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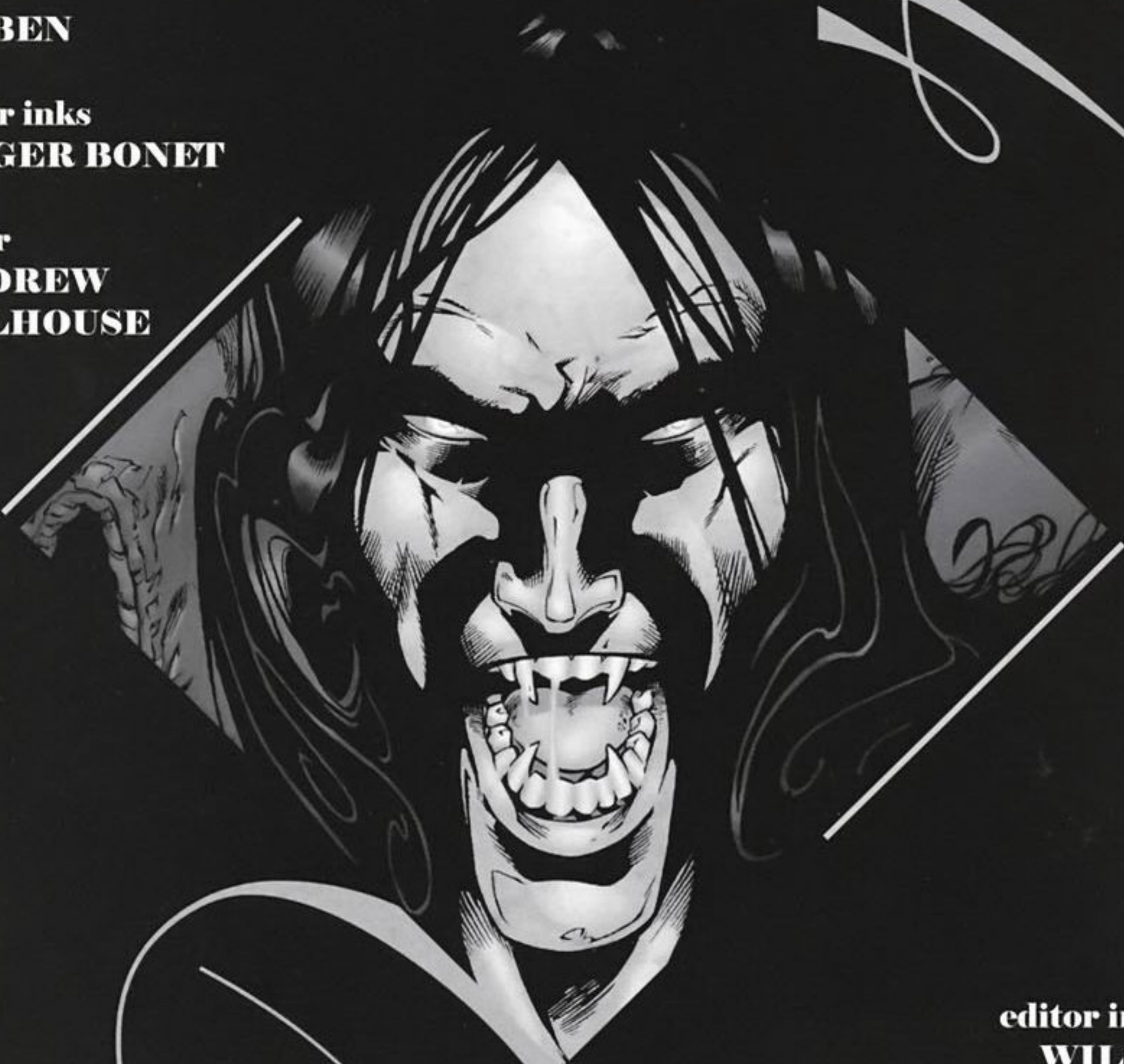
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NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR GEORGE R.R. MARTIN COMES TO AVATAR TO UNLEASH HIS EPIC VAMPIRE MASTERPIECE, FEVRE DREAM, AS A FULL-COLOR COMIC BOOK SERIES! THE STORY IS SET ON THE RIVERBOATS OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN 1857 AND THE DEEP SOUTH OF THE USA AS SMALL GROUPS OF VAMPIRES QUIETLY ESTABLISH COMFORTABLE LIVES FOR THEMSELVES INSIDE SOCIETY. BUT THEY WILL NEVER VIEW HUMANS AS MORE THAN FOOD. ONE VAMPIRE HAS FOUND A WAY FOR HUMANS AND VAMPIRES TO CO-EXIST, THEIR THIRST UNDER CONTROL. HIS MISSION PUTS HIM ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH OTHERS IN HIS RACE THAT HAVE NO NEED FOR SUCH FRIVOLITY, ALL SET AGAINST A RICH BACKGROUND OF THE TIME PERIOD AND THE WORLD OF THE RIVER.

