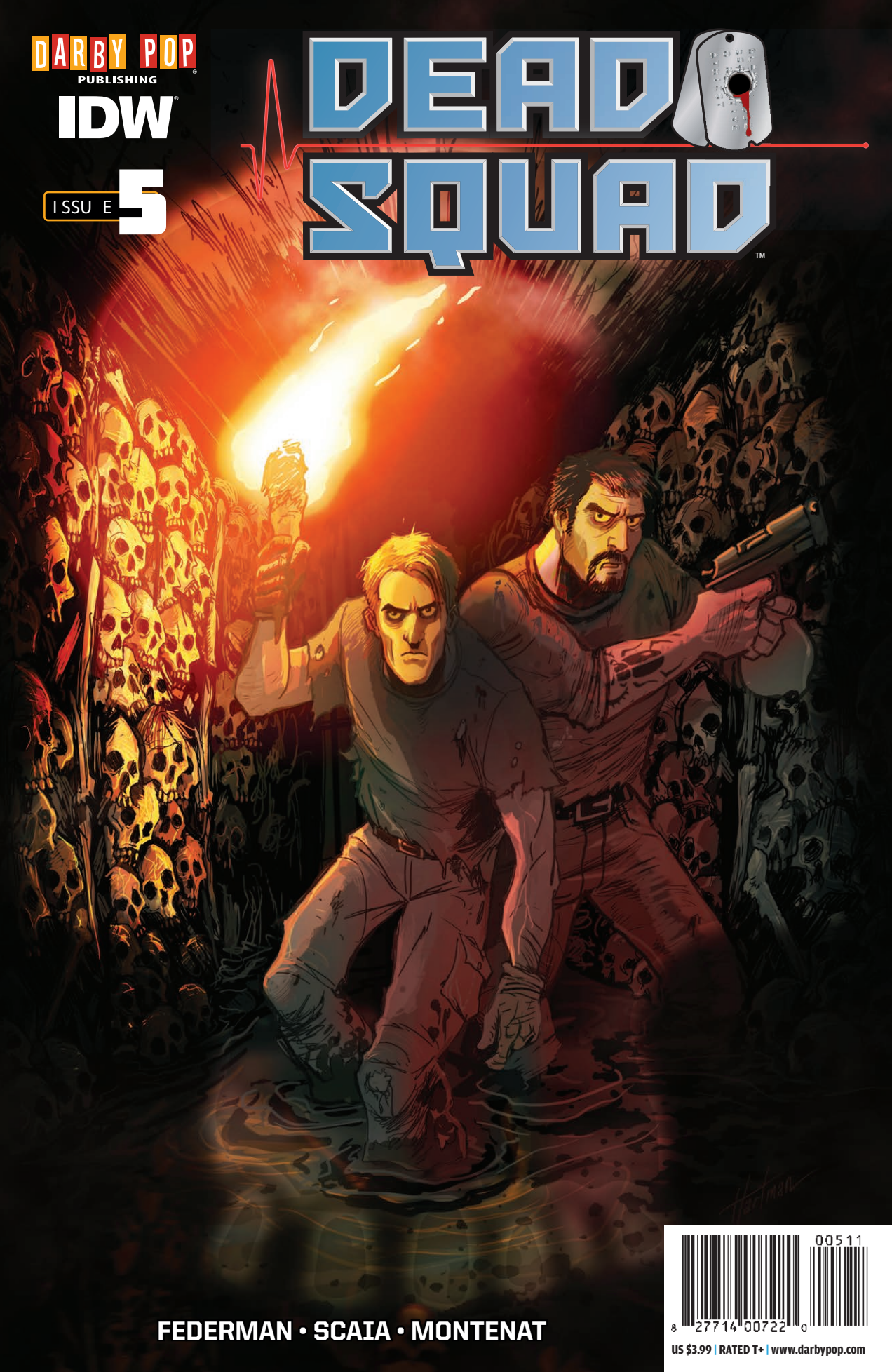



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## PREVIOUSLY



After being murdered by their own Commanding Officer (Fisher), the "Dead Squad" - Blake, Hooper, and Shane - was reanimated by a Beta version of the very serum they were initially tasked with securing... thanks to the efforts of Colonel Razinski and Dr. Diana Nash.

Unfortunately, their second chance at life - and postponement of a hellish afterlife - will last only 24 hours unless the "Dead Squad" can locate the upgraded version of the "biotics" that Fisher now possesses.

In Paris, the Team managed to apprehend Fisher, but he escaped with a kidnapped Dr. Nash... leaving the dead bodies of both Shane and the President of the United States in his wake.

## MEET THE TEAM



### **RENAE GEERLINGS** - Editor

After getting a degree in theatre and moving to Los Angeles, Renae was hired by David Wohl at Top Cow Productions as a lowly editorial assistant in 1997. In 2006, after almost 10 years of climbing the ranks, she ended her tenure there as Editor in Chief. She has continued to freelance as a comic book editor/consultant with many companies, including Spark Unlimited, IP Factory and Radical Publishing, and is very happy to

have come full circle and be working with David Wohl again at Darby Pop!

