



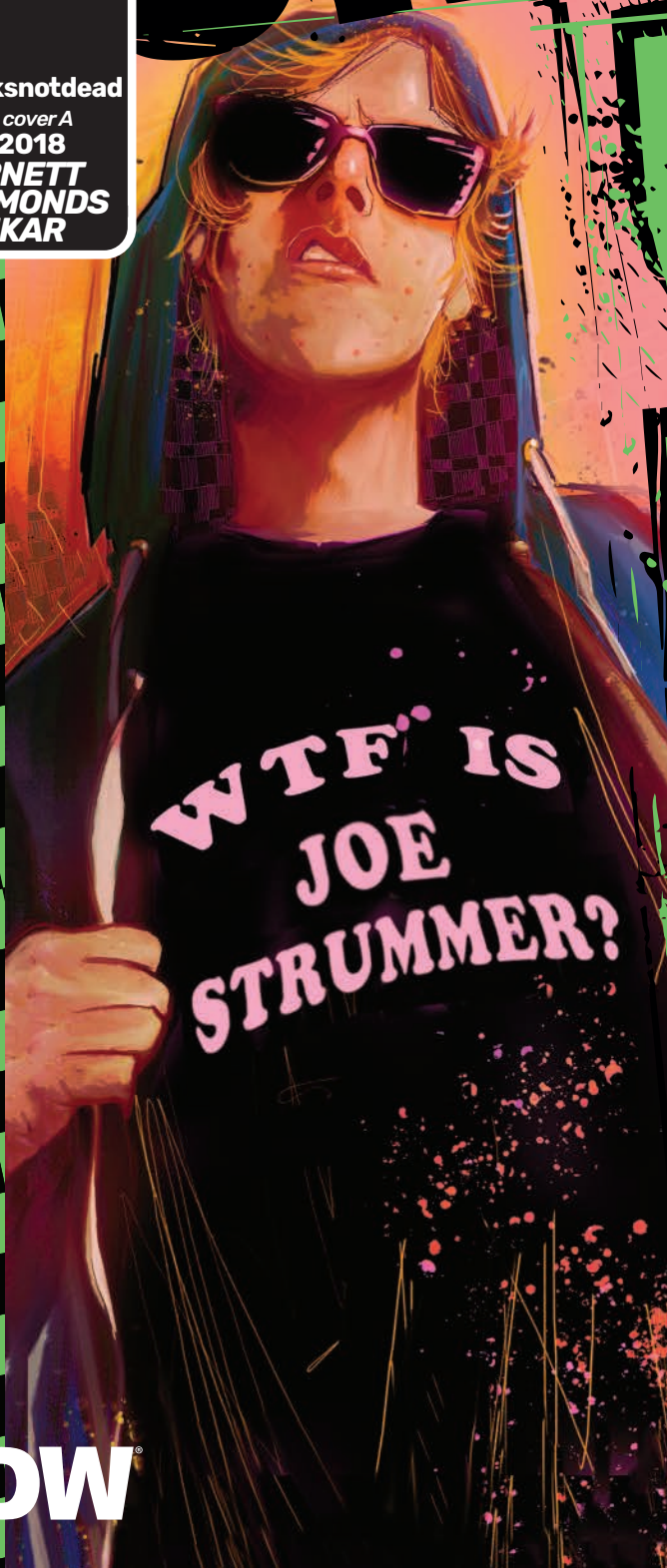
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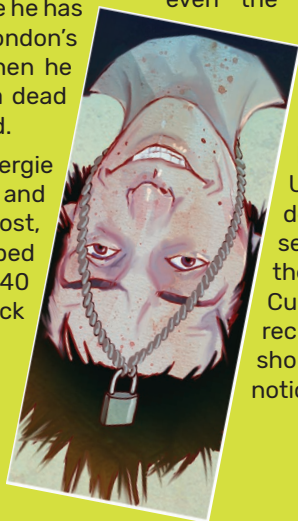
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THE STORY SO FAR...

Feargal "Fergie" Ferguson has a quite unorthodox life, being dragged around daytime TV shows to peddle outrageous lies by his mum Julie as a way of turning a quick profit.

