

Genres in Issue #1

The first issue of the comic "Once & Future" combines a variety of different genres. Fantasy, historical and thriller are the 3 most prominent categories that all combine to create a wholly unique story.

Fantasy

Historical Thriller







A Fantasy

Fantasy is a very broad genre, but it always entails themes of magic or myths and legends, as well as fairytales. The left panels mention the existence of vampires, and the right panels display a fantastical beast. In the same issue, there are weapons with magical powers shown, like the spear that deters the beast

OHistorical

Usually, a piece of historical fiction is set in the past, but this comic is set in the present. However, it can still be called historical, because it deals with English history and the story of King Arthur. The spread to the left depicts the fabled sword Excalibur, and the top and bottom panels of the right image briefly detail the history surrounding the legendary king.





A Thriller

The thriller genre is classified by high suspense, anxiety, urgency and tension. Once & Future is packed with all of these components, as seen in these snapshots. All three depict a scene with an uncertain outcome, as many guns are discovered in the woods and a few are even being pointed.