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Motor Crush Volume 1



Synopsis

The team behind the critically-acclaimed revamp of Batgirl returns with an exciting sci-fi action-adventure series! By day, Domino Swift competes for fame & fortune in a worldwide motorcycle racing league. By night, she cracks heads of rival gangs in brutal bike wars to gain possession of a rare, valuable contraband: an engine-boosting â œmachine narcoticâ • known as Crush. Collects issues 1 through 5.

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Awesome start I'm already hooked and can't wait for the next release!

i think i found a new favorite comic

Love this! I can't wait for more! The art is incredible!

Loved it! I can't wait for the next volume.

Amazing story and artwork!

Come for the creative team and stay for the flawless story, art, and FEELS that you'll have after Motor Crush Vol. 1. I am a big time fan of this creative team, having read Batgirl start to finish (and

not continuing after they left...It is NOT the same). This team is known for stretching the boundaries within the traditional comic world, something those of us who are not male or not white (or, heaven forbid, both - yay for a WOC lead who likes girls!) desperately yearn for. Motor Crush is set in a sci-fi futuristic world where technology is a regular part of your life...and by regular I mean in your face. Little video balls follow the racers around, capturing their lives off the track. Kind of creepy-annoying - a feeling our main character makes well known. Speaking of main character, Domino is on her way to being the world's greatest. She is kicking ass and taking names - and will constantly have you on the edge of your seat. She has a bit of a chip on her shoulder, which is easily eroded as you see her interact with the people she cares for. She also has a couple of bad habits that keep readers on the edge of their seat. See, there's Crush, the highly valued (but mysterious) substance that helps boost riders past the finish line. Domino is on a mission to collect it...For more than what's on the surface. This book can be dark and twisty, which is portrayed through Babs Tarr's choice of colors. This race to find Crush becomes a central plot point, where fast cars, cute girls (helllooo Lola), and Domino's recently uncovered past play a role. We are left with a huge cliffhanger at the end of issue 5 - and a long wait till issue 6!

Motor Crush is a kinetic East-Meets-West fusion of anime/manga and superhero comics: influences from Initial D and Speed Racer combine with DC/Marvel sensibilities to create an urban fantasy about fast bikes and beautiful women. If it all feels a bit shallow, don't worry. It's too much fun to put down and the characters are genuinely likable. Story: Domino Swift races bikes during the day for her father's shop and at night engages in dangerous no-holds-barred street races. But things are about to turn on their head as a sequence of events leaves her without the medicine she needs to survive. With the help of her ex-girlfriend and mechanic Lola, Domino is going to take on the underworld to take back what was stolen from her. While reading this title, I couldn't help but be reminded of all the things I loved in Speed Racer - the seminal 1970s anime that was also rebooted in 2008 by the Wachowskis. Pops' garage is there as well as his upstanding and uptight citizenship; Ace mechanic and girlfriend Trixie are rolled into one to become a Jessica Rabbit type ex girlfriend, there are spiffy bikes instead of cars, a mysterious helmeted Racer X character (whose identity we can guess if the parallels hold true); we're only missing the silly sidekicks (for which we can be thankful). The homage isn't a terrible one and certainly I enjoy seeing this Western version of a well-loved Japanese classic. But Motor Crush is the product of DC authors - in this case, the team responsible for the Batgirl reboot in the new 52. What this means is that we also get a somewhat shallower story, a bit more earnestness in the characters, and a wonderfully non-standard heroine

who can look mature (not anime underage) while she chews gum and takes names. Of course, Japanese sleek is traded for Western physique brawniness and Japanese big eyes are replaced with Western large chests, bare midriffs, huge lips. The story starts very normal and then goes to very interesting places, giving us a mystery that we want to follow. The writing is excellent and I appreciated the supernatural/sci fi elements that began to make their presence known by the end. Anyone who has seen the highly underrated "Adventures of Brisco County Junior" should appreciate what is being done here with Motor Crush. The illustration work is highly stylized and no one is going to believe that a) Domino can do all the things she does and b) Lola is an ace mechanic. But that's OK - it's the DC thing that we believe a man can fly and an anime thing of suspension of disbelief where we get anime like Midori Days (a girlfriend replaces a guy's right hand, no problem). Pink is at the heart of everything here for Domino: from the 'pink goo' she has to ingest to survive to the very pink haired love interest/ex girlfriend. One has to appreciate when colorists know to draw parallels subtly about the two most important things in Domino's life. In all, I enjoyed Motor Crush. The team did a great job of making a title that is neither East nor West while also modernizing its homages. Reviewed from an advance reader copy provided by the publisher.

As close to perfect as a comic can get. The storytelling is heartfelt and dynamic. The setting is straight out of a top drawer video game, the bike porn is exquisite, the bike culture is as on point as the bike porn, the characters are well-rounded and exciting and fun and sexy and deep enough to make you really care what happens to them. The artwork is superb, everything from races to racers rendered with joy, bounce, endless cool, mad sex appeal. A little indie, a little manga, a touch of fancy art Euro, the utterly fantastic costumes one should expect from a creative team that cut their teeth in the superhero comics ring for years. Even the little things like colors, lettering, logo design, it all sings. Motor Crush is out there, wheels on the ground and head in the stars, family foibles and girlfriend drama as well as sci-fi drugs and mystery men. Did I say it does it all? It does. Top to bottom, the work is 10/10 and the result is a comic book not to be missed. What are you waiting for?

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