

Missoula, MT (June 11, 2018) – Today Vault Comics announced *Dark One*, a new graphic novel series by Hugo Award-winning author, **Brandon Sanderson**. *Dark One* is a fantasy epic about the people caught in a conflict between two worlds: Earth and a dark-and-deadly fantasy realm. The graphic novel will be made concurrently with a TV series that is being produced by FremantleMedia North America (FMNA) and Random House Studio.

Planned as a two-volume graphic novel series, **Brandon Sanderson's** *Dark One* will be co-written by **Jackson Lanzing** and **Collin Kelly** (*Joyride*, *Hacktivist*). The first volume will be released in the Spring of 2019.

Dark One will be a dramatic fantasy adventure spotlighting a young man who sees visions of strange and fantastical worlds, which he is told are just hallucinations. But this dark and deadly fantasy world that keeps coming to him is actually a real vision of another world – one where he has been prophesied to become a tyrant and destroy this land of interesting creatures, sporadic electrical currents and a darkening landscape.

"*Dark One* is my first project that absolutely didn't want to be a prose project," said Brandon Sanderson. "After five false starts, it came to life when I imagined how it would be if the pictures I had in my mind were actual pictures. And then all of a sudden, in a couple weeks, a full and rich outline came together. I've since been excited to find the right people to adapt this into the visual story it wanted and needed to be. Vault's publisher Damian Wassel put together a great team in co-writers **Jackson Lanzing** and **Collin Kelly**. I got to meet Jackson and at Emerald City Comic Con and hit it off with both. FremantleMedia and Random House Studio are working simultaneously to bring *Dark One* to television, so this is going to be something special for me and for my fans."

"With Brandon's unique vision as our guiding light, the entire *Dark One* team is incredibly excited to bring to life a world that will invert and upend everything they expect from the genre, hinging around a character's journey that will break their heart," said **Collin Kelly**.

"*Dark One* examines what kind of bravery is required to step into your destiny," said Jackson Lanzing. "It's a chance to have some sympathy for the devil - and hopefully see the well-worn fantasy tropes anew."

Vault Publisher **Damian Wassel** added, "I've been a fan of **Brandon Sanderson's** work since the publication of *Mistborn*, in 2006. I've devoured almost everything he has published since, and I remain completely in awe of Sanderson's scope and vision as a world builder, and his craft as a storyteller. Vault is honored to produce *DARK ONE* together with Sanderson, and I can promise our readers we will deliver a captivating, beautiful book."

Brandon Sanderson has worldwide sales approaching 13 million copies and multiple #1 NY Times bestsellers amongst his myriad appearances on the NY Times, Sunday Times of London and other international bestseller lists, making him one of the world's

top-selling fantasy authors. Sanderson's work has been translated into over thirty-five languages and is best-known for the instant classic *Mistborn* trilogy, the epic *Stormlight archive* fantasies, and *The Reckoners* YA trilogy. The recipient of multiple awards, most notably the Hugo Award for his novella *The Emperor's Soul*, Sanderson lives in Utah, where he teaches creative writing at Brigham Young University. Visit him at brandonsanderson.com, and @brandsanderson on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram.

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