

Blood & Valour is a comic book adaptation of the story of Sir Bevis of Hampton, who is the city of Southampton's (in the UK) legendary hero. The comic has been created by writer Matt Beames and illustrator Marcus Pullen of Blue Donut Studios.

The story of **Sir Bevis of Hampton** is a medieval tale of love, hardship and heroic adventure. It is a tale that dates back many hundreds of years; the earliest known version of the story is titled Boeve de Haumtone and was written around 1175. It became a very famous and popular story; it was translated into many languages, and is referenced in works by Shakespeare, Chaucer and Bunyan. King Henry V is also acknowledged to have been a fan of the story, and both he and **King Henry VIII** reputedly owned tapestries depicting the tale. In recent years, however, the story is not as well known. This is something that the creative team behind *Blood & Valour* hope to change.

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To find out even more about *Blood & Valour*, please visit the [official website](#).



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We asked the team behind Blood & Valour, writer Matt Beames and illustrator Marcus Pullen, to explain the expansive storyline in under one minute. Find out how they get on with the task here.





