



Vol. 1

COLLECTED

Charismagic™



VINCE HERNANDEZ • KHARY RANDOLPH
EMILIO LOPEZ

Charisma[™]magic



Vol. 1

0

COVER A

CHARISMAGIC

VINCE HERNANDEZ KHARY RANDOLPH EMILIO LOPEZ



Vol. 1

#0

COVER B

FEATURING
The WONDERS of
HANK the MAGNIFICENT!

The Veid

CHARISMAGIC CREATED & WRITTEN BY:

VINCE HERNANDEZ

CHARACTER DESIGNS & ILLUSTRATIONS BY:

KHARY RANDOLPH

COLORS BY:

EMILIO LOPEZ

LETTERS BY:

JOSH REED



VOLUME ONE ISSUE ZERO

Charismagic Created by: Vince Hernandez

Digital Editors: FRANK MASTROMAURO, VINCE HERNANDEZ Design and Production: JOSH REED, MARK ROSLAN, PETER STEIGERWALD Lettering font designed by: DREAMER DESIGN

FOR ASPEN:

Founder: MICHAEL TURNER President: FRANK MASTROMAURO Vice President: PETER STEIGERWALD Editor in Chief: VINCE HERNANDEZ Editorial Assistant: JOSH REED
Marketing Assistant: STEPHANIE MATSON Production Assistant: CHAZ RIGGS AspenStore.com: CHRIS RUPP Director of Design and Production: MARK ROSLAN

CHARISMAGIC™ Vol. 1 Issue 0

DECEMBER 2012. DIGITAL COPY. Published by Aspen MLT, Inc., Office of Publication: 5855 Green Valley Circle, Suite. 111, Culver City, CA 90230-6965. The Aspen MLT, Inc. logo® is a registered trademark of Aspen MLT, Inc. Charismagic™ and the Charismagic logo are the trademarks of Aspen MLT, Inc. The entire contents of this book, all artwork, characters and their likenesses are © 2012 Aspen MLT, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Any similarities between names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with persons living or dead or institutions is unintended and is purely coincidental. With the exception of artwork used for review purposes, none of the contents of this book may be reprinted, reproduced or transmitted by any means or in any form without the express written consent of Aspen MLT, Inc.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT
WWW.ASPENCOMICS.COM

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT
FACEBOOK.COM/ASPENCOMICS

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT
TWITTER.COM/ASPENCOMICS

FOR MORE ASPEN COMICS GO TO
WWW.ASPENSTORE.COM

FOR THE COMICS RETAILER NEAREST YOU CALL 1800-COMICBOOK



I'D SAY IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, BUT YOU BEING HERE MEANS WE'RE SCREWED, RIGHT?

PRETTY MUCH...

THOUGHT YOUR KIND DIDN'T JOIN IN ON THE FUN, SUPANA?



IT'S NOT OUR PLACE TO INVOLVE OURSELVES.

BUT WHAT'S THE POINT OF KEEPING SCORE IF THE GAME IS OVER?

SEE, WHAT'D I TELL YOU. YOUR TYPES ARE LIKE A BAD OMEN, ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF A SHITSTORM.

MY KIND, YOU FOUL-MOUTH, IS THE REASON YOU KNOW THE SLIGHTEST BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE.



SO YOU'D BE WISE TO SHUT UP AND LISTEN TO WHAT I'M TELLING YOU IF YOU WANT TO SAVE YOURSELVES...

IT MIGHT BE THE ONLY CHANCE YOU GET.





"OUR SCRIPTURES TELL US OF A TIME AND PLACE WHEN THIS WORLD BELONGED TO US, WHEN WE COULD ROAM FREE OF PREJUDICE."

"SUPPOSEDLY, THERE WAS PEACE."

"BUT IF I'VE LEARNED ONE ABSOLUTE IN MY STUDIES OF OUR PASSAGES..."

"...IT'S THAT PEACE IS NEVER CONSTANT."

"THE PAGES REFER TO HIM AS... SAMSUM."

"HIS MAGIC WAS MORE A CURSE IN HIS YOUTH. HIS ACTIONS WERE NOT OF MALICIOUS INTENT THEN, NO, THEY WERE FOR SURVIVAL-- AT FIRST, BUT EVENTUALLY, THOSE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE IN HIS SHADOW WERE TAKEN BY HIS DARKNESS."



"WITHOUT FEASTING ON OUR KIND, ON OUR MAGIC, HE COULD NOT SUSTAIN HIS LIFE FORCE."

"BUT EVENTUALLY... HE CAME TO ENJOY IT."



"HE WAS DEEMED TOO DEADLY TO LIVE AMONGST THEM..."



"...AND IN THOSE TIMES, AS I'M SURE EVEN YOU BOTH ARE AWARE OF, A COLLECTIVE FEW RULED OVER ALL. THE DECISION WAS THEIRS."



"THE ORDER OF FIVE WERE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO IMPOSE BANISHMENT UPON HIM..."



"...TO THE VOID REALM."

"THE REALM, A PLACE EVERY ONE OF US WHO SLEEPS MAGIC HOPES TO NEVER EXPERIENCE. IT'S DESCRIBED AS MYTH IN OUR WORDS BECAUSE WE WISH IT WERE SO."

"TRAPPED WITH THE VERY WORST OF OUR KIND, IT IS A CONFINEMENT ONLY THE ORDER WOULD DREAM OF USING."



"YET, THEIR SOLUTION TURNED OUT TO BE A NIGHTMARE."

"WITH ALL THEIR INFINITE WISDOM, THE WIZARDS FAILED TO FORESEE THE INHERENT DANGER IN A BEING AS VILE AS THIS. HIS MAGIC WAS A NEW FORM OF DARKNESS, AND IT CLOUDED THEIR JUDGMENT WHEN THEY DECIDED HIS FATE."



"A BEING SUCH AS SAMSUN SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BANISHED. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXTERMINATED."

"INSTEAD, HE WAS LEFT TO HIS OWN DEVICES."



CENTURIES PASSED,
SAMSUN GREW OLDER,
STRONGER-- WISER.


EVEN MORE
SURPRISINGLY...



...HE MADE
COMPANY.


A FORMIDABLE ALLY PRESENTED ITSELF IN THE
UNLIKELIEST OF PLACES, AND FOR ONCE,
SAMSUN WAS ABLE TO RESIST THE URGE TO
SPILL THE BLOOD OF HIS OWN KIND, FOR A TIME.

HOWEVER, IT WAS
NOT FRIENDSHIP
HE SOUGHT.



IT WAS
OPPORTUNITY.

A MASTER OF CONJURATION, HIS COMPANION
POSSESSED INVALUABLE KNOWLEDGE-- HOW
TO ESCAPE THE VOID. YET, HE LACKED THE
NECESSARY POWER TO DO SO HIMSELF.



BUT WITH SAMSUN,
IT WAS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME.