

The Secret Service #1 is not your typical Mark Millar comic book. The writer has made no secret of just how much it means to him to be collaborating with Watchmen artist Dave Gibbons, and it becomes clear early on that there's a lot more to this tale than you might expect. Millar packs a lot into the first issue, introducing the key players and adding a real sense of depth to them all. Despite the action packed opening, there's a lot of dialogue and it delivers a hell of a lot for a \$2.99 comic. The story is immediately engrossing and despite the fact that the tone varies throughout (the funny opening is followed closely by a scene depicting Gary's disturbing home life) it's consistently interesting. Gibbons' artwork isn't as stylised as artists such as Lenil Yu and John Romita Jr., but his work here is still pretty astounding. The

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