



# THE FIFTH BEATLE™

THE BRIAN EPSTEIN STORY



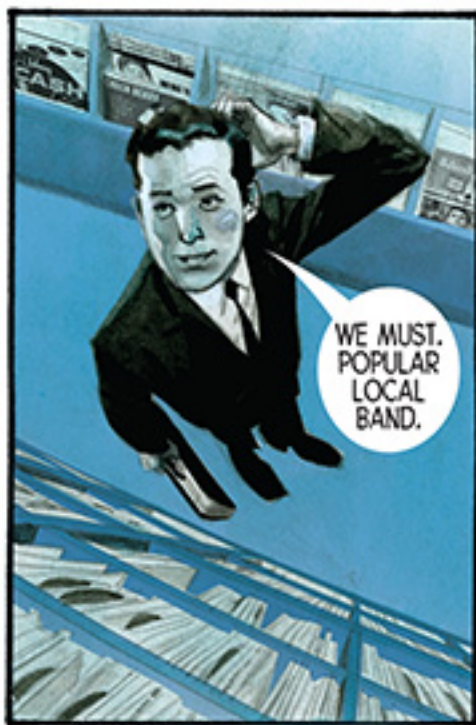
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WITH KYLE BAKER











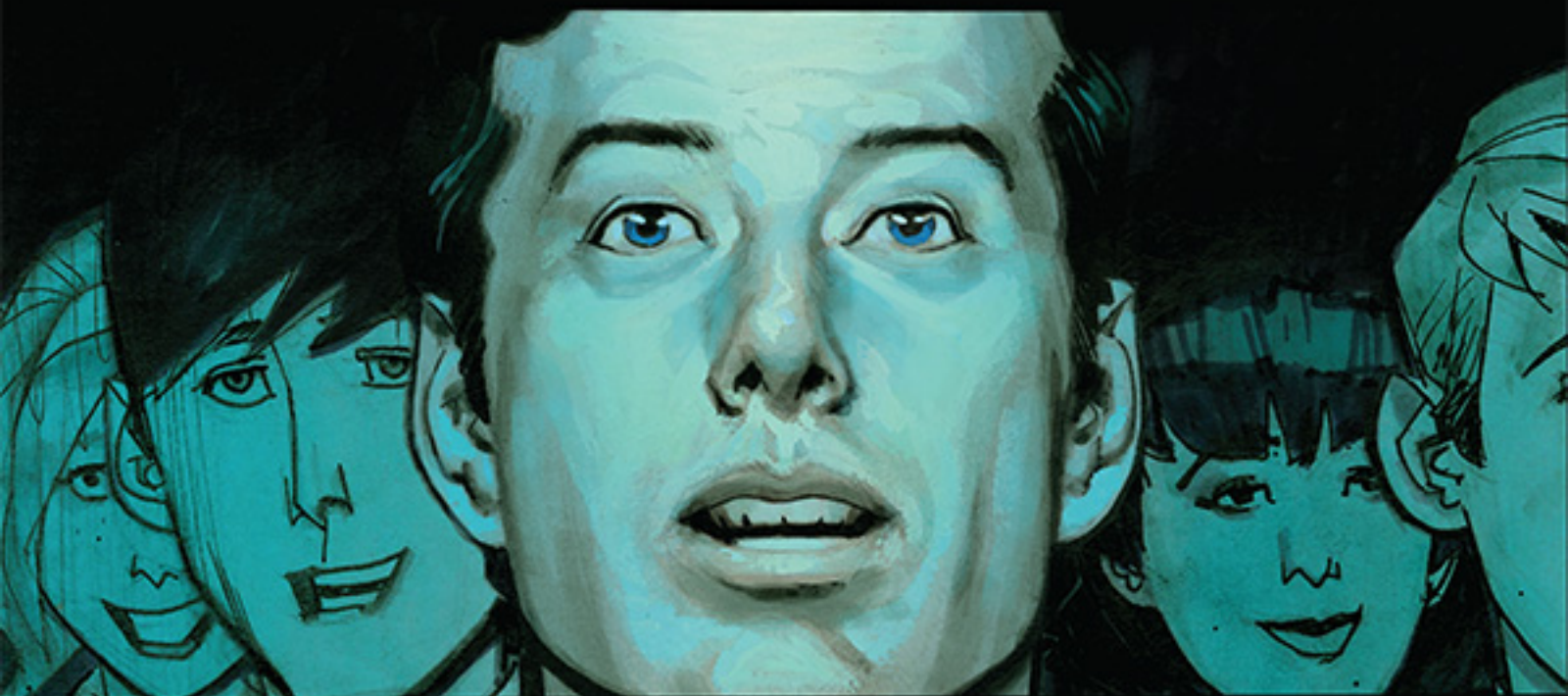




...BEFORE HIS FIRST DANCE  
WITH THE VALIANT  
BULLS OF SPAIN.



TONIGHT I'LL BUY  
YOU A HOUSE...





"...OR I'LL DRESS YOU  
IN MOURNING."



OUR  
FAVORITE ROCK  
AND DOLE GROUP--THE  
BEATLES--IN THE BEST OF  
CELLARS, YOU CAVERN  
DWELLERS! AND WE'VE A MUSIC  
CELEBRITY OF A DIFFERENT SORT  
HERE TONIGHT--LET'S GIVE  
A HAND TO MR. BRIAN  
EPSTEIN OF  
NEMS!!







YOU  
WOULDN'T BELIEVE  
WHAT I SEE IN THOSE  
BOYS! YOU KNOW,  
I THINK THE BEATLES  
AND I COULD HELP  
EACH OTHER  
SOMEHOW...

