

## Circle Of Confusion & Stephen Hopkins To Develop TV Series Based On Comic 'Chew'

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**EXCLUSIVE:** Circle of Confusion, which is working on its first TV series, AMC's adaptation of Robert Kirkman's *The Walking Dead*, is putting together another TV series project based on a comic book, John Layman and Rob Guillory's *Chew*. Stephen Hopkins

has come on board to direct and executive produce the project, which is in the process of locking in a writer. *Chew* tells the darkly comic story of federal agent Tony Chu, a "cibopath" able to get psychic impression from the things he eats who is assigned to the most usual and bizarre crimes. "There are a lot of superhero comic books but there are not many food comic books," Layman said. "Food turned out to be a very universal theme embraced by readers." For Layman, who has been writing comic books since 1995, this marks his first original creation and his first success. "It only took 15 years," he quipped. Layman is celebrating another anniversary this year – he is heading to Comic-Con for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and this time, he will have a table for *Chew* following the success of the series' first two volumes. Circle of Confusion's partners also will be going to Comic-Con, which will feature a panel for *Walking Dead* on Friday. The company, which represents many comic book writers, also has *Powers*, a drama project based on the comic by Brian Michael Bendis and Mike Oeming set up at FX. Kevin Falls is attached as showrunner and Michael Dinner as director. Hopkins has directed the pilots for Fox's *24*, Showtime's *Californication* and ABC's *The Unusuals*.

