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ROK COMIC CREATOR INTERVIEWS ONLINE

Lancaster, England, 17 March 2008: Short interviews with just some creators of comics to mobile service [ROK Comics](http://www.rokcomics.com), including top New Zealand cartoonist David Fletcher and Times cartoonist Rich Diesslin have been posted on the British comics web site downthetubes.net.

Creators utilizing the ROK Comics platform whether to simply promote their work on mobile for free or with intent to encourage mobile users to buy their comics for mobile (as single downloads or monthly subscription, see www.rokcomics.com/subscribe) now include *2000AD* artist Ian Gibson, David Lloyd, Chris Reynolds, top New Zealand cartoonist David Fletcher, Zuda-published Josh Alves, writer Michael Colbert, *Commando* artist Keith Page, *Beano* artist Kev F Sutherland and many others.

ROK Comics provides a platform for both creators and publishers to deliver comics to mobile by WAP subscription and single download. No java application is required to view ROK Comics on your mobile via wap.rokcomics.com.

Strips appearing under license on ROK Comics now include *Garfield* (selected territories only), *Roy of the Rovers*, *Andy Capp*, *Garth*, *The Perishers*, *Mandy*, *Dredger*, Markosia's *Dark Mists* and more.

In addition to its web site (www.rokcomics.com), ROK has partner WAP services in Pakistan and South Africa and UK retail partners; and is also delivering comics in translation in China, via agreements with China Mobile. Last year, ROK Comics also provided a custom built Comic Creator for UK broadcaster ITV as part of promotions for *I'm a Celebrity*, *Get Me Out of Here*.

ROK Comics also offers tools for comics fans to create their own comics using supplied characters, backgrounds and other items, or turn their own art of photographs into comic strips which can be published as "freefall" strips which can be viewed online without restriction.

"We're delighted to be supporting both the ROK Comics and other media work of so many comics creators," says ROK Comics Managing Editor John Freeman.

"We've had some amazing support and are seeing some great strips on the service, some specifically designed for mobile, others adaptations of print or web comics for worldwide mobile delivery. While mobile comics are still in their infancy, no-one using the service doubts their potential reach when there are over two billion mobile phone users out there, especially in countries where both print comics are hard to find and PCs are not widely distributed, but mobiles are."

THE INTERVIEWS

Josh Alves

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/33sj5l>

Josh Alves is a Graphic Designer/Cartoonist/Stand-up Comedian residing in the very green and mostly cold state of Maine, who's been adapting his one frame *Tastes Like Chicken* cartoons into three frame ROK Comics for mobile. His work has appeared on DC Comics Zuda service and in many other places, with plenty more projects in the way...

Michael Colbert

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/3yknt3>

Los Angeles-based features and comics author Michael (Mike) Colbert is the creator of the critically-acclaimed SF comic *Crazy Mary*, one of several strips not only appearing on ROK Comcs but also being translated into Chinese for ROK Comics China.

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Paul Harrison-Davies

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2qppan>

Paul is a modest but accomplished comics artist popular in British indie circles, whose work has been published in the Mammoth Book of Best New Manga. His upcoming strip for Accent Press' Robots anthology, "MY Robot!" has been adapted into a ROK Comic series.

Rich Diesslin

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/yurcjm>

Rich Diesslin is the creator and cartoonist of the KNOTS or Not (or KNOTS) scouting cartoons and a cartoonist for the London *Times* Cartoons. He is the author and cartoonist of *The Cartoon Gospel of John*, published by ACTA Publications, and *The Cartoon Ten Commandments*.

David Fletcher

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2ggpe6>

New Zealand cartoonist David Fletcher claims that for the last twenty years he's been pretending to work from home as a comic strip, drawing a daily strip called *The Politician* and several weekly strips including *The TV Kids* which appears in the *TV Guide*. His cartoons are syndicated to Europe, Britain, Africa, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand.

Mychailo Kazybrid

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2vunbe>

Mychailo draws *The Do Do Man* for ROK Comics, but his career began way back in 1975...

John Maybury

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2pkqrb>

John Maybury, editor of the Comic Creators Guild annuals, is one of a small number of comics artist utilising ROK Comics for its 'mature readers' strand, reformatting his cult indie character Space Babe for mobile. John describes *The Erotic Adventures of Space Babe 113* as "a naughty SF comedy". Too right...

Ben Tinsley

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/35d2db>

Publisher of Wham Bang Comics and president of WBC Entertainment is a journalist with nearly 20 years of experience Tinsley writes for, edits and publishes the comics in his small line.

Dave Windett

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2lqwdh>

Dave Windett has been with ROK Comics since its initial testing, providing character designs for the Creator Tool and working on other ROK projects. He has worked for a huge range of publishers during his varied career and is one of the few British artists to have drawn for Bongo's Simpsons Comics.

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Notes to editors

- ROK Comics, managed by ROK Media Ltd, is part of ROK Entertainment Group, formed in 2003.
- ROK Entertainment Group provides mass-market mobile TV solutions over 2.5G GPRS, 3G and Wi-Fi.
- With over 150 staff and offices in the UK, USA, China, South Africa, Brazil, Russia, and Pakistan, ROK has a truly global footprint with mobile technology & content supply agreements with many of the worlds leading MNO's.
- ROK pioneered the introduction of content filled memory cards (MMC/SD) and has a Global Patent on the technology.