

FROM THE HILLS OF HIS HOMELAND IN CIMMERIA, CONAN TRAVELED, SURVIVED AND THRIVED BY CUTTING A BLOODY SWATH THROUGH THE HYBORIAN AGE. HIS MOST RECENT TRAVELS HAVE FOUND HIM IN YET ANOTHER STRANGE NEW PLACE...THE MODERN WORLD!



# CONAN

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UNDER THE BAKING SUN,  
OUT OF A BARREN DESERT,  
A LONE MAN STRIDES.



HE IS CONAN  
THE CIMMERIAN.  
BARBARIAN.  
DESTROYER.  
THIEF.

HE HAS  
STOLEN  
LEGENDARY  
TREASURES  
AND KILLED  
MANY MEN  
WHOSE  
NAMES HE  
NEVER  
KNEW.



NOW HE WANDERS A  
STRANGE, HOSTILE  
REALM. HE HAS PLEDGED  
NOT TO RETURN  
HOME UNTIL HE FINDS  
AND SLAYS THE  
CURSED WIZARD  
KULAN GATH.

CONAN IS HUNGRY  
AND COINLESS. HE  
LONGS FOR  
FAMILIAR LANDS.



BUT IT MATTERS NOT  
WHAT EARTH HIS FEET  
TREAD UPON.

WHEREVER HE  
GOES, CONAN  
KNOWS HOW TO  
SURVIVE WHEN  
MEN WOULD  
KILL HIM. WHEN  
THE VERY  
LAND WOULD  
KILL HIM.



AND WHEREVER  
HE GOES, MIGHTY  
CONAN KNOWS...









THE STREETS ARE FULL OF STRANGE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS. BUT CONAN HAS WALKED STRANGE STREETS BEFORE.

OH MY GOODNESS, DO YOU SEE THAT?

YUM. HE MUST BE WITH ONE OF THE FLOOR SHOWS.



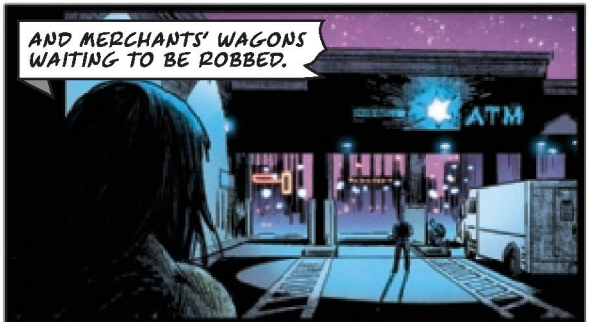
AND THOUGH THIS CITY IS A STRANGER TO HIM, SOME THINGS ARE THE SAME IN ALL KINGDOMS.



FOOLS MADE MORE FOOLISH BY DRUNKENNESS.



DENS OF FLESH AND MUSIC.



AND MERCHANTS' WAGONS WAITING TO BE ROBBED.



HUNGER GNAWS AT CONAN. AND SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD IS A WIZARD HE HAS SWORN TO KILL.

HE CAN DO LITTLE ABOUT EITHER WITH AN EMPTY PURSE.





FOLLOWING THE GREAT IRON WAGON ON FOOT IS NOT EASY. BUT CONAN WAS NOT MADE FOR EASY WORK.

SENSES HONED IN A HUNDRED AMBUSHES TELL HIM NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE.

THESE MEN ARE FOCUSED AND ARMED.

WHATEVER THEY HAVE MUST BE VALUABLE.



HE DISPATCHES THE FIRST GUARD, QUIET AS A CAT.

HNNH!



YET NOT QUIET ENOUGH.

WHAT THE---? JOEY'S DOWN! CALL IT IN!

THE FOOL RISKS DEATH GUARDING ANOTHER MAN'S RICHES.



NO!

BUT CONAN TOO HAS KNOWN SUCH BITTER WORK. MORE THAN ONCE HAS HE PLAYED THE ROLE OF CARAVAN GUARD.