

## By Kevin Siembieda

“Kevin, I’m so happy to hear you sound so positive. I like that.”

I’ve been hearing that comment a lot the past few weeks. And not just about my *Murmurs From the Megaverse®*

or *Weekly Updates*, but from people I have been speaking with in person or on the phone. I’m a bit surprised when people say that, because I’m just being myself and I feel like I’m worried about a lot of things (Palladium deadlines, cash flow, bills, releasing quality product, etc.). But I’m pleased I sound positive, because in so many ways, I am pumped up and excited about what’s coming from Palladium.

**I am positive.** As I have said in a few different places, I don’t think Palladium has ever had the assemblage of talented writers and artists we have right now. I have never seen so much excitement and commitment about the books we have in the pipeline and the projects yet to be revealed. The creative energy and flow of jaw-dropping, great ideas have even been astounding me. I think this crew can do anything. You will be very pleased when books are released, starting with **The Rifter® #57.**

I think the creative side of me is just boiling with excitement and ideas, and that spills out of me as positive energy. I just wish the business side of me felt as confident and positive. There is still plenty to worry about and cash flow remains a concern.

Ironically, I have been frustrated this week, because I’ve been feeling under the weather for most of it and moving at a slower pace than I’d like, especially on the writing end of things. Every time something slips behind or takes too long, I feel the growing pressure of deadlines and fan expectations. Ugh. So I’ve been surprised a few times when someone said, “I love how positive your are.”

**Bye, bye, my voice.** Last night I was feeling particularly fatigued and suffering from a sore throat. This morning, my voice was *gone*. It had started to disappear last weekend, but got better. Then today, nothing.

**I just got back from the Doctor's** (had to wait an hour and a half due to a scheduling error on the clinic's part, so there's 2+ hours lost). I have *laryngitis*. Not that I'm surprised. My voice cracks and sounds like Yoda even at a whisper, which is about as loud as I can go. I should be able to talk again in a few days. Gotta run out and get my prescription and go to bed. That's the hard part for me. I have deadlines and Lemuria to finish, but the doctor insisted I go straight home and take the rest of today and tomorrow off, and rest. I'm not even supposed to be here at the office now, writing this Weekly Update.

My apologies, but I'll have to keep this Update shorter and less information filled than I had intended. So here is the short, snippet version of what's going on at Palladium.

**UPDATE: Online Sales.** Last weekend's sales were fantastic! My thanks to everyone who was part of that surge. I hope everyone enjoys the last Christmas Surprise Packages of the season.

Alas, the battle isn't over. The rest of the week's sales were up and down. We need sustained, strong sales, so please don't forget about us.

**The Rifter® Super-Subscription offer.** *The Rifter®* is an outstanding resource for gaming *and* a great way to support Palladium Books. If you don't have a subscription, you should consider it. I talked about this in a Murmur earlier in the week,

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™ campaign.

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® conversions (whether they are provided or you do them yourself) means the monstrosities can be used in the

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**UPDATE: VisionCon in Springfield, Missouri, February 16-19.** I knew I was a guest, but somehow I didn’t realize I was the

*Gaming Guest of Honor*

at VisionCon, until a fan sent me a Private Message about it. Wow. Cool. I am honored. Only now I need lots and lots of Palladium fans to come to the convention to make me look good! ;)

I will be at VisionCon all Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I'll be at a table right next to Jolly and Barbara Blackburn (KODT) and available to chat and sign autographs when I'm not in a panel talk or running a game. I don't know when I'll be that way again, so join the fun. There are all kinds of other cool guests too. Sounds like a fun event. I'm looking forward to it. Go to <http://www.visioncon.net> for more information about VisionCon.

**UPDATE: The Rifter® #57.** It went to the printer on Monday, I have already seen and approved the printer proof and it will be in our warehouse and ready to ship on January 27! Maybe sooner. This is a great issue filled with 20 monsters for

**Fantasy**

five horrors for

**Beyond the Supernatural**

™, some new vehicles and gear for the

**Coalition States**

™, the Brodkil War Machinist for

**Triax/NGR**

™, an article on

**Pocket Dimensions**

, news, and a rockin' Palladium Fantasy® cover by  
*Chuck Walton*

, plus news and other stuff.

