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The King of Fighters: Maximum Impact -- Maniax #4by [Kat Avila](#)

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Publisher**DrMaster Publications, Inc.**<http://www.DrMasterbooks.com>**Credits**

Creators: Wing Yan / King Tung

Grade: 7

Issue 4 of ***The King of Fighters: Maximum Impact -- Maniax*** opens the door to a slide show of Duke's rise to power over the former leader of South Town; that is, the goatee-bearded Fate. Fate was the adoptive father of Soiree Meira and Alba Meira.

"The Invincible King" Duke is protected by a bodyguard corps made up of some of the world's best fighters, which includes the beautiful assassin Lien Neville. There's a poster-worthy splash featuring Lien Neville and Alba Meira as two aces in Duke's card deck. Their comparatively equal fearlessness, stylish appearance, and peak fitness make the viewer's appreciative eyes bounce back and forth between the two.

But this issue's focus is actually on Terry Bogard's meeting with the almost god-like Duke and why Duke invited Terry to Geese Tower HQ. Of course, it wouldn't be a **KOF** comic without at least one good fight ... or several. If you want to know what the cunning fight tactic "The Sandwich" is, buy

the comic.

The color **KOF** comics are good for studying how to compose action panels. In a battle between Kyo Kusanagi and Alba, brilliant bursts of energy light up the page. However, I didn't care for the cartoonish lettering of the sound effects; I'd rather view the page "silently" for the full impact of the battle fireworks to sink in. A subtle font is preferable.

Tired of B&W manga? Switch over to color. ***The King of Fighters: Maximum Impact – Maniax***, issue 4, is waiting for you to catch up. This issue's bonus profile features Terry Bogard of Fatal Fury.

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