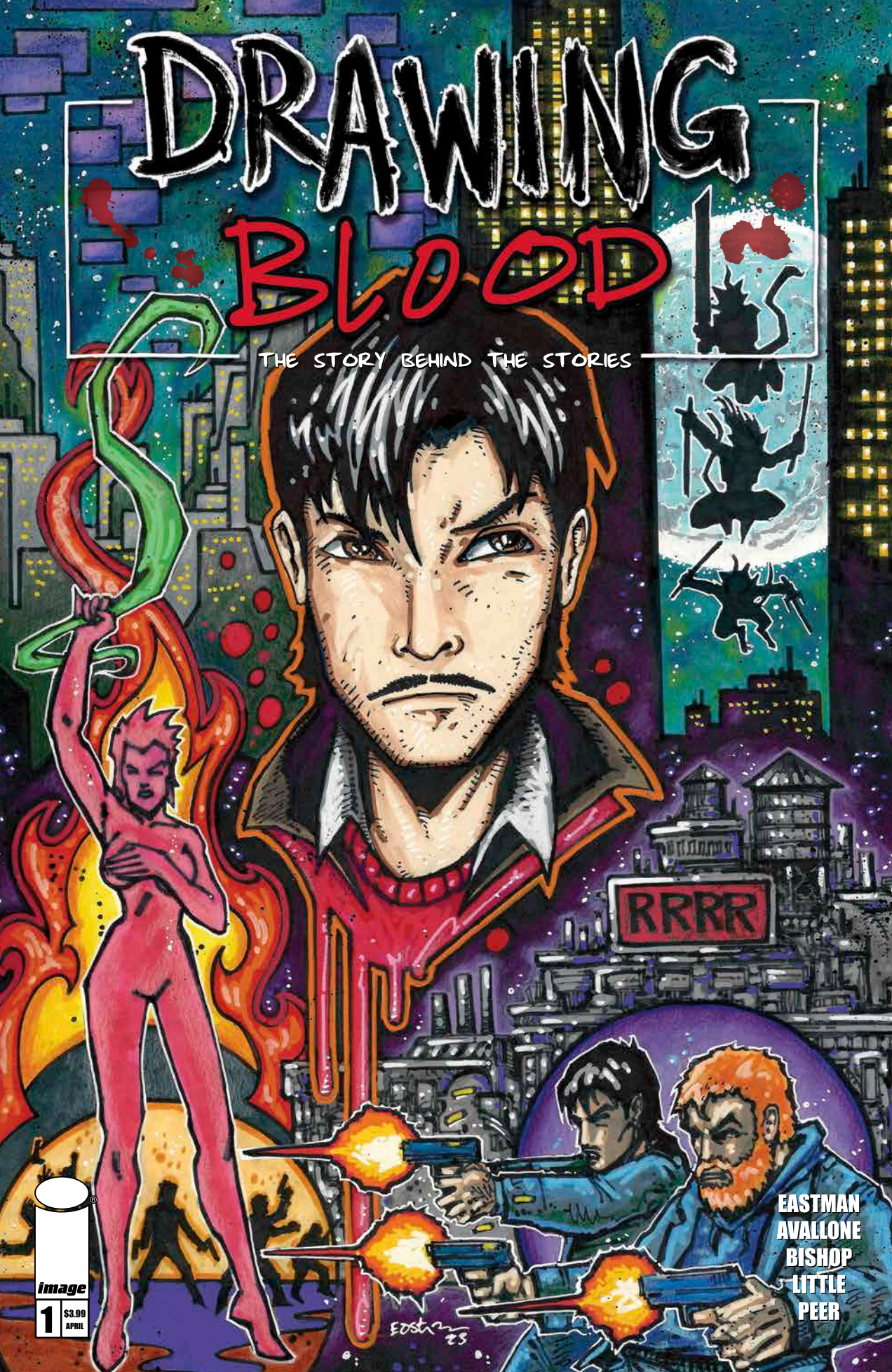


# DRAWING BLOOD

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORIES



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CHAPTER ONE: BLOOD DRAWN



YOU'RE ALREADY JUDGING ME.

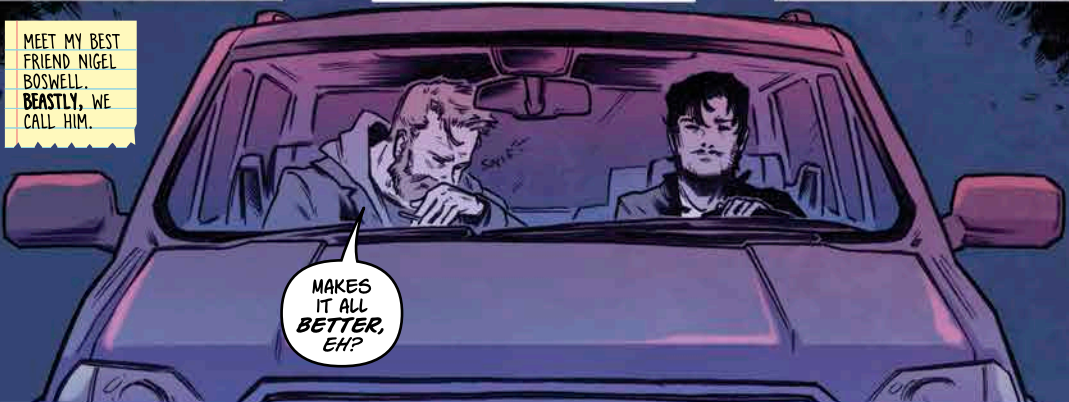


THAT'S COOL. I DESERVE IT. I'M SURE OF THAT.



