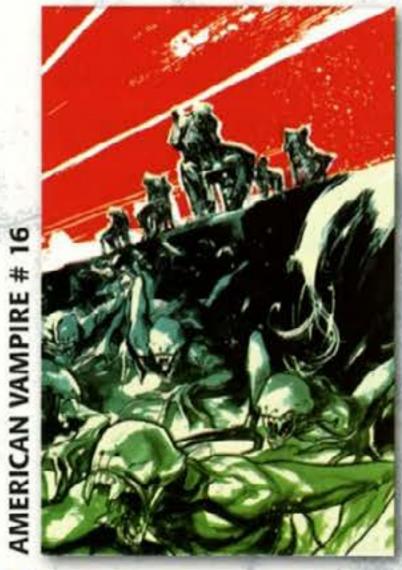
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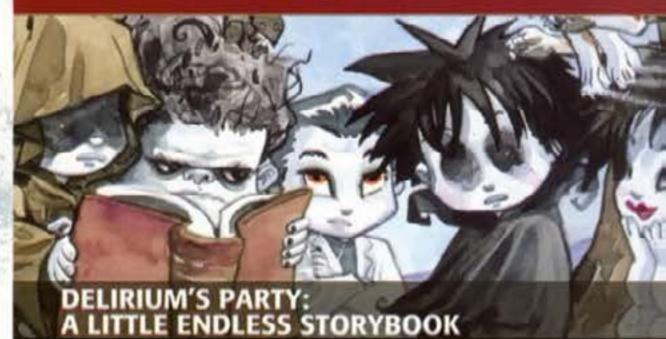
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