This year, Clive Barker returned to his most infamous creation, with BOOM! Studios' incredibly well received HELLRAISER series. FANGORIA spoke with co-author Christopher Monfette about how he became involved with the HELLRAISER series, how Tiffany returned to the official continuity, and what fans should expect from the next story arc. [SPOILERS ahead!]

FANGORIA: You previously worked with Clive Barker for the SEDUTH 3D comic. How did you become involved with HELLRAISER?

CHRISTOPHER MONFETTE: Clive and I have had a longstanding working relationship. I adapted two of his short stories into features, starting five or six years ago, when I tackled this little four page story from one of the BOOKS OF BLOOD, called "Down, Satan." I did that adaptation. Hopefully, at some point in the future, somebody somewhere will do something with that. He wanted me to adapt SON OF CELLULOID, which is a script we're both very proud of. That collaboration led to SEDUTH, which was a wildly imaginative comic book spectacle of horror/fantasy. We had a ton of freedom to play with stylistically, but we were constrained to those twenty-four pages of that comic.

When BOOM! came to Clive, or at least when Clive may have come to BOOM! with the idea of doing HELLRAISER as an ongoing series, I had worked with Clive enough at that point for him to trust that this was a property I would be able to find the voice of, respect the source material, while bringing in my own perspective, P.O.V. and help it evolve forward and change in a way readers would find interesting. Allow the series to find a new footing.

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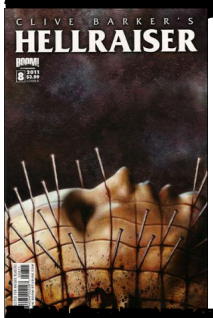

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