She is married to actor Tyler Mane (X-MEN) whom she met at ChicagoCon and they share a house with his two children and her menagerie of animals.

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THIS WAY.



CATACOMBS. IN THE 1800S, THE CEMETERIES AROUND PARIS WERE OVERCROWDED, SO THEY EMPTIED THEM AND MOVED THE BONES HERE --

MR. HISTORY CHANNEL, JUST TELL US WHICH WAY TO GO.

I DON'T KNOW! IT'S AN ENDLESS MAZE!



STAY CALM.

YOU'RE NOT CALM. YOU'RE **RESIGNED**. BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU DESERVE TO GO TO HELL!



I AM **NOT** GIVING UP.

YOU GAVE UP WHEN YOU STOPPED PULLING THE TRIGGER.






"OLD ME" DIDN'T WORK OUT SO WELL, HOOPER.

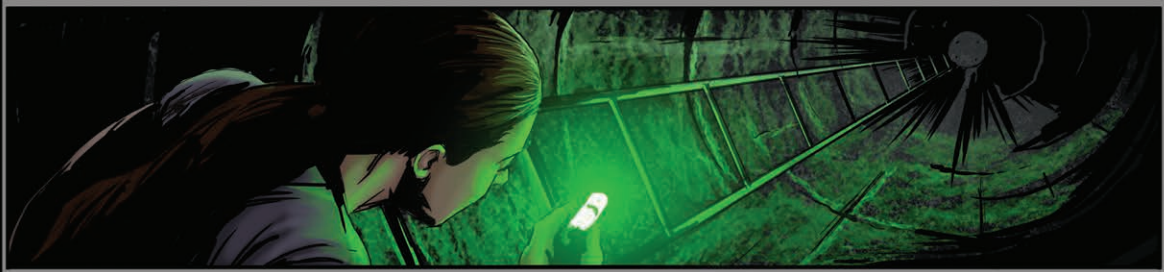
WELL, "NEW YOU" ISN'T WORKING EITHER! WE NEEDED THE GUY WHO BLEW UP AND KICKED [REDACTED] WITHOUT QUESTION.

INSTEAD WE'RE SCREWED, RAZINSKI'S SCREWED, THE DOC IS SCREWED...

...AND I THINK I ACTUALLY HAD A SHOT WITH HER!



FEEL FREE TO STAY HERE AND [REDACTED] AT EACH OTHER, BUT I'M LEAVING.







THERE'S A THOUSAND [REDACTED] WE COULD HAVE BOUGHT IT IN. WE COULD'VE DONE WORSE THAN PARIS.



GLAD WE COULD SHARE A LAST MOMENT TOGETHER HERE.



FISHER NOW HAS THE BEST ASSASSINATION TOOL EVER INVENTED. INVISIBLE, ODORLESS, NEARLY UNDETECTABLE. WITH A COUPLE OF KEYSTROKES, HE CAN ELIMINATE ANYONE IN THE WORLD HE DISAGREES WITH.

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN STOP HIM. EVERYONE ELSE WHO EVEN KNOWS HE'S A THREAT HAS BEEN KILLED OR CAPTURED.



AND WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO START.

LOOKING FOR FISHER, NO. BUT I DO HAVE INTEL ON AYALA TAL.





THREE WEEKS AGO, SHE LEAVES THIS PORT... INVERNESS.

WHY IS AYALA TRAVELING BY BOAT?

AND WHY DOES IT TAKE HER NEARLY THREE MONTHS TO REACH DENMARK?



THE SEA CASTLE.

WHAT IS "THE SEA CASTLE"?



OIL PLATFORM. MIDDLE OF THE NORTH SEA, INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

FEW YEARS AGO, SOME GENIUS DECIDES TO DECLARE HIMSELF AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY ON AN ABANDONED OIL RIG.

NOBODY PAYS MUCH ATTENTION, UNTIL HE STARTS OUTFITTING THE PLACE WITH RADAR, GUN TURRETS...

TURNS OUT HE'S RUNNING A DATA HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS. INTEL, MONEY, ANYTHING DIGITAL THAT YOU'D NEVER WANT TRACED. AND SINCE HE'S HIS OWN COUNTRY, HE'S UNTOUCHABLE.

SO THEY SENT YOU BOYS IN.



WE CLEARED OUT THE CASTLE EIGHT MONTHS AGO. PERFECT PLACE FOR FISHER TO HOLE UP NOW.

AND COMPLETELY DEFENSIBLE AGAINST AIR OR SEA.

IT WASN'T EASY FOR US TO TAKE IT DOWN THE FIRST TIME, AND WE HAD A HELL OF A LOT MORE FIREPOWER THAN WE DO NOW.



I THINK I CAN GET US A PLANE.

THEN WHY DOES YOUR FACE LOOK LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE OF WHO I HAVE TO GET IT FROM.