

John Gallagher's
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SIDEKICKS RULE!



Evil Ducks! Robo-Weiner Dogs! Milkshakes! Need We Say More?!

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FOREWORD

by Jimmy Gownley

If you're a kid, just skip this page. The good stuff is up ahead, and you don't want to waste any time listening to me, when you can read about Buzzboy and Becca and Zoomer.

But if you're a grown-up, can I have your attention for just a moment? Thanks.

Okay grown-up, I'm going to tell you something true, but you may not want to hear it.

Ready?

Okay, here it is...

Comic books are not fun.

Heck, they're not even comic books anymore, they're *Graphic Novels*.

They are somber, and serious and dour. The people who make them obviously feel that they have to make up for... well... for *SOME-thing*, because they've been spending a whole lot of time making sure they wring every ounce of joy out of their work and replace it with gallons of angst and misery.

Now don't get me wrong, some of this makes for great comic boo... *err...* Graphic Novels. While it is true that many of the volumes on the bookshelf in my studio would make Fredric Wertham* spend a decade or two in the fetal position. It is also true that many of them are great works of art.

But enough is enough, y'know?

The really weird thing is, if you asked the creators of these works who it was that they admired, the names most likely to make the list of comic book greats would be people like: **Jack Kirby** and **Harvey Kurtzman**, and **Stan Lee** and **Carl Barks** and **Herge**.

These people understood something important. They understood that *to make serious art does not mean that you have to take art seriously*.

This can be a difficult truth to learn, but I'm convinced of it's importance. I am also convinced that John Gallagher understands this truth at the very core of his being. He expresses it on every page of Buzzboy. Every breezy phrase, action packed panel and wacky reference says emphatically that *this is ART, and it is not at all serious*.

John Gallagher loves comics. He loves the art form enough to honor the best of the past while bringing it to a new generation of readers. He does this with good humor, unselfconsciously, and without irony. This is what makes his work such a joy to read.

My only disappointment is that Buzzboy was not around when I was a kid.

But it is around now. Just in time for my own kids.

And you know what?

That's even better.

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Dr. Frederic Wertham* was an American psychiatrist and the author of *Seduction of the Innocent*, a book that declared comic books were a negative form of popular literature and a serious cause of juvenile delinquency.

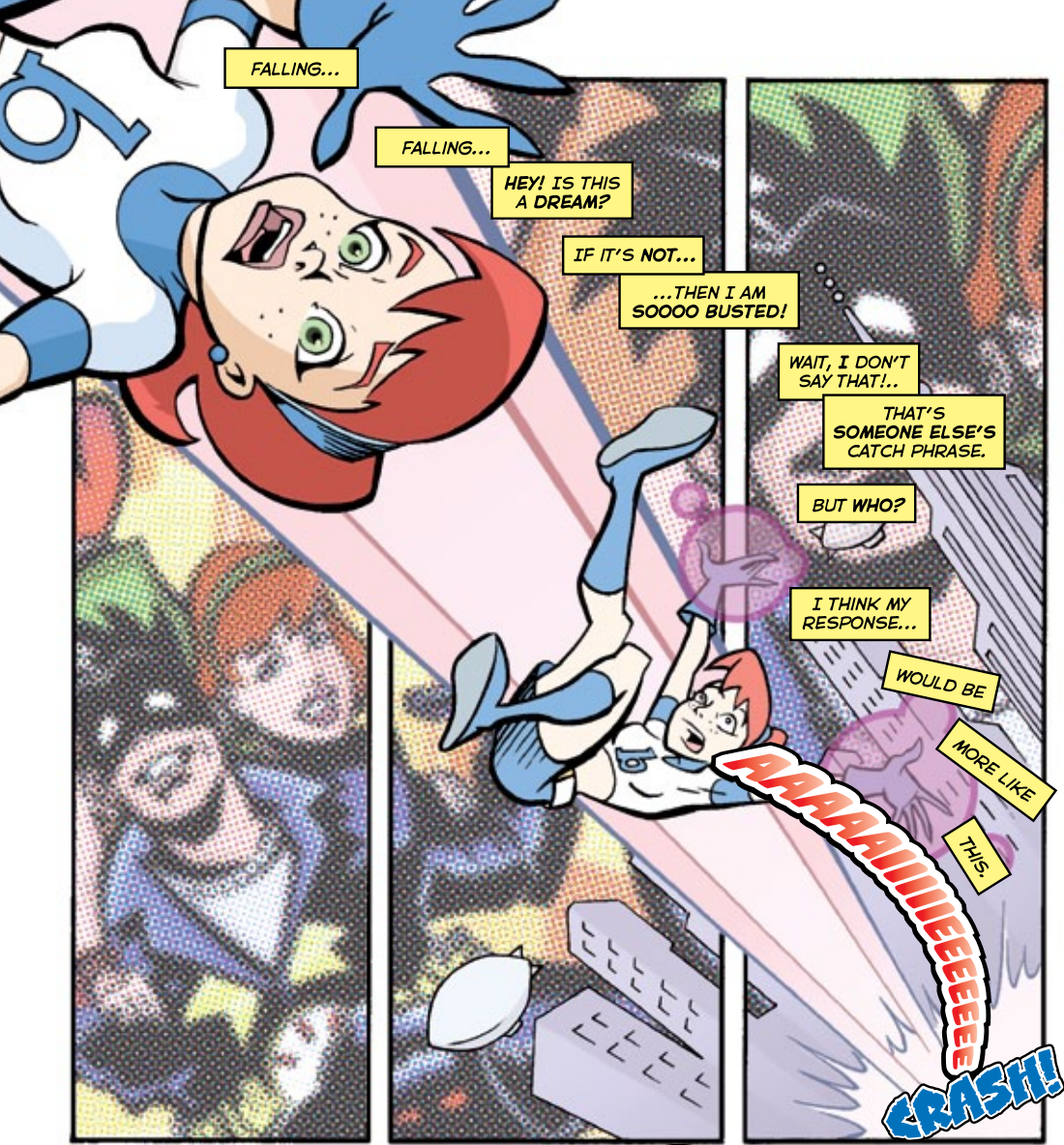
PART 1



Art by Mike Wieringo & Rich Faber



*This book is dedicated to
my parents, **Joe & Jane Gallagher**,
who let me dress like Johnny Cash for pre-school,
wear a sportcoat at the beach, and don a cape
all the rest of my childhood.*



FALLING...

FALLING...

HEY! IS THIS A DREAM?

IF IT'S NOT...

...THEN I AM SOOOO BUSTED!

WAIT, I DON'T SAY THAT!..

THAT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S CATCH PHRASE.

BUT WHO?

I THINK MY RESPONSE...

WOULD BE

MORE LIKE

THIS.

AAAAAIIIEEEEEE
CRASH!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'M ALIVE!

THERE'S... A PINK BUBBLE AROUND ME...

...PROTECTING ME! WOW.

DID I DO THIS?

HOW DID I GET HERE?

THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY FIRST QUESTION...

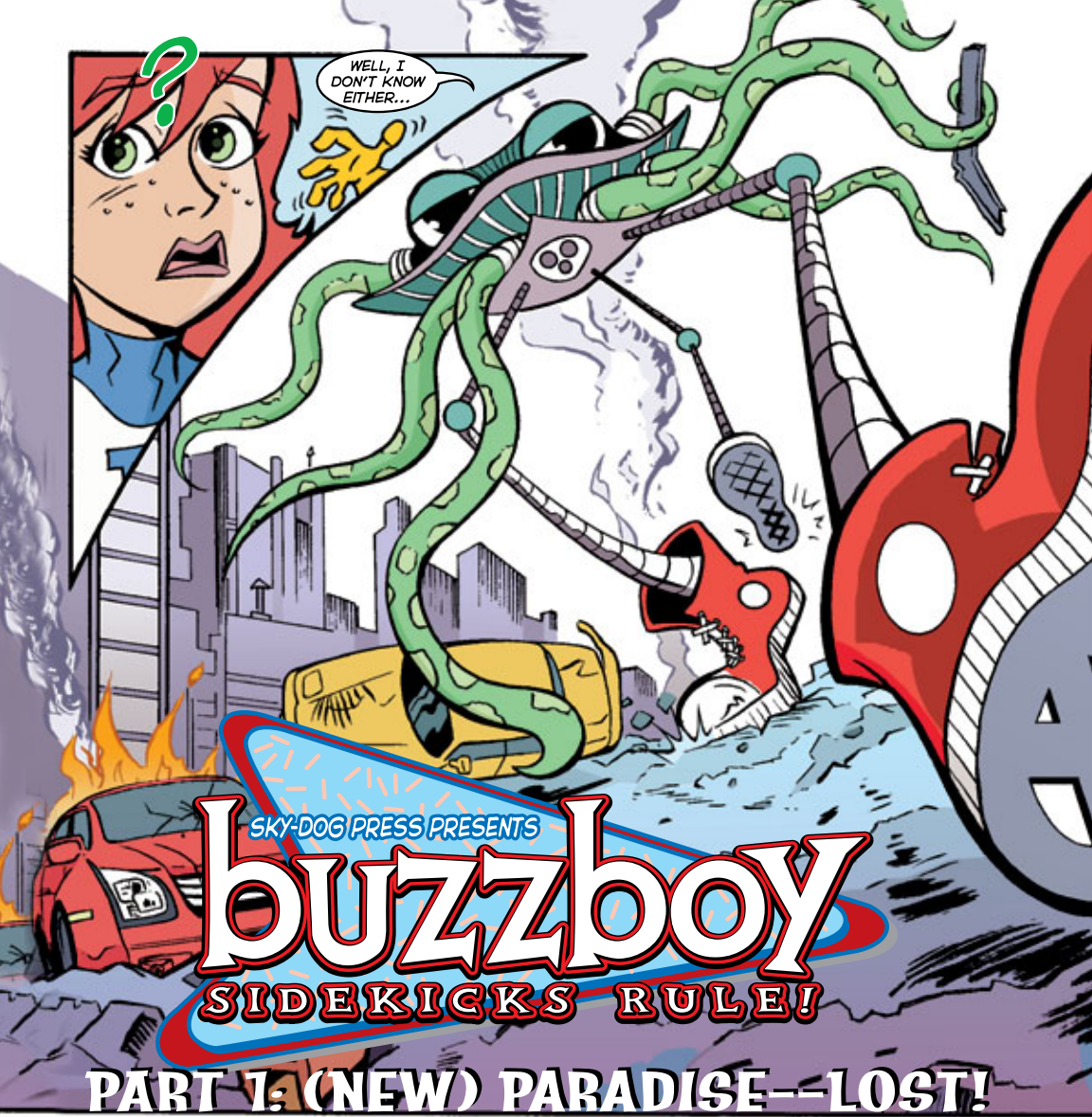
— WHO?..

MY SECOND QUESTION IS...

...WHAT'S 50 FEET TALL...

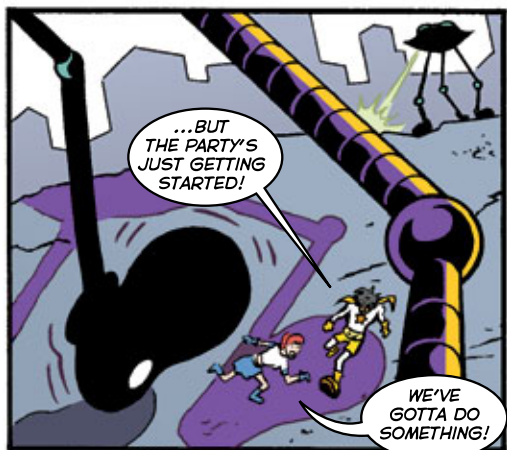
...HAS SLIMY GREEN TENTACLES...

...AND WEARS RED TENNIS SHOES?



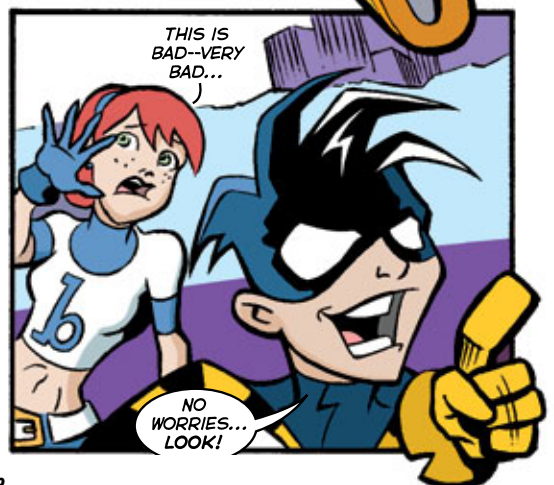


...BUT IT'S ABOUT TO SQUASH US LIKE BUGS!



...BUT THE PARTY'S JUST GETTING STARTED!

WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!



THIS IS BAD--VERY BAD...

NO WORRIES... LOOK!

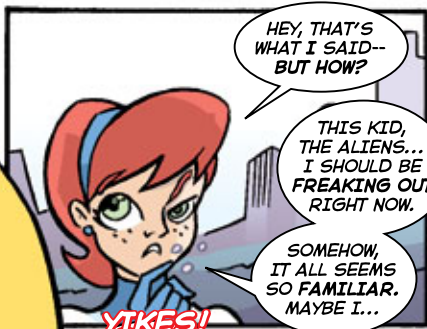
IT'S MY MENTOR...

CAPTAIN ULTRA

THOSE ALIEN INVADERS ARE 50000 BUSTED!



HEY, THAT'S WHAT I SAID-- BUT HOW?



THIS KID, THE ALIENS... I SHOULD BE FREAKING OUT RIGHT NOW.

SOMEHOW, IT ALL SEEMS SO FAMILIAR. MAYBE I...

YIKES!
MY FINGER IS GLOWING!



WAIT, I REMEMBER!



YOUR NAME IS BUZZBOY!...

...AND I'M BECCA, A SORCERESS...

... AND YOUR FRIEND!

OKAY...

...AND WE'VE GOTTA HELP CAPTAIN ULTRA!

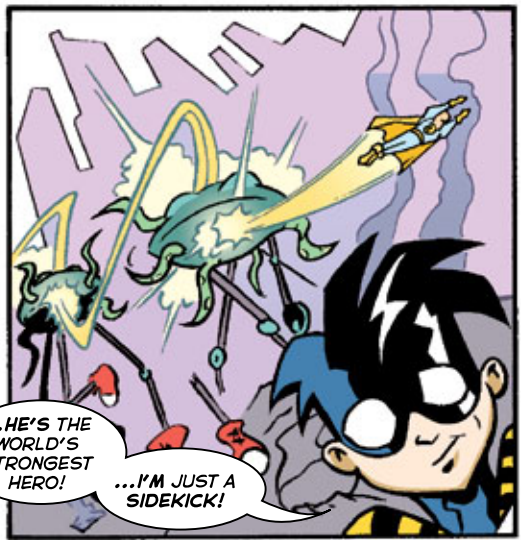
EVEN IF IT MEANS OUR DOOM!

NOW, HOLD ON!





"CAPTAIN ULTRA DOESN'T NEED OUR HELP!.."



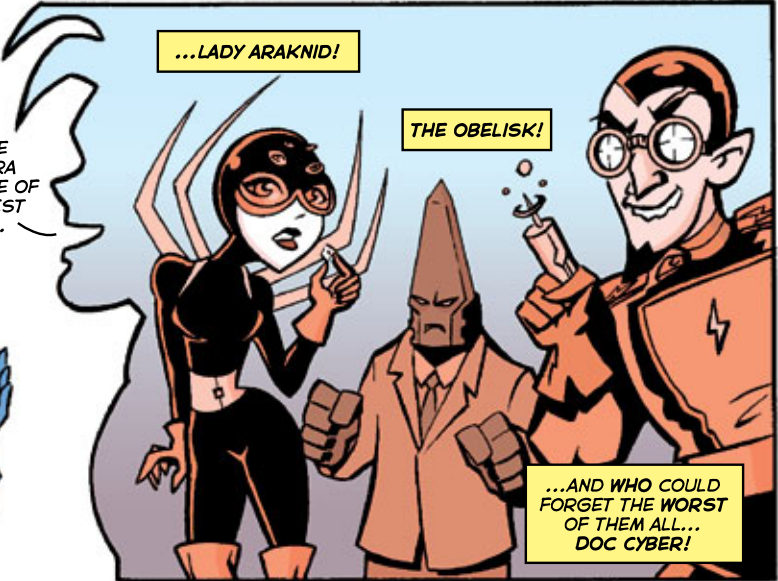
...HE'S THE WORLD'S STRONGEST HERO!

...I'M JUST A SIDEKICK!



"JUST" A SIDEKICK? THIS DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE BUZZBOY I KNOW!

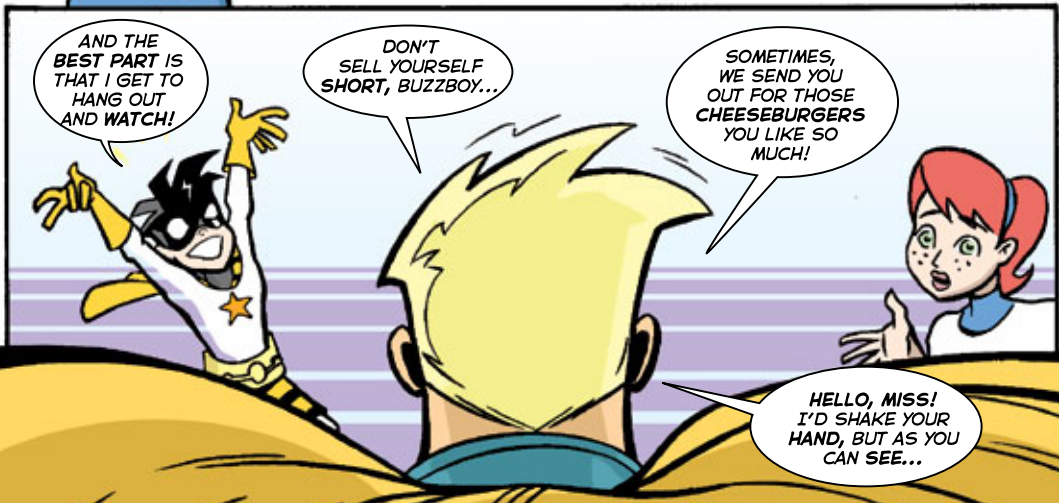
YEAH, I'VE SEEN ULTRA BATTLE SOME OF THE NASTIEST VILLANS...



...LADY ARAKNID!

THE OBELISK!

...AND WHO COULD FORGET THE WORST OF THEM ALL... DOC CYBER!



AND THE BEST PART IS THAT I GET TO HANG OUT AND WATCH!

DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT, BUZZBOY...

SOMETIMES, WE SEND YOU OUT FOR THOSE CHEESEBURGERS YOU LIKE SO MUCH!

HELLO, MISS! I'D SHAKE YOUR HAND, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE...



I'M A LITTLE TIED UP RIGHT NOW!

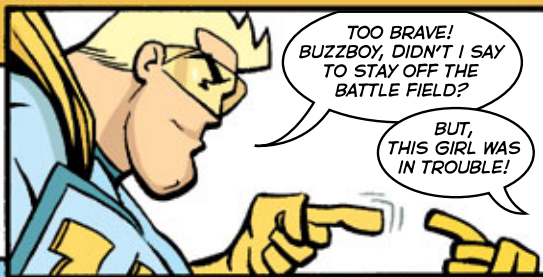
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE

POWER COALITION

COOL, HUH?

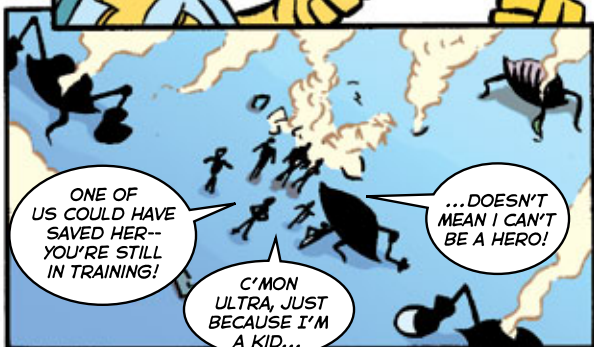
HEY BUZZBOY!

YOU'RE PRETTY BRAVE, HANGING OUT HERE!



TOO BRAVE! BUZZBOY, DIDN'T I SAY TO STAY OFF THE BATTLE FIELD?

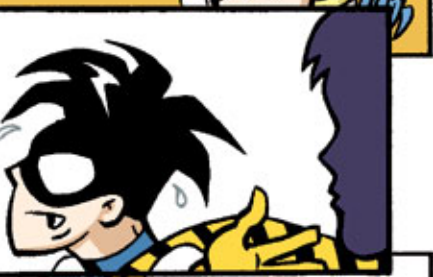
BUT, THIS GIRL WAS IN TROUBLE!



ONE OF US COULD HAVE SAVED HER-- YOU'RE STILL IN TRAINING!

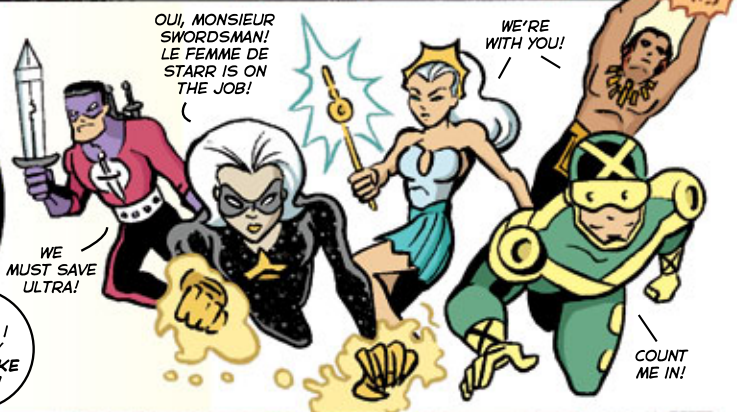
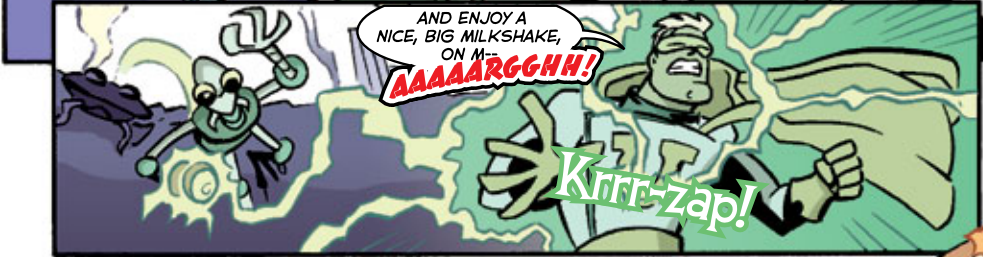
C'MON ULTRA, JUST BECAUSE I'M A KID...

... DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T BE A HERO!



YES SIR, CAPTAIN ULTRA...

JUST BE CAREFUL, OKAY?





I MAY STILL BE IN A DAZE ABOUT THINGS...

...BUT I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING I'M HERE TO SAVE...

LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE FUN!

...BUZZBOY -- WAIT!

THAT VORTEX IS SOOOOO BU- HEY!

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!**

WHA- HAPPENED? I'M STUCK!



BECCA! YOU PUT ME IN THIS CRAZY FORCE FIELD!

LET ME OUT NOW!

NOW, JUST CALM DOWN!

YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED...



...BUT I'M SAVING YOUR LIFE!

WHY, I OUGHTA! WHAT ABOUT...



...CAPTAIN ULTRA?!

BUZZBOY! LISTEN...



IF ANYTHING HAPPENS...



...IF I DON'T COME BACK...

TAKE OFF THE MASK TO--

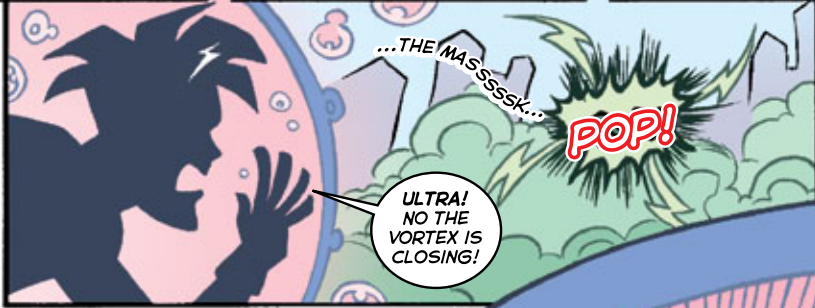


TAKE OFF THE MASK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!

JUST TAKE OFF--

IT'LL OPEN UP FOR YOU IF YOU JUST...

...TAKE OFF--



...THE MASSSSK...

POP!

ULTRA! NO THE VORTEX IS CLOSING!



GONE. THEY'RE ALL GONE!



CAN SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME...

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW?!



THE MOST POWERFUL HEROES ON EARTH...

MY MENTOR...



WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I'M VANISHING!

GONE...

AS BECCA DISAPPEARS, THE LAST PINK REMNANTS OF HER MAGIC BEGIN TO HAVE AN AFFECT ON BUZZBOY'S COSTUME...

SOME TIME LATER, AND SOMEONE HAS AN ANSWER TO BUZZBOY'S QUESTION.

BUZZBOY, IT ALL SEEMS PRETTY OBVIOUS...

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GIVE UP BEING A SIDEKICK...

AND GO BACK TO BEING A NORMAL KID!

WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING? SOMEONE'S GOTTA KEEP AN EYE ON YOU REPLACEMENT HEROES!

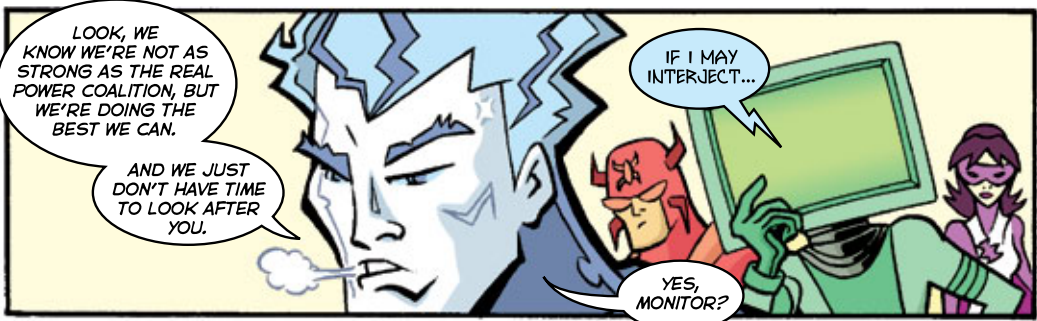
BUZZBOY, ALL YOU'VE HAD AN EYE ON THE LAST TWO WEEKS HAS BEEN CHEESE-BURGERS!

YOU DO NOTHING BUT PLAY VIDEOGAMES...

AND SLURP DOWN...

SLURRRRP!

MILKSHAKES.



