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Dark Horse Comics

In its ongoing quest to showcase Jacques Tardi's wide range, Fantagraphics is publishing one of his earliest and most distinctive graphic novels: a satirical, Jules Verne-esque "retro-sci-fi" yarn. In 1899, a ship navigating the Arctic Ocean comes across a stunning sight: a ghostly, abandoned vessel perched high atop an iceberg. Soon, the sailors' own ship is dispatched via a mysterious explosion. Enter Jérôme Plumier, whose search for his missing uncle, the inventor Louis-Ferdinand Chapoutier, brings him into contact with the sinister, frigid forces behind this-- and soon he, too, is headed towards the North Pole, where he will contend with mad scientists, monsters of the deep, and futuristic submarines and flying machines. Told with brio in hilarious slabs of vintage purple prose, *The Arctic Marauder* finds Tardi in fantastical mode and is a keystone of his oeuvre.

**Carthago Adventures**

Bloomsbury Publishing

Young Mané is full of envy and strength, two

essential qualities for someone who wishes to engage in Pankat, a brutal martial art and philosophy for those who practice it. Wandering the greatest Pankat schools in Irap, Mané will quickly prove himself with the advice of Eïam, one of the greatest masters of all time. But will he be able to resist the lure of Féssat, a former student who will try to lead the young man into a life of crime? The rules of life are not always as straightforward as those of a Pankat fight... The story of young warrior full of dreams and confidence hoping to rise to the ranks of celebrity in the popular Pankat competitions. Set in an otherworldly fictional universe, it is hard to pinpoint if this tale qualifies as science-fiction or fantasy, straddling both with ease. Filled with action and fully-realized, animated characters, the story of relationships and responsibility supports the immense amount of blockbuster action, making this less of a "martial arts" tale as much as a tale of morality. Merwan's unique visual style blends aspects of popular manga with American comic art, giving this book a universality that defies

comparison.

**Peter Pan** IDW Publishing  
Iznogoud, the scheming Grand Vizier, continues to seek to make himself caliph with the help of an evil water djinn, a magician, and cursed jewel.

**Arctic Nation** Europe Comics

Reeling from the financial collapse of his business, Chad Roe descends into a night of debauchery only to wake up a literal marked man, covered in a full-body permanent marker tattoo. But when his lost weekend bleeds into a bright Tuesday morning of September 11, 2001, his life changes forever. Instead of picking up the pieces, Chad takes to the road, desperately searching for salvation in the shell-shocked heart of America.

**The Building Opposite** Panini

Western noir from legendary comic book creator Joe Kubert! After the murder of his family and being left for dead by robber barons, Abraham Stone travels to New York, California, and Mexico in search of a fresh start in life. In his travels, he gets involved in the criminal underworld, the movie business, and even becomes an ally of Pancho Villa.

**Livres hebdo** Humanoids Inc

His name is John Blacksad. He's a private detective who's seen much evil in the past, but never in his long life has he encountered a case as bizarre, as twisted, or as deadly as the one he accepts now. In a town where white supremacists have moved in and are brutally seizing control, Blacksad is asked to find a kidnapped child and bring the kidnappers to justice. As he gets deeper into his investigation, Blacksad discovers a tale of sickening horror involving murder and worse that condemns some of the town's most powerful citizens.

The Theory of the Grain of Sand Europe Comics

A Lovecraftian and claustrophobic Sci-Fi thriller set under water.

Kivu Macmillan

A powerful and thrilling adventure in the heart of one of the worst places on this world - a potential paradise turned into hell by human greed and barbarity. An uncompromising denunciation of the tragedy of Kivu.

Esteban - Volume 1 - The Whaler Image Comics

A delightful slice of life view into the lives of the occupants of a regular

three-story apartment block. Claire and Louis are the 20-somethings on the top floor. Below them live Fabienne and Jacky with the monstrous, but lovable, Gypsy. Finally there is Beatrice, the single, pregnant mother of Remi. Their interactions unfold before the reader in episodic form; from the opening chapter of Claire's period pains, through the usual Sunday for everyone to the birth of Beatrice's daughter, Charline. Vanyda, a young French / Laotian art student, brilliantly adapts the design and story codes from manga and cooks them up in a French sauce to serve up her own particular brand of *i]Nouvelle Manga /i]*.

**The Convent of the Blood Sisters** Dark Horse Comics

Will love triumph over evil sorcery ? The Gerfauts' schemes have born fruit. Siobhán drank the blood of Brigga the Witch, and evil has taken hold of her. Once a wise and generous ruler, she has become merciless, and is entirely devoted to Lady Gerfaut's son, whom she soon marries. Her own mother, Lady O'Mara, isn't invited to the wedding, and Séamus, her protector, is powerless to help. The last glimmer of hope lies

with Kyle of Klanach and his unwavering love and loyalty...

*The Bombyce Network* Bdang

Lisa Forsberg is a rookie cop who has just taken her first assignment in the small Swedish city where she was born. In her youth she was a troublemaker, part of a hard-living subculture called "raggare" who worship American rock'n'roll and vintage cars from the 1950s. Now Lisa finds herself thrown back into this world when she is sent to investigate a missing person report involving people she went to school with. She and her partner, Erik Lund, will uncover secrets that put them in harm's way and bring them face-to-face with the unspeakable.

