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Maya found out today that her name isn't Maya. And her dad? Well, he's apparently either God...or Satan. Yeah.

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DEATHWITCH

: THE FAERIE TALE OF TRINITY CROSS

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THE FAERIE TALE OF TRINITY CROSS

A Railway City Story

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Who Is Trinity Cross?:

Maya Ramachadran hates her comic book's narrator. It doesn't help that he's a faerie from another reality and apparently knew her dead parents & also gets her in all sorts of trouble, none of which she's got any interest in bein— well, we're getting ahead of ourselves. Just read it. We'll catch up with you again later.

DEATHWITCH is part of THE REALITY (1 of 4 titles — so far) and is our Whedonesque-style book. Each of our 4 books can be enjoyed on their own, but, look closely, all of the books hint at their own future and to the bigger storyline that brings them together at the end of the "season" (more on this in the back). So sit back, chill for a bit, and enjoy. It's gonna be an awesome and unusual ride. Seriously.

Future Stops for TRINITY CROSS

Devil U Say

Demon Daddy

She's a Beast

Chick of Wrath

Halos & God

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE CITY KNOWN AS RAILWAY...

...NOW, EHM, MAYA, I KNOW YOU WERE... DISAPPOINTED WITH THE WILL.

BUT YOUR PARENTS' 'ESTATE'-- AND I USE THE TERM LOOSELY--WAS LEFT TO YOUR SIBLINGS FOR A REASON.

WHICH, EHM, IS WHY YOU'RE HERE...

UH-HUH... ONCE UPON A TIME SOMETHING-- SOMETHING...

NO, I...I WAS TALKING OF YOUR PARENTS.

YOU SEE, AND, EH, THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO HEAR, BUT YOU WERE MORE THAN JUST AN ADOPTED DAUGHTER TO THEM...

MM.

SOMEONE VERY SPECIFICALLY GAVE YOU TO THEM.

THEY, ER, IT, DEEMED YOUR PARENTS A, EHM, SAFE BET --

STRONG, CARING PARENTS WHO WOULD ENSURE YOUR EDUCATION, WOULD GROUND YOU, TEACH YOU --

I'M SORRY? DID...DID YOU SAY A 'IT'??

YES.

WHILE YOUR REAL MOTHER REMAINS A MYSTERY, YOU SEE, YOUR FATHER IS...EHM...ONE OF TWO PEOPLE.

I'LL JUST, UH... THAT IS, EITHER SATAN...OR VERY POSSIBLY... GOD.

WAIT... WHAT?

«After my weary body I had rested,
The way resumed I on the desert slope,
So that the firm foot ever was the lower.
And lol almost where the ascent began,
A panther light and swift exceedingly,
Which with a spotted skin was covered oer!»

- Dante Alighieri,
Dante's Inferno





"...A GOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOLGIRL TO YOU?!"

IT WAS NOT LONG AFTER THAT TRINITY
BEGAN TO FIND HER TRUE SELF.

TSHH...OH!
POOR TRINITY.

MY NAME'S
MAYA! STOP
CALLING ME
THAT!

STOP LISTENING TO
MY NARRATION!

DEATHWITCH

THE FAIRIE TALE OF TRINITY CROSS

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BLAMBOT!







HOW TRINITY CROSS ENDED UP IN THE DARK VALLEY (AND FIGHTING THOSE CREATURES SO VERY SOON AFTER) IS MORE THAN JUST THE STORY OF THE INFERNO SWORD.

IT'S THE STORY OF THE UNSEEN WORLD...AND TRINITY'S PLACE IN IT.



...FATHER IS GOD?

...NAME'S NOT EVEN MAYAY...WHAT KIND OF IDIOT...

LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE ALL THAT BUN#PL#B...

LIKE THE DEVILS NOT BUSY ENOUGH... TOTALLY STOODID.



OH S-- THE JUSTICE GARLS!

HOLY CHALUPAS! THEY CAUGHT A TRAIN?!



YOU WANT SOMETHING, LADY?

"LADY"? WEOW, NOW THAT'S AN ASSUMPTION.

BUT, UM, YEAH, A DOUBLE ESPRESSO WITH A DOUBLE ESPRESSO SHOT.

