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Topic: Billy Vs. Winterhawk

Subject: Billy and Winterhawk Challenge Judging

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Ok, first of all, no pre-grovelling is allowed, Billy. You may grovel after the judging, but not before.
One Judges Gavel for you-

Now, for everyone reading this thread, it's only fair that they can view the contestants entries, so-
[duel pic for billy--the mad hatter](#)
[Duel Picture- The Mad Hatter's revenge By Winterhawk](#)

First, a few Duel Questions.

(Contestants, consider your answers carefully, and yes, you may use a LifeLine.)

#1-[Who is this guy?](#) He's the base for Billy's Joker, I know that...

#2-[Who is this guy?](#) Remember, you will be judged on your answers...

#3-The only rule point here was to use all of the images. Did you both do that? Neither of you mention it in your notes...

Those questions aside, I suppose I can take a swing at judging these entries. So, it's more or less however I feel about these, eh? I'll say two categories, Technical and Artistic.

Let's start with Billys Technical Review:

Technically, this image all started with the face, it's obvious, and I think he did a real good job integrating all the elements here. Billy still has problems with edges, but he's getting better. (Using the Burn Tool along the shadow edges, under his chin, for example, is pretty simple. The edges of the coffee cup would have been better if you had used the Eraser Tool with a soft brush, not a hard one.) The background has pixelation problems. There are several ways to "fix" that, each has it's drawbacks. I will say, the elements of the piece have been nicely integrated.

Now let's talk about Winterhawks Technical Review:

I like the integration in this one as well. The first four panels are especially good, the shadow on the cards in the Mad Hatters Hat, Arkham, the skin on Killer Croc. I also like the voice balloons, I found those to be more annoyingly difficult than they should be, when I made them, so he gets points for that. What font is that, BTW?

The final panel looks a little hasty, and the Jokers face edge needs work, but I'm gonna have to say, overall-

Winner-Defending Chef-Wintelhawk!

Billys Artistic Review:

Artistically, I think this really comes together, which makes me wonder if this wasn't created and then the Duel gauntlet thrown.

("Always use your own bat", as Hawkeye would say.) Still, so what? I think Billy's really caught the flavor of being outside Arkham, and the steaming coffee is a nice touch. Artisticall, you nailed it.

Winterhawks Artistic Review:

It's a little difficult to figure out that they are inside Arkham (I had to go reread the splash box).

Maybe some iron bars, or barred windows? I kinda wish Croc and/or Joker was saying something.

However, you did manage to tell a story, which is pretty cool. And the colors of the whole piece flow together.

So-

Winner-Tie!

Let's see what the other judges say...

Mr. The Mighty Lord 'of his own domain' Bikerbot