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®,

**UPDATE: Rifts® World Book 32: Lemuria.** Wah, I've been sick or busy with other things most of this week, but it is coming along. Like you, I want it out NOW!

You will find **Rifts® Lemuria** brimming with new weapons, new Biomancy and Ocean Magic spells, new symbiotes, never-before-seen living power armor, exotic creatures, sea dragons and monsters wrapped in an exotic history that is sure to surprise and please. I'm talking whacked out stuff you have never seen before. And most of it can be used in any campaign setting. There is a ton of new and never before seen material that is all suitable for use on dry land. You see, Lemurians are *amphibious*. There is all kinds of

stuff in this book that can be used on

*dry land*

– Lemurian weapons, armor, vehicles, monstrous riding animals and magic that can all be used

in the surface world as well as below the waves.

If you haven't read "**10 things you need to know about Rifts® Lemuria**" in the description in *this* Weekly Update, check it out.

**UPDATE: Dead Reign™ Sourcebook 3: Endless Dead™.** Another epic book I'm dying to finish and get into your hands. It's next after **Rifts® Lemuria**. A February release.

**UPDATE: Rifts® Vampires Sourcebook.** I'm telling you we have one great book coming after another, and this is one of them. It immediately follows Endless Dead and should make Rifts® players howl with delight loud enough to wake the dead and send chills up and down the undead. A February or March release.

**UPDATE: Rifts® World Book: The Black Market.** Matthew is done with the final draft. I need to start assigning the artwork. March release.

**UPDATE: Rifts® World Book: Northern Gun™ One.** Matthew Clements is wild about **NG One** and **Two**. So will you. It's slated for a March release.

**UPDATE: Robotech® Genesis Pits™ Sourcebook.** Irvin Jackson should turn in the finished manuscript in a few weeks. March or April release.

**UPDATE: Rifts®/Minion War™: Megaverse® in Flames™.** This book will blow your mind. That's all I can say right now.

**UPDATE: Palladium Open House, May 4,5 & 6, 2012.** Shouldn't you be there? Yes. Order your [weekend pass](#) this weekend! VIP Thursday tickets will go on sale February 1, 2012. They are expected to go fast, so be prepared to place your order.

**Open House Challenge:** We host a costume contest at the POH with cool awards and real prizes. We have had some great costumes in the past, especially for the

**Rifts®/Science Fiction**

and

**Fantasy categories**

, but not so much for the

**Horror/Modern**

category. The range of characters has been impressive and wide, but we have NEVER seen even one person come in costume as a Nightbane! So I challenge some of you – dare you – to show your stuff by coming in costume as a

*Nightbane*

®. Or

*Nightlord*

, or some other character from the

**Nightbane® RPG.**

**Don't forget to check out Carmen Bellaire's YouTube video reviews of Palladium product.**

*Carmen Bellaire*

and

*William "Big Will" Johnson*

have started to post video reviews about Palladium role-playing games and sourcebooks.

Check them out by going to:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Maloquinn/videos>

**Sneak Previews to appear on [DriveThruRPG.com](http://DriveThruRPG.com)** are coming soon. There are 90+ backstock titles, including back issues of

**The Rifter**

®, first edition rule books, other sneak previews and the Rifts® Game Master Kit all available as PDF downloads at reasonable prices.

**And there is much more**, only I can't tell you about it now, because I need to go home and slide into bed. Tune in next week for more news and updates. In the meanwhile, spread the word about Palladium Books, The Rifter® subscription offer and free gift, VisionCon, the

website and more.

– *Kevin Siembieda, Publisher, Writer and Game Designer*

## Fan Comments from Christmas Grab Bags

The Christmas Surprise Package offer was as well received as ever. People were thrilled with what they received and often shared words of love and support with us. There were so many nice comments in the last week of *Christmas Surprise Packages* that I thought I'd share a few more. I might post a few more that struck a particular chord next week. Thank you, everyone, for your kind words and support.

– *Kevin Siembieda & the Palladium Crew*

**M.D. in Melbourne, Australia, writes:** Thanks to all the fine folk at Palladium for all the hard work they have put into these amazing universes. Hopefully you all had a great Christmas and have a great new year, both personally and for the company.

