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**The Black Coat: "A Call to Arms" # 1 now available free online**

Ape Entertainment places the sold out first issue online and releases an 8-page preview for the upcoming second series

The first issue of the Black Coat's second mini series, "*...or give me death.*", will be in stores this May. To give readers an idea of what to expect from the follow up to last year's critically-acclaimed "*A Call to Arms*", Ape Entertainment has released a preview of the first 8 pages.

To help promote the new series, Ape has also placed the entire sold-out first issue of "*A Call to Arms*" online for free. "Lots of readers missed out on a chance to read The Black Coat's debut issue because it sold out," said series co-creator and writer Ben Lichius. "This is a great chance for readers to see what they've missed, or if they are curious about the next series, get a free taste of what The Black Coat is all about before they jump on board."

*The Black Coat: "...or give me death."* issue 1 is now available for preorder with the following solicitation:

April, 1775. The two greatest mysteries in New York City are: "Who is the masked super-spy known as The Black Coat?" and "Is he *dead* or *alive*?" Find out for yourself in the follow up to the pulp-inspired, action-packed first series that Chuck Dixon calls "...an awesome book. ...My kind of comics!"

Francesco Francavilla, co-creator of the series, will be illustrating the books and he promises readers are going to love what they see. "I got lots of love and great feedback on the first mini," says Francavilla, "and I used all the feedback to make the art for the new series even better, and you can see it..."

The Black Coat's creative team would also like to announce the winners of their "be-in-the-book" contest held earlier this year. "It was a great success and we had lots of applicants," explains Lichius.

Four runners-up will receive signed copies of the "*A Call to Arms*" trade paperback. They are Havard Todal Steinstad, Andy Jewett, Jacob White, and Matt Spatola. John DaCosta of Charlotte, NC was chosen as the Grand Prize winner and will appear as a character in the new series

"I want to thank everyone that participated," said Lichius. "We really enjoy involving the readers as much as possible, so I'm sure we'll do this again at some point."

Issue 1 of "*A Call to Arms*" in its entirety, along with the 8-page preview of "*...or give me death.*" can be viewed by following this link to the Black Coat's ComicSpace site: [http://www.comicspace.com/the\\_black\\_coat/comics.php](http://www.comicspace.com/the_black_coat/comics.php)

Issue 1 of "*...or give me death.*" is in the March issue of Previews (order code **MAR073136**) along with a resolicit of the "*A Call to Arms*" trade paperback (order code **MAR073137**).

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