





that's the magic number... yes it is, it's the magic number. Somewhere in this street art soul community, was born 3 Cheba, Lokey and me. And that's the magic number!

What does it all mean? Well I'll tell you. We're back again for our eagerly awaited 3rd installment of the internationally renowned 'Weapon of Choice' magazine. Bringing you the best in graffiti, street art and photography from around the globe. With interviews, features and competitions to keep you begging for more. If you're reading this in print then remember to get online and download an extended version of the mag. And you don't have to guess, Weapon of Choice posse consists of three, and that's the magic number.

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Send Artwork, Listings, Photos, Reviews, Knickers to:

info@weaponofchoicegallery.co.uk or vist the Gallery on 14 St Michael's Hill, Bristol BS2 8DT. Closed Mondays. 11-6pm All other days except 12-4pm Sunday, 11-7pm Thursday.

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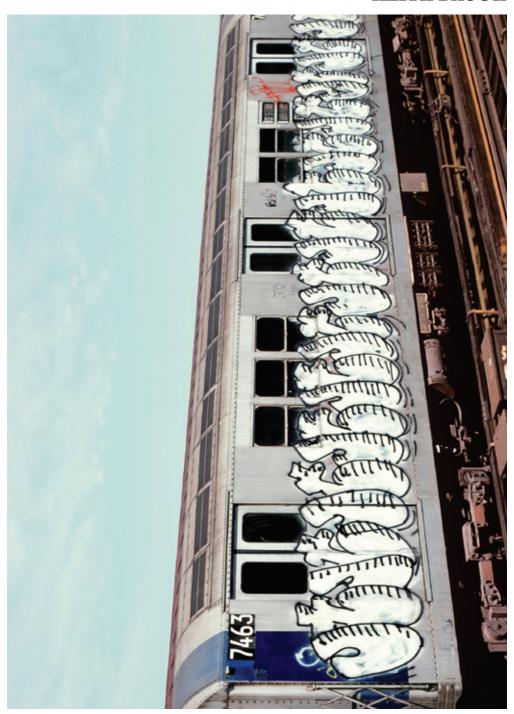


EARLY NEW YORK SUBWAY GRAFFITI 1973-1975





KEITH BAUGH





THE GOODS







'STAPLE' 400% BE@RBRICK

Medicom Toys and clothing label giant 'Staple Design' has teamed up once again to create this new limited edition 400% Be@rbrick. The two brands collaborated on previous versions of the Be@rbrick including a metallic silver release that has become extremely sought after. The new 400% release measures 10 inches, comes with its own custom box and features a natural coloured body and various shipping stickers and 'Staple' tape across his eyes. Limited to only 300 pieces Worldwide. Available for £50 from Weapon of Choice

NEW CHEBAT-SHIRT DESIGN

It's here! It's the new long awaited T-shirt design from WOC's very own designer 'Cheba'. This is the first of a few limited designs to be released this year, all will be released in limited numbers at various points over 2010. Also look out for Cheba's first solo show in 6 years coming to a gallery near you soon..! So make sure you have signed up to the WOC newsletter so you can be the first to know.

PUMA DALLAS RE-RELEASE

The PUMA Dallas makes a triumphant return in 2010 with this luxurious blue suede version, complete with a silver Formstripe, OG silver foil PUMA decal and a textured out sole for ultra grip. The Dallas is set to be released in mid March and will be available exclusively at 'Hanon' and 'Size?' ONLY..! So you best start queuing now if you want these because when they drop they won't be around for long. I've got mine, so you best get yours!



EXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP

If you've not heard about this film then you must live in a cave, sleep on a rock and eat bugs..! Banksy has yet again whipped the world into a mass frenzy over his new film 'Exit Through the Gift Shop' It Tells the story of a crazy French man Thierry Guetta and his obsession with filming everything..!! And his quest to film 'Banksy' for a documentary on street art. When they finally meet, 'Banksy' turns the camera back on him! 'Exit Through the Gift Shop' went on general release on March 5th at selected cinemas everywhere.



