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*When the demon escapes each night,  
 it's not a strange case of Dr. Jekyll &  
 Mr. Hyde. It's Mr. Hyde and Mr. Hyde...*

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# LIVEDEVIL™

THE PROFESSOR FROM THE DARK LAGOON



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# WEREDEVIL & THE PROFESSOR FROM THE DARK LAGOON

*A Railway City Story™*

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## All of Me

**Demons & evils, creatures of the deep; succubi, incubi, beasts an' brutes. Welcome to Werdevil. A man. But, by moon's white light, a demon who senses evil and thrives on it. But is this the familiar tale of the Dr. & a Green Guy? Ye Demon of Olde & his Blood Brother? No, dear friend, this is something dark and new, macabre and calamitous, metaphysical and maleficent. Oh, and super-fun too!**

WEREDEVIL & THE PROFESSOR FROM THE DARK LAGOON is part of THE REALITY (1 of 4 titles — so far) and is our monster book (there'll be a ton of 'em!). While all 4 of our books can be enjoyed on their own, each one hints at the future and at the bigger story which brings our characters together at the end of the "season" (more on this in the back). So get some popcorn and wake the wolfman. We're gonna kick some ass!

### Future Stops for WEREDEVIL & THE PROF

The Hollow Man

Dawn of the Dead

Secrets & Lies

Fantastic Beasts &...

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I WILL TEAR AND  
GNAW ON YOUR  
VITALS AND VISCERA.

I WILL REND YOUR  
MUSCLES AND  
TENDONS WITH  
TEETH AND CLAW!

Dear Reader,  
I cannot say I know when you will  
read this or when this journal will be  
discovered. What I know to be true  
is this: Every word you read, every  
abhorrent and repulsive act--

--happened.  
Happened just as you read it.  
Just as I describe it.

Should you fear that  
the world is going to  
Hell in a handbasket,  
I promise you--

--This, dear reader,  
has already happened.  
Began in an age  
long ago.

And we...we are all very  
probably going to die.  
My proximity to the  
events, sadly, makes me  
sure to be an early  
victim.

I WILL CRACK YOUR SKULL OPEN  
AND HEAR IT SNAP AND FRACTURE  
AS MY FINGERS WORK THEIR WAY  
INTO YOUR BRAIN.

AND I WILL SIP ON THE OOZE THAT FLOWS  
DOWN YOUR TEMPLES AND RUN MY TONGUE  
INTO THE BUMPS AND FISSURES OF YOUR  
FRONTAL LOBE WHILE I PLUCK OUT YOUR EYES  
AND STARE INTO THE EVER WIDENING BREACH  
OF--



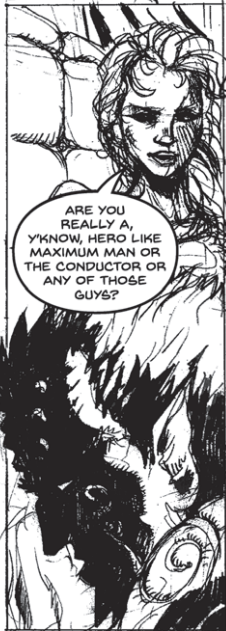
--YOUR BEAUTIFUL HEAD.

WHAT ABOUT MY BEAUTIFUL HEAD?

I WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING ABOUT IT!



I  
SENSE SOME  
WONDERFUL  
EVID...  
BUT  
IT IS LATE,  
AND I MUST  
GO.



ARE YOU  
REALLY A,  
Y'KNOW, HERO LIKE  
MAXIMUM MAN OR  
THE CONDUCTOR OR  
ANY OF THOSE  
GUYS?

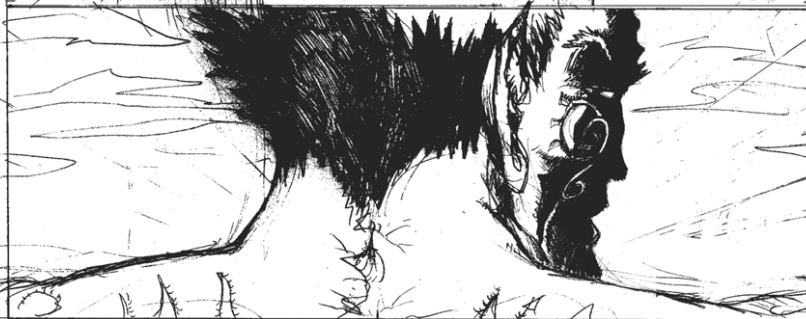


I WANT TO FLUCK YOUR SPINAL CORD  
FROM YOUR WRETCHED HUMAN BODY AND  
HANG IT LIKE A TROPHY UPON MY WALL.

SURE.



YEAH?  
HAVE I HEARD  
OF YOU? WHAT'S  
YOUR...SPECIAL  
HERO NAME?





# WEREDEVIL LIVED

WRITER: KEITH PLANIT — ARTIST: MIKOLAJ OSTAPIUK  
LETTER: JEROME GAGNON — FONTS BY BLANBOT







DWAYNE, ARE YOU HEARING THIS?

I AM. I'M TRYING NOT TO LISTEN. YET I KEEP HEARING HIM.

DO YOU THINK IT'S DRUGS, DWAYNE?

DO YOU THINK JO DOES DRUGS AT NIGHT?

NOO, HE HASN'T GOT ANY OF THE SIGNS. HE'S PROBABLY IN A BAND. A SKA BAND. A REALLY BAD SKA BAND.



THAT'S REDUNDANT, DWAYNE.

HAHAHA! I KNOW IT!

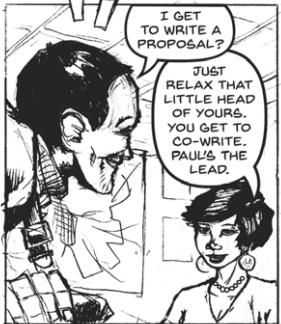


I CAN STAND HERE AND CATCH YOU UP, JO. OR I CAN TELL YOU TO WATCH TV.

TURN ON RAILWAY1 -- THE PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS ARE REPEATING TWICE EVERY HOUR.

HONESTLY, BOO? I THINK YOU'RE GREAT-- UH, WE ALL THINK YOU ARE.

BUT YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS. GO CATCH UP. TWEET, BLOG, POST IT ON THE SITE, THEN GET WITH PAUL AND TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.



I GET TO WRITE A PROPOSAL?

JUST RELAX THAT LITTLE HEAD OF YOURS. YOU GET TO CO-WRITE. PAUL'S THE LEAD.



NOW, GIT! YOU'RE USELESS TO ME IN HERE.

AND, JO, WHEN YOU TWEET FROM THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, TRY TO REMEMBER HE'S THE **LEAST** LIKELY PERSON TO USE THE PHRASE 'OBVI FAIL.'

BESIDES, IN PR, WE PREFER POSITIVE SPINS ON EVERYTHING.



YEAH, MAN, OK. NEXT TIME THE ICL TRAIN SHUTS DOWN, I'LL JUST TWEET OUT 'GREAT NEWS, EVERYONE! WE'RE SPONSORING A WALK-A-THON!'

NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT!



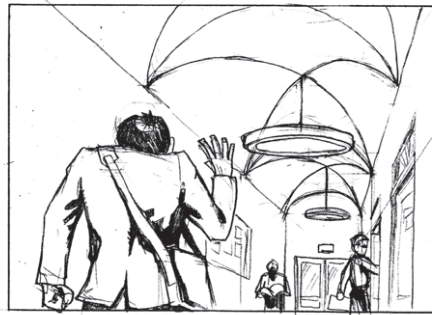
HE DRIVES ME CRAZY.

FFT. YOU'RE SO CRUSHING ON HIM.

WHATEVER, YOU'RE TOO HARD ON HIM.

HE CAN TAKE IT.







WELL, GOOD MORNING, JO!  
A BIT TUCKERED  
OUT TODAY?

LISTEN,  
HEZ, YOU HAVE  
TO STOP CUTTING  
THINGS SO  
CLOSE!

AW, COME NOW...  
I SURELY DON'T HAVE TO.  
PERHAPS, IT WOULD BE  
BETTER FOR US BOTH IF I  
DID, BUT I'M NOT REALLY  
KNOWN FOR DOING  
THAT WHICH BENEFITS  
OTHERS.

YOU.  
YOU ARE JUST...  
UGH--  
INCORRIGIBLE!

My research has taken me to  
Railway City. Famous for its  
magnificent railway line, its  
2-inch thick square burgers,  
and of course its heroes...