**K.V. in Jupiter, Florida, writes:** Dear Kevin, you have created something that is truly wonderful. You have inspired a whole generation of gamers, stimulated the imaginations of Game Masters, and survived some of the toughest situations a business owner should ever have to face. From my ever expanding family to yours, thank you.

**R.P. in Hesperia, California, writes:** Kevin, you are a real trooper. Hope sales get better in the last part of January.

**R.M. in Mishawaka, Indiana, writes:** Thanks for keeping the faith, Kev and Crew! I managed to squeeze this one in at the last minute this year (times are tough). So my streak of Christmas Surprise Package orders remains intact. This year this will be my birthday present! Can't wait to see you all at the **Open House** again this year!

**R.F. in Imperial Beach, California, writes:** My favorite games to play and run are a horror-blended S.D.C. worlds of **Nightbane®**, **Beyond the Supernatural**™ with a new infestation of **Dead Reign**™ zombies and having transported characters from everywhere in the Megaverse®, including **Rifts**®, and having my players deal with culture shock and Temporal Energy failures. Thanks for all the years of fun.

**T.F. in Temple, Texas, writes:** Thanks for continuing to generate such great and detailed games. We have introduced your games to the next generation and it is spreading like wildfire through my nephews and their friends.

**M.M. in Port Huron, Michigan, writes:** I don't believe I almost missed it [Grab Bag] this year. Big fan of Palladium. Most gamers got into the hobby with D&D. I got into it with **Robotech**® and **Heroes Unlimited**™.

**M.C. in North Ogden, Utah, writes:** Hiya, I love **Rifts**® and all you offer at Palladium Books. This is my third Grab Bag of the season. I also signed up for the renewal of my Rifter subscription. I hope these orders help jump start the new year. I am very excited about the book release line-up for this upcoming year, especially for the **Rifts**® and **Robotech**® lines.



**J.H. in Mankato, Minnesota, writes:** Thank you very much for hanging in there all these years. Remember, we are here to help.

**T.M. in Lexington, Kentucky Writes:** Keep up the good work. I will always support Palladium Books as long as Palladium is around. Looking forward to seeing you again at Gen Con 2012.

**R.C. in Victoria, Texas, writes:** Thank you for all your imagination.

## Palladium Books 2012 Product Release Schedule

### January 2012 Releases

- [The Rifter #57](#) – New – at the printer; ships January 27.
- [Rifts® World Book 32: Lemuria](#) – New – in final production.

### February 2012 Releases

- [Dead Reign™ Sourcebook Three: Endless Dead™](#) – New
- [Rifts® Vampires Sourcebook™](#) – New

### March 2012 Releases

- [Rifts® World Book: The Black Market](#) – New
- [Rifts® World Book: Northern Gun™ One](#) – New (tentative)
- [Robotech® Genesis Pits™ Sourcebook](#) – New (tentative)

#### April 2012 Releases

- **The Rifter® #58** – New
- [Rifts®/Minion War™: Megaverse® in Flames™](#) – New (tentative)
- **Rifts® Northern Gun™ Two** – New

#### May 2012 Releases

- [Robotech® UEEF Marines Sourcebook](#) (tentative) – New
- [Palladium Open House](#) – May 3-6, 2012 – A gaming extravaganza

### All of Palladium's Core Game Lines to be Supported in 2012

The following are in development:

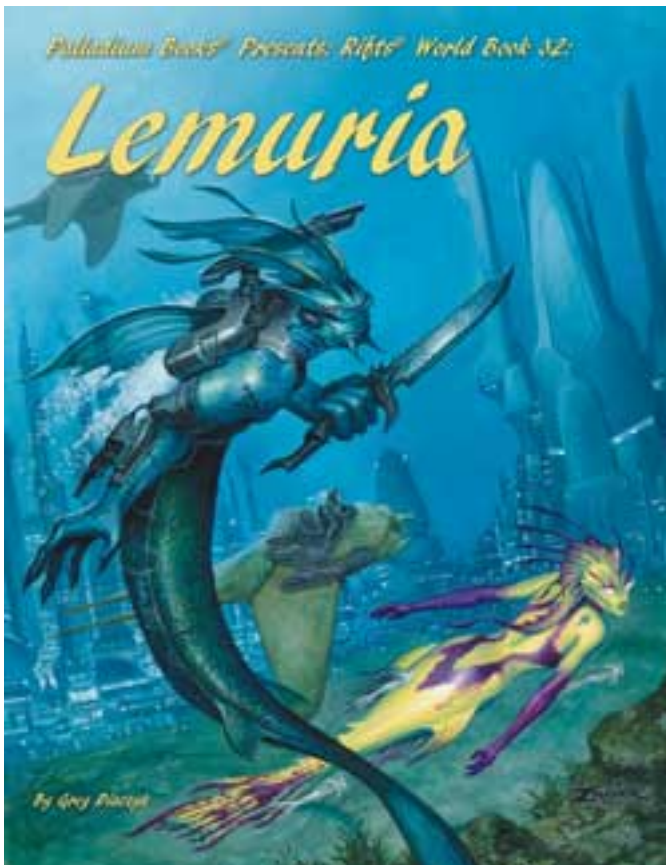
- **Robotech® sourcebooks**
- **Rifts® Antarctica and other sourcebooks**
- **Splicers® Sourcebooks**

