### The dark side of football

# **Deathfix**

#### **NIX & BENUS**

Gus is a Dutchman and a rising star in Russian football. As the trainer of Sporting Club Moscow he is having the perfect season and the Champions League trophy is within reach. The occasional bit of match fixing by the club chairmen is something he takes in his stride. But then the Chinese mafia gets involved and things get too hot for Gus.

### Hilarious and thrilling in equal measure

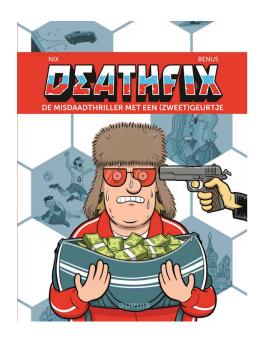
**TZUM** 

With 'Deathfix' Nix & Benus have created a crime story full of black humour, bursting at the seams with hilarious stereotypes, yet surprising at every turn: in a marvellous plot twist, for instance, Gus turns out to be gay, which ends up costing him dearly in the world of football. The authors fashion a world of blackmail and bribery with their signature curved and fluid line and cheerful colours.

## The cleverly written dialogue sparkles. Gus is unforgettable.

**CUTTING EDGE** 

'Deathfix' was launched during the Football World Cup in the summer of 2018 as a so-called 'webtoon': a digital comic designed to be read on a smartphone, with a new sixty-panel instalment every week. Luckily it is now also available as a book, so we can rightly call it a page-turner.



#### **AUTHORS**



Nix (b. 1969), the pseudonym of Marnix Verduyn, gave up his job as a telecommunications engineer in order to start drawing professionally. He published cartoons in various newspapers and magazines, including Billy Bob for Spirou. In 2001, he launched the cartoon series Kinky & Cosy, which won him the prize for the Best Humorous Comic Book in 2001 and the 'Le petit Spirou' award in 2006. Benus (°1983) is the pen name of Ben De Wever. In 2006 he completed his training at LUCA School of Arts in Brussels and has since worked as a freelance graphic novelist, cartoonist and animator. Among many other things, he has co-directed the Kinky & Cosy animation series. His comic character Harry, an antisocial, yellow grizzly bear, appears in Spirou magazine.

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