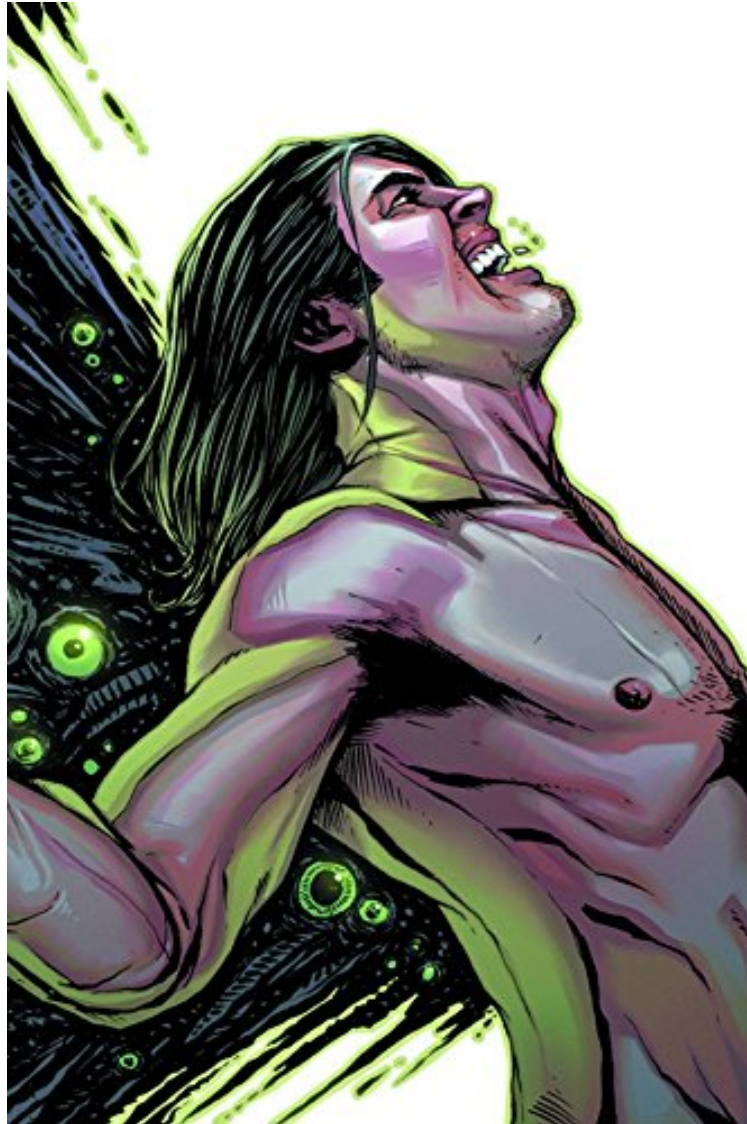


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David Hine : Darkness Rebirth Volume 1 (Darkness (Top Cow)) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Darkness Rebirth Volume 1 (Darkness (Top Cow)):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Beginning of the EndBy BobDavid Hine has written what I earnestly think is the most compelling Darkness story to date. Jackie finally has everything he ever wanted but ironically it's this desire to make his life truly perfect that happens to be his undoing. For the first time he truly has something to lose and watching him struggle to maintain control as his perfect world comes apart is something I couldn't turn away from as I kept reading.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Controlling the Darkness

ain't easy

By Alt

The Darkness is part of Jackie Estacado. His wife Jenny has given him a week to rid himself of it. But where will it go when it leaves? Not far, it turns out.