LOOK, WE KNOW WE'RE NOT AS STRONG AS THE REAL POWER COALITION, BUT WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN.

AND WE JUST DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOOK AFTER YOU.

IF I MAY INTERJECT...

YES, MONITOR?

WELL, THIS WHOLE SITUATION HAS BEEN A RIDDLE, WRAPPED IN AN ENIGMA, WRAPPED IN A CONUNDRUM...
MONITOR?

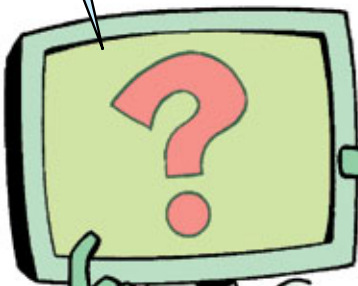
OOH, AM I RAMBLING ON?

YES, A BIT.

SORRY. AS I WAS SAYING, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE THE POWER COALITION, IN THE KNOWN GALAXY.

UPON ULTRA'S DISAPPEARANCE THE ULTRA TOWER HEAD-QUARTERS, AND YOUR HOME, BUZZBOY, WAS ENGLUFED IN AN IMPENETRABLE FORCE FIELD...

RATS! ALL MY COMIC BOOKS ARE IN THERE!



ALSO A MYSTERY IS THE ORIGIN OF THE ALIEN FORCE THAT ATTACKED NEW PARADISE METROGROVE.

...AND NO ONE RECALLS EVER SEEING THE MYSTERIOUS BECCA YOU SPOKE OF.

AND THEN THERE'S THE VIDEO OF ULTRA, SAYING:

...IF ANYTHING HAPPENS... TAKE OFF... MASK...

IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOUR RETIREMENT...

...WOULD BE ULTRA'S LAST REQUEST OF YOU, YOUNG MAN...



NO, IT CAN'T BE TRUE!

IT JUST CAN'T BE.

AH, C'MON GUYS! YA GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!

I'LL TAKE HIM!

WHO ARE YOU?

YOU CAN'T JUST KICK A TRUSTY SIDEKICK TO THE CURB, CAN YOU?

WHO? AM? I?

WHAT, ARE YOU DENSE, KID?

ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE LOLLY GAGGERS, PUNK?

'CAUSE I GOT NO TIME FOR LOLLY GAGGERS...

I'M THE GOL' DERN'D...
CAPTAIN BLUEHEN!

GREAT GOOGLY!

YOU'RE THE DOWNBEAT DETECTIVE FROM...

DELAWARE! WANNA MAKE SOMETHING OF IT? IT'S A TOUGHER STATE THAN IT SEEMS!

SURE IT IS...

CHEESE-BURGER?..

CHEESE-BURGER?.. I EAT CHEESEBURGERS FOR LUNCH!

WELL, THAT WAS THE GENERAL IDEA...

BOY, I COULD BE YOUR BEST FRIEND...

OR YOUR WORST ENEMY! GET IT?

SO WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER BUZZBOY...

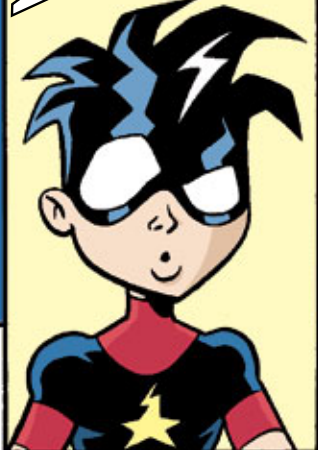
...IF THAT IS YOUR REAL NAME!

I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS THE (HEH) QUESTION?

AND (HEE HEE) OF COURSE, IT'S NOT MY REAL-- HEH...

BWAH-HAH HAH!

HEE-HEE HAHAHA!



RRRRRRRR

OHMIGOSH! I LOVE THIS GUY!

WHAT A MAROON!

HAS HE ALWAYS TALKED LIKE THIS?

WELL, HE DID A FEW YEARS BACK-- BUT IT STOPPED FOR AWHILE...

IT SEEMS TO HAVE STARTED UP AGAIN, JUST RECENTLY.



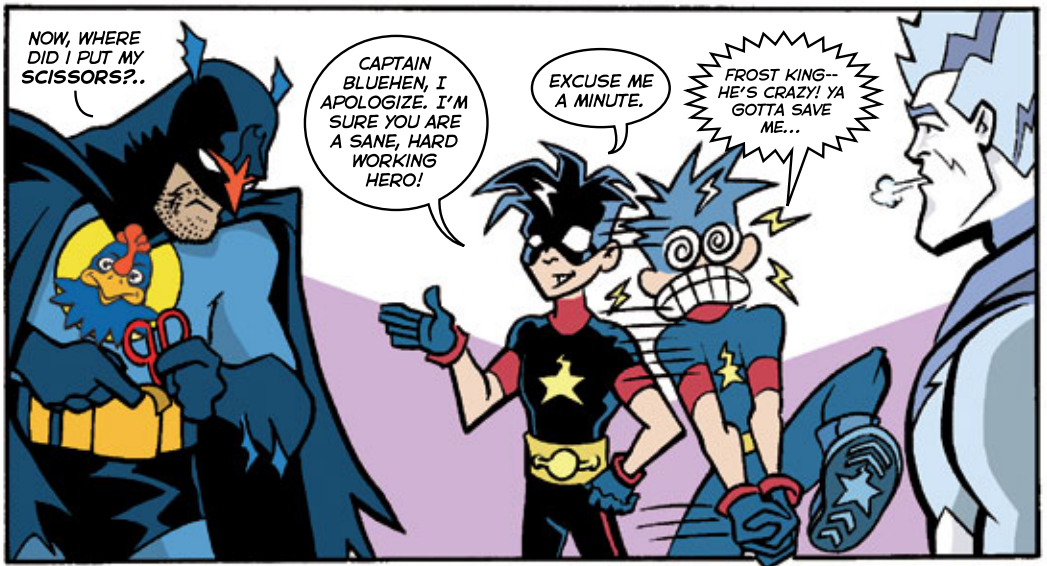
I SUGGEST WE ALL TAKE A MOMENT TO CALM DOWN...

FIRST THING I'M GOING TO DO...

IS GIVE HIM A HAIRCUT!

I AM SOOO BUSTED!





NOW, WHERE DID I PUT MY SCISSORS?..

CAPTAIN BLUEHEN, I APOLOGIZE. I'M SURE YOU ARE A SANE, HARD WORKING HERO!

EXCUSE ME A MINUTE.

FROST KING-- HE'S CRAZY! YA GOTTA SAVE ME...



LOOK, BUZZBOY, I WISH WE COULD DO MORE, RIGHT STARLING?

SURE...



... BUT WITH ULTRA AND THE A-LIST HEROES GONE, WE BARELY HAVE TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD.



YEAH, MAYBE HOOKING UP WITH ANOTHER HERO WOULD GIVE YOU THE GUIDANCE YOU NEED!



YEAH... GUIDANCE.

Snip!



PERHAPS I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE!



HOW DID HE GET IN HERE?



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S...

DOC CYBER!

**MAD SCIENTIST!
SUPER VILLAIN!
(All out nut job!)**

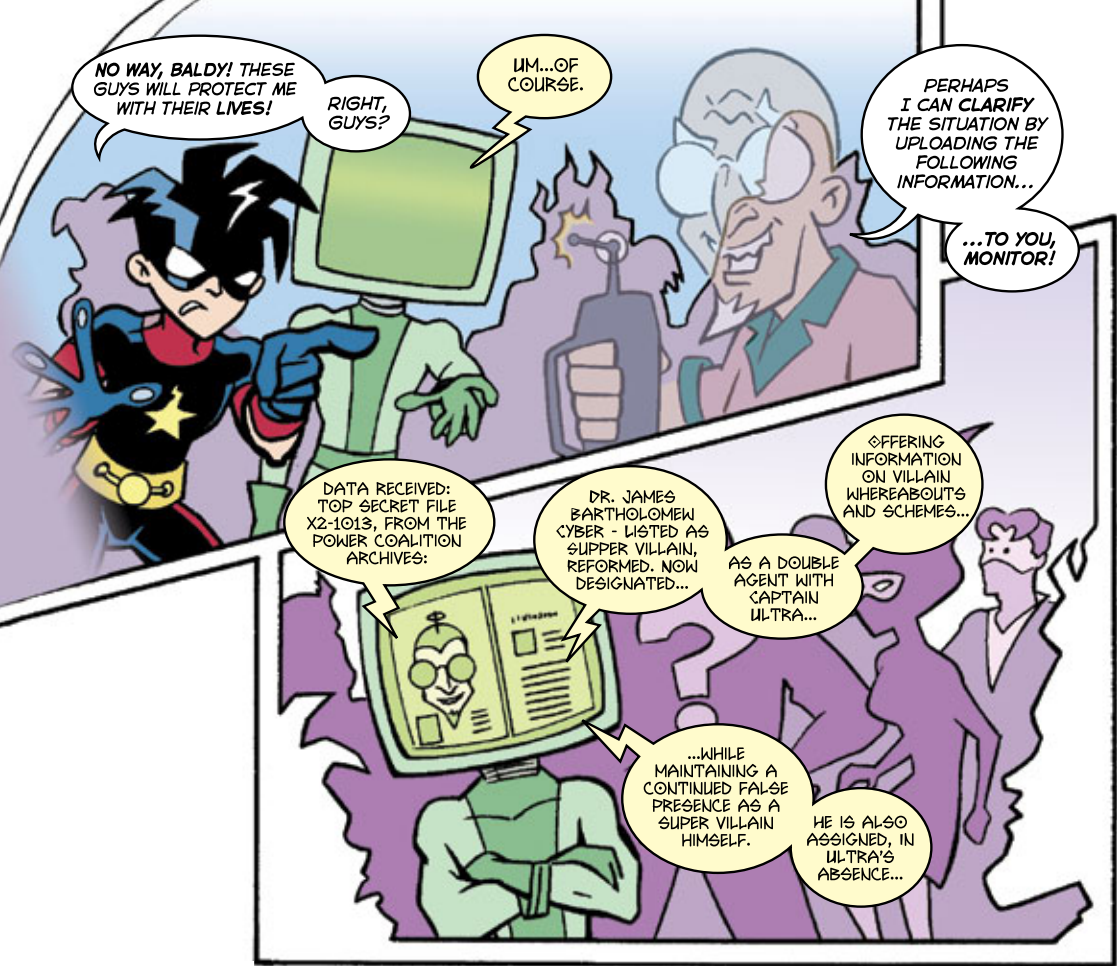
AND DON'T FORGET, I'M A CRACKERJACK CHEF!

WOULD ANYONE LIKE ONE OF MY CUPCAKES?..

THEY'RE SCRUM-DIDDLY-ICIOUS!

Buster Brown





NO WAY, BALDY! THESE GUYS WILL PROTECT ME WITH THEIR LIVES!

RIGHT, GUYS?

UM...OF COURSE.

PERHAPS I CAN CLARIFY THE SITUATION BY UPLOADING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION...

...TO YOU, MONITOR!

DATA RECEIVED: TOP SECRET FILE X2-1013, FROM THE POWER COALITION ARCHIVES:

DR. JAMES BARTHOLOMEW CYBER - LISTED AS SLIPPER VILLAIN, REFORMED. NOW DESIGNATED...

AS A DOUBLE AGENT WITH CAPTAIN ULTRA...

OFFERING INFORMATION ON VILLAIN WHEREABOUTS AND SCHEMES...

...WHILE MAINTAINING A CONTINUED FALSE PRESENCE AS A SUPER VILLAIN HIMSELF.

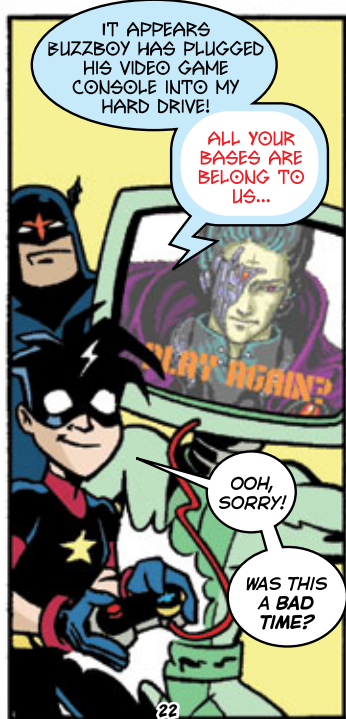
HE IS ALSO ASSIGNED, IN ULTRA'S ABSENCE...



...AS BUZZBOY'S LEGAL GUARDIAN.

CAN WE REALLY TRUST THIS TO BE TRUE?

HEY WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SCREEN, MONITOR?



IT APPEARS BUZZBOY HAS PLUGGED HIS VIDEO GAME CONSOLE INTO MY HARD DRIVE!

ALL YOUR BASES ARE BELONG TO US...

OOH, SORRY!

WAS THIS A BAD TIME?



...TAKE HIM, CYBER.

JUST.

TAKE.

HIM.



LOOK, DOC, MAYBE WE CAN DISCUSS THIS OVER A CHEESEBURGER OR THREE?

FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION THAT, BUZZBOY...

"...I KNOW JUST THE PLACE!"

A DINER?! YOU LIVE IN A DINER?! TOO COOL!

IT ALMOST MAKES UP FOR THE FACT THAT THOSE SO-CALLED HEROES HANDED ME OVER TO A SUPER VILLAIN!

I TOLD YOU, I'M AN EX-SUPER VILLAIN!

I GAVE UP BEING EVIL FOR BAKING!

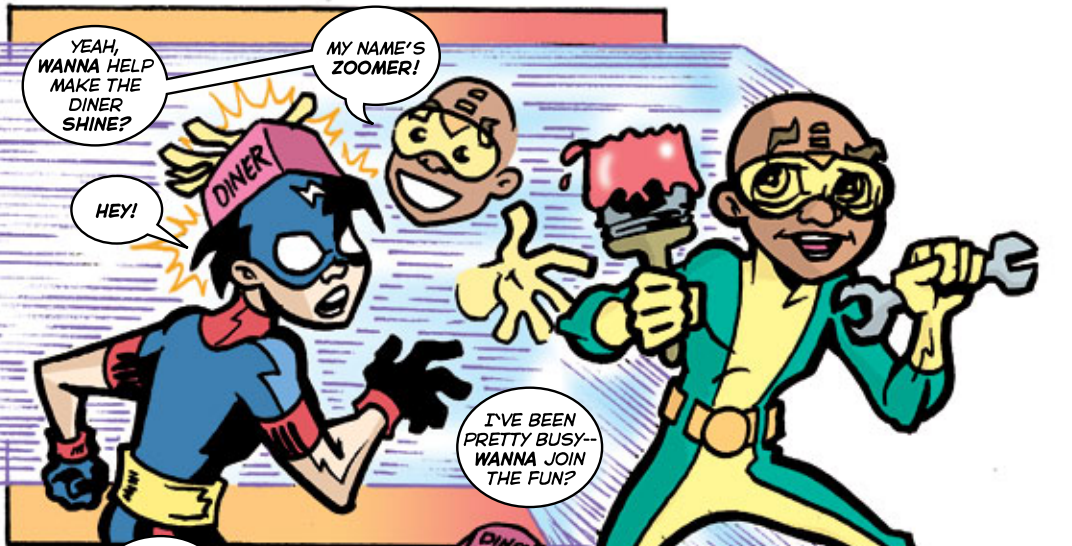


HEY, I KNOW THIS PLACE! IT'S THE OLD TASTEE DINER! RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE ULTRA TOWER!

WOW, IT'S REALLY BEAT UP!

WELL, RENOVATIONS HAVE JUST BEGUN!





YEAH, WANNA HELP MAKE THE DINER SHINE?

MY NAME'S ZOOMER!

HEY!

I'VE BEEN PRETTY BUSY-- WANNA JOIN THE FUN?

I LOVE YOUR BUZZBELT!

WOW-- BUZZBOY!

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR HAIR SO SPIKEY?

WANNA BE FRIENDS?

WANNA?

WANNA?

ZOOMER'S A BRAND NEW SIDEKICK-- ONLY TWO WEEKS NOW! BUT HE LOST HIS MENTOR, XLR8, THE SAME TIME AS YOU...

I THINK I NEED A MILKSHAKE TO CLEAR MY HEAD!..

DOC, HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT ME BEING ALL ALONE?

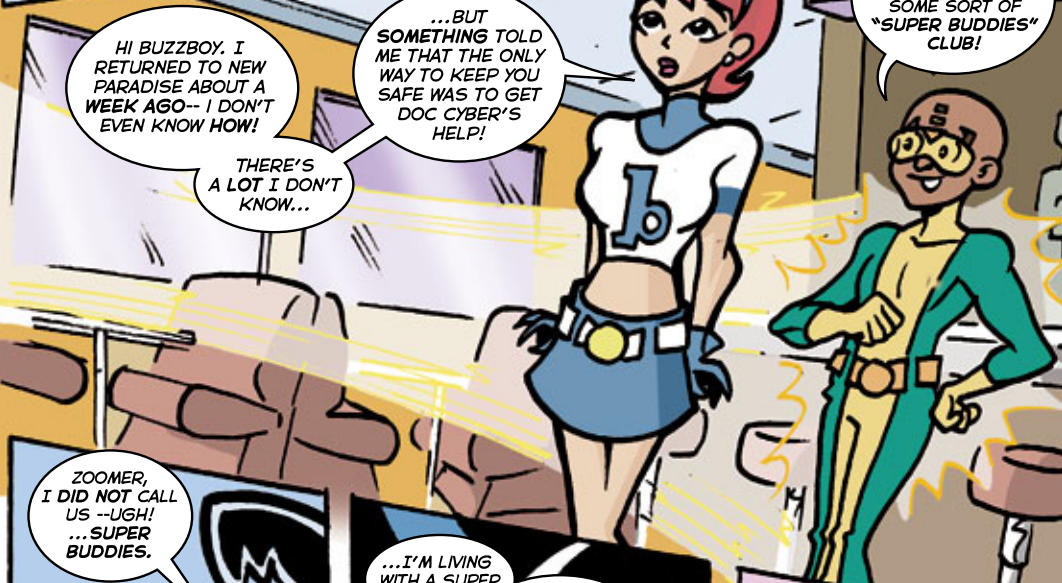




WELL, SOMEONE TOLD ME YOU MIGHT NEED SOME HELP.

YOU! I WAS STARTING TO THINK YOU WERE JUST A DREAM!

WELL SHE CERTAINLY IS DREAMY!



HI BUZZBOY. I RETURNED TO NEW PARADISE ABOUT A WEEK AGO-- I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW!

...BUT SOMETHING TOLD ME THAT THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOU SAFE WAS TO GET DOC CYBER'S HELP!

THERE'S A LOT I DON'T KNOW...

--AND ME TOO!

BECCA SAYS WE'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE SOME SORT OF "SUPER BUDDIES" CLUB!



ZOOMER, I DID NOT CALL US --UGH! ... SUPER BUDDIES.

WELL, FORGET IT! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I COULDN'T HELP ULTRA!

AND, NOW LOOK AT THINGS!..



...I'M LIVING WITH A SUPER VILLAIN...

...AND EVERYONE THINKS I SHOULD QUIT BEING BUZZBOY!

MAYBE THEY'RE RIGHT.



NO! THEY'RE ALL WRONG!

I CAN SHOW YOU!

BECCA'S MAGIC FORMS IMAGES THROUGHOUT THE DINER-- BITS AND PIECES OF A LIFE SHE CAN'T QUITE RECALL...HER PAST, AND BUZZBOY'S FUTURE...

THESE ARE THE ONLY MEMORIES I HAVE OF WHO I WAS...

...AND WHO BUZZBOY WILL BECOME--

...EARTH'S GREATEST HERO



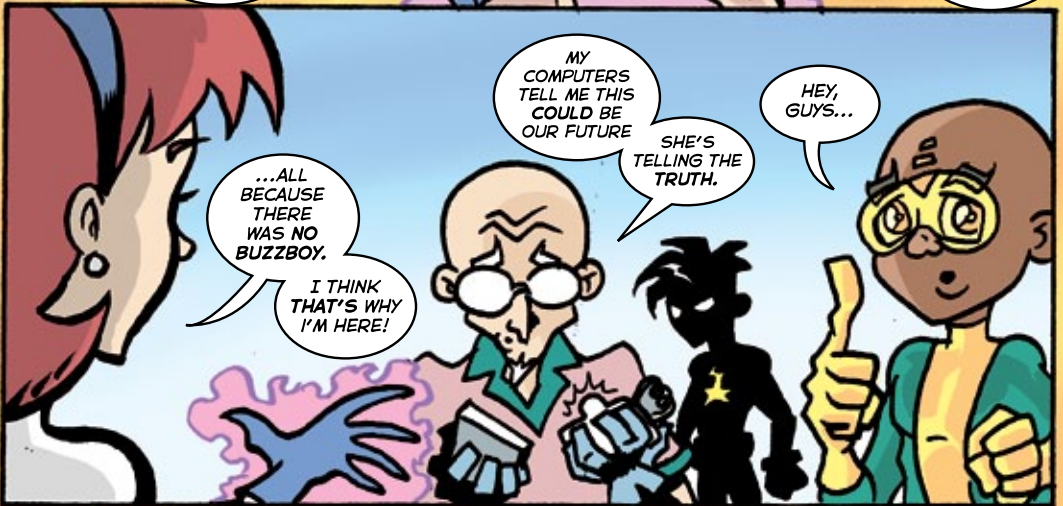
YOU, DOC CYBER, ZOOMER... AND ME...

...WE WERE ALL THERE, WE WERE...

...FRIENDS.

AND THEN, ONE DAY-- BUZZBOY WASN'T AROUND...

...AND THE BAD GUYS WON...



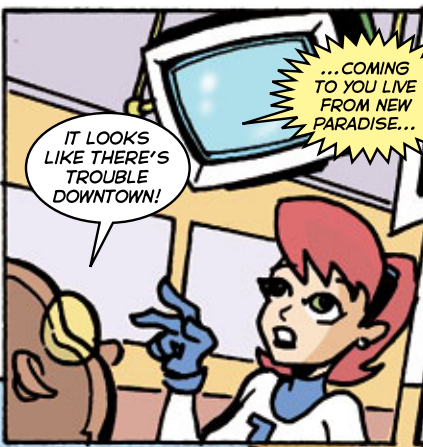
...ALL BECAUSE THERE WAS NO BUZZBOY.

I THINK THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

MY COMPUTERS TELL ME THIS COULD BE OUR FUTURE

SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

HEY, GUYS...



IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S TROUBLE DOWNTOWN!

...COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM NEW PARADISE...



IT APPEARS THE LOCAL BANK IS BEING ROBBED BY CENTI-PETE!



WITH THE POWER COALITION CALLED OVERSEAS...

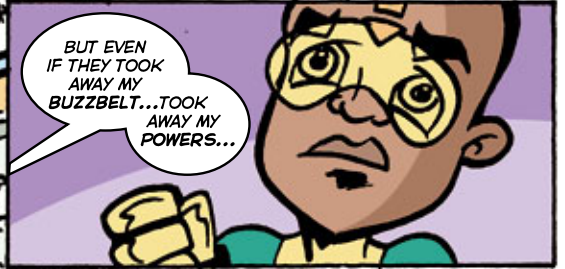
WHO CAN STOP HIM?!



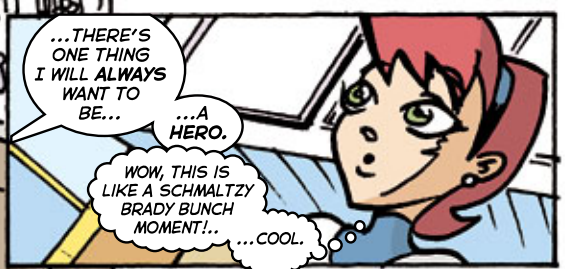
Y'KNOW...

...A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE BEEN TELLING ME WHAT TO DO LATELY...

...STOP BEING BUZZBOY-- STOP BEING A SIDEKICK...



BUT EVEN IF THEY TOOK AWAY MY BUZZBELT...TOOK AWAY MY POWERS...



...THERE'S ONE THING I WILL ALWAYS WANT TO BE...

...A HERO.

WOW, THIS IS LIKE A SCHMALTZY BRADY BUNCH MOMENT!... COOL...



DOC, IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU...

GO, GO, DADDY-O! I'LL KEEP THE SHAKES COLD!

...THEN LET'S **POWER UP!** ...AND KICK SOME CENTI-PETE PATOOTIE!



HURRY BACK KIDS! DON'T BRING HOME ANY EVIL ROBOTS!

THANKS, DOC!

C'MON GUYS! LET'S SHOW EVERYONE...

...IT'S FUN TO BE A HERO!

...AND WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING THE WORLD...

SIDEKICKS RULE!



SIDEKICKS RULE!

SQWAAACK!!

FREEZE THE TIME STREAM MONITOR RIGHT THERE, COMMANDOR RUFFLES!

timeline variance: 76%



BUZZBOY--
ECH! "BUG
BOY" IS MORE
LIKE IT!

LOOK AT
HIM-- SO
SMUG...

SO VERY...
RE-DONKULOUS!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN THAT'S NOT
A WORD, CAPTAIN
FLOPPY? OF
COURSE IT IS!

SCWAAACK!!

grrr?

NOW, WHERE
WAS I-- OH YES,
ERADICATING
BUZZBOY!

