

Triptych o' Trouble Three -- The Center Panel



We finally come to the centerpiece of The Sixth Gun game screen and the characters that are at the heart of the series: Becky Montcrief and Drake Sinclair. Becky is the reluctant outsider who is drawn into this world and, over the course of the series, grows from a simple farm girl into a tough and dangerous gunslinger in her own right. Drake is our classic anti-hero—our lovable bastard. He's shrouded in plenty of mystery—none of which I'll go into here (SPOILERS!).

I've dressed them each in my favorite outfit of theirs from the series. Early on, Bill Crabtree (The Sixth Gun's color artist) and I talked about the "costume changes" throughout the series. As the characters go through changes throughout the story, I wanted their costumes to be a physical representation of those changes. We also wanted them to have specific "looks" for different story arcs. We often referenced the original Star Wars trilogy and how each character had a very specific look, or costume, in each film (specifically, The Empire Strike Back).

So, what we have here, is Becky in her "Empire Strikes Back" costume. This outfit comes at a point in the story where she has already transitioned from the farm girl, but is still on her journey to becoming the woman she'll be at the end of the journey.

Drake, in turn, is in the clothes we introduced him in. When we first met him, he was a dark and dashing dandy—a man of mystery. As the story progressed and Drake was put through the ringer, his clothes reflected that change.

Looming over everyone in this image is the main threat from their first big adventure—General Oliander Bedford Hume! This guy is one nasty piece of work. A warmongering warlock who was too mean to die! We see him here in all his mad glory, with the chains he was bound in whipping around in anger.

Those chains. They were my crucible. As much as it drove me crazy to draw all those links, I wouldn't have done it if I didn't think they were cool looking!

--Brian Hurtt

