

Award-winning illustrator Viktor Farro Joins Forces with Technology-Focused Writer Gregory Blake to Launch Chilling Horror Comic

Duo encourages readers to follow along as *Ankle Biters* moves from script to first issue.

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A new duo has inked a partnership agreement to take their comic careers into uncharted territory. This is the first time either has entered into a formal “co-creation” agreement to develop intellectual property collaboratively. Viktor Farro and Gregory Blake are actively developing *Ankle Biters* with the goal of releasing their first issue later this year.

Viktor Farro is an award-winning illustrator who creates comics, covers, and game art for publishers such as Marvel SNAP, Image Comics, Massive Publishing, Mad Cave Studios, and Sumerian Comics. He will appear at C2E2 this weekend as part of his “Convention Tour 2024.”

Gregory Blake is a pseudonym for Greg Tjosvold. Tjosvold is best known for his Sci-Fi comic series, *The Lump Sum Saga*, and his Substack, *Tech4Comics*. (A Kickstarter for the second instalment of TLSS, *Lump Dog*, is currently live on Kickstarter and ends May 9th.)

“This comic is so different from what I normally write that I’ve pre-emptively middle-named myself. There are no toy poodles or anthropomorphic rodent scientists in this R-rated comic universe.” Without giving too much away, the subject matter of *Ankle Biters* is particularly ironic, given he is a retired middle-school teacher.

“Viktor and I met in an online Comics Experience class, and I learned to appreciate his professionalism in that context. I had mostly been following his career via his Instagram feed. When I approached him with the script, I did so because I felt his ethereal, painterly style would be a perfect match for the story. I crossed my fingers that I’d be able to hire him for a one-shot project based on our prior history. I was overjoyed when he expressed a desire to illustrate more than one comic. When he told me he wanted to work together to co-create and develop the IP, I jumped at the opportunity!”

Farro had his reasons for signing on. “Artistically, *Ankle Biters* is a troubling and challenging story to tell visually. It asks to look at familiar things in new and, sometimes, jarring ways. That challenge is incredibly compelling to me.”

One of their key objectives is to actively engage with fans as the story unfolds. To facilitate this, they have launched a new Substack (anklebiters.substack.com) and several related social media feeds. This platform should allow horror fans and fellow creators to follow the development of *Ankle Bitters*. "We both have existing online audiences," Greg explained, "but we felt it was important to allow comic fans to self-select whether they were horror fans. *Ankle Bitters* is a thrilling, adult-oriented comic, and we're excited to share its development with those who want to follow us on our creative journey."

Readers are encouraged to visit <https://www.linktr.ee/anklebiters> to follow the relevant feeds.

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