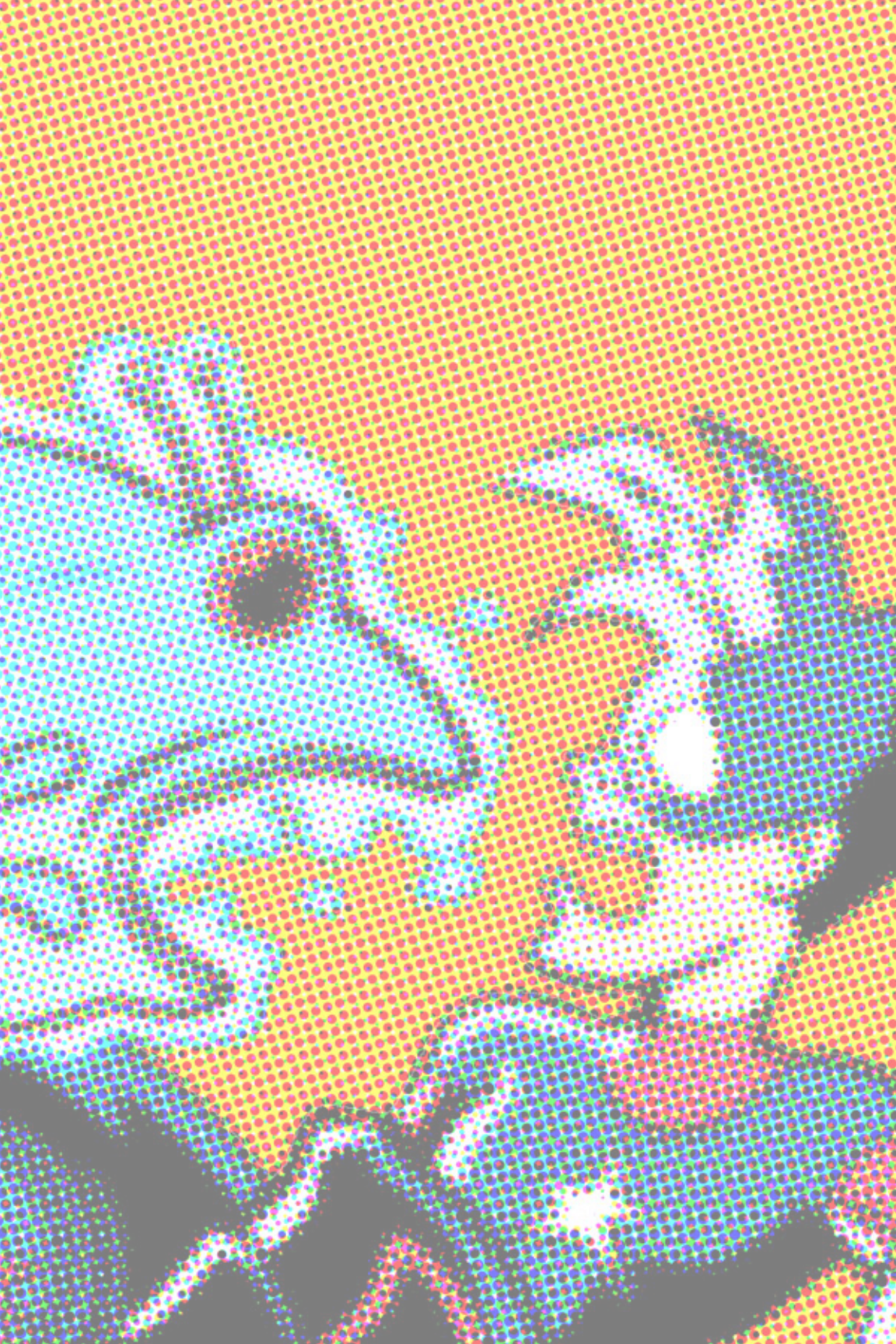
I HAVE
WORKED HARD
TO ERASE BUZZBOY
FROM EXISTENCE, AND
NOTHING WILL STOP
ME THIS, OR
ANY TIME!

BUT MERE
DESTRUCTION ISN'T
GOOD ENOUGH-- I WILL
CRUSH HIS SPIRIT, TAKE
HIS POWERS, AND SHOW
THE WORLD HE'S
NO HERO!

FINALLY, BUZZBOY
WILL LEARN ONCE
AND FOR ALL:
THINGS WILL GET
VERY SHAKY...

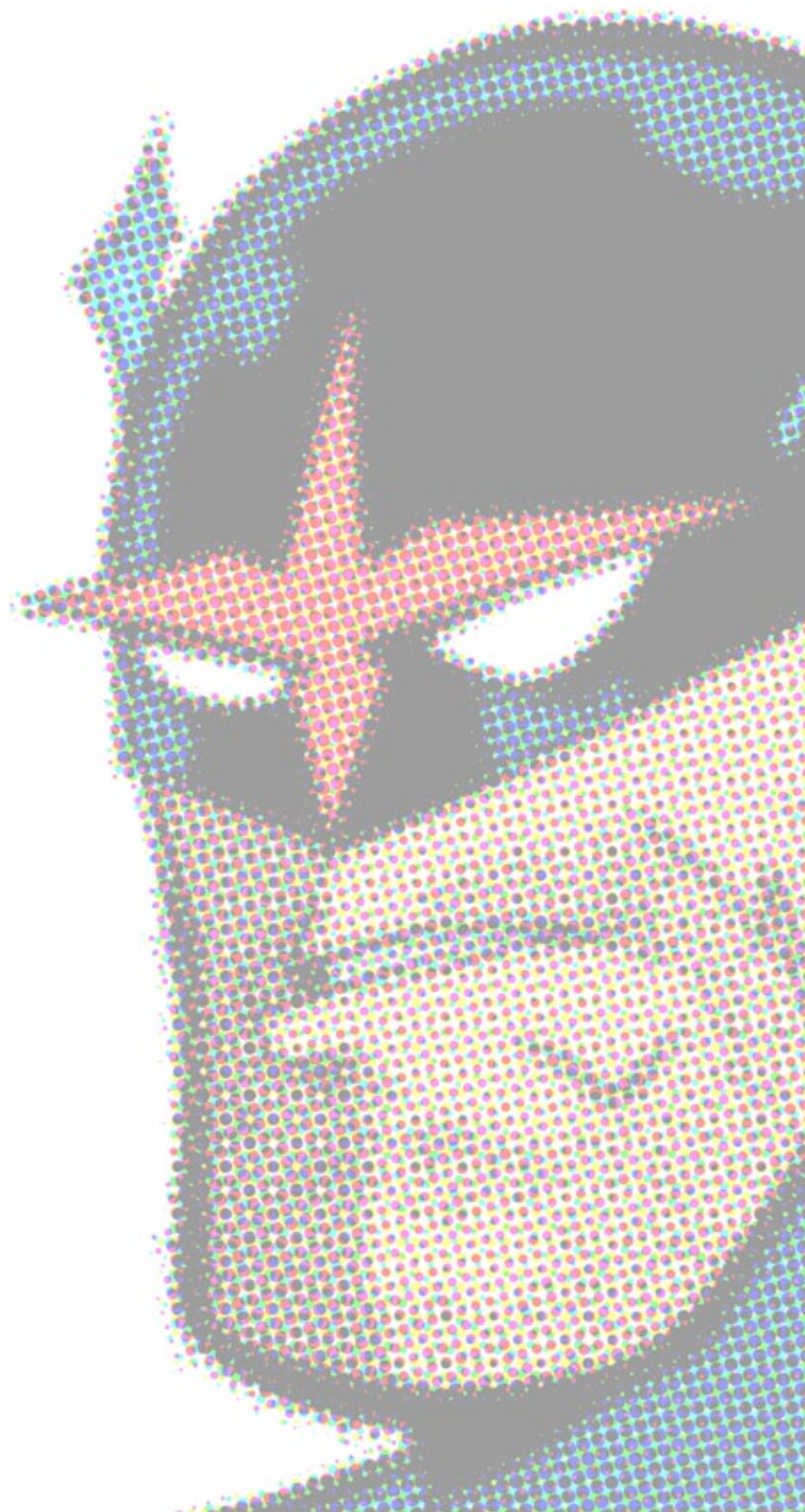
WHEN TIMEQUAKE COMES TO TOWN!

END OF PART ONE



PART 2





POWER COALITION
HEADQUARTERS--
AND ALL IS WELL!

...OR IS IT?

I'M TELLING YOU-- buzzboy

IS A MENACE! HE MUST
BE STOPPED!

C'MON, CAPTAIN
BLUE HEN...

...A FEW
PRANKS NEVER
HURT ANYONE!

MY SENSORS
INDICATE A 67%
INCREASE IN
HEARTRATE--

A FEW PRANKS,
FROST KING? THAT'S HOW
IT ALL STARTS...

KICK
ME
I'M
GRUMPY

FIRST HE'S
DROPPING WATER
BALLOONS ON
MY HEAD...

AND THE
NEXT THING YOU
KNOW, HE'S TURNED
EVIL AND HE'S TRYING TO
TAKE OVER THE
WORLD!

WAIT A MINUTE--
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT BUZZBOY OR
DARTH VADER?

HE'S JUST A
KID, AFTER ALL!

BUZZBOY,
THAT IS!

JUST A
KID?

YOU WOULDN'T
SAY THAT IF YOU HAD
BEEN IN MY BOOTS
LAST NIGHT!

IT WAS JUST ANOTHER
NIGHT IN THE CITY

MY CITY.

AND AS I WATCHED OVER THE
GOLDEN ARCHES OF THE IRISH
RESTAURANT BELOW

I KNEW EVIL HAD
TRIUMPHED THIS DAY.

YOU SEE

...MY CHICKEN
NUGGETS
WERE COLD...

AGAIN.

BUT THINGS
WERE ABOUT TO
GET WORSE.

WHAT'S
THAT NOISE?
A ROCKET?

MUCH WORSE!

WOO!

ROOOAAAAR!

EXCUSE US!
LOW BRIDGE!

THAT RASSA-FRASSIN
BUZZBOY AND THAT SUPER-
SPEEDSTER ZOOMER
HAD CAUGHT UP WITH MY
ARCH-ENEMY,
THE ROBBER-TEER!

THEY EVEN HAD
THE AUDACITY TO
HAVE FUN WHILE
FIGHTING CRIME!

I CAN STILL HEAR
THEM LAUGHING AND
YELLING AT EACH OTHER

MONKEYS!
BEAVERS!
MONKEYS!

BEAVERS!
MONKEYS!
BEAVERS!

?

ALL THAT TALK
OF MONKEYS AND
BEAVERS...

EVER SINCE
BUZZBOY'S MENTOR,
CAPTAIN ULTRA, DISAPPEARED,
THE KID HAS BEEN NOTHING
BUT TROUBLE!

RIGHT,
STARLING?

WUXTRY!
WUXTRY! READ ALL
ABOUT IT!

DAILY ITEM
**BUZZBOY
NABS BADDIE!**

PLANET
**SURVEY SAYS:
BUZZBOY'S COOL!
BLUEHEN DROOLS!**

PARADISE
PICAYUNE
BECCA TALKS!
**ZOOMER:
BB ROCKS!**

WRONG.

BB'S A
GOOD KID, AND
YOU'RE A BIG
BABY.

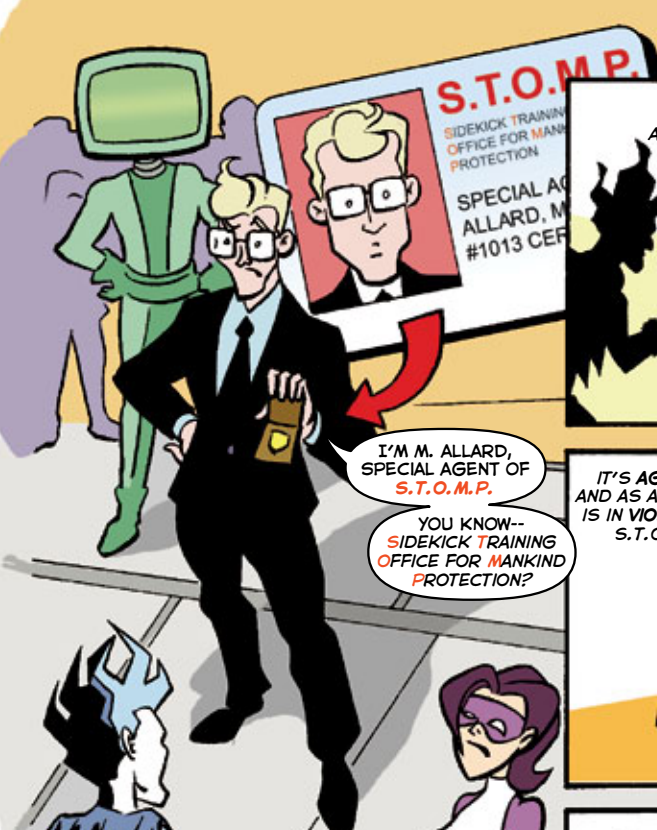
YOU HEARD ME!
BUZZBOY LOST THE
MOST IMPORTANT PERSON
IN HIS LIFE, BUT HE
DOESN'T GIVE UP!

HE'S A HERO,
AND NO ONE CAN
CHANGE THAT!

**BIG BABY?
ME?!**

I WOULDN'T BE
SO SURE ABOUT
THAT!

ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE
MYSELF...



I'M M. ALLARD, SPECIAL AGENT OF S.T.O.M.P.

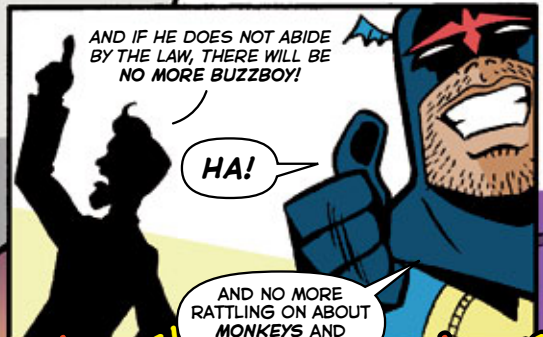
YOU KNOW--SIDEKICK TRAINING OFFICE FOR MANKIND PROTECTION?



WELL, MR. ALLARD, BUZZBOY IS A GREAT SIDEKICK, AND ANYONE WHO SAYS OTHERWISE IS CRAZY!



IT'S AGENT ALLARD, SIR. AND AS A SIDEKICK, BUZZBOY IS IN VIOLATION OF SEVERAL S.T.O.M.P. BY-LAWS!



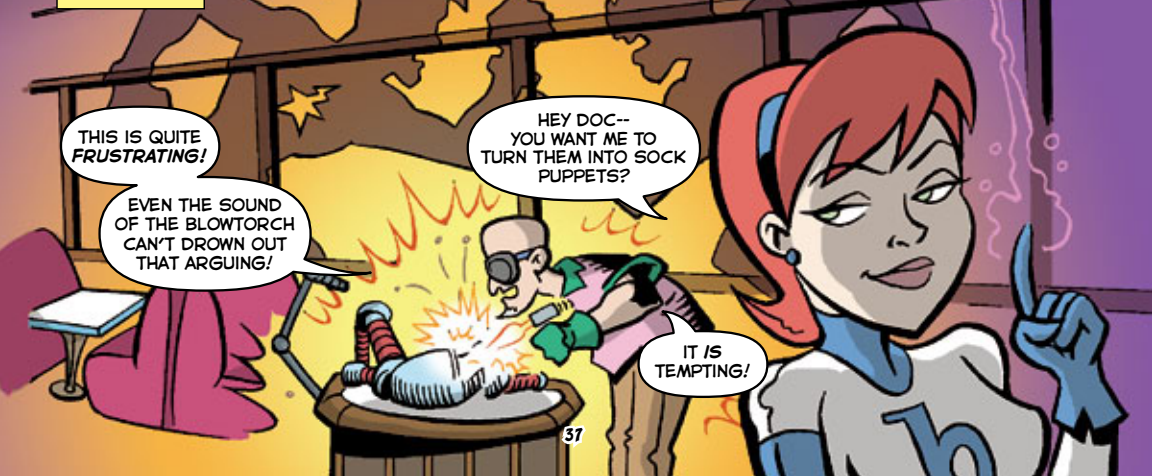
AND IF HE DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE LAW, THERE WILL BE NO MORE BUZZBOY!

HA!

AND NO MORE RATTLING ON ABOUT MONKEYS AND BEAVERS!

MONKEYS! BEAVERS! MONKEYS! BEAVERS! MONKEYS! BEAVERS! MONKEYS! BEAVERS! MONKEYS! BEAVERS! MONKEYS! BEAVERS! MONKEYS! BEAVERS!

MEANWHILE...



THIS IS QUITE FRUSTRATING!

EVEN THE SOUND OF THE BLOWTORCH CAN'T DROWN OUT THAT ARGUING!

HEY DOC-- YOU WANT ME TO TURN THEM INTO SOCK PUPPETS?

IT IS TEMPTING!



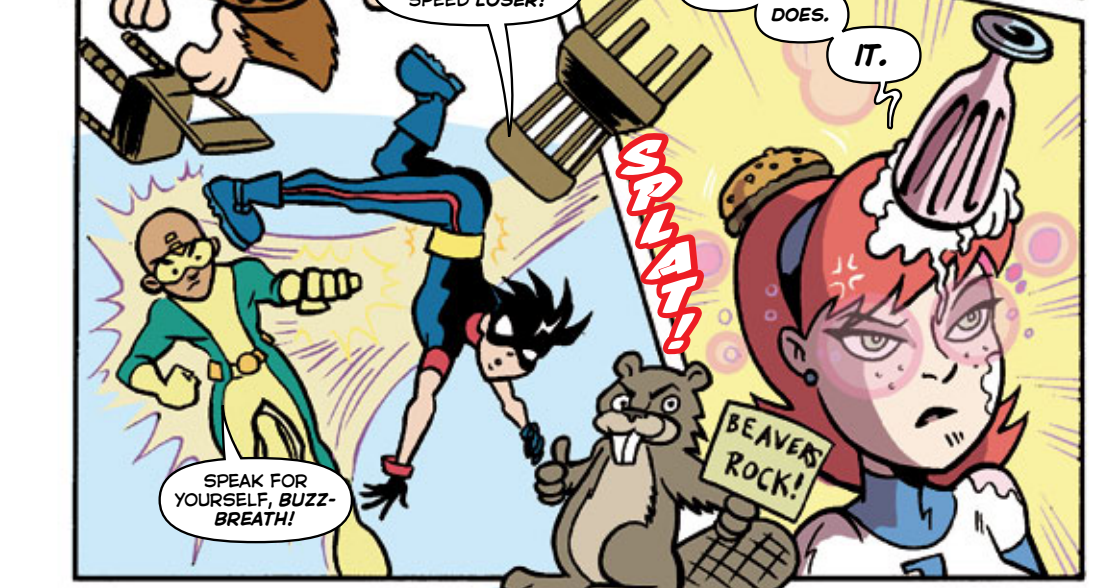
--BUT ZOOMER, IT'S SO OBVIOUS!

IN A WAR BETWEEN A HUNDRED MONKEYS AND A HUNDRED BEAVERS, THE MONKEYS WOULD SURELY WIN!

AU CONTRAIRE, MON FRÈRE! THAT BUZZBELT IS FRYING YOUR BRAIN!

THE BEAVERS WOULD EASILY DEFEAT THE MONKEYS!

WOULD YOU BOYS BEHAVE? REALLY!



TELL ZOOMER! HE'S BEING A LIGHT-SPEED LOSER!

THAT.

DOES.

IT.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, BUZZ-BREATH!

BEAVERS ROCK!

YOU ARE SO BUSTED!

HEY, BECCA-- THAT'S MY LINE! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

AT THIS POINT, BECCA CAN DO ANYTHING SHE WANTS!

ZOOMER! BUZZBOY!

EXPLAIN TO ME WHY YOU'VE TRASHED THE DINER--

--AND (MORE IMPORTANTLY) MY COSTUME--

--OVER THIS SILLY ARGUMENT?

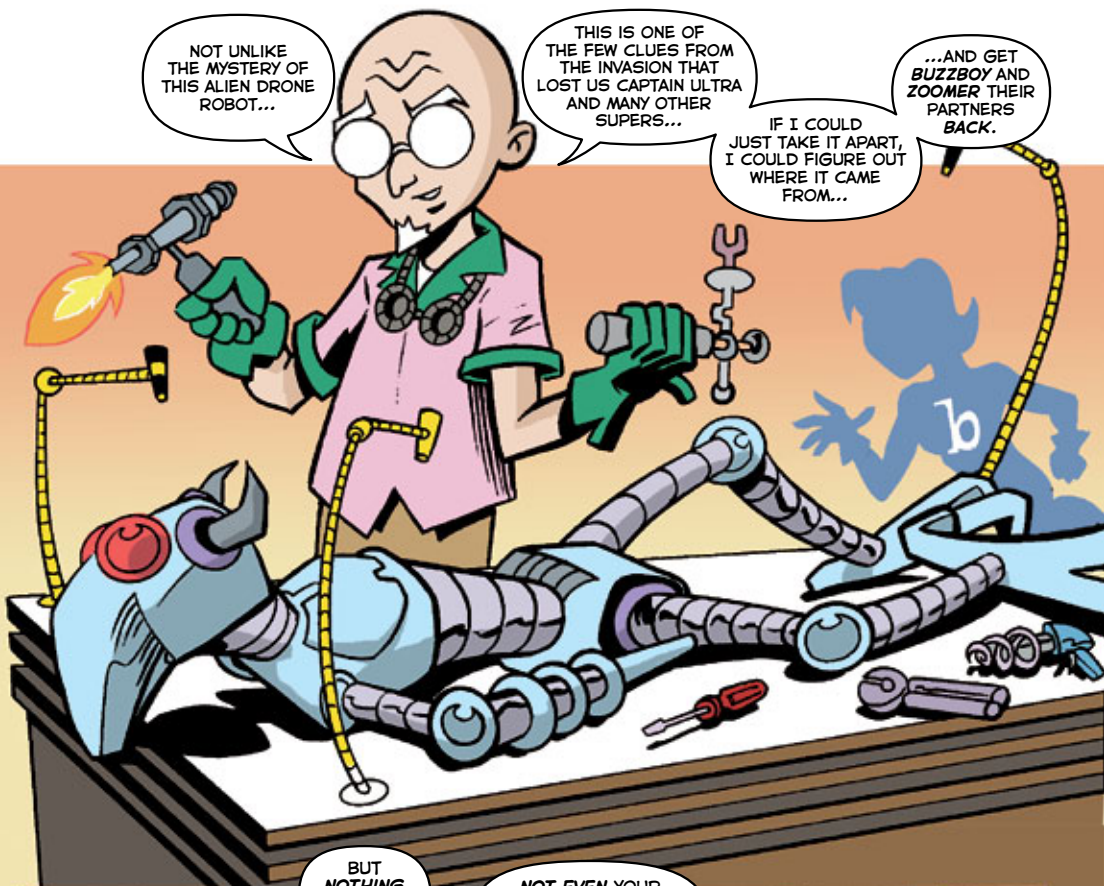
SILLY? BECCA, YOU'RE BREAKING MY SUPER SPEEDSTER'S HEART!

YEAH, BECCA! WHAT ARE YOU-- A MONKEY HATER?

WHY DO I BOTHER?

DOC-- MONKEYS? BEAVERS?

AH, YES! ONE OF THE GREAT DEBATES AND MYSTERIES OF OUR TIMES!

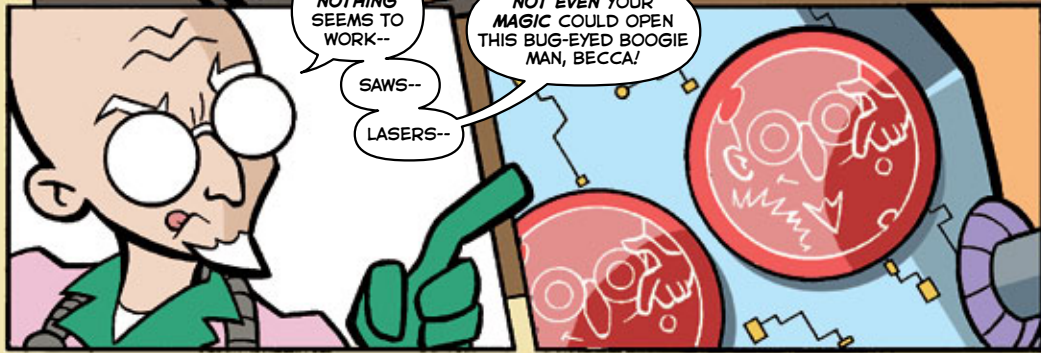


NOT UNLIKE THE MYSTERY OF THIS ALIEN DRONE ROBOT...

THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW CLUES FROM THE INVASION THAT LOST US CAPTAIN ULTRA AND MANY OTHER SUPERS...

IF I COULD JUST TAKE IT APART, I COULD FIGURE OUT WHERE IT CAME FROM...

...AND GET BUZZBOY AND ZOOMER THEIR PARTNERS BACK.



BUT NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK--

NOT EVEN YOUR MAGIC COULD OPEN THIS BUG-EYED BOOGIE MAN, BECCA!

SAWS--
LASERS--



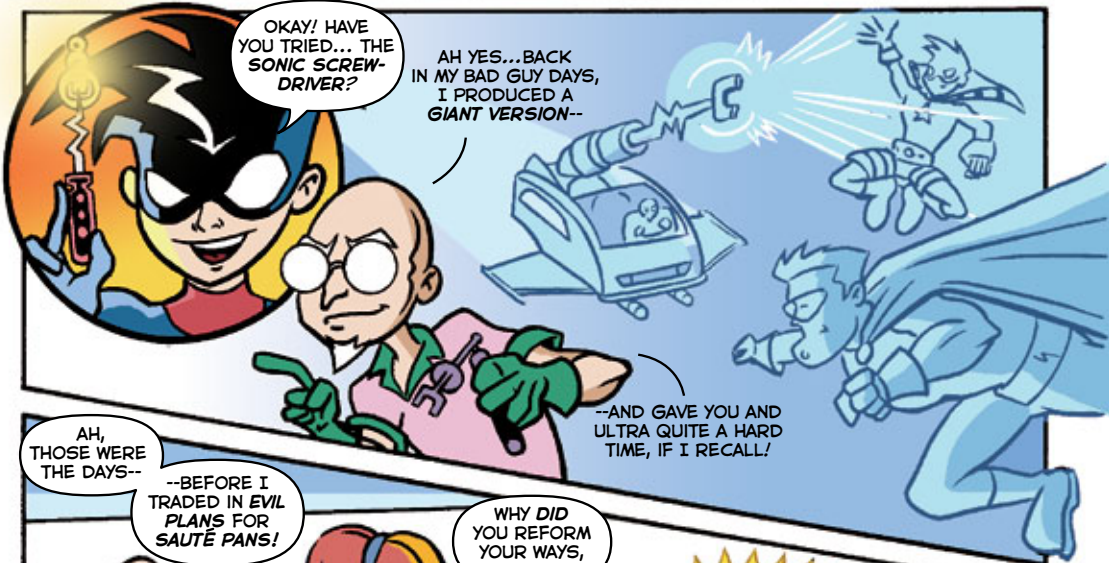
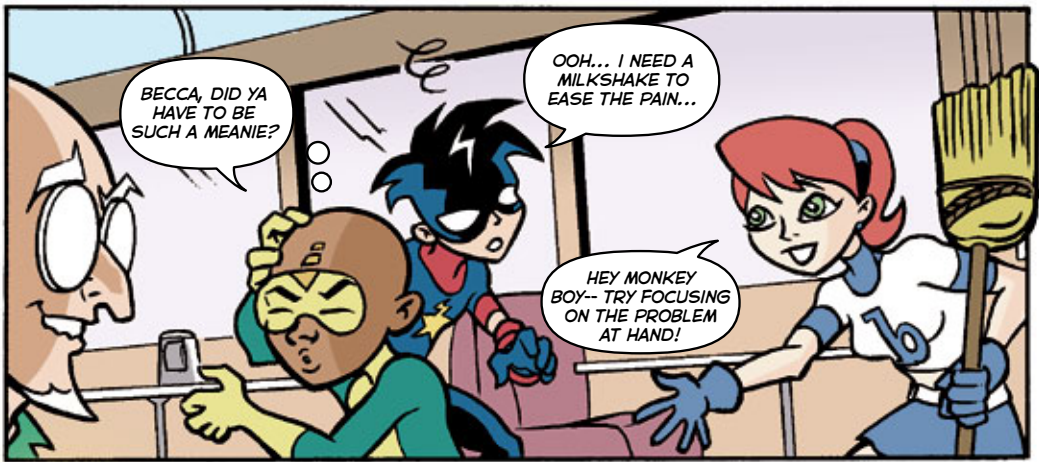
THAT'S A BUMMER, DOC.

