

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!



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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.



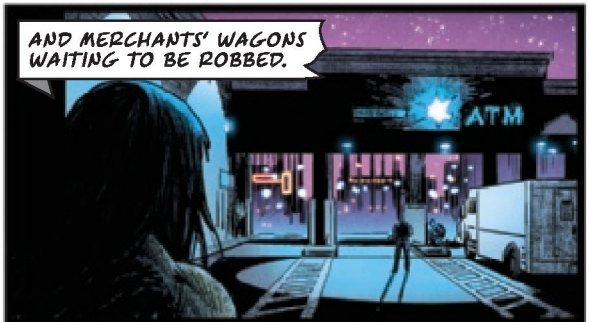
AND THOUGH THIS CITY IS A STRANGER TO HIM, SOME THINGS ARE THE SAME IN ALL KINGDOMS.



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.



BLAN

NO!

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