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The Dresden Files: Welcome to the Jungle

By Jim Butcher; Illustrated by Ardian Syaf

Del Rey, \$19.95, 160 pages

Welcome to the Jungle is a collection of the previously published comic mini-series exploring the world of Harry Dresden, the only wizard to advertise in the Chicago phone book. Butcher already has numerous novels in the series, and a short-lived Sci Fi Channel TV series. So, for old fans of Harry, this may or may not be of interest, depending on your willingness to read comics. However, for potential fans, this is a well-written early story (it takes place before the first novel), and the art is top-notch. A body is found at the Chicago Zoo, and Harry is called in to rubber-stamp it as a gorilla attack. After a spell shows Harry that the gorilla is innocent, he's off to track down the killer in less than 24 hours. The story is good, especially when you realize that it was



written by Butcher himself in his comic debut. The art is good, and this hardcover collection is well-produced. The covers from the mini-series are reproduced, both the regular and variant versions. So, to recap, an all-original Harry Dresden story taking place before the novels, written by Butcher. Good art, complete story, nice hardcover collection.