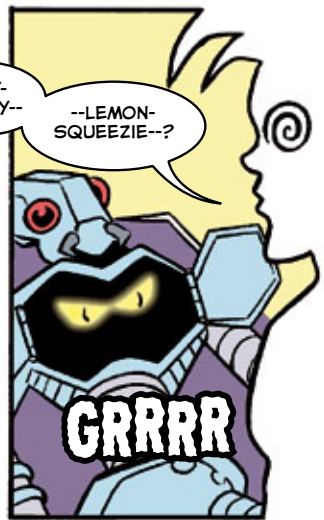
HEY! IF SOMEONE WOULD LET US DOWN, WE COULD HELP!

PLEASE, BECCA?

WHATEVER.

OOO! OUCH!
Thud!





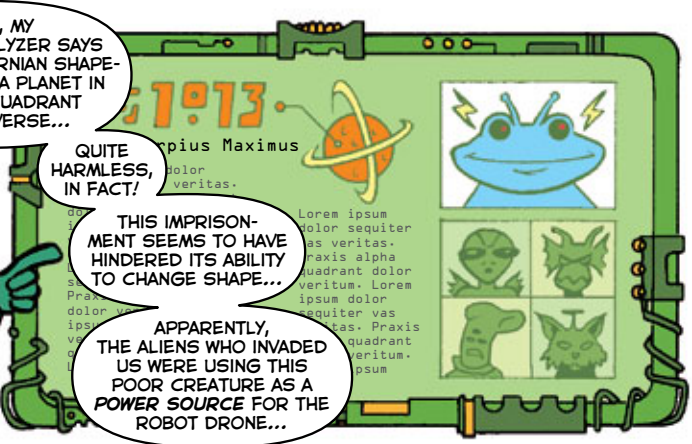
THIS CREATURE MEANS US NO HARM!

IN FACT, MY UNIVERSAL ANALYZER SAYS THAT IT'S A PATERNIAN SHAPE-SHIFTER FROM A PLANET IN THE ALPHA QUADRANT OF THE UNIVERSE...

QUITE HARMLESS, IN FACT!

THIS IMPRISONMENT SEEMS TO HAVE HINDERED ITS ABILITY TO CHANGE SHAPE...

APPARENTLY, THE ALIENS WHO INVADED US WERE USING THIS POOR CREATURE AS A POWER SOURCE FOR THE ROBOT DRONE...



BUT DOC-- WHAT ABOUT IT SWALLOWING BUZZBOY'S HEAD?



OH, THAT'S JUST HOW THEY SAY "HELLO"!

BLECH!:

GLOPPEE!

AW! HE'S SO CUTE!



WOW! THE SONIC SCREW-DRIVER SEEMS TO BE THAT ALIEN TECHNOLOGY'S ONLY WEAKNESS...

UNFORTUNATELY, THE LARGER VERSION OF THAT APPARATUS IS WITHIN BUZZBOY'S FORMER HOME--THE ULTRA TOWER!

--AND EVER SINCE CAPTAIN ULTRA DISAPPEARED, NO ONE CAN GET THROUGH THE FORCE FIELD--NOT EVEN ME!*

IF ONLY WE COULD...

*AS WE LEARNED LAST CHAPTER!



BUZZBOY'S THOUGHT GOES UNFINISHED--THANKS TO THE ARRIVAL OF SOME UNWELCOME GUESTS!

BUZZBOY!

KEE-RASH!

GREAT GOOGLY-MOOGLE!

**BUZZBOY--
LOOK OUT!**

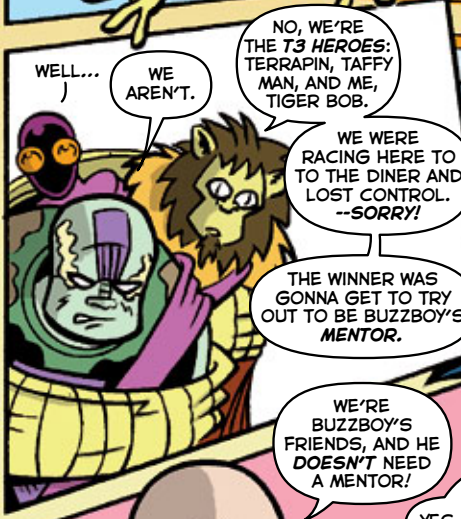
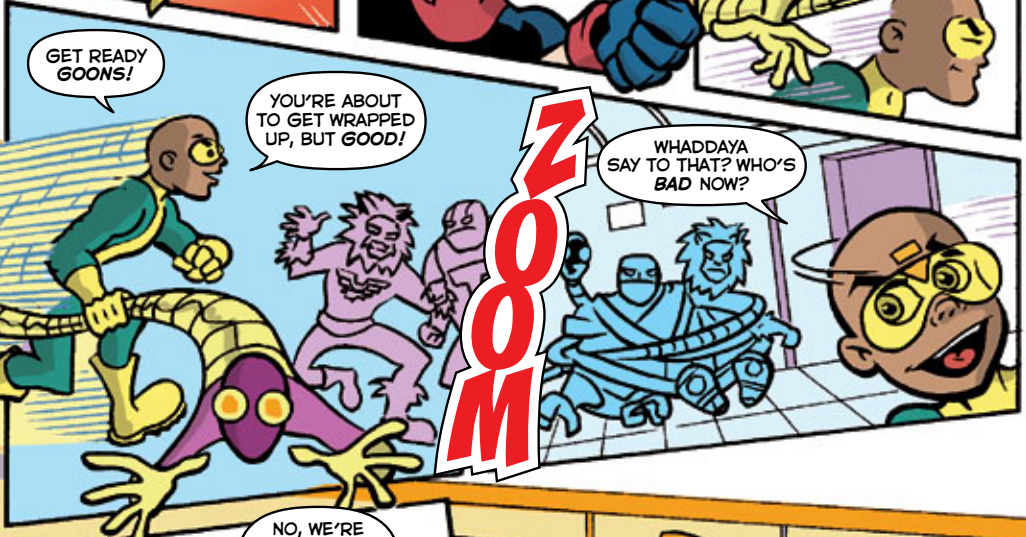
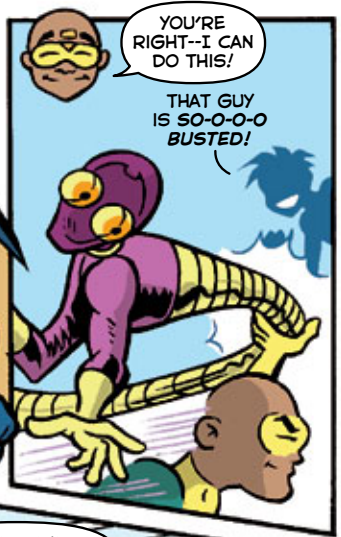
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

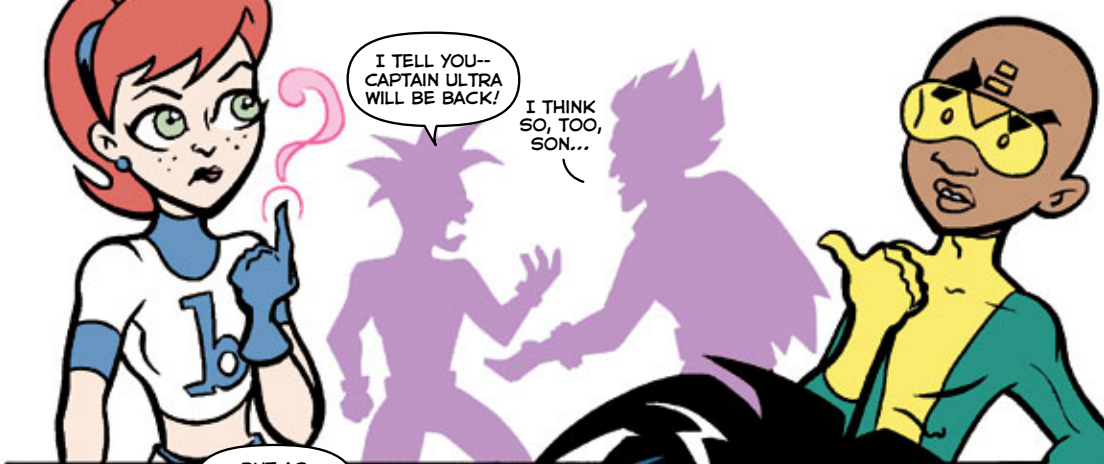
I'LL TAKE TURTLE BOY...

LET'S SEE HOW FIERCE YOU ARE WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE, PUSSYCAT!

WELL, YOU KIDS HAVE FUN!

I'LL GO CHECK ON MY MEATLOAF!





I TELL YOU--
CAPTAIN ULTRA
WILL BE BACK!

I THINK
SO, TOO,
SON...



BUT AS
AGENT ALLARD
TOLD US...

YOU CAN'T
BE A SIDEKICK
WITHOUT A
MENTOR...

GLORP!



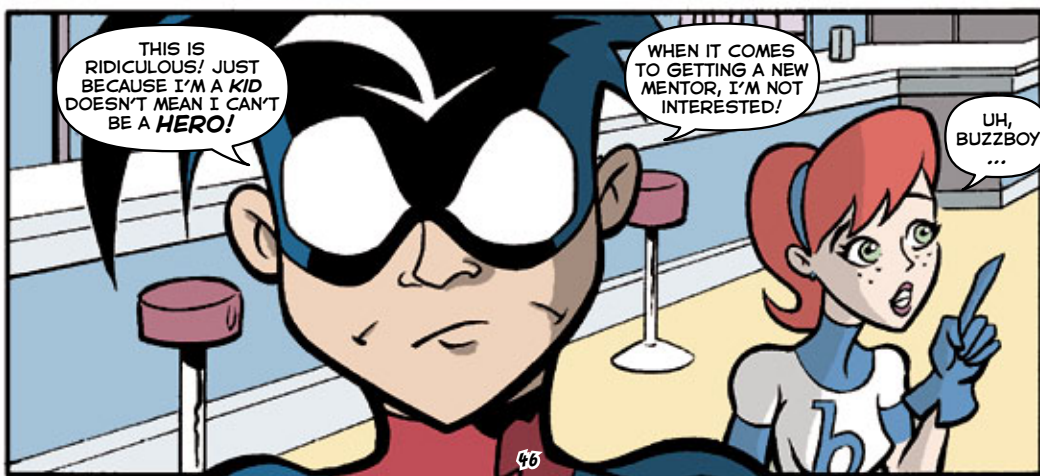
GLORPY?

WHAT ABOUT
DOC CYBER? HE'S
MY GUARDIAN WHILE
ULTRA'S AWAY...

CYBER MAY
BE REFORMED,
BUT HE'S STILL AN
EX-CRIMINAL--

HE DOESN'T
QUALIFY TO BE A
SUPER-MENTOR!

I'M AFRAID
HE'S RIGHT,
BUZZBOY!



THIS IS
RIDICULOUS! JUST
BECAUSE I'M A KID
DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T
BE A **HERO!**

WHEN IT COMES
TO GETTING A NEW
MENTOR, I'M NOT
INTERESTED!

UH,
BUZZBOY
...



WELL, I GUESS IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN STAY A SIDEKICK...

I FEEL SO FUNKY--

--AS IF SOMETHING-- OR SOMEONE-- IS PULLING ME AWAY!

...NOWHERE!



...BUZZBOY?

HE'S NOT HERE, YOUNG BECCA...



IT IS NOT YOUR MAGICAL PROWESS THAT WILL HELP BUZZBOY TO SURVIVE...

...BUT YOUR FRIENDSHIP.



WELL, SURE!

MAYBE...

UH, NOT AT ALL.

DON'T WORRY...

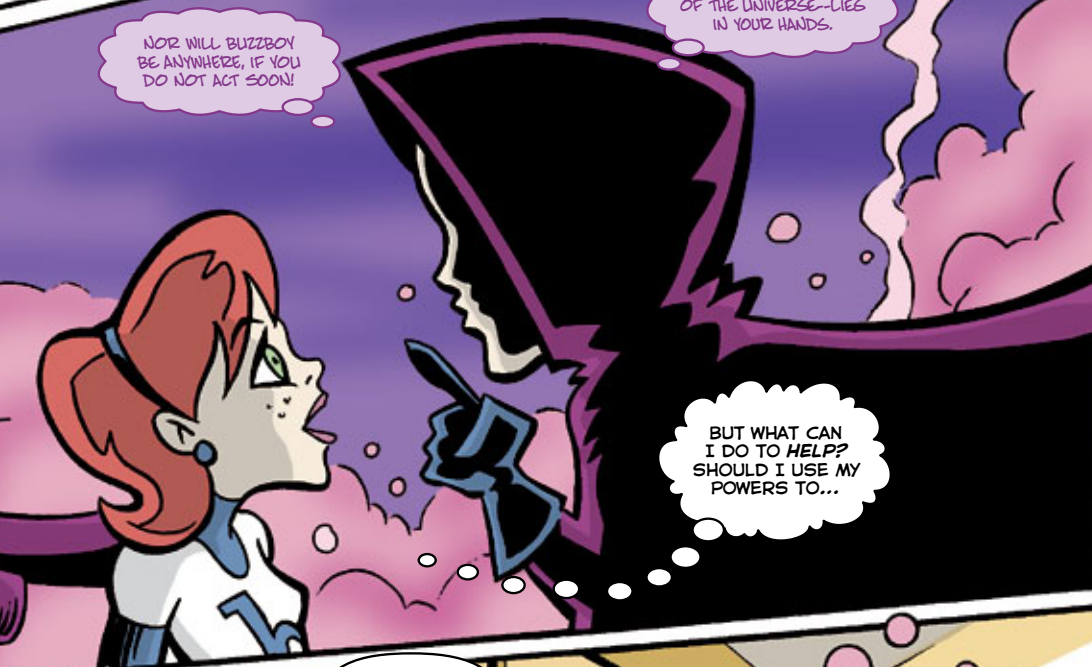


AWAY FROM--

A SWIRL OF COLORS SURROUNDS THE YOUNG SORCERESS...UNTIL SHE FINDS HERSELF--

FOR HIS EXISTENCE--AND THAT OF THE UNIVERSE--LIES IN YOUR HANDS.

NOR WILL BUZZBOY BE ANYWHERE, IF YOU DO NOT ACT SOON!



BUT WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP? SHOULD I USE MY POWERS TO...

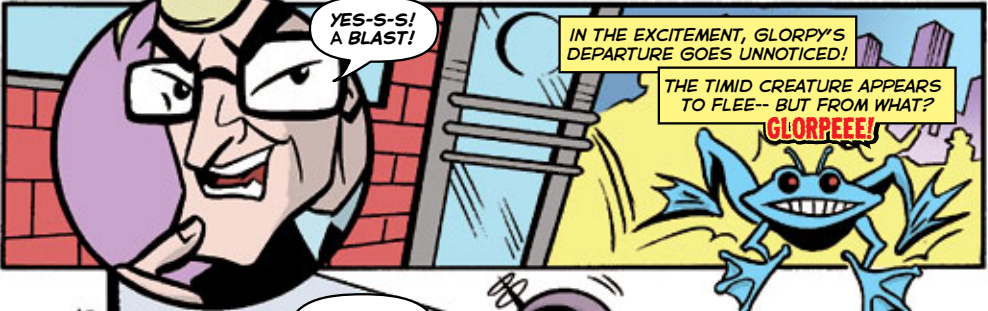


WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT-- YOU WILL UNDERSTAND!

WELL, I GUESS IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN STAY A SIDEKICK...

I'M BACK!

BUT WAS I REALLY GONE AT ALL?





DUE TO S.T.O.M.P. REGULATIONS --WHAT THE HECK IS S.T.O.M.P. ANYWAY?-- BUZZBOY NEEDS A MENTOR, OR IT'S BYE-BYE, **BUZZBELT!**

BUT THE **POWER COALITION** IS BEING CALLED **AWAY!**

IT SEEMS THAT THE ALIENS THAT SWIPED ULTRA ARE IN CHINA--

BTW, THAT GRUMPY CAPTAIN BLUEHEN HAS OPTED TO STAY AND MAKE SURE BB **BEHAVES...**

SUCKER?

WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?

SORRY WE CAN'T STICK AROUND, BUZZBOY!

NO PROBLEM, FROSTY!

MAYBE YOU'LL FIND A WAY TO GET MY MENTOR BACK, BEFORE...

IT'S TIME FOR... **SUPER DUPER IDOL!** WITH YOUR ALL-STAR JUDGES...



AW, SHUCKS!

BUZZBOY, WORLD'S COOLEST SIDEKICK!

THAT MIRTHFUL MAD SCIENTIST, **DOC CYBER!**

THAT RAMBUNCTIOUS RUNNER, **ZOOMER!**

AND BUZZBOY'S **LITTLE HELPER...**

...THAT **MEDIOCRE MAGIC GIRL, BITSY!**

SECRETLY JEALOUS OF BECCA!



I COOK, TOO!



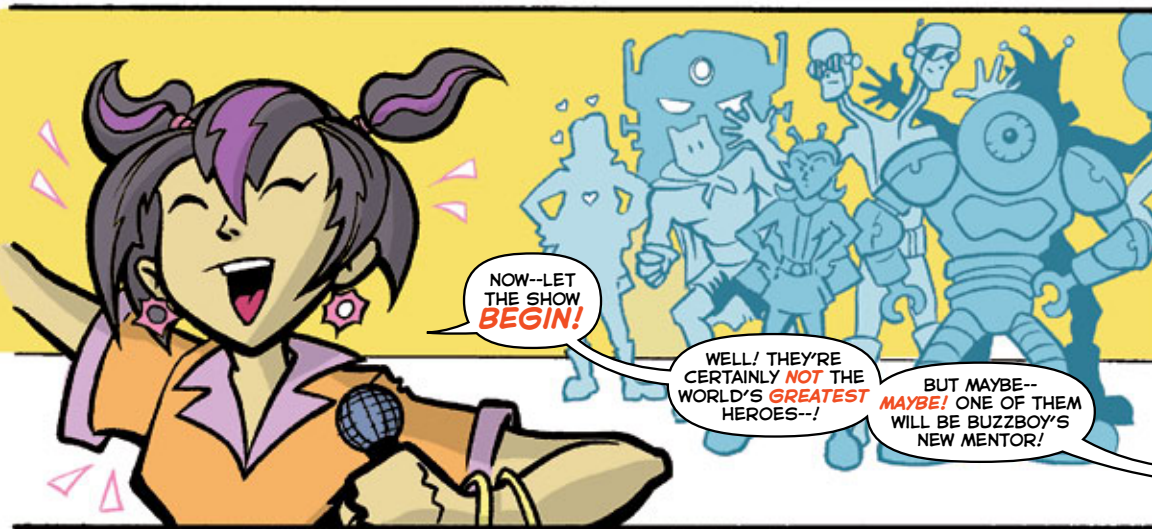
HI, GRAMMY!



IT'S **BECCA!**

WHATEVER! DON'T I LOOK **CUTE?**

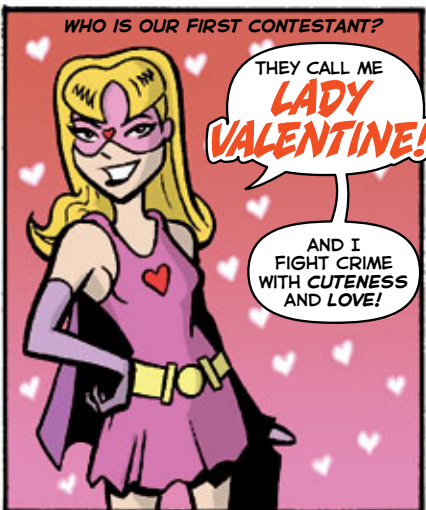




NOW--LET THE SHOW **BEGIN!**

WELL! THEY'RE CERTAINLY **NOT** THE WORLD'S **GREATEST** HEROES--!

BUT MAYBE-- **MAYBE!** ONE OF THEM WILL BE BUZZBOY'S NEW MENTOR!



WHO IS OUR FIRST CONTESTANT?

THEY CALL ME **LADY VALENTINE!**

AND I FIGHT CRIME WITH **CUTENESS** AND LOVE!



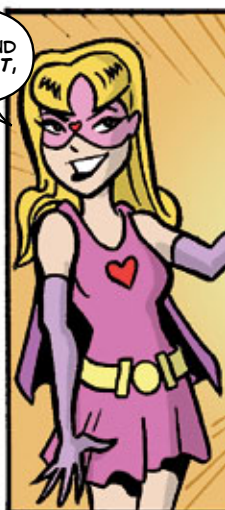
WOO!

I LIKE HER! SHE SEEMS VERY--

UM--HEROIC!

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND WEARING A KILT, BUZZBOY!

OH, BROTHER!



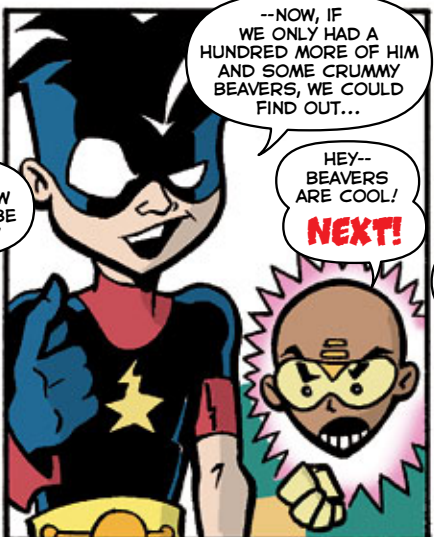
IS THAT-- A MONKEY?

YEP.

--DOES HE DO ANYTHING?

NOPE.

BUT JUST THINK OF HOW GREAT HE'D BE AT PARTIES!



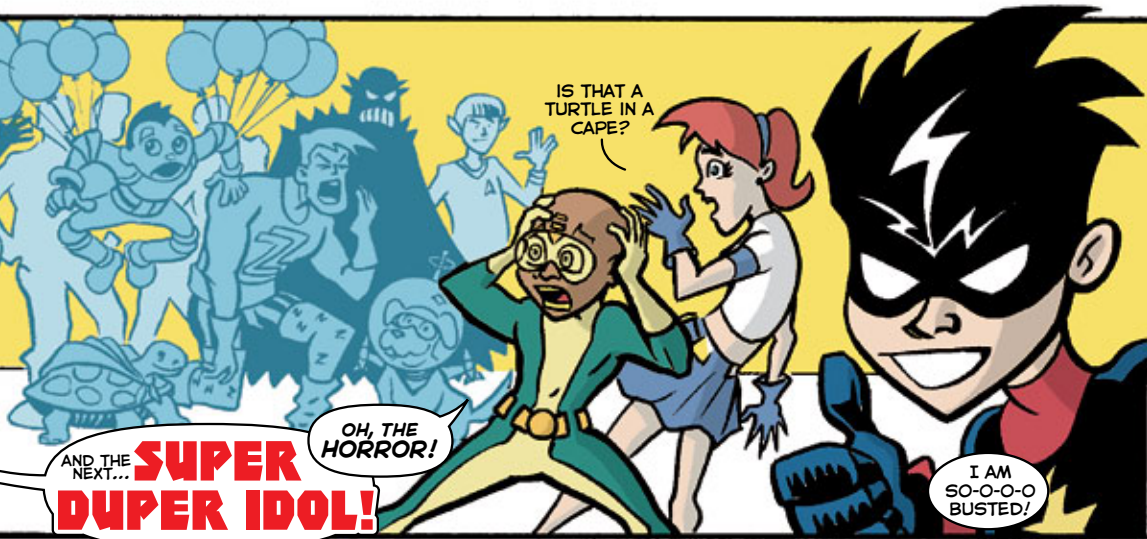
--NOW, IF WE ONLY HAD A HUNDRED MORE OF HIM AND SOME CRUMMY BEAVERS, WE COULD FIND OUT...

HEY-- BEAVERS ARE COOL!

NEXT!



HELLO. I AM JINKIES THE JESTER --CRIME'S FUNNIEST ENEMY.



AND THE NEXT... **SUPER DUPER IDOL!**

OH, THE HORROR!

I AM SO-O-O-O BUSTED!



NEXT!



WITNESS THE FURY OF DEATH RATTLE!



I DON'T REALLY NEED A SIDEKICK--

I JUST NEED SOMEONE TO HELP CARRY MY CHAINS!

THEY'RE REALLY HEAVY!

NEXT!



LOOK AT ME. I AM SILLY. AND I FIGHT CRIME.



SO. SHALL WE FIGHT CRIME TOGETHER--AND GET YOU A HAIRCUT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE BLUEHEN THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T SEE THROUGH THAT DISGUISE!

I LOVE THAT GUY! HE'S KWAY-ZEE!



HEE HEE. UM... HO HO.

CAN WE SEE THE MONKEY AGAIN?

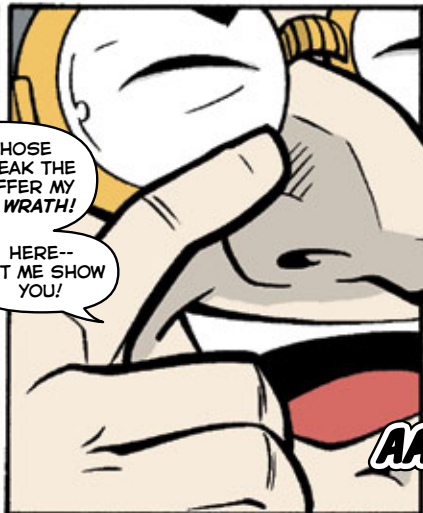
NEXT!



I AM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY'S GREATEST HERO...
THE SCHOZZ!

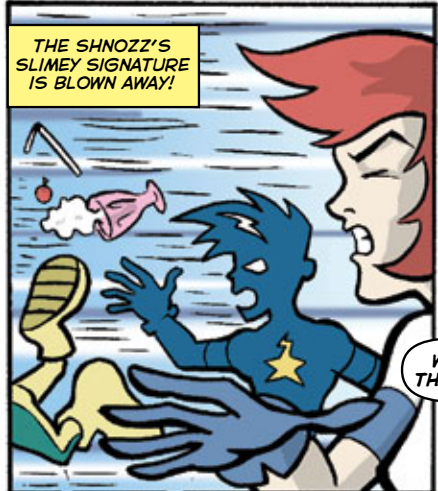
LET THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW SUFFER MY SNOTTY WRATH!

HERE-- LET ME SHOW YOU!