- **Heroes Unlimited™ Sourcebooks**
- **Chaos Earth™ Sourcebooks**
- **Palladium Fantasy®: Mysteries of Magic™ Two & Three**
- **Palladium Fantasy®: Land of the Damned™ Three**
- **Nightbane® Sourcebook**
- **Beyond the Supernatural™ Sourcebooks**
- **And other good stuff.**

## 10 things you need to know about Rifts® Lemuria

1. The “Fish-People” on the cover are not Lemurians. They are aquatic allies of the Lemurians known as *Merans*. The guy riding the manta ray isn’t a Lemurian either. He’s an adventurer from the surface visiting a Lemurian city.
2. Lemurians are, in effect, amphibious humanoids with legs, feet and an appearance very much like humans. They function equally well on dry land as they do underwater.
3. The land and water nature of Lemurians means their weapons, armor and magic are geared for both land and water. This book is jam-packed with weapons, living Bio-Armor, riding animals, monsters, magic spells, vehicles and equipment that can be used in ANY campaign, even those completely *land-based*.
4. Lemurians are ancient humans who existed during the same time period as True Atlanteans about 15,000 years ago. When Atlantis disappeared, it created a global ripple-effect that had profound repercussions on Lemurians and caused their civilization to also vanish.
5. Lemurian **Biomancer Gene-Mages** have, over the centuries, “adjusted” their DNA to make Lemurians amphibious, stronger, faster and advanced humans. They see themselves as humans, but will you?
6. Lemurians use Stone Magic and Biomancy but in different and more advanced ways. That means stone vehicles, living power armor, living weapons, machine-like Symbiotes, and strange herbs and plant-life.
7. Lemurian **Biomancer Gene-Mages** have “gene-tweaked” many animals, monsters and sea serpents to make them suitable as riding animals and pets.
8. Lemurians know many **new Biomancy** and **Ocean Magic** spells and they are presented in this book. Again, many are suitable for use on land.
9. Lemurians are the arch-enemy of the **Lord of the Deep**, the undead and all evil supernatural beings.
10. **Rifts® World Book 32: Lemuria** is filled with secrets about the Lemurians, their civilization, Atlanteans, Easter Island, Pre-Rifts Earth history and more. One of the biggest secrets is that Lemurian cities are . . . oops, that’s one of the big reveals in the book, so we

can't give it away here. Sorry.

