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DOUBLE DRAGON





**THEIR
PATTERNS**

— AS WELL AS THOSE OF
THEIR ENEMY, ANYHOW.

ONCE STAN'S CLOSEST FRIEND, THE MAN KNOWN AS SHINYDOW WAS TRANSFORMED BY THE DARK SIDE OF THE DRAGON'S HEART INTO THE AVATAR OF CHAOS.

NOW, HAVING LURED HIS FORMER RIVAL BACK TO OLIVONDALE, NIGHTFALL STEPS UP HIS ATTACK UPON OUR HEROES.

FIRST BY DESTROYING
THEIR HEADQUARTERS

AND THEN BY APPEARING
TO THE PRISONERS VIA
TELEVISION...

ORDINARILY, THE DRAGONS WOULD ACT UPON THIS KNOWLEDGE.

UNCOVERING THE SOUL
OF THEIR MOTHER
ABANDONED, HELP CHATVING
TO THESE MANY YEARS

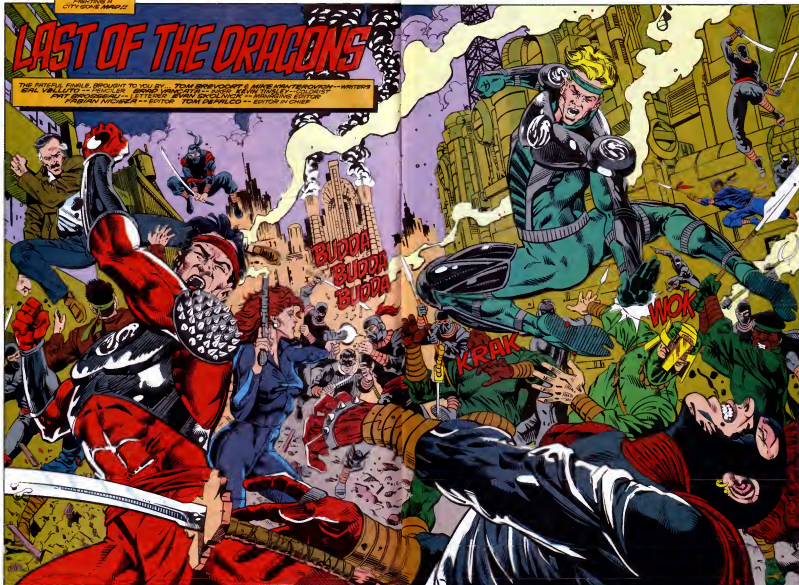
BUT AT THE
ACQUAINT, THEY'RE
NOTHING BUT...

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FIGHTING IN
CITY-GOING WARPLZ

LAST OF THE DRAGONS

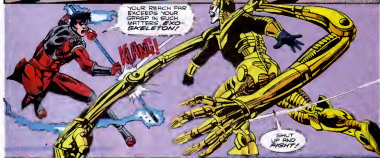
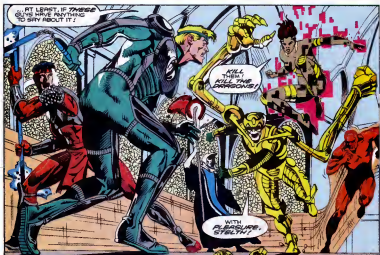
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WE CAN PROCEED NO FURTHER OUR WAY IS BARRED

HERE LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND WITH THAT!

COUNT OF THREE... ONLY TWO... TWO...



"...THREE!"

IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE SOME UNINVITED--IF NOT UNEXPECTED--GUESTS.

WELCOME DRAGONS.

HOW NICE THAT YOU COULD ATTEND MY IMPROMPTU CORRUPTION AS LORD AND ARCHDUCHESS OF OLIGOPOLIS!

STUFF IT, JEERK!

KRASH



SURRENDER YOUR GRIP UPON THIS CITY, NIGHT-FALL--AND UPON THE SOUL OF OUR MOTHER--OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

CONSEQUENCES?

SEE MY DEAR, HOW YOUR UNGRATEFUL WHELPS ABUSE MY HOSPITALITY!

I BELIEVE A LESSON IS CALLED FOR. A LESSON...

IN CONSEQUENCES!



WE'LL SEE WHO GETS TO PLAY TEACHER NIGHTFALL! I'VE GOT A FEW LESSON PLANS ON MY OWN!

LET'S START WITH WIG CHUCKS 101!



FOOL!

YOU BELIEVE THAT THE DRAGON FORCE MAKES YOU INVINCIBLE?

THE POWERS I WIELD ARE FAR MORE ANCIENT...



...AND DEADLY!

I AM THE HEART OF DARKNESS ITSELF!!



UHH!

YOUR PATHETIC ENERGIES ARE NO MATCH FOR THE BROW FORCES WHICH EMPOWER ME!



PERHAPS NOT...

YET, SINCE THE TIME OF YAN LAHNT HAS ALWAYS BANISHED DARKNESS...

AND WHO IS TO SAY WHAT EFFECT THESE DAZZLE STARS WILL HAVE ON YOU?







YOU STOOD
NOT A CHANCE!
SOME OF MY
ENEMY...

FOR LONG
BEFORE YOU REAPED
THE DRAGON'S HEART.
THE POWER I, EM-
BODY HELD AWAY
FOR UNTOLED
MILLINIA!

YOU CANNOT
OVERCOME IT, FOR
ITS SEEDS LIE WITHIN
YOU. AS THEY LIE
WITHIN ALL MEN, I AM
YOUR TRANSCENDED
WHILE YOU ARE BUT
A POOR MARRAGE
TWIXT ~~WIND~~ AND
WIND!

THE
DRAGON LINE
SHALL LEAD
THIS NIGHT...