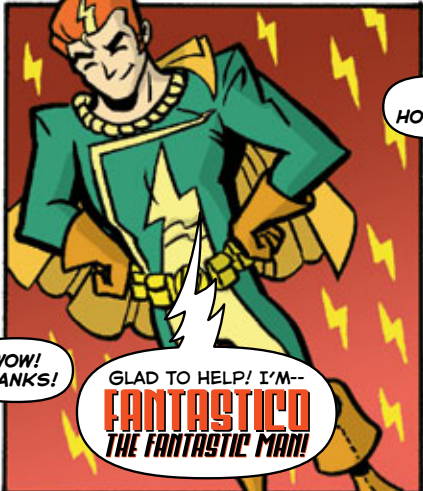


THANK YOU, MR. SCHOZZ, BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARY--

N--



THE SCHOZZ'S SLIMEY SIGNATURE IS BLOWN AWAY!



WOW! THANKS!

GLAD TO HELP! I'M--
FANTASTICO
THE FANTASTIC MAN!



I'M STRONG!

I'M HONEST!



WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO OUT ON PATROL RIGHT NOW?
JUST LET ME POWER UP THE OL' BUZZ-BELT!

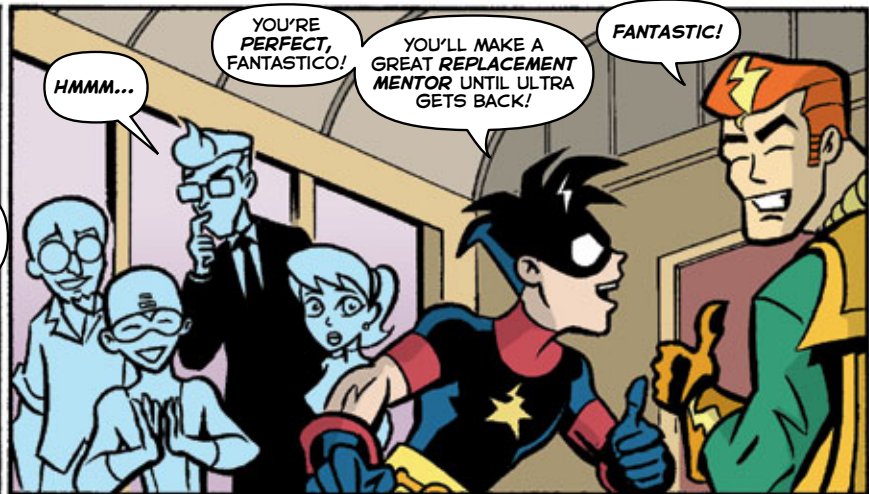
KRA BOOM!

R-RATS! THE ELECTRICITY TRANSFORMED ME TO MY R-REGULAR SELF!





**AHH-
CHOOOO!**





NO, BUZZBOY! DON'T GIVE IT TO HIM!

WE CAN FIGHT! RUN AWAY!

YOU COULD RUN AWAY, BUZZBOY, AND BREAK THE LAW... BUT WHAT KIND OF HERO WOULD YOU BE THEN?

THIS IS JUST WHAT THAT MYSTERY FIGURE WARNED ME ABOUT--WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I'M JUST A SIDEKICK, TOO! IF I DON'T STAND UP FOR BUZZY, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME?

I WANT SO BADLY TO HELP THE BOY--BUT IF MY SUSPICIONS ARE RIGHT--

--THEN I MUST LET THIS PLAY OUT BETWEEN BB AND AGENT ALLARD!

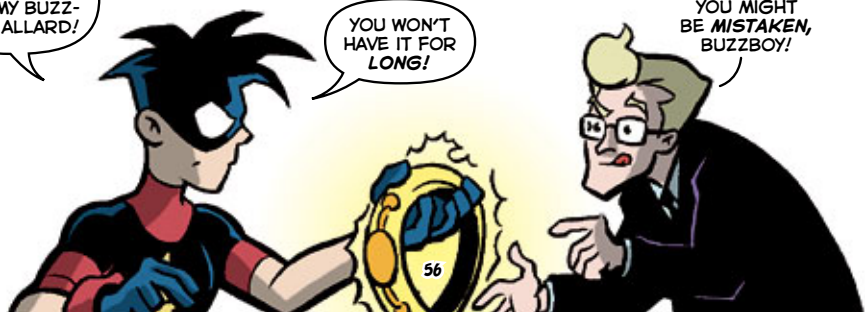
WELL, I GUESS IF IT'S THE LAW...



BUT DON'T GET TOO COZY WITH MY BUZZ-BELT, ALLARD!

YOU WON'T HAVE IT FOR LONG!

YOU MIGHT BE MISTAKEN, BUZZBOY!



AFTER ALL--
I'VE BEEN
CHASING AFTER
THE BUZZBELT...
FOREVER!

AT LAST!
I CAN REVEAL
MY TRUE SELF--
**TIME
QUAKE!**

WHO IS
THIS GUY,
BUZZBOY?

I DON'T
HAVE A CLUE,
ZOOMER!

ACROSS TIME?
THEN YOU'RE THE
REASON I'M HERE,
TIME QUACK!
I'M GOING TO
STOP YOU!

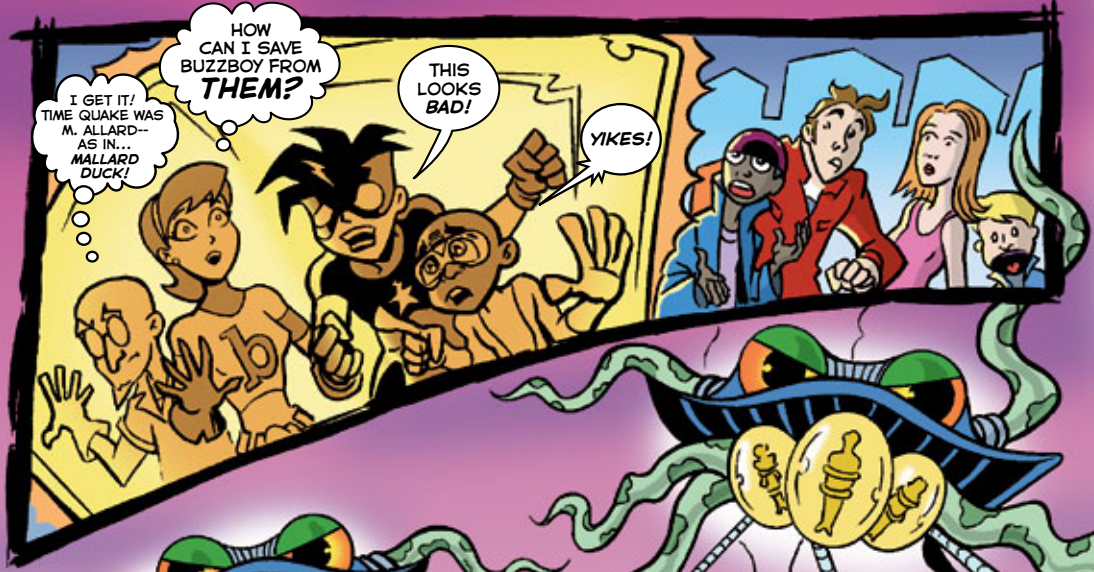
AH, BUT I KNOW
YOU, BUZZBOY--
AND I'VE TRAVELED
ACROSS TIME TO
DEFEAT YOU ONCE
AND FOR ALL!

THE NAME IS
TIMEQUAKE, BECCA,
AND YES, WE'VE
CROSSED PATHS MANY
TIMES, AND IN MANY
DIMENSIONS...

BUT IF
YOU'LL ALLOW
ME TO TRANSPORT
YOU OUT OF THIS
DANK DINER...

...YOU'LL SEE
YOU DON'T HAVE A
CHANCE AGAINST
ME--

--OR MY
HELPERS!



I GET IT!
TIME QUAKE WAS
M. ALLARD--
AS IN...
MALLARD
DUCK!

HOW
CAN I SAVE
BUZZBOY FROM
THEM?

THIS
LOOKS
BAD!

YIKES!



THE ALIEN
INVASION THAT LOST
YOU ULTRA AND THE
OTHER HEROES...

THE CONTEST
THAT GATHERED THE
REMAINING HEROES
TOGETHER IN ONE
PLACE...

**ALL MY IDEAS!
--AND WHEN I'M
THROUGH WITH ALL
OF YOU--**

**--BUZZBOY
WILL CEASE
TO EXIST!**

IS THIS THE
END OF BUZZBOY
& THE GANG?

IS EARTH
DOOMED TO
ENSLAVEMENT
BY A DUCK?

WHO WOULD WIN IN A
BATTLE BETWEEN A
HUNDRED MONKEYS AND
A HUNDRED BEAVERS?

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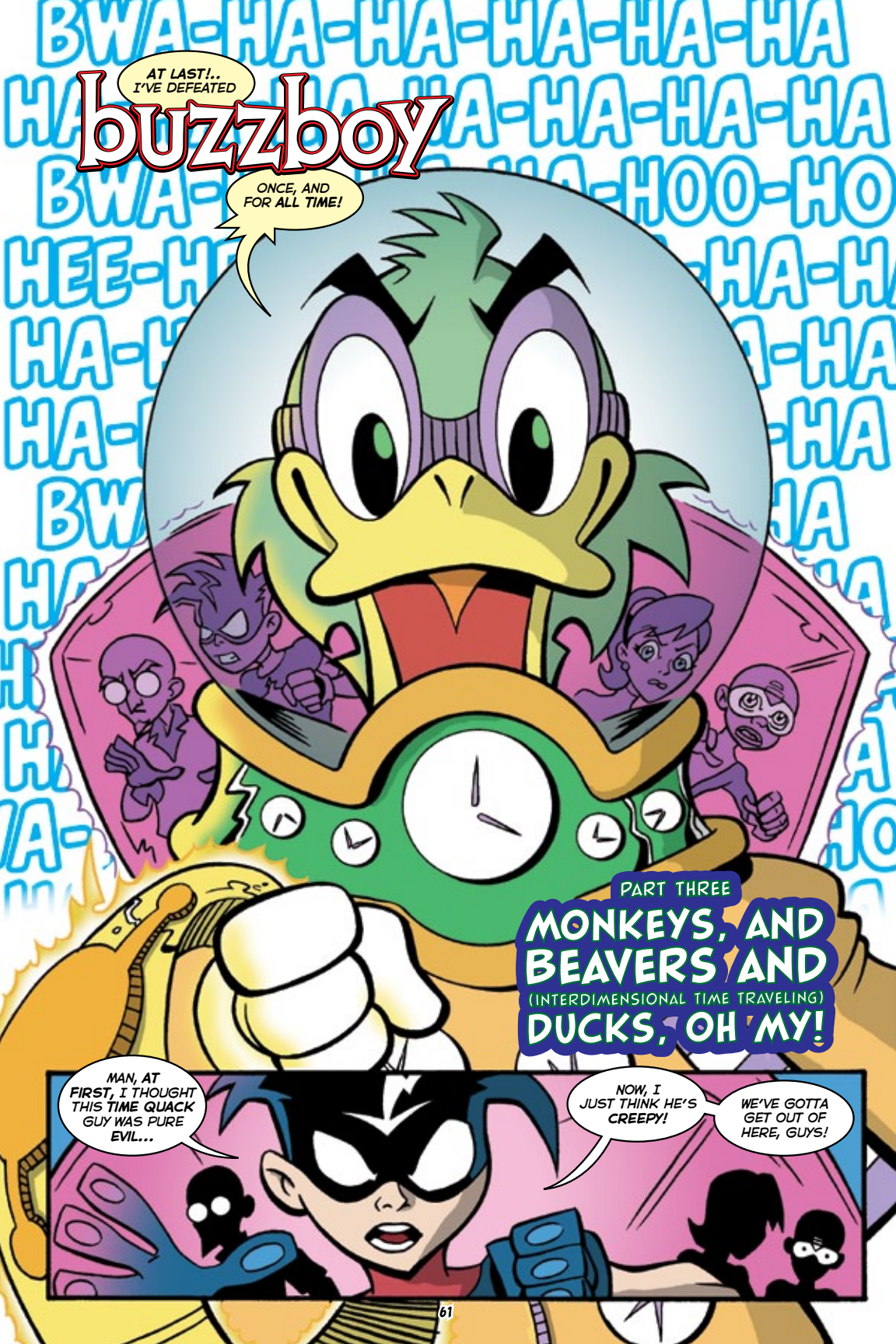
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AT LAST!..
I'VE DEFEATED

buzzboy

ONCE, AND
FOR ALL TIME!



PART THREE
**MONKEYS, AND
BEAVERS AND**
(INTERDIMENSIONAL TIME TRAVELING)
DUCKS, OH MY!

MAN, AT
FIRST, I THOUGHT
THIS TIME QUACK
GUY WAS PURE
EVIL...

NOW, I
JUST THINK HE'S
CREEPY!

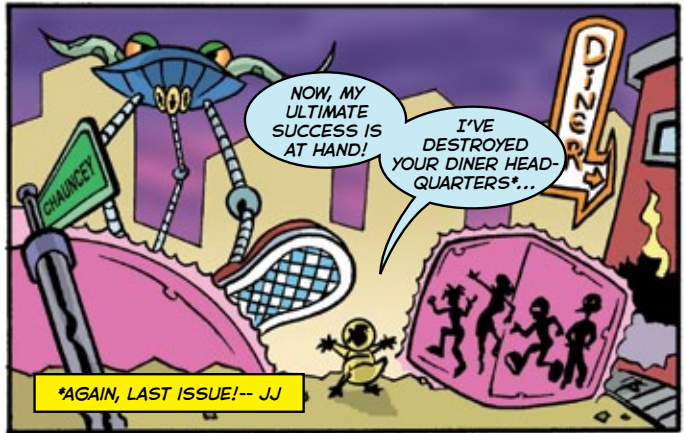
WE'VE GOTTA
GET OUT OF
HERE, GUYS!



THE NAME-- WAH!-- IS TIME QUAKE!

I'M AFRAID YOUR BUZZBELT IS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD GET YOU OUT OF THERE, BUZZBOY-- AND I'M WEARING IT!*

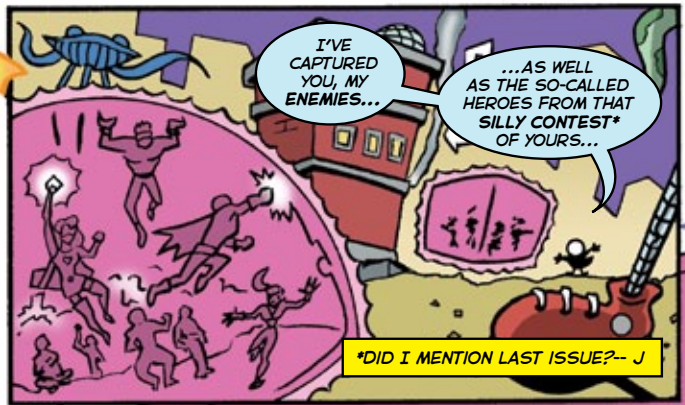
*IT HAPPENED LAST ISSUE! JUMPIN' JOHN



NOW, MY ULTIMATE SUCCESS IS AT HAND!

I'VE DESTROYED YOUR DINER HEAD-QUARTERS*...

*AGAIN, LAST ISSUE!-- JJ



I'VE CAPTURED YOU, MY ENEMIES...

...AS WELL AS THE SO-CALLED HEROES FROM THAT SILLY CONTEST* OF YOURS...

*DID I MENTION LAST ISSUE?-- J



THEY MAY NOT BE THE GREATEST HEROES, BUT I CAN CERTAINLY USE THEIR POWERS TO MY BENEFIT!

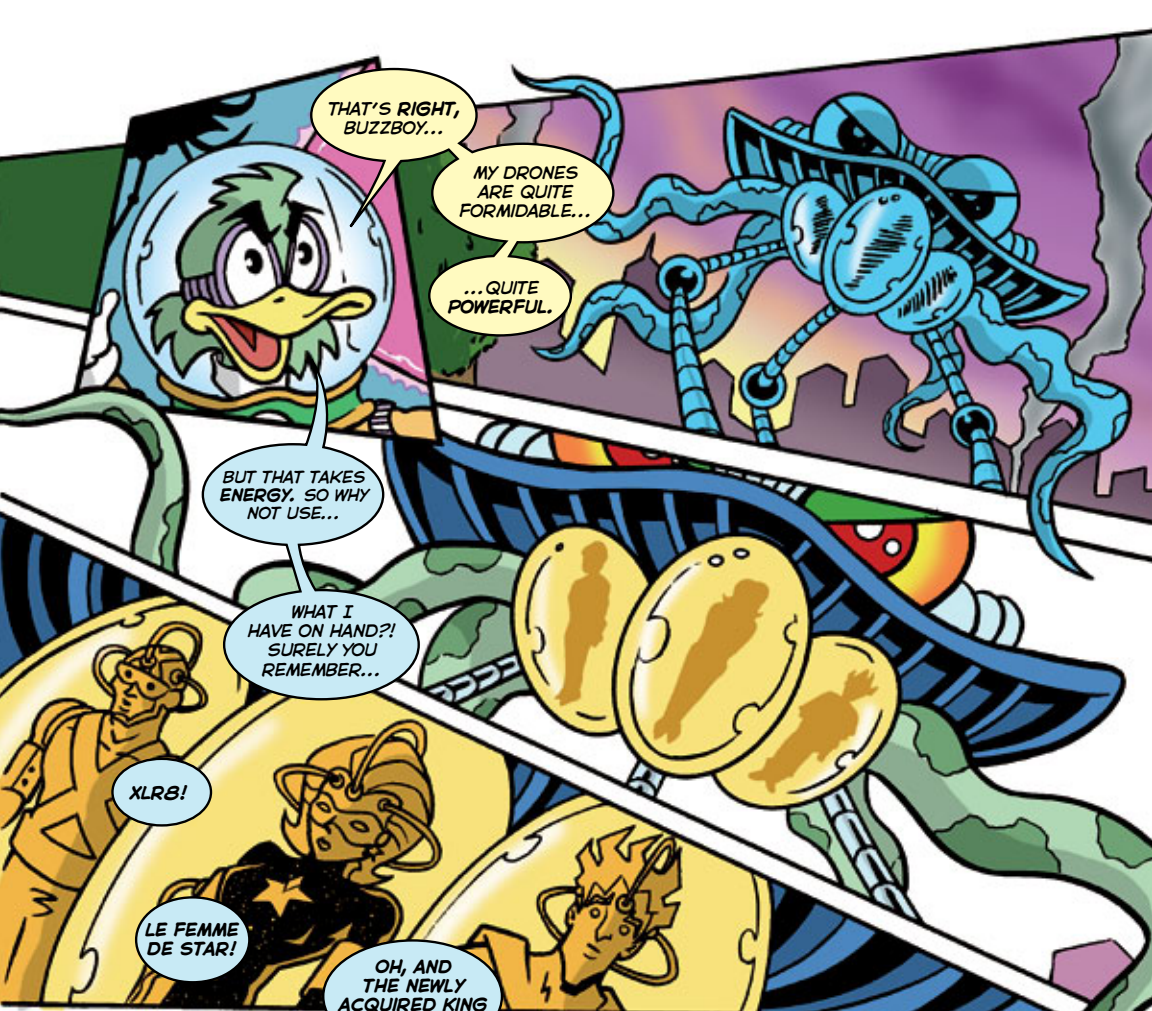
INTERESTING...

THIS WHOLE FACADE HAS CENTERED AROUND BUZZBOY...

...AND HIS BELT!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, TIME--

OH NO, IT CAN'T BE!



THAT'S RIGHT, BUZZBOY...

MY DRONES ARE QUITE FORMIDABLE...

...QUITE POWERFUL.

BUT THAT TAKES ENERGY. SO WHY NOT USE...

WHAT I HAVE ON HAND?! SURELY YOU REMEMBER...

XLR8!

LE FEMME DE STAR!

OH, AND THE NEWLY ACQUIRED KING FROST!

YOU'RE POWERING THESE NASTY NOIDS WITH THEIR LIFE FORCE?

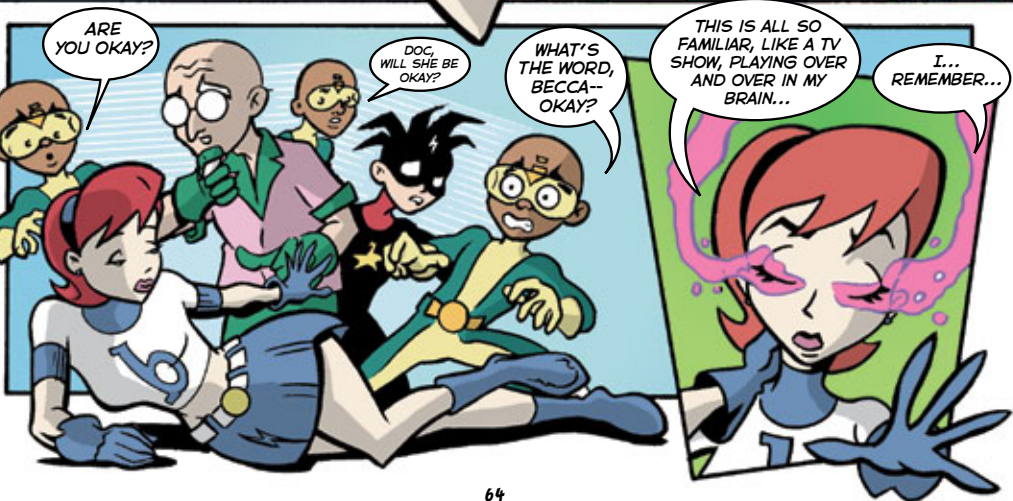
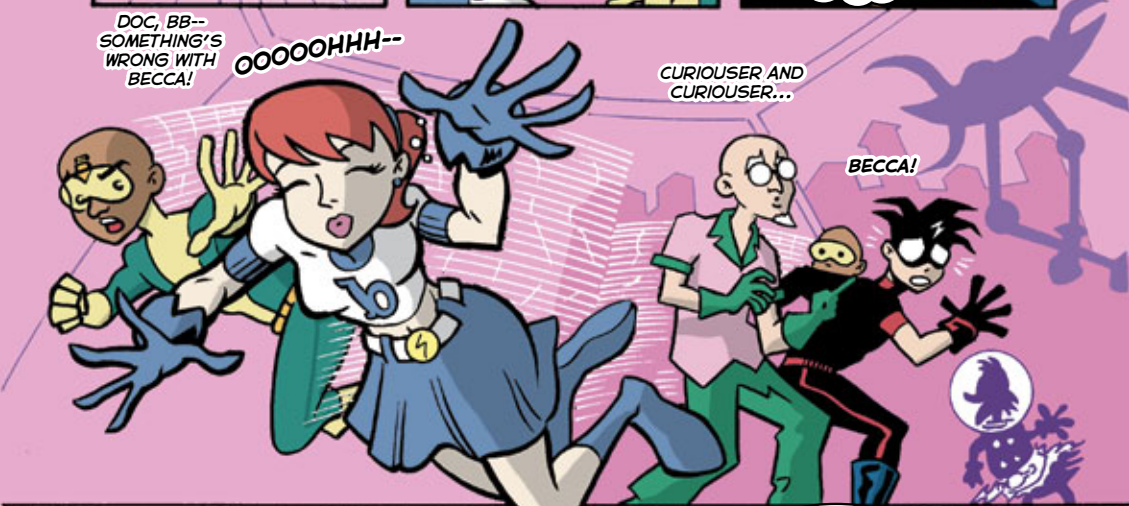
BUT... WHAT ABOUT MY MENTOR, CAPTAIN ULTRA?

HE WAS SUCKED INTO YOUR DIMENSION ALONG WITH MANY OTHER HEROES...

OOH, I FEEL FUNNY...

XLR8!





I... I SEE MY PAST-- AND YOUR FUTURE-- I THINK...

A VISION POURS OUT FROM BECCA'S GLOWING EYES-- FOR BUZZBOY, CYBER, AND ZOOMER TO SEE...

YOU WERE ALL THERE...

THWAK!

SMASH!

CRASH!

BUZZBOY

BECCA

ZOOMER

DOC CYBER

COME AND GET ME!

WATCH THIS!

ALLEY-OOP!

SPLATCH!

"WITH HIS AMAZING AGILITY, AND USING THE POWER OF THE AWESOME BUZZBELT, BUZZBOY WHIRLS TO AVOID A FEROCIOUS ATTACK!"





...AND QUITE EFFECTIVE!

TA-POCKETA-POCKETA-POCKETA-POCKETA



SLIIP!

HEY, IS HE A PART OF THE EXPERIMENT?

YIKES!

HE WHO?



HEY THERE! MY NAME'S BUZZBOY!

...BUT, FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS...

...YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT!

WHAT THE--?

THIS IS QUITE A PICKLE!

AM I SEEING THINGS?

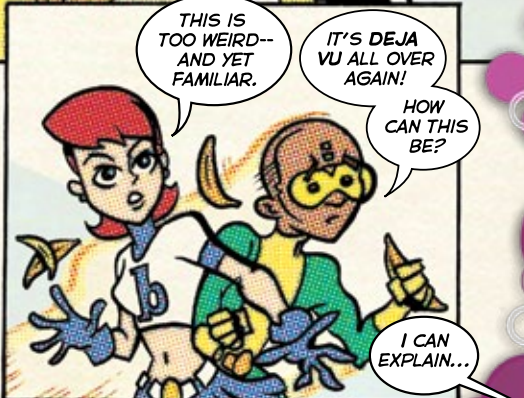


HEY, I'M YOU!

YOU'RE ME!

JUST BIGGER!

JUST SMALLER!



THIS IS TOO WEIRD-- AND YET FAMILIAR.

IT'S DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN!

HOW CAN THIS BE?

I CAN EXPLAIN...

YOU SEE, SOME THEORIZE THERE ARE ALTERNATE REALITIES...

WITH ALTERNATE EARTHS...

WHAT IF WE MOVE ALONG TO HOW BIG BUZZY GOT HERE!

WELL, BECCA, IT ALL STARTED IN MY REALITY...

LOOK AT HIM BALANCE THOSE BURGERS! HE'S A GENIUS!

...A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF EVERYONE HERE-- WE EVEN HAVE OUR OWN BUZZBOY DINER!

WE WERE ENJOYING A LEISURELY GAME OF "HUNGRY, HUNGRY HIPPOS," WHEN A STRANGE BEING SUDDENLY APPEARED! HIS NAME WAS...

Time-Quake The Chrono-Duck!

HE AND HIS ROBOT WIENER DOGS ATTACKED! TIME QUAKE ZAPPED ME...

...AND I ENDED UP FLOATING THROUGH TIME, STUCK WITH STRANGE BEINGS AND CREATURES...

...LIKE DINOSAURS?

YEAH, HOW DID YOU KNOW?

BECAUSE, THIS GUY JUST SHOWED UP!

ROARRRR

WE ARE
SOOOOO
BUSTED!!

HE'S
FEROCIOUS!
LOOK OUT!

OKAY,
BUZZ BUDDIES--
LET'S GET
HIM!

