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EITHER WE'VE
REACHED THE EDGE
OF THE UNIVERSE,
OR **SOMEBODY**
IS REALLY LAZY.

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TAD AND JACOB

Names: Tad & Jacob Smithsonian
Affiliation: The Homely Church of Mongo Prime
Occupation: Missionary Lieutenants in the Altar Server Space Corps
Recent History: After years of serving obediently as religious test pilots ready to die in the name of their savior Mongo Prime (don't ask me why an ultra-conservative religion needs test pilots), Tad & Jacob were recently assigned as missionaries to the Affluon System. They were given their own ship, **The Heavenly Fist of Mongo Prime**, and sent to Prelaxagon in the hopes of bringing some humility, mildness, and sensible pants to the ultra-rich royalty. They jumped at the chance to serve at the royal wedding. When the wedding was postponed, they decided to rush back to their ship for a quick "devotional nap." Unfortunately for them, newly formed space wadbags **The Cosmic Scoundrels** were looking for an easy way off Prelaxagon. While Tad and Jacob slept in their cryo chamber, Roshambo snuck aboard and changed the setting from "devotional nap" to "eternal rest." Love Savage then sweet-talked the ship's A.I. into believing THEY were Tad and Jacob and convinced her to warp them directly from the surface, thereby obliterating their pursuers. About a year later, Tad and Jacob would be painfully reanimated by living anti-matter under the control of the Eldrix Morgolvium. Fun! They lumbered around for a few pages and then got offed.

Tad and Jacob's early exploits in the Altar Server Corps were so wholesome and corny that famous intergalactic funny pages artist, Z'BOG based a whole series of comics on them. Also fun!

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WHEN LAST WE LEFT THE BOYS, LOVE SAVAGE MADE US ALL WATCH A FLASHBACK WHERE HE LEFT HIS ARRANGED BRIDE AT THE ALTAR, CAUSING A PLANETARY CIVIL WAR. ALL BECAUSE HE LEARNED HIS GROODLY INBRED GENES MAKE IT SO HE CAN GET IT ON WITH PRETTY MUCH ANYBODY HE WANTS... WHAT A JERK!

SO, DEATH GODS -- HOW DO WE WANNA DO THIS?

WE GET THE BABY, YOU GUYS GET THE BRACELETS, AND WE DIVIDE THE PRELAXAGON'S BLOOD HALVSIES?

SOUNDS GOOD TO US. THIS IS THE END OF THE RUSHED NEGOTIATIONS.

I THINK NOT, YOU VAGABONDS! THE HIGH PRINCE IS OURS TO MASSIVELY INBREED AS WE PLEASE!

SADLY, SAVAGE HOLDS BOTH THE TITLE OF BEING "GROODLY INBRED," AND HAVING BEEN "GROODLY IN BREAD." DON'T ASK.



I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE MURDERING YOU RIGHT NOW, BUT ALL I REALLY WANNA DO IS GIVE YOU A BIG OL' HUG...



WAIT?! IS THAT THE REASON I'VE KEPT YOU AROUND AS A USELESS SIDEKICK FOR SO LONG? BECAUSE I'M SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR PHEROMONES OR SOMETHING?

UHMM...



AS MUCH AS I LOVE ALL THESE GREAT STANDOFFS WE'VE BEEN HAVING, MRS. BILLINGSLEY, SHOULD WE, YOU KNOW, HYPERWARP OUT OF HERE?

I'M STILL ON STRIKE FROM YOU TWO PRETENDING TO BE MY BELOVED TAD AND JACOB.



BESIDES, THE SPACE BABY BROKE OUR HYPERDRIVE WHEN HE OBLITERATED ZOMBIE JACOB.



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WHOA, LITTLE TAD,
ARE YOU OKAY?

HI!



I'M DETECTING
GRAVITATIONAL DISTORTIONS.
I BELIEVE THOSE BUBBLES
ARE COMPOSED OF SPACETIME.

WE GOTTA
BURP HIM!

OH GOD,
YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO DO THIS AGAIN,
ARE YOU?

WHOA, LOOK!
THIS ONE'S FULL'A
YESTERDAY!



YOU'RE DOIN'
IT WRONG. GIVE
HIM HERE.

YOU SHALL
NOT BURP THE
SACROSANCT
ONE!!

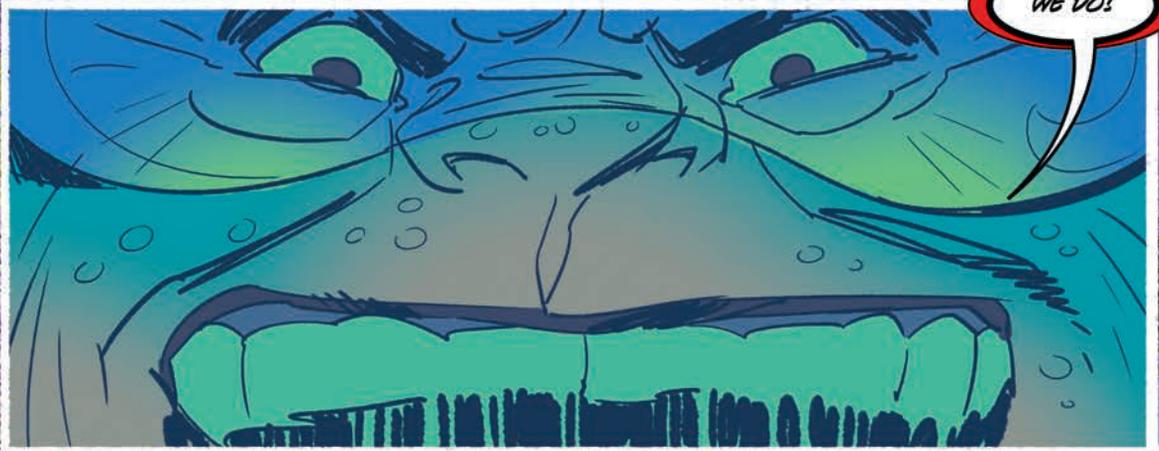
WHAT A
SURPRISE.

WHEN THE BABY STARTS BURPING UP TEMPORAL ANOMALIES, IT'S
ELIMINATION DIET TIME. HIS BEST GUESS IS THAT THE GUILTY IS GLUTEN.



HIS HOLINESS' OUCHY TUM TUM CAN ONLY BE QUELLED BY THE MILK OF THE VIRTUOUS SISTERHOOD!

JEEZ! DOES ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO DRAMATICALLY WARP IN?



WE DO!



WHICH ONES ARE YOU GUYS AGAIN?

WAIT! I WANT TO BE HERE TOO!!



HAIRBATH?!



YEAH!

AND LOOK, I'VE GOT COOL NEW ROBOT PINCERS SINCE YOU SLICED MINE OFF!

WHICH VARIANT ACTION FIGURE DO YOU THINK IS MORE RARE AND VALUABLE? ROBOT PINCER HAIRBATH? OR LOVE SAVAGE WITH SPRING-LOADED RINGSBARR? I'D COLLECT 12 UPGS TO SEND AWAY FOR EITHER OF THOSE BAD BOYS.