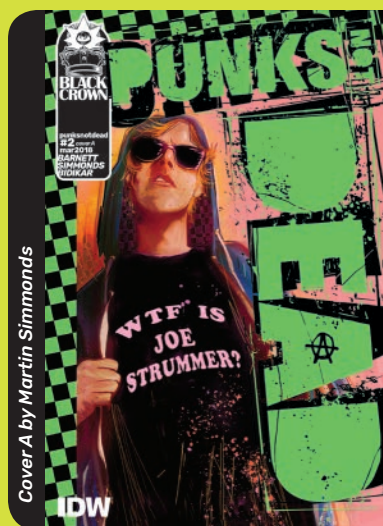
But even Fergie's never had an encounter like the one he has in the bathroom at London's Heathrow Airport, when he meets the ghost of a dead punk rocker called Sid.

Apparently only Fergie can hear or see Sid, and what's worse, the ghost, who had been trapped at Heathrow for 40 years, is suddenly stuck to Fergie.



Back home in Preston, in the north of England, Fergie suddenly seems to exhibit some pretty weird abilities that allow him to win his first playground fight in his life. Maybe being stuck to a ghost isn't going to be too bad – even the unattainable Natalie seems to have noticed him.

But back in London, the quirky Department of Extra-Usual Affairs, a covert department of security service MI5 led by the irascible Dorothy Culpepper and her new recruit, Asif Baig are shortly going to be taking notice as well...



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*A Restaurant.
Too Posh for Feargal
Ferguson.*

I THINK I'LL HAVE
THE *OYSTERS*. THAT'S
THE SORT OF THING I'D
HAVE, ISN'T IT?

GOD, NATALIE,
YOU'RE *BEAUTIFUL*.
AND I'M JUST A
DORK.

I SHOULD
TELL YOU,
FERGIE, I'M A
VIRGIN.

BUT IF I
MET THE RIGHT *BOY*
I THINK I'D BECOME
A WANTON *SLUT*.

OH MY GOD.

LET'S RIP EACH
OTHER'S CLOTHES
OFF AND *DO IT* ON
THE TABLE.

UM, I DON'T
THINK I WANT TO RIP
YOUR CLOTHES OFF.
IT SEEMS A BIT...
VIOLENT.

THAT'S
OKAY...*I'LL*
DO IT!

I'VE BEEN IN LOVE
WITH HER EVER SINCE
SHE TORE THE HEAD
OFF MY TEDDY BEAR
AT NURSERY SCHOOL.



THINGS LIKE
THIS JUST DON'T
HAPPEN TO ME.

MY MUM PIMPING ME AROUND
DAYTIME TALK SHOWS AND
TRASHY MAGAZINES TELLING
BLATANT LIES FOR CASH, SURE.

MEETING THE GHOST OF
A DEAD PUNK
ROCKER CALLED
SID IN THE AIRPORT
TOILETS, YES.

TURNING THE HARDEST
KID IN SCHOOL INTO A
BLUBBERING, PISS-
SODDEN MESS WITHOUT
LAYING A FINGER ON
HIM, ABSOLUTELY.

BUT GETTING OFF
WITH NATALIE
DRISCOLL IN A
POSH RESTAURANT?
NOT SO MUCH.

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"...WHAT SORT OF SHIT'S GOING DOWN **NOW...**?"

JUST TOSS THAT IN THE BACK.

UH, MS. CULPEPPER...

DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT? JOHN PROFUMO...THE MP? THE **SCANDAL** GUY FROM THE SIXTIES? BUT ISN'T HE DEAD?

ASIF, DEAR BOY, IF HE WASN'T, HE'D HARDLY BE OF INTEREST TO THE **DEPARTMENT FOR EXTRA-USUAL AFFAIRS**.

I STILL DON'T **UNDERSTAND**. AND WHO ARE WE SEEING IN WHITE-CHAPEL?

BRENDA LE GRANDE AND HER DAUGHTER MARIE. **AMERICANS**, BUT DON'T LET THAT WORRY YOU.

THEY'RE **TRUMPUGEES**, THOUGH GOD KNOWS I CAN'T IMAGINE THEY THINK THINGS ARE EXACTLY ANY BETTER OVER HERE THESE DAYS.



MS. CULPEPPER, ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT THE **ACTUAL** GHOST OF JOHN PROFUMO IS IN THIS FLAT?

BY GEORGE, HE'S GOT IT. THERE'S HOPE FOR YOU **YET**, SUNSHINE.

BZZZZT

THANK **GODDESS** YOU'VE COME! IT'S GETTING QUITE UNBEARABLE!

WHAT'S THAT **RACKET**? IT'S MAKING MY EARS BLEED!

JAZZ. HOW CURIOUS.

COME ON, THEN, BRENDA...

