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Editorial Review

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Britain becomes America, Baker Street becomes Harlem, and whatever remains must be the truth. That's the subtext of Watson and Holmes: A Study in Black, as the classic pair Sherlock Holmes and John Watson are reimagined as black men in modern-day New York City. Dr. Watson, an Afghanistan War vet, meets local PI Sherlock in his inner-city clinic, and the legendary duo is formed to solve the case of a missing girl. The new spin on an old canon makes room for interesting interactions with technology, race, prejudice, and modern crime. Bollers' dialogue can feel a bit forced when he tries to include classic Sherlock lines, but the story moves at a compelling pace over the course of the arc. Leonardi (Spider-Man: 2099, 2013) pencils the story like he is sketching for fun, and his playfulness with character sizes and anatomy is well done on several levels. Fans of the atmosphere of Spider-Man: 2099 or the plots of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle should sink down in a leather chair and enjoy. --Ben Spanner

Review

"Reggie Hudlin Top 10 Comics of 2013: #4 Watson and Holmes: Tasteful, smartly done. Cool, but not trying too hard. Pretty much the best execution of this concept I can imagine." -- Hudlinentertainment.com

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Karl Bollers has written comics for 20 years, for Marvel and Archie. His notable titles were Machine Man, Muties, Emma Frost, and Sonic the Hedgehog. Karl also has edited for Marvel comics as well.

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