

The Cartoonist is the Secret Ingredient for this Slasher Film!

Michael Spivey Illustrates 60+ Cartoons as 'Geoffrey Loftidottir' for SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter



Los Angeles, California May 10, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Not much new has happened in the slasher genre since its inception with Psycho in the 60s, then Halloween and Friday the 13th in the 70s and 80s with the exception of the twists introduced by Kevin Williamson and Wes Craven with Scream in the late 90s. Until now. Until "SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter" (IMDB Page: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt19371340/>). Until Hamson: The Curious Pig and his creator Geoffrey Loftidottir. In reality, there is no Loftidottir but thanks to talented comics artist, Michael Spivey, the world may never know.

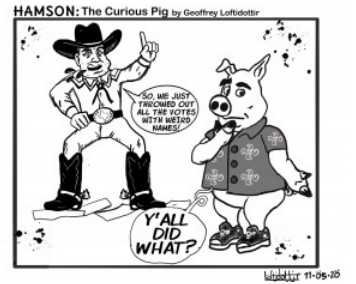
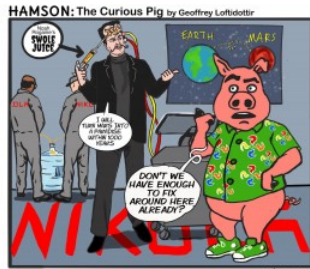
While Robert Christopher Smith and Kurt Belcher wrote the screenplay for "SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter" and created the characters of cartoonist Geoffrey Loftidottir and "Hamson", it took illustrator Michael Spivey to flesh the character out and produce over 60 "Hamson: The Curious Pig" comic strips. Spivey, KY-born like Smith and Belcher, is a writer and creator himself, in fact, a "Rushton Award Winning Playwright" his Senior Year at Union College. He says when Smith and Belcher first brought him on board, they revealed nothing about their screenplay nor how this character would actually play a crucial role. "<They> just described the character of "Hamson" and told me a crazy story about a cartoonist who kind of lost his mind after the character gets hijacked by fringe right wackos." Once the two shared their screenplay with Spivey, everything just clicked.

"SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter" is a slasher film and like "Scream" before it has two killers, which is established right from the beginning of the film. Both killers are wearing halloween type pig masks. As the story unfolds from there, we are introduced to both "Hamson" and his mysterious creator Geoffrey Loftidottir. Nearly every character in the film has a Hamson tattoo on their body somewhere as memes of "Hamson" SPREAD through their world. One character, a moody emo-boy headed into his 30s named Derek swears to be friends with Loftidottir who he says is now missing, and knows more about Hamson than anyone else in the film. Loftidottir, while never appearing on screen, is set up like every other character in the film as a red herring with the potential to be one of the killers.

At one point, as Derek regales his friends with part of Loftidottir's dark history, a series of the comic strips illustrated by Spivey appear on the screen, swiping on and off in conjunction with the story being told. Because of the tremendous effort on the part of Spivey and his passion for the film overall, Smith and Belcher have made sure that he shares credit for the creation of the character and the strips, offscreen and on. Spivey will be considered a partner on the project much in the same way as the cast and crew and his name will appear in the credits alongside those other creators. Much like the fictional Loftidottir, Michael Spivey is a prolific cartoonist who publishes his "The Round File" and "Every Tuesday at Joe's" for his fans at no charge on social media. "Hamson: The Curious Pig" comic strips are made available each week at www.Procrastagram.com

ABOUT SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter

SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter is a horror film shooting in September 2022 by Robert Christopher Smith for his Lethal Voice Entertainment. The production features an exciting ensemble cast including Melody Parra, Ian S. Peterson, Sarah Moliski, Erika Marks, Stephone Davis, Jacob Athyal, Baracha Walston, and Makenna Perkal. While fitting neatly into the Slasher genre, this film reveals itself to be so much more including intense thriller, dark comedy, and even political satire. Audiences will be introduced to SPREAD: Pigs to Slaughter throughout 2023 in film festivals worldwide.



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