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INTRODUCTION

When I was a young proto-editor, chewin' gum and wearing baggy boys' jeans and listening to a lot of ska, I picked up a lot of neat anthologies featuring my favorite creators. They always felt exciting, almost illicit, like the stories in them were my own little secret, and the more casual fan of this artist/writer/publisher would miss out completely...this is how you knew I was heart-attack serious about that artist/writer/publisher, MAN.

But the greatest thing about those anthologies wasn't just that feeling of being in the know...they also revealed to me a TON of incredible writers and illustrators, some of whom would soon become my all-time faves. That's what we've set out to do with this annual **BOOM! Box Mix Tape**. This is an anthology for visiting pals you already know, discovering ones you don't yet, and havin' a great friggin' time. You may recognize some of these characters...some of them you may be meeting for the first time. Lean into it, yo. Pour yourself a bowl of cereal, settle into the couch cushions. Press play...we made this just for you with love.

Thanks for stopping by to have a swell time with us.

SHANNON WATTERS
editor lady

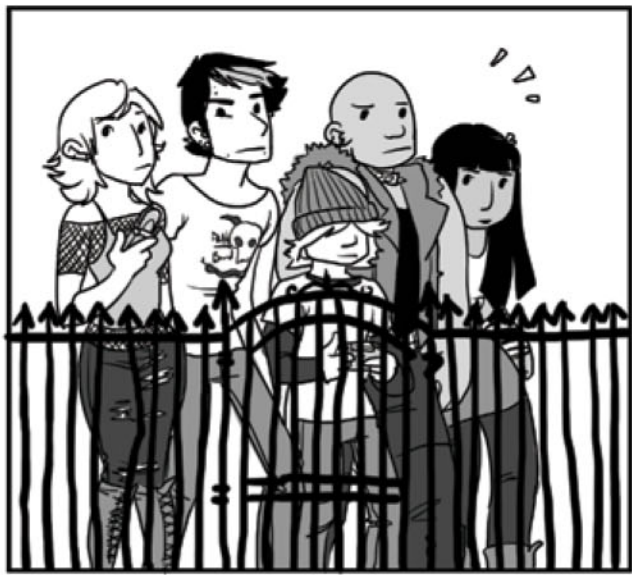


WELCOME
TO EARTH.

OR, TO BE PRECISE,
WELCOME TO THE EARTH
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

THE
**MIDAS
FLESH**

"PAZ & RICHARD"
WRITTEN BY RYAN NORTH
ILLUSTRATED BY BRADEN LAMB



MUNCHKIN

"THE MATH'S EASIER.
WE ALL WIN."

BARKEEP!

**ALE!
AND KEEP IT
COMING!**

**WE
DRINK TO
LOOT!**

**SPECIFICALLY,
SPLITTING THE
LOOT TWO
WAYS!**

**IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
THREE, BUT
I "FORGOT"
TO WARN
THE CLERIC
ABOUT THAT
HIPPOGRIFF.**

**THE MATH'S
EASIER. WE
ALL WIN.**



**WE LOOTED
ROOMS!**

**WE LOOKED
FOR TROUBLE!**



**"WE KICKED
OPEN DOORS!"**



**"WE KILLED
THE MONSTERS!"**

**"WE STOLE
THE TREASURE!"**







WAKE UP THUG PUG

Featuring Teen Dog!

By Jake Lawrence