EARLY NY SUBWAY GRAFFITI 1973-1975

In the early 1970s English painter and photographer Keith Baugh visited the USA and captured some astounding images of New York subway graffiti from the elevated tracks in Harlem and the South Bronx. From what is now recognized as the 'Golden Era' of graffiti writing, never before seen photos include Graffiti greats like PHASE2, TRACY 168, RIFF 170 BLADE & many more published in this long awaited hard-back book. Available at Weapon of Choice RRP £25.95



STUSSY X 'HAZE' S/S 2010 CAPSULE COLLECTION

The main man Eric 'Haze' is back in a BIG way for 2010, with his huge new Spring/Summer capsule collection for the worldwide street wear legends 'Stussy'. The collection features a good selection of garments, including tees, polo shirts, hats, a button-down and hoodies. Each piece include Haze's signature patterns and designs. And there is also a special set of sneakers created by PRO-Keds! Selected items are available from 'Cooshti' Bristol, but hurry it's not going to stick around for long

HEAVY QUILLY





Hello Lorenzo! For those who don't know who you are.. Can you tell us little about yourself, you must have been doing this for some years now...?

I've been working as a professional comic artist for the past four years or so, almost exclusively working on titles created with my brother, writer Robin Etherington, although I've also worked on franchised properties from time to time. I see comic books as a fantastic platform for creators who have unbridled imaginations and control freak tendencies. It's like writing a movie where you call all the shots, the actors all turn up on time and the only budget restriction is the time you're willing to put into the page. The imagery and graphic techniques of the comic artist are so closely related to those of the street artist, I don't see much difference between the page and the Wall.

Where do you live and work?

I live and work up in Redland, I have a studio in my apartment, which makes my commute to

work 15 seconds in good traffic.

Can you tell us a bit about your comic work?

It all started with a little tale called Malcolm Magic, a small indie series that my bro and I started when we were both still in the grind of part time office jobs. The series went on to become a modest success, and eventually became a 320 page graphic novel. This led to interest from publishers and we were both able to give the finger to the office jobs and go pro. From there we created Monkey Nuts. (which ran in the Guardian Newspaper for a time), the first collected volume is being released in September by Random House. We have a new series called Baggage dropping in spring 2011 also from Random House, and another series under development, though that'll be something a little different.

Did you go to art school?

Yes, I studied Fine Art Sculpture at the awesome Falmouth School of Arts, deep down



LORENZO! INTERVIEW

in Cornwall.

What are your major influences?

British comics of the 1930's, Gorillaz, Uderzo, Hardboiled Detective novels, Edd Cartier, Jack Cole. Eisner, etc etc.

You had some involvements with some of Dreamwork's animated movies, what was your role there?

I worked for about a year with Dreamworks developing their movie properties into comic book stories. Predominantly I worked on Madagascar, as it was their lead franchise at the time, but towards the end I also began working on a Kung Fu Panda series with my bro, who by then was writing for them as well. When we signed contracts on Monkey Nuts, I had to stop working for DW due to time constraints, but I learnt SO MUCH in that year! Those guys know what they're doing!

You recently kicked London's ass at a Secret Wars battle with Mr Andy Council, how was that?

It was very cool to be up drawing with those guys, the London boys had some proper skills, I was very impressed! And Andy of course is a legend!

What's the process in creating your work? Do you prefer digital to craft?

It all depends, I tend to do my comic coloring in the computer because it's very fast, though all the other stages of production are done by hand with pen and ink at the drawing board, just like they used to way back when. My paintings are done freehand using markers, acrylic, gouache and ink.

Have you done any sculpture?

Yes, I studied sculpture at art school, and when I graduated I concentrated on furniture design for a couple of years. I really want to get back into 3D at some point, perhaps doing sculpts of my characters for vinyls etc. I'm often getting approached to do interesting projects, so you never know!

Favorite living artist?

My bro, the man's the greatest writer and I'm honored to work with him every day.

Favorite deceased artist?

Edd Cartier, an obscure old 40's pulp illustrator, the most beautiful line style I've ever seen.