FEROCIOUS?
MY BIO-SCAN OF THIS
SPECIMEN SUGGESTS
SOMETHING
ELSE...

WOW,
THE KID IS
GOOD!

ROARRRR

BUZZBOY--
QUICK! THROW SOME
CHEESEBURGERS
AT THE T-REX!

HEY!
HE'S NOT
FEROCIOUS!
HE WAS
JUST...

...HUNGRY!
HAVE ANOTHER,
BABY!

OKAY,
DOC!

HERE
GOES
NOTHING!

THIS
GIVES ME
AN IDEA!..
LET'S
GO...
**DUCK
HUNTING!**

Meanwhile...

FEATHER-RIFFIC!
JUST A FEW MORE TURNS
OF THE SCREWDRIER, AND
MY TIME SCRAMBLER
MACHINE WILL BE
COMPLETE!

TIMESTREAMS,
AND ALTERNATE
WORLDS WILL COMBINE!
SPACESHIPS WILL FLY
BY DINOSAURS, AS THEY
CHASE MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS
PAST DISCO DANCING
CAVEMEN!

YOU'LL
NEVER WIN,
TIME QUACK!

WAH!
IMPERTINENCE!
MY NAME IS TIME
QUAKE!

QUAKE!

DON'T
MAKE ME
ANGRY!

I DID
AWAY WITH
BUZZBOY...

...AND
YOU'RE JUST HIS
SIDEKICK!



UH OH--
THERE'S
NOTHING BECCA
DISLIKES
MORE..!

...THAN
TO BE
CALLED...

SIDEKICK?!

I'M NOT HIS
SIDEKICK!



NO, SHE'S
NOT MY SIDE-
KICK!

...ALTHOUGH
BECCA IS A GIRL
WONDER!

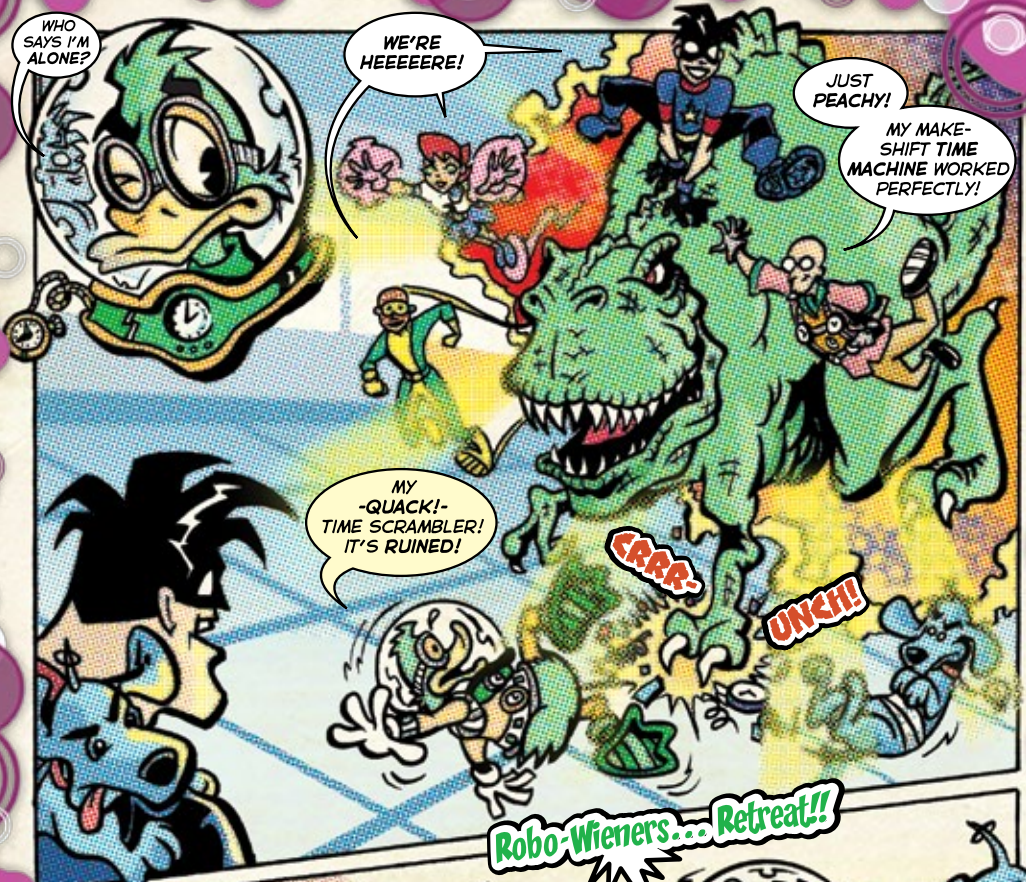
DID YOU
MISS ME, TIME
QUACK?

ROBO-WIENERS...
ATTACK!

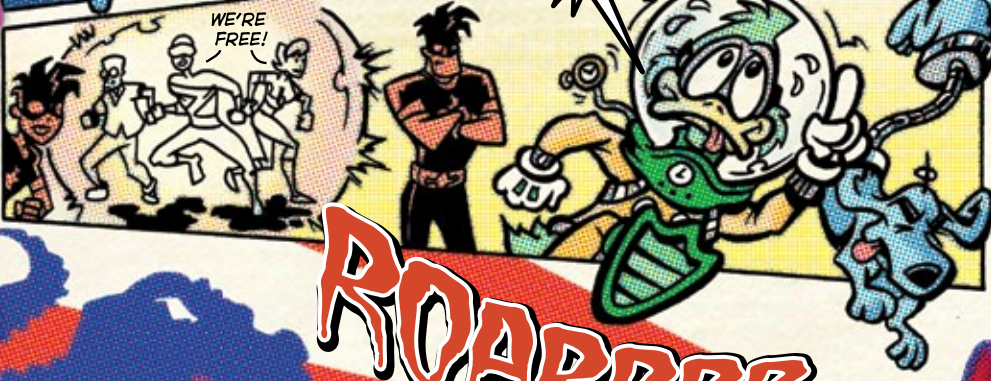
YOUR FRIENDS
ARE HELPLESS, HELD
FAST BY MY FORCE
FIELDS!..

ALONE,
EVEN YOU
CANNOT STOP
MY PLANS!



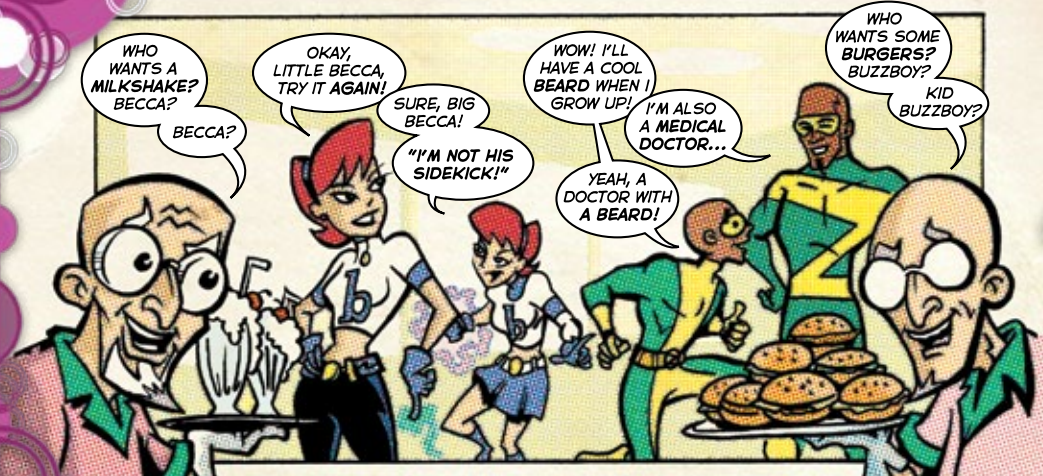


Robo-Wieners... Retreat!!



ROARRRRR

WHAT A REVOLVIN' THIS IS!!



WHO WANTS A MILKSHAKE? BECCA?
BECCA?

OKAY, LITTLE BECCA, TRY IT AGAIN!

SURE, BIG BECCA!
"I'M NOT HIS SIDEKICK!"

WOW! I'LL HAVE A COOL BEARD WHEN I GROW UP!

YEAH, A DOCTOR WITH A BEARD!

I'M ALSO A MEDICAL DOCTOR...

WHO WANTS SOME BURGERS? BUZZBOY?
KID BUZZBOY?

THIS "HUNGRY, HUNGRY HIPPOS" GAME IS REALLY COOL, BUZZBOY!

I CAN TELL YOU LIKE IT-- YOU KEEP BEATING ME!
YOU DID REAL GOOD, TODAY, KID! TELL ME...

...HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT DINO WOULD SCARE AWAY TIME-QUAKE?

WELL, I SAW HOW MUCH HE ENJOYED THOSE BUZZBURGERS YOU THREW AT HIM...

SO I FIGURED HE'D BE EXCITED TO GO AFTER SOME "WIENERS"...

...AND MAYBE SOME DUCK A L'ORANGE!

I'M GREEN, YOU FOOL! NOT ORANGE!

QUACK!

...BUT,
THIS GAME ISN'T
OVER YET!

...FOR WHILE THEY CELEBRATE THEIR
VICTORY WITH SILLY GAMES...

HEY!..

YOU SANK MY
BATTLESHIP!

...I HAVE A
SURPRISE
WAITING FOR
THEM!"

WAIT,
EVERYBODY--
I SENSE...
DANGER!

EVERYONE,
LOOK SHARP!

OHMIGOSH,
OHMIGOSH
OHMIGOSH...
LOOK UP!

I BELIEVE
TIME QUACK HAS
LEFT A LITTLE GIFT
BEHIND...

NO PROBLEM,
I'LL JUST ZAP
IT OUT OF
EXISTENCE!

SUDDENLY,
I FOUND MYSELF...

FALLING...

FALLING...

FALLING...

FALLING...

BIG
BECCA--
WAIT!

FALLING...

THAT'S WHEN I FOUND MYSELF **HERE**-- NOT REMEMBERING A **THING**...

...EXCEPT TO **PROTECT BUZZBOY**.

AND, HOW DID **THAT** WORK OUT FOR YOU?

YOU'VE ALL FAILED IN STOPPING ME-- **THE BUZZBELT IS MINE!**

MY VICTORY IS **IMMINENT!** AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU, OR ANY-- **HEY!**...

...WHERE DID THEY GO?

WHERE DID WE GO?

ELSEWHERE.

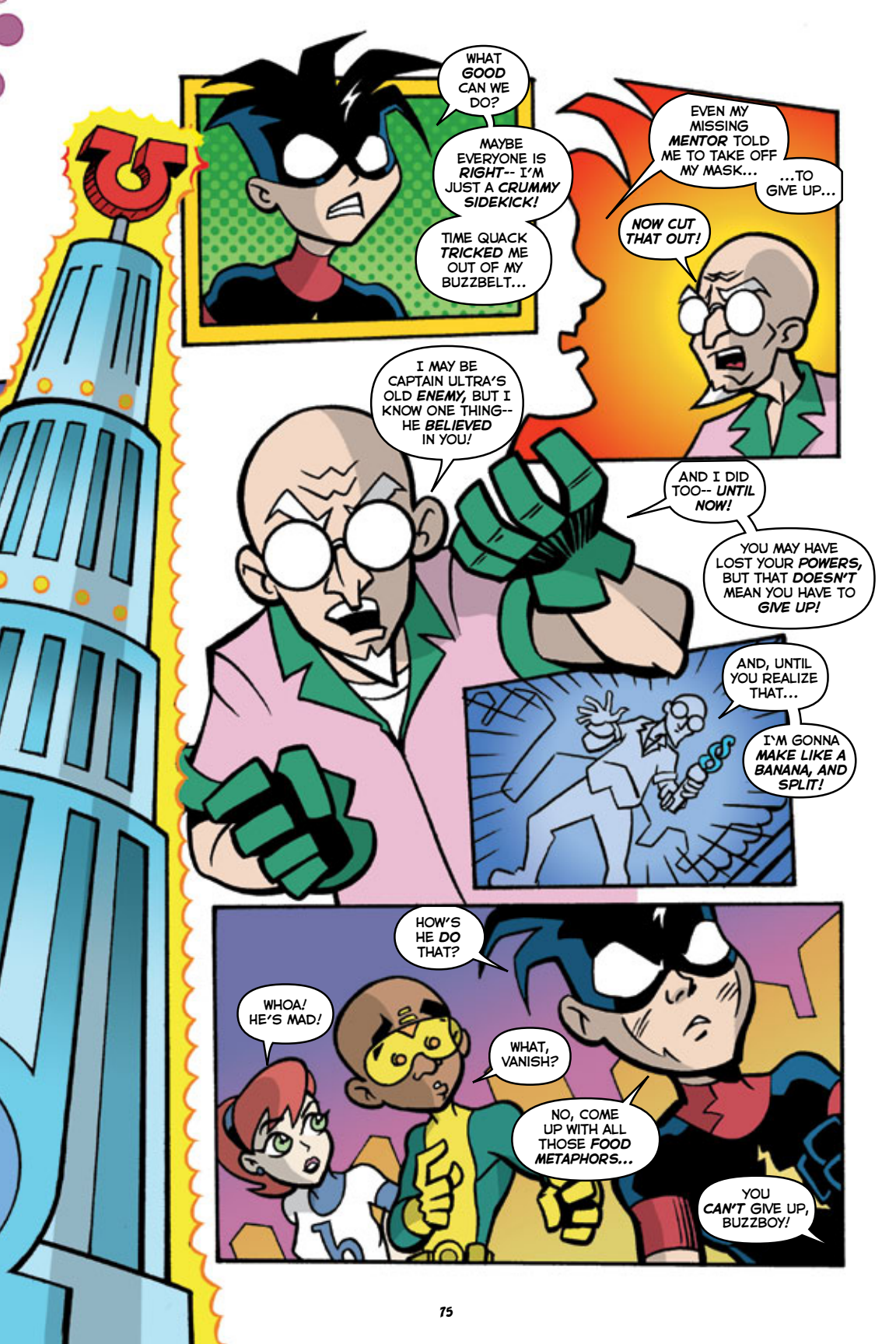
IT **APPEARS** WE HAVE DISCOVERED **ANOTHER UNKNOWN ABILITY** FROM **MISS BECCA**...

...YOU'VE **TRANSPORTED** US TO THE **ULTRA TOWER!**

WOW, I WAS JUST WISHING WE COULD GET **OUT** OF THERE-- AND WE ENDED UP **HERE!**

BUT, SO WHAT?

WELL, WE'RE FAR ENOUGH ACROSS THE STREET THAT **TIME QUACK** CAN'T SEE US--



WHAT GOOD CAN WE DO?

MAYBE EVERYONE IS RIGHT-- I'M JUST A CRUMMY SIDEKICK!

TIME QUACK TRICKED ME OUT OF MY BUZZBELT...

EVEN MY MISSING MENTOR TOLD ME TO TAKE OFF MY MASK...
...TO GIVE UP...

NOW CUT THAT OUT!

I MAY BE CAPTAIN ULTRA'S OLD ENEMY, BUT I KNOW ONE THING-- HE BELIEVED IN YOU!

AND I DID TOO-- UNTIL NOW!

YOU MAY HAVE LOST YOUR POWERS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP!

AND, UNTIL YOU REALIZE THAT...

I'M GONNA MAKE LIKE A BANANA, AND SPLIT!

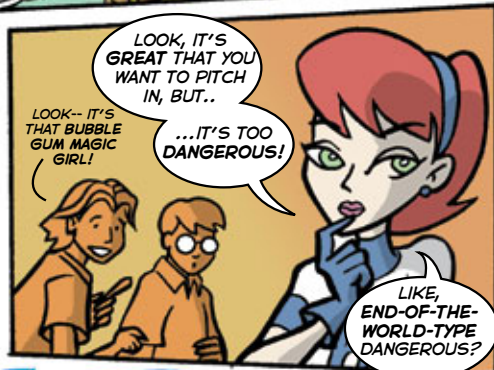
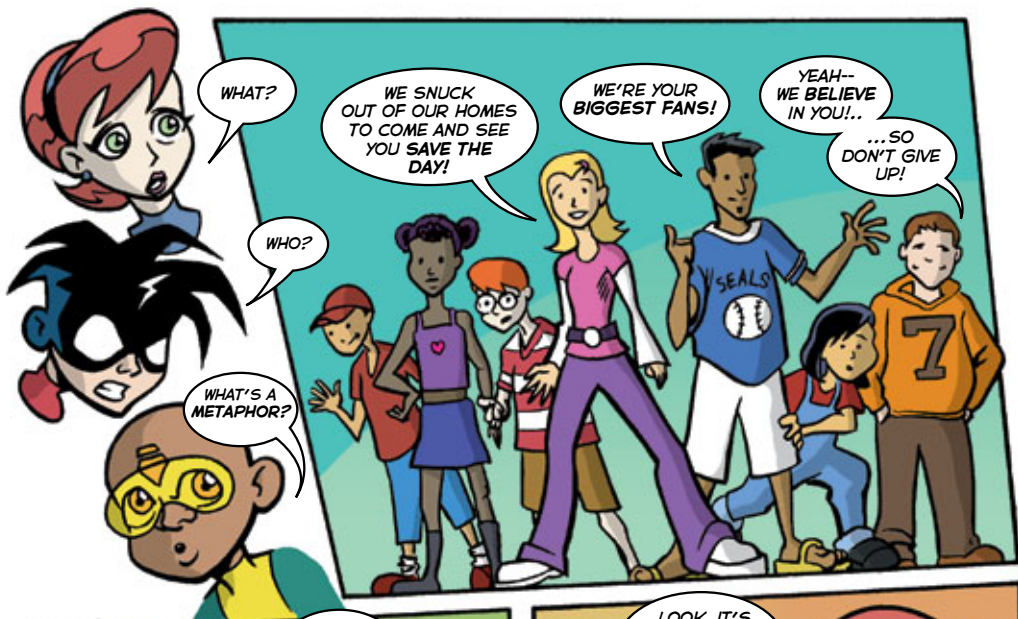
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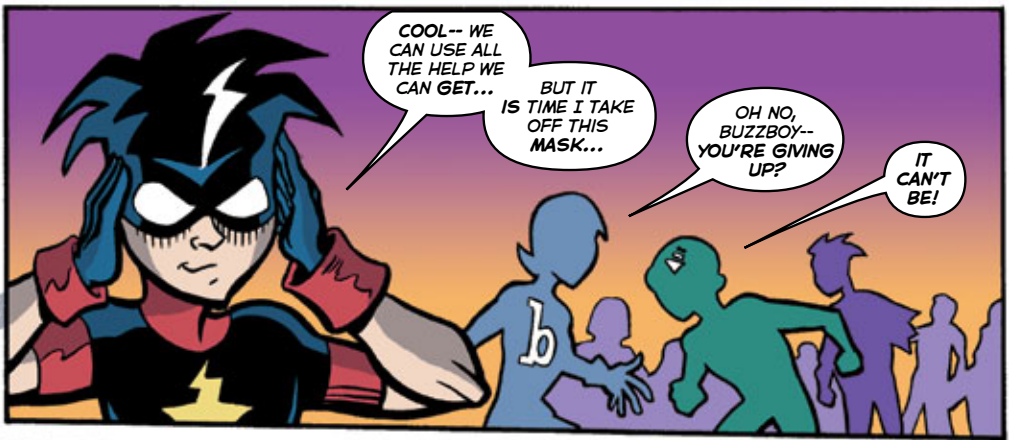
WHOA! HE'S MAD!

WHAT, VANISH?

NO, COME UP WITH ALL THOSE FOOD METAPHORS...

YOU CAN'T GIVE UP, BUZZBOY!





COOL-- WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET...

BUT IT IS TIME I TAKE OFF THIS MASK...

OH NO, BUZZBOY-- YOU'RE GIVING UP?

IT CAN'T BE!



NO, I'M JUST USING MY BRAIN!

CAPTAIN ULTRA WASN'T TELLING ME TO GIVE UP...

HE WAS TELLING ME HOW TO GET INTO THE ULTRA TOWER!



"TAKE OFF THE MASK..."

...AND LET THE SECURITY SYSTEM SEE MY EYES!



RETINA SCAN IDENTIFY: MATCH!

WELCOME HOME, BUZZBOY!

COOL!

GROOVY!



PLEASE ENTER ULTRA TOWER, BUZZBOY.

YES, PLEASE ENTER...



...AND HAVE A CUPCAKE!

DOC-- YOU MADE IT INTO THE TOWER!

I ALWAYS COULD!

I'VE JUST BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO FIGURE IT OUT!



HEY, ISN'T THAT THE SONIC SCREWDRIVER YOU TALKED ABOUT?

SURE AS AN APPLE HAS SKIN!

THIS WILL DO NICELY!

OKAY-- IT'S TIME TO STOP THAT MALICIOUS MALLARD!



OKAY-- WHO'S READY TO SAVE THE WORLD?!

WE ARE!

GREAT!-- NOW ALL WE NEED IS... A SONG!

...A COOL THEME SONG!

ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ULTRA TOWER, TIMEQUACK CONTINUES HIS DASTARDLY WORK...

URGH!
THAT SHOULD BE THE LAST ONE!

ALL THE CAPTURED HEROES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE POWER PODS...

MY INVASION FORCE IS NOW AT FULL CAPACITY!

AND I SEE MY ROBO-WIENERS HAVE ARRIVED FROM OUR HOME DIMENSION...

ARF!

JUST WHAT MAKES THAT LITTLE OLD ANT...

...THINK HE CAN MOVE A RUBBER TREE PLANT...

OKAY, VILE ROBO-WIENERS, PREPARE FOR-HEY!...

...WHERE IS THAT INFERNAL RACKET COMING FROM...?

YIKES!



SORRY ABOUT THE SAPPY MUSIC-- I WANTED A ROCK ANTHEM...

...BUT THIS IS DOC CYBER'S MUSIC PLAYER I HOOKED UP!

BY THE WAY...
YOU ARE 5000000 BUSTED!

WIENER ONE, PREPARE TO DE-BUZZ THIS KID!

ARF!

YOU MAY HAVE MY BUZZBELT, BUT I HAVE A SUPER SUIT WITH REPULSOR RAYS!

PRETTY NIFTY, HUH?



UH OH-- I MADE THESE POUND PUPPIES MAD AT ME!

LUCKILY, I'VE GOT SOME BACK UP!



YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

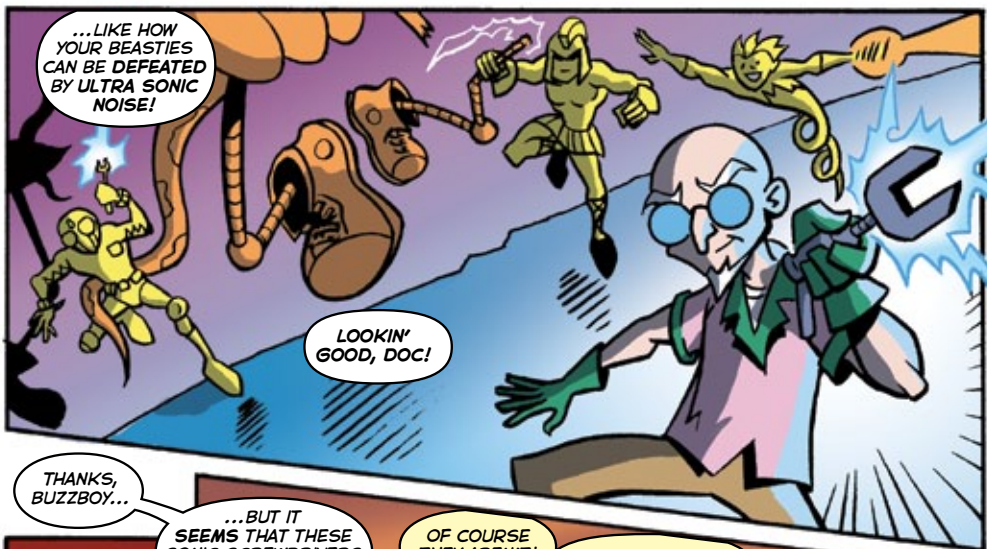
THIS DAY STARTED OUT SO GOOD, AND NOW...?

WAUGH!

YOU THINK I SHOULD BE SCARED OF THESE KIDS?

I BEAT ULTRA AND THE POWER COALITION!

YEAH, BUT WE KNOW SOMETHING THE COALITION DIDN'T...



...LIKE HOW YOUR BEASTIES CAN BE DEFEATED BY ULTRA SONIC NOISE!

LOOKIN' GOOD, DOC!

THANKS, BUZZBOY...

...BUT IT SEEMS THAT THESE SONIC SCREWDRIVERS AREN'T MAKING A DENT!

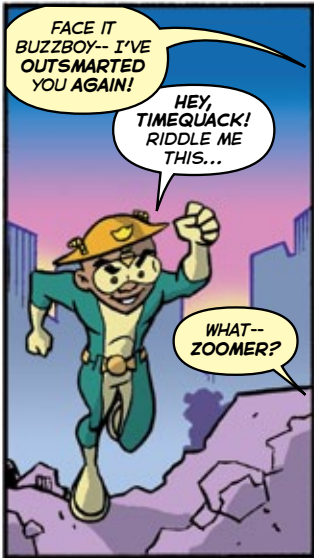
OF COURSE THEY AREN'T!

THEY MAY HAVE WORKED IN RELEASING THAT GLORPY CHARACTER*...

BUT IT WAS THE COMBINED ENERGY OF THE BUZZBELT AND THE SCREWDRIVER THAT MADE IT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO TAKE APART THE WAR DROID!

WHY ELSE DO YOU THINK I STOLE IT?

* YOU GUESSED IT--LAST ISSUE!



FACE IT BUZZBOY-- I'VE OUTSMARTED YOU AGAIN!

HEY, TIMEQUACK! RIDDLE ME THIS...

WHAT-- ZOOMER?



WHO'S A STRONGER ARMY AGAINST A POWER HUNGRY DUCK...

...100 MONKEYS OR 100 BEAVERS?!

?



BETTER YET....

...WHAT IF...

...THEY WORK TOGETHER?!

BEAVERS
AND MONKEYS--
Attack!!



IS THE CAMERA ON?
GOOD!

SUNNY CHANG,
HERE, COMING IN
LIVE FROM NEW
PARADISE
METROGROVE...

...WHERE
THE ALIEN INVADERS
ARE BATTLING SOME
VERY MESSY
ANIMALS...

I MEAN,
LOOK AT WHAT
THEY DID TO MY
NEW SWEATER!
UGH!..

UM--
NOTHING TO
FEAR... GULP...
THIS IS JUST A
DISTRACTION...



EXACTLY! A
MONKEY-RIFFIC,
BEAVER-TACULAR
DISTRACTION!..



... SO I
COULD DO
THIS!
YOINK!



WAR DRONES!..
Destroy!!

COULD BECCA BE ON THE WAY OUT AS BB'S SIDEKICK?

