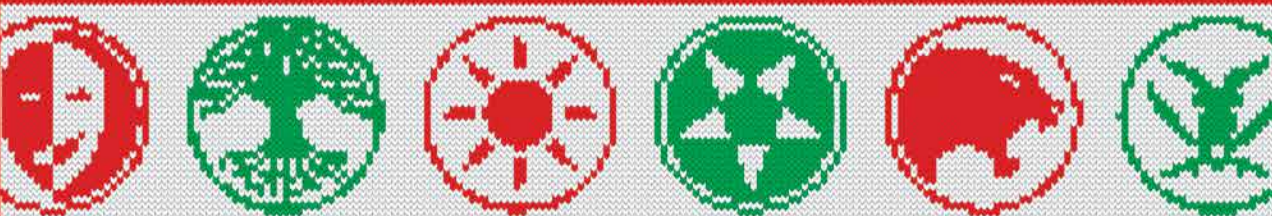
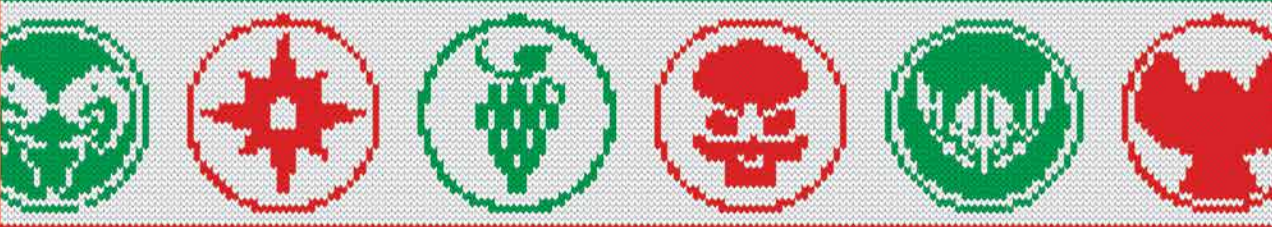


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## Seasonal Hellos!

When structuring *The Wicked + The Divine*, we just sort of... dived in. Fancy thinky folks would call it "In medias res". We wanted readers to join the story at the point where there's a huge plot engine driving the thing — namely, the Murder Mystery with Lucifer. As such, we skipped a lot of things that happened in the first six months of the Recurrence.

While we've skipped back and shown various key moments, there's still a lot we haven't shown. Amaterasu and Lucifer's pre-godhood friendship. How Dionysus and Baphomet became friends. Inanna and Baal, getting it on. Lucifer and Sakhmet, getting it on. Later in the story, we skipped Laura and Baal, getting it on. Basically, we've skipped a lot of Getting It On.

It's Christmas. Let's make amends.


We're joined by our artistic friends Kris Anka (with Jen Bartel helping on inks), Emma Vieceli, Chynna Clugston Flores, Carla Speed McNeil and Rachael Stott to provide art. Tamra Bonvillain and our very own Matt Wilson split the colours. Kieron dived through a bunch of scenes he always wanted to write, to show odd sparkling moments that made the characters happy. Well... for a *WicDiv* value of happy. Bittersweet is our thing. Jamie did an excellent sweater cover, which is clearly the piece of merch we should work out how to make real. We had a fun time. Hopefully you will too.

Anyway! In January the next trade is out. In February is the 1920s Special (with Aud Koch) and then we're back with Issue 34 in March. We can't wait. See you in spring, or late winter, depending on how Global Warming is feeling.

Thanks for riding through 2017 with us. It's been a hard year, but you've always made it better. You're the best readers in the whole wide world!

Yes, we've been drinking, why do you ask?

Hugs!



Kieron and Jamie!



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