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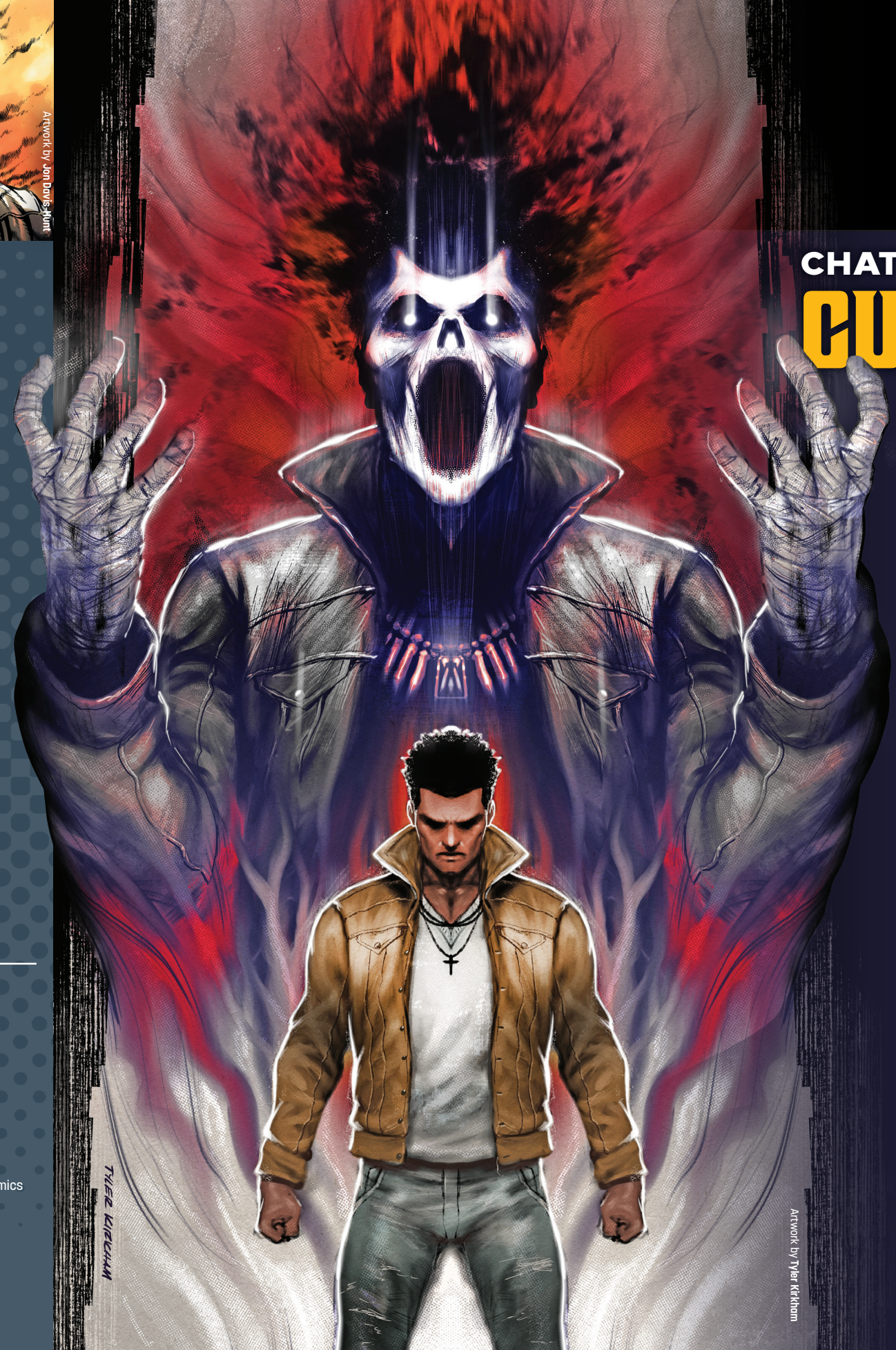
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## CHATting WITH SHADOWMAN WRITER

# CULLEN BUNN



**HOW DOES IT FEEL TO SEE SHADOWMAN #1 RECEIVE A TON OF LOVE FROM BOTH FANS AND CRITICS?**

**CULLEN:** You know, every time a new issue hits the stands, I hold my breath in grim anticipation of what readers will think. SHADOWMAN was extra stressful because readers haven't seen him in a bit. Thankfully, I was really thrilled with the reaction to the book. I am especially happy with the response from people who have never read anything about this character before. It's so great to introduce them to this world.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT FROM THE FIRST ISSUE AND WHY?**

**CULLEN:** There are so many things I loved about the first issue, thanks to Jon Davis-Hunt and Jordie Bellaire's amazing renditions of the story! A couple of moments I really liked were Jack entering the mansion as himself, not Shadowman. I just enjoyed the moment where he decides he doesn't need superpowers to get where he's going. I think that cuts to the core of who Jack is. I also like when Shadowman speaks to the dying demon, who thought our world would be so much better. I like the sadness and individual horror of that moment, and I feel like that sets a tone for the series.

**WHAT KIND OF TERRORS CAN FANS EXPECT TO SEE IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF SHADOWMAN?**

**CULLEN:** So many! How do flesh-eating ghouls strike your fancy? How about monster killers who use demons like hunting dogs? How about... No, no. I've already said too much. Every issue of the series is introducing new horrors. Not just new monsters, but new terrifying revelations and ideas. There's something big starting to take shape in Shadowman's world, and you definitely want to be there when it finally breaks loose!

**WHAT'S IT LIKE EXPLORING THE DYNAMIC BETWEEN SHADOWMAN AND BARON SAMEDI?**

**CULLEN:** Those two are so much fun! Samedy is absolutely an unreliable friend. Shadowman knows he can't trust him. But they are frenemies throughout the series

because they need one another to face the threat that's coming. Samedy is by far the most charming skeleton I've ever written.

**BEFORE SHADOWMAN, YOU WROTE PUNK MAMBO. WHY DO YOU ENJOY PLAYING IN THE VALIANT UNIVERSE'S SUPERNATURAL SANDBOX?**

**CULLEN:** It's interesting you mention Punk Mambo, because you never know when she might be showing up. Valiant's supernatural side is, for me, fertile soil. So much has come before, but there's so much potential for what comes next. It's awesome to play a role in shaping these things that go bump in the night.

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS SHADOWMAN RUN IN FIVE WORDS OR LESS?**

**CULLEN:** "The veil wears thin."

**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING WORK ON SHADOWMAN?**

**CULLEN:** There are a few questions I get time and time again when I talk to folks about Shadowman. Many of them circle around whether or not some of Shadowman's old enemies might show up in the series. It's a good question. Without answering that question directly, I can say that when you see those characters, they will be playing surprising and important roles. I'll also say that before I'm done Shadowman will have much, much bigger fish to fry. ■

**SHADOWMAN #3 goes on sale June 23rd. Stay Valiant, everyone.**