Do you have any favored albums you especially listen to when creating your work?

I actually listen to a lot of 40's hard boiled detective stories most of the time, but when my bro's in the studio too we listen to a lot of different stuff. At the moment it's Husky Rescue, Von Iver, Miss Li, The Juan Maclean, and there's always room for RATM of course.

Any exciting projects coming up?

Baggage, our next book is in the middle of production, so my head's all full of that at the moment, but I also have a 600 page sketchbook of my work dropping at the Bristol comic convention in May.

What advice would you give someone wanting to make a career from their work?

Don't try and make work based on what you think will be popular. Do it for yourself and what you care about first and foremost. The passion and energy you'll put into something like that will be a lot more infectious than a copycat project, and publishers are much more likely to buy into something genuinely original. Oh, and make sure you create at least one new thing each day, no matter how small.

Thanks Lorenzo! Any last words?

No, just a thank to you guys for having me in the gallery! Cheers!

Catch Lorenzo's 'One Man Army' show starting on Friday 26th March 6-10pm. Running until Sunday 25th April at Weapon of Choice Gallery, 14 St Michael's hill, Bristol, BS2 8DT. PIERCED UP

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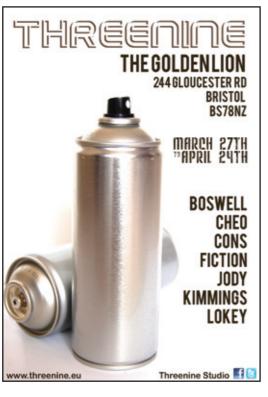














EXHIBITION LISTINGS

- ★ Weapon of Choice event
- * Recomended

March - April Bristol Wild Dayz. Tuesdays-Sundays 10am-6pm. Picture Space, the new exhibition space at the Pierian Centre, hosts an exhibition of 22 of Beezer's finest photographs of the early 80s Bristol music scene. The Wild Bunch, Dug Out, Carnival and the characters & energy that turned into Massive Attack! The Pierian Centre, 27 Portland Square, St Paul's, Bristol BS2 8SA

6th March - 15th April The Art of Democracy. Artists include: D*Frost, Jef Row, Alison Black, Beezer, Lisa Furness, Ben Dearnley, Seyed Edalapour. The Bristol Gallery, Harbourside, Bristol BS1 5TY,

* 19th March - April 11th.
'START' New arts space above
Start the Bus. The Tease Made
exhibition brings together the
talents of Chris Dickason and
Peskimo to celebrate the social
rituals and biscuit dunking
goodness of enjoying a cup of
tea. Drawing influence from mid
century aesthetic, cartoons,
comics and the oddities of
everyday life, you can expect
prints, paintings, doodles and
three-dimensional surprises.

Opening preview 19th March 6-9pm. Start, Baldwin Street Bristol BS1 1RU

20th – 25th March Two sides of the coin. Exhibition focussing on highlighting the battle of the commercial compromises made for a young illustrator starting out in her professional field. Alongside she will be showing images exploring her more individual personal style and development. Centrespace Gallery 6 Leonard Ln. Bristol BS1

★ 26th March - 25th April. One Man Army, a solo show from comic book artist 'LORENZO!' Featuring a series of graphic portraits of individuals who fall comfortably into the category of "best left alone" this cast of miscreants are a visual snapshot of Dark Pop for the post-Gorillaz generation. Alongside the seven big new paintings are a series of exclusive ONE OF ONE prints, restored from the archives and splashed with all the colours in the paint box that the other kids were too scared to use. Expect robots, monkeys, robot monkeys, the undead and the soon-to-be-dead. This is Uranium at Lead prices. See page 8 for an exclusive interview with the artist. Opening preview Friday 26th March 6-10pm. Weapon of Choice Gallery, 14 St Michael's hill. Bristol. BS2 8DT.

