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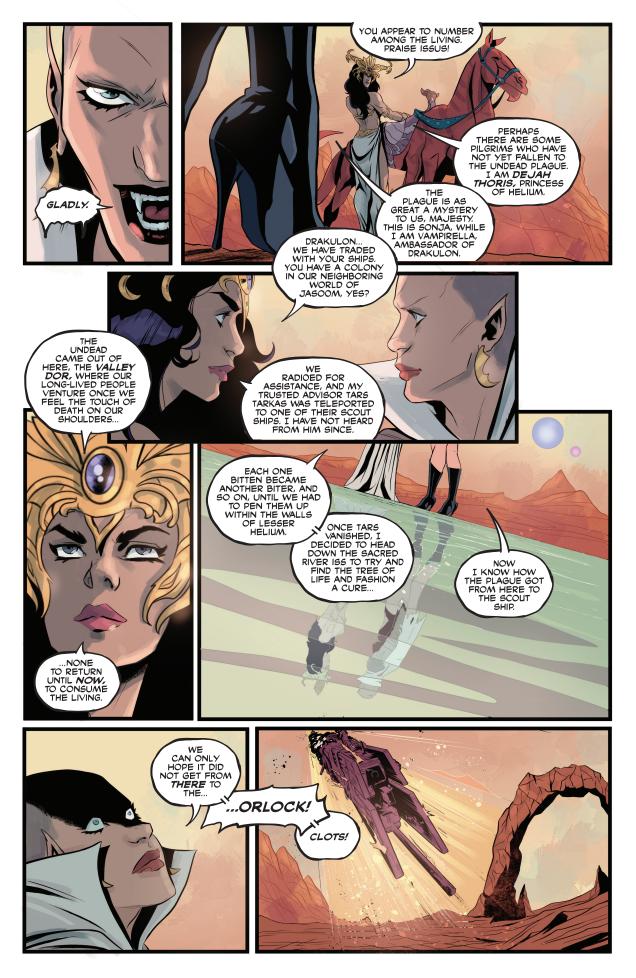




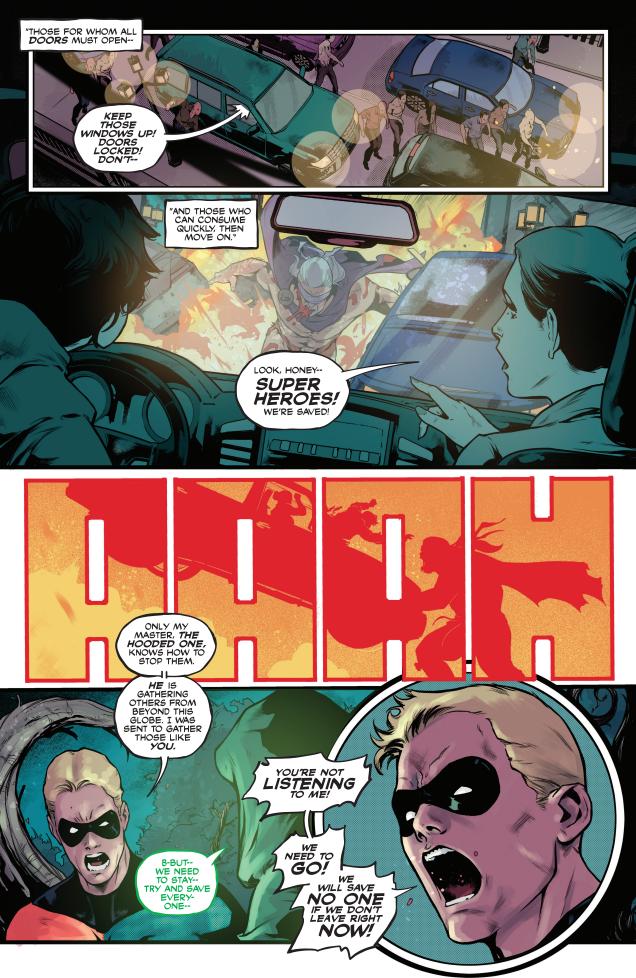




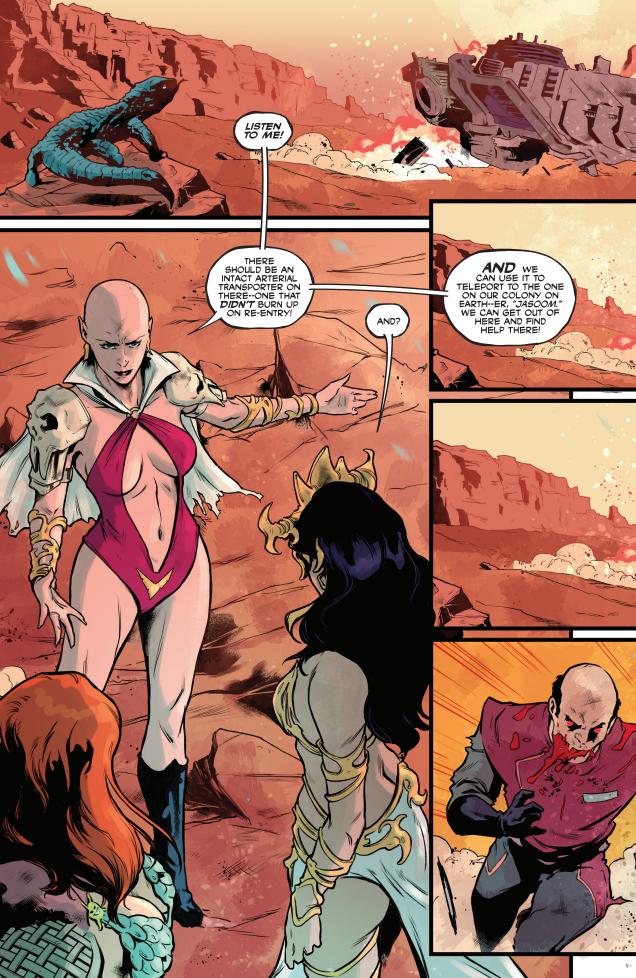
















#### RED SONJA! BLUE SONJA! GREEN SONJA! WRITER CHRISTOPHER HASTINGS GIVES EVERYONE A SONJA!

So is this kind of like a "Crisis on Infinite Sonjas?" Are you pulling inspiration from any other multi-dimensional, mind-bending tales within comics or elsewhere?