SOMEHOW?  
HOW?

I'M NOT  
SURE. I MEAN,  
I DO HAVE  
AN IDEA...



WELL,  
TELL ME WHAT  
YOU SEE IN  
THEM.

GREAT  
BOREDOM.




BOREDOM?!

YES, WELL  
HIDDEN, RESTLESS,  
AND DESPERATE  
FOR PROGRESS. A  
BOREDOM THAT DARE  
NOT SPEAK ITS  
NAME.



THAT'S  
LOVELY...

I RECOGNIZE IT SO WELL--SO I'M  
THINKING THAT POSSIBLY WE CAN HELP  
EACH OTHER. I THINK WITH MY HELP  
THESE BOYS COULD BE STARS. BUT  
NOT OF THE STAGE OR  
SCREEN.



REAL STARS, LIKE THOSE OF THE  
NIGHT SKY! AND WHEN YOU SEE THEM,  
YOU KNOW IN THAT MOMENT THAT  
EVERYONE ELSE ON THE PLANET  
SEES THEM TOO. YOU ALL SEE  
THE SAME STARS, SO YOU  
ALL FEEL...CONNECTED.  
A BELONGING.

THAT'S  
BEAUTIFUL.  
YOU'RE--

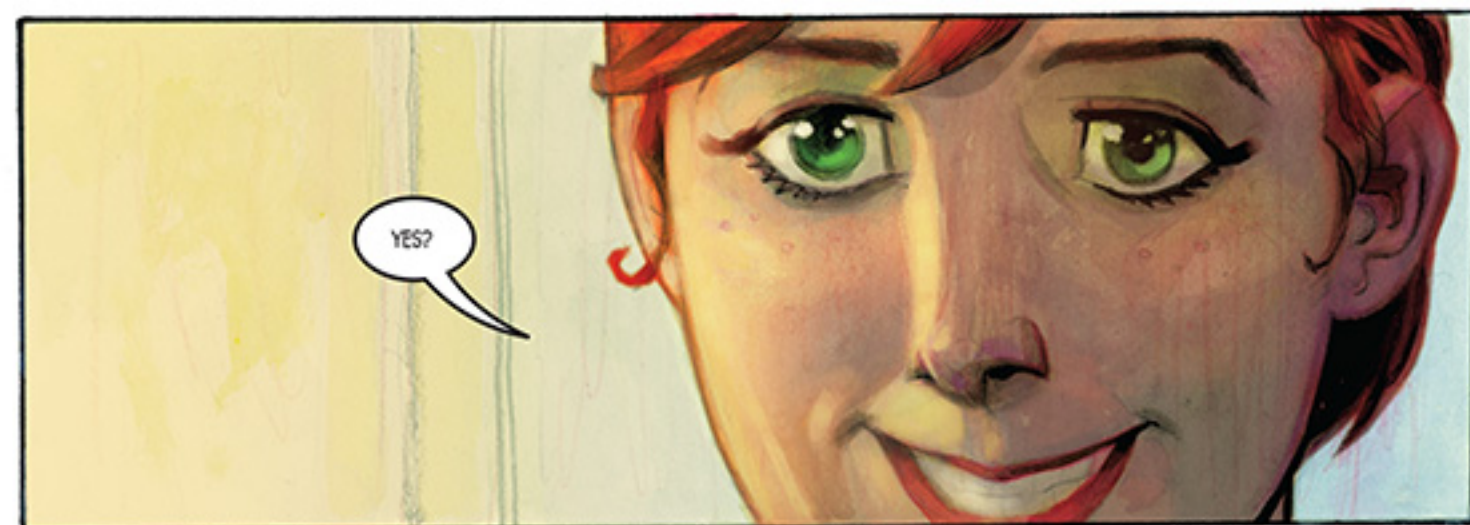
GORGEOUS.  
THEY'RE  
GORGEOUS BOYS,  
THESE BEATLES. I  
THINK I'D LIKE TO...  
GUIDE THEM.



THOUGH  
I DON'T KNOW  
A DAMN THING  
ABOUT ARTISTE  
MANAGEMENT--  
EXCEPT PERHAPS  
I'M TOO  
YOUNG FOR  
IT!

IS  
THAT...







A FEW DAYS  
LATER...

SECTION 25I,  
PARAGRAPH 25.  
IF YOU'RE ME  
MANAGER, THEN  
NEMS RECORDS ARE  
FREE. CAREER  
RESEARCH.

YOUR  
MANAGER?

KICK

WELL YOU  
DIDN'T ASK ME  
ROUND FOR A DATE?  
EVERY BEATLETTE  
KNOWS CYNTHIA'S  
A STEADY.

I'M A  
BIT OF A  
VISIONARY,  
YOU KNOW.

WHAT  
YOU ARE IS  
LATE.

NO,  
I'M NOT--I'M  
JOHN. LEADER  
OF THE PACK.  
CAN'T BE  
LATE.

NUMENTAL

WELL, I AM  
IMPRESSED WITH  
NEMS'S SWIFT SALES  
OF "MY BONNIE," AND  
THERE IS SOMETHING  
ENORMOUSLY  
ATTRACTIVE ABOUT  
YOU AND THE BEATLES.  
SO  
I'VE BEEN  
CONSIDERING  
WAYS I COULD  
LEND A HAND.

YOU'RE OFFERING  
ME YOUR HAND,  
MR. EPSTEIN?! ALL  
I WANT IS BETTER  
GIGS!

WELL  
YOU SHOULD  
WANT MUCH  
MORE THAN  
THAT!