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MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL,
JUST TO GET A ROCK AND ROLL BAND...

NOW I'M
IN BIG TROUBLE
AND I'M GONNA NEED
A HELPING HAND...

KEEP
ON ROCKIN'!
THERE AIN'T
NO STOPPIN'!

THIS KID
IS MAKING
ME SICK.

HOW CAN WE
MAKE YOU
FEEL BETTER,
MY MOST
VILE LORD?

I HAVE AN IDEA
THAT SHOULD TEMPT
THIS RECALCITRANT
JONES.

TEMPTATION
IS MOST
DELICIOUS!

Deal with the Devil

WRITTEN BY **TERRY CRONIN**
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GRAYS AND LETTERS BY **GARY SCOTT BEATTY**

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HEY JOE,
WHERE YA
GOING? IT'S
COCKTAIL
TIME!

OH...AH
HEY FELLAS, UM,
I'M JUST STEPPING
OUT FOR A MINUTE...
THE...AH...NEW GUY
WILL TAKE CARE
OF YOU. SEE
YOU LATER.



THAT'S STRANGE.
JOE KNOWS WE COME
EVERY DAY AT 5:00 FOR AN
OLD SCHOOL COCKTAIL.

HMM.
PAT, I DON'T
LIKE THE
LOOK
OF THIS.

BARK!

PETE LADUKE founded Waheela Comics in 2007, to present horror comics and graphic novels "that read like a book but have the feel of a motion picture." Pete honed his cinematic storytelling skills as an actor and assistant director, known for Deadheads, Dead/Undead, Stardust, and Mutant Swinger from Mars. His comic series Vermillion is a werewolf epic set amid the gutted ruins of Detroit. Former punk rocker **MATTHEW DANA KIMBLE** has illustrated for "Splatter" and official EC Fanzine "Horror From the Crypt of Fear." Find out more at WaheelaComics.com.



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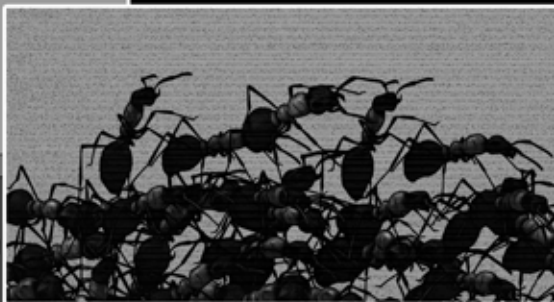
THE SCARFEERS

WRITTEN BY PETE LADUKE ILLUSTRATED BY MATT KIMBLE

"BY THE THOUSANDS, THE ANTS HOOK THEIR TINY LITTLE LEGS TOGETHER..."



"TO DO THE ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE...FORM A BRIDGE ACROSS THE RUSHING RIVER."



CREEP ME OUT!

WHY? IT IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST EXAMPLE OF THE SHEER WILL TO SURVIVE AMID IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

NO DIFFERENT THAN US.



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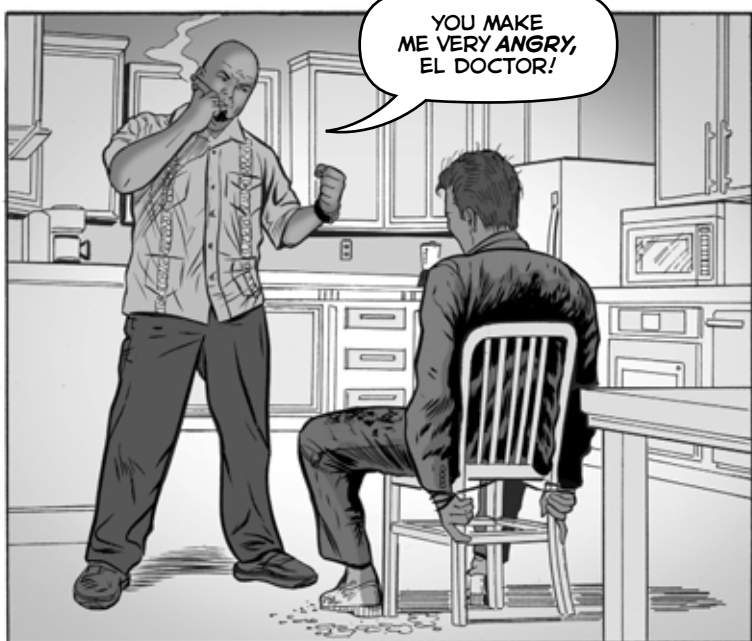
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YOU MAKE
ME VERY ANGRY,
EL DOCTOR!



MY NAME IS DOCTOR
HARRY POE. I'M A
DERMATOLOGIST AND
MY LIFE USED TO BE
PRETTY UNEVENTFUL.
BUT NOW HERE I WAS
CAUGHT IN THE WORST
KIND OF PREDICAMENT.



YOU WILL TELL
ME WHAT I NEED TO
KNOW, CABRÓN.



Aieee!

I'D LIKE TO THINK
I WAS A MAN ABOUT IT
BUT, AS YOU CAN TELL,
I SCREAMED
LIKE A LITTLE GIRL.

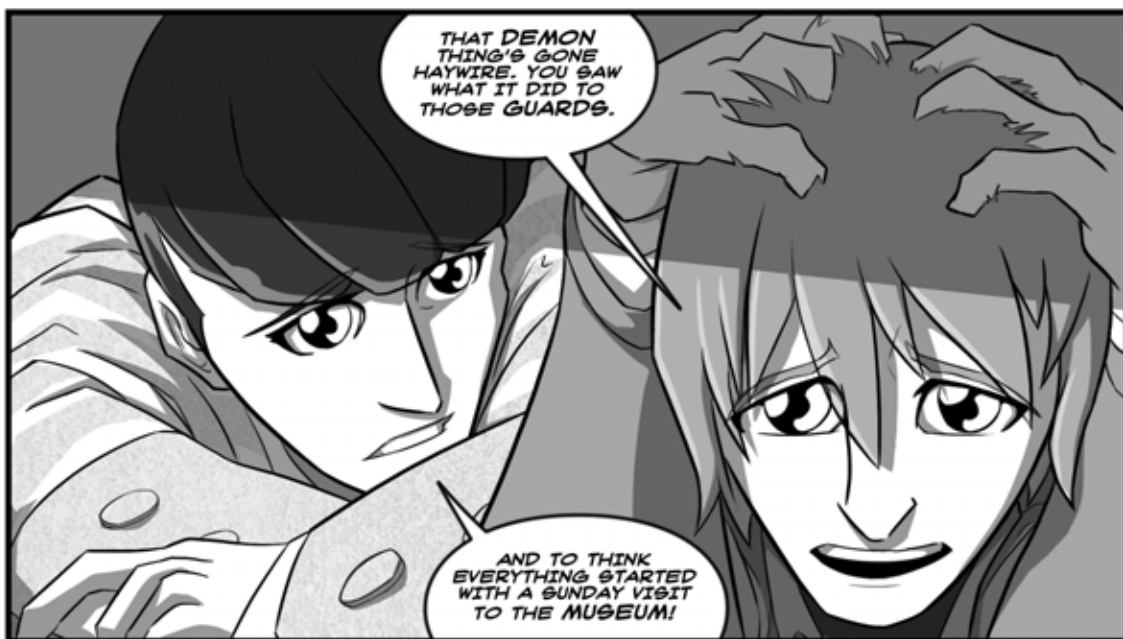
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