HOME.

IT GOT A NAME, MASSA?

THE PLANTATION? USED TO HAVE. WHEN OLD MAN GAROUX WAS STILL ALIVE, THEY CALLED IT SOMETHING.

NO ONE'S MADE UP A NAME OR IT SINCE THEN, THOUGH. NOW GET AROUND BACK. YOUR KIND DON'T GO IN THE FRONT.

ALL RIGHT. GET THEM CLOTHES OFF. I'LL GET YOU SOME WATER HEATED UP SO YOU CAN WASH THE FILTH OFF YOU.

JULIAN'S GOING TO WANT YOU PRETTY.

WHEN YOU'RE DONE, PUT THIS ON.

I CAN'T WEAR NOTHIN' LIKE THAT. THAT'S A WHITE LADY'S DRESS.

YOU'LL DO AS YOU'RE GOD DAMN TOLD. I GOT TO GO REPORT IN.



MISTER JULIAN?



WELL?



THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED. BUT YOU'LL LIKE HER. NICE AND TENDER. AND BEAUTIFUL. REAL BEAUTIFUL.



THE OTHERS WILL BE HERE SOON. ALAIN AND JEAN HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED. THE THIRST IS ON THEM.

IDIOTS.

THERE WAS SOME TROUBLE, SIR.

THERE WAS A CREOLE NAME OF MONTREUIL WHO WAS BIDDIN' ON HER TOO. I THINK HE MIGHT HAVE GOT CURIOUS.

I SEE. TELL ME ABOUT HIM.

NOT MUCH TO TELL, REALLY. HE'S A GAMBLER. HARD MAN, AND STRONG. PRETTY, THEY WAY THEM CREOLES ARE.

I WAS THINKIN' MAYBE I OUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM. Y'KNOW?



NO. I'LL SEE TO HIM.



YOU PREPARE THE GIRL NOW.



WHEN SHE'S READY, BRING HER TO THE BALLROOM.





EXQUISITE.



I... I JUST...

SHUT UP!
YOU TALK
WHEN MR.
JULIAN TELLS
YOU TO!



A WOMAN
AS LOVELY AS
YOURSELF MAY
HAVE A GREAT
FUTURE, YOU KNOW.
YES. YES, YOU
MUST KNOW.

KEPT, PERHAPS,
AS A MISTRESS BY
ONE OF THOSE CREOLE
DANDIES. A HOUSE OF YOUR
OWN ON RAMPARTS STREET.
YOU COULD ATTEND THE
QUADROON BALLS-- YOU
WOULD BE VERY MUCH
ADMIRED THERE.

DAUGHTERS
WITH SKIN EVEN
LIGHTER THAN
YOUR OWN.

ONE DAY,
PERHAPS, YOUR
LOVER WOULD
MARRY AND GIVE
YOU YOUR
FREEDOM.

DON'T BE
ASHAMED OF
THEM, MY DEAR.
THEY ARE
BEAUTIFUL
DREAMS.

AND WE TRULY
APPRECIATE
BEAUTY.





NOW THEN.
IS THERE ANYTHING I'VE FORGOTTEN?



DAMON!
PLEASE!



YOU INTERRUPTED ME, JEAN. YOUR THIRST DROVE YOU TO FORGET YOUR PLACE.
THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.



NO, BLOODMASTER. I'M...
I WILL REMEMBER MY PLACE. FORGIVE ME.



VERY WELL, JEAN. YOU MAY HAVE WHAT'S LEFT.

BILLY, COME WITH ME.



WHEN HE'S FINISHED, CLEAN THE MESS.

AIN'T NOTHING LIKE THIS EVER BEEN SEEN ON THE RIVER.

I'M HERE TO TELL YOU SHE'S A THING OF BEAUTY.



NEW ALBANY

JUNE 1857

I HAVE TO SAY, ABNER, I HAD NOT EXPECTED IT TO BE SO NEARLY FINISHED.

HER.

PARDON ME?

NO OFFENSE, JOSHUA. BUT YOU NEVER EXPECTED HER TO BE NEAR FINISHED. SHE AIN'T NO IT.



IS THIS HER THEN?

THIS LITTLE THING? HELL NO! YOU DON'T THINK I'D PUT A STERN WHEEL ON OUR BOAT DO YA?

<THIS IS THE UGLIEST MAN I'VE EVER SEEN.>

<BUT HE'S BIG ENOUGH TO FEED A DOZEN.>



WHAT'D YOUR FRIENDS SAY?

NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE. COME, ABNER. TAKE ME TO OUR BOAT.

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