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HISTORICAL FANTASY WRITER TEAMS WITH VETERAN *SPIDER-MAN* ARTIST TO LAUNCH COMIC OMNIBUS *AMICULUS: A SECRET HISTORY* ON KICKSTARTER

On September 30, writer Travis Horseman and veteran *Spider-Man* artist [Giancarlo Caracuzzo](#) will launch their Kickstarter campaign for the Ultimate Omnibus collection of their ancient Rome graphic novel miniseries *Amiculus: A Secret History*.

"*Amiculus* is presented as a 'lost' history of the true reason the Roman Empire fell: that it was actually destroyed by a mysterious cloaked saboteur known only as Amiculus. It's done in the same vein as *V for Vendetta* and *Assassin's Creed*, pitting a lone vigilante against the corrupt leaders of an ailing empire in a war for the fate of western civilization."

The omnibus unfurls on an epic scale, Horseman said, mostly taking place in Rome as it is besieged by a barbarian army, but spanning the ancient world over a hundred years in other parts. "It pulls in dozens of major characters from late Roman history, including Attila the Hun, Justinian, Belisarius and Procopius, the author of the actual *Secret History*. This campaign also sets the stage for a prequel series, *Amiculus: Domina*, with a brand-new chapter exploring the origins of the title character."

Horseman and Caracuzzo initially produced the *Amiculus* story as a trilogy of graphic novels from 2014-2017. Caracuzzo, an artist from Rome, Italy, is a 40-year veteran of the comics industry, having worked on multiple projects for Marvel and DC including *Spider-Man*, *Iron-Man*, *Jonah Hex* and *Batman '66*. He recounted what it was that drew him to Horseman's storytelling.

"When Travis contacted me to propose *Amiculus*, I enthusiastically agreed to the project," Caracuzzo said. "To tell the epic story of the great civilization of my ancestors is a dream that I have always hoped to achieve. The story is full of action and intrigue with a dark and decadent atmosphere, a true masterpiece of writing."

When the project launches on September 30, it will offer numerous exclusive rewards for backers, Horseman said.

"There will be a special Kickstarter-only edition including 240 pages of art, story and commentary. We're also providing limited signed print and original art, signed scripts of the Omnibus story, and several opportunities for backers to be drawn in the style of the characters. For the right amount, a few backers can even get original paintings of themselves."

For more information on the project, please visit www.amiculusrome.com.



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