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### Spirit Knight Comic Book Available in February of 2005

Antioch, CA –February 1, 2005 -In the fall of 2003 Troy Gustafson and Bryan Mero had an informal meeting in the café of a Fry's Electronics store. They discussed the creation of a new type of comic book and created a new company called Red Machine Comics. They both observed that the Christian point of view is very rare in the comic book realm. They wanted to have a more realistic and mainstream character. The result is a down-and-out character named Sam who finds himself at a final crossroad. "We wanted to put a story together that wasn't cheesy or preachy" says Gustafson, "I gave that portion to Bryan and he provided a great story."

Thus, 'Spirit Knight' was born. Or some might say born again. Samuel Ian Nicholson is a guy who had it all but lost it when drinking and other questionable activities results in the loss of his home, his job and his wife. Alone and ready to end it all he literally runs into a messenger from God. The Archangel Michael meets with Sam and shows him the devil's latest attempt to bring chaos to the world. Sam is left with struggling to find himself, his Christian roots and a way to defeat a horde of 'demon seed.'

Bryan Mero has been a comic book fan since his very first comic book bought at a local drug store back in 1977. Since then he has become an avid collector and fan of Marvel and DC comics. "I probably still have a couple thousand comics up in my attic," says Mero. Writing has not been his trade of late, being a computer support supervisor for many years, but he has written many short stories and ventured into screenwriting. "This was the perfect format for me. I'm able to put together an insightful and entertaining story and squeeze it into twenty pages. I've been trying to put myself in Sam's shoes. What would I do if these incredible things started to happen to me?" says Mero.

Troy Gustafson is an accomplished graphic designer and has been working at a printing company for many years. His love of comic books is rivaled only by Mero which makes a good partnership. "I always knew I would draw a comic book one day, and this seemed like the greatest opportunity," says Gustafson, "Bryan gave me the story and it was my job to come up with the look and feel. I became the penciler, the inker and the colorist all at the same time. It's a big undertaking but bringing this story to life will be worth it." Gustafson's talents go beyond just artistry; he is an expert Mac user and an accomplished flash developer and webmaster.

Currently issue #1 of Spirit Knight is at the printing house for publication. Spirit Knight issues will be available on-line at [www.Spirit-Knight.com](http://www.Spirit-Knight.com) and is planning to be distributed to Christian books stores and comic book stores across the country. Red Machine Comics will be hosting a 'Small Press' table at the WonderCon comic book convention February 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco. "We'll be at WonderCon and very excited about showing off our work. We hope comic book fans will have an open mind to our type of story," says Mero. Bryan and Troy will be at WonderCon to autograph Spirit Knight #1 and giveaway free Spirit Knight t-shirts to the first 50 customers.

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