

Kodansha Comics Launches the Science-Fiction Manga by Nihei Humble Book Bundle

Humble Bundle's latest book bundle presents a complete catalog of the works of Tsutomu Nihei, creator of Knights of Sidonia— including never-before-seen work

San Francisco, Calif. (December 28, 2016)—Kodansha Comics presents the *Science Fiction Manga by Nihei* book bundle in partnership with Humble Bundle. The offering amounts to \$185 worth of digital manga, featuring legendary manga-ka Tsutomu Nihei's early mind-benders *BLAME!* and *NOiSE* up to his masterpiece, *Knights of Sidonia*. The actual cost of the bundle is based on Humble Bundle's unique pay-what-you-want charitable model.

"This is an unprecedented deep-dive opportunity into the work of the foremost science-fiction manga artist of his generation, Tsutomu Nihei," said Alvin Lu, General Manager of Kodansha Advanced Media.

The manga comes in multiple formats including CBZ, PDF, and ePub, so they can be read on computer, e-readers, iPads, cell phones, and a wide array of mobile devices. Bundle buyers choose where their money goes—between Kodansha Comics, three charities (Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Worldreader, and Mental Health Foundation), and, if they like, a fourth charity of their choice via the PayPal Giving Fund. If they like what Humble Bundle does, they can leave a Humble Tip too.

This special bundle ends **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 10:59 A.M. PACIFIC TIME.**

Here's what bundle buyers get with each tier:

FREE with newsletter sign up

Unlock *NOiSE*, a prequel to *BLAME!*

Pay \$1 or more

Unlock all of the above + *BLAME!* volume 1 + a 1-month subscription to Crunchyroll

Pay \$8 or more

Unlock all of the above + *BLAME!* volume 2 + the never-before-published-in-English *BLAME! Academy and So On*, a spinoff of *BLAME!*

Pay \$17 or more

Unlock all of the above + the *Knights of Sidonia* Complete Set (volumes 1-15)

Furthermore, if Kodansha Comics hits its bonus goals all buyers unlock never-before-seen new work from Nihei,



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APOSIMZ

A prologue chapter from Nihei's next manga series. Unlock at \$50K.

Tsutomu Nihei Creator Profile video

Unlock at \$75K.

Science Fiction Manga by Nihei: Collected Works

Art booklet. Unlock at \$100K.

ABOUT TSUTOMU NIHEI

Born in 1971 in Japan's Fukushima Prefecture, Tsutomu Nihei has been drawing comics professionally since the mid 1990s. In 1995 he was awarded the Jiro Taniguchi Special Prize in that year's *Afternoon Magazine* Four Seasons Awards for his submission, *Blame*. After working as an assistant to veteran comic artist Tsutomu Takahashi, Nihei went on to launch his debut series *BLAME!* in *Afternoon Magazine* in 1998. Following the success of *BLAME!* he next penned *BioMega* (published in English by Viz Media) and *Wolverine SNIKT* (Marvel). In 2009 Nihei returned to *Afternoon* to launch his most recent series, *Knights of Sidonia*. In 2015 he won the Kodansha Manga Award in the General Comics category for his work on *Knights of Sidonia*. Nihei has revealed that he is currently working on a new series, to be called *APOSIMZ*.

ABOUT KODANSHA

Founded in 1909, Kodansha Ltd. is Japan's leading publishing house, based in Tokyo, Japan. Under the leadership of Yoshinobu Noma, company president since 2011, Kodansha continues to play a dominant role in the media world, producing books and magazines in a wide variety of genres including literature, fiction, nonfiction, children's, business, lifestyle, art, manga, fashion, and journalism. Recently, the company has focused on creating and developing a wide range of digital businesses. Company profile can be viewed here.

Kodansha Comics is the manga-publishing imprint of Kodansha USA Publishing (KUP), established in New York in 2008. Kodansha Comics's first works were Katsuhiro Otomo's *Akira* and Shirow Masamune's *The Ghost in the Shell*.

Kodansha Advanced Media is a digital-content distributor and producer established in San Francisco in 2015. More at <http://www.kodanshacomics.com>



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