

NO, I'M NOT DEAD...YET.

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Hello everyone! Yes, it is true that I am a bit tardy on this--my latest blog entry--but I am not dead. I have, however, felt very near the Reaper's deadly scythe lo these past few days. I have been struck down by a very devastating cold/flu bug and been pretty much sleeping since Thursday morning. Kind of sucks. But, I am feeling better now after watching about 8 hours of TV while just laying on the couch feeding my face. A very productive Saturday. Really sucks because we had Grandma and Grandpa set up to have Stella this weekend, too, so we could go out and catch a movie and go to our favorite restaurant...didn't happen. Well, I guess the movie and eating part kind of did...kind of.

This is, what, three blogs in a row where I'm bitching about some ache or ailment?!!! Sheesh! I'M sick of my whining, I can only imagine how disgusted YOU are with it!

So, I watched CASINO ROYALE (Finally!), BATMAN BEGINS (5th or 6th time), and read CAPTAIN AMERICA #25 today. Enjoyed all of them very much I am happy to report. I highly recommend each and every one of them...even if you're feeling well.

I am also delighted to report that I am now only a few days away from putting the final, finishing touches on my book THE LIST and then it's off to the printer so I can send review copies out and, hopefully, get some positive press going. Remember to look in the May Previews catalogue for the listing! Hey! The "listing" of "The List"...kind of cool, huh?...No, not terribly, is it? I was kind of stretching the coolness of that very slight and innocuous similarity wasn't I? sigh...I blame my illness.

ALSO! I noted in my last blog that I was close to signing a couple big deals on a couple new Graphic Novels! Well, the first deal was signed, sealed and now I'm working on the "delivery" part! I have signed on as the artist for a fantastic book written by J.D. (Johnnie) Arnold entitled "BB Wolf & The 3 L.P.s." Johnnie's a newcomer to the biz as a writer (he previously worked the other side of the counter and also owns a store now) and let me tell you...this first effort is nothing short of amazing! I'm so happy he sought me out as the artist on this project and I know it's going to be a big hit.

BB Wolf is a new twist on the old story of the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs. It's set in the 1920s and BB Wolf is a poor farmer/blues guitarist and singer. His family is being oppressed by, you guessed it, these three brothers who are some pretty mean little piggies. The story parallels a lot of our country's unfortunate history of the mistreatment of Black America in the south of that time. It's a commentary on racial prejudices and ruthless greed...all done with a wicked twist that I really dig! I'm not going to spoil too much of the story here but trust me, I get a lot of pitches sent my way, most not so good, but this is one knocked my socks off!

BB Wolf will be a 68(ish) page graphic novel done in my "ink wash" style and is tentatively slated for a 2008 release. As I get more details I will share them with you all. I promise.

That's it for now as I see the couch beckoning me once again. I am a total slug. I plan on being my usual fantastic and superhuman (one might say "Godlike") self again by the next column!

'Nuff said! Excelsior! WORD!

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