Chris: If a story has a multiverse element, I am 10x more likely to check it out and probably love it. I keep typing out and then deleting my answer to this question, because it keeps turning into a list that might as well say "ALL OF THEM." But in particular, I gave myself a refresher course on material that embraces the fun of the mashup and lays down excuses to get characters you don't normally see together into big crazy fights. The Marvel versus DC/Amalgam universe stuff really helped me get in the right headspace.

It's essentially a "tournament arc," right? Like as is popular in some manga, anime or even something like the classic Contest of Champions. How many Sonjas will fans get to see in this series?

Chris: You're absolutely right! The Sonjas across the infinite parallel realities have done something to piss off a divine force that touches the multiverse. That force's representative, Saint Sonja hops from world to world, forcing the Sonjas to battle in a tournmanet. As far as how many, we've got a core cast of about seven different Sonjas, but eventually it's only going to be limited to how many different Sonjas Pasquale wants to draw. We might be starting with the She-Devil with a Dinosaur, and the She-Devil with a Mech, but we can take that basic format and go verrrryyyy far.

Do you have favorite Sonjas among the cast that you're excited to share?

Chris: Well I mentioned the Dinosaur Sonja, and the Mech Pilot Sonja. Writing their battle was what really got me excited for the possibilities of this comic. I'm also pumped for Blue Sonja, who is basically the Red Sonja of an 80s action movie. Big guns, motorcycle, explosives. I cannot wait. We've also got a steampunk monster-hunter Sonja who's a ton of fun. The designs that have come in for the cyborg Sonja have been sick. I think I could probably write 24 issues around Hell Sonja alone -- Okay I just realized I'm simply listing "ALL OF THEM" again. The main thing is that we're really trying for a genre balance among the main cast, and just constantly trying to outdo ourselves.

Some of your most celebrated stories are chock full of humor, like the fan-favorite Unbelievable Gwenpool and the Adventures of Dr. McNinja. Can readers expect some good laughs in this fracas too?

Chris: I'm REALLY trying to keep my yuks in check on this one. I want this to feel like a pulpy Red Sonja story that happens to be mashed into other action comic genres. I want the baddies to feel scary (not all the Sonjas are heroes!), the stakes to be real, and for there to be a whole lot of blood. If there's anything I'm pulling from my experience writing Dr. McNinja, it's that any time it could go over the top, it did. That said I am allowing myself to have one of the Sonjas be "the funny one." Every team has to have a Michelangelo.

The premise of this title is just begging for some wild artwork, both inside from Pasquale Qualano (DIE!NAMITE, Dejah Thoris) and an onslaught of beautiful covers depicting all the various colored Sonjas. As an artist yourself, how has it been collaborating with Pasquale and seeing all the work come in?

Chris: I am not a \*great\* artist, so my experience is probably the same as it would be for anyone else. I get some artwork in my inbox, I look at it, and then I vell "HOLY S#@T" out loud.



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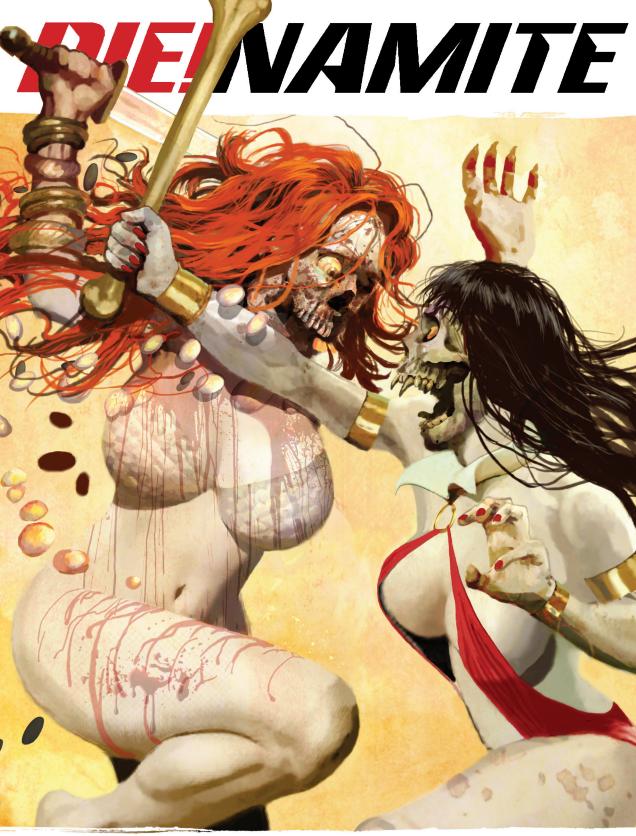
At last the heroes of Earth, Barsoom, Drakulon and Hyborea and have joined together for a last stand against the zombie plague on the roof of the world – but it is the pandemic too out of control to stop, now that the hidden hand behind the apocalypse is finally revealed?











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