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Mercy Thompson: Homecoming Preview

Homecoming is an original four issue miniseries by Patricia Briggs and Francis Tsai

ATLANTA, GA - September 29, 2008 – Dabel Brothers Publishing is excited to premiere the first eleven pages of the much-anticipated Dabel Brothers project, ***Mercy Thompson: Homecoming***. Artist Francis Tsai beautifully illustrates all the covers and interior pages to this series, with Briggs herself penning the original story. Place your orders today before the first issue ships this November.

Francis Tsai (*Marvel Adventures, Impaler*) is one of the few artists who can fully paint his interior pages and his style is a perfect fit for the project. As these first eleven pgs show, he's done an amazing job and will continue to impress as the series goes on. Author and Mercy creator Patricia Briggs has been absolutely thrilled with the results so far.

"The artwork is impressive and beautiful," says Patricia Briggs. "I think we've captured exactly what the world of Mercy Thompson is all about -- Real world troubles like getting a job and paying the bills -- broken up by moments of terror and humor. Fun stuff. I'm so excited about this project!"

For those unfamiliar with the work, Mercedes "Mercy" Thompson is a Volkswagen mechanic... she's also a coyote shapeshifter, an observer of the supernatural community, but not part of it: the perfect intermediary between the things that go bump in the night . . . and the things that bump back. This prequel to the best-selling Mercy Thompson novels finds Mercy smack in the middle of warring packs of werewolves and face to face with angry vampires. Worse still, she faces the dreaded job interview!

Patricia Briggs' Mercedes Thompson series began in 2006 with the publication of *Moon Called*. The second and third books in the series, *Blood Bound* and the #1 New York Times bestseller *Iron Kissed*, have only helped to cement Briggs as one of the rising stars in the realm of paranormal fantasy. With a new, highly anticipated Mercy novel coming out in February of '09 called *Bone Crossed*, expect this series to drive her legions of fans, many of them female, straight to comic book stores when the first issue debuts in November.

"Dabel Brothers continues to impress with new projects that continuously gain widespread appeal," says Robert Randle, Brand Manager at Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc. "We're all anxious to see where their new projects end up and what new stuff they still have in store for us down the line."

Orders are being taken now, Diamond Code SEP083941 PATRICIA BRIGGS MERCY THOMPSON HOMECOMING #1 (OF 4).

Patricia Briggs began writing in 1990, and published her first novel *Masques* in 1993. Her skill at crafting convincing characters eventually led her editor to ask if she would write an urban fantasy. The genre was showing promising growth, and the publisher wanted to expand their offerings. She accepted, signing a contract for three books, and penned *Moon Called*, which sold far better than her previous novels, making it to the USA Today bestseller lists. The second book in the series, *Blood Bound* hit the New York Times bestseller list. Her most recent book, *Iron Kissed* was a #1 New York Times bestseller. More recently, she has announced there will be at least seven novels in her best-selling 'Mercy Thompson' series. One hallmark of Briggs' books is that each book is a stand-alone story, and the reader is never left with a cliffhanger ending waiting for the next novel to figure out what happened.

Francis Tsai is a freelance illustrator and concept designer living and working in Southern California. He grew up in West Texas, where he subsisted on a diet of dust storms, science fiction novels, movies and comic books. Degrees in physical chemistry and architecture inevitably led to a career in entertainment, where he now has the good fortune to work on video games, books, comics, movies and tv commercials. His clients include Marvel Comics, Dabel Brothers, Devil's Due Publishing, Top Cow Productions, Warner Brothers, Wizards of the Coast, Rockstar Games, High Moon Studios, and ImagineFX magazine. He lives in San Diego with his wife Linda Glaze. In his spare time he travels with Linda, plays guitar and writes third person biographies, but not all at the same time.

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