I'M NOT HIS SIDEKICK!

CALL ME THAT AGAIN, I'LL USE MY MAGIC TO TURN YOU GREEN!

THANKFULLY, BUZZBOY AND A TEAM OF NEW HEROES HAVE HIT THE SCENE...



WE FIGURED OUT THE BUZZBELT WAS THE KEY TO BEATING YOU!

WHY ELSE WOULD YOU TRY SO HARD TO STEAL IT?

SO YOU'VE GOT THE BELT-- A TINY SONIC PULSE WON'T DEFEAT ME! WAH!



YEAH-- BUT CHECK OUT AN OLD WEAPON FROM DOC CYBER'S BAD GUY DAYS!

FACE IT, TIMEQUACK...



YOU ARE SOOOOOO BUSTED!

BOOM!

DID WE WIN?*

I THINK SO.*

GREAT-- WHERE ARE THE BANANAS?*

* TRANSLATED FROM BEAVER AND MONKEY LANGUAGES, OF COURSE!

LATER, AT THE DINER...

TIME QUACK
IS DEFEATED,
AND ALL IS
WELL!

REPORTING
LIVE FROM THE
DINER, IT'S ME...

Sunny Chang

IS SHE
SUPPOSED TO
BE GREEN?

BECCA DID
IT TO HER-- SHE
CALLED HER A
THAT WORD
AGAIN!

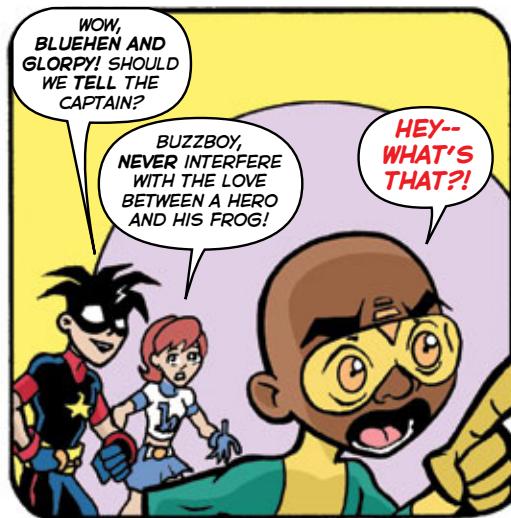
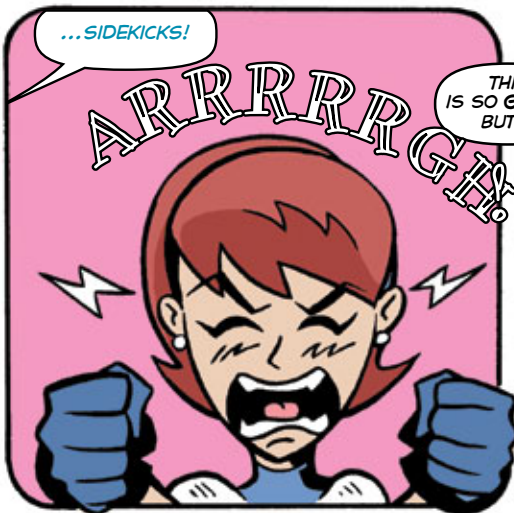
THE ADULT
HEROES ARE BACK--
AND THANKFUL!

BUZZBOY--
WE ALL AGREE
THAT YOU SHOULD
BE DESIGNATED...

A FULL-
FLEDGED
INDEPENDENT
HERO!

...AND
ZOOMER AND
BECCA HAVE
RECEIVED "HERO
SUPPORT"
STATUS!

BECCA,
THAT MEANS
WE'RE...



A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE APPEARS ABOVE THE CROWD OF HEROES...

GREETINGS, LITTLE BECCA! YOU HAVE DONE WELL!

IT'S THE GIRL FROM MY VISION!

AND I'M NOT JUST ANY GIRL...

I'M YOU!

--FROM THE FUTURE!

I STAYED IN DISGUISE UNTIL YOU REMEMBERED OUR FIRST MEETING.

YOU HELPED TO SAVE BUZZBOY-- AND THE WORLD!

DID YOU SEND ME HERE?

IN A WAY!

WHEN TIMEQUACK'S TIME SCRAMBLER MIXED WITH MY MAGIC, IT MESS'D UP MANY TIMES AND DIMENSIONS...

MY DIMENSION IS OKAY NOW, BUT ON THIS EARTH-- YOU--WE CEASED TO EXIST!..

...UNTIL NOW!

WITH TIMEQUACK'S TIME VEST DESTROYED BY BUZZBOY'S BLAST, EVERYTHING SHOULD GO BACK TO NORMAL!

YOU MEAN..?

YEP-- YOU'RE HOME! THIS IS WHERE YOU BELONG!

WELL, WITH THIS TIMELINE FIXED, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET BACK TO MY BUZZBOY!

WELL, THANKS, BIG BECCA!

SURE, AND REMEMBER...

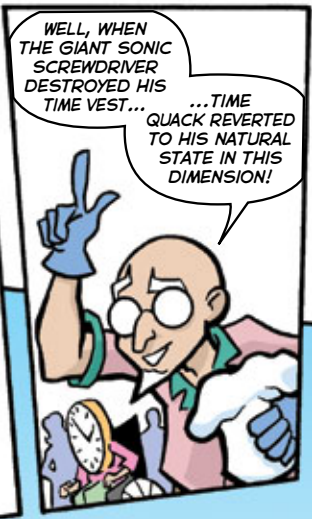
YOU'RE NOT HIS SIDEKICK!

YES!



SO THAT WRAPS UP EVERYTHING, BUT...

...WHAT HAPPENED TO TIME QUACK?



WELL, WHEN THE GIANT SONIC SCREWDRIER DESTROYED HIS TIME VEST...

...TIME QUACK REVERTED TO HIS NATURAL STATE IN THIS DIMENSION!



YOU MEAN...

...SOMEWHERE OUT THERE..?



...TIME QUACK HAS TURNED INTO A PLAIN OLD...

DUCK?!

QUACK! QUACK!*

* "I'LL BE BACK-- AND BUZZBOY WILL PAY!" (TRANSLATED FROM DUCKINESE!)

Create-A-Hero Contest!

THE INSPIRATION:
HEY, KIDS-- BUZZBOY CREATOR JOHN GALLAGHER, HERE! AS I WORKED ON THE ART FOR WHAT WOULD BECOME THE FIRST CHAPTER OF BUZZBOY: SIDEKICKS RULE, MY DELIGHTFUL DAUGHTER KATIE OFFERED TO CREATE A HERO TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOOK-- KING FROST. I JUMPED AT THE CHANCE, AND BEGAN TO ASK MYSELF WHAT KINDS OF AWESOME CHARACTERS WOULD COME OUT OF THE MINDS OF MY FAITHFUL READERS!

THE CONTEST:
BUZZBOY READERS WERE CHALLENGED TO CREATE THEIR OWN UNIQUE SUPER HERO, COMPLETE WITH COSTUME, POWERS, AND WHATEVER OTHER COOL ELEMENTS THEY WANTED TO ADD! CREATIVITY WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ARTISTIC ABILITY (NOT TO SAY THAT THE ART SENT IN WAS ANYTHING BUT EXCELLENT!

THE RESULTS:
THE RESPONSE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY GREAT, WITH HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES FROM AGE GROUPS 6-11, AND 12-17. SILLY HEROES, TOUGH SUPER GUYS, POWERFUL GIRLS AND WOMEN, AND EVEN AN ALIEN OR THREE MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE MAIL TO OUR PANEL OF SECRET JUDGES. IN FACT, MANY OF THE HEROES WERE SO COOL, EVEN THE FINALISTS WERE DRAWN INTO THE STORY, NOT JUST THE GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!



WINNER(S) 6-11 AGE GROUP

SUPER WONDER



ELECTRINA, BY CHARLOTTE MANN, AGE 9

**PLUS: STAR WARRIOR BY ERIC MANN, 8
SUPER WONDER BY HELEN MANN, 6**

CHARLOTTE MANN'S ELECTRINA WAS CHOSEN AS THE WINNER OF THE 6-11 GROUP, BUT WE WERE ALSO VERY IMPRESSED BY THE ENTRIES OF HER FAMILY--THE MANN FAMILY OF BALTIMORE, MD ENTERED A SLEW OF COOL CHARACTERS SO GOOD, WE HAD TO AWARD THE ENTIRE FAMILY A SPECIAL GROUP AWARD!

WINNER 12-17 AGE GROUP



ICE ROBSTER, BY ROBBIE DiMIERI, AGE 17

DELAWARE NATIVE ROBBIE DiMIERI WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO ENTER A 3-D DRAWING, BUT IT WAS HIS HEARTFELT ORIGIN ABOUT ICE ROBSTER DEALING WITH CHALLENGES WITHIN HIS LIFE THAT EARNED HIM THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE TEEN GROUP ENTRIES.

SEE OTHER AWESOME ENTRIES ON THE NEXT PAGE!

Create-A-Hero Contest!

SOME OF THE BEST CONTEST ENTRIES
FROM KIDS ACROSS THE GLOBE!

RUNNERS-UP, ALL AGE GROUPS



Matt Morph
by Tate Mattson
Age 10



Ninja Dude
by Matthew Keller
Age 11



Cheerleader Girl
by Cassie Husk



Neuron
by Thomas Ordway
Age 11



Zap Man
by Michael Rauch

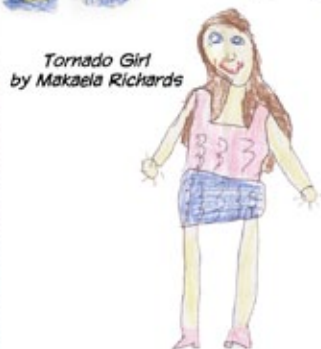


Scatter
by Jentry Uberti
Age 13

Power Man
by Jess Pease
Age 5



Circuit Board
by Peter Groft
Age 12



Tornado Girl
by Makaela Richards



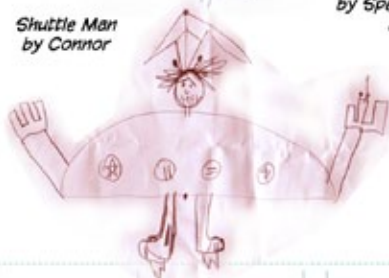
Hurricane Kid
by Cody Tucker
Age 14



Change-A-Ma-Bob
by Jamal Brown
Age 10



Carp Kid
by Jack Reilly
Age 12



Shuttle Man
by Connor

Blocker
by Spencer Coffee
Age 8



INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD: CUT AS SHOWN ABOUT PAGE EDGES, TAPE ON BACK, DO NOT OVERLAP.
ALL BLEED ART MUST EXTEND TO SOLID LINE.

CUT RIGHT-HAND PAGE AT THIS LINE

CUT LEFT-HAND PAGE AT THIS LINE



MINIMUM BLEED TO ALL AROUND

Kite Girl
by Adara LePage
Age 6



Patriot Lad
by Chase Van
Weederhuizen, Age 12



Armed Soldier
by Jason Estevez

Blue Blaze
by Nicholas Dieslin
Age 14



Flaming Hawk
by Christian Kendall
Age 9



Dragon Lord
by Adam Ruby
Age 11



Clock-Timer
by Duncan Parke
Age 5

Bluejay
by Charlie Williams
Age 11



Mr. Mystery
by Dallas Boodhoo
Age 13



Finally, here are the Gallagher Family contributions-- not eligible to win, but their dad is so proud!



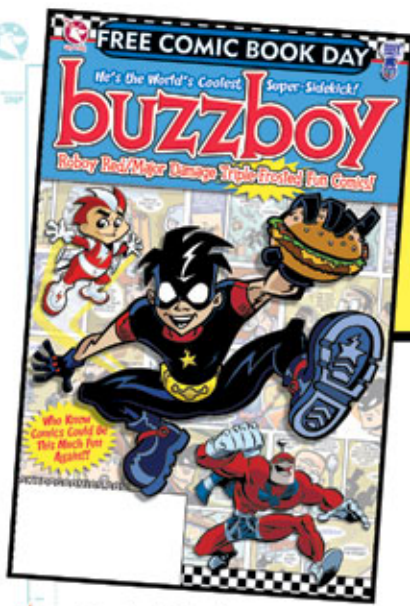
King Frost
by Katie Gallagher
Age 6



Twinkle Robots
by Jack Gallagher
Age 4

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ENTERING OUR CONTEST!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS, AND EVERYONE WHO ENTERED-- BUZZ-BUDDIES:
REMEMBER, KEEP DRAWING, KEEP CREATING, KEEP BELIEVING IN YOURSELF!



HERE'S A VERY BASIC, STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL ON HOW A COMIC BOOK IS CREATED. WHETHER YOU WANT TO CREATE A COMIC BY YOURSELF, OR WITH FRIENDS, THESE FIVE STEPS WILL GET YOU ON THE ROAD TO COMIC BOOK CREATION FUN!

STEP 1: THE SCRIPT

EVERY COMIC BOOK STARTS WITH AN IDEA-- FROM THIS IDEA, A SCRIPT IS WRITTEN, DESCRIBING THINGS LIKE THE LOCATION, THE CHARACTERS, AND THE STORY.

A SCRIPT IS ALSO THE PLACE WHERE THE CHARACTERS' WORDS, OR DIALOGUE, IS DESCRIBED. SOUND EFFECTS, PANEL DESCRIPTIONS, AND ANYTHING ELSE

THE WRITER WANTS IN THE STORY CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCRIPT.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCRIPTS, FROM VERY DETAILED (DESCRIBING EVERY TINY DETAIL), TO SIMPLE DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE PAGE, WITH DIALOGUE ADDED LATER.



Buzzboy's first appearance as a young sidekick came in 2005. Before that, stories revolved around BB as grown up to age 19 or 20, but still called "Buzzboy."

"A Tale of Two Buzzboys" - Page 2

PANEL ONE: Buzzboy Diner Interior. Buzzboy is sitting in the foreground, covered in mustard, looking frustrated. An ecstatic Zoomer comes running up behind him, ketchup and mustard in hand.

ZOOMER (pretending to announce the game as a narrator): "Could it be? Buzzboy has been brought down by Zoomer, and his awesome mustard zapper!"

PANEL TWO (Inset in circle): Extreme close-up of Zoomer, as he looks up.

ZOOMER: "Can no one stop the mighty zoom--YIKES! Buzzy's mad!"

PANEL THREE: Buzzboy is chomping on a bowl of ice cream in hand. He's still covered in mustard, and Zoomer, who's away, is quite amused at the sight.

BUZZBOY: Zoomer, I told you, you need to stop narrating our food fights!

ZOOMER: Oooh, I better BANANA SPLIT!

PANEL FOUR: Close up of Becca, her hand glowing with a magical glow...

BECCA: Boys, be GOOD now!



If you are creating your first comic, and it's too hard to write a script right now, you can just describe to your friend what you want them to draw-- or you can draw little stick figures to guide what you want.



NEXT UP, IS THE ART! YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO SKETCH UP SOME DESIGNS OF HOW YOUR CHARACTERS LOOK-- THIS MAKES IT EASIER TO DRAW THEM CONSISTENTLY THROUGH YOUR STORY. OFTEN, THIS PART OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS COMES BEFORE THE STORY IS EVEN SCRIPTED!



John Gallagher says: When I first created Buzzboy, I decided to have him enjoy things I like, such as milkshakes and diners-- as you can see, he even made a headquarters out of a diner!"

STEP 2: PENCILS

USING THE SCRIPT AS A GUIDE, THE PENCILER STARTS TO DRAW THE STORY, BREAKING ACTIONS DOWN, PANEL-BY-PANEL. THE WRITER WILL OFTEN DESCRIBE WHAT IS HAPPENING, BUT IT'S UP TO THE PENCILER TO ENHANCE THE STORY WITH THE "WAY" THEY DRAW THE STORY.

A PENCILER WILL OFTEN CREATE TINY SKETCHES OF THE PAGES BEFORE HE OR SHE DRAWS THE FINAL PENCILS. THESE SKETCHES ARE CALLED "THUMBNAILS."



Remember to leave room at the top of each panel for the word balloons and text, coming later!



When creating pencils and inks, most artists draw the art bigger than the size it will be printed. When the art is reduced for print, the lines come together and make the drawing seem "crisper." Try reducing your art on a photocopier to see this effect.



STEP 3: INKS

NOW IT'S TIME TO DARKEN THINGS UP! USING A PEN, OR BRUSH AND INK (PRACTICE FIRST!), YOU CAN INK THE PENCILS, ADDING THICK AND THIN LINES, FILLING IN BLACKS (LIKE IN SOMEONE'S HAIR), AND ADDING DETAILS WHERE THE PENCILER LEFT THINGS OUT. INKS REFINE THE PENCILS, AND MAKE THE ART EASIER TO REPRODUCE WHEN IT IS PRINTED.

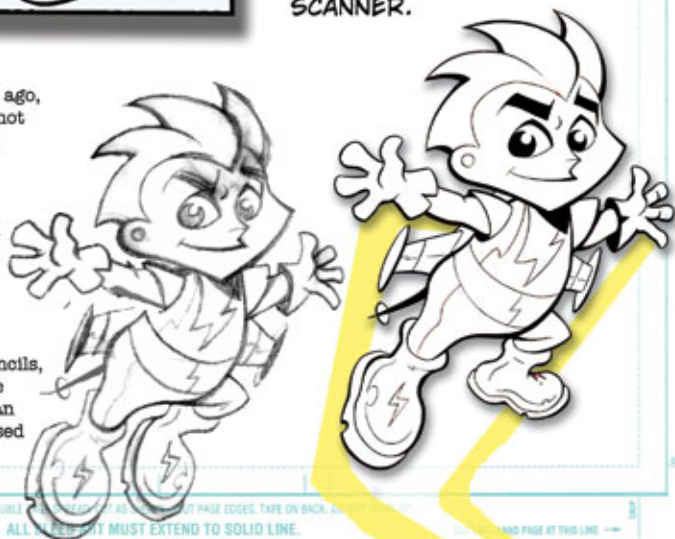
UP UNTIL NOW, THE ART HAS BEEN DONE BY HAND. BUT AT THIS POINT, THE ART IS TRANSFERRED INTO A COMPUTER USING A SCANNER.



John Gallagher says: "A few years ago, I started working with Rich, who not only inks Buzzboy, but sometimes colors and edits it as well.

We had so much fun working on Buzzboy together, that we wanted to team up again, and create something new and exciting together-- That's where Roboy Red came from!

To the left is an example of my pencils, with Rich's inks and colors. Notice how Rich has used the inks to clean up and refine the image, then erased the pencil lines for a professional look and feel."





STEP 4: COLORS

ONCE THE INKS ARE SCANNED INTO THE COMPUTER, COLOR IS ADDED IN A PROGRAM LIKE ADOBE PHOTOSHOP. THERE ARE MANY STYLES OF COMICS COLORING, JUST AS THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WRITE AND DRAW A COMIC-- IN THIS CASE, WE KEPT THE COLORS FLAT, ADDING HIGHLIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN JUST A FEW PLACES.



Above is a cutaway of the different steps covered here-- from pencils to inks, to colors and letters. Check out the final pages in Chapter Three of the Buzzboy: Sidekicks Rule! graphic novel!



If you don't have a scanner or color software-- don't worry. The earliest comics colorists did their colors by hand with colored dyes (yep, kind of like the dyes used to color Easter eggs!).

Use colored pencils, or crayons to color your drawings-- grab a couple of your friends and have a coloring party...



STEP 5: LETTERS

USING THE SCRIPT AS A GUIDE, IT IS NOW TIME TO PUT WORDS IN THE CHARACTERS' MOUTHS! AGAIN, THIS IS DONE MOSTLY IN THE COMPUTER THESE DAYS, BUT SOME PEOPLE STILL LETTER THEIR COMICS BY HAND, AND SO CAN YOU! THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO MAKE SURE THE TEXT IS READABLE, AND THAT IT IS CLEAR WHO IS SPEAKING. THIS IS DONE BY ADDING A "TAIL," TO THE WORD BALLOON, AND HAVING IT POINT TO THE CHARACTER SPEAKING!

THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF WORD BALLOONS, REPRESENTING DIFFERENT THINGS....

THINKING (SILENT)

SPEAKING



John Gallagher says: "When you are drawing a comic book for the first time, don't be discouraged if things don't look the way you want them to at first.

I created my first comic book at age five, and believe me, it was no masterpiece--So don't give up!"

Now you know all the basic steps to create your own comic book. But it can be much simpler than this: Take a piece of white paper, and fold it in half. Turn it sideways, like a book, and you have the makings of a comic book! Add boxes for panels, and draw in your characters and story. Then write in what the characters are saying, or have someone write it for you! You are on your way!



FINALLY, DON'T BE AFRAID TO DO COMICS ABOUT THINGS YOU LIKE-- LIKE SKATEBOARDS, OR SPORTS, OR VIDEO GAMES-- THINGS THAT ARE ABOUT YOU. SUPER HEROES REPRESENT JUST ONE PART OF COMICS-- DO THE STORIES THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY!

YOU CAN READ MORE "HOWYAGONNA" COMICS TUTORIALS AT:

SKYDOGCOMICS.COM

...OR AT LEAST IT WAS, UNTIL TROUBLE FOUND ME!

THAT'S THE THING ABOUT BEING A SUPER HERO...

TROUBLE FINDS YOU. AS WELL AS ALIENS, ROBOTS, AND WHATEVER IS CHASING ME RIGHT NOW.

COOL-- A FEW BOTTLES OF POP BEHIND THE "DRINK FUZZY'S" SIGN-- THIS MAY BE JUST WHAT I NEEDED!

IF I CAN'T OUTFRAN IT, MAYBE I CAN BURP IT INTO OBLIVION! HEY, THAT'S PRETTY FUNNY...

CRASH

WHY DO I ALWAYS THINK OF GREAT THINGS TO SAY WHEN NO ONE IS AROUND!

OH WELL-- IT COULD BE WORSE...
I COULD BE THE GUY WHO NEEDS
TO FIX THAT SODA POP SIGN!



CURSE YOU,
BUZZBOY! WHY WON'T
YOU JUST SLOW DOWN
SO I CAN DESTROY
YOU?



SORRY, FEZ--
I MAKE IT A HABIT
NEVER TO DIE ON AN
EMPTY STOMACH!

WHO IS BUZZBOY?

by John Gallagher (with Rich, Thom & Nestor)

HOW DARE YOU-- HEY! HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME, THE INFAMOUS "FEZ"?

WELL, I AM BEING CHASED BY A FLYING BOMB TOPPED WITH A HAT CALLED A FEZ...

NOT TO MENTION I CAN SEE YOUR FACE IN THE MONITOR OF THE BOMB!



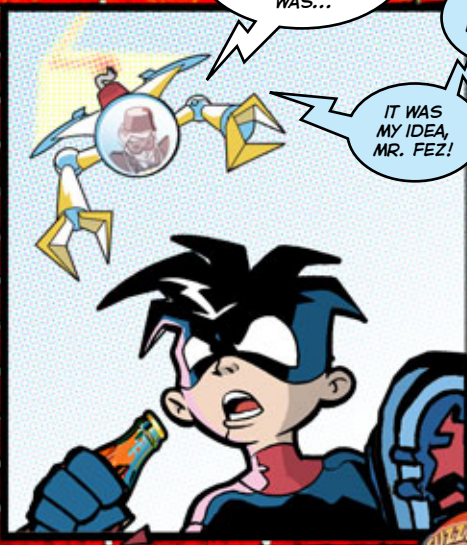
Y'KNOW, THAT'S A GOOD POINT-- I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHOSE IDEA THAT WAS...

OH HEY, BUZZBOY!

TOPPER, DON'T INTERRUPT ME WHEN I'M BEING EVIL!

NOW LET ME GET BACK TO WORK HERE-- I'VE GOT DINNER RESERVATIONS AT SIX...

IT WAS MY IDEA, MR. FEZ!



I REALLY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE PROTECTION PLAN ON THIS...



ARGH!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT SODA IS DOING TO THE CIRCUITRY ON THIS THING?

HERE'S MY CHANCE TO MAKE A GRACEFUL EXIT!



WELL-- SO MUCH FOR GRACE.

HEY LOOK!
IT'S BUZZBOY!

HI-- MY NAME IS RAMAN--
I'M YOUR BIGGEST FAN!



NICE TO MEET YOU, RAMAN!
PLAYING STREET HOCKEY?

YEP! HEY--
HOW CAN I TELL
IF MY BROTHER
ROHAN WILL GROW UP
TO BE A SUPER
VILLAIN?

WELL, I...

HEY--
WHAT'S
ALL THE
COMMOTION?



HEY KIDS,
I CAME TO
DELIVER
COMICS TO
MY BEST
CUSTOMERS!

HI, JOE!

IT'S JOE
MURRAY FROM
THE COMICS
SHOP!

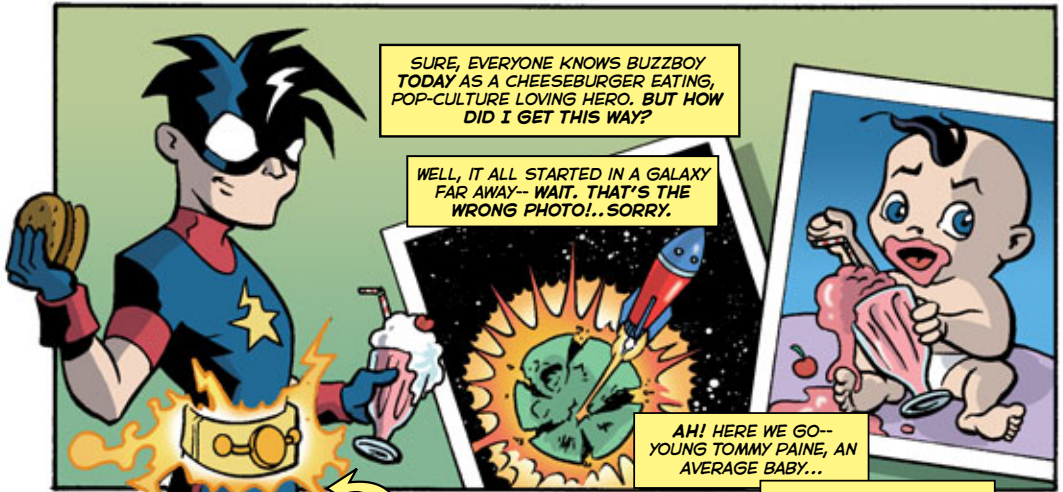


BUZZBOY, I
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU
AT THE SHOP FOR
AWHILE-- WHAT'S
YOUR STORY?

MY STORY?
WELL, I WAS BITTEN
BY A RADIOACTIVE
BUMBLE BEE!

REALLY?

NO-- NOT
REALLY.