27th March - 1st April So What. An eclectic exhibition put together by a new collective of ten former art students. Containing a wide variety of media, style and subject matter. Centrespace Gallery 6 Leonard Ln. Bristol BS1

28th March Film Night: Bigger House 7.30pm. An evening of inspiring, moving & hilarious films made by a South West collective of artists – often working with people with learning difficulties, facing various kinds of social exclusion. The Pierian Centre, 27 Portland Square, St Paul's, Bristol BS2 8SA

1st - 30th April Ordinary. Silent Hobo exhibition. The Grove, Harbourside. Bristol BS1 4RB

8th - 15th April Once viewed from afar. The demise of the English countryside is explored through contemporary photography and painting. Holman takes refuge in a fictional rural idyll, while Crew tackles her anxiety through character creation. Centrespace Gallery 6 Leonard Ln, Bristol BS1

17th - 28th April. Figure,
Form, Identity. Six Illustration
Graduates tackle the human
figure head on, in this exciting
new art show for 2010. Discover
visual narratives and cultural
identities, expressed through
paint and texture. Private View:
Fri 16 Apr, 7.30 – 10.30pm
Centrespace Gallery 6 Leonard
Ln, Bristol BS1

24th - 25th April. Montpelier Art Trail. Hamilton House & around Montpelier ffi: bristolartfringe.org

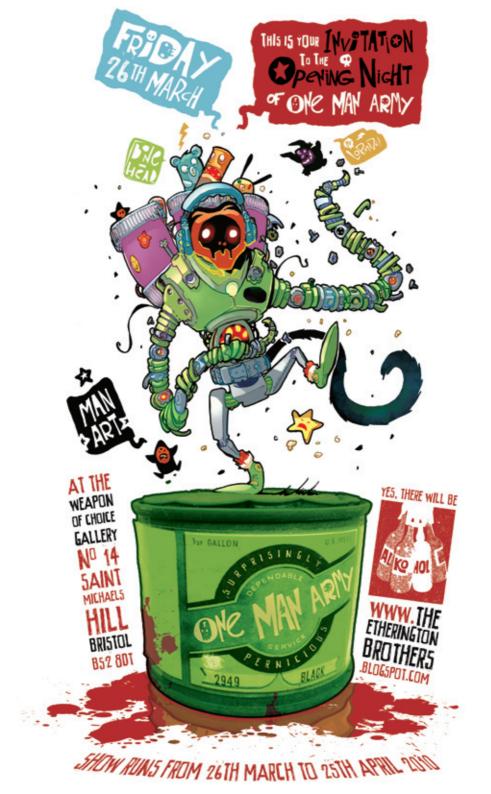
- *30th April 9th May. Keith Baugh. 'Early New York Subway Graffiti 1973-1975' Book launch and photography exhibition. See pages 4-6 for preview images from the book. Opening preview Friday 30th April 6-10pm. Weapon of Choice Gallery, 14 St Michael's hill, Bristol, BS2 8DT.
- ★ 14th May 13th June 3Dom solo show. More info coming soon... Opening preview 14th May 6-10pm. Weapon of Choice Gallery.
- * Emporium37 Gallery. 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3PY Various monthly events FFI: http://emporium37.blogspot.com/

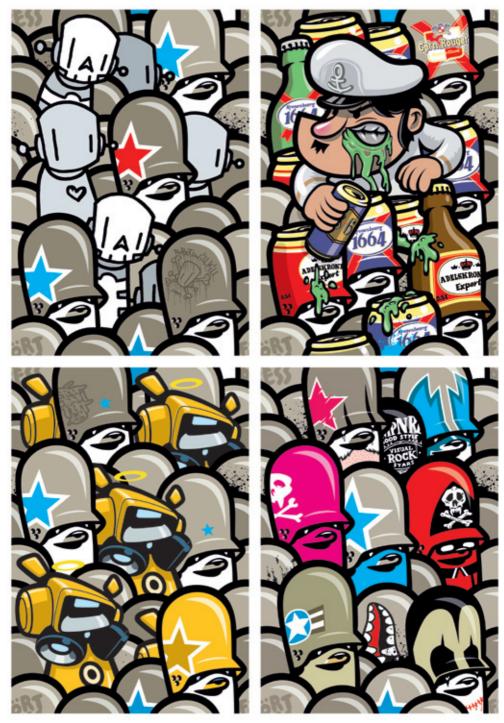
Monthly Artisan Market. Christmas Steps. FFI: christmasstepsartsquarter.co.uk

