

**[NEWS RELEASE]** 

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# Cyberpunk: Edgerunners' First-ever Comic Adaptation Cyberpunk: Edgerunners MADNESS to be Serialized in the Online Manga Label "Comic Alive +" from Dec. 13th ~ Available in 7 Languages ~

Tokyo JP, KADOKAWA CORPORATION (<u>https://group.kadokawa.co.jp/global</u>/) has started serializing *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners MADNESS* (illustrated by Asano, and written by Bartosz Sztybor, CD PROJEKT RED) in the online manga label Comic Alive + on December 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024 at 5 p.m, JST.

In addition to the Japanese version, KADOKAWA will distribute the Polish, Italian, German, French, Spanish, and traditional Chinese versions in collaboration with regional partners\*.

\*The English version is scheduled to be published by Dark Horse Comics LLC in a paperback format.



*Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which was released in 2022, is an anime series set in the world of *Cyberpunk 2077*, an openworld game that was developed by CD PROJEKT RED and has sold over 30 million units worldwide. This anime series ignited a whirlwind of excitement, transcending the boundaries between game fans and anime fans. *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners MADNESS*, the first comic series based on this anime, serves as a prequel to *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners* featuring the highly popular siblings Pilar and Rebecca as its protagonists. The comic portrays not only the comical and energetic actions of the siblings but also the compelling and finely woven story that sheds light on the sibling's dreams and upbringing, which were not explored in the anime series. Furthermore, a new character, the mysterious man known as Safran makes an appearance, driving the story into the realm of MADNESS.

The story is an entirely new and original work written by Bartosz Sztybor, who was in charge of the screen story for the anime series *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*. The artwork will be drawn by Asano, known for the comic version of the anime series *BNA*.

# Distribution Details for Cyberpunk: Edgerunners MADNESS

Distribution Starting Date: December 13th (Fri.), 2024

■ Media : Comic Alive +

Japanese Version URL : https://comic-walker.com/detail/KC 006137 S

\*The page is accessible from any part of the world in theory, unless there's any authorities within that country/territories that prohibit/block any access to foreign contents.

Languages : Japanese, Polish, Italian, German, French, Spanish, and Traditional Chinese

\*This press release pertains to the Japanese version of the manga. The date and time mentioned are in Japanese Standard Time (JST). Other various language versions are to be published via publishers below. For more information such as the distribution platforms and distribution schedules, please check out the press releases from each publisher.

- Polish: StudioJG
- Italian: Panini SpA
- Spanish: Panini España S.A.
- German: Panini Verlags Gmbh
- French: Panini France S.A.
- Traditional Chinese: 台灣角川 (Kadokawa Taiwan Corporation)
- English: Dark Horse Comics LLC (in a paperback format)

# Synopsis

*Cyberpunk: Edgerunners* is an award-winning anime series that enthralled audiences around the world. Rebecca, whose fiery personality made her a fan-favorite, grows up with her big brother Pilar as they pursue their shared dream of "becoming a legendary edgerunner like their father". In the megalopolis of Night City, where obsessions with technology, body modification, and power run rampant, they struggle, suffer, and cause chaos wherever they go! As they go about their daily lives, the mysterious Safran appears before them — changing the trajectory of their future. In this manga, a prequel to *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, siblings Rebecca and Pilar's lives are full of madness as they rush through Night City to prove themselves as edgerunners!

# Details for Online Manga Label "Comic Alive +"

"Comic label for making you feel alive"

This is a new online label spun off from *Monthly Comic Alive* (published on the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month), a monthly magazine specializing in the latest multimedia works.

Comic Alive + Official website : <u>https://comic-walker.com/alive-plus/</u>

Comic Alive + Official X (former Twitter) : <u>https://twitter.com/comic\_alive</u>

# Information on the Anime Series Cyberpunk: Edgerunners

*Cyberpunk: Edgerunners* is an award-winning Netflix anime series created in collaboration between CD PROJEKT RED and the legendary studio TRIGGER, set in the dystopian world of *Cyberpunk 2077*. The series tells the story of teenage protagonist David Martinez, who, in the aftermath of a personal tragedy, chooses to take control of his own life by becoming an edgerunner and entering the criminal underworld of Night City. *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners* tackles a number of difficult topics and raises questions concerning how far you can go in order to overcome your physical and emotional boundaries, and what the pursuit of fame within a city ruled by greed and disrespect for human life can lead to. The series is standalone and has ten episodes.

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