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MR JONES'S SMOKING BONES

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B7 Comics is to publish Iqbal Ali's much-praised independent 12-issue comic book series "Mr Jones's Smoking Bones" over two graphic novels.

Set in 1867 in England and India, offering a heady mix of murder, mystery and secrets societies, Volume 1 collects the first seven chapters of "Mr Jones's Smoking Bones" and will be released in November 2025.

1867. The East India Company has fallen, and a smoking skeleton is killing ex-company members. A drug-addled Indian detective with a deep-rooted hatred of the British Empire is drawn into the investigation and enters a world of secret societies and the occult.

Fortean Times describes "Mr Jones's Smoking Bones" as a series "...where science and the occult met in the shadow of the British Empire... An excellent comic told from a different perspective to others set in this era."

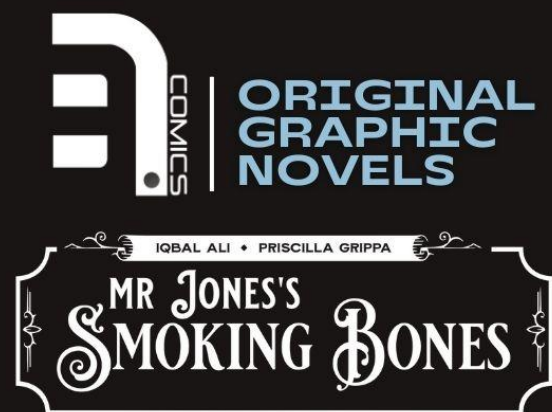
BSFA, Eagle and Hugo Award winning writer Paul Cornell says: "An extraordinary work, an afterlife mystery approached almost as science fiction, with layers of politics and history. It feels like nobody's written any previous comics and a master stylist has started anew without reference to genre or medium. In other words, Iqbal Ali is the new Alan Moore."

Iqbal Ali says of his new partnership with B7 Comics: "I'm delighted to be partnering with B7 Comics to publish *Mr Jones's Smoking Bones*. I've been a fan of their work on radio and comics for a while, especially the incredible audio dramas on Audible. So, to have my work alongside that catalogue is an honour. B7's commitment to boundary-pushing work makes them the perfect partner for this project."

Publisher, Andrew Mark Sewell, says: "I was immediately struck by Iqbal setting his story during a fascinating period in British colonial history, melding a supernatural mystery story, with the politics of the time, not shying away from the inherent racism. It's a story that intrigues and demands your attention from the first page, with hints of science fiction, and not a superhero in sight, which is refreshing. It's exactly this kind of rich, character led stories that defines what B7 Comics is all about."



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Mr Jones's Smoking Bones is illustrated by Priscilla Grippa and written by Iqbal Ali, published by B7 Comics. **Mr Jones's Smoking Bones (Vol 1)** graphic novel (202 pgs / RRP £22.95) will be available from [GetMyComics/B7](https://www.getmycomics.com/B7) from 1 November 2025 and available now to pre-order from [B7Media.com](https://www.b7media.com).

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Notes to editors:

Iqbal Ali is a Bangladeshi Muslim writer and creator of graphic novels and comics. For Iqbal, comics were a path to communicate when words failed him. He's self-published numerous works over the years, and his graphic novel XYZ earned a top 10 indie book distinction in 2019. His latest project, *Mr Jones's Smoking Bones* is an occult mystery set across British Raj-controlled India and Victorian London. Known to nod politely if cornered, Iqbal is dedicated to crafting work that entertains, challenges, and leaves a lasting impression.

B7 Comics B7 Comics is the publishing division from indie film and audio drama producer B7 Media, offering new comics spanning SF, mystery and adventure. Under the B7 Comics imprint, titles include sci-fi thriller *Pilgrim: Secrets and Lies*, written by John Freeman (*Doctor Who*) with art by Neil Edwards (*Fantastic Four*); and Keith Page and Stephen Walsh's acclaimed graphic novel *Hancock: The Lad Himself*, charting the rise and fall of legendary comic Tony Hancock. Blending classic comic storytelling with a modern style, and also looking to spotlight comic gems from around the globe both past and present, B7 Comics will offer a range of series spanning science fiction, action-adventure, spy-fi, steampunk, fantasy and gothic horror.



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