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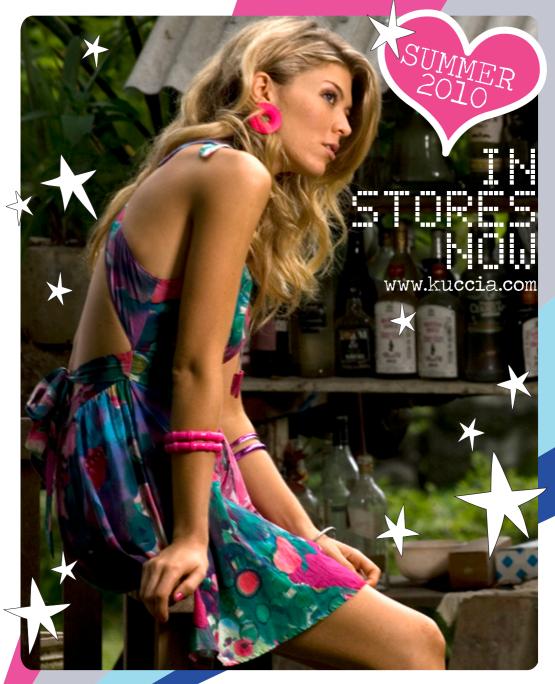


Flying Fortress









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CLUB LISTINGS

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19th March The BFG Bristol. Limewax, Tech Itch, Bong Ra, Cyrus, Pariah, Gentlemans Dub Club, Dub Mafia + DJs from Back to Bassics, Uprizing Crew, SeasonFive, Jungle Syndicate & Mongrel 10pm - 6am / £10 ADV Lakota 6 Upper York Street, Bristol BS2 8QN

★ 23rd March. Weapon of Choice present: FURIOUS 5 & KURTIS BLOW. Support from Central Spillz, Buggsy, DJ Johnston, DJ Betamax, C-froo & others. Live graffiti from Kato, Lokey, 45rpm, Andy Council & Inkie. B-boys and giveaways. The Tunnels, Temple Meads, Lower station approach, BS1 6QF Bristol £15 advance. thetunnelsbristol.co.uk

24th March. Contraband Electro set. Newly conceived journey into improvised electro styles from the contraband crew with special guest m.c's. The Golden Lion. 244 Gloucester Road, Bristol.

26th March. Blowpop presents DJ YODA, Stereo 8, Steve Redux, Real Nice. Upstairs hosted by Herd, Akademics Audio, Sam Wicks, JT, Cosmo. Thekla The Grove, Bristol, BS1 4RB £10 advance.

27th March. Ruffneck
Diskotek. Upstairs
MUNGO'S HI FI, BAOBINGA,
SMUTLEE, DUB BOY &
ATKI2 hosted by KOAST &
REDSKIN, BONGOSAN on
percussion Downstairs DUB4, STYLATRON, BROTHER
WETLANDS, STAR DELTA,
BEAVIS. Lab, Broad St, Bristol
10pm-4am £7.50 adv tickets
soon from Booted Records &

Bristol Ticket Shop, M.O.T.D

* 31st March Contraband Sessions B-Boy special. Featuring south west b-boy crews Squirrels of the Nut Tree/Physical jerks, plus the awesome Contraband Breaks Ensemble + resident MC "Da Hybrid" And special guest MC FRILLA! Live painting by Dicey! Support from DJ Skint. The Golden Lion. 244 Gloucester Road. Bristol.