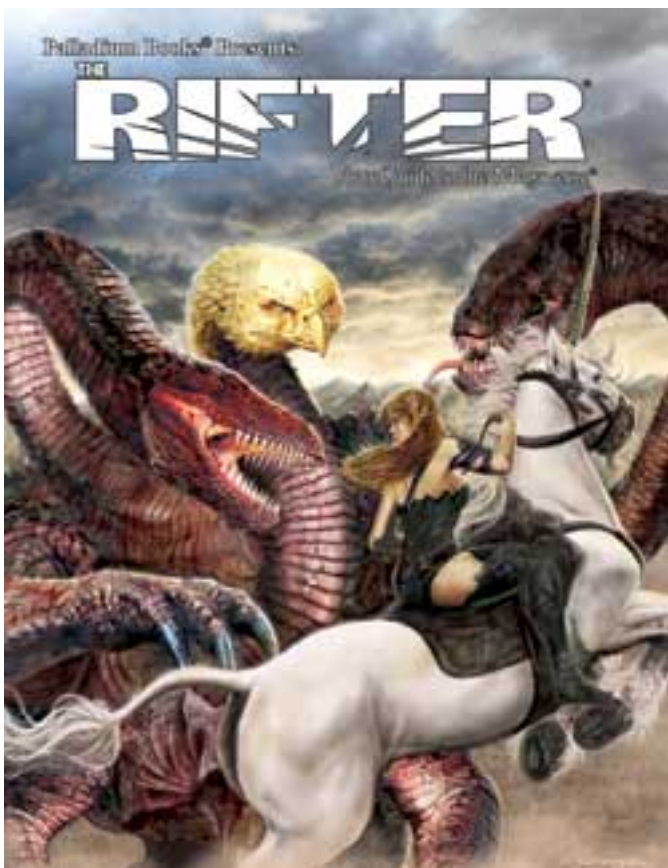


## **NEW! Rifts® World Book: Lemuria™ Ships January**

“I think this book is going to amaze people.” – *Kevin Siembieda*

- The Lemurians, their race, history and society.
- 12 new O.C.C.s including the Serpent Hunter, Shriekers, Spouters, Oceanic Guardsman, Biomancer Gene-Mage, Birdmen and others.
- 20+ exotic animals, sea serpents, Sea Dragons and riding animals.
- 50+ new Biomancy spells.
- Biomancer Gardens, herbs and magic.
- Nearly a dozen types of living Bio-Armor (Lemurian power armor).

- The Stone Guardians of Easter Island and other mysteries.
- Stone vehicles and weird weapons and devices.
- Symbiotic creatures and Biomancy constructs; some that enable air-breathers to survive underwater indefinitely.
- New dangers, new challenges, adventure ideas and more.
- Written by Greg Diaczyk with additional material by Matthew Clements and Kevin Siembieda.
- Cover by John Zeleznik.
- Interior art by Chuck Walton, Mike Mumah, Brian and Allen Manning, Kent Burles, Nick Bradshaw and Amy Ashbaugh.
- 160 pages – \$20.95 retail – [Cat. No. 885](#) . Final page count and price may be subject to expansion and increase. January release.



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- **Rifts®** – NGR Anthropological Field Operative.
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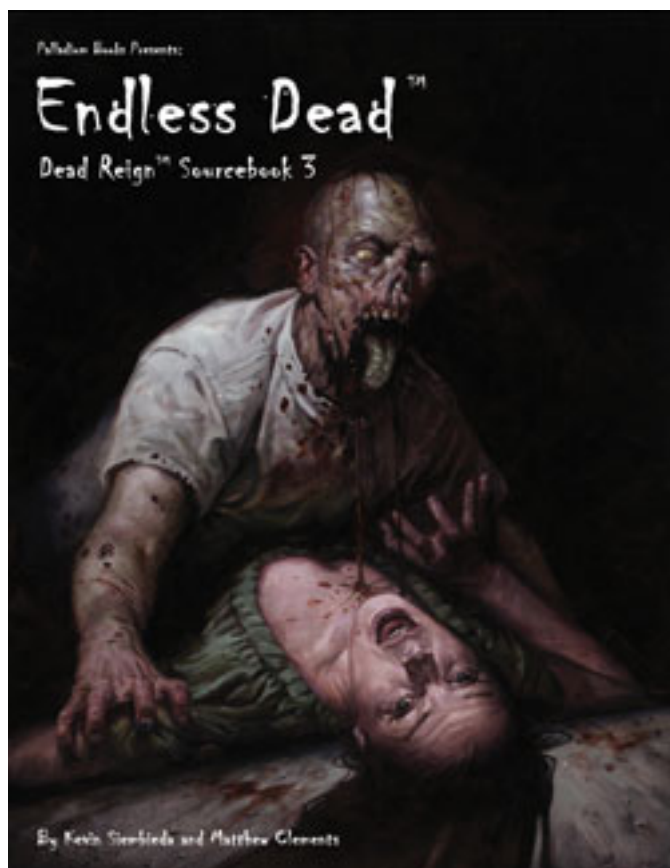
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- **New O.C.C.s include the Wheelman, Zombie Hunter, Zombie Researcher, Survivalist and Watcher.**
- **Information on vehicles and tables for adding custom armor, weapons and anti-zombie defenses.**
- **Vehicle combat rules and zombie-fighting in vehicles.**
- **Random encounter tables for military bases, police stations, gun stores, buildings, suburbs, industrial parks, small towns, farmland and wilderness.**