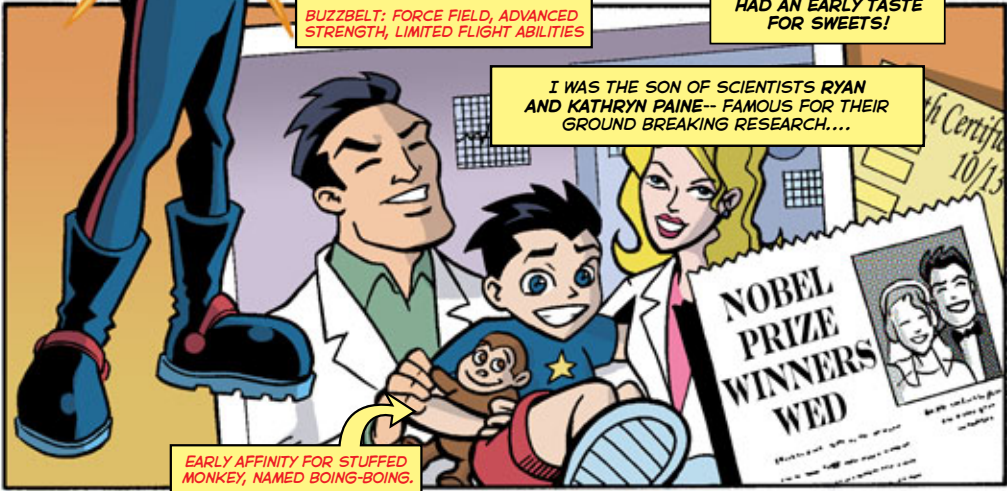
SURE, EVERYONE KNOWS BUZZBOY TODAY AS A CHEESEBURGER EATING, POP-CULTURE LOVING HERO. BUT HOW DID I GET THIS WAY?

WELL, IT ALL STARTED IN A GALAXY FAR AWAY-- WAIT. THAT'S THE WRONG PHOTO!.. SORRY.

AH! HERE WE GO-- YOUNG TOMMY PAINE, AN AVERAGE BABY...

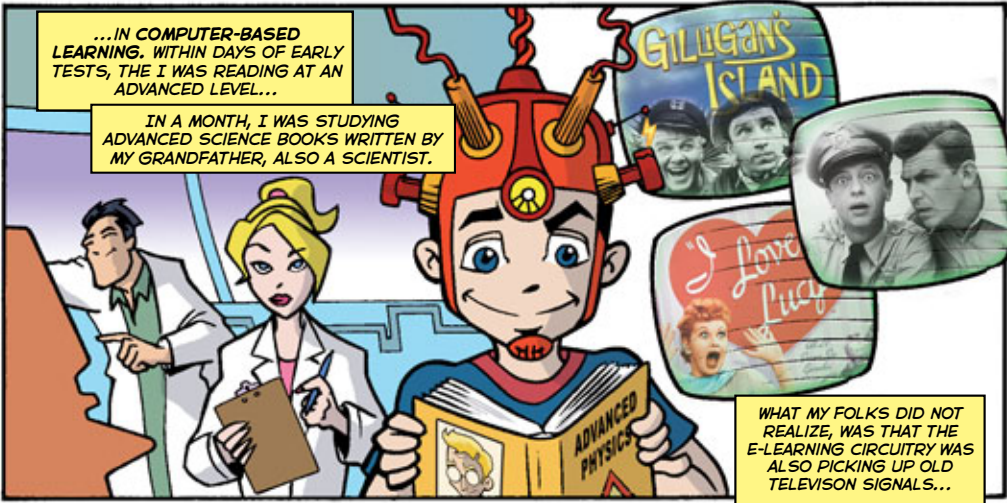
HMMM, IT SEEMS I HAD AN EARLY TASTE FOR SWEETS!

BUZZBELT: FORCE FIELD, ADVANCED STRENGTH, LIMITED FLIGHT ABILITIES



I WAS THE SON OF SCIENTISTS RYAN AND KATHRYN PAINE-- FAMOUS FOR THEIR GROUND BREAKING RESEARCH....

EARLY AFFINITY FOR STUFFED MONKEY, NAMED BOING-BOING.



...IN COMPUTER-BASED LEARNING. WITHIN DAYS OF EARLY TESTS, THE I WAS READING AT AN ADVANCED LEVEL...

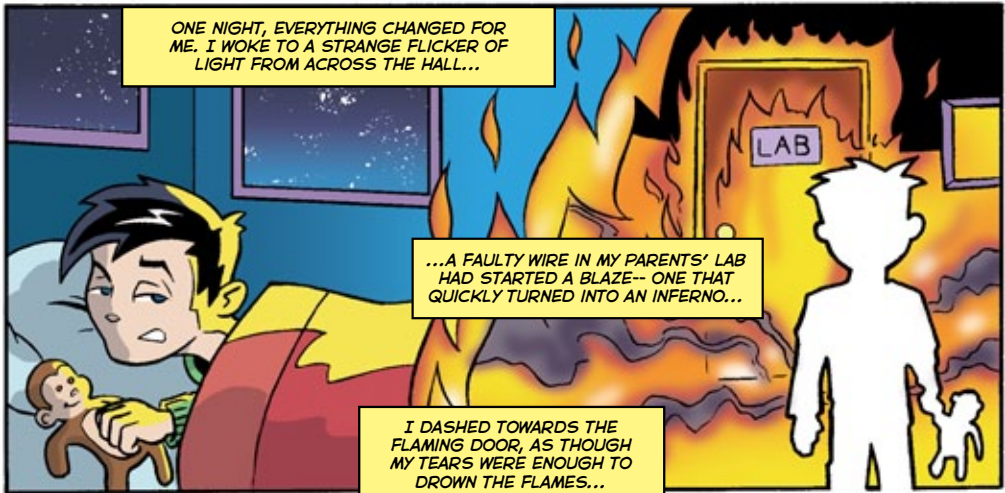
IN A MONTH, I WAS STUDYING ADVANCED SCIENCE BOOKS WRITTEN BY MY GRANDFATHER, ALSO A SCIENTIST.

WHAT MY FOLKS DID NOT REALIZE, WAS THAT THE E-LEARNING CIRCUITRY WAS ALSO PICKING UP OLD TELEVISION SIGNALS...



...FEEDING MY BRAIN WITH OVER 40 YEARS OF CLASSIC TV SHOWS. FORTUNATELY, THE EFFECTS WERE HARMLESS...

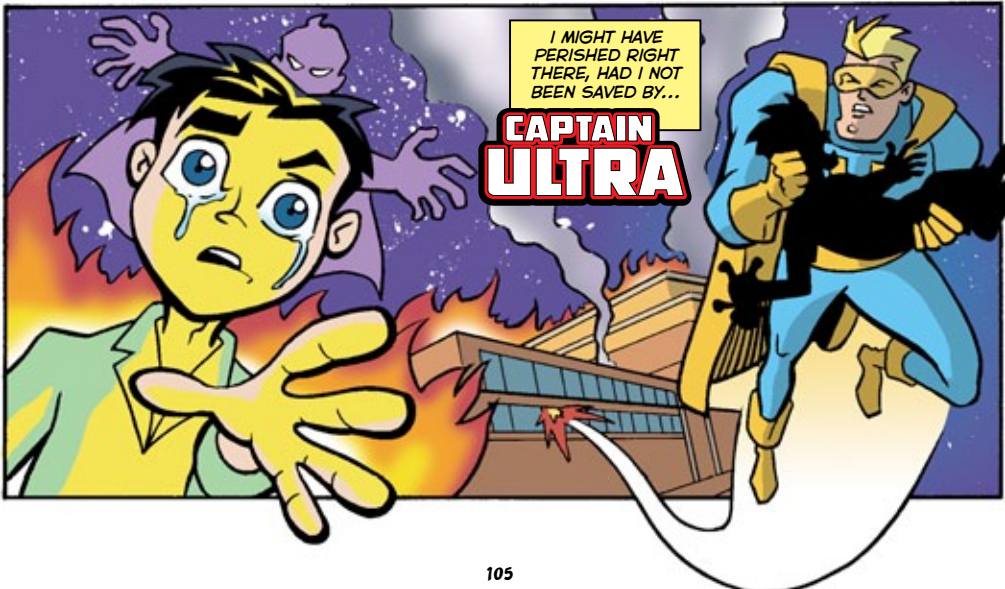
...BUT YOU CAN BET YOUR LIFE, THEY WERE NOTICEABLE.



ONE NIGHT, EVERYTHING CHANGED FOR ME. I WOKE TO A STRANGE FLICKER OF LIGHT FROM ACROSS THE HALL...

...A FAULTY WIRE IN MY PARENTS' LAB HAD STARTED A BLAZE-- ONE THAT QUICKLY TURNED INTO AN INFERNO...

I DASHED TOWARDS THE FLAMING DOOR, AS THOUGH MY TEARS WERE ENOUGH TO DROWN THE FLAMES...



I MIGHT HAVE PERISHED RIGHT THERE, HAD I NOT BEEN SAVED BY...

CAPTAIN ULTRA

YOUNG TOMMY PAINE WAS AN ORPHAN-- ALONE.

THIS FACT WASN'T LOST ON CAPTAIN ULTRA-- HIMSELF, THE LONE SURVIVOR OF AN ALIEN RACE.

MAYBE TOGETHER, HE THOUGHT, THEY COULD BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.

AS A SON... AS A FATHER...

...AS HEROES.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING!

THANKS FOR THE ORIGIN STORY, BB--BUT I WAS REALLY JUST ASKING WHY YOU HAVEN'T COME TO PICK UP THE COMICS YOU ORDERED.

ANYWAY-- THAT'S HOW IT BEGAN, BUT HOW DOES IT END?

WELL, SINCE THAT ROCKET UP THERE IS HEADED OUR WAY, I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT!

HE WORE BUMBLE BEE SHORTS?

HEY, RAMAN-- CAN I BORROW YOUR HOCKEY STICK?



SOME DAYS, YOU JUST CAN'T GET RID OF A BOMB!

PREPARE FOR YOUR DOOM, BUZZBOY!

WHACK



HEY, THE MONITOR WENT DEAD-- BUT WHERE'S THE BOOM?

I THINK IT'S HEADED OUR WAY, BOSS!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S...

HEADED... OUR...WAY. RATS.



CURSE YOU, BUZZ---

POP!



OOH, IT'S LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY!

LET'S CELEBRATE! COME ON OVER TO MY SHOP FOR REFRESHMENTS!

SOUNDS GREAT! I DON'T KNOW WHY...

BUT I HAVE A HANKERING FOR ORANGE SODA!

★ THE END





The
**BUZZ
BOY**
Section
"It's About Time!"

NEW PARADISE PICAYUNE

*TRUTH
Justice*
★ ALL-U-CAN-EAT!

THE MOON! FOR CENTURIES UNTOLD, IT HAS BEEN A MYSTERY!



TO THE ANCIENT GREEKS, IT WAS CALLED "SELENE."



TO THE ITALIANS, IT WAS "LUNA." TO THE RUSSIANS, ALSO "LUNA."



TO THE SPANISH, IT WAS...

...WELL, UH...



...MAN, I GUESS A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLED IT "LUNA!"

BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.

IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD!

**OUTER SPACE
BUZZBOY!**

THAT'S RIGHT, SPACE CADETS! IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE WITH THAT DINER-DWELLING, TV LOVIN' SUPER HERO! CAN BUZZBOY SAVE THE DAY? FIND OUT IN THIS SUPER DUPER SPACE SUSPENSTORY!

STORY ★ ART
"JOLLY" JOHN GALLAGHER

ROBOY RED INKS BY "RIOTOUS" RICH FABER!

THIS STORY IS DEDICATED TO
WELL EISNER & NALLY WOOD

COLORS BY THOM "ZIPPY"ZAHLER



UNFORTUNATELY, I CRASHED MY ROCKET-- NOTE TO SELF: LEARN HOW TO FLY A ROCKET...

LIKE I WAS SAYING, SINCE I CRASHED MY ROCKET, I'M TWENTY MINUTES FROM MY TARGET...

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED, KID?

A MALFUNCTIONING NUCLEAR SATELLITE WAS HEADED FOR THE EARTH...

THE GOVERNMENT SENT YOU, ROBOY RED, TO SAVE THE DAY...

...BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG.

A FAULTY CODE IN YOUR PROGRAMMING CAUSED YOU TO GO OFFLINE.

YOU ENDED UP ON THE MOON.

...WITH ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES WORTH OF AIR...

...ALREADY FEELING DIZZY...

ONLY YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SATELLITE, PUT IT BACK IN ORBIT...

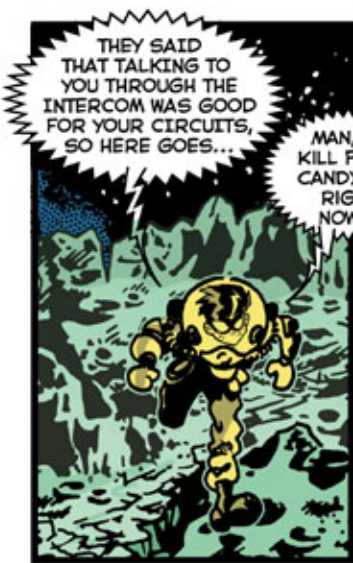
TIMORIS CRASH SITE

TYCHO ROBOY RED

I SURE HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME OUT THERE, KID...

I'D HATE TO THINK I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF!

...SO NOW I'M HERE TO START YOU UP AGAIN.



THEY SAID THAT TALKING TO YOU THROUGH THE INTERCOM WAS GOOD FOR YOUR CIRCUITS, SO HERE GOES...

MAN, I'D KILL FOR A CANDY BAR RIGHT NOW!...



...OR A CHEESEBURGER! EVER HAVE A CHEESEBURGER, KID?



I GUESS, BEING A BOY ROBOT, YOU PROBABLY NEVER HAD A MILK-SHAKE, EITHER...

WE'RE SAVED!!

WHA--?



DID YOU COME TO SAVE US?

WE'VE BEEN SHIPWRECKED ON THIS ISLAND FOR YEARS!

HURRAH!



WE WERE ALMOST RESCUED A COUPLE OF TIMES...

BUT I GOOFED IT UP...

WHAT IN THE NAME OF MAYNARD G. KREBS...?



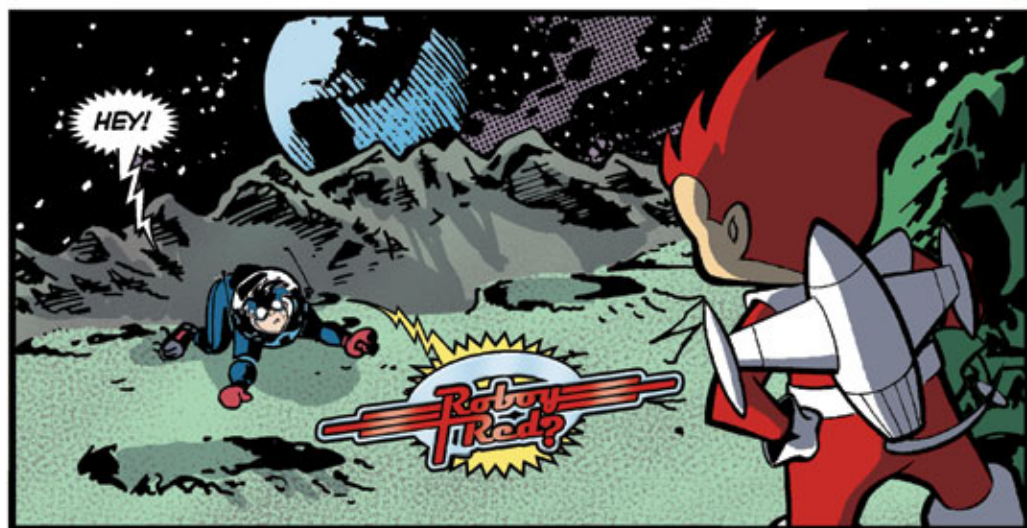
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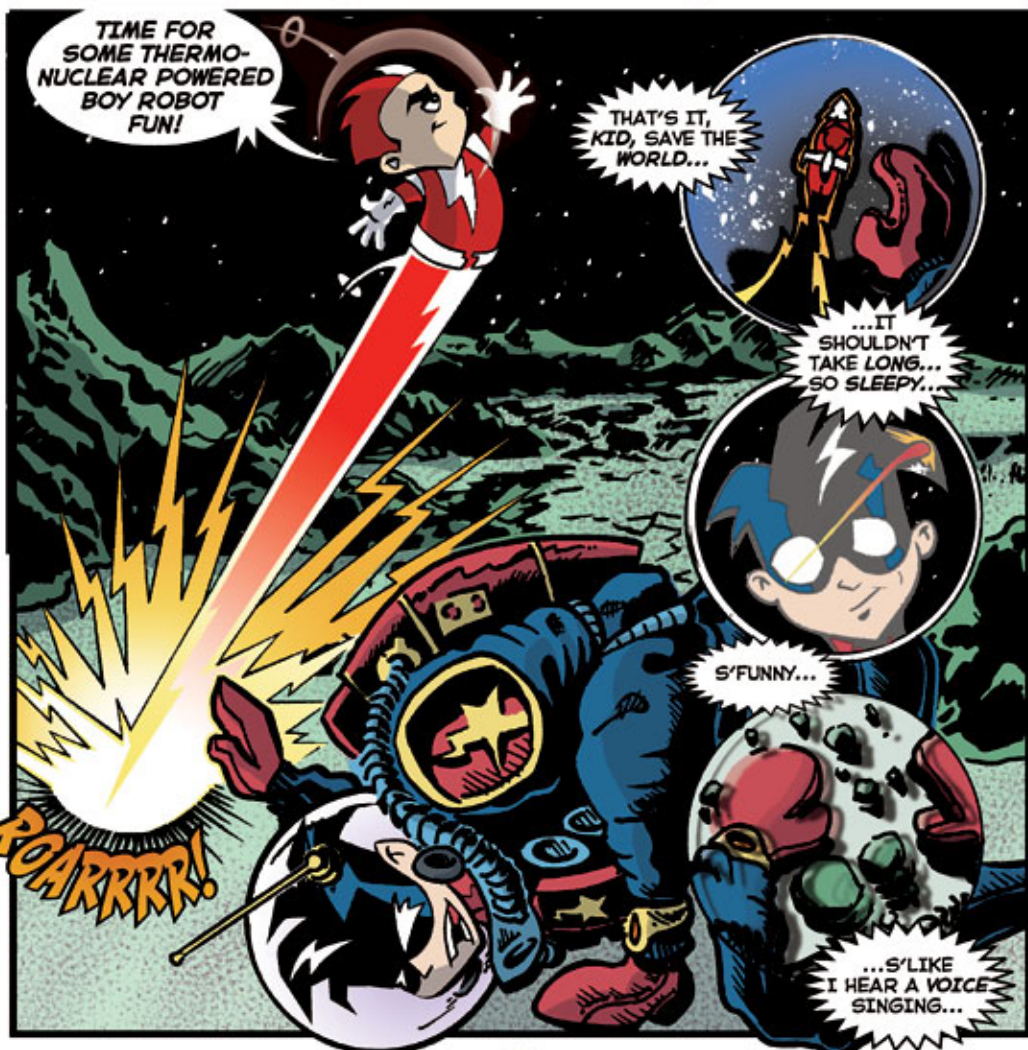
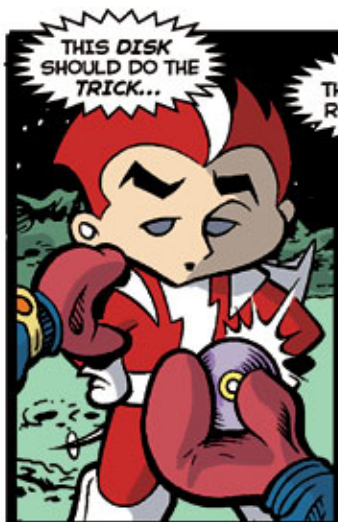


NO! BE OUR LITTLE BUDDY!

I MUST... BE SUFFERING... FROM LACK OF OXYGEN...







♪♪ CHEESEBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, CHEESEBURGER... ♪♪

THANKS TO YOU, BUZZBOY, I STOPPED THE SATELLITE!..

...NOW, IT'S TIME TO DINE!

I HOPE YOU LIKE PICKLES!

THANKS, LITTLE BUDDY...

END

WHO'S STRONGER--
SUPERMAN OR
HULK?

WHO'S THE
SMARTEST?--
BATMAN OR MR.
FANTASTIC?

WHO'S THE
COOLEST?--
ROBIN OR
SPIDER-MAN?

WHO'S YOUR
FAVORITE?

WHEN I WAS
FIVE, THESE WERE
QUESTIONS FOR
THE AGES!

AS I PORED
THROUGH THE
COMICS SPREAD
ACROSS MY
BEDROOM FLOOR
THAT DAY, ALL
THOSE YEARS
AGO-- THE ANSWER
WOULD ELUDE
ME....

...BUT,
YEARS LATER
I REALIZED...

...THE
ANSWER WAS
THERE.

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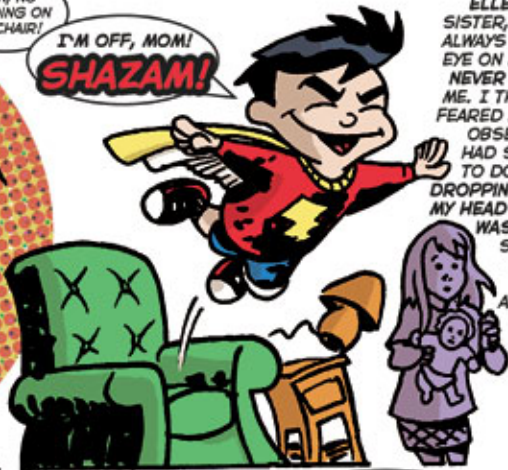


EVERY DAY I WOULD PICK A DIFFERENT HERO TO STUDY-- MOM PROVIDED THE COSTUMES...

JOHN, NO STANDING ON THE CHAIR!

I'M OFF, MOM!
SHAZAM!

ELLEN, MY SISTER, WOULD ALWAYS KEEP AN EYE ON ME, AND NEVER TELL ON ME. I THINK SHE FEARED MY HEROIC OBSESSION HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER DROPPING ME ON MY HEAD WHEN I WAS A BABY... SHE NEVER TOLD MY PARENTS ABOUT THAT UNTIL SHE WAS 13...



THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY PATIENT WITH ME...

OUT!

C'MON DAD-- JUST PUT ON THE CAPE FOR FIVE MINUTES!

MOSTLY.

HAS ANYONE SEEN MY STOCKINGS-- THEY WERE...

JOHN!!



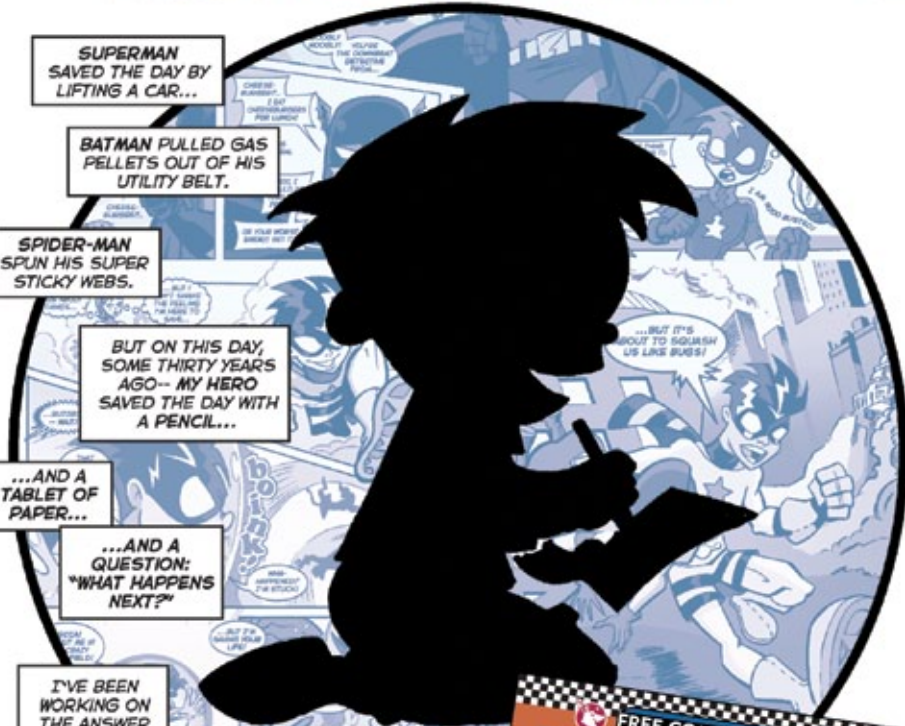
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I'VE READ THEM ALL, MOM-- A ZILLION TIMES...

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

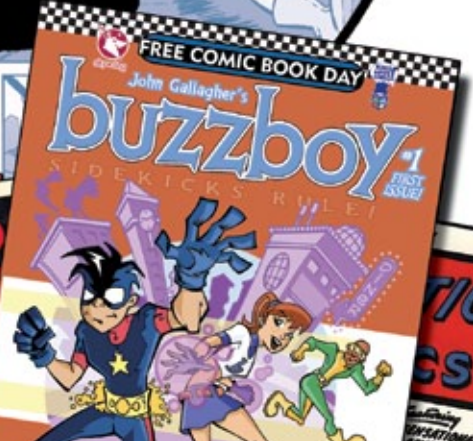
SHE WAS READY FOR ME.





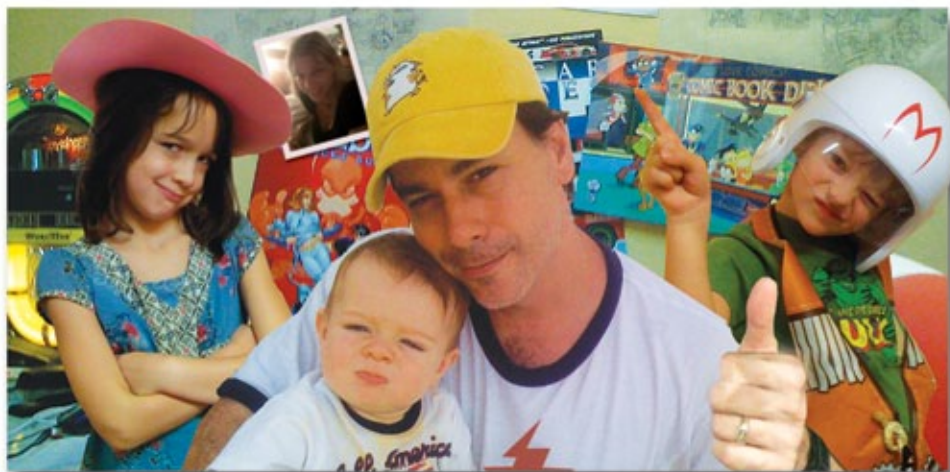
THANKS, MOM.

END



THANKS RICH, JAMAR, BENNY, MARG,
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