1st April Donuts vs The Bomb.
Joker, Guido, Interface, Jakes &
Dread. The Bunker 78 Queen's
Road, Clifton, Bristol £5
advance from Donuts

1st April Funk From The Trunk XXL. SMOOVE & TURRELL, MR B - THE GENTLEMAN RHYMER Support: FFTT DJs, Mr Lingo, Powercut, Ewan Hoozami & Vallee. Metropolis, 135-137 Cheltenham rd, Bristol. 9pm - 2am £9 ADV + BF / M.O.T.D

2nd April Jungle Syndicate. Bkey Skitty Broken Note MDS Scamp Womagrid + more! DnB Jungle Breakcore Jiggery Pokery! £6 advance @ rooted n BTS. Lakota

3rd April Syte and The Sound. Support DJ Ewan Hoozami. Mr Wolfs £3. 9 - 3am

4th April Crazylegs. Martyn, Jamie Vex'd (Kuedo), Cooly G & Hyetal. Thekla, £9 advance Donuts & BTS

9th April Promoter Battles. Jungle Syndicate vs Agro vs Mongrel - Bfg vs Rambunkshuss, Jigsore vs Avalaaf £5 all night! Lakota

★ 13th April. Weapon of Choice Bristol's first live painting night back to our home. Expect live Hip Hop, Dubstep and Heavy Bass! With live graffiti from Bristol's finest everytime... Clothing giveaways, B-boys & more. Mr Wolfs, St 33 St. Stephens Street, Bristol, Avon BS1 1JX. 9 -3am. FREE shot before 12!

14th April. Mos Def. One of the most important figures in Hip Hop music and culture, Mos Def has established himself as both a respected mc and poet as well as an award-winning actor. Coming to the O2 showcasing material from 'The Ecstatic' for the first time in the UK as well as classics from his repertoire. Doors 7pm O2 Academy £25 + booking fee

16th April. Subloaded and Teachings in Dub present playing on the Dirt Soundsystem: Pinch, Appleblim, Headhunter, Dubkasm feat MC Solo Banton, Peverelist, Guido, Negus Melody, Forsaken, Gatekeeper, Downbeat Melody & Hyetal. Trinity, Trinity Road, Bristol, BS2 0NW 10pm - 5am £TBC

23rd April Rub-a-Dub. Reggae, Dancehall, Dubstep, Jungle, DnB. LAID BLAK, BENNY PAGE MC REDSKIN plus more. 10pm-4am. £6 adv. tickets. M.O.T.D Lab Bristol

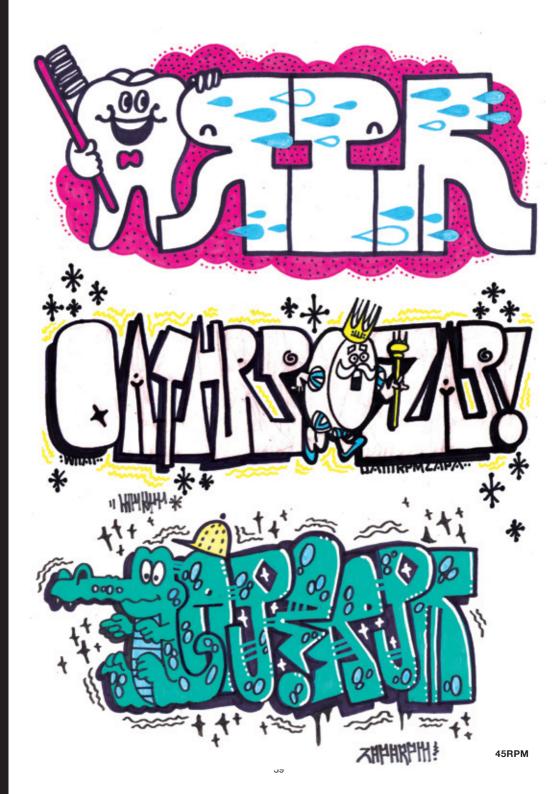
24th April MKF! AC Slater, Hot City, Smallsaul, Slutcrusher, Steve Redux, Real Nice. Lab 10 - 4. £7 Advance

30th April Drum & Bass Special. DEAD SILENCE, FIERCE, more tbc. Special late licence. 10pm-6am. £6 adv. tickets. M.O.T.D. Lab, Bristol