AH, 'TIS A THING OF BEAUTY. PITY TO DESTROY IT, BUT I MUST.

MEET MY BEST FRIEND NIGEL BOSWELL. BEASTLY, WE CALL HIM.



MAKES IT ALL BETTER, EH?



AND SO WILL THESE...



HE'S A GOOD INFLUENCE. OBVIOUSLY.



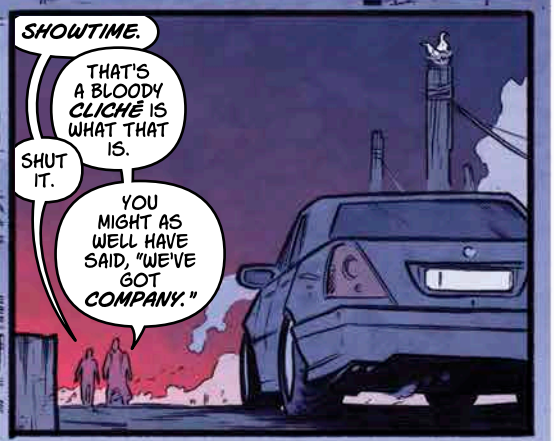


YOU CAN'T ESCAPE IT, MATE.



THE MOVIE IS CALLED "ARRRRR?"

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.



SHOWTIME.

THAT'S A BLOODY CLICHE THAT IS.

SHUT IT.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SAID, "WE'VE GOT COMPANY."



NOT TRYING TO BE SOME KIND OF MAFIA HIPSTER, BUT THE LITHUANIANS ARE GOING TO BE THE "NEXT BIG THING" IN ORGANIZED CRIME. YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST.



HEY, SPIRO.





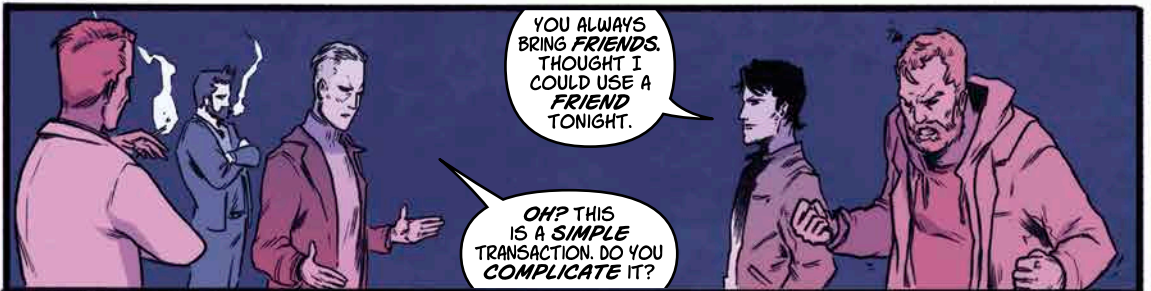
DO YOU WANT TO FINISH WALKING DOG BEFORE WE BEGIN?



GAARRRR!



LET'S ALL KEEP CHILL, SPIRO. HE'S COOL.



YOU ALWAYS BRING FRIENDS. THOUGHT I COULD USE A FRIEND TONIGHT.

OH? THIS IS A SIMPLE TRANSACTION. DO YOU COMPLICATE IT?



LOOK...YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT...

HOW PATIENT HAVE I BEEN? HOW PATIENT?



HAVE I NOT BEEN?

SO PATIENT.

THE MOST PATIENT.







DIDN'T WORK  
THIS TIME,  
EITHER.

BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM



BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM

KLASTINGUMAS!

I LOOKED  
IT UP.

KLASTINGUMAS!

TURNS OUT IT  
MEANS "TREACHERY"  
IN LITHUANIAN.

BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM

COOF!

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM







I GUESS THE FIRST THING I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU IS... I'M A CARTOONIST.

I USED TO BE, ANYWAY.

A PRETTY SUCCESSFUL ONE, TOO. BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. NOW? WELL, NOW I'M INVOLVED IN A BUNCH OF OTHER MY LIFE IS A ROLLER COASTER, AND I THINK WE CAN CALL THIS THE "DOWNSLIDE" PART.

THIS DOWNSLIDE REALLY KICKED IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO.

THE NIGHT FRANK FORREST DIED.