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A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

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until he became a hero.

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John Wagner has been one of the mainstays of British comics for decades. As well as guest-writing many American comic favorites, his own creations include the legendary Judge Dredd and the critically acclaimed Button Man.

Vince Locke began work in 1986 illustrating Deadworld, a zombie horror comic that soon became an underground hit. Since then his illustrative talents in comics have included The Sandman, American Freak, Batman, Witchcraft: Le Terreur and The Spectre.

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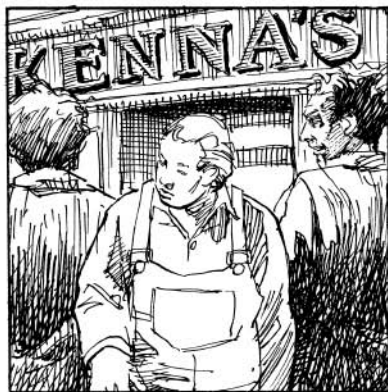
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'LONG AS YOU DON'T STICK ME AT *SHORT* AGAIN, HENRY!



CAN I BRING MY DOLLY, MR. BREWSTER?

CAN SHE PLAY *SHORTSTOP*, SWEETHEART?



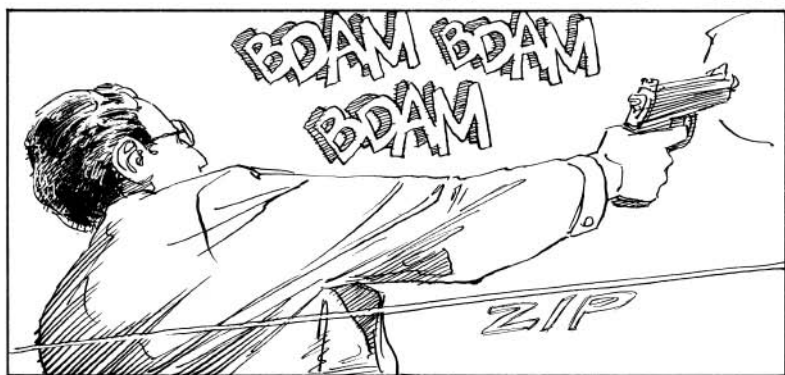


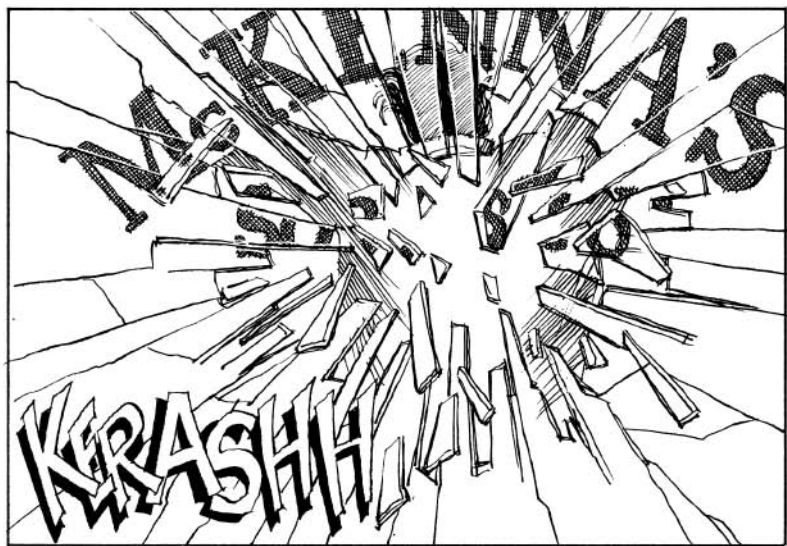














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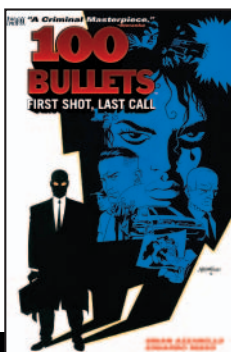
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A thriller from director David Cronenberg, *A History Of Violence* stars Viggo Mortensen (*Lord of the Rings*) as Tom, a pillar of a small town community who runs a diner and lives a happy and quiet life with his wife (Maria Bello) and two children. But their lives are forever changed when Tom thwarts an attempted robbery and is lauded as a hero by the media, attracting the attention of mobsters (William Hurt and Ed Harris) who believe he is someone else.

This special edition comic book contains excerpts from *A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE* – the graphic novel by John Wagner and Vince Locke, on which the movie is based.

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