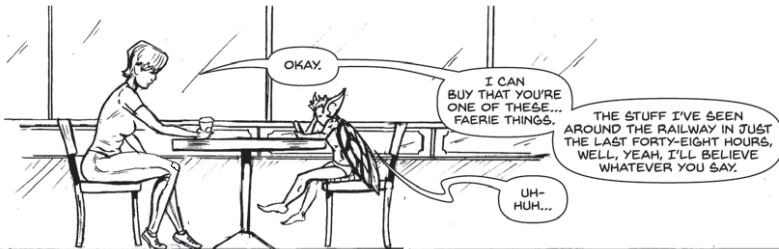
SO A QUADRUPLE ESPRESSO?

...OOKAY, AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR KID?



MY KID?!

AYE, LASS! TELL US ABOUTHER KID!

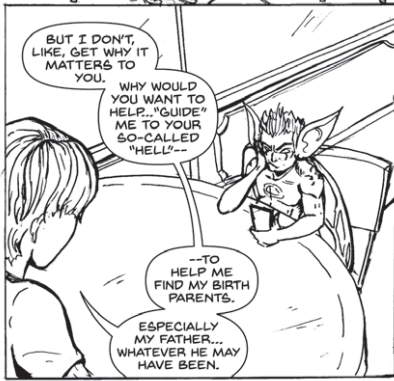


OKAY.

I CAN BUY THAT YOU'RE ONE OF THESE... FAERIE THINGS.

THE STUFF I'VE SEEN AROUND THE RAILWAY IN JUST THE LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, WELL, YEAH, I'LL BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU SAY.

UH-HUH...

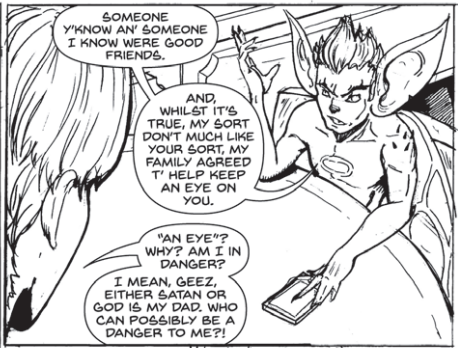


BUT I DON'T LIKE, GET WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU.

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO HELP... "GUIDE" ME TO YOUR SO-CALLED "HELL"---

--TO HELP ME FIND MY BIRTH PARENTS.

ESPECIALLY MY FATHER... WHATEVER HE MAY HAVE BEEN.



SOMEONE Y'KNOW AN' SOMEONE I KNOW WERE GOOD FRIENDS.

AND, WHILST IT'S TRUE, MY SORT DON'T MUCH LIKE YOUR SORT, MY FAMILY AGREED T' HELP KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.

"AN EYE"? WHY? AM I IN DANGER?

I MEAN, GEEZ, EITHER SATAN OR GOD IS MY DAD, WHO CAN POSSIBLY BE A DANGER TO ME?!



WELL, IF I WERE A BETTIN' FAERIE --

AN' I AM, AS IF YAH COULDN'T TELL

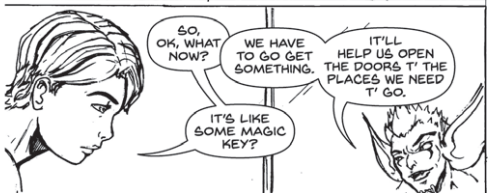
-- THE ANSWER'D CLEARLY BE EITHER SATAN OR GOD.

...?



WHAT? NOTHIN' WISE TO SAY T' THAT?

I'M ANNOYED THAT IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE.



SO, OK, WHAT NOW?

WE HAVE TO GO GET SOMETHING.

IT'LL HELP US OPEN THE DOORS T' THE PLACES WE NEED T' GO.

IT'S LIKE SOME MAGIC KEY?



YEAH, A KEY.

A LARGE, SHARP, POINTY KEY THAT'S GREAT FOR IMPALING THINGS OF POWER AND IS IMBUED WITH A MAGIC HILT AND FLAMES SHOOTIN' OUT OF IT.

THAT'LL NEVER FIT IN MY PURSE.



SWEET 'N' KINDLY TRINITY WAS WILLIN' TO FOLLOW CACK. TRUST HIM—

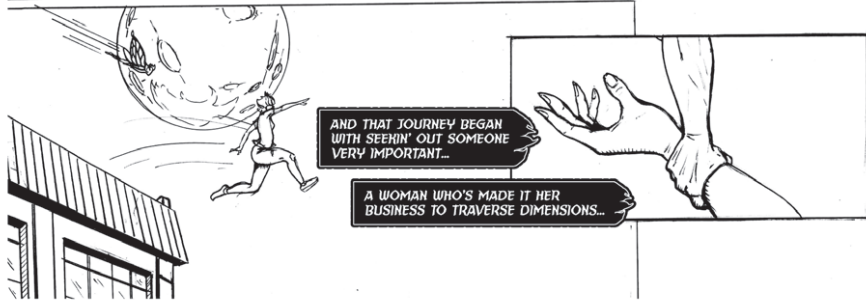
YOUR NAME'S "CACK"? WHAT'S THAT EVEN MEAN?

SCARY #@\$! YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW.

NOW, WHERE WAS I?...



THE JOURNEY ON WHICH THEY WERE ABOUT TUH EMBARR WAS SU-U-URELY BEYOND HER COMPREHENSION



AND THAT JOURNEY BEGAN WITH SEEHIN' OUT SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT...

A WOMAN WHO'S MADE IT HER BUSINESS TO TRAVERSE DIMENSIONS...

IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD...

Thanks so much for buying The Reality comics — **1st issues** to what are hopefully **ongoing series**.

The concept: Build a world of superish hero types who feel like **real people** and who live in a truly modern world.

See, although I enjoy the supers, invincibles, & hyphen-mans of other comics, I always feel like I'm reading books that are either trying too hard to be modern or are harkening back to a bygone era. We didn't want to do any of that.

By the way, the "we" I mean are me (thy writer/editor) and the awesome group of artists I found via the webbynet.

Those folks who shall amaze are as follows:

- **James Avila**, the astounding artist on **DEATHWITCH!**
- **Jarret Katz**, the visionary on **TEAM INDYS**TRUCTIBLE!
- **Joe Koziarski**, the perspicacious pen on **PHANTOM KID!**
- **Mikolaj** ("week-o-laj") **Ostapiuk**, the super-duper scribbler of **WEREDEVIL!**
- And thanks to letterers **Lucas Gattoni** & **Jerome Gagnon**.

These guys worked *really* hard on bringing THE REALITY to life — and bring it they did! The details, the storytelling, and the character designs, each one will knock your socks on (yes, they're that good!).

Keith Planit, March 2017



WELL, HOW DID WE GET HERE?...

THE REALITY name was originally just a place-holder the artists talked Keith into keeping. And our heroes? Well, they're not super; they're also not geniuses, scientists, rich magnates; they're not even heroes most of the time. These folks're actually kinda effed up. In other words, they're **real**...and as such they should look real.

Deathwitch's Trinity is a little "thick" as they say. **Team Indy** all have terrible haircuts; **Weredevil's Jo B.** couldn't try to look more the average Joe. And each of these folks are fallible. Now, here's where creators usually say, "But they try their best to do what's right!" Nope. Not here. Just like most people *you* know, our characters are self-involved, selfish, & have to be talked into being selfless.

THE REALITY is planned for 3 "seasons" of 24 issues.

While there are shorter stories throughout the season, the season itself *will* have an actual arc. You can learn more on our **Indiegogo** & **Patreon** pages (via the rewards.) Where our characters go next is not at all typical for caped heroes — this is going to be something new and so much dang fun, we really can't wait to bring it to you!

So please check out ALL our books! **Deathwitch, Weredevil, Phantom Kid, & Team Indestructible!**

The Reality Team

In the next issue of **DEATHWITCH** THE FAIRY TALE OF TRINITY CROSS

Sure, things seem like a breeze now, but Trinity ("Maya!") is about to deal with some pretty serious sh--stuff. *ahem* She & Cacx have to get the **INFERNO SWORD** and avoid **WEREDEVIL** as they do, then Cacx meets Adheesha! "Who?" Well, let's just say he forces Trinity to re-think the whole journey into Hell! And have we mentioned the breakdown? Yeah, it turns out, abandoning your life and family makes for a really tough day. We'll be back... Follow updates & details!



Announcements from...



1. Want to see the **SECRET** origin of **THE REALITY's** heroes? Go to our website's gallery; find & click the invisible image next to the **WEREDEVIL** cover layout!
 2. Guess what? Our 5th book **SPYBORG** needs an artist! You need to show us sample comics pages, prove you can tell a story in pictures, and understand the demands of drawing a comic book. Wanna give it a shot? No pay up front, but you'll co-own **SPYBORG**. Contact: TheRealityComics@gmail.com
 3. Don't forget, we're quarterly, & we need your support to get out our next issues and go monthly. Please be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram for more info!
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