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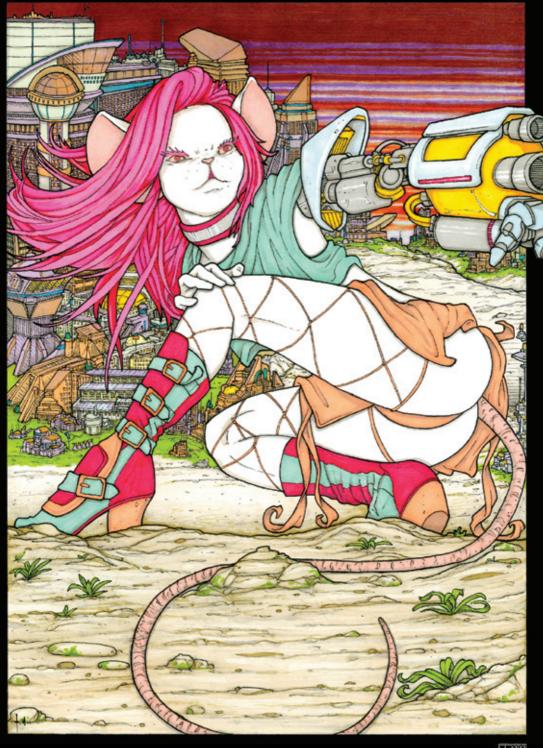


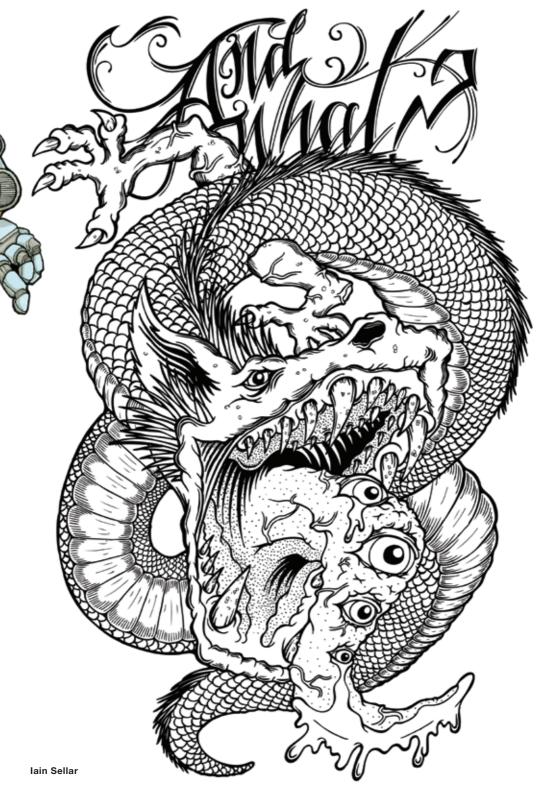














WIN A LOKEY 'BRISTOL' CANVAS

& A SIGNED PAIR OF PUMA SUEDES!



ere at WOC we pride ourselves on bringing you the best of the best!

So for this issue we asked WOC crew member Lowkey if he would do something for a comp, he said yes and a few days later came up with this Big-In-The-Game 'Bristol' canvas! Lokey grew up among the hip-hop scene in Kingswood Bristol and quickly became a member of the 'Bad Applez' and 'The Dry Breadz' crews. He has painted all over the world with the likes of Banksy, Inkie, Cheo, Kato, Soker to name but a few and is now regarded as one of the best 3-D letter writers around today. And all you have to do to win this amazing prize is answer one simple question..! Good Luck!

TO WIN: Answer the question

Who was in Lokey's original crew 'Bad Applez'?*

Send your answer and shoe size (very important) to: lokeycomp@weaponofchoicegallery.co.uk

Winners will be picked at random, one lucky person will get a Bristol Lokey canvas and a signed paid of Puma Suedes. 5 runners up will get a pair of Puma Suedes (colours may vary)

*Answer can be found on page 128 of the 'Children of the Can; 25 years of Bristol graffiti' book.

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