AND I
FEAR UPON
ITS LIVING
HEART!

JIM--

--REVEN-
REAR--SENSE!
SAY--NEVER
GIVE IN TO
DESPAIR!

AND THAT
IF WE FIGHT
AS ONE, OUR
VICTORY IS
ASSURED!

"T-TOGETHER?"

"YES."

"TOGETHER..."











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As some of you may already know, this is the final issue of the **DOUBLE DRAGON** Limited Series. We'd like to thank everyone who wrote in and supported us during our short run. Now, if you'd like to see more of Jimmy and Billy Lee in the future, drop us a line and let the powers that be know how you feel!

Before we cruise on outta here, let's reach into the ol' mailbox and see what you readers had to say about our first few issues.

Dear Dragons:
DOUBLE DRAGON #1 was so good, I exploded.

Scott Braden
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Well, while Fabien cleans up what's left of Scott, let's move on to letter number two...

Dear Editor:
I hate video games to no end. I guess video games and equipment in the home are okay, but I wouldn't waste my money on the stuff.

However, **DOUBLE DRAGON** #1 impressed me a lot! The artistic team of Tom Raney and Brad Vancata was sheer dynamite! I loved their attention to details, and the way they choreographed the fight sequences. Their renditions of the Dragons' costumes was mouthwatering. I've re-read the issue several times, and I still can't decide which is my favorite page anyway, because all 31 pages were so good! I hope they'll be the artistic team on **DOUBLE DRAGON** for a while. It'd be a shame to lose them.

Good writers are hard to find these days, especially in comics. But even harder to find is a scripter who can make you believe that it's the screenplay to a big budget film you're reading, rather than a comic book. Dwayne McDuffie is such a writer. Throughout my reading of "Enter the Double Dragon", I kept imagining such actors as Dennis Quaid, Steven Seagal, Sylvester Stallone and even Arnold Schwarzenegger portraying William and James Lee on the big silver screen, and it was Dwayne's skill as a writer supreme that made such a feat possible! To the reader, **DOUBLE DRAGON** #1 was an extraordinarily vivid vision of the world's future. Dwayne has done his homework well, and he knows how to write excellent comic book stories. I suspect McDuffie's is a voice well be hearing more of in the future. Right now, he's the most exciting writer in comics since Mickey Spillane left

the field in the late 40's. I can't wait to read #2!

DOUBLE DRAGON #1 is the only good thing to come out of video games since they were invented. This is one aspect of the video game craze that I don't mind letting go of my hard-earned money for!

Hector Reible
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Well, Hector, while **DOUBLE DRAGON** is history for the time being, you can still find the work of "the most exciting writer in comics" every month in **DEATHLOCK**! Check it out—it's well worth your hard-earned money, too!

Dear Dragons:
Forget the limited series notion, make this an ongoing title!

The story is good, but the art is the best there is! Keep Jarvinen, Butler and Vancata charged to their desks. They are a major find. What have they done before this?

I haven't been this excited since Logan got his own book!

Ken Shapiro
(Address Withheld by Request)

Both Kirk Jarvinen and Stephen Butler are somewhat new to the industry, Ken, but if you liked what you saw here, then you might want to consider checking out Kirk's artwork on the upcoming **NOMAD** series, while Stephen can be found drawing issues of **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN**.

Dear Double Dragon staff:
I have to admit a comic based on a video game is the last thing I thought would interest me, but it did. I think the idea of changing artists each issue is great, but either Raney or the Jarvinen/Butler team would be great to settle down with. Arthur Adams' cover was great, and I hope to see other famous artists doing covers in the future.

I haven't seen one yet, but I hope there is a letters page in the future. Maybe you've been reluctant because you haven't found a title for the page. How about *The Dragon's Lair* or *Dragon Tales*?

Stephen Schwartz
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As you can see, Stephen, we now have a letters page title (subject for only one issue...). Glad you liked Raney's and Jarvinen's work, but what did you think

of starting *Sai Yelluta*, who penciled our last two issues?

Dear Double Dragon writers:
I am a big fan of your new book, **DOUBLE DRAGON**. I love the art, and the plots are great!

I was very sad to see Sensei leave the book. Billy has great potential, but he must take his fights a little more seriously. Jimmy is my favorite character. However, I think that he is too nervous, and could benefit from using a wider range of kicks (including Billy's favorite, the jump kick.)

I have just finished reading issue #3 and I just had to write back to comment. I was crushed to find out that Billy used blinding dazzle-stares against Jimmy. I was positive that Jimmy would win his fight against Billy, and I don't think that Billy fought a fair fight. I hope to see Billy and Jimmy fight again, even if it is only while they are practicing, because I'm sure that Jimmy is the better warrior.

In closing, I'd like to say that I really enjoy **DOUBLE DRAGON**, and I hope it continues for a long time to come.

Brandon Jeffries
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Opinion was widely split regarding the Billy vs. Jimmy bout, so our next letter-writer will attest...

Dear People at Marvel Who Do **DOUBLE DRAGON**:

Hi! I don't know how to begin a good letter, so I'll just start with something positive. The art's great, except when there are close-ups of Billy.

By the way, I'm glad Billy won the battle of the brothers. I'm sick and tired of the stupid ol' cliché of, "Only by constant practice can we hone our abilities to the razor's edge." If Jimmy would have won, I would have puked all over the comic!

Now, one final request: Keep Sensei dead. I mean, if a guy's dead, he's dead. There's been too much resurrection and in the **X-MEN**.

So, until Marven gives up the Dragons and falls for Eco-Skeleton, make mine Marvel!

David Humphrey
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There's not much chance of Sensei coming back in the near future, David. In fact, there's not much chance of ANY of the cast returning unless reader support is overwhelming! Cast your vote for **DOUBLE DRAGON** today!