

PANEL PROFITS: THE WHITEPAPER SKELETON

I. FOUNDATIONAL CREED

"All value is narrative. All narrative is war." — Rule #5

Panel Profits is a mythopoetic financial platform that treats comic books not as collectibles but as investment-grade cultural artifacts. This document is the definitive architecture for lore, scoring, onboarding, and operations. It blends financial philosophy with mythic resonance, spiritual accountability, and aesthetic rigor. This is not a guidebook; it is scripture.

The purpose is to transform comics from speculative hobbies into a legitimate, measurable class of artistic assets, as valuable and valid as oil paintings or bronze sculptures.

II. METRIC CANON: DEFINING INVESTMENT-GRADE ART

These 20 canonical metrics are **not comic-derived**. They are rooted in: - Museum curation - Art valuation - Archival permanence - Cultural theory - Academic rigor

Each metric is backed by 4 scholarly sources (totaling 80 books). Only comics scoring **across all 20 metrics** are considered.

Canonical Investment-Grade Metrics (Summary List):

1. **Historical Significance**
2. **Aesthetic Cohesion**
3. **Narrative Innovation**
4. **Cultural Permeation**
5. **Philosophical Density**
6. **Artist/Author Rarity**
7. **Production Technique/Ink Fidelity**
8. **Material Longevity**
9. **Edition Scarcity (CGC Census only)**
10. **Moral/Spiritual Theme Weight**
11. **Mythological Integration**
12. **Era-Defining Status**
13. **Movement/School Association**
14. **Curation Compatibility** (with art institutions)
15. **Critical Citation Index**
16. **Market Isolation** (e.g., no derivatives dilute it)
17. **Interdisciplinary Influence**
18. **Emotional Resonance**
19. **Visual Symbolism Complexity**
20. **Permanent Legacy Probability**

CGC Grade (9.0+) and **Price Cap (\$65K)** are pre-filters, not metrics.

III. LORE: THE WORLD OF PANEL PROFITS

THE SEVEN HOUSES

Each mythological house governs a domain of economic and karmic influence: - **Sun God** (Power), **Moon God** (Emotion), **Star God** (Destiny) - All actions have permanent karma - Houses govern investment categories: Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Options, NFTs, Derivatives, ETFs

THE ROLES

- **The Player:** The soul in question
- **The Doyle:** The story guide
- **The Ledger:** The karmic balance
- **The Gatekeeper:** The enforcer of eligibility

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The silence between beats. The breath between thoughts. The space between the spaces. It is sacred, poetic, and present in all art that aspires to truth.

IV. STRUCTURAL RULES

- Only one solo title per character/team per era
 - No compilations
 - Non-English books allowed if scoring qualifies
 - Comics are evaluated **without reliance on first appearances, cameos, or speculative value**
 - All value is judged on its resonance as art, not as collectible
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V. SCORING SYSTEM (HYBRIDIZED)

Each metric scores from **0 to 10**, based on synthesis from the 80 books. - 200 total points max - 195+ = CE50 Elite - If price > \$65K or grade < 9.0, it is disqualified or placed in the **"Almost"** folder

VI. PHILOSOPHICAL TONE

- **Basquiat over Blue Period Picasso:** Shock vs. polish
 - **Barnes Foundation Methodology:** Curation is narrative
 - **Nietzsche & Waits:** God is dead, but we still dance
 - **Sandman + Fables:** Tone guide for prose
 - **Investment-grade art:** A term not lightly used
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VII. TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANALYSIS

- Dataset = 412,000+ issues from 1,650 titles
 - Global sources including Grand Comics Database
 - Only comics scoring full evaluations across **all 20 metrics** are valid
 - Use scholarly reference books only
 - Pricing from census data only (CGC counts, not GoCollect)
 - All game and scoring systems feed the **BIAN**: the true AI-led mytho-economic brain
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VIII. CREATOR + HERO CARDS

- Every book in CE50 must have Creator Cards with:
 - Artist bio
 - Philosophical alignment
 - Notable visual symbolism
 - Hero Cards include:
 - Narrative arc
 - Moral conflict
 - Fate mechanic within gameplay
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IX. OUTPUT PROTOCOLS

All books must include: 1. Opening definition of investment relevance 2. Full metric-by-metric score (0–10) 3. Scholarly citations per metric 4. 1200-word essay 5. Summary paragraph 6. Editor's note 7. Annotated bibliography

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