- Tables for creating Survivor caravans, hideouts, hermits, Safe Haven Communities and Death Cults.
- Timetable for setting campaigns during the Wave, the beginning of the Zombie Apocalypse or months into the reign of the dead.
- Stats for some of North America's dangerous wildlife, a threat to survivors and zombies alike.
- Written by Kevin Siembieda and Matthew Clements.
- Cover by E.M. Gist. Interior art by Mumah, Bradshaw and others.
- 96 pages \$16.95 retail – [Cat. No. 233](#) . February release.



## Rifts® Vampires Sourcebook™

Unknown to most humans, deep within Mexico the vampires have established entire kingdoms. There they live like tyrants and gods, dominating an underclass of cattle people used as slaves and food stock. Learn more about the vampires, their rivals, allies and the humans who willingly

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- **More human kingdoms within Mexico like the Tampico Military Protectorate and Durango, the Silver City.**
- **Firefighting robots, hover firetrucks and more anti-vampire gear.**
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- **The Bloodwatch, a secret vampire intelligence agency that tracks down and exterminates Vampire Hunters.**
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- **The return of the Mayan god Camazotz, Lord of Bats and Darkness.**
- **The werebeasts of Mexico and Central America; those who assist the vampires and those who fight against them.**
- **New O.C.C.s like the Bloodwatch Vampire Operative, Silver Swords Militia, Werejaguar Vampire Hunter and the Vampire 'Borg.**
- **Cover by Michael C. Hayes. Interior art by various artists.**
- **Written by Kevin Siembieda, Matthew Clements and Braden Campbell.**
- **\$16.95 – 128 pages. [Cat. No. 884](#) . February release.**

## **Rifts® Black Market™ – A Rifts® Sourcebook**

On Rifts® Earth, the Black Market is the most prevalent trader in weapons, contraband and magic items outlawed by the Coalition. Explore the day to day business of the market along with its smuggling routes, practices, policies and nefarious products. Encounter the five major Black Market factions in North America and foreign groups like the Yakuza, Green Scarf Sect and the Underground Railroads of Atlantis and the Vampire Kingdoms.

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- Tables for creating Traveling Merchants, Caravans, Market Outlets, Market Towns, Clubs and Bars, Body-Chop-Shops and more!
- Information on the Coalition prison system and border security.
- Written by Matthew Clements and Taylor White, with additional material by Kevin Siembieda and Alex Marciniszyn.
- 160 pages – \$20.95 retail – [Cat. No. 886](#) . March release.

## Rifts® World Book: Northern Gun™ One

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- The Ishpeming military, essentially a framework for hiring mercenaries and privateers.
- The NG Bounty Board, the largest collection of bounties and mercenary contracts anywhere on Rifts® Earth.
- Hover trains, supply ships and sales outlets.
- Northern Gun's relationship with the Coalition States, Triax Industries, the Black Market and others.
- Written by Matthew Clements.
- Interior Artwork by Nick Bradshaw, Chuck Walton and others.
- 160 pages – \$20.95 retail – [Cat. No. 887](#) . March release.

## Rifts® Megaverse® in Flames™

The Minion War spills across Rifts Earth, where demons and infernals hope to recruit allies and use the Rifts as gateways of destruction. Their influence shakes things up across the planet, especially at locations where demons and Deevils already have a strong presence. More details to follow, but for now, 'nuff said.

- **Soulmancer and Blood Magic.**
- **The Seven Deadly Plagues.**
- **The Demon Plagues across the globe.**
- **Battleground: Earth – as demons and infernals amass their legions.**
- **Rifts Calgary – also known as Hell's Pit; the kingdom described.**
- **Ciudad de Diablo, Harpies' Island and other notable Hell holes on Earth.**
- **Lord Doom, Pain and other demonic leaders.**
- **Horune treachery, Dimension Stormers and other villains.**
- **Global chaos and the places most dramatically affected by the Demon Plagues.**
- **Notable demonic generals, mercenaries, people and places.**
- **Many adventure ideas.**
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