

## ROSARIO DAWSON BREAKS NEW GROUND WITH ORIGINAL COMIC SERIES

NEW YORK – Actress Rosario Dawson, star of “SIN CITY”, “RENT”, “CLERKS 2” and “MiB2” teams with writer David Atchison and artist Tony Shasteen this spring to launch the Occult Crimes Taskforce, a groundbreaking new comic book miniseries co-created by Dawson herself. to launch in May 2006 from Speakeasy Comics.

The series marks Dawson’s first foray into the comic book market. The Occult Crimes Taskforce follows rookie Detective Sophia Ortiz’s quest to save New York City from an unholy threat and solve the mystery of her father’s murder. The storytelling skills Dawson has gained acting in some of Hollywood’s hottest productions combined with the writing talents of David Atchison and the thematic art of Tony Shasteen will create a comic book experience unlike anything on the shelves. The Occult Crimes Taskforce is a true melding of film and comic books combining the sensibilities, drama and tension of film and with the wildly imaginative, epic style of comic books. Inspired by Dawson herself, Sophia Ortiz has a depth most comic book characters cannot possess as her actions, feelings and motivations have been closely modeled after Dawson’s own.

“I’ve read comic books my entire life, and as a fan who has watched the comic book industry evolve and gain the respect it deserves from the world of entertainment, I’m excited to take on the role of comic book co-creator,” said Rosario Dawson.

Speakeasy’s “The Hunger” Cover Artist Tony Shasteen will illustrate the series.

Dawson continued, “I love Tony’s visuals and David has come up with some really imaginative, off the wall stuff. I think we’re going to turn out a great product. I’m very excited; I can’t stop talking about the book.”

“Rosario Dawson is an artist in the purest sense. She can act, sing, as well as write. She’s just an all around creative person. We are thrilled to collaborate with Rosario, David and Tony on this one of a kind project. The Rosario Dawson fans of the world are in for a treat and I’m sure many others will soon be captivated by this truly unique comic book project,” said Adam Fortier, Speakeasy Comics CEO.

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