The Darkness: Rebirth collects issues 101 to 105 of The Darkness. The ongoing saga of Jackie's love/hate relationship with the Darkness takes a new turn (and heralds the introduction of a new creative team) as Jackie tries to separate himself from the Darkness while maintaining control of it. Jackie is fine with the Darkness when a violent message needs to be sent to Bulgarian gangsters, but when Jenny is getting in his face about having the Darkness in his eyes, he's all "Oh baby, you know that isn't me." His feeble protests notwithstanding, she makes him sleep in the guest room. No wonder he regards the Darkness as a nuisance! But wait, if Jackie is sleeping the guest room, who is shagging Jenny in the master bedroom? Jackie's cop buddies are a little irritated when the Darkness carves up some hookers while it's going after the Bulgarians (you know how cops love hookers), but Jackie figures he can deal with it ... even when his daughter's cat spawns little baby demons. And then something strange is going on with his daughter ... but we're left hanging with a "to be continued" before that gets resolved.

This is a story of various evils. Some are common, like gang wars and corrupt cops. Some are supernatural. Jackie's little girl is freakishly evil, both in a supernatural way and in the way that little girls are often freakishly evil.

As interludes between the issues that make up the story, there are conventional (and unconventional) text stories that flesh out the characters. One is written as a screenplay; another is sort of a transcript; another is a diary entry. There's also a cover gallery to ramp up the page count.

The art is pretty cool in a sick and twisted sort of way. If macabre art is your thing, you'll want to check this out.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.

The Darkness is Awesome!

By Mother/Gamer/Writer

Originally Reviewed At: Mother/Gamer/Writer

Rating: 5 out of 5

Controllers

Review Source: NetGalley

Reviewer: Me

The Darkness Rebirth: Volume 1 is a graphic novel gem! Thanks to the amazing minds at Top Cow, fans of the series and new comers alike can welcome with open arms the Rebirth of The Darkness. As the description states, Rebirth Volume 1 comes right on the heels of The Darkness II video game which released February 7th of this year. With its dark and twisted theme, issues #101-#105 are guaranteed to satisfy any science fiction or horror comic fan.

Jackie Estacado is the barer of one of the 13 Artifacts of power, which can help or obliterate the universe. Jump ahead to the present, Jackie is an esteemed crime lord, has a beautiful wife, a lovely daughter, unlimited money and resources and all he's ever wanted. Even when he's in control, the diabolical creature that consumes him, the Darkness, haunts our main character. With a mind of its own, the Darkness does one thing and one thing only...it destroys. This is a fact that his wife hates and eventually gives him an ultimatum, the Darkness or his family. Jackie enlists the help of someone to remove his demon, which backfires and causes a completely new set of problems for a man who just wants to keep his family together and safe. Now, he is stuck cleaning up the never-ending wake of destruction left by the creature he loathes most in the world. As if that isn't enough, he has a rival mafia faction closing in on his territory. How will Jackie's story end, you won't believe it when it happens!

The Darkness Rebirth: Volume 1 is by far one of my favorite comics from this year. It's a cavern of twists and turns most readers will not expect or see coming until it sucker punches them in the face. The art style is phenomenal and every scene leaps from the page and straight into your lap. There were many instances of me sitting in front of the computer with my jaw hanging to the floor. Yes, there will be things that will knot your stomach, and some occasions that will make you say `what the h3##'. Nevertheless, they are so worth it, and worth reading repeatedly! With the brief prologue at the beginning of the story, any reader should be able to jump right into the narrative and not feel lost or threatened by the lore of the universe. I have not played the video game so I am not certain if there are any tie-ins, but I can now say this comic has me fired up and I will be picking it up soon to see The Darkness in action! And in case you were wondering, yes it comes with extra features such as deleted scenes and diary entries from characters in the comic to fully enhance your reading experience. Rebirth Volume 1 hits all the makes from crazy supernatural powers, to terrifying and haunting storylines.

My overall recommendation, get it, read it, love it, live it!

A BOLD NEW ERA OF THE DARKNESS! Hot on the heels of The Darkness II video game release, this introductory-priced volume welcomes the new creative team of David Hine (The Darkness: Four Horsemen, The Bulletproof Coffin, Detective Comics) and Jeremy Haun (Artifacts, Detective Comics)! On the surface, Jackie Estacado has everything he ever wanted control of the Darkness, a successful career, and happy family life. Only his desire to make his life truly perfect will be his undoing. What will Jackie do when everything begins to slip away?