Curtain Call Humanoids Inc

A small exploratory vessel crashes onto an unknown ocean planet after its crew is seized by a sudden madness. After escaping their sinking ship, the five survivors are helped to the surface by giant squid-like creatures who guide them to what appears to be the planet's only island. To their surprise, they are greeted on the shore by primitive humans, who prove to be welcoming despite their

cannibalistic rituals. But their fixed smiles and total docility suggest that something more sinister is going on. Are the castaways doomed to join them in submitting to the will of the mysterious Great One?

*Chernobyl - the Zone* 9th Cinebook

Welcome to the Island of Vorn, where mythical creatures roam free and only the brightest students are invited to study them. In Book 1 of this riveting new middle grade graphic novel series, a gifted young cryptozoologist-in-training must learn to tame powerful beasts—including her own inner demons. For as long as she can remember, Sorceline has had a knack for the study of mythical creatures. Now a student at Professor Archibald Balzar's prestigious school of cryptozoology, she's eager to test her skills and earn a spot as one of Balzar's apprentices. But for all her knowledge of gorgons, vampires, and griffins, Sorceline is mystified by her fellow humans. While she excels in her studies, she quickly clashes with her classmates, revealing her fiery temper. When one of her rivals suddenly disappears, Sorceline

must set aside her anger and join the quest to find her. But the mystery only deepens, leading Sorceline on a journey far darker and more personal than she expected . . . *Abraham Stone* Europe Comics

"Before he became Peter Pan, before his arrival to Neverland, he was a boy fighting for survival. Born into the harsh Dickensian London suburbs, an alcoholic mother leaving him in an almost-orphan state, Peter's only retreat from reality was the fantastical stories given to him by a friendly neighbour - allowing him to temporarily escape the darkness of the adult world"--Publisher's description.

*Othon* TOKYOPOP

The Song of Roland focuses on the life and death of the father-in-law of Rabagliati's alter-ego Paul, who has been called "The Tintin of Quebec" By Le Devoir. The French edition, Paul Quebec, was critically hailed, winning the FNAC Audience Award at France's Angouleme festival, a Shuster Award for Outstanding Cartoonist, and was nominated for the City of Montreal's Grand Prize, and the Audience Award at Montreal's Salon du Livre. The book is

currently in production by Caramel Films. In his classic European cartooning style Rabagliati effortlessly tackles big subjects. As the family stands vigil over Roland in his hospital bed, Rabagliati weaves a story of one man's journey through life and the legacy he leaves behind. The Song of Roland is a mid-career masterpiece from one of Quebec's finest draftsmen.

**Jakob Kayne - Volume 1 - La Isabela** Europe Comics

In 1986, Afghanistan was torn apart by a war with the Soviet Union. This graphic novel/photo-journal is a record of one reporter's arduous and dangerous journey through Afghanistan, accompanying the Doctors Without Borders. Didier Lefevre's photography, paired with the art of Emmanuel Guibert, tells the powerful story of a mission undertaken by men and women dedicated to mending the wounds of war. Emmanuel Guibert's most recent book for First Second was the critically acclaimed Alan's War, the memoir of a WWII G.I. His close friendship with Didier Lefevre inspired him to combine art and

photography to create this momentous book.

**Carthago #5 : The City of Plato** Titan Books (UK)

The knights of Kelodia are the finest in the land, but they've never faced a POWER like the one that resides in the Green Valley. Now they're about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime to stop a wizard and slay his dragons but there's no such thing as magic or dragons is there? Eisner-nominated writer MAX LANDIS (Chronicle, Superman: American Alien), artist GIUSEPPE CAMUNCOLI (Amazing Spider-Man) and Eisner-nominated colorist JEAN FRANCOIS BEAULIEU welcome you to the world of GREEN VALLEY where nothing is ever what it seems. Collects GREEN VALLEY #1-9

Motorcity Europe Comics

There's a human story behind every disaster. How would you react if, one day, you had to abandon everything you have? This is a story of one of many families that were forced to leave their homes after the tragic

accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. They were told that they would return after a few days but it was too late - the invisible enemy had already claimed all their possessions and occupied their houses and land for years to come. It's been over - years since the events of but it's nothing compared to the tens of thousands of years that will have to pass before the radioactive waste is no longer a hazard. This graphic novel is a tribute to those who personally experienced the consequences of nuclear power that had got out of control. In their story - which aims neither to shock nor cause controversy - Francisco Sanchez and Natacha Bustos look from a distance at three characters who, though fictional, could very well be real. The authors make their readers u

**Kyle of Klanach**

Cinebook Limited  
A lonely man in Los Angeles is told a unique tale - a passion play that sheds light on events

before the creation of the world. Constructing the universe is a vast task, and in heaven God has allocated roles to all his angels. But when a murder takes place, an archangel is assigned to investigate.

**Mickey All-Stars** 9th Cinebook

The original adventures of London Donovan and his shadowy boss, "the Centenarian of the Carpathians," in this action-packed spin-off from the best-selling Carthago. These five individual, but interlinked, stories see Donovan and billionaire Feiersinger combating all manner of malicious myths and monsters from the Californian Bigfoot and deadly African dinosaurs, to Arctic sea creatures and giant Canadian wolves. Whether driven by a taste for adventure, a passion for scientific curiosity, or simply by pure obsession, join our unrelenting heroes as they chase and encounter creatures that are as mythical as they are deadly.