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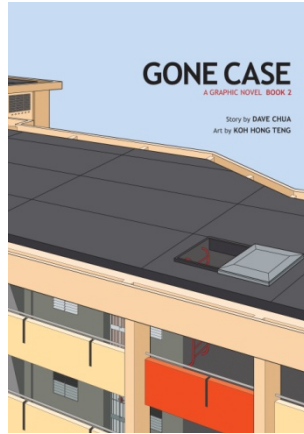
- Exhibition : **Sonny Liew/Koh Hong Teng**  
**Sequential Arts: A Comic Art Exhibition**  
Official Book Launch of *Gone Case: A Graphic Novel Book 2*; and  
Featuring *Malinky Robot: Collected Stories & Other Bits*
- Venue : Mulan Gallery  
36 Armenian Street #01-07  
Singapore 179934
- Opening : 21 October 2011 (7pm)
- Book Signing : 22 to 23 October 2011 (2.00 – 3.30 pm)
- Exhibition : 21 October to 12 November 2011
- Operating Hours : Tue – Sat 11.30am to 6.30pm  
Closed on Sun, Mon and Public Holidays (except for 23 Oct 2011)
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**Sequential Arts: A Comic Art Exhibition** will feature work of two noted and established comic illustrators and artists: Sonny Liew (a 2010 Singapore Young Artist Award Winner) and Koh Hong Teng. At their previous exhibition *Lucky Plazas* (2009), their canvas paintings portray similarity in style and subject matter. Having had extensive experience with comic book illustrations, Sonny and Hong Teng both exhibit a strong control over lines and an easy familiarity with the tropes of graphic art and novels.

In conjunction with this exhibition and the Singapore Writers' Festivals, we will officially launch *Gone Case: A Graphic Novel Book 2*; and feature *Malinky Robot: Collected Stories & Other Bits* at Mulan Gallery on 21 October 2011.

Mulan Gallery will be also showcase a number of collectible Original Comic Pages from these two comic books.

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH



### **GONE CASE: A GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK 2** Story by Dave Chua and Art by Koh Hong Teng

A collaboration between writer Dave Chua and artist Koh Hong Teng, the first volume was received with much acclaim and became a best-seller after its release last year.

Gone Case Book 2 concludes the story started in Book 1, as it follows the life of 12-year old Yong as he struggles with studies, his friendship, his grandma's death and the breakup of his family over the course of a year.

Hong Teng and Dave met during the launch of an Art Show in 2008, where Hong Teng picked up a copy of Gone Case. He felt that the book would make an excellent graphic novel, and also complement his work on 'BLKS&NOS', a painting series depicting scenes of Singaporean life.

Writer Chua was encouraged by the reception to the first volume. *"We received quite a lot of support from various quarters, and many readers said they could relate to the story we were telling and the art. It was very encouraging."*

The second book finishes the story.

Writer Dave Chua is extremely impressed with the result. *"The artwork is stunning and Hong Teng has captured the nuances of Singaporean life in vivid detail. When I first saw some of the pages, I was extremely moved at the level of care he had undertaken."*

*"We hope that through the graphic novel, we have captured life in a Singaporean housing estate, and the struggles of the individuals therein," says Dave Chua.*

The graphic novel rides on the current wave of Singaporean comics, such as Sonny Liew being given the Young Artist Award, the release in the second volume of the comics anthology Liquid City and the deepening recognition of comic talent in Singapore.

The novel *Gone Case* was a winner of a merit award of the Singapore Literature Prize, and the second edition of the novel is published by Ethos Books. It has been selected as a novel for NLB's Read Singapore this year.

*Gone Case: The Graphic Novel Vol. 2* (140 pages B&W) will go on sale at Mulan Gallery on 21 October 2011, and will be available at bookstores shortly after.

***ABOUT KOH HONG TENG***

Koh Hong Teng worked on the graphic novel "01321", which won the prestigious Digital Art Gold Award at the inaugural Comgraph Asia Pacific Digital Art & Animation Competition in 2001. Since his graduation from the London College of Printing, Hong Teng has done work in comics and illustrations, starting as an artist at Singapore Press Holdings before branching out into a career as a freelance illustrator. His clients include Philips Design, Readers Digest, Ogilvy, Grey Advertising and Electrolux. His comic work has been published in both *Liquid City Volumes 1 and 2*.

***ABOUT DAVE CHUA***

Dave Chua is an award-winning writer. He won the Golden Point Award for short story writing for 'Father's Gifts', and was a recipient of the Arts Creation Fund in 2009. His new collection of short stories, *The Beating* and other stories, will be published in 2011.

**FEATURING**



**GRIME AND WONDER ON THE STREETS OF MALINKY ROBOT**  
Image Comics Collects Sonny Liew's Inspired Short Stories

Berkeley, CA – 1 July 2011 – The captivating world and quirky characters detailed by award-winning artist Sonny Liew's (*LIQUID CITY VOL. 1 and 2, My Faith in Frankie, Wonderland, Sense and Sensibility*) loose and emotive watercolor-drenched pencil work are set to charm readers in August, with the release of **MALINKY ROBOT: COLLECTED STORIES AND OTHER BITS** from Image Comics.

A recipient of the Xeric Award and Best Science Fiction Comic Album award at the Utopiales International SF Festival, **MALINKY ROBOT** blends dystopic sci-fi and indie sensibilities into a uniquely oddball world, where street urchins Atari and Oliver scrounge, steal bicycles and watch Giant Robot movies.

Liew says, "*The stories of **MALINKY ROBOT** have always been the ones that I feel most personally connected with, from their rhythms and structure, to the character and architectural designs. It's very exciting to see them collected together in this book.*"

**MALINKY ROBOT** not only includes short stories like "*Stinky Fish Blues*" and "*Karakuri*" from the *LIQUID CITY* and *Flight* anthologies, but also a gallery of Liew's concept and sketch art, along with pinups by incredible artists such as Mike Allred, Roger Langridge and Skottie Young.

Writer Gail Simone (*Birds of Prey, Secret Six, Deadpool, Wonder Woman*) described the collection as "*[a] book so full of wonders and treasures it feels like you should need a pirate's map to find it. A stunningly gorgeous mix of urban fantasy and charming adventure that I plan to read until the spine falls off.*"

**MALINKY ROBOT: COLLECTED STORIES AND OTHER BITS TP (JUN110503)**, a 128-page full color collection of short sequential art stories will be available for sale in Singapore at the Singapore Toys, Games & Comics Convention (STGCC) on 20 August 2011 and thereafter at major bookstores on 24 August 2011.

***ABOUT SONNY LIEW***

Sonny Liew is an Eisner-nominated comic artist, illustrator and painter. His work includes titles for DC Vertigo, Marvel, SLG and Disney. He has also served as editor and contributor for Image Comics' Eisner-nominated *LIQUID CITY* anthology.

***ABOUT IMAGE COMICS***

Image Comics is a comic book and graphic novel publisher founded in 1992 by a collective of best-selling artists. Image has since gone on to become one of the largest comics' publishers in the United States. Image currently has five partners: Robert Kirkman, Erik Larsen, Todd McFarlane, Marc Silvestri and Jim Valentino. It consists of five major houses: Todd McFarlane Productions, Top Cow Productions, Shadowline, Skybound and Image Central. Image publishes comics and graphic novels in nearly every genre, sub-genre, and style imaginable. It offers science fiction, romance, horror, crime fiction, historical fiction, humor and more by the finest artists and writers working in the medium today.

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