...But there is so much more to Railway  
City than that which is widely known.  
With more than 150 years of rail  
industry making its way above and  
below the city...

...It seems that  
something in this city  
may very well cause  
what's nesting far,  
far below to come up...  
top-side!

I've little  
hope for  
this city's  
salvation.



"INCORRIGIBLE"? YES, I IMAGINE I AM. NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT LAST NIGHT.

I THOUGHT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO SAVE PEOPLE.

NOT REALLY.

NOT A GOOD TIME.

I GET SO LITTLE JOY, STOP WRAPPING AT THE DOOR OF MY MIND, TRYING TO FEEL AWAY MY SOUL TO GET BACK YOURS.

DAMN IT, HEZ, IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU'RE HERE EVERY @#\$%#N NIGHT!...

...BUT ...WATCHING YOU...FEELING TOUCHING THAT WOMAN...

THEN WANTING TO HELP OTHERS. IT MEANS THERE'S SOMETHING GOOD IN YOU--

AS FOR THE HELPING PEOPLE...

WE MUST HAVE BALANCE. IF YOU COULD SUPPRESS YOUR OWN NATURAL TENDENCIES AS I DO MINE... PERHAPS YOUR MEAGER ATTEMPTS TO FIGHT WHAT HAS BECOME A PART OF YOU WOULD GAIN GROUND.

I THINK YOU'VE CONFUSED ME WITH ANOTHER. BUT, JO... SHE WAS NOT IRENE, AND THAT, DEAR BROTHER, WAS MANY YEARS AGO...

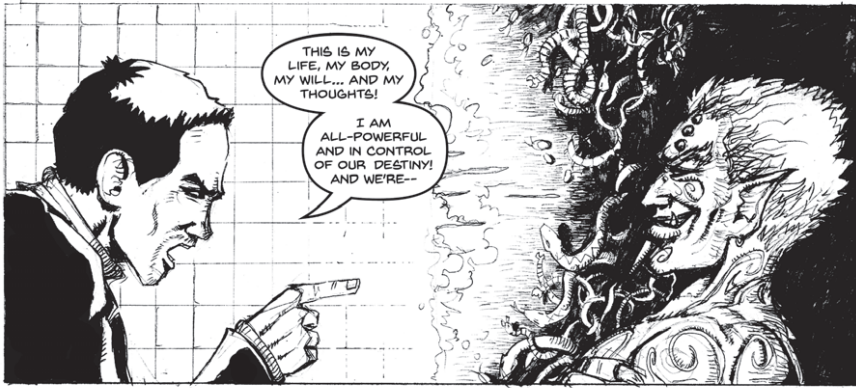
A DIFFERENT TIME.

WE ARE NOT BROTHERS/ IN ANY WAY.

BUT TO THAT, JO, I SAY GIVE UP THE GHOST. I WILL AS I WILL. WHETHER IT BE ANNIHILATE AND SLAUGHTER OR BE WORSHIPPED AS HERO.

MY HEROES EMERGED FROM RUINS OF DEVASTATION AND BLOODSHED IN CAVES OF BRIMSTONE. HAVE NO DOUBT, THERE WILL BE M--

ENOUGH!



#### 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 INDysTRUCTIBLE!**
- Joe Kozlarski, the perspicacious pen on **PHANTOM KID!**
- Mikolaj ("week-o-lai") 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!).



#### WELL, HOW DID WE GET HERE?...

**THE REALITY** name was originally just a place-holder the artists talked Keith into keeping. And our heroes? Not geniuses, scientists, nor rich magnates — they're not even heroes most of the time. They're actually kinda effed up. In other words: **Real**. And as such they should *look* real.

**Deathwitch's Trinity's** a little "thick" as they say; **Team Indy** all have terrible haircuts; **Werdevil'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, Werdevil, Phantom Kid, & Team Indestructible!**

Keith Planit, March 2017

The Reality Team

Thanks for reading...



#### NEXT:

*That hooded man of science & magic (our prof from the dark lagoon) digs into the past of Jo Bayani — who he is, what he's so pissed-off about, and why there's no "e" in his name. And where there be demons, there must also be angels! And ol' Hezkimal doesn't much care for angels, so what he does will be a shocker (hint: He eats it). See you then...and be sure to check out our other comics!*

## Announcements from...



1. Want to see the 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](mailto: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! And, hey, thank you for supporting indie comics!

