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The King of Fighters: Maximum Impact -- Maniax #5by [Kat Avila](#)

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

Creators: Wing Yan, King Tung

Grade: 8

One of the most beautiful panels I've seen in a long time is the half-page opening panel of issue 5 of color comic ***The King of Fighters: Maximum Impact -- Maniax***. It's a long shot of Soiree Meira, Kyo Kusanagi, and Alba Meira as the latter two prepare to battle each other. The blue-white icy fire of Alba's chi prickles around him and upward, while the red hot fire of chi surrounding Kyo does the same. Soiree stands by, horrified by the cold-blooded killings he has just witnessed by his fraternal twin.

Can this be the same protective brother he grew up with as orphans struggling to survive in South Town? Soiree can hardly believe Alba has changed so much working for Duke of the Mephistopheles Gang, the new leader of South Town after their adoptive father Fate was murdered.



Nice full-page, unusual purple-toned panel on page 16 as Alba releases a fierce burst of energy to dissipate his own Ferrari after Kyo uses it as a weapon. On page 25 is another unconventional panel, a cutaway revealing bones shattering in a hapless guy's torso after a power move strikes him.

The cover and bonus profile for ***The King of Fighters: Maximum Impact – Maniax***, issue 5, belong to the traitorous Alba Meira. In the 3D profile graphic, though Alba sports a shorter haircut and a different costume than the one in the comic, he is never without his top gun sunglasses.

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