



Von Allan StudioTM
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About Von Allan:

Von Allan was born in Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, in 1974. In 1980, he and his mother moved to a working class neighbourhood in Ottawa. Coping with bullying and harsh teachers, Von found refuge in books, comics, science fiction, and wrestling. Like many others of his generation, Star Wars and Star Trek had huge influences on his psyche-- but he also turned to the caped superheroes of comics for help when the world seemed a less friendly place.

As he grew older and his confidence grew, Von began to seriously consider a creative life; in 1994, he started outlining several stories that he'd had in his head for years. That same year, he was hired to run a Perfect Books, a small independent bookstore on Elgin Street in Ottawa. Through hard work, and an unerring book-sense, he turned the store into a successful literary destination for the area.

After many years of running the store, Von began to realize that his writing had been moved to a backburner-- too much creative energy was being expended on the customers during the day and there wasn't any left at night for his own work. He scaled back his hours at the bookstore and started looking closely at his journals and story ideas; however, there was a catch. Everything he'd written, every idea and every character, was highly visual. He would have to learn to draw in order to express his creative visions. At first, even drawing a simple circle was tough going-- years passed, pencils snapped, pads of paper were flipped and replaced, paint was bought, and Von gradually got better. And eventually, through hard work and determination, Von got to the point that working in comics became a reality.

Graphic Novels:

“The road to god knows...” (ISBN: 978-0-9781237-0-3, <http://trtgk.vonallan.com>)

“Stargazer” (Volume 1 ISBN: 978-0-9781237-2-7, Volume 2 ISBN: 978-0-9781237-4-1, <http://stargazer.vonallan.com>)

Comic Books:

“Metal Gods” (ISSN: 2292-7654, Issue 1 ISBN: 978-0-9781237-6-5, Issue 2 ISBN: 978-0-9781237-7-2)

Video and Audio Resources:

Interviews with Von Allan can be found by visiting <http://www.vonallan.com/p/interviews.html>

Three video interviews are currently online (from the Rogers Communications television programs *Talk Ottawa*, *Ottawa Living*, and *Daytime Ottawa*). There are a number of audio interviews (primarily in MP3 format) from a variety of different radio programs (including the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's *All In A Day*)