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Adventure Strip Digest Now Available to Retailers!

Encouraged by the growing popularity of the series and the support of fans, WCG Comics announced that Adventure Strip Digest starring Rob Hanes is now available to retailers through distributors as a full-sized comic-book. Until now, this award-winning small press series has been available only in digest format through the mail.

"Over the past two years, I've had time to improve the series and cultivate a devoted following for the series, so I thought this was a good time to make the book available to a larger audience," said Rob Hanes creator Randy Reynaldo.

The series, which features the globe-trotting exploits of Rob Hanes, a private investigator from Justice International who also does freelance work for U.S. intelligence, is a modern-day update of the classic adventure comics of the 1930s and '40s, such as Terry and the Pirates, Buz Sawyer, and The Spirit. Described by some reviewers as a "grown-up Jonny Quest," the art and stories of Adventure Strip Digest have been often compared to the work of Milton Caniff and Alex Toth. The series has swept numerous small press award competitions over the past several years and has received an excellent response in the small press area of the San Diego Comicon in

the last two years. The series counts among its fans many industry pros and has received positive reviews from Factsheet Five and CBG columnists Tony Isabella, T.M.W. Grove and the late Don Thompson.

Five issues of the small press series, which had an extremely limited print run, have been published to date, but the new comic-book title has been re-numbered beginning with issue #1 for the direct-sales market. Two of the stories which appeared in the small press version of the book will be published in the first two issues of the comic-book title to ensure continuity for readers. The stories will consist of full-colored glossy covers created especially for the new series, however, and new text pages and other features.

In the first story, entitled "The Princess," Rob is kidnapped by a real-life princess working for Middle East terrorists and attempts to escape before government troops led by the powerful General Amra captures him with the rebels!

The first issue of Adventure Strip Digest (36 pages plus cover) will be shipped to comic-book stores in September with a cover price of \$2. It is currently scheduled to appear three times a year and will contain full-length self-contained stories.

Note: Enclosed with this news release is the cover art for ADVENTURE STRIP DIGEST #1. Artwork © 1994 by Randy Reynaldo.